

Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

♦ **WOODS VOTERS REJECT BOND ISSUE:** For the third time in as many years, Grosse Pointe Woods residents rejected a bond issue to construct a new municipal building on Mack.

The \$340,000 bond issue was voted down by a margin of 932-871. Woods officials campaigned hard for its passage, citing the desperate need for a new city hall to accommodate the expanding population.

The first request for a bond issue was voted down by residents in early 1955.

♦ **POLICEMAN HURT DURING PAPER DRIVE:** City of Grosse Pointe Policeman Douglas Allor was seriously injured after he was struck by a car while selling newspapers for the annual Goodfellow's newspaper sale.

Allor, who was in the street at the intersection of Jefferson and Fisher, was struck from behind by a car driven by a Grosse Pointe Park woman. The driver claimed she did not see Allor until "his face was in my windshield."

Allor, 40, was rushed to an area hospital with a broken pelvis and possible skull fracture.

♦ **POLICE ON LOOKOUT FOR THIEF:** Grosse Pointe

Woods police are looking for a suspect(s) in a home invasion in which the thief made off with the homeowner's car.

Police said the victim returned home to find his house looted and his car stolen from his garage.

The thief(s) made off with \$150, some liquor and several bottles of perfume.

1982

25 years ago this week

♦ **RENOVATION BOND ISSUE DEFEATED:** Grosse Pointe Shores residents rejected a \$1.3 million bond issue to renovate the Village's municipal building.

The bond issue was defeated by a 146-106 margin. Shores officials sought the bond issue to renovate the dilapidated municipal building, which was designed by Albert Kahn.

♦ **WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN POOL:** Police are investigating the death of a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman who was found dead in her backyard pool.

Joyce Murphy was found fully clothed in her pool on Renaud by her family. Toxicology results were not available and police have not ruled the death as accidental or a suicide.

♦ **SCHOOL CLOSING REPORT DELAYED:** The long-



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1957: Hanky panky

Grosse Pointe Woods Policemen Jack Patterson (left) and Kenneth Metcalf engage in a little horse play as they blow the nose of one of the caroling figures that grace the lawn next to the Woods police station. (From the Dec. 19, 1957 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

awaited committee report expected to recommend school closings was delayed for one month by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

The committee, appointed by the school board in January, was expected to submit its controversial report on enrollment declines at the December meeting.

The report is expected to contain recommendations on which schools the district should close to operate more efficiently.

By the 1986-87 school year,

enrollment figures are projected to be just over 6,000 students, down from the 7,805 students enrolled this year.

1997

10 years ago this week

♦ **SEMCOG STUDY ADDRESSES WOODS TRAFFIC:** A Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments traffic study presented possible solutions to high-volume traffic areas in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The report was commissioned as part of an ongoing effort by Woods officials to alleviate traffic congestion along Vernier and Morningside. SEMCOG has traffic engineers, who specialize in traffic problems, and was selected because it is an independent body free of bias.

Woods residents have long complained of traffic congestion on the roads. One of the suggestions the study offered was stepped up enforcement of traffic laws on both roads.

♦ **POINTES HAVE NEW DISPOSAL COMPANY:** Questions still linger about the fate of the trash incinerator used by the Pointes, because of the sale of its trash hauling company to another firm.

City Management, the former trash hauler, sold its waste divisions to USA Waste Services Inc.

The sale price is estimated by industry sources at \$750 million.

The incinerator has been hemorrhaging money for months, because it pays far

above market rates to haul rubbish to the facility.

♦ **WOODS INCREASES BOAT WELL FEES:** Grosse Pointe Woods boaters will be required to absorb a 3 percent increase in boat well fees, if they keep their boats at Lake Front Park.

The Woods council, which approved the increase, said the adjustment is necessary to pay for salary increases and other fringe benefits for its park employees. It is the first increase since 1995.

2002

5 years ago this week

♦ **LIBRARY BOARD PUSHES FOR WOODS BRANCH:** Members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board are beginning to get impatient with the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission regarding the proposed expansion of the Woods branch at Parcels

Middle School.

John Bruce, who heads the board, said he is growing frustrated with the planning commission, who, he claims, spends too much time focusing on expansion aspects that are outside the city's purview. The library board, which has been meeting with Woods officials for two years, wants the proposal brought before the Woods city council.

♦ **MACK WATER MAIN ON TAP:** The \$5 million Mack water main replacement project is a go for March 1, 2003.

Construction bids are expected to be received in the near future, allowing for Woods officials to select contractors by February.

Work will involve replacing the 70-year-old water main along the entire length of Mack in the Woods.

The job will be divided into four phases, each phase focusing on virtually equal sections of the nearly two-mile divided thoroughfare.

— John Lundberg

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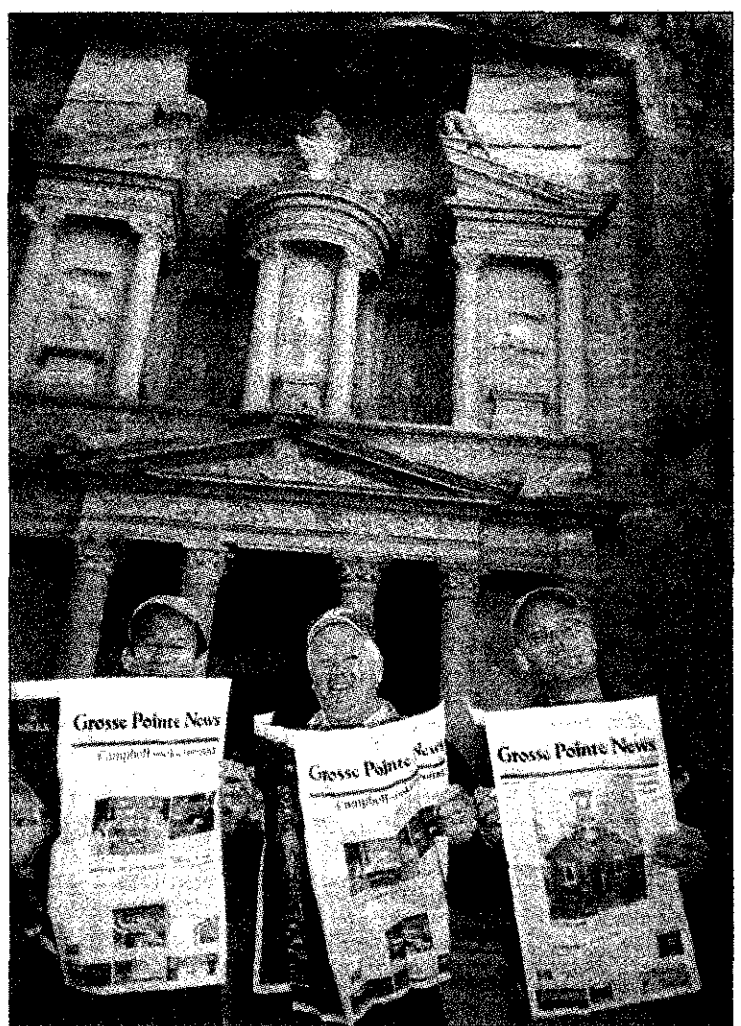
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Jordan news

Dr. Jim Meza of Grosse Pointe Farms, the Rev. Fred Harms of Grosse Pointe Farms and David Upmeyer of the City of Grosse Pointe were part of a nine-member delegation from the Southeast Michigan Synod of the E.L.C.A. visiting the Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Lands. Harms preached at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Amman, Jordan. While in Jordan, the trio made a trip to Petra in the south of Jordan and read their Grosse Pointe Newspapers in front of the Treasury Building. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local 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. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



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Recognized

Retired Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Bob Rabe was honored by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council for his continuing effort to raise the community's awareness of the need for trauma response locally and throughout the metropolitan area. Present at the November council meeting in which Rabe was recognized were, from left, City Administrator Mark Wollenweber, former council members Darryl Spicher and Dona Santos Reynolds; councilman Al Dickinson, Rabe, Assumption Cultural Center administrator Joan DeRonne, Mayor Robert E. Novitke and council members Vicki Granger, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Pete Waldmeir. Following the Columbine incident, Rabe coordinated a seminar for more than 500 people who represented school systems, safety departments, social service agencies and government agencies and businesses to discuss what could be done to prevent such tragedies, and how to deal with them. Rabe has continued to provide seminars with presentors such as Gary Burnett from the Macomb Energy Response Group; Bill Steele, director of the Children's Home of Detroit; Dr. Judy Jacobs, CEO Workplace Violence Prevention; and Janice Jones, former director of the Neighborhood Service Organization, Wayne County.

Woods council will vote on temporary appointment

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods city officials took another step, albeit a temporary one, to fill the treasurer/comptroller position that has been vacant for nearly a year.

In a Committee of the Whole meeting Monday night, city officials voted 4 to 3 to recommend the city council appoint Linda Paladino as treasurer/comptroller for six months. The council is expected to vote on the issue at its Jan. 7 meeting.

City Attorney Don Berschback has been instructed to draw up a contract.

Paladino was hired on an hourly basis last spring to perform some of the duties previously assigned to former city treasurer Cliff Maison, who resigned last March following allegations of misuse of city property.

Last June, Paladino applied for Maison's post and was formally interviewed by the Committee of the Whole Monday.

"I appreciate this opportunity to meet with you," she told members. "I have enjoyed my time in Grosse Pointe Woods and I have applied for this position knowing that there are a few more things I would like to accomplish."

Paladino said she was instrumental in preparing the city's 2007-2008 budget, took the lead in implementing and training staff on the city's new financial software package and worked with the finance committee on budget matters.

She cited as one of her most important short term goals

the completion of the software conversion project. Her major long term project would be to strengthen the team of city employees involved in accounting and financial functions.

"Though my job right now has been more project related and not a supervisory position, I feel that the new financial software is helping to bring the staff together. We are working through the process as a team. Things had been done a certain way here for a very long time and now we have an opportunity to change."

Paladino holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Walsh College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. She worked for the city of St. Clair Shores for 13 years, several of those directly under current city administrator Mark Wollenweber when he was city manager in St. Clair Shores.

Mayor Robert Novitke did not hesitate in asking Paladino if her longtime professional relationship with Wollenweber would affect her performance in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"My relationship with Mark is very professional," Paladino said. "We were definitely a checks and balance on each other. Our relationship was a 'what do we need to do and how do we do it' situation. We work very well together and because of that, I feel that my appointment in Grosse Pointe Woods would be a win-win situation for the city."

She also assured city officials that she would be proactive in dealing with the financial aspects of city government.

"I would certainly do many things differently," she explained. "I would be different than Cliff Maison. As it stands now there is no 3- or 5-year plan and finances are done on a very piecemeal basis. I need to bring it all together."

After the interview concluded, city officials discussed further action.

Councilman Art Bryant cited Paladino's months of "on the job training" as a major reason to offer her a contract.

"From all I can gather, I think she's very competent. I don't want to take a chance on losing her. She's had a year of training; she knows our system. I don't see anything to dislike."

Councilwoman Vicki Granger agreed.

"We have too much on the table right now to not hire her. She has handled the financial software conversion very well," she said. "We have new auditors that she has worked with. I think if we don't hire her, we will lose her."

Councilmen Joe Sucher and Pete Waldmeir weren't convinced.

"I want to see other candidates," Sucher said. "I wasn't on the council when this process started, so I have nothing to compare her to."

The city has been advertising the position for several months and one other candidate was interviewed for the position. She declined the job when an agreement could not be reached on salary.



PHOTO RENEE LANDUYT

New signs

No, your eyes are not deceiving you, the street signs in Grosse Pointe Woods are a new color.

According to City Administrator Mark Wollenweber, the new signs in green lettering with the city's logo sets Grosse Pointe Woods apart from neighboring communities. "We believe using our community logo on the signs helps build community identity," Wollenweber said, "And it helps distinguish us from our neighbors." About half the signs are in place and Wollenweber expects the rest to be done within a month.

Applicants sought

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods is accepting applications for an open seat on the city's planning commission.

Established by the city's charter, the planning commission reviews building plans and makes recommendations to the city council regarding commercial development and zoning ordinances.

An application form can be picked up from the city clerk, Lisa Hathaway or by calling (313) 343-2440 or can be downloaded from the city's Web site at gpwmi.us.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. Interviews will be held with the city council on Monday, Feb. 11.



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GAMING: Library hosts video tourney

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leased last September.

"It is the most popular game out there," Kaczmarek said. "I choose it because I want to draw a lot of kids."

While the object of the game is to save humanity from an

army of aliens, it contains no cursing or violence, she said.

The tournament is formatted for 32 players, who will be grouped into teams according to level during the first week. Those with the 16 lowest scores move into the competitor round held on the second week. The 16 players with the highest scores move into the championship round that takes place on the third week.

The response from local youth has been very positive, Kaczmarek said.

"So far we have 12 kids signed up," she said. "Even though parental permission is required for anyone under 18, parents are coming in and happily signing their kids up."

Kaczmarek is hoping the tournament's prizes will attract more gamers. Competitors will be playing for cash prizes and gift certificates to Game Stop.

The library is planning gaming tournaments for Dance, Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero for younger children.

The library wants to project

a new image among adolescents, Kaczmarek said.

"Vicki Bloom really wants to keep up with the new face of libraries," she said.

"We want kids to realize that the library can be cool."

"Hopefully, while they are in the building during the tournament, they will see something they like."

To register for the tournament, contact Kaczmarek at (313) 343-2071, ext. 207 or download an application at gp.lib.mi.us.

POINTER OF INTEREST

As a senior last year at South, **T.J. Altovilla** decided break with the tradition of going to college immediately after high school. Instead he is learning a lot about himself and the world around him as a City Year volunteer.

Trodding the path less taken

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

In, 1915, Robert Frost wrote in the poem "The Road Not Taken:"

I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

In the fall of 2006, Anthony "T.J." Altovilla, 18, decided to follow a path taken by few of his classmates in The Class of 2007 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Rather than going straight to college, he is spending the year volunteering for the AmeriCorps City Year program in Detroit.

"One day T.J. told my husband and me that he didn't think he was ready for college," said his mother, Lynda Altovilla.

While his parents were supportive of his decision to delay school, they told him he would either have to find a paying job and pay rent at home or do volunteer work.

"We didn't just want him staying home and playing video games," Lynda jokingly said.

T.J. definitely inherited his mother's dry sense of humor.

"My parents didn't think I could pull it off," T.J. said. "I used to be really lazy. I'm still lazy, but I now put it towards helping humanity."

T.J. started looking into different options in the fall of 2006. That's when he landed on the Web site for City Year.

"I think it was fate," he said.

City Year is a program for 17 to 24-year-olds to do 10 months of full-time community service in one of 17 cities across the United States.

"It is a chance for people to explore themselves and the impact they can have on other people," T.J. said.

Monday through Friday, T.J. wakes up at 6:45 a.m. to get from his home in Grosse Pointe to City Year's Detroit headquarters located in the New Center by 8:30 a.m.

After a morning meeting to discuss the upcoming day, the volunteers go to Campus Martius for the Morning Program, which consists of team exercises, he said.

"We do it to get pumped and some exercise," T.J. said.

Monday through Thursday, T.J. and his teammates split from the larger group and head by van to John Trix Elementary School located on Chalmers just off of 8 Mile, where he tutors and mentors five third-grade boys.

The team works on school improvement projects and leads after-school programs until around 5 p.m. They return to headquarters to do paperwork and discuss the events of the day.

While T.J. admits the inefficiency of the school's bureaucracy frustrates him, he finds helping these boys in reading and math to be challenging and rewarding.

T.J. worries that one boy is illiterate and seems unable to progress beyond a rudimentary level of reading.

"He can read simple words like 'cat,' but he can't read more complicated sounds. He can't read words that have double consonants."

T.J. said one boy who suffers from severe dyslexia has made big strides with the extra attention.

"At first, he was struggling, but now he is the best reader in the class," T.J. said.

"At the end of the program, I will be able to say, 'I've accomplished something,'" he said. "I never accomplished anything before, especially in high school. It was just a grind."

Yet he does appreciate the opportunities and benefits living in Grosse Pointe has given him.

"I know how lucky I am and that I've probably wasted all or

some of it," T.J. said. "They (his charges) deserve them maybe more than I do."

He points out that Trix Elementary does not have any specialist to help the boy with dyslexia.

"The school has no resources," T.J. said. "He has no tools to help him deal with this."

Through City Year's leadership development programs on Fridays, T.J. has learned how large businesses are managed and the problems America is currently facing.

"We have a major health care crisis," T.J. said. "That is one thing that bothers me."

"I am just appalled that insurance companies make their money denying you things to stay alive."

Every day at Trix Elementary, he witnesses the direct effect the lack of no or inadequate health care has on children.

"One day this boy came in with a deep cut on his forehead. His mom washed it with soap and hot water, but he really should have gotten stitches," T.J. lamented. "Now there's a huge scar."

Even though he is only midway through his commitment to City Year, T.J. knows he made the right decision to take a break from school and get out into the real world.

"It has opened more possibilities to me," T.J. said. "Now I know there are ways to help people with my particular talents."

He said he now has a clearer idea of himself and his future.

He will be attending West Virginia University next fall where he plans to be a forensic and investigative science major.

One of the reasons T.J. chose WVA was that the school worked closely with the FBI to develop its forensic program.

"The school has a laboratory with all the equipment you would find in a crime lab setting," T.J. said.



T.J. Altovilla models his City Year uniform which is donated by Timberland, one of the program's national sponsors.

Corrections

Captions on "Beginners swim class is for adults only" were misidentified. The picture on page 21A of the Dec. 13 issue should have read instructor Robin Harnett demonstrates the freestyle stroke for Melvin Sanders.

The captions on page 25A should have read instructor Robin Harnett demonstrates a swimming stroke for Stephen Dueweke during a beginning swimming class for adults held at the Parcels Middle School pool. Harnett explains

why she likes teaching the class.

"These people are inspiring," she said.

The bottom picture was Ruby Sturdivant, who was practicing her kick during an adult swimming class.

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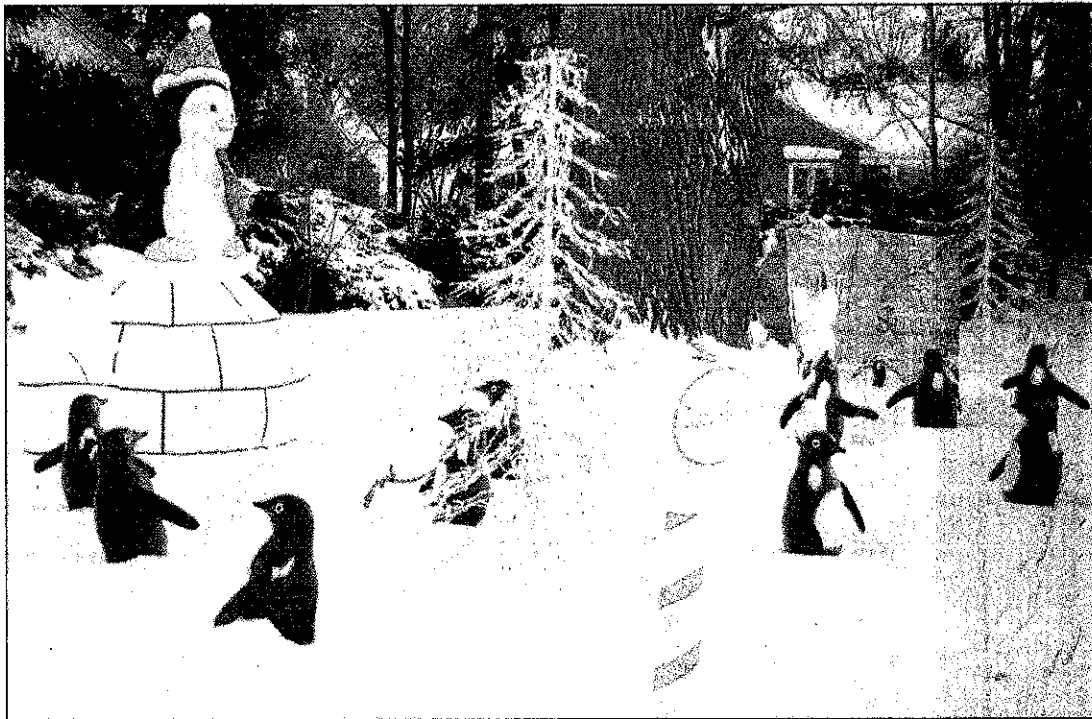
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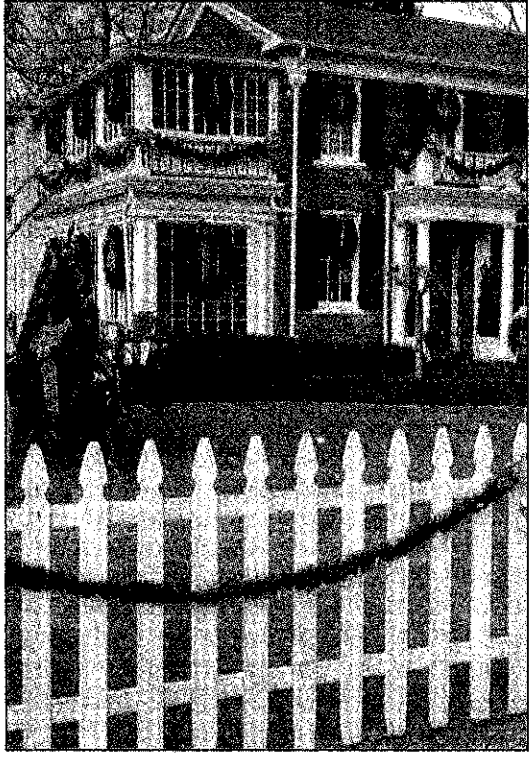
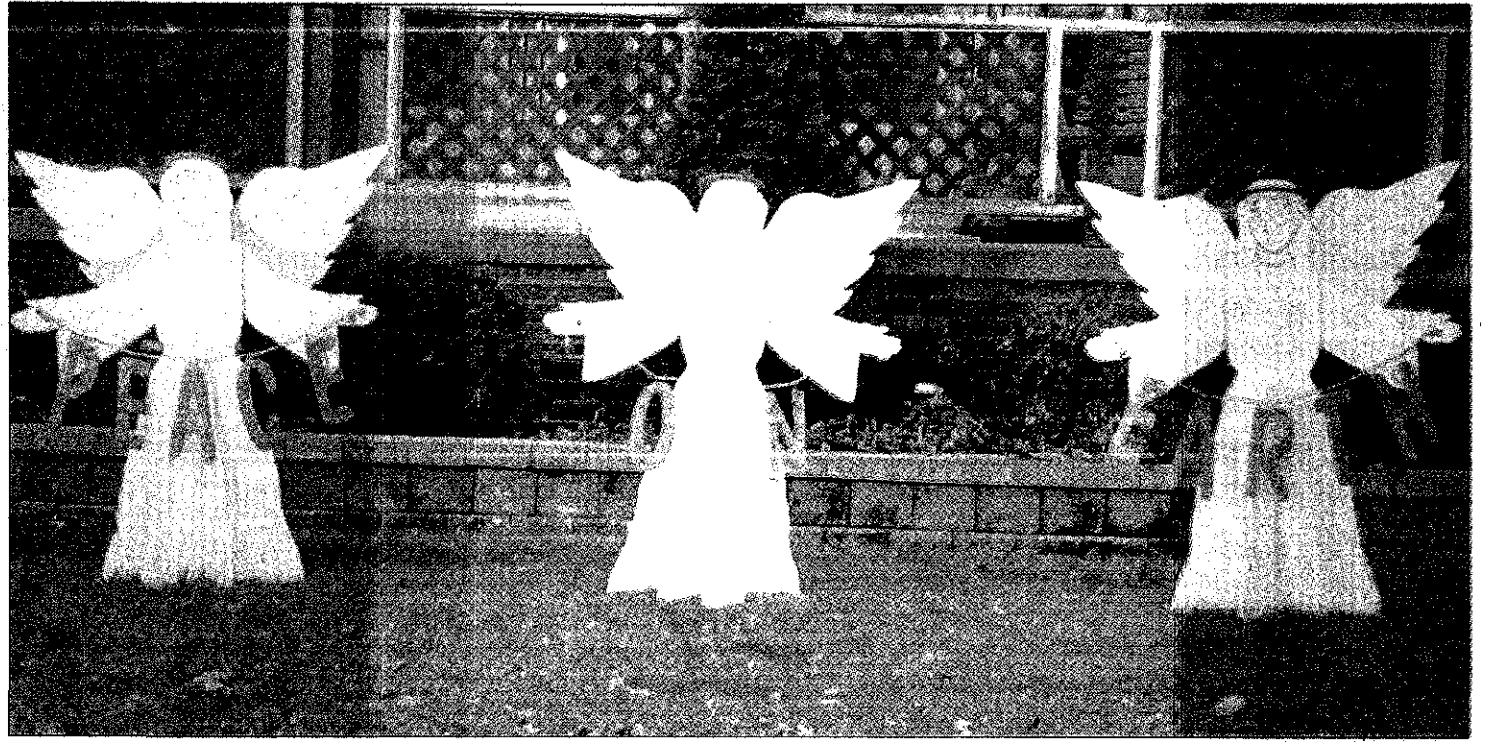
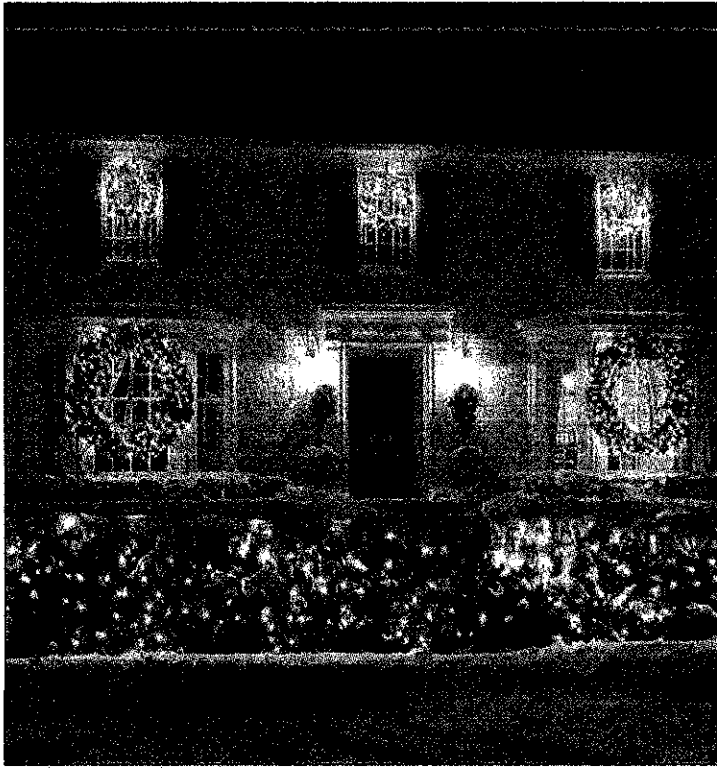


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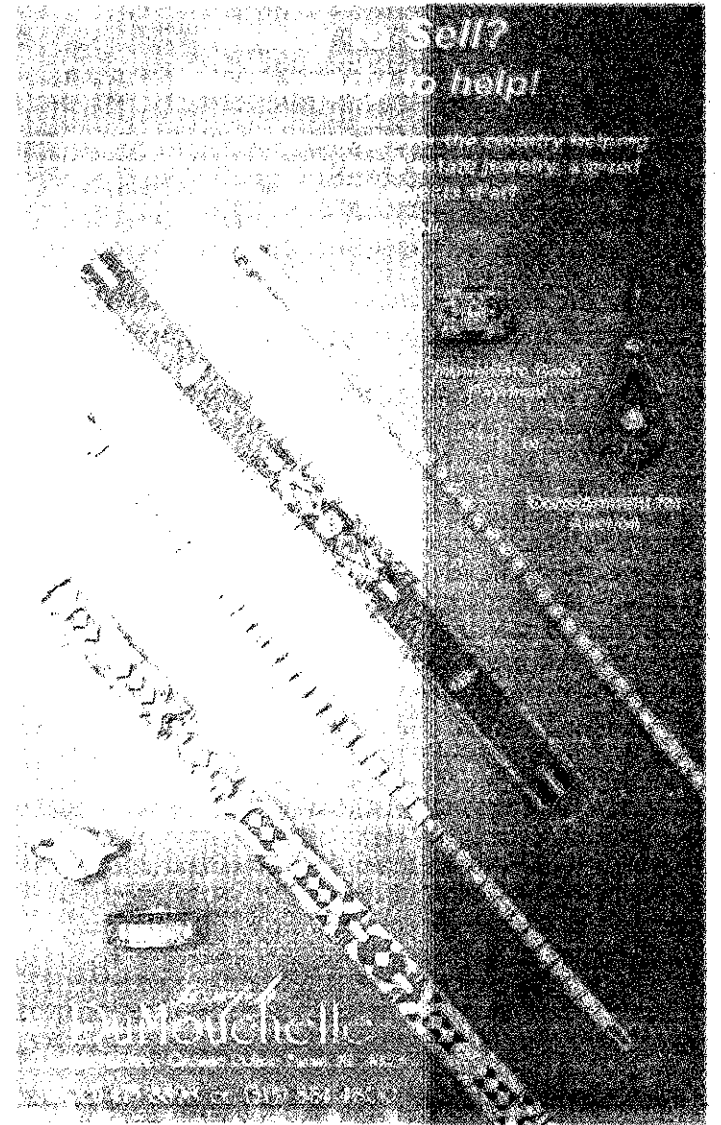
Above, the Wardell House on Jefferson is wrapped in Christmas red and green.

Top, a wreath of evergreens swathed in lights and snow covered bushes indicate this family on Rivard is welcoming the holiday season.



Above, lights of red and green reflect on snow covering Lochmoor Street.

Top, right, Peace on Earth spells out a nationwide sentiment.



ASSAULT: Good will back fires

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consciousness.

Before leaving, he threatened to kill both her and her son if they attempted to locate him.

City police were notified and through checking the online purchase, traced a potential suspect to a vacant house in Detroit. They were able to get a picture of the man, but both the victim and son were unable to "100 percent" identify him, police said.

Detective Ron Wieczorek said the son then acquired a "rifle or shotgun" in his mother's name and went to Detroit to find the man. The two met up and the son took the firearm from his vehicle and pursued the suspect.

He was arrested by Detroit police before any violence erupted.

"If there's one thing in this case, is that we don't want people taking these things in their own hands," Wieczorek said. "He's got a rifle and the (suspect) has a handgun."

"Someone is going to be killed," Wieczorek said in the days following the incident, the son has implored police to grant his mother a gun permit for her protection. But police have refused to do so, because they fear it will end up in the son's hands.

Wieczorek added that the presence of firearms in the home poses a threat for both his officers and residents.

"No way are going to grant a gun permit (in this case) with a 10-foot-pole," he said.

The son has continually contacted police and has shown up at the station in an intoxicated state, Wieczorek said.

The suspect is described as a black male, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. Police have broadcast the description to neighboring departments, but Wieczorek is not very confident in his apprehension.

"We don't have much to go on right now," he said.

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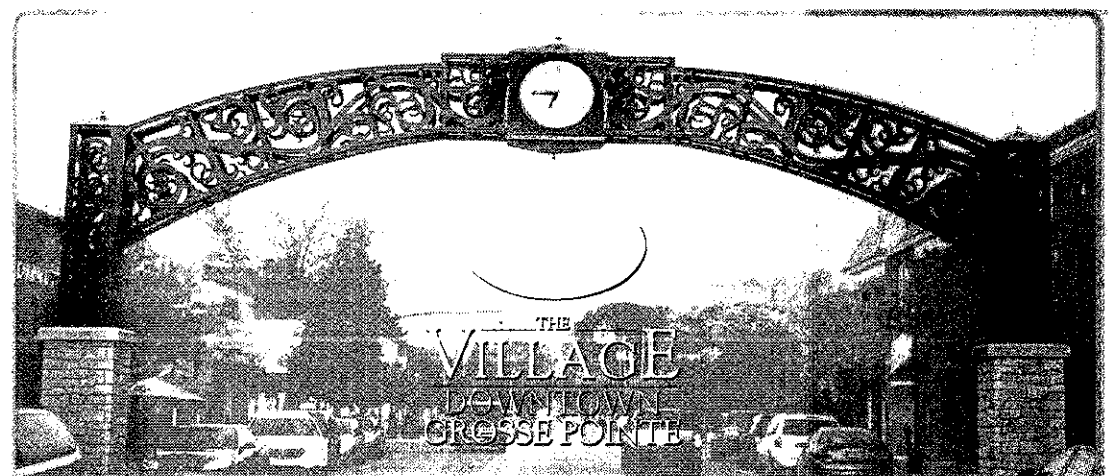
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GUEST EDITORIAL By Stewart L. Udall

Echoes from past hard times

The following is part two of a three-part series of letters by Stewart L. Udall to his grandchildren.

Ordinarily, a backward look at history is a detour into unproductive nostalgia. I am acutely aware of the profound differences between today's culture and the spare way of living that prevailed in the 1930s.

Nevertheless, I believe my contemporaries — called "the greatest generation" by Tom Brokaw, I prefer to characterize it as "the frugal generation" — have timely life lessons to offer your generation.

The freefall of the stock market in October, 1929, was part of a worldwide economic disaster. It was followed by a bank panic that lasted over two years and wiped out the savings of millions and created a wave of shock and despair. The collapse — unemployment rose to 80 percent in some manufacturing cities — came to be called The Great Depression.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's buoyant spirit and his job-creating New Deal programs, tied to Keynesian economic prospects, slowly improved and replaced pessimism with cautious hope. But the struggle to get the economy back on track lasted 11 years.

At the outset, no one foresaw that the Depression's paralyzing grip would change many of the country's core values and expectations.

Two Americas

I lived through that period as a teenager. There were actually two Americas in the 1930s where energy was concerned. Roughly half of all Americans resided in metropolitan areas or in mid-sized cities where industrial activity was dominant. These folks had electricity and were served by railroads that provided first-rate service for passengers and industries. The other half lived in rural areas, small towns, and on farms.

Some rural families owned used cars but, in my region in the Southwest, except for large communities such as Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Denver, few homes had access to electric power.

In general, the living standards of these two Americas were contrasted in important ways. A subsistent economy was dominant in the latter. These families essentially lived off the land, which meant that children had daily chores — chopping wood, milking cows, feeding animals and tending the garden — and all meals were home cooked.

Payrolls were few, so older adults on ranches and farms had seasonal jobs and kept busy doing heavy outdoor work. It was not all work and no play. Churches and high schools filled in with religious activities and entertainment.

In the 1930s, I lived in the "Intermountain West." I spent the first 18 years of my life in the farm village of St. Johns, Ariz. — population 1,300 — on the Colorado Plateau 60 miles from the nearest railroad.

We had no electricity; wood was our fuel. Horses, mules, and human muscle provided the "horsepower" required for irrigated agriculture. Travel was limited, but I had an opportunity — in the clean, clear air of that time — to move about on the electric trolleys and trains that provided cities such as Phoenix, Tucson, Albuquerque and Salt Lake City with efficient, convenient, low-cost travel.

Then, on my one trip to the Los Angeles area, in 1937, with a football team, I rode on the fast "Red Ball" trains that connected that area's flowering "garden cities" before the auto industry conspired to eliminate them after the war.

I was fascinated recently to observe that Utah is combating auto congestion and pollution by connecting its major cities with fast trains and building light-rail lines in some of its urban areas.

The one major sector of the economy that thrived during the Depression was the railway system. During the war, it carried soldiers and the huge new war machines with remarkable dispatch. But, unlike our European neighbors, we unceremoniously discarded it in the 1950s when the interstate highway system was approved. Now, the end of cheap oil will turn the tables in favor of rail mobility and simultaneously bolster human health and save travelers billions of dollars each year.

Shattered hopes

Drastic changes will be in order. That is why I believe the transition my generation made from 1930 to 1946 and beyond needs to be evaluated and emulated. Hopes were shattered and replaced with misery in the first years of the Depression, but everyone realized they had to adapt to a different economy and a sparse lifestyle.

My generation did not handle this crisis by blaming the government or seeking scapegoats, but by strengthening our families and communities, and above all, by supporting primary and secondary schools so our children might have a better fu-

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Property leases

To the Editor:

It seems that all of the Grosse Pointes have a new problem. This problem concerns the short-term rentals on properties that haven't sold and are vacant.

These rentals could escalate into a huge annoyance to the Grosse Pointes which could affect property values.

In my area, a furnished, vacant house has been rented twice this year by different people for a period of two months for each. A real estate company is representing the leases.

I have been told a street in the City of Grosse Pointe has rental agents turning over properties so often that one homeowner can't tell who is coming or going.

This practice will most certainly bring down property values.

Our citizens must demand a way to solve this problem. We

are looking to our city councils for help.

What we don't want is a neighborhood of motels.

ELAINE HARTMANN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Right-to-work movement

To the Editor:

I am disappointed to find the Mackinac Center for Public Policy has been allowed to represent the opinions of the Grosse Pointe News and, implicitly, of the citizens of the Grosse Pointes.

This organization, along with the CEO of Domino Pizza Enterprises and the DeVos Corporation, is behind the "Right-to-Work-for-Food" movement, another piece of legislation that takes its place along such enlightened amendments as those touting no affirmative action and the no-gay marriage.

These kinds of legislation are the reasons our state is begin-

ning to look like Alabama, not in the present, but in Alabama's troubled past. As a matter of fact, Alabama today spends more on university education than does Michigan, which is the third state from the bottom in the 48 contiguous states in expenditures for higher education.

The following are a few facts Grosse Pointe News readers should know about so-called right-to-work states versus states that allow for unionization of the labor force (Dec. 13 Grosse Pointe News, "Michigan needs worker freedom of choice"), thereby guaranteeing a modicum of jobs with dignity:

1) Since becoming a right-to-work state, North Carolina has lost more jobs than any state in the nation.

2) Oklahoma, after adopting right-to-work laws, lost more than 22,000 manufacturing jobs.

3) The percentage of people without health insurance in Michigan is now 11.6 percent, whereas in right-to-work states it's 15.4 percent.

4) The percentage of people living in poverty in Michigan is 12.3 percent, whereas in right-to-work states, it's 13.8 percent;

5) Right-to-work states spend \$2,260 less per year on K-12 education than do unionized states.

If the prospect of more poverty, fewer jobs, less health

insurance coverage, lower spending for K-12 education and higher education, appeal to people, let's by all means make sure that we go the road of the right-to-work-for-food states. Working conditions in those states are moving ever closer to the places where the DeVoses like to do business — China and India.

If we want to move ahead in Michigan, we should instead take Massachusetts for an example: Its economy is growing at a pace four times faster than the national economy. Why? Because its populace is educated, its laws are progressive, its citizens are now entitled to state health care and for some reason, despite allowing gay marriage, it has a lower divorce rate than most right-to-work states.

Businesses that want to relocate in the United States look for places where workers can hit the ground running in terms of their training and education. They look for living conditions that make for a safe, harmonious environment for families. Good schools and well-funded universities are part of that picture.

If they want a suborned work force afraid to demand work safety regulations and other basic rights, they go to China and undeveloped countries, where they can exploit workers, starting with children as young as 9, as they will.

ANCA VLASOPOLOS, PH.D.

GUEST OPINION By Lawrence W. Reed

Tax hikes: Bad policy and timing

The budget deal struck by the Michigan Legislature in the wee hours of Oct. 1, 2007, represents both bad policy and bad timing.

The Legislature's limited reforms were dwarfed by tax hikes of historic dimensions — an 11.5 percent increase in the state's income tax and a new services related 6 percent sales tax that will make Michigan a uniquely uncompetitive location for many firms.

This projected \$1.358 billion tax hike for fiscal year 2007-2008 would be difficult in a robust climate, but it is much worse in a state that's in the grip of a one-state recession. Michigan's tax base of people and businesses is beginning to crumble, as evidenced by these sobering facts:

◆ The unemployment rate, at 7.5 percent, is 60 percent higher than the national average.

◆ According to United Van Lines statistics, Michigan was tied with North Dakota for the highest outbound migration rate in the nation last year.

◆ Relative to the rest of the nation, the state's per-capita income has been in free fall since 2000. It is now an astonishing 7.8 percent below the national average.

◆ Home values are plummeting as foreclosures soar to their highest level in recent memory.

◆ Government statistics show that in 2001, Michigan's average private-sector wage was 9 percent below the average state government wage.

With the folly of the midnight budget deal now apparent to almost everyone, the state's immediate need is for spending cuts and cost saving reforms in the current fiscal year, thus eliminating the need for the tax hikes just passed.

Today, it's about 18 percent below. We're becoming a poor state with well-off public servants.

◆ Michigan's state and local tax burden is estimated to rise to 11th in the country under the new taxes, according to the nonprofit Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C. Add in the "taxing" effect of Michigan's high regulatory burden and the perception of an unfriendly labor climate, and you have a toxic brew that drives people and businesses away.

The extension of the sales tax to certain services is a guaranteed job killer that will hit small businesses particularly hard. Those are the very businesses that create most of the new jobs; many of them are mobile enough to simply leave the state and escape the tax completely. For those that remain, paperwork blizzards, legal headaches and account-

ing nightmares await.

It should not surprise anyone that Michiganians aren't happy. By a 2-1 margin in a poll taken before the tax hikes

er shortfall soon.

Legislators and the governor can do the responsible thing and repeal the tax increases. If they don't, it is possible the people will do that for them through a ballot initiative. Either way, the issue of spending reductions and meaningful reform of state government must be revisited — the sooner the better.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy has offered many suggestions over the years to help resolve the state's fiscal problems.

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The Mackinac Center has recommended 55 specific state spending reductions, clearing the way for urgently needed transformational reforms and government restructuring. The time for gimmicks, Band-Aids, distractions and punitive tax hikes is over. The moment for real remedies is long overdue.

Will the governor and Legislature muster the courage to do what's right by undoing what's wrong? Our state's future hangs in the balance.

Lawrence W. Reed is president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Caroling and cocoa benefit the heart



Being the mother of a social sixth grade girl, I'm used to the every day bombardment of requests for get togethers with friends — homework sessions, trips to the ice cream or coffee shop, all-day trips to the mall, and the ultimate — sleepovers.

So a few weeks ago, when my daughter came up with the idea of getting friends together to go caroling, the rote response came out: "Do your

homework and clean up your room and then we'll talk about it."

The homework got done, the room picked up, and the questions and logistics spewed forth.

Most of my daughter's ideas require parental supervision, usually mine. While she rattles off the details, I half listen and think about how to make her dreams come true with minimal involvement on my part.

"I can ask a bunch of friends, and we can sing carols, and get money, and come back here for hot cocoa and a sleepover."

Ding, ding, ding! There's that dreaded word — sleepover.

Don't get me wrong. There are worse things in life than sleepovers with 11-year-old

girls, a root canal for one. But this plan suddenly was going to require a lot of my time and effort. Must nip it in the bud.

"Well, honey, the van only seats seven and you and I are two of those spots.

You can only ask five girls."

Phew! I'm wittling this plan down, slow but sure.

"And, you just can't go caroling for your own personal gain. You need to donate the money."

I might just get out of this altogether.

"How about if we do it on Friday after the school dance? The dance benefits the Goodfellows and we can give the money to them."

Hmmm. OK, she's more charitable than I thought. Now

what?

"Well, it's really tough this time of year to have a sleepover, with the shopping and baking and decorating."

"How about if we come back here for hot chocolate and a movie?" she said.

There's the compromise, the point at which her "dreams" come true and so do mine. Truly.

For as much as I pretend to simply tolerate these plans of hers, I really do enjoy watching her with her friends and spending time with them.

Soon she won't be needing me to drive her, and I won't be knowing half of what she's doing. But that's another column for another time.

So my daughter contacts her

friends and gathers five girls, who can and want to do this, and whose parents agree to it. She coordinates what everyone is to wear jeans and boots. Another friend mentions wearing Santa hats.

My daughter finds Christmas songs on the internet and prints the lyrics. I get the milk, cocoa, whipped cream and sprinkles. The plan is in full motion.

We begin picking up friends at 6:30 p.m. and even though five girls make so much noise I can't hear my daughter talking from the seat next to me, I had a blast.

Watching them go door-to-door, arm-in-arm, so many thoughts filled my head. I remembered when I was

that age and how much fun I had with my friends. I wondered if these friends will be the friends she'll have 30 years from now, like the ones I still have.

I listened as they left a house where the listener didn't donate any money, yet one of the girls said, "thanks for listening."

My daughter is making wise choices in friends.

I watched as some older kids harmlessly followed them and thought I won't always be here to watch.

I witnessed true joy in their faces when they counted up the money and realized they had collected \$86.

Most of all, I got to hear, "Thanks, Mom."

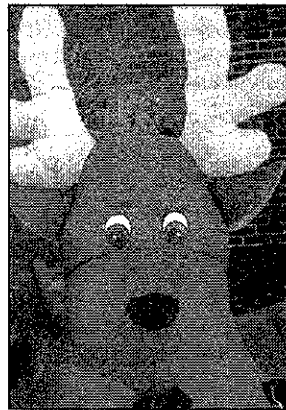
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

How do you celebrate the holidays?

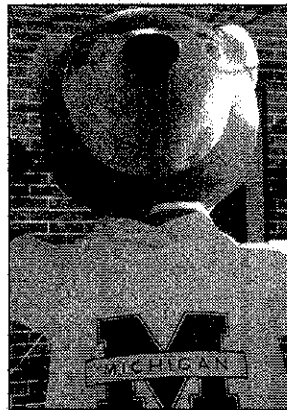
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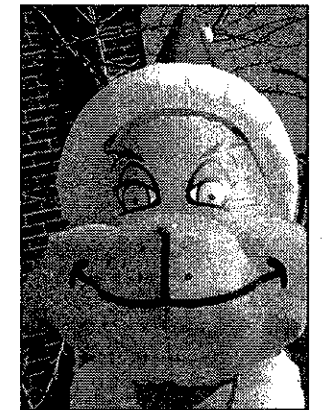
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'Who me? Get it — ha-ha. I am no longer opposed to the holiday and I even take part in the festivities in Whoville.'
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FYI By Ben Burns

Two approaches to serving your country



A computer-generated saying used to hang in our foyer that said something like this: "You give your children two things. One is roots, the other wings."

A search of the Internet provides no conclusive answer on who first authored that thought. I have no idea where that little plaque has gotten to with various redecorations since Beverly's and my two sons left home. One was off to the University of Michigan in 1998 and the other to attend Kalamazoo College in 2001. But from time to time, I reflect on that saying and the wonderful things Grosse Pointe graduates are accomplishing in the world in terms of community, government, and human service.

Being proud parents, Beverly and I think our two sons represent among the best of young Pointers who serve the world.

So here are their stories. They are two special young men, but not significantly different from dozens of other young men and women emerging each year from the Grosse Pointe educational experience. And if you choose to substitute the names of your sons, grandsons, daughters, granddaughters, nieces or nephews, that is fair game.

B.J.
The Scottish Burns family tradition of naming a first son after the father and a second son after the grandfather held true, but neither of us wanted a junior, so we called **Benjamin Jenkins Hall Burns-B.J.** Born Sept. 7, 1979, in an emergency delivery at old Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, he was not inordinately large at 8 lbs. 11 oz. He was not red haired as a fair

number of children from the Scottish gene pool turn out to be. Perhaps maternal Native American genetics trumped.

As a youngster, B.J. was one of the most curious children I have ever met. He was forever asking adults if "we could have a conversation," or else he would say at the dinner table, "tell me a story."

He grew up playing sports in the Grosse Pointe system. Little league baseball consumed summer. League officer **Harley Wattrick** insisted on playing catch with him before admitting him, so he could make sure my son could catch a baseball and not get hurt. I was a little offended, but it made sense.

He played basketball through the various Neighborhood Club levels and then for several years at South. He played football with the Red Barons and South, establishing a reputation as a tough defensive end at 6'3" and 195 lbs. He was sidelined most of his senior season with mononucleosis, which meant he got a few feelers to play college football including one from a service academy, but never pursued them. We were relieved.

He was a good, high B student, but not a great student by Grosse Pointe standards when you figure that 10 or more graduate from South each year with averages more than a 4 point.

While Beverly and I have some Wolverine connections — she graduated from law school there and I took the executive business program — B.J. chose U of M, I suspect, more because of the pretty blonde he dated at the time. She was a great student, a year ahead of him, and majored in engineering.

During his freshman year as a double major in English and political science, he announced out of the blue he had passed a Marine Corps physical and intended to become a Marine officer when he graduated. He would spend parts of the next

two summers at Quantico, Va. in Marine training and make a final decision when he graduated.

So in May 2002 after a U of M graduation ceremony in the Big House on a cold, nasty day, our son and three others were officially sworn in as Marine lieutenants at the Michigan League before family and friends. As they say, there was hardly a dry eye in the house. That spring he won the first U of M Marine Corps Iron Man competition.

Another Grosse Pointer, **Katherine Spicer** — now a Marine captain — won the women's division.

That October B.J. went back to Quantico for the basic officers school. They called him "The Dictionary" during basic because if an officer was searching for a word, he could always ask B.J. Then, it was on to train as a combat engineer and a move to the Marine Air Base at Beaufort, S.C. before shipping to Iraq for a regular seven month combat tour of duty. His platoon's specialty was blowing things up and building things. They actually did more of the latter in Iraq.

There probably is not a better post-graduate curriculum in leadership than the Marine Corps. These men and women are tough, smart, and willing to make decisions quickly.

When B.J.'s tour of active duty ended and he and his new bride, **Laura Vern**, moved to the New York area, his men gave him a trophy case with his service medals and an inscription that read in part:

"Engineering Company XO (Exec Officer) June '05 to Aug. '06 — Leader, Mentor, Human Wikipedia."

In New York he found a post as a project supervisor for Turner Construction, a giant world-wide building firm, and was assigned to rehabbing buildings at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute in Manhattan.

Recently he was accepted in the MBA program at Columbia University for the fall of '08.

James

Our second son, **James Clifton Hall Burns**, was born June 13, 1983, in Philadelphia, Pa. at Jefferson Hospital. We were living in rural South Jersey about half way between Philly and Atlantic City along the Black Horse Pike.

I was editor, publisher, vice president and business manager of Times Graphics Inc. a group of two dailies and five weeklies owned by the parent company of The Detroit News. We printed 25 other publications and millions of store flyers each month on one of the biggest offset presses on the eastern seaboard in a rural town called Vineland.

Beverly was assistant professor of labor relations at what is now Rowan State University and a research associate at the Wharton School of Industrial Relations.

But James never lived in New Jersey, as we were transferred back to Detroit when he was a week old. He followed the same sports career path as his elder brother, but added track to the football, basketball and baseball lineup.

James is a more free-spirited social person. He was always having friends over or going to a friend's house as he grew up. He also got good — if not stellar — grades and chose to attend Kalamazoo College.

He flirted briefly with the Marine Corps, probably because of his older brother, but chose a different path of service when he graduated with a degree in economics. He joined Americorps and was assigned because of his considerable language skills to work with job training for poor Hispanics in a high, dry valley in south central Colorado. He spent a year in Alamosa, Co. setting up business plans and counseling clients for a social services agency, before deciding to see what life in booming Seattle was like.

There he got a job trimming trees until he won a place in a Wells Fargo Bank training program. And shortly after that he

was offered a job working for Microsoft doing marketing for the X-Box division. He worked at the Com-Con in San Diego. The Com-Con is a Comics Convention that draws thousands of people including folks dressed as comic book super heroes.

He produced the X-Box downloads from the Spike Awards show in Las Vegas — that's the award show for the best video games. He is expected to play competitors' video games in his spare time.

James is having a blast, thinking about graduate school, and living with his one-eyed dog Mosa (short for Alamosa) in a cottage on a lake. He does find it unusual that he has to go to a sports bar on Sunday morning

to see his beloved Detroit Lions on television.

Two sons. Two very different approaches to service. Two success stories. There are hundreds of others like them here in the Grosse Pointes that I will be happy to share with our readers, if you let me know the details.

In the meantime I look forward to sharing a cup of kindness with two young men during this holiday season, who represent the best and the brightest that our society has to offer and a hope for the future.

And, if you are one of the many teachers at Trombley, Richard, Brownell and South, who had the Burns boys in class over the years, you should be proud of your work.



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ECHOES:
Optimism
for change

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ture.

This was not a decision made by the national government. It was made by the members of thousands of local communities who taxed themselves to make good education a reality.

Opportunities for higher education shrank during the 1930s. Only 3 or 4 percent of high school graduates — mostly the children of well-to-do parents — enrolled and won

college degrees. This elevated the importance of high school studies and striving students sought, and received, valuable extra instruction.

Many individuals were crushed by the 1930s. Others used sardonic humor to roll with the punches. Oklahoma's Will Rogers, who wrote a weekly column featuring pithy observations, was a laugh-at-your-plight commentator. One of his gems that I remember was: "I had a surprise yesterday. A headline read, 'Six Bankers in Detroit Indicted.' I thought Detroit was a bigger town than that!"

Another "Okie," the mother of author Tony Hillerman, was not intimidated by the erosion of the Dust Bowl. She respond-

ed by coining a proverb to save the wounds of her neighbors: "Blessed are those who expect little," she intoned, "for they shall seldom be disappointed."

In some cases, extreme adversity evoked defiance and persuaded men and women that they were indomitable. This was the theme of John Steinbeck's great book and film, "The Grapes of Wrath."

All together now

Optimism had a brief surge in the 1930s with the advent of radio and talking pictures. Radio had a positive influence on national culture. It gave a president the power to tell the country what he was trying to accomplish. It also enabled

families to sit in a circle to hear news reports — and be entertained.

It was a welcome advance because it used so little electricity that it was essentially free in a society that was struggling to make ends meet.

Movies, likewise, had a positive impact on culture. Like radio, Hollywood's stunning visuals did not make a dent in the depressed economy, but their appeal was educational and proffered solace. Going to a movie, too, was usually a family activity. Life values taught, say, by a Spencer Tracy, a Katharine Hepburn, or a Betty Davis resonated with meaning.

Whether one liked comedies, Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields, etc.; fantasies, "The Wizard of Oz;" nostalgia for "the good, old days," Thorton Wilder's "Our Town;" or social tragedies, "The Grapes of Wrath," filmgoers went home feeling that tenacious individuals could make a difference. Besides, the admission fee was minimal.

The first film that came to my hometown, in 1934, was "Small Town Girl," with Janet Gaynor. A ticket cost just 25 cents.

Those technologies made families more cohesive and created a "we're all in this together" spirit that encouraged positive thinking at a time when there was no national "safety net." Governments only got involved, in those days, if there was an epidemic or a local disaster.

As a result, the burden of providing care for the sick and the dying fell on families and churches. If, for example, a breadwinner was ill or injured,

older children hustled for part-time work to fill the gap. This kind of self-reliance infused teenagers with confidence and pride when war clouds appeared on the horizon.

A nation transformed

The stunning Pearl Harbor attack triggered a social and economic transformation never experienced before. In the days and weeks after war was declared, the worries of the Great Depression were replaced by millions asking, "What can I do to help?"

There was no turmoil, no panicky reaction to "terror." President Roosevelt delivered a call to action that turned the economic landscape upside down. Our biggest industries converted factories into war plants that produced ships, tanks, flying machines, and other weapons of war.

A civilian workforce of millions of idle men and women was trained to staff the assembly lines. In the meantime, those who volunteered or were drafted — ultimately 12 million wore military uniforms — had to wait until bases were constructed where they could be trained to use the powerful, new machines of war.

The scope and scale of the overall effort is affirmed by the statistic that young women — including a symbolic aircraft worker named Rosie the Riveter — held 30 percent of the jobs at war factories and usually worked 50 hours each week. Lee, your grandmother, was part of that workforce.

It forever changed the roll of American women, who could and forever would have more

choices and equality.

As boot camps were completed, they became a military melting pot of young men from all walks of life. Their hometowns ranged from large cities such as Brooklyn, Knoxville, or Milwaukee to small towns such as Walla Walla, Wash., Eagle Pass, Tex., and Whiskeytown, Calif. There was less friction than expected because the young men had a common purpose and their unspoken "all in it together" attitudes overcame cultural or religious differences.

These fledgling soldiers knew little about what the future had in store for them. Most of them would end up giving three, four, or five years of their lives to the country. More than 292,000 of them sacrificed life itself — and a large number would suffer grievous wounds that would impair their health and future enjoyment of life. But they knew the risks and bore them stoically.

Part III of Mr. Udall's letter to his grandchildren will be published near New Year's Day, 2007. In it, he describes how lessons from The Great Depression and World War II can aid the coming worldwide battle against global warming.

Stewart Udall celebrated his 87th birthday in February. He is one of America's environmental pioneers. The former congressman served as Secretary of the Interior in the Kennedy and Johnson cabinets and pushed for the Clean Air, Water Quality, and Clean Water Restoration Acts and Amendments, the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966, and other groundbreaking green laws. He also helped to establish four national parks, six national monuments, nine national recreation areas, 20 national historic sites, and nine national lakeshores and seashores, including two in Michigan — the Pictured Rocks and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshores.

Policy
changes

Michael D. LaFaive, Mackinac Center for Public Policy fiscal policy director recently called on Michigan policymakers to make transformational, market-friendly policy changes their top New Year's resolution for 2008.

LaFaive warned that to do otherwise would all but guarantee continued loss of jobs and population.

"We were already at or near the bottom of many important economic rankings before the Legislature piled on \$1.4 billion in new taxes," said LaFaive. "Does anyone really believe this hike will make Michigan more attractive to people and business?"

Indiana does not think so. The state has posted billboards along interstates near the border encouraging passers-by to come to Indiana if they're tired of high taxes and high business and housing costs.

Indiana is also running radio ads in Michigan and Illinois with the same message — and may have a compelling reason to do so. A new study by economists Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore shows record numbers of Americans moved last year and they tended to move south and west — to states with generally favorable tax and labor climates, among other things.

In a new essay titled, "Michigan's Diaspora: A Revealed Preference for Leaving," LaFaive and Hicks argue that state policy must change to make Michigan relatively more attractive. If changes are not made, they wrote, the state may need to change its motto from "If you seek a pleasant peninsula look about you," to "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, move to Florida," which is exactly where a lot of people are moving.

The authors recommend that Michigan become a right-to-work state, lower the regulatory burden and cut taxes as ways to stem the flow of jobs, people and opportunities to other states.




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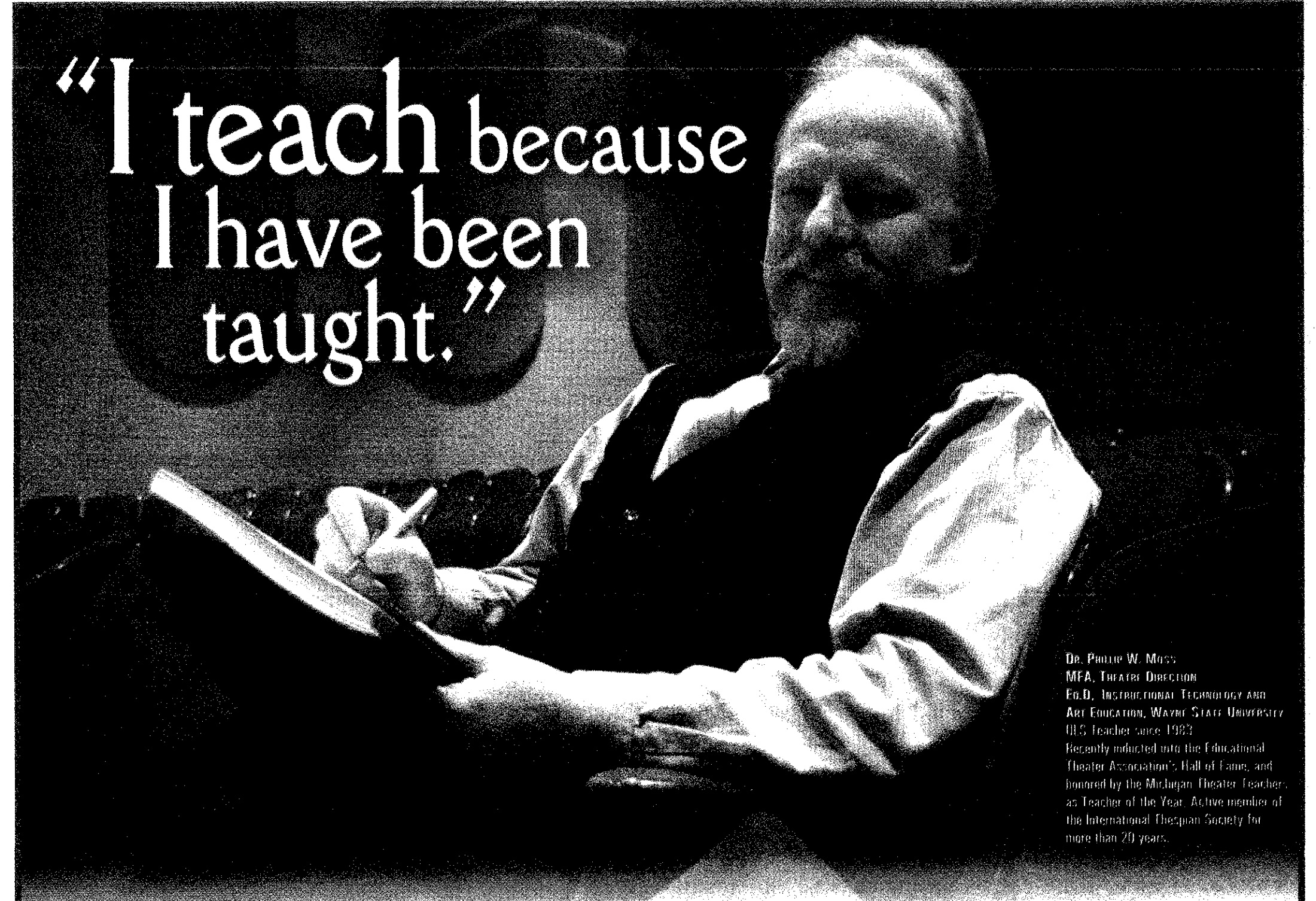


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"My mother taught me to love art, beauty, the awesome power of music, and the wonder of an actor's emotion. My seventh-grade English teacher and basketball coach taught me that being in a drama production was just as important as playing basketball. When my friends began to haze, that same teacher taught me that an adult can be a friend and a mentor.

My high school football coach taught me that hard work and discipline can make dreams come true and I watched him tear up when our team held the 1976 Michigan football state championship trophy high above our heads. My Wayne State University theatre professors taught me that imagination and creativity always outshine the glitter of gold.

As a young teacher at Liggett, Faculty Emeritus Gene Overton, a chemistry teacher for 38 years, taught me that long hours and careful attention to the needs of students are not a burden but a gift. The late ULS arts educator Ed Jacomo taught me that no matter how good an actor I may be, I will always be a better teacher.

Retired ULS Athletic Director Bob Wood and long-time history teacher/soccer coach David Backhurst taught me that one can achieve excellence over the long run through focus and energy.

I have had the blessing of not one, but many, teachers who have touched my life. None are more important than your children; the ones I see every day. They teach a very simple, yet powerful lesson: to learn to be human and humane, we must have adults in our lives who take the time to know us, to help us, and to move us to new places.

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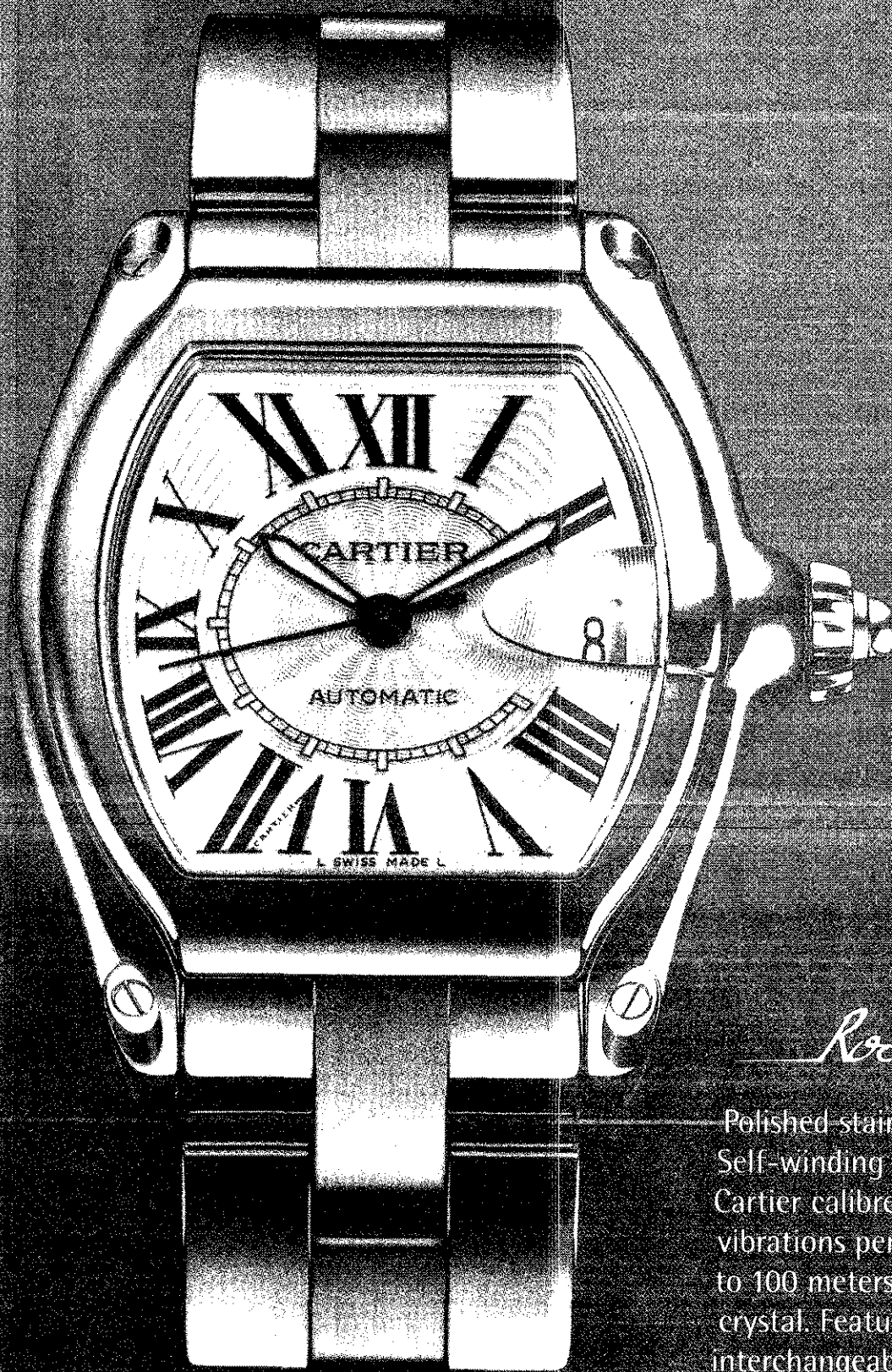
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

A (Habeas) Chorus Line performs in Jan.

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Parcells Middle School is hosting A (Habeas) Chorus Line at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in the school's auditorium.

Tickets cost \$20 and all proceeds benefit the Maire Elementary School PTO. They are available at Madilu & Ethan Too, Cavanaugh's, Something Special, and The Pointe Pedlar, or by calling (313) 640-4137.

Two members of A (Habeas) Chorus Line are local residents. Sara Fischer-Hodges, 48, is a lifelong Grosse Pointer, who currently lives in the Park.

Justin Klimko, 51, is a transplanted Pointer, who lives in the Woods.

Both have been with the group since its inception in 1992. Other members of the musical parody troupe are Joseph M. LaBella, James D. Robb, Michael C. Leibson, Brian D. Figot, Angela R.C. Williams, Mark R. Lezotte and Judy Zorn.

"We were so proud after that initial performance and the audience loved us," Fischer-Hodges said. "Since then, we have added more material and are picking up more opportunities to perform."

"It's a lot of hard work, but we all enjoy it."

Each of the nine performers has a legal career. They practice several times per week



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A (Habeas) Chorus Line members pictured above from left are Michael Leibson, Justin Klimko, James Robb, Angela Williams, Brian Figot, Judy Zorn, Joseph LaBella, Mark Lezotte and Sara Fischer-Hodges.

during the evening and on parodies to current or famous weekends, writing and singing songs.

"We practice a lot to make sure our routines are as perfect as we can get them," Klimko said. "After a long day

of work at the office, it is pretty relaxing to get together with my friends and practice, which always gets a few laughs."

Despite the funny responses audience members give, Klimko and Fischer-Hodges take this seriously.

"We're here to entertain people and lighten the mood," Fischer-Hodges said. "We enjoy watching people laugh and this performance at Parcells will allow money to be raised to help the kids at Maire, which is awesome."

Some of the places A (Habeas) Chorus Line has performed are:

- ♦ The Accountant's Guild
- ♦ American College of Dentistry
- ♦ Arab American Bar Association
- ♦ Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- ♦ Congregation Beth Shalom
- ♦ Down River Association of Realtors
- ♦ Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel in San Antonio, Tex.
- ♦ Federal Bar Association, Cleveland Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio
- ♦ Michigan Metal Finishers Association
- ♦ Michigan Press Association
- ♦ Oakland Mediation Center

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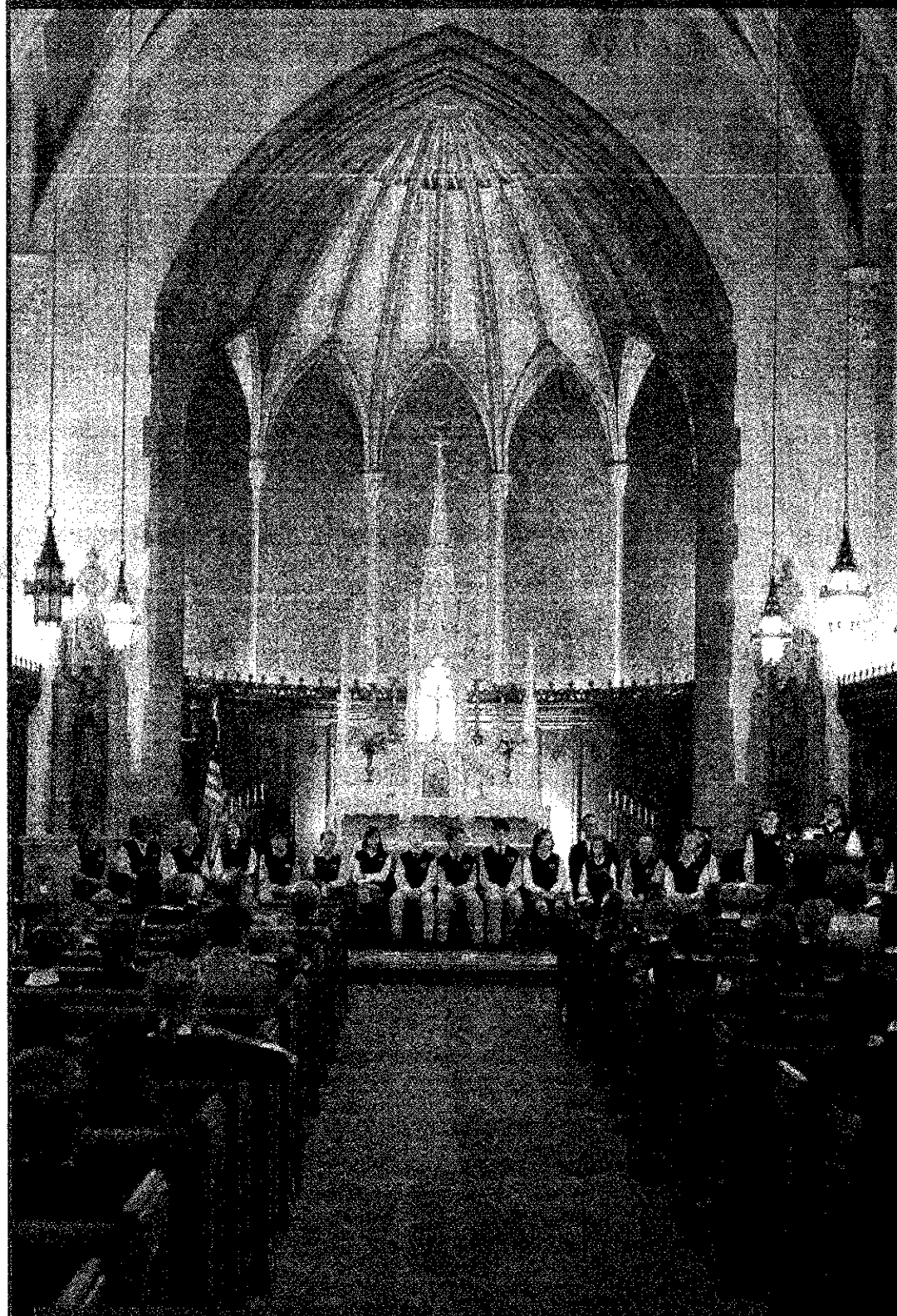
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



Christmas spirit

Third-graders from Our Lady Star of the Sea School, above, sang for dozens of senior citizens at Lochmoor Club Wednesday, Dec. 12. Third-grade teacher Joette Liamini and fellow instructor, Sister Mary King, prepared their students for the show, which was led by the school's music director Lisa Taormina, standing above. They sang several Christmas songs for the group.



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Specialist added

Betty Lalich is the new learning specialist at St. Paul Catholic School.

"We developed this position to provide curriculum support for students who could be better served by adjustments to the regular curriculum at both ends of the spectrum," said Mary Miller, St. Paul principal.

"This program will provide instruction that is faster paced or at a higher level than the regular classroom instruction, as well as provide support for students struggling with the regular classroom instruction."

"The goal of the program is to find a way to meet the needs of children, who have various abilities or learning needs, starting and focusing only on language arts for this year and possibly adding additional support in other areas, such as math," Lalich said.

She added the program will combine the efforts of technology director Jackie Curtain, who brings knowledge of laptop computers that will be kept in the classroom so students



Betty Lalich, above, is St. Paul Catholic School's new learning specialist.

will always have access.

Students will use Smart Boards, Big Books, and hand held palms as part of the program.

"We utilize standardized testing as one of the tools as well as teacher recommendations and language tests," Lalich said. "The grades involved are first through eighth."

"The junior high program includes project based work, for example, learning to set up a Civil War project by creating a scrapbook page about an actual person as well as a variety of other projects that meet the needs of the students."

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students honored

Nine students in Mary Carey's drama class at Pierce Middle School won prizes in a mask creating contest.

In October, Cricket magazine sponsored a contest that involved creating a mask of a character from a story or anything of a whimsical nature.

Carey's students created masks that could later be used in a play or skit.

Cricket is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed magazine.

Winners' names and masks will be included in the January 2008 edition of the

magazine.

Local winners are:

- ◆ 1st place: Kiersten Kern, 7th-grade
- ◆ 2nd place: Antonia Bausley and Abby Grobbel, 7th-graders
- ◆ 3rd place: Erin Ivers and Evie Wheeler, 6th-graders
- Honorable Mention:
 - ◆ Allison Cornell
 - ◆ Zach Hasenbusch
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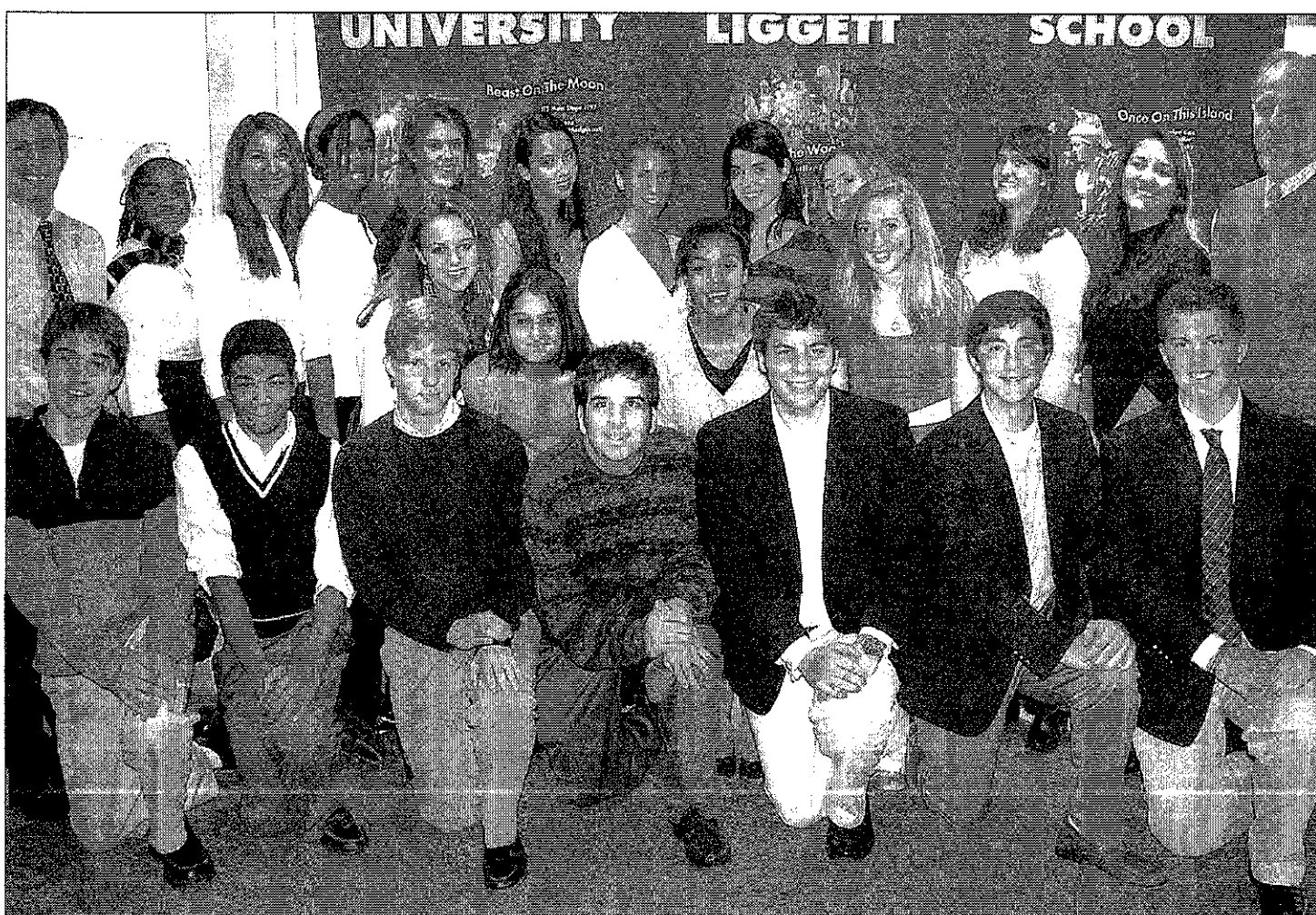


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Top scorers

University Liggett School upper school performers, pictured above, participated in the State Theatre Festival during the last weekend in November. Far left is teacher and chaperone Adam Hellebuyck, and far right is Phillip W. Moss, chair of the ULS creative and performing arts department and faculty sponsor of the ULS Players. Students honored were senior Jeri Tocco of Clinton Township, monologue, superior/national qualifier; senior Bridget Hillyer of Grosse Pointe Park, monologue, superior/national qualifier; junior Detra Ward of Detroit, solo musical, excellent; sophomore Emmanuelle Baker of Grosse Pointe Park, excellent; seniors Kate Fitzgerald of Grosse Pointe Farms and Andrew Faber of Grosse Pointe Woods, duet musical, superior/national qualifiers; junior Margaret Fitzgerald of Grosse Pointe Farms and sophomore K.C. VanElslander of Grosse Pointe Park, excellent; junior Quinn Scillian of Grosse Pointe Park with Fitzgerald and Faber, group musical, excellent; senior Deanna Kouskoulas of Grosse Pointe Park, play writing, superior/national qualifier; junior Jessica Lancaster of Grosse Pointe Park, costume, superior and national qualifier; and junior Jacob Dombrowski of St. Clair Shores, scenic, excellent.

CHORUS: Group hams it up for fans

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- ◆ Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge
- ◆ Saginaw Torch Club
- ◆ Schostak Brothers
- ◆ Scottish Rite Masons Valentine Ball
- ◆ Seyburn, Kahn Law Firm in Lansing
- ◆ Society of Professional Journalists Roast for Geoffrey Fieger
- ◆ Temple Emanu-El
- ◆ Temple Kol Ami

Each performance lasts between 45 and 75 minutes give or take a few minutes. Robb is the musical director and Klimko writes the lyrics.

"It depends on what the occasion is," Klimko said of coordinating the repertoire for each performance. "We sing parodies to a lot of topics, but we stay away from the serious events."

"I have seen a few shows

and they're great fun," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Joe Naporano. "It's an opportunity to forget about life's troubles for a couple of hours and laugh."

"What is better than laughing at lawyers?"

The group sang a parody of "Jesus Christ, Super Bowl," when Detroit hosted the National Football League's biggest game.

"The ladies in the group came walking down the aisles dressed up as nuns," Naporano said. "I laughed out loud during that one and started singing with them."

The group has produced three CDs, "Electile Dysfunction," "Parody This!" and "Caught In The Act! Live!" Each CD is \$10, plus tax and shipping.

Some of the titles are:

- ◆ "Mexico"
- ◆ "Mr. Saddam"
- ◆ "American Idol"
- ◆ "Good Morning, Starbucks"

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Magic carpet

Alan Marschke recently moved his business to the Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms. After several months of renovations to his store, Alan Marschke's Oriental Rug Gallery located at 92 Kercheval, he held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Mary Huebner, chamber president; Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager; Marschke, owner; Jim Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor; Ed Russell, chamber vice chamber; Gene Casazza, project manager; Jenny Boettcher, chamber director of member services; and Pat Milne, chamber director of event planning.

PEOPLE

CHRISTINA SIMON has been promoted to sales associate at Forte Belanger Catering, an off-premise catering and event company in Troy. She formerly worked for the company as a sales assistant. Simon lives in Grosse Pointe.



ERIN M. ROZYCKI has joined the Employment Department at Dykema's Detroit office. Her practice focuses on general employment matters. While in law school, she was awarded the J.P. Cavanaugh Scholarship, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2004-07, and the Best Oralist

Award in the National Child Welfare and Adoption Law Moot Court Competition. She earned a Bachelor of Arts, with honors from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor cum laude and the Order of the Barristers, from University of Detroit Mercy. Rozycki is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

GROSSE POINTE ROTARY



Rotary honor

Grosse Pointe Rotary member Jim Fikany presents to Leena Raza the Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship Award in recognition of her outstanding scholastic and civic achievements. These scholarships honor outstanding 8th grade Grosse Pointe middle school students with a \$50 book store gift card and certificate, which can be redeemed from the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation for \$500 worth of books and school supplies when the winner attends college.

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How many toys do you make every year? It would be nice to get a Nintendo DS and games. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are happy! Do you have a big party at the North Pole after Christmas?
Love, Isabella G., 7

Dear Santa,
How many elves are there? Please give me a Wii and a camera for my mom. I hope you have a safe trip through the night!
Love, Michael L., 7

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you brought last year. Is it true that Mrs. Claus makes the best cookies in the world? Please give Littlest Pet Shop. Have a safe trip back.
Love, Amber S., 7

Dear Santa,
How do you celebrate Christmas after the sleigh ride? Thank you for putting me on the "good list." Thank you for my presents. I would like an MP-3 player.
Love, Mary Katherine K., 7

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. My favorite was the doll house. Where do you feed the reindeer? Can I please have the Little People Camper Set. Have a great Christmas!
Love, Ava W., 7

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas! How do you get to every house on Christmas Eve? I don't know what to ask for so please surprise me. Have a nice trip! Be safe and stay warm!
Love, John L., 7

Dear Santa,
I'm being good!! How do you get up and down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Could I please have the Star Wars — the Complete Saga. Thank you for coming to my house. Do you like cookies or brownies?
Love, Blake D., 7

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make all the toys? I would like an Ibot and Tyco R.C. Thank you for being so kind and Merry Christmas. PS. What do you wear in Australia where it is hot?
Love, Antonio S., 8

Dear Santa,
How many elves are there? Can you please bring me a Nintendo DS and games? What is your favorite drink? Have a safe trip! How do you drink all that milk in one night?
Love, Natalia A., 7

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what I got last year. How do your reindeer fly? Please give me a Flamenco guitar. Merry Christmas. How old is your Santa suit?
Love, Marcella S., 7

Dear Santa,
How bad do you have to be to get a piece of coal? This Christmas can I please have a PSP and Nintendo DS? I hope you are not too tired after Christmas. Do you stop at Starbucks for coffee to stay awake?
Love, Johnny W., 8

Dear Santa,
How many elves are there? I still play with my Webkinz from last year. I would very much like the Playmobil house. I hope you're OK on your sleigh! PS. Does your sleigh have a CD player?
Love, Jackson W., 7

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? How old are they? Does Rudolph's nose still glow? Thanks for bringing a DS. I hope you have a safe flight around the world!
Love, Angelina C., 7

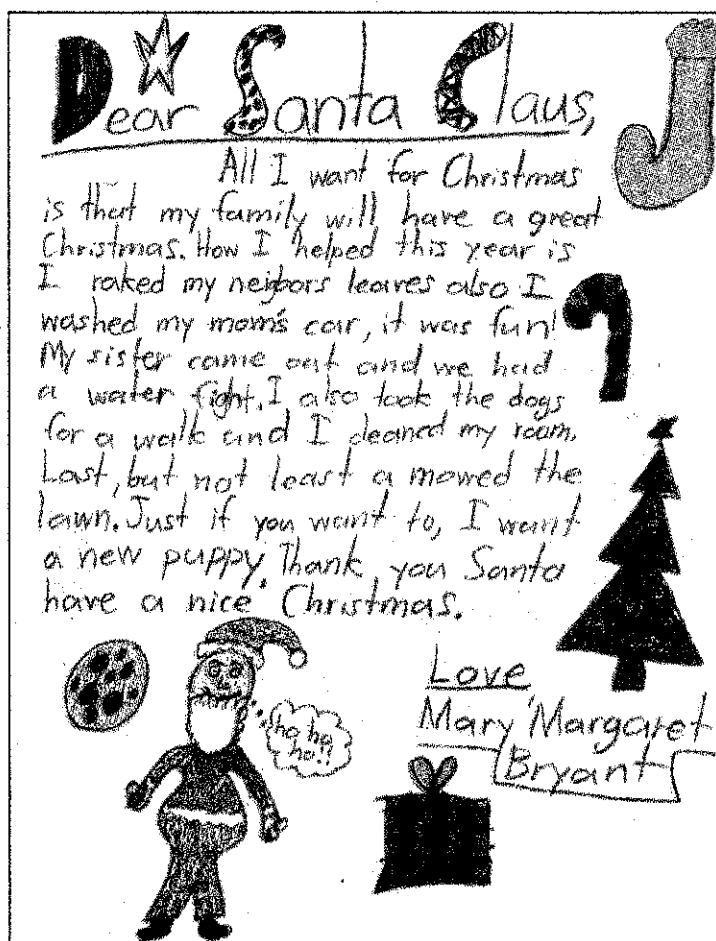
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is everything fine? Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? Please bring me a Wii. I hope you have a good trip here. Do you ever get lost? Does your sleigh have maps?
Love, J.D. Allor, 7

Dear Santa,
How can you deliver presents to the whole world in one night? Please bring me a DS and a pink plush chair. Thank you Santa. Do you have a comfortable seat in your sleigh?
Love, Lauren L., 7

Dear Santa,
How naughty do you have to be to get coal? Can I please have a PSP and a DS. I hope you're not too tired to enjoy Christmas! Does the sleigh have a seat warmer and cup holders?
Love, Johnny W., 8

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? All that I really want is Nintendo DS. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas! Do you listen to Christmas music while you are riding in the sleigh?
Love, Samantha L., 7

Dear Santa,
I really enjoy the drum set you brought last year. How do you get into all the houses? Please bring me a metal detector. Have a safe trip.
Love, Ben M., 7



Dear Santa,
I am so happy you are coming soon! How long have you been delivering presents? I would like Guitar Hero III. I hope you don't fall asleep on the ride.
Love, Noah H., 8

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents you brought last year. How can you make all those toys? Please bring me a DS and Hannah Montana guitar. Happy Christmas!
Love, Sydney M., 7

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite drink and favorite cookies? Please bring me a big R2D2 to program. I hope you don't get sick. Does Mrs. Claus make you a new Santa suit each year? Happy New Year!
Love, Hollie R., 7

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Thank you for the presents. How are the elves doing? I hope to get an electronic Robot. I hope you have a good ride on your sleigh.
Love, Jack S., 7

Dear Santa,
Are the elves and Rudolph real? How many toys do you make each year? What do you want for Christmas? Please bring me a Firefly Phone and a light pink DS. Thank you.
Love, Ellie F., 7

Dear Santa,
How do you make all the toys? Do you and Mrs. Claus have a pet? For Christmas, I would like tickets to Albania to visit my family and a DS. Thank you.
Love, Jessica M., 7

Dear Santa,
Are you going to bring all the presents to everyone in time? For Christmas, I would like a DS game and a guitar because I like to play music for Christmas.
Love, Josie C., 7

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph real? Does his nose really glow? I would like Hannah Montana guitar and a DS. I hope you deliver in time. Thank you.
Love, Madison M., 7

Dear Santa,
How are you? How do you get through the chimney? Tell Rudolph I said "hi." The only thing that I really want for Christmas is a PSP. So if I could get that, it would be great!
Love, Tommy M., 7

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How do you fit down the chimney? How many cookies do you eat a year? I

would like a drum set and two guitars.
Love, Andrew S., 7

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph real? Do you freeze time to deliver presents? Does Rudolph's nose glow? Thank you for last years presents. How do your reindeer fly?
Love, Conner H.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Does Rudolph's nose still glow? How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for being nice to my brother and me. If you have time, will you bring me a Littlest Pet Shop, diary and a surprise present?
Love, Madelyn McCullen, 7

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph's nose still glow? Can you still fit down the chimney? I hope you give me a Hannah Montana with blonde hair, a guitar and American Girl doll accessories?
Love, Susan F., 7

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly on Christmas? I would like to get a pool table and lots of Legos. I would also like a Spiderman Set.
Love, Tony C., 7

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good girl this year. How do you eat all the cookies? I love Rudolph! Is that your favorite reindeer? Thank you for what I got last year. For Christmas I would like the I-phone and a gift card for \$60 for Build-a-bear Workshop. Thank you!!
Love, Stephanie S., 8

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Who is your top elf? I would like a Mio Pup and if you can bring my Aunt Dawn and Uncle Rich home for Christmas, that would be great!
Love, Delaney H., 8

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole? Is it cold? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope I'm on the good list — and if I am, I would like a Game Boy.
Love, Sam V., 8

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose still shiny? What I want for Christmas is an iPod Shuffle and a game "Say What" Thanks for reading this!
Love, Michael L., 7

Dear Santa,
What are all the reindeer names? How are you, Santa? Is Rudolph's nose still red? I would like a Wii and Legos Mars Mission Command Base for Christmas.
Love, Dylan W., 7

Dear Santa,
How do you like your job? Is Rudolph's nose still red? I would like to have a DS game called Mario Party 8. I also would like a coloring set and a stuffed dog. Thanks a lot.
Love Danielle R., 7

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer doing? Is Rudolph's nose still red? Before I forget, I would like a Disney Mix-Max and Ambercrombie clothes.
Love, Evan K., 7

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas! I've had a good time, too! I've been wondering how the reindeer fly. I would like a Wii and lots of books.
Love Ian H., 7

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter because I care about you. How old are you? Is the workshop big? Thank you for being so kind last year. Please bring me a gift to Limited Too and Build a Bear Work Shop. Thank you.
Love, Syndey Y., 8

Dear Santa,
Am I on the good list? Is your beard 10 inches long? Thank you for the presents. I hope for baseball cards, Dale Jr. stuff.
Love, Matthew O., 8

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph real? Do the reindeer fly? Can you go through the keyhole? What is your favorite kind of cookies? Can I please get the movie "Jumangi"? Thank you for being so nice.
Love, Katelynn M., 7

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Is Rudolph's nose still red? Thank you for last year's presents. All I want for Christmas is my two side teeth.
Love, Brendan Berger

Dear Santa,
This is what I wish for Christmas. I wish for a MP3 player, a new video game system, a toy army gun, iPod and a little tent. I also want a real army helmet! The No. 1 thing I want is a hamster! This is what I wish you would get my dad. I wish you would get him beef jerky. That's because he doesn't want anything for Christmas and it's one of his favorite things to eat. These are some other reasons why I wish you would get him beef jerky. One reason is that I love my dad a lot and he is always there when I need him. Those are some reasons why I wish you would get him beef jerky.
Tyler Ciechanowski

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeffery, but you already know my name. Santa, how long do you have to deliver all of the gifts? What is the heard name? Santa why do you live in the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? Santa, can you name three of my favorite games or toys? If you don't know what I want, here is my list... A Wii or a Game Cube and Starfox, and a skate board game. I never had one and it is very cool and I like Nintendo games.
Sincerely, Jeffery

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo Wii. I think I deserve it because I've been good this year. I wonder, can you get my mom something she really wants? I'm not sure what she wants, so can you do that for me? Yeah, and can you give \$1 as a tip for Mrs. Hool? I have one last question. How are all your reindeer and elves? Have a Happy Christmas!!!
Ian

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I would like a teddy bear hamster. I deserve one because I've been a good girl this year. I also want an iPod because my Walkman doesn't work anymore, even with new batteries. I would give my dog a ton of dog toys (with squeakers) because she loves to get the squeakers out of the toy. I also would get my cats a scratch post because my dad doesn't like them scratching on the couches. I have a few questions to ask you. How are the reindeer? Are the elves making good presents this year? Oh, and how are you and your wife? Have a Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Katrina

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want these things: A Wii because you get active and not just sit around. I also want Webkinz because you can go on the computer in a virtual world. I want money and gift cards too. I wished for a Mac laptop but they are thousands of dollars. I deserve these because its Christmas. I'm giving my baby cousin a doll because she's only 2. How are the reindeer doing? Are the elves doing their jobs? Well, Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Nicole V.

Dear Santa,
I wish for Call of Duty 4. Call of Duty 4 is a video game. I deserve it cause I like it a lot. I've played it before once, it's really cool. I would give Markeal Butter and Nick Ellery, and me tickets to go to the Super Bowl. I have questions for you. How are the elves and reindeer doing? Is the North Pole cold? What are the best toys for this year? See you soon.
Sincerely, Tristin R.

Dear Santa,
I want a Fat Head of Tomlinson, \$\$\$\$\$, clothes, a Wii, Mario Party 8 on Wii if I get a Wii, Mario Vs. Sonic Olympics on Wii if I get a Wii, some video games, and a couple of movies. I think I deserve some of this stuff because I try as hard as I can to be a good student and a good kid.

I hope you can get my mom some jewelry because my mom lost her jewelry box. Can you also get something that you think my dad will want too. Can you give my brother a sweet new football? It's his favorite sport. How is it being the jolly old guy? Because I know it's hard going to every house in the world. Are the reindeer picky about what they eat? I have so many questions but I'm going to end this letter now.
Take care, Danny

Dear Santa,
Hi, I'm Mark C. What I want for Christmas is one of those toys called I Can Play Guitar. It's a toy, but still its popular to me. I think I deserve it because I did my best on my homework, and I helped my mom and dad and finally I did my best. If I could get someone else a gift it would be my family. Because two reasons. One, they care for me. Two, they never forget about me. I was wondering how are the reindeer? How are Rudolph, Dasher, Comet and Blitzen doing? How deep is the snow in the North Pole? What are the most popular toys? Take care.
Sincerely, Mark


Dear Santa,
I only want four things for Christmas. A Turtwig, stuff Pok'em'on, and a Chimchar Stuff, Pok'em'on and a Nintendo that's black and a pearl version of Pok'em'on. I deserve them because I help my grandma and I've been good. I would give my dad a computer because his is broken. Santa, what is your favorite candy? That's all for now and have a good Christmas.
Sincerely, Davey

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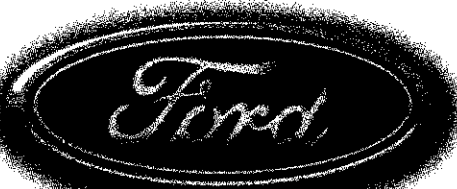


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Dear Santa,
I wish for a Mongoose Build-A-Board and a red Razor Kick Scooter with a wheelie bar. I think I deserve these things because I did really well on my report card. Also, I'm a safety. I would have a lot of fun. I wish I could get these things and maybe more. I wish my little sister Emily could get a blue scooter and Polly Pockets. Emily deserves these because she got good grades and does chores. I wish Peter, my older brother could get a Xbox 360 and Halo 3. Pete helps my mom a lot. My brother and sister deserve these things for Christmas. I have some questions for you Santa. How do your elves get done with all of the toys so fast? How much snow do you get up in the north Pole? Do you like living in the north Pole? Who is your favorite reindeer? Mine is Blitzen. Santa, how do your reindeer feel after delivering presents? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. P.S. I've been really good this year. I'll leave cookies and milk out.

Sincerely Sarah

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays. I will be leaving you milk and cookies at my house. Can you bring a PSP, a DS and a teacup chihuahua?

Camden Mills, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. In school, I am Santa in a play. I will get more fun money when I do it. One thing I would like is Nintendo DS.

Joseph Serventi, 7

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a teddy bear, TV, iPod, and a flute. Ho ho ho ho ho. Have a merry Christmas. Ho ho ho.

Lauren Toenjes, 8

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I will not be home in school we are doing a play about you. One thing I want is a CD player. Hope to see you soon.

Elizabeth Sheeren, 8

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies. I really want a live baby bearded dragon and a game boy. We are doing a play about you.

Karl Krieger, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays. I hope you have a good holiday Santa. I hope you can get to my house.

Love,
Samantha Yacobucci, 8

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays. I will be leaving

you milk and cookies. Please get me a gingo ball and a bike. I would also like wheelies. I am hearing books and watching movies about you. I am going to make a picture of your sleigh for you. See you soon. Thanks,

Catherine Crow, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays. I will be leaving you milk and cookies at my house. I've been very good. I want a ds and a wii. See you soon.

Thanks,
Lillian Carlyle, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I want every type of real live pokemon. I want every pokomon game.

Love,
Matthew Oliver, 7

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I have been very good this year. Could you bring me a new pink bike? See you soon.

Hannah Stevenson, 8

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I will be leaving you milk and cookies. Will you please bring me a nintendo d.s.? I would also like a baseball game with it. Have a safe ride around the world.

Theo Niforos, 7

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I can't wait to see you at the DAC. I will give you a present and cookies and hot chocolate. I have been good.

Love,
Katie Jeup, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I will leave you some cookies on the couch. Can you get me Optimas Prime, the Transformer. Please.

From,
Griffin Jones, 7

Dear Santa,
Hope everything is going well. I am going to put out cookies and milk for you. I hope you bring me good gifts. We are doing a play about you and I am Christmas Carol 2 in the play. Happy Holidays.

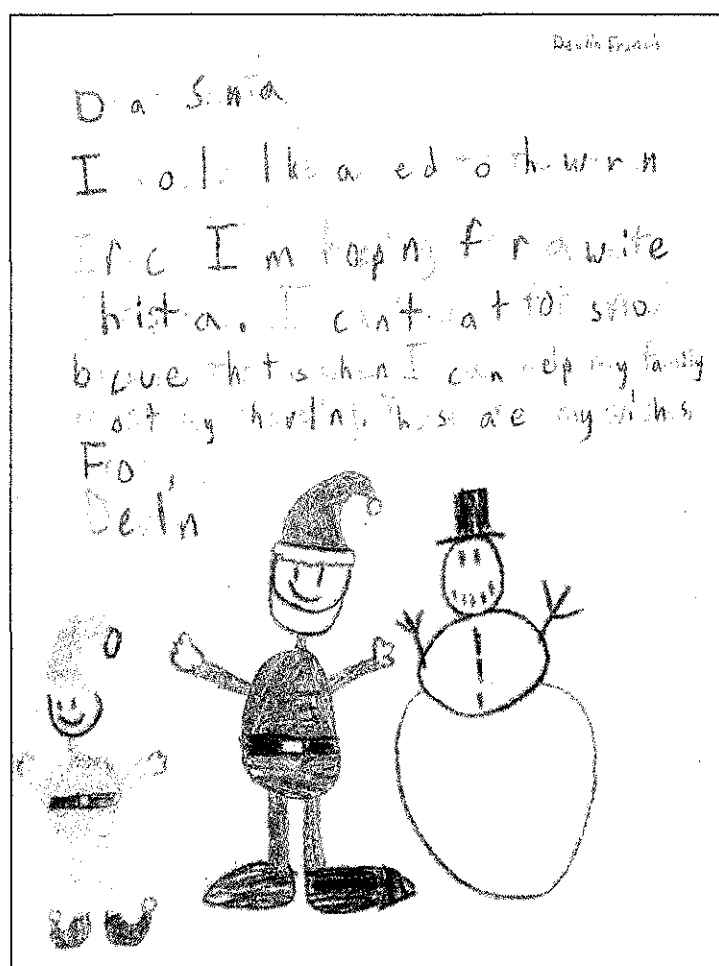
Love,
Hadley Rivard, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I want a skateboard and a game for my play station.

From,
Marc Hanna, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I will be leaving you milk and cookies at my house.

Will you please bring a psp and a video game that goes with it?



Merry Christmas.
From,
Paul Allen, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. I will leve you some m&m cookies with some milk. I want pokemon leafgreen for my gameboy advance. I've been good. I want all the Patriots football cards. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Jasper Bowles, 7

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays. This is what I want for Christmas: a longshot nerfgun and a play station 2, Starwars complete saga game. Thank you a whole bunch.

Love,
Garrett Bollenbacher, 7

Dear Santa, Happy holidays. I will leave your reindeer carrots and leave cookies and milk for you. I want a wii and a big stuffed horse and a new watch.

Thanks,
Grace Foster, 7

Dear Santa,
I'm Simon. This is a letter from me. I'm writing it for my little brother, Owen, because he can barely write on lines. He would like Star Wars action figures and a new Star Wars ship. I know he already has two Star Wars ships, but he lost the other two. He always watches Star Wars on the week-ends and sometimes after school he plays Star Wars with my sister. He wants more Star Wars stuff. He loves Star Wars. Owen has been pretty good this year. He only broke two things this year. He always puts on the play station 2 when I want to use it. Oh, Santa, can you please get me a science kit? I also would like a Bionicle.

Sincerely,
Simon Chen,
Owen's big brother

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I have been very good this year. I have cleaned up my room and my sister's. I have made food for dinner for my family. I have done yard work with my dad. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a Nintendo PS and a game for it. I will trade you a couple of chocolate chip cookies for a Wii. Oh, can you wake up me and let me see Rudolph and the other reindeer? Look under the tree. I have a present for you. I guess I have to say good bye, so good bye. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Allison Bearse

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a X-Box 3000, PSP, and a Nintendo PS.

It has been my dream to have them. I love video gaming systems. The games I want to play on them are my Sims, Mario, Party Galaxy, Ramen and Ramen Two. I would also like to have some movies. The movies I want are Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, and Harry Potter and the Deathly Howls. I love Harry Potter. I read all of his books and I am reading his latest book. I do not think that I will get any coal because I am being very good. I sure hope I get all my wishes. You probably will grant them. Some people say they don't believe in you. If you were not real, everybody would be disappointed. So, I'm glad you are real. I always tell them you are real.

Sincerely,
Phelan Johnson

Dear Santa,
I live in a pineapple. I'm square and yellow. I have a pet. His name is Gary. He's a snail. I will give you fish cookies. I hope they taste like fish. First of all, I want a Water Wii. (It's a Wii that can go under water. I also want all the Michigan Chlrs books like Bikini Bottom Big Mystery. I want Lincoln logs to build Gary a house because he snores a lot. I want U.B. Funkys, so I can be funky. Can I have army fish so I can line them up and have wars with them?

From SpongeBob
(Eddie Kotula)

Dear Santa,
How are you guys? May I have the horse Butterscotch? It's a toy. Or, may I please have a stuffed dog.

Love, Katie Dotson

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Are they well fed? The most favorite thing that I want is a model helicopter.

Love, Noah Eckert

Dear Santa, How are you? I want tooth tunes.

Love, Ben Matthews

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want for Christmas is a hot wheels track and a hot wheels car and I want tooth tunes.

Love, Ava Crowley

Dear Santa,
I want a hockey table and how are you?

Love, Miles Winters

Dear Santa,
How did Rudolph get his red nose? I want a yellow lab puppy for Christmas.

Love, Zoe Wagstaff

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Can I please have a motor bike?

Love, Thomas Mellos

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? Is he doing OK? I would like Tooth Tunes.

Love, Bryan Brieden

Dear Santa,
How was the north pole? I like Barbie.

Love, Dalliss Floyd

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas, I want a diary and an animal and a puppy.

Love, Kristina Rogers

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Here is what I want. Track Attack, V-Bat Burnout and I-Coaster.

Love, Michael Schmidt

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is the North Pole? I want Tooth Tunes.

Love, Zach Heimbach

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some more magnetic roller coaster toys and some transformers, DVD.

Love, Gavin Monahan

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Are you going to have lots of cookies? The toy I want is a mechanical dog fly toy.

From, John Kyle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a TV. I want a toy dog.

Love, Evie Donnelly

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is the North Pole fun? How is Rudolph? I want a PS2 please.

Love, Jasen Martin

Dear Santa,
How's the North Pole? What I want for Christmas is Butterscotch, a stuffed animal horse. A puppy, a fish and a remote car.

Love, Megan Van Osdol

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the CD player. I use it all the time. This year I would like a CD, a DS game and clothes. Do reindeer jump and do they eat cheese?

Sincerely, Anthony

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the foosball table. This year I would like a black lab, webkinz are really real. P.S. I would like two pairs of pants and two pairs of shirts for my webkinz.

Love, Galen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Barbie guitar. I like it a lot. This year I would like a streakan style. Were you born as Santa? What year was Rudolph born?

Sincerely, Lily

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the IDog. I always play with it. My dog likes it too. I would like a DS and games for it. Is there more than one Santa?

Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the golden retriever webkinz. I play with it on the internet. And I got a red wing jersey. I wore it to a Red Wing game.

How are you?
Your friend, Lauren

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Smantha doll and her bed and some clothes for her. This year I would like a desk and some clothes for her and a surprise. Is Rudolph real and how old are you?

Your friend, Leah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Hanna Montana. This year I would like a Wii. Santa, do you like cookies? I bet you do.

Love, Lyndsay
P.S. how old are you?

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bell two years ago. It is special to me. I want a sleigh ride this year. Is there more than one Santa? And is Rudolph's nose really red?

Love, your friend
Hannah Miller

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Webkinz. I put it on the computer. This year I would like a Wii game. Were you born as Santa?

Your riend,
Cailey
P.S. I will leave cookies out.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the squishy pillow you gave me last year. I use it every night. This year I would like a Wii. I think Wiis are cool. How old is Rudolph? Is Rudolph really real?

Your friend, Kate

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the toys you gave me last year. This year I would like an iPod nano, and a Republic Cruiser. How old is Rudolph?

Your friend, Brendan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the ocen of toys from last year. This year I want Rabbing Rabbits one and two. How do you fit all those toys in your bag? Thanks for the undeniable proof that you're real!

Your friend, Daniel
P.S. Why is Christmas also called Noel?

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the WWC game. Can I have a remote control mail plane? How many elves are there?

Love, Jay

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Magic Card. Please may I have any kind of iPod? What are the reindeers favorite food?

Your friend, John

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the stuff that you gave me last year. This year I want a Wii.

From, Amelia

P.S. How old are you and I would like you to wake me up because I want you to give me a sleigh ride.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the present. This year I would like an electric train. The same as Jay. Except a different track. How old is Rudolph?

Love, David

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the rae guns. I would like a PDA and a DS and more liknlogs and legos. and more bricks. One more thing. I would like a happy Christmas!

Love, JD

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Lego shuttle. I like it. This year I would like a MP3 player because I want to play music. Santa, why do you ho ho ho? Also, why do you like animals so much? What cookie do you want?

Sincerely, Joey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the card game. This year I would like a remote control T-rex. How old are you and show me a picture of your reindeer.

Your friend, Alex

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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

Thanks for the toys last year. I'd like a bike jump, moon shot, a mote control airplane, two bells from your sleigh, one for me and one for my brother, and an art stand. How old are you? How many reindeer are there?

From Zachary

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish I could come and visit you. Some kids don't believe in you, but guess what, I do. And I appreciate the things you game me and they were all of the things I wanted. These are the things I want this year. I want a playstation 2, need for speed underground rail road for GameCube, a new bike and a cabbage patch kids.

Lakisha Pressley

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is meet the robinsons the video game. That is all I want for Christmas. I can't wait to have Christmas with my family. It's going to be a great christmas.

Sincerely, Caleb D.

Dear Santa,

I would like a laptop and an electric scooter. I like it when our family came over. I can't wait until our Christmas party. I like Christmas.

Sincerely, Donita C., 9

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? I'm doing good in school. I would like to have for Christmas an Xbox 360, Smack down vs. Raw 2008, Madden 08 and Call of Duty 3 Modern Warfare.

Sincerely, Sean Bacon Jr.

Dear Santa,

Come to my house first. I've been a good boy. I want a remote controlled RC car for Christmas and a Playstation 3. I want a pocket rocket too. I want one that goes real fast.

Alec Berry



Dear Santa,

How are things going at the North pole? I bet their busy. This time of year the elves are busy too. How are the reindeer, still up to flying on Christmas Eve? I hope so. A christmas without Santa would b bad. Merry Christmas Santa.

From your friend,
Allison C., 9

Dear Santa,

What do you do at the Northpole when it's not Christmas Eve? I would like a Xbox 360, Wii, Guatar Hero's 3, Metal gear Solid 4. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, William Walk

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a puppy. It could be a short hair westie. I love dogs. I think they're so cute. I would also like a keyboard. I want to get in gymnastics too. I would

like the most important gift, which is to have the best Christmas.

Sincerely, Natalie, 9

Dear Santa,

Hi. I'm Alex. How are the reindeer. And how are you? I want one thing, a Wii. So can you please, please, please, please get it.

Sincerely, Alex S., 9

Dear Santa,

This year I want a snowboard. I also want some more legos. Also I want some fishing lures. I hope everthing is all right at the north pole. Have a merry Christmas. PS. Ho ho ho.

Sincerely, Ethan Camrion, 9

Dear Santa,

How was your summer, fall and spring? Good I hope. Promise me the reindeer are ready to go. Especially Comet. He's my favorite. Santa, you have never disappointed me. So, I would like something fun to play with under my Christmas tree please. Stay as jolly and full of spirit as you always are.

Love, Olivia, 9

Dear Santa,

I would really like to meet you and your reindeer. I would like to ge for Christmas a Wii, a drum set, draw to life and The Legend of Darkness. I hope you have a jolly Christmas.

Sincerely, Simon L., 9

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. An Nintendo Wii (If you can make one). Also a new kingdom hearts. Sleeping hollow. Lastly Jeff and Matt Hardy toys. Thank you santa if I get the gifts.

Sincerely, Ardie M., 10

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus and your elfs are doing fine up in the North Pole. I've not made my Christmas list yet. I'll get it to you soon. This year we're making chocolate chip cookies for you. We can also leave you some soy milk. I

love you and Mrs. Claus and your elfs.

Love, Shanelle J.

Dear Santa,

What I did to help society this year is come to school early to help the little kids cross the street. Along with my friends we have entered the Defer Safety Squad. I have also helped my parents by taking out the trash and mowing the lawn. So have a great year and if you have some time I would really love an I-pod in my stocking.

Sincerely, Henry B.

Dear Santa,

First, I wanted to thank you for the snowboard. What I want for Christmas this year is many things. What I want most is to stop global warming and to save all the polar bears from going extinct. I would also like an X-box 360.

Sincerely, Grant L.

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a Wii. This year I helped my mom and dad around the house and in the yard. I helped out at my church.

I take out the trash sometimes and clean the basement. I helped my dad put up the christmas lights too. I wish that the wars stop. These are my wishes this year.

Sincerely, Adam M.

Dear Santa,

This year I helped society by donating my hair to Locks of Love. I think that I have been a good good girl so this year for Christmas all I want is for my friends to have a good time. i also hope my friends

love you and Mrs. Claus and your elfs.

Love, Shanelle J.

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love you and Mrs. Claus and your elfs.

Love, Shanelle J.



Coltart said I was good.

Love, Nate Truss

Dear Santa,

I am so excited that you are coming. I tried really hard to be good this year. My mom and I are going to make cookies for you. Hopefully my dad doesn't eat them. My bother has three pages of toys he wants, and they are very expensive. Merry Christmas Santa.

Sincerely, Katie S., 9

Dear Santa and Miss Claus,

I love you very much. Come to my has with my toys. When I get toys, I will be happy!

Your friend, Carter R.

Dear Santa,

I like everything you do. And I really love you. I have two things on my list. Tell me if I'm good. If I'm bad, give me a pes of coal.

Your friend, Samantha Boggia

Dear Santa,

How are you? Does Rudolph's nose still glow? I just moved here to Michigan so I don't know lots o people or places. At my school we're having a fundriaser and I brought in a lot of money. For Christmas I would like some DS game. This year I don't want to receive presents, I want to give. I'm saving up my allowance to buy presents for other people. I hope this year will be a great Christmas. I want to see the surprises on people's faces when they receive presents. Well, I hope you have a great Christmas Santa, and a happy New Year.

Love, Shanelle J.

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Love, Shanelle J.

get each and every present they want. My family and I will have a merry Christmas and that is the best present ever!

From Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

I've been nice this year with the helping people this year. I want a lot of stuff this year Santa, but we will get to that later. Is Rudolph, Dasher and other being good. If so say hi for me.

Sincerely, Lawrence

P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Clause and the elves for me OK. Please don't disappoint me this year Santa.

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is to have a better society and have no more crime, and I mostly want to have my grandparents, uncles and aunts come to America. I would like to have a merry Christmas.

P.S. Say hi to Rudolf for me.

Sincerely, Flauja N.

Dear Santa,

I don't really want that much for Cristmas. All I really want for Cristmas is money to give to charity. This year I have done a lot for the community. Like my friend Emily G. and I did a can food drive. We also took money we earned at a lemonade stand and bought toys for the childrens hospital of Michigan. I am hoping that they enjoyed them as much as we enjoyed giving to them.

Thank you, Charlotte R.

Dear Santa,

I don't want anything this year for me. What I want is to give things to the poor, for example I want to find treatment for aids, to help kids with unknown sicknesses, to help kids in Asia, Australia and everywhere else. People really need help in this condition of life.

Gas, groceries and homes are way too expensive. So please help the people.

Love, Juliette L.

Dear Santa,

Do you really go across the whole world in one night? Do you change clothes when you get hot? Please bring me a X-Box 360 and halo. I hope you hae a safe trip and merry Christmas.

Love, Davis G., 8

Dear Santa,

How long does it take to make all the toys? Please bring me a pink digital camera with your picture on it. Thank you for bringing this to me. Do you ever give yourself a gift on Christmas?

Autumn S., 8

Dear Santa,

You are the best man ever. I will make cookies for you on Christmas Eve. I promise I will I will. And for Christmas I want a Tomagachi and spy stuff. Pritty, pritty please. My favorite food is pizza. Mmmmmmm! Santa, you're my best friend in the world.

Love, Ben Lemanski

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I can't wait for Christmas. I am going to give you milk and cookies. Christmas is

my favorite time of year. I've put up my Christmas tree. Can I have a DS and Webkinz? I will have a good Christmas. I know what Christmas means. It means Christ and mas. My family loves Christmas. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love, Kyle Kiger

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing good. I have been prey good. I made my bed on the weekend. And I am into Hannah Montana and some High School Musical 2 stuff. And I want you to know that I might send you another letter after Christmas Eve. Bye Santa. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Love, Maeve Astfalk

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I will tell you what I want. I want a Nintendo DS and Zelda Phantom Hourglass. I helped my mom shovel snow. I am trying to be good. I hope you bring my games I have on here. Have a great Christmas!

Love, Noah Word

Dear Santa,

I really like your elves. They work very hard at making toys. I help by putting the dog's bowl away. Can you please give me a stuffed Mimzy and a pet mouse? I like Christmas because I like you, Santa. You're the best toy maker. I LOVE CHRISTMAS!

Sincerely, Katie Bryan

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. Can you please give me a school set? That's what I really want. I also want a creative thing, but most of all I want the school set the most. Santa you're the best. I will leave you some cookies and some milk. I do not know what my brother wants. But my mom really wants a new cook-book. My dad, I do not know what he wants. And can I have an autograph and a card? Good bye Santa. I will hope you come to my house.

Love, Solana Bryson

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. I am being good. I help my mom with the cooking. I would like the movie, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and a pencil gripper. How is it doing at the North Pole? I wonder how your elves make such wonderful toys!

Love, Brianna Corrion

Dear Santa,

Can me and my brothers have a game and a PSP for Christmas, Santa? One time when I cleaned up my sister's room, she helped clean the room, too. My brother helped clean the room. I do not have chocolate cookies to put right there on the counter. I hope you come every Christmas.

Love, Samory Buford

Dear Santa,

How are you doing, Santa? I've tried my best to be good. But what I want for Christmas is a Wii and a PlayStation 3012, if you can't find a PlayStation 3. I help my mom wash the dishes. I'm still having a good year.

Sincerely,
Ethan Mark Palombit

Dear Santa,

How are you doing, Santa? I am trying to be on my best behavior. What I want for Christmas is a guitar and air hots. I've been very, very good. I've been helping my entire family. I know you're going to have a hard time getting ready. I know you like to eat so many cookies so I'll make it up for you, Santa.

Love, William Hickman

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? I am find in Michigan. I wish I could come over to the North Pole and pet your reindeer. I want a DVD player and my own house that has four rooms. This year you will get triple chocolate chip cookies and milk --

your favorite. Merry, merry Christmas. Will you bring me presents? I do all my chores like cleaning my room. Merry Christmas.

Love, Laura Prince

Dear Santa,

I wish I will get an American doll and I want books called The Three Little Pigs. I like how the fox breaks the pigs' house because it is funny that the fox breaks the house. I like that because it is the best part that I like about it. I help around with the bathroom and do the dishes. I wish you a nice Christmas.

Love, Treasy Dedelli

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling, Santa? For Christmas I want the Predator mask from the movie Alien vs. Predator. And the old fashion black heart and some other things. Merry Christmas, Santa. At my house I make my bed. I hop you give me a letter back.

Love, Michael Allard

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa. I want a dog, ok? And a turtle for Christmas, ok? Please is that ok, Santa? I help my mom cook dinner. I try to be good all the time. I will be happy if you bring me the presents I want.

Love, Richard Odell

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, how are you doing? The two things I really want for Christmas is a turtle and a PSP. I have been a good boy this year. So what have you been up to Santa? How is Mrs. Claus? Have a holly, jolly Christmas. I have been taking out the trash. I missed it three weeks and had to take out 20 trash cans. Have a nice Christmas.

Sincerely, J.D. Finger

Dear Santa,

I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a spy gear and a skateboard. What I did for my chores is take out the trash and do the dishes and clean my room and feed my bird and hamster. And I've been good. Christmas is my favorite holiday. One day, I want to go to the North Pole.

Your friend, Roy Jefferson

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I have been good. I want school supplies. I lost mine and I want a card from you, please? I never had it before. Please, I am counting on you. You are the best. I care for you and I forgot something to tell you. You are the best, very best.

Love, Sommer Ballard

Dear Santa,

I am going to try my best now. Here are two things I want for Christmas. One is boy spy stuff and a new woodey, too. I hope Santa is doing great, Santa. Please write back to me, please. I like Santa and I like Christmas. I hope you like me too.

Love, Brandon Kruger

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. I am trying to be good. I want a doll for Christmas and a lunch box, too and my brother wants a phone.

We all want gifts. I am 7 years old. I hope you have a nice Christmas. You have a nice time. You have eight reindeer. I word hard every day. You do, too. Have a great holiday.

Love, Breona Bell

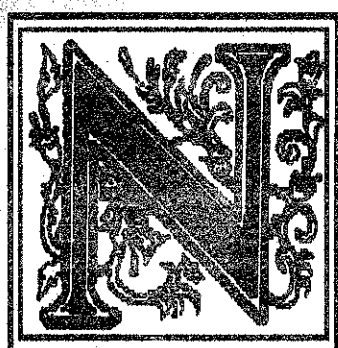
Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. Can I please have an iPod or a DS? How are you doing this year, Santa? We put up our Christmas lights, Christmas tree and ornaments, too.

I hope you have a good Christmas, Santa. I helped my dad rake the leave and help my dad shovel the snow.

Love, Giovanni Lutfy

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To All ... and

A Very Happy
New Year ...

Dear Santa,

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How are you doing? For Christmas I would especially like a pony for my Brianna doll and a new Barbie doll car that's purple. I have been very good this year. I helped my dad brush off the cars. I helped my make her bed and helped my sister get ready for school. We will leave you some yummy things in the dining room. I will like all the stuff I get!
Love, Chloe Kline

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I am going to make homemade cookies. They are chocolate chip. I was thinking that I would like a Nintendo DS that is pink.
Your friend, Elizabeth Alderete

Dear Santa,
I like the Ben-10 watch. I was a good boy. I like the backyard football.
Your friend, Andre Saffore II

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want you to come to my house on Christmas to surprise me. Santa, I want clothes and a Sponge Bob birthday party. I love you.
Love, Hope Miller

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl. I want a Hanna Montana limo bus for Christmas. I love you, Santa.
Love Abby Ellery

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby alive that has a toilet. It sounds like, it is real. Have a happy holiday and be safe. I was a good girl.
Your friend,
Henriette Lada

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo gaming, a gaming chair, a robot that does everything for you, a robot truck, and a dragon.
Your friend, Hunter Pierziski

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a robot that does everything, a robot truck, a Nintendo DS, an Optimus Prime and some dragons.
Your friend, Caleb Bates

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl for my teacher.
From, Arianna D.

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Nintendo DS. I love you best.
Your friend, Daveon Thomas

Dear Santa,
Thank you very much for the PS2 last year. I really like it! I've been playing it a lot, almost every day! This year I was really hoping for Star Wars Battle Front II. Could you bring it to me? I have been good this year. Could you bring it to me please? It sounds fun to play. I hope you enjoy the cookies I left for you!
From, Carson Dara
P.S. I got a new dog on December 1 this year!

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for the super friends game. I played it not too long ago. This Christmas could you please bring me a Nintendo with a Mario game, Harry Potter book, a Hanukkah top that spins and some hats.
Love, Owen
P.S. I'll help you with your problem when you ran over Grandma.

Dear Santa,
Thank you very much for giving me really nice presents every Christmas! This year please get me an iPod and Wii. It was really fun having fun presents! My mom said I was a good girl this year. I hope the elves are really, really working hard. I am going to give you Oreo cookies, and carrots for all the reindeer.
Love, Tiffany Furicchia

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me the Lego Star Wars lego kit. Please bring me one thing, Lego Star Wars, the complete saga.
Love, Robbie
P.S. I hope the elves are working hard.

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for bringing me all those toys last Christmas. I hope you bring me an iDog, an iCat and fluffballs.
Love, Emily Harper
P.S. I got you the same cookies as last year.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me such great presents last year. This Christmas I would like a pair of Heelies. I have been pretty good this year and I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Shanell

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me since I was a baby. I would like one present. Please bring me a Bratz limo. I love you, Santa. You're the best ever.
Love,
Madeline Kolomjec
P.S. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Super Jumper. It is really cool and so is the Playmobile Romans. I am having a big war. And the Polar Express cars I put under my tree every Christmas.
From, Teddy Loosvelt
P.S. Please can you give me a Playmobile Roman set.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the iDog last year. This year I would like an Xbox 360 and transformers and a Best Buy gift card.
Love, Mikey Maksym
P.S. Hope the reindeer are not sick. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the presents that you gave me. This year please give me a pink atm, a reindeer Webkinz and Petshop. I have been a good girl. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I'll leave the reindeer some carrots.
Love, Brookele Mathieson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my American Girl Doll. I know I have not take care of her but I will take care of her when I find her. Please will you bring me the new American Girl Doll and her friend. You rock and you are the best.

Love, Phoebe Miriani
P.S. Wake me up when you get to my house and I want to see the reindeer.

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for the Tamagotchi last year. But this year I would like these 3 things please. The first thing I would like to have is a blue iPod. The second thing I would want is the horse Webkinz and the last thing I want is a Wii. Thanks and I am going to leave

you cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer!
Christina Nestor
P.S. You are the best!

Dear Santa,
I really enjoyed the presents you gave me last year. I would enjoy an Xbox 360 or a Laptop or maybe an iPod.
Love, Patrick O'Meara
P.S. Wait till you see my mom's Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the guitar and all the other cool toys. I had lots of fun playing the guitar you brought last year. I think I have been good this year, can I have a DS game called Lego Star Wars the complete Saga? I hope you like the cinnamon cookies I left for you.
Your friend, Nathan Raymant
P.S. Wait until you see my Christmas lights.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the butterscotch pony that you gave me last year. I still play with it a lot. Since I've been so good this year, I would like a Squawkers Macaw and riding pants. I'm a medium. I also would like some stuff for Nico. He wears horse stuff because he's so big. Thanks again.
Love,
Annalise Reed
P.S. I'm leaving carrots for the reindeer.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing presents every year. This year may I please have a DS, Wii and a Wii play disc.
Love, A.J. Rizer
P.S. I will put out carrots for the reindeer.

Dear Santa
Thank you for the stuffed animal that you gave me in my stocking one year. I've helped my mom set the table. My family and I will leave yummy cookies and milk for you and some carrots for the reindeer. Please bring me a littlest pet shop activity center and a Webkinz. You are really smart.
Love, Elizabeth Rooney
P.S. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you ever brought me. You are the best. I think I was very good. SO please can I have these things: a Wii, and a Chihuahua Webkinz, and a reindeer a Webkinz please.
Love, Jakob Tree
P.S. I can't believe that some kids don't believe that you exist.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for always bringing me such nice gifts. Now please get me the gifts that are on this list: a Wii, Pokemon channel, and an iPod. I have been a very good boy.
Sincerely,
Lawson Wohlfarth

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I can't wait until you come to town. I will be good so I can get a Ben-10 Deluxe Omnitrix Watch. I will be more

than good. I will be super. Is Rudolph's nose really red? I will wait for it on Christmas. Is it cold up at the North Pole? I hope it is because I love snow and ice. Have a great Christmas.
Love, Andrew J.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa! All I want for Christmas is a robot and some dinosaurs, too. How long does it take to get to the North Pole to hear? Does Mrs. Clause come with you to give presents to all the boys and girls? How many elves do you have? I will wish you a Merry Christmas!
Love, Carlo R.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa! I've been good by sharing with my sisters. For Christmas I want a diary that is pink and purple. It is a littlest Pet Shop diary. Do your elves really do the work? I will be waiting.
Love, Jamie B.

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas. I have been good by doing my chores. I want Pokemon for Christmas. How many elves do you have? Merry Christmas!
Love, Billy K.

Dear Santa,
Christmas Eve is coming! Christmas is my favorite year. I have been good by helping my sister five times! For Christmas I want a ton of colorful things that are High School Musical stuff for my bedroom! Is Rudolph's nose really red? I will be looking for it Christmas Eve.
Love, Caitlyn B.

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas because we get toys. I've been good by sharing with my brother. For Christmas I want a Transformers video game that lets you choose your team. When will you get to my house? I will be waiting for you!
Love, Tomm H.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been good by getting along with my sister Victoria. All I want to Christmas is Dino Toys. How big is Rudolph? I will be waiting up for you!
Love, Blake W.

Dear Santa,
How's it going up in the North Pole? How are you and your elves doing up there? What's the most popular toy right now and up to Christmas? Let me know soon. What I want for Christmas is three DS games: Mario party, Pokemon Diamond, Pokemon Pearl, and some other stuff. I really deserve this because I've been helping my mom out lots and lots of times. That's why I really deserve this.
Sincerely, Jarell

Dear Santa,
I want Mario cart for my Nintendo DS. I deserve it because I only got one C on my report card. I

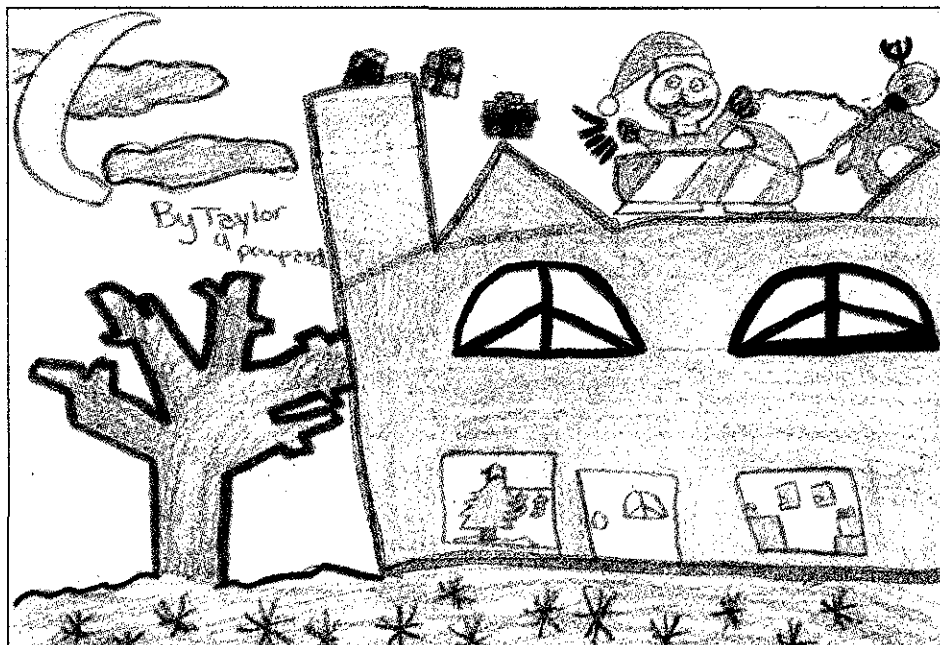
would like you to give my dad some dark chocolate because he loves chocolate. Santa, how are your reindeer doing? Are your elves doing their jobs? Is Rudolph being good? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Be careful delivering gifts.
Sincerely, Catherine

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I'd like an iPod. I deserve the iPod because I do my chores. I'm on safety patrol. Also, I've been a good girl all year. I also wish for a game system called the Wii for my baby cousin. He should get this because the Wii has a lot o games of sports, and he loves sports. Please, Santa, can you get this for him? I have some questions for you. How come it's so cold up in the North Pole? Why doesn't Mrs. Claus help deliver the presents? How is Comet? You know we have reindeer games down here, and I'm on his team in gym! Are the elves getting some time off? Please get back with me soon. Bye! Finally, Santa, I've earned everything I said I wanted. Please, please help me get them. I'd appreciate you doing this.
Sincerely, Imani Brown
P.S. Thank you very much!

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily. This year I would like a few things: I want Littlest Pet Shop accessories and a Next Generation Doll. My mom deserves a job because she is a hard worker. My dad deserves a new TV because he gets up early in the morning. My brother deserves Star Wars toys because he is a nice kid. We all deserve these things because we are a nice family. How are your reindeer? Are you and Mrs. Claus doing well? Is everyone ready to pass out presents? Have yourself a merry little Christmas!
Ho! Ho! Ho! Emily

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I want a drum set because I want to learn how to play them. I should get the drum set because I've got a good report card. Now I'm going to tell what I'm doing for Christmas this year. For Christmas this year I'm going to my aunts, grandparents and a lot more. I hope I get everything on my list.
Sincerely, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I wish for some games for my Nintendo DS and some games for my PS2. I really deserve it. I also wish for some money. I want this game called Dance, Dance Revolution. That's all I want for now. My cousins and my brother want a lot of toys. My brother wants a really big book. My cousin, Malcolm, wants some Legos. Also, my cousin, Kai, wants Barbies and her brother wants some games for his Wii. That's what my cousins want for Christmas and they deserve them. How are you doing up there Santa? What are the most popular toys this ear? How are your elves doing this year? I hope you have a



safe trip to all houses. Have a really good Christmas. I also forgot about the reindeer and about the North Pole. Are the reindeer ready to go? I hope they are! Everything is perfect this year. I know it! You are going to get a lot of milk and cookies. I love Christmas.
Sincerely,
Kayli J.

Dear Santa,
The things I want for Christmas are a remote control Hummer, a Nintendo Wii, a real art set, a bike, a room makeover and a good Christmas. Santa, are you really going to put pepper in my eye if I'm awake because that will probably hurt? I deserve these gifts because I did ok in school and that's not a lot of presents. I would give my teacher a Panasonic big screen and a huge pop machine. She deserves it because she does a good job teaching and telling us what to do! Santa, I will leave you some cookies, milk, and a napkin for you on Christmas Eve. I hope I get what I want for Christmas!
Sincerely, Hernandy

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite gift? Is it a train? How is Dasher, Comet, Rudolph, Blitzen and all the other reindeer? No one should be making fun of Rudolph. I know what I want for Christmas. I want Guitar Hero Three. That's pretty much the only thing I want. I'd like other things, too. Thank you a lot, Santa.
Sincerely, Nadia

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I have a few questions for you. What is the most popular toy this year? I want a BB gun just so you know. How old are your reindeer? That's all
Sincerely, James Wilson

Dear Santa, My name is Markael. For Christmas I want a Wii or a PlayStation 3 because I've been good this year. I think someone else can have one too, like Nick because he has been good, too. How do you feel at the North Pole? Are the reindeer OK? What is the most favorite toy? Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.
Sincerely, Markael

Dear Santa,
My name is Clarissa and I'm so glad to write to you. I am in fourth grade at Poupard Elementary in Michigan. I wanted to know how are your elves and reindeer doing? How are the toys doing? Are they being good? This year don't give me anything at all because I don't have to tell you much!
Sincerely, Clarissa



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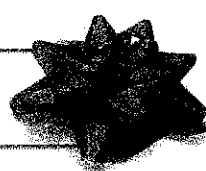
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2007 Audi S8 V10 Quattro luxury sedan's 450-horsepower 5.2-liter V10 engine combined with its Quattro all-wheel drive system promises to get you through the snow.

'07 Audi S8 takes drivers cross-country



What do you get when you combine a 450-horsepower

Lamborghini V10 engine with some of Germany's best car making craftsmen? You get the powerful and graceful Audi S8 Quattro V10 sedan — base price: \$92,000; price as tested: \$106,615.

Frankly, cars that list for close to \$110,000 are not top sellers regardless of country origin, yet they do demand respect and lots of consumer interest. And rightfully so.

One might also question why Audi decided to put a Lamborghini-bred V10 in its S8, when Audi V8 and W12 engines are currently available.

The answer lies in the fact that since Audi owns Lamborghini, the V10 in question is a joint venture developed by Lamborghini in conjunction with Audi. It is the same V10 that powers Lamborghini's Gallardo supercar. Audi fans will recognize much Gallardo influence in Audi's new R8 mid-engine "super" sports car, which receives power at this point from an Audi V8.

Lamborghini's V10 is assembled in Hungary and shipped to Germany ready to drop in and connect to Audi's 6-speed automatic with Tiptronic. The engine's 40

valve, 5.2-liter, 318-cubic inch displacement allows a 7,000 rpm redline and creates 400 pounds-feet of torque.

Considering the car's overall mass of 4,586 pounds, acceleration is very impressive with five-second 0-60 times and an "attention keeping" pull right through triple digit speeds as tested on a private racecourse in Mohnton, Pa. The engine's computer limits top speed to 155.

Enhancing performance is the V10's all-aluminum design and hefty 12.5 to 1 compression ratio, which demands premium fuel and nothing less. The S8 is constructed with an aluminum alloy space frame and body shell construction that allows big car dimensions yet keeps the weight of this large sedan in check.

Our tester came finished in a night blue pearl exterior with emphasis on imposing, yet beautiful, 20-inch alloy wheels and performance tires.

With more than enough power under the hood, accentuated by a \$2,100 gas-guzzler tax, this Audi is built for speed attained on the world's fastest highway, the German Autobahn.

Yet, it still receives anointment from U.S. consumers as a great luxury automobile regardless of speed capability or fuel consumption.

Our Audi performed brilliantly in several longer business and pleasure trips. We especially point to Audi's excellent handling characteristics and sophisticated suspension.

The Quattro deserves special note as foul weather and proper tires will keep you moving in snow areas.

Of course, the EPA numbers



2007 Audi S8 V10 Quattro

are not good with 14 city and 20 highway listed on the sticker. In reality, if you get anywhere near 20 with this car it will be a miracle, because once you open up all 10 cylinders, that number flies out the window as quickly as the S8 moves forward. And move forward it does.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 115.9-inches,

cargo volume of 15 cubic feet., 23.8 gallon fuel tank, and a 400 mile cruising range, if you keep your foot out of the V10.

Lamborghini's founder, Ferruccio Lamborghini, was born under the Zodiac sign of Taurus, which is where the symbol of the fighting bull comes from on the Italian-bred Lamborghini. Audi meanwhile makes a huge name for itself

in performance, winning the LeMans several times with its diesel racecars, the American-based American LeMans Series Championship, and numerous World Rally wins over the years.

With the official mating of Italian and German ideology, and even though we'll never own a Lamborghini or an Audi S8, we'll bestow a strong 9 on

a scale of one to 10 for the S8 Quattro V10. It's a wonderful car.

Likes: Big, roomy, graceful, 450-horse V10 engine. Dislikes: Gas stations. Forget the 14 and 20 mileage numbers listed on the window. If you get 14 combined, count your blessings.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Honda heist

Police are investigating the theft of a 1990 Honda after being flagged down by the victim at Kercheval and Cadieux at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Police said the car was taken by an acquaintance of the victim. When questioning the 54-year-old Detroit woman, police discovered she possessed a box of stolen pills from an area grocery store. A Law Enforcement Information Network check of the woman revealed she had a long criminal history. She was turned

over to a Veteran's Administration case worker. Police advised her she needed the car's title before she could file a report.

DVD dash

Police are investigating the theft of \$500 worth of DVDs from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval reported at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Police said a clerk witnessed a man leave the business with several DVDs in his arms.

Laptop lifted

Police are investigating the theft of a briefcase containing a

laptop computer from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Lincoln reported at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Police said the briefcase was later found, but the the \$700 computer was missing.

— 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

Globe gone

Police are investigating the theft of a lawn ornament from a yard of a house in the 300 block of Kerby reported at 7:53 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Police said the \$100 ornament was an inflatable globe with a merry-go-round inside.

Traffic arrest

A 29-year-old Harper Woods woman was arrested following a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 7:13 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired license plate. A Law Enforcement Information Network check showed the driver had several driver's license suspensions and was wanted on an Eastpointe warrant. Her vehicle was impounded.

Fugitive arrest

Police took a 28-year-old Detroit man into custody on an outstanding warrant at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The man was in the custody of the Macomb County Sheriff's Department.

Wrong plate

Police arrested a 46-year-old

Grosse Pointe Park woman following a traffic stop on Mack at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. Police stopped the vehicle for having a malfunctioning license plate light. A license tab check revealed it was stolen off another vehicle. A LEIN check of the driver revealed she had several driver's license suspensions.

Drunken driving

A 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested for drunken driving after he was found passed out in his vehicle by an off-duty policeman. Police woke the man, who appeared disoriented. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .13 on a breath test.

— 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

Electronics lifted

Police are investigating the theft of a Sony Cybershot digital camera and a portable global positioning navigation device taken from an unlocked vehicle at the corner of Maryland and Kercheval.

Arrest

At 11:16 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, police officers responded to a call from a party store in the 1400 block of Kercheval about a suspect in custody for retail fraud. Police arrested a 43-year-old Detroit resident.

— 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

ID theft

Police are investigating the identity theft of a Grosse Pointe Shores resident reported at 2:21 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Police said the victim had a fraudulent credit card opened in his name.

Fugitive arrest

Police arrested a 44-year-old Detroit woman after being alerted to her loud behavior in front of a house reported at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. When police attempted to escort her from the property, she resisted and started shouting obscenities. She was arrested for disorderly conduct. A Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed she was wanted on a Grosse Pointe Woods warrant.

Drunken driving

A 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Morningside at 9:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Police were alerted to the man, who was seen urinating on a lawn on South Edgewood and driving off. After the traffic stop, police suspected the man had been drinking because of his slurred speech. He admitted to urinating on the lawn and 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.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Quiet weekend

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director Michael Makowski reported there were no emergencies brought on by Sunday's snow fall.

"Other than a few minor fender benders, it was very quiet," he said. "And I have nothing but praise and glory for what the department of public works does here in times like that. Whether it's a Sunday or a holiday, they are out there clearing the streets and making Public Safety's job easy." "All police, fire and ambulance runs could be made without problems at all."

Hats off

A shattered glass door gave entry to a Mack fur salon, where several fur hats valued at more than \$5,000 were reported stolen at 12:18 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14. The owner told police several suspicious customers had been in the store the previous day. There are currently no suspects.

Expensive airport parking

An expired license plate caused a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident to be pulled over by police at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. But, it was a warrant for his arrest issued by Wayne County Airport police for an unpaid parking ticket that landed him in the Woods police station. He posted bond and was released with the advice to not only get his plate renewed, but to pay the parking ticket.

Park vandalism

A city employee discovered damage to the men's room door at Ghesquiere Park during routine maintenance at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10. The door had been kicked in and the area around the dead-bolt was damaged. The estimated cost of repair was \$20. — 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 Farms, Michigan
SPECIAL NOTICE
Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Christmas and New Years
Collection of Rubbish routes scheduled for Monday, December 24, 2007 and Monday, December 31, 2007, will be collected by 11:00 a.m. Please have rubbish out by 7:00 a.m.
There will be no residential rubbish collections on Tuesday, December 25, 2007 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008. These rubbish routes will be one day late, on Wednesday Dec. 26, 2007 and Jan. 2, 2008.
All residential Wednesday, Thursday and Friday rubbish routes will be collected one day late.
Thank You,
G.P.N.: 12/20/2007 12/27/2007 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading and final adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 50, ZONING SECTION 50-181 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPERTIES FROM RO-1 TO C(COMMERCIAL)
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Drunk drivers beware

Before passing that cup of Christmas cheer, motorists should pass their keys to a designated sober driver this holiday season. Southeast Michigan law enforcement agencies are participating in a two-week statewide

'We're putting drunk drivers on notice that extra patrols are taking place across the state.'

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
NOTICE OF FINAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REPROGRAMMING
Pursuant to Federal Guidelines a public hearing has taken place before the Mayor and City Council on Monday December 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue for public comments and approval of the use of Federal Community Block Grant Funding for the following projects.
Announcing the City's approved objectives and use of Federal Community Block Grant funds, subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith stated:
2008 Programming Funds
ADA Ramp Improvements \$42,600
SOC Minor Home Repair (Public Service) \$11,400
SOC Minor Home Repair (Housing Rehabilitation) \$80,000
Administration \$ 6,000
Total: \$90,000
G.P.N.: 12/20/07
Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk

drunk driving crackdown. The Office of Highway Safety Planning is administering federal traffic safety funds for a crackdown to help reduce traffic injuries and fatalities during the Christmas and New Year's holiday season. Nearly 180 agencies in 38 Michigan counties are receiving federal funding for enhanced drunk driving enforcement Dec. 15-31. Agencies in the following Southeast Michigan counties are participating in the crackdown: Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. During the Christmas and New Year's holiday period in 2006, 10 people died in Michigan traffic crashes, according to the Michigan Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center. Thirty percent of the fatal crashes involved alcohol. "We're putting drunk drivers on notice that extra patrols are taking place across the state," said OHSP Director Michael L. Prince. "Michigan law enforcement officers are serious about drunk driving enforcement. You will be stopped and you will go to jail. No exceptions or excuses." OHSP offers these tips for a safe holiday celebration: ♦ Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person the keys. ♦ If you're impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely. ♦ If a friend is about to drive impaired, take their keys and make other arrangements to get them home safely.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the appeal of Kelly and Michael Zilli, E-Med Management Solutions L.L.C., 20800 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who are appealing the denial of the Building Inspector to issue a permit for permission to operate an electronic medical billing service. The property is zoned R-1 District. The building permit was denied because electronic medical billing service is not a permitted use as described in Section 50-208, Permitted Uses, of the 2007 City Code.
The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.
G.P.N.: 12/20/2007
Lisa K. Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

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.

Lucile Althen

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lucile Althen died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007. She was 95 years old.

Ms. Althen was born June 21, 1912 in Bad Axe.

She practiced as a registered nurse in many different settings including hospital nursing at St. John Hospital and industrial nursing at several automotive factories. She concluded her career in nursing as the director of nursing at an extended care facility.

After her retirement, she traveled extensively with friends. She also was an avid reader and a past member of the Great Books Club.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and for many years she organized the book department for the church's annual rummage sale.

In her later years, Ms. Althen and her beloved dog, Lucy, were a familiar sight as they strolled for hours up and down the streets of her Grosse Pointe Farms neighborhood.

Several years ago, declining health forced her to become housebound. She was lovingly cared for by a group of dedicated care givers, who attended to her physical and spiritual health. She died peacefully in her own home as she had hoped she would.

Ms. Althen is survived by her nephew, Dr. Richard (Beverly) Corpron; and longtime friends Richard, Irene and John Frank, and Dolly.

She was predeceased by her husband, Peter.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lucille F. Conlan

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Lucille F. Conlan, 95, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Clinton-aire Healthcare Center in Clinton Township.

Mrs. Conlan was born Oct. 24, 1912 in Detroit to George and Martha Humelsheim.

She lived 90 years in Grosse Pointe Park and was devoted to St. Ambrose Catholic Church. She attended school there from elementary through high school. She and her husband, Arthur, were married there in 1937, and she volunteered in various capacities including counting money at the church and serving as a Eucharistic minister. She never wanted to leave St. Ambrose.

Mrs. Conlan was a loving homemaker and worked part time at a local drug store. She also served as an election chairperson for many years.

She loved playing bridge, working on elections and spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Conlan is survived by her daughter, Mary Frances (James) Leamon; sons Arthur J. (Joann) Conlan Jr. and Michael George Conlan; grandchildren James (Christine) Leamon Jr., Mary Beth (Patrick) Bennett, Thomas Leamon, Jeffrey (Linda) Conlan, Rebecca Conlan, Brandon Conlan and Amanda Conlan; and great-grandchildren Tayler and Madeline Leamon, Nolan and Hannah Bennett, and Spencer, Connor and Olivia Ray; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur, and her parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 10 at St. Ambrose with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Henry Ford, c/o Henry Ford Hospital Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

William N. Fritz

City of Grosse Pointe resident William N. Fritz, 89, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at his home. He formerly had lived in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mr. Fritz was born June 20, 1918 in Detroit to William and Wilhelmina Fritz. He was a 1936 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Wayne University Law College in 1947.

Mr. Fritz started his career as a Wayne County Deputy sheriff. He retired as a Wayne County assistant prosecutor and was still active working in his private practice.

Mr. Fritz served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve retiring in 1978.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at his cottage in Ontario, Canada.

He was a former board member of Sixth Church Christ Scientist in Detroit.

Mr. Fritz is survived by his wife, Muriel S.; daughter Nancy B. (Robert) Denner; daughter-in-law Vivian; grandchildren Katherine A. (Tim) Jenny, William F. Denner and James R. Denner; and great-grandchildren Rachael and Sarah Jenny. He also is survived by his brothers, Carl and Harvey.

He was predeceased by his son, William J.; brother Edward; and his parents.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the giver's charity of choice or the Sixth Church Christ Scientist Detroit, 14710 Kercheval Ave., Detroit, MI 48215.

Beverly MacConnachie Remus

Grosse Pointe Park resident Beverly Ann Eidt MacConnachie Remus, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, from a sudden illness.

She was born July 23, 1929 in Grosse Pointe Park to Herbert and Cerene Collins Eidt. Mrs. Remus was the beloved wife of Stanley Remus and the terrific mother of 10 children with her first husband, James MacConnachie, who died in 1981.

Mrs. Remus grew up in Grosse Pointe. She attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, Dominican High School and was a 1947 graduate of Marygrove College.

She excelled in art. She studied and painted in watercolor for 20 years. She loved to travel all across the United States and journeyed to Europe, in particular Ireland and Scotland.

A lifelong reader, Mrs. Remus was a student of history and enjoyed passing on her knowledge of the events and people affecting our present lives. She believed strongly in community involvement and volunteered at St. Ambrose Catholic grade school library and with Meals on Wheels. She was involved with St. Ambrose Catholic Church, singing beautifully in the choir for 10 years.

Her family said she was a true Renaissance woman — one of a kind.

Mrs. Remus's family will remember her as a "people person", who always had the time to listen to and advise her friends and family. She found something in common with anyone she met. She was the peacemaker between siblings, family and friends.

Mrs. Remus was a strong, determined and opinionated woman who lived an authentic life on her own terms. Although she faced great adversity in her life, she overcame it with grace, dignity and a delightful sense of humor.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley; children Kathleen (Clint), James (Sara), William (Patricia), Kevin (Diane), Daniel (Kay), Maureen (Michael), Ian and Roseanne (Bennet); and 20 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, James MacConnachie; children Douglas and Cerene; and her parents.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

David Sherwood, Jr.

David Sherwood Jr., 85, died Wednesday Dec. 12, 2007, at his ancestral Grosse Pointe Park home with his family present.

Mr. Sherwood was born in Detroit Sept. 23, 1922 and his family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1927. He attended elementary and high school in Grosse Pointe and graduated from the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

During World War II, Mr. Sherwood enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served in the Pacific campaign aboard an LST, where he had received a commendation for heroism during battle.

After the war, he returned home to work in the family business, Sherwood Brass Works, started by his grandfather in 1903. In 1970 the business was sold and he officially retired to pursue other interests.

Mr. Sherwood loved boating and was a life member of the Detroit Yacht Club. He also was a member of the Shriners and The Players Club.

He always will be remembered as a devoted father and for the compassion, keen intelligence, warmth and great sense of humor that touched the hearts of family and friends alike.

Mr. Sherwood is survived by his sons, David (Sharon) and Michael (Bernadine); daughter Darlene; grandchildren Nathan Sherwood, Amanda (Andrew) Backman, Devin (Onalee) Kliebert, and Trevor (Jamie) Kliebert; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Diana.

At his request, a memorial service will not be held. A memorial stone and ashes are being placed at his family plot at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Detroit.

A gathering of family and friends to honor Mr. Sherwood's life and the lives of everyone with whom he came in contact will be held at a later date.



Lucile Althen



Lucille F. Conlan



William N. Fritz



Beverly MacConnachie Remus



David Sherwood, Jr.



Lawrence Fabian Smith

date. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to The Players Endowment Fund, 3321 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48207. The money will be used to benefit The Players, which Mr. Sherwood enjoyed so much.

Lawrence Fabian Smith

Lawrence Fabian Smith, 97, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, after a brief hospitalization. He was born Nov. 12, 1910 in Wilkes Barre, Pa. to Harry Smith and Mary Fitzpatrick.

After high school, he moved to New Jersey and worked in the plastics industry. He pursued his lifelong interest in theater as an actor and a sound technician with various New York City theater groups.

He served as a captain in the

U.S. Army in the Chemical Corps. While serving during the European Occupation, he met his future wife, Patricia Riley, who was then working for the American Red Cross in Paris. They married shortly thereafter in her hometown of Chelmsford, England and moved to Staten Island, N.Y. They then moved to Chicago, where Mr. Smith began his career in the plastics industry. They had two children, Justine and Larry Jr.

In 1952, the family moved to the City of Grosse Pointe. Mr. Smith worked more than 35 years as a manufacturer's representative for PISA Plastics. He was active in the Society of Plastics Engineers and served as its president for several years. He also served as past president of the Grosse Pointe Little League. He continued to pursue his interest in theater, remaining active in the Grosse Pointe Little Theater as a sound

technician.

After retirement, he became an active supporter of the arts, serving as a board member and active volunteer for the Scarab Club, a local artist organization. He was a devoted volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program, delivering meals to homebound seniors in Grosse Pointe every week for eight years.

He is survived by his son, Larry Jr., (Fran); daughter Justine (Brian Taylor); and granddaughter Angelina.

He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia; sister Alice; and his parents.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 15 at A. J. Desmond Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Share a memory with the family at desmond-funeralhome.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp., MI 48036.

ASK THE LEARNING ADVISOR By the Parent Institute

Raising successful children

Q. Can you offer any suggestions on shopping with teenagers? I have two teenage daughters and would appreciate any ideas you may have.

A. Shopping with teenagers can be a great way to spend time together — or an invitation to disaster! It depends a lot on your approach. The most important thing to consider is budget.

Decide on what you think is a reasonable amount for your daughters to spend and make a list before going off to the mall. Tell them you're willing to let them choose their purchases based on the guidelines of the list and the budget.

They'll have to decide their needs and budget their money. But remind them that once the money is gone — it's gone.

If your children are shopping for themselves, you must also consider style.

Many teens use clothes as a way to "separate" from their parents. It's also natural for kids to like trendy or unique clothes, so let your daughters choose items that reflect their tastes.

But if your teen comes out of the dressing room and asks, "Isn't this a great outfit?" and all you see is skin or underwear, here are some tips:

◆ Talk about school rules. Many schools don't allow students to wear clothes that leave their navels bare or underwear exposed.

◆ Talk openly about the sexual message that clothes can send.

◆ Compromise where you can.

◆ Be understanding. Remember to criticize the clothing and not your teen.

◆ Pull rank when necessary. You're the parent. Sometimes you must say, "no."

Arguing over clothes is usually a losing battle. Chances are, you'll want to save your fire for more important issues. Letting your teenagers make decisions is very important.

Q. My 13-year-old daughter and I seem to fight over everything. Since she's growing older, should I back off a little as the "authority figure?" Should we be becoming more like friends?

A. The simple answer is "no." Many parents make this mistake. They want to appear cool.

The fact is, adolescents already have friends. They need parents to support and guide them. They need limits and someone to make good decisions for them when they can't. You are the parent and are in

charge. This doesn't mean you need to be an ogre, but it does mean that you should:

◆ Continue to set and enforce a limited number of rules. However, let your daughter have input into what the rules — and consequences — will be.

◆ Gradually give your daughter more independence. Let her make decisions that affect her and let her experience the consequences.

◆ Be willing to direct, not just advise. Effective parents direct in a way that keeps their children's best interests up front.

◆ Share your thoughts, beliefs and values and be willing to discuss them. Listen carefully as your daughter shares her own thoughts, beliefs and values.

◆ Share some of your concerns. You might even ask for help. But don't make your daughter responsible for reassuring you or fixing your problems.

Have fun together. Good parents can roll on the floor laughing! Children can even respect a little parental "craziness."

For more information about helping children learn or to submit your own question go to advisor.parent-institute.com.

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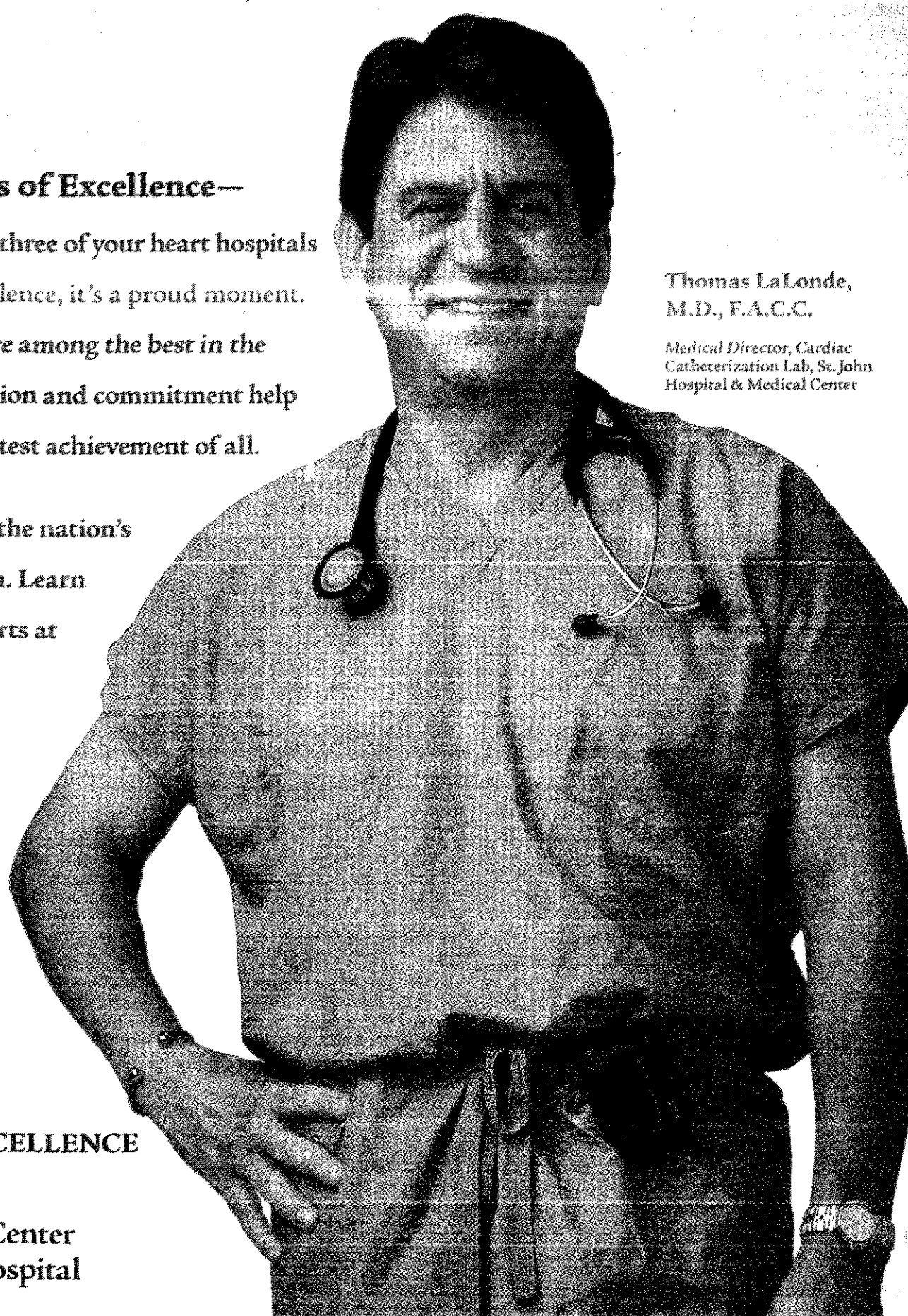


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Once a lovely thoroughfare to downtown Detroit, Jefferson Avenue had been slowly captured by disintegration. New life is being breathed into the artery with the **Fox Creek Housing Development**.

Eastside looking up

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

For decades, the preferred thoroughfare for Grosse Pointers traveling downtown Detroit has been Jefferson. Pointe motorists have seen the corridor in its best days and its worst.

But, for some who haven't noticed, there have been some exciting improvements made to the artery lately. From commercial and housing developments, to the recent opening of the RiverWalk, just to Jefferson's south, the roadway is showing signs of emerging from its recent blighted slumber.

And, the Fox Creek Housing Development Initiative is the latest to take root in the area.

Earlier this year, ground was broken in an ambitious plan to lure residents and businesses to the historic eastside neighborhood. Water and sewer lines have been replaced, and builders have been lined up to begin construction on an assortment of housing.

"The far east side development is one of the largest comprehensive urban redevelopment



Architectural renderings of the Fox Creek housing development show dramatic aesthetic improvements to Jefferson Avenue at Chalmers.

ment initiatives in the country," said Jennifer Madden, executive vice president and chief operating officer of New Far Eastside Detroit Co., the master planner of the development. "The investment of the City of Detroit in itself working in conjunction with a team of committed developers and builders which will actualize Fox Creek, an active neighborhood of choice, where people will find a sense of community and a place where the values of family, diversity and creativity exist to transform not only a neighborhood, but a city."

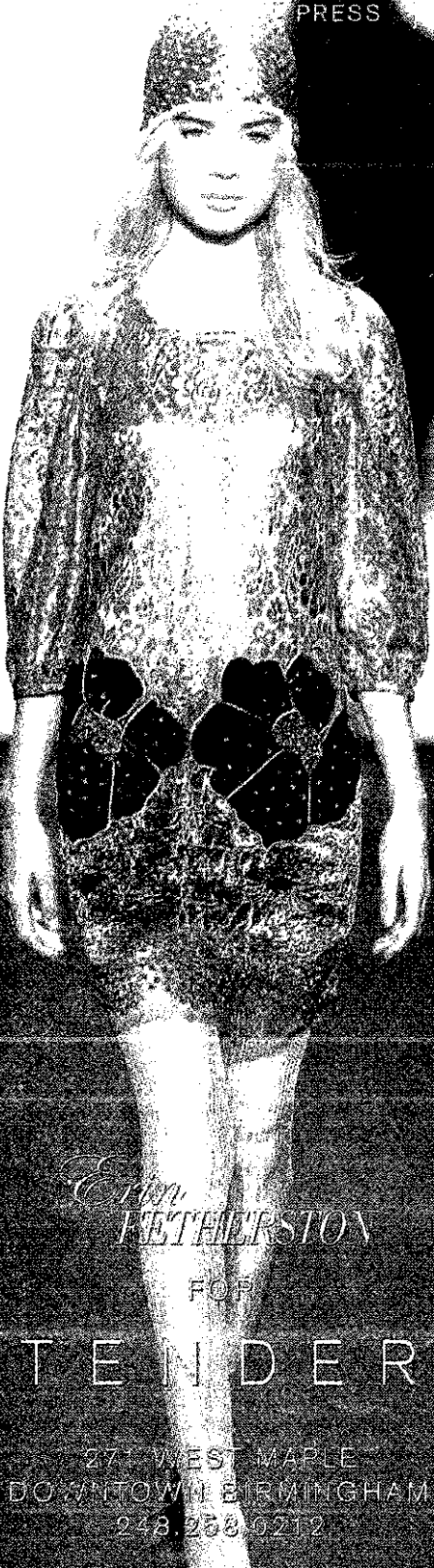
The housing initiative is labeling its self as "Young, Hot Detroit," to target a cross-age of people interested in moving into the city. The company has partnered with the city along with development and financial groups to bring together a cutting edge team devoted to revitalizing the area.

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace is a champion of the project and he emphasized any improvement of Jefferson bodes well for the Grosse

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Annual dinner

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club hosted its annual pasta dinner at the Blue Pointe restaurant in November. Lt. Gov. John Cherry was the keynote speaker. Also attending were United States Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick D-Detroit and State Sen. Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park. Pictured with club board members are front row from left are Cherry; Kilpatrick; Gary Bresnehan, president and David Greenspan. Middle row from left are Scott; C.J. Harrison; Celia Walker, Democratic chair of the 13th Congressional District; Carol Romano; Frank Romano; Ann Eatherly and Laurie Arora, vice president. Back row from left are Harry Kalogerakos, Dick Olson and Kevin Keveney.

CLUB EVENTS

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music holds a 2:30 p.m. concert on Sunday, Jan. 6, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The concert opens with two of Max Bruch's "Eight Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op. 83," performed by Norma Keil, Jamie Dabrowski and Mary Holmes.

Violinist Kypros Markou and pianist Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt will present the Dvorak "Sonatina in G Major" and music "From the Homeland" by Smetana. The program closes with Beethoven's "F Major Quartet, Op. 59 No. 1," featuring the Fair Isle String quartet, including Grosse Pointe violinist Constance Markwick.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$8 or \$4 for ages 6 through 15. For more infor-

mation, call (313) 885-4633.

Symphony orchestra

The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra presents "Tis the Season Holiday Concert" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21 at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Under the direction of Maestro Zeljko Milicevic, the symphony orchestra performs Vivaldi's "Gloria," Holtz's "Christmas Day," Rutter's "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and other seasonal favorites.

There will also be a combined choir of two churches, the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church of St. Clair Shores and the First Baptist Church of Eastpointe. They will be directed by Virginia Stieler.

Tickets may be purchased at

the door. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Senior Men's

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Mary Huebner, co-founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker. For more information, call (586) 774-6400.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the home of Sarah Flynn. Marge Cameron is co-hostess.

The program is vertical arrangement creations taught by Marie Smith of MGC Floral Design.



A gift for Amanda

Amanda Krim receives a \$500 check from the Grosse Pointe Lions Club to be used for her cornea surgery at the Cincinnati Eye Institute. She has a rare condition called aniridia. Lions Club members raised the money during the Nov. 23 Jingle Bell Walk Run event and before the Santa parade. Lions President Bill Hollister presents the check to Krim, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High. Also pictured are Krim's mother, Tina, a close family friend, Elizabeth Stoltz, and Rob Lyles, Lions treasurer. For more information visit aniridia.net.



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A sample of the housing design of the Far Eastside Detroit Development Co. will lure more residents to take root in Detroit.

EASTSIDE: Sprucing up Jefferson

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Pointes.

"I recognize the importance of this significant redevelopment to the Grosse Pointe community and, as importantly, our neighboring city of Detroit," Scrace said. "This significant urban redevelopment is certainly one of the largest in the country."

"The Mayors hosted a presentation several months ago by Jennifer Madden and were very supportive of the redevelopment objectives of adding hundreds of new dwelling units adjacent to the Grosse Pointes."

Scrace, who works for an area construction firm, is working with Melvin Washington of Phoenix Group Companies, one of the master planner's partners. He said the experience has given him an "inside view of the project, especially the Fox Creek community, which is the first phase lying between Alter and Newport and Jefferson and Kercheval."

"I have participated in many meetings over the last 18

months and know how dedicated the partners, staff and consultants are in closing on lots and getting developers to start housing units," he said. "After all the development work they have done over the last months, I know they look forward to seeing the houses come out of the ground."

"The spring of 2008 looks to be quite exciting as the various residential developer/builders start new housing in the Fox Creek community."

Madden said the City of Detroit has been a great champion of the project. Advance work like environmental and traffic studies have been conducted and infrastructure upgrades are well under way.

"We think we have a great package to offer to builders," she said. "We have been thinking outside the box with our marketing packages given the depressed housing market."

"We are looking to create an identity for Fox Creek and the Fox Creek lifestyle."

The firm has also partnered with the Jefferson East Business Association to secure a \$3.9 million grant through Detroit's Economic Development Corporation for a Jefferson streetscape plan.

"JEBA has its thumb on the business sector on Jefferson," Madden said.

The new streetscape would dramatically alter the corridor, featuring:

- ◆ Installation of a median along Jefferson
- ◆ Sawcut and remove portions of the left turn lane
- ◆ Demolish and remove existing sidewalk
- ◆ Demolish and repair existing pedestrian and street lights
- ◆ Abandon and remove existing conduit and wiring
- ◆ Install landscaping
- ◆ Install upgraded sidewalks, alley approaches, crosswalk ramps and curbing
- ◆ Install new streetlights, wiring conduit and equipment
- ◆ Adjust and reset existing utility frames and covers in the sidewalks.

Scrace said he, as mayor, would be happy to discuss any support the city could offer for the development.

"I have suggested to them that at the appropriate time that I would be pleased to assist them in putting on a public presentation on a community wide basis," he said. "This development is very important to all of the Grosse Pointe communities and I think our residents may find the project interesting to hear about first hand."

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South senior has 'goodwill' in her heart



Anna Gorenflo, an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School senior, held a holiday party and asked her guests to bring an unwrapped gift which she presented to the Goodwill's Santa Shop. From left are Karen Harkness, manager of the Evaluation Counseling Services, Gorenflo and CEO Lorna G. Utley.

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Anna Gorenflo has learned about the spirit of giving.

She asked her friends to bring an unwrapped toy to her annual Christmas party. She accumulated 40 stuffed animals, games, dolls and trucks which have been donated to Goodwill Industries of Detroit.

"Every year I throw a Christmas party. My mom knows Lorna (Utley, Goodwill's president and CEO). I talked to her about what a great place it is.

"It made everyone feel good. It made me feel really good. Giving is so much better than receiving."

The toys Gorenflo and her friends donated will be offered to its program trainees to buy at minimal cost during Goodwill's 11th annual "Santa Shop."

Radio station 89X and

Caribou Coffee teamed up with Goodwill Industries for 12 days in which radio listeners and customers of Caribou Coffee were asked to donate toys.

"For many of our trainees, this time of the year can be a reminder that they are having difficulty in providing for their children and grandchildren," said Utley, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. "Santa Shop not only is a memorable shopping experience, but it also gives them a feeling of pride that they are able to buy these gifts themselves for their families. This is not a handout.

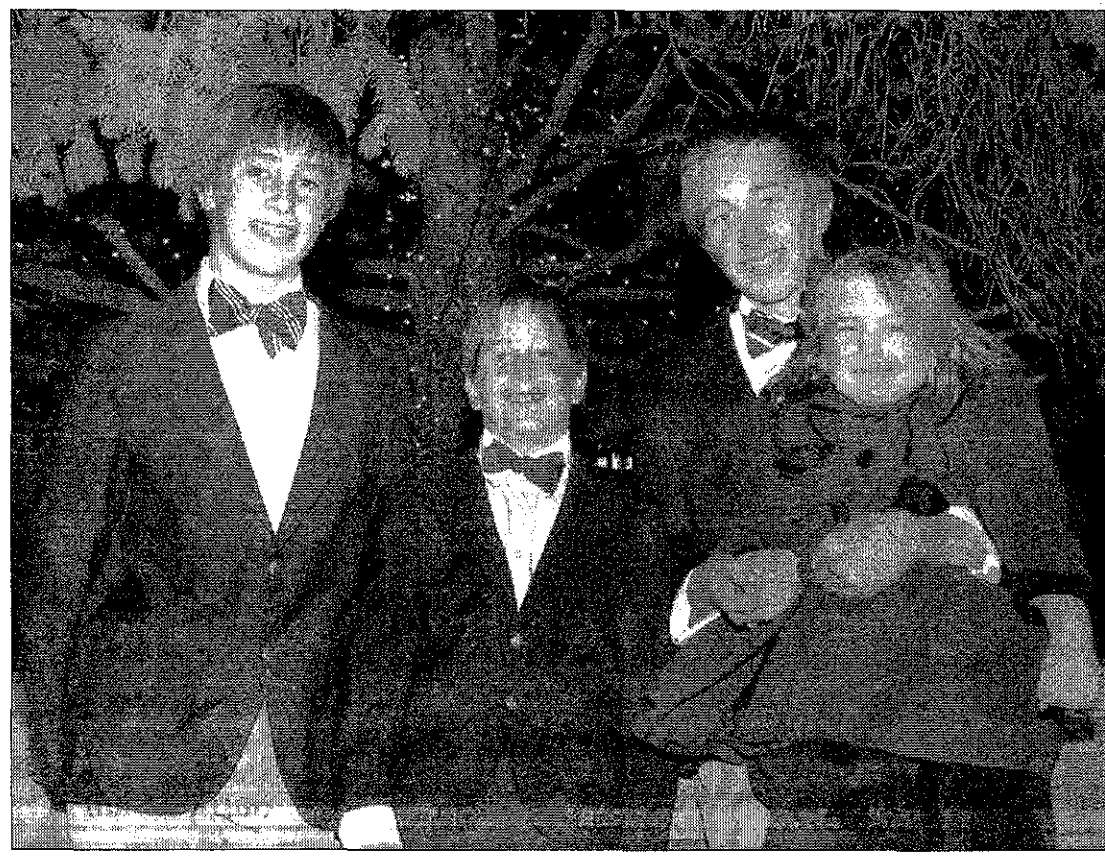
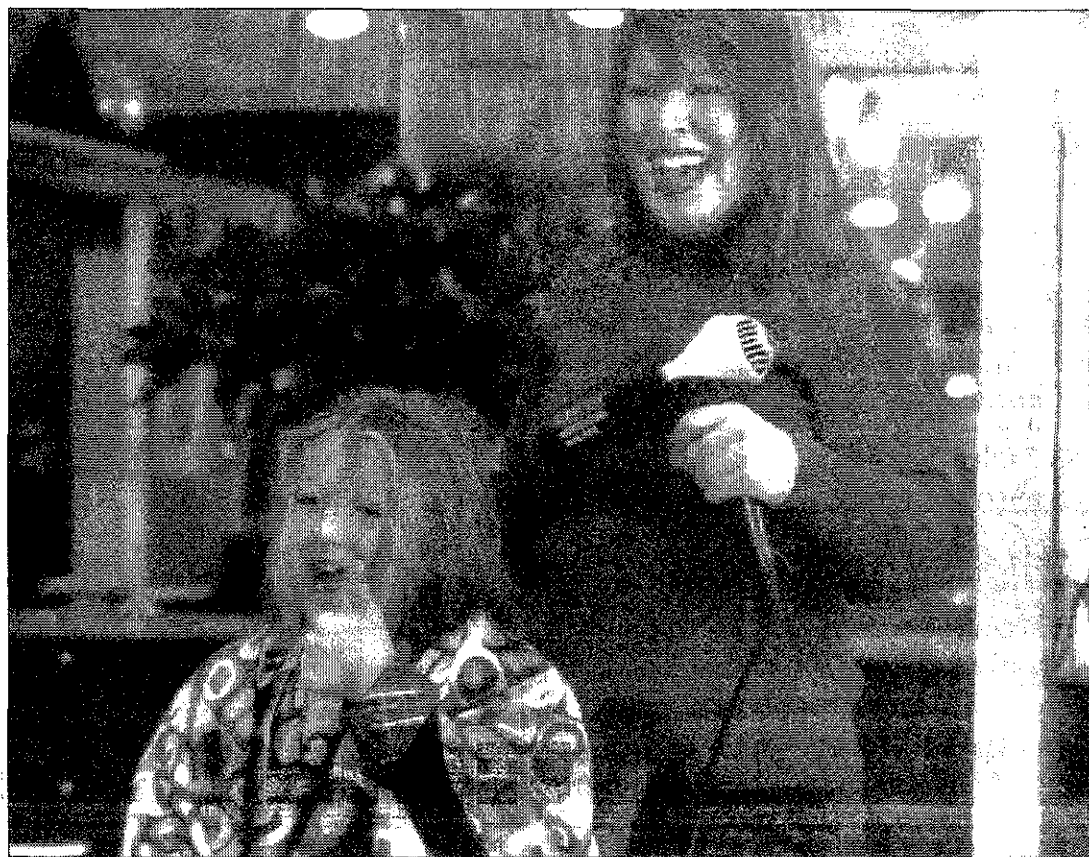
"We choose to preserve the dignity of our clients by making affordable holiday shopping possible," Utley said. "Can you imagine how empowered they feel knowing they themselves paid for the presents that they are giving to

their children and grandchildren?"

"Caribou Coffee is committed to giving back to our communities and is elated at the opportunity to partner with Goodwill and 89X for this event," said Adam Stansberry, Caribou's district manager. "We look forward to assisting in the holiday celebration for the Goodwill trainees and their families. This is the time of year to spread joy and celebrate, and we are grateful and proud to be a part of such an important initiative."

The mission of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is to provide people, who have disabilities and other barriers to employment with opportunities to become independent, self-supporting citizens through training, work experience and employment in the community.

— Ann L. Fouty



This year, the tree was lit by Reese Jones, assisted by her cousins Austin, Jake and Steven Jones.

Fink tree sets season aglow

Since 1988, the lighting of the Fink Christmas tree in front of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital has served as a beacon of the holiday season on The Hill. The tree was given to the community in honor of Elise Morley Fink by her children and grandchildren in celebration of her 50th year of service as a hospital trustee and as an honorary board member. The tree was later rededicated and a plaque placed in memory of Elise and

her son, Peter, who served on the boards of Cottage Hospital and the Henry Ford Health System for 17 years.

The Finks' legacy is celebrated each year as the youngest members of the family flip the switch setting the tree aglow.

This year, the tree was lit by

Reese Jones, assisted by her cousins Austin, Jake and Steven Jones. Grosse Pointe South High School choir members Carrie Fisk, Bobby Sullivan, Robbie Montgomery, Michael Gilbert, Grace Denton, Emily Holm and Lauren Jacob, sang during the Dec. 5 event.



For love

Nine-year-old Molly Murphy, daughter of Suzy and Sean Murphy of Grosse Pointe Woods, made a promise in June. She said she would have her hair cut just before Christmas and donate it to the Locks of Love program, which she learned about in her fourth-grade class at Ferry Elementary School. She said she wanted to give something meaningful to a child and a hairpiece would make a nice Christmas present. She had 10 inches of her hair cut by stylist Renee Wojtylo at the Greenhouse salon. Wojtylo donated her time to cut and style Murphy's hair

Bolls are honorary chairs for auction

The husband and wife team of John A. and Marlene L. Boll will serve as honorary chairpersons of the biennial Grosse Pointe Rotary Auction April 19, organizers announced this week.

The auction raises money for local Rotary projects such as Services Older Citizens (SOC) and scholarships and for international projects, such as medical missions to various countries, and the effort to erase polio worldwide.

"The evening is just a reminder that our life challenge should be to do more to help others," the Bolls said in a statement. "We feel privileged to be a part of the evening as the Grosse Pointe Rotary support education, improve health and alleviate poverty in our community and abroad."

For more than 53 years the Bolls have dedicated their lives and worth to helping others. They were a moving force in building the Boll Family YMCA in Detroit. Boll had previously served on the Board of the South Macomb YMCA, is active on the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Board and the Karmanos Cancer Foundation Board.

The founder of what is now Chateau Communities, Inc., the largest owner of manufactured home communities in the U.S., he has served on more than a dozen other charitable boards, commissions and foundations.

Marlene Boll, who trained as a dancer and was a member of New York's famed Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. She maintains her love and strong interest in the performing arts as a board member of the Michigan Opera Theater and the Vail Valley Foundation. She has served on nearly as many councils, boards and foundations as has her husband.

They have received numerous recognitions for their work helping others including Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year and in 2004 the Max M. Fisher Award for Outstanding Philanthropy. In 2006, they received the William Booth award, one of the Salvation Army's highest awards.

The Bolls recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary along with their three children and eight grandchildren.

"When we started our lives together more than 53 years ago, we had no idea where God

would lead us. We only knew He was in charge. We thank God for our family, friends, community and most importantly, His blessing us with the opportunity and responsibility to share our lives and resources to help others," the Bolls said.

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Tuesday, January 1, 2008

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7 pm Worship with Communion
11 pm Worship with Communion
Pre-Service Music at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 30, 2007

First Sunday of Christmas
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 31, 2007 (New Year's Eve)
6 pm Potluck 7 pm Worship



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Monday, December 24, 2007

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6:00 p.m., Children's Pageant

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Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2007

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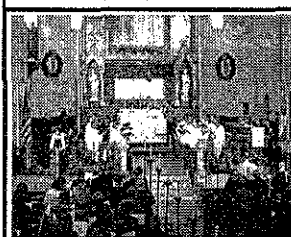
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Gerald Spice

The Christmas magic is with us

Once again, in so many ways, the magic of Christmas is with us. In words, in music, in the joy and fellowship we share with one another, we who are Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus The Christ. In the moments of celebration, it is easy to be moved by the event in Bethlehem so many centuries ago. Perhaps the question that needs to be asked today is, "Does it really make any difference?"

In the story itself, there is no question that Christ's coming made a difference. However, it is a difference to the person of faith. A baby is born, under unusual circumstances, by the promise of God, and proclaimed to be the One for whom generations had longed. Here was the Messiah in the manger. To Mary and Joseph, to the shepherds, wise

men, even to Herod, this event made a difference, a difference characterized by awe, by belief, by adoration, by fear and hatred. In history that event has made a difference, so much so that most of us have learned to read and understand history through the lens of B.C. and A.D. (even though many today would prefer BCE — before the common era — and CE — the common era).

But today among us, in this city and nation and in this world, does Christmas really make a difference? Do people find in the babe in the manger a way of making sense of their lives, their values, and their futures?

For each of us, does the birth of Christ make a difference in our own spiritual condition? Leaving God out of our lives is not usually an intentional thing. Most folks don't

start the day with the thought, "Now, today, I am going to forget God." Quite the opposite is true.

Most often we have every intention of being people whose lives are structured by the presence of God. The trouble is that in unintentional and unthinking ways, God is left out. It's not just that we fail in our prayers and in our worship, but in our thoughts, words and actions. We go about our lives without the difference that Christmas can make.

It is the incarnation of the God who is among us, the God, who from the point of Christmas comes to us in the neighbor, in the friend, in the family, in the persons we are given to love and who love us. For us, can the presence of Christ be so real that it makes a difference, that it gives us joy and hope in our relationships with others, the very joy to be

alive? Does Christmas really make a difference in hope?

There is so much in the world that kills our hope. We ache for those caught in the midst of our local economic problems — especially in the auto industry and in the housing market. We are in pain with the families of those in the military, who have lost their lives in a war in another part of the world — filling a duty that is difficult and lonely, and at times without a clear purpose. Wars and rumors of wars, hatred, bigotry, prejudice, people in every form of distress, with stories that can make your skin crawl are all in this world.

It is in just such a world, and to just such despair, that the Christ is born. Those who believe in him are not hanging on by a false optimism; they are realists of the first order, for they know just how strong

evil is and how much goodness it can destroy. But they are hopeful realists. That hope comes again from and through the Incarnated One. It is in this world that the Christ is born. When God is in this world, when God has come to the likes of us, when God's strength and power are available to us through God's continuing presence, then we know that life can never be the same. We live in hope, knowing that the present can be re-deemed and that the future is promised. Christmas does make a difference.

But what about Christmas in this global village in which we live? The statistics of the numbers of people in this world, who live in absolute poverty, are astonishing. For millions of people in this world, their daily existence for all of their lives will be marked by a struggle for food. And the

AIDS pandemic continues to wipe out millions of people, especially in Africa.

And then we remember that Jesus was born into a poor family, that he lived among poor people, that he seemed to have a particular concern for the poor. And in this world of His there is enough food for everybody. People don't have to starve. We have the means to eliminate hunger.

Can Christmas make a difference? Does Christ's coming mean that we can see one another as a part of the one human family and really live as sisters and brothers in this world?

Christmas is a miracle and miracles do make a difference. May it be so in us and in our world during these days of celebration.

The Rev. Gerald Spice is pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

ACTIVITIES

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, invites those who don't have a church home to join them in worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve will find the church's chancel decked with poinsettias, two Christmas trees flanking the altar and the nave glowing with dozens of candles.

The first service begins at 5 p.m. and offers Holy Communion. A candlelight service with hand bell and adult choirs takes place at 10 p.m.

A special Christ the King worship tradition will close the second Christmas Eve service: The dimming of the overhead lights and distribution of candles for the congregation to hold for the singing of "Silent Night."

Worship with Holy Communion begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5090.

Christ Church

A candlelight service of traditional Christmas hymns, carols and nine "Lessons and Carols," readings celebrating the nativity of Jesus Christ, will be sung by the combined choirs of Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., at 4:30 p.m.,

Sunday, Dec. 23.

This event is free and early seating is recommended. For information, call (313) 885-4841.

Brahms' CD

Scott Hanoian, director of music and organist at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, has released a CD of the complete organ works of Johannes Brahms. The disc was recorded at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., when Hanoian was assistant music director there.

It includes the romantic-classicist composer's 11 chorale preludes.

The CD is available in the church's Cloister Bookshop for \$18 or by calling (313) 885-4841.

Thrift shop

The Grace United Church of Christ's thrift shop will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1. It will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Bible study

Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 days is a precept study to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, and at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 881-3343.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Family and friends keep spirit alive



I love Christmas. I always have and I always will. I love the rich colors of Christmas, the beautiful music, both from centuries ago and more recent.

I love the smells of Christmas and when fresh snow falls, reflecting the Christmas lights magically transforming the familiar into a fairy wonderland.

That's why I am concerned this beautiful time has morphed into a merchandisers' bonanza. The season has been lengthened to give more time for shopping, decorating and spending money.

By the time New Year's Day arrives, I've heard all the Christmas music I want. I'm tired of looking at the Christmas decorations I must now take down and store away for another season. I'm tired of the heavy catalogs with their beautiful gifts that the postman must deliver and I must lug to the trash barrel. One of the best things about Christmas, however, are the wonderful parties and gatherings of family.

In the unlikely event you run out of something to say

during these times, here are some "Did you knows" that may be of help.

For example, Did you know that Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance?

That the microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket?

That the winter of 1932 was so cold Niagara Falls froze solid?

That the rubber bands last longer when refrigerated?

That the cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel fuel that it burns?

That Leonardo DaVinci invented scissors?

That February 1864 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon?

That a "jiffy" is an actual unit of time and is 1/100th of a second?

That almonds are a member of the peach family?

That there are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order — abstemious and facetious?

Should the conversation turn into palindromes (words spelled the same forward and backward) here are three: racecar, kayak and level.

There are only four words in the English language ending in "dous": tremendous,

horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters MT.

No words in the English language rhyme with month, orange, silver or purple.

The holiday season is usually one of the happiest, but for some it's also a source of the blues, especially for older people.

That's because older folks may think how quickly time has passed or miss loved ones more during this time of year. They may have financial concerns making it harder to enjoy the holiday.

The American Geriatric Association Foundation offers some suggestions if you feel blue.

Get out and about. Ask your family and friends for help traveling to parties and events, invite family and

friends over.

Helping others is a great mood lifter. Contact the United Way for organizations and groups that are in need of visitors.

Limit the eggnog and other alcoholic beverages. They may give you a temporary lift, but can later lower your spirits.

Accept your feelings. There is nothing wrong with not feeling jolly. Many people get the blues during holidays.

Confide in someone. Talk about your feelings. Talking can help you understand why you feel the way you do. But the blues can turn into depressions. It is important to talk to your doctor or other health professional to help you deal with this condition.

I hope you have a joyous holiday.

You can reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

Radio show brings holiday story to life

Andiamo Restaurants & Biz Team Theatricals are teaming-up to offer the family holiday show, "It's A Wonderful Life — The Radio Show," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in The Celebrity Showroom in Warren.

This theatrical presentation is an old-time radio broadcast

of the film classic.

Tickets cost \$16 per person and may be purchased by calling (586) 268-3200 or visiting The Celebrity Showroom, 7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren.

"It's A Wonderful Life" is directed by Marty Bufalini with a cast of 14 actors, plus sound-effects technicians.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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10:00 PM Worship Service with Candlelight

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Local volunteers honored on philanthropy day

Several local volunteers have been recognized for their service to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), the Holley Ear Institute and St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJM-OH).

They were honored as "Distinguished Volunteers" by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the National Philanthropy Day Recognition Dinner, Nov. 15.

Sharon and Michael Burke of Grosse Pointe Farms were recognized for their commitment to the hospital, having supported it for more than 40 years.

Sharon Burke has served in many leadership roles and is currently chair of St. John Home Care. She was named Outstanding Volunteer by the National Society of Fundraising Executives in 1988. Michael Burke has been a St. John Hospital Guild member since 1971 and was president from 1975-77. The Burkes founded the Cornerstone Society at SJH&MC.

Kevin Grady, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Thomas LaLonde, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Shores, were recognized for their dedication to the hospital by co-chairing the physician division of the capital campaign for the hospital's expansion project. The committee collected more than \$2.5 million from physicians.

Grady is director of Pulmonary Care, SJH&MC, and interim chief medical officer for St. John Health (SJH). In addition to his efforts for St. John, he also supports the University of Michigan, Wayne

State University School of Medicine, Jesuits and the Cornerstone School.

LaLonde is director of Interventional Cardiology at SJH&MC. He also established a scholarship at Wayne State University and has been named one of Hour Detroit Magazine's Top Docs for the past 10 years.

Jennifer Somes Chope and Melodie Scherer, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, were recognized for their dedication to the Holley Ear Institute (HEI) at St. John Health.

Chope has given of her time to Holley Ear Institute since its founding in 1993. As an active member of the institute's fundraising committees and council, her efforts helped support construction of HEI's Family Village, which serves the deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing.

Scherer, a council member of the HEI, began her involvement screening newborns for hearing loss. Her interest in helping the deaf grew to hosting fundraisers in support of the institute's Family Village. She also learned and taught American Sign Language.

Arnold Hock, of Warren, was honored as a Distinguished Volunteer for his work at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. He began volunteering at the Macomb Center 11 years ago, accumulating 5,525 volunteer hours.

Hock escorts patients throughout the hospital on Fridays. He is also president of the Auxiliary Board, which raised \$184,000 in 2006/2007.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals is an international association of



Sallie Hock, Arnold Hock and Chery Allen, director of volunteer services, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital

more than 26,000 individuals working in the fundraising profession.

Philanthropy Day is the Greater Detroit Chapter's biggest event of the year. It is



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Try these anti-bully approaches



Q. Parents often ask us what to do about bullying, whether it happens at school during lunch, in the halls, or through technology like text messaging or on-line chatting. Susan Fell, student assistant specialist at Brownell Middle School, provides the following food for thought:

A. Over the past few years violent events in schools across the country have resulted in a strong emotional and policy response by school administrators regarding bullying.

Teasing, name calling and shoving are nothing new. In fact, most of us observe these behaviors at home with our own children, yet we do not fear for their safety. We may also observe our child with their friends, teasing and roughhousing, yet expressing no fear or anger.

It is not unusual for parents, who intervene in a name calling battle at home, to be faced with increased frustration and escalation.

Often while trying to be a fair judge, parents end up being the bad guy with one child feeling victimized and one feeling vindicated.

What is the answer?

Many parents, teachers, administrators and mental health professionals believe the only way to teach tolerance and peaceful conflict resolution for children at home and school is by promoting a no-tolerance policy regarding teasing, name call-

ing and other "mean" words.

While the intent of this strategy is to decrease aggression, some researchers and mental health professionals believe we may be doing more harm than good by promoting the belief that some children are "good" while others are "bad."

Most current anti-bully programs promote a particular response in our schools. Teachers and other educators are expected to immediately respond to any student disagreement — often using academic time to address these incidents. Students are encouraged to keep an eye out for mean girls, bullies and gossip. No matter what age, students are encouraged to report incidents to a "trusted adult."

Students repeatedly tell us that they prefer not to do this because they fear repercussion. Students do not like to think of themselves as helpless.

The current Code of Conduct directs school administrators to investigate reported incidents and punish the suspected offender. Identified students, who have called others names, teased or bullied, may even be suspended or expelled.

While adults may feel their response is justified, students often pay the price. Unfortunately this approach can have some negative consequences including:

- ◆ Decreasing the capacity of students to accept criticism, differences of opinion and diversity
- ◆ Decreasing student's confidence in their own personal power
- ◆ Increasing fear of those with different opinions
- ◆ Increasing animosity be-

tween students and parents

- ◆ Increasing the belief that some physical violence is justified, if the offender is a bully
- ◆ Creating an environment where Freedom of Speech is discouraged

Recent innovative but common sense approaches are being researched that promote Freedom of Speech, feelings of competence, personal power and friendship building between children, while keeping them safe. These approaches are quite different from current strategies. At first glance may seem too permissive, but with increased study and consideration may have real merit.

While students are taught to report all physical violence, they are also encouraged to respond differently to words, name calling, gossip and differences of opinion since they do not cause physical injury. Students are encouraged to address verbal name calling and peer teasing in a calm respectful way, the way you would respond to the same comment made by a friend, rather than the typical defensive manner.

Responses to meanness such as, "Too bad you feel that way, I'm not angry at you" or "I'm sorry you think that," can deescalate an angry situation and may even result in increased understanding and friendship between students.

Parents can help their children try this approach by reinforcing the old adage, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."

Parents can respond to children's complaints of name calling by letting them know that in our country, people have a right to their opinion

and their words, but we don't need to believe or agree with others.

Role play with your child and help them prepare to respond to another student who is acting mean.

Children can practice responding calmly, as they would respond to a friend, saying "Are you angry with me?" or "Sorry you feel that way."

Most adults accept the fact that they may not always make popular decisions, please their co-workers or boss, or even always agree with their spouse.

If we label people as bullies we may respond to them in ways that could increase animosity and damage our relationships permanently. Thinking of people as allies, even when they are abrupt or unkind, may help us modify our approach and focus on improving communication.

Most of us are grateful and proud to live in a society where we can openly express our differing opinions without fear of repercussion or persecution.

Children are no different. Schools and families both want children to be happy and safe.

We can work together to support a "tolerance" policy in our schools and communities.

We can agree to raise resilient children, who appreciate diversity, who are capable of accepting differences of opinion and even criticism, and who are not fearful to express their opinion.

Send your questions to: Info@familycenterweb.org or Mary Ellen Brayton LLPC, NCC, co-director The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Mary Gardens, peace poles, celebrations



Both of my grandmothers had the first name "Mary" and understandably, it's my middle name. Any wonder that when I first learned of Mary Gardens my interest was peaked?

This seems like an appropriate time of year to talk about this subject.

When the Mary Garden at the U.S. Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was dedicated in 2000, the dedication brochure explained, "(The very garden itself) represents characteristics of women: a garden is welcoming; it offers a place of welcome and refreshment; it provides quiet for prayer and reflection; it expresses nurture and care for creation."

Mary Gardens were re-introduced in print in 1953 following their absence in garden literature.

In The Herbarist (the Herb Society of America's publication), Daniel J. Foley, then editor of Horticulture, shares in-



This Pentwater home shares its owners thoughts: "May peace prevail on earth."

formation from yet another author; Hepworth Dixon, "... we have made her the patroness of all our flowers ... (Mary) is our Rose of Sharon, our lily of the valley. The poetry no less than the piety of Europe has ascribed to her the whole bloom and coloring of the fields and hedges."

For decades, with the rise of Christianity, the common names of various flowers were named for Mary, the Mother of Jesus. An example includes Foxglove. The botanical name of Digitalis Purpurea was known as Our Lady's Gloves.

However, after the turmoil and upheaval caused by the Reformation, many of the folk names of plants previously associated with the Holy Family were changed.

The old religious names, which historically followed the folk names of plants representing gods and goddesses, were largely omitted from early gardening books. Later they were recorded through research of botanists and folklorists in various countries and regions. In our age of the Internet, these old flower names are being circulated again. Visit mgardens.org for more information about Mary Gardens.

Foley also gives suggestions to the gardener interested in creating a Mary Garden:

"In making a Mary Garden today, it perhaps would not be practical to grow all the plants associated with the Madonna. Some are denizens of partial shade; others are weedy by nature; and still others are plants for special uses such as ground covers.

Soil requirements and hardiness are also factors to be considered. If the garden maker wishes a traditional medieval garden, a simple knot pattern or a series of rectangular or square beds designed to fit the

area chosen would be most suitable.

"Old grapevine trimmings might be used to make a wattle with which to surround the garden. A suitable figure cast in metal or carved in stone or wood might well be used as a focal point.

Many of the sweet-smelling herbs of medieval days could be mingled with the plants associated with Mary. A well designed pool or a bird bath might be incorporated, if it could be adapted to the area for such a garden."

If you are interested in this concept, make a garden to your own liking and one that gives you a place to meditate.

Recently the Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit met to hear Ed Blondin, who has an interest in monastic gardens. Included in his extensive research is a list of Mary Garden plants suitable for our zone. They include Bleeding Heart (Dicentra spectabilis) or Mary's Heart; Forget-me-not (Myosotis scorpioides) or Eyes of Mary; and Solomon's Seal (Polygonatum multiflorum) or Our Lady's Locketts, which in my humble opinion better fit the small white flowers of this plant. And yes, marigolds (Mary golds) are listed here

too. If you're interested in the complete list, e-mail me at the address below and mention Mary Gardens in the subject.

Something that caught my ear during Blondin's program was mention of a peace pole. Following up with his suggestion, I contacted the makers of these peace poles who just happen to live in Maple City. Owners Dave and Kate Moffat follow the lead of the World Peace Society, a New York-based, nonprofit, member supported, non-sectarian organization dedicated to uniting people across the world through the universal saying: "May peace prevail on Earth."

The Michigan-made peace poles are found in various places in and around Grosse Pointe including Mair, Richard and Defer elementary schools, St. Clare of Montefalco School and United Community Methodist Church. Thank you to Jenny Durkee, Peace Pole Makers USA office manager for providing the information. I remembered seeing a peace pole somewhere in our community but couldn't remember where.

Peace Pole Makers USA has made its poles since 1985 from Canadian western red cedar, a renewable resource with a nat-

ural resistance to decay and insect attack. They are also available in aluminum and range in price from \$195 to \$2,000. More than 1,000 translations, including American Sign Language, are accessible on peace poles.

The standard languages are English, Japanese, Spanish and Russian, but octagon shaped peace poles will have additional languages or you can ask for others. Contact Peace Poles USA at peacepoles.com or at (231) 334-4567.

To date, more than 200,000 peace poles have been dedicated in more than 190 countries around the world. They are found in town squares, city halls, schools, places of worship, parks, and gardens - any place where the spirit of peace is embraced by people of good will.

As John Lennon said, "Give peace a chance." Consider creating a special garden to celebrate your special place. And, take time to enjoy this holiday season.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com

Six concert series planned in Palmer Woods homes

A six-concert series of jazz, classical and world music will be performed in Palmer Woods homes through May.

Each month, internationally-recognized and legendary Detroit-based musicians will perform to help preserve, protect and improve Detroit's Palmer Woods neighborhood, support the artists and enrich

the cultural environment in the community.

◆ Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. A holiday jazz concert featuring the Shahida Nurullah Trio is planned. Nurullah sings the blues, as well as jazz, samba, bossa nova, show tunes and more. For more information, visit shahidanurullah.com.

◆ Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. New Orleans Jazz legend saxophonist Charlie Gabriel and his quartet will celebrate Mardi Gras in Detroit with jambalaya, beads and music. The quartet features ragtime pianist Taslimah Bey and the music of Jelly Roll Morton and New Orleans. Gabriel has per-

formed and recorded internationally, including early stints with Lionel Hampton and Aretha Franklin.

◆ Saturday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Peter Psarianos & Odyssey will perform featuring violins, vocals and percussion. Psarianos has performed on the Silk Road Chicago at the Art Institute series, at the Detroit Institute of Arts and elsewhere. Food will also be served.

◆ Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, returns to Detroit for a classical concert with pianist Michelle Cooker in a celebration of

spring. Barefield has soloed with the Detroit Symphony and performed at Carnegie Hall with Stella Trio and the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra. Pianist Michelle Cooker will complete the duo. For more information, visit mspace.com/stellatrio.

◆ Saturday, April 26, at 6 p.m. Straight Ahead Trio, three of Detroit's Grammy nominated jazz divas, bassist Marion Hayden, pianist Alina Morr and Gayelynn McKinney on drums, will perform at the Palmer Woods Dinner Dance at the Detroit Golf Club.

For more information, visit mspace.com/straightahea

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◆ Saturday, May 24, at 8 p.m. Spencer Barefield and Donald Mayberry will play music from Monk to Debussy on guitar and bass in a Palmer Woods home. Barefield has also performed internationally with his own groups and with Oliver Lake, Roscoe Mitchell, David Murray and many others.

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Detroit area joins New Year's Nation 2008

New Year's Nation is bringing the biggest New Year's Eve party to the Fillmore Detroit theater in Detroit.

A multi-city, fully interactive event, New Year's Nation connects thousands of young professionals in multiple cities on the biggest night of the year.

This year, the festivities cross four time zones and take place in Detroit, New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Denver, Dallas and Seattle. The festivities will be broadcast from one venue to all of the others — in real time.

Unlike any other New Year's Eve gathering, New Year's Nation interconnects patrons with a live inter-venue broadcast and produces a simultaneous webcast, allowing those at home to see the parties in

every city.

"With such a mobile young professional crowd — moving across the country due to jobs, relationships and family reasons — this is a fun, easy way to experience the biggest night of the year together," said Jann Yogman, president of New Year's Nation. "In the future, we plan to connect every major market to become a party that truly connects the nation."

The Social Connection is the Detroit area sponsoring organization, coordinating the festivities at the Fillmore Detroit theater.

Doors open at 8 p.m. with a red carpet reception complete with search lights and paparazzi. Tickets include a 5-hour, premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres, food stations, a mid-

night buffet of gourmet sliders, coney's, pizza and chocolates, a champagne toast, party favors, a massive balloon drop and state-of-the-art laser light show timed to countdown with the 100th anniversary of the Times Square ball drop.

Grammy nominated DJ Urban Kris with percussionist Jared Sykes and That 80s Band and The Hook Up are set to perform. DJ Pannos will mix the tunes.

The event will be hosted by Jay Towers, co-host of Fox 2 News Weekend.

"The City of Detroit was just named by The New York Times as one of the best cities to visit in America — beating out London, New York and Las Vegas — and we have a vibrant, youthful professional

group that is just screaming for a party like this," said Regina Stocco, president and CEO of The Social Connection.

Three ticket options are available: NYN Party Pass — \$135, an all-inclusive ticket; Party Like A Rockstar Pass — \$100, for entry after 10:30 p.m. and includes a 3.5 hour premium open bar along with entertainment and midnight buffet; The VIP Pass — \$250, 220 VIP tickets are available and include admission to a private party in The Fillmore's mezzanine level with a view of the main dance floor; full access to the party, complimentary valet parking, preferred entry, private gourmet food stations, 5-hour premium open bar, complimentary champagne, private bars with VIP servers and

seating.

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(248) 543-1000.

Ten percent of the company's net proceeds will be donated to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

PRIDE OF THE POINTEES

Robert E. Karle of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at DePaul University for the 2007 spring quarter.

He is an anthropology major.

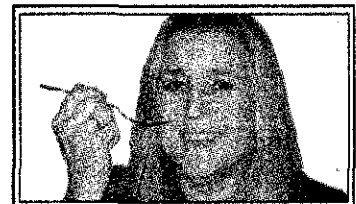
Meghan P. Worrell of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the DePaul University Dean's List for the 2007 spring quarter. She is majoring in anthropology.

David A. Roden of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at DePaul University for the 2007 spring quarter.

Natalie E. Novak of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the DePaul University Dean's List for the 2007 spring quarter. She is majoring in public policy.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Bread sticks — as easy as pie



Tomorrow marks the beginning of Christmas break. Two glorious weeks at home with the children.

What will you do to keep them busy? Get them into the kitchen and have some fun with food!

The following recipe requires very little effort on mom's part and the kids will enjoy participating in the preparation of these super easy, create your own fancy bread sticks. They are perfect for dipping in tomato soup, marinara sauce or even ranch dressing (the new ketchup). I'm offering two different topping ideas for the bread sticks, each is enough to make 12 bread sticks.

Fancy Soft Bread Sticks

1 tube Pillsbury bread sticks (12)
1 egg, beaten

"Everything" bread sticks
1 tablespoon each poppy seeds, dried minced garlic, sesame seeds, coarse salt

"Italian" bread sticks
2 tablespoons each Parmesan cheese & sesame seeds
1 teaspoon Italian season-



Erin, 11, William, 6, Maria, 3, and Daniel Caton, 8, gobbled up the first batch of soft bread sticks but paused long enough for a photo before the second batch went into the oven.

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Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Generously grease a foil-covered baking sheet and set aside. In a small bowl, combine the poppy seeds with the dried minced garlic, sesame seeds and coarse salt.

Remove the bread sticks from the tube and place them on the baking sheet. Brush egg over each of the sticks.

Sprinkle the topping mixture over each of the sticks (about 1 measured teaspoon for each). Give each bread stick a twist or two, pressing gently on the

ends of each stick to make sure they hold their twist.

Bake at 375 for 15 minutes, until the sticks are a deep golden brown. Remove from oven and use a spatula to loosen the sticks from the baking sheet. Serve warm with soup, salad or your kid's favorite "dipper."

The "everything" topping is very close to the stuff you find on everything bagels and is perfect for salt lovers. The Italian style mixture is little more subtle. Mix and match to create your favorite topping for soft, warm from the oven

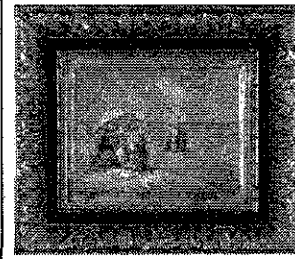
bread sticks.

My sister, Bunny, embarked on my bread stick project with her four children. Erin, Daniel, Willie-Joe and Maria had so much fun they insisted on making them again (after they gobbled up the first batch). Now that's a testimony to a good recipe.

Take some time out this Christmas break with your kids in the kitchen. They'll thank you for it.

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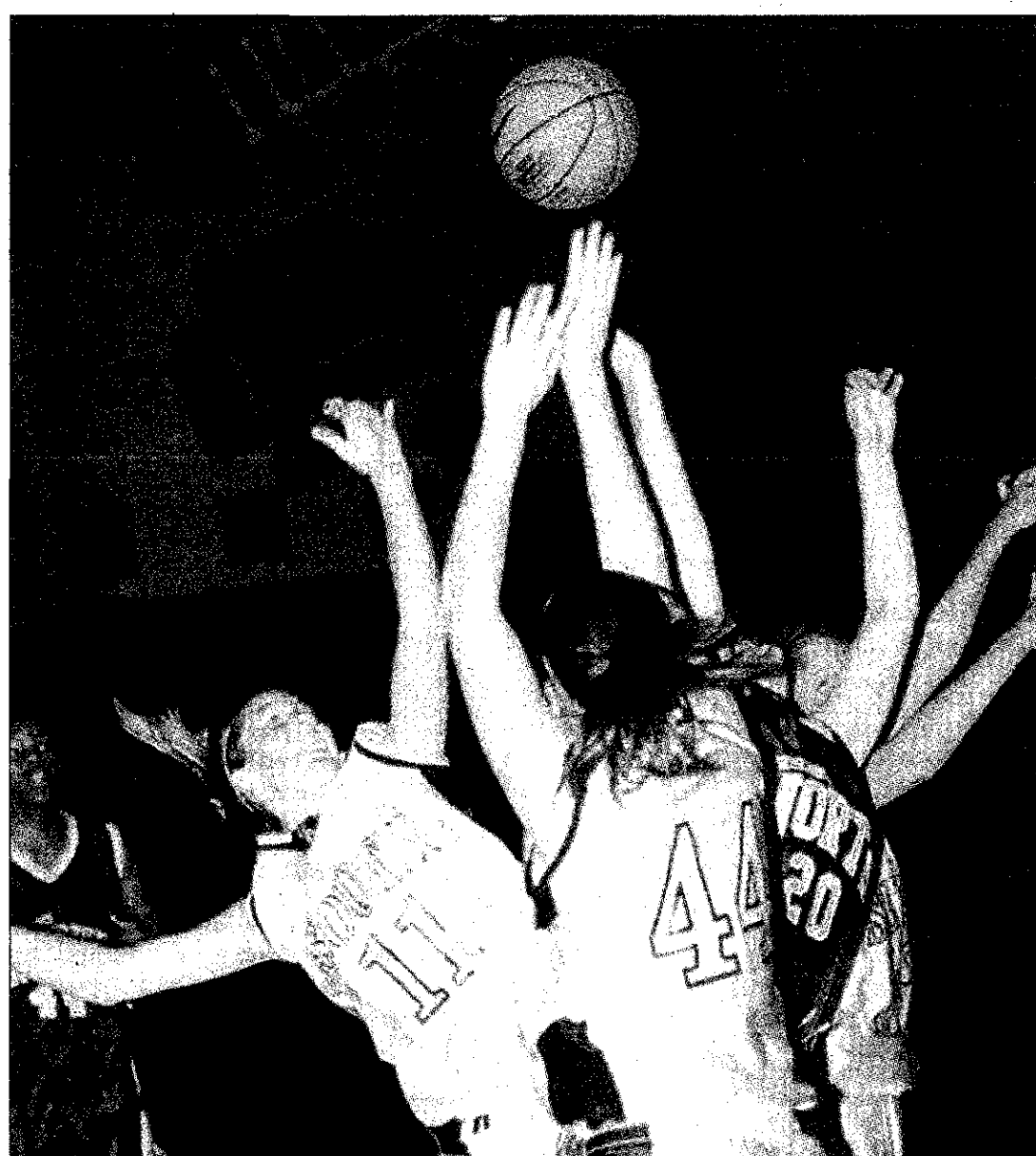


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Board battle

Grosse Pointe South's Megan DeBoer (11) and Kate Pangori (44) battle for a rebound with Grosse Pointe North's Olivia Stander. North won the crosstown clash 53-39 to improve to 6-0. See story on page 3C.

NORTH BOYS HOCKEY

Norsemen stun top-ranked foe

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A lot of Grosse Pointe North hockey players got a chance to feel like goal scorers last week.

"We had a bunch of guys get their first goals and then some," coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen handed No. 1-ranked Livonia Churchill its first defeat 6-3, then beat Muskegon Mona Shores 5-3.

North has won three straight to improve to 3-3-1 overall.

The victory against Churchill was North's best all-around performance of the season.

"It was a good energy game for us," Lock said. "We beat them to the loose pucks, we crashed the net, we blocked shots. A lot of kids sacrificed for the good of the team. It was a great team effort."

North led 1-0 after the first period on Michael Neveux's goal off a deflection as he was going toward the net.

The second period was wide open as the team combined for eight goals.

"The floodgates opened," Lock said. "Fortunately, in the third period we went back to our tight defensive style."

Whenever the Chargers

would tie the game, the Norsemen would come back to regain the lead.

"When they scored we answered," Lock said. "It was that way against Mona Shores, too. We scored quickly enough to take away any momentum they might have gathered with their goal."

By the time the second period was over, North's Dante Deserrano had his first three goals of the season and an assist, Scott Brown had a short-handed goal and Ben Scarfone scored a power-play goal.

"We've had exceptional play all year from Mike Neveux and Brandon Davenport played well in both games," Lock said. "Our defensive guys have really stepped up this year."

The Mona Shores game was a come-from-behind effort for the Norsemen, who trailed 2-1 after the first period. North's goal was a shorthanded tally by Justin Kovacs, assisted by Scarfone.

Deserrano continued his hot scoring pace with a second-period goal that drew North even. The Norsemen took the lead on a power-play goal by Jimmy Tocco — his first of the season.

"It was a great play by Kovacs that led to Tocco's goal," Lock said. "He undressed a guy and got the puck to Tocco for a 2-on-nothing break."

Tocco put a nice move on a defender in the third period for his second goal of the game that gave North a 4-2 lead.

Mona Shores scored with 2:11 left in the period to cut the Norsemen's advantage to one, but 23 seconds later Deserrano got his second of the game and fifth in two contests to secure the victory.

John Neveux collected two assists, while Kevin Gibson also had one.

"Those were two wins against two quality teams," Lock said. "We've played well enough to be 6-1, but that's OK. We just want to keep improving."

North's schedule doesn't get any easier.

"We have two more tough ones this week with U-D (Jesuit on Wednesday) and (Grosse Pointe) South on Saturday," Lock said.

The South game is at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m.

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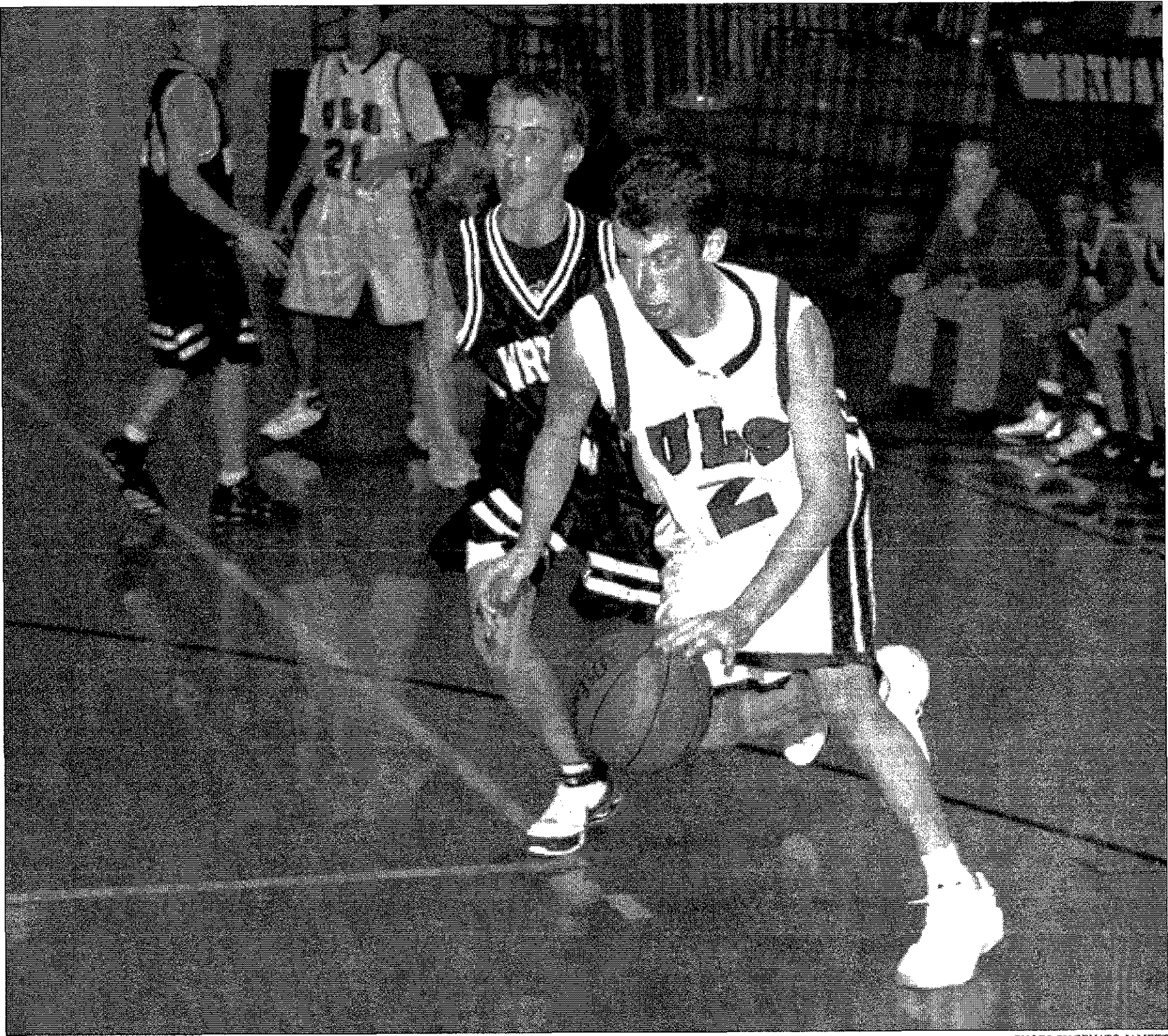
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Patrick Gustine scored 30 points for University Liggett School in its victory against Lutheran Westland.

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Knights get off to a winning start

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys basketball team has that one ingredient that every coach looks for.

"We have excellent senior leadership," said Knights coach Sidney Johnson, who has guided the team to a 3-1 record in his first year at the helm.

"Our three captains, Patrick Gustine, Aaron Heaney and Zack Chopp have done a great job in helping set the team rules."

ULS started the season with three straight victories. In the Knights' opener, they beat Macomb Christian 59-41.

Andrew Malaski provided the spark for ULS when he got a rare start and responded with

a 16-point performance, including 10 points in the second quarter.

"He really gave us a spark in the second quarter," Johnson said. "We turned to Andrew and he delivered."

ULS led throughout the game. Jeremiah Manning and Heaney each had six points in the opening quarter.

Heaney finished with 12 points and Mark Ghafari came off the bench to score 12 points for the Knights.

Gustine had a breakout game with 31 points in ULS's Metro Conference opener — a 66-47 victory against Lutheran Westland.

The Warriors got off to a good start and led 12-4 at the end of the first quarter. Westland stretched its lead to 13 points before ULS came

back to close the margin to 26-24 at halftime.

The Knights continued their hot streak in the third quarter when they scored 30 points. Gustine had 12 points in the quarter.

"We started to go to a zone in the second half and we were really active on defense," Johnson said.

"We got a hand on a lot of loose balls and we were active on the boards, too."

Manning finished with 11 points and Heaney and Ghafari scored 10 apiece.

"Zack Chopp came in and helped out with rebounding and defense," Johnson said.

ULS's defense was the key in its third straight victory — a 65-34 victory against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"We employed a trapping de-

fense and our three-quarter court pressure gave them some problems," Johnson said.

The Knights also used a 1-3-1 halfcourt defense that the Gryphons had difficulty penetrating.

Manning and Ghafari helped ULS get off to a good start with seven points apiece in the first quarter.

Manning led the Knights with 16 points, Gustine had 14 and Ghafari added 13. Derek McLaughlin came off the bench to score eight points.

ULS suffered its first defeat of the season on Monday against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, which went to the Class D state semifinals last season.

It was a close game until the third quarter when the Eagles pulled away for a 70-51 victory.

ULS had only five points in the third quarter.

The Knights held an 18-17 lead after the first quarter in which Heaney scored seven points, most on the fast break.

Parkway led 34-29 at halftime.

"They're a well-coached team with good athletes," Johnson said.

"The game showed us that we can compete with a team that went deep into the state tournament. After the game, their coach (longtime Utica Ford II coach Jim Barker) applauded our effort. That meant a lot."

Ghafari led ULS with 12 points, while Manning and Heaney scored 11 apiece and Gustine added eight. Malaski hit a pair of three-point baskets in the first half.

ULS girls get their first win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Dan Cimini put as much effort into coaching University Liggett School's girls basketball game against Hamtramck last week as he has in any other contest he's coached.

"I don't think I've ever coached harder than I did in this game," Cimini said after the Knights recorded their first win of the season with a 36-22 victory against the Cosmos.

"I wanted them to get the win so bad. They worked so hard. They deserved to win a game."

ULS went into the Metro Conference game without its most-experienced player, Ke'Ana Bryant, who suffered a freak knee injury in an earlier game.

Bryant's injury was a blessing in disguise, because it gave Megan Amicucci a chance to show what she could do at point guard.

"Megan has done a wonderful job," Cimini said. "I'm so glad to have her. She does a good job of controlling the tempo and she's become a leader on the team. She's really taken on the role well."

Another player who has been showing steady improvement for the Knights is Charlotte Waldmeir, who had a game-high 17 rebounds against Hamtramck. This is the first year Waldmeir has played basketball.

"She was all over the floor and really made things happen," Cimini said.

"You can tell what a great athlete she is."

"And Rachel Goldberg had a great defensive game. She played the point in our 1-3-1 trap, and put a lot of pressure on their point guard."

ULS led 10-6 after the first quarter and held a 16-13 advantage after three periods. The Knights broke the game open by holding the Cosmos to only two points in the third quarter to extend the lead to 23-15 going into the final eight minutes.

Catherine Vatsis led ULS with 10 points, while Amicucci and Goldberg had seven apiece and Katie Sheehy added six.

ULS, which lost a Metro Conference game to Lutheran Northwest earlier in the week, improved to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Metro Conference.

SOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils lose twice to MAC White rivals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team couldn't help but think of what might have been in its game with L'Anse Creuse North last week.

Instead, the Blue Devils have to think about bouncing back on Friday in a home game against Port Huron.

"We'd be feeling pretty good if we could have stolen that game from L'Anse Creuse North, which was the preseason favorite in our division," coach Jim Twigg said after South dropped Macomb Area Conference White Division games to the Crusaders and Port Huron Northern.

Instead, it was LCN that stole the game from the Blue Devils as the clock was winding down.

The game was tied at 39-all with six seconds left and South had the ball out of bounds. The Crusaders deflected the in-bounds pass, stole the ball and went in for the layup that gave LCN a 41-39 victory.

"It's a shame we had to lose, because the kids played hard all game," Twigg said. "We played great defense."

It was especially apparent in the first half when LCN held a 15-9 lead at the break.

"We controlled the tempo, and they've got a high-powered offense," Twigg said. "I was happy that we held them to nine points in the first half, but I was a little disappointed that we had only 15."

LCN went up by nine points in the second half, but South kept plugging away and tied the game in the final minute.

P.T. Shirar led South with 12 points. Tim Quinn and Jimmy Saros added eight points apiece.

"Saros and Jarvis Wise did a great job defensively against their guards," Twigg said.

In the Blue Devils' 63-54 loss to Port Huron Northern, the explanation for the defeat was simple.

"They just outplayed us," Twigg said.

The Huskies led 53-38 after three quarters, but late in the

fourth quarter South was within four points.

"They came alive and took it to us in the second half, but the kids never quit," Twigg said. "It wasn't our best game, but we kept fighting back. But it seemed like whenever Northern needed a basket, they got one. They're a good team. They're 4-1."

PHN led 20-11 after one quarter but the Blue Devils closed the gap to 28-23 at halftime.

"We paid too much attention to (Jay) Thames in the first quarter," Twigg said. "Then some of their other players hurt us. We just didn't play as well defensively as we usually do."

Thames is the Huskies' 6-foot-7 center, who has committed to Oakland University.

Shirar led South with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Wise played an outstanding game and finished with 15 points. Saros added 12 points.

The two defeats last week left the Blue Devils 0-2 in the MAC White and 2-3 overall.

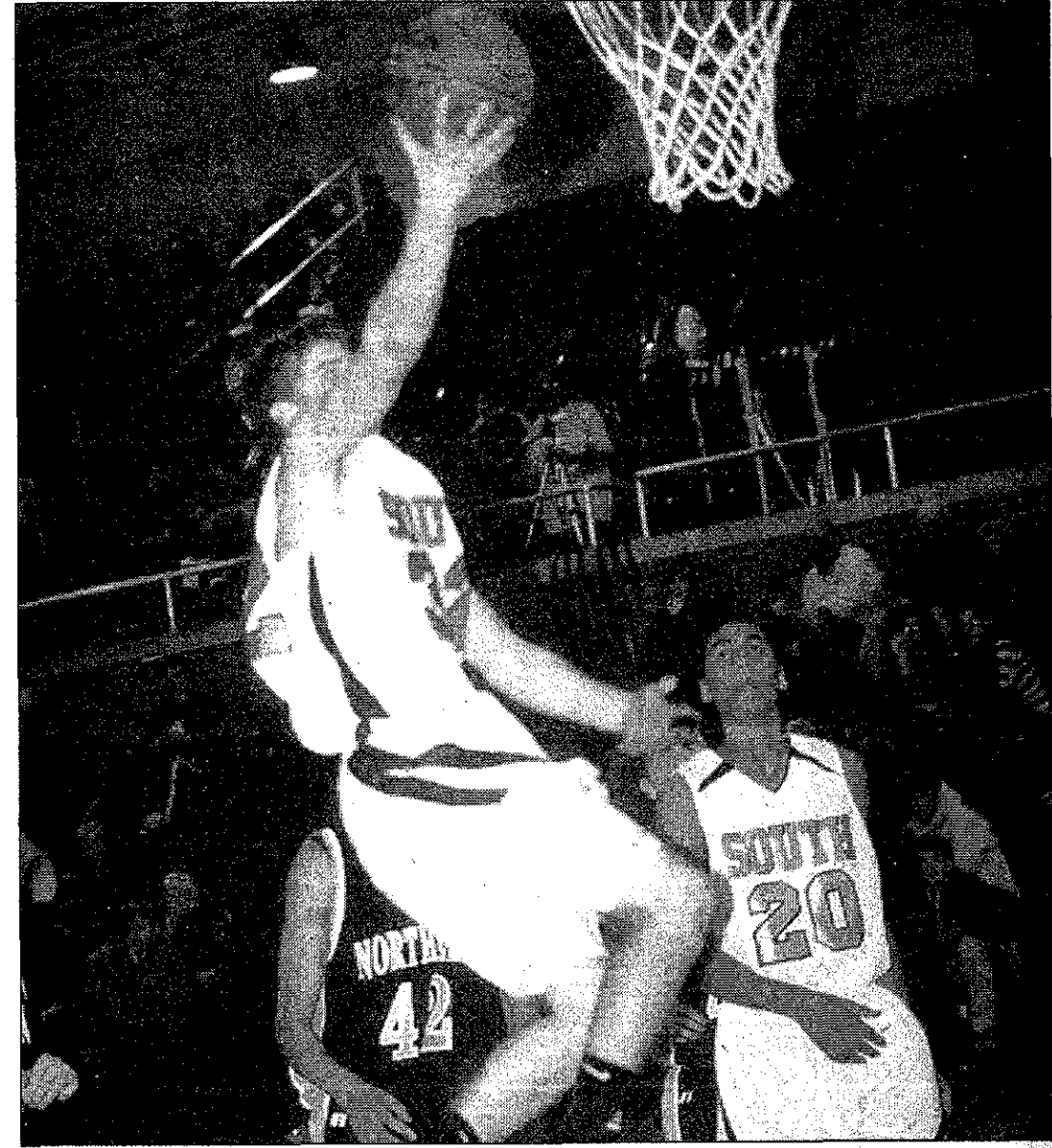
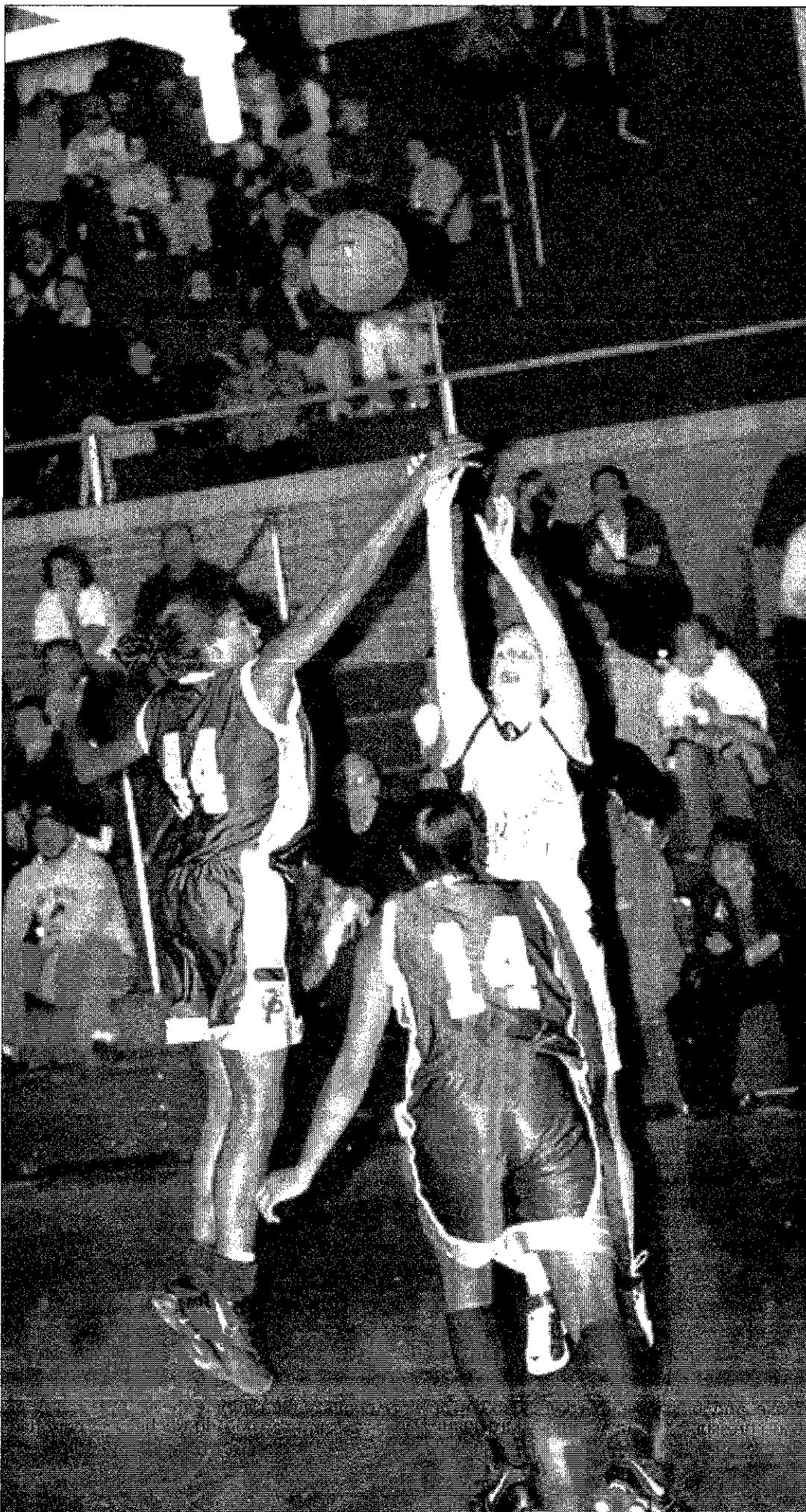


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Jimmy Saros of Grosse Pointe South drives for a layup in the Blue Devils' game with Port Huron Northern last week.



Grosse Pointe South's Clare Conway fires up a shot over Grosse Pointe North defenders Ariel Braker (44) and Kayla Womack (14).

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SOUTH BOYS HOCKEY

Wyandotte ends South win streak

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There was a strange feeling in the Grosse Pointe South hockey dressing room after the Blue Devils' game with Wyandotte Roosevelt last weekend.

"It was our first loss after 17 wins and it really felt like we played well and should have won," South coach Bob Bopp said after the Bears had beaten the defending state Division II champions 2-1.

"It was a tough loss against a good team, but we had 25 shots to their 15 and they made the most of two big breaks they had in this game. I was very happy with the South players. Not happy with the loss but I thought they came to play and played very well."

Wyandotte took South into overtime twice last season, including a double-overtime game in the state tournament.

The Bears jumped ahead at 5:53 of the first period when they intercepted a breakout pass by the Blue Devils and went in to score.

South outshot Roosevelt 12-6 in the first period and had some excellent chances but couldn't score.

Wyandotte played better in the second period but South still had a 9-4 shot advantage.

Another bad break led to the Bears' second goal.

"One of Wyandotte's best players came down on a 1-on-1 and our defenseman lost his balance and fell down," Bopp

said. "It was just one of those things that happens. The Wyandotte guy came in alone and made a great move to beat (goalie) Trevor (Sattelmeyer)."

South started the third period on the power-play and 55 seconds into the period, the Blue Devils cut Wyandotte's margin in half on a goal by Tim Shield.

There was some nifty puck movement from Sam Mott to Jack Sklarski to Shield.

South had some excellent scoring chances the rest of the period, but couldn't get the equalizer.

"We had several point-blank chances," Bopp said. "We wanted to go high on the goalie, but maybe we went a little too high."

South successfully killed off two penalties in the third period.

"Our penalty killing has been outstanding," Bopp said. "Maybe it's the best in South history. We've been using a lot of people — Tim Shield, Lance Lucas, Arthur Griem and Sam Mott most of the time, but also Jimmy Morris, Brian Auty and either Nick Cinqueranelli, Brandon Brunidge or Chris Stephens and Michael Blazoff."

Earlier, South beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-1 in a game that was much closer than the final score indicates.

"The score doesn't tell the story of this game," Bopp said. "This was a close game and in my mind, our goalie (Sattelmeyer) won it for us —

Trevor and the power play. Trevor was very solid in the net.

"We played about six great minutes in each period and then we didn't play so well. Every time we needed a save we got it from Trevor."

Pioneer scored the first goal of the game at 6:19 of the first period, but Sklarski tied the contest with a power-play goal at 9:25.

Sklarski went hard to the net and got a nice pass from Shield.

Lucas got the only goal of the second period. Sattelmeyer moved the puck up the ice quickly to Blazoff, who fed Lucas. Lucas went in alone, deked the goalie and put the Blue Devils ahead to stay.

Griem and Morris scored power-play goals in the third period to secure the win for South. Mott and Sklarski assisted on Griem's goal, while Blazoff had his second assist of the game on Morris's.

Blazoff has been playing well since moving back to defense after an experiment at forward.

"One of the reasons we moved Michael back to defense is because he sees the ice so well and moves the puck to the right people," Bopp said. "His two assists in this game backs that up."

South is now 6-1 overall.

The Blue Devils will play crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

North's defense is key to victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Kelly DeFauw has a motor that never quits.

However, she had trouble keeping up with one of her teammates in the Norsemen's 53-39 victory against Grosse Pointe South.

"Kelly came up to me and said 'Christine is wearing me out,'" said North coach Gary Bennett. "That's a major compliment coming from Kelly."

DeFauw was talking about Christine Klein, who along with Jasmine Kennedy, played a key role in the Norsemen's intense defensive effort in the second half.

"Christine and Jasmine put a lot of pressure on the person who was taking the ball out of bounds for South," Bennett said. "They became real active and when they tried to throw the ball in they harassed them and created a lot of chaos."

That defensive pressure enabled North to pull away from a 28-24 halftime lead. The

Norsemen scored the first 13 points of the second half.

As usual, the offensive explosion was keyed by the North defense.

"We toughed it up more on defense in the second half," Bennett said.

The Norsemen caused several turnovers with their pressure and if they didn't force a turnover, they got a stop at the defensive end.

"We had a lot of turnovers in the second half and I think a lot of that might have been because of fatigue," said South coach Kevin Richards.

"North really picked up its pressure in the second half. They seemed to play with a lot more urgency."

In the first half, it was the Blue Devils who played with the most intensity.

"It seemed like the game was more important to them in the first half," Bennett said. "They got to most of the loose balls. They were really intense."

DeFauw led North with 16 points and she also had six steals, three assists and only

one turnover.

Ariel Braker contributed 13 points, eight steals, seven rebounds and three assists. Kennedy finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Chloe Srbernak led South with 13 points and Clare Conway had 12.

"Emily Flom was a spark-plug off the bench again," Richards said. "Aisha Rodney was aggressive going to the basket and Megan DeBoer had another outstanding defensive game. She was guarding (Olivia) Stander."

Richards saw some positives in the defeat.

"We'll learn from this," he said. "We can look at the things that North did, because that's where we want to be some day."

Bennett was impressed by South's performance.

"I thought South worked real hard," Bennett said. "They brought a lot of intensity. Kevin had them well-prepared and they competed. They should feel good about how they played."

South achieves its hoops goals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball coach Kevin Richards wrote down three goals for his team to shoot for in its game with Port Huron last week.

"We met two of our three goals and just missed the other one," Richards said after the Blue Devils' 65-21 victory over the Big Reds.

"We wanted to keep them under 25 points. We wanted to score 60 points. We wanted to stay under 15 turnovers and we had 17. I was real happy with the way the girls played and sustained their defensive intensity, even after we went ahead 18-2."

South pressed for the first quarter and on Port Huron's first two possessions of the second quarter. After the Blue Devils got layups off of steals in the second quarter, Richards pulled off the press.

"We did a good job of pushing the ball up the floor," Richards said, citing South's 15 assists. "We're trying to get the kids to play the same way regardless of the score."

Chloe Srbernak had an outstanding game with 12 points and 13 steals. Her steal total is believed to be a school record.

"I can't imagine anybody having any more," Richards said. "She was all over the floor. She anticipates so well. She's one of our best players night in and night out."

Kate Pangori and Kim Leverenz each scored eight points for South and Aisha Rodney collected seven points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Emily Flom has moved in as the backup point guard after an injury to Kelly Barry.

"Emily is our quickest player and she's doing a lot of good things defensively," Richards said. "Offensively, she looks to score, but she also does a good job of setting up other people."

South alumni game

All former Grosse Pointe South boys hockey players are invited to play in the annual alumni game.

It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Sports Center.

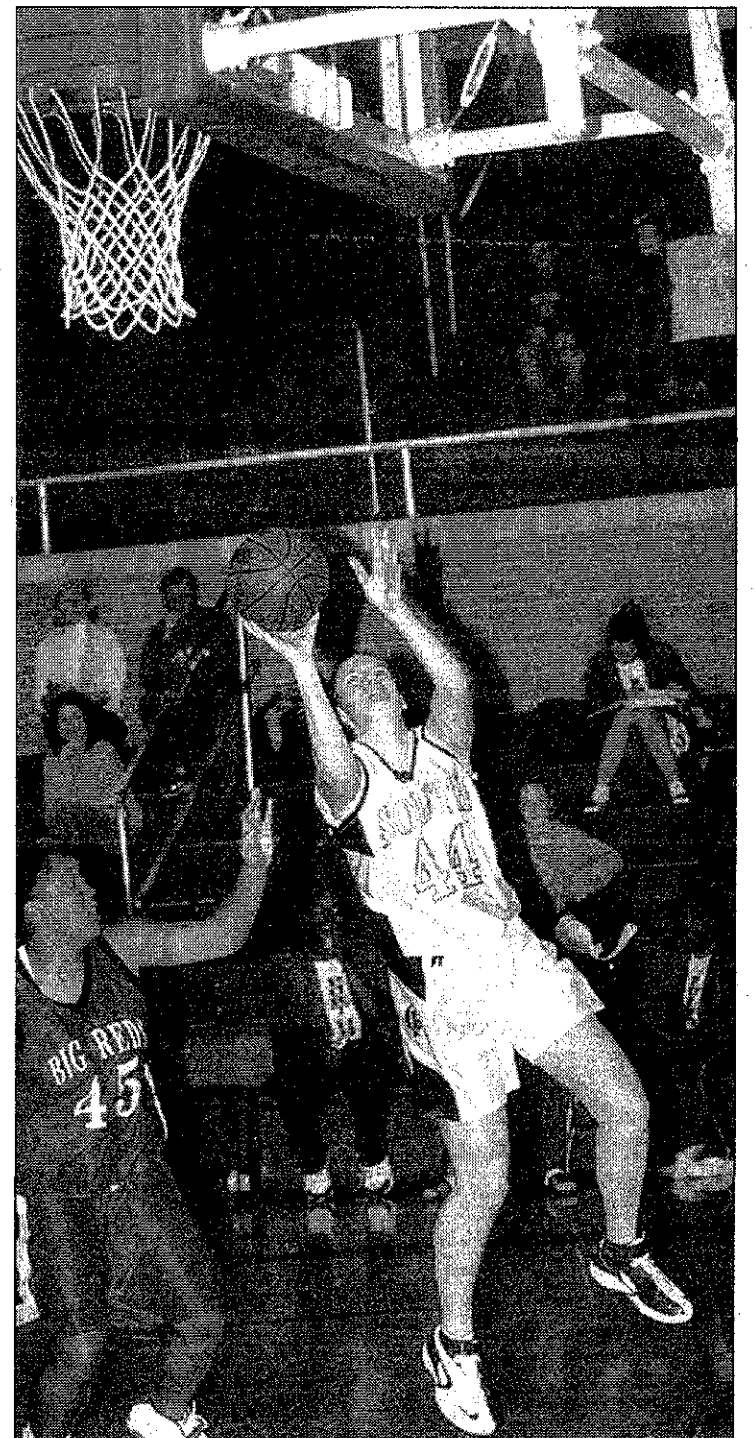


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Grosse Pointe South's Kate Pangori drives for a layup against Port Huron.

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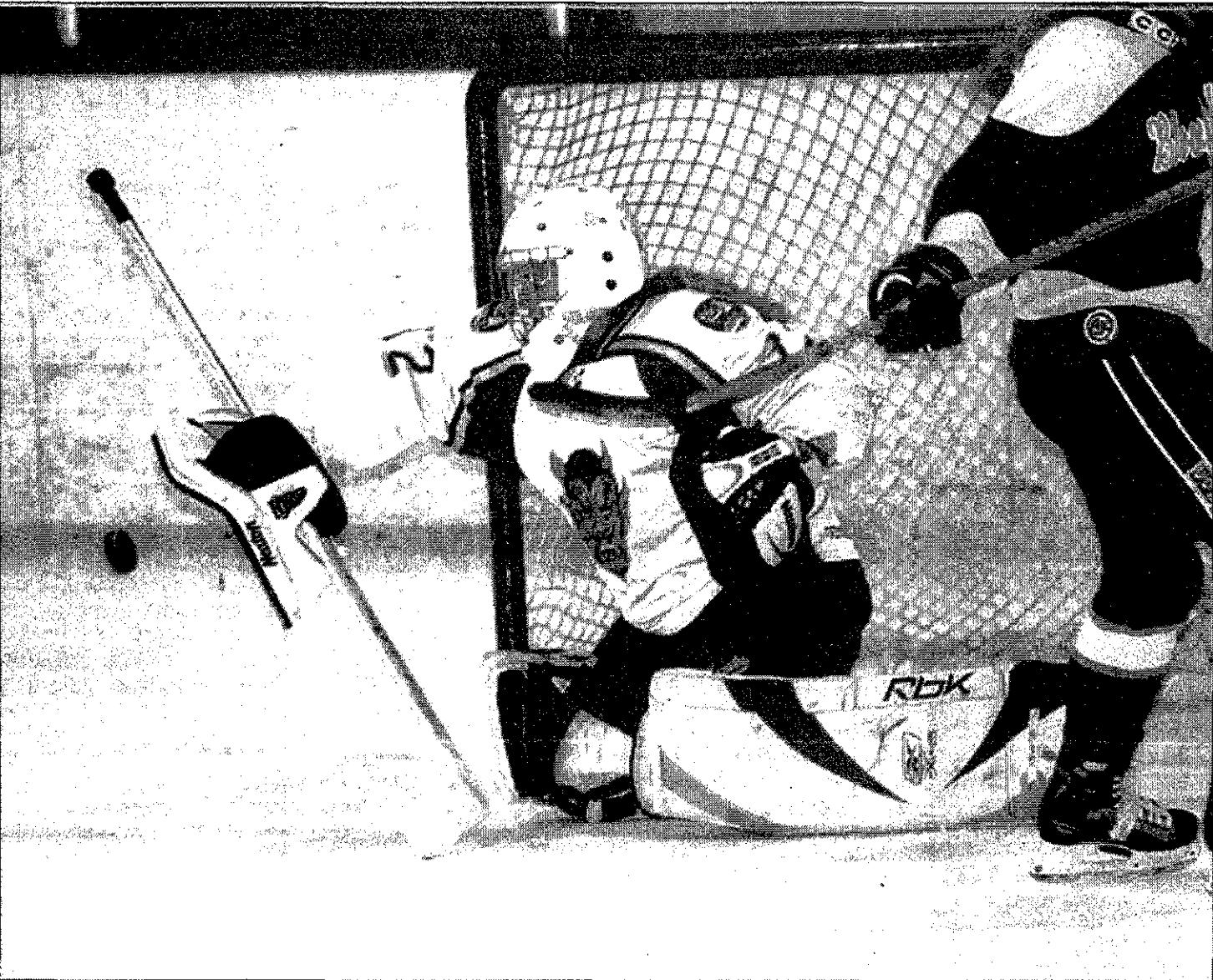
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Grosse Pointe South goalie Maggie Miller knocks away a shot against Bloomfield Hills Unified.

South skaters are on a roll

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team gave up its first goal in three games last week. However, the visiting Lady Blue Devils breezed by city rival University Liggett School 9-1. The game ended after the two-period eight-goal mercy rule.

South head coach Bill Fox has his players on the top of their game. In the last three games, Fox has watched the Lady Blue Devils dismantle the competition by a combined score of 24-1.

Senior Anna Shepard got the ball rolling, scoring a goal nine seconds into the opening peri-

od. Senior Alex Rentz and sophomore Jessica Snella drew assists.

Shepard completed the hat trick, netting two more goals in the second period. The first goal, assisted by junior Kelsey Burgess and Rentz, was on the powerplay. The second was assisted by freshman Christine Daudlin and sophomore Shannon Gianino.

Other Lady Blue Devils who scored were Burgess, Rentz (two), Daudlin, senior Jenna Huitsing and junior Kathryn Repicky.

Sophomore Paige Counsman scored the Lady Knights' lone goal. Senior Jacqueline Nicholas assisted. Counsman's attempt at a sec-

ond goal was thwarted by junior C. J. Jarboe, who stopped the penalty shot late in the first period.

South outshot ULS 30-9 in the two periods of play.

"I told the girls this will be the most skilled team we will face this season," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "This is the only time we play South this season; so now the game is over and we can concentrate on our next opponent."

In other action last week, ULS lost 3-1 to Livonia Ladywood, falling to 3-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 3-6 overall.

South defeated Bloomfield

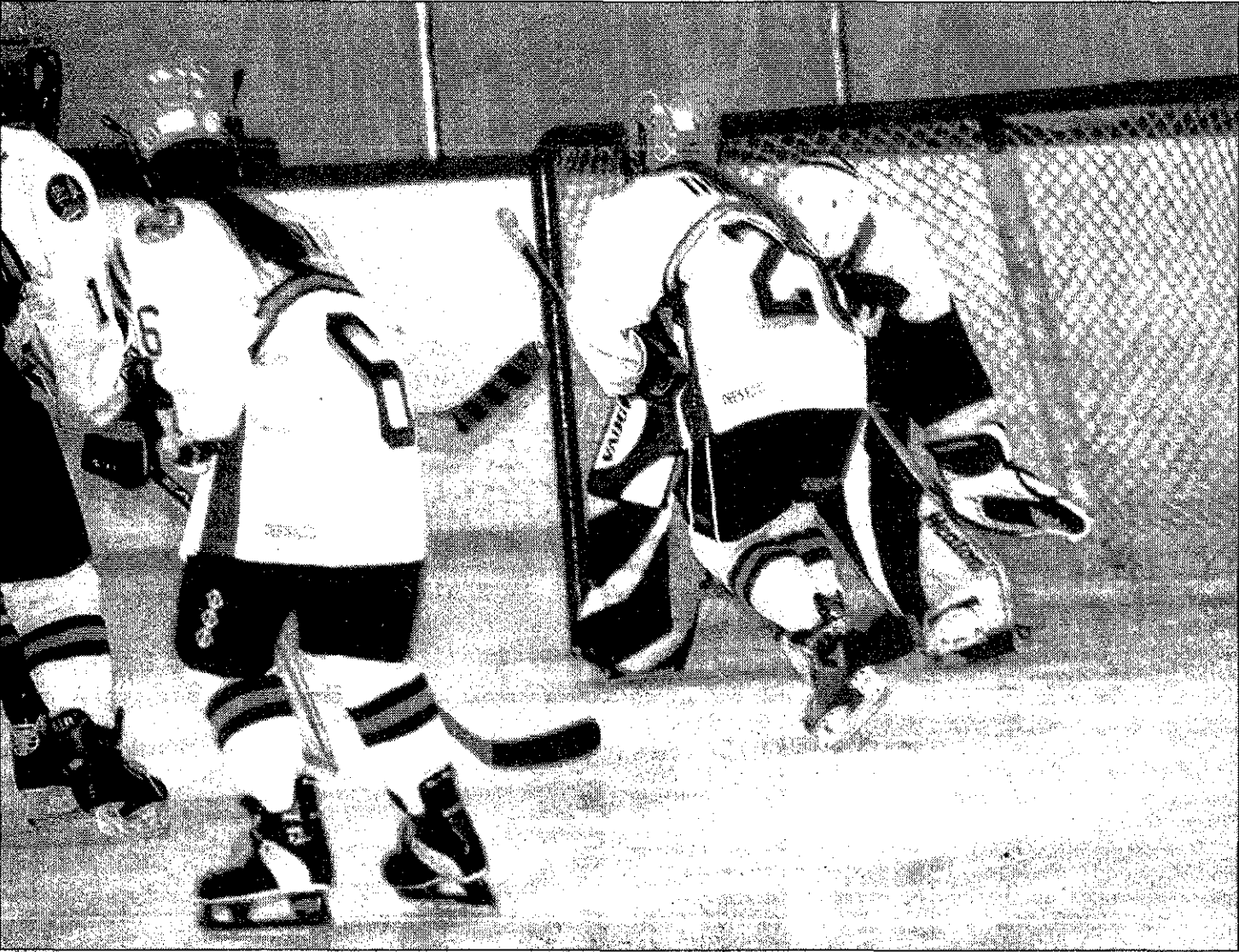
Hills Unified 8-0 and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 6-1 to remain undefeated, 5-0-1 overall and in the league.

"I thought our kids played very well against a good Cranbrook team," Fox said. "It was a nice effort as we head into the holidays."

"The girls will work hard and get ready for the season after the first of the year."

Fox applauded the efforts of his entire team, especially senior Mary Dosch and Huitsing on defense; Rentz, Shepard, sophomore Emma Hull and senior Ashley Thibodeau.

The Lady Blue Devils have posted three shutouts in their six games.



Ashley Thibodeau scores South's first goal against Bloomfield Unified.

North absorbs its first setback

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team dropped its first game of the season last weekend, losing 4-3 to host Ann Arbor.

The Lady Norsemen held a 3-1 lead after two periods, but the Pioneers stormed back behind the play of sisters Angie and J.J. Chronis.

"I didn't make the right adjustments in the third period," head coach Scott Dockett said. "I should have moved a forward back to help defensively.

"The Chronis sisters were everywhere on the ice in the final period and they beat us."

Dockett said his squad didn't play up to its potential in the first and third periods, but picked up its play in the second stanza.

Sophomore Nikki Capizzo and senior Lauren Walsh were offensive standouts.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Norsemen beat Walled Lake 8-0 and Northville 8-0. Both games were on the road.

Capizzo was the goalie against Walled Lake as Dockett played starting goaltender

Rachael Lentz as a forward. Lentz responded with two goals.

Alexa Quinlan also had two goals for North, while Alexa Lucchese, Kailey Sickmiller, Walsh and Christie Listwan added a goal apiece. Walsh had four assists, while Lentz and Quinlan each had two assists.

In the win over Northville, junior Angela Giorgio had a hat trick and Quinlan added two goals.

"We played a great game against a tough Northville team in its building," Dockett said. "Everything clicked and

we had a surprise hat trick from Giorgio."

Walsh and Meredith Chicklas had the other North goals. Quinlan, Sickmiller and Walsh each had two assists. Taylor Moody, Listwan, Lucchese, Kara Yeager and Capizzo each had one assist.

North dropped to 5-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 7-1-1 overall.

"We did the same thing last season," Dockett said. "We lost at Ann Arbor and then came back to beat them at our place. It's only one loss."

Norsemen keep battling

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Anyone who plays Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team had better be prepared to play at a top level for the entire 32 minutes.

If not, they're in trouble.

Utica Ford II got that lesson last week when the Norsemen ended the game on a 23-2 run and beat the Falcons 69-52.

"Teams have to play a full game against us," said North coach Gary Bennett. "I think Ford might have gotten tired toward the end of the game because they worked hard all game. We don't get tired, and a lot of that has to do with our practices. We keep going all the time."

The game had several momentum swings.

North jumped out to a 15-5 lead and held a 17-9 advantage at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter belonged to the Falcons as they outscored the Norsemen 18-8 in the second to take a 27-25 halftime lead.

Leah Jones, Ford's point guard, sparked the Falcons in the second quarter when she scored 12 points, including three three-point baskets.

plays that looked like she was putting on a clinic."

Finally, with a little more than six minutes to go, Braker came back into the game and North was hitting on all cylinders.

Ford had a nine-point lead early in the fourth quarter and the Falcons had the ball. The Norsemen got a stop at the defensive end, then Klein hit a basket and Kayla Womack made a three-pointer.

"We got the competitive edge back," Bennett said. "We blocked shots, made free throws and stole the ball."

North had a balanced scoring attack led by Braker and Klein with 15 points apiece and Kelly DeFauw with 14. Olivia Stander finished with seven points, all on free throws down the stretch as she made 7-of-8. Kennedy added six points.

Braker also collected eight steals and 10 rebounds. DeFauw had six assists and Stander had four steals.

Earlier, North rolled to a 53-26 victory against St. Clair.

"I thought we played real well against St. Clair," Bennett said. "We played with great intensity and urgency to get to our spots on defense."

The Saints, who have been one of the top teams in the state for several years, aren't the powerhouse that they have been.

"They still have good big people, but they don't have the guards they've had in the past," Bennett said. "We were able to cause a lot of turnovers."

The two middle quarters were the difference in the game. North outscored St. Clair 16-7 in the second quarter and 15-1 in the third.

"St. Clair had only one or two points for the first 11 minutes of the second half," Bennett said. "We were doing the job defensively."

Stander led North with 18 points. Braker had 10 points, eight steals and four assists. DeFauw added eight points and three assists.

North's woes continued in the second half when Ariel Braker quickly picked up her fourth foul and had to sit out the rest of the quarter. Ford took advantage of the situation and stretched its lead to 39-31.

"We were reeling, struggling, and emotionally we lost some of our composure," Bennett said. "At the start of the game, Ford looked frazzled but later we were frazzled. Fortunately, we got back into it mentally and you could see the game turn."

Christine Klein and Jasmine Kennedy kept the game from getting out of hand while Braker was out.

"They both did a nice job in the post," Bennett said. "Christine made some great post moves. She made some



Grosse Pointe North's Olivia Stander brings the ball up the court against pressure from a Utica Ford II defender.



Grosse Pointe North's Darrin Willis runs into a roadblock in the form of two Romeo defenders.

ULS finishes third in its hockey tournament

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Freshman Vernell Johnson stopped 14 shots to help the University Liggett School boys hockey team beat Allen Park Cabrini 3-0 in the consolation game of the ULS Holiday Tournament last weekend.

"The boys came to the rink and got mentally prepared, stretched and focused to play," head coach Terry Olson said. "The captains got the team going and we played a good, solid hockey game."

The host Knights took the play right at the Monarchs in the opening period, outshooting them 16-7 and 2-0 on the scoreboard.

Sophomore Rory Deane opened the scoring with a goal at the 10:42 mark. Seniors Mike Thomas and Chris Leahy drew assists.

Junior Drew Amato, who has been snakebit in recent weeks, got a goal at the 6:46 mark. Thomas and sophomore Dan Zukas had the assists.

After an even second period, senior Mike Burchi tallied an unassisted empty-net goal to put the game in the win column.

After the game, Thomas, Burchi and sophomore John Stockmann were the Knights' representatives on the all-tournament team.

"Our defense and goaltending was solid in each game," Olson said. "We didn't come to play in the first game and it showed with a lackluster effort and a loss."

"I don't mind losing if the guys play hard and give 110 percent, but they didn't come to play at all and Royal Oak outthrusted and outworked us in our own building."

ULS lost 5-3 to the Royal Oak Ravens, giving up five goals in the second and third periods.

Deane, assisted by Burchi, scored to give ULS a 1-0 lead, but the Ravens tallied the next two goals to make it a 2-1 game.

Burchi tied it 2-2 at the 10:07

mark of the second stanza. Sophomore Jimmy Palmer and Stockmann earned assists.

Zukas had a powerplay goal to give the home team a 3-2 lead.

That would be the Knights' final goal as the Ravens added another second-period tally and two goals in the third period to make it to the championship game.

Sophomore Chris Ralstrom stopped 15 of 20 shots and suffered the loss.

In other recent action, the Knights traveled to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, losing 8-0, and played two games at Western Michigan University, losing 2-1 to Kalamazoo Unified and 7-1 to Portage Northern.

"We played well against Kalamazoo and were in it until the final buzzer," Olson said. "We were also playing a decent game against Portage until we fell apart in the third period. Before that, it was a 3-1 game."

University Liggett School stands 4-6 overall.



ULS all-tournament team players, from left, John Stockman, Michael Thomas, and Mike Burchi are shown with coach Terry Olson.

Disappointing week for North

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last week wasn't a week that Grosse Pointe North boys basketball coach Pat Donnelly will fondly remember.

The Norsemen lost both of their games, 56-55 in overtime to Chippewa Valley and 77-48 to Romeo.

What made matters even worse is that both of the contests were against Macomb Area Conference Red Division opponents.

However, this week seems to be starting off better.

"We watched the film of the Romeo game and I think the players saw what the problem was," Donnelly said. "I can say what's wrong and it doesn't always sink in, but when you show it to them on the film and they see it for themselves, it makes an impression."

"After that we had a real good practice. We're only two games into the season, so it's not time to throw in the towel by any means. We'll learn from this and get better from it. We can be a good team, but we can't just show up and expect to win. There isn't anybody on our schedule that we can't beat, but at the same time, there isn't anybody that can't beat us if we don't come to compete. Hopefully, this was a wakeup call."

The Romeo game started off badly and just got worse.

North won the opening tip and missed a fast-break layup. Then Romeo came back and hit a three-point basket. The Norsemen answered with a basket to make it 3-2, but the Bulldogs scored the next 15 points and led 18-2 late in the first quarter.

"Romeo is a good team, but we didn't even compete," Donnelly said. "I was very disappointed with our performance at a competitive level. You don't have to be a great player to give a consistent effort. I think some of our guys

got down when we fell behind early, but you have to continue to give a maximum effort, no matter what the score is. You can't let the score affect your defensive intensity or offensive execution."

Blake Cushingberry, who'll play for Oakland University next season, led Romeo with 29 points.

Nick Waller was North's only double-digit scorer with 24 points.

The loss to Chippewa Valley was especially disappointing for Donnelly because he felt that he was responsible for the setback.

North was hit with two technical fouls in the first two minutes and the Big Reds' Chris Lemm made all four of the shots.

"The kids won this game, but I lost it for them," said a disappointed Donnelly. "I should have stressed that there's no dunking in warmups, and I should have checked the scorebook to make sure all the numbers were correct. That's four points and we lost by one. I'm just sick for these kids. They deserved a win."

The first technical was called because two North players dunked in warmups, while the second was for having an incorrect uniform number listed in the scorebook.

Chippewa Valley led 14-10 after the first quarter, but the Norsemen started the second quarter with a 14-0 run, capped by Waller's three-point play off a putback. Waller and Jerry Peoples each scored five points during the spurt.

The Big Reds closed the gap to 29-20 at the half, but Waller opened the second half with a basket off a nice assist from Peoples to give North its biggest lead of the game, 31-20.

After that, the Norsemen hit a dry spell against Chippewa's zone defense and had only one basket -- a three-pointer by Kyle Nadeau -- until Nadeau

and Matt Blunden scored on offensive rebounds in the final 36 seconds of the third quarter. The two late baskets lifted North into a 38-38 tie going into the fourth quarter.

"We were a little too passive against their zone," Donnelly said. "We have to be more aggressive in working the ball in to the paint."

There were four lead changes in the fourth quarter. Consecutive three-point baskets by Peoples and Waller gave North a 51-50 lead with 1:42 left, but Chippewa's Tyler Alwardt hit two free throws with 46.7 seconds to go to give the Big Reds a 52-51 advantage.

The Norsemen's Paul Bramos was fouled while pulling down an offensive rebound with 4.1 seconds remaining and he made the second of his two free throws to send the game into overtime.

Alwardt made two free throws to give Chippewa the lead with 3:37 left in overtime and the Big Reds maintained the advantage the rest of the way.

"Defensively, we did a nice job," Donnelly said. "We had a couple of lapses, but we made them earn just about everything they got."

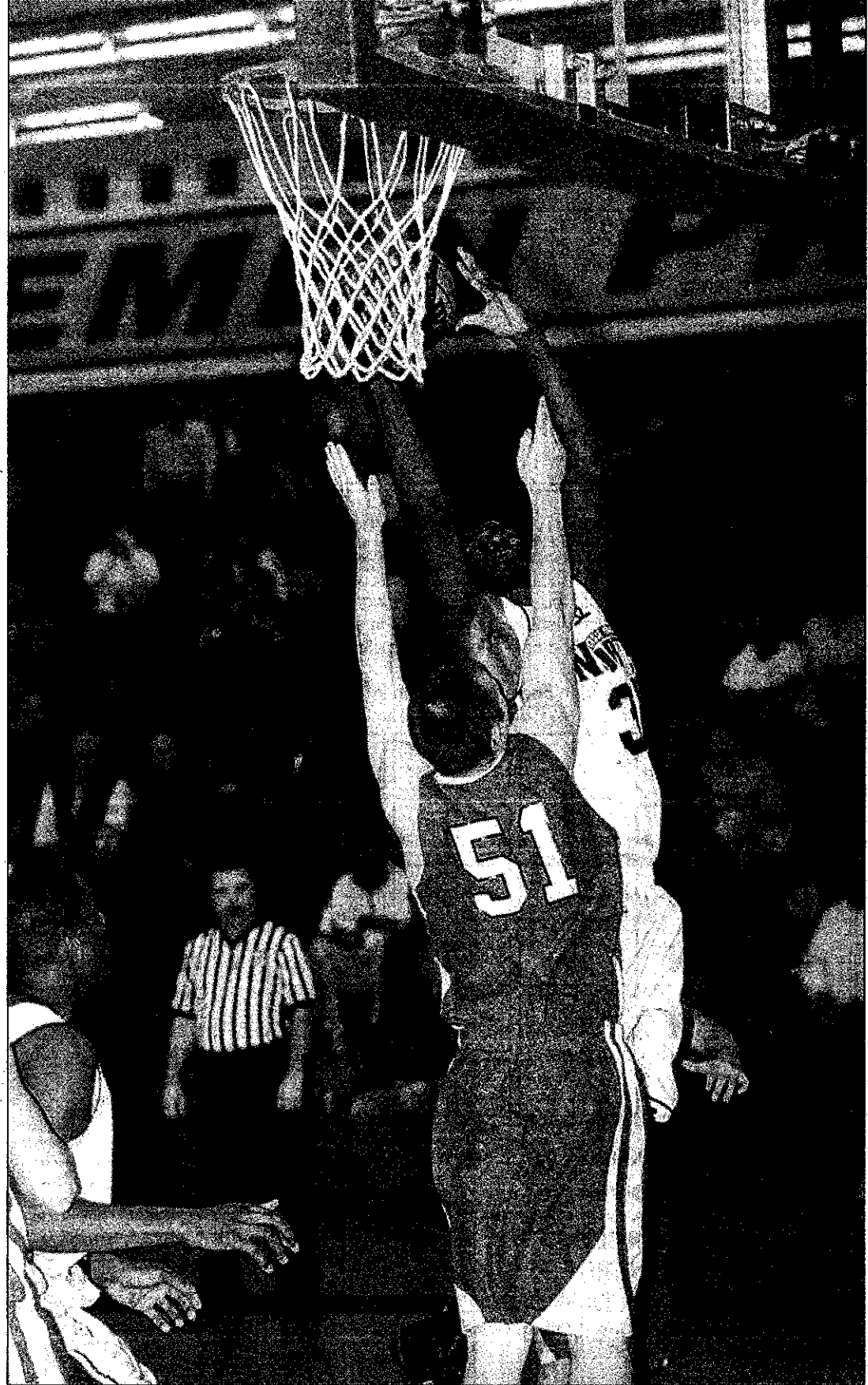
Eight players scored for North, which was led by 17 points from Peoples and 15 from Waller, who picked up his fourth foul early in the second half.

"We have good depth this year," Donnelly said. "Any one of the 13 people on the team can contribute. Last year, we had a rotation of eight players, but we're a lot deeper this season."

Blunden led North with nine rebounds, while Waller had five.

Lemm paced Chippewa Valley with 22 points and Alwardt finished with 12.

Rick Doran had eight points and 11 rebounds for the Big Reds.



Nick Waller goes up for two of the 24 points he scored for North in its loss to Romeo.

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ACROSS

- 1 Personal glow
- 5 Water on the lawn?
- 8 Toppled
- 12 Defeat decisively
- 13 Prior to
- 14 Europe's neighbor
- 15 Praiseful poetry
- 16 Unthinking conformists
- 18 Popular number puzzle
- 20 Sequence
- 21 Diana of "The Avengers"
- 23 Shade provider
- 24 One of Carroll's Walrus' topics
- 28 Sailboat type
- 31 Spring mo.
- 32 Bristles
- 34 Bill
- 35 DJ Rick
- 37 Dilettantes
- 39 Consumed
- 41 Garr or Polo
- 42 Latest information
- 45 Spoiled
- 49 Rest periods
- 51 Frat-party garment
- 52 Organic

DOWN

- 1 Commotions
- 2 Language of
- 3 Pakistan
- 4 Had regrets
- 5 Got rid of glitches
- 6 Historic time
- 7 Spiders' handiwork
- 8 50-50,
- 9 Ballpark figure
- 10 Lo-cal
- 11 Glaswegian girl
- 17 Spelling contest
- 19 Spectra and Sportage, e.g.
- 22 Reach
- 24 Scoundrel
- 25 Mimic
- 26 Rye holder
- 27 Wood-shop device
- 29 Kids' card game
- 30 Ton fractions
- 33 Spanish river to the Mediterranean
- 36 Without wavering
- 38 Teensy
- 40 Greek H
- 42 Works with
- 43 Sheet of glass
- 44 And others (Abbr.)
- 46 Implement
- 47 Hollywood clasher
- 48 Appellation
- 50 Showtime alternative

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M-14 SOLUTION 12-13-07

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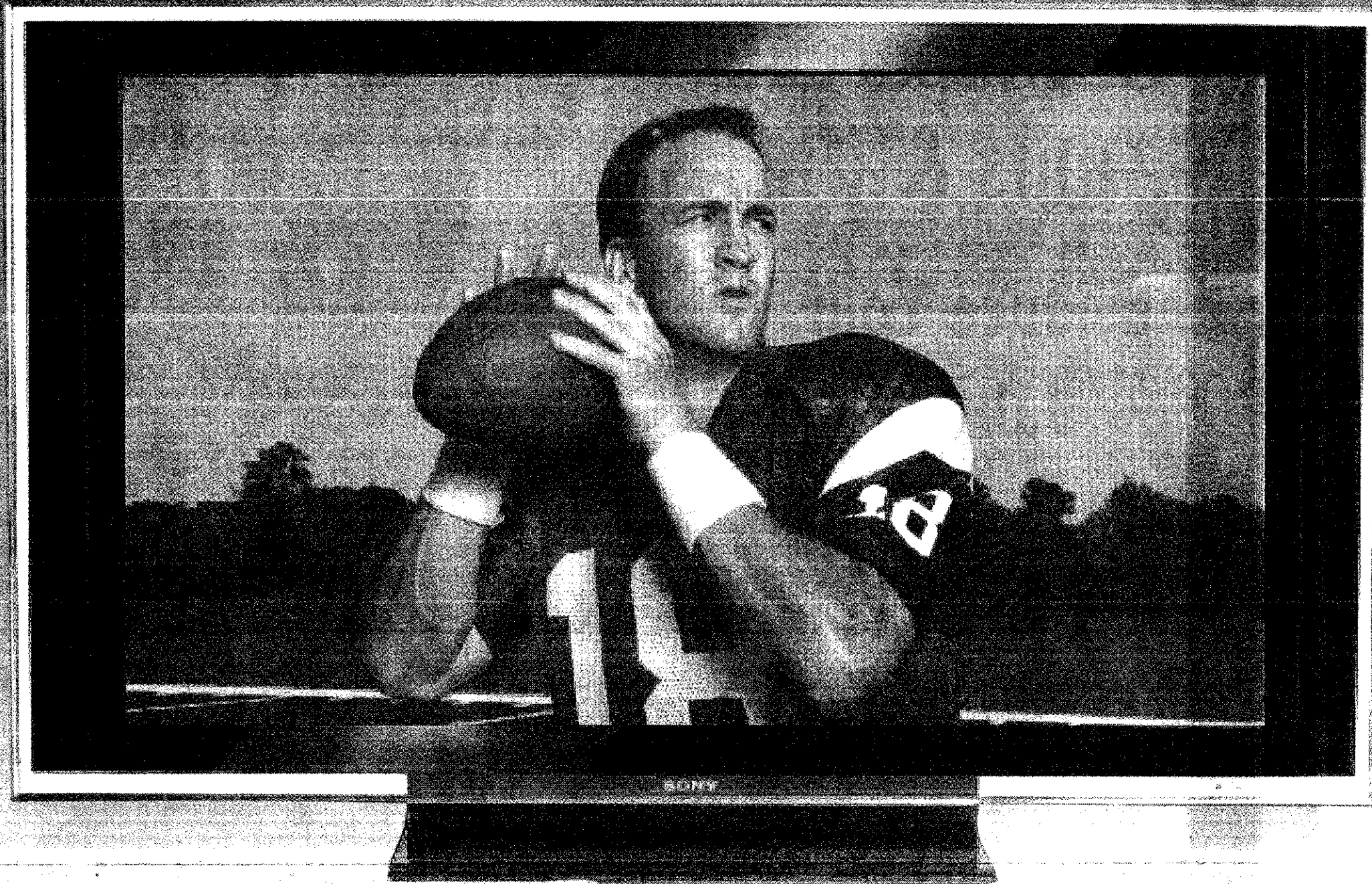
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