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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

♦ A ribbon cutting for Kercheval Place, the former Jacobson's property in the Village of the City of Grosse Pointe, will be held at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

♦ The children's program, "The Magic of Nick," is featured during the pre-parade festival beginning at 9:45 a.m., at Kercheval and Notre Dame in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade kicks off at 10 a.m., at Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms. The route follows Kercheval through the Hill, into the City of Grosse Pointe Village shopping district and ends at Cadieux.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

♦ St. Clare of Montefalco holiday craft show, featuring hand-made items, is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 647-5100.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

♦ The board of trustees for the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at 7 p.m., at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

♦ The Grosse Pointe Community Concert Band performs its winter concert at 8 p.m., in the Parcel Middle School auditorium, Mack and Vernier. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

♦ The Family Center's annual Holly Fest fundraiser features a dinner and auction starting at 7 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Club (The Little Club). Proceeds from the event will support Family Center programs and services that help parents and those who interface with youth strengthen the skills they need to help children grow into healthy, competent and responsible young people. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$150 per benefactor and are available at the Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, or by calling (313) 432-3832.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Kercheval Place accord

City to raze existing deck and build new to accommodate Trader Joe's

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe has reached a formal agreement with Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates for the entire redevelopment of Kercheval Place in the Village shopping

district, said Peter Dame, city manager.

Under the agreement, the city will be responsible for demolishing the existing parking deck and constructing a new one behind the former Jacobson's department store.

The new garage is planned

to have two stories, with level ground floor parking to accommodate a specialty grocery store, which is expected to be Trader Joe's East.

Total cost to the city is expected to be \$3.5 million, which will be paid by city-wide parking revenues.

The developer is obligated under the agreement to refurbish the entire building, Dame said. In addition, it will pay the city \$100,000 to use city-owned property behind the building, which is now primarily used as a loading dock. There are also plans to have a

collection area there for grocery carts.

The developer is also responsible to make that area a "nice, decorative walkway" to match the current streetscape in the area, Dame said. The de-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Thanksgiving dinner for 1,100!

You thought preparing Thanksgiving dinner for your family was a chore. How about more than 1,000? That is exactly what volunteers under the direction of Charlie and Yolanda Turner of Grosse Pointe Farms did last Sunday at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen in midtown Detroit. The afternoon of Thanksgiving meal preparation has been an annual tradition for the Turners since 1997. This year, volunteers, above, carved about 125 turkeys and plated some 1,100 meals, complete with turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, vegetables, cranberries, beverages and pumpkin pie for dessert. On a usual Sunday, Crossroads Soup Kitchen patrons get two sandwiches, soup, fruit, a cookie and coffee or tea. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and other holidays, those in need get a meal fit for a king. Last year, Crossroads, which has been serving midtown Detroit since 1971, distributed some 50 tons of food and served some 40,000 meals. Last week, the Turners asked friends and neighbors to donate turkeys, which were delivered to the Turners' Lewiston home, and from there they were taken to midtown, reheated and gobbled up!

G.P. SCHOOL BOARD

High school daze

Cost not a factor in class scheduling

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

School board members omitted cost savings when setting goals for a committee ordered to repeat a study of alternatives to the district's high school semester schedule.

The committee is thereby giving equal weight to options that on an annual basis could cost \$713,699 more or nearly \$1.3 million less compared to the current setup.

Findings are due in March. "We're aiming to reach a decision in one way or another in April of 2007," said Board President Brendan Walsh.

He targeted implementation for the 2008-09 school year.

In October, the committee concluded 17 months of analysis with a unanimous recommendation that Grosse Pointe's two high school academic calendars be switched to a trimester system.

The recommendation was

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B2B or not 2B at the biz expo

Wild Birds Unlimited business owner Rosann Kovalcik and her husband, Martin Blagdum, displayed several items guests were interested in purchasing for holiday gifts at last week's inaugural Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Read the story on page 11A.

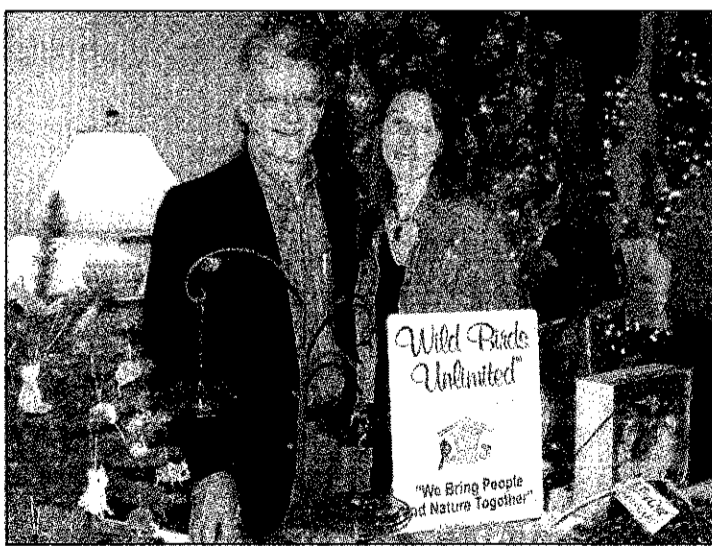


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POINTER OF INTEREST

I love it, but my wife says I spend too much time at the store since, after all, I am retired.

Ken Gutow

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Family: Wife, Carla; son,

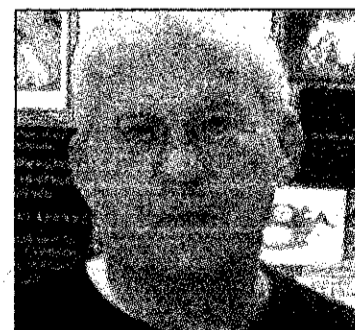
Casey; and daughter, Carrie

Claim to fame: Retired high

school teacher who owns

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Yesterday's headlines

1956
50 years ago

◆ **WATER TO STAY FLUORIDE-FREE:** The Farms city council unanimously voted down a proposal to add fluoride to its water system, contrary to a recent advisory vote by residents to add the chemical.

The Farms had once added fluoride to its water, but ended the practice in 1955 after an advisory referendum voted against it. Opponents of adding the chemical cited cases of fluoride poisoning in the Detroit area.

The council's vote also affected City of Grosse Pointe residents because the City gets its water from the Farms.

◆ **POINTES GET WEIGHT-GAS TAX SHARE:** The five Grosse Pointes split more than \$6,000 in tax monies after the state allocated the funds collected through a truck-weight gas tax initiated in 1955.

The Park and the Woods received the largest share from the tax, followed by the Farms, City and the Shores.

◆ **GAS LEAK TRACED TO PUNGENT POOCH:** The Shores police traced a report of a gas leak in a home on Lochmoor to the family pet.

After searching the house to trace the leak, police concluded it was the animal that was casting the smell. The dog had been sprayed by a skunk.

◆ **WOODS COUNCIL PROTESTS WATER SHIFT:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voiced bitter opposition to the city of Detroit's recent decision to shift its water supply to another station, resulting in a tax hike.

Recently, Detroit informed the Woods it would be transferring the Woods' source of water from Waterworks Park to the Northeast Pumping Station. The transfer would increase the cost of water from 65 cents per 1,000 cubic feet to \$1 per cubic feet.

1981
25 years ago

◆ **NO CONTRACT YET FOR COPS, FIREMEN:** Negotiations continue between police and fire officers and city officials in four Grosse Pointe communities. It has been six months since their last contract expired.

Officials from the Woods, Park, City and Farms have been attempting to hammer out a deal, but have been delayed because of state reductions in funding. Statewide economic ills have also contributed to the stalemate.

◆ **HILL AREA AND MACK TO GET FACE LIFT:** Farms officials announced plans for landscaping upgrades on Mack Avenue and improving lighting on Kercheval in the Hill shopping area. The plan includes 27 new trees on Mack between Moross and Kerby roads, while Kercheval will see new trees, benches, hedges and flower beds.

The cost of the project is \$65,000.

◆ **MACK DEVELOPMENT PLANNED IN PARK:** Officials from Grosse Pointe Park are considering a plan to clear two blocks of Mack Avenue near Alter for redevelopment as retail space and, possibly, a new District Court building.

The plan calls for leveling stores on the south side of Mack between Wayburn and Maryland, construction of a boulevard on Mack, and adding 10,000 square feet of building space. The plan is part of efforts to stop blight on Mack into the Detroit area.

Park officials say there have been discussions with a hardware store and a financial institution about locating in the area.

1996
10 years ago



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1956: Garden Variety

At a recent Civic Awards Night at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial certificates of appreciation were presented to Pointers for their landscaping contributions to keep the area beautiful. From left are Farms Mayor William Connolly and Shores President Jack Williams with winners Andy Graham, W.C. Osborn Jr., Thomas Robitaille, Robert Orr, Cameron Waterman, John Elder, Custer Homeier and Francis Duffy.

◆ **WOODS COUNCIL PROTESTS INCREASED CABLE RATES:** The relationship between the Woods and Comcast Cable became even more frosty after a recent increase in fees from the cable company. It was the third increase this year and Woods officials are exploring options in reducing rates billed by the company.

The first option is to file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission; the second, to meet with Comcast representatives; the third, to solicit competition.

Woods officials stressed they didn't want a showdown with

the company, only a dialogue to ease the financial strain of increased fees for residents.

◆ **FIRST STEP IN BON SECOURS, HENRY FORD MERGER:** Officials from Henry Ford Health System and Bon Secours Health System have signed a memorandum of understanding that moves both systems closer to the creation of a joint venture between Bon Secours Hospital and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Under the joint venture, an eastside network of health care services will be formed to create a customer-focused health-care delivery system.

◆ **HOUSE MOVED FROM**

FARMS TO WOODS: As part of the Mack/Moross development plan, a house purchased recently by the Farms was moved to the Woods. The relocation was the first step by Farms officials to square off the area. The Farms has also purchased three additional houses in the area and plans to move them as well.

Moving, rather than razing the houses saves the Farms thousands of dollars in demolition costs.

2001
5 years ago

◆ **SOUTH'S TV GOLDEN:** Grosse Pointe South's TV Production was awarded the prestigious Gold in the student category at the 18th Annual Media Communications Association International Golden Cassette Awards Festival.

The Gold was awarded to South's entry titled "Eighth Grade Orientation," a presentation used to introduce incoming freshmen to the different curriculum areas at the high school.

◆ **KERBY AWARDED BLUE RIBBON:** Kerby Elementary School was awarded a national Blue Ribbon for school excellence, one of only 11 schools in Michigan so honored this year.

School officials said the school was honored based on its school spirit and how well they conducted themselves on a daily basis. The student's responsibility and self-discipline

are main parts of the school's program, Kerby Keys of Success.

◆ **POINTES, HARPER WOODS RADIO SYSTEM COMPLETED:** A new public safety communications system linking the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is now in place.

The radio system is a cooperative project between the communities to deliver inter-operability among city, county and state police, fire and EMS departments over a shared network. The new digital system operates on 800 megahertz, an improvement over the previous 156 megahertz analog system. Its cost was \$2.5 million.

◆ **SEMCOG STUDY SEES POPULATION LOSS IN POINTES:** A snapshot of the future predicts the Grosse Pointes will have older residents and less population in 2030, according to a study by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The population loss is largely attributed to families having fewer children, not from people moving away.

— By John Lundberg

November lake levels

The following lake levels as of Nov. 17 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Lake Superior is currently 12 inches lower than it was a year ago, while lakes Michigan and Huron are at the same level as this time last year. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are higher than the previous year.

Currently, all of the lakes are in their period of seasonal decline. Over the next month, the water level in Lake Superior is projected to fall 3 inches while the level in lakes Michigan and Huron is expected to decline 2 inches. Lakes St. Clair and Erie are also predicted to drop 3 inches during the next 30 days while Lake Ontario is forecasted to fall 4 inches.

Over the next few months, Lake Superior is expected to remain well below last year's levels, while lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are predicted to remain near or slightly above the water levels of a year ago.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Mary's River into Lake Huron is expected to be below average in November. Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers also are expected to be below average during November. Flow in the Niagara River, as well as the St. Lawrence River, is expected to be above average.

Alerts: Due to abnormally dry conditions over the last five months, Lake Superior is currently below chart datum.

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- A-2 GP City Police Car
- A-3 GP City Fire Truck – GP Farms Fire Truck-GP Park Fire Truck
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BANNER: Pentastar Aviation
BANNER: St. John Health & Crest Volvo
Crest Volvo Emergency Car
BANNER: WMTV5 War Memorial
Grosse Pointe Highlanders
- A-5 Detroit Fire Department Clowns
- A-6 Brownie Troop #4011
- A-7 **BANNER: Grosse Pointe News**
- A-8 Detroit Fire Department Band

SECTION B

- BANNERS: The Sterling of Grosse Pointe & Aitken Ormond Shores**
- B-1 Kerby Cub Scout Pack #481
- B-2 Grosse Pointe Soccer Association
- B-3 Brownie Troop #940 Defer
BANNER: Ace Hardware
Anchor Bay Marching Band
- B-4 Cub Scout Pack #19 Maire School in Bresser's Sleigh
- B-5 **BANNERS: Village Toy Company & JP Morgan Chase**
The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods
- B-6 East Shore Optimists – Optimist International
- B-7 **BANNER: the Frohlich Family**
- B-8 Dakota High School "Cougar" Marching Band
BANNERS: Pat Scott Jewelers & Flagstar Bank

SECTION C

- C-1 Detroit Yacht Club – Junior Sailing Program
- C-2 Brownie Troop #881 Kerby School
BANNER: Allemon's & State Farm
- C-3 Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan
BANNER: Russell Development
- C-4 Santa's Workshop Float
- C-5 Brownie Troop #2355 Richard
BANNER: The Private Bank
Utica High School Marching Band
- C-6 United States Coast Guard
- C-7 **BANNERS: Higbie Maxon & Agney – Something Special**

SECTION D

- D-1 Cub Scout Pack #290 Mason School "Cubs of the Caribbean"
BANNER: Bob Secours Cottage Health Services
- D-2 Harper Woods High School Marching Band
- D-3 Grosse Pointe Park Little League
- D-4 Rexford Center Equestrian Group
- D-5 Girl Scout Troop #2907 Maire School
BANNER: Smith Barney
- D-6 Grosse Pointe Red Barons Cheerleaders
- D-7 Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

SECTION E

- E-1 Cub Scout Pack #74 Richard School "Team Richard"
BANNER: Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe
- E-2 Eastside Fury Percussion Ensemble
- E-3 Brownie Troop #3090 Richard School
- E-4 Taylor Shrine Club Tin Lizzies
BANNER: Grosse Pointe Lions Club
- E-5 Grosse Pointe Lions Float
- E-6 Mary Louise Meininger – Bell Ringer
BANNER: Hickey's Walton Pierce
- E-7 Nativity Float Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
- E-8 Shrine Highlanders Pipes & Drums
BANNERS: Robert Loomis & Associates – Comerica

SECTION F

- F-1 Celebrating 80 yrs of Service to the Community – St. Clare Troops
- F-2 **DeLaSalle Marching Pilots**
- F-3 Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
- F-4 Salvo 96A Soccer Team
BANNERS: Big Boy International & Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation
- F-5 Cub Scout Pack #34 Ferry School
- F-6 Blue Water Miniature Horse Club
BANNER: Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc.

SECTION G

- G-1 Train Float with High School Athletes
BANNER: Neighborhood Club
- G-2 Grosse Pointe North Pep Band
- G-3 Cub Scout Pack #86 Trombley School "Outdoorsmen"
- G-4 Grosse Pointe Hunt Club
BANNER: Wayne County Community College District
- G-5 WCCCD Holiday Family Traditions Essay Contest Winners
BANNERS: Bologna Building Company & UBS Financial Services Inc.
- G-6 Warren Woods Tower High School Titan Marching Band
- G-7 St. Paul School "Blue Ribbon" float

SECTION H

- H-1 Cub Scout Pack #147 Defer School
- H-2 Redford Township Unicycle Club
BANNERS: Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Mutschler Kitchen
- H-3 Brownie Troop #3259 Defer School
BANNER: Checker Sedan
- H-4 Old Checker Cab
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- H-6 Antique Fire Engine

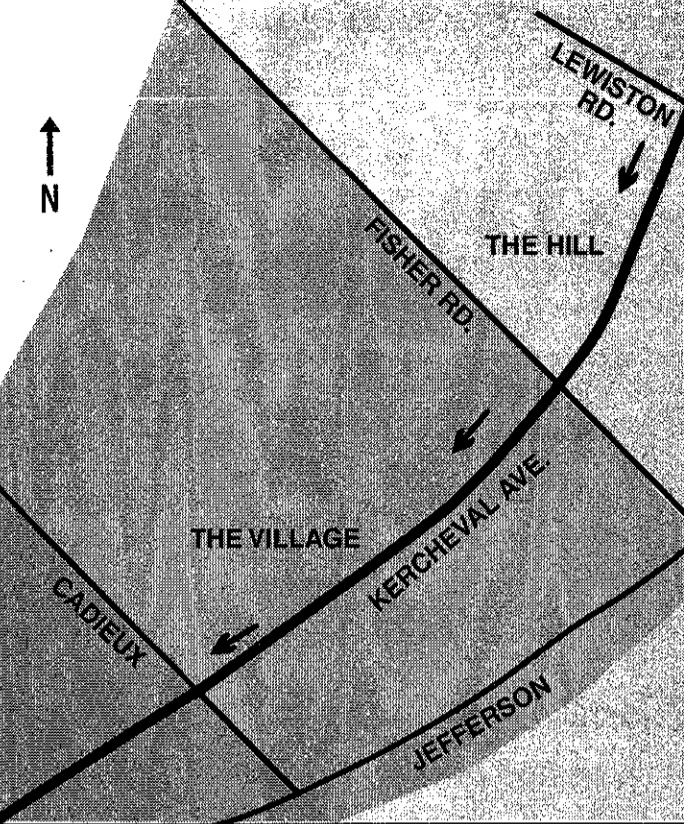
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- I-1 Cousino High School "Patriot" Marching Band
BANNERS: Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods & Sunrise on Vernier
- I-2 Sunrise Bus
BANNER: Grosse Pointe Athletic Club
- I-3 Friends & Family of GP Athletic Club
- I-4 Detroit Boat Club Rowing Crew
- I-5 University Liggett Student Group
- I-6 Brownie Troop #6748 Richard School
- I-7 Regina Clown Ministers

SECTION J

- J-1 Girl Scout Troop #686 Monteith School
- J-2 State Representative Ed Gaffney
- J-3 City mayors in horse drawn carriage
- J-4 Brownie Troop #22 St. Paul School
BANNERS: St. John Health Services & Crest Volvo
BANNER: Pentastar Aviation
BANNERS: Village & Hill Association
- J-5 Detroit High School of Fine & Performing Arts Band
- J-6 **FLOAT: Santa & Mrs. Claus**

Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade Route



The 2006 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving, begins on the Hill at 10 a.m. and proceeds to the Village. Merchants and businesses along the way will be providing hot chocolate and other goodies to warm the body and spirit!

KERCHEVAL: New facility required

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veloper is responsible for the area's continued maintenance, he added.

Frank Torrey, principal developer, could not be reached for comment.

The city has hired Rich & Associates of Detroit, an architectural firm specializing in municipal parking garages, to design the new facility.

The city has scheduled a public "kick-off" meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the council chambers to discuss plans for the garage, Dame said.

Construction will not begin until an executed lease agreement is reached with the specialty grocer, Dame said.

Last month, the city received a comprehensive Consulting Summary Report concerning the redevelopment of Kercheval Place.

The commissioned report, prepared by Allen & Associates Appraisal Group of Birmingham, provided an analysis of the retail/office mixed-use redevelopment and the proposed plans for the city-owned parking garage. Its pur-

pose was to give the city a detailed overview of the project, a market analysis of retail and office trends and rental costs in the area, lease cost projections and a cost/benefit analysis regarding the proposed parking garage.

Dame suggested the council commission the study months ago to provide proper due diligence before commencing with any formal plans.

"The report provided a great deal of support for the direction the council eventually gave," Dame said.

Regarding the proposed new garage, the report concluded that a modern parking facility would serve the public better and help support the Kercheval Place project.

"The special needs of the Kercheval Place project have generated the need for a new facility," concluded Laurence Allen, president of Allen & Associates.

So far, three companies have committed to setting up shop at Kercheval place: Coldwater Creek, which opened in September, Jos. A. Banks, which opened its doors Nov. 20, and Traders Joe's East, which is expected to open in early spring next year.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Kercheval Place is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Resident gets heated pool

Resident Jeff Clark couldn't be happier after the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously granted his variance.

Clark, who lives in the 1200 block of Bishop, is having an 8-foot by 15-foot wading pool constructed near his house. The equipment needed to heat and run the pool will be located in Clark's basement to not interfere with his neighbors.

"It's a nice improvement to your house and the neighborhood," Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "I wouldn't mind coming over and using it."

"I'm just kidding."

City Manager Dale Krajniak said Clark needed a variance because the pool had to be at least four feet from his home or garage.

Building Inspector Ron Carmona said he reviewed the plans and didn't see any reason not to issue the variance. In addition, the neighbors surrounding Clark gave their vote of approval.

— Bob St. John

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SCHEDULE: 'The process continues'

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based on savings projected in excess of \$500,000 per year, expanded course offerings and reduced study halls, called tutorials. Administrators have criticized study halls as expensive to staff and a waste of student time.

Parents objected to the proposed switch. Many complaints dealt with scheduling hardships, such as sequential classes not being offered in back-to-back terms.

Board members in November shelved the study, reconvened the committee and had it start over from scratch.

The board ordered committee members to look beyond trimesters while keeping study hall enrollment at or below current levels.

Beyond that, things were left relatively open.

"There wasn't any particular value to the criteria the board asked be added," said Superintendent Susan Klein.

"There were some things not charged for committee consideration. One was specific budget parameters, nor was there a mandate that specific budget reductions be part of the recommendation."

"The process continues," Walsh said.

Options and their components being considered are:

- ◆ Maintaining the current seven-period day.
- "It comes with a cost of just over \$17,756,434," Klein said. "It has some tutorials."
- The current set of 90-day semesters cost \$17,756,434 per year. The school day consists of seven 47-minute periods. All classes meet every day for a total of 55,836 instructional minutes per year, the fewest under options being considered. Teachers teach five of seven class periods per day.
- ◆ True seven period day.
- "The true seven-period day would be seven classes per year with no tutorials," Klein said.
- Two 90-day semesters would

cost \$18,712,087 per year. All classes meet each day for a total of 59,220 instructional minutes per year. Seven classes meet 47 minutes each per day. Teachers teach five of seven classes daily.

- ◆ Block 8 A/B format.
- "A block format would provide longer periods for student classes to meet," Klein said.
- At \$17,821,035 per year, the Block 8 A/B school day could consist of eight classes of 90 minutes each meeting in rotation every other day. Instructional minutes total 64,800 per year. Teachers teach three of four classes daily.
- ◆ Trimester.
- Five 72-minute classes per day during three 60-day trimesters total 64,800 instructional minutes per year. Cost totals \$16,707,221. Teachers teach four of five classes per day.
- ◆ Block 8, four-by-four.
- "You still have 90-minute periods per day," Klein said. "Four classes meet every day in the first semester with a new set of classes that meet every day in the second semester."
- This format has a projected cost of \$17,821,035. It is likely to include a semester gap in some subject areas. Annual instruction time totals 64,800 minutes. Teachers teach three of four classes daily.
- ◆ Six period day.
- "The six period day is basically a match with the middle school schedule we have now, where students would be enrolled in six classes," Klein said.
- Six 60-minute classes per day during two 90-day semesters provide 64,800 instructional minutes per year at a cost of \$16,038,932 per year. Teachers teach five of six classes per day.
- ◆ Six-plus period day.
- Two 90-day semesters feature six 60-minute classes per day, with zero hour and seventh hour optional for students.
- Instructional minutes total 64,800 per year.
- Cost is \$16,707,221 or \$17,375,509, depending if 25 percent or 50 percent of students, respectively, take classes offered before the start of the newly configured school day (zero hour) or at the close of the day in the seventh hour.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

City renews insurance

The City of Grosse Pointe's refrigerated ice rink equipment. The city will pay \$117,890 next year, less than 1 percent more than last year's premium through the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool.

— Rebecca Jones

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Ken Gutow spent years teaching and coaching at Grosse Pointe North High School. His retirement is currently spent working at his new business, Woods Trophies, in St. Clair Shores.

Gutow takes trophies seriously

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

For four decades, Woods Trophies has been answering the bell when it came to delivering trophies and plaques to area high schools, middle schools and grade schools.

Thousands of athletes and coaches own a piece of sports memorabilia made by the business now run by long-time Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ken Gutow.

"I took over the business 10 years ago after I retired from teaching at Grosse Pointe North High School," he said. "I love it, but my wife says I spend too much time at the store since, after all, I am supposed to be retired."

Gutow recently designed a plaque to honor Grosse Pointe North head baseball coach Frank Sumner, who guided the Norsemen to a state championship last June.

Other coaches he has made special plaques for are Dan Griesbaum, Gary Bennett and Jim Krucki, who are coaches at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North who earned accolades.

If you look close enough throughout the trophy cases of not just the three high schools in the Grosse Pointes (North, South and University Liggett School), but throughout most of Macomb County, people can see trophies designated for sports, including football, basketball, tennis, track, cross-country, soccer, swimming, and golf.

"I hit all of the sports programs for many of the high schools in Macomb County and the three in the Grosse Pointes," Gutow said. "Working at something I enjoy doing keeps me young."

Gutow, 67, bought Woods Trophies from long-time acquaintance Bob Goodman in 1996.

The business was originally located on Mack near Allard before moving to St. Clair Shores at 24627 Harper two decades ago.

Gutow offers on-site engraving on metal products, wood, marble, leather, Waterford crystal, plastic, acrylic, sport-

ing equipment and jewelry.

He sells trophies, t-shirts, ribbons, signs, certificates, medals, plaques, sublimation, rotary engraving and the new state-of-the-art laser engraving.

"I give my customers a lot of options when it comes to ordering trophies and other items," Gutow said.

Gutow also designed the Grosse Pointe North vs. Grosse Pointe South football trophy the arch rivals compete for each fall. North leads the series by nearly a two-to-one margin.

Gutow and his wife of 44 years, Carla, raised a son, Casey, and daughter, Carrie, both graduates from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Carla recently retired after teaching in the Grosse Pointe School District and St. Joan of Arc grade school.

"We enjoy our home here in the Woods and we have especially enjoyed meeting so many wonderful men and women during our time teaching," Gutow said.

He began his teaching career at Parcels Middle School in 1962 before moving to Grosse Pointe North High School in 1968.

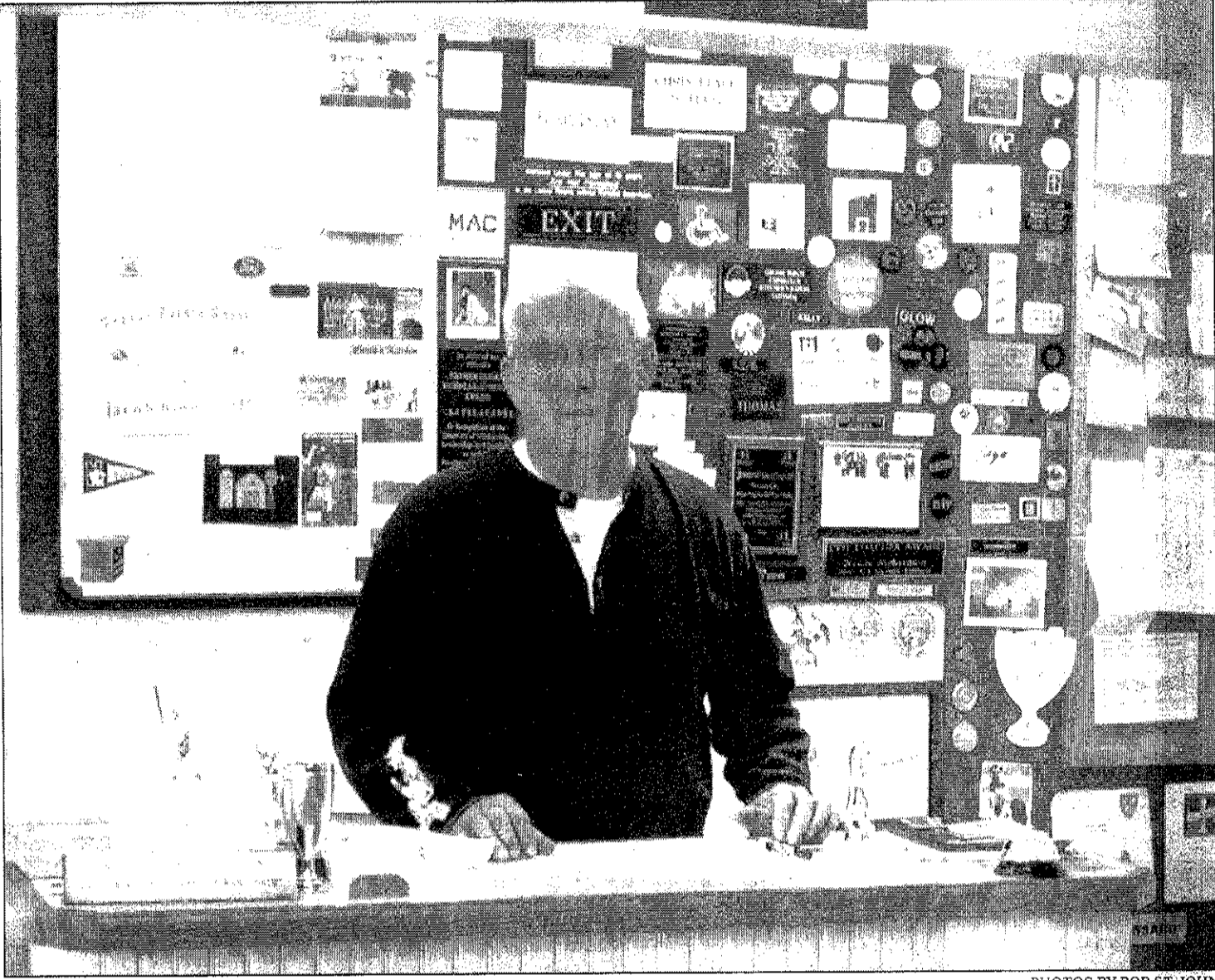
Gutow was quite the athlete during his days at Grosse Pointe High School. He was voted the school's best athlete in 1957. His picture still stands in the lobby of Grosse Pointe South.

He also was a standout basketball and track competitor during his high school days.

He was a tennis coach for 18 years and helped start the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association in 1976 along with ULS tennis coach Bob Wood.

During his days as North's tennis coach, he was the first to have girls (the talented Mascarini girls) on the boys' squad.

"The Mascarini were such good tennis players," Gutow said. "They were better than most of the boys and they wanted to be on the team. What was I supposed to do, deny a student the opportunity to play a sport in which the school didn't have a girls



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

Ken Gutow, above, retired as a teacher and has been in the trophy business for a decade. Gutow gives each trophy a personal touch because he knows the thousands of coaches, athletes and parents who patronize his business.

team? No way."

High school tennis has been dominated by University Liggett School in the lower enrollment state championships. In the higher enrollment schools, Hamtramck had quite a run of state titles between 1948 and 1969, winning 18 boys championships, along with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe University High.

In girls high school tennis, Grosse Pointe South and ULS dominate the all-time state title list, followed by Birmingham Detroit Country Day and Cranbrook Kingswood.

"The level of high school tennis is improving year by year," Gutow said. "I see some

very talented young men and women compete in our area."

His years of service as a tennis coach earned him a spot in the Grosse Pointe North Coaches Hall of Fame.

"I have had a great time coaching all of the boys and girls at North," Gutow said. "I have made a lot of friends and I still see some of the tennis players I coached back then, but now they are married and have families of their own."

Gutow's business isn't slowing at all. Instead, he is putting in more and more hours.

"My wife says I am supposed to be at home a little more than I am," Gutow said. "I'm having so much fun at Woods Trophies, but I guess one day I will officially have to retire."



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Opening soon

Grosse Pointe Park's Robert Hutton Ice Rink, above, at Patterson Park will open either Nov. 25 or Dec. 2, depending on the temperatures. "We hope to open the rink for the kids who are on Thanksgiving break," city Parks and Recreation Department Director Terry Solomon said. Residents can call Patterson Park at (313) 822-1681 and ask the gate staff for a rink update. The rink is operated by a sodium chloride cooling system which was recently upgraded through the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation's efforts. The system allows the recreation department to maintain a floor temperature of 50 degrees, which means skaters can use the rink during the warmer days of winter and in early spring.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Foundation celebrates 20 years of service

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary of providing recreational and beautification projects to residents. The foundation is run completely by volunteers who coordinate their goals with the city's needs or desired enhancements. "Our city has been blessed with so many volunteers serving on the foundation," City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "It's these volunteers that help our community."



In 1986, the very first project coordinated by the foundation was the Tompkins Community Center in Windmill Pointe Park. This center created a year-round gathering facility for social functions. "The popularity has grown to the extent when Oct. 1 arrives, the first day reservations for the following year may be made, a long line of would-be reservationists await booking their desired date of use," Krajniak said. Other projects include the community's boardwalk, movie theater, fitness center, gymnasium, ice rink and fountain, Jefferson Avenue landscaping, Defer ball field improvements, summer splash pad and most recently the Lindell Warming Station completed last year to help warm the thousands of ice skaters who use the rink each winter. Preparations are underway this season as the city's Zamboni is ready to roll and the ice rink is set to open Thanksgiving weekend.

— Bob St. John



PHOTOS COMPLIMENTS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

The Tompkins Community Center, top, was the first project the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation helped fund. The Lindell Lodge, above, was the most recent project the foundation helped finance. The lodge is a warming hut for ice skaters coming in from the cold or for parents watching their children skate.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

'Nearly perfect' yards garner accolades

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

For some people, keeping the grass green this summer was an accomplishment.

That's not enough to win a Grosse Pointe Farms beautification award, however.

"Your property had to look nearly perfect during this year's growing season despite the heat and rain," Beautification Commission Chairwoman Liz Brown told the 15 winners at the Monday, Oct. 23, awards ceremony.

Corner lots were especially scrutinized, Brown said.

Rick and Cheryl Bosley's house at 131 Lothrop withstood the test. They began sprucing up four years ago.

"The biggest thing we did was plant trees ... oak, maple and dogwoods," Cheryl Bosley said. The couple also reconfigured the front porch and attached garage of the home they bought 16 years ago.

The Cheesewright house shines at 418 McKinley. A large ornamental star decorates the front gable.

Grosse Pointe Farms started giving out beautification

awards 18 years ago.

"It really has a positive impact on a community," Mayor Jim Farquhar said. "It is contagious. It has worked so far."

Properties were nominated by residents or members of the beautification commission, chosen for the home's overall appearance, landscaping color, variety and balance, and proportion.

"Every home has something different to offer," said commissioner Karen Shea. As a commissioner, she was responsible this summer for monitoring the appearance of homes in one of 17 areas of the Farms. It's not a bad job, she said. "People here are very creative."

Betsy and Gordon Maitland took home an award for work they have done to improve the home at 262 Stephens, which Gordon inherited from his family.

The landscaping took four years, Betsy said. "We did one yard at a time."

The other winners are:

◆ Ms. Amy Andrews, 351 Ridgemont
◆ Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dueweke, 416 Roland



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Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, center, helped honor the city's beautification award winners during an Oct. 23 event.

◆ Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuMouchelle, 364 Hillcrest
◆ Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, 362 Mount Vernon
◆ Ms. Elli Giordimaina, 344 Kercheval

◆ Mr. and Mrs. Charles Janovsky, 89 Vendome
◆ Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Mazza, 221 Lewiston
◆ Mr. and Mrs. James Tepel, 21 Waverly

◆ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyrrell, 109 Mapleton
◆ Mrs. Clune Walsh, 47 Oldbrook Lane

◆ Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells, 472 Shelbourne
◆ Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval.



PHOTO BY VICKI GRANGER

And the winner is ...

Grosse Pointe Woods' 'Don't You Love It' contest winners, above, are from left the Stafford family (Caroline, left, Cathy, and Sam), Kathleen Walsh and David Padalino. They were offered congratulations by Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, right. Winner, Jack Sharp, is not in the photograph. To compete in the contest, more than 100 residents listed what they think makes Grosse Pointe Woods such a great place. Some of the things named were city-sponsored events, including the fireworks, community center events for seniors, and Lakefront Park pool events.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Residents appointed to board

Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved the appointment of Gustave Renner and the reappointment of Frederick Motney to the Board of

Canvassers.

Renner's term expires Dec. 31, 2006, and Motney's term expires Dec. 31, 2007.

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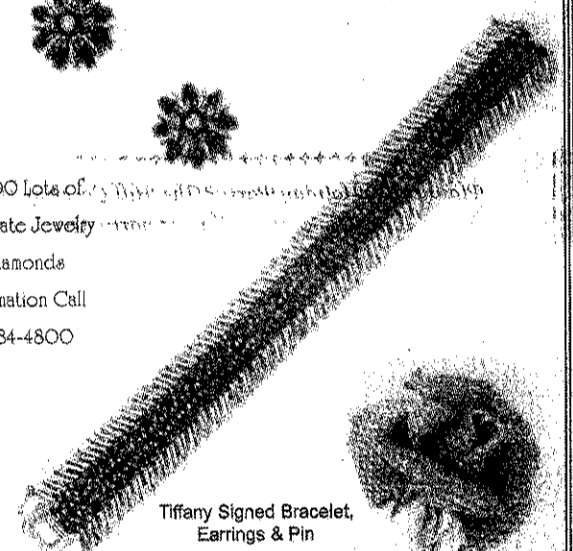
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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving traditions

Michigan has not enjoyed good economic times since, perhaps, spring of 2001. The 9/11 attacks further eroded consumer confidence, and Detroit's struggling automakers are increasingly unable to pull us up by our bootstraps. In a depressed economy, it may be difficult to find things for which to be thankful. We find at times like this it is helpful to fall back on tradition.

Detroit has a long Thanksgiving history. While many Americans may look to New York City and the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade as symbolic of the holiday, Detroit is just as deserving of that honor.

Both the Macy's and the Detroit parades were inaugurated in 1924. The Motor City celebration was conceived by J.L. Hudson Co. display manager Charles F. Wendel, who suggested that the parade proceed down Woodward Avenue and end with Santa in his sleigh. After which, Santa Claus would take up residence in Toyland on the 12th floor of the old department store.

"Miracle on 34th Street" could just as well have been "Miracle on Woodward Avenue."

While the Hudson's is gone, many of today's grandparents fondly remember going downtown to give Santa their lists.

Detroit still has its Thanksgiving Day parade, followed by the traditional Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade on Friday. This year's parade begins at 10 a.m. on the Hill and, per usual, proceeds down Kercheval to the Village, where Santa will be given the keys to the Pointes and to the hearts of all our boys and girls.

Another great Detroit tradition for four generations is Lions football.

Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day football dates back to 1934 when then-owner G.A. Richards scheduled the first holiday match against the World Champion Chicago Bears. (Incidentally, Richards, of California, was also owner of WJR radio and president of Pontiac Automobiles of Southeast Michigan.)

The first Thanksgiving Day game was held in the University of Detroit stadium before 26,000 fans. Both teams went into the contest with outstanding records. Detroit was 10-1 on the season, while Chicago had a perfect 11 wins and no losses.

The Bears bested the Lions 10-7 in what was to become the first of a nationwide sports classic. The Lions would get their revenge, beating the Bears in each of the following two years' Thanksgiving Day contests. In 1937, the Bears would again beat Detroit, but the Lions would bounce back the next year, again beating their Windy City nemesis, ending a five-year Detroit-Chicago Thanksgiving Day series 3-2.

Detroit's Thanksgiving Day record is 35-31. The Lions lost to the Atlanta Falcons last year and to the Indianapolis Colts the year before in a 41-9 stuffing. This year, the Lions face a Miami line backed by former Lions quarterback Joey Harrington at Ford Field. That should be exciting.

Of course, the first Thanksgiving tradition was held by the 50 remaining Pilgrims in October 1621, following the previous deadly winter. They were accompanied by twice that many Native Americans, who deserve much of the credit for the Europeans' survival.

Though the 1621 celebration is known today as the "First Thanksgiving," it had secular origins and was not considered a religious holiday by the devout Puritans.

Early on, Thanksgiving was not a national holiday. Rather, the governor of each state would declare when or if Thanksgiving would be held. Nevertheless, the tradition stuck.

In 1863, President Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving ahead one week to the third Thursday in November in order to extend the Christmas shopping season. In 1941, a disgruntled Congress moved Thanksgiving back to the fourth Thursday of November.

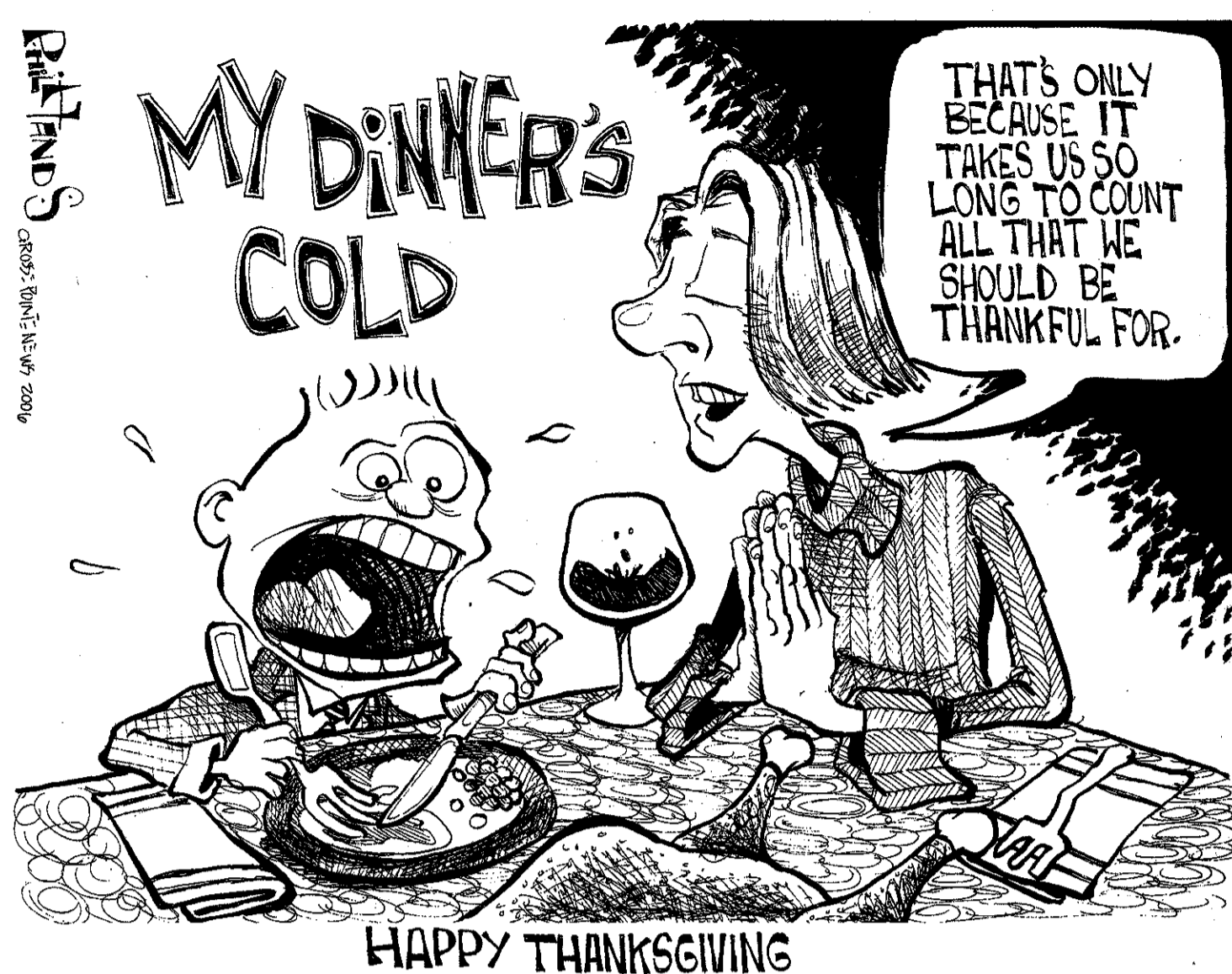
This year, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we must remember we have much for which to be grateful. We live in a lovely community with great friends and family. Most of us live without want and give to those in need.

Despite the economic slump, we are fortunate.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Though the 1621 celebration is known today as the "First Thanksgiving," it had secular origins and was not considered a religious holiday by the devout Puritans.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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

Senate Bills for schools

To the Editor:

Proposal 5 — rejected by 62 percent of Michigan voters — should serve as a wake-up call for all of us in education. Clearly, we cannot make the case for increased educational investments without tackling the rising cost of school employee health benefits.

Help is already on the way. Senate Bills 895-898, currently before the Michigan Legislature, will introduce meaningful competition and allow schools to more easily form self-insured pools.

The AFT-Michigan teachers union estimates these bills will save Michigan schools \$573 million in just three years. That's \$573 million more to hire new teachers, reduce class sizes, improve technology, and buy more textbooks.

This common-sense legislation could save Michigan's public schools up to 17 percent on health care costs — because where competition exists, prices decline.

No one wants to see teachers lose benefits. After all, high quality teachers are the key to our students' futures. But teachers' benefits won't mean much if schools can't afford to hire them. Moreover, research has shown that the market can

provide similar benefits at a lower cost.

Just as Michigan's auto industry is facing up to economic realities, the entire education community must roll up their sleeves and refuse to allow classroom dollars to be diverted to high-cost benefits when less expensive, but high quality, insurance alternatives are available.

Please join us in urging our state legislators to pass Senate Bills 895-898 to help make sure more tax dollars are spent on students and their education, not on teachers' health insurance benefits.

WILLIAM H. MAYES
Executive Director
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of School Administrators
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Local cable Bill HB6456

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe residents, unlike residents in many other metro Detroit communities, do not have access to competing cable television providers.

We are stuck with the incumbent cable provider and do not benefit from the lower prices and better service that are of-

fered when there is competition.

Fortunately, the Michigan Legislature is working on a law that will create more competition for cable television consumers in Michigan — HB6456.

The statewide franchise process proposed in this legislation will streamline the process for new competitors to begin offering service in communities like the Grosse Pointes. That means new technology investment in our community, access to the latest Internet services and more choices of providers.

I am pleased to note that Rep. Ed Gaffney was a co-sponsor of video franchise legislation when it was introduced earlier this year.

The Michigan Legislature needs to pass HB6456, and I encourage our local elected officials to work with Rep. Gaffney to make that happen so that we can reap the benefits of more cable competition.

DONNA AEDOO
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thanks for Gift of Reading donations

To the Editor:

I wish to express my deepest thanks to the officers and members of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club for their generous response to my plea for books for the Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading program.

When I spoke to the club, Nov. 14, I asked the members to please bring some children's books for the reading program and leave them at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial office. The response was wonderful and I am deeply appreciative.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for graciously

agreeing to help collect the books; to John Prost and Grosse Pointe Cable for helping publicize the project; and to the Grosse Pointe Public Library for serving as a collection point for the books.

The Gift of Reading was started by the Detroit Free Press in 1987 and has provided more than 500,000 books to needy, at-risk Michigan children and has supported literacy programs across the state.

If you would like to help, you can do so by purchasing a new book suitable for children up to age 6. They can be left at your branch of the Grosse Pointe Library.

If you're too busy to shop, you can write a tax-deductible check or money order, payable to The Gift of Reading, and mail it to: The Gift of Reading, P.O. Box 640703, Detroit, MI 48264-0703.

You have no idea how much a single book can brighten a child's life.

NEAL SHINE
St. Clair Shores

Advanced Placement success

To the Editor:

Advanced Placement (AP) participation has increased nationwide, and I was pleased to note the steady gains made in the AP programs at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools reported in the Nov. 16 Grosse Pointe News ("AP tests becoming the norm").

University Liggett School (ULS) has been a member of The College Board and the AP programs since their inception; however, we also noted some impressive gains in 2006.

Overall, 89 percent of exams earned a passing score and 71

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OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Thanksgiving: Time to reflect

Editor's note: This column first appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Nov. 26, 1992. The sentiments echoed then are still relevant today.

It's fast approaching, that season of reverence, joy, chaos, jingle bells, choir voices and occasional insanity. But first before we immerse ourselves in our personal versions of the holiday season, we are given a time for reflection and gratitude. Each of us has intensely private reasons to give thanks to whomever we recognize as a Higher Being and it is appropriate at this time of the year that we pause to consider our myriad blessings.

We are fortunate to live in a community where so much is offered to so many for so little in exchange. We have fine schools, parks, libraries, a va-

riety of clubs and meeting places, a beautiful stretch of land on water, magnificent trees, fine public services and public servants and, above all, people who care about each other.

Our cities unite to decorate our business areas to bring joy and beauty to our citizens. We plant and nurture. We worship together, take food and clothing to those in need and reach out over and over again throughout the year. We recognize and give thanks for the privilege of being able to live in a comfortable pocket of the Midwest, where family values are played out daily.

We are thankful to have lived in this century when so much has evolved and the indomitable human spirit continues to prevail. We have seen men walk on the moon,

we have witnessed the demise of dictatorships and the crumbling of the walls of tyranny. We have survived wars, hurricanes and earthquakes. The powerful vitality of our brothers and sisters and the respect we share enables us to reach out to each other.

Politicians may argue that we are not better off than we were a few years ago, and I would disagree. We have fought battles, universally and privately, we have been wounded and scarred, but we continue to move ahead and anticipate the dawning of each new day with renewed challenges and hope. Disease and starvation are still evident in too many parts of the world, but we are able to offer assistance and become involved more than ever before. Our dedication and commitment

to eradicate these inequities remains a passionate priority.

Let us remember, on this Thanksgiving Day, all of the good things that have been a part of our lives as well as those things we have learned through disappointments. We are grateful for the family and friends with whom we share our bread as well as those who have joined us in the past. And though physically they are not at our tables, their presence is felt by all and there is comfort to be derived from those feelings. We are grateful for the bounty that is ours, the warm shelter of our homes and for the many blessings we have taken for granted.

It is a time to take inventory and acknowledge the gifts we have received. Happy Thanksgiving...

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I SAY By Beth Quinn

Marley, our newest family member



Last year, my husband and I decided to do something I swore I would never do again. We became a two-dog family — for the third time.

We decided to get a golden retriever puppy as a Christmas gift for our two sons and for our older goldie, Sofie. I know the experts advise against giving pets as a Christmas gift, but I figured I knew what I was getting into since this one would be my fifth golden.

While we visited various breeders, my husband and I

went ga-ga over all the adorable goldie puppies, but we also were evaluating them with a very discerning eye.

Even though we knew what we wanted, we decided to go with a breeder who matches the puppies with their new owners. It was a huge leap of faith for us to let someone select our dog, but the breeder convinced us that the personality tests she performs on the puppies are very accurate.

She asked us to fill out a questionnaire detailing our lifestyle and the type of dog we wanted. We requested a dog that was energetic, liked to retrieve balls and enjoyed the outdoors. While you might think every golden retriever would have these traits, believe me, that is not the case. Sofie is the perfect example.

Our big gamble was request-

ing that this active and athletic dog would also calm down easily. We knew it would be hard to find one with these two polar opposite traits, but we were hoping we would get lucky.

True to our breeder's word, she gave us a dog that perfectly fits that description. To our credit, the one she picked out was Tom's and my favorite in the litter.

The boys were ecstatic when we brought home this cuddly little ball of fluffy fur. There is nothing more adorable than a golden retriever puppy. Even Cruella DeVill would find her maternal instincts when holding one.

Sofie seemed mildly entertained as the puppy crawled over her, but she soon started looking at us with pleading eyes that seem to say, "Okay, you can take him back to his

home now. Please!"

We decided to name the puppy "Marley," after Bob Marley, one of my older son's favorite musicians and not after the Marley in the best-seller, "Marley and Me," even though our Marley is as much of a character as the one in the book.

Our Marley has a face only a mother could love. It's the type of face that makes you laugh just by looking at it, as in the way certain comedians, such as Jon Lovitz or Bill Murray, can make you chuckle without saying a word.

I must admit his big dopey eyes and long droopy ears coupled with his laid-back disposition, make him seem a little dimwitted. When my son affectionately calls him "Dumbie," I retort by saying, "He's not dumb; he just looks dumb."

While I'm not sure about his brain power, I do know about his athletic prowess. This dog can do things I've never seen other dogs, especially golden retrievers, do.

When my younger son and I were scrounging around for a Halloween costume in our third floor attic, which is only accessible by climbing a pull-down ladder, Marley desperately wanted to be part of the action so he started climbing the steps. We figured he would get to the first rung, but he actually climbed up all but the last two. We saw his head peek through the opening on the floor but the weight of his body and gravity forced him to fall backwards. As he was falling, he flipped like a cat in mid-air to land on all fours. He was undaunted by his free fall. He just looked up at us and shrugged



Marley at six months.

his shoulders as if to say, "I tried."

I can't believe we have had him for almost one year, yet I can't imagine our family without him. He has brought us so much joy and laughter. He will be one of the things I will be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

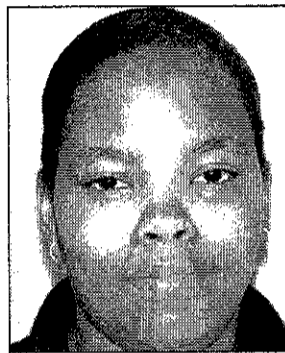
Do you celebrate Thanksgiving in the traditional way?

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



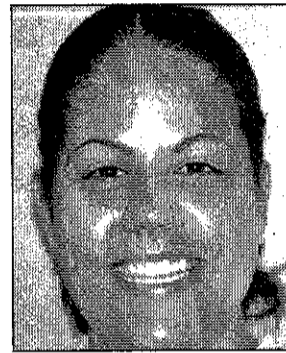
'Wherever I am, in whatever country I am in, I try to pull together the traditional ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner.'

LAUREN TURNER
Grosse Pointe Park



'Not really, instead of turkey I prefer ham with the traditional dressing that my grandmother makes.'

TAMMY DAVIS
Detroit



'Yes, we celebrate in the traditional way.'

TINA COOK
Roseville



'Yes, with a big dinner and all the family.'

ELISSA MALEYFT
Grosse Pointe Park



'I do, with the turkey and all the trimmings and I get most of it from the Pointe Pedlar.'

LIZ MITCHELL
Grosse Pointe Shores



'Yes, we sit down as a family with lots of food, eat, and then we all nap.'

ROSE POCHMARA
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

Tis the season to care about others



Like a lot of Pointers, Jill and Greg Mattes will count their blessings this season of Thanksgiving. The Woods couple has been known to discuss their good fortune, living on Blairmoor in the Woods, a lovely neighborhood of friendly folks, in front of their daughters, Hannah, 7, and Maggie, 5.

We now have proof that when parents talk, children listen.

Some weeks ago one of the girls' friends, Mackenzie Caprara, was telling the two she had been a foster child and was adopted and about gathering backpacks for Orchard Children's Services in Southfield.

"It got us to talking about how fortunate we are," reported Jill Mattes. "My girls chimed in with how we need to help others who aren't as fortunate as we are. I couldn't believe that all those speeches

I gave had actually sunk in.

"We began talking about different ways you could help people and how you might get started. Long story short, together with their friend, Mackenzie, they founded what they are calling Project Koat-a-Kid."

Hanna and Maggie, who both go to Star of the Sea, had Mom type up a flyer explaining what they were doing and signed each one. Then they gave them to friends at school and went door-to-door in their Woods neighborhood on their scooters.

By the time election day rolled around, the trio had managed to collect more than 300 coats. They were so excited by their success they had matching T-shirts made with Project Koat-a-Kid printed on them so they could wear them as they delivered 150 coats to Orchard Children's Services in Southfield on Nov. 7, and two days later, they delivered another 150 coats to Lutheran Social Services.

While the trio was at Orchard, they met some of the children and got a tour of the facility, including the library.

Next on their outreach agenda is collecting books for that library. So if you live in the Woods you might keep an eye

out for small girls on scooters who are on a mission.

Old Newsboys

Next Monday commuters will be confronted at intersections by old newsboys selling their latest edition. The cast of sales personnel will include police officers, county officials, city councilpersons, educators and just plain citizens.

Their goal is to raise enough money to guarantee that every child in metro Detroit has a Christmas in the form of goody boxes of warm clothes, gloves, shoes and the like.

Some of these "old newsboys" can be pretty gruff the rest of the year, but when they are raising money to help children in need, they wear their hearts on their sleeves.

And a number of them are Grosse Pointers. Past presidents of the charitable organization include Tony Niarhos, Frank Brady, Conrad Koski and Woods Councilman Peter Waldmeir (the older). Next year's Goodfellows president will be Farms Councilman Peter Waldmeir (the younger), thus proving the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

So before you head out on Monday morning set aside a fiver or a ten-spot on the con-

sole of your car and give it to one of the Old Newsboys in exchange for a newspaper. And thank them for their ongoing outreach efforts that help children in need.

Giving tree

A dozen years ago, the folks at the Children's Home of Detroit had an idea: put the names of their youngsters on tags on small Christmas trees and ask folks to take that tag and send in a gift or monetary contribution for the child.

More than 60 businesses across metro Detroit, including Northern Trust on the Hill, will sponsor the trees.

Since the beginning, the women of the Grosse Pointe Soroptimists Club have carefully made all the name tags that are displayed, and this year they were aided by members of the Grosse Pointe North High School Willow Club.

The Soroptimists were founded in 1921 in Alameda, Calif., as a group of professional and business women, dedicated to helping women and children in need.

The program runs through Dec. 20, and you will find the trees at some of your favorite stores. While monetary gifts work best, if you want to donate a wrapped gift, suggested items include winter hats, gloves or mittens, ear muffs and scarves; books, games, puzzles and activity books; craft items, mini-radios and CD players; jewelry and watches; sports equipment; fun or sport socks; stationery and stuffed animals.

Checks should be made out to the Children's Home of Detroit-Holiday Giving Tree, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or you may make telephone donations on credit cards by calling (313) 885-3510.

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



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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe members Mary Bryk, past president, left; June Bryk; Mary Clare Toffanetti; Myra Golden and Dorothy Wasinger were joined by North High School Willow Club members Amy Surmont and Liz Bryk, far right, in putting children's names on tags for the Giving Trees. Liz is Mary's daughter and June's granddaughter.



Maggie, 5, left, and Hanna Mattes, 7, show off their Koat-a-Kid T-shirts in front of their collection of coats of many colors.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Inaugural business expo a smashing hit

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Business Expo went off without a hitch last week at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

More than 50 businesses throughout the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities participated in the expo to show off their products and services to the more than 200 people who attended the event.

"We did not know what to expect as the expo was a new event," Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner said. "We could have had 30 additional vendors but had not contracted that much space."

"We took notes all evening and did exit interviews so we can analyze for next year."

"This is a great way for us to bring in new business," said State Farm Insurance owner Pam Mowatt. "We want people to spread the word, and this is the perfect place to do that."

Besides insurance agencies (Ed Lazar also had an exhibit, as did Aitken-Ormond, Shores & Neesley), representatives from jewelers, spas, knick-knack shops, health professionals, a funeral home, banks, florists, communications, investments, real estate, UPS and cleaners promoted their wares and services.

SOC (Services for Older Citizens) was present, as was the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency.

"This is a fun event for all of us and it gives us a chance to show everyone what we have to offer," said Grosse Pointe

Farms mayor and owner of Grosse Pointe Florists Inc., James Farquhar.

"We're here to offer our services to people who need our help," said Mark Vitelli of Fritsch-Kinney Marine Insurance. "There are a lot of people walking through, giving us a lot of opportunities to talk to them."

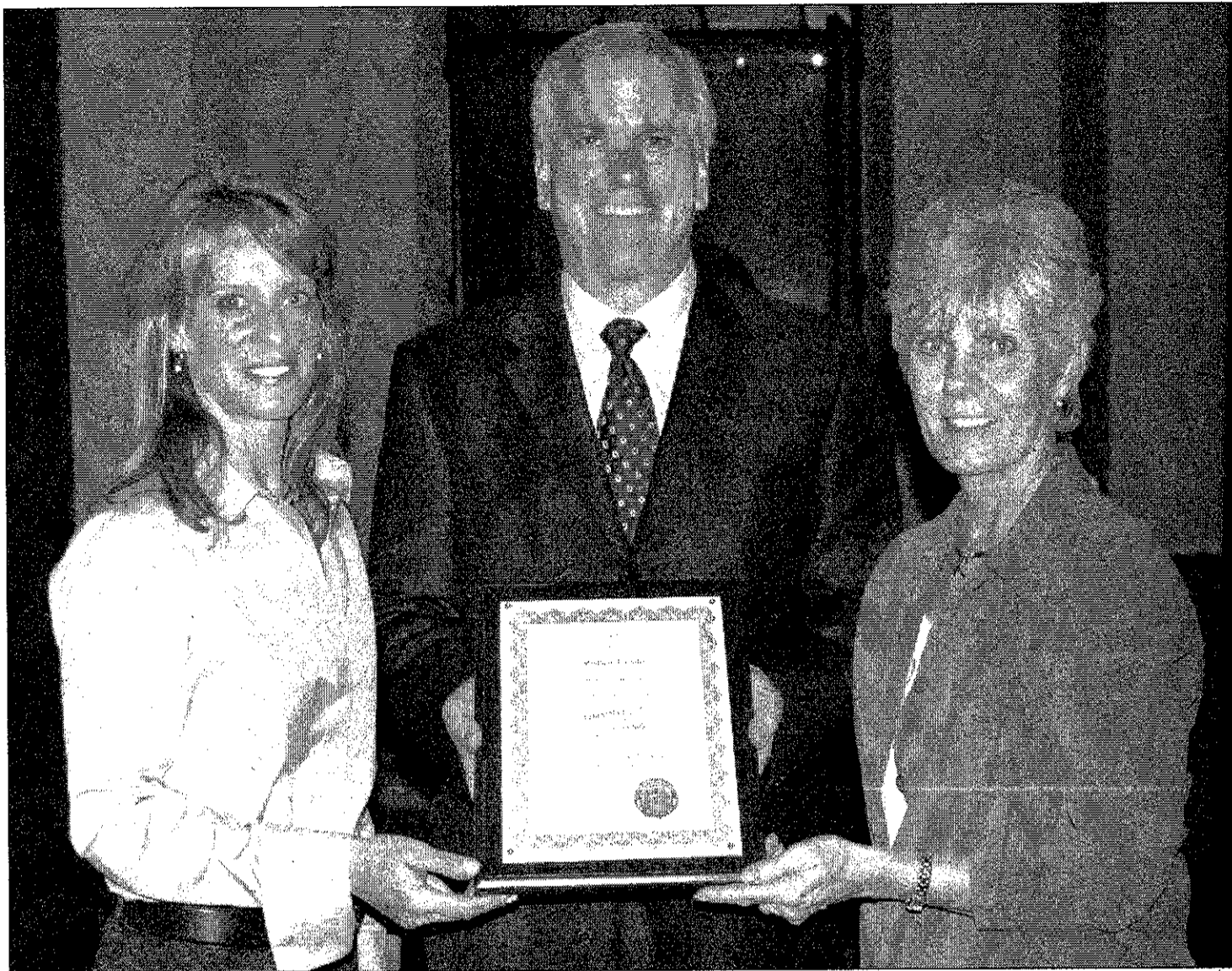
Several participants used the event as an opportunity to shop for the holidays or get ideas for holiday gifts.

"Our vendor feedback was very positive," Huebner said. "Having a venue as beautiful as Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is indicative of how we do business in our area."

"What we have learned working with chamber members is, even with our slow Michigan economy, that by adjusting the business plan, they are still able to offer high quality because what Pointers really value is excellent customer service. Our members give that."

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Director of Member Services Jennifer Boettcher greeted everyone and handed out easy-to-carry bags for guests to put the pamphlets and business cards handed out.

"We were very happy with the turnout at the expo, especially as it was our first one," Boettcher said. "We had a steady stream of guests the entire four hours. We also noticed immediately before Matt Cullen spoke, about 20 additional people arrived. Having a keynote speaker of his caliber in addition to the 50 plus vendors enabled the chamber to offer a wonderful business opportunity."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Matthew Cullen, the keynote speaker at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, center, received a special thank you from chamber of commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, right, and chamber of commerce Director of Member Services Jennifer Boettcher.

Cullen, general manager of economic development and enterprise service for General Motors and a Grosse Pointe resident, concluded the expo with a small presentation.

Cullen is responsible for worldwide real estate, strategic planning, property tax and

global security. He also leads GM's shared services initiative with operating responsibility for Worldwide Travel Service and the Communications Support Group.

His speech focused on the new development in Detroit along the riverfront, emphasizing the many projects east of the Renaissance Center.

Cullen also spoke about the riverfront marina, and the shuttle service provided to diners utilizing the RenCen restaurants.

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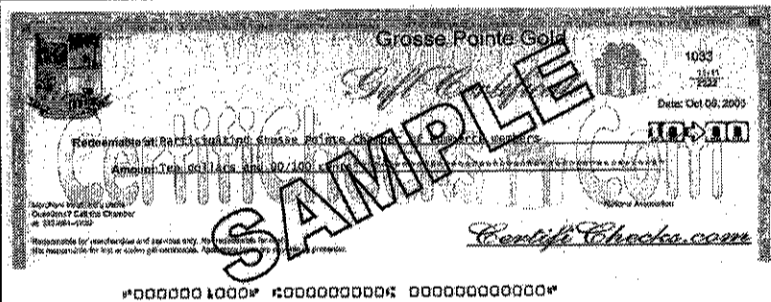
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Council member Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on October 16, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on September 21, 2006, and the Planning Commission meeting held on October 25, 2006.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) By Resolution, approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 78607 through 78766 in the amount of \$396,926.62 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7,140.00 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of September 2006. (3) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$6,283.30 for professional services during the month of October 2006 for the following projects: 2006 General, #180-090; High School Project, #180-091; 2006 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-092 and the S2 Grant Application, #180-095. (4) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$5,931.75 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (5) Approve payment to Michigan Fleet Service in the amount of \$5,656.74 for the repairs and replacement parts on vehicles used for leaf pickup.
- 2) To adopt the 2007 Tax Levy Resolution.
- 3) To adopt the 2007 Budget Appropriation Resolution
- 4) That in accordance with Chapter 27, Article V, Sections 27-120 and 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances, a rate of \$160.00 per residential equivalent unit is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2006.
- 5) To approve the transfer of \$50,875.50 in delinquent Water and Sewer Bills, \$33,110.00 in delinquent Grass Cutting/Snow Removal Bills, \$50.00 in delinquent Special Pick up Bills, \$1,584.00 in delinquent Commercial Refuse Bills, \$9,010.00 in Property Transfer Penalties, \$1,868.00 in Clean-up and \$268.94 in miscellaneous fees (total of \$96,766.44) to the 2006 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the City Treasurer.
- 6) That in accordance with Section 23-27 of the City Code of Ordinances, the City is authorized to make repairs to sidewalks that the City Engineer has identified in his November 1, 2006, report to the City and that the cost of those repairs shall be charged to the abutting premises.
- 7) To approve the Service Contract with SMART for the City's Connector Operations covering the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- 8) To accept the low bid in the amount of \$7,100.00 submitted by Litho Printing for the printing of the City's 2007 Calendar and further, that upon approval of the finished 2007 Calendar that the low bid of \$7,250.00 for the 2008 Calendar and \$7,380.00 for the 2009 Calendar be accepted.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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More than 200 guests strolled through the inaugural Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Expo held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

PEOPLE

JENNIFER FRUSTACI

ADLHOCH has joined Grosse Pointe Woods' Harrington Communications as sales and marketing director, announced president Heather Harrington. In this position, Adlhoch will be responsible for the sales and marketing strategy and activities on behalf of the firm, particularly in the legal marketing area.

Prior to joining Harrington Communications, Adlhoch served as assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb County, where she handled prosecution of felony, misdemeanor and juvenile crimes within the region.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental science from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill., and received her Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago.

She is a board member of LocalMotion, a local environment advocacy group, and the Italian-American Bar

Association of Michigan. She also is an active supporter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Adlhoch and husband Scott live in Grosse Pointe Park.

WILLIAM C. RANDS will become chairman of the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA) board of directors of the non-profit organization that promotes the annual Chrysler-Jeep Superstores American Power Boat Association Gold Cup races on the Detroit River. A long-time race supporter, team sponsor and community business leader, Rands joined the DRRA board in the fall of 2003, serving as vice president in 2004 and president in 2005 and 2006.

Rands is a Grosse Pointe resident.

STEPHEN G. SCHAFER, a partner in the Michigan-based law firm of Jaffe Raitt Heuer &

Weiss, P.C., has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America for 2007. Jaffe CEO Rick Zussman made the announcement.

Schafer is a member of the firm's Business Transactions Group, where he concentrates his practice on business law, public finance and municipal law.

He is a 1974 graduate of Georgetown University and a 1977 cum laude graduate of Wayne State University Law School.

He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. Schafer resides in Grosse Pointe.

JAMI A. STATHAM has joined the Birmingham law firm of Charles Taunt and Associates Bankruptcy and Corporate Law. She is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.



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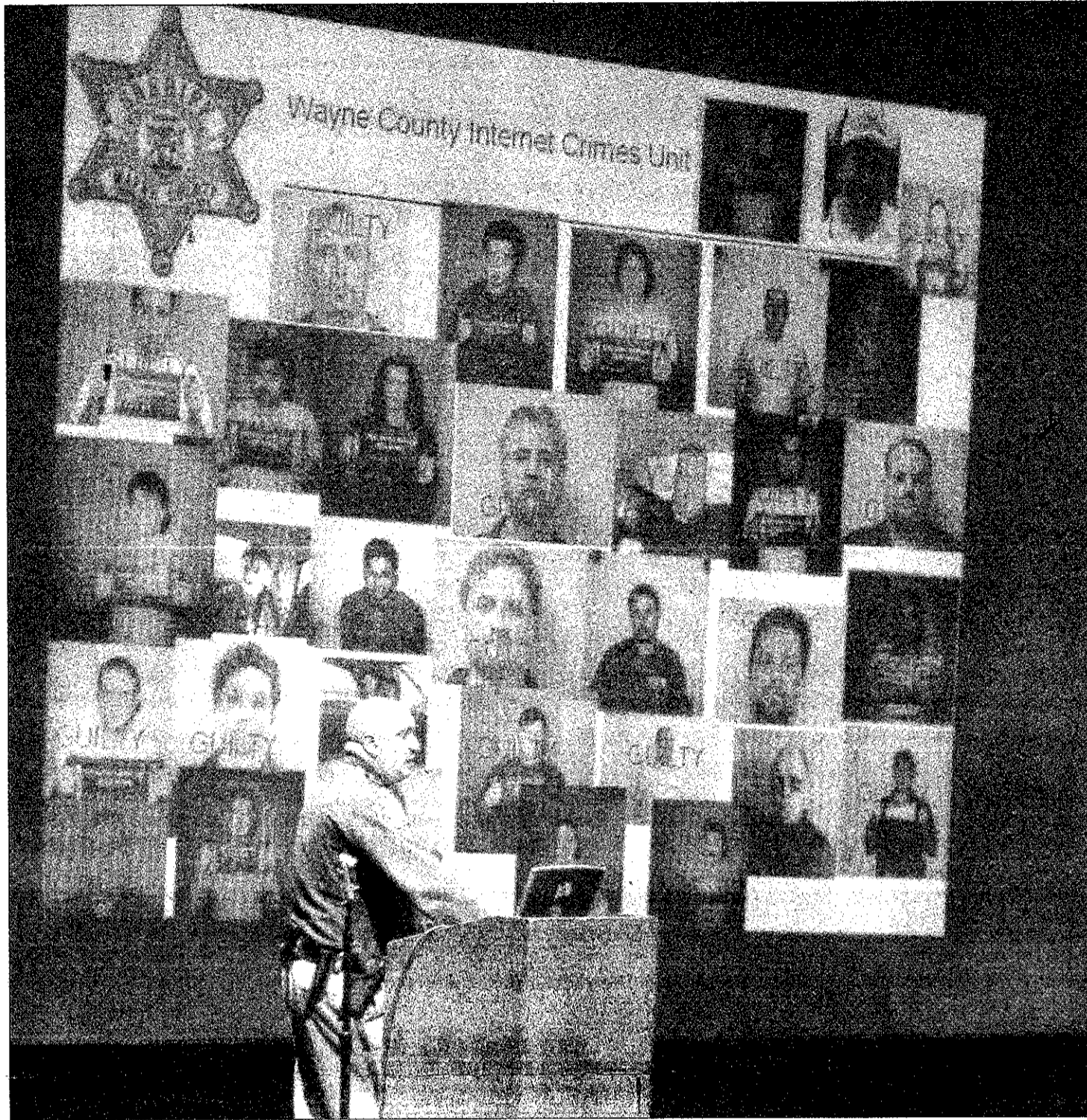
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Disobeys officer

Drunken driver suspect lights up; says he's going to jail anyway **PAGE 26A**



Deputy Ray Johnson and his colleagues at the Wayne County Sheriff's Internet Crime Unit have compiled a "Wall of Shame" showing mug shots of people convicted of Internet crimes.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Cyberspace patrol racks up perverts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Deputy Ray Johnson was hurrying to court to pluck his latest pigeon.

"Anybody we arrest eventually goes to prison," Johnson said.

Johnson is an investigator with the Wayne County Sheriff's Internet Crime Unit.

Standing nearly 6 feet tall, balding, Johnson's barrel chest betrays his 200-plus pounds and foreshadows an air of confidence bolstered by a uniform, badge and sidearm.

Web creeps are saddened to discover that Johnson isn't the hapless youngster he portrays in online chatrooms.

"I pose as a 13-year-old girl,"

he said. "You'd be surprised how many people pose as people they aren't."

Who'd have thought when Al Gore invented the Internet he'd opened the world to squadrons of cyberspace perverts.

"Overall, the Internet is a great tool," Johnson said. "It's the wave of the future. But just like anything good in society, people try to turn it into something bad."

Johnson was at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center last week advising parents how to shield their children from online predators.

"I don't understand why we tell our children, 'Don't talk to

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Grade Web site

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is seeking input from community members about the district Web site.

The site underwent a major revision last fall. Administrators and board of education members want to

know what can be done to improve the site to meet the needs of constituents.

To access the survey, go to gpschools.org.

Under Latest News, click on "Take the District Web Site Survey." The survey will remain open through Nov. 30.

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Deputy Johnson said the Internet crime unit has a 100 percent conviction rate, but prevention is key and parents should be aware of their children's online activity.

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strangers on the street, yet we'll put a computer in the house or in (our children's) bedroom and allow them to get on the Internet and talk to total strangers," Johnson said.

His hour-long presentation preceded a court date and was

sponsored by an array of Pointe parents' groups in what they intend to be the first of many joint efforts to recruit speakers on timely topics.

"Instead of doing small lectures to individual groups, we thought we'd do it together,"

said Elaine Schweitzer, president-elect of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club. "We're hoping to do this twice per year."

Schweitzer spoke on behalf of fellow sponsors the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club,

Norsemoms and PTOs from Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools.

Johnson said education and supervision are main defenses against online predators.

"Educating our children as to what is right and wrong is one

of the most important things," he said.

He advised parents to locate home computers in areas subject to parental supervision.

"Kids with computers in their bedrooms or secluded places are usually the ones who get in trouble," Johnson said. "Put the computer in a common place. You don't have to stand over your kids' shoulder. Just walk by and see what they're doing. It puts them on guard to not get involved in that type of activity."

The Wayne County Internet Crime Unit, founded in 1998, was the first in Michigan. Deputies specialize in cases of child exploitation and predators.

"Our first case was an adult male chatting with what he thought was a 13-year-old girl online," Johnson said. "He set up a meeting for a sexual encounter. Little did he know the 13-year-old he was chatting with was a Wayne County sheriff's deputy."

The man was arrested and deported.

The second case reached the state Supreme Court before prosecutors secured victory.

"Thanks to that ruling which set precedence throughout Michigan, we have a 100 percent conviction rate," Johnson said. "Nobody has ever beat us."

Convicts range from traditional low-lives out to seemingly mainstream professionals, including a pediatrician and medical helicopter pilot.

"These aren't isolated cases," Johnson said. "I tell parents never to think it's not going to happen to them. The moment they let their guard down, it's going to happen."

Johnson said online predators capitalize on children's emotional hunger.

"Kids are looking for attention," he said. "If we're [as parents] not giving it to them, they're going to look for it somewhere else. They end up on the Internet chatting with people."

He said the Internet can be a powerful lure.

"The Internet is like a good book," Johnson said. "When you read a good book, you get into it. You feel you're living that experience. (Online predators) are creative writers; they say things kids go for. Kids fall for it and set up meetings."

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WEB: Don't talk to strangers

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Johnson recommended several Web sites to obtain detailed information about Internet safety. Some sites con-

tain information about preventing identity theft, including software options to block and filter inappropriate sites:

- ◆ www.facebook.com/policy.php.
- ◆ www.netsmarz.org.
- ◆ www.safeteens.com
- ◆ www.wiredsafety.org.
- ◆ www.blogsafety.com.
- ◆ www.onguard.gov.
- ◆ www.ic3.gov.
- ◆ www.afafilter.com.

Web safety ground rules

Internet safety experts recommend the following advice to parents and children.

For everyone

- ◆ Keep your identity private.
- ◆ Never get together with someone you meet online.
- ◆ Never respond to e-mail, chat comments, instant mes-

sages or other messages that are hostile, belligerent, inappropriate or in any way make you feel uncomfortable.

- ◆ Talk with your parents about their ground rules for going online.

For parents

- ◆ Talk with your teens about

what they can and can't do online.

- ◆ Be reasonable and set reasonable expectations. Remember what it was like when you were their age.
- ◆ Express interest.

Encourage teens to tell you if they have a problem online.

- ◆ If they tell you about some-

thing they encountered, don't blame them or take away their Internet privileges. Work with them to help avoid problems in the future. Parent's response will determine if they confide in you the next time they have trouble.

- ◆ Learn about blocking and ratings applications.

Online lingo contains hidden info

Internet chat lingo, slang and acronyms:

- 121: one to one
- 3SUM: Threesome
- 4YEO: for your eyes only
- ASL: age, sex, location
- BBIAF: Be back in a few
- BG: Big grin
- CM: Call me
- CWYL: Chat with you later
- F2F: Face to face
- F2T: Free to talk?
- FITB: Fill in the blanks
- GR&D: Grinning, running

and ducking

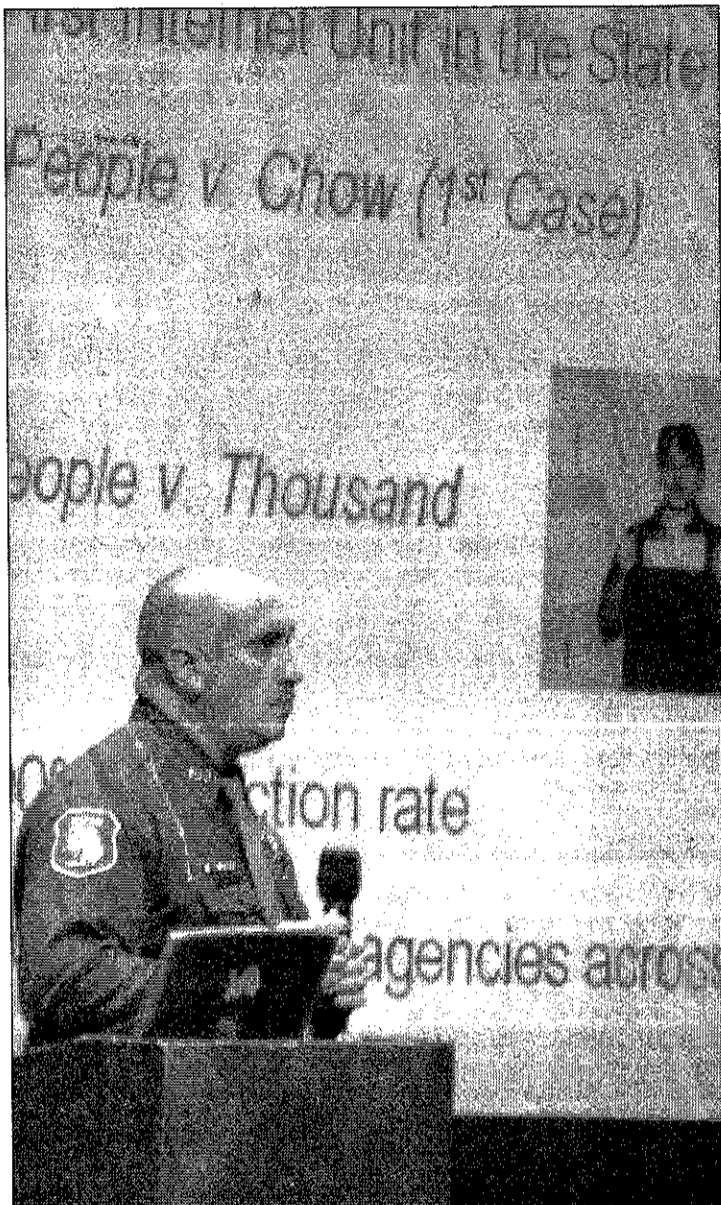
- HHO 1/2 K: Ha ha, only half kidding
- IRL: In real life
- J4F: Just for fun
- KIT: Keep in touch
- L8R: Later
- LD: later, dude
- LDR: long distance relationship
- LMIRL: Let's meet in real life
- LOL: Laughing out loud
- MorF: Male or female?
- MOTSS: Members of the

same sex

- NE1: Anyone
- O: significant other
- OLL: online love
- P911: Parent alert
- PIR: Parent in room
- POS: Parent over shoulder.
- POTS: Plain old telephone service
- QT: Cutie
- RPG: role playing games
- RSN: Real soon now
- SorG: Straight or gay?
- SN: Screen name

SPST Same place, same time

- TDTM: Talk dirty to me
- TPTB: The powers that be
- TTYL: talk to you later
- TTTT: These things take time
- WAN2: want to?
- WEG: Wicked evil grin
- WFM: works for me
- WIBNI: wouldn't it be nice if
- WTGP: want to go private?
- YL: Young lady
- YM: Young man
- YR: Yeah, right (sarcastic)



Deputy Ray Johnson.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Chat room codes

Emoticons — symbols that display feelings — are as common to the Internet as communications shortcuts and codes.

- *g* = giggles
- *k*, *K* = kiss
- :-* = kiss
- :X = big kiss
- ^5 = high five
- :~) = smile
- :~) = wink
- <:-| = curious
- :~) = cute
- :- (= sad
- :-@ = scream
- 8-) = wears glasses or big-eyed smiley
- :~) = embarrassed
- :-/ = perplexed
- (= to cry
- :< = pouting
- >:- (= angry
- 0:-) = angel
- :-| = bored or no opinion
- :> = devilish grin

- |~) = dreaming
- :O = shouting or shocked
- :o = talking or surprised
- >:-| = angry
- :D = big grin, laugh or shock
- :-O = scared
- :-e = disappointment
- :-x = keeping mouth shut
- :~)))))) = lots of smiles
- :-P = sticking tongue out
- :P = sticking tongue out
- # 8-) = nerd, or person with glasses and crew cut.
- &- (= crying
- !:-) = I have an idea
- :-{) = person with a mustache
- :~) = being cute
- c[") = coffee mug
- :-> = grin/mischiefous
- <:-| = curious
- |~) = sound asleep
- :-x = I'm keeping my mouth shut

Science fiction title offered to Pointe grade-schoolers

A science fiction book is being added to the elementary school reading list at no cost to the district.

"Future Time Past: The Eagles' Tale," by Rafe Martin, has been reviewed and ap-

proved as an optional title by four teachers at three elementary schools and three parents of district students. The book is eligible to become part of the curriculum in January.

"One of the new literary genre included in the curriculum for grade five is science fiction," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "We have the opportunity to add an additional science fiction title for this year's students at no cost."

"It is a story about time travel and the courage, curiosity and determination of two children in a primitive, isolated community," said Susan Klein, superintendent.

The freebie comes as part of the The Detroit News "breakfast serial."

"Each Monday morning (through mid June), copies of The Detroit News containing the serialized story will be delivered free of charge to participating classrooms," Allan said. "An added bonus is weekly student access to newspapers for reading and writing activities."

Teachers will be able to subscribe to an instructor's guide from the News.

— Brad Lindberg

Music volunteer

The Grosse Pointe North Instrumental Music Program is seeking a volunteer clerical assistant.

Duties range from maintaining records to coordinating schedules and include:

- ◆ maintaining the music library,
- ◆ bill payment,
- ◆ organizing concerts,
- ◆ copying music and class handouts,
- ◆ ordering supplies, music and equipment,
- ◆ having equipment repaired and serviced and
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Proceeds support choir programs.

The choir has been raising money with holiday carols for years. This year's event is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

Groups of eight to 10 students will go to houses, parties, nursing homes and hospitals to give the gift of music and deliver a card in the sponsor's name.

Choir representatives said students enjoy this activity, which makes a great gift for a friend, loved one and people who need their season brightened.

To order carols, visit g-southchoir.org and look under forms.

Reservation forms must be received with payment by Thursday, Nov. 30.

The choir's holiday concert is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

— Brad Lindberg



Grosse Pointe South High School choir members are led by Director of Choral Activities Ellen Bowen during last year's Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Grosse Pointe Farms.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Elephant float wins honors

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It was an idea worthy of Col. Hathi's jungle patrol in the "Jungle Book."

*Hup two three four
Keep it up, two three four.*

A Thanksgiving parade float with an elephant out front instead of a turkey.

*By the ranks or single file
Over ev'ry jungle mile
Its trunk raised at attention.
Oh, we stamp and crush*

Through the underbrush
Trumpeting only as elephants do.

In a military style.

Kelsey Baker likes elephants.

"I like that they're big and walk in groups," said the 9-year-old fourth-grader at Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.

She likes them so much she used one to dress up her design for a float in the 80th America's Thanksgiving Parade, held on Thanksgiving Day in Detroit.



Baker's rendering was good enough to receive one of 20 honorable mentions among 2,700 entrants in the 15th annual Skillman Foundation Float and Balloon Design Contest.

She was inspired by visits to the Detroit Zoo. Her scene included animals and trees on a float with sides draped in festive bunting.

"I was actually the person who didn't really care if I won or lost, but ended up winning."

Her classmates got a kick out of it.

"They say it's really cool that I got an honorable men-

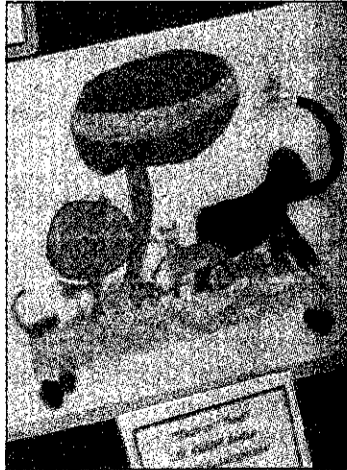
tion," she said.

Baker and her teacher, Robert Palmer, learned the news this month during an awards ceremony at The Parade Company studio in Detroit.

The contest was sponsored by the Skillman Foundation and open to metropolitan Detroit students in fifth grade and lower. The winning float entry was of a 13-foot-tall dinosaur designed by Charlie Davison of St. Clair Shores.

"This event gives children an opportunity to utilize their literary and artistic knowledge as they team up to create some truly impressive floats and balloons," said Carol Goss, president and CEO of the The Skillman Foundation.

"It is a delight to continue our partnership with The Skillman Foundation in encouraging kids to use their creativity and express their imagination," said Deborah Dingell, chair of the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation.



Kelsey Baker will never forget winning honorable mention for her design of an elephant-themed Thanksgiving float. She and her fourth-grade teacher Robert Palmer at Defer Elementary attended an awards ceremony at The Parade Company studio in Detroit.

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Grace G. Mathews

Grace G. Mathews, 92, of Naples, Fla., died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006.

She was born in Beaverdam, Va., and graduated from Johnston-Willis Nursing School in 1937.

She and her family lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for more than 36 years. She moved to Naples in 1982 after the death of her husband of 42 years, Bill.

She will be sadly missed by all.

Mrs. Mathews is survived by her daughters, Martha (Doran) Peslar of Naples,

Fla., and Susan Schwallier of Racine, Wis.; her sister, Ruth Smith of McLean, Va.; grandchildren, Steven (Kimber) Gedman, Amy (Dave) Schwartz and David Schwallier; great-grandchildren, Graham and Caroline Gedman; and step-great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Louise and Maxine Koos and Catherine Cowper.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bill; brothers, William and Douglas; and sisters, Frances, Evelyn and Mary.

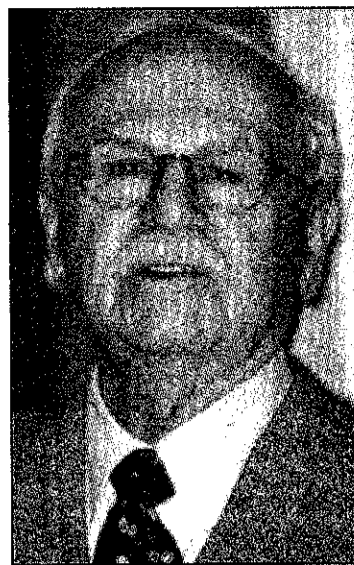
Memorial services were private.

Bruce Laughlin McDougall Sr.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bruce Laughlin McDougall Sr., 82, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006.

He was born March 23, 1924, in Detroit, to James and Emma McDougall. He graduated from Denby High School.

He served during World War II in the European, African and Middle Eastern theaters as a first lieutenant and navigator for the U.S. Air Force. He flew 36 missions over Germany. For his bravery, he received four battle stars, a Distinguished



Bruce L. McDougall Sr.

Unit Badge, the Air Medal with two oak-leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. McDougall owned the Arrow-Weldit Sales and Engineering Co.

He was a member of the

Lochmoor Club, Welding Society of America and the Masons. He was also active in St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church.

Mr. McDougall was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Eva, and his family. Some of his favorite family times were at their cottage in Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada, and attending all of his grandchildren's activities in sports, plays, music and dance recitals.

He is survived by his wife, Eva McDougall; daughters, Cindy (Jim) Pangborn, Nancy (Dave) Butcher, Leslie (Benny) Anthony and Tracey (Tom) Krusz; son, Bruce (Cathie) McDougall Jr.; grandchildren, Jamie (Romey) Pangborn, Mandy (Ty) Telegadas, Cassie (Craig) Custance, Mitchell Pangborn, B.J. Anthony, Emily

(Tom) Scupholm, Hillary Butcher, Alexis (Lawrence) DeLuca, Sara (Roger) Schaaf, and Alex, Andrew, Elizabeth, Matthew and Mary Krusz, and Olivia McDougall; great-grandchildren, David and Christopher Scupholm, Emma Pangborn, Calvin Custance, Ella Telegadas and Owen Schaaf; sisters, Lorraine Herbert and Hazel (Jerry) Missig; and brother, Ed (Shirley) McDougall.

He was predeceased by his brother, Jim McDougall.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Nov. 17, at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pastors Discretionary Fund, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

1.5 million Michiganians have Thanksgiving travel plans

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians said they will travel during the 2006 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan.

The vast majority of travelers in Michigan and surrounding Great Lakes states, 91 percent, will stay with relatives — a significantly higher percentage than the rest of the nation.

Cars, trucks and vans represent the most popular form of Thanksgiving transportation — 91 percent, down 4 percentage points from 2005. Slightly more Great Lakes residents will travel by air this year compared to last year, 9 percent vs. 5 percent.

In Michigan, motorists will find gas prices historically high, paying an average 5 cents more per gallon than last year at this time. The statewide average for self-serve regular, as of Nov. 14, is \$2.275 per gallon.

"Airports and highways will be busier than ever," said Claire Lockley, vice president, travel for AAA. "The cost of hotel rooms, rental cars and airfare has increased, but that will not prevent people from traveling."

To help cope with heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and heightened airport security, AAA recommends that travelers allow plenty of extra time to reach their destination. Check-in requirements for commercial airlines can result in loss of reserved seating for travelers who do not arrive on time — contact each airline directly for check-in rules and regulations.

AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two to three hours before scheduled departure times. Other travel tips:

◆ Confirm flight schedules. Check with your airline either online or through a toll-free number to confirm flight schedules one week prior to departure and the day before departure.

◆ Print your boarding pass at home. Many airlines provide e-ticket services that allow you to print your boarding pass at home, complete with seat assignments. If you are checking luggage, you will still have to wait in line. If you have carry-on luggage only, you may proceed directly to security check-in.

◆ Be aware of new 3-1-1 carry-on luggage requirements. The size and number of carry-on items may be limited. Hand-searches of checked and carry-on baggage may cause slowdowns at check-in and screening checkpoints. For carry-on requirements, visit the Web site tsa.gov.

◆ Expect heavy congestion in front of the terminals around curbs. Curbs will be reserved for active loading and unloading only. Drivers dropping off or picking up passengers will not be allowed to wait. Park in

short-term parking and meet your party in the baggage claim area.

The Wayne County Airport Authority has opened a cellphone waiting lane near the Smith Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) to help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb.

◆ All passengers are required to have photo identification at the ticket counter and checkpoints. This is true regardless of the type of ticket issued (paper or electronic).

◆ Wrap gifts after you arrive at your destination. Security personnel may request that gifts be unwrapped at screening checkpoints.

◆ Stay calm in lines and during inspections. Don't make jokes or take actions that may be construed as threatening.

◆ Consult airport Web sites for information on parking availability.

The 102-hour Thanksgiving Day holiday — 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 — is tra-

ditionally a time for family travel. But the holiday coincides with the firearm deer hunting season, which means hunters will take advantage of the long holiday weekend. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), during the 16-day firearm deer season (Nov. 15 through Nov. 30), about 725,000 hunters will spend more than \$500 million for food, lodging and transportation.

A large deer herd, combined with large numbers of cars on the road, creates a high probability for collisions. In 2005, 58,741 deer-vehicle crashes were reported. Last year, nine motorists were killed and 1,700 were injured as a result of vehicle-deer crashes.

During the 2005 Thanksgiving holiday period, 19 persons died in 17 fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 10 deaths in 2004. Restraints were used by 84 percent of the victims who had them available. Five, or 26 percent of the fatal crashes, were alcohol-related.

AAA Michigan urges all

motorists to avoid alcohol, buckle up, be well rested, and drive defensively.

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Former New Yorker finds her 'voice' in writing

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

Many of us dream of becoming a novelist. Yet, even though there are thousands of books written every year, one wonders how it actually happens.

Margaret Carroll, of Grosse Pointe Farms, knows. She is a successful, published author, but she is the first to tell you that it wasn't an easy road for her. Becoming a successful author required a great deal of research, support of family and friends, a career change and determination.

After living and working in New York City for 18 years as a public relations executive, Carroll moved to Santa Fe with her husband, where she started her own public relations consulting business focusing on international luxury travel.

"It was a great job," she says. "Every year I worked with journalists and took them on exotic trips such as safaris to Africa."

Looking back on that time, Carroll says all of those experiences in New York and the exotic trips proved to be helpful in her fiction career.

Eventually, she and her husband moved to Grosse Pointe for her husband's job. In April 2002, after they moved into the home they had just purchased, Carroll's husband was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident.

Overcome with grief, Carroll struggled to get her life back on track.

"Six months after my husband's death, I had this phone conversation with my uncle about my career," she recalls. "Keep in mind I still had boxes in my house that needed to be emptied because we had just moved. I had the opportunity to move anywhere in the coun-



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret Carroll struggled with the death of her husband and beat the one-in-a-million odds by becoming a published romance author.

try because I had job offers from public relations firms in all the major cities. So I talked to my uncle about what I was going to do with my life. I told him I wanted to write a book.

"I'll never forget the silence on the other end of the line. It's kind of funny when I think back on the conversation because that was probably the last thing my uncle would have ever thought I would say I wanted to do with my career."

Nonetheless, Carroll got serious about writing and contacted her "connections" in the Farms.

"I was in a book club and just started talking to the women and learned there was a very successful romance author

who lived right around the corner from me," she says. "Marianne Shock is a founding member and past president of Romance Writers of America. I had never read romance novels. But after I did some research, I learned that more than half of the novels sold in this country are romance novels. I learned that there were a lot of women making a good living writing."

"I spoke to Marianne, and she gave me some really good advice. She told me to write a simple love story. Have your main characters. Have a reason they can't be together right away. Have an obstacle they need to overcome, and have them overcome the obstacle so

they can be together."

With that advice, Carroll started writing.

"There were times when I couldn't sleep," she says, "so I just would get out of bed and start writing. There were days when the only time I went out was to go to Starbucks in the Village. That was it. I just kept writing."

Eventually, she went to spend time with her sister during a holiday.

"God bless my sister," Carroll says. "She gave me support and was willing to let me lock myself down in the basement for four days one Easter until I finished my final edits."

"I didn't have a specific publishing company in mind. I sent

it to Avalon in New York in December 2004. From there, it went into a huge 'slush' pile with hundreds of manuscripts from unpublished authors. It's literally a slush pile. I recently saw one, and it's a very low priority for the publishing company to get to those manuscripts.

"I was having a bad day in May 2005. It would have been my wedding anniversary. So I picked up the phone and called Avalon. I was sad and decided what the heck. The editor who answered recognized my name at once. She'd just read my book and liked it. She told me they needed to discuss it at their next editorial meeting. It sounded hopeful, so I thanked her and hung up the phone and waited."

"Three weeks later, on June 4, I got the call. Avalon said it would be their debut 'chic lit' novel, which is basically romantic comedy. At Avalon everything is 'G' rated, no cursing or swearing. They're like 'The Waltons,' and so am I. My book was a good fit."

In June 2006, "The Write Match" came out in hardcover.

"When I think of the great days in my life," Carroll says, "one of those days would be hailing a cab in New York City and giving the address of my publisher on Madison Avenue. It was overwhelming."

The novel takes place in New York.

"It's kind of like the HBO series 'Sex and the City' minus the sex," Carroll explains. It's definitely 'G' rated. There's nothing in there your mother couldn't handle. To me, the most romantic part of life is the feelings between two people," says Carroll.

Carroll even included a little bit of Grosse Pointe by making the lead handsome male char-

acter in the book a Grosse Pointe native. She "borrowed" names from a few local friends as well.

"I didn't know I was writing 'chic lit' at the time," she says, "and I had no idea that Avalon was looking to break into this market. I guess that's the message I would send to anyone who wants to get published: Do what you want to do. Write what you want to write. Don't let someone else dictate what you do. Follow your dream and don't get discouraged. Plow through the tough days."

"I'll never forget something that happened one day when I was little. I had an aunt who aimed low and didn't set high goals for her kids. So one day I was with her and some of my cousins. She asked what we wanted to be when we grow up. Mostly everyone said some very traditional things, but I said I wanted to be a writer and travel the world. She sort of put me down and said, 'Oh, sure, Margaret, everyone wants to do that.' I was a stubborn kid. I remember thinking she'd eat those words some day."

Carroll also recalls a quote from Donald Trump, who once said, "Unless you do what you love, and love what you do, you won't devote the time you need to be successful at it." She adds, "In the 18 years I spent in corporate life, I was pretty good, but I never quite felt that I truly belonged."

"The Write Match" received a glowing review from the American Library Association. It can be found at all Grosse Pointe libraries, ordered at any bookstore or online at avalon.com, amazon.com, or Bookbeat in Oak Park. Carroll has just completed the sequel to "The Write Match," and is working on a thriller.

'Tis the season for Holly Fest

Lois Warden, Diane Strickler and Beth Moran, right, pose with some of the many items that will be up for auction at Holly Fest 2006, the annual holiday fundraiser for the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods which will take place Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Club. The evening's festivities include dinner and live and silent auctions featuring items such as tickets to the Joffrey Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker." Proceeds will support programs and services that help parents and those who interface with youth strengthen the skills they need to help children grow into healthy, competent and responsible young people. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$150 per benefactor and are available at the Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, or by calling (313) 432-3832.



City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REPROGRAMMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Friday, December 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development Block Grant 2007 Programming and 2006 Reprogramming Request.

The following activities are proposed for reprogramming of funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final reprogramming amount are subject to the approval of Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2007 PROPOSED PROGRAMMING PROJECTS	AMOUNT
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$41,890
SOC Minor Home Repair (Public Service)	\$11,212
SOC Minor Home Repair (Housing Rehabilitation)	\$30,000
Administration	\$5,900
TOTAL:	\$89,000

2006 PROPOSED REPROGRAMMING REQUEST

The purpose of this reprogramming request is to continue the funding and activities of the Services for Older Citizens (SOC) Minor Home Repair program at the same levels as in prior years.

CURRENT PROJECT #	REPROGRAMMED PROJECT	AMOUNT
Mack Avenue Streetscape (06-11-03K)	ADA Ramp Improvements (06-11-03)	\$11,000

The City invites its citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 11/23/2006

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE
HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE
for THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2006

There will be no residential rubbish or leaf collection on Thursday, November 23, 2006. Collection schedule will be:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2006

- Commercial rubbish route
- Thursday's rubbish collection route
- Thursday's leaf collection route

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006

- Friday's rubbish collection route
- Friday's leaf collection route

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006

- Usual Monday rubbish and leaf collection routes

Thank You,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE

AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on November 30, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

Cargo Express Trailer	4U01C1228WA981619
1995 Ford Probe	1ZVLT20A0S5124071
1995 Buick Skylark	1G4NV55M38C400566
1989 Cadillac Deville	1G6CD1150K4272533
1995 Buick Skylark	1G4NV55M0SC447442
1991 Oldsmobile	1G3CW33L0M4334266
1991 Chevrolet Cavalier	1G1JC54G2M7242715
1998 Ford Taurus	1FAFP53S7W6141444
1989 Ford F150 P/U	1FTEF15Y0KL822562
1994 Ford Escort	1FARP11JXRW313847
1995 Pontiac Grand Prix	1G2WJ12M5SF325745
1995 Ford Escort	1FASP15J0SW354991
1994 Ford Thunderbird	1FALP62W0RH133696
1992 Ford Crown Victoria	2FACP74W6NX195066
2005 Dodge Ram P/U	1D7HU18N0S5272742
1994 Buick Regal	2G4WD55L7R1430832

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

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Lt. Dennis Root
Traffic Safety Section

Keep pets safe this Thanksgiving

Since the holidays can be stressful or dangerous for companion animals, the Michigan Humane Society offers the following tips to help ensure a safe and healthy holiday for four-legged family members:

- ◆ Make sure animals are secure while you are entertaining. More guests mean more chances for your dog, cat or other companion animal to slip out unnoticed; be sure he is always wearing a collar and identification tag in case of escape.

- ◆ Animals can feel holiday stress too. Make sure animals are not forgotten in all the activity, but provide them with a quiet retreat when the festivities get too stressful. Keep the animal's schedule as close to normal as possible and remember to spend some quality time together.

- ◆ Stress or feelings of neglect can lead your companion animal to seek out undesirable or unsafe things to chew on, such as furniture or electrical cords. Make sure you provide healthy chew toys.

- ◆ Resist giving animals table food, especially fatty foods like gravy and poultry skin, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset.

Likewise, do not give them poultry or steak bones, which can splinter or lodge in the throat, stomach or intestinal tract.

- ◆ Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and cats and can even be fatal depending on the animal's size and the amount and type of chocolate ingested. Unsweetened or baking chocolate can be especially toxic. The safest rule, however, is to keep all chocolate out of reach.

- ◆ Lighted candles should never be left unattended, especially with animals around.

- ◆ Holiday plants can be harmful or toxic, including mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Japanese yew, Jerusalem cherry, lilies and the bulb of the amaryllis plant. Contact your veterinarian immediately if your companion animal is vomiting, lethargic or foaming at the mouth.

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for over 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and at its state-of-the-art Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.



Town hall meeting

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano hosted an Oct. 12 town hall meeting at the Neighborhood Club. He discussed the Wayne County land bank proposal, which offers tax incentives to homeowners and developers for improvements and the Wayne County One-Stop Business Resource Center, a central location for business owners considering growing or locating in Wayne County. Ficano said the county's international airports — other than City Airport, whose runways are too short for today's large jets — are an important resource in this global economy. In response to a question by Grosse Pointe Farms City Clerk Matt Tepper, Ficano said the Michigan Department of Transportation would be sprucing up and repairing eastside I-94 exits that lead to Grosse Pointe.

Fire prevention information

- ◆ When you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home and use a timer to remind you.
- ◆ If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.
- ◆ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- ◆ When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- ◆ Allow food cooked in a microwave oven to cool for a minute or more before you remove it from the oven and use an oven mitt.
- ◆ Open microwaved food slowly. Hot steam escaping from the container can cause painful burns. Let food cool before eating.
- In 1999-2002, electrical equipment accounted for one out of 11 reported home fires and one out of 13 home fire deaths.
- Electrical equipment includes a building's electrical system as well as light fixtures, lamps, light bulbs, cords, plugs and electrical appliances and devices.
- Safety tips:
 - ◆ Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices.
 - ◆ Fires killed an average of 11 people every day in 2004.
- ◆ In 2004, almost 18,000 fire injuries (not including firefighter injuries) were reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year, and most of those involve kitchen stove tops. Most cooking fires occur because of untended cooking.
- Safety tips:
 - ◆ Pay attention to your cooking. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
 - ◆ If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
 - ◆ Don't overload outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
 - ◆ Don't run extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
 - ◆ In homes with small children, use plastic safety covers on unused electrical outlets.
- A candle is an open flame. It can easily ignite any combustible nearby. During 2002, an estimated 18,000 home fires started by candles were reported to public fire departments.
- Safety tips:
 - ◆ Extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
 - ◆ Use flashlights, not lit candles, during power outages.

- ◆ Keep candles at least one foot away from things that can burn, like curtains, paper and bedding.
- Smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The most common item first ignited in home smoking fires is trash, followed by mattresses, bedding and upholstered furniture.
- Safety tips:
 - ◆ Designate a smoking area outside the home.
 - ◆ Provide smokers with deep, sturdy ashtrays.
 - ◆ Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn, like mattresses, bedding and upholstered furniture.
- There is a proven, practical, and effective way to greatly reduce the risk of cigarette-ignited fires.
- Fire-safe cigarettes are made with less porous paper and thin bands that act as "speed bumps" to slow down the burning. These cigarettes will help to prevent tens of thousands of cigarette-ignited fires each year.
- The use of fire-safe cigarettes has already been mandated in New York, California, Vermont and all of Canada.
- Visit firesafecigarettes.org for more information on this topic. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February.
- Safety tips:
 - ◆ Keep space heaters at least three feet from people and anything that can burn, such as curtains and bedding.
 - ◆ Turn space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the home.
- Plan two ways out of each room. One way out would be the door and the second way may be a window.
- Choose an outside meeting place like a tree, streetlight or neighbor's home where everyone will meet.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.
- For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in each bedroom and throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Although this approach is ideal for all homes, existing homes should have smoke alarms at least on every level and outside each sleeping area. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Replace the batteries in conventional smoke alarms at least once a year or whenever the low-battery indicator sounds or "chirps." Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Test smoke alarms with long-life lithium batteries at least once a month. Lithium batteries can last up to 10 years, but they cannot be replaced.
- Consider installing an automatic sprinkler system in your home. Sprinkler systems are set off by high heat, not cooking fumes, and spray water only on the area immediately below them.
- Facts:
 - ◆ Electric stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries, and property damage than gas stoves. However, gas stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.
 - ◆ In 1950, many more homes cooked with gas than electricity. By the end of the 20th century, more households cooked on electric stoves. The primary cause of fires with either kind of stove is leaving cooking unattended.
 - ◆ Two-thirds of stove fires start during the first 15 minutes of cooking.

Builder seminars slated for Dec.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host "Convention Strategies: How to Make the Most of the International Builders' Show" from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

John Bolland, Jr. will discuss how to maximize builders show activities, how to get the most out of seminar scheduling, tips for working the exhibit floor and more.

Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Another seminar called "The Ins and Outs of Condo Operations and Association Turnover: What Not to Do" is planned from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, at BIA headquarters.

Gregory J. Gamalski of Cox, Hodgman and Giarmarco, P.C., and H. William Freeman of Freeman, Cotton and Norris, P.C. will discuss how to set up advisory committees and appoint interim co-owner directors, as well as the procedures necessary to schedule the inaugural meeting.

The seminar will also

overview information about management agents and sound association operation practices, purchaser arbitration rights under the Condominium Act and alternative dispute resolutions to avoid state builder's license complaints.

Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

BIA will sponsor a comprehensive builder's license preparation course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at BIA headquarters.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

A BIA seminar titled "Design/Build" takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at BIA headquarters.

The seminar is part of the certified graduate remodeler series.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct the course, which is designed for the novice or established remodeler who wants to learn whether design/build is feasible for their company, and how to add start-up design and market, as a new service.

Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

BIA headquarters is the site of a seminar "Energy Efficient Construction: Design, Build and Market" from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Jon Dattilo of IAQ Management Inc. will discuss the latest in energy efficient construction and marketing. Topics include the latest status of the EPA Energy Star Program, energy efficient construction and product marketing.

Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

BIA will sponsor an industry innovation seminar focusing on flooring from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, at its headquarters.

Registration fees, including a light dinner and dessert, are free for advance reservations and \$10 at the door or for no-shows. For registration information, call (248) 862-1060.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Manager's Round Table" discussion from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

The round table discussion will cover topics in apartment management.

Registration is free for AAM, PMC or BIA members and \$15 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

The BIA will present a field superintendent course "Planning and Scheduling" from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 18, at its headquarters.

Breidenstein will instruct attendees on improving planning and scheduling skills to increase profits, effectiveness and on-time deliveries. The course will cover five fundamental scheduling methods necessary for the successful management of a project.

Registration is \$150 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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(202) 565-4964. To obtain a certificate, write to the Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 5109 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-3903.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following variances and/or site plan reviews:
35 Beverly Road
Plans are available at City Hall for review. Written comments will be accepted till noon, on the Friday before the hearing, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

GPN: 11/23/06

Matthew Tepper,
City Clerk

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR (SCHOOL BOARD)
ELECTION DATE CHANGE

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe South Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe, Michigan to review and consider changing the Regular (School Board) Election from May to November.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive input from the public. A final decision to move the Election date must be made by December 31, 2006.

Christian A. Fenton
Assistant Superintendent for
Business and Support Services
Acting on Behalf of the Board of
Education Secretary

GPN: 11/23/2006

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Joseph, Roby, Davis III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Huhn, Parks & Recreation Director; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 2, 2006, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2006, were approved as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the Final Site Plan Review for 190 Ridge.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the request to rezone the property at 190 Ridge.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the Site Plan Review for interior renovations to 97 Kercheval Avenue and granted the exception to parking requirements.

The Council granted the request for transfer of ownership for the Dirty Dog Café located at 97 Kercheval Avenue, the Council recognizing that this approval is for this location only.

The Council granted the request for permit parking, during school days only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for McKinley Place.

The Council approved payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:
a) The low bid for the purchase of one Public Safety Command Officer Vehicle.
b) The low bid for the City's 2007 Tree Planting Program.

The Council adjourned the request to approve the Harbor Rules & Regulations for 2007 to Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council approved the Community Building Rental Policy for 2007.

The Council received the Public Safety Report for September, 2006 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council received the Quarterly Report for 2006 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, and GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

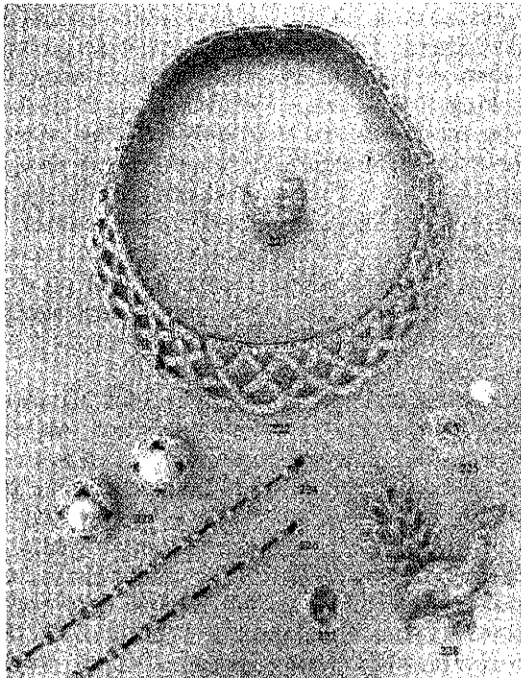
James C. Farquhar Jr.
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Matthew J. Tepper
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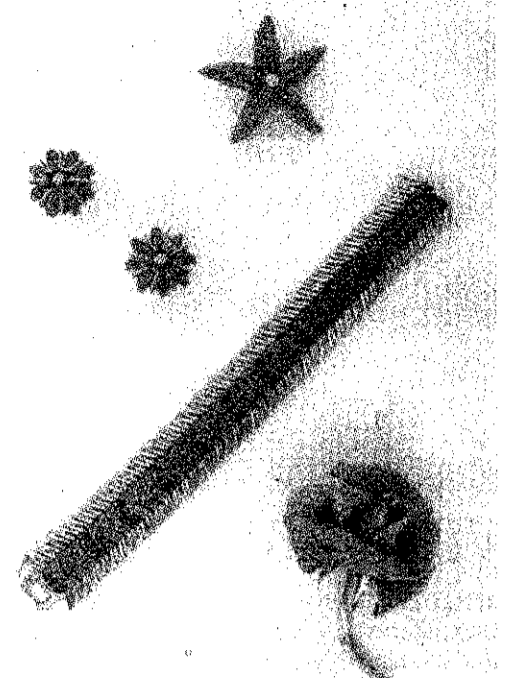
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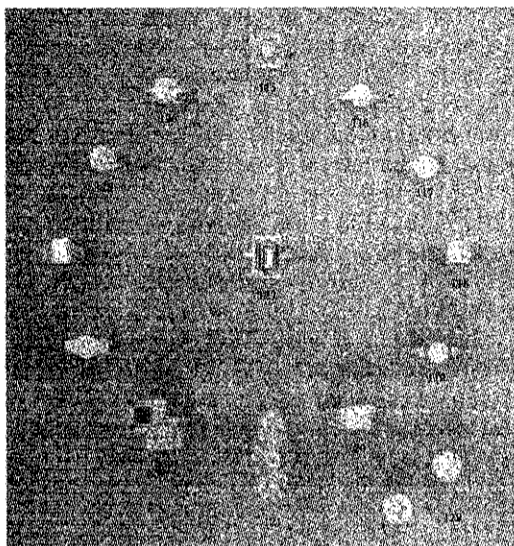
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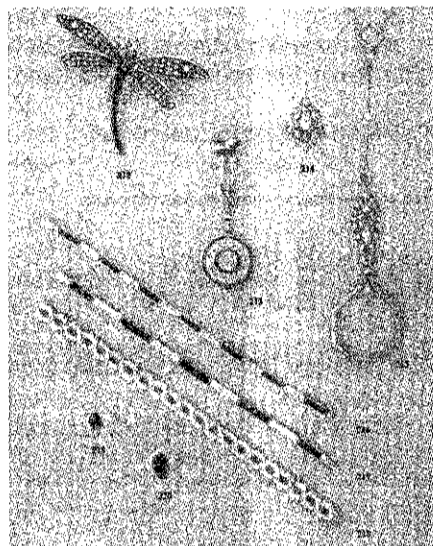
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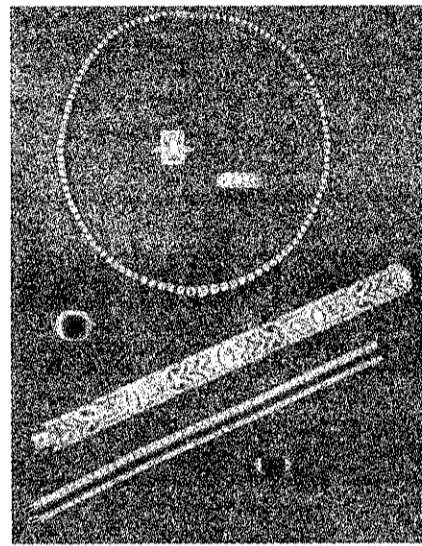
Lot 201, 203, 204 Tiffany & Co. Earrings, Bracelet, and Rose Pin; Lot 202 Turquoise and Diamond Lady's Pin



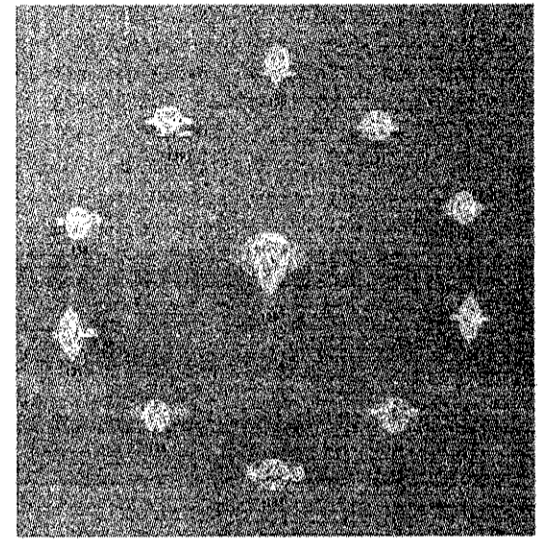
Lots 115-128 Diamond Rings including a 9.34ct Emerald Cut; Tiffany & Co. 2.54ct w/GIA; 2.22ct w/GIA; Princess cut approx. 3.29ct; Round Brilliant 2.00ct Premium Cut w/GIA; Round Brilliant 2.39ct w/GIA; Two Round Brilliant Cuts, set in earrings at approx. 5.32ct & 5.25ct.



Lots 212-220 Sapphire & Diamond Dragonfly pin; Art Deco Ruby & Diamond Lady's Lapel Watch; Art Deco Diamond Lorgnette; Platinum, Diamond & Synthetic Ruby Bracelet; 18kt Gold, Emerald & Diamond Bracelet; Tiffany & Co. Diamond Bracelet; Two Ruby and Diamond Lady's Rings



Lot 127 Approx. 9.34ct, VS1 Clarity; Lots 140-146 Diamond band ring; Art Deco diamond bracelet; Art Deco blue sapphire and diamond bracelet; Blue sapphire and diamond rings



Lots 129-139 13.07ct Pear Shape Diamond Ring w/GIA; 4.44ct Pear Shape Diamond Ring w/GIA; Mine Cut Diamond Ring at approx. 6.53ct; 4.26ct Round Diamond Ring w/EGL; 4.49ct Marquise Diamond Ring w/GIA; multiple 3ct Diamond Rings

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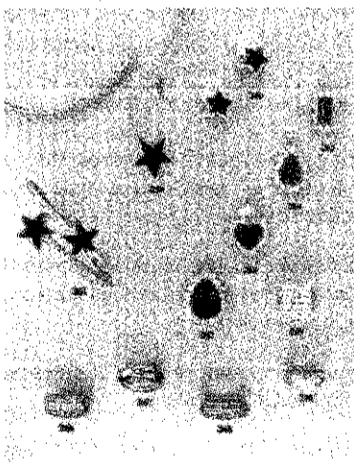
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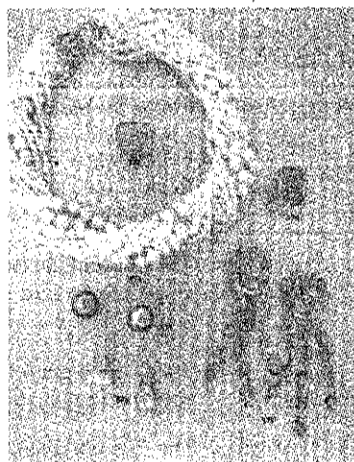
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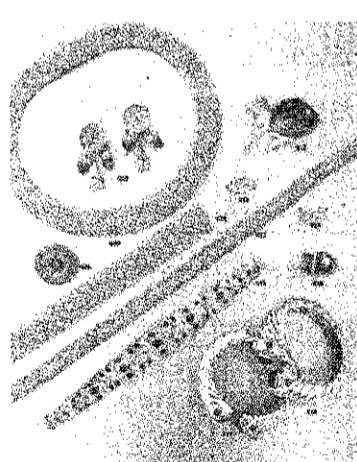
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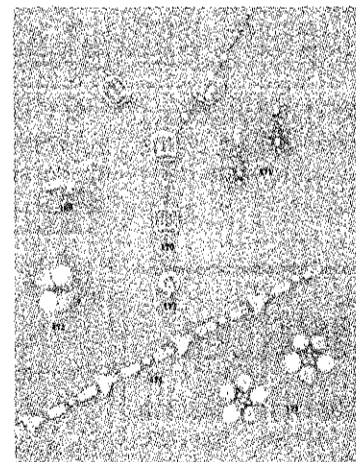
Lots 259-270 Black Diamond & Diamond Lady's Necklace, Earrings, Bracelet; Tanzanite, Amethyst & Diamond Pendants; Exceptional 8.58ct Colombian Emerald & Diamond Pendant; Diamond Band Rings; Cartier Trinity 18kt gold triple band ring



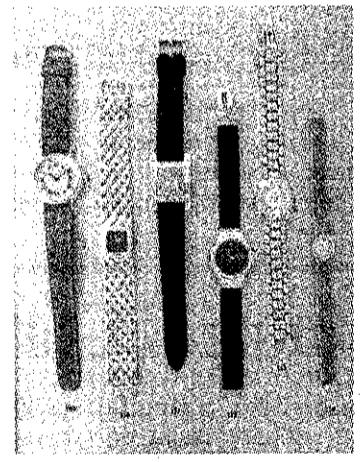
Lots 372-377 Turquoise & Diamond ring; Cultured pearl necklace; Plat. & Aquamarine Lady's Ring; Pearl Earrings; Turquoise drop earrings



Lots 407-418 Gold Jewelry, part of a major grouping of gold jewelry including necklaces, bracelets, rings, pins, and more



Lots 169-175 Multi-color Beryl & Diamond Necklace; Diamond Drop Earrings; Diamond Band Ring; 4.79ct Round Brilliant Diamond Lady's Ring; Pearl & Diamond Ring & Earrings



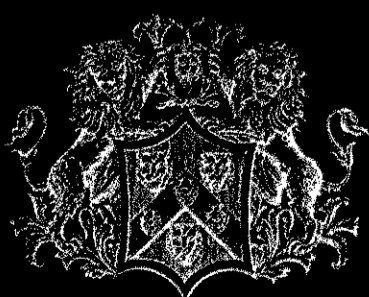
Lots 109-114 Lady's Watches including Cartier Diablo; Chanel 18kt; Chopard Diamond; Hublot diamond; Chopard Diamond; and Tiffany & Co. 18kt yellow gold

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The Hyundai Entourage offers unsurpassed standard safety features for a minivan, plus space to spare. Six standard air bags protect all three passenger rows.

Entourage proves practical is pleasing



This certainly wasn't love at first sight. The object of our attention was a muted-gray minivan with the traditional rounded minivan profile, seating for seven, power sliding doors, sunroof, fold-down seats, etc.

But as we inch toward the possibility of spending less time at our desks and more time traveling across the country to visit friends and family, the idea of a "good-use-of-space" vehicle like a minivan becomes more attractive.

We've interviewed younger suburban families in the recent past who frankly wouldn't be caught dead in these former mom-mobiles. They claim it's an SUV or nothing for them.

A minivan, like one of the latest products from Korean auto maker Hyundai, is a lot easier to get in and out of for everyone concerned; it is a potential storage facility on wheels; it is no less — and is sometimes more — fuel-efficient than the popular sport utilities, and it appears to be less likely to roll over, though that may have a lot to do with driver attitude and road manners.

Hyundai introduced its first minivan to the U.S. market earlier this year.

The Entourage is available in three models: GLS, SE and Limited. One must read the

features pages carefully to be certain if, for example, you want solar-reflective windows all around you, that you go with the SE or Limited. A leather-wrapped steering wheel we can live without; glass with the solar-filtering feature for a sojourn to Arizona we would not care to omit.

As with all minivans, there are various seating configurations available.

Hyundai says its Entourage is the first vehicle with the Hyundai Hideaway third-row seat, a simple-to-use 60/40 split fold-into-the-floor seat offering flexibility for up to seven passengers. The second-row armchair-style seats in our Limited could be closed up and folded forward with the option of removing them for a huge carry-all area. Entourage boasts an interior volume of 172 cubic feet — more than Honda Odyssey, Hyundai says.

We wondered what took the company so long to join the minivan party. One of the most obvious reasons must be it took time to carefully study competing products, "borrow" their best features and show up late but extremely well-prepared.

Hyundai packed Entourage with safety technologies, including Electronic Stability Control (ESC), anti-whiplash active front head restraints and six air bags including side air curtains, which help protect occupants in all three rows during side impacts. Entourage earned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's top five-star crash test rating for

front and side impacts and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's highest honor — the gold "Top Safety Pick" award — the best rating ever for a minivan.

A fold-down tray table between the two front seats reminded us of a similar tray table that debuted in Honda's CRV compact sport utility many years ago. An elegant silver sill or scuff plate bearing the Entourage name greets front-seat passengers as they enter — same as in upscale names like Lexus and Mercedes.

In addition, all Entourage trim levels come standard with Electronic Stability Control (ESC), one of the industry's most effective life-saving technologies.

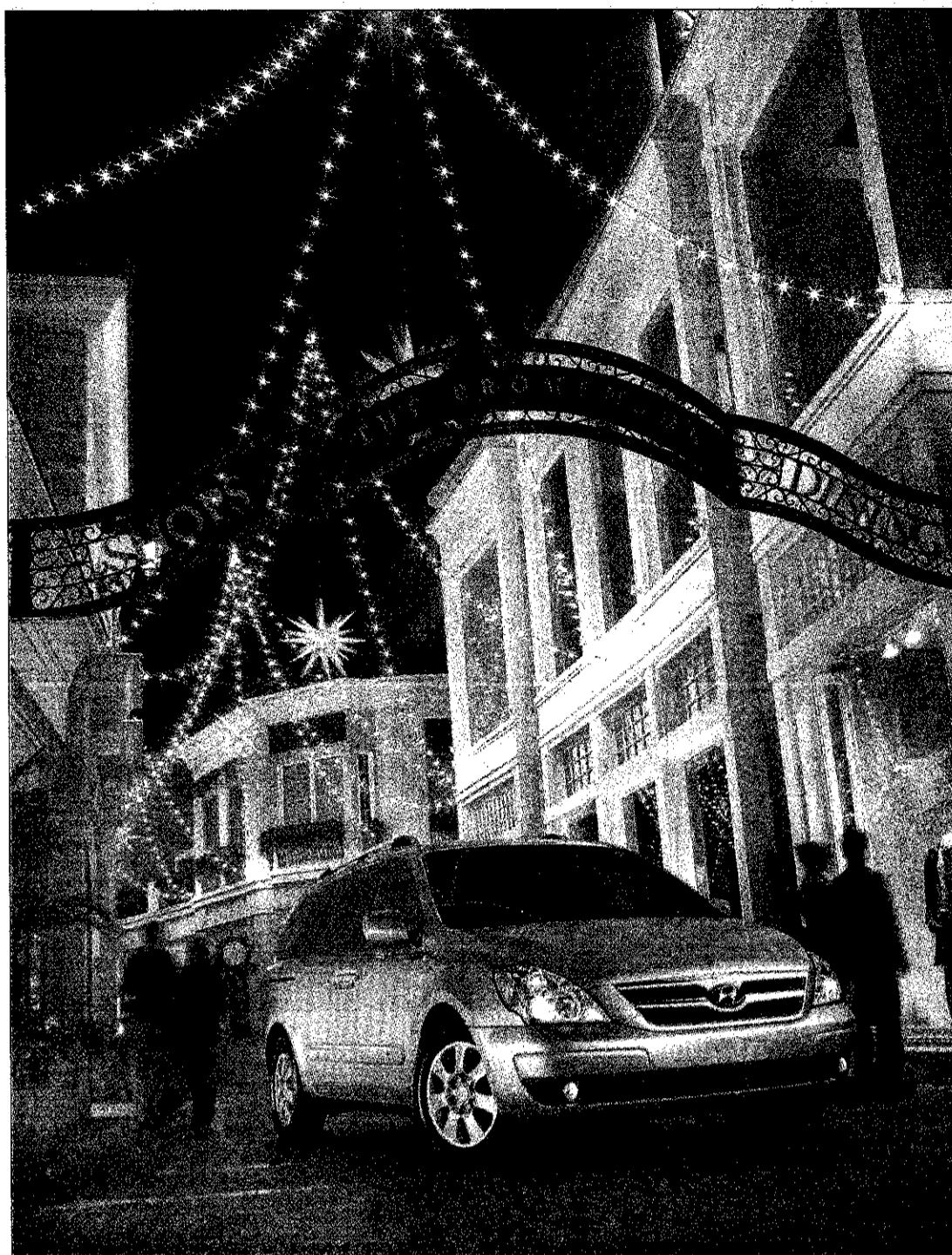
Additional standard safety equipment includes a high-line tire pressure monitoring system, which alerts drivers if one or more tires are underinflated. An illuminated readout on the dash lets drivers know the exact tire(s) needing inflation so corrective action can be taken.

We've driven at least one vehicle that simply lit its tire pressure warning light and left the driver to find the problem. (Turned out, the problem was with the sensor.)

Our test vehicle had a base price of \$28,795. An "Ultimate" package, with power sunroof, rear seat entertainment, power adjustable foot pedals and backup warning sensors added \$3,950 to the bottom line.

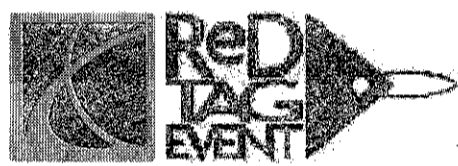
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Hyundai Entourage in an unlikely setting satisfies a fantasy craving for practical-minded owners.

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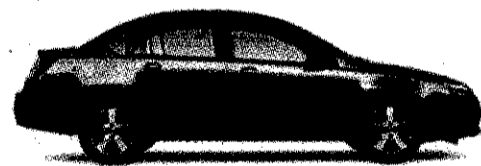
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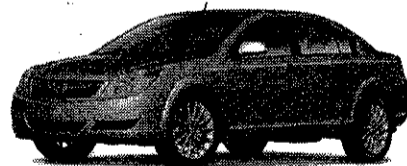
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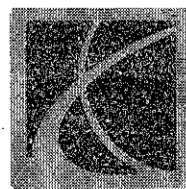


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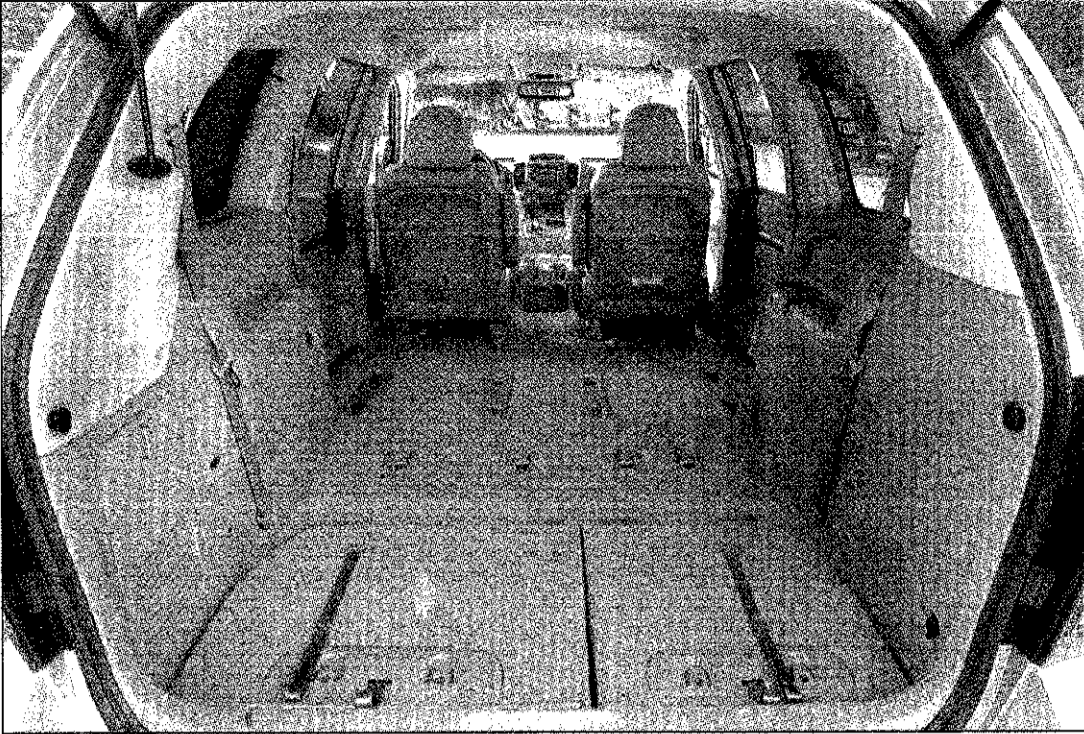
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Second row seats go into their acrobatics.



Rear seats removed or stowed, Entourage has room for big-time travel or materials for ambitious projects.

AUTOS:
Practical
Entourage

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gine available for this minivan

is an all-aluminum, 3.8-liter 242-horsepower V6 with 5-speed automatic transmission. The powerplant is rated at an average 18 MPG in city driving and 25 MPG on the highway. Hyundai says the standard horsepower is greater than that of the Ford Frelander, Chevy Uplander and Dodge

Caravan. Taking all these things plus Hyundai's 5-year/60,000-mile new-vehicle warranty into consideration, we wouldn't let the green meadow gray exterior and typical minivan profile deter us from thinking seriously about such a small van purchase in the future.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2006 Lexus LX 470

The LX 470 is Lexus' flagship sport utility vehicle, and for 2006 it receives a big gain in performance with the addition of a more powerful V8 engine — base price: \$66,995; price as tested: \$70,919.

The result is a pure luxury vehicle that will impress upper-tier SUV buyers, but the end result is more power, but way less miles per gallon. Simply put, this near 3-ton beauty churned only 13.8 combined mileage on a 500-mile trip to Philadelphia recently, and in this day and age that's disconcerting.

Still, there are many grand points. The latest LX 470 receives tweaks to its exterior design with LED tail lamps, 18-inch alloy wheels, front grille and three new body colors.

It's under the hood, however, where big changes lie. There sits a more powerful 4.7-liter V8 that increases horsepower 40-fold, from 235 to 275.

Coupled to its five-speed automatic transmission, drivers experience excellent acceleration and shift abilities aided by Lexus computer wizardry.

This vehicle pretty much learns your driving style and compensates in acceleration, deceleration, shift patterns and, most important, assisting in emergency maneuvers.

We are impressed how well the more powerful engine moves the LX470 in all driving situations. We timed our tester to 60 mph in 8.7 seconds and 16.5 in the quarter-mile.

Four-wheel discs stop this mammoth quite well, thanks to Dunlop rubber that receives assist from four channel ABS.

LX 470 offers safe and secure all wheel drive (AWD) handling yet the AWD capability does not negatively affect Lexus' trademark smooth ride. Specifically, the suspension can be adjusted either up or down for clearance and for a smooth or stiffer ride. It's just a flip of



2006 Lexus LX 470

the switch away, and most impressive.

Safety aspects of an LX 470 are great. First and foremost is mass, as you are protected by 5,600 pounds of curb weight. Additionally, all passengers are surrounded in an array of high-tech and standard safety items, including front-seat-mounted side air bags and front seat/second row side-curtain air bags.

The standard navigation system integrates a rear back-up camera and a center console mounted DVD changer, which can show DVD movies when the transmission selector is in "Park" with the parking brake set. Your Lexus dealer will explain the standard DVD voice command Navigation and the optional Lexus Link center, which offers everything from concierge service to emergency response.

The \$2,469 optional Video and Rear Seat Entertainment System plays DVDs on a 6.5-inch wide format overhead screen that deploys from the headliner near the second seat row. The system includes two sets of wireless headphones and a remote control.

The standard Mark Levinson Premium Audio System is built around a discreet amplifier design with 240-watts continuous average power. Its 11-speaker system includes a rear cargo area subwoofer that helps pro-

duce bass response that sounds "live" from both audio CDs and DVDs.

Because of this vehicle's mass, we like the body-on-frame construction and double-wishbone independent front suspension with torsion bar springs. LX 470 uses a full-time four-wheel drive system with a center differential that distributes the power 50/50 front-to-rear. The system is always engaged and requires no intervention by the driver, except to shift into low-range for driving on steep off-pavement inclines.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.2-inches, up to 90 cubic feet of cargo space, 6,500 pound towing capacity, 13 city and 17 highway EPA, and a 25.4 gallon fuel tank that takes 91 octane fuel.

It's difficult to find anything materially wrong with this grand vehicle. However, we'd love to see some of the Lexus technological wizardry directed toward its dismal fuel mileage numbers. The days of "well if you can afford the price, it doesn't matter the vehicle only gets 13.9 per gallon" are over. Thus, we rate Lexus LX 470 an eight on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Safety, interior, classic luxury, AWD stability, amenities.

Dislikes: Fuel mileage. Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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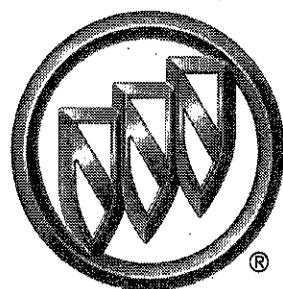
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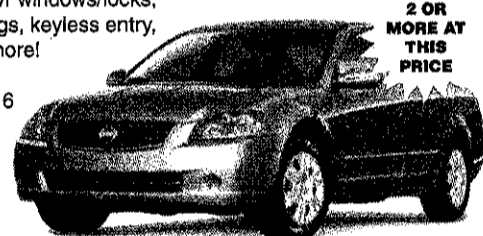
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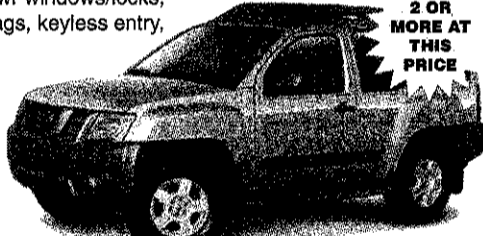
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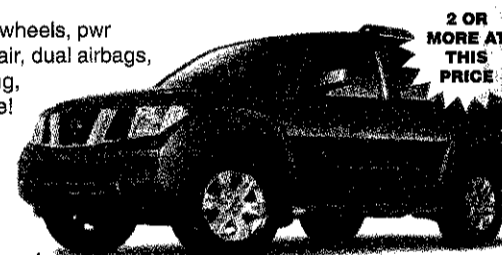
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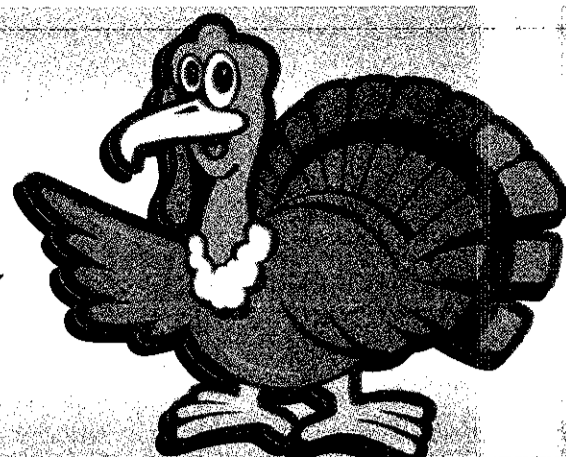
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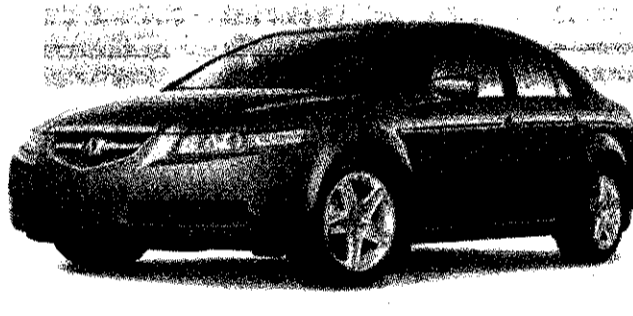


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Grosse Pointe Shores

Arson assist

Police assisted law enforcement from Grosse Pointe Park with an arson investigation in the 1200 block of Wayburn Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Police were dispatched to assist with the scene investigation and to conduct witness interviews.

Wrong turn

Police arrested a Warren man for an outstanding warrant following a traffic stop Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Police said the man was pulled over after making an illegal right turn off Lakeshore. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the warrant and the man was arrested and booked. He was released after posting bond.

By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bike stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a bicycle from an unlocked garage in the 100 block of Ridgemont Saturday, Nov. 18.

Police said the victim reported the theft of her 10-speed bicycle with a child seat attached after returning home and finding it gone. She said her husband's bike had also been stolen from the same garage, but it had not been reported.

Police advised the victim to secure the garage to prevent future thefts.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a Warren

woman for drunken driving following a traffic stop at Mack and Neff Friday, Nov. 17.

Police initiated the traffic stop after observing the vehicle driving erratically on Mack. When police activated the cruiser's warning lights, the driver turned onto Neff, where she went over the curb and then back onto the street.

Police asked the suspect to perform field sobriety tests after noticing a strong odor of alcohol coming from her. She failed the field tests and registered a .17 on a breath test. A LEIN check also revealed she had nine current license suspensions dating back to 2000.

The woman was arrested and taken into custody. A passenger was released at the scene, and the vehicle was left at the scene.

Dressing up

Police are investigating the theft of several gowns taken from a home on Deming Lane in the recent past.

Police said the victim had previously moved out of state, and the house has been vacant and for sale, under the care of a local real estate company. The gowns were stolen from a closet.

—By John Lundberg

City of Grosse Pointe

Driving while drunk

Police arrested a Detroit woman for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Jefferson and Neff Saturday, Nov. 18.

Police responded to a mutual aid call from Grosse Pointe Farms, and the car was stopped after it was observed swerving from lane to lane. Police noticed a strong odor of

alcohol coming from the suspect, who failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .11 on a breath test. The woman was arrested and booked.

Larceny in Village

Police are investigating the theft of more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Police said an employee reported the theft after observing the suspect in the store, who then left abruptly when several other customers asked for assistance. The employee said the suspect was also seen in the store when another robbery occurred.

There are no suspects.

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 6:56 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to multiple calls of a four-family dwelling on fire.

Firefighters rescued a 75-year-old man and a 70-year-old woman from the upper apartments. Both residents suffered minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital.

The fire was contained and extinguished after a two-alarm was pulled.

The cause and origin is under investigation.

Camera swiped

On Monday, Nov. 13, at 11:13 a.m., a Panasonic digital camera and change was stolen from the center console of a truck parked in the driveway of a home in the 700 block of

Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bike stolen

On Friday, Nov. 17, between 12:30 and 3:15 p.m., a blue and black Trek bike was stolen from the bike racks in front of a building in the 15000 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Dodge Ram stolen

On Sunday, Nov. 19, between 4:30 and 9 p.m., a 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck was stolen from a municipal parking lot in the Somerset and Mack area of Grosse Pointe Park.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Woods

Shots fired update

As of Monday, Nov. 20, there has been no break in the case regarding shots fired into the air after a party that occurred in the 900 block of Hollywood a week ago.

"We have interviewed the kids who were at the party and nobody has given us any concrete evidence," Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director Mike Makowski said.

The crime is unlawful firing of a weapon, which is a misdemeanor.

Erratic driving

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 11:35 p.m., a 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was stopped on Vernier and Canton for speeding and erratic driving.

When questioned by a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer, the driver apologized for speeding, and said he was on his way home after driving a

friend home.

The man told the officer he had one drink, then changed his story and said he had two.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests before registering a .091 percent blood alcohol contest on a portable breath test.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Swerving on Harper

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8:22 p.m., a 51-year-old Detroit man was stopped on Norwood and Harper for having a loud muffler, no registration plate illumination and swerving between lanes.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer asked the man to turn off his vehicle, which had to be done with a screwdriver. The officer also noticed an open bottle of Carlo Rossi wine sitting on the floor of the passenger side.

The driver told the officer he "had enough" to drink, had a suspended license and was on his way to paint a friend's house, even though the officer noted it was dark and 8:30 p.m.

The officer asked the driver if he knew where he was and he responded he just got off I-696 and was on 9 Mile.

He lit a cigarette, which the officer repeatedly asked him not to do. The man said he was going to jail anyway, so why not have a smoke.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered .225 percent blood alcohol content.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

One more beer

On Friday, Nov. 17, at 2:56 a.m., a 33-year-old Eastpointe woman was stopped on Mack and Hunt Club for weaving between lanes.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed she had a suspended license. The woman gave the

officer a Michigan identification card and when questioned, said she had a beer earlier that evening.

The woman then told the officer she had a couple of beers and mixed drinks. She failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered .201 percent blood alcohol content.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and for driving with a suspended license.

Reported fraud

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 3:40 p.m., a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 500 block of Robert John reported she received a call from AT&T saying someone tried to open an account using her name and Social Security number.

Home invasion

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 12:30 a.m., a 29-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 900 block of Littlestone reported an unknown person broke into his home and stole a tool box containing more than a dozen expensive tools.

Caught

On Monday, Nov. 20, at 8:51 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers responded to a call from a home in the 19000 block of Linville.

The homeowner told police he heard someone trying to break into his home, which was burglarized six months ago. The man yelled at the suspect, who took off down the street.

Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms officers eventually caught the man on Moross, just before he was about to enter a car driven by his girlfriend.

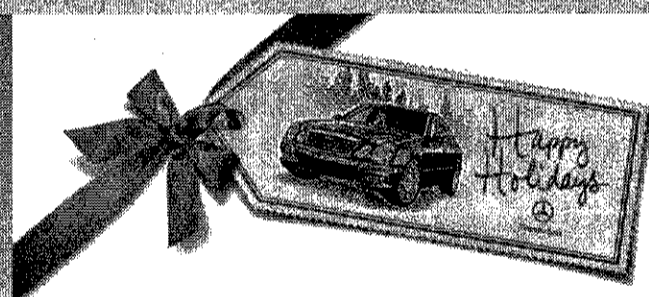
"We're still getting the information about the suspect," Makowski said. "A full report will soon be filed. It's nice to know a bad guy was caught."

—Bob St. John

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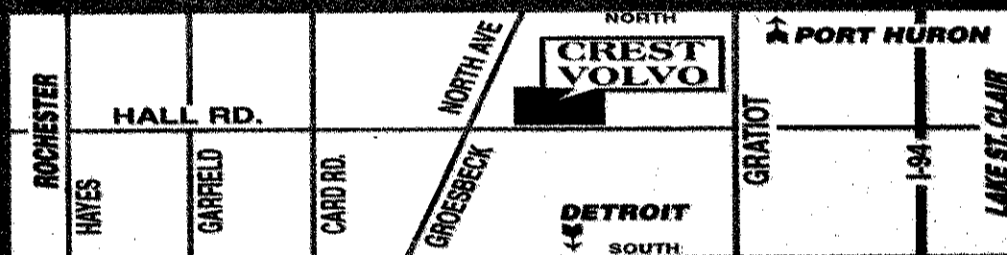
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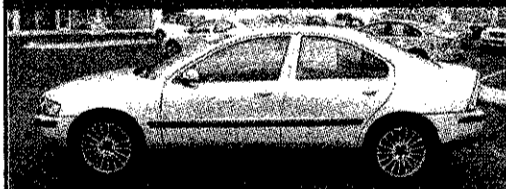
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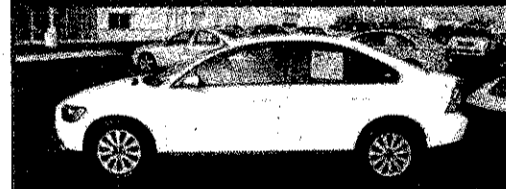
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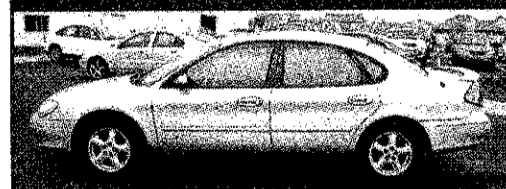
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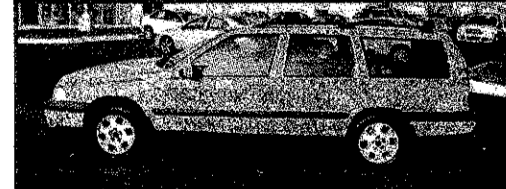
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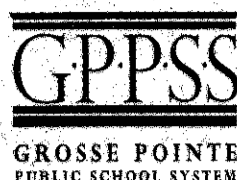
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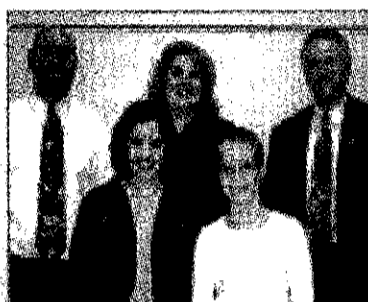
Holiday Family Traditions Essay Contest Winners Look for these Contest Winners in the Santa Claus Parade



Sergio Stephen Jr. • Beacon Elementary

Age 6 • Grade 1
Principal - Ms. Ozimek
Teacher - Ms. Hughees
Thanksgiving Tradition

"The reason why I chose Thanksgiving day is because that's a special tradition for me and my family that's when we all get together to tell what we are all thankful for. The part I love the most is when my mom and dad cook so much food, and they let me eat the cake batter out the bowl".



Annabel Ames • Defer Elementary

Grade 5
Principal - Mr. Wardie
Teacher - Mr. McKelvey
Christmas Memories

"Every year, my whole family and extended family gathers at my Aunt, Uncle, and cousin's house to bake the kind of cookies that will instantaneously bring a mouth-watering smile to your face for sure".

Madelyn Fabry • Defer Elementary

Age 8 • Grade 3
Principal - Mr. Wardie
Teacher - Mrs. Gout

My Family's Special Time of Christmas

"On Christmas Eve, my family goes to my church and sings Christmas songs. We sing Silent Night while everyone is holding a lit candle and the lights are turned off. Christmas Eve is fun for me and so is Christmas Day. I hope yours is too".



Angelica Kalogeridis • Maire Elementary

Grade 4
Principal - Mrs. Satut
Teacher - Mrs. Reed
My Greek Family Holiday Tradition

"In our Greek family, my dad goes to a special Greek grocery store and buys a pie called Vasilopita, which means Saint Basil's Pie. Saint Basil is the Greek Santa Claus who comes on New Year's Eve. My Greek Grandpa goes out and buys a gold charm from a special jewelry store. On the gold charm there is the new year on it. Then my Greek Grandma hides the gold charm somewhere in the pie. Next we all search through our pieces of pie and see who got the gold charm. Whoever got the gold charm gets to keep it, and in addition, our tradition is the person who found the charm will have good luck all year".

Hannah Brauer • Maire Elementary

Age 9 • Grade 3
Principal - Mrs. Satut
Teacher - Mrs. Pearson

The Brauer Family's Christmas Traditions

"At Christmas time in the Brauer family's sparkling house, covered with glittery snow in the winter's cold winds, there is a Christmas tree, covered with colorful ornaments. We always play Christmas music while we decorate the Christmas tree. On Christmas Eve, family members who live near our house come and set their presents under the twinkling tree".

Liam Walker • Maire Elementary

Age 6 • Grade 1
Principal - Mrs. Satut
Teacher - Mrs. Hunwick

What I like to do at Christmas

"I like to help my mom and dad cook muffins. I help put up the decorations and stockings. This year I have a new stocking for my baby sister Cecile".

Spencer Graczyk • Maire Elementary

Age 9 • Grade 4
Principal - Mrs. Satut
Teacher - Mr. Gross
My Christmas Traditions

"Every year, we celebrate Christmas by buying a Christmas tree. We decorate our tree with little glass angels, and bulbs. Once you plug the star in, it shines brightly and makes the room glitter with the spirit of Christmas".



Kayia Luteran • Mason Elementary

Age 10 • Grade 5
Principal - Dr. Middlekauf
Teachers - Mrs. Frakes, Mr. Francis
Going to Grandma's

"Thanksgiving is a holiday to celebrate. My family always goes to my Grandma and Papa's house for Thanksgiving. Then we eat turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and pumpkin yogurt and pumpkin pie. Then there is a surprise. Everyone leaves except my sister and I. We spend the night. It always seems to be a real happy time-of-year. • I can't wait till Thanksgiving!"



Erinne Lubianski • Monteith Elementary

Age 7 • Grade 2
Principal - Mr. Bauer
Teachers - Mrs. Liagre, Ms. Pitses
Christmas Eve with Aunt Nancy

"Every year it is a tradition to go to my Aunt Nancy's house on Christmas Eve. Aunt Nancy passes out bells. In a few minutes we can hear bells jingling and we make our bells jingle too. Then Aunt Nancy goes out into the snow and comes in with Santa. After Santa gives out all the presents he says good-bye. Everyone says "Thank you, Santa!"



Kameron Eskate • Poupard Elementary

Age 9 • Grade 4
Principal - Mrs. Stocks
Teacher - Mrs. Hool
My Family Tradition

"Ever Since I was a baby, my Mom and Dad have taken me and my brother to Frankenmuth for Christmas. The best part is Bronners filled with ornaments, Christmas tree's, and decorations. My brother and I get to buy an ornament. We love to see Santa. Leaving Bronners at night is a colorful sight".

Zeena Al-Katib • Poupard Elementary

Age 10 • Grade 5
Principal - Mrs. Stocks
Teacher - Ms. Ranier

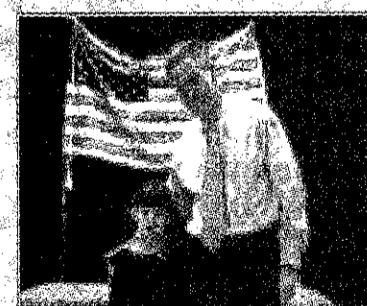
"I am a Muslim, so I don't celebrate Christmas or anything like that, so my Eid Al-Fitr is like everyone else's other holidays. Eid is like Christmas except it lasts for three days (we only get presents on the first day though). On Eid we celebrate with family and friends, and we go pick out presents at the store. We also have a feast with very delicious food".



Sean O'Hare • Richard Elementary

Age 8 • Grade 3
Principal - Mrs. McDonald-Barret
Teacher - Mr. Swansey

"Before Christmas I draw pictures of animals to give to everyone as presents. On Christmas Eve my little brother and I make cookies to give to Santa".



Phelan Johnson • Trombly Elementary

Age 6 • Grade 1
Principal - Mr. Fitzpatrick
Teacher - Ms. Kaye

"At Christmas time my family and I like to help people that don't have so much. Now every year we give gifts to people who need help".



Katie Rogers • Tyrone Elementary

Age 9 • Grade 4
Principal - Mrs. Vanderlinden
Teacher - Mr. Champine
Christmas

"My family celebrates Christmas Eve with both American and Polish food and traditions. We usually enjoy turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Often my mom will serve roasted Kielbasa, Pierogis, and my favorite Kruczki (Angel Wings). Before dinner, everyone breaks off a piece of Christmas wafer called Oplatek. Different Christmas scenes are embossed on the wafer during the baking. Sharing this traditional Polish wafer is a sign of family unity. Next, we all take turns wishing each other "Merry Christmas," "Good health," "Long life," "Happiness" and so on".

FEATURES

ENTERTAINMENT

Josephine Ford

Her home, her house, her philanthropy are noted this holiday season. PAGE 8B

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Bon Secours Cottage Health Services opened a five-star Critical Care unit where health professionals are better able to monitor patients and where family members are assisting in the health care of their loved one.

Combining care

Advanced technology and a patient and family-focused approach have been combined to create the new Critical Care unit at Bon Secours Hospital, part of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

Phase I of the expansion and complete redesign of the former Intensive Care and Critical Care units is now open. Phase II completion is set for Dec. 19.

"The Bon Secours Critical Care unit incorporates the best of monitoring and treatment technology designed into a floor plan that is highly functional and efficient," said the hospital's chief executive officer Jeffrey A. Collins. "Yet, the atmosphere is calming, comfortable and attractive for our patients and those who care for and about them."

The \$3.8 million project was funded through the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Foundation. "Hundreds of philanthropic-minded members of our community have contributed to the creation of this new Critical Care unit," said Hugo Higbie, foundation chairman. "We are particularly grateful for the



Celebrating the opening of the new Critical Care unit at Bon Secours Hospital, from left, are Bon Secours Cottage Health Services (BSCHS) Foundation board members John Stevens and Tom Mertz, M.D.; foundation officers chairman Hugo Higbie, chief executive officer John Danaher, president Sister Pat Heath; BSCHS board chairman Hadley Mack French and hospital chief executive officer Jeff Collins.

contributions of the Bon Secours Assistance League — an invaluable supporter of our programs."

This state-of-the-art unit boasts advanced patient monitoring equipment, and larger patient rooms with generous seating and sleeping chairs for family members, and other improvements.

"This is wonderful," said Pattie Smith, clinical nurse leader and 16-year employee of Bon Secours Cottage. "We used to be two split (units). Now it is one big unit where we can work together."

The new facility will join two units for a total of 13 beds to care for cardiac, neurology, respiratory and orthopedic patients who have an average stay of three days.

In rooms measuring 225 square feet, nurses, doctors and support staff will be better equipped to monitor the progress of patients, said Shari Schult, nurse manager for the Critical Care unit.

"Families of the critically ill are important members of our

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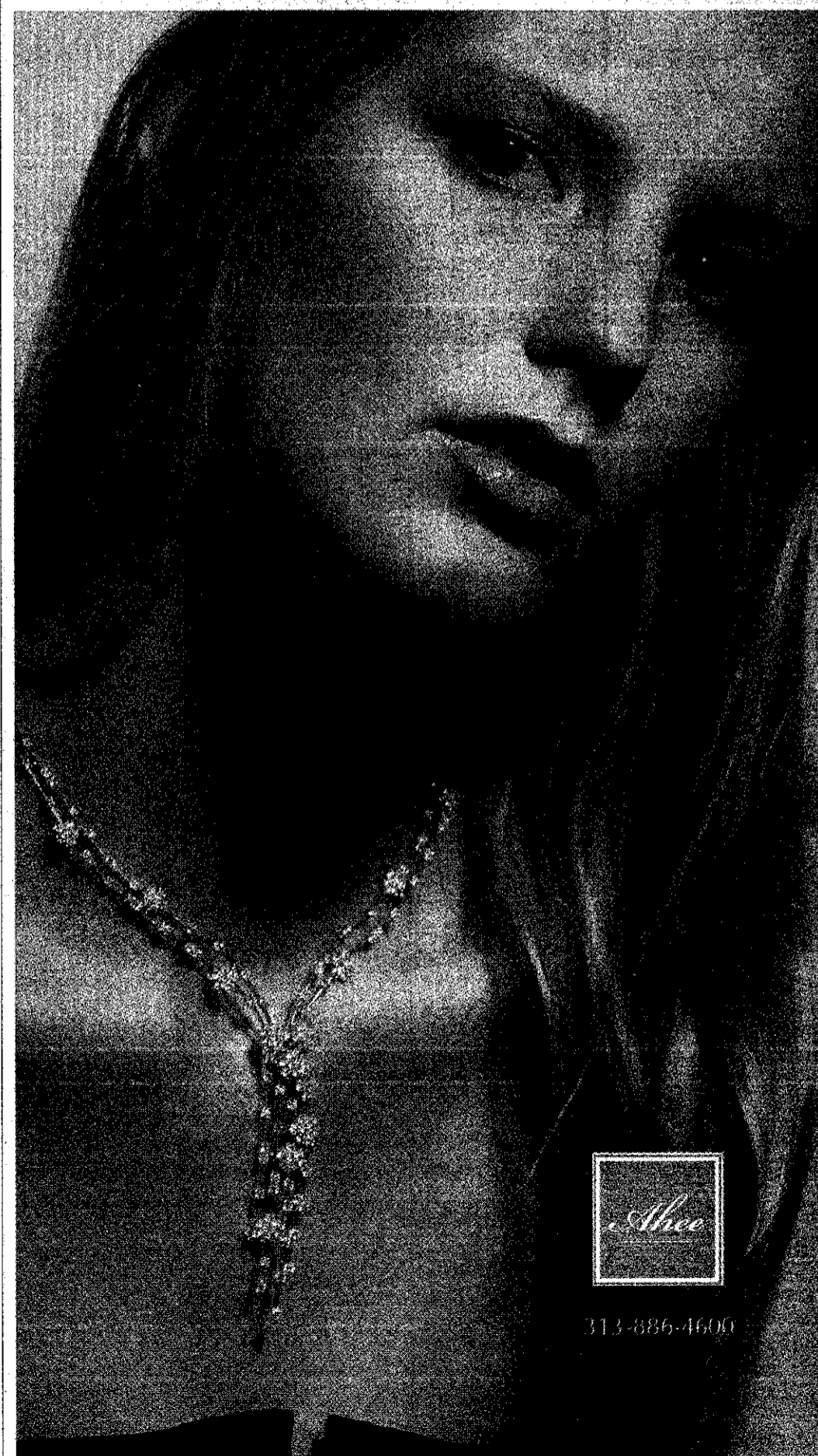
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CARE: Working together

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health care team and are vital to the recovery of our patients," said Bon Secours Cottage pulmonary critical care physician Robert Marchese, M.D., who was involved in the new unit's design. "It's known that simply having a loved one at the bedside can

positively impact a patient's heart rate, blood pressure and reduce the need for sedation and pain medications. "We want family members to be nearby, and it's important that they are comfortable." "Families can take a more proactive role," Schult said of the new room design. The unit design emphasizes efficiency and unimpeded traffic flow to improve collaboration between physicians, nurses, therapists and family members. Privacy and comfort were

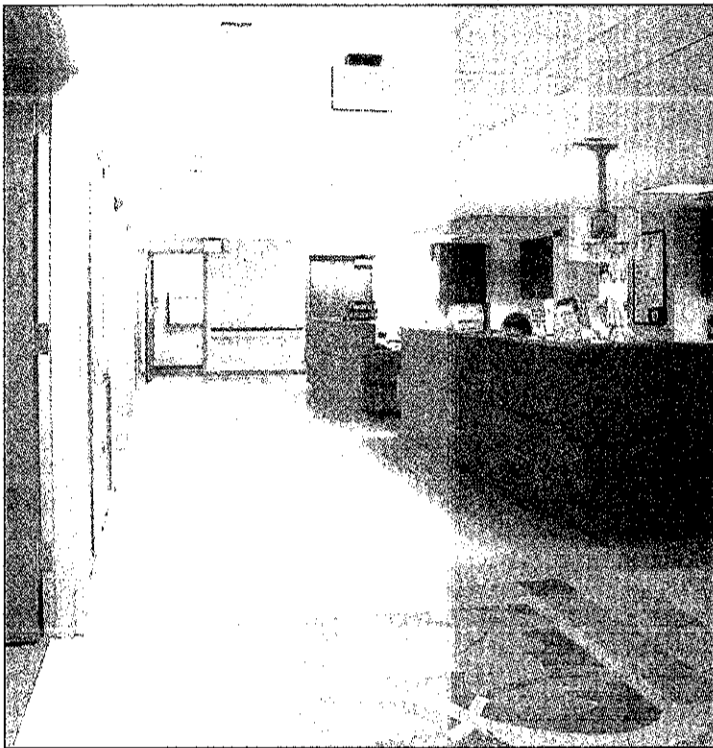
foremost in mind when designing the patient rooms, the family waiting area, and a grief/consultation room. The color pallet of varying tones of green, blue, teal and purple was chosen to promote calm. It is used to create a leafy inlay in the floors, giving the illusion of an area rug. The leaf design and colors are repeated on room number plaques and echoed in the fabric of privacy curtains and upholstery. Large windows in eight of the unit's 13 patient rooms overlook the hospital's rooftop garden, located on the second-floor interior courtyard. This outdoor retreat is easily accessible from the corridor adjacent to the new Critical Care unit. By next spring, the garden will be home to trees, shrubs and flowers. It includes places to sit, converse or escape from the hospital environment. A 12-foot-wide glass-walled "Garden Walkway" divides the outdoor space into an active, conversational area with sculptures and a distinctive water feature, and a quieter, more meditative side with a brick-paved labyrinth for spiritual contemplation. The garden walk also provides patients' family members and medical professionals views as they move from the unit to other areas of the hospital and to the second-floor chapel. "We have an exceptionally skilled nursing staff on our Critical Care unit," Schult said. "They are highly dedicated individuals, committed to five-star quality care, and their teamwork is phenomenal. This



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Clinical nurse leader Pattie Smith, left, and critical care unit nurse manager Shari Schult work in the new unit.


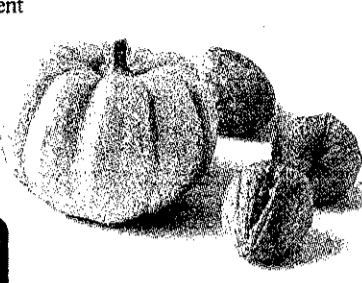
new space allows them to work at their optimal level in caring for our most compromised patients." Collins added, "Bon Secours has just been honored with its third consecutive State of Michigan Governor's Award for patient safety and quality of care in the hospital setting. These prestigious awards commend the great strides we have made in key areas including heart attack and pneumonia treatment — conditions common to critical care. With this new unit, our physicians and nurses have not only the technology, but the appropriate space to enable them to perform at their very best. It's just another example of Five-Star Care - the hallmark of everything we do at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.




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CHD Giving Tree in need of gifts

As the holiday season approaches, the Children's Home of Detroit (CHD) is preparing for its 12th annual Holiday Giving Tree event. For the past 11 years, community members and local businesses have supported CHD - provider of specialized services for children and families for 170 years - in its tradition of giving during the holiday season. The Holiday Giving Tree event runs through Dec. 20 and includes more than 60 participating sites across the metro-Detroit area. Holiday giving trees are located at the participating sites and are decorated with ornament tags that have the name and age of a CHD child and can be mailed. Participants can sponsor a child's holiday gift by taking home an ornament tag and mailing their monetary donation to CHD. For those who prefer to donate a wrapped gift, suggested items include: winter hats, gloves or mittens, earmuffs and scarves; books, games, puzzles and activity books; craft items, crayons, markers, glue and stickers; portable mini radios and CD players; jewelry and watches; sports equipment; fun or sport socks; gift certificates; stationery; and stuffed animals. To make a monetary donation, send a check to the Children's Home of Detroit - Holiday Giving Tree, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. To make a donation over the phone by Visa or MasterCard, contact Community Services at (313) 885-3510 or visit childrenshomeofdetroit.org/donate. For more information or a list of giving tree locations, contact Michelle Anastasi at manastasi@childrenshomeofdetroit.org.

Holiday cards cheer family and help charities

Sending holiday greetings via post originated in England in 1843 and has since grown into a multimillion dollar business across the world.

First featuring families toasting each other and the holiday season, holiday cards grew to include designs that had nothing to do with Christmas. Some 38 years later, Louis Prang introduced a line of cards embellished with pictures of snowmen, open fires, and children's toys. Cards produced later included Santa Claus, Christmas trees, Nativity scenes and other religious symbols.

Nowadays, a Christmas card can be a photograph of the family, the family pet, or both on a postcard; a Bah Humbug greeting, a humorous greeting or the traditional scenes of yesterday.

Holiday cards produced and sold for fundraisers by nonprofit groups tend toward the traditional with the idea to extend holiday greetings while raising awareness for their organization.

What follows is the Grosse Pointe News' annual list of holiday cards available from nonprofit organizations:

Grey Heart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption of Michigan is a rescue and adoption organization for retired racing greyhounds that educates the public regarding the "suffering and consequences" of greyhound racing.

Cards are packaged in a set of 12 with accompanying envelopes for \$14 plus shipping and handling. They may be purchased at greyhound.org or by calling (313) 202-1902.

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan is a low-cost collection and distribution center that distributes nearly 2 million pounds of food every month to 300 social service agencies in Southeast Michigan.

A package of 10 cards and envelopes is available for \$10 by calling (313) 923-3535, ext. 245.

Cards can be purchased by calling the above stated number or ordered and viewed online at gcfb.org.

The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders, in conjunction with the Mental Health Research Association, will use funds raised from holiday card sales to support research on brain disorders.

The 19 available designs were created by artists who have a mental illness. Cards are available in boxes of 25 including envelopes for \$15 per box and can be ordered by calling Carol Scripps at (313) 881-5429.

Children's Hospital of Michigan's holiday card sales

directly benefit children through programs funded by the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary.

Cards and envelopes are available in packs of 20 for \$20 and can be imprinted for an additional charge. Special gift cards recognizing a donation to the Children's Hospital of Michigan can be ordered for a minimum donation of \$5.

To order, call the auxiliary office at (313) 745-0962.

The Children's Center of Detroit offers foster care and adoption, early intervention, teenage parent support, mental health treatment, bereavement support, school-based support and other programs. The Tau Beta Association, a civic organization in Grosse Pointe, is partnering with the center on this fundraiser.

All four cards are original works done specifically for the Children's Center of Detroit and come in packages of 20 for \$25, including envelopes. For those that want to use a family photograph, two handpainted frame designs are also available for the same price. Imprinting is also included in the cost.

For more information, contact the Children's Center of Detroit at (313) 262-0960.

Special Kids is a nonprofit charity that provides reduced cost speech, occupational and physical therapy and individual tutoring of special needs children. The organization is based in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cards can be purchased for \$10 for a package of 15 including envelopes by calling Special Kids at (313) 881-7575.

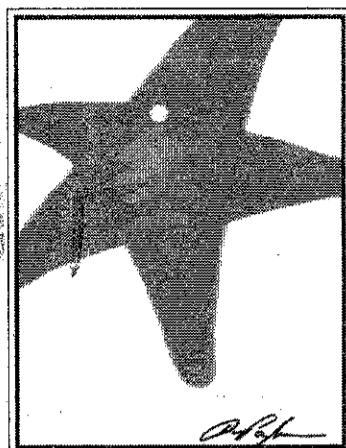
The Make a Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to "enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy."

This year, four designs are available, two crafted by Make a Wish beneficiaries, one professionally illustrated and another featuring the organization's pug dogs for pet lovers.

The cards are packaged in groups of 10 for \$10 including envelopes and can be ordered by downloading an order form at wishmich.org/holiday_magic.asp or by calling 800-622-wish.

The foundation also offers Giving Certificates that tell the recipient a donation has been made to Make A Wish on their behalf. The cards are available for \$5 each or \$50 for a pack of 12.

In addition, an ornament, snow globe and keepsake box designed for the foundation are available at Things Remembered with \$2, \$3 and \$5 respectively donated to the cause with each purchase. A



Mariners Inn

two CD set, "The Perfect Christmas" featuring Rob Thomas, Rascal Flatts, Ella Fitzgerald and other recording artists is available at Bath & Body Works and the White Barn Candle Company with \$1 from each sale benefiting the foundation.

Mariners Inn is dedicated to helping homeless men, seeking to be free of addiction, live an independent life filled with dignity and purpose.

A card designed by Dominica Pangborn is sold in boxes of 25 for \$10. Ninety-one cents of every dollar goes directly to services for the men. Call Marilyn Rusche at (313) 962-9446, for more information.

St. Paul on the Lake Church is selling unique and religious themed Christmas cards ranging in price from \$6 to \$11 per box before and after all Masses. They can also be ordered by calling Bob Haran at (313) 417-0062.

Detroit Meals on Wheels is offering "Buy a Card — Give a Meal" holiday cards where all proceeds from the sale of each card buys a complete meal for a homebound elderly person in the community.

For more information, call (313) 446-4444 ext. 5342 or 5251.

The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional



The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders

Disorders is a nonprofit United Way Agency that helps families statewide cope with a child with emotional disorders.

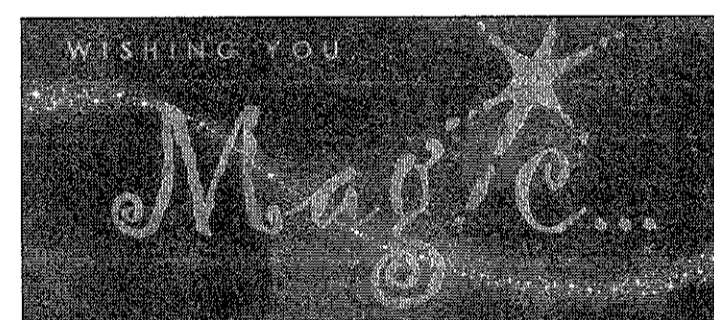
In honor of its 50th anniversary, the association is offering a new holiday card, "Cardinal in Winter," created by award-winning illustrator Mike Reed. Packages of 10 cards are \$10 and all styles can be viewed online at michkids.org. Call (248) 433-2200 to order.

The Michigan Humane Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals, is offering holiday cards featuring pictures of animals taken which in the society's care.

Each box contains 15 cards of one style and 16 envelopes. An assorted box is also available for \$15. For more information and to order, visit shop-michiganhumane.org/holiday/holidaycards2006.htm. Proceeds go toward helping animals in the association's care.



Above, Grey Heart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption of Michigan
Below, The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders



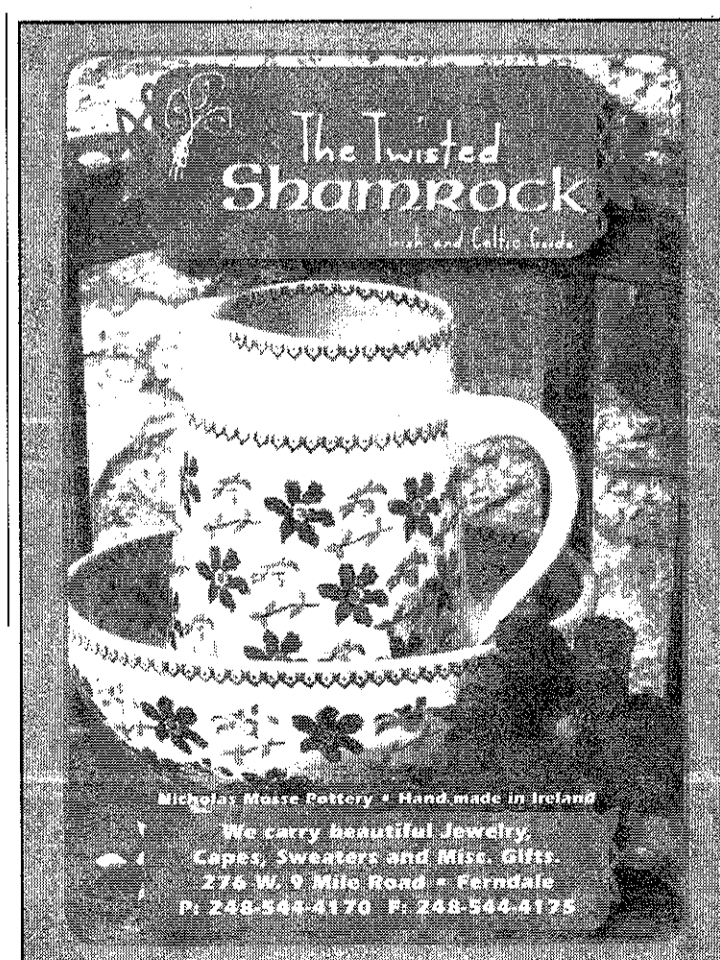
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4B | CHURCHES

CHURCH EVENTS

Caroling

The Open Door series at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church presents its 26th annual carol-a-long at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in the sanctuary.

Heralding the Christmas season, the church's Good News Singers and bell choirs will present sacred and secular songs of the day.

A special appearance by Santa will highlight the

evening. Refreshments will be served after the caroling.

The singers are lead by Robert Foster, music coordinator at the church and the bell choirs are led by Christina Judson.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

Cookie walk

Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church presents its 13th annu-

al Christmas Cookie Walk beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Participants buy a bakery box for \$7 at the door and fill it with an assortment of holiday cookies. The church is located at 22310 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Judelaires

The Judelaires present classic and popular holiday favorites during its 2006 Christmas Choral Concert at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Mack at Lochmoor Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Judelaires perform under the direction of Stan Harr, president of Detroit Performing Artists. A freewill donation follows all performances. For more information, call (586) 463-9033.

Christmas tea

Valparaiso University Guild presents a Christmas tea at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit, at noon, Monday, Dec. 4. The day begins with an Advent service and concludes with the tea.

Homemade Christmas cookies will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (313) 881-9703.

Messiah

Handel's "Messiah" will be

presented by the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 in the church, located at 631 W. Fort, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. For more information, call (313) 961-4533.

Agape concert

The youth of the church at First English Ev. Lutheran Church present "Agape" in concert, a rap concert, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, onstage in the Luther Center.

The concert is open to all area middle school and high school youth to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

Church groups and school groups are welcome; contact the church at (313) 884-5040 for details. Admission is \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door; only 400 tickets are available. First English is located at 800 Vernier at Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Agape" is David Scherer of Minneapolis, Minn., who reaches youth through his hip-hop ministry.

He has performed at youth gatherings in Michigan and throughout the United States.

"His ministry is to share God's love with young people," says Nancy McCarthy, director of the board of youth at First English. "Our young members at First English say he's an inspiration."

Access the Agape Web site at hiphopoutreach.com.

St. James installs minister of music

Kurt Heyer was installed Sept. 10 as St. James Lutheran Church's new minister of music.

Heyer comes to St. James from the music faculty of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn., where he served as professor of music and taught organ, music fundamentals courses and directed the men's choir.

For 20 years, he served as teacher and director of music at St. Peter Lutheran Church and School in Plymouth.

He was also a member of the Wisconsin Synod Commission on Worship and as conference organist annually for their national conferences.

Heyer has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Dr. Martin Luther College, a Master of Arts degree in organ performance from Eastern Michigan University where he was a Mason-Rigsby scholar and won the Graduate Student Music Performance award.

At St. James Lutheran Church, Heyer will serve as the organist and director of the chancel choir and bell choirs and will be working with the pastoral staff in planning music for worship.

For more information about worshipping at St. James Lutheran call (313) 884-0511 or email atstjamesgp@ameritech.net.

Priest returns to his hometown

Almost 50 years after leaving his Moran home following graduation from Austin Catholic High School in 1956, David Lloyd Brecht has returned.

Now he is the Rev. David Lloyd Brecht, O.S.A. and will be residing at St. Clare of Montefalco on Mack as pastor of the 1,200 family parish and kindergarten through eighth grade school.

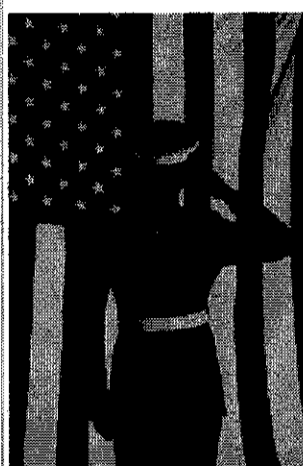
At a brief gathering, Austin alumni from the Class of 1956, as well as many other graduates from the Augustinian run school, welcomed him back.

The group surprised him by dressing in white shirts — a dress code that created notoriety for Austin when its student body, known as the "white shirted legion," electrified football fields and gymnasiums throughout the city with their raucous athletic team support.

"It's great to be back in the community," Brecht said. "The Augustinians have been at St. Clare for almost 80 years and for me to return to the area in which I grew up is something very special. I look forward to working closely with parish families and school families."

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

A bad disease



Retired Grosse Pointe teacher Doris Cook is noted for her world-wide travel experiences. She has traveled to every state in the United States except Hawaii, and also to all seven continents. A column about her exciting adventures at a later date.

For five years she was involved in a project affecting most seniors that may be the highlight of her life.

Her experience started in 2000 when she was approached by a researcher in the Geriatrics Clinic at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Both she and her husband had surgery at the hospital, and Doris has her yearly physical exam there.

The researcher asked if she'd be interested in a five-year study on a newly developed shingles vaccine.

Shingles can be a painful and potentially serious disease. The first signs of shingles may include itching, tingling, and burning.

A few days later, a blistering rash appears which can last up to 30 days.

For most, the pain from the rash lessens as it heals. For some, shingles may lead to pain that can last for months or even years after the rash heals. This is called postherpetic neuralgia (PHN).

The pain from PHN can range from burning or throbbing, to pain that is stabbing or shooting. For some, even the

touch of soft clothing or a slight breeze against the skin can be painful.

Shingles can lead to other serious complications that may include scarring, infections, muscle weakness, and decrease or loss of vision or hearing. This description comes from Merck Company which developed the vaccine.

Only those at risk are those who have had chickenpox. That's because it is caused by the same virus that causes shingles.

More than 90 percent of those in the United States have had chickenpox. Almost half a million shingles cases in the United States each year occur in people 60 years of age and older.

Funding for the project came from the National Institutes of Health, via the Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Doris' involvement in the project would be simple but essential because such research depends on enough people willing to participate in the study.

Some 5,000 participants were involved in the shingles project.

Grosse Pointer Jane Kay, a retired teacher with the Grosse Pointe School System, was also involved in the project. Kay's interest came because her husband, Dick, had a bad case of shingles.

Participants were divided into two groups, those receiving an injection of the new vaccine, and the second group receiving a placebo. No one was told, including nurses giving the shots, who received the vaccine or who received the placebo.

For the next five years participants were required to call a computer in Connecticut once

a month on the same day. If they didn't, a computer would call and remind them this was a requirement. On the call they would report rashes, infections, or other skin health problems during the past month. After the fifth year, the study ended and data analyzed.

Study results showed that those receiving the vaccine had considerably fewer cases of shingles than those in the control group that had the same number of shingles cases as the general population.

Yes, Doris and Kay were in the control group, but got the vaccine later because of their inclusion in the study.

It was a successful study of-fering convincing evidence that everyone 60 and older should receive the vaccine shot.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the vaccine for distribution in June 2006. In October 2006, Medicare approved the vaccine for payment.

The question now is when the vaccine will be available. First Merck had to wait for the FDA decision before gearing up to produce sufficient doses. Then begins the distribution stage for doctors, hospitals and others eligible to give the vaccine.

Your doctor will be able to tell you when he or she has the vaccine and that Medicare will be billed for the shot.

Note that Medicare is available only to those at least 65 years of age. Those younger than 65 will have to pay for the shot. No set price yet for the shot, but some preliminary checks indicate a hefty price for the vaccine.

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POINTES OF LIGHT By Mary Rose Nelson

Students making IMPACT

Grosse Pointe North Impact Club

Founded: 2002 by Katie Ralko and Andrea Sheridan
Goal: Promote Community Service

Members: More than 300 high school students

High school students are a great resource for our community. Their enthusiasm, talent and energy can be channeled into productive results for themselves and the people around them.

The Impact Club at Grosse Pointe North High School promotes students to do just that, by directing them into volunteer services in their community.

The Impact Club is a community service organization that was founded four years ago by two students, Katie Ralko and Andrea Sheridan. The club has grown tremendously in the past years with an enrollment now of more than 300 students involved in various service projects in their community.

Since charity begins at home, the first service activity of this school year was to plant and maintain flowers in the flower boxes around the high school.

In October, the Impact Club worked on two back-to-back projects at Services for Older Citizens (SOC).

The first was delivering a hot meal on a Saturday to home-bound senior citizens in recognition of "Make a Senior Smile Day."

On the following Saturday, students delivered and installed Emergency Beacon Lights as part of "National Make a Difference Day."

With the holidays approaching the Impact Club will be spreading holiday cheer by making Christmas cards and singing Christmas carols at a

local senior community.

Again, as in years past, they will adopt a needy family and provide that family with a merry Christmas.

The Impact Club has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, Metro Beach Cleanup Day, has served lunch at a soup kitchen and sponsored a makeover by Girlie Girl Salon, in Grosse Pointe Woods, where students donated their own hair for Wigs 4 Kids.

Sponsors of the Impact Club are Barbara Skelly and Jill Davenport, both counselors at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"We find the Impact Club is continuing to grow and evolve, and we are pleased at the response from the kids, the faculty at North and the parents who have been so supportive

'We find the Impact Club is continuing to grow and evolve.'

Barbara Skelly

of our efforts as well as the community which welcomes our kids and appreciates our work," Skelly said.

"Jill and I continue to be touched by the generosity of our students and their willingness to give of themselves.

"We see students realizing that when we give of our time and energy to help someone we reap the greatest sense of satisfaction.

"Seeing kids discover the joy of giving and putting their handprint on our school or our community has been very rewarding."

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Heart attack treatment quicker with technology

When a person has a heart attack, minutes make a big difference in their chances of survival and for a full recovery. That's why St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) strives to diagnose and treat potential heart attack victims quicker. We recently added cutting-edge technology, which helps cardiologists achieve just that: a quicker diagnosis and treatment, helping us save lives.

Partnership

SJH&MC has partnered with local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units to use a high-tech system that minimizes the time between heart attack diagnosis and treatment. The LifePac 12 technology allows paramedics to transmit electrocardiogram (EKG) and other vital patient medical information while on the scene or en route to the hospital. Paramedics use a compre-

hensive 12-lead EKG, and then transmit the vital data within seconds via cell phone to the hospital's emergency department or appropriate place for cardiologists' immediate review.

By doing this, doctors like myself are able to view this critical data in real-time. This enables us to make an immediate diagnosis and, if necessary, prepare a cardiac catheterization lab where the patient can be quickly treated to open the blockage causing the heart attack.

Promising outcomes

The LifePac 12 program was pioneered at St. John Providence Hospital in Southfield last year. Doctors at our sister hospital found that the program reduced the time to get heart attack patients from the emergency department door to the catheterization lab for angioplasty (a procedure in which a catheter-guided balloon is used to open

a narrowed coronary artery) to an average of approximately 44 minutes.

This is a dramatic improvement when compared to treatment norms that range from 120 to 289 minutes. The technology allowed the patients to be taken directly to the catheterization lab without the delays necessitated by emergency room admission and evaluation.

The technology proved so successful, St. John Hospital and Medical Center has been using the technology, which will ultimately be implemented for all St. John Health cardiac care centers, including the one near you.

Every minute counts

Time is crucial when it comes to treating a heart attack patient. Literally, every minute counts because the more time elapses, the more damage the heart muscle suffers. So being able to diagnose and treat a heart attack patient

quickly can significantly reduce the damaging effects, and save lives.

You may be surprised to know that on average a person waits 52 minutes before calling 911 when they suspect they are having a heart attack. That is why having this technology and partnership with EMS is even more crucial to patients suffering a heart attack.

Heart attack symptoms may vary by gender. Men more often feel the familiar warning signs of chest pain, shortness of breath and pain in the left arm. Symptoms can differ dramatically for women, and include neck and/or jaw pain, exhaustion or breathlessness, and may not include chest or arm pain.

Symptoms can also mimic indigestion for both men and women, or feel like a severe shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, black-out spells, cold sweat, weakness, all with or without chest pain. These various symptoms may not be

recognized as a heart attack until precious time has lapsed. Every minute delayed may mean permanent heart damage, or death.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 1.1 million people in the United States have a heart attack each year. That includes 345,000 women, 42 percent of whom die as a result.

The amount of permanent damage a heart attack survivor experiences depends on how much of the heart is affected and how soon treatment begins.

If medical care is sought quickly enough, blood flow in the blocked artery can be restored in time to prevent permanent damage to the heart.

When in doubt, if suffering any of the symptoms described above — call 911 immediately. Using the LifePac 12, paramedics can determine if you are suffering heart attack at your location. If you are, timesaving steps, includ-

ing an immediate EKG reading and advance preparation of the appropriate medical treatments, can be arranged by the time you arrive at SJH&MC.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas can take comfort in the fact that if they need to be treated for a heart attack, their local EMS has partnered with their local Cardiac Care Center of Excellence at St. John Hospital and Medical Center to provide the most responsive and life-saving medical care available. Currently, the fire departments and EMS services of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Roseville and Warren have this lifesaving equipment and have received training through St. John Health.

Dr. Hiroshi Yamasaki is the Director of Interventional Cardiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

December community health programs slated

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is offering the following community health programs in December.

♦ Look Good...Feel Better from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This national program is dedicated to helping women manage the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. This program teaches women how to camouflage the side effects with cosmetics, wigs and scarves through a partnership between the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society. Call (888) 751-5465 for information and to register.

♦ Use, Abuse and Dependence on Prescription Drugs or Alcohol from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Classrooms D

& E, 22101 Moross. This free class is for those who know someone dependent on prescription drugs or alcohol and want to know more about the disease, risk factors and how to deal with medical problems and addiction. Presenters: George Goike, LMSW and Kimberly Bialik, PhD, LP, professional counselors, St. John Health Eastwood Clinics. Parking pass provided.

Registration is recommended; call (888) 751-5465.

♦ Oncology Bereavement Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This group offers support for anyone grieving an oncology related loss and is sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

♦ GYN Support Group meets at 12:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the

Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center (third floor), 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The group offers emotional support for any woman diagnosed with a gynecological cancer. Call (313) 647-3000.

♦ Non-Oncology Bereavement Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The group offers support for anyone grieving a non-oncology related loss and is sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

♦ Breast Cancer Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This group is for any woman currently diag-

nosed with breast cancer. The focus is on issues related to treatment and recovery, both physical and emotional and is sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004.

♦ Wellness Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second, third and fourth Wednesday of every month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is a patient and issue focused support group for anyone diagnosed with cancer. Family members and friends are welcome to attend with the person diagnosed. The group is sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004.

♦ The Hearth of the Heart from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday Dec. 5, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Early Celts started their day

with gratitude for the gifts of the elements. The Native American Medicine Wheel honors the energies of the directions and all creation. Weaving St. Brigit's cross from straw, crafting a dream catcher and piecing a log cabin quilt are all early expressions of prayer, reflection and meditation. Learn how to use this knowledge to deepen meditative/prayer practice. The cost is \$35. For more information, call (313) 647-3320.

♦ Reiki Level II from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Students receive attunements that intensify the Reiki energy. Learn techniques for distance healing and furthering mental, spiritual and emotional healing processes. Nurses earn 7.2 CEUs. The cost is \$195. Call (313) 647-3320 for information and to register.

♦ Aura photography from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Discover the aura, the energy field that radiates through and around all living things. Participants will receive a color photo of their aura and charkas. This information is for educational or entertainment purposes. The cost is \$25 for a 20-minute appointment. Call (313) 647-3320 to schedule an appointment.

♦ Reiki Intro to Energy Evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is an opportunity to experience a mini hands-on Reiki session and receive an explanation about Reiki energy healing.

The cost is \$5. Call (313) 647-3320.

Quality is tops at Henry Ford Hospital

Henry Ford Hospital has been named as one of the top 59 hospitals nationally by a rating system that offers a broad assessment of hospital quality and safety.

It was the only hospital from southeast Michigan and one of two in Michigan listed.

The list was compiled by The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of Fortune 500 companies and other large private and public health care purchasers that provide health benefits to more than 37 million

Americans in all 50 states. It aims to use its members collective leverage to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of health care.

The Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey is completed by more than 1,200 hospitals and gathers data in four areas: physicians entering patient prescriptions into computers; intensive care units staffed by trained specialists; the ability of hospitals to perform five high-risk procedures

and two high-risk neonatal conditions; and hospitals progress in 27 National Quality Forum safe practices.

The Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey is the only national survey that provides a full assessment of a hospital's quality and safety.

"Henry Ford Hospital has always made integrating quality and safety into our care a top priority," said Anthony Armada, president and CEO, Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network.

Leukemia foundation sets up holiday toys program

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) invites individuals, schools, businesses and community groups to participate in its annual Holiday Toys Program.

Through the efforts of participants conducting toy drives last year, CLF provided about 3,600 gifts to 944 child patients, their siblings and the children of adult patients affected by leukemia across 60 counties in Michigan.

"It's the generosity of the people who conduct toy drives on behalf of CLF that helps lessen the emotional and financial strain on families facing leukemia and lymphoma during the holidays," said Glenn R. Trevisan, CLF

president and CEO.

"These efforts brighten families' spirits and provide gifts that many would not have otherwise had the time or money to purchase."

Diane Somers of Linden, a leukemia survivor herself, knows firsthand how devastating a leukemia diagnosis can be emotionally, physically and financially for families.

Somers benefited from the support services provided by CLF and has been conducting holiday toy drives for the last 10 years, even encouraging the involvement of her employers, Dr. Susan Doty and Dr. Nicholas Gersch as well.

"I saw the brochure from CLF and thought, I can do that! Most everyone is able to

buy at least one extra toy," Somers said.

Each December she delivers a van loaded with toys to CLF.

During the holiday season in December, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) sends packages to the families, with three or four new gifts for each child.

Kristen West, Patient Services Director, said, "Our hope with these gifts is to not only lift families' spirits, but to let them know that they are supported and cared about."

To learn more about the CLF holiday toys program, call the patient services department at (800) 825-2536 or visit leukemiamichigan.org.

I would like to give a very special thanks to the Nurse Aides, LPN's and RN's of Nursing Unlimited, Inc. for all of the hard work and dedication you have shown to our company and clients throughout the years. Your caring, kindness and sense of community has gone above and beyond the call of duty and I want to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to you.

To my in office staff a "WORD OF THANKS" seems insufficient... You have made Nursing unlimited what it is today with your loyalty, tolerance and Hard Work. Without you, we would not be the successful Home Care Providers we are today.

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With Warmest Regards,
Pamela Boos

Sen. Scott kicks off blanket drive for homeless children

Sen. Martha Scott (D-Highland Park) took the wraps off the American Red Cross Blanket Drive by setting up several drop-off locations in her district. Twin-size blankets and cash donations are needed.

Drop-off centers nearest to

the Pointes are the Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods and the Ravendale Community Center, 13903 Harper, Detroit.

"Homeless children and families in our communities need comfort and support this win-

ter," Scott said.

"Together we can help them keep warm and show them that someone cares."

Last year the campaign resulted in the distribution of more than 8,000 blankets to homeless shelters.

Decreasing risk of getting Alzheimer's is topic of talk

Join Irina Zilberman, M.D., to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and 10 steps to decrease the risk of developing the disease.

The doctor's free lecture

runs from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Henry Ford Medical Center, in the Pierson Clinic, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dr. Zilberman is a Henry Ford Medical Group internal medicine specialist.

To reserve a spot, call (800) 436-7936. Space is limited.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

The holiday season is again upon us



Many people describe the holiday season, Thanksgiving through New Year's Day (or does it run through Superbowl Sunday?) as stressful.

The gatherings, the food, the gifts, the requirements of the season can really weigh a person down instead of lift them up.

This season, make a resolution to enjoy more and stress out less; whatever that means

for you and your family.

For our family, it means understanding and feeling at ease with the following:

◆ Large gatherings can bring out a tremendous amount of anxiety in Andrew.

The fewer the people, the happier and better behaved he often is.

That doesn't mean we'll skip all holiday parties, but it means we have to pack a special holiday emergency kit for Andrew and make accommodations for us all to get some enjoyment out of the festivities.

This includes not partying as long as others might.

◆ Watching a parade in per-

son holds no special place in the heart of our son.

We can choose to enjoy a parade without him or we can watch parades at home on the television. He has begun to show a bit of interest, but not much. We can watch while playing Cariboo or doing something else that Andrew enjoys.

◆ Santa Claus does not bring a smile to the face of Andrew.

If it's important to have a photo that can prove Andrew saw Santa, then we adjust to the fact that Andrew will not look happy in the photo.

◆ We do not judge our gift-giving ability by how Andrew

immediately reacts to a gift.

Andrew usually takes time to adjust to a new item, if he's going to come to like it at all. His love of a gift is often not immediately obvious and his future love of that gift is also unknown at the time of opening. Some of the things with which he's currently obsessed with now seemed like rejected gifts a year or more ago.

◆ It's OK for us to enjoy holiday traditions that don't bring Andrew joy.

Although many families carry on family traditions to help their children enjoy the holidays, there is nothing wrong with continuing the traditions

to make the holidays enjoyable for the parents.

One example in our family is Andrew has no interest in a Christmas tree. Some people were shocked to learn we had skipped the Christmas tree tradition.

Last year, we returned to the tradition, not for Andrew, who still doesn't care about having a tree in the house.

Let's be honest, it's for Mary Beth who enjoys the wonderment of the lights and the signs and symbols that adorn the tree.

The smell and the feeling that it brings to the house.

And that's what the whole

holiday season seems to be about not the things that bring you stress. The things that bring you a bit of joy and happiness during this busy season, whatever that is for you and your family, are what's important.

For those, we give thanks this holiday season.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome [fragilex.org]. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Bust stop a fundraiser

Molly MacDonald and her touring plastic bust, "My Winged Victory," will stop in Grosse Pointe from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, at the home of Susan Guleserian.

Guleserian is hosting a Holiday Two Sisters Gourmet Shopping Day at her home, 1022 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park. Proceeds from the sale of Two Sisters Gourmet products will go to the Pink Fund.

The Pink Fund was established by MacDonald to educate the public about the financial impact of the disease, to steer women toward financial assistance and provide job placement support, having found financial freetail is another factor in the breast cancer experience. The Pink Fund was created to assist women and their families deal with the financial implications of months of treatment.

MacDonald tours with a plaster bust of herself before her cancer surgery. The tour was designed to create awareness and thereby educate the public about potential financial ramifications of a breast cancer diagnosis on patients and their families.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, MacDonald will be featured on Metro Chick radio, WNZK 690 AM.

For more information, visit the Web site, thepinkfund.org. There is no charge for this service. Donations to The Pink Fund are accepted.

All-patient art exhibit

A collection of unique, original artwork created by cancer patients will be exhibited to the public through Dec. 31 in the first floor Art Gallery of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe.

The collection titled "My Story: A Self Portrait" is comprised of works inspired by patients' lives and include acrylic and watercolor paintings, pastel and charcoal chalk drawings, jewelry and hand-crafted art, silk scarf paintings and collage.

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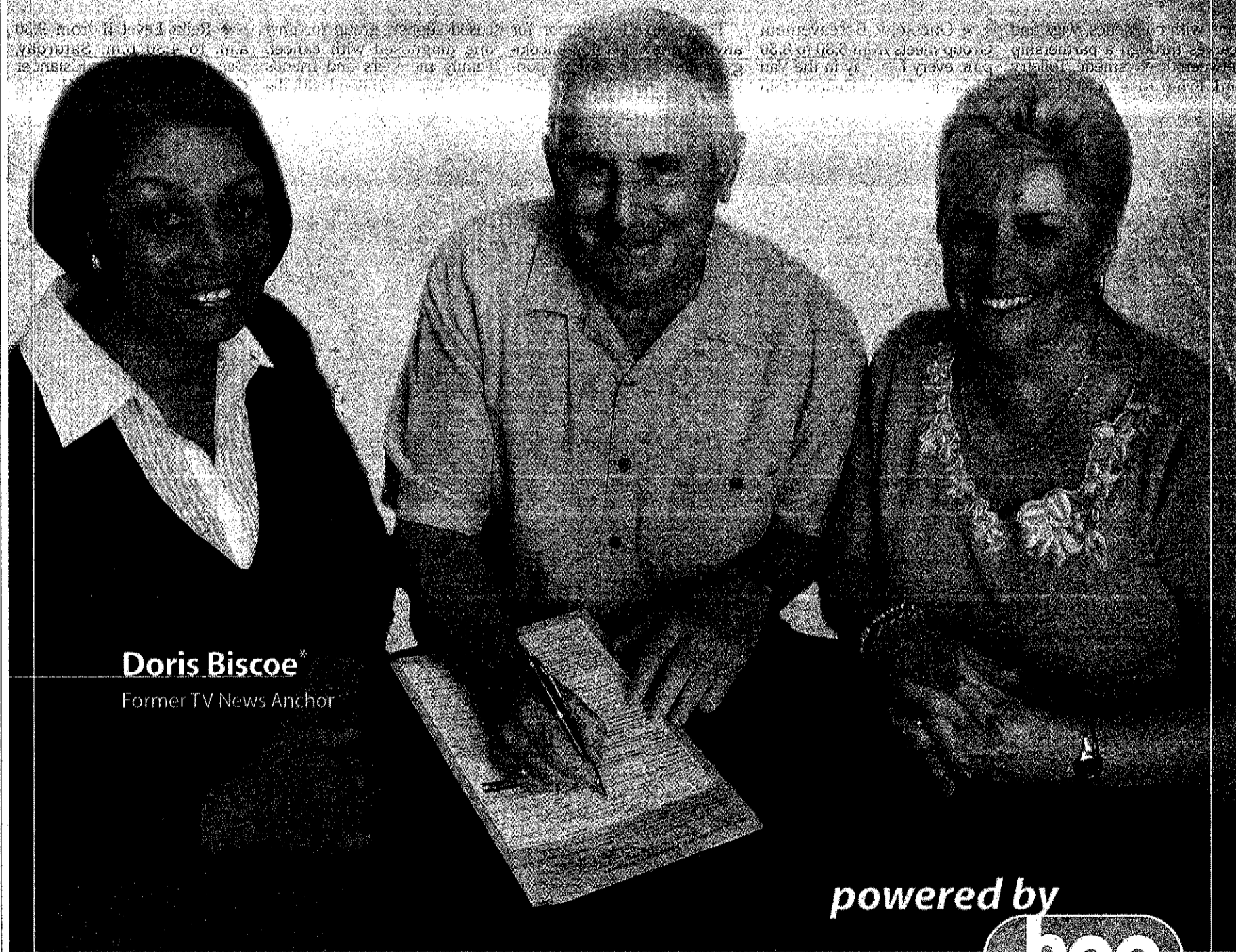
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Honoring life and legacy of Josephine Ford

Her last name is known around the world, thanks to the work of her grandfather, father and brothers. Yet little has been told about the woman affectionately known to friends and family as Dody, who as a member of one of the country's most influential industrial families was raised at their Grosse Pointe Shores estate and became one of the region's most generous philanthropists.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 24, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will present Josephine Ford: A Celebration of Her Life and Legacy, an estate-wide exhibition honoring the only daughter of Edsel and Eleanor Ford,

who died in June 2005. Historic photographs and stories of the charismatic, fun-loving Josephine will be woven throughout the visitor's experience at the estate.

Older brother Benson once described his sister as "a very lively character; the kind of kid who was always up to something." Now visitors will have the opportunity to hear about some of the childhood antics that went on growing up at the estate as they get to know this colorful, playful person.

According to Ford House President John F. Miller, the exhibit will provide a new experience for visitors.

"Visitors just can't get enough of the historic photos and movies that we've been uncovering," he explained. "Seeing images of the people who lived here enjoying themselves really breathes life into the estate and helps people see it as a home and not just a museum."

Her childhood home

The historic house has become an annual Yuletide destination for many metro Detroit families and, according to Miller, will be even more special this year with the spotlight on Josephine.

"With the focus on family at the holidays, we thought it was

the perfect time to give a glimpse into her life. And since she was married on Jan. 2, the holidays seemed like an ideal time to honor her."

A highlight of Josephine's 1943 wedding to industrial designer/architect Walter Buhl Ford II was the reception at the family's home. Her original wedding gown will be placed in the Drawing Room, where it will be accompanied by lively pictures of guests being greeted in the receiving line.

Girl's dream house

As the only granddaughter of Henry and Clara Ford, Josephine held a special place in their hearts and was the re-

cipient of the Play House, a gift from her grandmother for her seventh birthday.

The miniature mock-Tudor house - a favorite among children of all ages - will be specially decorated for the holidays in a playful dog theme in honor of Josephine's love of the canine creatures. Additional images will be installed in the Play House to share Josephine's activities and interests as a child.

A community leader

Unlike her brothers, Henry II, Benson and William, there was never an expectation for Josephine, as a woman in the 1940s, to assume a role at Ford Motor Co.

Like her parents, she developed a love of fine art and an appreciation for quality design. She was a wife, mother, community leader and philan-

thropist.

Following her death, her extraordinarily generous gifts to the College for Creative Studies, Detroit Institute of Arts and Henry Ford Hospital deservedly made headlines.

Josephine Ford: A Celebration of Her Life and Legacy will be on view throughout the holiday season. Holiday tours, which begin the day after Thanksgiving, are: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve when the final tour begins at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens (60 and over), and \$6 for children (ages 6-12). Children age 5 and under are admitted free.

Ford House is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.



A dazzling Christmas tree in the Ford home.



A bridesmaid of Josephine Ford.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Tasty holiday season kick off



(bite-sized)
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
Ground sea salt to taste

Tonight kicks off the official start of Holiday Season 2006.

I'm happy to bring to you a terrific appetizer that is so simple to throw together that you could pull it off tomorrow if you had to (or enjoy anytime over the next several weeks). Holiday crostini pairs toasted bread with gorgonzola, shallots, walnuts and dried cranberries.

A flavor combination that will make you say "Wow, that's really good!" The best part...start to finish in less than 30 minutes.

Holiday Crostini

24 slices baguette bread
4 tablespoons walnut oil, divided
1/2 cup chopped toasted walnuts
1 8-oz. container gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
4 tablespoons minced shallots, divided
1/3 cup dried cranberries
24 2-inch pieces frisee

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the bread slices on a baking sheet and brush with 2 tablespoons of the walnut oil. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 to 6 minutes, until crisp.

Remove from oven and set aside. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the walnuts, cheese, 3 tablespoons of the minced shallots, and the dried cranberries.

Spread the mixture over the bread slices (about 1 rounded tablespoon each) and bake at 400 for another 5 minutes, or until the cheese has melted.

Toss the frisee with the remaining tablespoon minced shallots, vinegar, and remaining 2 tablespoons of walnut oil. Season with salt and arrange over the crostini.

Transfer to a pretty platter and serve. Frisee is a member of the chicory family.

I substituted with another bitter green called curly endive. Simply snap 2-inch pieces from the bunch and toss according to recipe.

My tasty holiday crostini received great reviews.

Happy Thanksgiving. Eat good food.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Be a thankful gardener



Those of us living in this neck of the woods are lucky to be close enough to a little bit of holiday garden heaven.

Even as the temperatures drop, we can enjoy the wonder of holiday events indoors, the quiet of outdoor walks in the woods or just a trip to a local nursery or conservatory to be with our friendly green plants. As a gardener, I find much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

The Belle Isle Botanical Society and The Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory foreman, Peter Thiede, reports that the reopening of the conservatory was right on schedule. The official reopening ceremony took place Nov. 21. The much needed repairs are made possible by a grant from Save America's Treasures, a division of the National Park System. Included in the repairs was replacement of the entire hot water heating system (which was 102 years old), restoration of the sandstone foundation around the perimeter of the dome, along with replacement of 400 old panes of glass in the dome. Also, that glass is being cleaned by hand with re-caulking afterward.

And all of this is complete just in time for two upcoming events: The Poinsettia Soiree and the Stroll Through The Conservatory. (See details for both events in What's Going



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN PEABODY

If you need a green fix during the holidays, stop by a local nursery or florist. Thanks to English Gardens for this Thanksgiving set-up.

On? at the end of the column.)

While much work needs to be done to bring the conservatory up to top standards, this is definitely a start. Electrical, watering, repairs to other houses, bathrooms, classrooms and a huge wish list are yet to be tackled. A little birdie told me some groups are coming together to raise additional funding. Stay tuned.

Check out the events at the

Edsel and Eleanor Ford House this season. A Nutcracker Tea and other activities can be found online at fordhouse.org. While you're visiting the Ford House, bundle up and take a walk around the grounds. They are beautiful any time of year. Check their calendar to learn if bird walks are scheduled which is a wonderful, quiet way to spend an hour or two. And, if you like this type of

outdoor activity, our city parks are great places to visit during winter.

With the lake, the trees wearing their exposed branches, and some plants who refuse to shed their leaves for a few more weeks, it's time well spent enjoying our local natural flora and fauna.

Celebrate the season by heading to one of the many farmers markets we have locally. Eastern Market, Mount Clemens Farmers Market or the market in Royal Oak all sell fresh local produce as well as greenery for your decorating. The smells of roasting chest-

nuts are evident as is the aroma of pumpkin and apple pies. It's a fun event on a Saturday morning, with or without the children.

Most garden clubs are either taking December off or celebrating with their members. But watch the daily paper for green markets where you can buy holiday greenery and donate to a good cause at the same time.

Need a green fix? Head over to any of our local florists or nurseries and just visit with the plants. You may find one that needs a good home — yours or as a gift for someone special. You may also get some ideas for decorating your home with holly, cedar ropes, wreaths or rosemary trees. Or, just go out and hug a tree. You'll be glad you did.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com

What's going on?

The Poinsettia Soiree, from 6 to 9 p.m., Sun., Dec. 10, an annual fundraiser for the conservatory and includes a buffet, desserts, music and door prizes. Tickets are \$45. Stroll Through The Conservatory from 5 to 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 15. Visit the conservatory which will be specially lit for the holidays and highlights Detroit's collection of rare and unusual plants.

Free mulled cider and doughnuts are offered at this event. Presented by the Belle Isle Botanical Society and City of Detroit Floriculture Unit.

Parcells bazaar hosts 150 juried exhibitors on Dec. 2

Handcrafted gift items and unique treasures made by more than 150 juried exhibitors will be for sale at the 31st annual Parcells Middle School Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. lunch and snacks will

be available. No strollers

Admission is \$3. Early bird admission at 9 a.m. is \$4 by advance sale only.

Advance tickets will be sold at Parcells from 2 to 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

The bazaar is the Parcells PTO's only major fundraiser. Parcells Middle School is located at 20600 Mack at the corner of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 432-4600 for more information.

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GIRLS DISTRICT BASKETBALL

North sets sights on regional

Norsemen beat South in district championship game

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It isn't often that both coaches will feel good after a basketball game.

However, that was the case after Grosse Pointe North defeated Grosse Pointe South 45-32 in the championship game of the state Class A girls basketball district tournament hosted by the Norsemen.

"I thought we played a great game," said South coach Vito Tocco. "We played as well as we possibly could. We did just what we wanted to do."

"North is a fine team. They're ranked fourth in the state, and I thought we made them do some things different than they like to do."

North coach Gary Bennett was just as happy with the game as Tocco was.

"I liked the urgency we played with," Bennett said. "Our offensive execution wasn't that great, but I don't mind that as much if we play with urgency. South played a great game, but we made it difficult for them, especially in the second half."

After two lopsided victories in the district, Bennett was glad to have the Norsemen tested by the Blue Devils.

"This game helped us," Bennett said. "Especially, since they played man-to-man (defense). We hadn't seen man-to-man since before the Fraser game (the last week of the regular season)."

North never trailed in the contest. A 10-0 run in the first quarter with guards Kelly DeFauw and Olivia Stander combining for all of the points, helped the Norsemen take a 12-3 lead at the end of the period.

A basket by South's Emma Tocco as time ran out in the second quarter cut North's lead to 20-12 at halftime.

The Blue Devils' Kate Pangori hit a three-point shot to start the second half, but North answered with a 13-2 run that featured six points by Ariel Braker and a three-point basket by Maddie Kent.

North took a 35-23 lead into the fourth quarter and South never got closer than 10 points

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PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

It's a happy group of Grosse Pointe North basketball players after the team won the Class A district championship. In front, from left, are Jasmine Kennedy, Kelly DeFauw, Katelyn Vargo and Maddie Kent. In back, from left, are coach Gary Bennett, Ariel Braker, Kayla Womack, Sarah Perry, Christine Klein, coach Matt Trombley, Olivia Stander, Carrie Kaufmann and athletic director Carmen Kennedy.

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The Pierce Middle School eighth grade girls basketball team recently completed its second straight undefeated season. In front are Ellie Farber, left, and Nora Beierwaltes. In the first row, from left, are Lorna Burns, Whitney Morey, Sydney Burke and Julie Wittwer. In back, from left, are Sarah Ventimiglia, coach Jason Senska, Emma Maniere, Jordan Salley, Aisha Rodney, Sally Dixon and Dana Davenport.

Perfection again for Pierce

Going undefeated for a season is quite an accomplishment for a basketball team. That's why this group of Pierce Middle School eighth-grade girls is especially remarkable. They recently completed their second straight undefeated season under coach Jason Senska with a 36-17 victory against crosstown rival Parcells Middle School. "This was a great group of girls that worked really hard and represented Pierce at the highest level," Senska said. The team was led by captains Aisha Rodney and Julie Wittwer. Pierce dominated its opponents in each of the last two

seasons. The closest game this year was a 10-point victory against Jefferson Middle School. Senska figured that Pierce would get its toughest competition from another crosstown rival, Brownell, but in each of the two games, the Pierce girls rose to the occasion. "The kids know each other and want to win for bragging rights, but we won both games rather convincingly," Senska said. Other members of the squad were Sarah Ventimiglia, Emma Maniere, Jordan Salley, Sally Dixon, Dana Davenport, Lorna Burns, Whitney Morey, Sydney Burke, Ellie Farber and Nora Beierwaltes.

South makes final four once more

It hasn't taken long for Grosse Pointe South to make an impact in Michigan high school field hockey. The third-year program made it to the state final four for the third straight season, losing 4-1 to eventual state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Division I semifinals. South and Birmingham Marian finished in a tie for third place in Division I. The Blue Devils' final game was played in blowing snow and biting cold, but South's Betsy Miller, Kelsey Burgess, Emily Cumpata, Danika Stone and Liz McCaughey worked hard against the elements and Pioneer's aggressive play. Emily Fennell scored South's only goal. Goalkeeper Jenna Lankford made 18 saves, including several clears in key situations. She was also called on to face a penalty stroke. The Blue Devils advanced to the finals with victories against Livonia Ladywood and Ann Arbor Greenhills. Cumpata scored the first goal of her career with two minutes remaining in overtime to give South a 2-1 victory against Ladywood. Fennell scored South's first goal. The defense came up big for the Blue Devils, especially late in regulation and in the overtime with key plays by Burgess and Stone, along with several solid saves by Lankford. In the Greenhills game, South avenged two regular-season losses to the Gryphons with a 2-1 victory. Fennell and Christy Greiner scored the Blue Devils' goals. Miller, Stone, Cumpata and Lankford again shut down Greenhills' pressure and turned away its scoring threats. During the last three seasons, South has held its opponents to a .91 goals-against average in 54 regular-season games. More than half of the contests were shutouts, and in more than three-quarters of

the games the Blue Devils gave up one goal or less. The defense was anchored by seniors Lankford and Cumpata, who started all 54 games and played nearly every minute in each of them. Miller, Maria Hartman, Kathleen McDonald and Burgess rounded out the defense this year. Cumpata was a first-team All-State selection by the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association, duplicating her honors from last season. Stone received All-State honorable mention for her fine play at midfield. Stone was a force in the transition game, feeding the offensive attack led by Greiner, Fennell, Annie Shepard and Kathryn Cumpata. "I was happy that we made it to the state semifinals, considering we were a very young team and the girls had to adjust to a new coach," said Meg Lewis, who replaced Monica Dennis as head coach after last season. "I am very proud of Emily



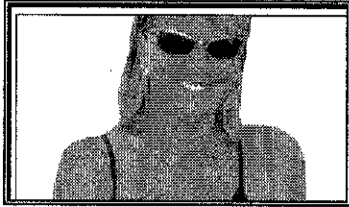
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ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Finally, 007 goes sailing



Having watched countless hours of James Bond movies in my life – one of my favorite off-the-water activities – I was anxious to evaluate Daniel Craig's portrayal of 007 when "Casino Royale" opened last weekend, especially when I heard there was a bona fide sailing scene in this film. Fortunately, Bond as a sailing spy is fairly unique so comparisons of Craig to Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan aren't relevant. In the very first Bond film, Dr. No, Bond and original Bond girl, Honey Ryder (played by Ursula Andress, yes, the one in the white bikini that emerges from the water onto the beach), arrive at the bad guy's hide-away island by sailboat. But since then, the sexy spy has preferred boats and other watercraft with engines, whether he's being chased, doing the chasing or escaping. Bond made a powerboat getaway in "From Russia With Love." He was involved in an airboat chase through the bayou in "Live and Let Die." His Lotus Esprit converted to a submarine is one of the most memorable Bond scenes ever in "The Spy Who Loved Me." (I still have the toy version of that car my brother and I had as kids.) He invades Octopussy's island of women by motorized fake crocodile. He escapes Russian soldiers in the opening scene of "A View to a Kill" in a boat disguised as an iceberg. He parachutes onto a luxury yacht – where he is welcomed by the lonely sunbather with a glass of champagne – in "The Living Daylights." In the more recent Bond era, he was a passenger sailing on a junk and steering an inflatable dinghy while searching for a stealth ship in "Tomorrow Never Dies." (Incidentally, the bad guy in that film utters a phrase I often repeat before local sailboat races: "Let the mayhem begin.") Bond stole Q's "fishing boat" from MI-6 headquarters to chase an assassin on the Thames River in an opening scene of "The World is Not Enough." "In Die Another Day," he ice boats. But in Bond's 44-year history, no real sailing. So "Casino Royale" is not only Craig's debut as super spy but also his chance to win over this Bond aficionado if he can handle himself on a boat. In this film, during his effort to discover and apprehend the financiers of the world's terrorists, Bond goes from Madagascar to England to the Bahamas to Montenegro and finally to Venice where he arrives by sailboat. (Of course, you can't actually sail in the Grand Canal – too many bridges – but why sweat such details?) In "Casino Royale," the sailing shots are brief, but I watched carefully. As the English-built (of course) Spirit 54 sails into Venice, Bond Girl Vesper Lynd (played by Eva

Green) is on the helm, and Bond is sitting in the narrow companionway using his laptop (telling you what he's writing would give away an essential plot element). They have the main up and the jib unfurled. An aerial camera shot allows assessment of sail trim. It looked acceptable. But then the camera closes in and switches to an onboard view. Gasp. An editing error! Lynd is still on the helm and Bond is still on the laptop but the jib is FURLED. My co-viewer – sailor John Harper, who is becoming an On Sail regular – and I discussed this in whispers: Could the Bond Girl have reached the furling line while steering? Did Bond roll the jib so quickly that the camera missed it? We decided it's possible that enough time elapsed between the shots to allow Bond a few seconds to stop typing and attend to the sails. The following sequence shows Bond at the perfectly varnished wooden wheel of the boat as they pull in to Venice amid the gondolas and picturesque buildings. We don't get to see him dock the yacht, which would give me better material for evaluating him as a sailor. But Craig does look comfortable on board and at the helm and seems fit enough to do crew work. It's not a stretch to imagine him hoisting a spinnaker. He's adept with electronic devices throughout the film, so maybe he could navigate. Bond, of course, has great taste in yachts: it's not a racer but if you have to have a cruising boat, the Spirit is a gorgeous, vintage choice, though I'm sure Bond doesn't care for the wood himself. (Incidentally, a hilarious account of the sailing sequences is on the boat builder's web site: www.spirityachts.com) Before declaring him my favorite Bond based on his sailing, I will need a better evaluation of Craig as Bond the sailor. Perhaps he could join us on a Tuesday night race next summer? Despite the brief sailing scene, we do have evidence that this Bond has real promise as a sailor. To my surprise, the first drink Bond orders in this film is NOT his trademark martini – shaken not stirred (also the name of a boat I used to race on). He bellies up to the beachside Bahamian bar and orders a "Mount Gay and soda." The Barbadian rum is a true sailors' rum, and the company generously sponsors sailing events. This leaves me optimistic about him as a crew mate. Speaking of men sailing in exotic locations – and that's where the comparisons to James Bond end – Tom Dawson, of Grosse Pointe, is currently in Australia at the Etchells World Championships. I talked to him after the first day of racing last weekend where he informed me his team did NOT "sail like girls" and had a less-than-spectacular day. We'll report next week on his results. Sandra Svoboda lives in Grosse Pointe Park. She can be reached at OnSail@grossepointenews.com

Captains post hat trick in North victory

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Scott Dockett's debut was a success behind the bench of Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team, which beat visiting Northville 7-1 in the season opener for both squads. "We settled down and played some good hockey after a rough first couple of periods,"

Dockett said. The Lady Norsemen used hat tricks from senior captains Marissa LaValley and Kate Zemenick to roll past the Mustangs. Philicia VanOverbeke also scored a goal for the home team, which outshot its foe 33-9. Zemenick's first goal came

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The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '95A finished first in their age group in the Michigan Youth Soccer League Premier Division. In front is goalkeeper Anastasia Diamond. In the front row, from left, are Ellen Neveux, Margaret Brennan, Eleanor Rappolee, Danae DiCicco, Danielle Manning and Rocky Ciaramitaro. In back, from left, are Christy Flom, Amanda Heidt, Clair DeBoer, Natalie Skorupski, Emily Armbruster and coach John Sikorski.

Breakers '95A win division crown

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '95A soccer team won its third Michigan Youth Soccer League Premier Division championship in four years.

The Breakers began the fall season by sweeping all of its opponents in the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Soccer Tournament.

The team went on to post a regular-season mark of 5-1-2, beating Premier Division rivals Vardar, Waza and Rochester.

Defense was a key factor in the Breakers' success.

They led the division with three shutouts and a goals-against average under 1.00.

The defense was anchored by goalkeeper Anastasia

Diamond, sweeper Claire DeBoer, defensive center midfielder Francesca Ciaramitaro and defenders Margaret Brennan, Natalie Skorupski, Danae DiCicco and Ellen Neveux.

The offense, which provided many timely and exciting goals, was sparked by Emily Armbruster at offensive center

midfield, with strikers Amanda Heidt, Danielle Manning, Eleanor Rappolee and Christy Flom.

"The girls played with grit and determination," said coach John Sikorski. "They came together and they supported each other both on and off the field. They were fun and exciting to coach."

South boys open with win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

This could be a season to remember for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team.

And it's off to a good start. "It was a good first game, but we'll get better," coach Bob Bopp said after the Blue Devils' 3-1 victory against Southgate Anderson.

"I liked our effort. We played hard. We just have to be a little more disciplined."

There were several penalties in the game, but that might be common this year.

"The officials are calling the game different," Bopp said. "They're aligning with the NHL, so it's going to take a while to adjust. I think that in the long run, it's going to help our team because we have some good skaters."

South came out strong in the first period, outshooting Southgate 18-5.

Ryan Abraham scored the only goal of the period on a power play at 8:04. Lance Lucas skated out of the corner and passed to Abraham. Tim Shield also assisted.

"It was fitting that Ryan scored the first goal, picking up where he left off last year when he was our leading scorer," Bopp said. "The line of Abraham, Lucas and Shield is very solid. I don't think you'll find many better lines. They're a threat to score every time they're on the ice."

Lucas played especially well

against the Titans.

"He looked very fast and aggressive," Bopp said. "He might have been our best forward, although a lot of people played well."

Geoff Osgood made it 2-0 at 12:55 of the second period, assisted by Michael Blazoff and Taylor Alaska.

"I'm expecting a great season from Geoff," Bopp said. "He is such a great skater and he plays full speed every second he's on the ice. He's so fast he makes things happen."

Flaska stretched the lead to 3-0 at 1:36 of the third period when he took a pass from Osgood just inside the blue line and fired the puck from the top of the faceoff circle, beating the Southgate goalie.

The Titans scored 17 seconds later, but that was the only time they were able to beat goalie Brett Johnson, who made 12 saves.

Southgate had a 5-on-3 advantage for 1:54 in the third period but the Blue Devils' penalty killers held the Titans to only one shot during that stretch.

A strong defense corps also helped keep the shots down.

"We're eight deep on defense and all eight can play well," Bopp said. "We have Trevor John, who was All-State as a junior, and players like Scott Maxwell and Arthur Griem. It's going to be tough to score on us."

South will play in the Big Rapids Tournament this weekend.

South alumni hockey game set

The annual alumni game for Grosse Pointe South boys hockey will be held on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 6 to 8

p.m. at the City Sports Center. All former Blue Devils players are invited to attend.

The game has grown each

year with former South players and coaches getting together to skate with the present Blue Devils squad.

Fast start for Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Defending girls hockey state champ Grosse Pointe South opened its season in style last week, beating host Northville 9-1.

"We didn't play very well in our couple of scrimmages, so I wanted the girls to come out and play more aggressively in our opener," coach Bill Fox said. "The girls played with a lot more intensity, which was great to see."

The Lady Blue Devils jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Annie Shepard (as-

sisted by Jessica Snella), Alex Rentz (unassisted) and Shepard again (assisted by Amanda Marsh).

Rentz added her second unassisted goal to make it 4-0.

Northville's Krysten Ruzlyo tallied for the Mustangs' lone goal.

Marsh scored a shorthanded goal, assisted by Shepard and Sarah Auk to make it a 5-1 contest.

In the final period, Rentz recorded the hat trick, scoring a goal assisted by Shami Entenman and Maria Hartman.

Jenna Huitsing and Hartman

each scored shorthanded tallies with Marsh Dosch and Shepard getting assists.

Huitsing finished the scoring with an unassisted goal.

C.J. Jarboe made seven saves to earn her first victory of the year.

"We lost eight girls from last year's team and we're mixing in several newcomers," Fox said. "I'm confident we can put it all together as the season gets going. This was a good win."

South improved to 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division One.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

South's Clare Conway gets past North's Jasmine Kennedy during the district championship game.

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the rest of the way.

Stander led the Norsemen with 16 points and four steals, while DeFauw finished with nine points. Braker had six points, 11 rebounds and five assists. Jasmine Kennedy also had 11 rebounds.

Pangori led South with 10 points and five rebounds. Tocco and Kara Trowell added six points apiece for the Blue Devils.

"We've been a pretty good defensive team all season," Vito Tocco said.

"We've just had trouble scoring points. That's why it gave us trouble when North went to a zone. But we did a lot of things right tonight, and I'm proud of the girls."

South reached the title game with a 52-48 victory against

Detroit Denby in the semifinals.

"We had contributions from a lot of people in that game, but Trowell and (Megan) DeBoer led the way," Vito Tocco said. "Their ball handling and defense were the difference in the game."

Trowell and DeBoer led the Blue Devils with nine points apiece and Kelly Barry added seven.

"Kelly hit three big shots, two in the first half and one in the second," Tocco said. "Emma Brush got our last basket on a layup on a fast break and Trowell made two free throws to seal the win."

South led for most of the game. The Blue Devils had a 10-7 advantage after one quarter and they led 23-20 at halftime. The teams were tied at 35-all going into the fourth quarter.

South had lost its last 14 straight games in the regular season but the Blue Devils defeated two Detroit Public School teams with winning records in the state tourna-

ment to wind up 6-17 overall.

"Our hope was to play in the championship game (of the district)," Vito Tocco said. "The girls never stopped working, even though we didn't win as many games as we would have liked."

North breezed into the championship game with a 66-18 victory against Roseville.

"We played pretty well," Bennett said. "Roseville is a much better team than Finney (which North beat 74-17 in the district opener). They have a couple of guards with good quickness."

Stander led North with 25 points. Kennedy collected 13 points and 12 rebounds. Christine Klein had eight points and Braker and Carrie Kaufmann added seven apiece. Braker also had four steals.

North played defending state Class A champion Southfield-Lathrup in the regional semifinal at Cousino. Utica Ford II and Fraser played in the other semifinal.

The championship game is Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.

Young ULS skaters win

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

A youthful University Liggett School boys hockey team started its season in style last week, beating Troy Athens 3-1 in front of the home fans.

"The kids were fired up and ready to play after our couple of scrimmages," second-year head coach Terry Olson said. "We have a very young team, but they didn't play like newcomers tonight. They followed our game plan and used their speed to their advantage."

Freshman forward Dan Zukas broke a 1-1 with a goal just 1:01 into the third period, assisted by senior assistant captain Kyle Lawrence.

Junior assistant captain Mike Burchi added an empty net goal with 23.3 seconds left, assisted by sophomore Drew Amato.

"We fell behind, but that did-

n't bother the boys," Olson said. "They kept on attacking the net, using their speed to get to the pucks deep in the corners."

Athens scored first on a goal by junior Jeff McCauley, but with only 25 seconds remaining in the second period junior forward Mike Thomas tallied to tie it up.

Senior co-captain Ryan Deane drew the assist.

The Knights outshot the Red Hawks 37-14 and were whistled for only three penalties.

"We played a pretty clean game, which we needed to," Olson said. "I like the attitude of the guys. We're not as big as last year, but we make up for the lack of size with a lot more speed."

Freshman Lido Aldini played goal during the first two periods, stopping seven of eight shots. Alex Brooks played in goal in the final period.

Other returning players for Olson are seniors Mike Zukas (defense and second co-captain), Patrick Latcham (forward) and Zak Keith (goal-tender).

Fellow newcomers are freshmen John Stockmann (defense), Tripp Damman (defense), Tyler Suci (forward), Rory Deane (forward), Albert Ford (forward) and Matt Nicholas (forward), plus sophomore Erik Litch (defense).

"We were able to use our scrimmages to work our new guys in with our veterans," Olson said. "We learned a lot about our team, but we still have a long way to go before we're at the point where we should be at."

ULS is 1-0 overall. Next for the Knights, which finished 9-16-1 a year ago, is an away game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, against Grosse Isle.

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with North being two players short.

"We didn't play our best hockey and it showed in the final score," Northville head coach Bill Holden said. "We

will be a better hockey team playing against tough competition such as Grosse Pointe North."

Krysten Ruzlyo scored the Mustangs' lone tally.

It was also the debut of freshman Tori Bogan in net. She stopped eight of nine shots.

"I told the girls between the second and third periods that they have to play smarter hockey," Dockett said. "We took too many silly penalties and had to put our penalty-

killing unit on the ice for what seemed like most of the first two periods."

The Lady Norsemen were whistled for 10 penalties through the opening two periods, helping the Mustangs try and score on three separate two-player powerplay advantages.

"It's nice to get the win, but it also showed we have work to do," Dockett said. "We will be hard at work in practice, that is for sure."

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