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THURSDAY, JAN. 25

♦ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the comedy "Epic Proportions" at 8 p.m. today through Jan. 27 in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

♦ The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe presents a "Running and Winning" workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Arc, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Admission is free and breakfast and lunch are included. For more information, call Christina Schlitt at (313) 882-9006.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

♦ Grosse Pointe Farms holds its Winterfest on the Hill from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
♦ The City of Grosse Pointe holds its Winterfest at Neff Park beginning at 1 p.m. Activities include a pig roast dinner, curling demonstrations, sled dogs, snow shoe obstacle course, broom ball hockey and sled-pull races. Other activities include conversations fireside or inside the warming house, hot chocolate and snacks, arts and crafts inside the warming house, and evening ice skating.
♦ The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South hosts a Monte Carlo Gala from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Assumption Greek Cultural Center. Call Kelie McMillan at (313) 570-4555 for tickets.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

♦ Grosse Pointe Library Board holds a special meeting at 7 p.m. to select an owners' representative to oversee consideration of the new Central branch library at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library.

Correction

A flier in this week's paper incorrectly displays the date of this weekend's Winterfest in Grosse Pointe Farms. The correct date is Jan. 27. The flier coupons are still good for entry in all of this Saturday's giveaways by Hill merchants.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Capital campaign

Foundation launches fundraising drive to build new Central branch

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

In another step towards a new Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation has announced the start of a \$10 million capital

campaign to raise funds to construct the building.

The library board of trustees determined in late 2006 that the current Central branch should be demolished and replaced with a new and upgraded facility.

The trustees formed a 27-

member building committee comprised of trustees, staff and community members to oversee most aspects of the design and construction. It is currently interviewing three owner's representatives, one of which will be selected to serve as an advocate for the library

and provide oversight and coordination of the project. The trustees are expected to make a decision at a special board meeting Monday, Jan. 29, at the Woods branch.

Based on the conceptual plans created pro bono by the architectural firm Fanning

Howey and Associates, a new 40,000 to 45,000-square-foot Central branch would cost an estimated \$22 million. In addition to the \$10 million the foundation hopes to raise through private donations, the library

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Father and son

Kenneth Meade and his son, Barron, of the Meade Group were honored at the 2007 Charity Preview Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, Jan. 12, prior to the North American International Auto Show. The senior Meade was recognized by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for his commitment and work in making it a continued success. The Meades also support the Meade Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center at St. John Hospital, Cornerstone School, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Fan Club Foundation of the Arts and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Children's charities were big winners of the evening, as more than \$6 million was donated to various children's organizations.

They mean business

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted its second annual general meeting Jan. 17 at the War Memorial. During the meeting, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, left, and Director of Member Services Jenny Boettcher handed out eight business awards. See story and more photos, page 10A.



PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

G.P. CITY

Trader Joe's on deck

Use, parking OK'd; signed lease due

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The deck has been stacked in favor of Trader Joe's East. Now it's up to the specialty grocer to play the final card — namely a signed lease.

To the applause and thumbs-up from audience members, the City of Grosse Pointe city council, sitting as a planning commission, voted unanimously to grant the grocer a special use permit to occupy the 13,206 square foot space. A signed lease agreement is expected any day now, after the company signed off on the new parking garage behind Kercheval Place.

Negotiations for the occupation were complex because it involved three parties: the Kercheval Place developers, Trader Joe's East and the city.

The city-owned parking deck and courtyard separating the structures are interrelated to housing the specialty grocer

See TRADER, page 3A

POINTER OF INTEREST

'The whole idea is to bring the community into the art institute.'

Alyssa Mertz

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 63

Family: Husband, Richard; daughter, Julee, and son, Jeffrey

Claim to fame: Brings the DIA works into public schools.

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Yesterday's headlines

1957
50 years ago this week

◆ **PARKING PROJECT HITS HURDLE:** A lawsuit filed by the Gabriel Richard School District Improvement Association in Wayne County Circuit Court has delayed the planned construction of a new parking lot behind the school approved by the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council.

The association seeks to block the planned 400-by-65 feet parking lot that will abut the playground behind the school. The association has also received a court order naming the board of education, along with the city council and mayor, as defendants.

The trial was postponed to allow the board of education to prepare its defense.

◆ **STATE GIVES WOODS TITLE TO PARK AREA:** After months of controversy and threatened legal battles, Grosse Pointe Woods has received the title to submerged shore land in its lakefront park.

The Woods, which paid the Michigan State Conservation Department \$10,715 for the disputed land, has been seeking clearance to the submerged land from St. Clair Shores, within whose boundaries the park is situated. The clearance was required before the state could grant title.

The acquisition hit a roadblock when a St. Clair Shores property owner filed suit against the Woods for alleged violation of his riparian rights and other matters pertaining to the park.

1982
25 years ago this week

◆ **HILL BUSINESS OWNERS UPSET OVER PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE:** A zoning ordinance currently under consideration

by the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council has some business owners in the Hill shopping district crying foul.

The ordinance mirrors one recently passed in the City of Grosse Pointe that prohibits new non-retail businesses from occupying first floor office space in the Village.

The ordinance would prevent business professionals from occupying storefront office space, relegating them to the rear of the building.

The Farms council maintains it is only considering the ordinance, and is looking for feedback from area businesses.

◆ **NEW TAX ASSESSMENT FIGURE WILL INCREASE RATES:** Pointe homeowners are expected to see up to a 13 percent increase in their property taxes this year.

A new state law called truth in assessment forces most communities to double the local assessment figure on tax notices to homeowners.

The increase will not hit homeowners as hard as last year's when rates jumped an average of 25 percent.

◆ **WOODS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ATTEMPT A MIXED BAG:** An attempt to create safer crossing areas for Grosse Pointe Woods students received mixed reviews from parents who hope to reduce hazards at Mack and Vernier.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council decided to paint diagonal lines on the crosswalks that serve Parcels and Mason schools, as well as the library, to enhance the visibility of the walks.

The right turn sign on Mack has also been slated for removal in hopes of keeping traffic from turning east on Vernier and crossing two school crossings to get to westbound Vernier.

1997
10 years ago this week



1957: Peanuts for Polio

The annual "Peanuts for Polio" drive will take place this Saturday. Members of the Tuxis Club and students from Pierce Junior High School ready for their part in the fundraiser. From left are Captain Rivard of the Grosse Pointe Fire Department, Rev. Paul Ketchum, Andrew Penz, Sally Whittingham, Dianne Longyear and Dennis Hykes. Peanuts will be on sale from noon to 3:30 p.m. (From the Jan. 24, 1957, Grosse Pointe News.)

◆ **FARMS BEGINS REPLACING 30-YEAR-OLD PARKING METERS:** 92 Hill parking meters are due for upgrades with plans to install new inner mechanisms inside the existing meter housing and poles.

With the exception of the purchase of 20 meter mechanisms in 1996, this marks the first meter purchase in 30 years.

◆ **SEARCH FOR NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEARLY OVER:** The list of candidates to take over the Grosse Pointe Public

School System has been whittled down to three.

The three finalists are Suzanne Klein, Robert O'Brien and Robert Smith. The job has been vacant since July when Ed Shine retired.

2002
5 years ago this week

◆ **TITLE IX STRESSES SCHOOLS' FACILITIES:** A recent federal ruling against the Michigan High School

Athletic Association will hit the Grosse Pointe school district especially hard since it is one of the older districts in the state.

The ruling, which overturned the practice of holding girl's athletic programs in the off season, may force the district to seek extra funding to pay for facilities to accommodate both boys and girls programs.

Having more students in the facilities at the same time will also strain the aging infrastructure of many of the district's buildings.

◆ **WOODS TO GET NEW PUMPER FIRE TRUCK:** A new eight-man fire truck has been purchased by Grosse Pointe Woods to replace its current unit built in 1979.

The new truck can pump a total of 1,500 gallons of water per minute from seven nozzles, which meets or exceeds fire industry standards, said city officials.

The new unit cost \$352,299, and is being paid from funds saved by the city over the last six years.

◆ **FARMS MAN APPOINTED TO COURT OF APPEALS:** Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Murray was appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Murray's appointment fills the vacancy created by Jeffrey Collins, who was tapped by President George W. Bush to serve as U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Michigan.

—By John Lundberg

An open letter to our community

For nearly 100 years Bon Secours Cottage Health Services has in some fashion been a provider of healthcare for the Grosse Pointes and the Eastside. Today, we are informing you, our community whom we serve, that a transition will be taking place within Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

Over the last several months our two parent organizations, Bon Secours Health System based in Baltimore Maryland, and Henry Ford Health System have been engaged in strategic discussions about what is the best future course for our local health system and for our community.

These discussions resulted in a decision that Bon Secours Cottage Health Services would be better positioned for the future if we were part of a strong local health care system. Given the complexity and competitiveness of our market it is very difficult for a sole community hospital such as Bon Secours Cottage to be successful. Over the next several weeks, a confidential due diligence process will take place to identify and evaluate potential new owners.

While we are engaged in this transition that may take several months we want you, our community to know and be assured that the entire Five Star Care Team at Bon Secours Cottage Health System continue to be committed to care for you in the same award winning manner that we always have. Continuing to improve the health of our communities is core to our mission, after all, Bon Secours literally translates to *Good Help*. We will continue to be here for you in time of major illness or minor emergencies.

Until this confidential process is completed, we are unable to provide any further details, and trust you understand. Again, you have our commitment that your best health is our main focus.

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PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation hopes to raise \$10 million in private donations for a new Central branch library, replacing the current building at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher roads in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CENTRAL: \$1.8 million already raised

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board has earmarked \$5 million in its capital account, leaving the remaining \$7 million to be funded by a taxpayer-approved bond issue planned for the November ballot.

To date, the foundation has raised \$1.8 million of which \$250,000 was recently donated as a bequest from the estate of Adele L. Huebner, a longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident who died in December of 2005

at the age of 73.

Huebner's family told the foundation that she was a lifelong supporter and frequent patron of Central branch. They said she was excited about the possible new library and wanted to contribute to it.

"Ms. Huebner's gift is a wonderful way for the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation to jump-start its capital campaign for Central library," said William Rands III, president of the foundation. "We believe her philanthropy will inspire other members of our community to come forward and make a contribution to help build a new, world-class library."

According to the foundation,

the Grosse Pointe Public Library system ranks in the top 20 percent of patron use in the state of Michigan, yet it is in the bottom 25 percent in square feet of space per resident. The library board has concluded that without a new Central branch, the library system will not achieve national standards for space per resident. The current Central library also accounts for more than 50 percent of patron usage in the community.

The library board has some obstacles to overcome before a new Central branch becomes a reality.

The Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission is trying to save the current

Central branch designed by Marcel Breuer, who is considered to be one of the world's premier architects of mid-century design. His other works include the UNESCO Building in Paris, France; and the IBM building and Whitney Museum in New York City.

At the December library board meeting, Bill Hartman, an architect and member of the commission, said the 53-year old building is a significant example of modernist architecture, making it worthy of landmark preservation. He urged the board to find ways to incorporate the Breuer building into the new building.

Board president Laura Bartell said the board gave

great consideration to remodeling the current library. However, none of the available options meet current and future needs regarding collection and meeting room space, parking, elevators and handicap parking.

"It is widely held that the Grosse Pointe library is not one of his (Breuer's) better designs," Bartell said. "If he were to design it today, it's not the building he would have designed."

The next hurdle facing the board is convincing Grosse Pointe taxpayers to approve a bond issue to help finance a new library during a severe downturn in the state's economy.

Village Kroger growing

Kroger in the Village has begun expanding into the former Bath & Body Works store at the corner of Notre Dame.

Kroger plans to house its expanded beverage sales area in the 2,700 square foot facility, said Monica Gordon, spokesperson of the Great Lakes division of the grocery chain.

The space will be used for beer, wine and soft drink products.

There is currently no completion date set, but Gordon said the company plans to start transferring its products into the building by mid-February.

The expansion will allow the store to increase its produce and specialty organic section. The company also plans to add more specialty grocery products.

Workers have begun renovations in the produce area and company officials are confident that once completed, customers are going to be very pleased.

Construction includes cutting two openings in the wall between the grocery store and former bath shop to allow customers access to the beverage section.

Early last year, Kroger officials approached the City of Grosse Pointe for permission to expand. The city council imposed a one-year limit on Kroger's right to occupy the space.

— By John Lundberg

Kennedy & Co. to call Village home

Kennedy & Co. received the go-ahead to occupy the second floor office space at 17029 Kercheval in the Village after the city council OK'd its front signage site plan at its Monday, Jan. 22 meeting.

The proposed hanging sign, made of wood and gold leaf lettering, conforms with the city's sign ordinance requiring signs no larger than five square feet.

The interior design company will occupy the second level above the sales office of The Sterling Group (Sunrise Senior Living). It was formerly occupied by Boutique Bellissima.

TRADER: D'Hondt Way to remain?

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in the rear of Kercheval Place.

Trader Joe's East requires a certain number of flat level parking spaces to accommodate shopping carts used by its customers. The city council approved the garage's design last month, but it was contingent upon the grocer's OK.

The final garage design has 62 flat first-level spaces specifically for Trader Joe's East customers, with additional flat spaces on the second floor. The total number of stalls is 237.

To receive the city's approval, Trader Joe's East was

also required to meet other criteria. One is providing a shopping cart corral in the pedestrian walkway (D'Hondt Way) between Kercheval Place and the garage. Two, its commitment to attending to abandoned shopping carts in the garage itself. Other criteria were mostly of aesthetic concerns.

And though the city owns the courtyard property, its maintenance is the responsibility of the Kercheval Place developers.

Scott Bowers, the Kercheval Place architect, outlined developer Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates' plan for the courtyard's appearance. His plan detailed the landscaping containing ornamental trees and shrubbery, flowers, benches, street pavers and other aesthetic enhancements, which were met with approval.

Residents also got their first look at the new garage's appearance. Its exterior features landscaping consistent with the area, and a brick inlay two-cast panel facade.

It also features glass-encased stairwells and elevator, two access bridges connecting the garage with the second floor of Kercheval Place, ample-sized parking stalls, and a decking system designed to maximize capacity but allowing for the safety of shoppers. To that end, the lane size for parkers entering and exiting the structure was increased to 63 feet to allow for grocery shoppers to unload their carts in safety.

The garage is also designed to allow for vertical expansion in the future if needed. A third level has been discussed, but the city decided on two levels because of budgetary con-

straints. A third level could house an additional 164 vehicles.

Some residents in attendance expressed support to build a third level in the current plan.

"It's silly for us to build something (right now) that is bigger than we need," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert. "The nice thing is if we need to extend it, even one-half a floor, we can."

Councilman Chris Walsh concurred.

"It is efficient, sufficient and fiscally feasible," he said.

The garage's setback also won approval from residents on St. Clair. Originally, the two-floor structure was designed to encroach within less than 10 feet of the property south of it — a distance now increased to 37 feet.

"We were (committed) to al-

leviating the effect on its neighbors," said City Manager Peter Dame.

Councilman John Stempfle made the motion to grant the permit, which passed unanimously.

Parking garage given last rites

The parking garage behind Kercheval Place in the Village has stood tall for more than three decades. But, once demolition begins, it will be nothing but a memory in seven short weeks.

The City of Grosse Pointe council voted unanimously Monday, Jan. 22 to demolish the structure and clear the way for a new facility to accommodate specialty grocer Trader Joe's East.

At a cost of \$113,450, S.A. Torello Inc. was awarded the contract to demolish the structure. Bond payments will be covered by the city's parking system coffers.

Demolition is set to begin once the city receives an executed lease from the grocer, which is expected any day now. Trader Joe's East was granted a special use permit to occupy the building at the meeting, considered one of the last steps before signing a lease agreement.



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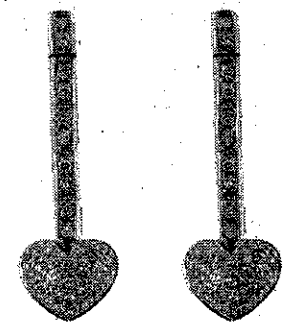
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POINTER OF INTEREST

Alyssa Mertz takes art out of the museum's confines and brings it into the classroom through the Detroit Institute of Arts program, Art to Schools. There she explains to students how art reflects everyday life.

Bringing art to area schools

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Children from area schools have gazed at Romare Bearden's painting "Quilting Time."

Instructor Alyssa Mertz shows slides of the work which depicts Bearden's rendering of an African American family during the 20th century era. It depicts a relaxed family holding a quilt.

Mertz asks the students to imagine themselves in the painting and thus wrest meaning from it.

In "Quilting Time," students may conceive the theme of freedom in the picture; the African American family is cohesive and is immersing itself in communal activities. These conditions were made possible with emancipation from slavery.

Mertz's instruction of "Quilting Time" is a microcosm of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Art to Schools program. The program intends to educate and give confidence to Detroit students by drawing out their opinions on a variety of art as it relates to history. The contexts of the observed art include the Colonial era, the Revolutionary War, western expansions, the Progressive era, Native American history and the world wars.

"I think it gives every child a means of expressing themselves. It makes them focus on something, and they have to back up what they're saying," Mertz said. "It gives them critical thinking skills."

Mertz, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, began teaching for the DIA's Art to Schools program 16 years



PHOTO BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

Alyssa Mertz teaches art to area public school students via the Detroit Institute of Arts' Art to Schools program.

ago, and in 2006 was named volunteer of the year.

Metz grew up in northwest Detroit and attended the University of Michigan, where she earned a teaching degree.

For seven years, she taught American History and French in Southfield and Birmingham and elementary French in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mertz took an art history survey elective that piqued

her interest in the discipline.

"It was the best class I ever took," she said. "It was art. It was history. It was everything."

Mertz connected with the DIA after she read a newspaper advertisement about volunteering. She had stopped teaching in public schools when she had children. Jeff, now a businessman working in corporate development for an investment firm, and Julie, the owner of a Chicago dance

studio. She wanted to employ her love of art in a manner that would help others.

After a yearlong training program at the DIA in art and technique, she made her way to metropolitan Detroit schools and now teaches once a week during the school year.

To supplement her knowledge of art history, about 10 years ago, she studied with U-M Dearborn Professor Shelley Perlove. Travel further solidified her passion by

viewing-artists' work in places such as Paris and Florence.

Art to Schools is free to public schools; teachers merely send in a request for the program. Joined with a DIA teacher, students begin learning the rudiments of art.

"Most of the Detroit metropolitan schools don't have art teachers so this gives them an art curriculum," Mertz said.

The DIA is currently under renovation, which Mertz

hopes will bolster interest among her students in addition to adults in the metro area. While the museum is open now, changes will usher in a better DIA, Mertz said. Gallery space will be enlarged; infrastructure will be improved and educational programs expanded. Themes in artwork will be stressed, adding to the previous system which organized art in categories and genres.

For the Art to Schools program, instructors will be able to use power point presentations along with slide shows.

These transformations aim to democratize art viewing and help people become less intimidated by it, Mertz said.

"The whole idea is to bring the community into the art institute," she said.

Aside from her work with the DIA, Mertz has volunteered for the Karmanos Cancer Center.

She spearheaded Knitting for Karmanos, in which she and others made scarves that were sold at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The group raised \$9,000, and the money has helped people buy medicine and attain other services. Mertz is planning another fundraising project next year in which purses will be sold for the benefit of Karmanos patients.

Mertz said Art to Schools remains her most significant life work. By giving students the opportunity to develop their own thoughts about artwork, she said she broadens their knowledge and increases their self-esteem.

For more information about the DIA's Art to Schools program call (313) 494-5221 or go to the Web site dia.org.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Daddy and daughter dance set

Dads and daughters are invited to the Grosse Pointe

Woods Daddy Daughter Dance Saturday, Feb. 3, at the

community center.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 1. Call Lake Front Park at (313) 343-2470 or e-mail at parks@gpwmf.us.

The dance for girls ages 5 to 7 will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and for girls 8- to 10-years-old will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Girls receive a photo with dad and a keepsake.

Punch and cookies will be served.

Call the parks and recreation department at (313) 343-2470 for more information.



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

It's never too early to think about spring. Boat wells are available at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Think spring: boat wells are available

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Spring will be here before you know it and now is the perfect time to line up a boat well.

Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said 75 boat wells are available.

"We have made an aggressive attempt to call all of the people on our boat well wait-

ing list," Sharp said. "We want everyone to know that wells are available for a variety of different size boats."

Woods councilmember Vicki Granger and members of the city's recreation committee spoke with several boaters during a recent meeting.

All agreed to spread the word that the waiting list isn't as long as some think and that wells are available.

"We have boat wells available, especially for smaller boats," Granger said. "Now is a great time to sign up."

Sharp said use of the marina and Lake Front Park in general should be up this summer due to the increased cost of vacations.

"We have a lot of things to offer here at the park with the marina included," Sharp said. "We are preparing for a busy summer."

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Police bring down owner of drug house

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

A house in the 700 block of St. Clair had been under surveillance for days. Police suspected it was the center of drug activity and had a search warrant in hand, but they waited until traffic coming in and out of the house was at its peak.

On Friday, Jan. 12 they pounced.

Officers from the City of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods SWAT Team seized three quarters of a pound of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia following the 9:10 p.m. raid. Eight people were arrested, including the alleged drug dealing suspect's mother, who allowed the house to be used as a communal drug enclave.

The 42-year-old woman, an area medical professional, told police that she let her son and his friends use the residence to smoke marijuana, said Ronald Wieczorek, city police detective. He said she considered marijuana to be less harmful than heroin or cocaine, and even smoked it on occasion with the youths.

"Ironically, she believed she was providing a service to the kids," Wieczorek said. "She thought she was helping the kids."

"She said to me that while I might like a can of beer after work, she liked to smoke a bowl."

Police moved on the house after a drug deal resulted in arrests earlier that night in the parking lot of a Detroit restaurant in the 4000 block of Cadieux. City police, working with Michigan State police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, followed a car leaving the St. Clair house to the parking lot, where they arrested three youths for buying the drugs and the 19-year-old drug source, who worked as a security guard for the restaurant, Wieczorek said.

Concerned that the arrests would tip the drug users in the house, police shortly thereafter conducted the raid. There, officers were greeted with a miasma of smoke throughout the home while they confiscated evidence.

"We wanted to do it right," Wieczorek said. "It was lucky that we waited."

"The mom was there. It was a casual (environment)."

The city's canine unit discovered marijuana hidden in a ceiling panel in the home's basement. Other evidence seized included drug bongs and scale equipment.

The mother told police the residence had been used as a party house for about two years, Wieczorek said. Police are now sorting through the litany of youths suspected of visiting the house, and have been contacting parents. It was also common to see parents picking up their children at the house while it was under surveillance, he added.

"We're looking to send letters out to (these) parents and we're busy running (license) plates," Wieczorek said. "It was kind of wild over there."

The woman has been charged with felony drug dealing and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. If convicted, she faces up to four years in jail.

Others arrested, including the woman's 16-year-old son, are facing various drug charges.

They have been released on bond.



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The City of Grosse Pointe seized three quarters of a pound of marijuana, drug bongs and other paraphernalia in the Jan. 12 raid in the 700 block of St. Clair.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Police nab burglary suspect in raid

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The thief knew what he was doing. His burglaries had police from many communities frustrated by his success and elusiveness. But it wasn't his break-ins that led to his arrest, but an expired tag on his license plate.

Grosse Pointe Shores police believe a rash of home invasions in the Pointes and other suburban communities has ended following the arrest of a St. Clair Shores man Wednesday, Jan. 17.

In a predawn raid, police from the Shores, the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods SWAT Team and St. Clair Shores descended on the 44-year-old man's home on Garfield in St. Clair Shores. There police discovered tens of thousands of

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STEPHEN POLONI,
City of Grosse Pointe police chief

dollars in jewelry, firearms, coins, computers and precious metals that police believe have been stolen in previous burglaries throughout the sub-

urbs, said Stephen Poloni, Shores director of public safety.

"We're pretty sure that the evidence taken from the community has been recovered," Poloni said.

Police believe the suspect was involved in the burglaries of homes on Monday, Jan. 15 on Willow Tree Place and on Tuesday, Jan. 16 on Lakeshore near Shorecrest Circle. In fact,

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

City to purchase timing device

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Less than one second can be the difference between winning and losing a swimming event.

Members of the Lakefront Swimming Association, composed of swimmers from the five Grosse Pointe communities and St. Clair Shores, will benefit from full-time use of an electronic timing system.

Grosse Pointe Woods city council unanimously approved spending \$18,000 for the timing device. The cost will be evenly split (\$3,000) among the six communities.

The association had been spending \$7,000 to rent the system each summer.

The cost has doubled since 2003.

The Citizens' Recreation Commission agreed it would be a wise investment and asked the city council to approve the purchase.

"This makes mathematical sense," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We will save money in the long run by buying the timing system."

Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said the timing device will be housed by whichever city team hosts the championship meet each summer.

In 2007, the Woods will host the swimming association's preliminary and championship rounds.

Sharp is responsible for pay-

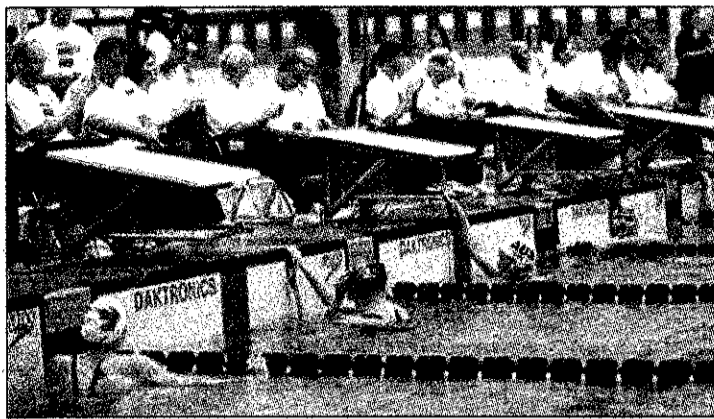


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Spectators at the swim meets will see a picture similar to the above scene. The timing device is similar to those used at high school meets across the state.

ing for the device and receiving payment from the other four Grosse Pointe communities and St. Clair Shores.

Councilmember Lisa Pinkos Howle was concerned about the cost of using a truck to transport the timing system, its upkeep and where it will be stored during the winter months.

"We have looked into trans-

porting the system, which will not be a problem, and we will train some employees on the proper upkeep of the system," Sharp said. "We, here at Lake Front Park, will store the device in an area that is dry and will not hurt the system."

The timing system consists of seven deck lane modules, seven stainless steel touchpads and related equipment.

Motorists get chance to pick new license plates

Motorists will have two new license plate styles to choose from starting Jan. 1.

The Spectacular Peninsulas graphic plate and the updated white standard plate are set to make their debuts, replacing the Great Lakes Splendor and blue standard plates, respectively.

"A new year calls for a fresh look and we're excited to offer these plates to the people of Michigan," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "The graphic plate design embodies the best of Michigan and lets drivers share their state pride with the world. The new standard plate has a clean look that does justice to any vehicle. Both are welcome additions to Michigan's license plate legacy."

Land emphasized that drivers merely have to follow their normal plate renewal cycle, which is based on their birthday, to receive a new plate if needed.

The Spectacular Peninsulas plate costs \$5 in addition to regular vehicle registration fees.

Its design, unveiled earlier this year, features a cityscape in the upper-left corner, a

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wheat field swaying in the breeze in the top center and a forest in the upper right.

An outline of Michigan surrounded by the Great Lakes highlights the plate's center while the Mackinac Bridge arches across the bottom. The slogan "Spectacular Peninsulas" is to the right of the bridge. Predominant plate colors are blue, green and white.

The Spectacular Peninsulas plate can be purchased at a branch office or by mail.

While the Great Lakes Splendor plate will no longer be sold, motorists who already have one may continue renewing it if they wish. It has been in use since 1997.

The blue standard will no longer be sold, renewed, replaced or transferred after Jan. 1 under a recent state law. The plate, first issued in 1982,

'The graphic plate design embodies the best of Michigan and lets drivers share their state pride.'

TERRI LYNN LAND,
Secretary of State

is produced through an outdated manufacturing process and also lacks the reflective background preferred by law enforcement.

The new standard plate has a fully reflective white background with blue lettering. It is rust-resistant and easily identifiable. There is no additional fee for the new standard plate at the time of renewal, though regular vehicle registration fees still apply.

If a customer chooses to replace a blue plate before the renewal period, there is a \$5 replacement fee.

The new registration and tab will still expire on the same date as the current registration and tab.

For more information about all of the department's plates and renewal options, visit Michigan.gov/sos.

Teens charged

A Grosse Pointe Woods 18-year-old and an 18-year-old accomplice from Ottawa, Ont., were charged with unlawfully cutting down a pine tree located in Coopers Square at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The crime occurred Friday, Jan. 5.

On Friday, Jan. 19, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged each teen with one count of malicious destruction of a tree that cost more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, said Woods Director of Public Safety Mike Makowski.

The crime is a five-year felony and a \$10,000 fine or three times the amount of damage, whichever is greater.

No arraignment date has been given.

—Bob St. John

RAID: Cops get their man

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the Tuesday burglary was the man's undoing.

Poloni said officers patrolling on Shorecrest ticketed a car parked there with expired tags.

After the break-in was reported, police quickly tied the car to the man who was "a person of interest" in the investigation.

In less than five hours, police obtained a search warrant and coordinated the raid with other law enforcement officials. The man was at home with his wife and stepchildren. He was taken without resistance, Poloni

said.

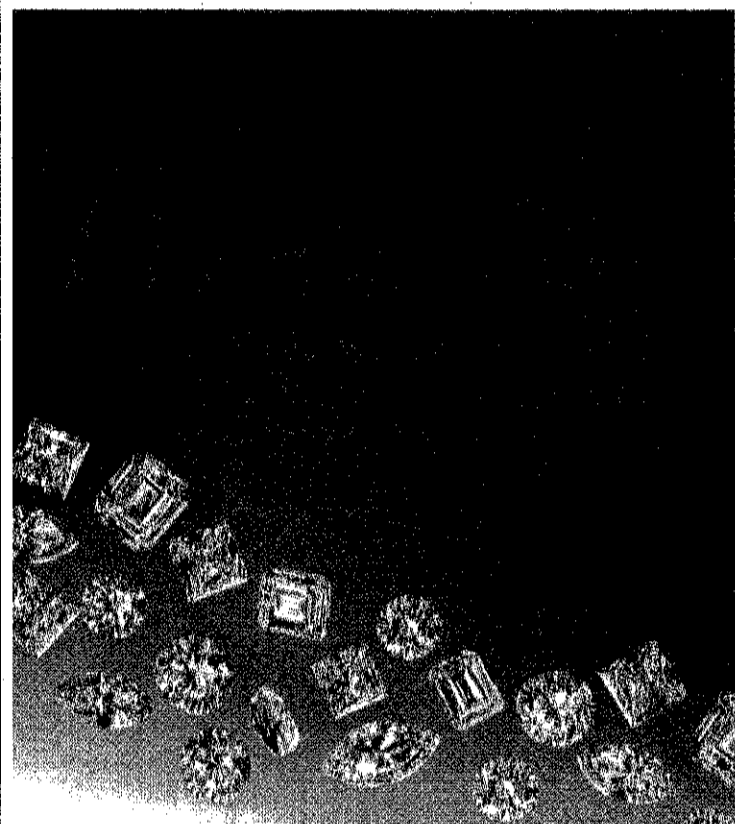
Several other police departments have contacted the Shores police expressing interest in the arrest.

They believe the man might be responsible for home invasions in their communities as well. Poloni said law enforcement as far west as Northville have contacted the Shores police department.

"We're extremely happy with this arrest," Poloni said. "Our (units) did an outstanding job and were able to catch a suspect that many departments have an interest in."

The suspect has been charged with various crimes. He is being held by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department on a \$500,000 bond.

Police plan to display the evidence collected for victims and law enforcement to look through this week.



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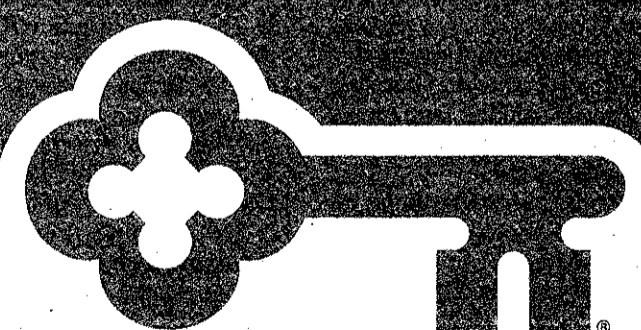
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EDITORIAL

Now it's up to
Trader Joe's

W here in the world is Trader Joe's? At Monday night's council meeting, City of Grosse Pointe elected officials completed their end of the bargain by paving the way for specialty grocer Trader Joe's, whose representatives have yet to show themselves.

The city council — sitting as the planning commission — unanimously approved a special use request for Trader Joe's East to operate in 13,206 square feet in the rear of the former Jacobson's building, now called Kercheval Place.

The council also awarded a \$113,400 bid for the demolition of the 33-year-old parking deck to make room for a new, \$4 million structure that would be more amenable to shopping carts to be used by Trader Joe's East.

However, the parking garage demolition is subject to a signed lease from Trader Joe's corporate headquarters in California.

Kercheval Place architect Scott Bowers told the council Trader Joe's was close to reaching a lease agreement. "We've ironed out the last few issues," he said. "Everybody all the way up to the top dog is in on this."

Before approving the special use permit, council members were briefed on the grocer's plans.

Trader Joe's East will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The store will receive five deliveries a day. Grocery carts will be accommodated in the store and in a "corral" in the city-owned alley (D'Hondt Way).

In approving the special use, the planning commission (council), at the city planners and administration's recommendations, attached many conditions:

- ◆ The specialty grocer validate parking, which will expedite shoppers' exit from the parking structure.
- ◆ The grocer retrieve carts from the parking garage as often as necessary to promote a clean, safe environment and from the entire Village commercial area at least once a day and at closing.
- ◆ The loading dock be screened.
- ◆ City approval of the cart corral and merchandise displays on city property.
- ◆ The grocer maintain a 5-foot walkway along D'Hondt Way.
- ◆ Outdoor merchandise be kept neat and orderly and does not create a nuisance.

Mr. Bowers also agreed to require the grocer to either secure the shopping carts outdoors or move them indoors when the store is closed to limit vandalism and mischief.

The planning commission's approval of the special use for Trader Joe's East was met with a spattering of applause and a few thumbs-up by audience members.

In related business, the council discussed the overall design of the proposed new parking deck and demolition of the existing deck.

The new parking structure will be two levels with a partial third level. Motorists will enter off of St. Clair and exit onto Notre Dame. The ground and second levels along D'Hondt Way will be flat to accommodate grocery carts. The ramps will be along the rear of the deck nearest to the residential lot line.

Plans call for two second-story skywalks to Kercheval Place. The garage elevator and stairwells will be glass-enclosed.

Some residents suggested building a full third level on the parking deck now, which would be less expensive than doing it five or 10 years down the road. However, Councilwoman Jean Weipert pointed out that the deck as planned is designed to accommodate expected parking needs. Building more deck than necessary, she and Councilman Chris Walsh concurred, would be excessive and costly to taxpayers.

The alley between Trader Joe's East and the parking structure, D'Hondt Way, will be landscaped and maintained at Kercheval Place expense. Some residents suggested security cameras, which will be incorporated in the city-owned parking deck, also be trained on the walkway to discourage mischief.

Some questioned whether Trader Joe's East would have exclusive use of D'Hondt Way. City officials said the land would still belong to the city, so other uses, such as sitting areas for office workers or shoppers, could be incorporated.

We think an urban park-like area would be wonderful for office workers and shoppers, and we hope a bench or patio table and umbrella or two could be accommodated.

Overall, we have no objections to the plan for Trader Joe's East, Kercheval Place and the city's obligation to build a new parking deck. Indeed, it is hard not to get caught up in the excitement of it all.

But we must caution many things have to happen before this becomes a done deal. First, we need a signed lease from Trader Joe's East. Hopefully, the lease will cover the duration of the bonds the city plans to issue to pay for the demolition of the existing parking deck and building of the new one.

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Pointer of
Distinction Awards

To the Editor:

We are writing to recognize and thank the many members of our community who made it possible for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to initiate our first Pointer of Distinction Awards during our recent annual membership meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, represented by Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ms. Beverly Hall Burns, resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, was our exclusive corporate sponsor.

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The generosity of these Chamber of Commerce members assisted us in presenting the Pointer of Distinction award, an event we plan to hold annually, to the following Grosse Pointe recipients:

Youth achievement winners were Sarah Gryniiewicz and Spencer Hughes; community service recipients were Diane Strickler and Hugo Higbie; new business enterprise award winners were City Kitchen and Harrington Communications.

The winning nominees in the excellence in business category were John Ahee of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and Joseph DuMouchelle of Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers.

The Chamber of Commerce is comprised of 270 members whose mission is to provide leadership and promote economic vitality in the Grosse Pointe business communities. With the support of the Grosse Pointe News, the Chamber membership, our community and, especially, our sponsors, we are pleased to be able to honor these Pointers of Distinction.

Mary Huebner
Executive Director
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To the Editor:

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Monteith Elementary School PTO held a fundraiser in the cafeteria at Grosse Pointe

North High School.

The event was a 12-hour crop, which is an event where people come together and scrapbook and enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner.

On behalf of the Monteith PTO, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the 70 women from the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities who supported this worthwhile activity.

In addition, the Monteith PTO offers tremendous thanks to the following people and businesses, who helped make this first-time event a great success:

Kathleen Bayer, event chairperson; Chet Bauer, Monteith Elementary School Principal; custodial staff at Grosse Pointe North High School; premier sponsor: Jim Anderson of Flagstar Bank at Mack and Cook; All Pointes Barber Shop; Eastside Bagel; Papa Romano's Pizza; Caribou Coffee in the Village; The Lemanske family of The Village Grille; the Gusmano family of Better Made Potato Chips; Cindy Toenjes of Close to My Heart; and Kelly Gouin of Creative Memories.

Your ongoing support of the Monteith PTO is appreciated as we pursue our mission of raising funds to enhance the learning experience of, and the educational facilities and opportunities for the students at Monteith Elementary School. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

RUTH E. HOOVER
President
Monteith Elementary School
PTO

Lakeshore accident
clarified

To the Editor:

I wish to correct some of the information which appeared in the Jan. 18 Grosse Pointe News article, "Vehicle teeters on breakwall," about my daughter's traffic accident on Monday, Jan. 15.

This accident put her vehicle into Lake St. Clair. I arrived at the scene before the heavy-duty wrecker pulled our Jeep out of Lake St. Clair and over the cement break-wall.

The reporter's description of the accident is partially, and very obviously, incorrect.

My daughter was traveling on eastbound Lakeshore in the slow lane next to the lake side. The other car came from Provencal and turned left, directly into the left rear door on

our Jeep.

Obviously my daughter had the right-of-way for travel and was there to be seen. However, the article has my daughter's vehicle crossing "...over the median, across westbound Lakeshore and coming to rest teetering over Lake St. Clair's breakwall."

First of all, it is impossible to be going eastbound on Lakeshore (from Moross heading toward Vernier), then cross over the median, then cross over the westbound lanes (from Vernier toward Moross) and then end up "teetering" on the breakwall.

If the reporter's events and directions were correct for this accident, then my daughter's vehicle would have ended up on the front lawn of someone's house on the westbound side of Lakeshore. It would not have been "teetering" on the breakwall at the lake's edge.

In addition, the article incorrectly states that the "vehicle did not go into the water..." In fact, our Jeep went over the edge of the breakwall and the entire front end went down into the water until it was stopped by the lake's bottom. The left rear tire was the only part of the vehicle that was on the very edge of the breakwall.

I have pictures which vividly show the two front tires and the front end of the vehicle resting underwater.

My wife, Joanne Dennis, and I are extremely grateful that our daughter escaped being injured in an accident which could have ended very differently.

We are also very thankful for the fast response by the Grosse Pointe Farms police officers who got my daughter out the rear tailgate door — see my wife's Letter to the Editor printed in the same issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Thanks for help in Farms" — and the heavy-duty wrecker which had to pick up our Jeep by the back wheels and hoist it out of the water and into the air vertically until the front end would clear the breakwall. We are also thankful to Doug Cerre of Pointe Towing.

As I personally have traveled the eastbound lanes of Lakeshore nearly every weekday since 1989, I have thought many times that the small 10-inch barrier curb located on the lake side of the eastbound lanes will not prevent vehicles from mounting the curb and ending up in the lake.

I personally now know that my thoughts were not irrational fears. Vehicles do end up in Lake St. Clair.

The police officers at the scene told me that since they have been with the Farms Police Department, they have had to assist in the removal of several vehicles from the lake. If I recall correctly, since 1989 I believe at least one driver drowned after a vehicle went into the lake.

My daughter's accident and her vehicle's crash into the

lake will not be the last time this happens — at least as long as Wayne County, which I believe has governmental jurisdiction over Lakeshore, continues to believe that all that is needed to stop or redirect vehicles away from a watery ending is a small 10-inch barrier curb.

Most highway safety engineers will not stake their professional reputations on the ability of similar barrier curbs to keep vehicles out of the lake. Obviously, guardrails or concrete barrier walls are the only tested devices which can redirect vehicles and prevent them from entering a dangerous hazard or area.

However, I am also sure that the residents who live on Lakeshore and pay extremely high property taxes do not want to look out their windows at taller barrier walls or guardrails. And they have legal allies in the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Supreme Court which collectively say that a motorist can only sue the governmental body controlling the roadway only if the highway defect is "in the traveled portion" of the roadway.

These governmental bodies declare that guardrails or barrier walls are not to be part of the traveled portion of the highway. Their absence will not subject the government to any tort liability no matter how many vehicles ended up in the lake or enter other hazardous areas located along side our roadways.

As your readers travel on Lakeshore in the Shores and Farms in the area without any houses on the lakeside, they should remind themselves to be cautious and observant because it is only a small 10-inch high curb that stands between them and ending up in Lake St. Clair. And sometimes you can be driving carefully, as my daughter was doing that Monday, and another unobservant driver decides to turn from the median crossover into your vehicle, pushing your vehicle out of control and into the lake. Your ending may not be as lucky as my daughter's.

All we have to do is replace our accident-totaled vehicle — it's only a large piece of metal which can be replaced. Joanne and I still have our daughter and can look forward to next year when she and her sister will be going off to college.

WILLIAM F. DENNIS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Central Library
landmark

To the Editor:

I hope the recent article in the Detroit Free Press ("Icon Worth Saving" Jan. 20) about the future of the Grosse Pointe Central Library on Kercheval will spark a real debate over this community treasure.

I was surprised to learn that the Grosse Pointe Public

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Detroit Pistons need to find their 'mojo'



What's wrong with the Detroit Pistons? They have fallen into a funk and seem to be playing uninspired basketball. Our hoops heroes recently lost games to a couple of the worst teams in the NBA (National Basketball Association), Atlanta and Charlotte.

Yeah, I know the injury to point guard Chauncey Billups hurt the team's continuity, but what can be said of

forward/center Rasheed Wallace's lack of productivity?

Head coach Flip Saunders seems to be pushing the right buttons. He now has the luxury of starting hometown star Chris Webber, who was a standout at Birmingham Detroit Country Day High School and the University of Michigan.

Webber, the "Fab Five" standout, was signed Jan. 16 after the Philadelphia 76'ers waived him. He missed the past few weeks nursing an injury.

Webber's first action with the Pistons produced two points, three assists and a handful of rebounds in 17 minutes off the bench. Not bad for someone who didn't even practice with his new teammates.

The Pistons are too good to

be in this funk. The team, which won the 2005 NBA championship, lost to the Miami Heat in last year's Eastern Conference Finals.

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince have been pretty consistent during this dry spell, but it takes a team to win, not two players.

Wallace's statistics have dropped since he had to switch from forward to center after the departure of free-agent Ben Wallace.

With the addition of Webber, Wallace can shift back to forward. Hopefully his numbers return to normal.

As of Thursday, Jan. 18, the Pistons (21-16) were sitting in an unusual spot, third place in their division behind the Cleveland Cavaliers (23-15) and Chicago Bulls (23-17).

The addition of Webber also means Nazr Mohammed will come off the bench.

Mohammed made it clear he wants to start or else he wants to be traded.

Antonio McDyess and Lindsey Hunter are playing well off the bench, but Saunders needs more consistency from Dale Davis, Carlos Delfino, Jason Maxiell and Ronald Murray.

If you look closely at the NBA standings, the Pistons are one of only six teams to have a winning record in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit, if it can get its act together, should be able to overtake the Cavs and Bulls to win the division and even get the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

I wouldn't be surprised to see the Pistons pull off a trade,

sending one of their post players for a scorer to come off the bench.

Joe Dumars, Detroit's president of basketball operations, has a knack of acquiring pieces to fit the puzzle. One or two more players can put the Pistons back into the elite status they have come to enjoy.

Dumars knows what it takes to be a winner since he was a member of the Pistons' back-to-back NBA title teams in 1988 and '89.

What's also lacking with Detroit is its swagger. Teams were afraid to play the Pistons, knowing it would take an "A" performance to even have a chance to win a game.

I think Webber, who is personal friends with Wallace, can help the Pistons recapture their "mojo." You know Detroit

didn't have its "mojo" when it lost to lowly Atlanta and Charlotte.

Billups, who missed several games due to a calf injury, is back and his presence in the lineup will be a major asset. Having the starting five back and healthy will pay dividends.

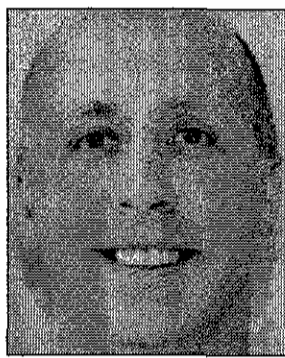
Some of the fans who jumped on the bandwagon when the Pistons won the NBA crown a couple of years ago have jumped off. Maybe they should get back on because team owner Bill Davidson has a lot of confidence Dumars and Saunders will get the franchise out of the doldrums.

The NBA All-Star game is coming up the weekend of Feb. 17 and the trade deadline is approaching; so Pistons fans, buckle up and get ready for a sweet ride.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Do you cook and if so what is your favorite thing to make?

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



'I don't cook. I was banished after the disasters I put together in college.'

DR. KEVIN PRUSH,
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I do cook though only out of necessity. My favorite thing to make is spaghetti sauce.'

ROSE SESTA
St. Clair Shores



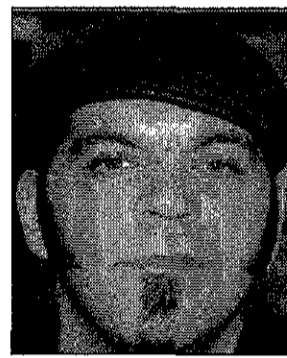
'Yes I cook. I like to make sauerkraut and sausage with pierogi because it is so easy and so good and the kids will eat it.'

MELANIE JACOBS
Huntington Woods



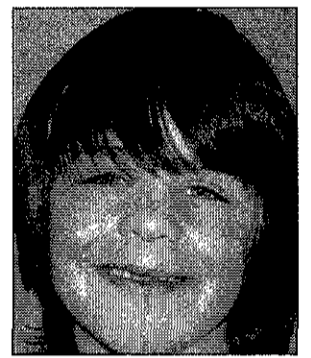
'Yes I cook, but not often. Meatloaf and mashed potatoes are my favorite thing to make.'

CORINNE STONICK
St. Clair Shores



'Yes, I do and my favorite thing to make is Boca burgers.'

JAMES SCHULZ
Grosse Pointe Park



'I love to cook and right now my favorite things to make are mac and cheese, hamburgers and stroganoff.'

JACK GLOVER
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Finder's keepers among Friends



It appears that unless the original owner can lay claim to \$200 and a rosary and crucifix found in a box of books the Friends of the Library was sorting for its used bookstore at the Grosse Pointe Woods branch, the items belong to the group.

The background is this: Joanne Dennis found the \$200 and devotional items in a DVD case among four boxes of books dropped off for the used book store that will be located in the basement "Weeding Room" at the Woods library.

Searching through the books, the Friends found two that had apparently been given to a Kathleen Breen. I asked readers to search for a "Kathleen Breen," and amateur Internet detective Kate Sargent tracked down a Kathleen Breen in New York City who died Nov. 30, 2002. But I had given her the wrong first letter on Kathleen Breen's given name.

Further search revealed some junk mail in the boxes

that had addresses for a Kathleen Breen on Iroquois in Indian Village and on Woodward in Birmingham. But a phone call message left at the number listed in Birmingham got no response.

City resident and retired attorney Hudson Mead advises me that the item brought back memories from his first property law class of a case, Armory v. Delamirie, that dates back to 1722.

It seems a young chimney sweep in England found a diamond ring in a magpie's nest while doing his job. He took it to a jeweler, according to Internet sources, to have it appraised, and the jeweler removed the diamonds and returned the ring to the youth.

The youth sued, and the courts ruled the finder of lost property — the sweep — could keep an item against anyone except the rightful owner. Thus the phrase "finder's keepers" came into being. So unless Kathleen Breen shows up to claim the money and items, it appears they belong to the Friends.

Dennis stresses once again not to donate textbooks, computer books, Reader's Digest Books, old accounting or law books or your collection of National Geographics. They won't sell and will just cause problems for the Friends in

getting rid of them.

The Friends' Down Under Book Store at the Woods branch will be open Fridays, beginning Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Weather vane

In case you missed it, the Freep's Bill McGraw did an interesting story Jan. 7 about Joe Rippolone and auto heiress Elena Ford's building plans for the Provencal Road site where Josephine Ford's 81-year-old home stood.

McGraw reported that the sprawling 11,000-square-foot abode was demolished to make room for a 20,000-square-foot replacement.

One fascinating part, though, was that the rare American folk art weather vane that stood atop the structure brought \$5.8 million in a Sotheby's auction.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the "5-foot-tall copper Indian Chief weather vane was made around 1900. ... It was the third weather vane to fetch a record price in 2006.

Until then, the record of \$770,000 had stood for 16 years."

The artifact has a Native American chief pulling back a bow atop the wind direction arrow. Rumor has it that it was purchased by designer Ralph

Lauren's brother.

Re-gifting

Perhaps the nicest example of the re-gifting practice in recent months was when philanthropist Marlene Boll, a long-time supporter of the Children's Home of Detroit, won a Ford Escape Hybrid car at the group's 170th anniversary gala at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Boll gave the car donated by Ford Motor Co. right back to the Children's Home.

"We are grateful to Mrs. Boll for her incredibly kind and generous gesture," CHD Director of Development Lisa Mower Gandelot said.

Point of view

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant

who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin.

But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American. ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language. ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." — Theodore Roosevelt (1919) in

a letter written to Richard K. Hurd.

Footnote fame

When Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers were awarded an "Excellence in Business" recognition at the first Pointer of Distinction Awards by the chamber of commerce, it was noted that Joe DuMouchelle once handled the sale of the wedding ring that Donald Trump gave to Marla Maples. The couple divorced in 1999. It is unknown what happened to the ring.

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

LETTER: It is really a work of art

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Library Board of Trustees is preparing to ditch it. Funny, one would think they'd be kind of proud to have an acknowledged world-class architectural landmark in their keeping, and be the first to rush to its defense.

They must know, as everyone else does, that besides being a modernist gem on the outside, it works wonderfully

Tearing down the Kercheval library would not be progress. Tearing down that dreary new Woods Library on the corner of Mack and Vernier and starting all over again, now that would be progress.

as a library on the inside. With all that window light flooding down, it brings out the meditative browser in all of us.

It really is a work of art — a community focal point that's helped make us feel good about ourselves for decades. And now the board wants to walk away from it and let it be scuttled. Surely there's a way to pool our resources and ingenuity to save it.

Tearing down the Kercheval library would not be progress. On the contrary, it would be heartbreaking shortsightedness.

Tearing down that dreary new Woods Library on the corner of Mack and Vernier and starting all over again, now that would be progress.

BOB KRAUS
City of Grosse Pointe

Points about the Pointes

Mid year State School Aid cuts are here... have an extra \$1.9 million to spare?



State fiscal leaders have pegged the current year State deficit at \$819 million with \$377 million of that in the School Aid Fund alone. Because the constitution requires a balanced budget, the state must cut school funding mid-year, find funds elsewhere in the budget, or raise additional revenues to meet the shortage.

For Grosse Pointe, that equates to \$224 per student or a whopping \$1.9 million cut which we could be facing in March 2007. This is in ADDITION to the \$4 million in cuts we are looking at for the 2007-2008 school year in

order to balance our school system budget as required by law.

If you have a friend in Lansing with clout, now is the time to call them and express your displeasure with ANY cuts to our funding, especially one that is coming out of nowhere mid year, after our budget has been set for the 2006-07 school year. If you don't have a friend in Lansing, now is the time to write or e-mail State Representative Ed Gaffney and Senator Martha Scott and voice your opinion today!

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



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Chamber of Commerce ceremony a success

Two high school students and a slew of other Grosse Pointers were the winners of the inaugural Pointer of Distinction Awards given by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Jan. 17.

Youth Achievement awards were presented to Spencer Hughes from Grosse Pointe South and Sarah Gryniwicz from Grosse Pointe North. Both are high academic achievers and active in athletics.

Hughes raised more than \$26,200 for the Detroit Institute of Children in the Detroit Marathon 5-person relay in honor of his late mother, Didi. He is involved in the Spanish Honor Society and yearbook and hopes to attend the University of Michigan.

Gryniwicz has volunteered at the Detroit Festival for Arts for 10 years, taught preschool at her church since she was 10 years old and has worked at the Neighborhood Club since 2001. She is president of Valkyries, North's student service organization; WILLOW, Women in Leadership of Women; and will attend Grand Valley State University this fall.

Community Service award winners were presented to Diane Strickler and Hugo Higbie.

Strickler is executive director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, a non-profit organization located in Barnes Elementary School. Working with local child development experts, she creates and presents programs that focus on developing healthy, competent and responsible young people.

Higbie was recognized for his many contributions that have revitalized The Hill shop-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce award winners were from left, Chick Taylor, John Ahee, Sarah Gryniwicz, Heather Harrington, Diane Strickler, Hugo Higbie, Spencer Hughes and Joseph DuMouchelle.

ping district over the last several decades. He is chairman emeritus of Higbie Maxon Agney which he founded more than 40 years ago and has served as chairman of Bon Secours Cottage Foundation since 2003, helping raise more

than \$30 million.

Higbie was one of six original founders of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and was recently reelected to its board of directors.

The New Business Enterprise award, developed

by the Grosse Pointe chamber to encourage new business development, was given to Harrington Communication and City Kitchen.

Heather Harrington founded Harrington Communications as a home-based business. Since moving into her current office she has doubled her space and now works with her husband Jay, an attorney. They have doubled their revenue in each year of business and credit their success to a collective commitment to excellence.

City Kitchen, the newest restaurant in the Village, is owned by Chick Taylor. He was recognized for making a considerable investment in the community, overcoming many obstacles, including a fire just weeks before the restaurant's grand opening.

The final category is Excellence in Business. This year's winners are two "jewels" of the community, John Ahee of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and Joseph DuMouchelle of Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers.

Ahee has continued the tradition his father, Edmund, began 66 years ago with a commitment to service and giving back to the community.

He is a board member of The

Van Elslander Cancer Center, The Henry Ford Board "Shoot for a Cure," The Holly Ear Institute, and continues the family tradition of being the sole underwriter of the Capuchin Kitchen Souper Summer celebration fundraiser having raised more than \$4.5 million.

DuMouchelle began Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers business in

Grosse Pointe Farms 10 years ago and has gained international success and growth. He is active in many professional associations and also volunteers for the University of Detroit School campaign.

Following a family tradition of giving back to the community, DuMouchelle has donated time as a speaker and auctioneer for many groups in the Pointes and other locations.



Participants of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's second annual general membership meeting enjoyed music, as well as food and beverages. City officials were also in attendance to soak up the fun at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.



Each of the inaugural eight winners received this crystal award with their name and accolade engraved on it.

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DAVID JANTZ, MD, a chiropractor in Grosse Pointe Woods, has just returned from completing the last 25 hours of an eight-month clinical training program in Nutrition Response Testing.

Jantz, one of only 52 health practitioners who completed this extensive training program conducted in Clearwater, Fla., has studied advanced breakthroughs in all aspects of nutrition from the analysis of specific patient nutritional deficiencies to successful continued patient care. Nutrition Response Testing is practiced by thousands of health practitioners of all types and specialties across the United States including osteopaths, MD's, nutritionists, chiropractors, massage therapists and acupuncturists. Nutrition Response Testing was developed by Dr. Freddie Ulan, a chiropractor and certified clinical nutritionist after 25,000 hours of clinical experience in his practice in upstate New York. Nutrition Response Testing practitioners also provide nutritional dietary advice. Jantz has been serving the Grosse Pointe area for the past 23 years. His office is located at 20415 Mack.



JACQUIE LAUTH was recognized by Campbell-Ewald Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Anthony J. Hopp as a 2006 Employee of the Year for her exemplary leadership and exceptional service to the Campbell-Ewald enterprise throughout the year. Lauth resides in Grosse Pointe.

WILLIAM NORMAN LISTMAN has joined the firm Davis Listman, PLLC.

His experience is in litigation, environmental law, and land use. He brings 12 years of experience to the firm. He is a graduate of University Liggett School, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Law. Listman is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.



ROBERT F. GARVEY will serve as president of the Michigan chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) in 2007.

This honorary trial lawyers' organization requires extensive jury trial experience and membership is by invitation. Its membership is composed of an equal number of insurance defense and plaintiff trial attorneys. ABOTA is a national association of 6,000 trial lawyers and judges dedicated to the preservation of the right to trial by jury in civil cases as guaranteed by the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Garvey is a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

ROBERT STAHL has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president, field claims of Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company. In this role, Stahl will have general responsibility for liability claims handling in the company's St. Petersburg, Fla., Core Service Center. Since joining Amerisure in 1985 as a workers' compensation adjuster, Stahl has served in a number of capacities, including assistant claim facility manager, corporate claim consultant and most recently claim facility manager. He holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University. Stahl is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Book helps set records straight

Certified Practicing Accountant and attorney Jim Lange helps people get organized by laying out which important documents they should be keeping and how long they should be keeping them.

Lange's new book, "Retire Secure! Pay Taxes Later: The Key to Making Your Money Last as Long as You Do," says there is a way to chip down that paper pile so that organizing important documents won't seem like such an uphill battle.

"Many people have no idea which important documents they should keep and which they shouldn't," Lange said. "So they end up either keeping everything or throwing away documents that they should have kept. Simply knowing the time frame for keeping certain documents is the first step to getting organized."

Lange says now is as good a time as any. In fact, it may be better than most.

"I think everyone should use this bit of down time to get a leg up on the tax season," Lange said. "April may seem like it's eons away, but you will save yourself a lot of headaches with just a bit of organization. The best way to get organized is to start going through all of those important papers that have been piling up all year."

Lange has compiled a summary of tax and accounting documents with rough guidelines of how long to keep them. Keep the list and post it somewhere, preferably where it won't get buried.

Documents you never want to part with. There are some documents everyone knows to keep for life: birth certificates, marriage licenses, and wills, for example. And others that people may know are very important, but aren't quite sure what their shelf life should be, particularly those tax related documents, such as tax returns, the cost basis of investments, and records of non-deductible IRA contributions.

The bottom line, keep them all.

"These documents may not need to be readily accessible, but you should definitely find a safe place for them," Lange said. "You may want to keep birth certificates, death certificates, wills, and insurance policy information in a safety deposit box at your local bank."

Records that should go out with the old. This category involves documents such as house deeds and car titles. With these documents, the general rule is that as long as people are responsible for the item related to the document they should keep its papers.

What falls into this category? "These documents are high on the list of important papers," Lange said. "But there is no need for you to keep them forever. When you sell your house, chances are you will be buying a new one and will therefore have a new deed to keep up with. Don't let the old one clog your filing cabinet."

Records with a seven year

itch. These are documents that you can get rid of after seven years. File them by date to ensure you don't keep them longer than necessary. Documents in this category include canceled checks/receipts with tax implications (alimony, charitable contributions, mortgage interest and retirement plan contributions) and credit card statements if tax related expenses are documented.

Records to toss after the ball drops. Generally the fastest growing piles of documents are those records that should be purged at the end of every year. These include quarterly statements of retirement plans, bank statements and bills with no long-term tax importance.

"These documents generally make up the bulk of those that are piled up in your home or office because they are coming to you repeatedly throughout the year," Lange said. "It's silly to keep them indefinitely. After

a year, they become trash and that is where they should go."

Just remember, with the increasing threat of identity theft; shredding, rather than tossing, is the way to go.

Even if adults know which papers to keep and which they can get rid of, there will still be a lot of important documents to manage. What's the best way to keep everything organized? Those with access to a computer and a scanner can make electronic back-up copies of all paper documents.

"Then in the event of an emergency you can simply grab that little memory stick and know that you will have numbers and records at your disposal," Lange said. "The sticks are also a great place to store your information for online accounts. Some of the larger capacity memory sticks also come with password protection so you don't have to

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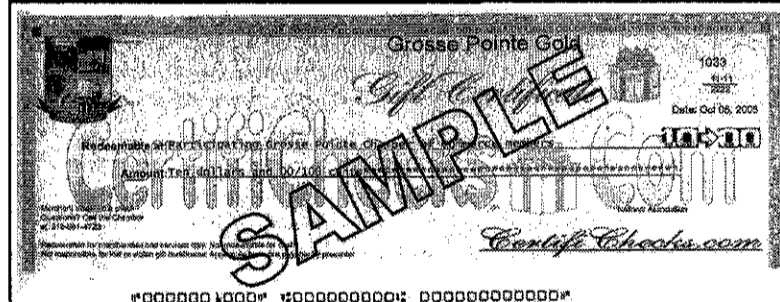


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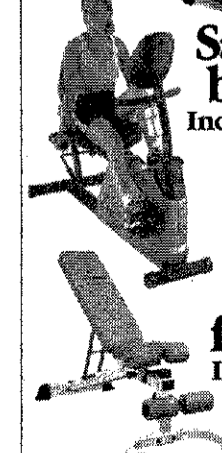
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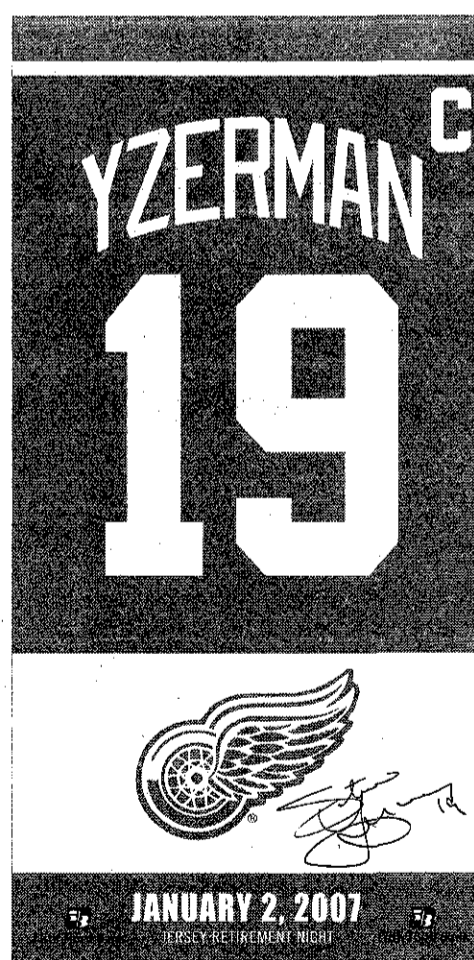
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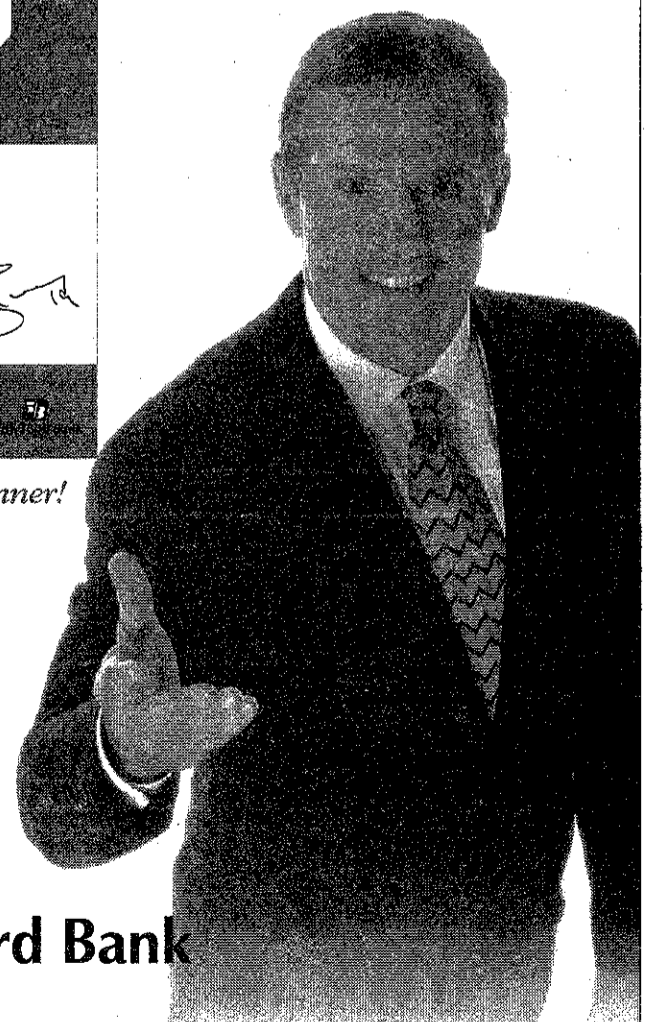
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worry about other people getting access to your information. It may be one of the best little investments of your time and money."

"As for the hard copies of

these important documents, be sure to keep them in a fire proof storage box," Lange continued. "The best case scenario would have you saving your information both electronically and in hard copy form. Either way, be sure to develop a filing system that is easy to use. If your system is too complicated, you won't keep it up. Once you're organized, you will be thrilled with the peace of mind that comes with knowing you have all of your important doc-

uments organized and that they are ready any time you need them."

Documents to Keep for Life:

- ◆ Tax related
- ◆ Copies of 1040 tax returns with W-2 stapled to the form (may be useful for correcting errors in your Social Security earnings if mistakes are made).
- ◆ Tax/Legal/Bank/Insurance correspondence.
- ◆ Non-deductible IRA con-

tributions.

- ◆ Year-end financial statements (good for long-term tracking).
- ◆ Important notices/plan amendments for IRA and retirement savings.
- ◆ Cost and/or basis of investments either bought, inherited, or received as a gift.

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- ◆ Death certificates

- ◆ Military records
- ◆ Copies of your will, Power of Attorney etc.
- ◆ Insurance claims/insurance policies
- ◆ Major debt repayment records
- ◆ Loan/mortgage papers
- ◆ Updated household inventory

Documents to keep as long as you own a certain item:

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- ◆ Home improvement records (keep for seven years

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- ◆ Car title and purchase papers or lease agreement.
- ◆ Bills for major purchases.
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Documents to discard after seven years:

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- ◆ Pay check stubs that reflect additional tax deductions e.g. charitable contributions.
- ◆ Canceled checks/receipts with tax implications (alimony, mortgage interest charitable contributions, and retirement plan contributions).
- ◆ Credit card statements if they reflect tax related expenses.

Documents to keep for one year:

- ◆ Quarterly statements of retirement plans, IRA etc. (Cross check at the end of the year with annual statement for accuracy; keep the annual, shred the quarterly).
- ◆ Bank records with no long term importance.
- ◆ Bills (with no tax related implications); once your check has cleared, the bills can be shredded but you might want to keep the bill for one year.

G.P. WOODS

Contract
approvedBy Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Hal Lanstra is back at it again, making sure Grosse Pointe Woods residents have their fill at the Lake Front Park concession stand this summer.

City council gave Lanstra approval to run the stand, which could be for the final year as Frank Orlando, owner of Alexander & Polen Meat Market has expressed interest in running it.

"We are comfortable with Hal's service and have received many compliments about the way he runs the concession stand," Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said.

"I'm very impressed with his service and low prices," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "He might be very busy this summer with people staying home and not traveling as much."

Lanstra's \$5,665 contract covers rental of the concession building including utilities and equipment from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day in conjunction with pool hours, weather permitting.

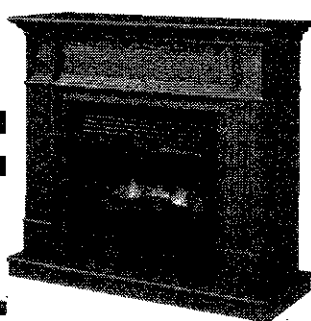
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He also agrees to serve good quality food and maintain prices not exceeding 3 percent of the previous year's prices. According to Sharp, Lanstra's prices remain the same as a year ago.

He is also to maintain the grounds around the concession area and picnic tables. City employees will remove trash that is bagged and set alongside the building.

Lanstra's menu is as follows: hot dog (\$1.60), hamburger (\$2.50), cheeseburger (\$2.75), grilled chicken breast (\$2.75), Polish sausage (\$2), grilled cheese (\$1.45), French fries (\$1.25), pizza slice (\$1.45), onion rings (\$2), cheese nachos (\$2.50), soft pretzel (\$1.25), cheese sticks (\$3), deli ham sandwich (\$2.75), deli turkey sandwich (\$2.75), potato chips, animal crackers and pretzels (.45 cents), fountain pop (\$1.10), frozen slush (\$1.10), bottled water (\$1), coffee and tea (\$1) and ice cream novelties (.50 cents to \$1.50).

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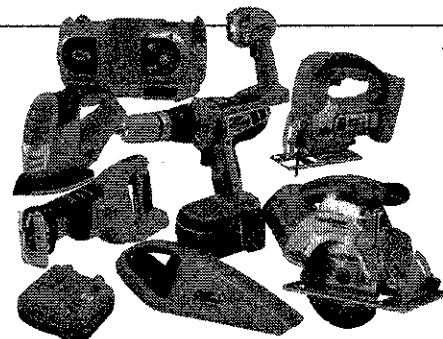
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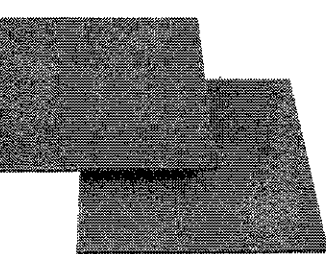
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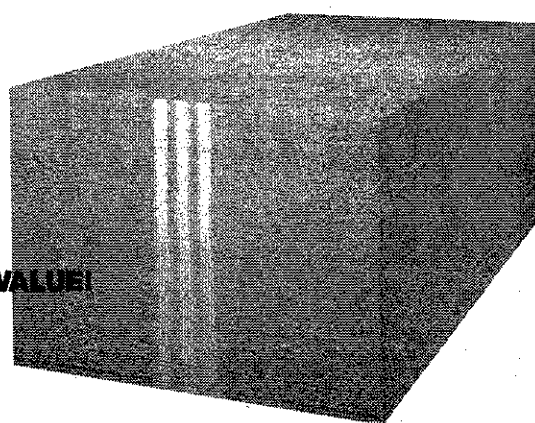
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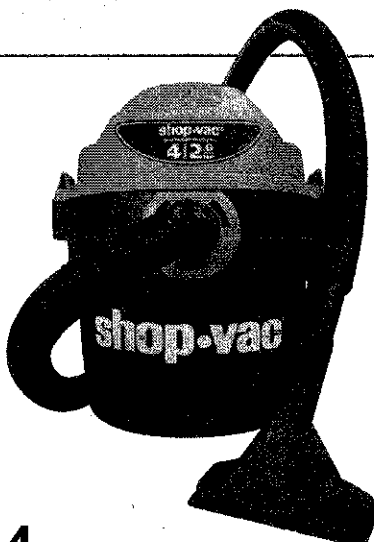
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Celebration of G.P music

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

School board meetings don't mean a thing if they ain't got that swing.

Doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-waaa...

Musicians from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools raised the curtain on last week's school board meeting with a song and dance in celebration of Michigan School Board Recognition Month.

Scores of players with the North Pep Band, directed by David Cleveland, took time out from revving the crowd at a home basketball game to perform a tuba-laced rendition of the Beatles' "Twist and Shout."

Band member Rhochelle Krawetz, dressed in a Norsemen jersey, gave board members a copy of the band's latest compact disc, released the week before.

"We want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication," Krawetz told officials.

"I hope North wins tonight," answered Board President Brendan Walsh. (They did, 55-43 over Dakota and again later

that week in a tight one against crosstown rival South High, 37-35.)

Next came the South choir. Row after row of male and female singers and dancers, dressed in formal wear, entered two-by-two, the embodiment of never-ending rows of Chinese rising from beyond the horizon.

"The reason our group is so large this year is because we are going to compete in Showstoppers," said Ellen Bowen, award-winning choir director. "You now need at least 50 to compete. We are at 58, so we're in a good competitive situation. Without further adieu, here's a little Duke Ellington."

Songs and tap dancing about taking the A-train, mood indigo and satin dolls followed.

"What a way to start a meeting," said Superintendent Susan Klein.

"I don't how we top that?" Walsh said.

North Pep Band compact discs are available for purchase by contacting Cleveland at dave.cleveland@gp-schools.org.

The Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band, left top, opens a board meeting with a big band sound. The South High School choir — 58 members strong — follows up in full production mode. Performances honored the service to the community by school board officials.

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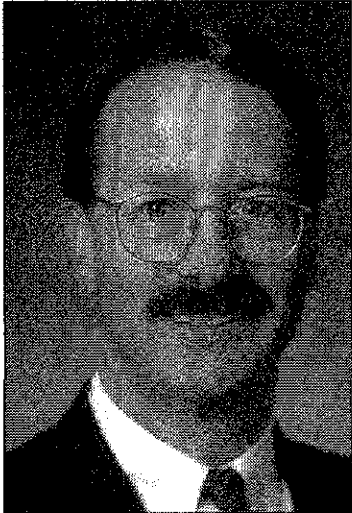
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State cuts of \$2 million loom over district

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Moe stands nervously next to a society matron under a pie dangling from the ceiling. "Young man, what's wrong?" the woman asks Moe. "You act as if the Sword of Damocles was hanging over your head." "Lady, you must be psychic," Moe says, beating an exit. The lady looks up as the pie falls and hits her in the face. *Nyuk, nyuk...* Then there's Sisyphus, condemned forever in Hades to the cycle of pushing a boulder up a hill only to reach the crest where the rock rolls down again.

Why, I oughta... Blend Three Stooges lore with a Homeric tale of futility and you know how Fred Minturn feels. Minturn, Grosse Pointe school board liaison to the finance committee, faces looming cuts in state education funding and the seemingly vain task of trying to wring dol-



Fred Minturn

lars from a streamlined budget in which nothing extra appears to exist. "This is an unending task," he said, "a huge challenge to everybody in the administration that just does not seem to go away." Minturn is a victim of soicumstance. Michigan's lousy economic

climate coupled with a hole in revenues created by elimination of the Single Business Tax have put state funding of local public schools under siege. Pressure to reduce payouts from the School Aid Fund comes from all sides: ♦ a \$95 million carryover from last year that didn't occur; ♦ a \$20 million unanticipated property tax case settlement in Midland that did; and ♦ \$322 million less in revenues this year than anticipated. In all, the fund is forecast to be short \$377 million, or about \$224 per pupil, according to the Michigan Association of School Boards. Based on Pointe public school enrollment of 8,899 students, state cuts to the district would total \$1,993,376, none of which were anticipated when the system's budget was passed for this fiscal year. "I'd hate to see it, but it's a possibility," said Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "We only have two choices: raise taxes or cut spending. I think we should live within our means, although K-12 education is crucial for Grosse Pointe. I wouldn't want to put the excellent education we have in jeopardy, but the state is hurting."

The financial ax is expected to fall on districts Feb. 6 when Gov. Jennifer Granholm gives her State of the State speech or, two days later, during her address on the state budget. It is also anticipated that she'll flat-out warn school officials to find innovative ways of spending less, including possible consolidation of business services. "I anticipate a general appropriations act change next month," said Chris Fenton, Pointe assistant superintendent of business affairs. "From that will depend on the outcome of revenue projects from the state."

Last week Pointe administrators were already worried about the prospect of funding cuts topping out at \$160 per student for a district total of \$1.4 million. "That would require (an) immediate second look at all of our spending to make sure we get that (money) out of our spending pattern," Minturn said at last week's board meeting. Such cuts would arrive in addition to savings of \$2.5 to \$4.5 million that Pointe school officials have already targeted or realized. This month bonds were approved for refinancing at a projected savings of \$1.8 million. A resolution passed in December called for next year's budget to include a 5 percent cut in non-teacher personnel or by an amount to save about \$1 million. "Our next step will be to redouble our efforts with the threat of funding cuts from the state," Minturn said. "Our goal is to develop a process to address our budgeting actions across multiple years in the future." The nearly \$2 million state reduction now anticipated has school board Trustee Ahmed Ismail seeing red. "Mid-year cuts in programs will be a nightmare," Ismail said. "People need to understand that letters and e-mails are needed to Gaffney and others in Lansing within the next two weeks." Fenton said district finances are under pressure but healthy. "Our fund equity levels are on target within expenditures," he said. "We will reflect in our budgets the changes and savings we've incurred to date that we can book as reserve in anticipation of shortfall for this year, and also for shortfalls we anticipate for the next three or four years. Numbers from the state look pretty grim."

Hope remains that cuts won't be imposed halfway through the fiscal year or, if they are, they won't be at the top of the scale. State coffers remain unfilled because, in part, the Single Business Tax hasn't been replaced. "That leaves a \$1.8 billion hole in the budget," Gaffney said. "The governor essentially tried to replace it with a tax on business profits and assets. That was rejected by

Republicans before we adjourned last year. I haven't seen anything this year." There's talk of lowering the sales tax, which contributes to school funding, from 6 to 5 percent and extending it to services. "That would be difficult to do," Gaffney said. "There's too many people against it: lawyers, architects, real estate agents, you name it. At this point, I can't see it happening. It's a difficult situation."

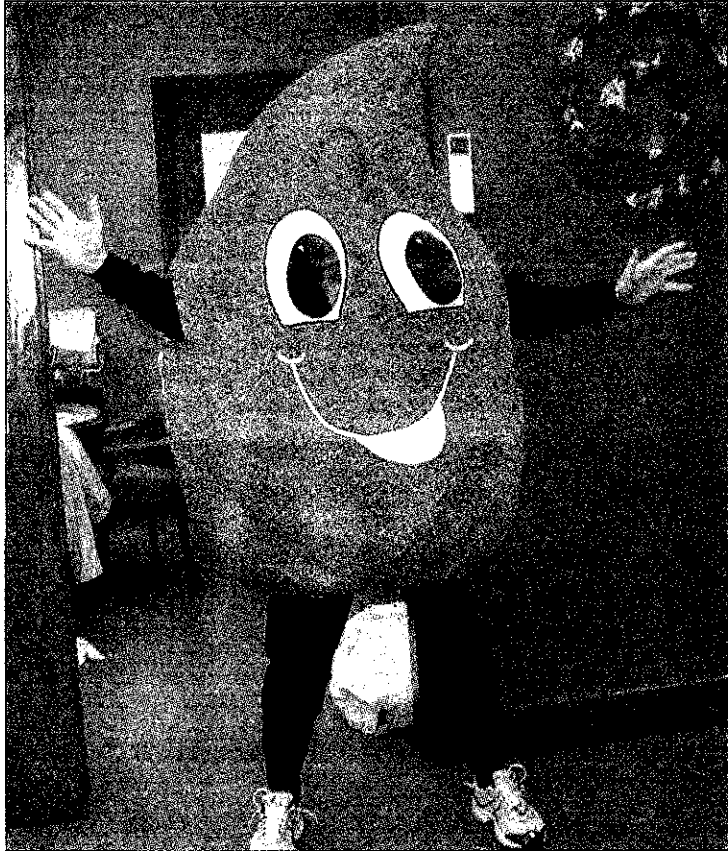
Teacher, parent backs district custodians

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

As research continues into savings that may accrue from privatizing district building engineers, a teacher and parent warned that immediate budgetary benefits of brushing employees off the books could generate a long term mess. Dianne McPharlin, a teacher at Maire Elementary and parent of a high school coed, compared the lure of payroll cost savings to impulse buying. "Like when a dress looks pretty on a hanger, but you put

it on and go, 'Oh, my God.' It's not going to look pretty when (engineers) are not part of our team," McPharlin said. District officials are wrestling rising costs in a gloomy state economy. They want to know if money could be saved by following up last year's privatization of cafeteria workers by doing the same with custodians and building engineers. Board members said wages plus benefits of a custodial maintenance worker total

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Trombly blood drive

Buddy the Blood Drop, the erstwhile alter ego of Trombly Elementary School Principal Walter Fitzpatrick, wants pint-sized heroes to join him during a school-sponsored blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. The drive will benefit the American Red Cross. The Red Cross "Pint-Size Heroes" program is an initiative to introduce children to the blood donation process and asks them to act as ambassadors to recruit adults, such as their parents, to give blood. For more information on the program, go to redcross.org.

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High school schedule study continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe school officials are scouting other dis-

tricts to find better ways of teaching high school.

Findings, due for presentation at a March 26 school board meeting, could result in

the longstanding semester systems at North and South high schools being replaced with trimesters.

No changes are targeted for next fall.

This is the second time members of a district High School Schedule Study Committee have looked into the matter.

The committee consists of nine teachers and counselors, eight building and three district administrators (including the district high school principals), two consultants, six parents and three students.

Last year, committee members unanimously recommended trimesters to save annual operating costs while offering students increased course options. Most parents attending a forum on the matter opposed any change.

School board trustees shortly thereafter instructed the committee to start over.

"We did ask the committee to continue their efforts and re-

turn to the board with a recommendation for potential high school schedules, not for next fall, but for the ensuing fall," said Board President Brendan Walsh.

Committee members have been establishing criteria for the continued study and are lining up visits to school districts having alternative schedules of interest.

"We're going to Northville (High School) on Jan. 31," said Tim Bearden, committee member and North principal.

"We're going to West Ottawa and East Kentwood (high schools in western Michigan) on Feb. 1 with a team of about 10 or 12 people for each visit. (The schools) indicated willingness to prepare some materials for us and host our visits."

"When we return, we will put those schedules against a matrix of criteria we've established to compare schedules," said Al Diver, South principal and committee member. "We

'We're going to Northville on Jan. 31. We're going to West Ottawa and East Kentwood on Feb. 1 with a team of about 10 or 12 people for each visit.'

TIM BEARDEN,
(North High principal)

will have a meeting with the committee one week after we get back and debrief those two visits."

Options are open-ended but those most talked about are:

◆ Trimesters: The school year is divided into three 10-week sections instead of two 15-week semesters. Students take five classes per term for a total of 15 per year.

Currently, Pointe high schools schedule seven periods

per day, most often including a study hall which administrators have criticized as expensive to staff.

Trimester classes last 71 minutes each as opposed to current classes lasting 49 minutes.

Although students could enroll in a wider variety of subjects, courses requiring multiple sessions such as mathematics and some advanced placement offerings, might not be scheduled in sequential terms. It's possible, for instance, that a student studying algebra during the fall term may have to wait until spring to enroll in the follow-up session.

◆ Six-plus schedule: Six courses per day of 57 minutes each are offered during two semesters.

Although the schedule allows more time per subject area, course selection is limited, especially for electives, music, art and advanced placement sessions.

BACKS: Cut costs and employees

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nearly \$35 per hour, a figure workers contest.

Administrators have met with private contractors and are evaluating bids. No final decisions have been made.

Board President Brendan Walsh has said the district must keep options open due to anticipated reductions in state education funding. He acknowledged privatization involves tradeoffs.

McPharlin sees a downside to replacing loyal employees with low-bid contractors whose roles are vital to the district operations yet who owe the community nothing. She reminded officials that custodial work often puts them in

close proximity of students engaged in extracurricular activities during odd hours of the day and night.

"My daughter is often at school at 7 a.m.," McPharlin said. "When I drop her off and see those same faces (of district custodial employees), it's very comforting."

She acknowledged budget pressures, but said such matters should be kept in context of community values.

"You have a terrible job in front of you, with the budget," McPharlin told board members. "I don't minimize that. But, the magic of Grosse Pointe is not one group of people. The magic of Grosse Pointe is our teams. Our teams are the secretaries, custodial engineers, teachers and administrators."

She added, "If we belittle any of them by privatizing them, not making them vitally important people in our community, we are making a mistake."

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following variances and/or site plan reviews:

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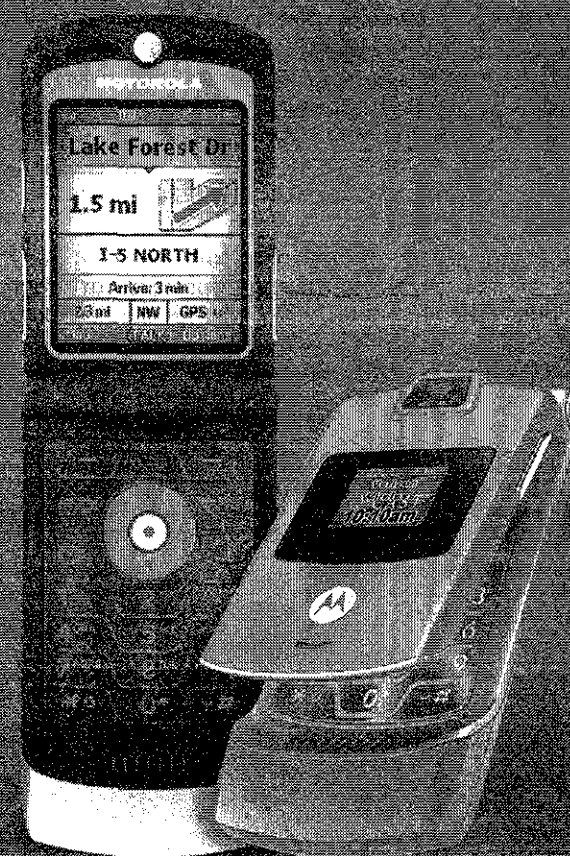
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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Robert Foster Bowers

Robert "Bob" Foster Bowers, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at home surrounded by family in Madison, Wis.

He was born April 26, 1925, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and grew up in Escanaba. After graduating in 1943 from Escanaba High School, he joined the U.S. Navy, initially with a ballistics photographic unit but he was selected for officer training at Columbia University where he was a member of the football team. Following his discharge, Mr. Bowers moved back to the Midwest and attended the University of Michigan Law School, graduating in 1950.

After graduation, Mr. Bowers took a position in the legal department at the Chrysler Corp. where he had various responsibilities, eventually retiring in 1984 as the corporate director of personnel relations.

Mr. Bowers was a lifelong champion of social causes, especially civil rights and racial equality. He led one of the first corporate affirmative action programs in the nation; served on the board of the Detroit Urban League and was named a Community Bridge Builder of Goodwill by the Michigan Chronicle.

He greatly enjoyed his retirement in Marco Island, Fla., and spending summers in the Midwest, initially in Detroit and later in Madison, Wis., with his family.

Mr. Bowers was active in his

condominium board and had many longtime friends at Ville de Marco West in Marco Island. A lifetime sports enthusiast, he played both high school and college football and was an avid Michigan Wolverine football fan along with being an active golfer.

He was a kind, generous, principled and intelligent man who was respected by all who knew him. He will be missed.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen and Richard (Ulla Aaltonen) Bowers; daughter, Barbara (Ian Forrester); granddaughters, Amanda (Bowman) and Margaret; and many relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 51 years, Leona May (nee Schram) Bowers; and his brother, Richard "Dick" Bowers.

A gathering of Mr. Bowers' family and friends will take place in Escanaba during the first week of August.

Robert M. Cole

Robert M. Cole, 57, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007.

Mr. Cole was born Nov. 8, 1949, and attended Northern Michigan University.

He was a builder and developer who devoted his time and efforts developing the communities he cherished throughout the Midwest, including Grosse Pointe, Port Huron and the city of Detroit.

He was a dear friend to many and an inspiration to all.

Mr. Cole is survived by his

wife, Janine (nee Stevenson) Cole; daughter, Elizabeth Thompson; sisters, Suzanne McManmon, Cynthia Cole, Marybeth Standel and Meg Cole; and his nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Patrick Cole.

Memorial services were held on Monday, Jan. 15, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions to offset medical expenses may be made to Robert and/or Janine Cole, P.O. Box 36900, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Robert H. Fitzgerald Jr., M.D.

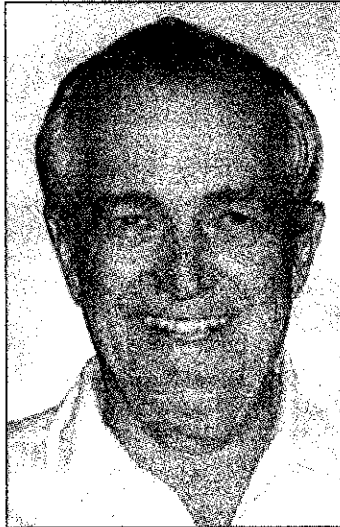
Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert H. Fitzgerald Jr., M.D., 64, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, in Decatur, Ind., from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Dr. Fitzgerald was born Aug. 25, 1942, in Denver, Colo.

A graduate of Notre Dame University, he earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas and completed graduate school at the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine where he earned a master's degree in orthopedics and microbiology.

He served his country as a captain in the U.S. Air Force at Shepherd Air Force Base.

Dr. Fitzgerald was a staff physician at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota from 1974 to 1989, chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery at Wayne State University from 1989 to 1995, and chairman of the de-



Robert Foster Bowers



Robert M. Cole



Robert H. Fitzgerald Jr., M.D.

partment of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2001. Most recently, Dr. Fitzgerald was chief of orthopedic surgery at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Ind.

He is survived his wife, Jamie Fitzgerald; sons, Brian, Dennis, Robert III and Dr. Steven Fitzgerald; daughters, Katie Fitzgerald Ojala, Kelly Fitzgerald Noser and Shannon Fitzgerald; and three grandchildren, Ana, Connor and Leo.

A private funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 18, in Decatur, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made in the name of Robert H. Fitzgerald Jr., M.D. to the Hip Society Endowment Fund through OREForG.

Charles John Holt, M.D.

Charles John "C.J." Holt, M.D., 88, former Grosse Pointe resident, passed away Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Nutmeg Pavilion Healthcare Center in New London, Conn.

Dr. Holt was a 1940 graduate of Columbia University, New York City, N.Y., and earned his medical degree at Columbia Medical College in 1944.

He served as a doctor in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a lieutenant junior grade on the frigate USS Natchez and the USS Sanctuary hospital ship.

Dr. Holt married Constance E. Bright on Aug. 6, 1944 and

finished his tour of duty stationed in Dublin, Ga., and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park.

He entered private practice following his residency at Receiving Hospital in Detroit and practiced in the Grosse Pointe area until his retirement in 1984.

Dr. Holt was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Wayne County Medical Society and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn L. Holt, of Uncasville, Conn.

Evelyn Marie Tapert

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Evelyn Marie Tapert, 93, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Detroit.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening. Mrs. Tapert was a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Asma) and Donald (Kathryn) Tapert; and grandchildren, Irene, Justine, Neal and Andrew Tapert.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred Tapert.

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 26, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in

Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Pointes for Peace forum

Pointes for Peace will hold a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The topic is titled "Islam: Hear from the Moderate Muslim Majority."

The free program will feature area religious leaders and specialists in Islamic affairs including Imam Mohamad Mardini, American Muslim Center, Dearborn; Imam Achmat Salie, Muslim Unity Center, Bloomfield Hills; and Dawud Walid, executive director, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Michigan Chapter (CAIR-MI), who will moderate.

The panel discussion will be followed by audience questions and answers.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels.

Membership is free and is open to the public.

All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread, 17150 Kercheval, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2007 Cadillac Escalade offers unsurpassed highway fuel economy in its class. The 2007 Saturn VUE is powerful, gear friendly with a high towing capacity.

SUVs from GM: extravagant to miserly



For the recent holidays, we had been expecting to spend some driving time in a Cadillac SRX, a rather large mid-size SUV. But there was a last-minute call explaining that the SRX had been totaled.

Would a Cadillac Escalade EXT be an acceptable replacement?

True confession time. The super-size Escalade EXT, which is part sport utility and part pickup truck, was a vehicle we, as veteran tree-huggers, had long avoided. Yet here it was, like a large and expensive toy under the Christmas tree. So who — even bark-scratched arboretum groups — could resist when, upon opening one of the four doors, a power running board obligingly lowers and invites one inside.

Indeed, if luxury, comfort and a sense of security is what you seek in a vehicle, do check out an Escalade. Dubbed a "sport utility truck," the EXT has a powerful 403-horsepower 6.2-liter V-8 under its hood. That is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel drive. Our window sticker did not include fuel efficiency numbers. But given its size and weight (222 inches in overall length, or more than 18 feet, and close to three tons in curb weight), if fuel economy

is a concern, turn back before the luxury features seduce you.

Inside the Escalade EXT you'll be treated to 16-way power-heated front leather seats; steering wheel-mounted controls; satellite radio; heated, power folding side mirrors; rain-sensing wipers; and, in this case, an optional rear seat entertainment system.

The retractable assist steps are actually a \$1,095 option. We think for a vehicle of this size, they should be standard. The heated/cooled front seats and heated steering wheel run \$625. The power sliding sunroof is \$995.

The base price on the new Escalade EXT is \$53,705. The Christmastime visitor had \$9,700 in options, including 22-inch chrome aluminum wheels that ran close to \$3,000, and a navigation/rearview camera package for \$2,695.

If you spend any time in the EXT, you'll notice how dainty other vehicles appear. The mid-size Nissan Pathfinder, for example, looked like a compact SUV. You also may note how a truck this size glides over potholes, which are likely to increase as we move into winter.

General Motors' Midgate panel allows EXT users to convert it from a five-passenger vehicle to a long-bed pickup with room for driver and front-seat passenger.

The Midgate, located behind the rear seat, can be folded into the cabin, enabling the cargo area to expand from 5 feet to 8 feet, for a total of 101 cubic feet in secured volume. A lockable standard tonneau cover protects items in the cargo bed, or can be removed entirely for



The 2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT offers an extended bed available when the Midgate design is utilized, replacing the back seat of the four-door truck with additional cargo space.

added vertical space.

VUE goes green

Moving from an extravagant Escalade EXT to a modest Saturn VUE Green Line could be something of a culture shock.

We found it a delightful transition.

The five-passenger VUE mid-size sport utility has been among our favorite vehicles for several years. And to have it now available with a new gasoline-electric power system with many clever gas-saving features is doubly impressive.

The Green Line model is new for 2007. General Motors said it should deliver a 20 percent improvement in fuel economy. Its EPA numbers are 27 miles per gallon city/32 mpg highway.

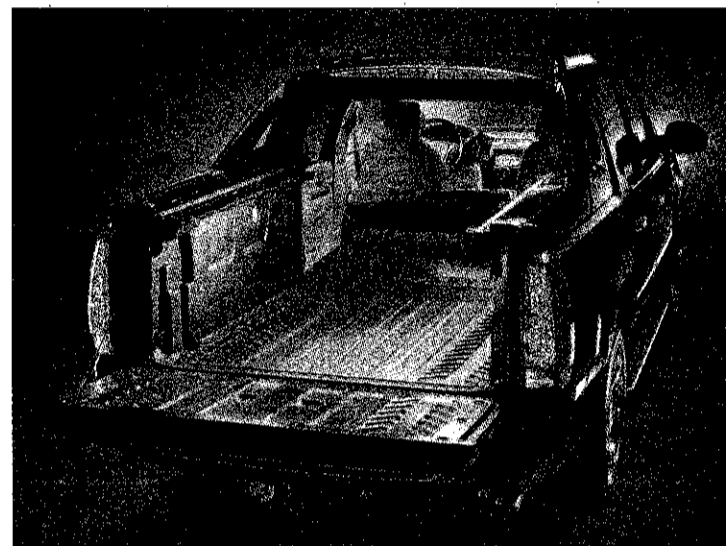
An amazing aspect of the vehicle is that this new system adds only about \$2,000 to the

cost of the SUV. You can buy a Green Line for under \$23,000, which is many thousands less than competing small truck models.

Granted, the VUE, while attractive and comfortable, feels like an economy car. It has hard interior surfaces; decor is spare; where's the glitz?

Under the hood. The Green Line uses an electric motor/generator mated to a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine and a four-speed automatic transmission that is smooth and silent. This is a hybrid design that provides additional power from the motor/generator during acceleration and allows increased fuel economy through engine shutdown at idle, fuel cutoff during deceleration and the capability to capture electrical energy through regenerative braking.

Worried about acceleration and performance? The Vue Green hybrid powertrain is rated at 170 horsepower, a significant increase from the 143 horsepower provided by the



2.2-liter engine in the conventional four-cylinder Vue.


GM said Vue's hybrid system further reduces fuel consumption by restarting the engine promptly when the brake pedal is released; enabling early fuel shut-off during vehicle deceleration, and performing "intelligent" battery charging when it is most efficient.

The system provides additional power from the electric

motor/generator during launch, when required. At wide-open throttle, such as during a passing maneuver, the system improves acceleration feel by using the motor/generator to bolster the gasoline engine to achieve maximum power, said GM.

The hybrid system is also designed to automatically main-

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SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Tire pressure no-no and driver pledges



Q. Greg, my boyfriend tells me that if I inflate my tires past the recommended number by just a few pounds, I will get better gas mileage. Is he right?

I don't feel I should go above

the recommended pressure.
— Anita P., Texas.

A. Anita, your boyfriend is probably correct theoretically, but overinflating your tires is not good advice.

First, even though a few

more pounds of air might increase mileage just a hair, the ride would become rougher and handling in turns would be reduced because the "pumped up" tire would lose suppleness and adhesion.

My friends at Meineke and yours truly recommend the following in maintaining a proper inflation level and in checking tire wear — a vehicle's proper inflation level can be found either on the door or on a placard in the glove box:

◆ Check tire inflation pressure (including the spare) at least once a month and before every long trip.

Tires must be checked when they're cold — that is, before they've been run a mile. Also remember that in the dead of winter, tires lose air pressure naturally the colder it gets, usually 1 pound per 10 degree Fahrenheit drop in air temperature.

◆ If underinflated, inflate the tires to recommendation.

◆ Tires should be rotated at least as often as stated in the owner's manual — usually every 6,000-8,000 miles — and the alignment should be checked once a year. I personally rotate every 4,500 miles.

◆ At least once a month, the car owner should inspect the tires closely for signs of uneven wear. Improper inflation pressures, misalignment, improper balance or suspension neglect may cause uneven wear patterns. If not corrected, further tire damage will occur.

Driver pledges

Several readers have asked about reprinting our driver pledges that ran years ago.

Here you go:

1) I pledge to merge properly when entering an expressway or highway.

Many drivers come to a complete stop — even with 1,500 feet of merging lane open to them — backing up traffic. Oncoming drivers will allow you to merge, so please don't stop unless absolutely necessary.

2) I pledge to obey city speed limits: Nothing is worse than someone speeding down a residential street. Pets are routinely hit, and worse yet, pedestrians become hapless victims.

Watch those speed-limit signs, and keep your eyes on those kids.

3) I pledge to enter the intersection when making a left-hand turn: Don't you just love it when a car sits at a red light for three or four cycles because the driver refuses to move a few feet forward into the intersection to make a left turn? These people could have gone on one light — completing their turn on the yellow when the other lane stops. But no, they sit, and sit, and sit.

4) I pledge to wear my seat belt: It's the law. Seat belts save lives, period.

5) I pledge to listen to my car: Vehicles can talk, and give off certain messages.

Squealing belts, valve lifters tapping, brake squeaking, engine misses and lots more can be heard way before the problem escalates to breakdown proportions.

6) I pledge to be considerate: Many drivers don't give the appreciative wave as a thank you for a driving courtesy. Others give outright dirty looks or hand gestures if they don't like what you do.

Treat drivers with respect, and be patient with elderly drivers.

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The 2007 Saturn VUE Green Line combines electric and gasoline power. Below, the gauge demonstrates how current leaves the battery and is replaced.

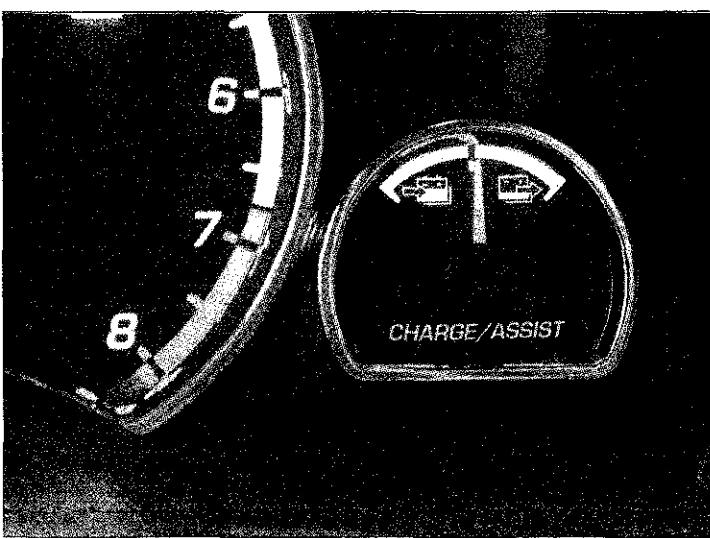
GM SUVs: Extravagant to miserly

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tain full accessory usefulness, including climate control, when the vehicle is stopped, so that hybrid operation is transparent to the driver and passengers. The Vue hybrid features an economy mode that favors fuel economy by limiting the affect of air condition-

ing, while the other mode favors maximum passenger comfort and defogging performance.

The interior, which in an SUV seems to attract stuff, includes a number of Vue's clutter-fighting storage solutions, such as a rear cargo organizer that flips up to hold grocery bags, and side storage bins that can hold a gallon of milk, water bottles or other cargo. We didn't have time or enough stuff to use them. Maybe next time — in a Saturn VUE Red Line model, with its 248-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 engine?



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fugitive lock up

A 42-year-old Detroit man was taken into custody at 5:49 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, after he was transported to I-94 and Vernier by Roseville police, who turned him over to Shores police on an outstanding warrant for drunk driving.

The man was taken to the Grosse Pointe Park police station because the Shores' cells were full. He was released after posting bond.

Warrant arrest

Police took a 41-year-old Detroit man into custody for an outstanding warrant after being detained by Detroit.

Shores police were dispatched and picked up the man and returned to the station. The man was released after posting bond.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Beer and drugs

Police arrested a 24-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 6:11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

Police initiated the traffic stop because of defective equipment on the vehicle. After asking for a driver license, the man admitted that he didn't have one.

The man was arrested and taken to the police station. When searching the vehicle, officers discovered three empty beer bottles and a bag containing several power tools. A

bag of suspected marijuana was found in the man's pants pocket when he was at the police station.

The man was charged with drug possession, driving without a driver license and having open intoxicants in a vehicle.

Passengers in the vehicle were released at the scene. The vehicle was impounded.

Jacked up

Police are investigating the theft of four wheels from a late model car parked in a driveway in the 400 block of Moran reported at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

The victim said the theft occurred between 12:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. that day. The vehicle was supported by a car jack on the driver side and bricks on the passenger side.

Gone in seconds

Police are investigating the theft of a Saab parked in front of a gas station at Mack and Moross at 8:04 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

Police said the victim parked the vehicle in front of the station and left it running when he entered the store. He returned later and discovered it missing. The vehicle was entered into LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network).

Warrant arrest

A 43-year-old Eastpointe man was taken into custody following a traffic stop for speeding at Mack and Berden at 1:08 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

A LEIN check revealed the man was wanted on an arrest warrant in Eastpointe. He was transported to the police station and held for pick up. His vehicle was legally parked.

Break-in

Police are investigating the burglary of a house on Windemere Drive reported at 8:47 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The victim reported he had left the secured house on Saturday, Jan. 13 and when he returned noticed the home had been ransacked. Police were called and discovered items strewn about, a jewelry box that had been emptied and a missing laptop computer.

Police discovered the house's electronic meter had been damaged and the phone lines were cut. Pry marks were also found on the exterior garage door.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

—By John Lundberg

City of Grosse Pointe

Broken window

Police are investigating vandalism at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval reported at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19.

The owner reported that a window had been broken sometime between the time when the business was closed the night before and that morning.

The window was valued at \$500.

Larceny

Police are investigating the theft of items from a car parked in a driveway in the 800 block of Cadieux at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

The victim reported parking the vehicle and when he returned 30 minutes later noticed the items missing.

Stolen was a backpack con-

taining a laptop computer, a computer jump drive and checks made out to a volleyball club totaling \$4,000.

U-Hauled in

A 56-year-old Detroit man was arrested at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 9:19 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

Police were flagged down by the grocery store owner who reported the man was in the store acting strange. The man had parked a U-Haul truck improperly, and a woman was found lying on the truck seat.

Police approached the man after he left the store and he surrendered his driver license. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the ID was reported lost or stolen. The man then confessed to his true name, and it was discovered he was wanted for a felony arrest warrant in Detroit. He was arrested and taken to the police station.

The woman was questioned and released at the scene. The truck was checked through the company and it was reported rental unreturned. The truck was impounded for pick-up.

Vehicle theft

Police are investigating the theft of a Dodge Durango parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Notre Dame at 7:51 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The victims said that their vehicles had been tampered with in the past, but nothing had been stolen. The vehicle was entered into LEIN as stolen.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Park

Tires stolen

Overnight on Friday, Jan. 19, all four tires from a 2005 Cadillac STS parked in front of a home in the 1000 block of Kensington in Grosse Pointe Park were stolen.

Another Cadillac parked in the driveway of a home in the 1100 block of Kensington had all four tires stolen on the same night.

Bike taken

Overnight on Friday, Jan. 19, a 26-inch boys Giant bike was stolen from the garage of a home in the 1000 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Items stolen

Between Wednesday, Jan. 17, and Saturday, Jan. 20, a 1992 Ford truck was broken into as it was parked in front of a home in the 1500 block of Vernor in Grosse Pointe Park. A flashlight and knife were taken.

Home invasion

On Sunday, Jan. 21, Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a call of a home invasion in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield.

The rear window was broken for entry into the home. The suspect, a 29-year-old Detroit man, was located inside the house and arrested.

Busted

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 8:57 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers observed a vehicle speeding along Jefferson.

The vehicle drove into Detroit. After a short pursuit, two Detroit juveniles were caught and detained.

The duo allegedly stole the 2006 Dodge Durango from the

Connor and I-94 area. The vehicle was returned to its owner.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-6200.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Woods

Swerving car

On Friday, Jan. 19, at 11:58 p.m., a 47-year-old St. Clair Shores man was observed swerving between lanes on Mack while driving a red 2006 Jeep STA.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer pulled over the driver and received only his driver license. During the investigation, the officer noticed the man's eyes were red and glossy and the smell of intoxicants was detected.

The officer asked the man if he had anything to drink and he responded five or six beers.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and became irritated. He refused to take a portable breath test and was taken to a local hospital for a blood alcohol content reading.

Police said that on the way to the hospital, the man was using profane language. While at the hospital, he continued to smile at the officers and gave them the finger.

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

Warrant arrest

On Friday, Jan. 19, at 9:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers drove to the 20000 block of Mack to pick up a 22-year-old East China man wanted on three failure to appear in court warrants out of the Woods.

The man was stopped for a traffic violation by Detroit Police officers.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

—Bob St. John

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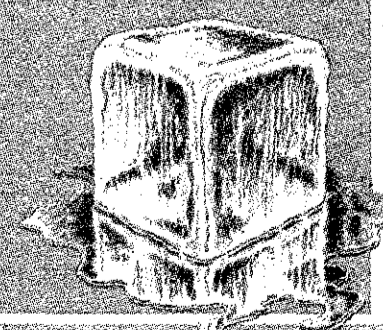
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Chill out with some chili or heat up with the music. It's all provided by Grosse Pointe City and Farms as their way of taking advantage of the ice and snow during the annual **Winterfest**.

Winter warm-up

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Old Man Winter certainly took his time coming to the Pointes this year. But when he finally did arrive, the Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe's parks and recreation departments were ready.

The two cities' annual Winterfest event are ready to rock Saturday, Jan. 27 at Neff Park in the City, and in the Hill commercial district in the Farms.

"We're really excited," said Chris Hardenbrook, City director of parks and recreation. "This is our biggest winter event budget-wise. It's neat because we can get a more accurate count (of residents) who are coming strictly for this event."

This is the City's third annual Winterfest, wherein the Farms' activities have been staged off-and-on for 10 years, said Dick Huhn, Farms parks and recreation director. Because of past cancellations due to warm weather, the



Join friends and neighbors on Saturday to learn a Canadian sport, curling, or eat a bowl of chili and sip hot chocolate during the annual Winterfest.

Farms, which normally held its festival at Pier Park, looked to the Hill to host this year's event.

"Last fall, we broke the mold and approached the Hill Association to see if they were interested in partnering with us," Huhn said. "We were looking for something different, more exciting."

"I think people were getting a little bored. This is bigger and better."

Activities in the Farms include ice-carving demonstrations, a chili cook-off contest and sampling, live music featuring the classic rock band "Passage," a 25-foot children's slide and free refreshments including chili dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and S'mores.

Most activities start at 11 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Huhn is particularly excited about the number of activities that will target children. The slide, housed on Grosse Pointe South High School's softball lot, will be a magnet. There are also plans for face

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WINTERFEST:
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paintings at other venues. "It's great to have a few things for the kids, to get them excited," he said.

Activities in the City, which kick off at 1 p.m., include a pig roast dinner, curling demonstrations, ice-carving demonstrations, sled dogs, a snowshoe obstacle course, broom ball hockey and sled-pull races.

If there is one attraction judged the most popular, Hardenbrook said, it would have to be the sled dogs.

"Last year we had reindeer, so we went with the sled dogs this year," he said. "The group (Thunderfeet Kennels) brings along puppies too. It's a really cool attraction."

Other activities include conversations fireside or inside the warming house, hot chocolate and snacks, arts and crafts inside the warming house, and evening ice skating.

Entry to the park is free for residents, and admission to the buffet tent is \$5. The menu



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Above, David White finishes up his ice carving of Sesame Street character, Elmo. At right, Chef Jeffrey Wolf is finishing a Disney character, the mermaid Ariel. Behind him is a house which also goes with the display.



includes roasted pig, which Hardenbrook said is a "big hit," hot dogs, potato chips, cole slaw, soda, water, hot chocolate and popcorn. Several warming fires will be located throughout the park where S'mores can be made.

Hardenbrook said preparations for this year's festival started last spring.

Other sponsors for the City's festival are the Detroit Curling Club, Frozen Images and Bayview Barge Catering. Sponsors for the Farms'

Winterfest are Finesse Cuisine Catering LTD, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Several local businesses will be open and offer door prizes. All individual business-drawing entries will be entered into the "Grand Prize Drawing About Town Entertainment Package."

"We felt like these (raffles) were a great way to promote the businesses," Huhn said. The grand prize drawing

will consist of gift certificates for various restaurants, professional sports tickets, theater performance tickets, a hot stone treatment, an overnight stay at Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, an autographed Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson picture, an autographed Detroit Piston Lindsay Hunter basketball, an autographed Detroit Red Wing Henrik Zetterberg hockey puck and other prizes.

If this year's festival is a success, Huhn is looking to ex-

pand the event in the future. He said the Farms is considering holding an ice sculpting competition at future festivals.

"I think that businesses will recognize a lot of potential in this event," he said.

Free parking will be available in the municipal parking lot behind Rite Aid on the Hill. Kercheval will remain open, but Huhn doesn't expect traffic problems.

"(But) we hope to have a parking problem," he said laughing.

This special calendar girl came from the streets

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Emily went from a life on the cold, cruel streets of Detroit to a pampered calendar girl. Since being abandoned when just a kitten, this independent rebel has found a home, a sister and a family in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Reclining in one of her two beds, Emily's photo was chosen as the Michigan Humane Society's June calendar cat. Her black and tan striped fur is glossy and clean and her eyes ask the poignant question,

"Why are you bothering me during nap time?"

Owner David S. Hands said she was rescued from an abandoned house in Detroit in December of 2005 by the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) cruelty investigators and taken to the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care. One look at Emily with her golden eyes and pink nose outlined in black, he was smitten.

"I was a volunteer, working 14-hour days when she came in with her brother, who was not adoptable," he said of the two who were about six

months old. "I grew attached to them. She had an upper respiratory infection, like pneumonia. I had taken digital photos and asked my parents if they were interested (in adopting them) when they became available. I adopted her that day."

He chose the name Emily after a troubled friend whom he couldn't help and subsequently lost contact.

"I can help this Emily," said Hands, an aspiring photographer.

Small-boned, weighing less than eight pounds and with a nick in her right ear, Emily



PHOTO BY JOHN DIEPHOUSE

Emily, an 18-month-old tabby, lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and was chosen to be the Michigan Humane Society's calendar cat for June, the adopt a cat month. She and her brother were abandoned in Detroit when kittens.

moved in with the Hands family, including 14-year-old sister, Frisky. Emily took over Hands' older brother's bedroom. The household chore she assigned herself is lying on top of the laundry.

Hands and his uncle, John Diephouse of Lansing, who Hands described as "not much of a cat person," spent hours photographing Emily one day

and submitted three different shots for possible publication in the calendar.

"He (Diephouse) was enamored with Emily," Hands said.

They were surprised, he said, when a photo was chosen for June's spot. (She can also be seen sleeping on the November page.)

Emily probably isn't, Hands said, because she is outgoing,

"and a bit of a rebel" who plays with Nerf darts, Hershey Kisses and ribbons. In her spare time she poses for pictures.

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Paternal grandparents are Joe and Judy Schueneman of St. David, Ariz.

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Allie Love Poupard

Brian Poupard and Devin Denryter of Mount Clemens are the parents of a daughter, Allie Love Poupard, born Oct. 22, 2006.

Maternal grandmother is Ms. Jill Dickinson of Harrison Township. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Poupard of St. Clair Shores.



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Sparkling night

The preview of the 2007 North American International Auto Show was sparkling with lights and happy faces as the attendees raised millions of dollars to be given to children's charities. Among those who attended were Tom and Mary Drummy of Grosse Pointe Farms.

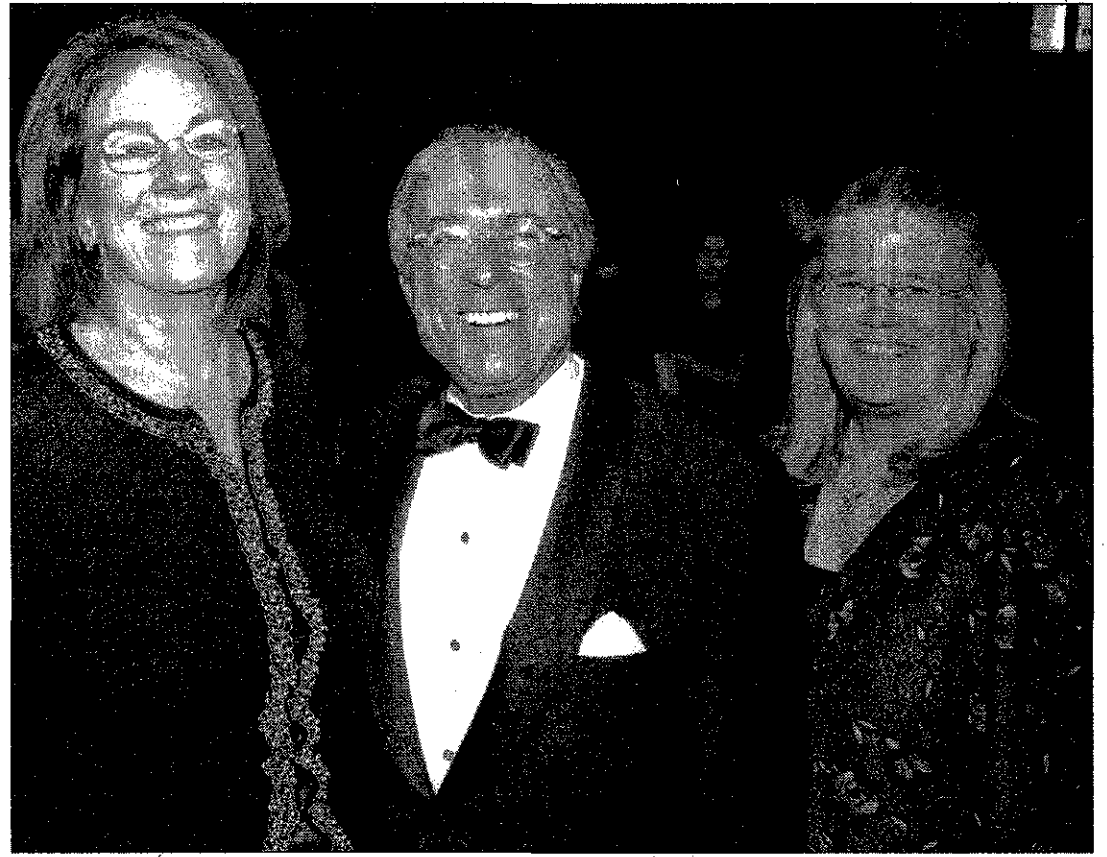
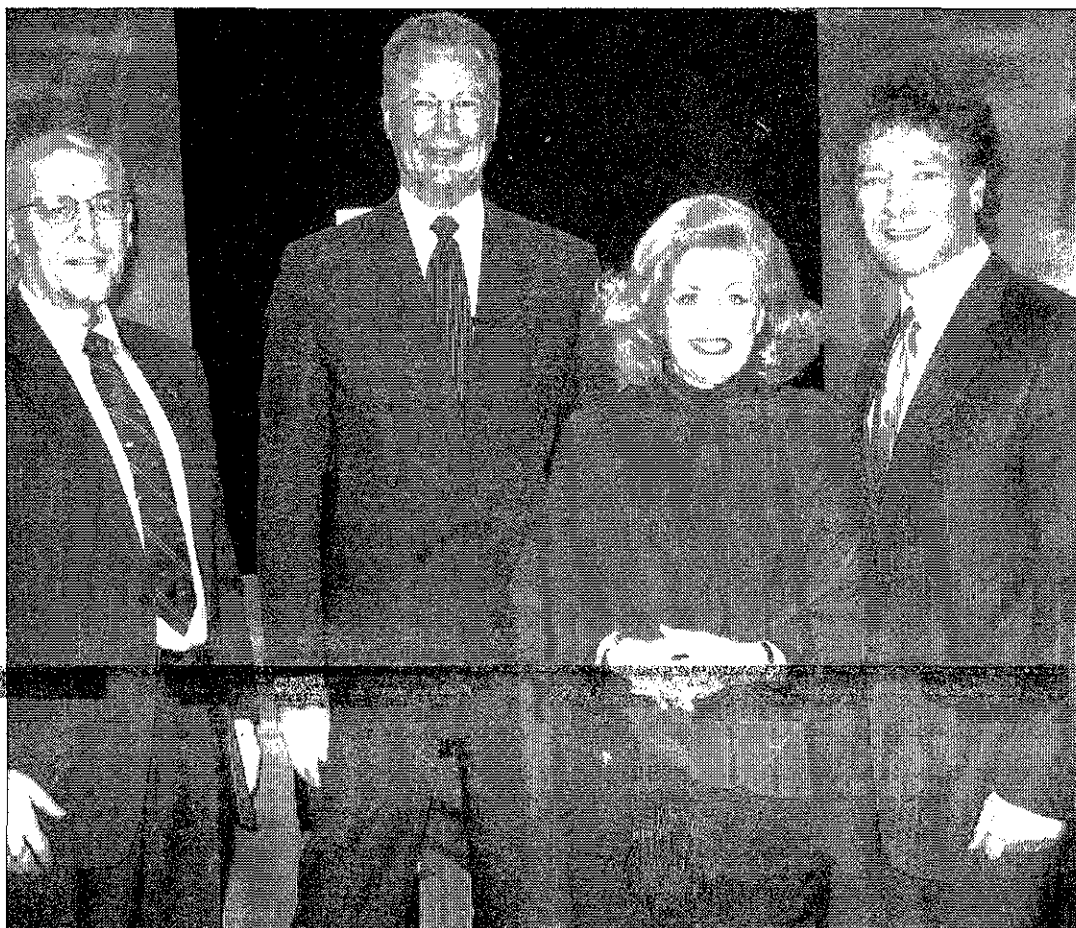


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Charity preview

Hadley Mack French of Grosse Pointe Farms, left, joined her friends, Paul and Lynn Alandt during the 2007 North American International Auto Show's charity evening. The event raised \$6 million for children's charities.



Learning their lines

Larry Forbes, director of the School of Business Administration and host of "Leaders on Leadership" aired on Detroit Public Television invited The Understudies to attend taping of his show during which he interviewed Antoni Cimolino, the general director of Stratford Festival of Canada. At the taping were, from left, Art Bryant of Grosse Pointe Woods, president of Anthony Wayne Society and a member of The Understudies; Forbes; Marian A. Impastato, executive board member of The Understudies and chair of the Italian Heritage Society and Cimolino. Broadcasts of "Leaders on Leadership" can be seen at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, on Channel 50 WTVS.

Fords to be honored at gala

Cynthia and Edsel B. Ford II are among several advocates in the fight against diabetes to be honored Thursday, March 8, at the 15th annual Commitment for a Cure Gala at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

Cynthia Ford is a member of the American Diabetes Association's Research Foundation board of Directors. Edsel Ford is the former chairman of the ADA National Government Affairs Council and a member of the advisory board of the Advocacy Leadership Council. Both will be presented with the ADA's "Cure - Care - Commitment" award at the fundraising gala that benefits ADA research, services and programs like Camp Midicha, a residential summer camp in Michigan for children and teens with diabetes.

Other "Cure - Care - Commitment" award recipi-

ents will be Dr. Dorothy Kahkonen, retired head of endocrinology and metabolism at Henry Ford Health System, and 2006 Tour de Cure Youth Ambassador Tim Kubeshesky of Rochester Hills.

Each year, the ADA acknowledges and awards the efforts of those who embody cure, care and commitment, said Ronald E. Hall, chief executive of Bridgewater Interiors, L.L.C. and chair of the ADA's Michigan Leadership Council.

"Dr. Kahkonen's career has been spent at the forefront of health care service, and young Tim Kubeshesky — in his role as youth ambassador — did so much to educate his peers and adults about diabetes," Hall said.

"But when it comes to fighting diabetes on a national level, few compare to the Fords. Cynthia Ford has excelled on

the Research Foundation Board, while Edsel B. Ford II has been an integral person in obtaining federal Medicare coverage for diabetes supplies and medicine. We are grateful for all of their efforts."

Gregory Kosch and Nancy Schlichting, presidents and CEOs of Fifth Third Bank and Henry Ford Health System, respectively, are co-chairs of the gala which also acquaints Metro Detroit's corporate and business community with the ADA and its mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Tickets for the event, which includes a silent and live auction, are \$200 per person and \$2,500 for a table of 10. For more information and tickets, contact Mary Riegle, director, special events at 888-DIABETES, ext. 6702, or mrieGLE@diabetes.org.

Arts & Scraps hosts party at The Parade Company Studios

Arts & Scraps will encourage adults to play at its annual dinner, beer tasting and auction on Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Parade Company, where America's Thanksgiving Parade is produced.

Tour the floats, costumes and papier-mache heads as part of the event. There will be a midway for grown-ups, with games of skill and chance, group challenges, creative activities and costumes for picture opportunities. Featured are four tastes of Dragonmead beers and ales, consistently judged one of the best microbreweries in the nation.

Dinner will be a roving feast of carnival foods, with a cash bar available.

The auctions will feature homemade desserts and chocolates, gift baskets, practical and frivolous items for all. The live auction features: Pistons and Tigers suites, Lions tickets, a chance to be included in a movie filmed in Detroit, a cruise for eight on the Detroit River and a tour for 20 of The Parade Company.

Arts & Scraps-sponsored items include your photo on the new Scrap Van, volunteer positions at the fireworks downtown and cookie jar sponsorship for Very Special Volunteers, the 200 special needs volunteers who work with us weekly.

Tickets are \$30, \$35 at the door, and include the dinner, tour, four beer tastes, parking

attendants and tour of the ScrapMobile, the new 26-foot bus donated by Humana, used in programming all over southeast Michigan.

Call (313) 640-4411, extension 8 or visit ARTSandSCRAPS.org for information and to order tickets. Proceeds will supplement the educational programming at Arts & Scraps.

More than 275,000 children are served annually as 28 tons of industrial scraps are recycled into learning and creative material, distributed to 3,000 organizations and schools in the Detroit metro area.

Arts & Scraps is located at 16135 Harper, Detroit, and is open to the public to get materials and planning assistance.

Cadet receives a DAR medal

Seaman Samuel J. Sattler, a senior at Marine City High School, received a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) ROTC medal from the Louisa St. Clair DAR chapter during a Jan. 16 ceremony at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

LTJG Joseph G. Faucher, NSCC, Commanding Officer of the Tomcat Squadron of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), described Sattler, who is a member of the Naval Sea Corps, as a mature, confident student leader, being most impressed with his leadership

ability, military discipline and understanding of the importance of NSCC training.

Sattler would like to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He takes advance placement classes and is a member of the varsity track and varsity football teams. He is also a member of 4-H Challenge and is vice president Student Government and National Honor Society.

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution also presents ROTC medals to student cadets of outstanding ability

and achievement in high school programs of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC throughout the local metropolitan Detroit Area.

Not more than one student, male or female, of a graduating class may be selected for the DAR ROTC medal.

Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe, founded in 1893, is a patriotic organization with more than 150 members ranging in age from 18 to 94. They sponsor the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR) organized in 1897, for boys and girls up to age 21.



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From left are Mary Ellen Benson, Regent Louisa St. Clair Chapter NSDAR, Seaman Samuel J. Sattler, Barbara Jean Allison, Daughters of the American Revolution State Board.

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COMING EVENTS

Lay Theological Academy

Ecumenical Minister Seminar Week will focus on Peru at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with the Rev. David MacPherson. From 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29 through Friday, Feb. 2, the Peruvian-born former business consultant and present Presbyterian clergyman will discuss the colorful and dramatic contrasts of the country, both ancient and modern.

MacPherson was born in Lima, Peru, to missionary parents from the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. He attended Aberdeen University in Scotland, graduating in economics and international relations.

After working as a commercial analyst with BP in London and Glasgow, MacPherson returned to Peru to head up a housing reconstruction project in Moyobamba following a 1990 earthquake. He returned

to Scotland and was ordained into the Free Church of Scotland. Under its auspices, he returned to Peru and served as pastor of the local Presbyterian congregation.

To register for the seminar, call the Lay Theological Academy at Christ Church at (313) 885-4841.

Christ Church

Christ Church Spirituality Center presents "Helping My Children Become Themselves" in a 30-hour workshop from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. nine consecutive Mondays, beginning Jan. 29.

The workshop deals with the aspirations and needs of children and ways in which the important adults in their lives can help them to live vitally, to become themselves, and to take their place in society. Part I deals with a frame of reference, conscious and unconscious ideas about the formation of children.

Part II examines the aspirations and needs of children. Seven categories will be used to identify effective contributions that can be made by parents and other influential adults to help children become themselves:

- ◆ Enabling children to be seen as they are by recognizing their potential and aspirations.
- ◆ Loving children for themselves rather than for the satisfaction they give.
- ◆ Giving children the security they need.
- ◆ Letting the child be a child.
- ◆ Helping children to learn.
- ◆ Valuing the unique character of each child.
- ◆ Considering the unmet or abnormal needs of the child.

This workshop's tools can be used by parents, educators, counselors or volunteers who interact with children.

It will be held on the lower level of Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to register, call the church at (313) 885-4841, extension 113 or go to christchurchgp.org/spirituality.

Christ Church

Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Girls and Men at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The music for this service will be Herbert Howells Collegium Regale setting of the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis," and his anthem "Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks," Bernard Rose

setting of the Versicles and Responses, psalms and hymns. Organists from the Association of Anglican Musicians, Province V will be on hand.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe will present "A Pebble in My Shoe: The Life and Times of Bishop John Shelby Spong" at 8 p.m., Feb. 1 and 2, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The play will be performed by the original Los Angeles cast. Set against 20th-century human rights conflicts in the American church and the United States, it dramatizes Spong's battles against segregation and his trail-blazing support for the ordination of women and gays.

Playwright Colin Cox based "Pebble" on Spong's autobiography, "Here I Stand," in which the retired Episcopal Bishop of Newark tells of his struggle to remain true to his faith with-

out forsaking his principles.

The cast has three actors: Stephan Wolfert as Jack Spong, and Dawn Stern and Mike Peebler as "everybody else."

Bishop Spong spoke on many of the play's themes in a Lenten lecture at Christ Church.

"As a leading voice in the Episcopal Church, Jack Spong urges us to develop a personal faith in Jesus Christ that is a thinking man's journey. He has also long been a witness to the radical inclusive hospitality to which Christ calls the Church," said the Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker, rector of Christ Church.

Whitaker, who was a priest in the Diocese of Newark before coming to Grosse Pointe, said that "amid the controversy that surrounds his public ministry, Bishop Spong has been a faithful pastor to both clergy and laity. Bishop, theologian, author, pastor, Jack Spong — if nothing else — has lived a life that takes seriously matters of faith, and the connection they have with real

life."

Tickets for "A Pebble in My Shoe" are \$25. "Backer" tickets, at \$100, include an afterglow with the cast following the Feb. 2 performance. For information and tickets, call Christ Church Grosse Pointe (313) 885-4841.

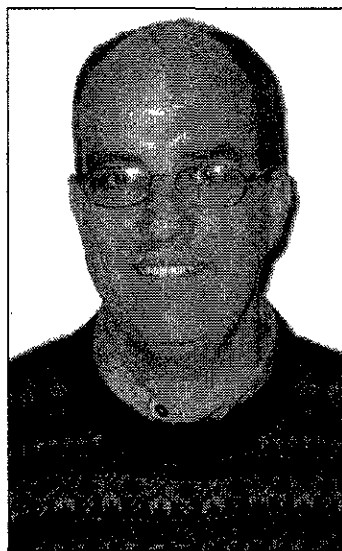
Christ the King

Area parents are invited to an open house of the early childhood education at Christ the King Lutheran from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. The church is located at 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Classes are divided by age into three-year-olds, four-year-olds and young five-year-olds.

Sharon Ziegler, Christ the King's preschool director since 2001 is a graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Neb., where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education in 1986.

For more information about the preschool, call (313) 884-5998.



Rev. David MacPherson

Stained glass windows are featured

Window panels in Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, are featured as part of January's "Windows of the Month for the Michigan Stained Glass Census."

The Census is a program of the Michigan State University Museum.

A six-paneled window titled Salvator Mundi (Savior of the World), is represented with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as described in the Book of Acts, as well as imagery from the Book of Revelation.

The Salvator Mundi win-

dow was created in 1935-36 by Clement Heaton (1861-1940), of the London firm, Heaton, Butler and Bayne. The window was gifted by Mrs. Gustava D. Anderson.

Another pair of windows installed by Heaton depicting St. Cecilia and St. Catherine, is also featured in the Census.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe was built in 1930 by New York architects Mayer, Murray and Phillip of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Associates. The English Gothic-style building was modeled after the Chapter House at Wells Cathedral, and

its cloister inspired by Canterbury Cathedral in England.

The windows can be viewed at museum.msu.edu/museum/msgc/jan07.

The site also contains lengthy correspondence between designer Heaton and the Rev. Francis B. Creamer of Christ Church, which reveals the rigors of the creative process and settling on the images depicted.

The Michigan Stained Glass Census, which began in 1992, is a statewide survey of architectural stained glass coordinated by the Michigan

State University Museum. "Windows of the Month" are selected based on subject matter, technique, seasonal theme, type of building, age, and region in the state to showcase the variety of the art form.

The Census is an ongoing project that encourages individuals and groups to better appreciate and preserve stained glass in their own communities.

To date, more than 1,000 buildings around the state have been documented, many with multiple windows contained in the Census.

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Giving and sharing

Christmas is the time for giving and sharing. In the spirit of Christmas, Services for Older Citizens (SOC) provided 120 Christmas Day meals to homebound seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Volunteers including, from left, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen of Detroit, Richard Nelson of Grosse Pointe Park, and Roman Hammes of Harper Woods, gathered at SOC on Christmas morning to pick up and deliver the meals and gifts of candy and cards donated from local schools, Boy Scouts and Girls Scout troops. Mrs. G. In Grosse Pointe Park called the SOC office to say, "I thought the only company I would have on Christmas was the company of my cat and a cheese sandwich for dinner. Instead I had a wonderful visit from the nice lady who delivered my delicious dinner and all kinds of nice treats. It has been the best Christmas I've had in years. God bless you for all the work you do."

Assisted living facilities tours

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is conducting monthly tours of local facilities for seniors interested in finding an assisted living center.

The tours give seniors and their caregivers a chance to view local facilities in a group setting to see what's available.

"We look forward to these trips; they are the first ones to sell out," said Gia Franciosi SOC trip leader. "The facilities always treat us royally and it's nice to see what's available and the costs involved."

Upcoming facilities include:

- ◆ Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Feb. 8
 - ◆ North Pointe Village, Utica on March 6
 - ◆ Waltonwood, Sterling Heights, March 8
 - ◆ Villa Bella, Clinton Township, May 10
 - ◆ American House, Roseville, June 8
 - ◆ Gardens of Clinton, Clinton Township, Sept. 6
- SOC also has a free resource

book available that lists area senior housing alternatives. To participate in a tour or a copy of the book, call SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

Whether touring with a group or alone, the SOC offers the following advice:

Tip No. 1: Clean as a Whistle.

Is the community fresh and clean? Look past the furnishings and into corners, baseboards, and windows. Ask how often housekeeping is provided in the apartment or room. What services does maintenance provide? What is their response time?

Tip No. 2: Follow Your Nose.

Odors may indicate lack of cleanliness or a temporary problem that was caused by a recent incident. Odors in a concentrated area of the tour may indicate a single incident. Odors throughout the community are likely to indicate a problem. Ask the manager what they believe to be the

problem before proceeding.

Tip No. 3: Busy residents are happy residents.

Ask to watch activities. Are they well attended? Does the staff seem to be enjoying the activity as well? View the community events calendar. Look for small and large group activities, trips or outings. Inquire about religious services if this is important.

Tip No. 4: Whistle while they work.

Staff attitude and friendliness are important. Observe the staff interacting with current residents. Do they listen and make eye contact? Get a good understanding of the staffing pattern and how many people are involved. Introduction to the management team will help one understand the goals of the property.

Is the manager willing and available to meet?

Do you have confidence in his/her management style and experience?

Lunch and Learn February schedule

Enjoy a hot lunch at 11:15 a.m. and listen to a presentation at Services for Older Citizens, 17500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Home health care will be the Monday, Feb. 5, topic with presenter Cyndi Ferrante, community awareness coordinator, Spectrum Home Care.

A home care physician, Ferrante, will speak on providing in-home care to minimize the need for hospitalization or long-term care facility stays (nursing home). This topic will enlighten the participant on coordinating home medical equipment, infusion services and private duty needs.

Shaking the blues is the topic Wednesday, Feb. 7, when Hareesh Mehta, M.D. psychiatrist, St. John Hospital & Medical Center talks about people experiencing brief periods of sadness during seasonal changes or long winter months. Learn tips for coping with these times and the difference between "the blues" and depression, and when to seek assistance.

Learn the secrets to self-publishing on Monday, Feb. 12, with Rob Lyles.

Lyles, also known as G. Roberts, a local self-published author of a children's health series, will review the ABC's of self-publishing and address this alternative to traditional publishing. He will disclose how to turn your idea or written draft into a book.

Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14, includes friends, food, entertainment and a little dance music. Prizes and surprises will be ready for those who attend.

SOC will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in honor of Presidents Day.

Jessica Durlock from

LaSalle Bank on the Hill will be on hand Wednesday, Feb. 21 to talk about finances, product offering such as financial advisers, senior accounts, competitive CD rates and home lending.

An overview of the Van Elslander Cancer Center will be the topic of the Monday, Feb. 26, lunch and learn with Mary Ruhana the manager/concierge of St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Learn more about the cancer treatment center and state-of-the-art facility. Participants will learn about how the Valade Healing Arts Center focuses on relaxing the mind and body through centuries-old health practices.

The Grosse Pointe Academy Choir will entertain SOC visitors on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

All are welcome, including visitors.

Phone scam targets Medicare beneficiaries

Be wary of individuals posing as representatives of Medicare-sponsored prescription drug plans. Telephone scammers offering to enroll seniors in a Medicare Part D plan are asking for an initial "payment" of \$299 or similar amount to cover the alleged benefits and requesting bank account numbers and personal data to access the funds.

Here are some tips to avoid becoming the victim of a scam artist:

◆ Beware of door-to-door salespeople. Agents cannot solicit business without an appointment. Don't let them in.

◆ Do not give out personal information to anyone not verified as a legitimate seller. People are not allowed to request such personal information in their marketing activities and cannot ask for payment over the Internet.

◆ Legitimate companies must send a bill. Once you decide to purchase a plan and

have verified that the agent is licensed, you may give the agent personal information to assist in enrollment.

◆ Verify that the plan is an approved Medicare plan. All of the approved plans are available at medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Complaints about someone offering this prescription drug benefit can be filed at medicare.gov; toll-free at 800-MEDICARE; or toll-free at 1-877-6442.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Hospital sitters have that little extra TLC



A growing number of private duty aides and nurses — sometimes referred to as nurse sitters, personal care attendants, or patient companions — are being hired by patients to be their eyes, ears and advocates when they can't speak for themselves or their families cannot be there.

Even in the best hospitals, patients and their families are turning to private duty help to supplement care from staffs that are often short-handed and overworked.

As hospital nurses focus their efforts on patients in crisis, private "sitters" tend to the patients' personal needs, and provide TLC services of yesterday.

The growing use of sitters reflects the pinch that many hospitals are feeling to provide more care at less cost. Lower reimbursement rates from managed care plans and gov-

ernment programs have pressured hospitals to cut expenses and trim staffs. This leaves fewer nurses to deal with more patients and more complex therapies.

This is why many families are turning to sitters. The cost of this service is usually not covered by insurance. However, an increasing number of middle income families appear willing to pay for the extra care.

Hiring a private duty nurse's aide brings peace of mind to patients and their families. Sitters or certified nursing assistants do not give medications or insert IVs.

They provide the personal touch. A sitter will help a patient to the bathroom, and deliver a meal. If a patient is frightened, a sitter holds their hand.

At night, a sitter ensures a patient doesn't fall out of bed or become wedged between the bed railings and the mattress.

Patients who have just undergone some sort of surgery want someone to be there if they wake during the night. A sitter can provide psychological comfort and companion-

ship and allow the family to get a good night's sleep.

Older patients require more nursing care and support. If a patient is at a risk of falling, if they are unsteady or might be confused, it might be a good idea to hire a sitter.

Some hospitals will encourage families to do so, especially if they feel the patient could harm himself or herself if left alone.

If our child was in the hospital we would be there for every step of their care. Why wouldn't we do the same for our elder loved ones?

When family members cannot be there, a sitter can provide that extra touch of love and care.

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Terri Murphy is a professional caregiver and the owner of Home Helpers. She lives in Grosse Pointe.

She can be reached by telephone at (313) 881-4600 or send e-mails to tmurphy572@comcast.net.

February community programs slated

Information, support and fitness round out a series of community programs offered at St. John North Shores Hospital in February.

◆ Macular Degeneration — can you be helped? is planned from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Harrison Township Tucker Senior Center, 26980 Ballard, Harrison Township. Learn more about macular degeneration, what is it and available options from Scott Czarnecki, M.D., an ophthalmologist on staff at SJNSH during this free event.

Call (888) 751-5465 for information and to register.

◆ Talk About meets from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Harrison Township Tucker Senior Center, 26980 Ballard, Harrison Township.

This free functional maintenance program is for post-therapy adults with communication disorders. Call (586) 466-5203 for more information.

◆ Time for Caregivers

Support Group meets from 3 to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harrison Township Tucker Senior Center, 26980 Ballard, Harrison Township.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Daniel Elskens

Spine Center responsive to back pain sufferers

By Dr. Daniel Elskens

If you have ever had back pain that required medical treatment, you know firsthand the need to be evaluated and treated as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, people with back pain who need an evaluation with a surgeon may typically wait two or three months for an appointment. That's because surgeons spend a good portion of their time in the operating room, which limits their time for in-office patient appointments. Additionally, only one of approximately every 15 patients who seek a surgeon's evaluation actually need surgery.

Fortunately, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) has adopted a new protocol that streamlines the treatment process for those suffering back pain. The new

Spine Center uses computer technology to get patients quickly evaluated, promptly directing them to the most appropriate care. This also allows surgeons to examine surgical patients more efficiently.

Here's how it works: a physician refers a patient with back pain to the Spine Center via a phone call, or the patient can call directly. The Spine Center staff obtains and inputs the patient's detailed back pain and medical history into a special software program that organizes the information for the surgeon to review. It's a great tool that helps doctors evaluate and triage the patient very effectively. After evaluating the information, the surgeon then recommends a beginning course of action. It could be:

- ◆ Physical therapy;
- ◆ Testing, such as an X-ray, MRI, or CT scan;

- ◆ Referral to a rehabilitation or pain management specialist;
- ◆ Or an appointment to see the surgeon, if necessary.

All this can be completed within 48 to 72 hours from the initial phone call. The streamlined process allows surgeons to see the true surgical patients right away, and allows non-surgical patients to begin treatment more quickly, and thus start healing immediately. The Spine Center allows us to provide early medical management steps in an extremely safe and responsive way, and the benefits to patients are numerous.

Rose Buglione-Lamont is one such case. The active 81-year-old patient contacted the Spine Center in late September in excruciating pain. She had fallen down her stairs in July and had back surgery to repair a broken lumbar vertebra, but

the pain persisted.

A friend suggested she call the Spine Center.

Within a week, we had all of her information (medical records, X-rays and CAT scans) and I determined she needed an MRI. That test showed she had two more broken vertebrae.

"I had surgery on my 81st birthday in late October and it was the best birthday gift ever — to be out of pain finally," Buglione-Lamont said. "I am recovering very well and just have some stiffness that I am working through with physical therapy. Dr. Elskens and the Spine Center are a godsend."

Because we are able to evaluate and coordinate patients' care quicker, we also believe that the Spine Center's new protocol is likely preventing some patients from ever needing surgery.

It makes sense — if a patient doesn't have to wait two months to be evaluated, but can begin addressing their back problem through nonsurgical means, it can prevent their condition from getting worse and needing surgical intervention.

As a result of this new treatment process, my colleagues and I are performing less complex spine surgeries and much more routine disk surgeries. We believe this is a direct result of patients being evaluated and treated in a more timely fashion.

Also, because our surgeries are more effectively managed, we are able to see our in-office patients on time more — even early in many cases, because our no-show rate has dropped significantly. Before, when patients had to wait two or three months for an appointment,

they would often go through emergency, without care, or to a different doctor, and not bother to cancel their appointment at our office.

Chances are at some point almost everyone will need to see a doctor because of back pain.

In fact, 90 percent of the population will experience at least one episode of back or leg pain in their lifetime.

The good news is, about 70 percent will improve enough through medical treatment and not need surgery. But if you ever need responsive care for back pain, the Spine Center is just a phone call away.

For a consultation or to refer a patient for consultation, call (313) 343-4405.

Dr. Daniel Elskens is a neurosurgeon at the Spine Center of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

ASK THE EXPERT By Mary Ellen Brayton

Building healthy, resilient, successful kids . . . together



Question: My 16-month-old cries whenever I leave him: with a babysitter, friend, father, family member, etc. What should I do? How do I encourage autonomy?

A: According to Jessica

Zann, school social worker, infant and toddler separation anxiety is a common occurrence. Infants typically begin to feel the fear of separation between eight and nine months of age.

They may manifest anxiety around strangers and in new situations.

Babies who have been sleeping through the night for several months may suddenly begin waking at night and feeling the fear of parental separation.

Infant separation anxiety tends to peak in the toddler stage, somewhere between 14 and 18 months.

This is a time in your child's life when he or she is beginning to explore the world and learn early steps of independence, like walking.

A toddler may happily walk a few feet away from his parents only to begin to cry upon the realization that mom or dad are no longer visible.

Parents can play an important role in helping with infant

separation anxiety. If you have an infant who is struggling with separation anxiety, here are some practical suggestions that will help diminish the possibility of ongoing anxiety as your child grows older.

◆ Although parents should spend significant amounts of time with infants for healthy bonding to occur, begin making it a point to leave your baby for brief periods, once he or she is about six months of age.

◆ Begin by choosing a caregiver that is a familiar person to your infant and plan for

brief interludes of no more than a half an hour, initially.

◆ Give your infant a hug and kiss; say "goodbye" calmly, and assure your child that you will return.

◆ Offer extra reassurance to a waking infant who seems fearful by spending a few extra minutes to hold and offer comfort. Then calmly place the child back into the crib and say "goodnight."

Even infants can sense when a parent or caregiver is anxious about leaving them. Parents are encouraged to be

both patient and perseverant in helping their children work through infant separation anxiety.

The views of the writer are independent and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or official position of The Family Center.

E-mail your questions to: Mary Ellen Brayton, program director at Info@familycenter-web.org.

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Clean hands for combating colds, flu

Singing the "ABC Song" while washing one's hands may help protect one through the cold and flu season, the Michigan State Medical Society said.

While no cures exist for the viral infection yet, some simple precautions may help keep cold and flu germs away.

"It's important to remember that colds and flu germs are viral infections and antibiotics will not affect them," said MSMS President Paul O. Farr M.D., a Grand Rapids gastroenterologist. "So asking your doctor for a prescription will not help."

Hand washing is very important to surviving cold and flu season, Farr said. The type of soap is not as important as the technique.

Rubbing hands together with soap for at least 20 seconds before rinsing with warm water is key to getting

germs off the skin. An alternative to the "ABC Song" is singing "Happy Birthday" twice.

Surprisingly, transmitting cold and flu germs through saliva is not common.

It still may not be a good idea to share a glass with someone else, but it is more likely to get these viral infections through airborne particles from others coughing and sneezing than saliva, Farr said.

He also suggested touching one's nose or eyes with clean hands and taking extra precautions when putting in or removing contact lenses or applying make-up can help.

There are no immunizations for the more than 200 identified strains of viruses that cause the common cold. To avoid the flu, flu shots are available as a preventive measure and are recommended for young children, older adults and those with weak immune systems.

Here are some quick tips to help prevent contracting cold

and flu viruses:

◆ Wash hands frequently, before and after eating, after using the restroom or after touching money, handrails, elevator buttons, door knobs, push plates and drinking fountains.

◆ Do not touch your face unless you have clean hands; germs can live up to three hours on the skin.

◆ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you cannot wash your hands properly.

◆ Disinfect surfaces and toys touched often throughout the day, including shared telephones.

◆ Use a humidifier in your home; dry nasal passages allow the germs to stay in the nose and multiply.

◆ When sick, drink plenty of fluids and get as much rest as possible. Avoid spreading viruses by staying away from crowds when you are ill.

◆ Take a sick day if you are sick to avoid spreading a cold or flu to others in the workplace.

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WEDDINGS

Hepner - VanAlmen

Kimberly Mae Hepner, daughter of Russell and Stephany Hepner of Shelby, Ohio, married Scott Macomb VanAlmen, son of Richard "Buzz" and Sandy VanAlmen of St. Clair Shores, on July 1, 2006, at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Phil Hazelton officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Columbus Marriott North - Pavilion Room.

The bride wore an ivory matte satin strapless gown that featured an overlay of organza set with lace and appliques and accented with hand-stitched metallic threads, sequins and seed beads. A chapel-length train was fully set with appliques and finished with a scalloped lace border. A pale pink satin bow surrounded her waist.

She wore a tiara of braided pearls and Swarovski crystal and rhinestones. The elbow-length veil was finished with satin piping to match the dress and was gathered just beneath the tiara.

She carried a bouquet of pale pink Anna roses and stephanotis.

The matron of honor was Allison Shape of Dublin, Ohio.

Bridesmaids were Andrea Milas Mikes of Columbus, Ohio, Tara Woerth, the bride's cousin of Chicago, and Lindsay Wolf of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Attendants wore raspberry satin tea-length strapless dresses with organza overlays.

They carried bouquets of raspberry stargazer lilies, surrounded by Anna roses and gardenias.

Mary VanAlmen, the groom's niece of Rochester Hills, dropped rose petals from a satin basket made by the bride's mother.

Rick VanAlmen of Rochester Hills served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were Martin VanAlmen, the groom's

brother, of Grosse Pointe Woods; Chad Hepner, the bride's brother, of St. Clair Shores; and Casey Wandell of Lima, Ohio.

Ushers were Steven Bednarchik of Centennial, Colo., and Brett Holcomb and Brian Woerth, both of Chicago.

The mother of the bride wore an ivory, cream and gold silk dress with an overlay of sequins and beads.

She wore a wrist corsage of raspberry alstroemeria and stephanotis.

The groom's mother wore a tea-length beaded raspberry-amber chiffon dress with a matching sheer jacket. She wore a wrist corsage of raspberry alstroemeria and stephanotis.

Alex VanAlmen, the groom's sister-in-law, read a poem by Steven Reiser. The Scripture was read by Benjamin Woerth, the bride's cousin.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wittenberg University and a Master of Education degree from Marygrove College. She teaches sixth grade in Worthington, Ohio.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Baldwin Wallace College and is with Automatic Data Processing.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. They live in Worthington, Ohio.

Schmidt - Kaye

Erika Lynn Schmidt, daughter of Lawrence and Sharon Schmidt of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Paul Jason Kaye, son of Susan Kaye of Grosse Pointe Woods and Donald Kaye of Clinton Township, on Aug. 19, 2006, at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Gerald Spice and the Rev. Rick Marshall, the bride's uncle of Brea, Calif., officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Macomb VanAlmen



Mr. and Mrs. Joel Thomas Bumpus



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jason Kaye



Mr. and Mrs. William Adam Kieft

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The bride wore an ivory Shantung silk strapless gown, accented with an ivory double-satin ribbon bow at the waist.

Her cathedral-length veil was satin-edged and attached to a handmade comb of Swarovski crystals and pearls, designed by her aunt. She carried a bouquet of candlelight roses, hydrangeas, lisianthus and stock.

Tracy Rinaldi of Grosse Pointe Shores was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Emily and Elyse Schmidt, the bride's sisters of Grosse Pointe Woods; Meggie Schmidt, the bride's cousin of Grosse Pointe Park; Stephanie Hulka of Muskegon; and Sara Stararak of Madison Heights.

Attendants wore champagne colored satin strapless A-line dresses and carried bouquets of sage green hy-

drangeas. The maid of honor's bouquet was green hydrangeas circled with candlelight roses.

Charles Myslinski of Grosse Pointe Woods was the best man.

Ushers were Christopher Colson of Grosse Pointe Woods; Maxwell Schmidt, the bride's cousin, of Grosse Pointe Park; Brian Bigham of Grosse Pointe Woods; Patrick O'Meara of Brighton; and Paul Crispignani, the groom's cousin, of Clinton Township.

The bride's mother wore a violet chiffon dress with a sequin and beaded top and a wrist corsage of white roses and hydrangeas.

The groom's mother wore a blush-colored chiffon dress with a lace brocade top and matching jacket and a wrist corsage of white roses and hydrangeas.

Susan Block was the Scripture reader. Accompanists on the trumpet and violin were Timothy Krohn and Jennifer Larson. The organist was Ruth MacRae.

The bride earned two bachelor's degrees in merchandise management and marketing from Michigan State University.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in park and recreation management from Michigan State University.

The couple honeymooned in the Canary Islands and London, England.

They live in Chicago, Ill.

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 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.

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, on Oct. 28, 2006, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Bumpus is also the son of the late Thomas Bumpus.

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 Beal of Jackson.

The groom's nephew, Noah Bush, was the ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a teal satin floor-length

Kelly - Kieft

Christine Marie Kelly, daughter of Richard and Gloria Kelly of Grosse Pointe Woods, married William Adam Kieft, son of Bill and Sue Kieft of Grand Haven, on Sept. 9, 2006, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Grand Haven.

The Rev. Gary Lacy officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Terra Verde Golf Course in Nunica.

The bride wore an ivory satin gown trimmed in periwinkle. She carried a bouquet of periwinkle and white roses, ivy and Irish bells.

Erin Franklin served as her sister's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Andrea Hill of Holt and Sara Kieft, the groom's sister, Grand Haven.

Attendants wore full-length periwinkle dresses.

Their bouquets were periwinkle and purple roses, ivy and Irish bells.

Devin Merz, the groom's cousin, was the flowergirl. She wore an ivory satin A-line dress and carried an ivory basket containing white rose petals.

Jacob Miller of Grand Haven was the best man.

Groomsmen were Josh Rowe, Rob Nink and Terry VanderKooi. Ushers were Mark McGarry and Ben Miller.

Hans Merz, the groom's cousin, was the ring bearer.

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ENGAGEMENTS

**Loeher -
Votruba II**

Chuck and Betty Loeher of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Elizabeth Loeher, to David Christian Votruba II, son of Mary Hunsberger of Traverse City and David Votruba of Charlevoix. An October wedding is planned.

Loeher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biopsychology from the University of Michigan and is a doctoral student in clinical neuropsychology at Wayne State University. She is completing her doctoral internship at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Votruba earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and is a licensed clinical social worker in Ann Arbor. He also works for the University of Michigan's division of student affairs and is currently pursuing his doctorate in social work at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

**Hirt-
Yavor**

Don and Priscilla Hirt of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Hirt, to Joshua Yavor, son of Chet and Mary Yavor of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Hirt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan. She is a social studies teacher at Kalamazoo Central High School.

Yavor earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social studies and computer science and a teaching certificate from Grand Valley State University. He is a Web site designer and substitute teacher in Kalamazoo.

**Kennedy -
Gilpin**

Patricia Kennedy of St. Clair Shores has announced the engagement of her daughter, Sarah Kay Kennedy, to James Philip Gilpin, son of Philip and Nancy Gilpin of Jackson. Kennedy is also the daughter of the late Larry Kennedy. A July wedding is planned.

Kennedy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design from Michigan State University. She is a commer-

cial interior designer specializing in healthcare design with NBS in Troy.

Gilpin earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management from Western Michigan University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University. He is a senior financial analyst with Ford Motor Co.

**Badovinac -
Rozycki**

David and Catherine Badovinac of Algonac have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin Badovinac, to Richard Rozycki, son of Richard and Bonnie Rozycki of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Badovinac is a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University and is to receive her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in May. In October, she is to join the law firm of Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C. as an associate.

Rozycki is a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University and a 2006 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is an associate with Plunkett and Cooney PC.

**Fisher -
Hopper**

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fisher III of Harbor Springs, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Leigh Fisher, to Roger Nelson Hopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger G. Hopper of Urbanna, Va. An April wedding is planned.

Fisher graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin. She is a research analyst with Philip Morris USA.

Hopper is a graduate of Virginia Episcopal School and Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

He is an insurance agent with New York Life.

**Freudenburg -
Chapman**

Rodney and Jill

Freudenburg of Mattawan, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Beth Freudenburg, to David Paul Chapman, son of Dave and Maria Chapman of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A March wedding is planned.

Freudenburg earned a bachelor's degree in interior design from Michigan State University. She is an interior designer.

Chapman earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Michigan State University. He is a Realtor with GRI-Remax Homestead Properties in Warren.

**Cornillie -
Lee**

Bud and Rene Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Irene Cornillie, to Christopher Jack Lee, son of Dr. Christopher Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe and Doreen Lee of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A September wedding is planned.

Cornillie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree in accounting from Michigan State University. She is an auditor with Ernst & Young LLP in Chicago.

Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University. He is a police officer with the Novi Police Department.

**Miller -
Prysak**

Marjorie and James Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Leigh Miller, to Geoffrey Michael Prysak, son of Charlene and Dr. Michael Prysak of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A 2007 wedding is planned.

Miller earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree and teaching certificate from the University of Michigan. She is a high school biology teacher in Lakeview Public Schools.

Prysak earned his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University. He earned a master's degree from St. Louis University School of Public Health and is studying medicine at Wayne State University.

He works as a researcher for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University.

**Rhea -
Grant**

Victoria and Donald Keith Rhea of Houma, La., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Briggs Rhea, to Geoffrey Michael Grant, son of Donna and Daniel Grant of Grosse Pointe Woods. A February wedding is planned.

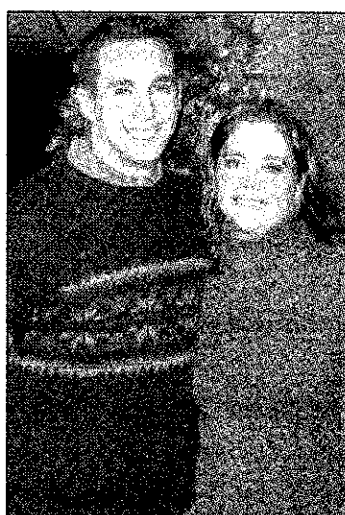
Rhea earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Louisiana State University and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

She is a structural engineer with Brown & Caldwell in Atlanta, Ga.

Grant earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marine and freshwater biology and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of New Hampshire. He is a project manager with Metcalf & Eddy in Atlanta, Ga.

**Evola -
Grosfield**

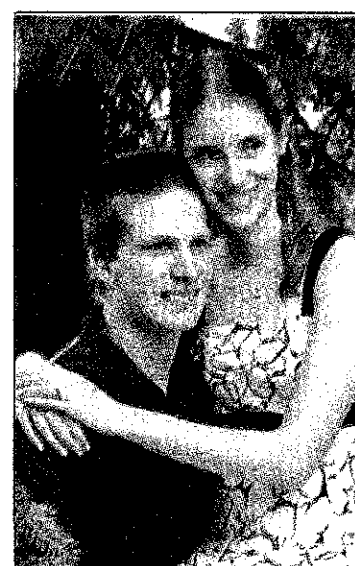
Benny and Julie Evola of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jaclyn Jennifer Evola, to Gregory Grosfield, son of Richard and Marybeth Grosfield of Grosse Pointe Woods. A fall wedding is planned.



David Christian Votruba II and Kristen Elizabeth Loeher



Erin Badovinac and Richard Rozycki



Joshua Yavor and Lauren Hirt



Lauren Leigh Fisher and Roger Nelson Hopper



Geoffrey Michael Grant and Kathryn Briggs Rhea



Mary Irene Cornillie and Christopher Jack Lee



Nicole Therese Aubrey and Douglas Larry Runyon Jr.

Mass. Van Faasen is attending Northeastern University in Boston.

He is in new sales with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Boston.

Evola earned a bachelor's degree in communication and public relations from Michigan State University.

She is an art buyer with JWT Team Detroit.

Grosfield earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Dayton. He is an account executive with Baker, Hopp & Associates.

**Aubrey -
Runyon**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Aubrey of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Therese Aubrey, to Douglas Larry Runyon Jr., son of Penny Rowston of Waterford and Douglas Runyon Sr. of Hartland. A June wedding is planned.

**Jacobs -
Van Faasen**

Robin and Jay Jacobs and Timothy and Mary Hubbard of Gloucester, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kasie Lee Hubbard Jacobs, to William Joseph Van Faasen, son of William C. and Jane Van Faasen of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park. A July wedding is planned.

Jacobs earned a bachelor's degree from Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.

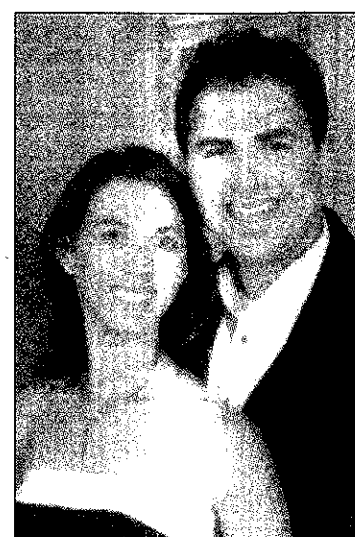
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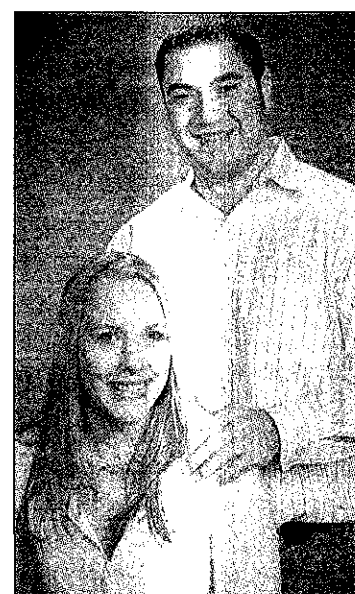
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**Rogers -
Jenzen**

Diane Rogers of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Meagan Rogers, to Kenneth Jenzen, son of Frances Jenuwine of St. Clair Shores.

An August wedding is planned.

Rogers earned an Associate of Arts degree from North Central Michigan College and is working toward a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Davenport University in 2007.

Jenzen earned an Associate of Arts degree from North Central Michigan College and is working toward a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Davenport University in 2007.

**Dean -
Morrell**

Michael and Cynthia Dean of Burbank, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leane Dean, to Brien Thomas Morrell, son of Peter and Julie Russ of Grosse Pointe Farms. A May wedding is planned.

Dean is a global sourcing analyst with Cintas Corp. in Chicago, Ill.

Morrell earned a bachelor's degree from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University.

He is a logistics specialist with Life Fitness.

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New musical season with new conductor

Maestro Joseph Striplin will conduct his first Grosse Pointe Symphony concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parcels Middle School Auditorium.

The General Motors Chorus will join the orchestra for "Symphony Pops."

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's recent annual "Inner Circle of Musical Chairs" fundraiser celebrated the opening of its 54th season of classical music concerts. The event also celebrated the appointment of Maestro Striplin as music director, during which former Maestro Felix Resnick "passed on the baton." Resnick served as music director of the orchestra for nearly five decades. Resnick continues to direct one concert each year as the orchestra's conductor emeritus.

A Detroit native, Striplin joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) in September 1972. In 1996, he concluded his tenure as associate conductor of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the DSO's pre-professional training orchestra. During that time, he conducted a joint DSO and Detroit Civic Symphony performance for

the Educational Concert Series.

Striplin began musical studies in the Detroit Public

Schools. A student of former DSO violinist Jack Boesen, Striplin is a graduate of Cass Technical High School and

Wayne State University. In 1968, he performed as soloist with the DSO in a Detroit Discovery concert and served

as an extra musician with the orchestra.

Launching his professional music career as a teacher for three years in the Detroit Public Schools, Striplin became a member of the Metropolitan Opera National Company Orchestra.

From there, he performed with the Indianapolis Symphony for a season and spent four seasons with the Saint Louis Symphony before returning to Detroit. Striplin teaches violin privately and also performs recitals and chamber music in the Detroit metropolitan area.

An accomplished conductor, Striplin's formal study began under the guidance of Valter Poole and continued with private instruction from Gustav Meir of the University of Michigan. Striplin served two seasons as conductor of the Dearborn Youth Symphony. He has also guest conducted for the Lyric Chamber Ensemble and the Wayne State University Summer String Orchestra.

In February of 1994, Striplin conducted the Savannah (Ga.) Symphony during its ninth an-

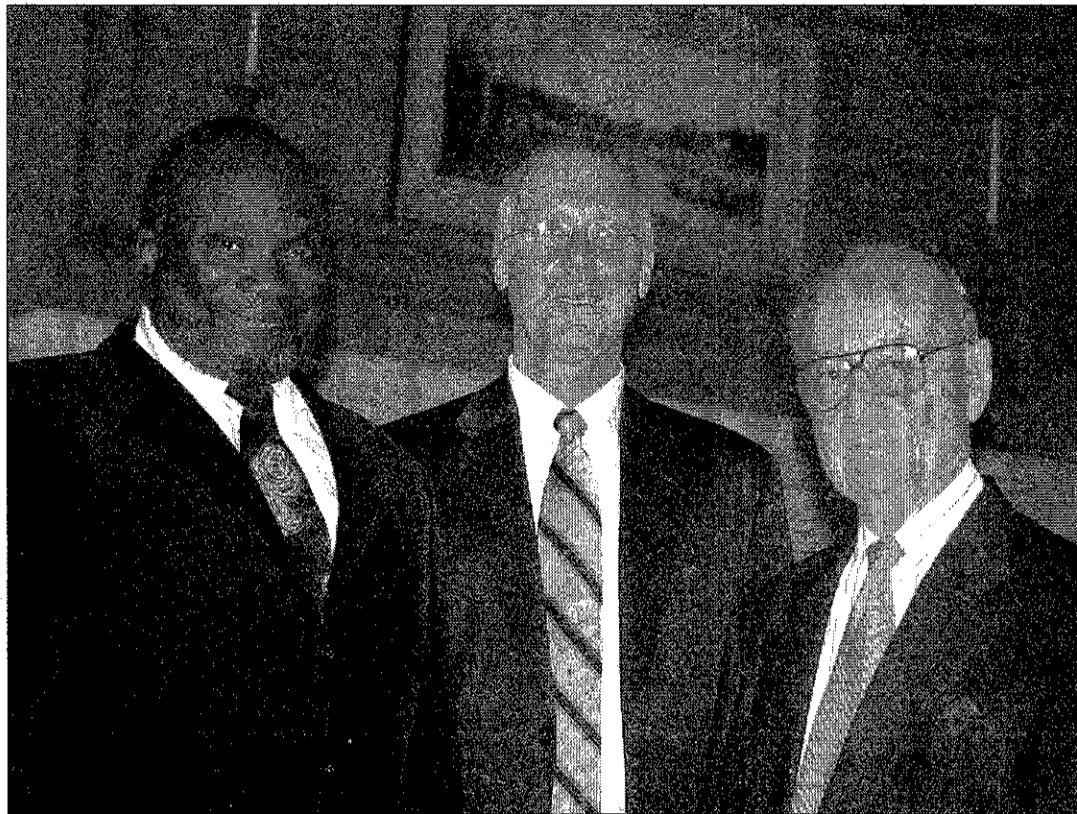
nual Black Heritage Week, where he was also involved in lectures and discussions. Subsequently, he was invited back as a guest conductor during the Savannah Symphony's 1997 season.

Striplin enjoys reading — particularly about history and politics — as well as watching most sports.

The Feb. 11 concert will include John Williams' "March from Superman," "Music of MGM," "Polovetsian Dances" by Borodin and the "Siberian Karelia Suite and Overture."

On April 22, Striplin will conduct the orchestra in a concert featuring Grosse Pointe South High school pianist Shami Entenman performing the Mendelssohn "Piano Concerto." The concert will also include Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and the "Fanfare to La Peri" by Dukas.

Tickets for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students age 18 and under. For more information about the symphony orchestra's season, call (313) 882-0077 or go to gpsymphony.org.



From left, are Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Maestro Joseph Striplin, Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra president Samuel S. Stanley and conductor emeritus Felix Resnick.

St. Paul school hosts auction

St. Paul Catholic School will hold its annual auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Roostertail Entertainment Complex in Detroit.

The auction, themed "Our

Future is as Bright as the Promises of God," features both live and silent auctions with items up for bid.

Items include throwing out the first pitch at a Detroit

Tigers game and riding in the Zamboni at a Detroit Red Wings game. Jewelry, trips, signed sports memorabilia, event tickets and many behind-the-scenes tours at Detroit area

venues will be sold to the highest bidder.

The goal for this year's auction is to raise funds to replace aging textbooks, purchase technology upgrades and provide enrichment opportunities for students and staff.

"An auction of this caliber entails an enormous amount of work by so many people," said Marianne Weldon, chairperson of the event. "However, the evening will certainly be memorable, attendees will win great items and, most importantly, the students receive the benefit."

The annual auction is the school's largest fundraiser. Last year's auction raised \$170,000. Tickets for the event are \$75 and include hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

Call (313) 885-3430 for tickets or more information.



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St. Paul Catholic School Principal Mary Miller next to display case brimming with items up for auction.

CLUB MEETINGS

Scarab Club

Chamber music at the Scarab Club presents "Waghalter and More" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. prelude by Waghalter's grandson, David Green, who lives in the metro area. He will speak about his grandfather's life and music.

Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance and \$10 for students. For more information, call (248) 474-8930 or visit scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the home of Kirsti Juergens. Amira Soheim is the co-hostess.

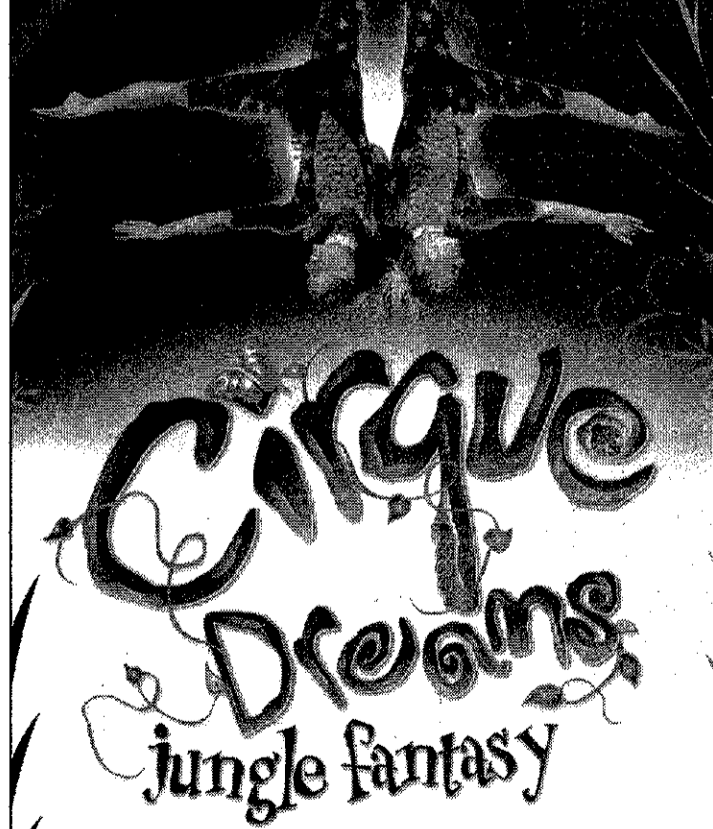
Botanical insights of Asia is the program, presented by Mary Northcutt.

Pettipointe Questers

The Thursday, Feb. 1, meeting of the Pettipointe Questers

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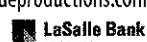
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Who's in the Kitchen?

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Pointers to show artwork on Jan. 27

Three native Grosse Pointers, Matthew P. Armstrong and the Karabetos brothers, Nikos and John, have joined together under the title "Public House Artists" to find their audience.

They will begin the year with an inaugural art show, Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Bankle Building, 2948 Woodward, Detroit.

Nikos and John will feature pieces from Cleveland's Kelly-Randall Gallery. Acrylic painting has been Nikos' recent ob-

session, while John combines aspects of fine art and street photography.

Armstrong develops themes through large expressionist motifs in oil. Much of his apprenticeship comes from the Wayne State School of Art.

Moo Moo's Bistro in Grosse Pointe Park will cater the evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. The open bar will close at midnight.

There is no cover charge and dress attire is casual.

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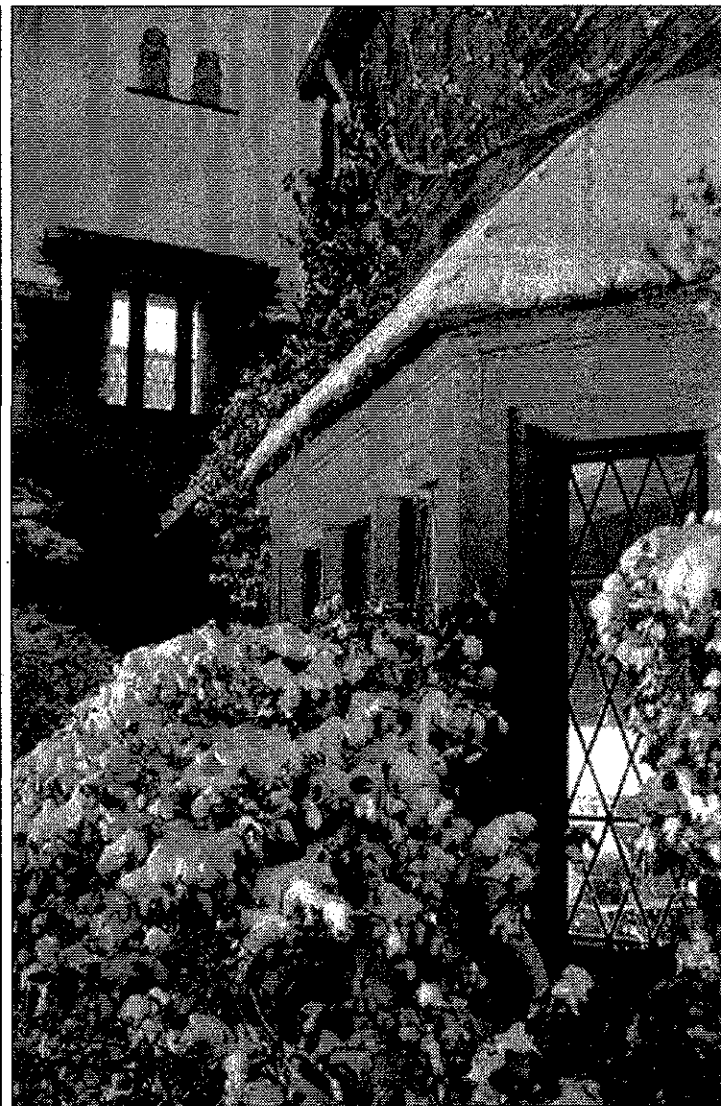
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Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. at the home of Marilee Rinke. Following a business meeting, a program on shell art will be presented by Judy DeCosmo. A sandwich lunch will follow. RSVP to Rinke by Monday, Jan. 29.

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Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations are required. Tickets are on sale now at (313) 884-4222.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore, between Eight and Nine Mile, Grosse Pointe Shores.

A LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Tummy treat



This week, treat your family to a warm breakfast treat that will heat their souls and fill their tummies. This recipe for oatmeal with cranberries and almonds draws its sweet touch from the dried berries and maple syrup. Cinnamon adds the perfect flavor burst.

Cranberry Almond Oatmeal

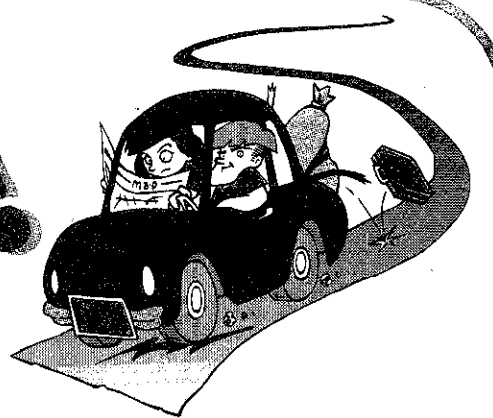
4 cups water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 3/4 cups rolled oats
1/4 cup oat bran
1/2 cup dried cranberries, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Bring the water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the salt, oats, oat bran and dried cranberries. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook, uncovered, for 10 to 12 minutes, until the oats are creamy, stirring occasionally. Stir in the maple syrup, almonds and cinnamon and continue to cook for another two minutes or so. Serve hot. The recipe yields four servings, however, I think, it's more than enough to serve six. Cut the recipe in half for two servings.

This Healthy Cooking recipe is cholesterol free and boasts six grams of fiber per serving.

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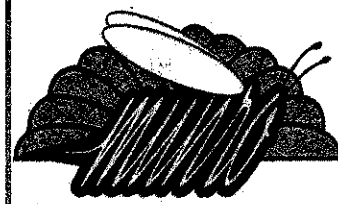
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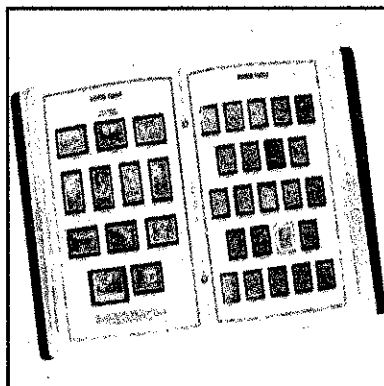
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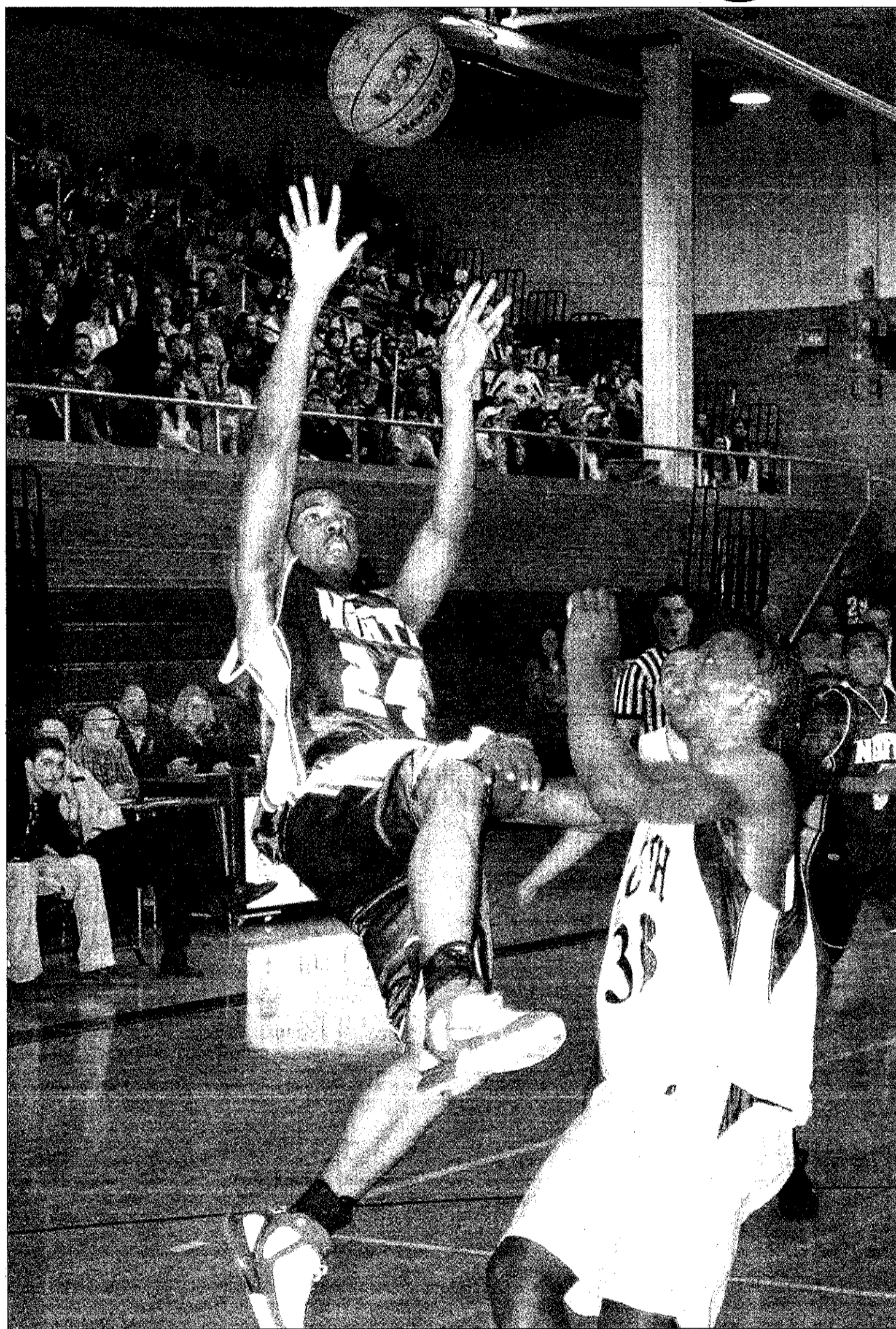
Spikers sweep

North volleyball team wins three straight from Chippewa Valley PAGE 2C

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BASKETBALL

North's late surge nips South



Dwight Van Hoesen (24) hit a pair of three-point baskets during a fourth-quarter run that helped Grosse Pointe North overcome an eight-point deficit in its game with Grosse Pointe South. J.C. Cruse, right, led South with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Van Hoesen hits a pair of three-point baskets in Norsemen's 9-0 spurt

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

In a game dominated by defense, Grosse Pointe North found some offense in the fourth quarter to win its crosstown battle with Grosse Pointe South.

North's Dwight Van Hoesen hit a pair of three-point baskets during a 9-0 run early in the final quarter that helped lift the Norsemen to a 37-35 victory in the Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

"Those three-point baskets can really change a game," said North coach Pat Donnelly. "We didn't take many, but those two that Dwight hit in the fourth quarter were huge. A dunk can change the momentum, too, but a dunk is only worth two points."

North, which trailed 26-18 after three quarters, outscored the Blue Devils 19-9 in the final quarter.

"We just haven't been able to score," said South coach Jay Ritchie. "We shot 12 for 40 from the floor, and we made only nine of 16 free throws. We have the potential to score, but we haven't been doing it. We're better shooters than we've shown lately."

"Our defense has been phenomenal all year, but we can't keep grinding out wins. You won't win many games shooting 29 percent. We had only nine turnovers. I can't find fault with any part of our game except the shooting."

South was leading 28-20 when Van Hoesen hit the first of his three-pointers with 6:16 remaining in the game. Nick Waller followed with a free throw. Van Hoesen then hit his second triple to cut the Blue Devils' lead to one point. A pull-up jumper by Jerry Peoples capped the spurt and gave North its first lead of the second half, 29-28, with just under 4 1/2 minutes to go.

There were two more lead changes and three ties before Van Hoesen hit another jump shot with a minute remaining to put the Norsemen in front 37-35.

Both teams missed two free throws in the final minute. South had an open look at a three-pointer that would have won the game with about three

seconds to go, but it missed the mark and Van Hoesen came down with the rebound as time expired.

"They battled," Donnelly said of the Norsemen. "Before the game we talked about the things that have made us successful, and one of the big reasons is that we've played well defensively. If we play well defensively, that gives us a chance to win. We create a lot of offense openings with our defense."

Donnelly admired South's defensive effort.

"I have to give Jay's team a lot of credit for the way they played defense," Donnelly said. "We missed a lot of little shots that we normally make."

Ritchie returned the compliment.

"It was just a great defensive game," the South coach said. "They played great defense. It's not easy shooting over guys like Waller."

Donnelly praised the play of Waller, who scored 14 points and collected 11 rebounds, Mike Dallaire, who had some key rebounds and played solid defense against South's dangerous P.T. Shirar, and Cory McCain, who played well defensively and on the boards.

South led 6-4 after the first quarter on a pair of three-point baskets by Jimmy Saros, but a 9-2 run by North in the second quarter gave the Norsemen a 15-10 lead before the Blue Devils closed the gap to 15-14 at the break after baskets by J.C. Cruse and Jarvis Wise.

South regained the lead on a three-point play after a put-back by Shirar in the first minute of the second half. The Blue Devils stayed ahead until Peoples' basket gave North a 29-28 advantage.

Van Hoesen finished with 13 points for North.

Cruse led South with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Saros finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

South, 7-2, hosts Utica Ford II on Friday in a battle for first place in the MAC White Division.

North improved to 7-4 overall.

The Norsemen begin the second half of the MAC Red schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Chippewa Valley.

South gets overtime win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The tougher the opponent, the better Grosse Pointe South's hockey team seems to play.

The Blue Devils looked strong from start to finish last Saturday and the performance paid off with a 2-1 overtime victory against state-ranked Wyandotte Roosevelt in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

Geoff Osgood scored the winning goal with 51 seconds left in the overtime.

"The last few games we haven't played well in the first period," said South coach Bob Bopp. "We knew this was going to be a tough game to win. Wyandotte has a very good team this year, but we had a great start in this game."

There was no scoring in the first period and the Bears had a slight advantage in shots.

"It was clean, up-and-down hockey," Bopp said. "Both teams skated well."

The game remained scoreless until South's Ryan Abraham scored a power-play goal with 1:06 left in the second period.

"Ryan isn't normally on the point, but he took a shot from the point and scored," Bopp said.

Wyandotte goalie Brad Makowski appeared to be screened on the shot. Brian Auty and Trevor John picked up assists.

Two minutes into the third period the Bears broke up the ice on a 2-on-1. Steve Brancheau slid the puck to Erik Taurence. South goalie Trevor Sattelmeier got a piece of Taurence's shot, but it deflected into the net to tie the game at 1-1.

South had a couple of excellent chances to break the deadlock in the final 25 seconds of

regulation but Makowski made a nice save on Abraham, who was left wide open in front of the net, and he turned away a backhand attempt on a rebound by Tim Shield.

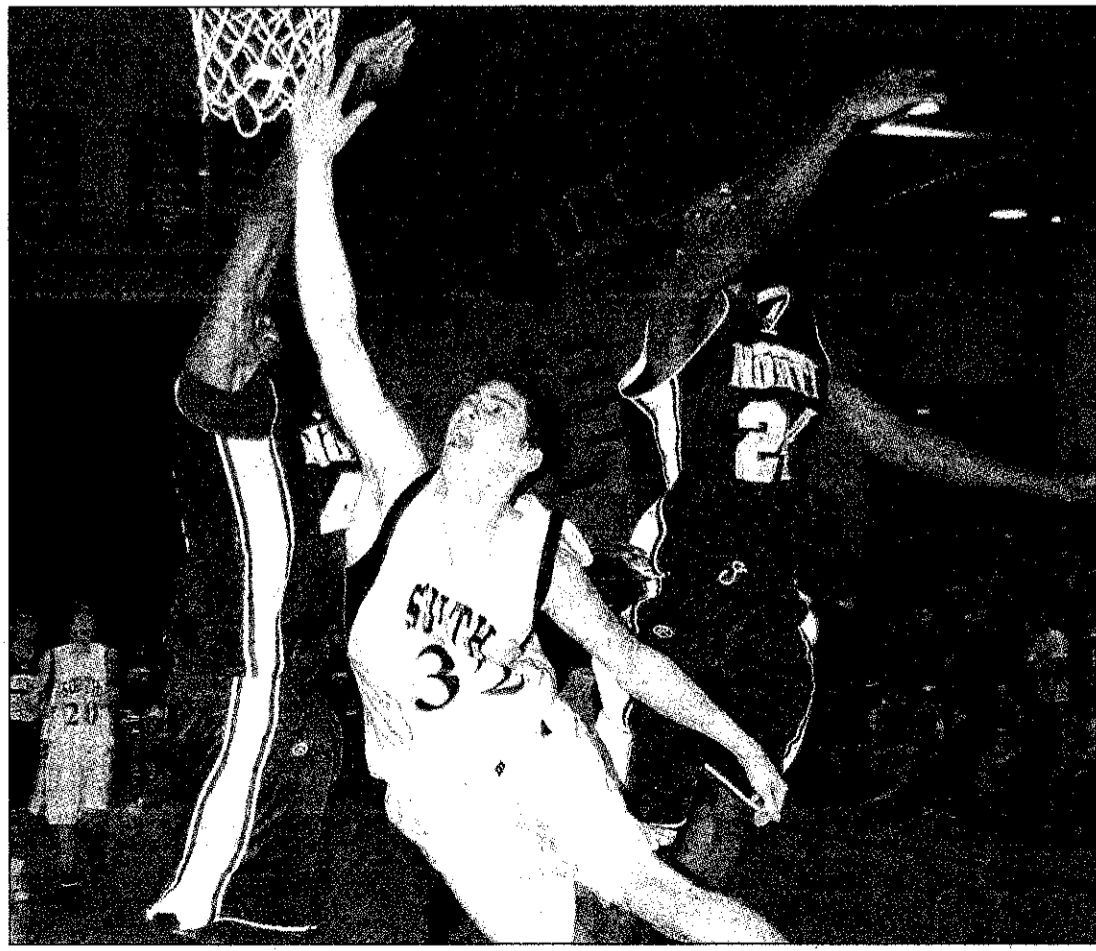
"Both of those chances came off faceoffs that Shield won," Bopp said. "We're normally a great faceoff team but we haven't been winning a lot of them this year. We talked about having to win more and Tim won two big ones that almost led to goals."

Osgood's winning goal came after he moved in alone on Makowski. John and Taylor Alaska had the assists.

"It was a huge win for us," Bopp said. "We needed those two points to keep pace with De La Salle in the league."

"Everyone played well, but especially Arthur Griem on defense and Trevor Sattelmeier in the nets."

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Grosse Pointe South's Jimmy Saros drives between North defenders Nick Waller, left, and Dwight Van Hoesen.

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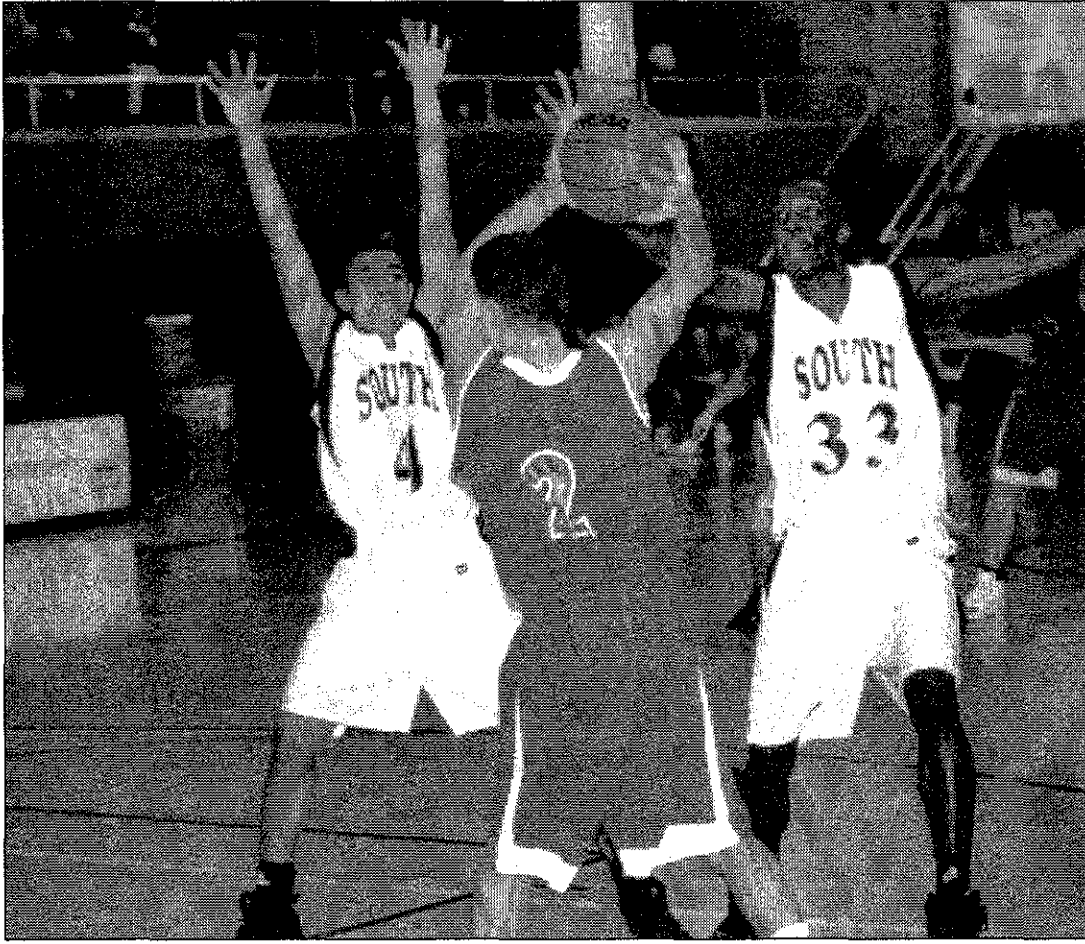


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Grosse Pointe South's Jarvis Wise (4) and J.C. Cruse trap Cousino's Rick Powell.

South impresses Patriots' coach

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South didn't win its Macomb Area Conference White Division first-place showdown with Cousino last week, but the Blue Devils certainly left an impression.

"That's the best defensive team we've faced this year," said Patriots coach Jeff Borja after his team pulled out a 48-43 double-overtime victory against South.

The defeat was the first of the season for the Blue Devils. The two teams are tied for first place with 4-1 records in league play.

South coach Jay Ritchie felt that experience might have been a factor in Cousino's victory. Four seniors saw considerable playing time for the Patriots, including forward Todd Pfromm, who led Cousino with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

South's only senior is J.C. Cruse and he led the Blue Devils with 15 points.

"That was the first big high

school game for a lot of our kids," Ritchie said. "They might have got a little too excited. We took some shots that we don't normally take."

Cousino's height advantage figured in the outcome, too.

"It's not easy shooting over somebody who's 6-7 or 6-8 all the time," Ritchie said. "Sometimes it isn't always what we didn't do, but what the other team did. We played well enough to win most games."

Cousino led 13-10 after the first quarter and the Patriots never trailed in the first half. The half ended in a 20-all tie after South got a basket from Jimmy Saros and two free throws from Cruse in the last 1:40.

The Blue Devils jumped ahead quickly in the second half when Saros nailed a three-point shot.

South maintained the lead until the first minute of the fourth quarter. There were two ties and two lead changes before Cousino's Bernard Edwards hit a jump shot with 27.8 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 36-36.

South missed the front end of two bonus opportunities at the free throw line in the last 1:18 of the fourth quarter and the Blue Devils had a shot at the buzzer that failed to drop.

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North spikers sweep Big Reds

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team is competitive with some of the best teams in the area.

Now, the Norsemen have to take the next step.

"We are really stepping up our game when we play these tough teams," coach Kim Lockhart said after North advanced to the semifinals of the Fraser Invitational tournament last weekend. "Now we have to learn to finish."

"Everyone contributed and played strong this weekend. Ariel Braker and Maddie Kent really came alive and attacked the ball strong. Carrie Kaufmann came in and played solid all day. Allyce Kulek continued to lead the team with her defense and serve receive."

In North's semifinal match

with Troy, the Colts posted a 25-18, 25-22 victory.

The Norsemen reached the semifinal round with a 25-11, 22-25, 15-5 quarterfinal win against Ypsilanti.

North had some tough competition in pool play. The Norsemen started the day playing North Branch, which was ranked second in the state in its division. The Broncos came away with a 25-14, 25-20 victory.

In the other pool matches, North beat Roseville 25-7, 25-15; Fraser's Blue (JV) team 25-17, 25-4; and Ypsilanti, 25-22, 25-13.

Braker finished with 14 kills and nine blocks. Christine Klein had 24 kills and nine blocks. Teresa Nagel collected 12 kills and nine digs, while

Kulek finished with 22 digs. Bridget Reno had 62 assists and Kent wound up with 18 digs and seven kills.

Earlier, North improved to 3-2 in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 25-21, 25-19, 25-19 victory against Chippewa Valley.

"The team played really well; much more disciplined," Lockhart said. "Our goal was to beat them in three and obviously we achieved our goal."

"The girls seem to be improving each game, and that's what we want to do."

Reno had 18 assists. Kulek finished with 11 digs, while Kent had six kills and eight digs.

Klein and Braker each had nine kills. Jillian Kulka had nine digs.

Strong defense helps Norsemen

You can't measure a team's determination with a tape measure.

That's how a much smaller Grosse Pointe North basketball team was able to defeat Dakota 55-43 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game last week.

"We played real well defensively," said North coach Pat Donnelly. "We went in knowing we were undersized because Dakota has three players 6-6 or better. We put a lot of pressure on their guards and did a good job of defending the post."

The Norsemen, who evened

their MAC Red record at 3-3, used their defense to create offense.

"Except for the Harper Woods game, we've had to manufacture points and our defense has helped us do that," Donnelly said.

"We didn't shoot real well, but we got a lot of transition baskets."

Dakota held a 10-9 lead after the first quarter but North outscored the Cougars 20-8 in the second quarter to lead 29-18 at the break.

Dakota trimmed North's lead to eight points in the second half, but that was as close

as the Cougars would get.

"That was a big win for us because I think Dakota might be the most improved team in the division," Donnelly said. "I saw them early in the season when they were just getting their football players back, and they're so much better than they were then."

Several of Dakota's basketball players were on the football team that won the state Division I championship.

Dwight Van Hoesen led North with 18 points. Nick Waller had 10 points and also was in double figures rebounding.

South swimmers win two

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team posted a pair of impressive victories last week to improve to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-1 overall.

The Blue Devils won every event in a 122-58 victory against Novi Catholic Central, then won easily again with a 114-72 triumph against division-rival Romeo.

In the CC meet, South's 200-yard medley relay team of Dan Basile, Michael Manos, Brad Kaminski and Matt Mandel got things rolling as they won by a half-second in a race that had several lead changes.

South showed its depth in the freshman and sophomore classes by taking first and third in all three relays. In the 200 freestyle relay, Riley Sherer, J.P. Lang, Joe Hessburg and Kaminski finished three seconds ahead of the Shamrocks. The Blue Devils' B relay of Wayne Brackett, Zach Graham, Nick Schmidt and Jack Hessburg was third.

South also dominated the 400 freestyle relay. Mandel, Lang, Sherer and Basile touched first in 3:34.20, a second ahead of Catholic Central and two seconds ahead of the Blue Devils' B relay of Joe Hessburg, David Cockell, Jack Hessburg and Matt Schmidt.

Many South swimmers posted season-best times in individual events.

Sherer (1:52.57) and Jack Hessburg (1:58.61) took first and third in the 200 freestyle. Sherer also won the 100 butterfly in 58.21. Cockell was third in the butterfly behind CC's Michael Wick.

Manos won the 50 freestyle in 23.95 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.69.

Basile matched that feat with firsts in the 100 backstroke (58.71) and the 100 freestyle (51.70).

The 500 freestyle was a 1-2-4 finish for South. Mandel, a freshman swimming the event for the first time, touched first in 5:14.50.

Kaminski was a close second in 5:15.41 and Jack Hessburg took fourth.

Cockell won the 200 individual medley in 2:14.28.

Other strong swims by the Blue Devils came from Kaminski, third in the 50 freestyle; Matt Schmidt, third in the 100 freestyle; and Fares Ksehati, third in the 100 breaststroke.

South divers Jordan Long and Will Kelly were unopposed and finished 1-2.

In the Romeo meet, South won seven of the 12 events.

Once again, depth was the Blue Devils' advantage. Although Romeo won the 200 medley relay, South's A and B squads took the next two

places.

Romeo's Devon Comeau touched out Sherer in a close 200 freestyle race. Sherer's 1:52.20 was a season-best. Jack Hessburg and Kaminski finished third and fourth. Sherer came back to win the 100 butterfly in 57.85.

Mike Shook and Cockell raced shoulder-to-shoulder to the wall in the 200 individual medley with Shook touching out his teammate with a time of 1:52.08. South's Brackett was fourth.

In the 50 freestyle, Mandel and Manos finished 2-3 behind Romeo's Jeffrey Conn.

Basile won the 100 freestyle, just ahead of Mandel. Basile also won the 100 backstroke. Matt Schmidt was third and Lang fourth.

Comeau took another first for the Bulldogs in the 500 freestyle, just touching out Shook. Jack Hessburg was third.

South swept the 100 breaststroke. Manos had a winning time of 1:09.31. He was followed by Cockell and Beau Yavor.

The Blue Devils cruised to an easy win in the 400 freestyle relay. Sherer, Shook, Mandel and Basile had a first-place time of 3:37.92.

The B relay team of Jack Hessburg, Kaminski, Lang and Matt Schmidt was third.

Palmer's three goals lead Knights

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's girls' hockey team swept a home-and-home series with Bloomfield Unified last week.

The Lady Knights hosted the first game, winning 7-0 behind senior Elizabeth Palmer's hat trick.

Other goal scorers were senior Monique Squiers, junior Jacqueline Nicholas and freshmen Elizabeth Smith and Morgan Ellis.

"We were able to spread out our scoring and play a solid game," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We will change up a few things for our road game against

Bloomfield."

Sophomore Janaya Gripper stopped seven shots to record her first shutout of the season.

In the rematch at Bloomfield, the Lady Knights won 7-1. Palmer scored two goals. Other goal scorers were Squiers, Ellis, Rachel Farber, Caitlin Munn and Toniqua Harvey. It was Harvey's first.

ULS BASKETBALL

Knights battle against league foes

University Liggett School's basketball team dropped its first two Metro Conference games last week but the Knights didn't go down without a fight.

"Even with the loss, we played our best game of the year," ULS coach Andy Dold said after Lutheran Westland beat the Knights 56-46. "It was a very close game. It just got away from us at the end."

Westland's Kyle Ramthun helped the Warriors take a six-point halftime lead with 24 first-half points.

"In the second half, we put

Patrick Gustine on him and he didn't score a point in the third quarter," Dold said. "He had six in the second half and all of those were transition baskets. Patrick did a nice job."

Aaron Heaney came off the bench to lead ULS with 16 points.

"He also made some big plays on defense," Dold said.

Carlton Snyder added 12 points for the Knights.

Earlier, ULS got off to a slow start and lost 55-45 to Clarenceville.

"We weren't able to practice last Monday because of the

holiday (Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday) and we fell behind by 17 points in the first half," Dold said. "We won the second half, and got their lead down to seven points, but it wasn't quite enough. The kids worked hard to come back."

Joe Conway led the Knights with 13 points and also had a strong game on the glass. Gustine finished with 11 points and Snyder, who was battling flu-like symptoms, had nine.

"Carlton didn't play his usual game because he was sick, but some Carlton is better than none," Dold said.

NORTH SWIMMING

North swimmers third in Relays

Grosse Pointe North's swimming team overcame some obstacles to finish third in last weekend's Bulldog Relays at Romeo.

The Norsemen had no diving entrants and they were missing several key swimmers but they still finished first in three relays and wound up with 306 points.

Dakota was first with 362 points and Eisenhower was runner-up with 354.

North's Michael Lane posted a season-best time of 1:49.72 in the 200-yard freestyle while leading off the 500 freestyle decrescendo relay. Other members of the team were Cameron Howle, Austin

Damm and Karl Tech.

North's team of Mike Walton, Lane, Mike Kedziarski and Tech won the 200 medley relay.

The Norsemen took first in the 200 breaststroke relay with the team of Lane, Chris Bill, Jeff Moore and Stephen Van Beek.

Earlier, North dropped a 99-77 decision to L'Anse Creuse in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Lane won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, achieving a state Division I qualifying time in each.

Both times were also Lane's best of the season.

North's other winners were Tech in the 50 freestyle, Howle in the 500 freestyle and Kedziarski in the 100 butterfly. Tech's winning time was a season-best.

Also posting season-best times were Max Hunt, Matt Lane, Howle and Tommy Milne, 50 freestyle; Hunt and Michael Seago, 100 freestyle; Howle and Matt Peyser, 200 freestyle; Aaron Egan, 500 freestyle; Peyser, 100 backstroke; Van Beek and Bill, 100 breaststroke; David Castile and Robert Tripp, 100 butterfly; and Castile, 200 individual medley.

North is 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the MAC Red.



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Saline keeps close tabs on Peter Altshuler after he scored two goals for Grosse Pointe South.

SOUTH: Blue Devils beat Saline

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South finished with a 23-18 advantage in shots.

Earlier, South beat Saline 4-2 but Bopp wasn't as happy with the Blue Devils' performance.

"I guess it's good to get the win, but I have to say I was disappointed with the game," he said. "In these games where we are the better team, we have to come out and jump on the other team right from the drop of the puck."

Even though South outshot Saline 7-2 in the first period, the Blue Devils failed to score.

It was a different story in the second period.

"We came out and played like we should have in the first," Bopp said. "We dominated after the first period."

Despite South playing better, the Hornets' David Spallina

scored the game's first goal at 4:04 of the second period.

The Blue Devils, who outshot Saline 12-2 in the second period, finally got on the scoreboard with three goals in a span of three minutes and 15 seconds.

John started the outburst at 8:01, assisted by Shield and Auty. Then Peter Altshuler scored twice to give South a 3-1 lead.

The go-ahead goal came at 9:08 and was assisted by Brandon Brundige and Nick Cinqueranelli.

Altshuler took a pass just outside Saline's blue line, skated to the top of the circle and fired the puck into the top corner of the net. Altshuler's second goal, at 11:16, was assisted by Brundige and Alex Marshall.

"That first goal was just a great shot by Peter," Bopp said. "He's a great player to have on the team because of his attitude, and the fact that he can play forward or defense. Wherever we need him, we know he'll come to play. He

has a good shot, and he's a smart player. I expect him to score a lot more this season."

John's second goal of the game at 11:12 of the third period made it 4-1. John moved in-

to the slot, took a pass from Shield and beat the goalie with a strong shot. Abraham also assisted.

"That was a great pass to Trevor," Bopp said. "If you give him the puck on that spot on the ice, it's going to be a goal for South."

Saline got a power-play goal from Doug Nelson with 2:04 left in the game.

"(Goalie) Brett (Johnson) was screened and never saw the puck," Bopp said.

"We outshot Saline 27-9, and I thought all of our defensemen played a great game."

South has a tough test this weekend in the East Kentwood tournament. The Blue Devils open with Orchard Lake St. Mary on Friday, then play either East Kentwood or Traverse City Central on Saturday.

North bows to CC in overtime thriller

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Somebody figured out that Grosse Pointe North has the third-toughest schedule among Michigan's high school hockey teams.

Now, coach Scott Lock would like to figure out a way for the Norsemen to beat some of those powerhouse squads.

"We seem to play just well enough to lose," Lock said after North dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Novi Catholic Central in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game, and lost 3-0 in a non-league matchup with Trenton a few days later.

"Our CC game was a great hockey game. We played well enough to win but we just came up short. Against Trenton we had a letdown. They scored a goal on the first shift of the game. The onus for that is on me. I have to figure out how to get us ready to play from the opening faceoff. We never played with the desperation we had against CC."

It was a slow start against Catholic Central that came back to haunt the Norsemen, too.

"They dominated the first period," Lock said. "We came out really strong in the second period and took a 3-2 lead but they scored a shorthanded goal

to tie the game and scored late in the period to go ahead 4-3.

"We had a stretch late in the second period where we took a bunch of penalties. CC didn't score, but we got tired killing them off and it took away our momentum that we built early in the period."

North, which trailed 2-1 after the first period, tied the game with about four minutes remaining in the third period. The Norsemen made a line change, but the Shamrocks got caught with their same unit on the ice and North took advantage of the opportunity. Tim Tibauda crashed the net and poked a rebound past the CC goalie.

"It was good forechecking that led to that goal," Lock said. "All of our goals were like that."

Ben Scarfone scored twice for North.

Steve Coates had the other goal. Alex Davenport collected a pair of assists.

"The Coates-Davenport-Scarfone line played well," Lock said. "Over the last three games, Tibauda has been one of our better forwards."

"Our defense was really solid, too. Evan Skorupski and Michael Neveux have played like leaders, especially from a physical sense. Neveux blocked a lot of shots, and Skorupski set the tone with his physical play."

Catholic Central scored the winning goal early in the overtime period. As often happens, it came after an excellent scoring opportunity by the Norsemen. Doug Rahaim's shot was blocked by a Shamrocks defenseman and the puck caromed to another CC player who skated in on a breakaway. Goalie Michael Rahaim, who had an outstanding game in goal, made the initial save but he couldn't stop the rebound.

In the Trenton game, the Trojans got off to an early 1-0 lead, then increased the margin to two goals after what Lock called a "fluky" turnover by North.

The Norsemen looked like a different team in the second period, but they couldn't get the puck past Trenton's goalie.

"Whatever could go wrong went wrong," Lock said. "We had two or three breakaways. We hit four or five posts. We had a real good second period, but nothing to show for it. Their goalie made some nice saves, too."

Midway through the third period, Trenton scored its third goal and that seemed to shift the momentum in the Trojans' favor.

North, now 6-8, hosts Livonia Churchill on Saturday at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Defenseman Evan Skorupski had a strong game in Grosse Pointe North's overtime loss against Catholic Central.

Norsemen blank Knights

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Host Grosse Pointe North made quick work of city rival University Liggett School, winning 7-0 in a girls hockey game.

"The girls came back strong from a tough loss the game before (6-3 to Livonia Ladywood)," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "We have had a couple of setbacks, but overall I'm pleased with our play."

The Lady Norsemen scored twice in the opening period. Sophomore Alexa Quinlan (assisted by Lauren Walsh) and senior Marissa LaValley (unassisted) lit the lamp.

It was all North in the second period as it put five goals on the board.

Christie Listwan, Katie

Latimer (two), Sarah Hughes and Quinlan scored goals. Rachael Lentz, Kara Yeager, Phelicia VanOverbeke, Walsh, Nikki Capizzo and LaValley recorded assists.

"We didn't play that poorly, even though the score says otherwise," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We had a couple of weeks off before resuming practice, which might have led to some rust on our part."

North's defensemen were able to contain ULS' explosive scorers Elizabeth Palmer and Monique Squiers.

"We played a strong game and we need to continue with these kinds of efforts during the second half of the season," Dockett said.

Kate Zemenick got back in the score book, leading the Lady Norsemen to a 7-0 victory

over host Mercy Unified.

"We started off a little slow in the first period, but the girls played well after that," Dockett said.

Zemenick scored three goals to bring her season total to 18. Walsh added three assists and LaValley scored two goals.

Dockett also applauded the play of his goalkeeper, Tori Bogans, who recorded her second straight shutout and fourth of the season.

"Our schedule gets tougher throughout the rest of the season," Dockett said. "Playing all of these tough games will help us get ready for the state playoffs."

On Saturday, Jan. 20, North lost 4-3 to Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS), falling to 8-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 10-3 overall.

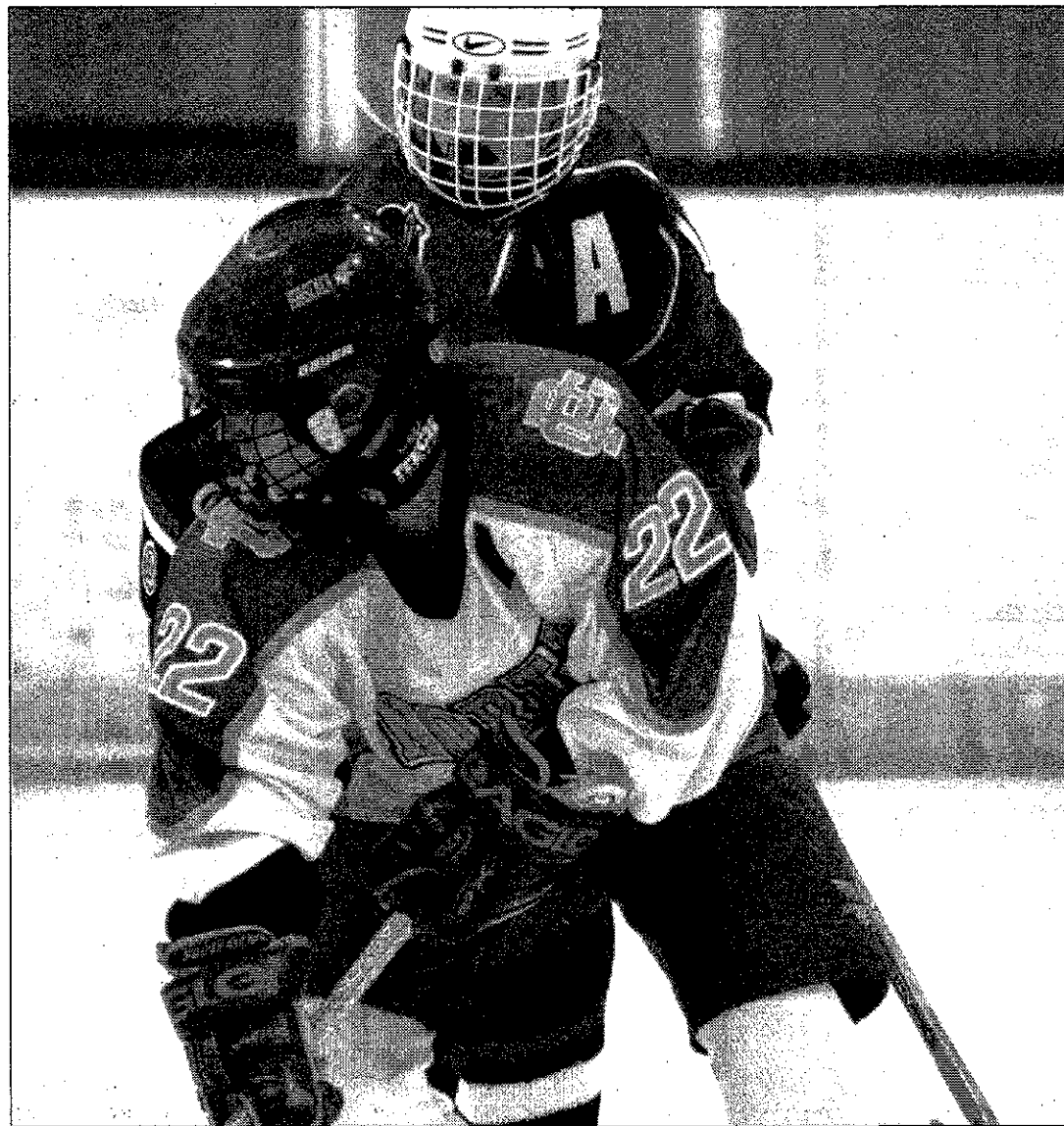


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Phelicia VanOverbeke is checked by a University Liggett School player.

Knights' Burchi scores five goals

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Mike Burchi put together a dream game last week, leading University Liggett School's boys hockey team to an 8-2 win over host Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The junior forward recorded not just a hat trick, but five goals plus two assists for seven points in the road victory.

"Mike was all over the ice and seemed to be involved in every goal we scored," head coach Terry Olson said. "I don't think Mike will ever forget this game."

The Knights scored three quick goals in the opening period as senior Mike Zukas (14:31), freshman Rory Deane (13:36) and Burchi (11:21) tal-

lied.

Burchi, sophomore Drew Amato, freshman Dan Zukas and Mike Zukas drew assists on the three goals.

Burchi assisted on Mike Zukas' powerplay goal at the 12:27 mark of the second period, making it 4-0. Burchi then scored a natural hat trick (three straight goals in one period) to help the Knights build a 7-1 lead.

Junior Mike Thomas and senior Ryan Deane assisted on Burchi's final goal of the period.

In the final stanza, Burchi scored an unassisted goal, giving him five for the game.

Senior goalie Zack Keith stopped 22 of 24 shots to earn the win.

The Ventures tallied midway

through the third period to end the scoring.

"The boys came off a tough week of exams and played a very good game," Olson said. "I wasn't too crazy about our kids taking nine penalties (Bishop Foley had 11), but I can't complain too much when we win 8-2."

It was the second time this season the Knights scored eight goals. They had eight in an 8-4 win Dec. 6 at Allen Park Cabrini.

The ULS hockey team improved to 7-3-2 overall.

"I told the guys I would like to see us reverse last year's 9-16-1 record," Olson said. "We definitely can go 16-9 because this group of young men work hard and they're hungry to win hockey games."

Bramos is MAC Player of the Week

Former Grosse Pointe North All-Stater Michael Bramos was the Mid-American Conference East Division Player of the

Week after leading Miami University's basketball team to victories against Bowling Green and Ohio.

The sophomore swingman averaged 17 points-per-game and collected six steals and six assists.

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Last Weeks Puzzle Solved
Col. 1: SLIMES / SMILES
Col. 3: RANDOM
Col. 6: DESERT / DETERS / RESTED

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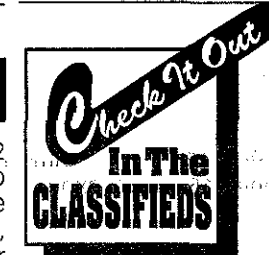
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