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## Week ahead

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### FRIDAY, NOV. 30

♦ Santa's Attic Vendor & Craft Show will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 1

♦ Lunch with Santa at the Thompkins Community Center. Call (313) 822-6200 for more information and to register.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 2

♦ A holiday concert, featuring Mel Stander and His Gentlemen of Swing, and the Grosse Pointe Men's Club chorus is from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Vocalist Denise Stevens will be accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra.  
♦ National Coney Island's Chip Shotz, 22185 Masonic, St. Clair Shores, hosts a holiday celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. to benefit Wigs 4 Kids. Santa and his elves will be on hand.

### MONDAY, DEC. 3

♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Woods Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.  
♦ The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch will have a brunch at 10 a.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Contact Kyle Mertry for more information.

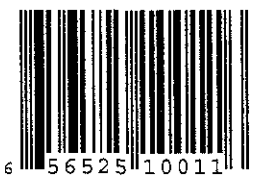
### TUESDAY, DEC. 4

♦ The topic of Learn at Lunch will include a presentation from advisory boards, committees and focus groups. This is a practical discussion how participants can benefit from the business experience of others. Lunch is from noon to 12:30 p.m., from 12:30 to 1 p.m. is the program and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. is a question and answer period at Northern Trust Bank, 120 Kercheval.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 6

♦ Presents in the Pointes from 5 to 9 p.m. is a shopping and dining event. Trolleys will take shoppers along Mack and Kercheval. Rides are complimentary. Complimentary gift wrapping will be available and the Grosse Pointe Symphony's lute ensemble will perform at The Hill Seafood & Chophouse from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. and City Kitchen from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

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## Comin' to town

Above, right, the Redford Township Unicycle Club members created a high sight during the 32nd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade on Friday, Nov. 23. However, Santa Claus was the highlight of the parade which found bundled-up spectators lining Kercheval from The Hill through the Village. For more parade pictures, turn to pages 18A and 19A.

## Woods to mail ballots as usual

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

A recently passed resolution should keep Grosse Pointe Woods out of hot water come the Jan. 15 presidential primary.

Concerned a recent Michigan Court of Appeals ruling may cause problems for voters in the upcoming presidential primary, the Grosse Pointe Woods city council passed a resolution Nov. 26 that allows the clerk's office to continue to mail out absentee ballot applications to all residents on its perma-

nent absentee voter list.

The Oct. 25 Court of Appeals ruling upholds a decision by the Wayne County Circuit Court that essentially bans "mass mailings" of absentee ballot applications. The charge was brought against former Detroit City Clerk Jackie Currie.

The resolution was proposed at the request of City Clerk Lisa Hathaway and based on the legal opinion of city attorney Don R. Berschback.

In Grosse Pointe Woods, applications for absentee ballots are mailed out to all regis-

tered voters age 60 or older. The voter does not have to request an application.

"We have routinely sent out applications for absentee ballots for the 13 years that I have been clerk, as did the clerk before me," said Hathaway. "It has been the practice in Grosse Pointe Woods for years and I'm happy that the council agreed that it is a service to our citizens that should continue."

Berschback said it his opinion the mass mailing of absentee ballot applications

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## Officials uncertain about IB

School board concerned about costs and implementation

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

International Baccalaureate was back on the discussion table during Monday's school board workshop.

Board members are concerned about costs associated with the start-up and implementation of the IB program.

The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive two-year (13 courses) curriculum which provides a thought-provoking program of study in six areas during the junior and senior year.

"I'm still enthusiastic about IB, but I don't want to commit to a \$1 million expense," said board of education treasurer Fred Mintum.

Board members and school officials have been discussing the IB program since mid-summer, weighing the pros and cons about implementing it within the school district.

They're hopeful implementing the IB program would bring in students who now attend private or parochial schools.

On the other hand, they don't want the district's Advanced Placement program to be affected by the implementation of IB. Board members want the public to know if IB is implemented, it would run in addition to AP, not in lieu of it.

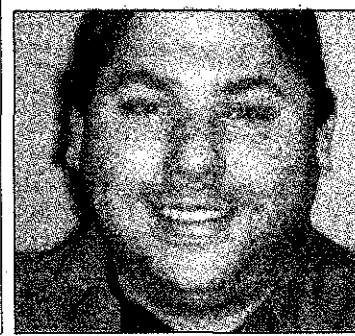
"Cost aside, it looks as if we will have enough students to populate an IB program," said

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

*'The car business is always changing.'*

### Tom Kezhaya



Home: Grosse Pointe  
Age: 38

Family: Wife, Ann; children, Zachary and Jack Thomas

Claim to fame: Owner of Joe's Garage in Detroit; restorer of vintage Detroit muscle cars  
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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **CITY VANDAL ARRESTED:** Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a 17-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male for destroying 27 car mirrors and stealing an outdoor theater loud speaker.

The youth, who police said “was looking for something to do,” was charged with malicious destruction of property. He was arrested after being observed acting suspiciously in the Woods Theater parking lot.

◆ **WOODS MERCHANT CHARGED WITH PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION:** Illegal parking was the undoing of a Grosse Pointe Woods man who for the second time in more than a year, was charged with possession of obscene films and literature.

The man parked his car illegally in front of his store and police stopped to investigate. When questioning the man, police checked a suitcase found in the vehicle and discovered 16 reels of pornographic films and other obscene literature. The man was currently on probation for a similar charge in 1956.

◆ **BAKERY BURGLAR BUSTED:** A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for breaking into a Mack bakery and stealing more than \$300 from the store’s register.

The man was arrested after he went to the Woods police station to inquire about a friend who was in the custody of Macomb County authorities. While in the station, police noticed his vehicle was the same as one observed parked in front of the bakery when the break-in occurred.

The man eventually confessed to the crime and several other burglaries he recently committed on the east side.

◆ **SEMTA THREATENS BUS SERVICE CUTS:** Unless it receives increased funding from the state and federal government, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority will cut 60 percent of its bus service to the Grosse Pointes and surrounding metropolitan Detroit communities.

The threatened cuts will affect hundreds of Pointe residents who rely on the bus service for business, school and shopping.

◆ **COUNCIL OKS SUNDAY BUSINESS IN CITY:** The City of Grosse Pointe council amended its business ordinance in the Village to allow retailers like Damman Hardware to open on Sunday.

Under the old ordinance, only businesses up to 3,000 square feet could open. Drugstores, restaurants and service stations were also allowed to operate.

The City’s largest retailer, Jacobson’s, said it will not open on Sunday.

◆ **WOODS USES ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONTROL LIQUOR LICENSES:** Merchants who apply for liquor licenses from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission will also have to appear before the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission for approval.

The Woods council approved two ordinances that will give it more control over granting liquor licenses to Woods merchants. The ordinance forbids approval to a merchant within 500 feet of a school, church or existing licensee.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **PARCELLS PARENTS PONDER UNIFORMS:**



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 1982: Let’s eat

Giving thanks for their blessings were Monteith school students Robb Bigelow (left) and Polly Loeber at a holiday feast held at the school recently. Bigelow’s mother, Cathy, helped the students shop for groceries and assisted teachers during the feast. (From the Nov. 25, 1982 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

Parents of Parcels Middle School students proposed school uniforms for the children who attend the Grosse Pointe Woods school.

The proposal has not gone beyond the discussion and research stage, but parents say other school districts that have adopted dress codes report students acted better and were more serious about their education.

More than 50 percent of Parcels teachers polled about the proposal were in favor.

◆ **WOODS COUNCILMAN RESIGNS:** Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Thomas LeFevre announced his resignation from the council, citing work demands that would make him unable to commit enough time to the position.

LeFevre owns several successful restaurants on the east side, including Lucy’s on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Woods council established a search committee to

review possible replacements.

◆ **SLASHED TIRES INVESTIGATED:** Police in Grosse Pointe Farms, Woods, Park, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores are investigating a rash of slashed vehicle tires in the communities recently.

Police said up to 50 vehicles in the five cities had their driver’s side tires slashed during the night.

The spree began in the Park and spread to the other communities.

Police said the vandalism is connected.

tion.

The next steps for library administrators are to commission detailed architectural drawings and find contractors.

The new branch will be located on Lakepointe near Jefferson next to city hall. Library representatives gave Park commissioners authority to approve site plans as a condition of buying municipal land on which the facility will be built.

◆ **CITY MARINA TO SEE UPGRADES:** The City of Grosse Pointe Council unanimously agreed to go ahead with up to \$2 million in upgrades and improvements to Neff Park marina recently.

The plan calls for a reconfiguration of the marina with pressure-treated adjustable wood finger docks; PVC encased metal pilings; a rebuilt steel seawall; an emergency dock and enhanced electrical service.

The cost of the project will be paid through marina fees.

— John Lundberg

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **NEW PARK LIBRARY BRANCH MOVES AHEAD:** The Grosse Pointe Park planning commission approved the site plan for a new Grosse Pointe Park library branch recently, removing another hurdle is its proposed construction.

# Cat adoption fees reinstated

The Michigan Humane Society has reinstated traditional adoption fees for cats.

The adoption package for a

cat, age four-months and older costs \$65. The cost is \$80 for kittens less than four months of age. Adoption packages include sterilization surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical check-up, the Michigan Humane Society 10-day health plan and much more.

The Michigan Humane Society’s adoption fees help cover a portion of the costs the organization incurs while caring for an animal, including shelter and food, medical treatment, sterilization surgery, vaccinations and more.

Those interested in adopting a companion animal can visit one of the three metro Detroit adoption centers, or visit [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org) to “meet” their potential new furry family member.

Michigan Human Society adoption and veterinary centers are located in Detroit at 7401 Chrysler Drive; Rochester Hills at 3600 W. Auburn Road; and Westland at 900 N. Newburgh Road. All three adoption centers are open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org).



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# Gore disciple spreads global warming word

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Even though Kathryn Savoie has a doctorate in ecology from the University of Michigan and is the environmental director for Dearborn-based ACCESS, it was a simple comment from her young daughter that brought the impact of global warming close to home.

After a family winter trip Up North, her daughter lamented that Traverse Bay wasn't frozen as it had been in previous years.

"It really hit hard that as a nine-year-old she had a sense of loss," Savoie said.

Savoie was among the first 50 people selected to attend the Climate Project training session led by former Vice President Al Gore in September, 2006.

She was trained to deliver a variation of the presentation shown in the documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," which chronicles Gore's mission to spread the word about global warming.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosted Savoie who shared statistics and evidence on global warming and ways people can combat it.

She first explained the science behind global warming by giving a basic overview of the Greenhouse Effect.

The Greenhouse Effect is a natural and normal occurrence in the Earth's atmosphere, Savoie said.

She explained that greenhouse gases, which include carbon dioxide, methane and water, form a "layer" in the Earth's atmosphere. Solar energy, or sunlight, passes through this layer as it travels toward Earth.

When sunlight reaches Earth, some of it is absorbed and warms the surface. The

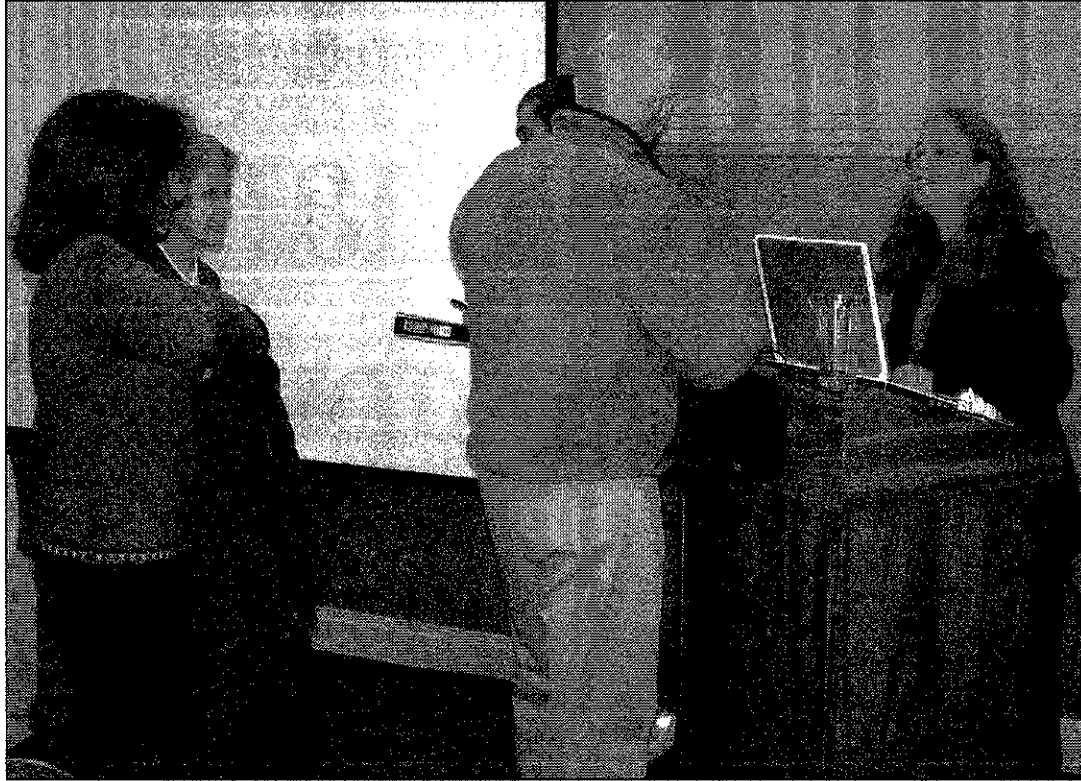


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Kathryn Savoie chats with members of the audience after her Nov. 14 presentation on global warming.

rest is reflected back towards space as infrared radiation (heat).

While some of this heat escapes through the Earth's atmosphere, the rest is trapped by the greenhouse gases and re-emitted toward the Earth's surface.

Without greenhouse gases, the Earth's average temperature would be substantially colder, making it uninhabitable by humans, Savoie explained.

Global warming is caused by increases in carbon dioxide and the greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere. This thicker concentration is trapping more infrared radiation which is causing the Earth's air, land and water temperatures to rise, Savoie said.

"We are influencing the thickness of the greenhouse layer with carbon dioxide emis-

sions," Savoie said. "We now have too much of a good thing."

Carbon dioxide comes mostly from burning fossil fuels, such as coal, fuel oil and gasoline, she added.

"The level of carbon dioxide has increased since the start of the industrial age," Savoie said.

She explained that scientists have drilled ice cores in Antarctica to measure the carbon dioxide levels for the last 650,000 years.

Savoie displayed a graph showing the ice core data indicating the level of carbon dioxide has increased from 280 parts per million in 1750, the beginning of the industrial era, to 380 parts per million now. It also illustrated that these changes vary more than other trends over the past half million years.

"If we continue to use fossil fuel in 45 years, the carbon dioxide levels will be 650 parts per million," Savoie said. "Six hundred and fifty parts per million is not a world you want to live in."

Changes in temperature is most dramatic at the poles, where glaciers and sheets of ice are melting, Savoie said. She likened them to a canary in a coal mine.

"The ice is melting very rapidly — a decade ahead of the most pessimistic scientific prediction," Savoie said.

Global sea levels could rise by more than 20 feet with the loss of shelf ice in Greenland and Antarctica, devastating coastal areas worldwide, she said.

"Very small changes in sea level will have a dramatic impact on the shoreline of South

Florida and the Keys," she said.

Since polar ice caps act as a natural air conditioner for the world, there has been a rise in the ocean and surface temperatures since they started melting, Savoie said.

Heat waves will be more frequent and more intense. Drought and wildfires will occur more often, Savoie said.

With warmer ocean water comes bigger, stronger storms, Savoie said.

Studies have shown the number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes has almost doubled in the last 30 years.

"Hurricane intensity grows as the ocean warms up," she said.

She pointed out that Hurricane Katrina passed over Florida as a Category 3 storm but became a Category 5 as it crossed over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

According to Savoie, the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded "that global warming is happening and 99 percent of the scientists agree we are causing it."

The IPCC report was authored by more than 600 scientists worldwide and has been approved by more than 130 countries, Savoie said.

Scientists predict that by 2095, Michigan will have a climate similar to Northern Arkansas.

In addition to warmer temperatures, the state will have a change in rain patterns. There will be extended days of heavy deluge and little drizzle, Savoie said.

Michigan will have a longer growing season, but there will be a reduction in soil moisture, which leads to erosion, and summertime drought, she added.

The human toll will be affect-

ed in the form of heat-related deaths and disease. The elderly and poor will be at greatest risk, she said.

The state's tourist and shipping industries would be harmed by the reduction in lake water levels.

"The lack of snow is already hurting ski resorts Up North," Savoie said.

The state's production of cherries will be threatened if cherry trees cease to thrive here.

Savoie concluded the evening with recommendations for action.

She urged her audience to increase awareness by sharing information on global warming with other people.

She urged them to go online and find a site to calculate their carbon footprint. And then take action to limit it.

She recommended reducing the use of hot water, electricity, gas or oil for heating and fuel for cars; drive more fuel-efficient cars; drive less; recycle more and limit airline travel.

Lastly, she suggested people contact their elected officials at every level — from city mayors and council members to U.S. senators and the president — urging them to do something about the environmental issues.

Some local issues to address are increasing public transportation and investing in wind and solar energy.

"If you don't bring these issue to their attention," Savoie said, "They will be paying attention to something else."

Savoie ended her presentation with sheet for people to sign if they wanted to get involved.

Jill Wrubel volunteered to organize the group. To become involved, call her at (313) 881-1156 or email her at Jill.Wrubel@stjohn.org.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Holiday lights

Above, old fashion carolers get the crowd in the spirit and ready for the tree lighting ceremony. Under the direction of City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, Caroline Parthum, 5, and Katherine Parthum, 13, the two sisters pulled the switch to light the tree. The girls are the daughters of the new city councilman Donald Parthum Jr.

## IB: Preparation for life

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Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology.

Cliff Sjogren, former director of admissions at the University of Michigan and former dean of admissions at the University of Southern California, told board members last month that implementing the IB program would be beneficial to school district students.

"IB is a preparation for life," Sjogren said during the Oct. 8 board meeting. "IB students don't have to be the brightest, but the most serious about getting an outstanding education."

Allan has been gathering information for months. She has been keeping school board officials and other school officials abreast about how the IB program and AP can co-exist, should the program be adopted at the high school, middle school or both levels, what are the best projections on the

number of students who might take IB courses and the number of students who might complete the diploma, and several other issues.

"It's crucial to get the teachers involved in this discussion," Allan said. "They will be directly involved with teaching this program to the students."

Board member Ahmed Ismail gave Allan a list of several contacts from high schools around the country that already have a successful IB program and some which are in the process of implementing it.

John Steininger, who will officially become a board member Jan. 1, said he wants school officials to call some of the schools in which the implementation of the IB program failed.

"You have to get both sides of the story," Steininger said. "You have to know why it failed so you don't make the same mistakes."

According to a study by Minnetonka High School and Sjogren, the IB was originally developed in Europe to provide an international standard of excellence and intellectual rigor for college-bound students world-wide. Students moving from one country to another

*'IB is preparation for life. IB students don't have to be the brightest, but the most serious about getting an outstanding education.'*

FRED MINTURN,  
Board of education treasurer

(primarily children of diplomats and ambassadors) sought the kind of high quality education they otherwise wouldn't receive moving from school to school.

Created in 1968, it now educates students in more than 119 countries.

The vision of the IB program is that students share a well-rounded academic experience that emphasizes critical thinking, intercultural understanding and exposure to a variety of points of view.

IB is a demanding college-level course of study that leads to examinations and potential college credit. Many advanced courses of study accelerate students through a curriculum.

IB courses move at a differ-

ent pace, encouraging in-depth research, inquiry, analysis, critical thinking and connections across the curriculum.

The well-rounded curriculum requires students to deal with their weaknesses in subject areas, as well as their strengths. The strengths of the IB program are its academic rigor and well rounded traditional liberal arts curriculum enhanced with an extended essay, inquiry into the theory of knowledge, research, creativity, action and service.

The program also develops a smaller learning community of academically motivated students within traditionally larger high schools. IB students enroll in a core group of IB classes with other diploma candidates during their junior and senior years, yet have the opportunity to interact with students throughout the school during ninth and 10th grade classes, and in world language, fine arts and after school activities throughout their high school years.

The IB program has earned a reputation for rigorous assessment, giving IB Diploma-holders access to the leading American and international universities and college credit.

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

### Walk, run enlists hundreds

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosted its 10th annual Jingle Bell Walk Run just prior to the Santa Claus Parade last Friday.


More than 300 entrants started a 4K course starting at Grosse Pointe South High School and traveling through both the Hill and Village shopping districts.

Patrick Danzer of Detroit was the men's division winner and Lyndsay Doherty of Grosse Pointe set the pace for the women.

Proceeds from the fundraising event benefit the club's charities such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Penrickton School for the Blind and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, among many others.

The event was founded by John Sarvis of Grosse Pointe, who passed away earlier this year. The Lions Club presented a plaque to Sarvis' family before the race and dedicated this year's race to his memory.

See a race picture on page 18A.




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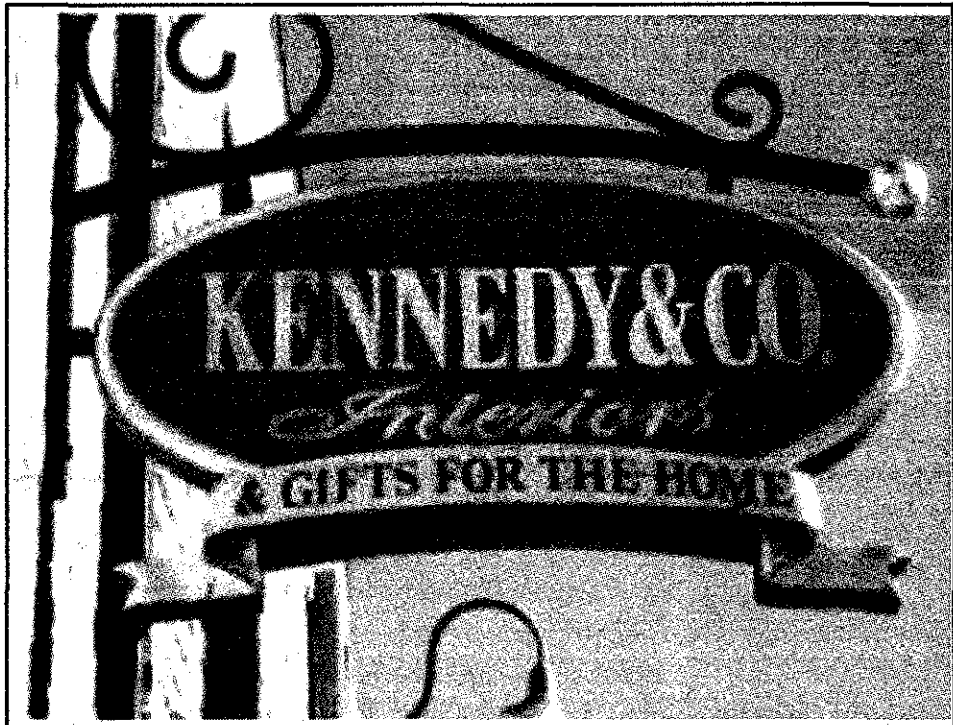
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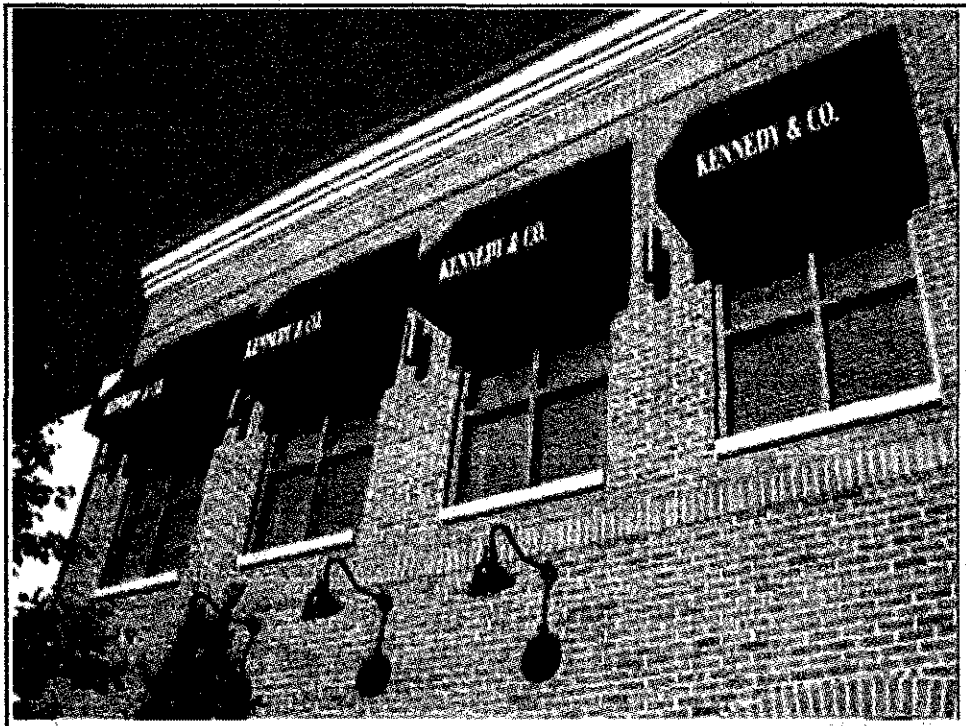


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**Tom Kezhaya** found his passion at an early age. Working in his father's garage since he was a teenager, his love for cars is deeply grounded. Today, vintage car owners only trust him to work on their cars.

# Mechanic for the generations

By John Lundberg  
Staff Writer

It started with a ratchet wrench applied to the crank shaft pulley. Slowly rotating the shaft, the long dormant engine is unfrozen as lubricants work their way into the cylinders.

In almost no time, a high performance engine is reclaimed and ready for its complete restoration.

"Each vintage car has its own particular challenges," said Tom Kezhaya of Grosse Pointe. "Parts can be very hard to find. I mean, in the '60s, Chevy out-sold Ford and Chrysler combined.

"Good luck finding a good Ford 289 cubic inch engine."

Kezhaya, owner of Joe's Garage in Detroit, has a passion for vintage motor vehicles. During the course of his career, he has either completely restored or done extensive work on several vintage cars and motorcycles.

And that list is impressive. From a 1971 Dodge Charger, with a 383 CI engine, to a 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe with a 302 CI, some fairly powerful Detroit muscle has flexed itself in his garage.

Famed football coach Vince Lombardi once said to his players: "Your lives should have three priorities, God, family and the Green Bay Packers."

And for Kezhaya, it is no different.

My priorities are God, family and automobiles," he said. "I love cars."

His garage at Ashland and Jefferson has been around for more than 60 years. Kezhaya spent his youth tinkering with cars that found their way into the shop and has claimed ownership to well over two dozen different vehicles during his adult life.

It is that wealth of experience that he brings with him every day he opens the 15,000 square-foot facility.

"We are very blessed that we continue to service vehicles owned by the children of customers that my father serviced," he said. "When you have generations of families continue to come to you, it says something about our business."

Kezhaya and his brother, Joey, took over the garage last December when their father, Joe, passed away. His father was a pillar in the east side community, and that legacy is something that Kezhaya is devoted to honoring.

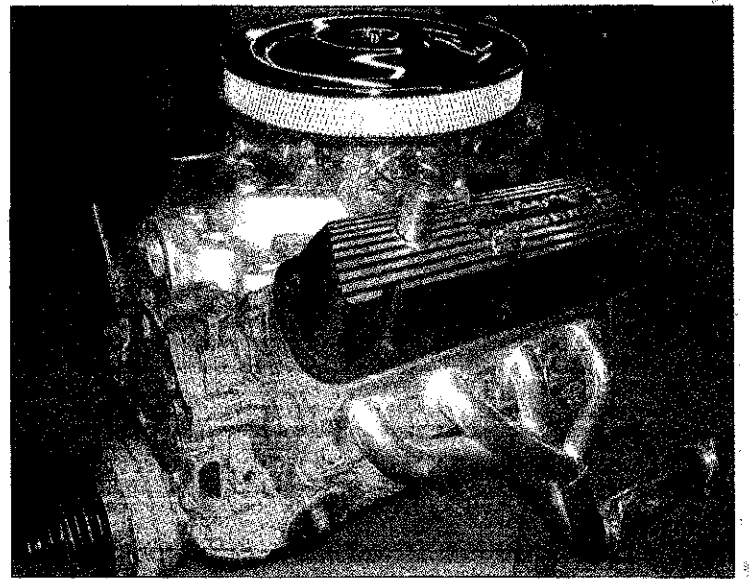
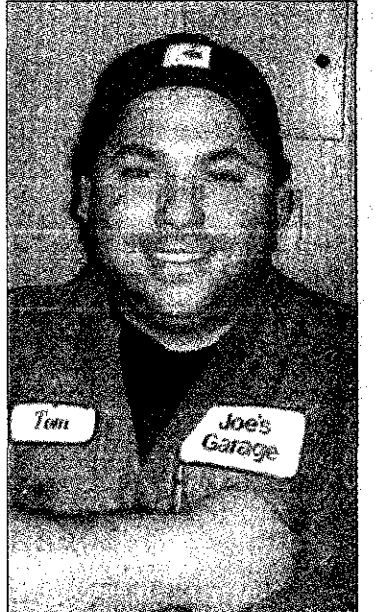
On staff are two first-rate mechanics, Paul Rempala Jr.

and Pat Weir, and the crew has a bond that goes well beyond the typical 9 to 5 business day.

Frequently, they help each other's families on projects during the weekends, so much that the garage has a distinct family atmosphere to it.

But there are not any white linen picnics held there. The three bays are filled with several hundred tons of engines, parts, and manuals. In one supply room, countless carburetors sit idly by waiting to be installed. It is a byproduct of Kezhaya's father.

"Dad was in business since 1946 and he didn't like to throw anything away," Kezhaya said.



PHOTOS BY JOHN LUNDBERG

A Ford 302 cubic inch high performance engine is just one of several Tom Kezhaya has rebuilt to fit into the vintage cars he has restored over the years. Above, Tom Kezhaya.

But even though the garage had thrived for decades, Kezhaya was the catalyst for its expansion. He introduced foreign car repairs to the shop when his father exclusively worked on domestic models. He spearheaded the tire and exhaust repair services the garage now features. And, in the spring, the car painting spray booth will open so the garage can take over a vehicle's complete restoration.

"You can't take your car to people that don't know what they're doing," he said. "Training is the key. You need that experience when repairing a new generation of vehicles."

Case-in-point, Kezhaya said a modern GM Suburban SUV has 58 pounds of wiring, 10 times the amount that vehicles had not so long ago.

"The new Trailblazer has seven computers in it," he said. "This business is always changing, always changing."

But it his restoration work that Kezhaya gets his kicks out of. It is typical to walk into the garage and see at least one vin-

tage automobile on an hydraulic lift. Last month, in fact, a 1956 Chevy wagon had its manual gearbox replaced with a power rack and pinion steering system.

And, earlier this year, a 1956 Ford Thunderbird convertible was in having some custom work done.

Kezhaya's latest project was reclaiming his father's 1958 BMW R69S motorcycle. Despite the fact it had not been started in more than 30 years, it was brought back to life in just over 30 minutes and was soon tooling down Ashland.

But when he looks at the bigger picture, Kezhaya does have a beef or two. With two young children, Kezhaya is concerned more than ever with vehicle safety.

"There should be a policy in Michigan that in order to get license plates, you should be required to get your vehicle inspected," he said. "I have seen my share of death traps driving around out there."

"Other states are doing it. Why not us?"

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Tom Kezhaya, seated on a 1958 BMW R69S motorcycle, with mechanics Paul Rempala Jr., Pat Weir and brother Joey, outside Joe's Garage at Ashland and Jefferson.



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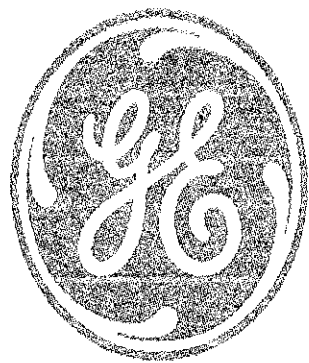
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## BALLOTS: Applications will go out

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could be left to the discretion of local city officials because there has been some movement in the state legislature to resolve the issue, especially as it relates to the upcoming Jan. 15 primary.

There is also the question of whether the Court of Appeals ruling applies only to those cities who have elected city clerks, rather than appointed clerks as in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He used a similar resolution drafted for Farmington Hills that cites the Home Rule Cities Act as well the past precedent of sending out the applications as the basis for his opinion and the resolution

that he drafted and presented to council.

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle did not fully agree with Berschback's interpretation.

"I support the resolution as it applies to the presidential primary in January," she said. "But I don't know if we can continue the practice and still be in compliance with the law. This resolution would allow endless noncompliance and I believe we could face a challenge for the August primary."

Howle also questioned whether all the applications were going to voters over age 60.

"I know of cases where people in their 40s requested an absentee ballot for an election and now they are routinely set an application for each election," she said.

The council approved the resolution allowing the mass mailing of absentee ballot applications by 6 to 1, with Howle voting against it.

## GROSSE POINTE SHORES

## Thornton resigns

Rose Thornton, Grosse Pointe Shores Council president pro tem, announced her resignation in a letter read out loud by President James Cooper at the Nov. 20 meeting.

Thornton said she enjoyed working on the village council and will miss it.

Audience member Mary Ann LaHood thanked Thornton for her contributions to the council.

Thornton, whose term ends in 2009, will continue to serve through the end of the year. A successor has not been named.

— John Lundberg

## Dec. 9 Christmas luncheon

The Colony Town Club Cancer Loan Foundation of Greater Detroit will hold its annual Christmas luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Bayview Yacht Club.

The cost is \$25.

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incorporated in 1935 for the purpose of supporting the Cancer Loan Closet of Greater Detroit.

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Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on December 13, 2007. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

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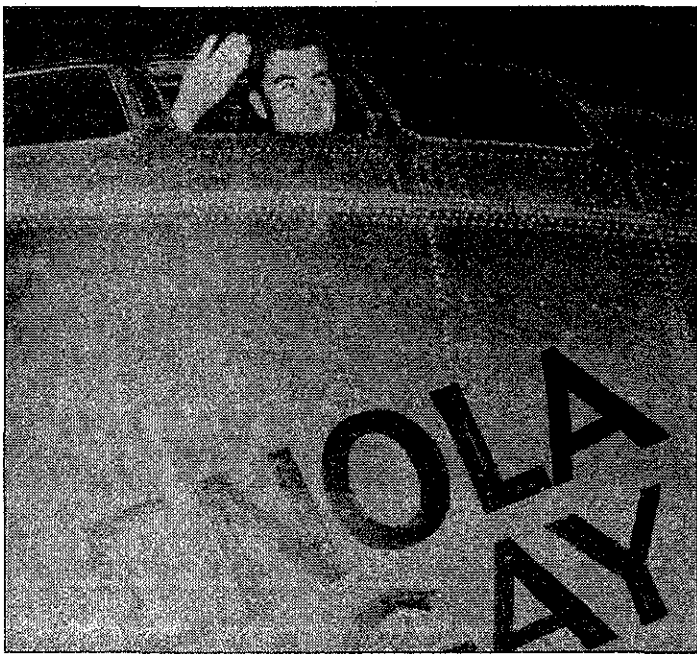
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GUEST EDITORIAL By Francis Shrum

## A man of peace with opposition

Paul Tibbets died recently. He was 92. He asked to have neither a funeral nor headstone, because he didn't want to give those who opposed him and all he stood for a place to stage demonstrations. He wanted to be cremated and scattered over the ocean. He said the hours he spent flying over its endless emptiness were the most peaceful he would ever know.



Paul Tibbets

Paul Tibbets was a man of peace. There are those who would say that couldn't possibly be true. At age 30 Tibbets was the man who, on Aug. 6, 1945 flew the B-29 bomber he named after his mother — the Enola Gay — over the Japanese city of Hiroshima and unleashed an atomic firestorm. It would instantly destroy upward of 70,000 lives and ultimately result in the demise of countless others in the deadly aftermath. There are those who say it was an immoral, inhumane and horrific thing to do and no one who participated could possibly love peace. Right or wrong, it ended a war. Tibbets was born on Feb. 23, 1915. His father, a successful merchant, wanted his son to be a doctor. His son, however, loved airplanes. He was a medical student at the University of Cincinnati when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1937. He would eventually retire a brigadier general in 1966. Much as did thousands of other veterans, Tibbets lived on after the war. He worked for an international air taxi service and retired as its president in 1987. He was married to Andrea for more than 51 years. Tibbets mostly declined interviews and public appearances. While he lived and worked quietly and successfully, urban myths abounded that he had committed suicide, was insane and institutionalized, was a drunkard, or sentenced to life in prison. A rare interview Tibbets gave to Mike Harden in 2005, during the 60th anniversary commemoration of the Hiroshima bombing, gave a glimpse into his ultimate mindset. Notoriety was getting old, he said, "But then so am I." He said he just didn't want to hear another reporter ask, "Any regrets?" Because there were none — he did what he did because he felt it was the best choice in an array of really bad ones. He couldn't understand people asking if he thought what he had done was immoral. "War itself is immoral," Tibbets said. Starting from that premise, he said there is no good in it, whether it affects one person or an entire nation. He said we should be glad that our nation was the one given the upper hand at that moment. It could have ended very differently. Tibbets lived out his last days in a comfortable home with his wife, a cherry tree in the front yard and a Chihuahua dog named Lolita. It was quite a contrast to the young pilot who, on that fateful summer morning, had breakfast with his crew, then stuffed his pockets with a few cigars and a pillbox of cyanide capsules — in case they were forced down over enemy territory. Observers said in his last days he faced the prospect of joining his comrades, who had died before him, with the same unwavering strength of character and peace of mind that had carried him through life. He would say, with some irony, "The guys who appreciated that I saved their a \_\_\_\_ are mostly dead now." Many perhaps, but certainly not all. Francis Shrum is a columnist who writes for King Features.

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## LETTERS

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

### Anti-Christian movie

**To the Editor:** According to the article "Parental Warning: Golden Compass Points Children to Atheism," by Dr. Ted Baehr, in [movieguide.org](http://movieguide.org): "The Golden Compass" is an anti-Christian movie written by atheist Philip Pullman "...who has dedicated his life to undermining Christianity and the church among young readers." Pullman has written a trilogy of books where in the end God is killed and everyone can do as they please. According to the article, "The 2007 film The Golden Compass is based on a series of books with anti-religious themes," in Snopes.com: "This movie is a watered down version of the first book, which is the least offensive of the three

books. The second book of the trilogy is 'The Subtle Knife' and the third book is 'The Amber Spyglass.' "Each book gets worse and worse regarding Pullman's hatred for God." In Baehr's article he gives excerpts from Pullman's books: "Pullman represents God as a decrepit and perverse angel in his novels..." and denies God as the creator. "When the hero finally finds this 'god', he is ultimately described as a 'demented and powerless' creature that could only weep and mumble in fear and pain and misery. "The boy then kills this god by breaking him out of his crystal cell, thereby evaporating him. The only god in this universe is matter." Pullman portrays Christianity as a mistake, that there is no God, there is no

heaven and love is not selfless giving. He redefines love as the "...lust of pleasuring each other." Baehr explains that in the book: "The children in the story ultimately discover that true wisdom is doing what is right in their own eyes, becoming their own gods. The result of this 'wisdom' is a focus on bodily pleasure over eternal truth. "Although ambiguous as to what exactly happens, at the end of the novels the two children pleasure each other bodily, and finally experience true joy." In Snopes.com: "...Pullman left little doubt about his intentions when he said in a 2003 interview with The Sydney Morning Herald that 'My books are about killing God. Conservative British columnist Peter Hitchens labeled Pullman 'The most dangerous author in Britain' and described him as the writer "the atheists would have been praying for, if atheists prayed." Over the past month several people have clued me in on this movie. It is not enough for me to e-mail my small group of contacts. This movie, soon to be released in 30 countries, has the ability to impact and destroy the minds of our youth and other ages as well. "My people are destroyed for

lack of knowledge..." — "New King James Version," Hosea 4:6. I encourage you to read the article by Baehr and at Snopes.com, and to search for yourself the anti-Christian messages that are so repulsive and deceitfully portrayed in this movie and trilogy. Ultimately you are the decision maker on what your children watch and who you encourage and empower with this knowledge. Let us not remain numb to the evilness of this movie. But let us be proactive, bringing truth out into the marketplace in our sphere of influence. Our God is a loving God who sent his son to die for us. Jesus shed his blood so that we would have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" — "New King James Version," John 3:16-17. On Dec. 25 we are celebrating Jesus' birthday. Let us keep our eyes on God, his way and his word daily. ALISON LORKOWSKI Grosse Pointe Woods See LETTERS, page 9A

GUEST OPINION By Gary Wolfram, Ph.D.

## Xanadu plan shows big promise

The problems of Michigan's economy in general and Detroit's economy in particular are well documented. One measure that is quite telling is that in October of 2007, Michigan's unemployment rate was the highest in the nation at 7.7 percent, while the U.S. average was 4.7 percent. The situation was worse in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area and in the city of Detroit. A group of entrepreneurs has proposed a plan to improve this dismal economic situation that shows strong promise — the Xanadu plan. This plan consists of the privately-funded expansion of Cobo Hall, the removal of governmental restraints on opening a fourth casino in Detroit, the removal of governmental restrictions on the placement of slot machines at race tracks, the construction of racino entertainment hotels in the areas housing the six existing horse race tracks, an additional racino in the city of Romulus, and a proposed "Tishomingo Park" near Detroit City Airport. The Tishomingo Park will take advantage of the influx of entertainment seeking visitors and attract additional ones. It would comprise a virtual auto dealership, a high tech gymnasium, a retail mall, a church facility and a performance track.

It is also intended to provide community services through a computer science and math school. The thrust of the Xanadu plan is to establish Detroit as a tourist destination. Casino gaming and its complementary entertainment are extremely profitable enterprises due to restrictions on entry. Elementary economic theory holds that if an industry is earning economic profit, it will attract new entrants until the economic profit goes to zero. Because there are significant governmental barriers to entering the casino gaming industry, economic profit remains. In 1950, people would not likely have believed that an airport in the middle of the Mojave Desert resisting temperatures in excess of 120 degrees would have more than 4 million visitors in the month of July. Such is the power of an entertainment industry built around gaming. An expanded gaming industry would create thousands of jobs in Detroit and the surrounding areas. A fourth casino in Detroit would complement the existing three Detroit casinos and the Windsor casino. This is what is known in economics as economies of agglomeration. When there are several casinos to choose from, more travelers will come to Detroit to take advantage of the entire atmosphere. The more

casinos, the more foot traffic between them and the greater spillover into additional hotel, restaurant and retail industries. Anyone who has visited Las Vegas will recognize that the Las Vegas Strip with three hotels would be much less exciting than the existing Las Vegas. When one adds racinos and the Tishomingo Park entertainment area, one gets the equivalent of a major export industry. The entertainment industry is especially beneficial because it brings revenue from outside into the entertainment complex. If a visitor from Canada comes to the new casino and spends \$250 per day, it is equivalent to a factory in Detroit exporting a good worth \$250 to that same Canadian. It is also more difficult for someone to find substitutes for Detroit Casino gaming-based entertainment. Detroit lies within 500 miles of half of the population of the United States and the aforementioned government restrictions reduce its competition. This makes the industry a stable or growing employer and the generator of hundreds of millions of dollars per year from people outside Detroit and Michigan. While the individual components of the proposed Tishomingo Park may change in response to estimates of consumer demand, the general concept fits well with Detroit as an entertainment center.

Las Vegas has shown that innovative retail and family entertainment are a complement to casino gaming. The influx of new visitors as Detroit expands its entertainment base will develop will allow the private financing to expand Cobo Hall, increasing the base of Detroit's entertainment industry. The area around Detroit City Airport, the Wayne County Airport in Romulus, and pedestrian corridors linking the various casinos could be developed as the demand for space rises. Detroit has not taken advantage of the full extent of its casino-based entertainment because it has restricted the supply of establishments. The Xanadu plan shows that the entrepreneurial spirit still lives in Detroit, and that Detroit can once again be thought of as an entertainment capital rather than a place of Depression-era unemployment statistics and dwindling population. Gary Wolfram, Ph.D., is president of Hillsdale Policy Group Ltd, the George Munson Professor of Political Economy at Hillsdale College, and a member of the board of trustees of Lake Superior State University. He has served in numerous policy positions, including Michigan's deputy state treasurer, as a member of the Michigan State Board of Education, and Congressman Nick Smith's Washington chief-of-staff.

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I SAY By Beth Quinn

# Having a green Christmas is a challenge



One of my New Year's resolutions this past year was to reduce my carbon footprint.

Yes, I am a tree hugger but I'm sure that is no surprise to anyone who reads my I Say columns. I figure being more ecologically active was easier than losing weight or becoming more organized.

In some ways it has been easy, but it does take effort.

It's been relatively painless to change some longstanding habits. Unfortunately, my terrible memory is one of my biggest stumbling blocks.

Whenever I have to buy

something at Fairfax Market, which is only a few blocks from my home, I walk instead of hopping in the car. However, many times I get to the check-out counter and realize I've left my mesh shopping bag at home.

Some new eco-friendly practices are easy to remember but require more time and space.

I have started recycling almost all of our trash. It's really an effortless and rewarding task.

Rather than throwing stuff in the garbage, I simply set aside all paper such as envelopes and shopping receipts, plastic including those from the dry cleaners and anything made out of aluminum, glass and tin. I've perfected the art of flattening food boxes and cardboard. I figure I have reduced my household waste by 50 percent.

But I had to spend some time reorganizing my kitchen recy-

cling drawer to make more space.

And I must admit sometimes when I'm tired, it takes all my willpower to walk to the recycling bins to throw out something rather than just dumping it in the nearest trash can.

Changing my family's habits has had mixed results. I know they think I have fallen off the deep end of the landfill.

They didn't blink an eye when I started using cloth instead of paper napkins. Only our dog, Marley, whose favorite snack food is paper, seems distressed that he can't feast when a napkin now falls to the floor during dinner.

However, my husband and sons became very irritated when they discovered I was unplugging all our electronic equipment — other than our radio alarm clock.

These are three males who have never grasped the concept

of "off" so they really can't wrap their heads around the idea of actually pulling a plug from an outlet.

When I tried to explain that anything with a clock or standby mode uses electricity even when it is turned off, they just roll their eyes and shake their heads.

When I hear them grumbling about having to plug in their televisions and computers it's my turn to roll my eyes and shake my head.

As proud as I am of overcoming some of these stumbling blocks, I'm worried that this holiday season will be my undoing.

My heart sank when I read Americans throw away a million extra tons of garbage each week between Thanksgiving and New Years.

Wrapping paper, boxes and shipping supplies are the main culprits of that extra trash, so

I've done research on ways to have a green Christmas.

While I've been able to implement some tips, there are others that I just can't embrace.

There is the idea of using brown paper bags to wrap gifts.

My superficial self nixed it because I really love seeing the colorful mountain of prettily wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree.

Oh sure, I could decorate the brown paper with holiday shaped stencils and stamps, but I know that's something I will never do. I'm the type of person who stays up late Christmas Eve frantically wrapping gifts.

Using brown paper bags as gift wrap is nothing new, but I got a kick out of the idea of using old VHS and cassette tape which apparently curls as nicely as ribbon.

I can just imagine my in-laws holding gifts wrapped in brown paper and tied with a black film

tape and thinking I — the only liberal in their family — have finally lost it.

Then there's the matter of shipping packages to family members, all of who live out-of-state.

I read about using unshelled peanuts and curly pasta rather than plastic bubble wrap and Styrofoam peanuts as protective padding in boxes.

But I worry that edible filler will attract rodents during shipping. I can just imagine my mother, who has a heart problem, opening my package only to be scared out of her wits by some creature with whiskers and a long tail.

I must admit I feel guilty about not being a good green soldier during the holidays but sometimes you just have to wave the white flag.

I do have an easy solution to my gift giving dilemma. I'll just send money. At least it's green.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is your favorite holiday?

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



'Christmas because you spend more time with family.'

ALYSSA ARMADA  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Christmas because of presents and being with family and friends.'

JORDAN DANIEL  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'My favorite holiday is New Year's because a new year is a new beginning.'

DEVIN HEALY  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Thanksgiving because you get to eat a lot of good food.'

KELSEY BEATTIE  
St. Clair Shores



'I love Christmas because I get to spend a lot of time with my family.'

LILY PARKER  
Grosse Pointe Park



'My favorite is Thanksgiving because my family and I always go to the parade and then we eat a great meal together.'

KATIE LEVAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

# Edward Albee leads library lecture series



Edward Albee, recognized as one of America's greatest living playwrights, proved to be more charmer than enfant terrible when he kicked off the Friends of the Library 2007-08 season of lectures at the Grosse Pointe North auditorium in mid-November.

When University of Michigan Professor Enoch Brater introduced the 79-year-old by grouping him with Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller as among the top American playwrights of the 20th century, Albee set the tone by asking: "Who are those people?"

Albee, who makes a habit of introducing shocking and sometimes wryly amusing reality in his plays, told the story of how he got the way he is and shared his opinions on the current state of the theater and arts in America.

He said he was born in Virginia and placed for adoption a week later, never knowing who his natural mother and father were. "I have no idea what my name was before I became Edward Albee," he said.

His adoptive father, he said, was wealthy and did nothing for a living, but his adoptive parents gave him the best education money could buy.

When he finished his tale of rebellion — getting kicked out of various schools, being tossed out of the family at age 18 and moving to Greenwich Village in New York — he added, "Now that was a good story and it was almost true."

Albee didn't paint a pretty picture of arts education in the U.S. He said no more than 5

percent of today's students receive a good education. He opined that 95 percent of high school graduates escape with little or no knowledge of the arts.

"They don't know much about the arts or how democracy is supposed to function," he said, adding they are "well-educated barbarians."

Albee, who said he determined to be a writer at age eight and tried his hand at poetry and novels before realizing he was a playwright, prefers the stage. For the audience, he said, there is "a suspension of disbelief; a present tense quality of live theater is what makes it special. If you don't like what you see, why don't you change it?"

Albee said the function of art is not escapism, but engagement. "We are the only animal that makes art," he said.

In an interview with the New York Times shortly before his Grosse Pointe appearance, Times writer Jesse Green pointed out there have been excellent recent Broadway revivals of Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Seascape" and four major productions of his work are set for this season.

As to turning 80 in March, Albee told the Times' Green: "I'm not in a hurry. I keep having ideas. The creative mind doesn't seem to have collapsed. I'll worry more about that when I'm 90. Meanwhile I take pretty good care of myself and I have no enthusiasm whatever about dying. I think it's a terrible waste of time and I don't want to participate in it."

Next up on the Friends lecture schedule is U of M Department of English Professor Dr. Terri Tinkle discussing "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the South High library or auditorium. Dr. Ralph Williams will discuss "Ghosts in

Shakespeare" on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Williams, one of the most popular lecturers at U of M, could discuss the contents of a can of chicken soup and make it interesting.

Williams will make a second appearance in late February to discuss "Meaning in Shakespeare's Stagecraft."

The rest of the '08 line up will include: Dr. Gregg Crane, "Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility,'" on March 13; Dr. John Whittier Ferguson, "Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness,'" on April 3; Dr. George Bronstein, "F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby,'" on April 24; and finally Brater is back to discuss "Eugene O'Neill's, 'The Iceman Cometh' and 'Long Day's Journey into Night'" on May 15.

The lectures are free for Friends members and \$10 for others.

If you miss a lecture, DVD's and videos of each are available on loan free of charge at the Ewald Branch in the Park.

Ban Catalogs  
While I have never been entirely comfortable with tree huggers, having worked as a U.S. Forest Service firefighter for a couple of summers during college, the New York Times reports a green idea that I and our postal carrier will heartily embrace.

A coalition of environmental groups has created a free Web site — CatalogChoice.org, that allows you to remove yourself from more than 1,000 catalog mailing lists.

The site opened for business Oct. 9 and as of last week 165,000 people opted out of 1.7 million catalogs, the NYT reports.

The sponsors are the National Wildlife Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Ecology Center. They estimate Americans receive 19 billion catalogs each year and 53 million trees are cut down to make that paper.

### Real Estate

The New York Times in the "Square Feet" column of its Sunday newspaper focused on real estate sales and falling prices in the Grosse Pointes, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township.

Reporter Keith Schneider said: "Almost 700 homes are currently on the market in the five Grosse Pointe communities according to brokers, twice as many as in the same time in 2005."

And since June, prices for the most expensive homes have dropped around \$100,000 a month."

If the inventory is down to 700 homes that would be 50 less than what brokers told me were on the market in early 2007, which may be a sign that sellers are coming to grips with the real estate saying "a house is worth what someone is willing to pay for it."

One Bidder  
Auctioneer Robert

DuMouchelle told the Detroit Free Press that Dr. Cosme Cruz, a Chicago nephrologist, was the winning bidder for the English Cotswold cottage on Lakeshore (on the left hand side as you approach the Ford estate) that was auctioned Nov. 18. Cruz, a former Pointer, offered \$625,000 for the Albert Kahn-designed building originally listed at \$1.2 million according to the article. He reportedly plans to refurbish the house.

## LETTERS: Readers' opinions

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### GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## Resident honored

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Angela Aufdenberge was named the recipient of the Vista Maria 2007 Outstanding Board Leadership Award.

Vista Maria assists children who have faced abuse, neglect and other challenges.

"Angela is a tireless, passionate advocate for victimized girls, children and their families," said Cameron D. Hosner, president and CEO of Vista

Maria. During her eight years of service to Vista Maria, Aufdenberge served as vice chair of the board and chairman of the program evaluation and planning committee. She currently chairs the board's development committee.

Professionally, Aufdenberge is vice president of operations for Entertainment Publications in Troy.



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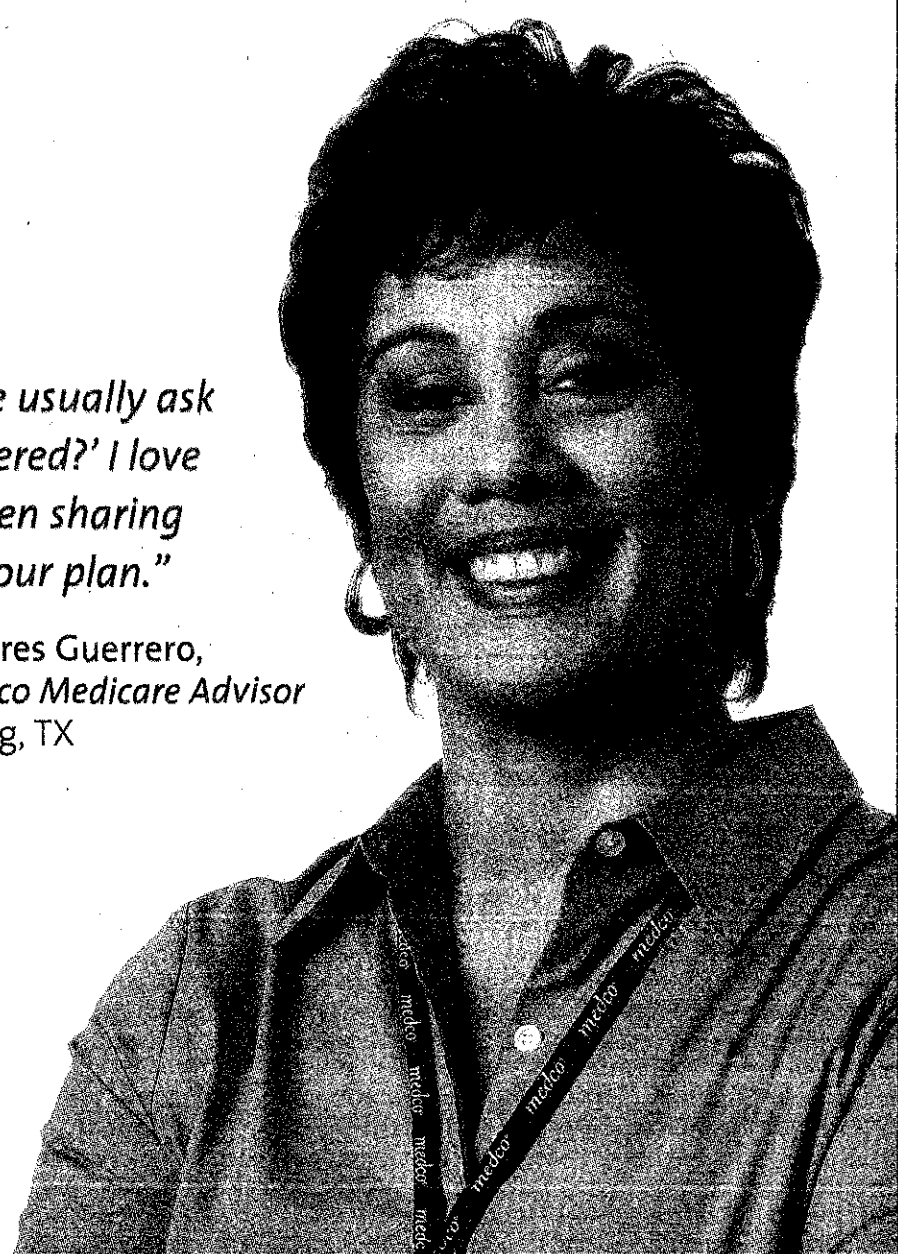
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## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



## Choir sings carols

The Grosse Pointe South choirs will sing holiday carols at a friend's or loved one's home in the Grosse Pointe Public School District, area nursing homes and hospitals between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14. There is a minimum donation of \$10 (prepaid) per location and \$20 (prepaid) for nursing homes and hospitals. For more information and holiday caroling order forms, visit the choir's Web site at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org), or call the Grosse Pointe South Performing Arts office at (313) 432-3638. Orders due by Saturday, Dec. 8.

## G.P. PUBLIC LIBRARY

## A night with local legends

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Even on the dreariest of days it's hard not to chuckle when listening to Sonny Eliot's weather reports on the radio.

Fan's of Eliot can join him for a discussion and book signing of his new book, "Sonny Sez! Legends, Yarns & Downright Truths," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

The event is sponsored by the The Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Eliot will be joined by political cartoonist Draper Hill who drew more than 70 illustrations for the book.

"Sonny Sez" contains 100 one-minute stories that Eliot broadcast on his syndicated radio show over the years. Eliot describes the tome as containing "the strange, the humorous, and the useless."

Eliot has received an Emmy for Best Weathercaster, the 50-year Screen Actors Guild Award, Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Professional Journalists and was inducted in the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

Hill's 35-year career as a political cartoonist took him to newspapers in Arkansas, Massachusetts, Tennessee and The Detroit News, where he produced an average of six drawings each week for more than 20 years.

Hill graduated magna cum laude from Harvard, where he was the art editor of the Harvard Lampoon.

Hill is a Fulbright scholar and has authored a number of books and articles on James Gillray and Thomas Nast.

He has also been called "the leading authority and historian of the English language cartoon."

Admission is free, but registration is required and seating is limited.

To register, call (313) 343-2074 ext. 220 or visit the online calendar at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us).

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Officials to prepare students for 2008

Administrators, department chairpersons and the counselors at Grosse Pointe North High School will present information to help new students and their parents in course selection, schedule planning and pupil adjustment at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The meeting will be held in

the Performing Arts Center. Students planning to attend North and their parents can participate.

After the formal presentation, parents and students can tour the building and visit classrooms where department chairpersons, teachers and students will be available to an-

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swer questions.

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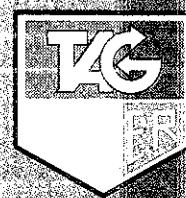
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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS



## Christmas bazaar

Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is holding its 32nd annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The event features more than 160 juried exhibitors, handcrafted items, lunch and refreshments. In addition, Parcells alumnus Todd Clements will sign his book, "Haunts of Mackinac." Tickets are \$4 at 9 a.m. and \$3 at 10 a.m. No strollers are allowed. For more information, call the school at (313) 432-4600. Bazaar committee members pictured above are top row from left, Ruth Hoover, John Gryniwicz, Joelle Gallagher, Barb Turnbull, Colleen Kelley, Nancy Rieth, Charlotte Hartzell and Dawn DeYonker; and sitting from left, Amy Bakowski, Diane Richards and Lee Ann Smith.

## BUSINESS

## Open for business

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## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Spirit wear form

Shopping for Grosse Pointe South spirit wear just got a whole lot easier now that the Mothers' Club School Store is online.

Shoppers can view the merchandise on the Web, download an order form, send it in and have the order ready for pick up in a few days.

Here is how to get an order form online:

1. Go to the Mothers' Club Web site at [south.gpschools.org/pub/mclub](http://south.gpschools.org/pub/mclub).
2. Click on "School Store" on the top of the page.
3. Click on "Flier" to view the merchandise.
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5. Drop off the completed order form, with payment, at the school store or mail to the store manager (address is on the flier).
6. Wait for a call saying the order is ready and pick it up.

"We've got so many great new spirit wear and alumni items and we're very excited to offer this easy way to shop," said store manager Annette Siwak. "Now everyone can show their South pride. It's just a few mouse clicks away."

Proceeds from the store, like other Mothers' Club fundraising programs, support South student scholarships, classroom enrichment and preservation of the historic building.

For more information call Siwak at (313) 821-2154 or (313) 433-8586.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Program honored

The Grosse Pointe North music program has been selected as one of the top 100 in the nation by the Grammy in the Schools Foundation.

"We are now in the process of a more vigorous application process that determines if we will be selected for grant money ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000," said Mandy Scott, North music program representative.

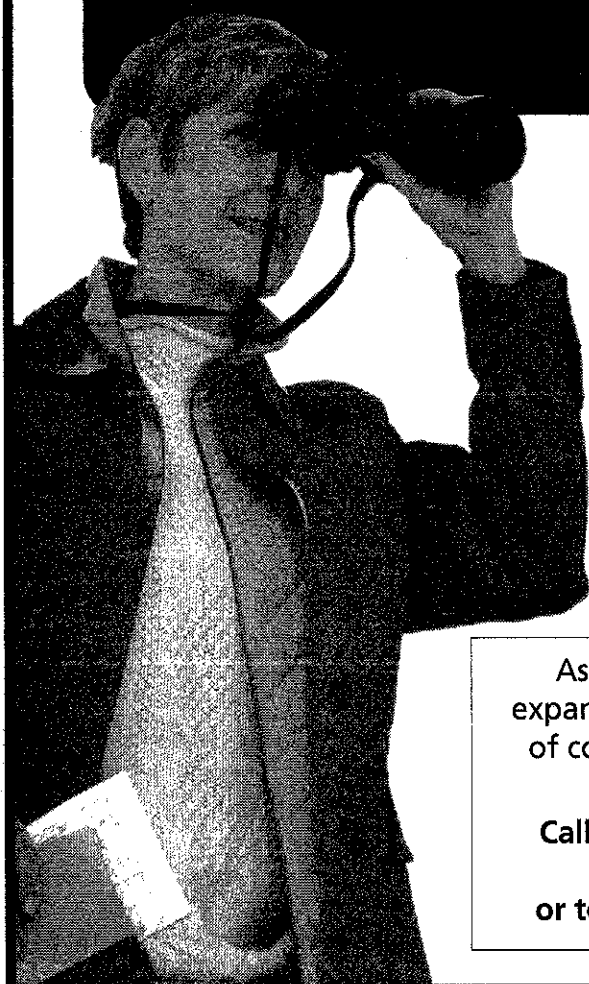
"Special thanks to Jed Scott, who took the initiative to gather the information and submit our application."

Jed Scott is currently compiling recordings and programs from the choir, band and orchestra for the next step in the application process.

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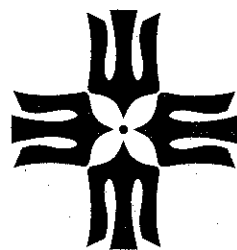


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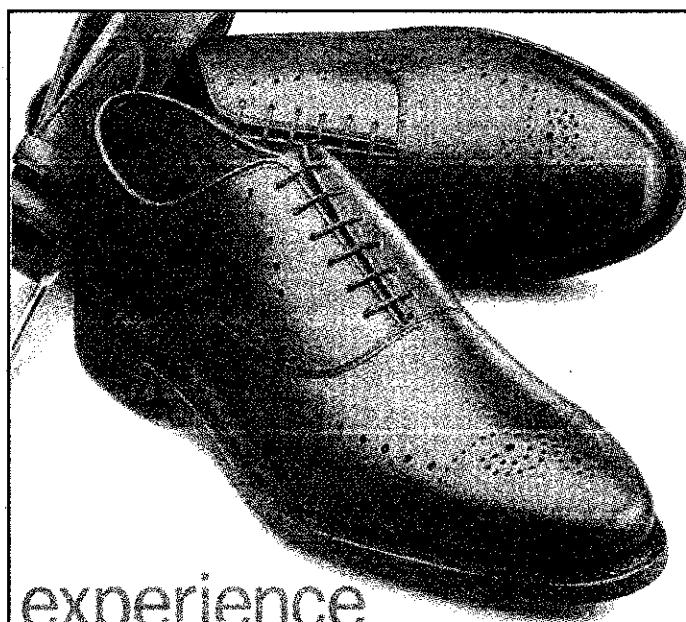
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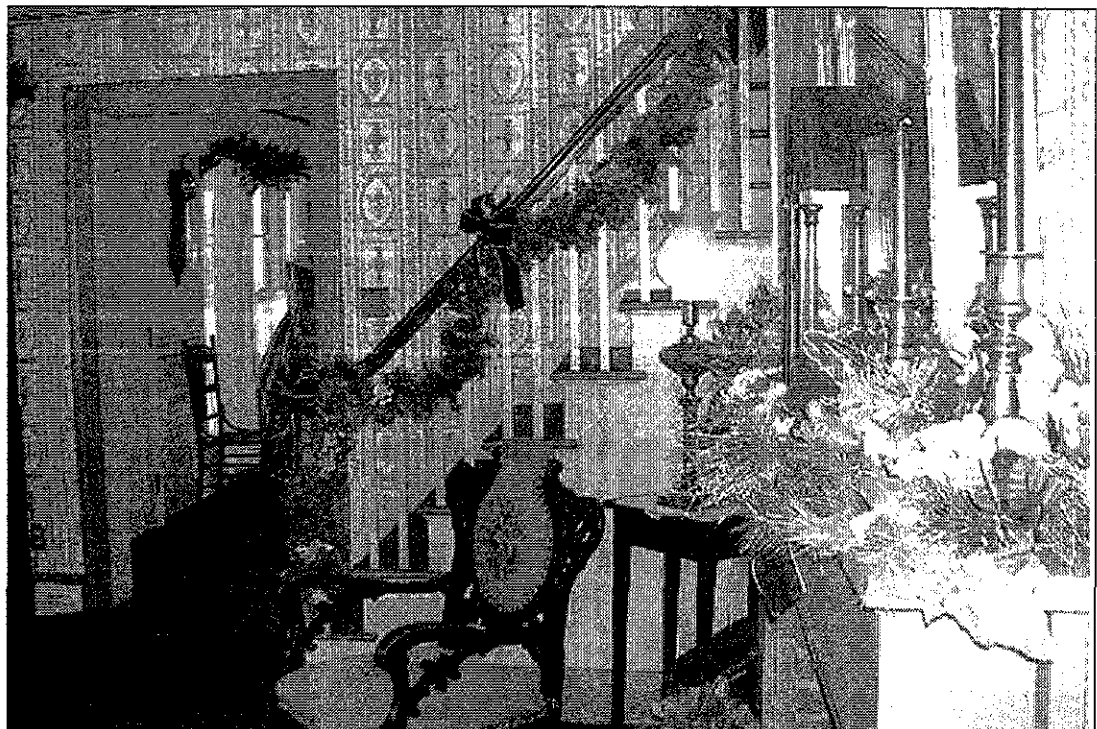
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# Christmas tea open house

A Christmas tea open house is planned from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval. Enjoy tea, hot chocolate, and other holiday treats, compliments of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, and a tour of the Provencal-Weir House, one of the oldest houses in Grosse Pointe. It has been carefully restored by the historical society and is decorated for the holiday season. For information, call (313) 884-7010, or visit the Web site at [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

## Student's story gives art scene distinct flavor

By Luke Eckstein  
*ULS Sophomore*

Twisted, subversive and flat-out brilliant.

That's how the work of artist Tom Carey has been described. His art is something everyone should see, nobody understands...yet everybody wants.

Tom Carey was born and raised in Detroit. He showed an early interest in drawing, and was especially fond of creating monsters and robots.

"I wanted to be a superhero when I was five," Carey said. "But when I realized that it was not an easily attainable career goal, I choose the much more practical, and economically rewarding, vocation of visual artist."

Carey attended Wayne State University, receiving his

Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1996. After graduation, he began showing his artwork at the Willis Gallery and the Weber Building in Detroit.

He moved to Philadelphia in 1998 and completed a Master's of Fine Arts at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in 2000.

In 2002, he had an artist's book purchased by the Print Collection at the New York Public Library. He returned to Michigan in 2003 and continues to produce paintings, prints, drawings and ceramics.

Carey's inspirations for his works include Mayan hieroglyphics, Silver Age Comic Books (especially the work of Jack Kirby and Stan Lee), and '70s black and white horror magazines. His quirky style elicits a variety of responses.

including harsh criticism.

"I take it with a grain of salt," Carey said. "I incorporate criticism, good and bad, from my peers into my own interior critique of my work."

Carey explains that his favorite work is "whichever piece is currently sitting on my easel or drawing table, unfinished." He believes that his greatest accomplishment in art is teaching his daughter how to draw and learning from her at the same time.

His pieces from 2000 to the present can be viewed at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The show will run through Dec. 21. The gallery is open during normal school hours, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., or on evenings when there is a scheduled school function.

**KERBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## School to host craft show

Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms, is hosting the Santa's Attic Vendor and Craft Show from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30.

Children can do their own holiday shopping, decorate cookies, do a craft and watch holiday movies.

Santa will also be stopping by, taking pictures with children.

In a separate shopping area, adults will be able to browse a wide variety of vendors and crafters that offer gifts for every budget. Each vendor and crafter is providing an item for a tin can auction.

Some of the confirmed vendors and crafters include Arbonne, Clever Container Co., Gifts Afloat, Kristin Henchel Designs, Private Quarters, Tastefully Simple,

Top This, BeautiControl, Discovery Toys, Go Bag It, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Purse Strings, This Lil' Piggy Prints, Watkins, Button Creations, Dot's Brittle Kitchen, Home Interiors, Market Day, Southern Living at Home, The Pampered Chef and Webkinz Crocs.

Light refreshments and coffee, supplied by Beaners, will be available for purchase.

# Honored

Seventh-grader Alexander Belica of Grosse Pointe Park recently earned a ribbon of outstanding achievement for his performance on the 2007 National Latin Exam.

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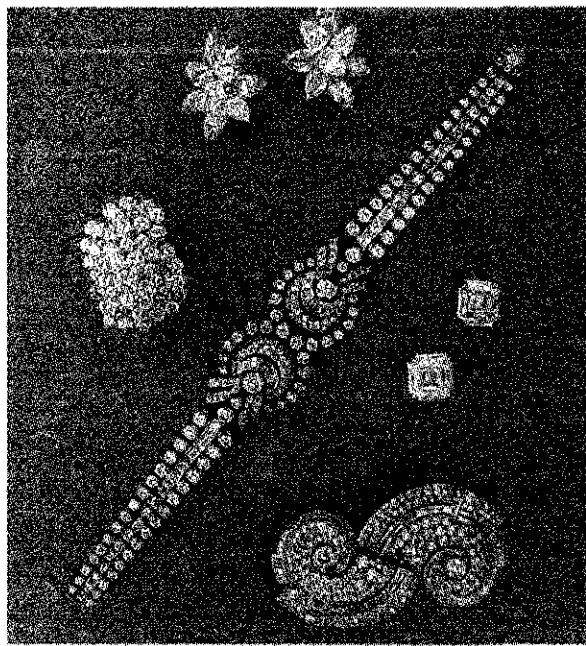
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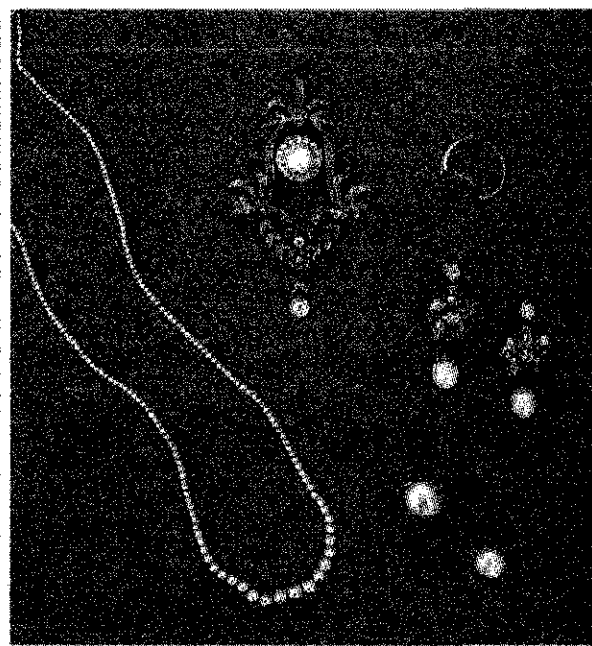
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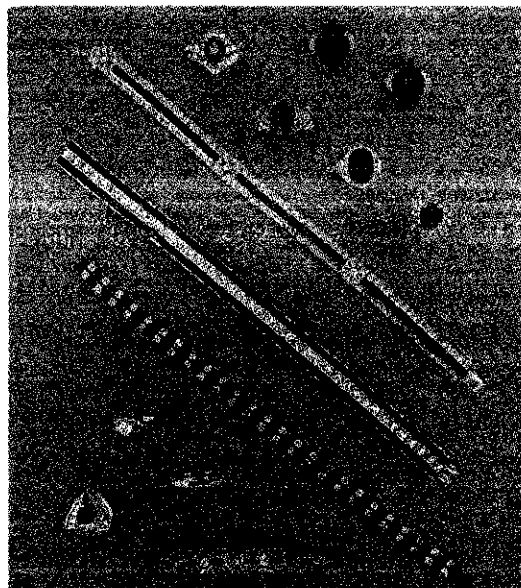
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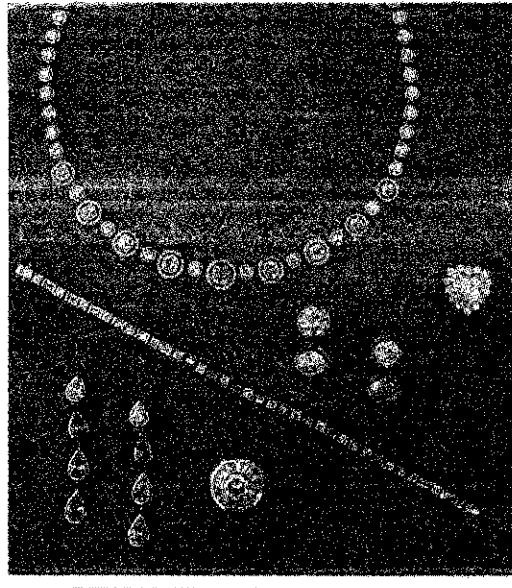
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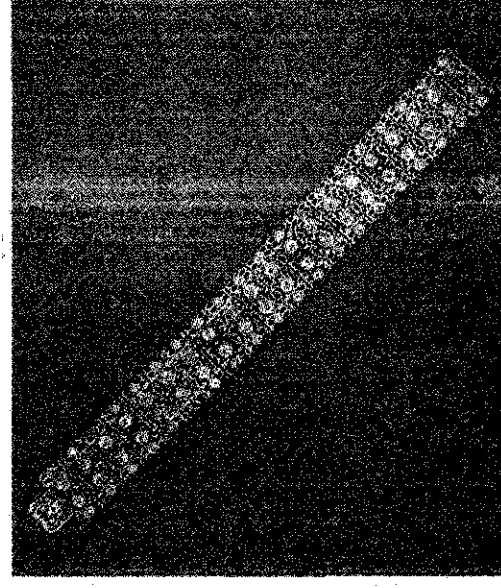
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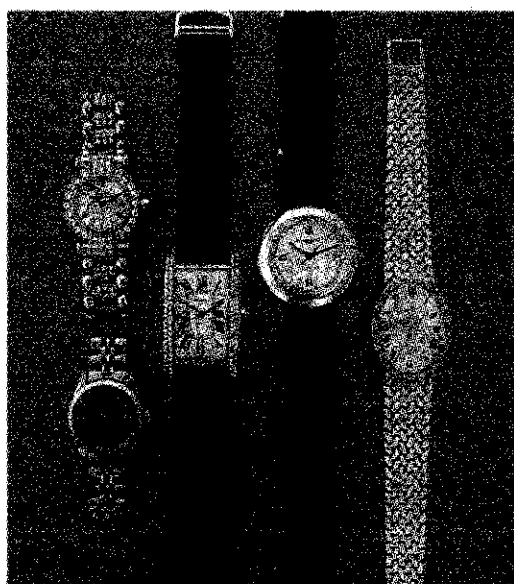
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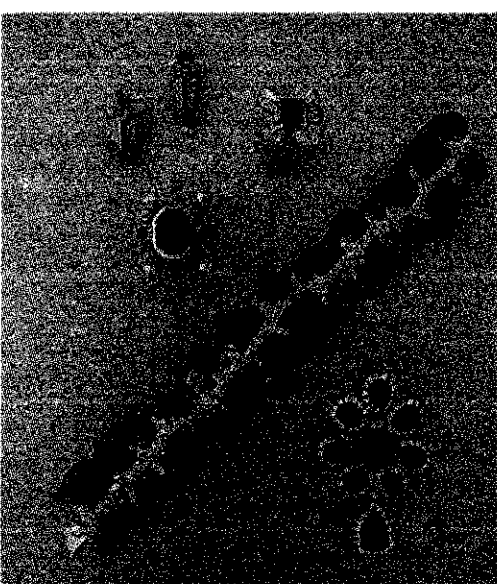
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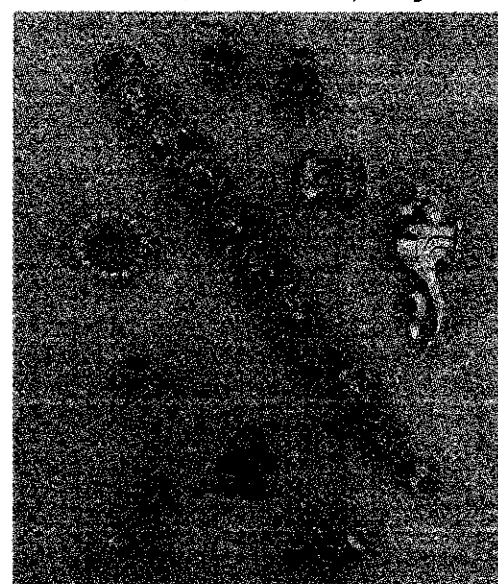
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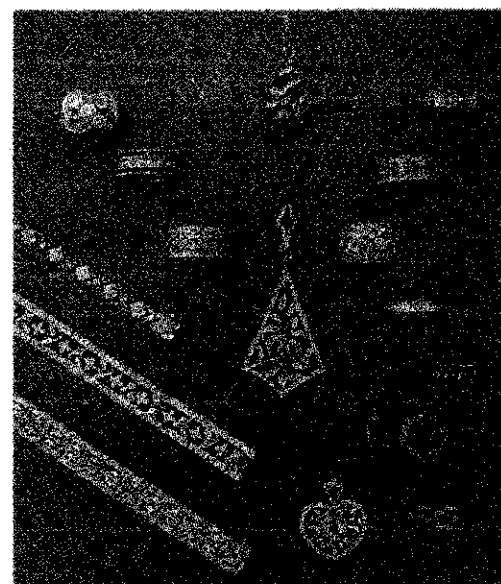
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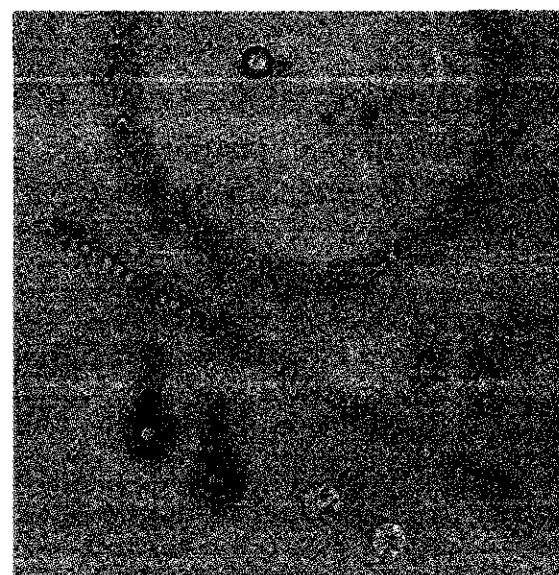
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# Business group slates meeting

The East Side Business and Financial Forum and the East Side CPAs will host a joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Brent Dobbertstein, state and local tax manager and Grant Thornton LLP, will discuss "The 2007 Michigan Tax Changes: Surveying the New Landscape."

Here are just a few of the questions for Dobbertstein:

- ◆ There will be a lot of changes across Michigan's tax structure in several different areas — what is a summary of them?

- ◆ If there is not going to be a services tax, what should we expect instead?

- ◆ Will our company be subject to the MBT tax — what will determine the filing requirements?

- ◆ How does the MBT tax differ from the old Single Business Tax?

- ◆ What are the dollar thresh-

olds on taxation?

- ◆ What are the key concepts to understand in calculating the tax?

- ◆ Is the tax on Income, Gross Receipts, or something else?

- ◆ My client has several related companies. How are they at risk?

- ◆ Can net operating losses generated for SBT be used to offset the MBT?

- ◆ What types of businesses are likely to be most affected by 2007 changes?

- ◆ What is the effect of the tax on a typical business as compared with the old Single Business Tax?

- ◆ Are still more taxes being proposed? What are the most likely additional provisions?

Reserve a space by e-mailing Robin Fichera at [r.fichera@ameritech.net](mailto:r.fichera@ameritech.net), or calling her at (586) 498-8400, extension 12.

A continental breakfast will be served.

## Chamber event

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has leased two 40 seat trolleys from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, to traverse Mack and Kercheval.

There is no fee to ride the trolleys.

While supplies last, guests will be provided with information about participating chamber members and their products, services or menus. Coupons will be included.

The UPS Store on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms will be

open to ship packages that evening.

Complimentary gift wrapping will also be provided.

Grosse Pointe Symphony Flute Ensemble will perform at local restaurants.

"We recommend you park your cars where you wish to end your evening," said Mary Huebner, chamber president.

Contact the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at (313) 881-4722 for more information.



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## A new beginning

Denyse Tzavellas recently held a grand opening for her business, Denyse & Company, located at 20419 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tzavellas celebrated the open house with champagne, music and appetizers. Taking part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from left, Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce president; Mark Wollenweber, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator; Stephane Ruthenberg; Dmitri Tzavellas; Denyse Tzavellas; Vicki Granger, Grosse Pointe Woods city councilwoman; Fran Moser and Pat Milne, chamber director of event planning.

### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

## 'Tis the season for tax planning

As Americans rush headlong into the holiday season, remember it is also the time for reviewing financial matters and minimizing taxes.

The American Cancer Society planned giving directors are available to help families develop a plan for making charitable gifts that complement current financial and estate plans.

Not only will a gift help to secure a financial future and create a legacy, it will provide much needed dollars to fund the mission of the American Cancer Society.

The closing months of the year are always prime time

*'Investments that have decreased in value can be solid with the cash proceeds being donated to a charity.'*

for tax-wise financial planning.

Those who enjoy charitable giving, as well as benefit financially from it, may want to look at the amount and timing of their gifts to maximize tax savings this year.

After all, charitable deductions as a method of reducing

taxes are totally within the individual's control.

Tax savings and other financial advantages of charitable giving loom especially large for older Americans.

They can benefit, for example, from current rates of charitable gift annuities, which are always subject to change.

Charitable gift annuities allow donors to contribute cash or other assets to charities in exchange for fixed annual payments.

The amount a charity pays a donor varies with the donor's age and typically will increase commensurate with their age.

"In general, the higher the tax rate, the more charitable deductions will save donors," said Jeff Jacobs, director of estate and asset services, American Cancer Society. "Because most people will move into lower tax brackets during retirement, gifts completed in 2007 may save them more than ever."

Lawmakers have protected and enhanced provisions in the tax code that encourage charitable giving because they support the important work charities do for individuals and communities across the country.

Cash and checks are the most common donation for those seeking to reduce taxes while supporting one or more

of their favorite causes.

In general, the IRS allows deductions on cash gifts of up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.

Donors may also deduct gifts of appreciated property, including real estate and securities, individual stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

Investments that have decreased in value can be sold with the cash proceeds being donated to a charity.

This could create a double deduction — the capital loss and the cash donation.

In some situations, the combination of deductible loss and charitable deduction may result in a total deduction more than the current value of the investment.

Many less obvious ways to achieve charitable deductions are available.

Those more than 70 and a half years old, for example, may withdraw from their IRAs or other tax-favored retirement plans enough to fund their charitable gifts for the year, up to \$100,000.

Although they must report the IRA distribution on their tax return, they may also claim a corresponding exclusion from their gross income that effectively makes the gift a tax-free rollover.

This gift generally assures that donors avoid being taxed.

Options for charitable planned giving and the corresponding tax deductions are many and varied, however donors must act now and have all paperwork completed by Dec. 31 to reduce their taxes while supporting their favorite charities.

To make that deadline, the process needs to start as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute.

To find out more information about available resources and advantages of planned giving, call Jacobs at (248) 483-4301 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

## Correction

Henry DeVries of Home Care Assistance, located in Grosse Pointe Farms, was misidentified in last week's business section.

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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.

## Evelyn M. Griffith

Former Grosse Pointe resident Evelyn M. Griffith, 88, of Dearborn died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007.

She is survived by her son Walter Lawrence (Diane Sutton) Griffith Jr.; daughter Catherine G. (Robert) O'Sullivan; and grandchildren Meired and Clare O'Sullivan.

She was predeceased by her husband, Walter Lawrence Griffith Sr.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Please sign Mrs. Griffith's online guest book at [cremationmichigan.org](http://cremationmichigan.org).

Powers McConachie. He was a 1939 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and attended Albion College and Northwestern University. He was a captain in the United States Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. McConachie was the president of L.L. McConachie Mechanical Contracting Company. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, who also enjoyed art, music and tennis. He traveled extensively worldwide.

He was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, The University Club and the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; sons Bruce (Stephanie), Lorne (Mary Beth), Craig (Barbara) and Todd (Lisa); daughter Sally (Anthony) Versaci; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Cornelius, and her four children.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service was held Nov. 19 in Lake Oswego.

Memorial contributions may be made to The OHSU Foundation, Parkinsons Center of Oregon, 1121 SW Salmon Street, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97205-2021.



## The Cambridge News

Rose Pawlowski, 16, a member of the DBC Rowing Juniors crew and a student at Grosse Pointe South, Steven Ziemba of Grosse Pointe Park, Judge William Giovan of Grosse Pointe Farms, Raymond Jones Jr. of Birmingham, and Dixon Kirkland of Detroit read the Grosse Pointe News during a recent trip to Cambridge, Mass. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words, to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

## Donald L. McConachie

Donald L. McConachie, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Mr. McConachie was born in Detroit to Lorne L. and Mary

## November lake levels

The following lake levels as of Nov. 9 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Currently, Lake Superior is 5 inches higher than it was at this time last year. Lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie are 6 to 11 inches below their levels of one year ago, while Lake Ontario is 17 inches lower than last year's levels. Lake Superior is forecasted to decline 2 inches over the next month.

Lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are all in their periods of seasonal decline and are forecasted to fall 2 to 3 inches over the next month.

Over the next few months, Lake Superior is predicted to remain above last year's water levels, but the remaining lakes are forecasted to stay below their levels of a year ago.

Outflow from the St. Marys River is predicted to be well below average for November. Flows through the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are also predicted to be lower than average this month.

In addition, flows in the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers are expected to be below average.

Alerts: Due to abnormally dry conditions on the Lake Michigan and Lake Huron basin prior to last month, its water level is below chart datum and is expected to remain below datum over the next six months.

Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels. Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

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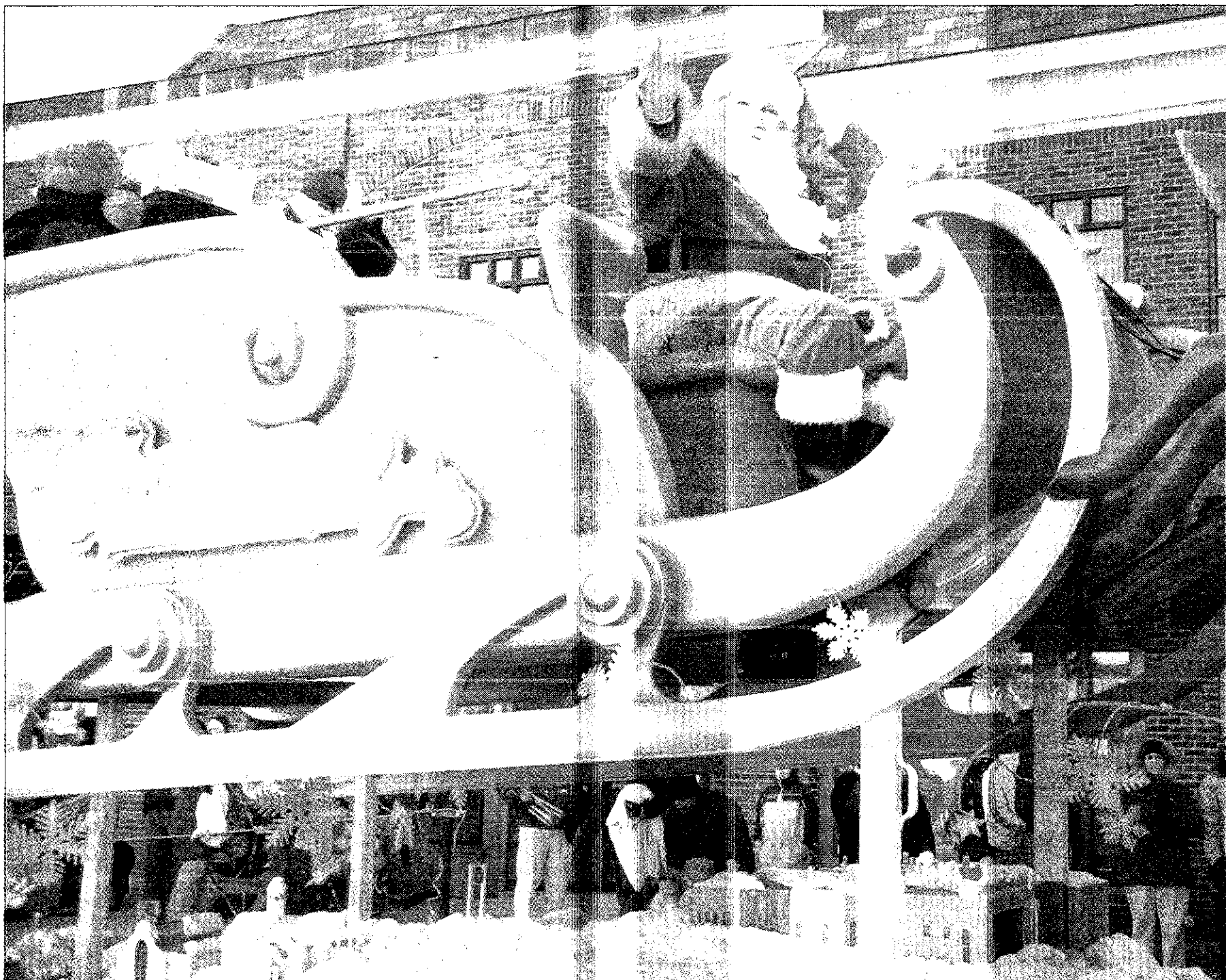


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Santa made a spectacular entrance in his reindeer powered sleigh.

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# 32nd annual Santa Claus Parade a success

Hundreds of spectators braved the cold for the 32nd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday.

With temperatures hovering in the single digits, spectators were treated to a host of marching bands, Scout troops, representatives from local businesses...and, of course, Santa Claus.

"It was a really great parade," said one spectator, who was in town visiting friends. "The best thing was the horses."

Dozens of parade displays provided entertainment for spectators. To help keep warm, many vendors sold cookies and other treats to the crowd.

Parade organizers spend months planning the event, which was followed by a festive tree lighting ceremony and a Christmas shopping season.

"It is cold, but I'm warming up with hot chocolate. I wish I could see Santa Claus."



The Detroit Fire Department Clown Corps were clowning around during the parade.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Big Boy walked with the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.



Runners take to the Village in the Jinglebell Run prior to the start of the parade on Friday.



Anabel Schlachter, 5, and Chet Locke, 9, love parades, especially knowing Santa Claus will be in it.

PHOTO BY PETER BIRKNER



Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods mayors happily adding the Santa Claus to the parade. City of Grosse Pointe, James C. Farquhar from Grosse Pointe Farms, Kent Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke was also in the carriage.



# Annual Santa Claus a huge

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— John Lundberg



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The colorful and magical Santa's castle made its way down Kercheval.



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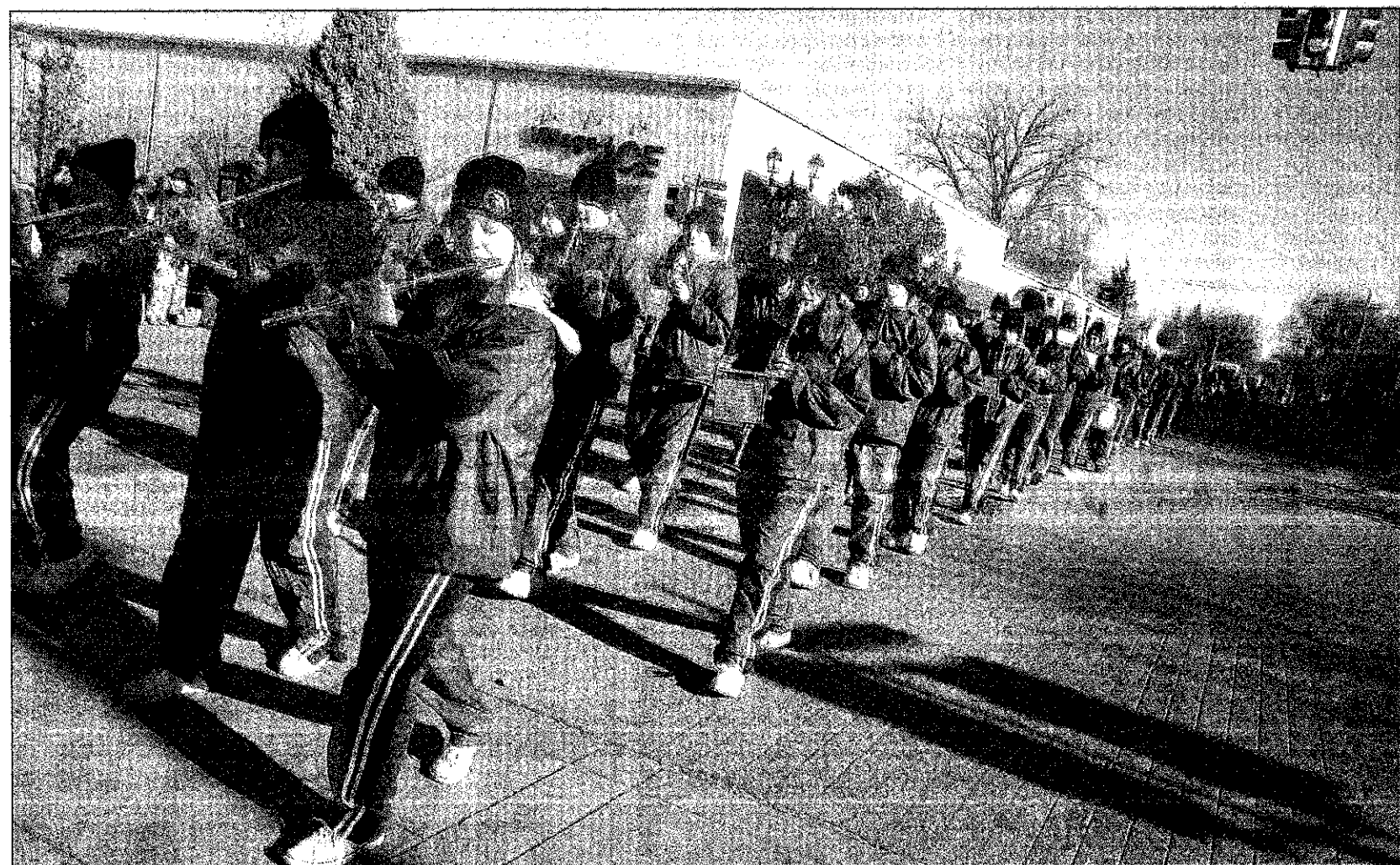


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Grosse Pointe North High School pep band created holiday sounds.



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City of Grosse Pointe in the  
the Santa Claus Parade last



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Ferry Elementary School's Brownie Troop 2911 took part in the parade which welcomed Santa Claus.

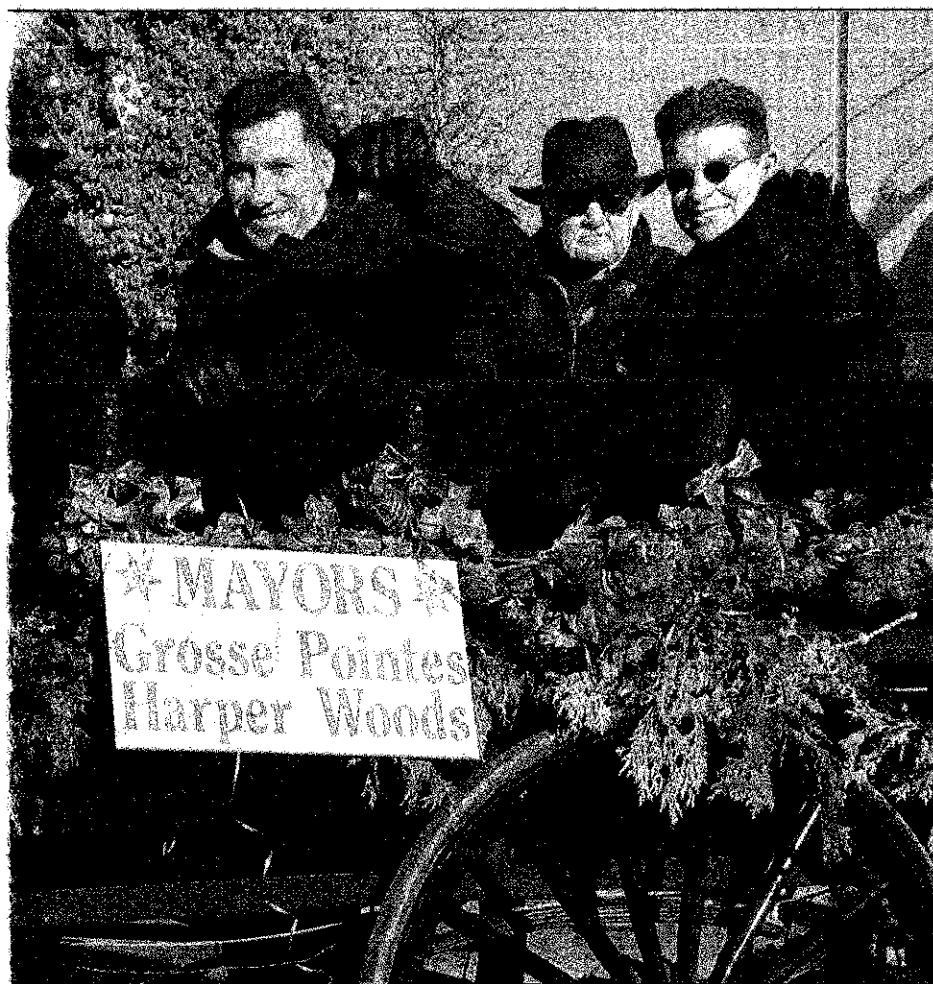


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parade to their agendas. Mayors, left to right, are Dale Scrase from the  
oynter from Harper Woods and Jim Cooper from Grosse Pointe Shores.



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The parade of holidays included a happy leprechaun.



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The Easter bunny made an appearance  
in the Santa Claus parade.



## 20A | AUTOMOTIVE

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2007 Jaguar XKR is powerful as always, but now sleeker with an aluminum body shell drawn taut across the chassis. It has power, control and comfort without an ounce of excess.

# '07 Jaguar XKR pounds performance



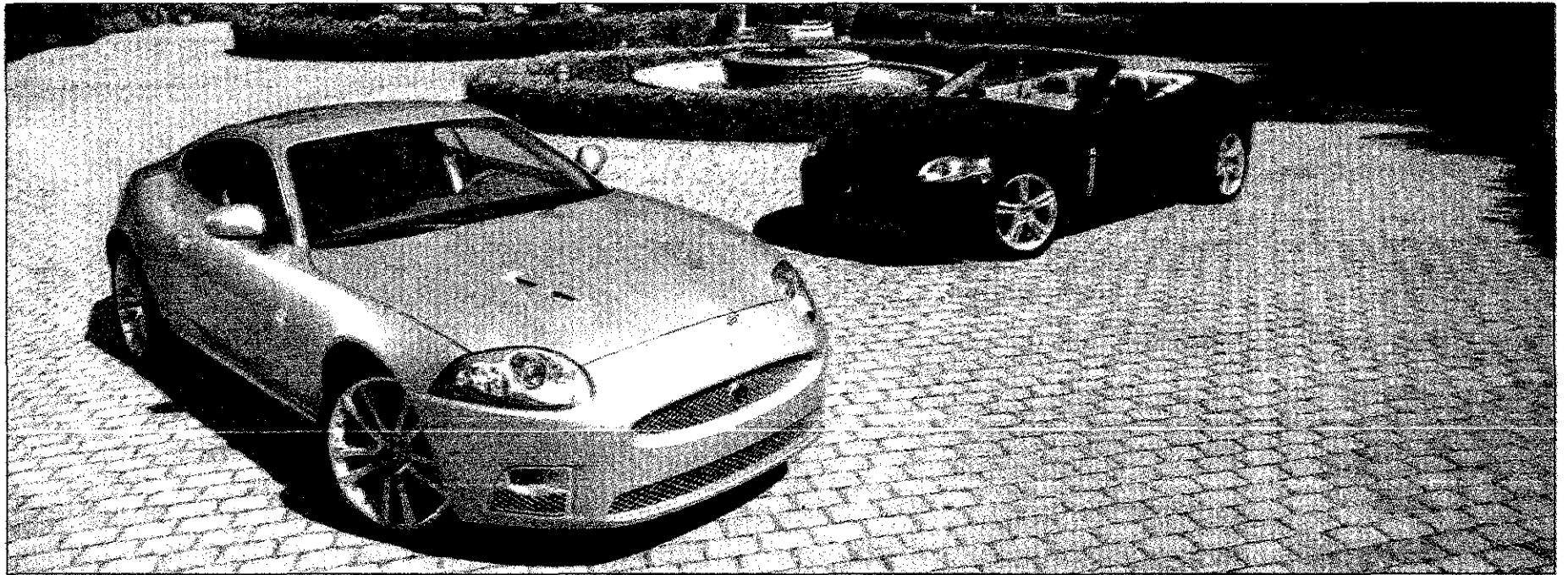
Jaguar's new XKR: A "Beauty And The Beast" story. Every now and then a car arrives that delivers in all areas based on a driver's personality. Such is the case this week as we test drive Jaguar's highly acclaimed 2007 XKR Coupe, which we dub "Beauty and the Beast" in a most complimentary manner — base price: \$85,835; price as tested: \$97,675.

Jaguar's XKR is a balanced, powerful, roadworthy vehicle that provides all aspects of high performance, then adds a special Jaguar elegance, design and comfort statement as a bonus. This is how we arrive at our "Beauty and The Beast" moniker.

Things haven't always been this way for Jaguar. Previous efforts were plagued with mechanical woes and below standard build quality that disallowed showroom competition against the likes of Porsche Carrera, Chevy Corvette or BMW M6 to name a few.

Then, along comes new parent — for the time being — Ford Motor Company with some needed cash infusions, and things slowly start coming together. Still, past generation XKR's were mediocre in comparison, but all that now changes for the better.

The new XKR is engineered and developed at the Whitley



2007 Jaguar XKR

Product Development Center in Coventry, England assembly is at Jaguar's state of the art Castle Bromwich plant in near-by Birmingham. There, some of the most advanced facilities in the car industry — including engineering, vehicle component development and safety testing — are merged to create this world-class car.

Weighing in at 3,814 pounds, which is a tad heavier than the previous model, XKR easily overcomes any weight additions, thanks to its all-aluminum 4.2-liter, 420 horse power supercharged V8. The supercharger enhances all power bands and there's 30 more horsepower available, thanks to additional induction tweaking and variable timing computer trickery.

Other than that, it's the same supercharged engine that deliv-

ered 390-horses in 2006.

This engine combo moves you forward in a real hurry, with zero to 60 arriving in just 4.9 seconds. On track, expect 12.9 quarter-mile times at 110-mph as power transmits via a responsive, six-speed automatic transmission with steering wheel paddle shifters — or just leave it in drive. Top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph, while 50 to 70 mph arrives in just 2.5 seconds.

Wonder what a six-speed manual would be like? Sorry, it's not available. Overall, consumers will enjoy a flawless combination of refined Grand Touring and a serious, sports car capable, driving experience.

As for fuel economy, XKR is capable of delivering the listed 17 city and 25 highway EPA, but when I returned the tester,

our week's average sat at only 11.6 miles per gallon overall on premium grade fuel because my right foot was a bit heavy all week long.

Which now brings us to XKR's "Beauty."

Tracing its heritage to the spectacular XKE roadsters and coupes that dotted our highways in the '60s and '70s, XKR today is an aluminum monocoque bodied structure that allows a true rear drive level of world-class performance. Yet, enhanced styling cues, among them a unique front bumper, aluminum-finish grille, hood louvers and ingenious aluminum-effect side power vents, categorically reinforce XKR's powerful design statement.

Available as a coupe or convertible, this Jag delivers all the attractions of the current XK line, while amplifying the "R" to

complement the extra power and performance.

Inside, be prepared to enjoy Jaguar's sport themed, roomy luxury. There's polished burl walnut veneer and XKR stitched sports seats with excellent side-to-side hold ability.

All the gauges and controls are tastefully done, while intuitive controls and driver focused technologies such as active front lighting find the headlights following steering input left to right.

We've been fortunate to drive Jaguar's XKE models back in the '60s and a host of other, modern Jaguars throughout the years. However, none have impressed us as much as the new XKR, where performance and class meet in a true "Beauty and The Beast" drama.

I wish I had more space to write about this huge win for

Jaguar, including its highly sophisticated safety, suspension and brake systems. At this point, I pass on these important numbers: 108.3-inch wheelbase, 18.8 gallon fuel tank, 3.9-inch ground clearance and 11 cubic feet of cargo space.

Additionally, our tester came with \$5,000 optional 20-inch Senta wheels, so I'm happy to report I didn't rub any concrete curbs. Additionally, XKR's rear "seats" are for small kids only.

Jaguar's new XKR receives a 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. We enjoyed it more than anything we've driven this year, hands down.

Likes: Looks, comfort, heritage, agility, brakes, did I say power?

Dislikes: Had to give it back to Jaguar.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated author and columnist.

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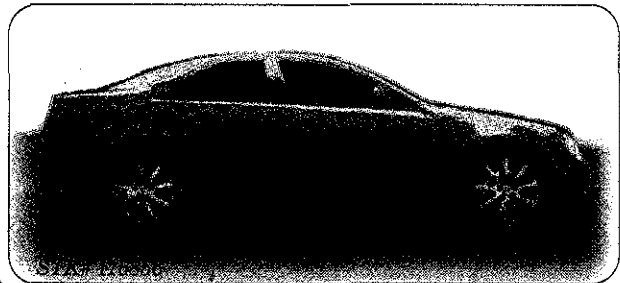
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## 22A | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2008 XC70 is Volvo's rugged SUV wagon that is redesigned with more aggressive styling. It's a capable off-road vehicle with a higher level of luxury.

# Volvo XC70 is elegant, safety-sensitive



For a safety lab on wheels, the 2008 Volvo XC70 cuts a very fine figure. Proud of its extensive safety research and latest safety technology, Volvo managed to package those important features in a sleek and distinctive line of vehicles.

Take the restyled 2008 XC70, for example. This solid, luxurious crossover vehicle — Volvo chooses to avoid the words "station wagon" — comes with a long list of standard safety and comfort features.

There's an even longer list of option packages, some of which comprise interesting newer safety and technology items.

For some \$37,000, plus delivery, you'll get a 3.2-liter, 235-horsepower in-line six-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed automatic or "geartronic" transmission that allows the driver to shift without a clutch — or not.

Fuel economy is a bit disappointing: 15 miles per gallon average for the city and 22 mpg out on the open road.

All-wheel drive with what Volvo calls Instant Traction and dynamic stability and traction control are standard safety features. So are side air curtains, side air bags for front seat passengers and Volvo's WHIPS — a whiplash protection system.



2008 Volvo XC70

Side impact protection employs new side air bags with two separate chambers: one for the hip section and one for the chest. The hip chamber inflates with greater pressure based on the fact that human hips can withstand greater force than the chest. The car body's safety beams add to passenger security.

But here are a couple more novel safety features. Volvo developed a system known as collision warning with brake support. It involves continuously monitoring the front of your Volvo XC70 with a radar sensor. If you are closing in on the rear of another vehicle,

while groping for the cinnamon bun that rolled onto the floor and not reacting to the fellow in front of you, a red warning light flashes on the windshield. Simultaneously, a warning buzzer sounds.

If you are still intent on saving that cinnamon bun, and do not begin braking, the Volvo's brake support system goes to work. The brakes are prepared for action by automatic application of the pads against the discs, Volvo says.

In addition, brake pressure is increased hydraulically, resulting in good braking effect even if you do not press particularly hard on the brake pedal

— or perhaps that's the new location of your cinnamon treat.

Adaptive cruise control employs the same technology and is available as another option on this 4,000-pound crossover.

To help drivers maintain better control, the new XC70 offers an optional Blind Spot Information System. Using cameras integrated into the door mirrors, the system registers whether another vehicle is in the blind spot offset to the rear. If there is a vehicle there, a light illuminates at the relevant mirror to alert the driver and increase his or her chance of making the appropriate de-

cision.

A family specific option is Volvo's new and exclusive height adjustable integrated booster cushion for young passengers.

Interested in keeping everyone — not just front-seaters — warm this winter? An \$875 climate package comprises heated front and rear seats, heated windshield washer nozzles, rainsensor windshield wipers and headlamp washers.

There is a \$2,995 premium package with auto-dimming rear view mirror with compass, a power glass moonroof, leather seating surfaces, power adjustable passenger seat

with lumbar support and more.

A convenience package includes front and rear park assist, a power tailgate and interior air quality system for \$1,195.

Loaded with option packages or ordered as the standard model, the 2008 Volvo XC70 should bring you all the comfort, safety and style you need.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Portable music

A 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing several music compact discs from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 4:56 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

Police said a store employee saw the man put a compact disc into a magazine he was reading in the magazine aisle. When questioning the man, the compact disc slipped out of the magazine.

When he was lead out of the store, several other compact discs he had concealed set off the store's alarm.

### Larceny from house

Police are investigating the theft of a television and VCR from the storage room of a house in the 500 block of Neff Lane was reported at 10:56 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

The electronics are valued at \$500.

### Drunken driving

A 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop at Jefferson and Cadieux at 2:47 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it drive over a curb while making a turn. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .22 on a breath test.

His vehicle was impounded.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Jeep stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a Jeep Cherokee parked in the 300 block of Kercheval reported at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

Police said the victim flagged them down after observing that the locked vehicle was missing.

### Traffic arrest

A 23-year-old Warren woman was arrested following a traffic stop behind a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 9:02 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

Police stopped the vehicle for having defective equipment. When the driver could not produce the necessary vehicle paperwork, she then gave police a false name. When she confessed to her true identity, a Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed she

## Snowbirds checklist

Michigan residents heading south for the winter are reminded to renew their driver's licenses and plates before leaving the state.

Plates for individually owned or leased cars, pickup trucks, vans and motorcycles can be renewed up to six months before the expiration date at a Secretary of State branch office.

To renew a driver's license early, residents need to bring their driver's license and glasses or contact lenses if needed to a branch office. They must also pass a vision screening before the renewal can be processed.

License plates can be renewed online, by touch-tone telephone, mail or at a Self-Service Station up to 45 days before the plates expire. Online, touch-tone telephone and Self-Service Station renewals require the use of a Personal Identification Number, which is printed on the renewal notice.

had a suspended driver's license. When searching the vehicle, police also found a stolen credit card.

Her vehicle was impounded.

### Nano nabbed

Police are investigating the theft of an iPod Nano from a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Williams reported at 11:54 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Police said the suspect(s) also destroyed the steering column and ignition to the vehicle.

### Tools taken

Police are investigating the theft of \$1,000 worth of power tools from a vehicle parked behind a restaurant at Mack and Moross reported at 3:42 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Police said the suspect(s) gained entry by breaking the vehicle rear window.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Stolen car recovered

At 11:48 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, a 20-year old female driving a stolen 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt was arrested following a traffic stop at the corner of Jefferson and Nottingham.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. A Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed the driver also had a suspended license.

The car was stolen from St. Clair Shores.

### Drugs found

At 2:18 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19 an 18-year-old female was arrested for narcotics possession following a traffic stop at the corner of Vernor and Three Mile.

A LEIN check revealed the driver also had a suspended license.

### Purse snatched

At 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, a female suspect wearing a tan jacket took a purse from a woman walking in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

The suspect fled into a nearby alley. The purse contained \$120 in cash.

Police are investigating.

### Keys helped thieves

Between 8 and 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 a black 1999 Jeep Cherokee parked in the 800 block of Balfour was stolen.

Police reported the owner left the keys under the floor mat. Officers are investigating.

### Carrying tools of the trade

At 12:07 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 police officers investigated a 35-year-old male walking in the middle of the street in the

vicinity of Vernor and Somerset.

The suspect attempted to flee from the scene but was apprehended and found to be in possession of burglary tools. He was arrested.

### Car theft

Sometime between 5 and 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 a 2000 Dodge Intrepid parked in a municipal parking lot at Mack and Somerset was stolen.

Police are investigating.

### Tools taken

Police are investigating the theft of a Porter cable saw and a leather tool belt from the bed of a pickup truck in the 1100 block of Lakepointe.

The theft occurred overnight on Saturday, Nov. 24.

### Equipment swiped

Sometime between Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25 a Craftsman lawn mower, Ryobi weed cutter and a vacuum were taken from a garage located in the 1100 block of Wayburn.

Police are investigating.

### Bikes stolen

Police are investigating the theft of two mountain bikes taken from an unlocked garage in the 1200 block of Lakepointe sometime between Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25.

### Van vanished

Police are investigating the theft of a 1991 Dodge Caravan parked in the alley in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

The incident occurred overnight on Sunday, Nov. 25.

### Purse snatcher caught

At 6:13 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, Police responded to a call that a purse had been stolen from a patron of a restaurant located in the 15000 block of Mack. Police received a description of a female suspect.

Approximately 30 minutes later, police observed a woman matching the description discarding the purse and entering a taxi cab at the corner of Wayburn and Kercheval.

The cab was stopped and the stolen property was recovered.

A 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Park female resident was arrested.

### Anniversary

Congratulations to Public Service Officer Thomas Gamichia who on Nov. 26 celebrated 11 years with the public safety department.

—Beth Quinn

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Car larceny

Police are investigating the theft of a stereo receiver and amplifier from a vehicle parked in a driveway of a house on Hampton reported at 1:24 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

Police said the suspect(s) gained entry by breaking the vehicle's passenger vent window.

Police collected cans left in the vehicle to dust for fingerprints.

### Drunken driving

A 58-year-old West Bloomfield woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Moross at 1:40 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman, who was non-cooperative at the scene and later at the police station, refused a breath test.

Her vehicle was impounded.

### Fugitive arrest

Police arrested a 33-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Vernier at 9:18 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding and tailgating. When the driver could not produce the necessary vehicle paperwork, a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on warrants and had a suspended driver's license.

His vehicle was impounded.

### Red means stop

A 27-year-old Warren man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 2:04 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it disregard a red light. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .21 on a breath test.

His vehicle was impounded.

—John Lundberg

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

## Pointe Woods

### False Identity

It wasn't meant to be a trick question when police stopped a motorist and asked his name during a routine traffic stop at Harper and Stanhope on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The driver, who did not have a driver's license, gave a false name to police. When questioned further, the driver revealed his real name and police discovered the 23-year-old was wanted on eight outstanding warrants; one from Grosse Pointe Woods and seven from Detroit.

He was taken into custody.

### Tools skipped school

Two workers notified police on Friday, Nov. 23 that some tools had been taken from the Cook School House in Ghesquiere Park. Missing were a drill, a saw and two battery packs.

### Still friends?

A routine traffic stop netted an arrest for both Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

Police stopped the driver of a 1993 Mercury for making an improper left turn on Harper near Allard on Sunday, Nov. 25 and discovered the 21-year-old driver could not produce a driver's license.

She was arrested for not having a valid Michigan operator's permit.

When the owner of the car, the driver's 22-year-old friend, came to pick up the car, it was discovered she was wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Harper Woods.

She was turned over to Harper Woods police.

### Minivan stolen

A 2003 Chrysler Town and Country minivan was stolen from the driveway of a home on Severn sometime in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 21.

The van contained a GPS, radar detector, cell phone and tools.

Police continue to investigate.

### Missing handgun

A Hampton resident called police after returning home at midnight on Sunday, Nov. 18 and finding his back door unlocked.

The homeowner reported a handgun and several small items missing.

—Kathy Ryan

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

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE OF REVIEW:** Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center - Lake Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

From 9:00 a.m. to noon. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review will convene for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact.

G.P.N.: 11/29/2007 & 12/06/07

Kathleen L. Paul  
City Assessor

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE POSITIONS

One vacancy on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of November 26, 2007, for the Harper Woods position (portion of the city that is in the Grosse Pointe School District). The position is for a term that will expire on June 30, 2010. Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or on the library's website at www.gp.lib.mi.us. (go to the section under Library Board).

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than December 31, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. Public interviews by the Harper Woods City Council will take place in January or February.

Submit applications to:

Secretary of Library Board  
Library Board of Trustees  
10 Kercheval  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant 2008 Programming Request.

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

2008 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding)	AMOUNT
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$42,600
SOC (Public Service)	\$11,400
Administration	\$6,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
SOC (Countywide Housing Rehabilitation)	\$30,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>

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

GPN: 11/29/2007

Julie E. Arthurs,  
City Clerk

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE**

**AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on December 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1996 Ford Taurus	1FALP52U8TG234880
1993 Ford Escort	3FAPP13J0PR177814
1996 Chrysler Concorde	2C3HD56T3TH256983
1996 Pontiac Bonneville	1G2HB22T2217255
1994 GMC 1500 Pickup	2GT1EC1923R1544062
1992 Chevrolet Camaro	1G1FP23TXNL151658
1985 Dodge Pickup	1B7FD14T6P8649923
1998 Plymouth Breeze	1P3EJ46C2WN144222
1989 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup	1G2C1416XZ225372
1985 Pontiac Parisienne	1G2BT69HFX239944
1995 Dodge Stratus	1B3EJ46XXSN614026
1997 Pontiac Grand Am	1G2N522M6VC863658
1992 Oldsmobile Royale	1G3HN53L5NH345105
1993 Chrysler Concorde	2C3EL56FPX240893
1994 GMC Jimmy	1GKDT13W0R0507089
1991 Toyota Celica	JT2ST85NOM0078795
1993 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup	1GCOS14A8P0106708
1997 Chrysler LHS	2C3HC56F3VH544499
1990 Mercury Marquis	2MECM74F5LX601742

(No record of title - sold thirty (30) days from notice)

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

POSTED: November 26, 2007  
PUBLISHED: November 29, 2007

**Sgt. Robert Bensinger**  
Traffic Safety Section

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 - 7:00 pm 17147 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

#### SECOND FLOOR OFFICE SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for a proposed professional office at 17000 Kercheval. Requested by Bob Cairns, on behalf of Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, LLC.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted Uses after Special Approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows for office uses 5,000 sq. ft. in area located on the 2nd floor in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

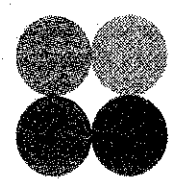
1. Project Type: Office use, approximately 7,618 sq. ft.
2. Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
3. Total Parcel Size: Approximately one (1) acre
4. The applicant is requesting special use approval for a professional office over 5,000 sq. ft. located at 17000 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at City Hall during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm, Telephone 313-885-5800.

GPN: 011/29/2007

Julie E. Arthurs,  
City Clerk





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# FEATURES

HEALTH

Good study habits pay off  
Homework doesn't have to  
become a power struggle PAGE 7B

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The famous **Budweiser Clydesdales** came in town days before their appearance in America's Thanksgiving Day parade and needed a place to bed down. The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club became their temporary home.

## Stable environment

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

How much do they weigh?  
How much do they eat?

The handlers of the Budweiser Clydesdales were asked those questions a lot last week, as horse lovers from far and wide drifted through the barn at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club where they were boarded prior to participating in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

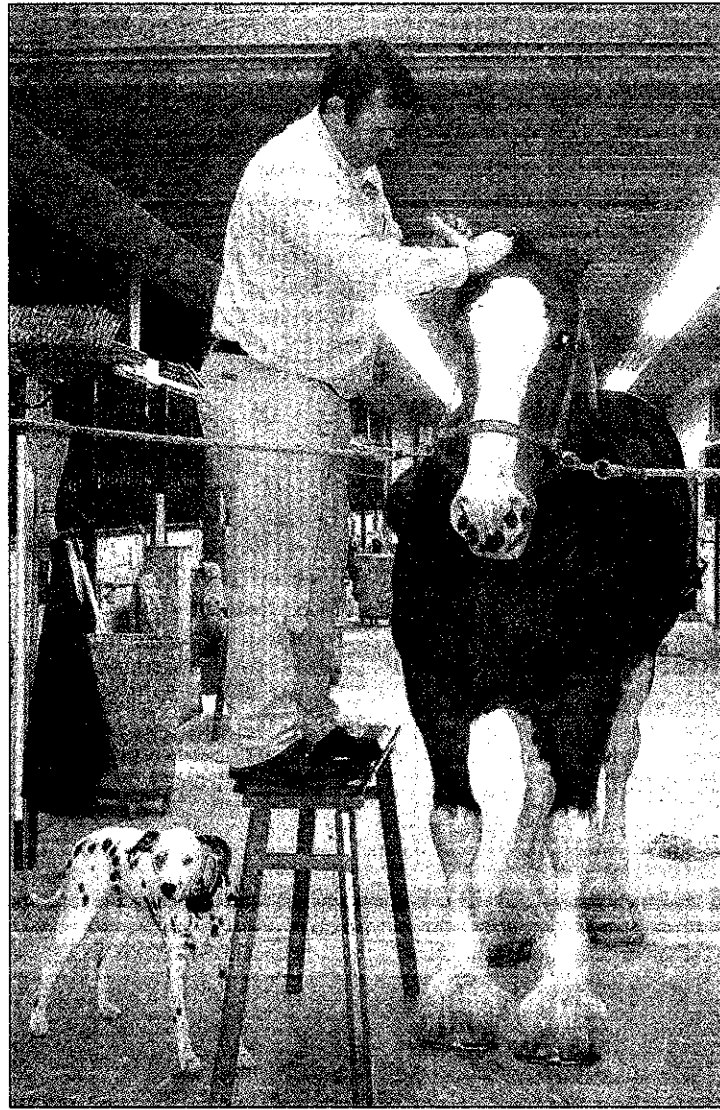
More than 1,500 people attended an open house the club held for the community on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and several more wandered in and out the rest of the week.

Ten Clydesdales and eight handlers arrived in Grosse Pointe Monday, Nov. 19. They traveled from Buffalo, NY where they had appeared at the New England Patriots-Buffalo Bills football game the previous night.

What an entrance they make. The team travels in three 50-foot tractor trailers which are almost impossible to miss. Massive graphics of the famous horses pulling the equally famous beer wagon are painted on the sides.

As the first truck hesitated before making the tight turn into the Hunt Club driveway, the driver pointed out each graphic costs \$45,000 (that's \$90,000 per truck), and if he scratched it, he'd face the wrath of the boss. He eventually made it in, the graphic still intact and the boss was happy.

The boss in this case is Hans



PHOTOS BY KATHY RYAN

**How do you trim the ear hairs of a Clydesdale? First, stand on a very tall stool. Then ask Buddy, the dog, if a spot was missed. At right, The horses were loaded for a trip to Howell on Nov. 23 where they participated in the Parade of Lights, following an Nov. 22 appearance in Detroit.**

Jager, a veteran handler and no-nonsense kind of fellow who keeps his horses and hu-

mans operating at peak efficiency. Within 45 minutes of arriving at the Hunt Club, the horses were unloaded and secure in their stalls and all the equipment and tack was stored. The team travels with just about everything needed, except for hay and stall bedding.

Also traveling along is Buddy, the traditional Dalmatian mascot. When he's not begging for pizza crust, the two-year-old can either be found sound asleep on a pile of hay or perched between the drivers in the front seat of the antique beer wagon.

The horses that were in Grosse Pointe make up what is



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**Buddy, the Dalmatian who rides on the on the truck pulled by the Clydesdales, catches a nap before show time. He wears a red coat just like his 18-hands tall friends.**

See HORSES, page 2B



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointers turned out to welcome and pet the famous Budweiser Clydesdales. The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club provided the facilities to house the horses prior to their appearance Thursday, Nov. 22, in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit.









PHOTOS COURTESY SOROPTIMIST CLUB

## Cornucopia of shopping

Above, the Grosse Pointe North High School Pointe Chorale, directed by Mandy Scott, with Ana Meda, Alyssa Scalvini, Nathan Masserang, Justin Wrubel, Evan Centala, Dana Grimm, Tim Lupo, Abi Eklund, Eric Cendrowski and Emily Theis, entertained the shoppers at the Cornucopia of Shopping. Some \$4,600 was raised which will support educational scholarships and grants for women of need.



The winner of a basket filled with items for a newborn was Cathy Rutledge. Her first grandchild is due in December. The basket was offered during Soroptimist International's Cornucopia of Shopping on Nov. 10.

## Alliance Francaise honors students

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe honored several students who excel in French at its Distribution des Prix.

At the request of the organization, French teachers submitted the names of the best students in each grade.

Made possible by the membership and board, the event has been organized for the past 20 years by board member Danielle DeFauw.

Past president Amal El-Hosni also assisted and helped distribute books to the recipients along with current board president, Brigitte D'Arpini.

Awards to undergraduate students at University of Michigan included Joshua Meadows, Natalie Boll, Ayamasaki, Marie Katherine Neilson, Tori Jovanovski and Laura Mlynare; from Grosse Pointe South: Joseph Simon, Brigid Klick, Linnea Jimison and Eva Dou; from Grosse

Pointe North: Catherine LHeureux, Emily Biegas, Katie D'Hondt, Christina Costakis and Allison Everett; Regina High School: Paige Szymanski, Mary Valenti, Kelsey Meier, Shaina Simpson, Erica Podsiadly and Tequion Brookins; De La Salle High School: Adam Broski, Jared Combs, Anthony Ballor and John Paddock.

The Alliance Francaise also awards scholarships to graduating students. This year's scholarship recipients were Andrew LaLonde of ULS, Ellen Chamberlin of South, Elizabeth Granger of North, Anna Maria Paruk of Regina and Samuel Lamerato of De La Salle.

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe offers a program of educational and cultural activities throughout the year. For event and membership information, afgrossepointe.org.



PHOTO COURTESY LOUISA ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Somewhere in Time

Carol Pokladek of Grosse Pointe Woods, a Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution chapter historian, and her mother, Barbara Doerr, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, attended a Somewhere in Time Weekend at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island Oct. 25 through 28. The duo attended a costume promenade wearing vintage clothing from the early 1900s. Doerr wore her mother's 1924 wedding dress and Pokladek wore her great-grandmother's silk skirt from 1898. They also took a carriage ride tour of the island. Doerr visited the Grand Hotel when she was 17 and again 50 years later for the dedication of the Mackinac Bridge. For more information about the Daughters of the American Revolution, contact chapter regent Susie Scheiwe at (313) 881-3367 or e-mail sscheiwegp@sbcglobal.net.

## Veterans Day noted with a parade of flags

Elaine Griffith of Grosse Pointe Woods made good use of a handheld flag she received at a Veterans Day parade of flags ceremony.

The Louisa St. Clair Daughters of the American Revolution Grosse Pointe Chapter member placed her flag at foot of a tree in Lakeshore Park in memory of her husband, Myles.

Griffith received the flag after attending the ceremony with other chapter members and members of the John Paul Jones Society Children of the American Revolution.

After the Cathedral of St.

Paul service, members distributed small hand-held flags to attendees.

Myles Griffith, a World War II veteran, served in Okinawa and other South Pacific areas. The Griffiths settled in the Woods in 1946 where they raised four children, who worked in the park. Myles enjoyed fishing and kept his boat in the marina there. The family decided a tree at the park would be a living memorial to him.

Memorial and honorary trees may be purchased from the city, which plants them and provides a plaque at the base of each tree stating its designation.



PHOTO COURTESY LOUISA ST. CLAIR CHAPTER DAR

Elaine Griffith honored her late husband, a World War II veteran, with a tree and an American flag.



## Holiday cards

The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders offers 19 designs of holiday cards. A box of 25 cards sells for \$15. Funds from card sales go toward brain disorders research. The artwork is done by artists whose lives have shared the common bond of mental illness. For more information or place an order, call Carol Scripps at (313) 881-5429.

## Grosse Pointe residents in parade

While others kept their eyes on the TV and the Thanksgiving turkey, Pam Yanis of Grosse Pointe Woods was leading Uncle Sam down the streets of Detroit.

Francine Pegues of Grosse Pointe Park was there too, clowning around with the Distinguished Clown Corps.

Yanis was one of 25 Detroit area Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network employees guiding the giant balloon of a drum-playing Uncle Sam sponsored by the Michigan Blues.

Michigan Blues employee volunteers and Parade Company handlers dressed in matching Uncle Sam uniforms lead Uncle Sam, one of the parade's two tallest balloons, measuring 45 feet high and filled with 3,500 cubic feet of helium.

Pegues, a Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan consultant, joined Greg Anderson, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president of corporate and financial investigations and David Nelson, Blue Care Network of Michigan senior vice president and chief actuarial officer in the clowning duties.



## Lions award

John P. Moran was given the President's award for years leading the Grosse Pointe Lions Club for three years. The award was presented by the current Lions Club president, William Hollister.

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## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, December 1st, 2007  
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21900 East 9 Mile Rd.  
St. Clair Shores  
between Harper & Mack

### ADMISSION

\$2.00 Per Person  
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## 4B | CHURCHES

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## LTA

"The Nativity Story," will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

This is a recently released, family film of hope and discov-

ery, anchored in a young woman's faith and her husband's support.

The story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Christ is portrayed, featuring acceptance, perseverance and con-

vergence of unconnected party in turbulent times.

Lay Theological Academy board member and former president, Doris Brucker leads the discussion during "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies." The cost is \$5.

## St. Michael's

The Madonna University Chorale will perform a Christmas concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The 62-member group will perform selections from "The St. Nicholas Mass" by Franz Joseph Haydn; Christmas motets including "In Dulci Jubilo," by Heinrich Schütz; and "Noel We Sing" by William Matthias.

In recent years the chorale has toured Ireland and France and has sung at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. David Wagner, Madonna professor of music and morning host and program director of WRCJ-FM, the classical music and jazz station in Detroit, directs the group.

The concert is free and a free will offering in support of the chorale will be accepted.

For information call (313) 884-4820.

## Gifts and Greens

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 66 Grosse Pointe, holds its annual Gifts and Greens Sale on three days — Friday, Nov. 30, Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2.

Holiday shoppers can find unusual handmade items and locally grown greens and Christmas trees.

Friday, Nov. 30 is a fundraising preview party; tickets are \$35.

The sale features a silent auction, live holiday music and home-baked goods.

All proceeds will benefit two rebuilding efforts — Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners and the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana's Rebuild New Orleans.

The schedule is as follows:

## Preview party

7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30

## Gifts sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2

## Tree lot sales

6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2

For more information call Jean Redfield or Paula Labadie at (313) 885-4841.

## Houses of worship tour

There's still time to catch the bus for the Detroit Historical Society's final Historic Houses of Worship Tour of 2007.

The Monday, Dec. 3 tour features Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Mariners' Independent Anglican Church, Christ Church Episcopal, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Several organ performances will also be featured throughout the day.

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1854 with only 45 members. After merging with the Bethany Presbyterian Church in 1924, the two parishes began work on their current building. This English Gothic-inspired building boasts Christian symbols in its stained glass windows and wood carvings.

The Mariners' Independent Anglican Church, also known as the Maritime Sailors' Cathedral, was founded in 1842 to serve the needs of the maritime community. Located on East Jefferson, this gothic cathedral features a model ship near the altar and the words from the sailor's hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" in two of the stained glass windows.

Christ Church Episcopal, also located on East Jefferson, was founded in 1845 by a

group originally from St. Paul's Church, now known as St. Paul's Cathedral. The church began in a small wooden building. Reflecting its prominent founding members, the church boasts two Tiffany-designed stained glass windows.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, which sits on East Monroe at St. Antoine, was founded in 1834 to accommodate the spiritual needs of Detroit's German speaking Catholics.

Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1833 and became Detroit's first English-speaking Catholic parish. While in its first building, the church served as a hospital during the cholera epidemic of 1834. The building was moved to Sixth and Porter in 1849 and the current building was finished in 1866.

Each tour leaves the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot (Kirby at Woodward) at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The price, which includes the guided tour, bus transportation and lunch at one of the churches, is \$30 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$35 for non-members. Telephone reservations can be accepted with Visa or MasterCard Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold on the date of the tour.

For reservations or more information, call (313) 833-7935 or visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org).



## Tree walk

Each Thursday in December the Christmas Decorations Committee at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts a Christmas Tree Walk spotlighting the more than 25 Christmas trees and other decorations throughout the complex. The event ends with a festive tea. The tour begins at 2 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$5 payable at the door. For reservations, call (313) 884-5040. The event is chaired by Waynette Hostetler of Sterling Heights.

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**THURSDAY**  
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

**Confession/Reconciliation**  
Individual Confessions  
Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Advent Penance Services**  
with Individual Absolution  
Tuesday, December 18, 2007  
11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve**  
Monday, December 24, 2007  
4:00 p.m., Organ and Instruments  
6:00 p.m., Children's Pageant  
12:00 Midnight, Liturgical Choir  
(Caroling beings at 11:30 p.m.)

**Christmas Day**  
Tuesday, December 25, 2007  
9:00 a.m., Contemporary Music Group  
11:00 a.m., Liturgical Choir

**New Year's Eve**  
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God  
Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day**  
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

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11:00 am - Traditional Worship

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Scott Beaman, Youth Pastor  
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Randy S. Boelter, Pastor

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

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881-6670

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Education Hour  
11:15 a.m. Worship

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Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor

## GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

December 2, 2007

10:30 Service:  
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Rev. John Corrado

17150 MAUMEE  
881-0420

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## Saint Ambrose Parish

Saturday Vigil Mass  
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Sunday Masses  
at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church  
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# WEDDINGS

## Brown - Gleason

Shelby Lynne Brown, the daughter of Dr. Patrick and Peggy Brown of Lewisburg, W. Va., and Dr. John Douglas Gleason, the son of Dr. Michael and Janet Gleason of Grosse Pointe Woods, were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church in Lewisburg, W. Va.

The Rev. Joseph Kenaston officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by cocktails, dinner and dancing at the Cameo Ballroom of The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

The bride wore an ivory silk orchidea, strapless dress with a natural waist and full seamed skirt with a silk taffeta sash and covered buttons. The cathedral length ivory veil was alencon lace.

She carried a bouquet of freesia tied with lace from her mother's wedding gown.

Dr. Hilary Knapp of Portland, Ore. was the maid of honor.

Attendants were Kristen Ball of Austin, Texas; Dr. Anne Maliszewski of Ann Arbor and Maevie and Meghan Gleason of Grosse Pointe Woods. They wore knee-length brown satin and chiffon combos and carried antique hydrangea blossoms.

Madeline and Ella Jordan, the bride's cousins, served as flower girls.

Andrew Khurana of Sterling Heights was the best man.

Groomsmen were Dr. Patrick Alexander Brown of Morgantown, W. Va., Shane Ray of Ann Arbor, Dr. David Dudziniski of Boston, Mass. and Dr. Alex Kutikov of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Kim Mills of Columbus, Ohio and Billy and Christie McCartney of Houston, Texas were the scripture readers and lead the prayers during the ceremony.

Lisa Leventhal of Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. Kara Orwig of Huntington and Rachel Ross of Boston served as hostesses.

Memorial donations were made in honor of the couple's late grandparents.

Friends of the bride's family, Nancy Bulla and Tim Holbrook served as soloists and Lori Evans was the organist.

The bride is a graduate of University of Michigan, earning a Master of Public Health degree in health management and policy. She worked for U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV in both his Washington, D.C. and Charleston, W. Va. offices. She is the manager of Safety Net Services at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

The groom graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from Boston College, where he was recognized as a Scholar of the College. He earned a medical degree from Harvard medical School — Harvard/MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology in Boston and is completing his radiology residency at the University of Michigan.

The couple honeymooned at The Cloister in Sea Island, Ga. They live in Ann Arbor.

## Bernat - Lytle

Michelle Ann Bernat, daughter of Albert and Janet Bernat of Rochester Hills, married Thomas Crain Lytle, son of Carol Lytle of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Robert A. Lytle on Aug. 11, 2007, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. Peter J. M. Henry officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Laura Winn Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., served as her friend's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Kristen Bernat, the bride's sister-in-law, of Royal Oak; Courtney Lytle, the groom's sister of Denver, Colo.; and Alicia

Szczepanski, a friend from Coral Springs, Fla.

Elizabeth and Katherine Kemp of Birmingham were flower girls. They are the bride's cousin's daughters.

Jay Robert Lytle of Grosse Pointe Farms served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were Graegar Smith, a friend from Chicago; Al Bernat, the bride's brother from Royal Oak; and Larry Drummy, a friend from Dayton, Ohio.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Duke University and Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and Bora Bora.

They live in Birmingham.

## Cornillie - Lee

Mary Irene Cornillie, daughter of Bernard H. and Irene M. Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Christopher Jack Lee, son of Doreen Lee of Grosse Pointe Woods and Dr. Christopher Lee of Grosse Pointe, on Sept. 22, 2007, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

Monsignor Ricardo E. Bass officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony which was followed by cocktails on the east lawn and a dinner reception in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory strapless A-line gown with an overlay of banded silk organza and silk tissue organza with a double row of covered buttons down the center back of the gown to the train. Her fingertip veil was finished with ivory satin edging and she carried a bouquet of vandella cream roses with ruscus around the edges.

Susan Hitch of Grosse Pointe Woods, the bride's sister, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Kelly Flemion of Beverly Hills, Sarah Corless of Minneapolis, Minn., Alexis Cardoza of Detroit, the groom's three sisters; and Dana Moir of Grosse Pointe, Darcy DeSmyter of New York City and Catherine Lee of Boulder, Colo.

Attendants wore midnight blue strapless modified A-line, tea length dresses with a scalloped hemline and dyed to match grosgrain ribbon. Each carried a bouquet of vandella cream roses with ruscus around the edges.

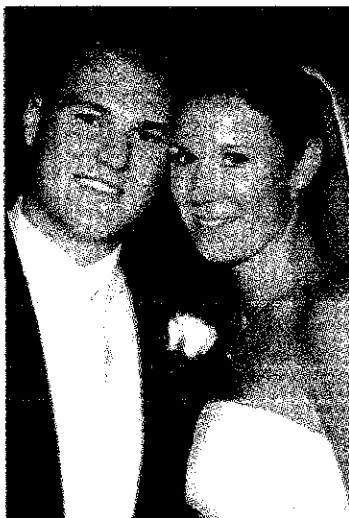
The best man was Bradley Balesky from Berkley. Groomsmen were Michael O'Sullivan of Jamaica Plain, N.Y., Joshua Horwitz of Grosse Pointe Farms, the groom's brothers; David DeSmyter of DeWitt, and Darren DeSmyter of Grosse Pointe Farms; and the bride's brothers Stephen and Brian Cornillie, both of East Lansing.

The mother of the bride wore a sleeveless, long black and white gown with a cowl collar draping into a midriff waistline with black lace overlay and skirt of black satin. She wore a wrist corsage of white sweetheart roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor length, off-the-shoulder black sheered gown with black beading down the side. Her wrist corsage was also made up of white sweetheart roses.

Scripture readers were Brian Hitch, the bride's brother-in-law; Bill Lee, the groom's uncle, and Jane Schmidt, the brides aunt. The organist was Thomas Kean and the soloist was Delores Basile.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Science degree in accounting from Michigan State University. She is a CPA with Valassis Communications in Livonia. The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Jack Lee

criminal justice from Michigan State University. He is a public safety officer with the City of Grosse Pointe.

The couple lives in Berkley.

## Soldan - Ray

Kathryn Amanda Soldan, daughter of Thomas and Mary Soldan of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Roy Steven Ray, son of Patty Ann Davis of Monroe and the late Paul Ray on June 2, 2006, at St. Paul's on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the Fries Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a strapless ivory silk dress, hand embroidered with crystals and pearls. It had a semi cathedral length train. She wore a Swarovski crystal tiara, a Swarovski crystal necklace and bracelet and diamond earrings. Her bouquet was made up of lavender roses, lilies and purple stock.

Sandra Taylor of Canton was the maid of honor and Beth Cech of Schaumburg, Ill., was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Katie VanLeeuwen of Canton, the groom's sister Heather Laboe, of Monroe, Stephanie Williams of Plymouth and Dr. Colleen Bryzik of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants wore full-length ivory accented lavender strapless dresses. Their bouquets were lavender roses with lilies and purple stock.

The bride's cousins, Leah and Noelle Schebil of Royal Oak, served as flower girls.

Best men were Brent VanLeeuwen of Canton and the groom's cousin, Joel Vanover of Milford, Ohio.

Groomsmen were Steve Worona of Canton, Shaun Holland of Westland, the groom's brother-in-law, Dr. Anthony Laboe of Monroe, and Josh Orintas of Breckenridge, Colo.

Ushers were the bride's brother, Ron Soldan of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., the bride's cousin, Andrew Hegler of Harrison Township, Jason Rapp and Chad Haurani, both of Grosse Pointe.

The bride's mother wore a tea-length beaded eggplant dress with spaghetti straps and a matching wrap. Her wrist corsage was made up of cymbidium orchids.

The groom's mother wore a two-piece gold silk suit. Her wrist corsage was cymbidium orchids.

Lawrence Przybysz was the organist and Halina Olzark was the soloist.

Thomas Soldan, Debbie Vanover and Claudia Mattingly-Simms were the readers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Business at Michigan State University. She is a project manager consultant with AliPro in Peoria, Ill.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in management information systems from Central Michigan University and is a project manager/information systems consultant with AliPro in Peoria, Ill.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They live in Dunlap, Ill.

## Wasilewski-Bissig

Kendra Blessing Wasilewski, daughter of Michael and Rose Wasilewski of Ferndale, mar-



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robert Lytle



Mr. and Mrs. Michael James Bissig

ried Micheal James Bissig, son of Frank and Patricia Bissig of Grosse Pointe Farms on Aug. 25, 2007, at St. Paul on the Lake.

The Revs. John Kiselica and Michael O'Mire officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Mac & Ray's Harbor Grand Ballroom.

The bride wore a self-designed lace strapless two-piece dress with a sweetheart neckline and sash through the waist. She carried a bouquet of white and ivory roses, white cymbidium orchids and lime green berries.

Melanie Ferow of Oak Park, served as her sister's matron of honor.

Megan Smith of Corunna was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mindy O'Mire of Troy, Roxanne Najor of Troy, Tracy Leshau of Dearborn, and the bride's godmother, Laura Vendt, of Shelby Township.

The bride's niece, Grace Ferow of Oak Park, was the flower girl.

Attendants wore black satin strapless duchess-style dresses. They carried bouquets of fuchsia roses and lime green cymbidium orchids.

The groom's brother, Christopher Bissig of Grosse Pointe Farms, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Charles Baker of Grosse Pointe Shores, Dave Kowalski of City of Grosse Pointe, Dominick Brookes of Lodi, Calif., Doug Smith of Ann Arbor and Matthew Brown of Midland.

The bride's mother wore an iridescent chocolate brown dress with a corsage of fuchsia spray roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length black dress with fuchsia spray roses.

Stacy Mason of Farmington Hills was the soloist.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in hospitality business from Michigan State University in 2006 and is director of sales and events at Greenworks by Shane Floral, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 2004. He is a contract specialist with the Department of Defense at Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

They honeymooned in Oahu and Maui, Hawaii.

They live in Alexandria, Vir.

## Domann - Lytle

Elizabeth Kate Domann, daughter of David and Libby Domann of Doylestown, Penn., was married to Jay Robert Lytle, son of Carol Lytle of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Robert A. Lytle, Sept. 22, 2007, at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The Rev. Peter C. Smith officiated at the 4:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the Charlevoix Country Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steven Ray



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Edward Mannino

The bride wore a raw silk strapless dress and carried a bouquet of apricot colored roses.

Anne Domann, the bride's sister from Kansas City, Mo., was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Courtney Lytle, the groom's sister from Denver, Colo.; Jenna Menard, a friend from New York City; Mary Cichocky, the bride's friend from Ann Arbor; and Lauren Royall Mathe, a college friend from Edmond, Okla.

Attendants wore chocolate brown strapless gown and carried bouquets of white lilies.

Thomas Lyle, the groom's brother from Ann Arbor, and Graegar Smith, a childhood friend from Chicago, Ill., served as best men.

Groomsmen were John Domann, the bride's brother from Doylestown, Penn. and Jason Marks, a college friend from Houston, Texas. Ushers were Chris Habrowski, a high school friend from Chicago, Ill. and Miguel Piecuch, a high school friend from Grosse Pointe Park and Larry Drummy, a college friend from Oakwood, Ohio.

Grant and Turner Domann of Seattle, Wash., the bride's cousins were the ringbearers. Michelle Lytle, the bride's sister-in-law, and Sara Ryan, the bride's aunt, served as readers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration/human resources.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and is practice manager with Urban Science.

The couple took a wedding trip to Hawaii.

They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Cherf - Mannino

Leah Morgan Cherf, daughter of Ron and Ida Cherf of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Matthew Edward Mannino, son of Ed and Kathie Mannino



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crain Lytle



Dr. and Mrs. John Douglas Gleason

of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Oct. 13, 2007, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Carl Bonk officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit.

The bride wore a custom-made princess cut dress with Chantilly lace. Her bouquet was made up of yellow roses and orange daisies.

Suzanne Jabara of St. Clair Shores served as her friend's maid of honor.

Attendants were Laura Pylar, a friend from Grosse Pointe Woods and Laura Mlynarek, a cousin from Chesterfield Township.

They wore knee-length, strapless dresses in chocolate brown and iridescent blue. They carried nosegays of white roses, blue hydrangeas and coffee beans.

Meggie Demkowicz of Grosse Pointe was the flower girl.

Anthony Tocco of St. Clair Shores served as his friend's best man.

The groom's brothers, Philip and Steven Mannino and the bride's brother, Chad Cherf were groomsmen.

The bride's mother wore an ice blue three piece suit with a brocade jacket.

The groom's mother wore a chocolate brown beaded tea-length dress. Each carried a nosegay of white roses and coffee beans.

Scripture readers were the groom's aunt, Cynthia Carron, and the bride's godmother, Bernice Nuyts.

The bride earned a degree from Oakland University and is a teacher.

The groom is the owner of Tocco Mannino Landscape in Grosse Pointe.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

They live in St. Clair Shores.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Kathleen Francis Carmody**, a Dartmouth College student in the class of 2009 and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, studied English in Glasgow during the Fall 2007 term as part of the college's foreign study program.

Carmody is the daughter of William J. Carmody and Debra G. Halsey.

**Catherine F. Killian**, daughter of Tom and Nikki Killian of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College's College of Arts and Sciences.

**George Maghielse**, son of George and Robin Maghielse of Grosse Pointe Park, earned

an alumni scholarship to Denison University. He is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Cooper Watkins**, son of Patrick Watkins and Monique Stacey-Watkins of Harper Woods, has been accepted by the University of Northwestern Ohio to begin classes in January. He will be majoring in automotive diesel. Watkins attends Grosse Pointe North High School.

**Vicki Weiss** of Grosse Pointe, who is pursuing a sociology major at DePaul University, was named to the college's Dean's List for the 2007 spring quarter.



# ENGAGEMENTS

## Booth - Shahid

Mr. and Mrs. John Lord Booth II of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte-Louise Brewster Booth to Kameron Robert Shahid, son of Dr. and Mrs. Javed Shahid of Ridgefield, Conn. A fall wedding is planned.

Booth graduated from The Hotchkiss School and earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She teaches at Park Prep Academy in Jersey City, N.J. She is a member of the Sigma Gamma Association in Detroit.

Her father is the retired president of Booth American Company in Detroit.

Booth is the granddaughter of the late C. Brewster Chapman of Washington, D.C., who served as the assistant Solicitor of the Territories in the U.S. Interior Department and as Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Pres. Ronald Reagan; and of John Lord Booth Sr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, who was a pioneer in radio and cable television broadcasting in the United States. She is a direct descendant of the Elder William Brewster and John Alden.

Shahid graduated from The Hotchkiss School, Williams College and St. George's University School of Medicine. He is completing his clinical training at Jersey City Medical Center Hospital.

Shahid's father is chief of neurosurgery at Norwalk and Danbury Hospitals and medical director of the Spine Center at Danbury Hospital. Shahid's mother is a psychiatric nurse in the Norwalk Hospital emergency room and in private practice.

## Radgowski - Field

Lawrence and Laura Radgowski of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Kathleen Radgowski to Erik Brandon Field, son of William and Susan Field of Sterling Heights. A May wedding is planned.

Radgowski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and religious studies from Albion College and a Master of Science in basic medical science from Wayne State University.

She is an environmental technician at JHP

Pharmaceuticals in Rochester.

Field earned an associate degree in high performance automotive technology from the University of Northwestern Ohio and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology. He is a product development engineer with Emhart Teknologies in Chesterfield Township.

## Rossmann-Hoerauf

Mrs. Terrance Rossmann of Brighton, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Paulette L. Rossmann, to Robert H. Hoerauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randell Hoerauf of Shelby Township. An August wedding is planned.

The bride is the daughter of the late Terrance Rossmann.

Rossmann earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering. She is enrolled in a Master of Business Administration degree program at the University of Michigan and is an engineer with Link Engineering.

Hoerauf earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering management from Western Michigan University. He is an engineer with Jyco Sealing Technologies.

## Brunton - Bartoletti

Colleen Brunton and James Bartoletti of Grosse Pointe have announced their engagement.

Brunton is the daughter of William and Maureen Brunton of Warren.

Bartoletti is the son of Joseph and Angeline Bartoletti of St. Clair Shores.

## Kotwick - Allen

Cheryl and Michael Kotwick of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Claire Marie Kotwick from Chicago, Ill., to Joshua Garrott Allen from Chicago, Ill., son of Annette and Garry Allen of Sturgis. An October wedding is being planned.

Kotwick earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and psychology from the University of Michigan. She is a global operations analyst with Citadel Investment Group in Chicago.

Allen earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University in Chicago. He is a P/L analyst in credit derivatives at Bank of American Securities in Chicago.

## Biondo - Staniszewski

John and Marie Biondo of Fraser have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dana Biondo, to John Staniszewski Jr., son of John and Paul Staniszewski of Grosse Pointe Farms. A December wedding is planned.

Biondo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics management from Albion College and a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University. She is with IBM as a dealer support program manager.

Staniszewski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics management from Albion College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. He is a senior consultant with IBM Global Business Services.

## Pozniak - Dondero

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pozniak of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dana Lynn Pozniak, to Drew Phillip Dondero, son of Barbara Dondero of Royal Oak and Phillip Dondero of St. Clair Shores. An October wedding is planned.

Pozniak earned a Bachelor of Science degree in allied professions from the University of Dayton.

After teaching special education for several years, she is with the Cold Heading Company of Warren as account manager.

Dondero earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He is vice president of the Cold Heading Company.

## Anderson - Jaeger

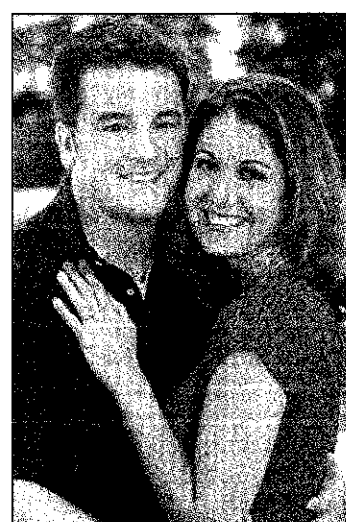
Robert and Jayna Anderson of Elyria, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Anderson, to Donald Jaeger, son of Donald and Diana Jaeger of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is



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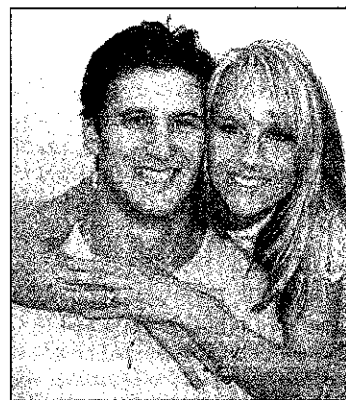
Dana Biondo and John Staniszewski Jr.



Stacie E. Hiller and Frank R. Bruneel II



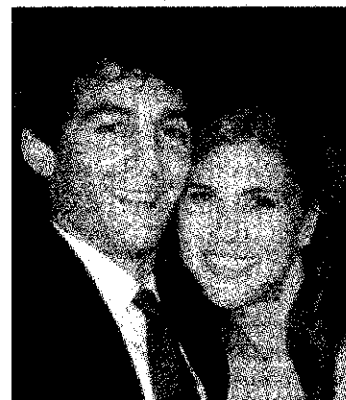
Amy Kathleen Radgowski and Erik Brandon Field



Katherine Anderson and Donald Jaeger



Rebecca L. Turner and Adam S. Werder



Joshua Garrott Allen and Claire Marie Kotwick

planned. Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Ohio University. She is an elementary teacher at St. Isaac Jogues School.

Jaeger earned a bachelor's degree in marketing with a sports administration and athletic coaching minor from Fredonia State University.

He is co-owner of Next Level Health and Fitness.

to Frank R. Bruneel II, son of Frank and GERALYN Bruneel of Chesterfield Township. A February wedding is planned.

Hiller earned a Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University. She is a social worker for C.A.R.E.

Bruneel earned a Master of Science degree from Oakland University in electrical and computer engineering. He is with General Dynamics Land System.



James Bartoletti and Colleen Brunton

A May wedding is planned.

Turner earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and is a trainer with Ferndale Laboratories.

Werder earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and is in marketing with Warrior Sports.

## Hiller - Bruneel

Debra Pierce-Hiller of Warren and David Hiller of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stacie E. Hiller,

## Turner - Werder

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Turner of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca L. Turner, to Adam S. Werder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Werder of Birmingham.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

# Homework struggles can be overcome

**Q.** Why is it such a struggle to get some children to do homework?

**A.** You are not alone in your struggles. Parents often report tremendous power struggles over school assignments.

According to Mary McKheen, a therapist at The Children's Home of Detroit, some parents say when they try to force their children to study; they find them staring, doodling, getting up for water or simply not doing their assignments. Homework can be a potentially frustrating experience. However, it can also be a way to develop character growth, responsibility and self

discipline.

Regarding schoolwork/homework, kids fall on a continuum — from one extreme to the other.

On one end are students who by nature are organized and detail oriented. They like classroom challenges, take school seriously and recognize the importance of getting good grades. To do poorly on a test may depress them for days. Parents of these children rarely have to monitor their progress to keep them on task.

At the other end are children who are disorganized and have an aversion to school work. They would rather play and have trouble concentrating for

any extended period of time. Getting them to complete homework assignments often feels like pulling teeth which causes frustration for both the child and the parent. Kids that suffer from Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) typically fall in this end of the continuum.

While kids that struggle with homework issues are challenging, there are practical things parents can do to help them succeed, including the following:

- ◆ Create a homework schedule. Some children do better completing their homework as soon as they get home from

school. Others need time to unwind and get rid of pent-up energy. Evaluate what works best for your child and family and try to follow the same routine every day.

- ◆ Organize a homework area. Choose a quiet area with low traffic and few distractions. Be sure to provide a desk with a comfortable chair and needed school supplies. Keep the noise level down nearby.

- ◆ Provide direction, but don't do the work for your child. Some kids say, "I don't get it" even before they've read the directions. Rather than reading them yourself and explaining them, ask your child to read the directions aloud to you.

This strategy enables children to hear the directions, which is often all that's needed to make the assignment clear. Many children do need help with homework, but it is important to help in ways that will lead to independence and being a more confident learner.

- ◆ Support your child's homework time. Provide healthy snacks during or after lessons, including fruits, veggies, nuts or cereal bars, along with milk or a fruit drink. Tell them homework will reinforce what they have learned or are learning and never say homework is a waste of time or not important.

- ◆ Goals and rewards can be

effective. Promises of a special privilege after homework is satisfactorily completed can be a powerful motivator. Use a chart to list goals and track positive homework behaviors and/or grades then reward your child's efforts. Goals should be realistic and rewards need not be expensive (e.g. an extra half hour of TV time or time with a friend).

We all need motivation and rewards now and then. Send questions to [Info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:Info@familycenterweb.org) or Mary Ellen Brayton LLC, NCC, Co-Director The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Those with heart disease, hypertension should avoid high energy drinks

People who have high blood pressure or heart disease should avoid consuming energy drinks, Henry Ford Hospital researchers say.

Researchers found that healthy adults who drank two cans a day of a popular energy drink experienced an increase in blood pressure and heart rate. No significant changes in EKG levels were reported.

The increases in blood pressure and heart rate were insignificant for healthy adults, but could prove harmful to people with a heart-related condition, according to James Kalus, Pharm.D., senior manager of Patient Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital, lead author of the study and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

The study was presented at

the American Heart Association's annual conference Nov. 6 in Orlando, Fla.

"Based on our findings, we recommend that people who have hypertension or heart disease and are taking medication for them to avoid consuming energy drinks because of a potential risk to their health," Kalus said.

Researchers believe the caffeine and taurine levels in energy drinks could be responsible for increases in blood pressure and heart rate. The brand of energy drink used in the study is not being identified because most energy drinks on the market boast similar levels of caffeine and taurine, a non-essential amino acid often found in meat and fish. The caffeine levels in energy drinks are equivalent to

at least one to two cups of coffee.

Kalus said energy drinks should not be confused with sports drinks, which aim to replenish the carbohydrates and electrolytes a body needs.

"Both caffeine and taurine have been shown to have a direct impact on cardiac function," he said.

Researchers studied 15 healthy adult participants who abstained from other forms of caffeine for two days prior to and throughout the study. On the first day after a baseline measurement of blood pressure, heart rate and EKG were taken; the adults consumed two cans of the energy drink.

Researchers then measured the participants' blood pressure, heart rate and EKG again at 30 minutes and one,

two, three and four hours after consumption. For the next five days, the participants consumed two cans of the energy drink.

On the study's seventh day, the protocol used on the first day was repeated and the average baseline measurements were compared to the measurements obtained after energy drink consumption. Researchers found that the participants':

- ◆ Heart rates increased 7.8 percent the first day and 11 percent the seventh day.

- ◆ Blood pressure increased at least 7 percent the first and seventh days.

Kalus said the participants did not engage in any physical activity during the study, suggesting that the increases could have been higher.



## Cleaned-up

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and the Interact Club from Grosse Pointe South High School came together, Saturday, Oct. 20, to help area senior citizens with projects around the houses. Mark Brooks, president of the in Rotary Club, organized the event through Services for Older Citizens (SOC). Each fall SOC receives many calls from seniors looking for assistance with yard work. Rotary members, their families, friends and students from the Interact Club washed windows, trimmed bushes and cleaned yards. "Fantastic job, windows have never been that clean. They must have been angels sent from God, they did everything," said Mrs. D, one of the many seniors receiving assistance. "We hope to make this an annual event," Brooks said.

## Study: implantable defibrillator may not benefit

Heart failure patients treated with an implantable defibrillator that synchronizes the heart's pumping chambers showed no improvement in their ability to exercise.

So says a study conducted in part at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and published in the online version of the New England Journal of Medicine. The study results were also presented at the American Heart Association's Annual Scientific Sessions in Orlando, Fla.

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy devices (CRT-D) are surgically implanted and help the heart pump more effectively by delivering electrical impulses to the right and left lower heart chambers to help them contract at the same time. If an

abnormal heart rhythm develops, the device delivers an electric shock to return the heart to normal.

For this study, researchers looked at whether the device could benefit patients with advanced heart failure and a narrow QRS complex — the electrical activity associated with the contractions of the heart's chambers as seen on an electrocardiogram — who do not currently qualify for device therapy.

Eighty-five of the patients in the study received the CRT-D with the synchronizing mode turned on and 87 got devices with the function switched off. The patients' average age was 58. Researchers found that the group treated with CRT-D showed no significant im-

provement in their ability to exercise based on quality of life scores, peak oxygen consumption and a six-minute walk.

"While CRT-D proved to be ineffective in this study, the results will help us better determine the most appropriate course of treatment for this segment of heart failure patients, helping them lead more active lives," said Luis Pires, M.D., electrophysiologist and director of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Heart Rhythm Center.

Pires helped design the study.

More than 5 million people in the United States are affected by heart failure. The condition exists when the heart, weakened over time for reasons such as heart attack or

prolonged high blood pressure, is unable to pump the necessary amount of blood throughout the body.

In addition to St. John Hospital and Medical Center, this study, funded by St. Jude Medical, was conducted at 39 sites in the United States.



## Pet day

Pets bring much comfort to people's every day lives. At the Services for Older Citizens, pets make a special visit. Here Grace Huvare and a dog enjoy an interlude during a normal day's routine at SOC. In back is Pauline Hemmen.

## Digital mammography at Beaumont

Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe now offers digital screening mammography.

Findings from a 2005 Beaumont Hospital research study showed digital mammograms are more effective in detecting breast cancer than

standard film mammograms for some women. The group benefiting includes pre- and peri-menopausal women under the age of 50 with very dense breasts.

Arun G. Patel, M.D. said that comparisons with previ-

ous mammograms performed at the Women's Diagnostic Center/Cottage Hospital will be made.

"We are pleased to be able to offer our patients the latest in mammography technology," he said.

Appointments can be made by calling (866) 772-0077. Free valet parking is available for all mammography patients.

## December line-up for SOC

Several holiday-related activities are planned at Services for Older Citizens in December.

### Lunch and Learn lunch:

Monday, Dec. 3 — A Christmas Musical presented by the Grosse Pointe Academy fourth and fifth graders begins at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 10 — The Grosse Pointe Academy Eighth Grade Bell Choir will perform Christmas songs.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Creative Crafts for Christmas. Make a creative Christmas craft using provided supplies for this interactive fun project.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Songs by Doug Whitaker. Whitaker will

perform songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s with a little Christmas music as well.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Christmas Sing along with Penny. Penny Masouris will perform and conduct a sing along.

Also planned is A Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. He will discuss current county issues pertaining to the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The SOC annual Christmas party with dinner and dancing is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, featuring entertainment by the Go-Go Grannies and dinner by Josephs Catering.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Pass this appetizer on at holiday parties

**T**is the season for office socials, after work get-togethers and "bring an appetizer to pass" holiday parties.

Be ready this year with simple yet elegant appetizers that you can bring to your festive event. For the next few weeks I'll be featuring some of my favorites.

I've been serving warm brie cheese at parties for quite some time. The problem with a large wheel of brie is that no matter how you dress it up, as the warm cheese cools, so does the presentation.

I created mini brie tartlets using the same ingredients that I have always chosen to garnish a wheel of brie.

The presentation problem is a thing of the past.

## Baked Brie Tartlets (A la Dorothy)

4 packages Athens mini phyllo cups (15 per package)  
5 tablespoons brown sugar, divided

1/2 cup pecan pieces  
1 20-oz. wheel brie cheese  
1/2 cup Craisins (dried cranberries)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the phyllo cups on a baking sheet and bake at 350 for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and leave the cups on the baking sheet. Meanwhile, use a sharp knife to remove the white "skin" from the brie. First

cut the cheese into quarters then into small blocks that are about 1 teaspoon in size (15 blocks from each quarter). Set aside.

Spoon 1/4 teaspoon brown sugar into each of the phyllo cups. Next place a couple of pecan pieces in each of the cups, followed by a block of cheese. Garnish the cheese with two or three Craisins and bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

If you place the brie in the freezer for a half hour (or so) the cheese will be easier to cut.

Reheat the tartlets in a low (300 degree) oven for 10 minutes or so. These creamy tasty little bites can be enjoyed at room temperature, making

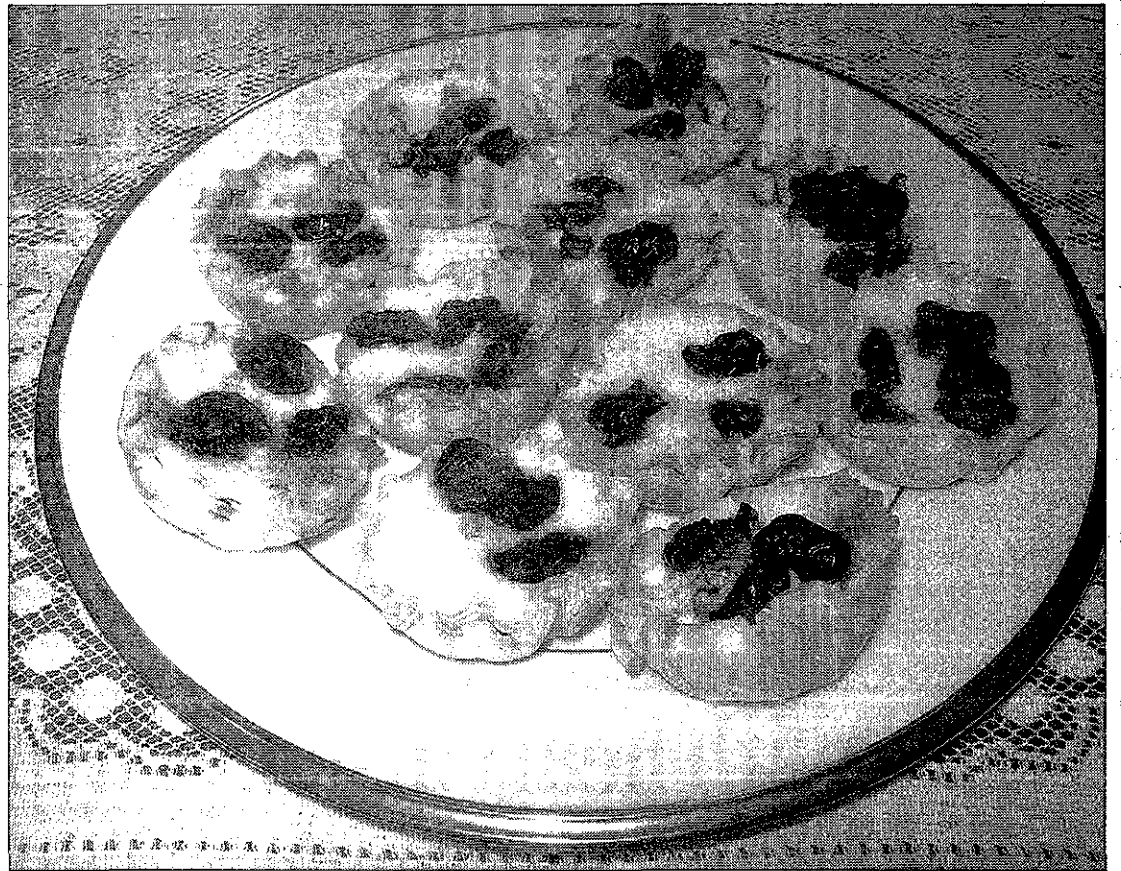


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Baked brie tartlets are not only pretty to look at but tasty, as well.

them a perfect party treat. A 20-ounce brie can be pur-

chased at Costco. Are 60 tartlets too many? Start with a

smaller portion of brie and make as many tartlets as you wish. You'll find the phyllo cups in the freezer section at the grocery store.

My gal pal, Dorothy Farley, is the creator of the brown sugar, dried "berry," nut combination. It is truly a crowd pleaser.

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# Christmas fun in and around town

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## Children's museum

The Detroit Children's Museum is where you'll want to be for Holiday Happenings. Taking place noon until 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26, 27 and 28, this is a mini holiday vacation camp for kids.

Planetarium shows at 1 p.m., make and take craft stations, games and more will keep kids of all ages busy during the vacation week.

Preregistration is required for all holiday programs and activities. Call (313) 873-8100 to make your reservations and for more information.

## Quality time with Santa

Santa Claus arrives in style to enjoy brunch and bedtime stories at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial next week.

At Brunch with Santa, the helicopter's arrival sets the tone for this event where each child receives a gift and Santa makes a visit to each table. Parents can bring a camera to both events. Brunch is from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday Dec. 1 and Sunday Dec. 2. Doors open at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$16 per person and complimentary for infants under 1 year of age not occupying a seat. A child's plate includes macaroni and cheese, while adult plate features chicken salad croissant. Christmas cookies will be available for everyone.

Entertainment is provided by the Merry Music Maker.

At the Bedtime Stories with Santa, Santa reads his favorite stories as youngsters dressed in their p.j.'s enjoy a milk and cookie reception with the jolly man following the reading. This event is from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

The cost is \$9 per person. Children may bring pillows and blankets but must be at least 4 years of age. Younger and older siblings are asked to stay home.

Tickets must be picked up prior to the event and presented at the door. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Nov. 29, by phoning (313) 881-7511. There will be assigned seating.

## Greenfield Village

Step into a Christmas card from the past at Greenfield Village Holiday Nights. Travel through time on lantern-lit paths to holidays of long ago.

Every Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 30 through Dec. 23, you can take an evening stroll through the village and see stage performances with non-stop events, holiday shops, bonfires, food stops, live musical performances from street carolers and drum corps, and strolling costumed presenters.

Additionally, Santa will spend all 12 evenings of Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village with his live reindeer at the Robert Frost House. The evening will end with fireworks and a sing-along.

The event runs from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults (\$12.75 for museum members) and \$10 for children (\$8.50 for members).

Children 4 years and younger free.

Advance reservations are recommended. Call (313) 982-

6001 for details. Dress for the weather as most activities are outside.

When making your reservation for Greenfield Village Holiday Nights, consider also reserving a seat at a table in Eagle Tavern.

The "proprietors" of this 1850s stagecoach stop will treat you to an authentic holiday meal enhanced by live music from the period.

There are two seating times to choose from 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.- so you can start or end your evening in style.

The ticket price of \$65.00 per person includes Holiday Nights admission, dinner, tax, gratuity and entertainment.

Reservations are required. Call (313) 982-6001 for tickets.

## Christmas tree sing-a-long

On Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m., the Detroit Historic Churches Association and Campus Martius Park Group invite members of the downtown churches and their friends to gather around City of Detroit's Christmas Tree on Campus Martius for the singing of Christmas carols. Join in this festive celebration and partake of the sights and sounds of Christmas in downtown Detroit.

## 35th Annual Noel Night

The 35th Annual Noel Night will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in Midtown Detroit's University Cultural Center Area. More than 30 institutions, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Science Center, Detroit Historical Museum and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, open their doors to the public

free of charge during this Cultural Center-wide holiday "open house."

Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 90 area music and dance groups, including Thornetta Davis, Tartan Terrors, and Tom Chapin & The Chapin Sisters.

The evening's festivities culminate with a community sing-along on Woodward Avenue led by the Salvation Army Band -- a long-standing Noel Night tradition.

Noel Night activities take place in and around Midtown Detroit's University Cultural Center institutions, primarily between Cass and John R and Kirby and Willis.

Free shuttle services is offered between participating venues. Parking is available in area lots.

## Victorian Twilight supper

The Detroit Historical Society Guild presents a Victorian holiday party. The Victorian Twilight Supper will feature food, drink and music in high Victorian style to celebrate the season.

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The event is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Admission is \$30 and is required by Friday, Nov. 30.

For more information and to make reservations call (586) 774-5294.

## Santa Paws

Bring your favorite furry friend to The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Santa Paws event Saturday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to have his/her picture

taken with Santa. Cameras are permitted for extra shots. A minimum of one \$5 donation for a Polaroid photo will benefit the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

## Lakeshore Chorus Christmas concert

The Lakeshore Chorus Christmas Concert will be Saturday, Dec. 15, at The War Memorial. For the first time a buffet dinner is available before the concert at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom.

The dinner costs \$18.50. Call 881-7511 ext. 145 or stop in by Wednesday, Dec. 12 to make reservations and purchase tickets.

Tickets for the concert are \$12.50 if purchased before Dec. 4 (\$15 after or at the door). Call 313 885-7031 for tickets or purchase them at Posterity Gallery in the Village.

## Workshops

Tour School, a series of workshops that provide training and information to groups interested in creating and promoting walking tours along the Woodward corridor is planned for this winter.

Offered by Preservation Wayne, Tour School will run from December through April for approximately four to six sessions.

Participants will learn how to develop their own tour programs by identifying and researching sites, constructing a route, marketing their tours and attracting and retaining volunteers.

A registration fee of \$100 per person is required and groups sending more than one individual pay \$50 for each additional person.

For more information, con-

tact Preservation Wayne at (313) 577-3559 or visit [info@preservationwayne.org](mailto:info@preservationwayne.org).

## Nutcracker

"The Nutcracker's Nuts," the story of a retirement community's efforts to put on a Christmas play hits the Broadway Onstage Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday Nov. 30.

"The Nutcracker's Nuts" takes place in Simon's Rest, a Michigan retirement community.

Every Christmas, the residents perform their traditional, boring and harder and harder to produce version of "A Christmas Carol." Every Christmas, that is, except this one.

Tickets for opening night, Friday, Nov. 30, are \$14 and \$16 for all other performances scheduled for 8 p.m. December 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 and 2 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, and 16.

The theater is located at 215127 Kelly, Eastpointe. For ticket information, call (586) 771-6333.

## War Memorial concert

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents a holiday concert featuring Mel Stander and His Gentlemen of Swing. The concert includes Denise Stevens on vocals accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra and features sounds of the 1940s and 50s, including favorite sing-along Christmas melodies.

Additional entertainment will be provided by the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Chorus with Dan Beck serving as Master of Ceremonies.

This event will take place in the Fries Auditorium, Sunday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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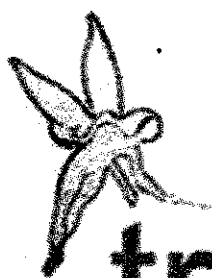
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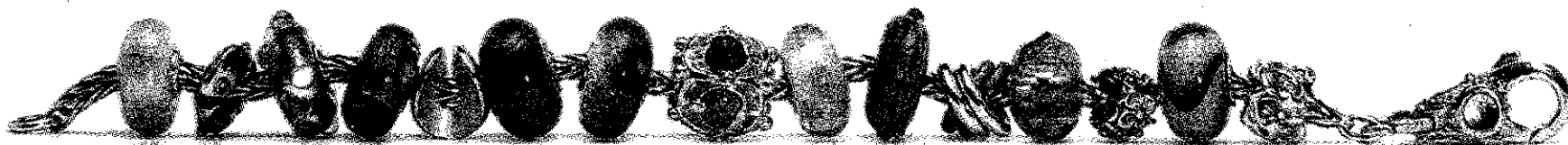
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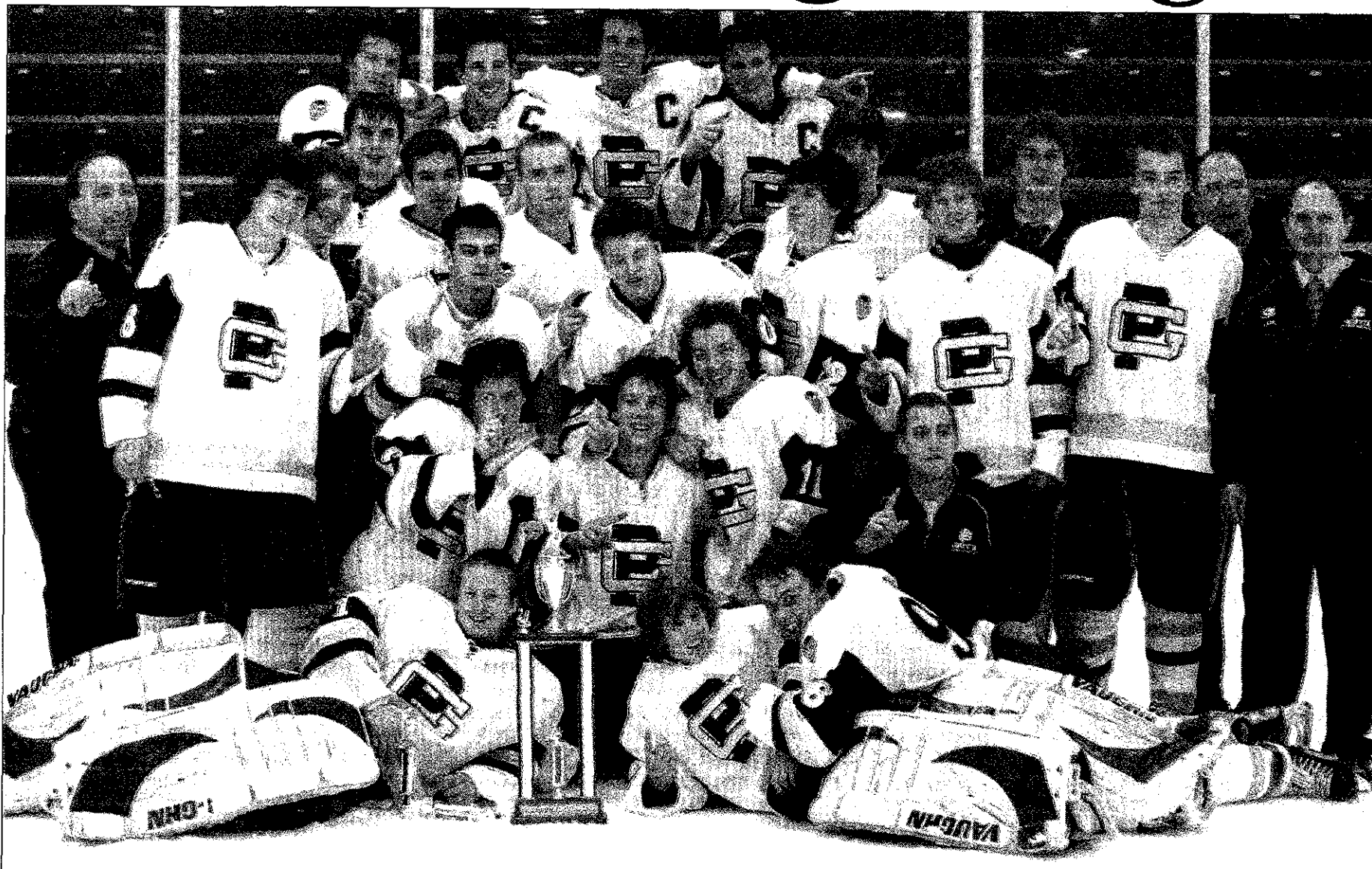
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# Blue Devils big in Big Rapids



Goaltender is MVP; Shield scores twice

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Tim Shield put the puck in the net. Trevor Sattelmeyer kept it out.

Sounds simple enough, but it was a winning formula for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team in the championship game of the Big Rapids Invitational last weekend. It was the third straight year that South has won the tournament.

Shield scored both of the Blue Devils' goals in their 2-1 victory against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, while Sattelmeyer was brilliant in goal, especially in the scoreless first period, when the Falcons outshot South 15-6.

Sattelmeyer's performance throughout the game earned him tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

"This was the first game we were behind and the first time we were outshot, but Trevor turned in another solid performance for us in goal," said

Grosse Pointe South's hockey players and coaches celebrate after winning the Big Rapids Invitational with a 2-1 victory against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central in the championship game.

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The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo '97 F boys under-11 soccer team tied for first place in the Michigan Youth Soccer League Major Blue Division with an 8-0-2 record. Team members, from left, are William Barrett, Matthew Barry, Adam Morris, Nicholas Azar, Mark DerManulian, Cameron Mogk, Jack Bodein, Jack Ryan Williams, Ian Corbett, Tristan Richardson, Robert Durand and Andrew Fabry. In back are coaches Michael Azar and Peter Mogk.

# Salvo wins division crown

Hard work paid off for the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association boys under-11 Salvo '97 F team this fall. The squad finished the fall season undefeated in league play and tied for first place in the tough Michigan Youth Soccer League Major Blue Division. The Salvo was 8-0-2 in league play and 12-1-3 overall, which includes tournament play. "These young boys gave tremendous effort all season and they earned their success,"

said co-coach Mike Azar. "Every player was a significant contributor and an important part of the team. I could not be happier with the outcome of the season." Azar said that most of the players on the team are more than just excellent soccer players. "One thing we realized several years ago is that these boys are talented athletes in several different sports and just needed the chance to play at a high level," he said. The Salvo's success on the

field was the culmination of several months of hard work and sacrifices from players and parents. "We started our practices in July with practice at 7 a.m. twice during the week, and on Sunday evenings," said manager and co-coach Peter Mogk. "We also had to work around our hockey and baseball players' schedules. In fact, we played several games during the season with only one substitute on the sidelines, which makes our season record even more remarkable.

"The core of this team has been together for several years now and Mike and I know we are fortunate to have not only great athletes to work with but also a great parent group that is supportive of our program and dedicated to helping us develop their boys as soccer players." Azar pointed out that although the Salvo '97 F is a community-based team that only plays in the fall, it was able to compete with — and beat — many of the state's most competitive programs.

# ULS' Fisher picks the Spartans

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

When Curtis Fisher was 10 years old, he started collecting baseball caps from various colleges. Now, all but one of them have been put away in his closet. "I knew that I wanted to play at the next level, so I started wearing different college caps," said the University Liggett School senior, who last week signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Michigan State University. "Now I'm just wearing one. The rest of them are all in my closet."

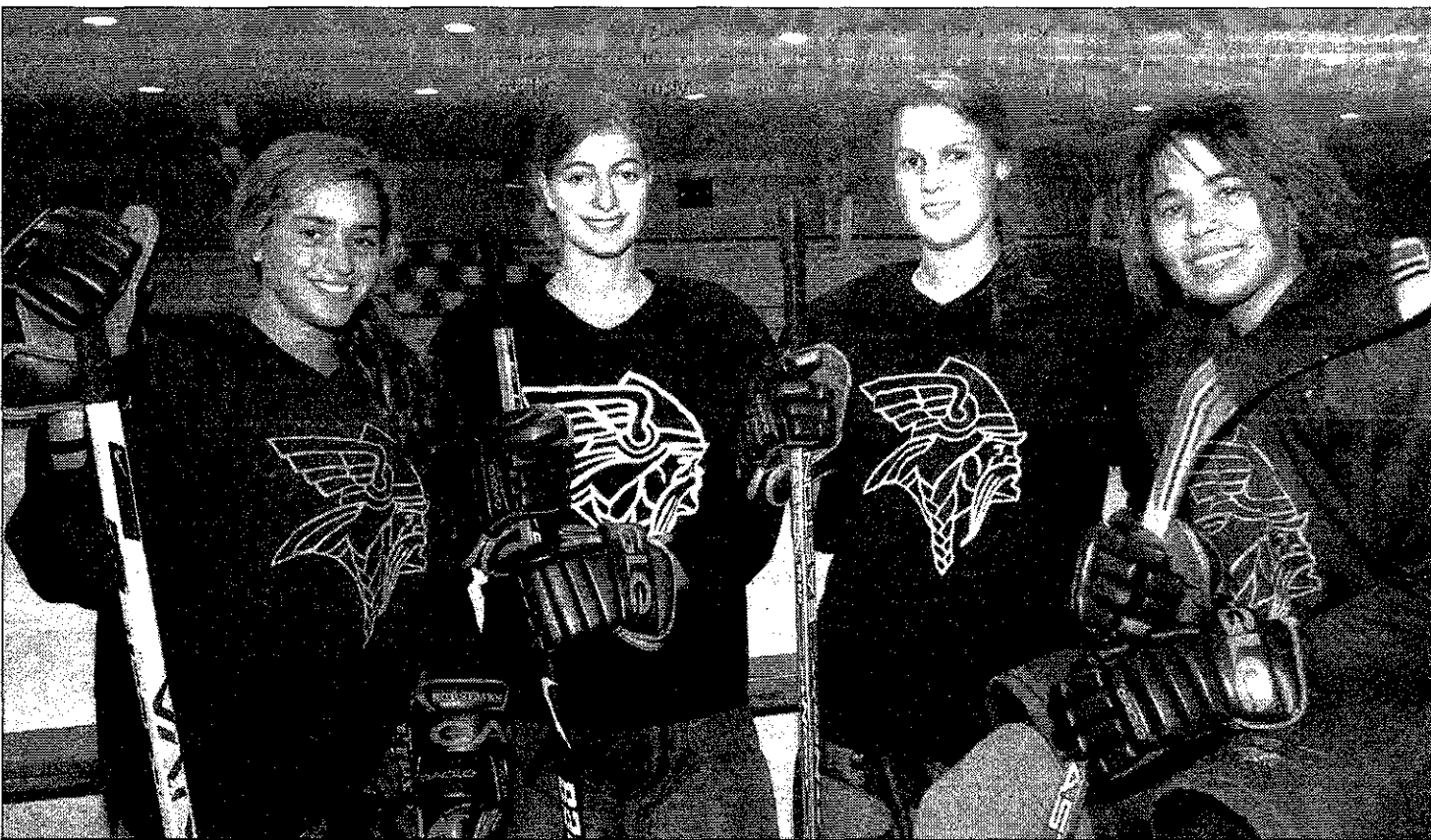
Fisher, who has been a Division IV All-Stater since he was a freshman and made the all-division Dream Team last spring, verbally committed to the Spartans last March, and he has never wavered. "I'm glad I committed when I did," Fisher said. "That took away all the stress about deciding where I wanted to go. I didn't have to worry about impressing coaches. I could just have fun playing ball." Baseball is fun when you're as good as Fisher. Last season, he batted .586 as he helped the Knights to a No. 1 ranking in the state for most of the season. He drove in 43 runs, stole 43 bases and hit five home runs. Although the Spartans plan to use him in the outfield, Fisher can also pitch. He posted a 6-2 record with a 1.30 ERA for ULS last season. "Curtis has been the centerpiece for building this program back to where it is now," said Knights coach Dan Cimini. "He's led by example."

Fisher has been a standout on the diamond since his Little League days in the Pointes. But unlike some players who reach their peak in Little League, Fisher has improved each time he has moved up the ladder. "He set the world on fire at 11 and 12 years old, and a lot of people thought that he'd fade away as he got older, but that didn't happen," Cimini said. "He kept working at it. He's had to deal with a lot of naysayers, but he kept working and kept improving. "He handles pressure better than anyone I've ever seen,

and he's had it at all levels, from Little League to high school." Fisher's father, Curtis Sr., said that Cimini has done a lot to prepare his son for the future. "He has been a mentor to Curtis both on and off the field," said the elder Fisher. "He's had a major, major impact on Curtis's life. He's pushed him and pushed him hard." Fisher gave credit to all of his coaches, including Dave Bergman, the former Detroit Tigers first baseman, who heads the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization. "Coach Bergman played a big part in helping me become a college player," Fisher said. "He wants the best for each of the players in the program. He played major league baseball so he knows what you have to do to get there."

Playing baseball at ULS has been a good experience for Fisher. "I've had the best group of guys for teammates," he said. "Two of them have been especially helpful. Joe Conway helped me keep a level head, and Michael Thomas has been behind the plate for every game I've pitched and I can't think of anybody I'd rather pitch to."

Last year, ULS got eliminated from the state baseball tournament in the regional round. This year the Knights have their sights set even higher. "Winning the regional would be a big step, but we have so much more we want to do," Fisher said. "We'd like to win the state championship." Fisher has some fond memories of his first three seasons at ULS, but winning a state title would trump them all. "Beating Cranbrook and Lutheran Northwest for the first time last year was big," he said. "And I'll never forget beating Fraser when I was a freshman." Fisher made a diving catch in center field to preserve that victory. "That ball still hasn't touched the ground," Fisher said. "It's tacked to the wall in my bedroom."



The captains for Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team this season are, from left, Alexa Quinlan, Lauren Walsh, Meredith Chicklas and Katie Latimer.

# North girls shut out Regina skaters

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team feasted on Regina the day before Thanksgiving, beating the Saddletites 6-0 on home ice. "We wanted to get the offense going early and make sure our defense was solid,

which we accomplished," head coach Scott Dockett said. The Lady Norsemen's defense was even better than solid. It did not allow Regina to register an official shot on net. For the game, North outshot Regina 32-0. "We focused on playing a good defensive game after that tough tie the game before,"

Dockett said. "The defense was amazing, not allowing a shot on net." Dockett's squad built the six-goal lead with 5:20 left in the second period. Freshman Kailey Sickmiller scored two goals and had an assist to lead the offense. Other goal scorers were junior Alexa Quinlan, senior Christie

Listwan, junior Lauren Walsh and freshman Megan Bergeron. Sophomore Nikki Capizzo, Walsh and junior Angela Giorgio each had two assists, while Bergeron and Quinlan had one assist apiece. North improved to 2-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.



University Liggett School's Curtis Fisher will play baseball for Michigan State University.

# Scoring burst ignites the Knights

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's boys hockey team is back in the win column after beating Madison Heights Lamphere 8-4 last week. "It was a shootout at the OK Corral," head coach Terry Olson said. "Our big third period put the game away." After killing off a two-man Lamphere powerplay, the Knights turned a 4-3 lead into a 7-3 advantage after goals by sophomores Dan Zukas, John

Stockmann (powerplay) and Ryan Deane. Senior Mike Burchi put the finishing touches on the home victory, scoring at the 4:30 mark of the third period. "We took a few too many penalties (seven), but overall I thought the boys played pretty well," Olson said. "The kids have some speed, which they will need when we face some of the bigger, stronger teams on our schedule." In the opening period, junior Erik Litch and Deane scored to give the Knights a 2-0 lead.

The Rams tallied the next two goals, including a powerplay score with 1:14 left, to knot the game 2-2 heading into the second stanza. Zukas and Burchi scored early in the second period to give the Knights their second two-goal lead of the game. The Rams scored a powerplay goal at the 6:00 mark to cut the deficit to one. That was the closest they would get the rest of the game. Senior Mike Thomas (two), junior Steve Morris, senior

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# ULS girls nipped by Port Huron

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

For the first time in two years, the University Liggett School girls hockey team has a legitimate chance at winning a division title. Last week, the host Lady Knights lost 4-3 to Port Huron, which is one of two teams favored to walk away with the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division II title. "The girls really played a good game and it's too bad we fell a little short," head coach

Laura Owczarski said. "I believe we would have tied the game if we had one more shot on net." Unofficial totals had the Rebels outshooting the Lady Knights 60-8, meaning junior goalie Janaya Gripper was busy. "Janaya was awesome in goal and she will win us some games this year," Owczarski said. Among Gripper's 56 saves were three breakaways. "Port Huron is vastly improved from last year, but we held our own, thanks to

Janaya," Owczarski said. "Our defense has to get better and we need to get more shots on net. I like the direction this team is heading." After a scoreless opening period, the Rebels scored twice early in the second. The Lady Knights rallied to tie the game after Jacqueline Nicholas and Medea Shanidze scored. Paige Counsman scored at the 7:32 mark of the third period, knotting the game 3-3. The Rebels scored the game-winner with 3:39 left on the clock.



# CC spoils the opener for North hockey team

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North has always played one of the toughest schedules in high school hockey and this year is no exception.

The Norsemen opened the new season last weekend at Catholic Central, losing 4-1 to the Shamrocks, and it's not going to get any easier.

Next weekend, North will play Trenton and Davison in a tournament in Davison. Then defending state Division III champion Cranbrook Kingswood is the Norsemen's opponent.

"I guess you can call it a baptism by fire," said North coach Scott Lock. "We're never that concerned about our record. We just want to get better each week."

North didn't get CC at a good time. It was the Shamrocks' third game of the season and they were coming off a loss to Livonia Churchill.

"I knew they'd be upset after losing the Churchill," Lock said. "They were quicker, they passed better and they just

played a lot crisper than we did."

North jumped ahead midway through the third period on a goal by John Neveux, assisted by Evan Skorupski. Skorupski was playing his first game of the season after suffering a broken collarbone five weeks ago.

The Norsemen maintained their lead until there were about seven minutes left in the second period. Then CC scored four unanswered power-play goals.

The Shamrocks tied the game on a goal that deflected past North goalie Michael Rahaim, who was outstanding in the nets. CC took the lead on a goal off a faceoff, then scored twice while North was two men short.

It was a penalty-filled game. North had 15 penalties, while CC was whistled off 13 times.

"They deserved to win the game," Lock said. "They outplayed us. We have to stay out of the box."

The Shamrocks fired 41 shots at Rahaim, while North returned 24 at the CC goalie.

"Rahaim played exceptional-

ly well," Lock said. "He was the best player on the ice for us."

Lock was also pleased with the performances of both Neveux brothers, John and Michael, and Anthony Raymond.

The overall performance of the North team was disappointing because the Norsemen had looked good in a scrimmage with Muskegon Mona Shores.

Last season North went to the state Division I semifinals before losing to Marquette.

Lock is hoping the Norsemen can at least duplicate that achievement.

"We have high expectations, but I don't know how good this year's team is," Lock said. "Our strength is defense and goaltending. We have three competitive lines that we hope will gel together and score some goals. Our goal scoring is a question mark right now. We don't have that superstar goal scorer, so we'll have to depend on a lot of people."

North has five returning defensemen and both goalies — Rahaim and Eric Rohrkemper — are back.



Leah DiCristofaro signs her letter of intent to play softball at Oakland University, while her family and Lake Shore assistant coach Maura Mittelstadt look on.

## DiCristofaro signs to play at Oakland

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Softball has had a hold on Leah DiCristofaro since she was a 4-year-old playing T-ball in Allen Park.

And it's going to continue to hold a special place in the Grosse Pointe Woods resident's life for at least four more years.

Last week, the Lake Shore High School senior signed a letter-of-intent to play softball at Oakland University.

"I've been playing since I was 4," DiCristofaro said. "That's all my friend, Danielle Keys, and I did all summer. Later on we played on some travel teams. Her dad was a fastpitch softball pitcher, so she became a pitcher and I was her catcher."

Catching isn't all that DiCristofaro does on a softball diamond.

She made All-State honorable mention as a center fielder for the Shorians. She has also played in the infield.

It's that kind of versatility that made her a prize recruit

for Golden Grizzlies coach Glenn MacDonald.

However, catching is her first love.

"My dad was a catcher so he's worked with me a lot," DiCristofaro said. "And my brother has helped me, too."

Leah's father, Frank DiCristofaro, caught for Lake Shore's baseball team during the 1970s. He's also the boys hockey coach for St. Clair Shores Unified.

DiCristofaro's love for softball hasn't gone unnoticed by her coaches at Lake Shore.

"She'll give 110 percent whether she's at practice or playing in a game," said Shorians assistant coach Maura Mittelstadt. "If you practice that way, you'll play that way. She truly loves the game."

That's obvious from her willingness to play any position that she's needed.

"She was All-State honorable mention as an outfielder her first season on the team, but last year she was hurt so she moved to first base," Mittelstadt said. "This season

we need her to catch. If we needed her to play second base or third base, I'm sure she could do that, too."

DiCristofaro is expecting another successful season from the Shorians, who won a district championship last spring but lost in extra innings to Marysville in the Division II regional semifinal.

"The whole team played on a travel team together in the summer so we know each other real well," DiCristofaro said. "I expect us to have a real good year."

Last season, DiCristofaro batted .391 for Lake Shores with an on-base average of .488. She drove in 12 runs. The previous summer, while playing for the St. Clair Shores Vipers, DiCristofaro hit .425, reached base at a .531 clip and drove in 35 runs.

DiCristofaro picked Oakland for a couple of reasons.

"I was really impressed with the coach. It seemed like he really knows what he's doing," she said. "And the academics are excellent. I'd like to go into teaching special education."



South goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer receives the Most Valuable Player award from an official at the Big Rapids Invitational.

## SOUTH: Blanks first tourney foe

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South coach Bob Bopp. "The way he was playing we knew we didn't need many goals to win this one."

All the goals the Blue Devils needed were provided by Shield.

St. Mary CC scored three minutes into the second period to put South behind for the first time this season, but three minutes later the Blue Devils tied the game on Shield's goal, which was assisted by Lance Lucas and Jack Sklarski.

Sklarski carried the puck over the blue line and made a drop pass to Shield, who fired a one-timer past the Falcons' goalie.

Shield showed why he's been Mr. Clutch for the Blue Devils for the last couple of seasons in scoring the winning goal with 5:22 left in the game. Shield intercepted a bad clearing pass by the St. Mary CC goalie and fired a shot under the netminder's stick.

"It was a great hustle play, and a great shot," Bopp said. "Timmy has scored a lot of big-time goals for us. He got the only goal in our 1-0 victory over Brother Rice in the regional final last year. He scored the overtime winner in the state championship game, and he got our first goal of this season against Saline."

Along with the play of Shield's line and Sattelmeyer, Bopp was happy with the way his defense corps played in the tournament.

"In both games, all of our defensemen played well," Bopp said.

"Nick Cinqueranelli was at his best, moving the puck well and making lots of good decisions on the ice. A lot of our success this season will depend on how well our defense plays."

South reached the championship game with a 5-0 victory against Notre Dame Prep.

It took the Blue Devils a while to get going, but once they did, there was no stopping them. After a scoreless first period, South scored four times in the second period.

Lucas opened the scoring at 3:47 with a goal from Sklarski and Shield. Lucas made it 2-0 on a power-play goal at 5:13. Once again, Shield and Sklarski had the assists.

"That was our only power play of the game," Bopp said. "We've had very few power plays this year. Maybe teams remember how good our power play was last year, and they're concentrating on staying out of the penalty box when they play us. When we beat Notre Dame Prep last year, we had several power-play goals."

Eleven seconds after Lucas's second goal, Jimmy Morris scored the first of his two goals. He was assisted by Brian Auty and Miles Knight.

Morris scored again with 7:19 left in the second period. It was South's first shorthanded

goal of the season, and Auty did much of the work to create the scoring opportunity for his linemate.

"Brian worked very hard backchecking and took the puck away from a Notre Dame player," Bopp said. "He headed up the ice and made a nice pass to Jimmy, who put it under the crossbar. It was a great shot by Jimmy, but Brian played a huge role in this goal."

"Auty hasn't scored yet this season, but he's playing just as well as he did last year. We're a very good team, and we've talked a lot about how it doesn't matter who scores, as long as we get the goals. The kids have bought into that. We don't worry about who's getting the goals. When we're winning, everybody's happy."

Lucas capped the scoring and completed his hat trick with the only goal of the third period.

"The line of Lucas, Shield and Sklarski is off to a great start in the first three games and I only see them getting better and better as the season moves on," Bopp said.

Shield finished the tournament with two goals and three assists, Lucas had three goals and an assist and Sklarski collected four assists.

Brett Johnson was in goal for the shutout.

"Brett plays well every game he plays in," Bopp said.

Lucas, Arthur Griem and Sattelmeyer were the South players named to the all-tournament team.

South's next game is Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Woodhaven.

## ULS: Goalies split the duties

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Chris Leahy, sophomore James Palmer, junior Drew Amato (two), Stockmann, Zukas (two) and sophomore Bill Decker recorded assists.

Olson split the goaltending duties for a third straight game. Sophomore Chris Ralstrom played the first and third periods while freshman Vernell Johnson played the second stanza.

"Chris and Vernell are getting their feet wet at the varsity level," Olson said.

"They work hard in practice every day and they want to get better. I like their attitude."

## Hoops tryouts

Tryouts for AAU youth basketball teams will be held on three Saturdays in December.

Teams are for girls in grades four to eight, and boys in grades three to six. Teams will be separated by age group.

The dates for the tryouts at Basketball City, 16400 Eastland Drive, Roseville, are Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Girls tryouts are from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., while the boys sessions are from 10:45 a.m. until noon. Players should arrive 15 minutes early. The cost is \$25 and includes all three dates.

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ULS sophomore Dan Zukas, above, had a four-point game (two goals and two assists) to help the host Knights beat Madison Heights Lamphere.







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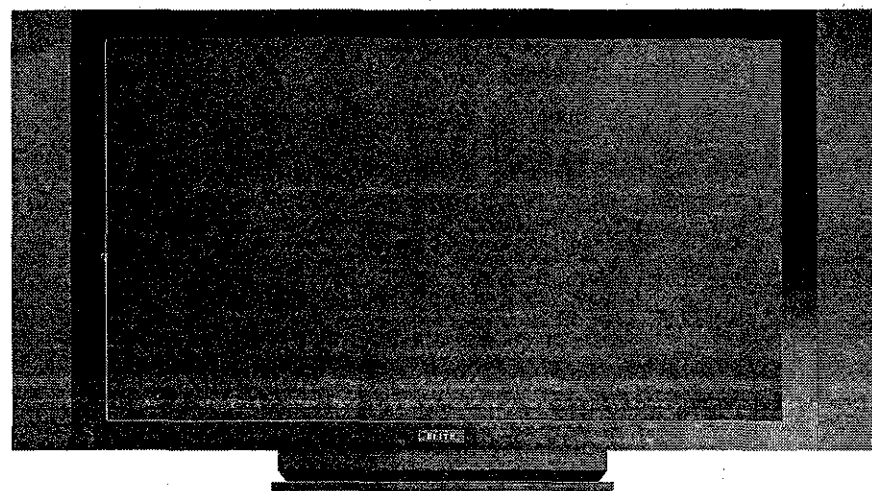
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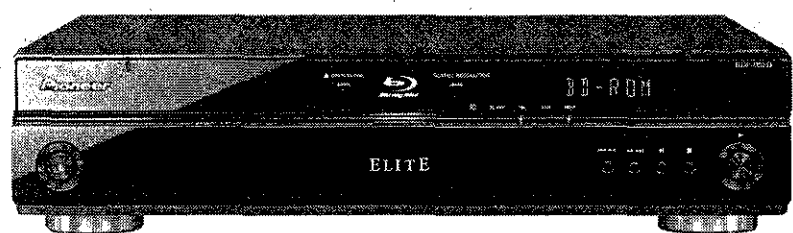
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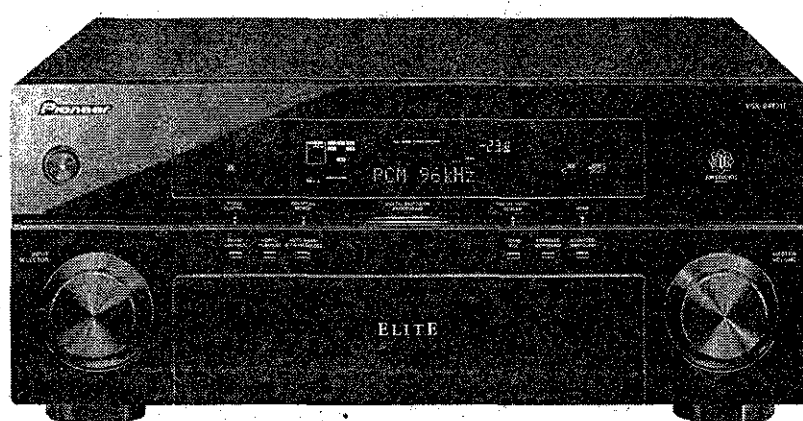
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