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♦ The Family Center's weekly Play Central kicks off its 2007 season from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Neighborhood Club with guest reader Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Schools superintendent. The cost is \$3, payable at the door.

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Cable deregulation

Wireless telecommunications bill strips cities of franchise control

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

It is said that competition comes with a price. But what will be the bill to Pointe communities now that lawmakers have signed off on dramatic changes in state cable TV franchise rules that will essentially replace local control of cable

TV broadcasting.

On Dec. 12, the state Senate passed House Bill 6546, clearing the way for wireless telecommunication companies to compete with cable companies to provide cable TV. The bill, which is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm any day now, all but eliminates local control of cable

TV with a uniform set for state video rules.

"By passing (this bill), Michigan lawmakers have created an environment that promotes competition, new investment and technological innovation," said Michigan AT&T President Gail Torrealano in a prepared statement. "Because of their actions, (the state) is

poised to join a pro-consumer reform trend that is spreading across the country."

But what does that mean for local communities that have franchise agreements, most prevalently with Comcast Cable? Franchise contracts have long allowed local communities to regulate cable broadcasting, a power that has

all been eliminated.

"We (local communities) are seen as barriers to competition," said Peter Dame, Grosse Pointe City manager.

With the new rules, municipalities have no power controlling the aesthetics of equipment used by the telecommunication

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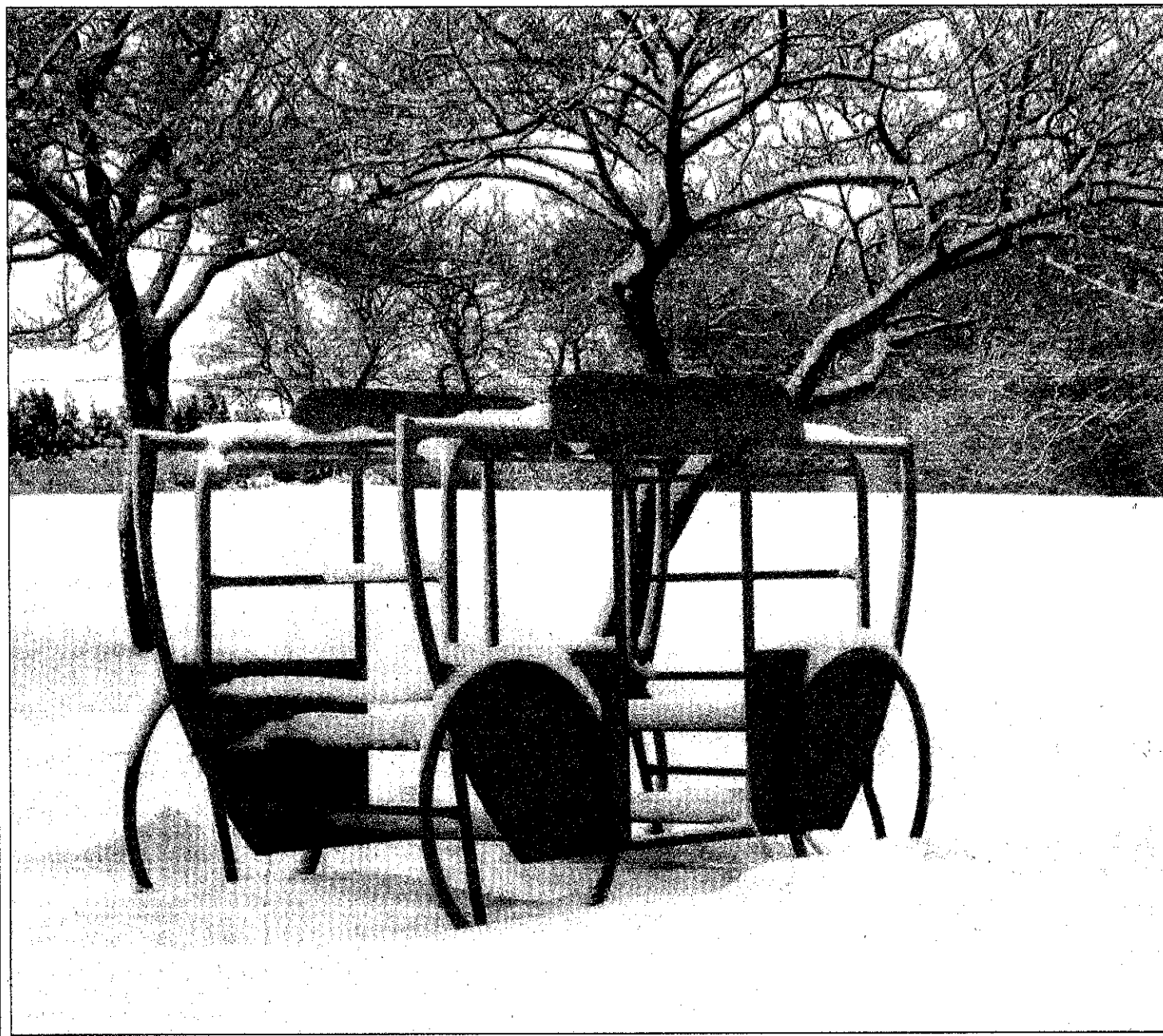


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Dreaming of a white Christmas

It appeared that is all we could do is dream about a white Christmas as the holiday weekend approached with pouring rain on Friday. The above photo, taken last year at Grosse Pointe Park's Patterson Park, put us in a more proper frame of mind during the holidays!

Park nears 100th

Officials plan 2007 centennial events

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Kiki Herfert is celebrating a 100th birthday — the city's, not hers.

"Kiki and I have reviewed some ideas on how to celebrate the anniversary," City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for the Park to get some recognition for the anniversary," Herfert said. "The Historical Society has some great items that show our history. The pictures are great to see."

The population was 12,443 at the 2000 census, 4,816 households and 3,303 families residing in the city. The city has a total area of 3.7 miles.

In 1907, when Detroit annexed the Village of Fairview up to Wayburn, the area from there to Cadieux was incorporated as the Village of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Park officially became a city in 1950, along with Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Correction

It was incorrectly stated in the Dec. 21 issue of the Grosse Pointe News where Santa Claus was reading. It should have said Santa was reading to children at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, where he hangs out in the off season.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I was an archivist before an artist. I'd rather be called a potter than an artist.'

Hanne Nielsen

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Age: 60
Family: Son, Kristian;
daughter, Inga
Claim to fame: Arts agencies'
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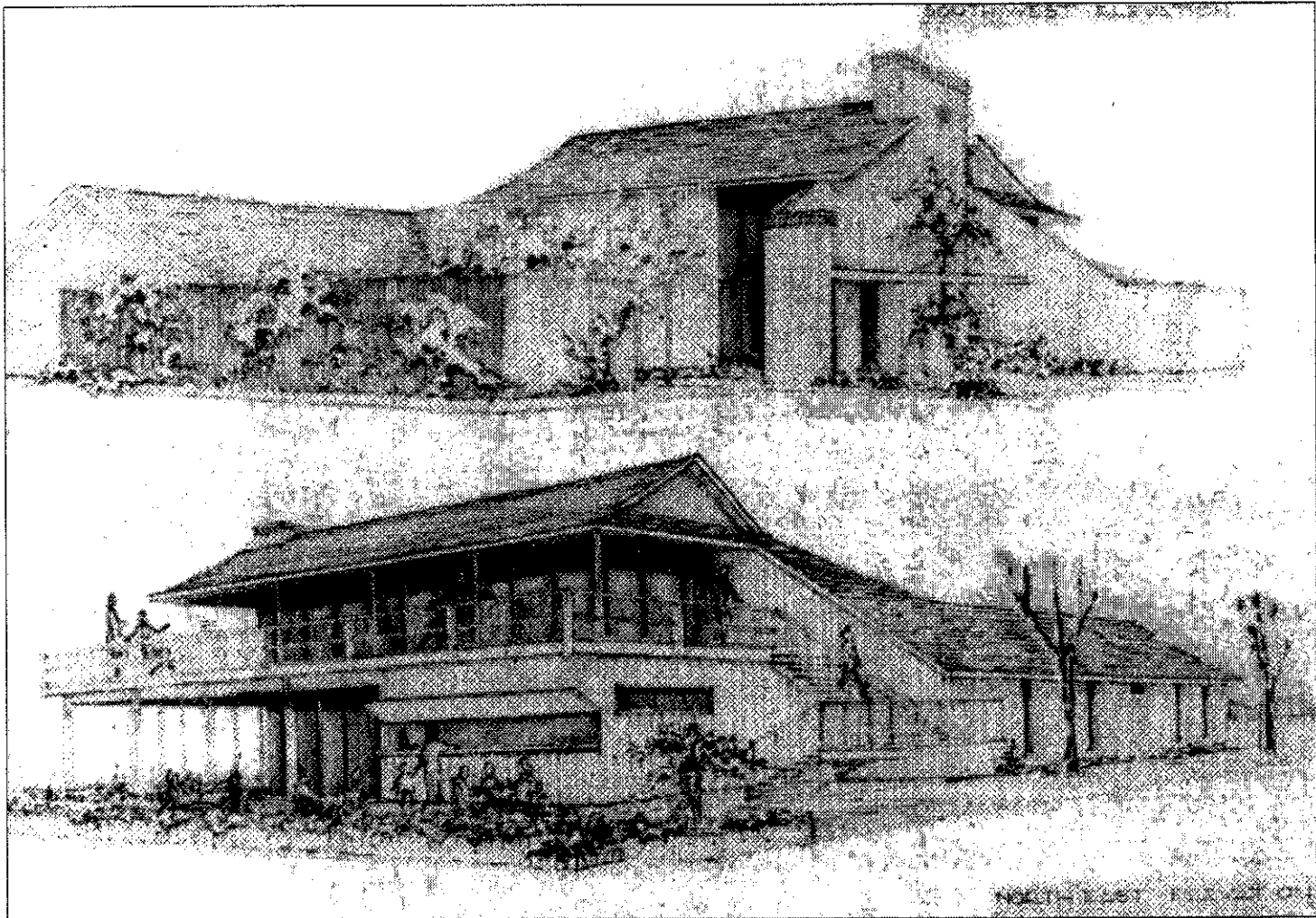


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Yesterday's headlines



1981: If you build it, they will come

An artist's rendition of the new boathouse planned for the Farms Pier Park shows the southwest (top) and northeast (bottom) elevations of the structure. (From the Dec. 24, 1981, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

1956
50 years ago this week

◆ **POINTE MARCH OF DIMES LEADERS SELECTED:** Four Pointe men and women have been selected to lead the national March of Dimes campaign in their respective communities.

The Farms will be led by Mrs. William Bowman; the

City by David Livingston; the Woods by David Sawyer; and Mrs. Louis Clark will head the drive in the Park.

While county goals are never established, nationally the need is for nearly \$47 million for research and treatment of polio.

◆ **ACCIDENT DAMAGES THREE PARKED CARS:** Theodore Hall Jr. of Detroit, escaped with minor injuries after the car he was driving collided with three parked cars on

Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

Hall, who told police he fell asleep at the wheel, crashed into the first car which sent his vehicle careening across the street into another car, before coming to a rest after striking a third car parked in front of it.

The accident report said that Hall had been drinking. He was taken to an area hospital for treatment of minor head injuries.

◆ **ST. JOAN OF ARC**

CAMPAIGN WINDING DOWN: The general phase of the St. Joan of Arc expansion drive has been completed with a total accumulated pledge of \$352,657.

The drive was initiated by the church to reduce the parish debt incurred by the addition of nine classrooms to the parish school, and to build additional convent facilities for the Sisters.

Four hundred volunteers worked on the drive.

1981
25 years ago this week

◆ **1982 ASSESSMENTS CLIMB DESPITE SLOW ECONOMY:** Pointe property assessments will rise between 10 and 13 percent on homes during 1982, according to figures confirmed by the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation.

The assessments, the basis for city, school and county tax bills, were questioned by Pointe officials who cited the sluggish real estate market that has driven the value of houses down.

George McEachran, director of the bureau, has taken the objections under advisement and agreed to recompute figures for the Grosse Pointes and other county areas to ensure the numbers are accurate.

◆ **BANK ARCHITECTS TOLD TO REVISE BUILDING PLANS:** Although the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission has approved plans for the conversion of a gas station at Mack and Roslyn into a Michigan National Bank branch office, the bank architects have been told to revise their plans to make the bank more attractive before they return next month for final approval.

Chief among commission concerns were parking congestion and the outward appearance of the new bank. Traffic flow onto Mack was troubling to commission members, and the proposed new building was said to resemble too closely the former gas station.

Bank architects agreed to make changes to make it more attractive to the public.

◆ **WOODS POLICE ARREST FOUR:** Two Detroit men and two juveniles, wanted for a series of purse snatchings in Detroit and the Grosse Pointes, were arrested by Grosse Pointe Woods police after responding to a Harper Woods police broadcast.

Police arrested the four at about midnight after a shift-change briefing that the suspects were driving an allegedly stolen blue Pontiac. When the broadcast was made, officers waited at I-94 and Moross for the suspects to arrive. Police made the arrests after a brief chase and the suspects were

transported to Detroit's 15th District.

1996
10 years ago this week

◆ **DEFER PRINCIPAL LEAVES AFTER 21 YEARS WITH DISTRICT:** A statewide group operating charter schools has lured Defer principal Sheila Turney away from the school district for which she has worked for more than two decades.

Turney has accepted the post as principal of New Directions Institute in Pontiac, a charter high school operated by the Lansing-based Leona Group.

Turney was principal at Trombley Elementary School before coming to Defer. She began her career with the Grosse Pointe district as an assistant principal at Grosse Pointe High School.

◆ **POLICE GET NEW VAN FOR CRIME PREVENTION:** The five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have a new Plymouth Grand Voyager to use in crime prevention, thanks to Crime Stoppers, a regional anti-crime prevention program begun in St. Clair Shore five years ago.

The Pointes joined the program in 1994 and will maintain the Crime Stopper van. It has multiple uses within the communities, including pulling floats in area parades to advertise the crime prevention program.

2001
5 years ago this week

◆ **POINTES BEGIN PAYING TAXES ON PARKS:** Four of the five Pointe communities paid state and county taxes for their residents-only parks. Grosse Pointe Woods has been excepted because it pays a fee to St. Clair Shores for the use of its land at Lake Front Park.

The highest tax bill was footed by Grosse Pointe Shores, which paid \$38,695 for Osius Park and Ford Field. The City's Neff Park claimed the lowest taxable value of all the Pointe lakefront parks: \$460.

◆ **PARK LOOKING FOR MORE POWER FOR ITS SEWER SYSTEM:** Grosse Pointe Park officials are looking for a backup diesel generator for the city's sewer pumping station following a recent heavy rainstorm that flooded streets all over town.

Because the Park's sewage pumping station has primary and backup electrical links to Detroit Edison, an emergency diesel generator would provide risk protection in case the utility experiences a major disruption.

The estimated cost for a diesel generator is about \$60,000.

◆ **PARK TEENS HELP CAR CRASH VICTIM:** Two Grosse Pointe Park teenagers, both of whom are lifeguards, sprang into action assisting the victim of a car accident on westbound I-94 near I-696.

The youths, who were on their way home from a movie, pulled over after a woman driving a Jeep Wrangler lost control of her vehicle. The teens helped extract the woman from the vehicle and walk her to the side of the road.

The woman did not sustain any serious injuries.

— By John Lundberg

PARK: Plans made for big birthday bash

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"We have a very colorful history," Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "This will give us a chance to really celebrate our heritage."

Councilmember Robert Denner will act as a liaison and assist Herfert in her attempt to spread the word.

Hertifert said she will have more concrete plans in the upcoming weeks.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Village commerical district leads news

2006 in review

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

As the year 2006 opened, the air was full of anticipation, coupled with some uncertainty, as the Village business district had some unfinished business to complete.

There was still no formal accord to how the former Jacobson's department store, now named Kercheval Place, would be utilized, and the city council also had an unresolved issue with how to proceed with Lot 2 north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

In addition, the City's business was being managed by an interim city manager, while a nationwide search was being conducted for a permanent hire.

Throw into the mix a proposal to build a senior condominium complex on St. Clair just south of Kercheval by Sunrise Assisted Living and you have a very full plate.

First, the Kercheval Place redevelopment:

February

◆ A unanimous City of Grosse Pointe council opened the door for the Kercheval Place's new owner to solicit tenants for the vacant structure.

◆ Coldwater Creek, a woman's clothier, announced it will occupy 6,700 square feet of first-floor space in the block-long building. City officials permitted the clothier to rent a corner of the structure bounded by Kercheval and Notre Dame.

July

◆ City of Grosse Pointe officials have lined up a pair of paladins to protect the community's interests regarding replacement of the parking garage at Kercheval Place. The Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone have agreed to provide counsel at a projected fee of \$28,000.

◆ Condominiums have been cut out of Kercheval Place. The original plan submitted for the redevelopment of the complex called for the third and fourth levels to be used for condominium living. That plan is now off.

◆ Trader Joe's, a specialty grocery store heavy on imported products with five locations in Michigan, have expressed interest in occupying the rear

of Kercheval Place, contingent upon the City's construction of a \$3 million parking garage to accommodate the specialty grocer.

Owners of Kercheval Place have told city officials Trader Joe's is scheduled to occupy more than one-third of retail space allocated to the ground floor of the block-long former Jacobson's building on Kercheval. Trader Joe's 13,400-square-foot store in the Village would occupy space at the back of the building where Jacobson's dealt jewelry, women's shoes and clothing.

September

◆ Coldwater Creek's much-anticipated opening came without fanfare on Sept. 19. City officials granted permission after conducting a final walk-through the day before.

October:

◆ Men's clothier Jos. A. Bank announced it would move into the almost 5,000-square-foot section at 17030 Kercheval. Building Official Paul Weitzel said Jos. A. Bank acquired its building permit on Oct. 2.

◆ Increasing parking rates from 35 to 50 cents an hour is one way the City of Grosse Pointe intends to nickel and dime its way to paying for a new parking structure.

The \$3.5 million project — replacing the existing structure behind the Kercheval Place development — would be paid completely through the parking system, requiring rate increases for shoppers, store employees and office workers in the Village.

November

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe reached a formal agreement with Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates for the entire redevelopment of Kercheval Place in the Village shopping district. 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 citywide parking revenues.

The developer is obligated under the agreement to refurbish the entire former Jacobson's building. 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

ed \$36,000 in franchise fees. Kenyon said he wants to look at the bill's final wording before concluding the Shores will lose money under the deal.

"It's no secret AT&T was very anxious to get into this area," he said. "I have some concerns, but I want to see the signed bill."

The Michigan Municipal League lobbied hard against the bill's passage, which Kenyon said he and the other Pointe communities supported. But the league's efforts fell on "deaf ears," Kenyon said.

Supporters of the legislation point to AT&T's announced commitment of investing hundreds of millions of dollars in the state, and creating thousands of new jobs. The company also claims that opening up competition will save state cable subscribers \$1.8 million a day.

"It was a big lobbying force," Kenyon said.

"While we welcome competition, this may have been the wrong way to approach this."

Village Manager Mike Kenyon,
Grosse Pointe Shores

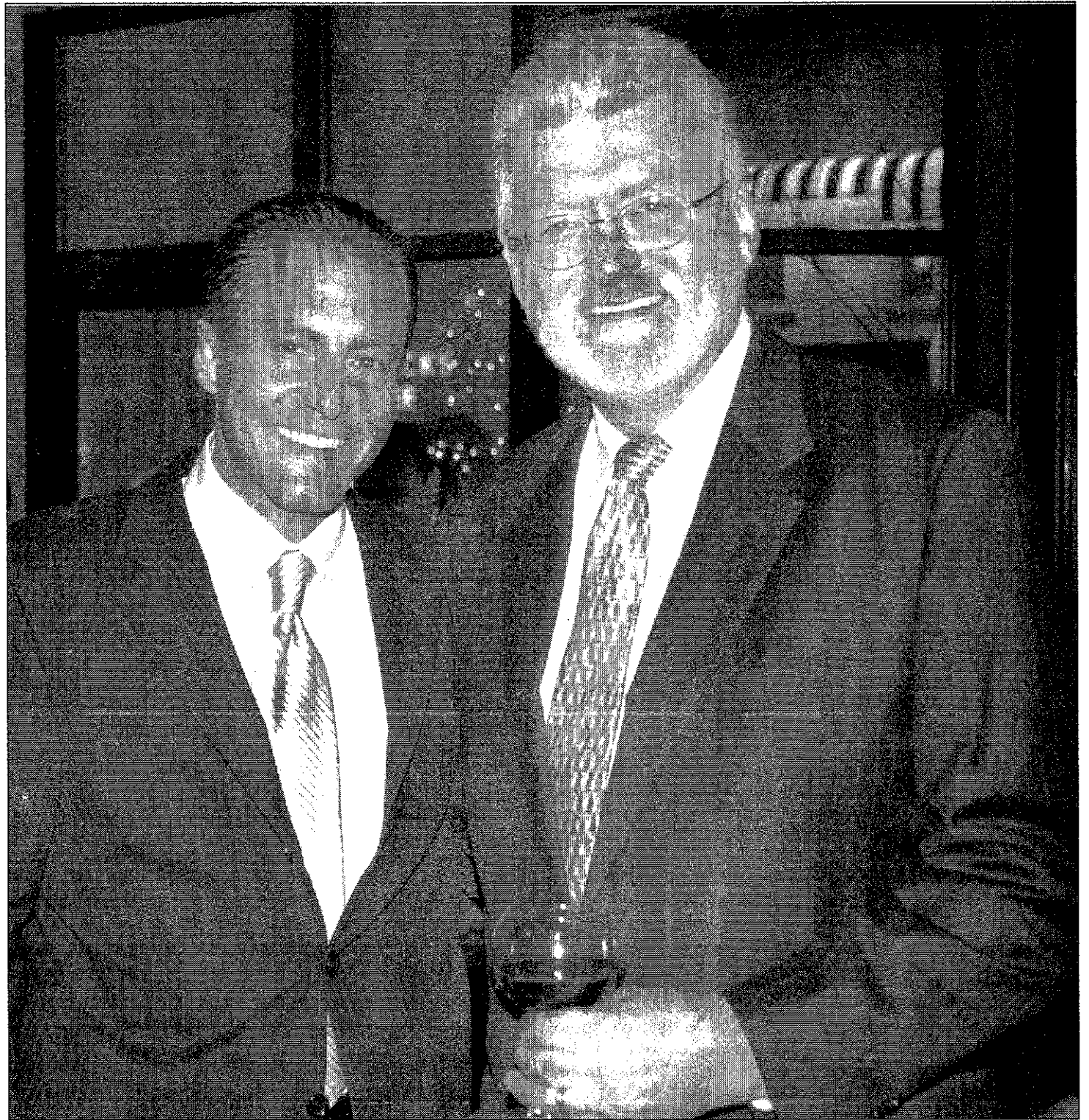


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, right, took time to make a congratulatory toast with Kercheval Place principal Frank Torrey. Fittingly on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving, City officials, Village merchants and residents attended a ribbon cutting marking the opening of two stores in the former Jacobson's building.

plans to have a collection area there for grocery carts.

December

◆ Responding to resident's concerns over the proposed parking garage behind Kercheval Place in the Village, the City council have made significant revisions to the structure plans that were introduced to the community three weeks ago.

One of the largest complaints from neighbors was the proximity of the garage and ramp to their property. Initially the deck was proposed to be as close as four feet from the residential property line. But, by moving the ramp indoors, the setback for the two-story structure has been increased to 16 feet.

The proposed structure will sit 19 feet from Notre Dame and 35 feet from St. Clair.

Another revision is that the first floor will house 90 flat level spaces, which is fewer than required by the developer, Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates. To move ahead, the city needs the developer's OK, which Peter Dame, city manager, does not see as an obstacle.

New City manager

The search is over for a City of Grosse Pointe manager.

Peter J. Dame, top candidate

for the job, started April 24. He offers the City 12 years municipal management experience, the last two as deputy village manager of Oak Park, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago with a population about equal to the five Grosse Pointes combined.

The 40-year-old married father of three is experienced handling major development projects, which is something that appealed to him about the City job.

He'll soon be the administration's point man on:

◆ Renovation and expansion of the former Jacobson's building now called Kercheval Place.

◆ Possible transformation of municipal parking Lot No. 2 into a mixture of retail, office and residential space.

Dame replaces Mike Overton, who resigned in December, 2005 after five years to administer Cheboygan County.

Dame also filled a vacancy created when Assistant City Manager Brian Vick resigned to become manager of DeWitt. The new Assistant City Manager is Al Fincham, who will also continue to serve as City police chief.

Dame's accomplishments in Oak Park include managing the successful launch of a free shuttle system, designing a

public works building and economic development, including a parking garage expansion.

Sunrise

Construction is slated to begin on The Sterling, a new 79-unit senior condo complex on St. Clair south of Kercheval in the late spring 2007. Sunrise Senior Living opened a rental office in the Village last summer to begin filling vacancies in the new complex.

Lot 2

The parking area north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair continues to be debated.

Village merchants recommended in 2006 to hold off on the Lot 2 project until an ac-

cord was reached with Kercheval Place and its tenants. Discussions have centered around converting the lot into a mixed use development containing residential, retail and office space.

With settlements reached with Kercheval Place and its new parking garage, city officials expect discussions to heat up once again.

Next year

As the City enters 2007, one thing is certain: There is going to be a flurry of construction activity beginning as early as February. But as 2006 fades from view, City officials, merchants and residents can applaud themselves on many positive things accomplished.

CABLE: Hidden pitfalls?

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companies. The City of Grosse Pointe recently approved the placement of equipment boxes employed by AT&T in eight public rights-of-way within the city. Though the City was successful in placing these boxes in disguised areas, they cannot require companies to camouflage them in any way.

"While we welcome competition, this may have been the wrong way to approach this," said Mike Kenyon, Grosse Pointe Shores village manager. "They get to use our rights-of-way and public areas with unfettered and unrestricted access."

"We had better look at the hidden pitfalls in this legislation."

Also at question are franchise fees. Under the new legislation, the fees collected by municipalities for franchise rights is capped at 5 percent of gross revenues. There are also concerns whether local broadcasting will be jeopardized under the new rules.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Hanne Nielsen has dual roles. Her practical training keeps her mind busy. Her hands and soul are satisfied through art.

Fostering talent and education

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Hanne Nielsen began her artistic path via a practical route.

Creativity was not fostered nor appreciated in her native home in Copenhagen, Denmark, in the 1950s and 1960s, she said, her voice containing its Danish accent. "You could dabble in it."

Her practical parents considered art frivolous, steering her into a stable business career.

"But I didn't like it. It has come in handy," she said. "I can balance my own check-book."

A degree from the University of Copenhagen School of Business where she focused on languages, and a dose of accounting, has provided Nielsen skills she has used time and again. She understands why her parents guided her into academics but she ultimately went her own way and became a gifted potter and fiber artist.

"My mother was a tailor and she was talented. I grew up around beautiful fabric. My sister was creative. It (an art career) wasn't assigned to me. I was funneled in an academic direction," she explained, while sitting in her yellow dining room on a gloomy December afternoon.

Her artistic talent surfaced and has netted the 60-year-old City resident the 2006 Volunteer of the Year award from the Wayne County Council for the Arts and the Michigan Association of Community Art Agencies. For this honor, she received a Pewabic vase. This token of appreciation touched her as humorous.

Nielsen works part time at the 100-year-old facility on Jefferson, volunteers there and has taken classes in the historic structure for more years than she can remember. She is cataloging its works, molds and correspondence, using funds from a four-year Americana Foundation grant. She was also instrumental in setting up the exhibition, "A Long Look Back" at Pewabic. "A feast for the eyes," she called it.

"Hanne has an important role in collection management," said Terese Ireland, Pewabic's executive director. Managing the storage, setting up the archives for accuracy, retrieval and safety of 104 years of material is under Nielsen's eye and is important

so that material can be part of a traveling exhibit, research can be accomplished easily and tells the pottery story, she explained.

"More importantly, she is the keeper of the archives. Hanne is a guide through the archives," Ireland said.

"I was an archivist before an artist," Nielsen said. "I have a lot more experience making order out of chaos. I'd rather be called a potter than an artist because it's not as pretentious," she said.

Documenting Pewabic materials is her job but her goal, and that of Pewabic, is to achieve accreditation for the archives and the material and make it accessible to scholars.

An interest in history surfaced when she told her parents of her career choice — an archaeologist. Denmark is literally fertile ground for archeological digs with castles, Viking ships, remnants of the Bronze and Iron ages and burial mounds scattered across a country the size of Vermont.

"We have to have continuity with the past or we are lost at sea. I've always been attracted to the past.

"I was attracted to Pewabic's history. My kids took classes there. They took them in the early '80s. It's a fabulous teaching institution. You can't beat it."

Nielsen follows through on her endorsement, taking one class a semester.

"There is always more to learn. There is inspiration from classmates. I can do clay here (in her house). It's a solitary (work and) I don't get the inspiration from others," she said.

She calls herself a potter but is also a gifted fiber artist and ceramicist with a long list of associations and interests.

Nielsen is a member of the Oriental Art Society, a volunteer at the Detroit Historical Museum, is the treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, a member of the Michigan Surface Design, a member of the Friends of Belle Isle and Preservation Wayne.

Being a member of the latter two, she pointed out, stems from her interest in history.

"I joined from my sense of obligation," she explained about the Friends of Belle Isle. "The aquarium never should have been closed. I'm making sure the greenhouse doesn't follow. Belle Isle would be a jewel in any other city," she said.

Nielsen moved to Ann Arbor from Copenhagen in 1968.

"It was more of a culture shock to move from Ann Arbor to Grosse Pointe than to move from Denmark to Ann Arbor," she said while sitting in her blue farmhouse. The December sky is darkening as dusk approaches giving Nielsen's house a gray cast. "I look good in blue," she said.

Vibrant colors are part of her life as she shows off the wool jacket she made for a Grosse Pointe Arts Association show. She said she would like to weave, if she had a loom. Instead she knits.

"Fiber was fun. Visually, it's the nicest. If I had a loom, I would weave with plastic, stick or paper. There's something primal about wool and die I'm attracted to," she said.

Due to her early-life experience with fabric, Nielsen has worked on costume restoration at an historical museum. When that job ended she was offered a part time job as a translator and editor for what she terms an obscure Asian art bulletin at Wayne State University.

Drawing on her language skills, Nielsen said she could translate the material but did not know what she was translating because the work was deep and meaningful about things such as Roman coins or the importance of the stripes on a Prussian saddle blanket. While on campus, she audited classes until she decided to get a degree in art history with a minor in fiber and ceramics. To obtain a degree she would have to take a studio class. "I fell into fiber," she said.

As much as she enjoys working with fiber, being a potter is her favorite.

"I love it. Throwing is meditative," Nielsen said.

She has reduced the time she spends throwing because of a physical condition. Her newest passion is making book covers.

Covering one wall of her work studio are dozens of textures, colors, print varieties all ready to be selected for her next book cover using a talent she said stems from her soul.

"I give them away or sell them. Mostly I give them away. I'd rather they go to a friend than a stranger," she said of those she completes.

From bookmaking to book-keeping, Nielsen has found a balanced route between the artistic and the practical side of her nature.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Hanne Nielsen's work room is filled with art supplies that nurture her desire to work in vivid color and texture, including the paper used for making book covers, her latest outlet for her artistic talent, which she said lies in her soul.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Bond proposal, foundation highlight 2006

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park was relatively quiet in 2006 with the brighter spots being the passage of the bond proposal and the 20th anniversary of the city's foundation.

Below is a look back at the city this past year:

January

City council OKs the annual Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the amount of \$71,000.

SOC is the big winner, receiving funds to offer more programs to senior citizens.

February

Grosse Pointe Park doctor Scott Dulchavsky was chosen to attend the Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy to work with the United States women's ice hockey team.

◆ The city's planning commission members amended several ordinances, removing the vagueness and replacing it with clean language.

"We're encouraged by what has transpired with how the planning commission cleaned up the ordinances," City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "The new wording makes it clear as to what our residents and city leaders can and cannot do when it comes to any issue that is presented before us."

"It's a step forward for us in Grosse Pointe Park," Planning Commission Chairman Robert Buhl said. "These ordinances are in the best interest of our community."

March

Krajniak and state represen-



The Warming Hut in Patterson Park, above, was paid for with funds from the city's foundation.

tatives make a concerted effort to bring relief to homeowners dealing with the long-term effects of Proposal A.

◆ Park resident Karen Kendrick-Hands earned the prestigious Up and Coming award given by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).

◆ Park detectives said they took a repeat offender off the streets, making city residents breathe a little easier.

"The guys worked very diligently to arrest the home invader," Park Deputy Chief John Schulte said. "The teamwork between our detectives and uniform officers was outstanding. It was a job well done by everyone, and now we took a habitual thief off the streets for what hopefully will be a long time."

Detectives arrested 47-year-old Robert Simmons, thanks to

evidence found at a home invasion on Kensington.

Simmons has an extensive criminal history involving home invasions.

◆ City council approved the purchase of four new public safety vehicles and one administrative vehicle.

The cost of the four squad cars is \$20,251.50 each for a total of \$81,006. The administrative vehicle cost \$20,594.

◆ Dredging at Windmill Pointe Park marina allowed boaters easier access in and out of the marina, especially for larger vessels, Director of Public Service Chris Reimel said.

April

Windmill Pointe Park hosts the Global ReLeaf of Michigan's 16th annual tree sale.

"This is the second year a community on the east side is hosting this effort," City Forester Brian Colter said. "Our focus the past year is on replacing dead ash trees lost to disease. We encourage the residents to plant trees, especially if a tree has been lost to disease."

Resident Mark Marcaccio and his business partner and second cousin David Salerno opened the 18th Street Deli Panini Cafe, located at 24605 Jefferson on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores.

◆ Department of Public Safety Chief Dave Hiller earned a Life Saving Award on the same night he presented two Civilian Commendation honors.

Hiller's award was for his act of heroism performed April 30, 2005, when he pulled two victims from burning automo-

biles involved in a car crash.

While driving south on I-75, Hiller witnessed a pick-up truck cross the median striking a vehicle traveling north. The impact ignited both vehicles into flames that quickly spread to three other cars involved in the accident.

Hiller, a 34-year veteran of the Park's department of public safety stopped his car, and reached into one of the burning vehicles with assistance from another passer-by and removed a passenger.

He returned to rescue a second victim.

"Without regard for his personal safety, Dave acted quickly to remove these victims from the burning vehicles. These life saving actions serve to further document the level of bravery and caring that Dave Hiller has demonstrated throughout his dedicated 34-year career," the award said.

The Civilian Commendation awards were given to Roy Solterisch and Barry Stapleton for helping apprehend criminals committing a larceny.

May

City council unanimously approved the city budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

"The budget is extremely tight," Krajniak said. "We're going to have to work with what we have."

◆ The fourth annual West Park Farmers Market kicked off the summer season at the end of May.

Vendors from the tri-county area and beyond came to the Park to sell their fruits, vegetables and more.

June

The Michigan Suburbs Alliance (MSA) welcomed the city of Grosse Pointe Park into

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its coalition of older, built-out suburbs, marking an increased interest by local governments in working together to address shared challenges.

"Communities are finding that addressing many of the issues they face requires reaching beyond their borders," MSA Executive Director Conan Smith said. "The Suburbs Alliance offers cities a forum for initiating collaborative actions and finding allies among their neighbors."

◆ The city received a \$20,000 Emerald Ash Borer Grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

"This is huge for us," Colter said. "We can use the money to plant trees to once again have a green canopy over Grosse Pointe Park. Our goal is to replace every ash tree cut down due to emerald ash borer with a diverse variety of highly desirable, yet under-used species."

August

During a council meeting, city officials speak out about negligent landlords, saying fines will be stiffer and will make a point when handed out.

"Councilman Robert Denner and I have taken a lot of time looking into some of the rental properties in the city that are in shambles," councilman James Robson said. "They're an eyesore to the community and something has to be done to

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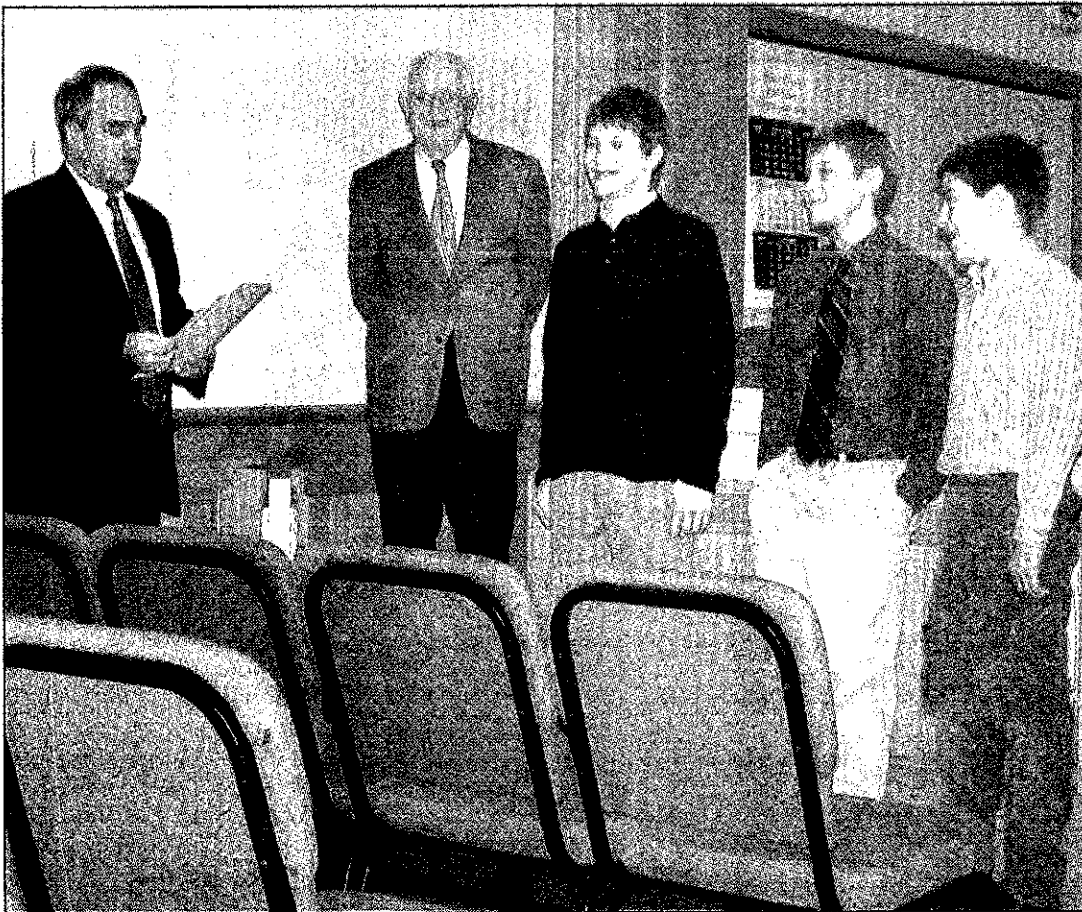
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Three Pierce Middle School students were honored for helping catch a thief. The students are pictured above from left, Alex Bedan, Sean Millavec and Connor Flaska.

PARK: Foundation celebrates

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correct this problem."

City council is seeking a \$7 million bond to address rental properties, parking problems and more.

September

Marge's Bar celebrates its 40th anniversary with a party Sept. 16. Patrons had the luxury of watching the University of Michigan football team crush host Notre Dame.

◆ The West Park Farmers Market has its season finale Sept. 30.

◆ City council gives the League of Women Voters approval to hold a forum on the bond proposal residents will vote on in November.

October

Patterson Park hosted a jewelry show Oct. 14. It gave shoppers a chance to buy that early holiday present.

◆ Residents find out they do not need flood insurance.

◆ Proprietor John Hunter is interested in opening a Jazz Cafe on Kercheval. Hunter and building owner Peter Dow appear before city council to discuss the possible business venture.

After a lengthy discussion, council tables the issue.

◆ Windmill Pointe Park hosted its annual Halloween Party during the final weekend of October. Its intent is to keep city children safe trick-or-treating.

November

Voters approved a \$7 million bond proposal Nov. 7.

After the totals were calculated, 3,331 voted yes and 2,430 voted no.

"We're glad the people supported our bond issue," Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "The benefit to the residents will far exceed the costs. Much of the credit goes to the workers for the marketing of the bond issue."

◆ Detective Lt. Jim Smith, a 29-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety, was honored as a Distinguished Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

◆ Colter earns the Community Volunteer of the Year award from the Jefferson East Business Association during a ceremony Nov. 17.

December

The city's foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary. The foundation donated the money needed for construction of the Warming Hut adjacent to the skating rink at Patterson Park.

"Our foundation members are very generous and we appreciate that here in Grosse Pointe Park," councilmember Shirley Kennedy said.

◆ Hiller and Heenan honor

Pierce Middle School students and Sean Millavec for their role in catching a thief.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Library to host fun run

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park will be the site of the inaugural H.T. Ewald Foundation Fun Run in the fall of 2007.

Park city council gave unanimous approval for the city to host the event during its Dec. 11 meeting.

Donations will help Detroit area high school students earn a higher education.

"The Ewald family gave us a lot of money to help build the library and I think having this

run is the least we can do," Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said.

"We discussed when to have the run with all parties involved," Park Public Safety Director Dave Hiller said. "We thought it would be better to host it in the fall when there is less traffic than having it this spring when our traffic is heavier."

Cliff Ewald, H.T. Ewald Foundation treasurer, said in a letter to Heenan and the city council, "In honor of the late Ted Ewald, Jr. and in celebra-

tion of our connection with metro Detroit teens, we would like to host the first annual H.T. Ewald Foundation Fun Run in Grosse Pointe Park. Ted was an avid runner and a promoter of good health."

The start and finish line will be at the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Library, which was also the home of Ted Ewald's car dealership.

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Out with 2006,
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2006 will not be remembered as a very robust year in the Grosse Pointes and Michigan, what with the sluggish economy and snail's-space home sales, but there were significant news items during the year.

After being vetoed the year before, Kercheval Place — the redevelopment of the former Jacobson's building — finally gained traction. Its developers — Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates — nixed the idea of topping off the former department store with condominiums and instead decided to limit the scope of the project to the building proper.

Consequently, the Notre Dame corner of the building was built out for women's clothier Coldwater Creek, which opened in September. Last month, men's clothier Jos. A. Bank opened at the St. Clair corner.

The City of Grosse Pointe council agreed in concept to raze the existing parking deck and build a new, \$4 million, two-level structure to accommodate second-floor offices and a ground-level specialty grocer, Trader Joe's East. The council's acquiescence is tentative pending a signed long-term lease by the grocer.

The new senior condominium project, The Sterling of Grosse Pointe, planned for the Village between St. Clair and Neff, south of Kercheval, opened a sales office and, we are told, has received many deposits from prospective condo buyers. The Sterling is expected to open in late 2008.

Should both the Kercheval Place parking deck and The Sterling projects get under way in 2007, construction traffic in the Village will become the norm and, no doubt, test patience, but it will be worth it for Grosse Pointe in the long run.

Our biggest hope for the Village in 2007 is that an agreement can be reached with Jonna Co. to build a new Kroger store on the City's municipal parking Lot 2. We believe residents of the lower Pointes need a modern grocery store, and Kroger, which has been in the Village since 1940, deserves a chance to enhance its presence.

Grosse Pointe Park officials were elated in November when voters approved a \$7 million bond issue that will be used for rental property conversions to single family homes, additional parking, ash tree removal and other positive improvements.

Accretion continued to build up along the shoreline in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores. The Farms just this month began a grooming and restoration project for the accreted corner where the Pier Park breakwall meets Lakeshore near the foot of Moross. The state Department of Environmental Quality has yet to approve the remedial work.

Lakeshore homeowners in the Shores continue to discuss with Village and state officials about what can be done about accretion, which has grown into an 80-acre problem.

Meanwhile, Shores officials are working on a municipal harbor modernization plan that may help abate some accretion occurring north of the park.

Grosse Pointe Woods had a rocky year, what with a term limits referendum making the November ballot and an automatic rifle firing incident occurring on Hollywood following a supervised teen birthday party.

Fortunately, Woods voters wisely rejected the term limits proposal. Limiting how long state or federal elected officials may hold office may have some merit since the opportunity for corruption in higher office is far greater — as recent scandals have confirmed — but at the local level, term limits do not make sense.

First, there is little to gain either financially or influentially by being a Pointe mayor or council member. Second, there is no lobbyist money or other kinds of bribery that would tempt less stalwart elected officials. There is little power or influence to be bought on the local level.

As for the shooting, fortunately no one was injured, but residents are edgy, especially since an arrest has not been made and the gun has not been recovered. However a Crime Stoppers reward is being offered for information. Call (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587).

The coming year will most likely include a \$1 million reworking of the Mack Avenue boulevards and turnarounds north of Vernier in the Woods. Some \$800,000 of the cost is being paid by county grants. The turnarounds should increase safety by requiring motorists to make "Michigan-lefts" rather than shooting straight across Mack and busy intersections, such as that at Brys.

Despite a lackluster year, economy wise, much was accomplished in the Grosse Pointes in 2006. Now if home sales and business activity will break out of the doldrums, 2007 will be clear sailing.

Happy New Year!

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Thanks
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To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to thank the business owners and merchants who so generously contributed either gifts or gift certificates to our annual scholarship luncheon/fashion show held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Nov. 15. With their donations, the

club was successful in reaching the goal set for this year's event.

Our sincere thanks to Coldwater Creek Grosse Pointe for presenting the lovely fashion show, Mes Amies Salon for styling the models hair and Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe for accessorizing our models with her jewelry.

We greatly appreciate the donations from the following business owners: Pongracz-

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Peters Funeral Services, for the printing of the tickets; and Carol Small of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and her staff for their great service.

The College Scholarship Awards are given each year in May to two recipients, one each from North and South high schools. Those awards are sent to the college of their choice for each student which met the scholastic goals set forth by the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club.

My special thank you to my co-chairs Mary Ann Schwartz, Helen Endres, our President Pamela Zimmer; and all members of my committee for their help and support.

We sincerely thank each one for your contributions and we speak for the future recipients as well.

JOYCE STEDMAN
Chairman
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VIEWPOINT By Ryan S. Olson and Matt Moore

Time to get serious about school
employee pension reform

On Election Day, voters in every Michigan county decisively rejected the union-driven education spending mandate known as Proposal 5, part of which would have transferred a portion of future, unsustainable school employee pension costs from local school districts to the state's general fund.

But a problem the proposal sought to address still remains: underfunded school employee pensions. Future responsibility for the underfunded promises of the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System (MPERS) will continue to burden school districts, and substantive pension reform is the only way to ensure school employees' and taxpayers' security.

MPERS is a defined-benefit program, meaning the system promises members health insurance coverage and a set monthly pension payment upon their retirement. It is easy to get distracted by all the technical public finance and accounting language such as "present value," "expected rates of return" and "life expectancies." But the concept is simple. If the fund's assets do not equal what it promises to pay, it is "underfunded" or, more accurately, overpromised.

According to the latest MPERS financial report, the program is 83.7 percent funded. That means that the pension fund's assets are only 83.7 percent of what actuaries have projected it will need to pay out to retired members, which amounts to a shortfall of about \$7.5 billion.

Private-sector employers are realizing defined-benefit systems like MPERS do not serve today's aging and mobile workforce. MPERS promises members health insurance coverage and a set monthly pension payment upon their retirement.

This fact would not be so onerous, if the ratio of assets to liabilities had been holding steady or increasing. But that isn't the case. Just six years ago, MPERS was 99.3 percent funded. The slip is due to a variety of factors, including a stock market slump, increasing numbers of retirees and too few new participants replacing the retired ones.

Strangely, reform of MPERS has been avoided by state legislators, even though increasing burdens are weighing on school boards and administrators. Consider the schools' perspective: This year, contributions to the pension system will likely cost school districts approximately \$1,040 per student, according to a recent estimate from Michigan's Senate Fiscal Agency. Moreover, MPERS payments last year were estimated to have eaten up more than half of the increase in per-student state funding. The Senate Fiscal Agency projects that this year, MPERS costs will consume almost 13 percent of districts' tax-funded income.

To deal with these rising costs, more than one-third of Michigan school districts are laudably pursuing better management strategies by compet-

itively contracting noninstructional services. Others are seeking reasonably priced, quality health insurance benefits. But a sound solution for the over-promised system would offer even more relief to districts.

Raising taxes when the bills come due would be a questionable policy. It would mean that the majority of Michigan taxpayers, in addition to investing for their own retirement, would be on the hook for the unfunded liabilities. Other approaches would place more of the burden on the public employees themselves: raise the retirement age, close the system to new hires or hike the contribution rate.

A better solution would be to emulate the private sector. Private-sector employers are realizing defined-benefit systems like MPERS do not serve today's aging and mobile workforce. Instead, many employers are transitioning to defined-contribution plans such as 401(k)s. A defined-contribution plan could help to eliminate the program's underfunded promises and protect taxpayers from the program's debt.

Such a program can be designed in a way that protects

inexperienced investors, keeps administrative costs low and allows participants to build the largest possible retirement nest egg while reducing risk as retirement age approaches. State officials could look to the federal Thrift Savings Plan, a 401(k) plan for millions of federal employees, as an example.

This trend toward defined-contribution plans isn't new, even among public employees in Michigan. Nearly a decade ago, Michigan lawmakers closed the Michigan State Employee Retirement System and instituted a defined-contribution plan for new state employees.

Michigan citizens and school employees should keep a close eye on the underfunded promises of MPERS. While MPERS reform may not seem a pressing problem today, failing to address this impending crisis will add increasing strain on education budgets, shoving aside spending on schools' primary instructional mission. Now that a healthy majority of voters have rejected Proposal 5's ominous pension funding shift, state legislators must take responsibility for reforming the school employee pension system for the good of the employees and of Michigan residents.

Ryan S. Olson is director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute based in Midland; and Matt Moore is a senior policy analyst with the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas.

I SAY By Name Goeshere

The perfect gift is still in the mail



To what lengths would you go to buy a gift? I'm not inclined to stand in line all night to buy an electronic gadget. Nor will I be seen at 5 a.m. joining a crush of people to buy a big screen television or the latest Elmo. I have neither the time nor patience to surf the Web. I'm not a very good bargain hunter. I know what I want and settling for something else gives me a disappointed feeling.

Yet, I amazed myself earlier this month by taking the time

to view more than 1,400 mailboxes on the Internet. I was even more surprised when I found on Amazon.com there were more than a million sites answering to the name mailbox. Ouch.

Our house's mailbox has seen better days. It's weathered and worn. I blame the glut of catalogs that are delivered to my house beginning right after Labor Day. I'd like to find the culprit who sold my name and address so I would get catalogs I don't want and are promptly returned to sender.

Back to the mailbox. I found the perfect one at The HenryFord gift shop during a summer visit. Of course, I didn't buy it because I knew I could find it online and have it sent to the house when Christmas gift buying season

rolled around.

Gift-giving time rolled around and it was time to tap into Web buying.

This perfect mailbox, which would fit snugly into an impossibly small area that had been allotted for said mailbox, was not to be found.

Since it wasn't online, I called a helpful woman in the gift shop.

No, they didn't have it, she said, and wouldn't be stocking it. In fact, she wasn't even familiar with said brushed silver, art deco mailbox.

That's all right, I said, knowing full well the Internet has "everything."

As my husband is fond of saying, "If you can't find it there, you can't find it anywhere."

I have found his words prophetic.

I looked up mailboxes and went to more mailbox sites than I realized existed. Who knew?

After a while, they were all beginning to look the same — the dolphins, the manatees, the locked, the verticals and the horizontals. There were dozens of brass, steel, wooden and plastic mailboxes. There were retro, modern, antique and artistic. There were clever and not-so clever. If you lived by the shore, there were appropriate mailboxes. Mailboxes with the country look could be had for a click of the mouse. Favorite football teams, alma maters and hobbies can be represented by mailboxes. Funny or functional, those mailboxes were just a click away.

After searching various specialty Web sites and

Amazon.com, alas and alack, my dream mailbox was nowhere to be found.

Hmm. What to do?

Should I just settle for any old mailbox that fit the space? Should I continue the search?

This is a mailbox. It holds junk mail, birthday cards, catalogs, election fliers, letters and bills.

Does it make a statement about the family who lives inside the house? Or is it just a functional item?

I would like to say it's only functional and a black box would fulfill the same task as my "perfect mailbox." I can't because I feel disappointed that "perfect" box isn't even on the Internet, at least for my limited searching skills. That little box has a meaning.

It holds more than invitations, informational material

and thank yous. It does make a statement. Someone out there wants to communicate with us, whether it's the electric company, L.L. Bean or my mother-in-law. It holds little surprises six days a week.

Some people go through their mail once a week. I can't hold off that long. Returning from a vacation, one of the first things to be done is to rifle through the mail. What surprises are waiting?

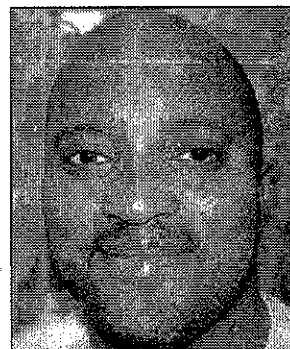
That's why the perfect mailbox should be mounted on the front porch wall. It needs to be there to accept those communications that someone has taken the time to send me via snail mail.

The mailbox dilemma is yet to be solved because this time I will be going to great lengths to purchase just the right mailbox to hold my daily missives.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

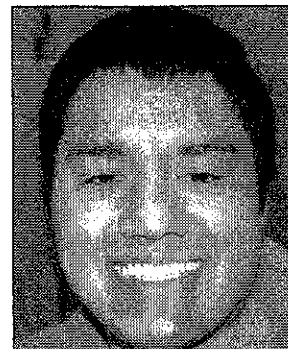
Do you watch holiday bowl games?

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



'No I don't. I prefer to watch the Tigers and the Pistons.'

STANLEY BROOKS
Detroit



'Yes I do. Unfortunately, Michigan State isn't playing in one but there's always next year.'

PAUL LOREDO
City of Grosse Pointe



'Yes, my Dad and I watch them together.'

MICHAEL LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



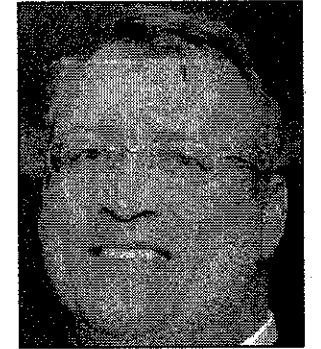
'I always watch bowl games and this year I will watch Michigan and LSU.'

JORDAN MAXWELL
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes. I am going to watch Michigan in the Rose Bowl and Ohio State vs. Florida.'

JOEY DIEHL
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes. I find college football to be far superior to other sports because they are playing for the love of the game.'

MARSHALL IRBY
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Mayor Kilpatrick grows into the job



A few short years back a visiting journalist asked me what I thought about Detroit's new Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, whose first-term shenanigans, style and spending proclivities had gotten him unwanted national media attention.

With a straight face, I told the visitor Detroit had the best 13-year-old mayor a city could get. My great hopes for the city when Kilpatrick, then 34, was elected had been dashed by the juvenile behavior of the mayor and some of his key appointees.

To show you how far he's come, when Kilpatrick rose to speak to the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe recently, he got a standing ovation. Now if you know Rotarians, who are determinedly friendly and prone to gestures of respect, that isn't so significant.

But when Mayor Kilpatrick finished speaking, having smoothly articulated his transformational plans for his shrinking city and answering some hardball questions, he got another standing ovation. And that was impressive.

His Honor spoke of his concerns for the Detroit school system and its need to find the right course to make its classrooms attractive to families with children.

"This is the most impressive transformational opportunity in the history of the city," Kilpatrick said. "The city wouldn't have refocused if the auto industry hadn't done it first."

He cited as positives the Detroit Riverfront redevelopment, which will transform the waterfront from the Renaissance Center to Belle Isle to recreational and residential uses. Part of that will include moving Chene Park to

Hart Plaza. He said there were 75 new businesses in the city and 40 new restaurants and drew a laugh when he added: "As you can see, I'm no stranger to eating."

The mayor also said he got booed when he told the folks in Bloomfield Township his favorite suburb was Grosse Pointe because you don't have to get on a freeway to get there.

He said his major concerns were high taxes and insurance rates, and he encouraged Grosse Pointers to partner with the developers of the Fox Creek redevelopment project, which will stretch from the water to Mack and from Conner to Alter roads and include a new park. Later he announced plans to focus on six neighborhoods as the start of the city's transformation.

One of those neighborhoods is Brightmoor on the west side where I spent my formative years. Heck, it wasn't any great shakes then. There were abandoned cars in an empty lot across from our house on Fielding. We thought they were a playscape. We gathered discarded camouflage material from a nearby plant and fought World War II from pretend tanks and foxholes we carved out of that weedy area near Fenkell.

My dad was a Canadian house painter who didn't have a high school degree. But he was extremely well read and passed that passion on to his four children. We were poor, but didn't even know it. Dad saved his money and bought a farm in the Thumb in 1946. I missed the smell of diesel bus exhaust for years afterward.

Brightmoor hasn't gotten better in the intervening half century, and only time will tell if Mayor Kilpatrick's ambition for our city will be realized. But from his appearance at the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, it looks like he is getting his house in order, and I owe him an apology for that smart remark about a 13-year-old. He has a tough, tough job and could use all the help he can get.

Fidoi is gone

Richard Wright, whom we all called Dick, died two weeks ago. He was a friend and colleague at both The Detroit News and Wayne State University, where he and I traded off directing the journalism program over the last decade and a half.

At a memorial service at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, the eloquent Rev. **Peter Smith** talked about Dick's strengths and his weaknesses and put the rotund newspaperman, who joined WSU in 1985 after decades with the Free Press, Automotive News and The Detroit News, in proper perspective.

Dick and I shared a special bond because we both went through college in the cold war and we both studied Russian. Neither of us had much respect for bureaucracy and petty authority. Nor did we take ourselves very seriously. Whenever we were confronted with a crisis of seemingly insurmountable proportions, he would say, smiling: "Now nothing can go wrong."

When I was leaving for the day and Dick was arriving to teach a night class, I would ceremoniously pretend to pass him the torch of educational leadership and tell him he was in charge.

Dick was always a gentle hand at the helm. He simply liked people and treated each individual with respect. We often saw Dick with his daughter, Debbie, who wrote about her relationship with her dad:

"I was born profoundly deaf and went through years of intensive speech therapy in order for me to communicate with my family and the hearing world. There were many words I couldn't pronounce correctly for a long time, 'father' was one of them. I called him Fidoi, and so did my siblings."

A WSU colleague, **Jack Lessenberry**, spoke on Dick's behalf: "He was such a marvelously understated guy that many people never realized how smart he was or how

much he knew.

"... He had an encyclopedic knowledge of cars and the auto industry. ... Dick had written books, knew German and Russian and had a law degree. He was a superb automotive journalist. ... But he was so personally modest you might have thought he was someone who worked the counter in an auto parts store."

Dick happily led his clumsy colleagues in journalism from the world of typewriters through the computer revolution, nursing some of those early, bulky machines into life when the rest of us had thrown up our hands.

While other faculty would complain about their problem students, I don't think Dick ever met a student he didn't like

and respect and would hope that each student would be successful in journalism.

The Rev. Smith closed his remarks by recounting a last visit shortly before Dick's death and said that Dick was comfortable and felt he had lived life to the fullest.

Dick edited the last chapter of his own life, Smith told the mourners. Then he reminded each of us that we had an opportunity to live by that example. Each of us still has the opportunity to edit that last chapter.

Debbie, who has remained a happy person like her father as she has overcome the obstacles facing a deaf person in our society wrote:

"Like my Fidoi, I have a great sense of humor, great love of

writing and reading, and (an) imaginative and creative mind. I also am proud to say that my middle name almost mirrors his. ... His is Allen, and mine is Ellen...

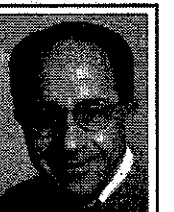
"Dad is not really gone. He lives on through his children, grandchildren, friends and other people whose lives were touched by him. We will keep his memory alive and close to our hearts for we all have our own special guardian angel watching over us, laughing and smiling."

"Fidoi, we will miss you."

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Points about the Pointes

Your Holiday and New Year's photos... where will they end up in 2007 and beyond?



You've got a media card full of pictures you took over the Christmas holidays, and you're about to fill another media card with photos from New Year's Eve. The big question is, "What next?"

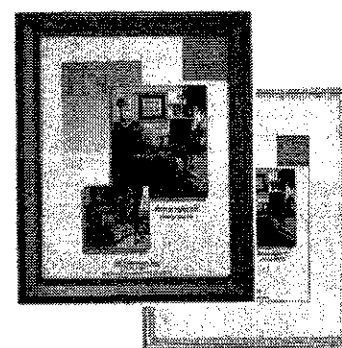
If you're like most of us, they'll go to your hard drive. If you have a printer at home, you might print a few of them, but after an hour or so of watching your mini printer print a dozen pictures, the novelty will surely wear off, and

you'll stop the printer (if it hadn't already jammed and stopped itself).

My suggestion is to make life simple. Send us your photos at www.speedphoto.com and we'll print them for you for only 18 cents a print, or you can stop in and sit down at one of our digital image stations and order them and pick them up in a few hours.

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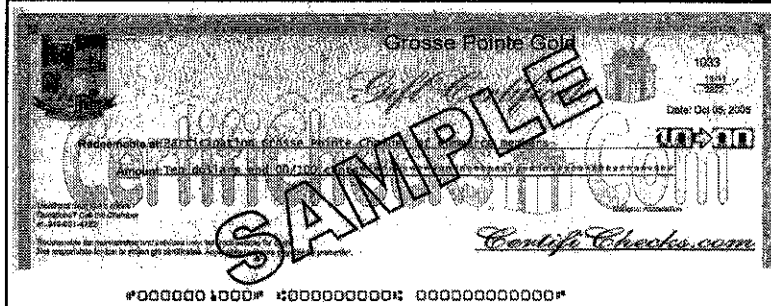
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Costello Design moved

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated its first-ever ribbon cutting in Grosse Pointe Park at Costello Design Group, which moved from Jefferson and Maryland to 15108 Kercheval. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Mary Huebner, executive director Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Vinay Pallegar, Costello Design Group's chief technical officer, Palmer Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park mayor, Bill Costello, owner of Costello Design Group, and Shirley Kennedy, Grosse Pointe Park councilmember. Costello Design Group works primarily with creating Web sites and other interactive marketing

materials. They have clients all around the globe, including Grosse Pointe Woods' Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers.

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PEOPLE



KEVIN M. DIDIO, a Butzel Long attorney and shareholder, was recently named regional vice chair for Lex

Mundi Pro Bono Committee. The newly formed committee will work directly with the Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation, a charitable organization affiliated with Lex Mundi, that supports pro bono projects around the world.

DiDio will serve as vice chair for three years and participate in the exchange of ideas and best practices with the other 11 regional vice chairs from around the world.

He is based in Butzel Long's Detroit office and is a member of the firm's Transaction, Finance and Taxation Practice Group. His primary areas of practice include: corporations, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies (LLCs); mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, and reorganizational transactions; corporate finance; international licensing and product distribution transactions; and tax and succession planning issues for closely held businesses.

He is a member of the Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the State Bar of Michigan. DiDio is a member of the ABA's Committee on Partnerships

and Unincorporated Business Organizations, and is the immediate past Chairman of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Section.

His community activities include: current board member, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit; former board member, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Metropolitan Detroit Chapter; member, French-American Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Chapter; and former president, Detroit Athletic Club Intermediates.

In 2005, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Legal Aid and Defender Association in recognition of his pro bono work in the community. DiDio is fluent in the French language and served four years in the United States Marine Corps.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., Tax Concentration Program, 1997) and the University of Michigan (B.A., Economics, 1993). While in law school, DiDio was awarded the Jurisprudence Achievement Award for Business, Securities and Tax Planning and competed at the 1997 Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition.

DiDio is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

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THEODORE G. COUTILISH has been named associate vice president of the Office of Marketing and Communications at Eastern Michigan University. Previously, Coutilish was executive director, account management, Office of Marketing and Communications at Wayne State University. Before WSU, he served as director of publications at Oakland University and publications manager at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is past president of the Detroit chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators and teaches a class, on newsletters and corporate publications, for WSU's journalism department. Coutilish and his wife, Mary Beth Langan, live in Grosse Pointe.

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CHRISTOPHER OLZEM was appointed vice president, commercial loan officer of Peoples State Bank, announced Michael J. Tierney, president and CEO.

He will be responsible for maintaining a loan portfolio through the development of business relationships with current and new customers. He will be working closely with business owners with their financial service needs, including assistance obtaining business credit.

Previously, Olzem was vice president and a commercial loan officer at Citizens State Bank in Clinton Township. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. Olzem is a member of the Leukemia Research Life Incorporated, the Clinton Township Area Optimist Club and St. Joseph Century Club. Olzem is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

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FELIPE B. TORRES is a new associate at the law firm of Williams Acosta PLLC. He will provide support for the firm's commercial transactions, real estate, environmental regulation, eminent domain and litigation practice areas. Torres was sworn in Friday, Nov. 17, at the Wayne County Circuit Court in front of his father, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Isidore B. Torres. Felipe Torres' uncle, Bay City Juvenile Court Referee Abel B. Torres, presided in the ceremony.

Torres is a 2006 graduate of Wayne State University Law School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan. He resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

Money was board's main topic for 2006

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It was a cash conscious year for Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

Most Grosse Pointe Board of Education meetings during 2006 could have opened to the theme song of "The Apprentice," for the topic of money, money, money — wormed its way into discussion after discussion.

Board members wrangled with how to maintain and improve services while anticipating up to \$5 million less in state funding next year than hoped.

Brendan Walsh, elected to the board in May and named president by his colleagues in July, wrapped up the final meeting of the year by talking about the budget.

Walsh said trustees and administrators must go after budget solutions "like a dog to a bone."

For all the work done so far, more lies ahead.

"We're doing spade work," Walsh said. "This is grunt work, getting into a trench and digging deeper and deeper until we find a way to reach equilibrium in our financial model. I applaud everyone's efforts for that. We've made great progress with opportunities ahead of us."

In Grosse Pointe, education

means more than public schools. The community's private schools served up some of the year's biggest news.

♦ At University Liggett School, longtime Headmaster Matthew Hanly announced he will resign at the end of this school year.

♦ St. Paul Catholic School was named a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

♦ Mandarin Chinese entered the curriculum of the Grosse Pointe Academy. The course is being taught by a former Chinese university professor.

♦ Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrated its 50th anniversary.

January

♦ Following months of discussion, Grosse Pointe Board of Education members approve a 100-year lease with the Grosse Pointe Library Board for land where the new Grosse Pointe Woods branch library has been built at Mack and Vernier.

♦ Mention anywhere in the world and Matthew Vengalil, Chris Jenkins and Jessie Ding can probably point it out.

They're winners of the Parcels Middle School geography bee. Vengalil, an eighth-grader and overall winner, will represent the school in the state competition.

♦ Grosse Pointe North High School physics teacher Don Pata is named science teacher



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Welcome Home house for Habitat for Humanity, funded by Grosse Pointe public school students for donation to a family who lost their home to Hurricane Katrina, is built by students and community volunteers in a South High School parking lot. It took about five hours to frame the three-bedroom house and a half-hour to divide it into 20 sections for shipping to Mississippi.

of the year by the Metro Detroit Science Association.

♦ Grosse Pointes' Blue Dolphin unified high school synchronized swim team performs during dedication ceremonies of the Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit.

February

♦ The College Board designates 211 Grosse Pointe South High School students as AP Scholars based on college-level advance placement examinations.

♦ All extra-curricular and co-curricula activities could be shifted to a pay-to-participate basis within five years.

School board members say implementing fees of \$25 to \$100 would raise \$60,000, or half of the activities' operating expenses.

♦ The elementary school class rotation will stay as is. The non-change is one of three proposed budget cuts removed from consideration in the face of constituent protest.

Also taken off the table are eliminating high school music accompanist and reading support personnel at the elementary level.

♦ Thomas Ridella, seventh grade, wins the St. Clare of Montefalco spelling bee championship.

♦ Seven district employee groups are offered early retire-

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ment. The incentive, approved by the school board, would trim a 2006-07 budget shortfall projected between \$3 million to \$7.1 million.

March

♦ Members of a parents group complain that a draft of the district's adolescent health education curriculum (sex ed) needs to be thrown out and rewritten.

The curriculum proposal stems in part from a district survey and a committee made of parents, students and members of the community at large.

♦ The \$2.1 million Grosse Pointe Academy Performing Arts Center opens on time and on budget.

"We are building something that says it's important enough to the academy to give space that is its' own," said Head of School Phil Demartini.

The facility represents the first phase of a \$10 million Tradition and Tomorrow campaign. Other phases include transforming the first-floor library into classrooms and building an endowment for

teacher salaries and benefits to attract high quality staff.

♦ Tougher high school mathematics and science graduation requirements being considered by state officials are old news to Grosse Pointe students.

♦ For the second consecutive year, the Grosse Pointe Academy chess team brings home a third place trophy from the Michigan Elementary Reserve (K-5) division of the Michigan Chess Association state championship.

♦ Ian Flick is a finalist in the 2006 Michigan Geographic Bee. Flick is in eighth grade at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

♦ Maire Elementary School students and teachers raise more than \$1,400 for Project Welcome Home, a Habitat for Humanity house to be built for a family whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

April

♦ Board members investigate ways to jump start the revenue enhancement committee.

Meanwhile, committee members withdraw a request for \$100,000 in seed money to get started raising millions of dollars for educational programs. Instead, the committee will launch with \$10,000 donated by school board Vice

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TOPIC: 2006 money woes, achievements

From page 11A

President Lisa Vreede and her husband, Mark.

◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Pools plan to raise \$320,000 to expand South High's proposed new eight-lane swimming pool to 12 lanes, complete with a diving board. The facility would replace the school's original pool built 80 years ago.

◆ MEAP test results of Grosse Pointe public school elementary students show strong advancements in reading, writing, science and mathematics.

Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, said a 31 percent gain in writing scores at the elementary level resulted from a concentrated effort on writing in the past year.

"It is job one," she said.

◆ Matthew Vengalil wins the

state MathCounts championship and Michigan's National Spelling Bee. Vengalil, a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Parcels Middle School, will travel in May to Washington, D.C., to compete for national titles in both competitions.

◆ Kathryn Calabresa, an English and French teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, wins the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe "Make a Difference for Women Award."

May

◆ Brendan Walsh and Fred Minturn win uncontested elections to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Walsh, a graduate of South High, had been appointed to the board last summer to fill an opening created by the resignation of Joan Richardson. Minturn is a Grosse Pointe Shores trustee and North graduate.

◆ An Arbor Day drawing by Julia Anter, in third grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea, is recognized by the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree

Commission during Arbor Week celebrations.

◆ School board members unanimously appoint Mary Beth Smith, Kathleen Allen, James Haley and Edwin Frederickson to fill upcoming vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Library Board.

◆ Grosse Pointe elementary and middle schools earn high marks in the state's annual Adequate Yearly Progress ranking.

All elementary schools, except Poupard, and all three middle schools receive an "A" for the 2005-06 academic year. Poupard earns a high "B."

◆ Vreede resigns from the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. She cited her husband's ill health and need to be available to her family.

June

◆ Members of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) at North High stage the scene of a deadly car crash caused by drunken driving.

Theatrics occur during an outdoor assembly scheduled toward the end of the school year to shock classmates into

behaving responsibly during prom and graduation festivities.

◆ General fund expenditures anticipated in the district's proposed 2006-07 budget are about \$5 million less than current amounts. The fund totals \$104 million.

◆ Matthew Forbes, a student at St. Paul Catholic School, is the fifth-grade winner in the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

◆ Al Silverston packs his briefcase and takes one more look around his second-floor classroom at Parcels Middle School. Silverston, who taught math at Parcels for 37 of his 41 years as a teacher, retires this month.

◆ Husband and wife Tom and Cheryl Teetaert wrap up their education careers and plan retirement.

Tom Teetaert, assistant principal of North High, worked 41 years in the Grosse Pointe district. Cheryl Teetaert worked 17 years as a fourth and fifth-grade teacher at the Grosse

Pointe Academy.

July

◆ St. Paul Catholic School fourth-grade students get an inkling of what life is like with disabilities by spending time in the gymnasium maneuvering wheelchairs through an obstacle course.

"This workshop demonstrates that one can see someone's disability, yet the observer should focus on the disabled person's strength," said Mary Ann Cimatero, workshop co-founder.

◆ Some of Maire Elementary's best readers form a tunnel on the Palace floor through which run members of the Detroit Shock professional basketball team during player introductions.

◆ Walsh is elected president of the school board.

"I am honored and humbled," he said.

Trustees Alice Kosinski, Ahmed Ismail and Minturn are named vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

◆ Charles Sabino is appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board created by the resignation in May of Trustee Vreede.

Sabino, of Grosse Pointe Park, served on the district's strategic planning committee and helped prepare the 2006-07 budget.

August

◆ Preparations are made to hold auditions for the newly-formed Grosse Pointe Children's Choir. The choir is for youngsters between the ages of 8 and 14 whose voices haven't changed.

◆ Education for the more than 300 Grosse Pointe Academy students during the 2006-07 school year will occur in three independent learning pods being set up on a portion of the play field.

Student dislocation lets workers go full ahead on classroom and library renovations in the main academy building.

◆ The district's athletic code of conduct is revised to ban illegal performance enhancing substances, including steroids.

◆ Site plans are revealed for a 12-lane swimming complex to be built on the 25-acre campus of South High.

The \$10.7 million project along Fisher is designed to match the nearly 80-year-old main building, a neo-Georgian landmark.

◆ Maria Liddane, 10, a soon-to-be fifth-grader at Ferry Elementary, wins Best of Show in the grades four through six category for arts and crafts at the 2006 Michigan State Fair.

September

◆ Lucia Hu Liang gives up her job teaching English at Zhejuang University of Technology in China to teach Mandarin Chinese at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

◆ District property owners this academic year will owe slightly more than 1 percent in school taxes than the year before. A newly-approved tax rate of 14.2741 Homestead mills and 26.2932 non-Homestead mills will be in place for the 2006-07 academic year.

◆ Grosse Pointe administrators said they're prepared to intercept boarder jumpers if non-residents try to sneak into the district to bypass the ongoing Detroit teacher strike.

◆ Grosse Pointe elementary school enrollment is up 103 students from last year. A count early this month showed 3,496 grade-schoolers enrolled in the district, up from 3,393 the year before. Total district enrollment stands at 8,878.

◆ Matthew Hanly gives the University Liggett School board of trustee an entire academic year's notice that he'll resign next June as head of school.

◆ Most parents speaking out at a special school meeting about alternatives to the present high school semesters class schedule oppose a switch to trimesters.

A special high school study committee formed months ago recommends trimesters as a way for the district to save money while providing students more course options.

October

◆ Lauren LoGrasso is accompanied by her father, Mike, during crowning ceremonies as

2006 South High Homecoming Queen.

The junior class dominates Spirit Week competitions with victories in seven of nine categories, including best float in the homecoming parade.

◆ Cub Scout Pack 290 from Mason Elementary School sponsor an F-14 Tomcat fighter jet put on display recently at the Selfridge Military Air Museum in Mouth Clemens. Sponsorship duties include washing the aircraft once each fall and spring.

◆ School board members vote 5-2 to virtually start over with studying alternatives to the current high school class schedule.

◆ They're singing the blues at St. Paul Catholic School, and that's a good thing.

The school is named a 2006 No Child Left behind Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

"Your school was chosen because of its efforts to ensure that every child learns and that no child is left behind," Spellings said in a letter to St. Paul Principal Mary Miller. "You have shown that it is possible for every student to be challenged."

◆ A tally of overall district enrollment turns up 29 students who enrolled after the official state-designated count day in September.

◆ Cara Fuller, a North High senior, is accompanied by her father, Mike, during her crowning ceremonies as 2006 Homecoming Queen. The junior class wins the Spirit Jug but seniors win best float.

◆ Results of 2004-05 MEAP tests released this month show a 31-point improvement in Grosse Pointe public school elementary writing performance. Language arts scores also improve seven points to 91.

Middle school writing, language arts, science and social studies results increase an average of 16 points from the year before.

High school writing performance drops 5 percentage points from last year to settle at 75 percent. Math results increase three points to 71 percent. Science results increase four percentage points over last year to reach 79 percent.

November

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea alumni reunite as part of the school's year-long 50th anniversary celebration. The school was dedicated Sept. 12, 1956.

◆ Contractors are selected to renovate science laboratories at Parcels and Pierce Middle schools. Construction bids total \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

Work is expected to begin in the spring for completion by February 2008.

◆ Grosse Pointe public school teachers will be represented in employment matters by the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

The association replaces the Michigan Education Association/National Education Association Local 1.

◆ More than 92 percent of Pointe public high-schoolers passed the latest Advanced Placement test in English literature and composition.

Overall, the number of advanced placement tests by district students increased 18 percent over the previous year despite graduating classes expanding by only 10 percent.

December

◆ District school elections are shifted from May to November.

By piggybacking school elections onto general elections, the district will no longer face paying the entire cost of elections, which range from \$45,000 to \$65,000.

◆ The roar is being restored at Monteith Elementary School.

Music has been found to reconstruct the long-dormant school song, "Monty's Song," about school mascot Monty the Tiger. The song had been written during the late 1950s or early '60s by Monteith's first principal, Marshall Johnson.

◆ Board members unanimously pass a resolution calling for next year's budget to include cutting 5 percent of non-teaching staff for a savings of about \$1 million.



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OBITUARIES

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Dorothy L. Allison

Dorothy L. Allison

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dorothy L. Allison, 88, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, in 1918, Mrs. Allison was the only child of Mary and Edward Watson, who emigrated from Ireland and England shortly before the outbreak of World War I. In the 1920s, the family moved to Detroit where her father worked as a tool and die maker.

Mrs. Allison graduated from Southeastern High School in 1936 and married three years later.

During World War II, she

took a streetcar while in labor with her second child to Jennings Hospital in Detroit because her husband was in the U.S. Army stationed in Italy at the time.

"I heard the story many times," her second son, Dick reports, "Those were tough times."

She resided for 52 years on Radnor Circle, and enjoyed gardening and sewing. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Allison is survived by three children, Dr. David C. (Elizabeth) Allison, Richard H. (Susan) Allison and Mark W. (Patricia) Allison; six grandchildren, Tiffany (Christopher), Elizabeth, Matthew, Shawn, Samuel and Thomas; and three great-grandchildren, Marc, Isabel and Liam Harvey.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, William, who died in 1999.

Her ashes were inhumed with those of her husband at the memorial garden of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church at a family service held Monday, Dec. 26.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Sisters of Bon Secours Nursing, 26001 East Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Virginia Davis Lang

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Virginia Davis Lang, 90, of Ann Arbor, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006.

Born Virginia May Davis on Aug. 12, 1916, she grew up in Detroit. She met her husband, Frederick Lang, in 1930 when she was in the eighth grade, traded rings with him in 1932, and enjoyed their marriage and honeymoon in 1941 during the week between his last exam in medical school and commencement exercises.

Mrs. Lang's long and happy life was centered around family and children. She was generous of her time in her children's and grandchildren's lives. She was their passionate fan and advocate ensuring that their talents blossomed and was an active volunteer in their activities, including the PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Sunday school.

Mrs. Lang found the time to play contract bridge through which she developed a large circle of friends.

Her hobbies and crafts produced heirloom quality treasures for her family and friends. Mrs. Lang chose to look at the bright side of every situation and was a standard for cheerfulness for all those around her.

She planned her vacations around her children, traveling to Michigan family camps,

dude ranches in the West and a regular week at Camp Michigan which became an annual family reunion for more than 30 years. She enjoyed parties and celebrations, and there were many, with close friends in Grosse Pointe Farms, where she and Dr. Lang lived for more than 40 years.

For the past 10 years, Dr. and Mrs. Lang have lived in Ann Arbor, most recently in The Meadows at Glacier Hills. Fortuitously, four months before her unexpected death, her family arranged a reunion to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary and her 90th birthday. She enjoyed it all immensely.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick Lang; children William (Janet), Carolyn Jayne, Elizabeth and Barbara (John) DeLancey; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Glacier Hills in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of one's choice; or to a public library.

Winifred Hughes Longley

Winifred Hughes Longley, 92, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Birmingham, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, of complications from a broken hip.

She had resided at an assisted living community in Woodbridge, Conn., for the past six years.

The daughter of the late Frederick and Kathleen Hughes, "Winnie" was a beloved mother, volunteer, artist and silversmith. Her Michigan roots go back several generations, and she was well known by many in Grosse Pointe and Birmingham over the 86 years she lived in the area.

She was active in the Village Women's Club, Libri, Ibex, Bayview Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Mrs. Longley touched many lives in Michigan and she was loved and admired by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her optimism, consideration of others, generosity and service to the community.

She is survived by her three sons, James Longley of Olympia, Wash., William Longley of Atlanta, Ga., and John Longley Jr. of Fairfield, Conn.; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Longley was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, John H. Longley.

A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2007 in Grosse Pointe for Mr. and Mrs. Longley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

John Motschall

John "Phil" Motschall, 69, formerly of Indian River, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the Hospice House in Cheboygan.

He was born May 26, 1937, in Detroit to John F. and Veronica (nee Blake)

Motschall. He graduated from De LaSalle High School in 1955. He attended Park's College, St. Louis University and in 1959 earned bachelor's degrees in aeronautical engineering and aeronautical business administration.

On Oct. 21, 1961, he married the former Jane Bertling in Bloomfield Hills.

Mr. Motschall's career took the family to various locations throughout the United States, settling in Topinabee in 1985.

Mr. Motschall is a former owner of the Indian River Marina. He left Northern Michigan in 1992 and had lived out West, settling in Portland, Ore.

His passion was flying, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography and woodworking.

Mr. Motschall is survived by his significant other, Gail Brockway of Portland, Ore.; children, Maureen (Mark) Walker of St. Anthony, Iowa, Jane (Michael) Beebe of Indian River, Patty Motschall of Gladstone, John F. (Christine) Motschall of Greeley, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; siblings, Paul (Kathy) Motschall of Traverse City, Veronica Blake of Tucson, Ariz., Christine Blake of Phoenix, Ariz., Robert (Catherine) Motschall of San Diego, Calif., and Barbara Nietschmann of Tucson, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Laura Anne Motschall, who died in 1968.

Private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the Straits.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Ghesquiere to donate up to \$25,000

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Former Grosse Pointer Charles Ghesquiere is giving back to the community he loves.

Ghesquiere, who grew up in the Grosse Pointes and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, is donating up to \$25,000 to help cover costs associated with the moving of Cook Schoolhouse.

He will match donations made by residents.

The historic schoolhouse moved from Lochmoor and Mack to Ghesquiere Park earlier this month. Money is needed to complete concrete, electrical, water and sewer work, which could cost up to \$50,000.

G.P. WOODS

DPU2000 unit approved

Grosse Pointe Woods is getting techno, thanks to the purchase of a Unitrends Date Protection Unit (DPU2000) approved by city council at its Dec. 18 meeting.

Woods IT manager Gary Capps sent a memo the council used as background material to make its decision.

Capps said, "With this unit, future file restorations can happen immediately since the DPU2000 stores 30 days of backups locally. It also allows us to have 'vaulting' capability in the future, meaning that we can have each of our office locations (DPW, Parks, and City Hall) date image archived at other physical locations. It is a simple copy and paste to restore a single file.

"The DPU2000 also does what is called 'bit level' backup so that in the event of a major server crash, you merely restore the entire server configuration to a new computer and you can boot back up."

The unit was budgeted item and will be purchased for \$9,880 from CTS Companies in Bloomfield Hills.

- Bob St. John



PHOTO COMPLIMENTS OF CHARLES GHESQUIERE JR.

"The park is named for my uncle (Alois A. Ghesquiere, president of the Village of Grosse Pointe Woods from 1939 to 1950); so I thought I would contribute some money to a great cause," Ghesquiere said.

Madison Heights developer Larry Campbell also donated funds to help move the building.

"I think Mr. Ghesquiere's matching money donated by

our residents is a wonderful gesture," Woods City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said. "People can write a check and designate Cook Schoolhouse and drop it off at city hall."

No deadline has been set.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The '07 Suzuki XL7 is a large mid-size SUV that offers more space with three rows of seats and adequate room for adults to sit in comfort in the third row.

The all-new 2007 Suzuki XL7 Limited



This week, we're testing Suzuki's all-new 2007 XL7 Limited SUV, which goes from a compact SUV to a spacious, powerful, mid-size sporty vehicle in just one year. The transformation is truly amazing, from outward design to the many amenities that greet the consumer — base price: \$29,549; price as tested: \$30,184.

Front to the rear, Suzuki's designers have come up with a winner. The new XL7 features a dramatic, smooth and contemporary design with triangle-shaped turn lamps, bold three-bar grille, brawny wheel arches, wraparound rear tail-lights and integrated roof racks. Parked next to segment competitors, XL7 easily measures up or surpasses in most every category.

Now for a few surprises. Suzuki's XL7 is based on the same platform as GM's Pontiac Torrent and Chevy Equinox. It is built in Ontario, Canada, and is classified as a unibody crossover SUV. However, XL7 is nearly eight inches longer than Chevy and Pontiac, and also develops more power than the GM siblings thanks to its GM designed 3.6-liter V6 engine. Suzuki tweaks and assembles this engine in Japan, and then ships it to Canada for where

the XL7 is assembled. Yes, it pays to have good friends and partners in this business.

XL7 incorporates a sophisticated chassis that dishes up an agile, comfortable, car-like ride whether driving on the highway, in the city or on mountain roads. The XL7 features four-wheel independent suspension with MacPherson struts in the front and a multi-link design in the rear. When built in 7-passenger mode, the independent rear suspension is fitted with Nivomat load-leveling rear shock absorbers. This is a great addition for keeping XL7 level in all situations. Thanks to its stretched body, XL7 now better handles its third row seat, where kids and smaller adults will find acceptable surroundings, larger ones not.

XL7 features standard four-wheel disc ABS and Electronic Stability Program including traction control. Interior standard safety features include driver and front-passenger advanced air bags and side-curtain air bags, and tire pressure monitor system to mention a few. Our tester came with all-wheel-drive that utilizes an active, electronically controlled rear differential module. This system responds immediately to 4-wheel traction requests and effectively eliminates any lag time.

Under the hood, we really like what Suzuki offers. There sits the aforementioned all-aluminum Suzuki-built 3.6-liter DOHC V-6, developing 252-horsepower at 6,500 rpm and 243 pound-feet of torque at 2,300 rpm. This makes XL7's new V6 way more pow-



PHOTO BY WIECK

The all-new 2007 Suzuki XL7 evolves from a truck-based SUV to a more car-like unibody design with front-wheel drive and available all-wheel drive. The larger, more comfortable Suzuki mid-size crossover SUV is powered by a sophisticated, Suzuki-built 3.6-liter V6 engine matched to a five-speed automatic transmission with manumatic control.

erful than the 2.7-liter, 185-horse, 184 lb. ft. of torque engine it replaces. The result is good acceleration, gobs of low-end torque (yes, you can spin the tires fairly easy with traction control off) and a decent highway EPA number of 23, with 17 in the city.

A 5-speed automatic transmission provides excellent power transfer, with manual shift mode there for the taking. Our test vehicle went from zero to 60 mph in less than eight

seconds, not bad for a 2-ton vehicle.

A note here on price; our tester arrived in fully loaded, top of the line condition, so we want to emphasize that the base front-wheel-drive XL7 starts at a non-discounted retail of just \$22,899, with the all-wheel-drive version starting at \$24,499. Also deserving praise is Suzuki's 7-year/100,000-mile fully transferable warranty. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.4-

inches, 18.6-gallon fuel tank, 4,049 pound curb weight, 3,500 pound towing capacity, and from 14.0 to 95.2 cubic feet of cargo space depending on seating configuration.

We didn't spend too much time writing about the numerous standard features the new XL7 offers, but rest assured it's just about everything. Your dealer will gladly explain all three XL7 models and corresponding amenities.

Here's to Suzuki for build-

ing a great new SUV that will undoubtedly be a prime sales threat in this crowded, popular mid-size segment. Thus, we'll bestow a very strong 9 on a scale of 1 to 10 for the efforts.

You owe it to yourself to drive an XL7 if shopping this market.

Likes: Great engine, design, interior space, ride, power.

Dislikes: Interior plastics and hardware could be better.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive writer.

SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Slow down and enjoy the holiday

Our friends at Autobytel send along five good reasons to slow down and make this holiday a safe one. Statistics are the most recent available.

1) Death doesn't take a holiday. From 1993 to 2004, 37 percent of the traffic fatalities on Christmas and 38 percent on New Year's Day were speeding-related. New Year's Day is the deadliest day of the year for speeding-related fatalities.

2) Highways will be jammed with travelers. It's estimated that more than 60 million people will drive 50-plus miles during the Christmas/Hanukkah season. By speeding, you'll only add to the congestion, chaos and stress on the roads — while risking your own and others' chances of making it to holiday destinations safely.

3) Holidays are high time for drunken drivers. Of the 25,519 traffic fatalities during the 1999-2004 holiday seasons, 37 percent were alcohol-related, including 47 percent of Christmas traffic fatalities, 50 percent of New Year holiday traffic fatalities, and a whopping 64 percent of Super Bowl Sunday road deaths.

4) "Dashing Through the Snow" really is a bad idea.

Accelerating, stopping and turning requires dramatically more time and distance on snow and ice-covered roads. For example, a road covered in packed snow increases stopping distance nearly five times.

5) Spend your money on presents — not tickets. The average cost of a speeding ticket, including court fees, runs about \$150. The average insurance increase over three years from a speeding ticket is roughly \$300, meaning that a single speeding ticket can set you back at least \$450. So before you speed, consider whether you can afford it.

Q. Greg, my Lexus has a battery that goes dead when I don't use the car for several weeks. My dealer tells me it is because there is a draw on the battery even when the car is off, and it's common with the new computer-controlled engines. Is he right? Also, why can some batteries go dead and when they sit, they come back to life?

— Michael G., North Carolina

A. Michael, your Lexus dealer is correct. The computer causes a drained battery. Even when your car is turned off, there is a draw on your battery to keep the computer memory up to date and things such as your car's clock

running properly.

I had the same problem when I would let my '94 Trans Am sit for three or four weeks between starts. I bought a trickle charger (available at all auto stores), and that corrected my problem.

As for why some batteries go dead and then "come back to life," the Web site howstuffworks.com explains it best:

The "self-recharging" feature of batteries is most noticeable in a car battery. In some cases, you can crank the engine until the battery seems totally dead, then come back an hour later and crank it again. The higher the drain on the battery (a car's starter motor is an incredibly high-drain device), the greater the effect.

In any battery, be it an alkaline battery found in a flashlight or a lead acid battery in a car, reaction products like hydrogen gas build up around the two poles of the battery and slow down the reaction; eventually the battery begins to look "dead." If you let the battery rest for a while, the hydrogen gas dissipates and the battery "comes back to life." The higher the drain on the battery, the faster the products build up, so batteries under high drain appear to recover more.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Grosse Pointe News HOLIDAY DEADLINES

• JANUARY 4TH ISSUE •

Grosse Pointe News, Features Section:

Friday, December 29, 10:00 am: Art, Photos, & Copy

Grosse Pointe News Section A & Sports:

Friday, December 29, 3:00 pm: Art, Photos, & Copy

Check oil

The frequency in which you check your car's oil depends on your car and how you drive it. If you drive in hot or dusty climates, for example, check more often.

Most car manufacturers recommend changing a car's oil every three months or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first.

When checking oil, always turn the motor off and use your emergency brake. The oil should be full and clean.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fugitive arrest

Police arrested a 20-year-old Detroit male following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Police stopped the suspect for speeding and, when he could not produce a driver license, A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed warrants from Lansing and Detroit.

The suspect was taken to the station, where he posted bond and was released.

His car was impounded.

Santa missing

Police are investigating the theft of an inflatable Santa Claus holiday decoration from the yard of a home in the 500 block of Ballantyne on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The victim said the theft occurred between midnight and 4 p.m. The value of the decoration is \$50.

There are no suspects in custody.

Drunk driving

A 44-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after a traffic stop at Vernier and Lakeshore at 2:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Police stopped the vehicle after it was observed swerving back and forth on Lakeshore. While questioning the suspect, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from within the vehicle.

The suspect failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .17 on a breath test.

She was arrested and taken to the station.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drinking and drugs

A 48-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested following a hit and run accident at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Police stopped the vehicle at the turnoff at Pier Park after receiving a report of a hit and run of a parked vehicle. Upon questioning the man, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from within the vehicle. The man then failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .14 on a breath test.

While searching the man's vehicle, a bottle of whisky was discovered.

The man was arrested and taken to the station, where upon searching his sportcoat a bag of suspected cocaine was discovered. He was cited for drunken driving and drug possession.

No papers

Police arrested a 32-year-old Detroit woman after a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 5:27 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Police stopped the car after observing that its expiration tag appeared to be altered. When the woman could not produce any paperwork, a LEIN check revealed she was wanted on several outstanding warrants.

The woman was arrested and held to be picked up on an Eastpointe warrant. She was issued a citation for driving without a license and having an improper license plate.

Beer buzz

Police detained two Grosse Pointe Woods women, an 18-year-old and 20-year-old, on alcohol-related charges, after a traffic stop on Kercheval near Moross at 1:12 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Police stopped the vehicle after it was observed swerving on Kercheval. When questioning the 20-year-old driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. Police also observed an empty beer can in the rear seat, along with a case of beer.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and registered a .11 on a breath test. The 18-year-old passenger registered a .095 on

a breath test.

The two women were taken to the station and held to be picked up by a family member. The driver was charged with drunken driving, and both were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

— By John Lundberg

City of Grosse Pointe

Funny money

Police are investigating the passing of counterfeit money at a gas station on Mack at 10:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Police said the clerk who took the phony \$10 bill for the purchase of a soft drink, knew the suspect who passed it. The video surveillance tape was pulled.

Blacked out

A 42-year-old Fountain Hills woman was arrested at 11:45 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, after the vehicle she was driving plowed into two parked cars at Mack and St. Clair.

When questioning the woman, police observed that her speech was slurred and detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. When asked what had happened, the woman said she had blacked out and struck the vehicles.

The woman failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .23 on a breath test.

The woman was transported to the station where she refused a second breath test because of her asthma. She was then transported to an area hospital for a blood test. While at the hospital, the woman asked to be evaluated because several of her prescription medications needed refills.

Police allowed her to be examined by hospital staff, asking hospital personnel to advise them when she was scheduled to be released.

Tools taken

Police are investigating the theft of nearly \$3,500 worth of tools stolen from the bed of a truck parked on Chalfonte between Wednesday, Dec. 13, and Monday, Dec. 18.

Police were called to the 900 block of Lincoln at 2:30 p.m. on Monday when the owner noticed the theft.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Resisting arrest

On Thursday, Dec. 21, at 9:12 p.m., a 37-year-old Detroit man was clocked traveling 48 mph on Vernier, which is a 35 mph zone.

He produced only a Michigan identification card and told the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer his driver license is suspended.

A LEIN check revealed he has 16 current license suspensions and seven prior driving with a suspended license convictions.

The man resisted arrest and tried to run away when the officer attempted to handcuff him. A second officer on the scene was able to apprehend the man and take away a four-inch box cutting knife.

The officers also found seven Percocet pills in a plastic baggie and \$747 in cash on the person. The man was arrested.

Wake him up

On Thursday, Dec. 21, at 3:29 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety received a call from a Harper Woods policeman, saying a person was slumped over the steering wheel of a vehicle parked in front of a business in the 19600 block of Harper.

It took a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer three attempts to get the driver, a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, to wake up. When the driver opened his eyes, they were watery and bloodshot and the man appeared nervous.

The man said he was in Detroit and on his way home to Grosse Pointe before leaving for Ohio in the morning.

He failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered .205 percent blood alcohol content.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Road weaver

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:15 p.m., a 45-year-old Detroit woman was stopped on Mack near Huntington because she was weaving between lanes on Mack.

The Grosse Pointe Woods police officer immediately detected an odor of intoxicants and asked the woman if she had

been drinking.

The woman replied, "A whole lot so take me to jail so I can go to sleep."

The officer found an empty 12 ounce can of beer and an half empty half-pint bottle of brandy on the passenger seat.

The woman couldn't properly perform the portable breath test; so she was transported to a local hospital to give a blood sample.

Bad record

On Thursday, Dec. 21, at 2:01 a.m., a 24-year-old Clinton Township man was stopped because a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer, through a LEIN check, found out he had an outstanding warrant out of Eastpointe for failure to appear in court.

The man, driving a gray 2006 Jeep Commander, also had a driver license suspension. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Smashed window

On Thursday, Dec. 21, at 12:54 a.m., a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 19200 block of Linville called police after an unknown person threw a brick through her front window.

The incident occurred between 11:45 p.m. and 12:04 a.m. that night.

Drunken driver

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 12:35 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety received an anonymous call reporting a suspected drunken driver on Helen.

A police officer patrolling the area caught up with a 78-year-old Shelby Township man who fit the description.

The officer asked him if he had been drinking, and the man replied he has four, five or six glasses of wine at his fiancée's house. He told the officer they got into an argument; so he decided to leave and go to his home in Shelby Township.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered .137 percent blood alcohol level.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

— Bob St. John

Nonalcoholic guide

For the past 28 years, AAA has issued its free booklet of nonalcoholic drink recipes to help prevent drunken-driving deaths and injuries during the holidays.

This year, the auto club has printed a special edition of its "Great Pretenders Party Guide," featuring some of the best nonalcoholic drink recipes gathered from its cadre of Diamond Award-winning restaurants throughout the Midwest.

For a true taste of Christmas try Festive Peppermint Cocoa Cocktail, from the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, or maybe something a little more on the refreshing side such as Sparkling Cranberry Apple Cinnamon Slushy, from The Carriage House in South Bend, Ind.

These are just a couple of the alcohol-free drink recipes included in the 2006-2007 special edition of "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," published by The Auto Club Group and available free at the Web site AAA.com/Pretenders or at AAA branch locations statewide.

The nonalcoholic recipes in the compilation were provided by AAA Diamond-rated hotels and restaurants in the eight states served by the six AAA clubs in The Auto Club Group (ACG): AAA Chicago, AAA Michigan, AAA Minnesota/Iowa, AAA Nebraska, AAA North Dakota and AAA Wisconsin.

The guide's introductory message notes that in 2005 nearly 17,000 people died in the United States as a result of traffic crashes in which alcohol consumption was a factor.

To emphasize the drunken-driving problem, the guide has several charts showing how alcohol affects drivers. There also are tips for helping party hosts monitor alcohol consumption and deal with someone who drinks too much.

In addition to nonalcoholic drink recipes, the guide has information for party hosts on trendy food items that are tasty and easy to prepare.

For more information, call toll-free (800) AAA-MICH.

City of ~~Grosse Pointe~~, Michigan

Public Notice Ordinance No. 371

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 371 amending and restating in its entirety Section 78-121.1-12 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe pertaining to wastewater discharge control. The Ordinance adopts federal regulations and standards for wastewater discharge. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 371 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI; Mon-Fri, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Telephone 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 12/28/2006

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL PROJECT SELECTION 2007

At a public hearing held on Wednesday, December 18, 2006, the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and were approved for inclusion in the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Application:

1. S.O.C. Minor Home Repair	\$16,000
2. S.O.C. Chore Program	8,930
3. P.A.A.T.S	8,930
4. Kelly Road	50,740
5. Administration	9,400
Estimated Total Grant	\$94,000

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Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2006

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 18, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Pro tem Vivian M. Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 4, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held November 16, 2006 and the Board of Review meeting held December 12, 2006.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2007 Community Development Block Grant.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2007 Community Development Block Grant.
- 5) To add to the agenda a request to adopt a resolution in support of Michigan Senate Bill 1289 regarding the governance of Detroit-Wayne County Community Health Agency, and a request to transfer monies from the Major Street fund to the Local Street fund.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 79057 through 79164 in the amount of \$200,175.52 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$5,929.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008. (3) Approve payment to Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,520.00 for the consulting and engineering fees associated with the design and inspection work on Kelly Road.
- 2) To adopt the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Administration \$ 9,400, SOC Minor Home Repairs \$16,000, SOC Chore Program \$8,930, Kelly Road Improvements \$50,740, Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc.\$8,930, Total \$94,000.
- 3) To approve payment of \$19,726 to Signature Ford of Owosso for a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle and whereas, this was purchased through the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program that the City's competitive bidding process be waived.
- 4) To approve payment to Tom's Landscape in the amount of \$35,820 for the final payment on the Kelly Road Boulevard project.
- 5) To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2007 in the amount of \$229,550.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 6) To support the passage of Michigan Senate Bill 1289; and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to State Senator Martha G. Scott, State Representative Ed Gaffney and Governor Jennifer Granholm.
- 7) To transfer \$250,000 from the City's Major Street Fund to the City's Local Street Fund for the purpose of funding maintenance on local streets.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor
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Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

City of ~~Grosse Pointe~~ Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE Holiday Rubbish Schedule for New Years 2007

There will be no rubbish collection on Monday, January 1, 2007. All residential rubbish routes will be collected one day late. Examples: Monday's routes will be collected on Tuesday - Tuesday's routes on Wednesday, etc.

Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

Tuesday and Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

Thank You,
G.P.N.: 12/28/2006 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

City of ~~Grosse Pointe~~, Michigan

NOTICE OF FINAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REPROGRAMMING

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines a public hearing has taken place before the Mayor and City Council on Monday December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue for public comments and approval of the use of Federal Community Block Grant Funding for the following projects.

Announcing the City's approved objectives and use of Federal Community Block Grant funds, subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith stated:

	AMOUNT
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$33,370
SOC Minor Home Repair (Public Service)	\$8,930
SOC Minor Home Repair (Housing Rehabilitation)	\$30,000
Administration	\$4,700
Total:	\$77,000

2006, 2005, 2004, REPROGRAMMING FUNDS

The purpose of this reprogramming for years 2005 & 2004 is to continue the funding and activities of the Services for Older Citizens (SOC) Minor Home Repair program.

CURRENT PROJECT	REPROGRAMMED PROJECT	AMOUNT
Public Safety Elevator (06-10-03K)	ADA Ramp Improvements (2007)	\$43,100
Audible Traffic Signal (06-10-03K)	SOC Minor Home Repair	\$5,708.63
Pedestrian Illumination (04-10-03K)	SOC Minor Home Repair	\$57,981

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Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

AUTOWIRE.NET By Derek Price

The 2007 Caliber is driving innovation

The 2007 Dodge Caliber is surprisingly stylish, roomy and innovative for its price. It combines the practicality of a minivan with the efficiency of an economy car.

The coolest feature — literally — in the 2007 Dodge Caliber is the Chill Zone, a little compartment by the glove box that keeps bottled drinks cold. Other neat features include a foldout stereo for tailgate parties, a 110-volt AC outlet and a holder for your iPod built into the armrest.

When you think of an innovative car, you probably imagine something expensive. Innovation and price usually go hand-in-hand because the more you pay for a car, the more cool gadgets you expect it to have.

Seems logical, right?

Well, Dodge turned logic on its head when it created the 2007 Caliber. It's an extremely affordable car, with a base price slightly less than \$13,500, but it's also one of the most innovative vehicles I've driven in a long time.

It's a fantastic replacement for Dodge's ho-hum economy car, the Neon, which will no longer be sold after 2006.

For starters, the Caliber has a style and body layout like no other car on the road, resulting in an eye-catching look and more usable space than other cars in this ultra-cheap class.

From the outside, it looks as if the Caliber is divided in half at the windshield. Everything in front of the windshield is styled like an SUV, and everything behind it looks like a European sports hatchback, resulting in a car that doesn't seem as dorky as most hatchbacks nor as portly as most SUVs.

It also results in a surprising-



2007 Dodge Caliber .

PHOTOS BY WIECK

ly roomy interior. The front seats are perfectly comfortable, and the back seats leave a little more legroom and a lot more headroom than you'd expect to find in a subcompact car. Everything is laid out efficiently with lots of nooks and crannies for storing things. You'll find some cool innovations inside, too.

One is a small compartment that keeps drinks cold while you drive. It's not a real refrig-

erator like you'd find on a hyper-expensive luxury car, but it will keep four 20-ounce bottles nice and chilly on a road trip. Best of all, it's not an expensive optional feature that you won't be able to afford. It comes at no charge on every Caliber that has air conditioning.

Some other unusual features are related to the sound system. It comes with an iPod holder that flips out of the armrest, perfect for holding your MP3

player or cell phone for easy access. And if you opt for an upgraded stereo, it comes with foldout speakers designed for tailgating or having an impromptu party behind your car. There's even a 110-volt AC power outlet included. Pretty cool stuff.

When it comes to driving, the Caliber really isn't anything special. It drives like an economy car, with OK acceleration, a relatively harsh ride and a mildly noisy cabin. It feels competent, but not much more.

The \$13,455 basic SE model comes with a 1.8-liter, four-cylinder engine and a five-speed manual transmission. A

continuously variable transmission (CVT) is a \$1,000 option, and it lacks air conditioning, power windows and power mirrors. If you want all those, it will cost about \$1,500 more.

If you want even more standard features, opt for the SXT model (\$15,425). For better performance and more luxury, you can pick the R/T (\$19,425), which has a 2.4-liter engine, the CVT and a long, long list of standard equipment.

Overall, it's hard to argue with the Caliber's combination of style, practicality, innovation and affordability. It's the kind of car I think we'll see packing America's highways in a couple

of years.

What was tested? The 2007 Dodge Caliber R/T with a base price of \$19,425. Options: Leather interior group (\$1,045), cruise control (\$250), sunroof (\$750). Price as tested: \$20,425.

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Why avoid it? It has the same boring, unrefined driving feel as the car it replaces, the Neon. The cabin can get noisy, the ride is fairly harsh and performance is only adequate.

DEAR DR. MOORE By Patrick Moore

Hydrogen vs. hybrids to better the environment

Q • Which is better for the environment, hydrogen-powered cars or the new hybrids?

A • In the "near" term, I'd have to say the hybrids — because they offer a way to reduce pollution now.

Promoters of a "hydrogen economy" say it's just around the corner; that we'll soon begin work on a network of fueling stations for hydrogen-powered cars. Hydrogen doesn't result in harmful emissions, so the idea is that we'll drastically cut pollution (and greenhouse gases in particular) while reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

It's an attractive vision. Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe and, in its pure form, burns absolutely clean. Unfortunately, there are some major techni-

cal problems to solve before we can say with certainty that this is the way to proceed.

The biggest barrier is how to source the hydrogen, because it always comes attached to something else. We could use electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen, but that would require a vast increase in electricity production. Or we can take the hydrogen out of oil and natural gas, but this still makes us dependent on fossil fuels.

For the hydrogen economy to be successful, we'll need to generate more than twice the electricity we do now and we'll need to do it all with non-fossil fuel energy. That means a dramatic increase in nuclear power plants, hydroelectric dams, solar cells, geothermal power, wind turbines, etc. — something society may not be will-

ing to do, at least not yet.

Storage and transportation are other issues (hydrogen is bulky and corrosive), as is getting enough into a car to travel a reasonable distance. But automakers are experimenting with different options and may well find solutions.

Meanwhile, current hybrids use both an electric motor and gasoline engine, and are nearly twice as efficient as conventional vehicles. We're also starting to see modified versions, which have an additional power source that can be recharged at home — and are twice as efficient as the models available now. Modified hybrids aren't yet mass-produced (though some mechanically minded individuals have created their own), but should be on the market within a few years.

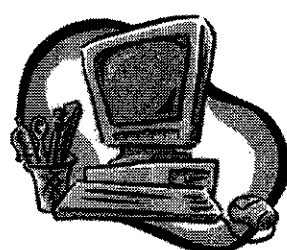
There's no question that our dependence on fossil fuels has to be reduced. In addition to the fact that it's polluting, oil is nonrenewable and experts believe we'll soon hit peak production — after which the amount produced will steadily decline (as prices skyrocket). There's also the very real danger of sourcing oil from parts of the world that are politically unstable.

In balance, even though hydrogen offers great potential, it doesn't make sense to wait for the hydrogen economy to start dealing with the issue at hand — not when hybrid cars are here now and can make a very real difference.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder of Greenpeace, he holds a PhD in ecology and a BSc in forest biology.

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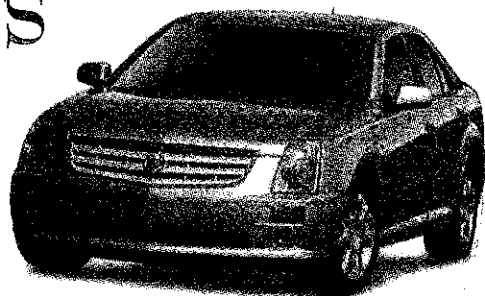
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Some 2,000 years ago fresco painters were brought to Rome to personalize plutocrats' holiday estates. Today, the **Toledo Museum of Art** walls are covered with those buried treasures.

Up from the ashes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Roman art is an odd place to spot a floozy.

But a 2,000-year-old fresco from a villa in Stabiae, Italy, contains a platinum blonde the likes of Jean Harlow.

Scholars say the image portrays the nude nymph Amymone being saved by Neptune. Or maybe she's being seduced. The two activities often intertwine in mythology.

Whoever she is, whatever she's doing and whether she likes it, portraiture was advanced enough in Roman times that the woman was likely modeled after a real person known to the villa's owner.

"She's not looking terribly unhappy about being abducted, is she?" said Sandra Knudson, curator of ancient art at the Toledo Museum of Art, where the fresco is part of "In Stabiano, exploring the ancient seaside villas of the Rome elite," through Jan. 28.

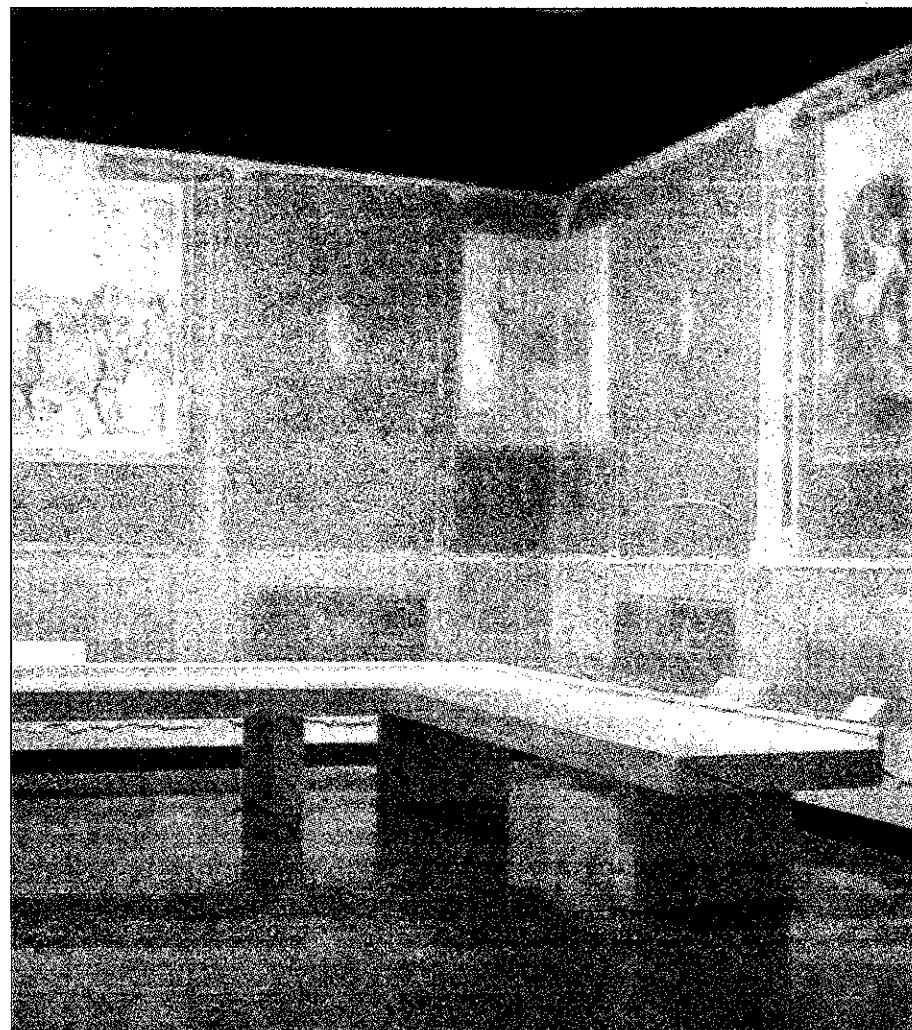
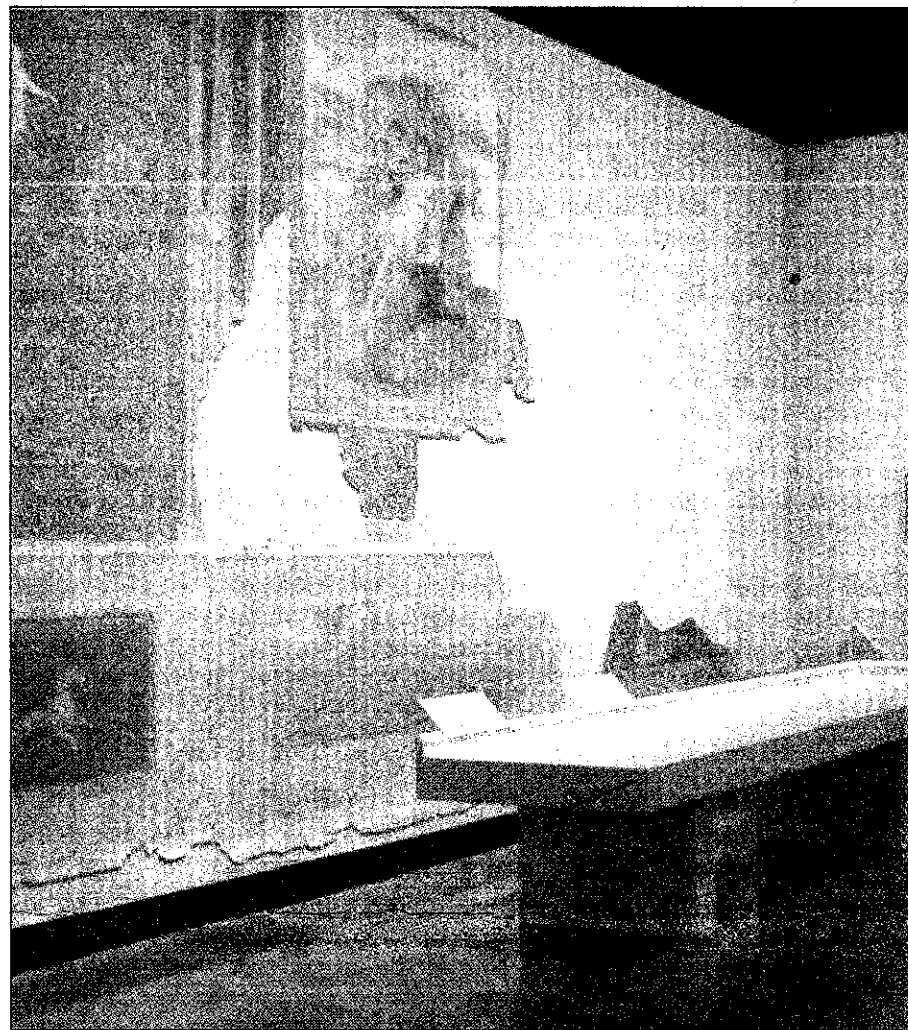
Roman plutocrats commonly imported fresco painters to personalize plaster walls and ceilings of vast holiday estates built atop bluffs of Stabiae overlooking the Bay of Naples.

Such settings fused cool on-shore breezes with panoramic views of Pompeii, 2 1/2 miles away, against the backdrop of Mount Vesuvius eight miles beyond. Stabiae rates as a forerunner to the Gilded Age estates of tycoons in Newport, R.I.

"These villas were holiday homes for people who were unbelievably politically powerful and rich," Knudson said. "Their center of power was Rome, but they had interests all over the Mediterranean. This was truly an international society."

Members of the senatorial order and equestrian, or business class, constructed villas as places of cultivated leisure.

"You didn't just sack out with a beer," Knudson said. "You planned a whole different



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Family and guests in the triclinium would feast in the company of the gods gazing down at them from wall frescoes.

lifestyle involving literature and music."

Owners surrounded themselves with touchstones of culture.

"Their houses are filled with references to Greek and Latin literature and mythology, often with multiple layers of meaning," Knudson said.

In many respects, Stabiae survives today as when abandoned Aug. 24, 79 A.D., the day Mount Vesuvius erupted and covered the area with ash.

Volcanic debris that erased Stabiae from one millennium preserved it for the next.

"It survived by being knocked down by earthquakes, covered by ash and abandoned," Knudson said. "Volcanic dust is one of the

best things to be buried in, fortunately."

Natural preservation was helped because fresco painting, in which pigment is applied to wet plaster and dried together, is a hardy medium.

"A chemical bond makes a permanent material, which is why these survive," Knudson said.

"In Stabiano" contains more than 70 works of art and artifacts from five partially excavated villas. One dwelling was 450 feet long, including formal gardens and courtyards.

The exhibition was organized by the Superintendency of Archaeology of Pompeii and the Restoring Ancient Stabiae

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Atrium fresco, Flying Figures, of a satyr encircling a maiden in his arms.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Bradley Todd Van Sickle of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi.

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Paul Dennehy Glen of Grosse Pointe, son of Gary R. and Nora D. Glenn, is a member of the Class of 2010 at Dartmouth College.

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Air Force Airman Matthew R. Henz has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Janice and stepson of Ernest Dumouchelle of Grosse Pointe. Henz is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Amanda Klimczuk, a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, is in her freshman year at Harvard. She is the daughter of Ron and Theresa Klimczuk.

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Joseph Perry of Grosse Pointe Park has been awarded The University of Findlay's Lora Wiest Burgderfer Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year.

Perry, a senior hospitality management major at the

University, is a 2003 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and is the son of Beverly and Joseph Perry of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Allison Bukowski of Grosse Pointe Park and a University of Michigan student is spending the first semester of the 2006-07 academic year studying in Washington, D.C., as part of the American University's Washington Semester Program in peace and conflict resolution. Following the 13-weeks of study in Washington, D.C., the students will spend three weeks in either Ireland or the Balkans to study.

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Rachel Bruno of Grosse Pointe Woods was one of 30 Elmhurst College students inducted into the Elmhurst College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership/scholarship honor society.

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Kristin Longley of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated with honors from Michigan State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. She will work with the Associated Press in its Detroit bureau. She is a 2002 Grosse Pointe North graduate.

ASHES:
Seeing the light

From page 1B

Foundations. The RAS Foundation intends to transform the site into an archaeological park.

Works in the show are on tour for the first time in the United States. Toledo curators spread the exhibition through nine galleries echoing different rooms of a representative villa.

"We tried to re-create the feeling of visiting a villa belonging to someone who could afford an incredibly exotic holiday home on the cliffs of Stabiae, so our visitors could feel some of the greatness of Roman life, art and architecture," Knudson said.

Wall and ceiling frescoes are organized room by room, starting in a portico opening to an atrium where guests would have waited for an audience with the host.

"Art in the atrium is a statement of power and welcome at the same time," Knudson said. "The owner and his wife had servants triage guests according to who had to be seen right away and who could be put off a week."

Inner galleries represent an increasingly intimate sequence of rooms: a cubiculum (bedroom), a culina (kitchen) and balae (baths).

At the heart of the display is a triclinium, a three-couch dining room. Gods revel in frescoed walls. On one side is Dionysus, the god of wine. Opposite is the Harlow look-alike.

"Imagine yourself reclining here on your left elbow with your feet back," Knudson said. "Couches were about the size



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Neptune and Amymone, detail.

of a queen-sized bed. Servants brought continuous small courses. You could have been here for hours. There was conversation, poetry, music and dancing."

The show doesn't capitalize on mummified bodies. There are no plaster casts of family members crouched in fear and entombed by ash.

"Stabiae wasn't covered as quickly as Pompeii," Knudson said. "Only two skeletons have been found in the villas of Stabiae, so far. When the earthquakes, eruptions and darkness started, most people picked up their belongings and

left."

The exhibition is about the relationship between life and art, not the struggle of life against death.

"Art was integral to all people in these houses, whether the owners, artists making it or slaves working in the kitchen," Knudson said.

Inhabitants lived among frescoes, sculptures and trinkets representing a population of the mind comprising concepts of mythology, philosophy and religion.

"They have a whole world around them," said Knudson, seated in the triclinium.

"Perhaps we look too much at TV and expect constant stimulation from that. But if you live in a room like this surrounded by art, it becomes part of what you're doing and thinking about all day. That is what we tried to do here."

The Toledo Museum of Art is located at 2445 Monroe at Scottwood Ave., one block off I-75 with exits posted. Museum admission is free.

Admission to "In Stabiano, exploring the ancient seaside villas of the Rome elite," is \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and students. Call (419) 255-8000 for more information.

Cancer center recipients of donation

Representatives from the Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope presented Bernadine Sherwood, Nurse Navigator for the Liggett Breast Center of Grosse Pointe Woods, with a \$5,000 donation.

This donation is from the proceeds of the Daughters' annual fall fundraiser, "Festival of Tables," held on Oct. 22 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Guests were invited to peruse 30 tables decorated with themed displays ranging from

"Christmas Holly," to an all pink confection designed by Carolyn Kaczmarek, Sherwood and Mary Ruhana in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, titled "Hope for the Holidays."

Guests received goodie bags supplied by the breast center, and shopped the holiday mart that included items from Jacobson's Alumni, 925 Designs, Chaundy Gallery, Déjà vu Boutique, and Northern Lights Jewelry. Guests for the second viewing bid on a silent auction with more than 50 donated items and watched a fashion show by local boutique, Jane Woodbury.

Chapter president Dorothea Williams, event chair Sandy



In front, Bernadine Sherwood and Sandy Moises; in the back, Dori Daskas, Elena Kerasiotis, Dorothea Williams and Mary Ruhana, show the check to be donated to the Liggett Breast Center of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Moises, co-chairs Dori Daskas and Elena Kerasiotis, along with Sherwood, and Mary Ruhana, manager of the Van Elslander Cancer Center were on hand for the presentation.

Moises stated that the group was thrilled with the attendance and the success of this year's event.

"We would especially like to thank Linda Grippi, nonprofit coordinator at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, and the staff at Grosse Pointe Cable, especially Jeanie McNeal, host of Positively Positive for showcasing the event."

Moises added, "It's about making a difference in the community and the lives of women. We know that this contribution will help women with special needs go through cancer diagnoses and treatment."

The chapter plans to continue its alliance with the Liggett Breast Center and the St. John Foundation.

The Daughters of Penelope, the women's affiliate of the AHEPA organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a leader in philanthropic, educational and cultural activities with local chapters in the United States, Canada and Greece.

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GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

A production of 'Epic Proportions' is tackled

Grosse Pointe Theatre (GPT) continues its 2006-07 season with the comedy "Epic Proportions" by Larry Coen and David Crane, opening at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14.

Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 18 through 20, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, and at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 24 through 27.

Productions are on stage in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. On-site parking is free.

A dinner buffet is available prior to most performances through the War Memorial. There is a separate charge for the buffet and reservations are required. They may be made by calling (313) 881-7511.

Tickets may be obtained by calling (313) 881-4004, and are priced at \$15 each for straight shows. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount of \$3 off per ticket. Special student tickets are also available for \$8 at the door, but cannot be reserved in advance.

Set in 1932, "Epic Proportions" tells the story of two brothers, Benny and Phil Bennett, who head to the Arizona desert to be extras in the huge biblical epic "Exeunt Omnes."

Things move quickly and



Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Epic Proportions," includes, seated Sharron Nelson as Louise Goldman; and standing, from left, are Mathew Raya as Phil, Don Ross as D.W. DeWitt, and Rick Christenhusz as Benny.

soon Phil is directing the movie and Benny is starring in it.

To complicate matters, they both fall in love with Louise, the assistant director in charge of the extras.

Along the way there are gladiator battles, the 10 plagues and a cast of thousands portrayed by only four actors.

Portraying the brothers, Benny and Phil, are Rick Christenhusz and Mathew Raya of Eastpointe, respectively. Sharron Nelson of St. Clair Shores plays Louise Goldman.

Portraying the "cast of thousands" are GPT members Ed Thomas of Center Line, Grosse Pointers Charles Davis and James Maniscalco play Roman citizens, Egyptian nobles, gladiators and "production assistants" to Director D.W. DeWitt.

Former GPT president and Grosse Pointe resident Donna DiSante is also part of the "cast of thousands" and portrays a number of roles, including an Egyptian queen and a crazy costumer.

Don Ross of Warren takes on the role of DeWitt, the director of the "movie" production.

Directing the production is Dennis Wickline of St. Clair Shores, who directed

Ticket information

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"Showboat." Producer is GPT secretary Jon Lechner of Warren.

Assistant producer is Grosse Pointer Beth Battjes. Technical director is Ruth Rouleau of Harper Woods; stage manager is Olivia Wickline of St. Clair Shores; and assistant stage manager is Christopher Oakley of Clinton Township.

The set design has been created by Wickline. Costumes are being handled by Mickie Pizzimenti of Warren; Arlene Marie Schoenherr of St. Clair Shores is handling the make-up; Dale Pegg of Grosse Pointe and Diana Whitman of Mount Clemens are handling the lighting; sound is being managed by Blair Arden of Detroit; props and set dressing are being taken care of by Nancy McGiness of St. Clair Shores.

CLUB MEETINGS

Windmill Pointe Garden

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the home of Mary Ellen Feighner. Co-hostess is Sara Flynn.

The program is Friends of the Detroit River with lecturer Charles Bristol.

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The cost is \$22. For reservations, call (313) 881-9701 and send a check to GPCML to Ms. L. Lee, 9 Shorecrest Circle, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236. She will also provide information about the white elephant and 50/50 raffle.

The public is invited.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch will be served before speaker Norman Dillard, president of the Warren Astronomical Society, launches into his topic, "The Search for Extra Terrestrial Planets and the Status of Planet Pluto."

All men more than 65 years old who are current or past Grosse Pointe residents are invited to join.

For membership applications, call Ted Everingham at (313) 822-1111.

Classical music

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League (GPCML) holds its general meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Club (Little Club).

Grosse Pointe Farms soprano Margaret Ahee will provide a selection of Broadway hits following lunch.

Ahee is a member of the Judelaires and has been a cantor for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church for the past 10 years. Pianist Janet Drolshagen will accompany



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Home shopping network

The Grosse Pointe Mom's Club member Susan Treder transformed her home into a shopping boutique with the help of eight vendors. The evening enabled mothers with small children to shop and socialize. Karen Eschbach, owner of Contain Yourself, Lori Varas of Rabbit Lane Chocolates, Tracy Gusmano of Southern Living at Home and Michelle Heimbuch of Tastefully Simple joined the mothers, and a portion of their vendor proceeds benefited two single mothers, each with three children. Pictured are Mom's Club member Treder, left, Varas and Carrie Socia.

Farms resident selected DIA's volunteer of year

Alyssa Mertz of Grosse Pointe Farms has been recognized as the Art to the Schools Committee volunteer of the year by the Detroit Institute of the Arts (DIA).

She has been volunteering at DIA for 15 years by giving a variety of art talks. She carries

slides and a projector into the schools and discusses art with third through sixth-graders.

"The biggest benefit I get is to see the children's hands waving as they want to participate in talking about the arts," she said.

A native Detroit, Mertz taught American History to eighth-graders in Birmingham, Southfield and Grosse Pointe.

"One of my happiest memo-

ries," she said, "is the ATS (Art to Schools) 35th anniversary tea seeing the members gather with their former ATS friends and celebrating how successful ATS was and is."

Mertz has held many ATS and volunteer board positions. She was chairman of ATS in 2000-03. While on the volunteer board, she arranged for volunteers to visit the Ferry Street Inns, Ford Field and the Detroit Public Library.

She was on the committee to create a curriculum which would afford teachers a wider selection of topics.

Mertz and her husband, Richard, have been married 38 years and have a daughter and son.

She enjoys boating, knitting, reading and traveling.

For more information about the DIA volunteer program, call (313) 494-5221 or visit the Web site dia.org.



Alyssa Mertz



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Jingle Bell run

The Grosse Pointe Lions Ninth Annual Jingle Bell Walk/Run on Nov. 24 saw nearly 400 participants running 2.5 miles in the fog. Dan Beck of Grosse Pointe Shores was the starter. Patrick Dantzer of Grosse Pointe Park won the race with an 11:43 minute time. The run raised more than \$15,000 for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Exceptional Kids, Penrickton Center for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

When should help be offered to an aging senior?



As everyone knows, growing old is not easy. Yet, we all learn to live with the reality and manage ourselves accordingly. However, what happens as our loved ones become seniors and our intuition tells us they may need help?

The reality is that most people facing health-related challenges or limitations will not ask for help. They tend to place a high value on their privacy and independence, and do not

want to be a burden to their family and friends. Holiday visits are a wonderful time for families to informally "check-up" on older family members, as gatherings are usually longer than the more typical stop-by visits. Longer visits provide an opportunity to observe older people in a variety of situations.

Many older people struggle unnecessarily and try to hide problems from the rest of the family because they don't want to impose upon or worry them. Once you recognize areas where a loved one may be struggling, you can take the necessary steps to obtain assistance.

During this holiday, check up on an older family member.

Help them to have a joyous holiday season and use this time to make sure that they are getting the assistance they need to lead a full and independent life.

So what should we be doing? How do we make sure our loved ones do not slip into withdrawal and isolation? What areas of concern should we be aware of?

The following list of considerations provides the necessary guidance:

10 considerations

- 1) Medical condition — Is there a medical condition present impacting daily living?
- 2) Driving — Is there a risk of injury to self and others?
- 3) Food/nutrition — Are bal-

anced meals being eaten? Is weight stable? Is food fresh?

4) Hygiene — Is bathing occurring? Is laundry being done? Is overall appearance acceptable?

5) Behavior — Is depression present? Are names being forgotten? Are conversations being carried?

6) Daily tasks — Are basic tasks like cooking and cleaning starting to cause frustration?

7) Medication — Are medications being taken properly? Are prescriptions being filled in a timely manner?

8) Finances — Are sound financial decisions being made? Are bills being paid on time?

9) Mail — Is mail stacking up? Are there past due no-

tices?

10) Safety — Are appliances being turned off? Are doors and windows being locked?

Whenever possible, try to observe your loved one in a variety of situations.

Ideally, this evaluation should be informal, so as not to cause alarm or appear disrespectful.

If you have a concern, even with one area, chances are that your loved one may be struggling unnecessarily. Trust your instincts. We suggest that you and your family begin by acknowledging any areas of concern and learn about the issues and options available. Often there are simple things that you can do to provide assistance.

If you have any concerns, talk to your loved one in a casual and non-threatening way. Conversations should reflect a partnership and demonstrate a willingness to work together. Let your loved one know that your intent is to understand and respect their wishes while providing for their needs.

This is by no means an all-encompassing list. When faced with this difficult situation, it is best to seek professional guidance on how to manage the process.

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Cottage Hospital continues its tree lighting tradition



Traditionally, the youngest members of the Fink family have taken the honor of flipping the switch to light the tree. This year, (left to right) Bill Rands, former Cottage Hospital board chair, assisted Austin and Jake Jones, their cousin Reese Jones, and Stephen Jones with the official lighting task.

The branches of the Douglas fir tree on Kercheval Avenue in front of Cottage Hospital are once again illuminated to usher in the holiday season. The 19th annual lighting of the Fink Tree brought Bon Secours Cottage employees, volunteers, former trustees and friends of the health system together for the celebration.

The event included a perfor-

mance by the Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir and refreshments in the Cottage Hospital lobby.

The tree lighting honors the memory of longtime Cottage trustees Elise M. Fink and her son Peter R. Fink. First lit in 1988, the tree was dedicated to Elise Morley Fink for her 50 years of service to Cottage Hospital. Her son, Peter, was elected to the Cottage board of

trustees in 1976. For 17 years, he served on the Cottage and Henry Ford Health System boards.

In 1992, the new Emergency Center at Cottage was named in Elise's memory and, in 1993, the hospital's 75th anniversary year, the Fink Christmas Tree was rededicated in memory of Elise M. Fink and Peter R. Fink, true friends of Cottage Hospital.

Lifestyle podcast download available at HenryFord.com

Podcasts aimed at helping people gain and maintain a healthy heart lifestyle are now available at the Web site of Henry Ford Health System: henryford.com.

Featured topics include weight loss, nutrition and recipe makeovers. Others will be added over the next year.

There are two ways to access current and future podcasts: Each episode can be downloaded directly and played on a computer or iPod; those with a podcatcher can also subscribe to the RSS feed.

The podcasts are produced by the Heart and Vascular Institute at Henry Ford Hospital.

Podcast No. 1
Weight loss scams

The Federal Trade Commission created Operation Cure All to stop false claims about weight loss. Listen and find out what to look for, and look out for, when selecting a weight loss program. Four

strategies for starting a successful weight loss program are featured.

Podcast No. 2
100 calories

It takes 3,500 calories to lose one pound. Trying to lose one pound a week means cutting 500 calories each day. Trying to save all those calories at one time could leave one frustrated (and hungry). Instead of trying to cut those calories at once, try 10, 100-calorie saving tips.

Podcast No. 3
Raising healthy kids

This episode will educate about the dangers of childhood obesity and tips for keeping kids active and healthy.

Podcast No. 4
Chicken nuggets

Just because there is the word "chicken" in chicken

nuggets, it doesn't make them a healthy alternative. Listen to a quick and easy recipe for making healthy chicken nuggets.

Podcast No. 5
Recipe makeovers

Recipe makeovers are the focus of this show. Use ingredient substitutions and cut excess fat and calories from favorite recipes without sacrificing taste. Included is a recipe for slow-cooked sweet potatoes with apples.

Podcast No. 6
Holiday weight gain

Contrary to popular belief, Americans do not gain 5 to 10 pounds over the holidays. It's more like a pound or two, but many people never lose the extra pound. Twenty Thanksgivings can add up to 20 extra pounds. Learn how to enjoy holiday foods and still watch your weight.

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Free senior fitness seminar slated for Dec. 28

A fitness seminar for senior adults will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Athletic Club and The Sterling of Grosse Pointe.

The "Flex Your Body, Flex Your Mind" seminar will be held at the athletic club, located at 335 Fisher. Fitness trainers will discuss senior wellness programs and how staying fit

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Fettig-Hill

Kurt and Lisa Fettig of Tipton, Ind., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kate Fettig, to Michael Hill, son of Russell and Cindy Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Fettig earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Purdue University. She is a public relations associate with Burson-Marsteller in Chicago, Ill.

Hill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising from Michigan State University. He is an account supervisor with BBDO in Chicago, Ill.

Margolis-Moulton

Wendy Lynch and Gary Margolis of Middlebury, Vt., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ariana Ruth Margolis, to Joshua Peter Moulton, son of Amy Moulton of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Conrad Moulton. A September wedding is planned.

Margolis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater and education from Bates College in Maine and a master's degree in education from Columbia College in Chicago. She is an elementary school teacher in Chicago.

Moulton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine art from Lake Forest College. He is a professional artist.

Bush-Slaterry

Samuel and Alaine Bush of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Maria Bush, to G. Ryan Slaterry, son of Glen and Jayne Slaterry of Miamisburg, Ohio. A July wedding is planned.

Bush graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She is a student at the University of Charleston in West Virginia working on a degree in business administration and will graduate in May 2007.

Slaterry is a 2003 graduate of West Carrollton High School in Dayton, Ohio. He is a student at the University of Charleston working on a degree in business administration and is to graduate in May 2007.

Dettloff-Edgar

Raymond and Karen Dettloff Jr. of Estero, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have an-

nounced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Dettloff, to Tom Edgar, son of Susan Edgar of Colorado Springs, Colo., and the late Mark Edgar. A May wedding is planned.

Dettloff earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Dickinson College and a Master of Arts degree in public history from Colorado State University. She is an archivist with University of Notre Dame.

Edgar earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Dickinson College and a Master of Science degree in mathematics from Colorado State University. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Notre Dame.

King-Wortman

J. Peter and Sidney King of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sidney Kristin King, to John David Wortman, son of Joseph B. and Rosemary Wortman of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

King earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Michigan State University. She is an account executive with WJBK TV.

Wortman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Western Michigan University. He is the director of engineering with Detroit Radiant Products.

Berschback-Riedy

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie Berschback, to Chad Jason Riedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Riedy of Vienna, Va. A July wedding is planned.

Berschback, a graduate of Wittenberg University, is a mathematics teacher in Alexandria, Va., at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. She coaches soccer and is a graduate student at the University of Virginia.

Riedy, a graduate of Wittenberg University, is an assistant land development manager with Mitchell and Best home builders in Rockville, Md.

Romano-Lindow

John and Debbie Romano of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Renee Romano, to Timothy Swanson Lindow, son of Donald and Erica Lindow of Grosse Pointe

Farms. An October wedding is planned.

Romano earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Western Michigan University. She is a commercial account manager with Wachovia Insurance Services.

Lindow earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan. He is an associate in the health and benefits division with Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Cornelison-Sperry

Julie and Phillip Kyle Cornelison Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Ala., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rachael Cornelison, to Jason Lee Sperry, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sperry of St. Clair Shores. A Dec. 30 wedding is planned.

Cornelison graduated from North Ridge High School in Tuscaloosa in 2005.

Sperry graduated from Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores, in 2003.

Both are stationed in Spangdahlem, Germany, with the United States Air Force 52nd aircraft maintenance unit.

The couple will make their home in Spangdahlem, Germany.

LaBash-Sapmaz

Charles and Cathy LaBash of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne LaBash, to Alp Sapmaz, son of



Michael Hill and Kate Fettig



Sidney Kristin King and John David Wortman

Jerry and Arzu Aswegan of Bloomington, Minn. A June wedding is planned.

LaBash earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is a graphic designer with Gabberts Fine Furnishings and Design Studio in Edina, Minn.

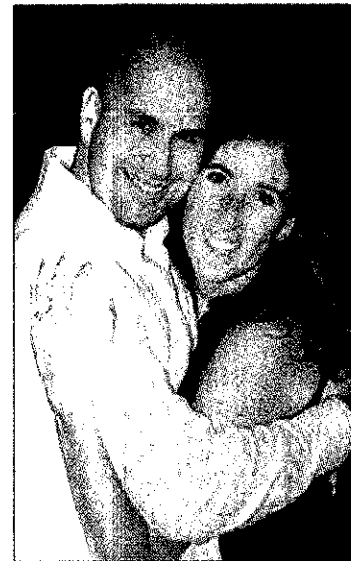
Sapmaz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. He is a patent attorney with Merchant & Gould in Minneapolis, Minn.



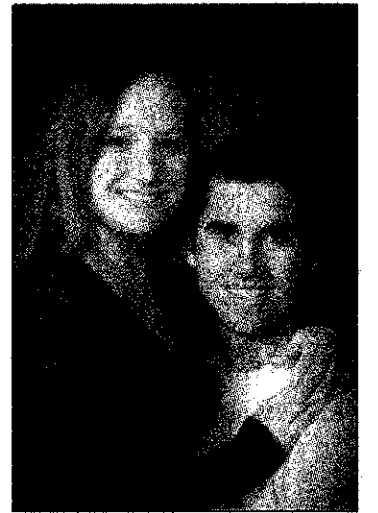
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Tom Edgar and Laura Dettloff



Vanessa Renee Romano and Timothy Swanson Lindow

WEDDING

Juszczyk-Zinn

Cheryl Ann Juszczyk, daughter of Patricia Scholz of Oswego, Ill., and James Juszczyk of Wauconda, Ill., married Peter Harris Zinn, son of Frank and Ruth Zinn of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sept. 9, 2006, on the lawn of the Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfort.

Lauren Isenberg Zinn, an interfaith minister and sister-in-law of the groom, officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception in the Crystal Downs Country Club.

The bride wore a strapless silk duchess modified A-line gown with an ivory silk satin sash.

The maid of honor was Dori

Kipp of Chicago, Ill.

Junior bridesmaid was Emma Andreasen, the groom's niece, of Grosse Pointe Park.

The flower girls were Sadie Zinn of Ann Arbor, Grace Andreasen of Grosse Pointe Park and Eve Beiting, of Cincinnati, Ohio, all nieces of the groom.

The best man was Frank Daniel Zinn of Ann Arbor, the groom's brother.

Seating guests were Carter Zinn, the groom's cousin, of San Francisco; Jim Juszczyk, the bride's brother, of Naperville, Ill.; and Craig Bagno of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Ring bearers were the groom's nephews Noah and Samuel Beiting of Cincinnati,

and the bride's nephew Christopher Juszczyk of Naperville, Ill.

Music was provided by the David Chown trio. During the ceremony, Tabitha King of Fargo, N.D., read a poem selected by the bride and Martin Saad of Washington, D.C., read a poem selected by the groom.

Following the reception, the wedding party and guests gathered on the beach adjacent to the Point Betsie Lighthouse to toast the newlyweds.

The bride is an Illinois State University graduate. She is the manager of Greenschool Project and marketing coordinator with Blueberry Hill Foods Inc.

The groom graduated from



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harris Zinn

Denison University. He is a voice actor and CEO of the Greenschool Project.

The couple honeymooned in Belize. They live in Chicago.

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**Moran -
Lowe**

Elizabeth Lambert Moran, daughter of Joe and Beth Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Terry Philip Lowe, son of Anne Lowe and Dave Lowe of Auckland, New Zealand on Sept. 1, 2006, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the 4:30 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a white strapless gown with a bell hem, the bodice was pleated with Swarovski crystals, and a fingertip-length veil. She carried a bouquet of white hydrangeas.

The maid of honor was Megan Moran of Vale, Colo., sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Meg Cook of Chicago; Kelsey Cooper of Indianapolis; Sarah Fox, Carolyn Gorski, and Erin Sanborn, all of Grosse Pointe; Allison Hirsch of St. Louis; Michelle Lowe of Brisbane, Australia, sister of the groom; and Laura Sauter of Jupiter, Fla.

Attendants wore black strapless tea-length cocktail dresses accented with lime green sashes. They carried bouquets of hot pink Gerber daisies.

The best man was Roger Dawes of Auckland, New Zealand.

Groomsmen were Adrian White of Seattle; Shaun Auger, Aaron Pryde, and Daniel Clements, all of Auckland, New Zealand; brothers of the bride, Matthew Moran of Chicago and William Moran of East Lansing; Scotty Mitchell of Memphis, Tenn.; and James Donaldson of Jupiter, Fla.

The mother of the bride wore a black skirt and jacket and a hot pink Gerber daisy corsage.

The groom's mother wore a taupe dress and jacket and carried a nosegay of hot pink Gerber daisies.

Lawrence Przybysz and Kenneth Robinson were the musicians and Elizabeth Cronin of New York was the soloist. Readers were Lauren and Meryl Pankhurst of Chicago, cousins of the bride, and Erin Dorsey of Indianapolis.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Indiana University. She is a third-grade teacher in Memphis, Tenn.

The groom attended Glenfield University in Auckland, New Zealand, and is in property development.

**Drouillard -
Topper**

Erin Nichole Drouillard, daughter of Martin Drouillard

of Roseville and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loch of Grosse Pointe Woods, married George Matthew Topper, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Topper of Grosse Pointe Woods on Oct. 20, 2006, in the gazebo at the Tranquility Bay Beach House Resort in Marathon, Fla.

Karen Kelly officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception on the beach at the Tranquility Bay Beach House Resort in Marathon, Fla.

The bride wore a white strapless satin A-line gown with a side draped bodice and asymmetrical skirt. She carried a bouquet of orange roses with purple accents.

Matron of honor was Melissa Bater of Livonia, the bride's sister.

Bridesmaids were Dawn Levick of Grosse Pointe Woods, Amy Wilds of Canton, Alison Gould of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the flower girl was Sophie Bater of Livonia.

Attendants wore coral taffeta tea-length skirts with ruched strapless chiffon tops with floral embroidery and carried white and yellow roses.

The best man was Marc Richardson of Clawson.

Groomsmen were Michael Topper of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mackenzie Topper of Grosse Pointe Woods, Marc Drouillard of Mount Clemens, Jeffrey Martin of Grosse Pointe Woods and the ring bearer was Steven Levick Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Burke -
Cosgrove**

Colleen Merelle Burke, daughter of Joanne Burke of Sandwich, Ill., married Patrick Steven Cosgrove, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods on Oct. 14, 2006, in Little Point Sable. Burke is also the daughter of the late Timothy Burke.

The Rev. Deborah Morrison officiated at the outdoor ceremony on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The maid of honor was Kelli Burke, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Cosgrove, sister of the groom, Katie Cosgrove, sister-in-law of the groom and Kathleen McNamara. Isabella Ida Smith, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

The best man was Dr. William Cosgrove Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were Fred Kaleal of Grosse Pointe Woods, David Graham of Plymouth, and Dr. Michael Nichols of Rochester. Jayson Burke, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Readers were Barbara Plitz and Cynthia Carroll.

Burke earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan



Mr. and Mrs. Terry Philip Lowe



Mr. and Mrs. George Topper

State University and a law degree from Kent College of Law in Chicago.

Cosgrove earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Michigan State University. He is on staff at the Hammond Clinic in St. John, Ind., where he specializes in family practice.

The couple will reside in Chicago.

The newlyweds honored their parents with the gift of a tree planted in their names in a fire-devastated national forest near Yellowstone National Park.

**Keating -
Edsey**

Katherine Byrne Keating of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Edward Keating of Dallas, Texas, and Mary Lou and Michael Moore of Grosse Pointe Park, married David Joseph Edsey, son of Steven and Caren Edsey of Park Ridge, Ill., on June 17, 2006, at the Chicago Athletic Association.

The Rev. Edward Kardelis officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a bagpiper and drummer who lead the 150 guests down Michigan Avenue to the reception at La Strada's Top of the Plaza.

The bride wore a gown that featured an Empire waistline and a sleeveless bodice with crystal beading. It was accented by a princess chiffon skirt. She carried a bouquet of tightly wrapped deep pink roses.

The maid of honor was Meghan Jaris of Chicago. Bridesmaids were Lauren Klein of Chicago, and Rachel



Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Steven Cosgrove



Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph Edsey

Edsey, sister of the groom of Park Ridge, Ill.

Margaret Edsey, sister of the groom, was the flower girl.

Attendants wore plumaria strapless A-line Dupioni silk sheaths. They carried floral bouquets of light pink peonies, spray roses and majolica.

The best man was Mark Stoga of Chicago. Groomsmen were Brian White and Jeffrey Cook, both of Chicago.

The bride's mother wore a pink champagne A-line dress with a matching sheer collarless jacket and a corsage of gardenias and spray roses.

The groom's mother wore a sleeveless aubergine dress with a beaded chiffon overlay and a gardenia corsage.

The ceremony music was provided by a Classical Chicago string trio.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a fundraiser for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation.

The groom is a graduate of Indiana University and is a senior financial analyst with Kraft Foods.

The couple took a wedding trip to Mexico and are living in Chicago.

**Wahl -
Bumpus**

Melissa Marie Wahl, daughter of Phillip and Jane Wahl of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Joel Thomas Bumpus, son of Janell Bumpus of Jackson, Mont., on Oct. 28, 2006, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Bumpus is also the son of the late Thomas Bumpus.



Mr. and Mrs. Joel Thomas Bumpus



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Booth Platt Jr.

Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the noon ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride wore a satin gown gathered at the bodice with a full tulle skirt and an ivory rose accent at the waist. She wore a tiara with an ivory cathedral-length veil.

The maid of honor was Kathleen Wagner of Brighton.

Bridesmaids were Janeen Bush, the bride's sister-in-law, of Jackson; Lindsay Card of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jenny Caruso of Dearborn.

Sydney Bumpus was the flower girl. She wore a sleeveless ivory satin gown with a tulle skirt.

Attendants wore apple red asymmetrical ruched strapless satin dresses.

James Bumpus of Ypsilanti served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were Michael Wahl, the bride's brother, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Bill Bush, the bride's brother-in-law, of Jackson; and David Beals of Jackson.

The groom's nephew, Noah Bush, was the ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a teal satin floor-length dress with a tuxedo style jacket and a rose wrist corsage.

The groom's mother wore a navy beaded dress and a rose corsage.

Kathleen Wagner and Janeen Bush were the Scripture readers and Kenneth Roberson played the trumpet.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a marketing major from Walsh College



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jantzen

and is a zone manager with Ford Motor Co.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University. He is a sales and leasing consultant with Audi.

The couple honeymooned in South Beach, Fla. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

**Van Tiem -
Jantzen**

Molly Van Tiem, daughter of Phillip and Darlene Van Tiem of Lake Port, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, married Martin Jantzen of Chicago, Ill., son of Manfred and Ruth Jantzen of Trinidad, West Indies, on Aug. 12, 2006, in Chicago.

The Rev. Jake Farry officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Cliff Dwellers in Chicago.

The bride wore a champagne-colored, two-piece dress with a fitted top and a mermaid style skirt. She was the fourth bride to wear her grandmother's cathedral-length veil. She carried a multi-colored floral bouquet.

The attendants were cousins of the bride, Ava Danner of Flint, Kristen Van Tiem of Harper Woods and Stephanie Paluda of Flint.

The groomsmen were Klas Jantzen, the groom's brother; Tim Cohen and Ray Wagner, all of Highland Park, Ill.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. They live in Chicago.

**Barnes -
Platt**

McKenzie Reed Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory L. Barnes of Bend, Ore., married Richard Booth Platt Jr., son of Mrs. John B. Warren Jr. of Metamora and Richard B. Platt of Grosse Pointe Farms on Sept. 30, 2006, in Sunriver, Ore.

W. Clark Gallagher officiated at the wedding, which was followed by a reception in The Great Hall in Sunriver.

The bride wore an ivory silk satin princess cut gown with lace applique and a chapel length train. Her ivory fingertip veil was trimmed with satin

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ribbon. She carried a fall-colored bouquet featuring roses, Gerber daisies, berries and foliage sprigs tied with a white satin ribbon.

Maids of honor were the bride's sisters, Noelle Barnes, of Beaverton, Ore., and Colette Barnes of Bend, Ore.

Bridesmaids were Rachel Anthony of Beaverton, Ore., Sommer Prewitt of Seattle, Wash., the groom's sister, Anne Barrows of Evanston, Ill., Jessica Mainelli, Katie Skovborg and Nicole Hall.

Attendants wore black silk Empire waist tea-length gowns. They carried bouquets of fall colored roses, Gerber daisies and berries.

Garish Gehani of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joseph Malcoun of Ann Arbor were the best men.

Groomsmen were Ryan Barrows, the groom's brother-in-law, of Evanston, Ill., Trevor Goodrich and John Peden.

The mother of the bride wore an acorn satin full-length, off-the-shoulder evening gown. She had a cor-

sage of blush yellow picotee roses, carnations and fall berries.

The groom's mother wore a dusty-rose, silk chiffon full-length strapless evening gown with a matching eyelet wrap. Her corsage was identical to the bride's mother's.

The Pressure Point Band provided the music. Readers were Amy Dickinson, and the groom's aunt, Angela Peden.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and anthropology from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in medical science from Midwestern University in Chicago, Ill. She is a cardiology physician's assistant at Sinai Grace Hospital.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Science degree from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry of State University of New York. He is a project manager with Specialty Auto Parts, USA.

They honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii. They live in Royal Oak.

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Rene Haelewyn

Rene and Tillie Haelewyn of Grosse Pointe Woods observed their 60th wedding anniversary with a gathering of rela-

tives at the Bloomfield Hills home of Jay and Marty Wetzel.

The couple were married Nov. 23, 1946. They have resided in Grosse Pointe Woods for 53 years, where they raised three sons, Gary, William and Douglas, and a daughter, Jill (Tweed). They have eight grandchildren.

Haelewyn served in World War II in the 15th United States Air Corps B24 Bomber Division, Group 481, Squadron 765.

Some 30 relatives attended the dinner party and calls were made by all who were unable to attend.

Organist releases two-disc CD

Organist Shin-Ae Chun has released a holiday CD, "On Cherubim Wings: Glad Tidings of Christmas."

She plays for Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores and has her doctorate from University of Michigan.

Chun recorded the two-disc music on the Marilyn Mason organ (Fisk Opus 87), a republic of an 18th century instru-

ment on the University of Michigan's campus.

Disc one has Christmas music, including "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Joy to the World." Bach and Buxtehude are featured on the all-classical second disc.

The set sells for \$8 and is available at Border's Books and Redeemer Lutheran Church (586) 294-0640.

Reformed drug dealer to speak

If there ever was a person who made wrong choices in his life, it is Herman Shelton.

Born in Highland Park, the middle child of 10, he found acceptance and excitement in the city's street life. He became a Detroit drug dealer, served eight years in prison for second-degree murder, and was later shot six times.

In 1989 Shelton committed his life to Jesus Christ and now spends his time reaching out to youth and families with his message of transformation, perseverance and love.

He started Right Choices, an organization to get his message across to as many people as possible.

The Spirituality Center at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., is hosting Shelton Sunday, Jan. 21. He will speak to parents from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and with teens and young adults from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Herman Shelton

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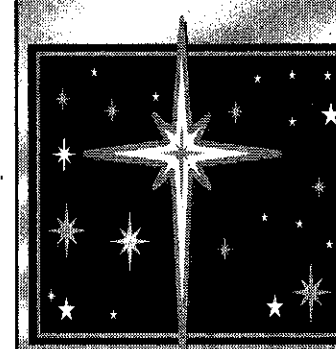
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The play explores the rivalry between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri, the court composer for the emperor of Austria in the late 18th century.

Shaffer became interested in the relationship between the two composers after learning about Mozart's mysterious death. Although failing to find evidence that Salieri murdered Mozart, Shaffer admits, in an interview with Roland Gelatt,

that "by then the cold eyes of Salieri were staring at me. . . . The conflict between virtuous mediocrity and feckless genius took hold of my imagination, and it would not leave me alone."

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

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Prosciutto Pizza with Arugula and White Truffle Oil

- 1 12-inch Boboli thin crust (for pizza)
- 1/3 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1/4 lb. thinly sliced prosciutto

A heaping handful of fresh arugula
6 to 12 drops white truffle oil (or white truffle infused olive oil)

Heat oven to 525 degrees (or as high as your oven will go). Smear the mascarpone over the Boboli crust leaving just a half inch around the edge.

Top with a single layer of prosciutto using either whole slices or chopping the prosciutto and sprinkling about the crust.

Carefully place the pizza directly on the center rack in the oven and bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until you see the edges browning.

Remove pizza from oven and immediately scatter with the fresh arugula.

Gently sprinkle the drops of truffle oil over the pizza. Use a pizza cutter to make eight slices of heavenly pie.

Prosciutto pizza also serves as a yummy appetizer for passing. Simply cut the pie into 16 slices instead of eight.

Arugula is sold in 5 oz. packages and the mascarpone comes in an 8 oz. tub.

Enough of both to make three pizzas, if you wish.

Definitely pull out that pizza stone if you have one. Just remember it goes into the oven before you preheat.

My husband, Tony, has been perfecting this pizza for several weeks.

We would prefer real truffles (over the oil), however at \$1,500 per pound the truffle oil is a perfect substitute. You can find the oil at Village Food Market (ranging from \$12 to \$38). It's worth every penny.

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◆ A quick note in reference to the applesauce drop cookies (December 14, A la Annie).

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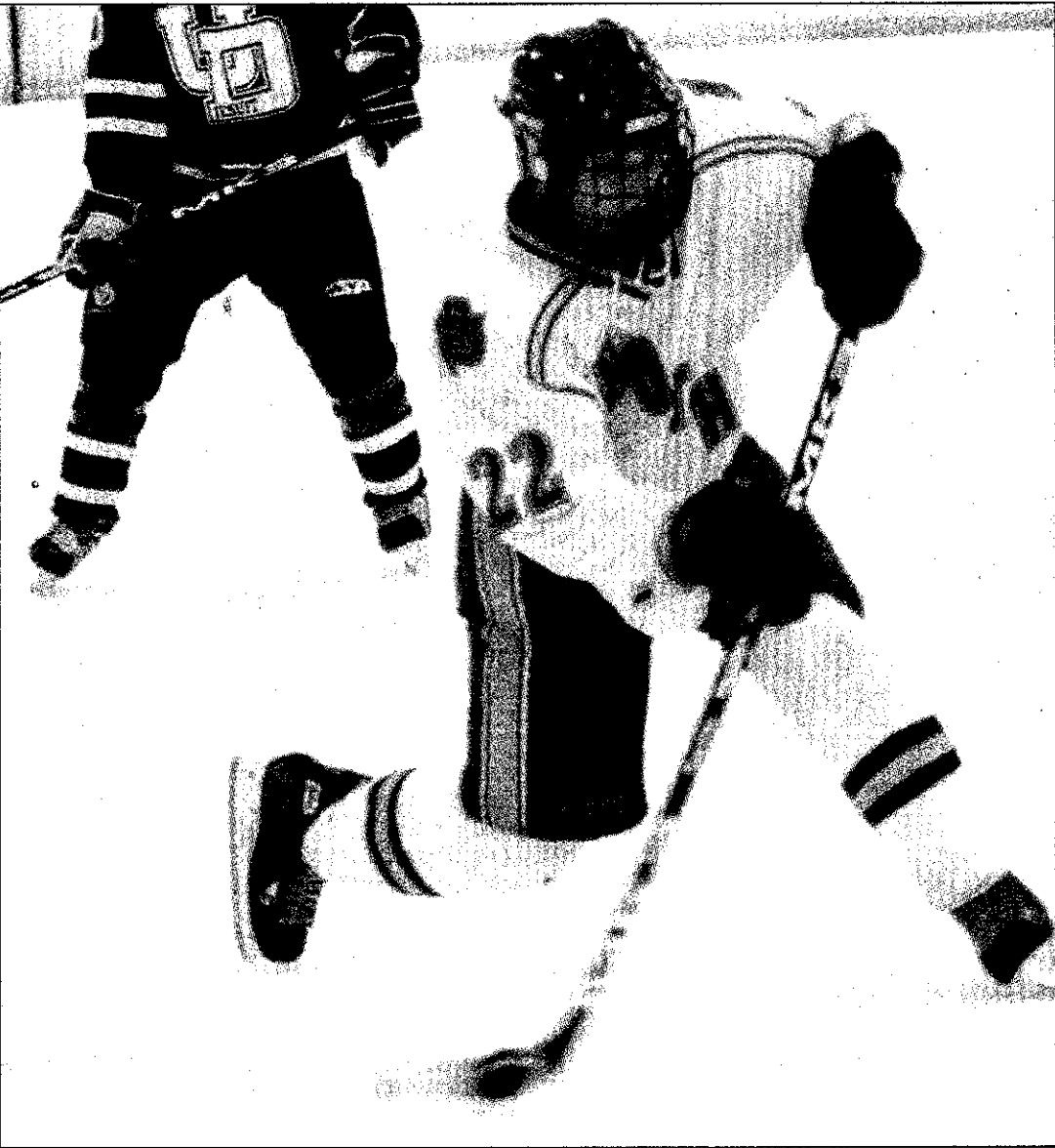


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Scott Brown scores the winning goal in Grosse Pointe North's victory against University of Detroit Jesuit.

North's 2-1 win is what coach wants

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team gave coach Scott Lock an early Christmas present last week — a 2-1 victory against Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League rival University of Detroit Jesuit.

"I liked the way we played tonight," said Lock, who wasn't as happy a week ago when the Norsemen won by 8-7 and 8-5 scores.

"We worked with the defense and the goaltenders and it paid off today."

The Norsemen held the Cubs to only 17 shots.

U-D didn't have a lot of good scoring chances, but when it did, goalie Michael Rahaim came up with some excellent saves.

He made one on a breakaway early in the third period when a North defenseman fell

down, and he had another key save early in the second period to keep U-D from taking a 2-0 lead.

"I thought all of our defensemen played well," Lock said.

Evan Skorupski was especially efficient on defense. Michael Colosimo made the defensive play of the game when he caught a U-D player from behind and stripped him of the puck.

"And he did it without getting a penalty," Lock said.

The Cubs' Mike Yanis opened the scoring with 1:01 left in the first period when he beat Rahaim after the Norsemen committed a turnover in their own end. Until then, North had dominated play in the period.

North tied the game at 5:08 of the second period on a power-play goal by Steve Coates. Ben Scarfone sent a pass across the front of the net and

Coates one-timed a shot past goalie Mike Raymond, who was also solid in the nets. Jeff Rohrkemper also assisted.

"Our power-play looked real strong," Lock said. "We had a lot of tape-to-tape passes. We didn't score on our first power play, but it was awesome the way we moved the puck around."

Scott Brown scored the winning goal on a high shot from the right faceoff circle at 9:27 of the third period. Doug Rahaim and Michael Neveux got the assists.

Rohrkemper played another excellent game at forward for North.

"He's averaging 2 1/2 points a game, but he's just playing great on both ends," Lock said.

North's next action is Jan. 10, when it plays in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League mini-showcase hosted by Brother Rice.

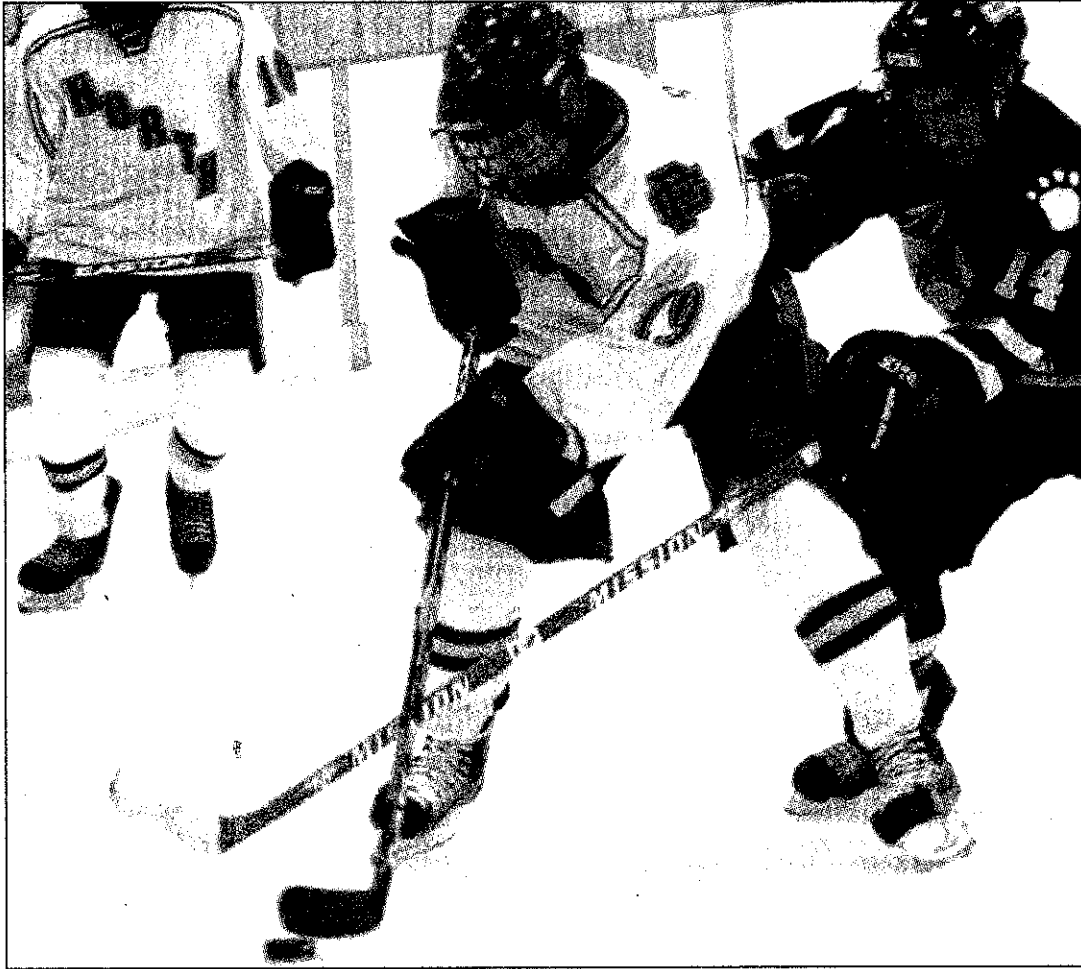


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Grosse Pointe North's Jon Ross controls the puck despite the efforts of University of Detroit Jesuit's Stuart Copley in their Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena last week.

SPORTS

Still perfect

Victory at PHN sends South basketball team into break at 5-0 PAGE 3C

SOUTH BOYS HOCKEY

Trenton drought ends with OT win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last week's 3-2 overtime victory at Trenton was a big win for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team.

However, it was also a big win for the Blue Devils' alumni.

"I heard from a former player in New Jersey and one in California," said South coach Bob Bopp.

"And we had 19 former players at the game. I told our team before the game that we're going to win this for all of the players that didn't get a victory (in Trenton)."

In 15 years, South had only three ties to show for its trips to play perennial Michigan Metro High School Hockey League power Trenton.

That all ended last Wednesday night, when Brian Auty scored 42 seconds into the overtime period to give the Blue Devils the victory in the matchup between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the state in Division II.

Auty carried the puck down the ice, but instead of passing to linemate Ryan Abraham, the sophomore forward kept the puck, went around a Trojans defenseman, put a move on the Trenton goalie and put the puck in the net. Abraham and Tim Shield assisted on the winning goal.

"It was a tremendous play by

Auty," Bopp said. "It's amazing to see a 10th-grader show so much confidence. He wasn't intimidated at all."

South started out playing a bit tentative, but after the first few shifts the Blue Devils started playing like Bopp expected.

South opened the scoring at 4:57 of the first period when Shield scored, assisted by Auty and Abraham.

Trenton tied the game on a power-play goal at 9:07. The first period ended with the Trojans holding an 8-5 shot advantage.

"We told the team between periods that we needed more shots in the second period," Bopp said.

At 2:28 of the second period, defenseman Brandon Brundige put the Blue Devils ahead when he took a backdoor pass from Geoff Osgood and one-timed a shot past the goalie. Lance Lucas also assisted on the power-play goal.

"That was just a perfect play — that's the only way to describe it," Bopp said. "Brundige has been a great defensive defenseman for us all season, and now he got one of our biggest goals of the year."

The lead lasted until the 8:47 mark when Trenton scored its second power-play goal of the game to pull into a 2-2 tie.

Neither team scored in the third period, but each had excellent opportunities.

With five minutes remaining,

South shot wide of an open corner of the net, and with about 40 seconds to goal, South goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer made the save of the game.

"We had a lot of people play well," Bopp said.

"(Defenseman) Nick Cinquarani played his best game of the season. He played the most he has, and he earned the time. The line of Shield, Auty and Abraham was together for the second time and played outstanding. We put Lance Lucas on a line with Osgood and (Taylor) Flaska and I was really pleased with that line, too. Flaska played the best game of his career. Lucas worked hard all over the ice. Osgood got hurt in the game Saturday and was probably only playing at 75 percent; but he worked hard and turned in a valiant effort.

"Sattelmeyer is back where he was last year. He was so confident and focused before the game. He didn't have a chance on either of the Trenton goals, and he made that great save at the end of the game."

South, now 8-0, should hold on to its No. 1 ranking in the state.

The Blue Devils are in Alpena this weekend for a tournament. They meet University of Detroit Jesuit in the opening game on Thursday, Dec. 28.

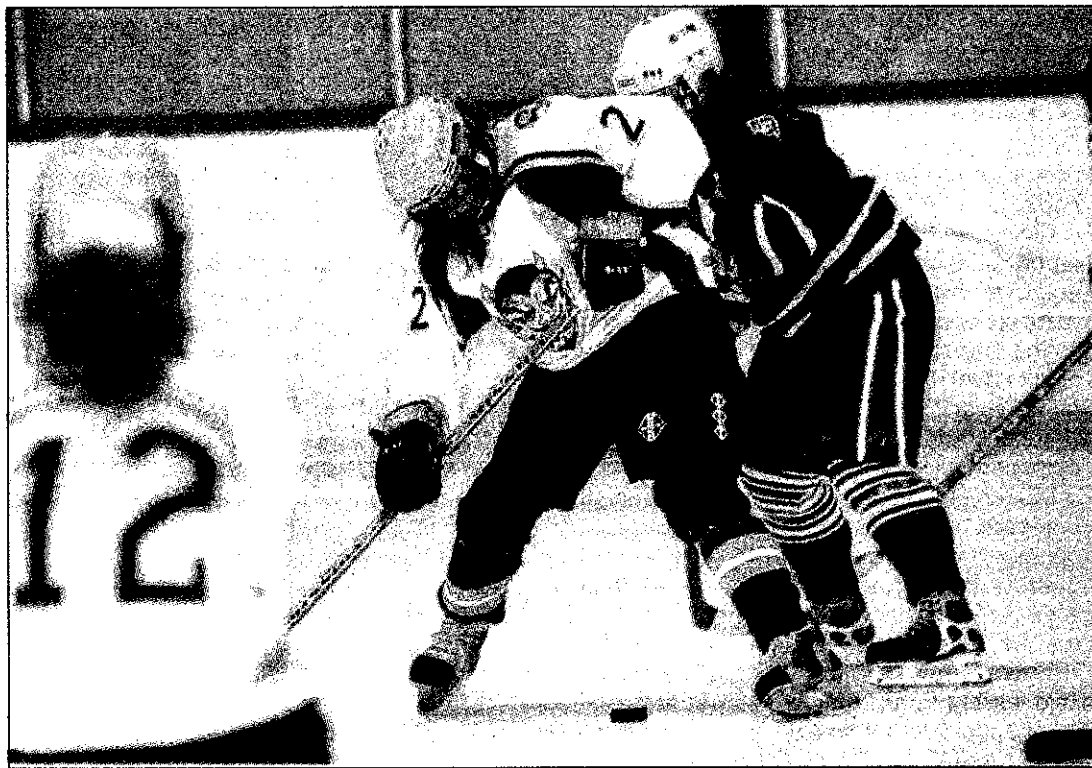


PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe South's Erin Shook (2) battles for the puck in the Blue Devils' 8-0 victory against Harper Woods Regina. Shook had two goals and an assist in the game.

South blanks two rivals

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team won two consecutive games heading into the holiday break, beating Regina 8-0 and Walled Lake 5-0.

Leading the Lady Blue Devils' offensive output was Alex Rentz, Erin Shook, Amanda Marsh, Shannon

Gianino, Jenna Huitsing and Shami Entenman.

Defensively, Jessica Snella, Mary Dosch, Maria Hartman and Sarah Auk have been standouts, according to the coaching staff.

South improved to 3-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High

School Hockey League and overall.

The bulk of South's schedule will be played after the holiday break, including two matchups against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North. The next game is at home on Jan. 4 against Livonia Ladywood.

Park woman is honored

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne Bocci earned the honor of becoming a member of the United States Track and Field Masters Hall of Fame Class of 2006 for Women's Masters Track and Field Masters.

Masters are track and field athletes age 40 and over. Bocci, 63, and her husband Gerald have completed a marathon in

each of the 50 states during their times as competitive marathon runners.

"I am very excited to receive this honor," Bocci said.

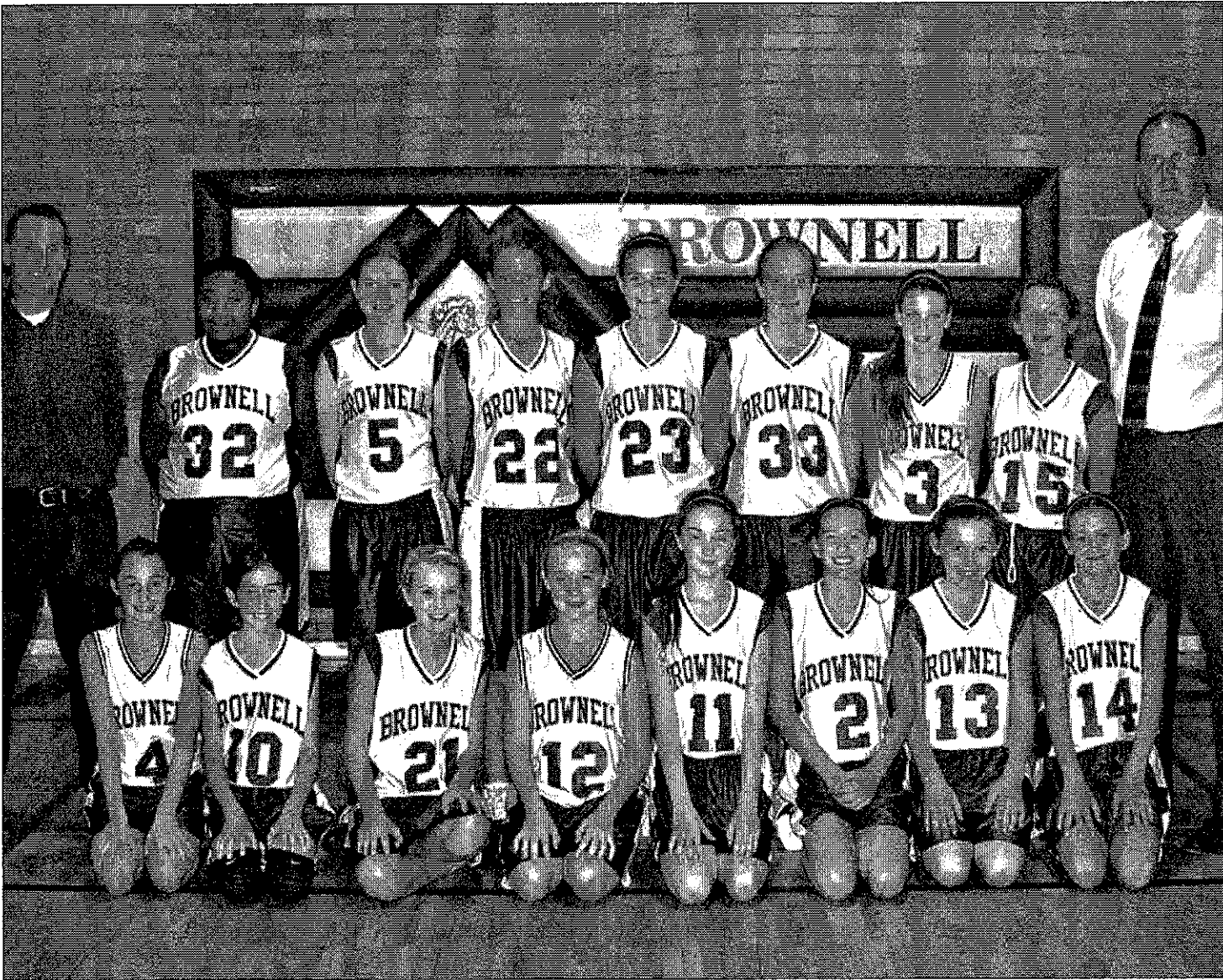
Norman Green Jr, manager of the Masters Hall of Fame Committee, sent Bocci a letter of congratulations.

The letter said, "It gives me great pleasure to share with

you that your name will be presented as a member of the Masters Hall of Fame class of 2006 in the old-timers category when the Masters Track & Field and Masters Long Distance Running committees meet.

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Perfect season

The Brownell Middle School seventh grade girls basketball team recently completed a 12-0 season. Brownell beat each team in its league twice and became seventh-grade champions of Grosse Pointe with two victories each against Pierce and Parcels middle schools. In front, from left, are Elle Wilson, Claire Schreiber, Jenn Kirk, Shannon Lang, Hannah Muller, Liz Champney, Maggie Steinhauer and Chelsea Merrill. In back, from left, are coach Dave Charvat, Chantice Johnson, Amy Zaranek, Libby Griffith, Cathy Palazzolo, Margaux Forster, Ella Pandy, Abby Couvreur and coach Bob Zaranek.

RED BARONS FOOTBALL

North defeats Barracudas

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons North turned in two fine performances recently but had only asplit to show for its efforts.

The Barons beat Mount Clemens 23-6, then lost 24-18 to a strong Huntington Woods team in one of the best games of the season in the East Suburban Football League.

In the Mount Clemens game, the Barons took command of the contest with a 15-point second quarter. The Barons opened the scoring on a 25-yard pass from Brian Cleary to Nolan Rozich. Cleary also passed to Rozich for the extra point.

Cleary and Rozich connected on a 26-yard scoring strike and Evan Lock kicked the two-point conversion.

The Barons increased their lead to 23-0 in the third quarter on a 63-yard pass from Cleary to Rozich and Lock kicked the extra points.

Mount Clemens scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak on fourth down in the fourth quarter but Grosse Pointe's Alex Avouris made the tackle on the extra point attempt. Jimmy Guest ended the Barracudas' final drive with an interception with 1:30 remaining.

Lock, Jordan Ulmer, Skippy Faber and Chad Tech made good runs against a defense designed to stop the run. Each of them made significant yardage after the initial hit.

Offensive linemen Mike Gerlach, Mitch Vermet, E.J. Wujek, Dexter Morton, Ryan Borowski and Terry McFarland gave Cleary time to throw and they also blocked well for the running plays.

Tech recovered a fumble, while Dylan Balicki, Ty Vens and Sheldon Coates also made fine individual plays on defense. Avouris, Ulmer and Lock made several tackles for losses.

Defensive linemen Greg Jolly, Andrew Flynn, Deandre Owens and Matt Canny played well.

The Huntington Woods game wasn't decided until the fourth quarter.

Grosse Pointe took an 18-12 lead early in the quarter on a 10-yard pass from Cleary to Rozich.

The drive started when Lock pushed the center of the Huntington Woods line toward the punter so that the kick hit

the back of the lineman.

Huntington Woods' next drive was stopped when the Barons' Balicki and Faber recovered a fumble. Late in the game on fourth down and long yardage, the Barons' punt was partially blocked and returned for a touchdown to tie the game at 18-18.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Barons fumbled at their 12-yard line. Huntington Woods recovered and scored on the first play.

Grosse Pointe took an early lead when Guest returned the opening kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown.

A fumble recovery by Lock and an interception by Rozich ended the Bulldogs' next two drives. Huntington Woods scored on a 90-yard punt return but Lock blocked the extra-point kick.

Jolly's pass deflection stopped a Huntington Woods' drive in the second quarter. With about three minutes left in the first half the Barons took a 12-6 lead on a 23-yard pass from Cleary to Rozich.

Huntington Woods came back to tie the game shortly before the half ended on a 60-yard run, although the ball carrier appeared to go out of bounds on the 35.

On the first play of the second half, Rozich had an interception that he returned 25 yards to the Huntington Woods 35. The return was aided by a key block from Vens. The drive was stopped at the 14.

Also making outstanding plays on defense were Avouris, Ulmer, Tech, Canny, Faber, Coates and Owens.

Strong runs were made by Lock, Faber, Ulmer and Guest behind the blocking of Gerlach, Vermet, Wujek, Morton and McFarland. Lock, Faber and Ulmer provided good blocking in the backfield.

Junior varsity

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons North rediscovered their scoring touch but were unable to hold off a late rally by the Macomb Mustangs and dropped a 39-34 decision.

Long runs were the difference early as the Mustangs led 26-14 after the first quarter.

Chip Wujek recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff on the Macomb 25-yard line to set up Jory Evans's 12-yard touchdown run.

Evans gained 132 yards on

17 carries.

The Mustangs returned the ensuing kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown and added the conversion for a 7-6 lead. Another fumbled kickoff return gave Macomb the ball and it scored on the next play to make it 13-6.

Grosse Pointe came back with a 30-yard touchdown run by Evans, who was aided by blocks from Stephen Benard, Joe Andreoli and Nick Scapini. Andrew Remus kicked the conversion to put the Barons ahead 14-13.

Macomb regained the lead on an interception return, but the Barons closed the gap to 26-20 at halftime on a four-yard run by Manny Counsman. Counsman finished with 125 yards on 16 carries.

The Mustangs recovered an onside kick to start the second half, and scored quickly to increase their lead to 33-20.

Counsman scored his second touchdown on a 44-yard run in which he went from sideline to sideline and back again. Richard Borland threw a key downfield block.

The Barons' defense tightened behind the solid tackling of Connor Yeagar, Connor Holm, Garrett Freismuth, Steven Mitchell and Devin Palmer and got the ball back. Jack Stander capped the touchdown drive with a three-yard run and Remus kicked the extra point to put Grosse Pointe ahead 34-33.

The Mustangs fought back and converted a fourth-down situation with a 28-yard pass to set up their final touchdown with three minutes remaining.

The Barons threatened again, but time ran out with Grosse Pointe on the Macomb 19-yard line.

The Red Barons North lost 37-14 to unbeaten Huntington Woods.

Cold, rainy weather made the football icy, and neither team completed a pass in the game.

The Bulldogs scored the only touchdown of the first quarter. The Red Barons gained some yardage on strong runs by Stander and Evans. Tight ends Benard, Robert Smith and Robert Maxey opened big holes off tackle, enabling the Barons to drive to the Huntington Woods 10-yard line, but they turned the ball over on downs.

On the Bulldogs' first offensive play, Andreoli, playing defensive end, recovered the slippery football in the end zone for a touchdown. Michael Bylski kicked the two-point conversion for an 8-7 Barons lead.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Huntington Woods scored on long runs on their next two possessions.

The Barons got solid defensive line play in the second half from Freismuth, Matt Giancona, Nick Romanelli, Luke McGarvah and Palmer. Yeagar and Anthony Sarkis made key tackles to stop the Bulldogs at the one-yard line.

The Barons were forced to punt and punter Mike Andary was tackled in the end zone for a safety.

Grosse Pointe battled back with a drive keyed by the blocking of center Nick Scapini and tackles Dillon Ermani-Lanzon and Evan Wagonsomer.

On a third-down play, Counsman appeared to be stopped after a short gain, but his knee never touched the ground. Noting that the whistle hadn't blown, he regained his balance and sprinted 36 yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 23-14.

Mark Reforno had some long kickoffs for the Barons, while Christopher Cyr had some good kickoff returns.

In a 33-0 loss to Mount Clemens, all of the Barracudas' touchdowns came on plays of 50 yards or more.

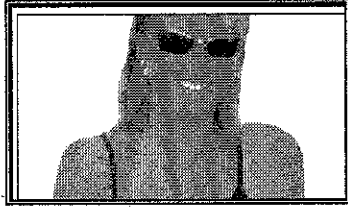
There were some highlights for the Barons. Ermani-Lanzon moved from tackle to tight end to block the Barracudas' big defensive end, who had caused trouble in the backfield throughout the game. Ermani-Lanzon also made a one-handed grab of a high pass for a 12-yard gain.

Scapini was effective at center. Wujek completed two well-timed slant passes to Mike Abiragi. Holm's punting was one of the Barons' most effective weapons.

Defensively, Yeagar recovered a fumble. Robert Palombit, Palmer and Freismuth stuffed Mount Clemens runners for minimal gains. Andreoli had a typical strong performance at defensive end, and Clark Ditzhazy made several fine tackles at linebacker, in addition to filling in at tight end.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

A sailor's resolutions



I wasn't going to do this. Really. I wasn't. But making a list of On Sail New Year's resolutions is just too tempting.

What better way to force myself to comply with my own annual contract than to have it in newsprint on my refrigerator?

When I don't feel like going for that run or crossing the street for Bikram Yoga classes, I can just look at this.

When I want to watch a trashy movie instead of a sailing rules video, I'll glance at these words.

When I'm tempted to throw my gear on my floor when I get home from a regatta, I'll read this.

So here goes.

First, a very unoriginal and obvious New Year's promise: to work out regularly in 2007. I'm certainly not getting any younger. My back isn't getting any healthier on its own. My muscles aren't getting any stronger, and my balance isn't improving by itself. So if I want to keep sailing and not hurting too much afterward, off to the gym it is. Strength. Endurance. Flexibility. Balance.

I know. We all say this. In January, there will be lines for treadmills and jockeying for position with our yoga mats for the best spot in the studio. By February, the crowds have subsided. But I'm promising myself I'll still be there.

Beyond my own health, I owe it to the people I sail with. I'll be darned if we're going to lose any races this year because I was too slow on a half-yard hoist, too weak for spinaker trimming or not agile enough to roll tack and jibe. Not to mention I want all my sailing gear to still fit come warm weather!

Second, I will take care of my sailing gear. Every year I seem to misplace a spray top, a watch, many hats and a single glove from several pairs.

Some of them, I know, go home in others' bags. Others, are donated to the river and lakes. A few pieces, well, they just go to the Neverneverland of Sailing. Who knows where?

So I will ink my name in my jackets and not leave them behind on boats. And when I get my gear home, I will rinse it, hang it up to dry and then pack it neatly in my backpack to have it ready for the next race or outing. Those hats that go in the river? Well, maybe they will find better homes.

My third resolution is to remember that my friends in this sport are the most important thing about it. I will not lose friends over race results. I will, of course, continue to have arguments over rules, how people should be treated and where we should have been at the starting line.

I will not waste my time with people who can't get beyond their own egos. But at the end of the day, I will remember that the sailors are the best part of sailing. Most of them anyway.

Fourth, I will continue to learn about aspects of the sport and volunteer within it. Rules. Race Management. Teaching. Race Committee. Regatta Planning. Sponsorship Recruitment. Local Clubs. US Sailing. Opportunities are endless.

(Unfortunately for some of you) I will continue to bug people to get involved, take classes, attend seminars, better learn the rules and help plan events. But I will also write thank you cards and make sure volunteers know how much they are appreciated.

And finally, I will win a regatta. That's a simple one.

Happy New Year.
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Scores, highlights from GPHA games

BANTAM HOUSE

Penguins 5, Team USA 3

Goals: Mitch Makos 2, Mike Gula 2, Scott Smith (Penguins); Giles, Ortel, Warrian (Team USA).

Assists: Christian Vervaeke 2, Gula, Patrick Gushee, David Gushee, Erik Roche (Penguins); Warrian, DeAgostino, Geraghty (Team USA).

Comments: Gula scored twice in a two-minute span late in the first period to give the Penguins the lead. Team USA tied the game with two goals late in the second period, but Makos put the Penguins back in front with his two goals in the closing minutes of the final period. Keith Johnson had an outstanding game in goal for the Penguins. Karl Brecht and Blair Listwan played well on defense.

Troy 3, Penguins 2

Goals: Barnes, Kohler, Piercey (Troy); Erik Roche, Jonathan Andrews (Penguins).

Assists: Barnes, Persichino, Halpin (Troy); Blair Listwan (Penguins).

Comments: Troy went ahead 2-0 in the first period but the Penguins tied the game late in the period. Troy

got the winning goal with eight minutes left in the game. Danny Carron and Nat Zimmith had fine games at wing for the Penguins.

Team USA 7, Penguins 2

Goals: Mitch Makos, Nat Zimmith (Penguins).

Assist: T.J. Livingston (Penguins).
Comments: Team USA led 3-1 going into the third period, but it broke the game open in the third period when the Penguins spent much of the period killing penalties. Livingston played well in his first game, while Patrick Gushee and David Gushee also had strong games.

Cougars 2, Penguins 1

Goals: Dale Erickson, Matt Desmarias (Cougars); Mitch Makos (Penguins).

Comments: The game was scoreless through the first two periods. The Cougars opened the scoring with a strong backhand goal midway through the third period and scored on a screened slap shot with four minutes left. Keith Johnson had another strong game in goal for the Penguins. Scott Smith and Jonathan Andrews also played well.

North grad shines for GVSU golf

Freshman Caitlin Bennett has made an immediate impact on the Grand Valley State University women's golf team.

The Lakers and Bennett, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, completed the fall season with a victory at the Findlay Fall Classic at Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Arlington, Ohio.

Bennett won her first college invitational with a two-day score of 148. She was tied for first place after shooting a 75 on the first day, and claimed the title outright with a 73 in the closing round.

Grand Valley had a two-day team score of 626 to beat Ferris State by four strokes. The Lakers were third after the opening round.

Earlier, Bennett finished in a tie for third among individual players at the West Florida Bubba Watson Invitational in Pensacola, Fla. She had a two-round total of 147 as she followed her opening-round 73 with a 74.

Grand Valley also finished third in the team standings behind Florida Southern and West Florida.

South goes into break at 5-0

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South basketball coach Jay Ritchie had nothing but good memories to take into the holidays as far as his team is concerned. "That was our best defensive game," Ritchie said after the Blue Devils beat Port Huron Northern 49-40 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

"We pressured every shot they took." The win sent South into the break with a 2-0 MAC White record and a 5-0 overall mark. The Blue Devils started slowly. They trailed 8-2, but by half-time South had pulled into a 17-17 tie. "We just had trouble scoring at first," Ritchie said. "We missed a lot of easy shots." South shot 7-for-22 from the

field in the first half and the Blue Devils missed all five of their three-point attempts. "Then the shots started to fall," Ritchie said. "And we shot well from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. We were 7-for-9 from the line. This is the best free-throw shooting team I've had in three years here." Ritchie couldn't say enough about the play of Jimmy Saros. "It was the best game of his

career," the coach said of the junior guard. "He played as close to a perfect game as you can get. Northern has a 6-8 perimeter player who's a Division I prospect and Jimmy held him to only three baskets. He stuck like glue to the kid. It was a spectacular defensive effort." It was more than just defense that Saros contributed to the South victory. He scored 15 points, grabbed

six rebounds and had five steals. "Last year it took him a few games to get started, and then he played great," Ritchie said. "I'm hoping this is the breakthrough game for this year." J.C. Cruse, the only senior on the South squad, added 14 points. "J.C. played his normal solid game," Ritchie said. "P.T. Shirar was in some early foul trouble but he still scored

nine points. For the second game in a row, South got a key contribution off the bench from Cale Mannesto. "He's been our defensive stopper," Ritchie said. "South doesn't play again until the Blue Devils travel to Port Huron for a Tuesday, Jan. 9, MAC White contest against the Big Reds. "We have three weeks to enjoy being 5-0," Ritchie said.



The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '96 won the National Indoor Regional Championship. In front, from left, are Alexis Sorce, Christina Ridella, Franny Weber, Paige Micks, Francesca Ciaramitaro and goalie Olivia Withers. In back, from left, are coach John Mellon, Leah Piepszowski, Danielle Manning, Ellie Zak, Kelsie Schwartz, Christina Firl and manager Lou Micks. Not pictured is Jena Paglino.

Breakers win regional indoor title

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '96A won the National Indoor Championship regional tournament with a 1-0 overtime victory against WAZA. Leah Piepszowski scored the winning goal. Defense was the key for the Breakers. The defense was anchored by goalkeeper Olivia Withers, sweeper Francesca Ciaramitaro and defenders Piepszowski, Kelsie Schwartz, Alexis Sorce and Christina Ridella. Midfielders Ellie Zak and Franny Weber controlled the pace of the game and helped set up strikers Danielle Manning, Paige Micks, Jena Paglino and Christina Firl for goals throughout the tournament. The regional championship qualified the Breakers for the National Indoor Championship Tournament which will be held in Cleveland next March.

Manning, Paige Micks, Jena Paglino and Christina Firl for goals throughout the tournament. The regional championship qualified the Breakers for the National Indoor Championship Tournament which will be held in Cleveland next March.

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Tourney champs

Our Lady Star of the Sea won the girls fifth- and sixth-grade Division I championship at the St. Thecla Basketball Tournament. From left, are Jenna Paglino, Megan Lesha, coach Joe Paglino, Alla Kedziarski, Maria Liddane, Ashley Rahi, Alissa Scroggin, Olivia Rozema, Emily Armbruster, Michelle Rabaut, coach Mike Lesha and Taylor Moses. Not pictured are Tori Wuthrich and Breann Reveley.

Cranes are too much for Knights

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's girls hockey team, coming off its first win of the season, lost 7-1 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week. The host Lady Knights, despite falling to 1-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 1-6 overall, head into 2007 with optimism that wasn't matched

last year. "Despite the loss, I thought our girls played with some good intensity tonight," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "Our win over Mercy has opened the girls' eyes because now they believe they can compete in this league." The host Lady Knights played without Katherine Fridholm, Rachel Farber, Caitlin Munn and Jennifer Edwards, who were either sick or injured.

"We didn't play smart hockey at times, which led to some penalties that Cranbrook took advantage of," Owczarski said. "We will put this behind us and use the next couple of weeks to get everyone healthy and practice hard." The Cranes led 6-0 before junior Gem Manalo scored late in the second period for the Lady Knights. Senior Elizabeth Palmer and freshman Morgan Ellis drew assists.

North learns from loss to Bulldogs

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North basketball coach Pat Donnelly looks at every game as a learning experience for his team. There was a lot for the Norsemen to learn from last week's 82-55 loss to Romeo in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. "Romeo is a good team," Donnelly said. "They have size. They can shoot. And their guards handle the ball well. But we didn't play with a lot of passion and intensity. I can handle losing when we give a good effort. Sometimes the other team is just better. We didn't execute on offense or defense. We're a better team than we showed (against Romeo)."

That's the best team we've faced, but are they 30 points better? I don't think so. "I knew I'd have to do a lot of teaching. But I shouldn't have to stress playing hard." That's the No. 1 lesson that Donnelly wanted his team to take away from the game. Romeo jumped ahead quickly. The Bulldogs led 26-12 after the first quarter and stretched their lead to 46-24 at halftime. "We talked at halftime about cutting the lead to 15 points at the four-minute mark, to 10 at the end of the third quarter and to five in the middle of the fourth quarter," Donnelly said. "It didn't happen. I think we might have tried to do too much." That was lesson No. 2 — chip away gradually at a deficit.

Dwight Van Hoesen led North with 18 points and Nick Waller had 15. "Dwight tried hard, and Nick worked hard, too," Donnelly said. "Nick had a good game rebounding." Although Donnelly was disappointed with the way North played against one of the favorites in the MAC Red, he wasn't discouraged. "We'll continue to learn, and we'll compete on a regular basis," he said. "I think we'll be a pretty tough team to play by mid to late season." The loss left North 3-2 overall and 0-2 in the MAC Red Division. The Norsemen's next game is Wednesday, Jan. 3 at home against Eisenhower.

Knights recover quickly

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

In a week that saw University Liggett School's basketball team split its two non-league games, the Knights picked the right one to win. "If we had to split the two games, this was the perfect way to do it," coach Andy Dold said after ULS defeated Marine City Cardinal Mooney 68-49. "We had a good second half. We don't play again until Jan. 9 (at home against Roseville Connor Creek), so it's much better to go into a long break thinking about a victory than a loss." ULS trailed the Cardinals by four points at halftime, but

Dold and assistant coach Chuck Wright made some important adjustments during the intermission. "I talked with Coach Wright and we felt that we should switch to a man-to-man defense," Dold said. "We also made a switch on offense. We've asked Carlton Snyder to play a high post this year, but it's not something he's used to playing. We switched him to more of a guard position in the second half and he seemed a lot more comfortable." Snyder scored 10 of his 26 points in the third quarter as the Knights outscored Cardinal Mooney 27-6. Patrick Gustine had 11 points and Joe Conway added

nine. Earlier, ULS lost 60-41 to Oak Park Academy, which is located in Ferndale. "It was just a bad outing all around," Dold said. "The players didn't play well. I didn't coach well. That's why it was good for all of us to bounce back in our next game." The Knights fell behind 16-3, but cut Oak Park Academy's lead to one point before going to the locker room down four points. "Then it the third quarter it just got away from us," Dold said. Snyder and Gustine led ULS with nine points apiece and Aaron Heaney added eight. The Knights are 3-1 overall.

North girls suffer first loss against Cranbrook

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team dropped its first game of the season last week, losing 2-1 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood. Senior captain and leading scorer Kate Zemenick was absent, but the Lady Norsemen still controlled most of the play and missed several solid scoring chances. "We had our opportunities, but didn't convert them into goals," head coach Scott

Dockett said. "Cranbrook is a good team, especially playing at home." Junior Katie Latimer scored the Lady Norsemen's lone goal. In other recent action, Dockett's squad beat Northville and Bloomfield. Zemenick had four goals against Northville, while everyone got into the stat sheet against Bloomfield. North stands 6-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-1 overall.



Jeanne Bocci

BOCCI: Belle Isle run on Dec. 31

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sport have been recognized by your peers and have led to this honor." Bocci will be running in the 37th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk, starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Belle Isle Park in Detroit. The children's one mile run/walk and one mile open run/walk begins at 3 p.m., followed by the four mile race-walk/fitness walk starting at 3:05 p.m. The four mile run starts at 3:30 p.m. For more information about the race or to register, contact Bocci at (313) 886-5560 or Bob Kiess at (313) 343-0358.

Pointers help Albion

Albion College sophomore Ryan Gunderson sprinted to victory in the 50-yard freestyle in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association swimming meet at Olivet College. Gunderson posted a time of 22.43 to edge the second-place swimmer by five-hundredths of a second. Gunderson, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South, was one of three Grosse Pointe residents to earn points for the Britons in the meet.

Grosse Pointe North grad Chris Blunden joined Gunderson and two other Britons on the 200 freestyle relay team that was awarded points for a first-place finish, although exhibition swimmers from Olivet posted a better time. South grad Ty Lattimore earned nine points for Albion with a score of 236.50 in three-meter diving. He was second in one-meter with a 245.40 total.

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