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♦Grosse Pointe Academy hosts a community information night on the FAST program at 7 p.m. in the performing arts wing of the academy's Tracy Fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 886-1221.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
♦The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
♦The Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
♦Chat with Commissioner Tim Killeen from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park City Municipal Court, 15115 E. Jefferson.
♦Public schools are closed.
♦There will be no mail delivery.
♦Banks are closed.
♦Federal offices will be closed

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

♦Public schools are closed.
♦The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents a 10:30 a.m. concert at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Flutist Laura Larson of Grosse Pointe Farms will perform a suite for flute and piano by Charles M. Widor accompanied by Mary Siciliano and a concerto by Cécil Chaminade accompanied by Jennifer Gale. Pianist Virginia Shover of Grosse Pointe Woods will accompany cellist Minka Christoff-Cornelson in a work by Parashkev Hadjiev. For more information, call (313) 886-2363. The concert is free.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

♦Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce meets at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods, at 7:30 a.m. Headmaster Joseph Healey will address attendees. A tour and a light breakfast will be available.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

♦Local Business Networks, Grosse Pointe Chapter meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at AAA Michigan, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.

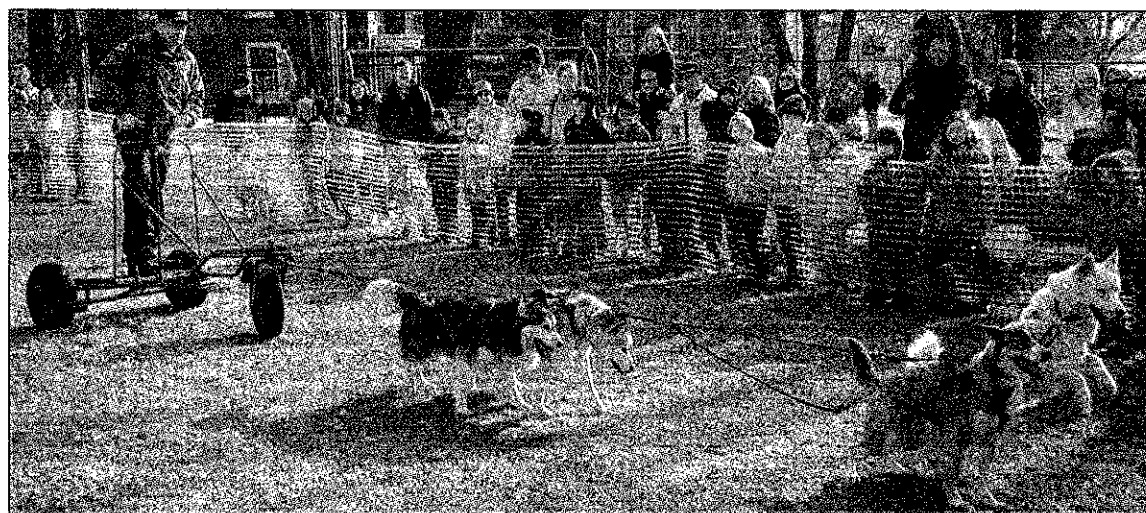
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WINTERFEST



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The 2008 Winterfest on the Hill drew 2,000 happy spectators on Jan. 12. Bundled up in hats, mittens and scarves, they watched as talented sculptors created crystal clear masterpieces from blocks of ice. Brushing ice flakes from their coats, families turned to watch Siberian Huskies pull a sled on wheels, roasted marshmallows, drank cider and sampled 21 different kinds of chili.

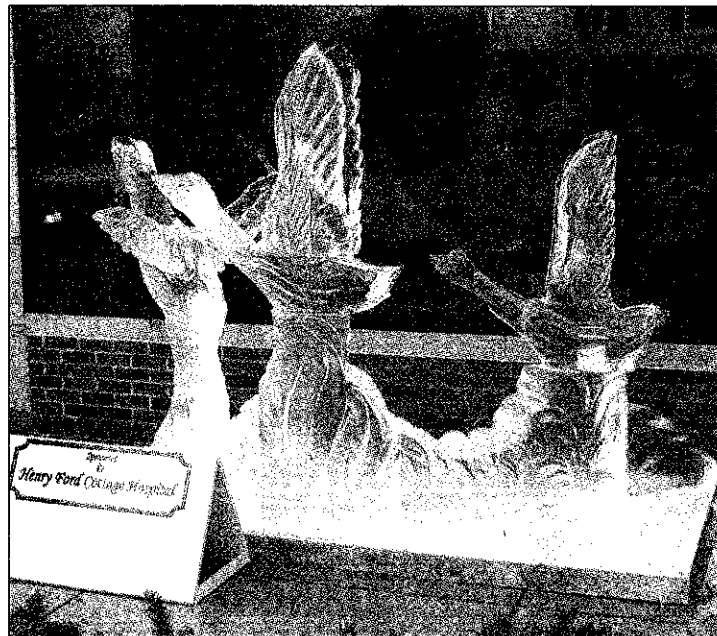


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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Trader Joe's to open Feb. 1

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Houston, we have lift-off. After months of negotiations, planning and construction, Trader Joe's is ready to occupy the back of Kercheval Place, kicking off with a dedication ceremony Feb. 1.

The move-in is in conjunction with the completion of a new parking deck behind the facility, which officially opened earlier this month.

"Trader Joe's is obviously a very exciting major tenant that will fill up most of the rest of the first floor (of Kercheval Place)," said City Manager Peter Dame.

The Village municipal parking structure, a new 244 space parking facility, located behind Kercheval Place, was the catalyst to Trader Joe's coming to the City.

Last year, after finalizing the parking deck construction project, the grocer signed a potential 25-year lease to occupy the facility.

Trader Joe's was founded in 1958. Its product line includes gourmet, organic, vegetarian and imported foods. It also stocks imported and domestic wines, along with more traditional grocery store items. It also sells items from its own private label. In 2006, Consumer Reports polled 24,000 readers, who ranked Trader Joe's as one of the best grocery store chains in the nation.

Trader Joe's is also required to meet other criteria, according to the lease. One is providing a shopping cart corral in the pedestrian walkway (D'Hondt Way) between Kercheval Place and the garage.

The second is a commitment to attending to abandoned shopping carts in the garage itself. Other criteria were mostly of aesthetic concern. Dame added that three tenants have

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Romney, Clinton winners in Pointes

Republican Mitt Romney led the Presidential Primary in the Pointes with Hillary Clinton leading the Democrats.

On the Republican ballot were Sam Brownback, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Romney, Tom Tancredo and Fred Thompson.

Democrats were Clinton, Chris Dodd, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich.

In the City, Romney lead with 579 votes and Clinton gathered 210; McCain, 348; Kucinich,

51; Paul, 52; Huckabee, 50; Giuliani, 49; Dodd, 5; Gravel, 1; Hunter, 1; uncommitted, 169.

Romney took the Farms with 1,320 and Clinton led the Democrats with 305. Results are: McCain, 707; Huckabee, 106; Paul, 98; Giuliani, 82; Kucinich, 73; Hunter, 6; Dodd, 4; Brownback, 2; Gravel, 2; uncommitted, 278.

Woods voters selected Romney with 1,813, followed by McCain with 788; Clinton, 640; Huckabee, 191; Giuliani, 172; Paul, 166;

Thompson, 87; Kucinich, 81; Hunter, 8; Dodd, 6; Gravel, 5; Tancredo, 2; uncommitted, 493.

In the Park, Romney got 891 tailed by McCain with 580; Clinton, 473; Paul, 102; Kucinich, 100; Giuliani, 84; Huckabee, 83; Dodd, 7; Hunter, 7; Gravel, 6; Thompson, 48; uncommitted, 495.

Shores picked Romney with 427 and Clinton, 67. McCain tallied 193; Huckabee, 32; Giuliani, 26; Paul, 20; Kucinich, 12; Thompson, 7; Hunter, 1; Dodd, 1; uncommitted, 46.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'It's hard to believe I'm leading the league in scoring, but I think it's pretty neat.'

Alexa Quinlan



Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Age: 16

Family: Parents, Jeff and Patsy; brothers, Julian and Adrian

Claim to fame: Leading scorer in Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League

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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ **POINTE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS REDISTRICTED:** Brownell, Parcels and Pierce junior high schools were redistricted by a committee set up by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The re-setting of boundaries from where the school receives its students was based on future enrollment and population projections.

The committee examined 10 plans to equalize enrollment at the three junior high schools. From those plans, one was finally accepted and unanimously adopted.

◆ **PARK YOUTH ARREST-**

ED ON GUN CHARGE: A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male was arrested for being intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon.

The youth was seen staggering on Jefferson and admitted to pointing the weapon at passing vehicles and pretending to shoot.

The youth said the gun belonged to his father and admitted to breaking into his parents liquor cabinet. The .22 caliber revolver was partly loaded, police said.

◆ **NEW PRINCIPAL AT BROWNELL:** Charles Saltzer was appointed principal at Brownell Junior High School. He had been serving as acting principal of Grosse Pointe High School since the death of Walter Cleminson last August.

Saltzer came to the Grosse Pointe school district in 1933 and has acted in different capacities.

Since 1939, Saltzer served as assistant principal at the high school.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ **BOARD TOLD TO CLOSE A MIDDLE SCHOOL:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education was advised to close one middle school by the 1986-87 school year if enrollment declines persist.

The committee that made the recommendation has been studying constant en-

rollment declines that began in the 1970s.

It was charged to come up with recommendations on how to operate the school system more efficiently.

◆ **THREE ARRESTED IN JEWELRY STORE HEIST:** Three Detroit men were arrested by Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods police for the theft of \$18,000 worth of watches from a jewelry store on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police were alerted to the theft by the store's security alarm. The front display window of the store had been smashed by a concrete block. After a broadcast alert, police were soon in pursuit of the subjects.

After stopping the suspect's vehicle, police found 86 men's



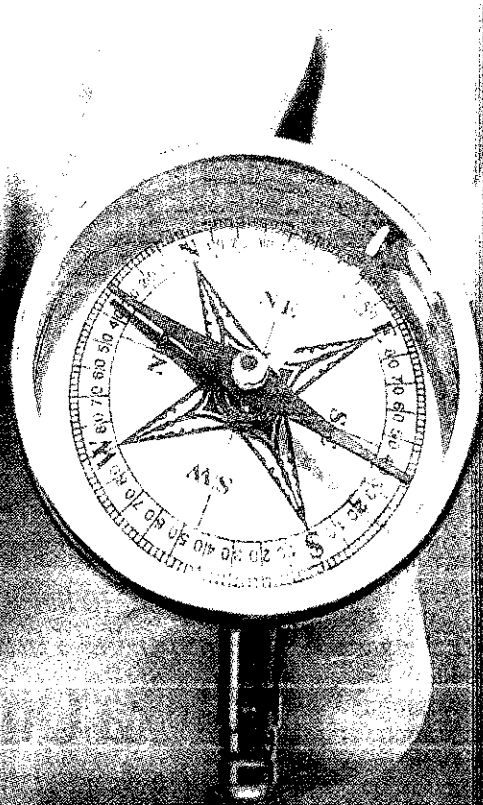
1983: Murder reprieve

Convicted murderer David McKendrick with Grosse Pointe Farms detectives in 1981. (See related story.) — From the Jan. 13, 1983 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

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◆ **KEIR MURDER CONVICTION OVERTURNED:** The murder conviction of 15-year-old David McKendrick was overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals recently, because the court that sentenced him did not inform him he could not be placed on probation.

McKendrick was convicted of the rape-strangulation of Elizabeth Keir of Kerby. He was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison and sent to the Riverside Correctional Facility in Ionia to receive psychiatric care.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office vowed to appeal the ruling.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ **STARBUCKS LANDS IN VILLAGE:** The national coffee house chain Starbucks announced plans to open a store in the Village commercial district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The coffee house will open at the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval, formally occupied by La Strega clothing store.

Despite the concentration of coffee houses and other light eateries in the area, Starbucks officials are confident that the business will do well.

◆ **PARK TO DECIDE HOW TO PAY FOR SEWER SEPARATION:** Grosse Pointe Park officials are considering how to pay for a federally mandated \$23 million project to separate its sewer and sanitary lines.

Park officials speculate the program will cost residents an average of \$250 a year until completion.

The Park was ordered to separate its sewer lines in compliance with environmental standards set by federal environmental laws enacted in the 1970s.

◆ **PRUNING PACT IN PLACE IN PARK:** A \$76,544 pruning pact is in place in Grosse Pointe Park to prune

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School board members in heated debate

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education got off to a rocky start this year.

Monday night's meeting provided more fuel to a smoldering fire started during the last meeting of 2007.

That final meeting of last year saw board president Brendan Walsh and treasurer Fred Minturn each publicly denouncing an action by then-board secretary Ahmed Ismail they believe is detrimental to the well-being of the school district and teachers.

Ismail wasn't present to defend himself at the December meeting, but was in attendance Monday night.

The problem started when Ismail asked assistant superintendent Tom Harwood for information about the teachers who signed an e-mail stating their apprehension about the district instituting the controversial International Baccalaureate Programme.

"I wanted to compare the teachers to which school they taught at and why they didn't like the I.B. program," Ismail said. "Several of the teachers who signed the e-mail came into my store and I explained my actions."

"I meant no harm by this request, which was granted by officials. I've offered to reimburse the district the \$40 it took for the district's time to

gather the information."

School officials can decline any information request submitted by a school board member if they feel the reason for the request is too onerous.

In addition, Walsh previously informed Ismail a new board policy requires the board president's permission for such requests.

"No individual school board member has more rights to information than a citizen," Walsh said in a phone interview.

At the meeting, Walsh took Ismail to task for his actions.

"I do believe you offended the teachers who we count on to do a good job," Walsh said.

"You insulted 50 teachers if you intended to or not," Minturn added. "I think you should apologize to them."

"I was disappointed how this was handled," Ismail said before reading the e-mail sent to school officials and board members penned by district teacher Kevin Cox.

Cox, a graduate of an I.B. school, implored the board to wait before making a decision on the program even though he believes it has "merit" and "exceptional benefits."

"Nevertheless, my own I.B. experience was certainly no better than a well-taught A.P. program," Cox said in the e-mail.

Instead, Cox suggested the board consider maintaining Advance Placement and ques-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The 2008 Grosse Pointe School Board, from left, Angela Kennedy, Brendan Walsh, Alice Kosinski, Ahmed Ismail, Fred Minturn, John Steininger and Joan Dindoffer, had several tense moments during their inaugural meeting of the new year.

tioned if there were enough students at each high school willing to participate in the arduous I.B. program.

"If the I.B. program would be offered at only one high school, the top students would be 'skimmed' from one high school and sent to the other. Wouldn't an I.B. program create a 'brain drain' at one of the high schools to benefit the

other?" he asked.

Cox also asked how the district would meet the expected low teacher/student ratio when classrooms are already bulging and where the expected "several hundred thousand dollars" would be found to finance the program.

"I wonder how teachers can be repeatedly told 'no' when we request manageable class

sizes, yet money is available for this I.B. initiative. Wouldn't lowering class sizes for all students and teachers be a more prudent use of our resources?"

Cox added most teachers feel they were "left out of the loop" on a "serious" decision that requires faculty and community support.

"We do not want our district

to face an embarrassing fiscal mess. Nor do we want a program that erodes the quality of education in other classrooms or schools.

"For these reasons, we believe this is not the time to implement an I.B. program in our district."

Ismail said he replied to Cox and other teachers who signed the e-mail.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Was city's investment policy sidestepped?

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Is Grosse Pointe Woods violating its own investment policy?

Based on discussions with investment advisors and current administrators, former city comptroller Cliff Maison knowingly disregarded investment policy and the present administration has not corrected it.

Prior to his resignation in March 2007, all investment decisions were made by Maison. Currently in charge are Deputy Treasurer Linda Kreger and City Administrator Mark Wollenweber.

Concern over how city funds are being invested prompted a meeting of the Committee of the Whole with those responsible for overseeing the city's estimated \$8 million in reserve funds.

During the Jan. 14 meeting, Jim Essian of UBS financial services and Mike Wakowiak of Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. shared where the city's money is invested and how decisions are made.

Both men said most of the cash is invested in Triple A government bonds with varying maturity dates. Essian and UBS handle about 23 percent of the money while Wakowiak and Multi-Bank handle 59 percent.

The remaining 18 percent, approximately \$1.5 million, is handled through The Private Bank in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Both brokers agreed the return on the investments is very good, averaging between 6 and 7 percent.

Kreger explained that while UBS and Multi-Bank handle the investing, she and Wollenweber make the decisions what funds to place the money in based on the recom-

mendations of the investment advisors.

"I will receive a call from either Jim or Mike, who will let me know that we have an investment that will be maturing," she said. "They will give me their advice and I'll discuss it with Mark and let them know what our decision is. Usually we just roll over that money into the same investment and maintain the status quo."

While reviewing the distribution of investments and the varying maturity dates, Councilman Art Bryant expressed concern that the maturity dates on 60 percent of the city's funds were more than three years out.

"The city investment policy clearly states that no more than 40 percent can be in long term commitments," he said. "Isn't

this in violation of the city's own policy?"

Wakowiak responded by producing a letter his firm sent to Maison in January 2002, indicating the city appeared to be operating outside its own investment policy. The letter asked Maison to sign off, essentially acknowledging Maison was aware and absolving Multi-Bank from responsibility for any violations.

The letter was signed by Maison and returned to Multi-Bank.

"Apparently our compliance officer found the discrepancy between the actual investments and your city's policy and wanted to make sure Mr. Maison was aware of the situation," Wakowiak said.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Supper hero at Janet's Lunch

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

George "Custer" Homeier of St. Clair Shores has something in common with Cher, Goldie Hawn, Walter Matthau, Carrie Fisher, Jack Lemmon and former President Ronald Reagan.

They were all saved from choking to death by someone using the Heimlich maneuver.

On Friday, Dec. 28, Homeier, 65, decided to eat dinner at Janet's Lunch in Grosse Pointe Park. After taking a seat at the counter by the front window overlooking Kercheval, the former bounty hunter ordered the roast beef platter.

"I had taken a few bites of roast beef and then took a swig of water when my throat just jammed up," Homeier said.

Someone yelled "give him that maneuver" while someone else shouted "call 911."

Park resident Chris Hind, 45, was behind the counter preparing dinner for the evening rush.

"I heard someone gasping and saying, 'I can't breathe,'" Hind said. "So I ran over there to help."

According to owner Bob Larson, Hind jumped over the counter and sprinted toward Homeier. Manager Betty Howel grabbed the phone and called 911.

"Chris gave him the Heimlich," Larson said. "There's no question Chris saved his life."

Even though Park emergency medical personnel were quickly on the scene, Homeier believes he would have died if



PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

Chris Hind and Custer Homeier meet at Janet's Lunch for the first time since Hind performed the Heimlich maneuver on Homeier, who started choking while dining at the restaurant.

Hind hadn't successfully performed the maneuver.

"The EMT's said I had two minutes to live, but I think I only had 30 seconds," Homeier said.

"I was afraid he was going to pass out," Hind said. "But fortunately the chunk of meat came flying out."

Homeier was taken by ambulance to Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital for observation and was later released.

According to Larson, chok-

ing is more common than most people realize.

"I've been in the restaurant business most of my life and I've seen two people choke to death," Larson said. "Choking is the sixth leading cause of accidental death in America."

He added that many choking victims become embarrassed and run into the bathroom where they die.

Hind believes everyone in the restaurant business should know how to properly perform

the Heimlich maneuver.

"Within 10 minutes of first working in a restaurant, people should be taught the Heimlich," Hind said. "That should be restaurant 101."

Hind is quick to credit Howel who just a month prior reviewed safety procedures during a staff meeting.

"We went over the Heimlich maneuver and what to do when someone is choking," Hind said. "And here you go, a month later we are using it."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Alexa Quinlan is the unexpected scoring leader in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League. With the second half in full swing, can the Grosse Pointe North junior finish as the scoring leader?

A passion for competition

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's Alexa Quinlan is tearing up the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League leading it in scoring at the halfway mark.

As of Monday, Jan. 14, the 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident has 14 goals and 14 assists for 28 points.

"It's hard to believe I'm leading the league in scoring, but I think it's pretty neat," Quinlan, a junior, said. "I think I have a good chance to be the leading scorer. If it happens, I would love it, but if not, then at least I would have given it my best shot."

"Ever since Alexa was a little girl, she has had a passion for playing hockey," Quinlan's mother, Patsy, said. "When she was 2 years old, she told me she wanted to be an Olympic hockey player."

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Lady Norsemen after losing most of their explosive scorers from last year's squad. The team lost to Livonia Ladywood in the state quarterfinals.

Quinlan was a member of the league's top scoring line a year ago, along with 2007 graduates Kate Zemenick and Marissa LaValley. Quinlan had 12 goals and 20 assists, which put her 10th in the league in points with 32.

"Alexa uses her speed and quickness to get into great position to score or set up a

teammate for a scoring opportunity," North girls hockey head coach Scott Dockett said. "She is a very talented hockey player."

Quinlan's heart and determination are 10 times bigger than her stature. She is one of the team's ultimate competitors, Dockett said.

"Alexa is by far one of the best skaters in the league," Dockett said. "I'm glad we have her on our team."

Quinlan's hockey talents come from her father, Jeff, who played competitive hockey growing up. Her younger brothers, Julian, 13, and Adrian, 9, also play hockey.

"We're definitely a hockey family," Quinlan said. "We're all athletic and we like to compete."

"All three of my kids get their athletic talent from their father," Patsy Quinlan said. "I'm not an athlete, but I love watching my kids play hockey or whatever sport they're playing."

"Sports is such a big part of their lives, and they also realize they have to study hard and get good grades."

Quinlan began skating at the age of 2 and soon learned to love the sport. However, Quinlan said her mother wouldn't let her play competitive hockey until age 10, when she could play on an all-girls team.

"I was dying to play hockey, even if I had to play on a boys team," she said. "My mom was a little cautious, which



Alexa Quinlan, second from left, prepares to play Bloomfield Unified in a recent game.

PHOTO BY EMMA ST. JOHN

was fine."

Quinlan looks up to legendary Detroit Red Wing captain Steve Yzerman.

"Yzerman played with a lot of spirit and grit, and he wasn't the biggest player out there," Quinlan said.

Quinlan played a couple of years of travel hockey with the Mount Clemens Wolves and St. Clair Shores Saints before

playing on North's varsity hockey team as a freshman.

She went to Our Lady Star of the Sea for grade school and there was talk of Quinlan attending Regina High School.

"I'm glad my parents sent me to North because I'm having a blast," she said. "I have made a lot of friends and it's nice to play for my high school team instead of playing travel hockey."

"It will be even better if we can win a state championship."

Quinlan, who will garner votes to make the all-state hockey team or at least all-league first-team honors in the spring, believes she is a better lacrosse player.

She has competed in nearly a dozen sports, including soccer, volleyball, golf, basketball, field hockey and horseback riding, but hockey is a close second to her No. 1 love, lacrosse.

"Hockey and lacrosse are

similar and I play similar roles on each team," she said.

Quinlan had 23 goals and eight in the Lady Norsemen's state lacrosse playoff games last year when the team made it to the semifinals before losing.

She uses her speed and agility to make her a constant scoring threat.

With Zemenick's graduation and the graduation of several other top scorers, Quinlan will be one of the Lady Norsemen's top performers in the spring.

In the fall, Quinlan played on North's varsity girls field hockey team.

"I love playing sports," she said. "I enjoy the competition and being with my friends."

As Patsy Quinlan said, academics is stressed in the Quinlan household. At the moment, Quinlan has a 3.3 grade point average and a challenging curriculum.

"During the week, it is school, practice or a game and

then home to finish homework," Patsy Quinlan said.

"Jeff and I want our children to have fun, but they understand school is important."

"We're very family oriented and we let our children know how special it is to be a tight-knit family."

Quinlan said she would love to attend college out east and play lacrosse.

"I love hockey, but I enjoy playing lacrosse a little more," Quinlan said. "I want to go to college out of state, but my parents want me to stay closer to home."

Quinlan has started to think about her college years, but those ideas will be on the back burner when the state hockey playoffs role around in early March.

"I would love nothing more than to win a state hockey championship," she said. "I think we have the team that can do it, but it will take a team effort to win the championship."

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Alexa Quinlan, above, leads the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League in scoring with 28 points.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Community funds approved

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council unanimously approved the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds totaling \$73,000 for street improvements and Services for Older Citizens.

The funds are made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of community

needs such as reconstruction of water and sewer facilities, providing handicap access in public buildings, and public services for low and moderate income residents.

The Park has earmarked \$49,130 for street improvements and \$2,700 for sidewalk and curb repairs.

It will also provide Services for Older Citizens with \$20,500 in which \$6,370 is budgeted for minor home repairs, \$1,500 for case coordination, \$1,000 for information and referral services, and \$5,000 for Meals on Wheels.

According to Chris Reimel, director of public service, HUD has reduced the maximum amount the city can give to SOC. In the past, the cap was \$20,500, but now it is \$13,870.

The council approved moving \$7,300 budgeted for administrative costs to make up the funding shortfall to SOC.

"I would not want to see any reduction of SOC funding," said councilman Dan Clark. "I'm a big fan of SOC."

Councilwoman Shirley Kennedy is a SOC board member and is very active in the Meals on Wheels program.

POLICY: Council seeks answers

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Essian defended his company's investments and admitted he had not read the city's investment policy.

"I follow the directions of the city employees," he said. "I trust that anything they tell me to do is in compliance with city policy."

Councilwoman Vicki Granger expressed outrage.

"This whole situation is like

an onion," she said. "Every time you peel away another layer, it stinks a little bit more. Our investment policy is clearly spelled out, and I don't see how we can allow anyone to operate outside of city policy."

"Maybe it's time for us to look for new investment packages."

Granger also asked if the \$1.5 million invested with The Private Bank of Grosse Pointe was insured beyond the \$100,000 covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Mayor Robert Novitke echoed Granger's concern.

"I think our investment policy is sound," he said. "But the

implementation and compliance is horrible. The legislative body should be reviewing our investments and policies on an annual basis. We must implement a series of checks and balances."

Novitke recommended the council convene as the Committee of the Whole and revisit the investment policy within 30 days.

Councilman Joe Sucher agreed.

"It is up to us to find out what is really going on and to provide better oversight," he said. "Our investments are occurring in direct violation of city policy. It is the council's responsibility to correct it."



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G.P. FARMS

Farquhar selected official of the year

Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar was selected as Elected Local Official of the Year by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

This award is presented to an elected local official who has exhibited exceptional support and has been instrumental in making significant contributions toward enhancing the quality of life through the promotion of parks and recreation.

Farquhar has an extensive history of community service, including:

- ◆ Mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms since 2002;
- ◆ Served on the city's parks and harbor committee for more than 20 years;
- ◆ Chairman of parks and harbor committee since 2002;
- ◆ Past chairman of the Grosse Pointe Farms beautification committee;
- ◆ Member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

Farquhar has been involved with a litany of parks and recreation projects for Grosse Pointe Farms.

They include the Pier Park playscape, picnic area and tree restoration, tot lot, concession stand, splash playground and wading pool, maintenance building, community building and marina renovation, the Kerby Park field house and currently the Pier Park artificial ice skating rink and warming building.

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association is a state-wide organization of professionals who work in the parks and recreation field in Michigan.

Farquhar will receive his award at the 2008 MRPA annual conference and trade show on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Traverse City.

YESTERDAY: Headlines from the past

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city-owned trees in the spring and summer.

The Park is responsible for all 1,664 trees in the city's easements.

2003

5 years ago this week

◆ **PARKING LOTS IN VILLAGE GET METERS:** The City of Grosse Pointe will install parking meters in its parking lots in the Village. The City terminated its parking management agreement with Central Parking Corp. late last year.

The City lost more than \$800 in its parking system enterprise fund in 2001-02, a fund designed to break even. The City is in the process of installing about 200 meters at the cost of \$36,000.

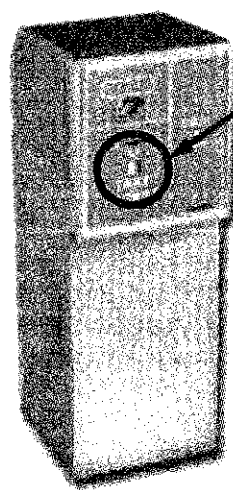
◆ **GAFFNEY TAKES OATH, VOWS TO TAKE ON WCCCD:** State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, took his oath of office and vowed to introduce legislation to allow Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes to withdraw from the Wayne County Community College District.

Suburban residents are livid about a recently approved 1.5 mill tax hike to fund the community college district. The vote was approved largely on the strength of Detroit voters and overwhelmingly rejected in the suburbs.

The 10-year millage levies a 150 percent property tax increase to fund undefined programs at the community college.

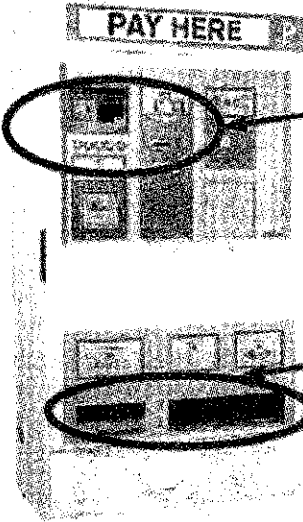
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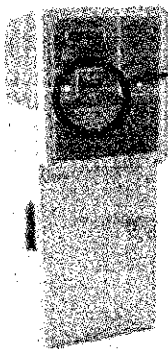


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The new parking structure lets you chose a pay option.

BUSINESS: Shop, park in the City

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been approved for the second floor of Kercheval Place.

The first, Stifel Nicolaus, a brokerage and investment banking firm which relocated from the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, moved in on Dec. 15.

The City also granted special

use approval in November for a Yoga Shelter, a new yoga based fitness center, right above Trader Joe's. In December it gave special use approval for a more than 7,000 square foot office for Becker Ventures, a private holding company relocating from Troy.

The two latter companies will likely move in the spring and occupy about half the second floor, Dame said.

New parking deck

The new parking structure features convenient and acces-

sible parking in the center of the Village, where — except for short term flat spaces on the ground floor intended to accommodate grocery carts — visitors to the Village can park their vehicles as long as they wish without feeding parking meters. They can pay with either coins, cash, or credit and debit cards in the automated

self-pay stations located in the both stair towers. The new facility is equipped with the latest protection measures including emergency call buttons directly tied to 911 and security cameras.

"The opening of the parking structure is a result of major investment by the City intended to promote the continued vitality

of the Village and it is key to the successful rejuvenation of Kercheval Place development," Dame said. The City will hold a dedication for the Village municipal parking structure at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, to be held in conjunction with Trader Joe's grand opening celebration, which will include a "lei cutting" in Trader Joe's style.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Bill Kalmar

Smoke 'em if you got 'em but not around me!

Much has been written and spoken about the proposed smoking ban that is currently being bandied about in Michigan, so I thought it was appropriate to exhale my own smoke screen to this debate.

As a nation that is concerned about impure drinking water, lead based paint on toys, and tainted seafood from China, we seem unable to decide what should be done with tobacco smoke proven to be dangerous to our health.

More than 30 states have issued smoking bans in some public buildings and many cities have adopted no smoking bans in their restaurants. It's inevitable this trend will continue.



By Law

Whether we are smokers ourselves or recipients of second-hand smoke, this is an issue that will continue to swirl like the puffs of smoke being generated by cigarettes.

Warnings on tobacco products plainly exclaim this habit might just kill you, but millions of people ignore this admonition and continue to light up. Frankly, that is their right and I have no problem with that.

What does disturb and distress me though is when I have to be subjected to clouds of smoke in a restaurant, while I am trying to enjoy some delectable epicurean delight. I realize that most restaurants have a "no smoking" section, but clouds of smoke rarely adhere to the assigned boundaries. This analogy has been recycled many times but worth repeating: It's tantamount to having a urination section in a pool.

Many of you might recall back in the '50s when restaurants and movie theaters proudly displayed signs extolling "It's cool inside" or "Come on in, we're air conditioned." These signs were appropriately accompanied by pictures of polar bears. It was a marketing ploy that seemed to attract clientele to enter and cool down.

It would seem to me the '50s gimmick might work just as well today. Why not festoon establishments with signs that herald, "We are 100 percent smoke free." And how about a picture of a firefighter hosing down a smoker as an attention grabber?

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Florida has the most comprehensive smoking ban, which includes all restaurants, country clubs, bowling alleys and prisons. And in downtown Chicago with hundreds of dining establishments most, are smoke free. Having just been there recently, the restriction didn't seem to have an appreciable lapse in customers — the restaurants were jammed.

Several hotel chains including Marriott, which includes The Ritz-Carlton, have adopted a total non-smoking policy. Violators are subject to a \$250 fine if they should light up in their room. Now that's an expensive smoke.

In addition, the Walt Disney Co. recently announced it will banish cigarette smoking in Disney branded films. It plans to place anti-smoking public service messages on DVDs of its films that feature smoking. Also, NBC Universal Studios has committed to reducing the incidence of smoking in films rated for PG-13 or younger audiences, a clear sign that smoking in movies is on the decline.

As a follow up to that, old war movies always had an instruction from the platoon sergeant, who would utter those famous words to the troops "smoke 'em if you got 'em."

In my way of thinking, if you have \$5 for a pack of cigarettes and are reticent about the dangers inherent in smoking, go for it. It's your right. Smoke 'em if you got 'em, but please not around me!

The words of Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore (aka Robert Duvall) from the movie "Apocalypse Now" pretty much sum up my feelings about the whole issue of smoking when he said, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning." Well, I don't!

Bill Kalmar is a former resident of Grosse Pointe and the former director of the Michigan Quality Council.

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Bravo to Band-O-Rama

To the Editor:
Congratulations to all of the

student musicians who performed Jan. 11 at both Band-O-Rama and String Extravaganza at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Having the elementary school students participate in these concerts again was fantastic. It is always a pleasure to hear the progression at each grade level of the instrumental students.

Bravo!

ROSE SMITH
Grosse Pointe Park

Re: Mitt Romney

To the Editor:
"Liberal Massachusetts," huh? ("Mitt Romney," Jan. 10 Grosse Pointe News). Wow, are there any other Republican National Committee talking points you'd like to regurgi-

tate?

Did Mr. Romney also manage to subdue the "Democrat" party in Massachusetts?

Also, saying that the solution to the "Social Security Crisis," a false Republican construct to begin with, will be found in "America's people" is, to put it bluntly, stupid.

How exactly would the entire population of America fix the supposed crisis in a gigantic government program?

You've got to be able to do better than this, right?

STEPHEN CRAIG
Austin, Texas

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GUEST OPINION By M.J. Andersen

Keeping the elderly home longer

Many Americans have incorporated nursing-home visits into their routines. But often, it is not by choice. Families and residents typically wish for a better alternative — if not home itself, then something more like it.

To those doing the wishing, these longings may feel hopelessly isolated. But quietly, like mounding snow, they are taking collective shape. Consider:

- ◆ In Vermont, a new program called Choices for Care allows government dollars to pay for home care rather than nursing homes.

- ◆ In more than 100 communities across the nation, neighborhoods are banding together to pay for services that can help older people remain in their homes longer. The organizations being formed charge dues to cover an array of services, from transportation to home repairs.

- ◆ In Massachusetts, an association of nonprofit organizations has begun setting up small group homes for frail or disabled elderly people. The homes are in residential neighborhoods, rather than attached to health care complexes, and include a live-in aide who can assist with special needs. The residents are people who can no longer live on their own, but who thrive with a degree of independence they would not get in a nursing home.

All of these efforts are in

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their early stages. But they are bound to pick up steam as baby boomers age, and increasingly demand more humane setups for the aged. So far, their demands are being made on behalf of their parents. But soon they will be speaking up for themselves and in the longer run, for their children.

The cultural shift toward nursing home care began accelerating a few decades ago, when more families found they needed two paychecks. That left fewer people free to care for aging parents at home. Just as important, government policies created new incentives: Billions in federal dollars were funneled to nursing home care, while other types of help received little or no support.

While nursing homes will remain vital in caring for the weakest and most chronically ill, too many older Americans resort to them prematurely. Health problems may make it hard to bend down and repair a sink or to change a light bulb high overhead. But why should the inability to perform such minor tasks force a person into a shrunken, institutional exis-

tence — one that is likely to be more expensive at that?

In the private neighborhood model, first launched about six years ago on Boston's Beacon Hill, some 400 members pay dues of \$600 to \$800 a year for a group of service providers they can reach with a single phone call. Compared with the costs of an assisted-living facility, the arrangement is a bargain. And members are able to hold on longer to the familiar comforts of home.

Vermont's program has been authorized by the federal Older Americans Act. Recognizing that caring for the elderly at home is less expensive than nursing homes and better for morale, it encourages states to experiment.

In Vermont, family members can receive hourly wages for providing care. Divorced spouses have gotten into the act, some reporting they are getting along better this way than when they were married.

Such an approach is long overdue. Often with little help, hosts of Americans still heroically care for loved ones at home, forgoing wages and putting their own health at

risk, because they find nursing homes an unacceptable alternative. Their situations tend to be stressful, lonely and hidden from view. Yet they have helped restrain the overall costs of federally subsidized nursing-home care.

Aside from paying these people, states that follow Vermont's lead could find multiple ways of helping them. Elder day care centers can give care givers a rest, as can transportation systems geared toward the elderly. The dollars currently allotted to nursing homes could buy a lot of assistance.

By and large, the nursing-home industry is resisting such changes. But some in the business realize that the old institutional model is dying. In some places, nursing homes are already being converted into assisted- or independent-living facilities.

In the near future, we are apt to see a broadening movement that makes more in-home options available — and makes more people aware of them. What's hopeful is that Americans are putting new thought into how they want to age. Making the later years more fulfilling begins with an idea of home, a determination not to despair and, most of all, a willingness to speak up.

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VETERANS POST By Freddy Groves

Wreaths Across America project

Perhaps you saw it on the news recently: The placing of 10,000 wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. Did you see the quiet and humble guy being interviewed? That's Morrill Worcester.

Worcester started placing wreaths through the years. Now the Civil Air Patrol has partnered with Worcester and

"When people hear about what we do at Arlington, I am often asked if I am a veteran. I am not, but have made it my business to never forget."

— Morrill Worcester

his wife, Karen, in the Wreaths Across America project to honor and remember the sacrifices of veterans by placing wreaths

at the graves of veterans across the country.

In December, I had the privilege of joining the wreath con-

voy for a 60 mile leg of the journey from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery. There were seven semi trucks and too many vehicles to count. Two of the trucks, carrying 10,000 wreaths, were destined for Arlington National Cemetery. The other five were scattering around the country to deliver

See WREATHS, page 10A

I SAY By Ann Fouty

Christmas past has an everlasting presence



COTONOU, BENIN — December 2007

I stood on the balcony of Hotel du Luc and gazed over the city which borders the Atlantic Ocean. There were palm trees thriving in small patches of dirt. There were white square single story and multi-story buildings stacked to the edge of the narrow two lane streets, sans curbs.

The air was filled with the buzz of human voices in languages I didn't understand.

The scene could have been one from the Caribbean. Instead, I was visiting a west African country; a country chosen by the Peace Corps for my son.

I took a shallow breath because the air was filled with smog, a combination of dust, vehicle emissions and open burning. The sky was cloudy and yellow tinged from pollution. The streets were crowded with small motorcycles called motos, cars and pedestrians, and all the sounds they each make.

After a year of anticipation and planning, I was ready. I

was ready to meet new people, see new sights, sample new foods, learn about a different way of life. I was ready for Christmas to take on an additional meaning.

Christmases of plenty — gifts, food, relatives and surplus were not to be found this year. Yet, without a doubt, this was the way to spend Christmas — sitting under a bao-bob-tree eating scrumptious Natitingou bread topped with honey, drinking tea with my immediate family and watching lizards scamper across the stone patio.

There were a few presents on the low table, including Peace Corps T-shirts. Mine read "PCVP Peace Corps Volunteer Parent." Very cool.

The family chatted to delay the long drive, because it wasn't over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house. It would be over, through and around the pot-holes, through the brush and up the volcanic domes. Bernard, our chauffeur, was ready. It was time to leave our little hotel for a 166 kilometer (100-mile) drive to Kerou, where my son lives.

Temperatures for the six-hour drive were in the 90s that day, as they were each of the 10 days we spent in country. There was no scheduled church service today because, for this country, it was a day

like any other day. Plywood Santas, some with white faces, some with dark brown, propped up by the side of the road looked out of place, but paid tribute to the season.

Women and some men walked to market carrying large enamel pans on their heads. The blue or green pans were filled with calabash, rice, millet, beans, charcoal, bananas, firewood, oranges, mangoes and papayas as Toyotas, Peugeotts, Kias, Mitsubishiis and Mercedes jockeyed for a piece of the clogged road with so many motos.

The scenery was hills of gray boulders, villages of straw huts and brown mud brick homes, roaming herds of sheep, goats and cattle, cotton, mounds of cotton, cotton overloaded trucks and cotton on the side of the road, that had been blown off trucks transporting it to the port in Cotonou.

I felt as if I were inside a National Geographic special breathing in the dust from the Sahara Desert, watching people go about their daily life of making charcoal and selling it by the side of the road, washing their clothing in the river and waving to the children with swollen stomachs.

There weren't presents and an overabundance of food for these children, whom we consider poor, but who have genuine smiles for anyone who

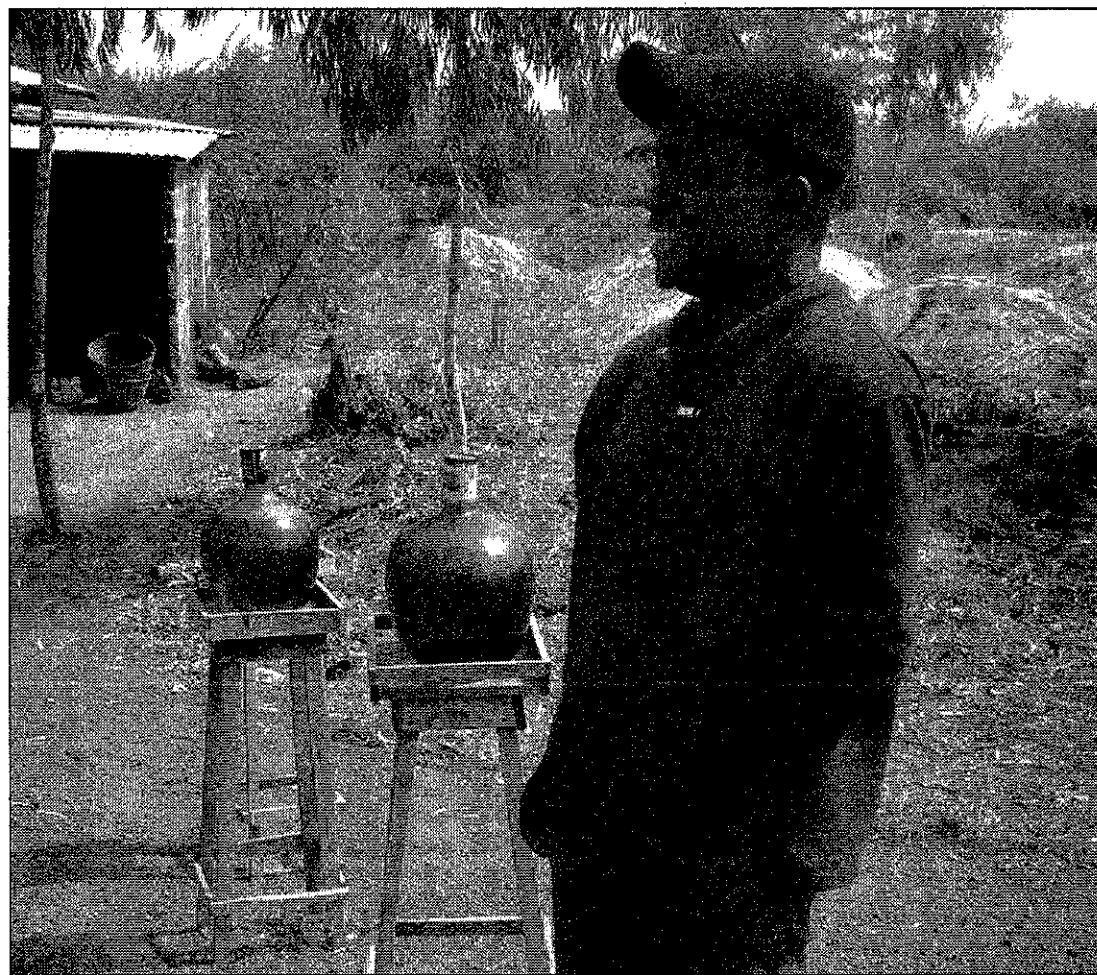


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Luc, one of our drivers, at a gas station. When the gas tank runs low, we stop and the driver barbers with the individual selling the gas by the side of the road.

will take the time to wave as the vehicle in that they ride kicks up yet more dust, which will ultimately settle on children and vegetation.

For my two children, there

were few presents to unwrap, that day, but there was the present of being in the presence of the entire family separated for 17 months. There was also the gift of making new friends and

eating at a table loaded with local foods.

It was a Christmas absent of material gifts, but bulging with the gift of Christmas spirit, friendship and family.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What makes you laugh the hardest?

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



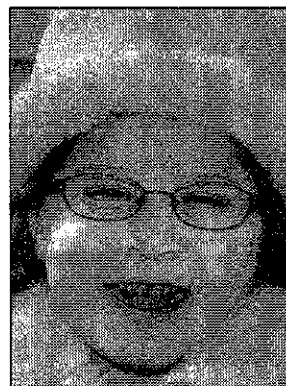
'My best friend, Killeen, because we're goofballs together.'
HANNAH ORLICKI
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'I laugh at most anything, because I see humor everywhere.'
KILLEEN LANG
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'Awkward situations can be really funny and my mom has a great sense of humor.'
SHANNON LANG
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'When my daddy tickles me.'
SOPHIA SMITH
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'I laugh at the funny things my 5-year-old says.'
EVE PIDGION
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'I laugh at my dad dancing. I am laughing now just thinking about it.'
ZOE PIDGION
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Medical experts offer quick remedies



Thumb sucking for grown ups. Feeling stressed now that you have to lurch in to the agenda for 2008? My audiologist, Dr. Ginette Lezotte, quotes this item from November's Prevention Magazine:

"Call it thumb sucking for grownups. To calm down fast: put the top of your thumb in your mouth, make a seal, blow while puffing out your cheeks and hold for five to 10 seconds." "The increased pressure in your chest cavity stimulates the gagus nerve — a cord that runs from the brain to the abdomen — limiting blood flow to the heart. The instant result: a slower heartbeat." A Pittsburgh emergency medical specialist says he asks people to do this before giving them medication. "And it works just as well for everyday jitters."

Tooth Fairy

The Wall Street Journal reports that the average per tooth payment from the tooth fairy these days is \$2.64 which is a more than 500 percent increase from a quarter century ago. A British study estimates a child who loses 20 teeth between the

ages of 6 and 11 could collect more than \$50.

Learning

The Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults winter schedule is under way at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

If you made a resolution as an over 50-year-old to get in shape, learn computers, take a safe driving course or volunteer to help the next generation, visit lifelonglearn.net or call (313) 886-1770 and select the Lifelong Learning extension.

The organization is a non-denominational educational center that provides opportunities for lifestyle enrichment for active adults, according to its brochure.

"We have reached that point in our lives where we can look back with much satisfaction and also look forward with the expectation that we have some significant work yet to contribute. What a perfect place to be," Claudia VonDrak, director, is quoted as saying.

Heroes

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein and Assistant Superintendent Chris Fenton were called heroes in a recent newspaper article for keeping the schools open during a heavy snowfall when area districts were shuttering their doors.

University Liggett and the Grosse Pointe Academy also stayed open, while Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County schools were closed. Fenton was up until the wee hours that Monday morning assessing the snowfall before the district made the call. One excuse for our northwestern neighbors might be that Oakland regularly gets more snow, according to weather patterns, than we do in Wayne County.

Ford

Grosse Pointe's Edsel B. Ford II took his campaign for regional cooperation in Southeast Michigan to the Detroit Athletic Club last week and delivered his message to a full house.

Called One D, the group — supported by more than half a dozen civic organizations — has chosen to work on five tough issues: economic prosperity, educational preparedness, quality of life, race relations and regional transit. You have to give Ford credit for not shying away from a tough assignment.

Ford told executives if they don't like the negative stereotypes they see in the media, they should do something about them. He pointed out that all media execs have e-mail addresses.

Details 1

Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe, the German-born American ar-

chitect is celebrated as one of the founders of modern architecture. And Lafayette Park on the eastern fringe of downtown Detroit off Larned contains the largest collection of buildings in the world designed by him.

"It's an amazing architectural oasis — an intact, cohesive expanse of Miesian townhouses and towers in a magical setting, a sort of Modernist fantasyland," designer Joe Posch, a Park resident, was quoted as saying.

Details 2

Retired school principal, retired photographer and all around nice human being, Dick Kay of the Farms, advises me he is a fourth member of the Senior Men's Club whose father served in the U.S. Polar Bear Brigade in Russia during World War I. His dad, Harold Kay, served in Co. D of the 339th Infantry during the invasion at the end of the war.

Dylan's

I was saddened to see Tom's Oyster Bar leave Grosse Pointe Park, but I am mightily impressed with the location's new incarnation as Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille at 15402 Mack. The food is excellent, the menu interesting and the atmosphere pleasant. Try it. You should like it. Familiar faces from the old Tom's crew at Dylan's include: John Montgomery and Rocco Cinquaranni. The chef is Bill Osborn.

Oops

In last week's item about prominent local attorney S. Gary Spicer's four U.S. Marine Corps children, I got Spicer se-

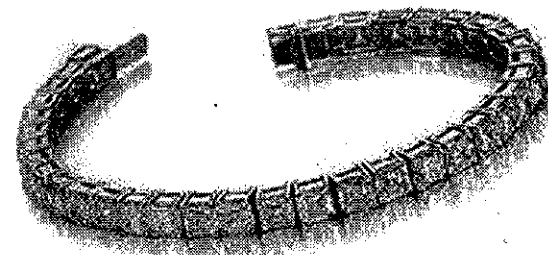
nior's first initial wrong.

It is S. not A. Also in the lead the word "outrun" somehow became "outran." I have been duly flogged by grammarian friends.

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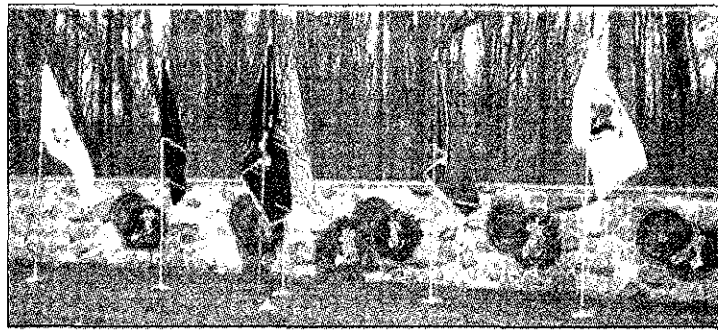
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4,000 wreaths to other locations in time for the national ceremony.

Passing through small towns along the way, it was clear that "the wreath truck", and the veterans for whose graves the wreaths were intended, held a place of honor in the hearts of those who lined the road with candles and flags.

There's plenty of time to think about how becoming involved in the wreath project for December 2008.

Visit the Web site wreaths-



Flags of the Armed Forces fly at the Wreaths Across America observation at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

across-america.org to read about local opportunities to participate. Participating locations in Michigan are the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Grand Rapids Veterans Soldiers Home Cemetery and Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids.

Volunteer to become a location leader for a local veterans cemetery.

Also, check into sponsoring a wreath. The goal is to place wreaths at the graves of 500,000 veterans.

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

What Can Beat A Free Lunch?

How about a free lunch and a free screening for peripheral artery disease (PAD)? St. John Hospital and Medical Center is offering a free ABI screening event on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Kyoto News

Lloyd Simpson of Grosse Pointe Shores took time out of his visit to the Kiyomizudera Temple in Kyoto, Japan, to read the Grosse Pointe News. 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: 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.

LETTERS: Primary election

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Easy voter decision

To the Editor:

I recently voted in the New Hampshire primary for Mitt

Romney and wanted Grosse Pointe readers to know why I voted this way.

Why would I vote for a man that graduated fifth from last in his college class, when I could vote for the valedictorian?

Why would I vote for someone who tried to ram the legalization of illegal aliens down the American taxpayers throats — behind our backs — when I could vote for someone who believes lawfully entering the country is the only way?

Why would I vote for a man that never had a real job outside of the government, when I could vote for someone, who started with nothing and worked hard until he was worth \$250 million?

In the America that I grew up in, we rewarded people who lived a clean life, worked hard, believed in God and made something of themselves.

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Manchester, NH



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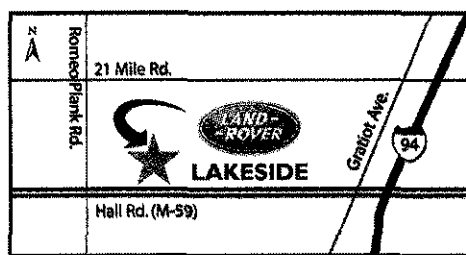
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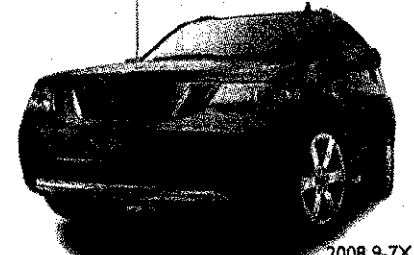
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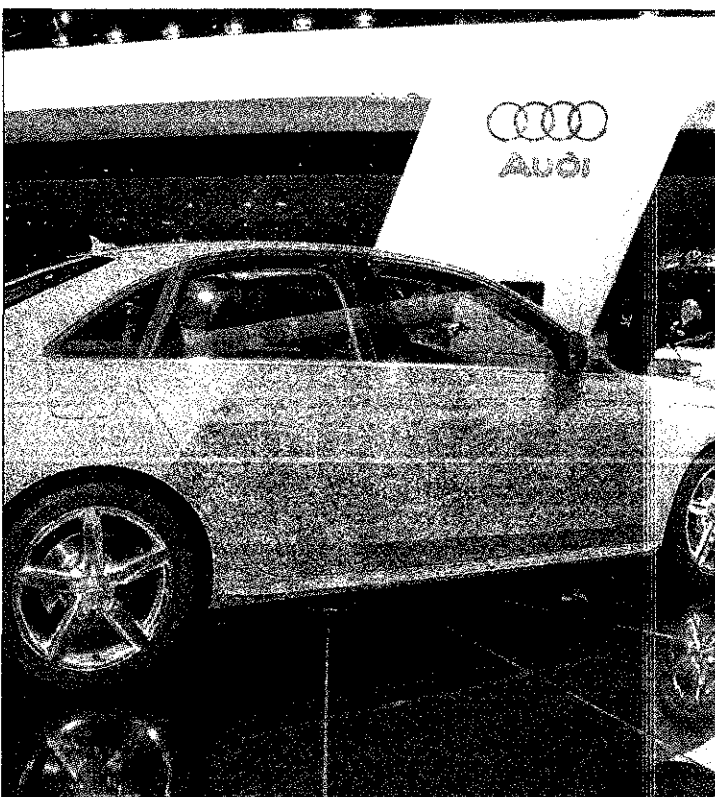


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2008 NAIAS Ready to roll

The 2008 North American International Auto Show is ready to roll out the red carpet for media members, pictured above, as well as the general public. The charity preview will be held Friday, Jan. 18, and the public showing is Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 27. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. from Jan. 19 to Jan. 26, and on Jan. 27, viewing is 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The NAIAS opened with Grosse Pointe Park's Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology presenting its annual Eyes on Design awards for Design Excellence. The public will also get a chance to view the Audi, below. See related story, page 21A.



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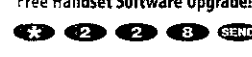
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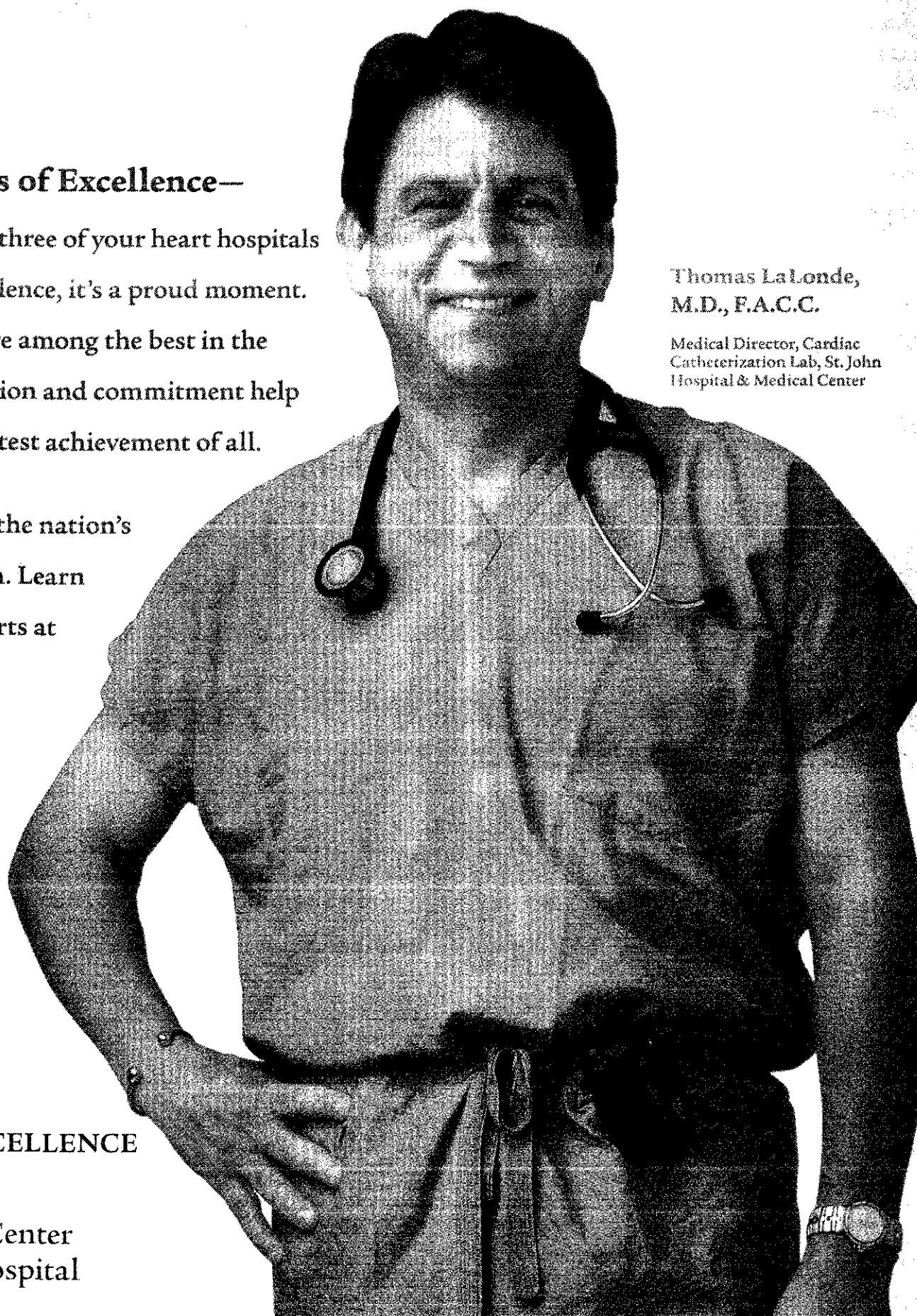


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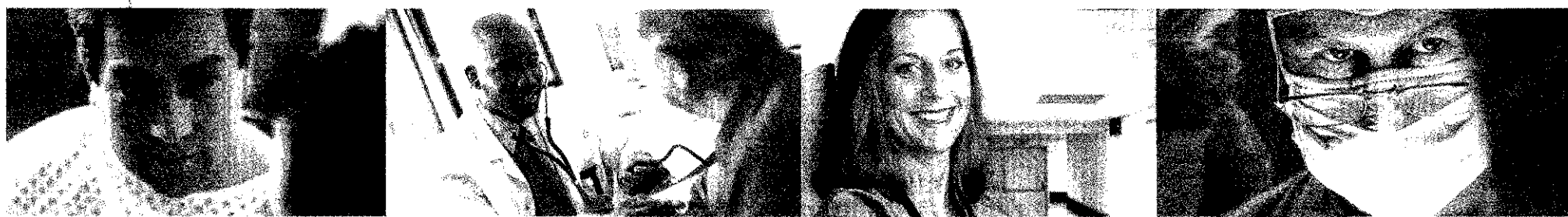
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Preschoolers on FAST program

Our Lady Star of the Sea school introduced the F.A.S.T Learning Program in its preschool, kindergarten and first-grade classrooms this year.

The program is expected to better prepare students for reading readiness and instill a love for reading.

F.A.S.T., Foundation of Analysis Synthesis Translations, incorporates phonics, sound recognition, and mouth positioning for proper pronunciation.

Preschool teacher Kathy Sandberg sends her students home with a "sound suitcase" and asks them to return to school with examples of items that reflect the sound being taught in the classroom that week.

Together, teacher and students take the items over the "magic bridge" to help solidify the sounds. As items which represent the sound are marched across the bridge, students chant the sound.

Children who have trouble making the sound are given special attention, so they get the proper feel for where their tongue, lips and mouth should be to make that sound.

The goal is for students to make the auditory connection and enforce consistency and continuity in the reading readiness process.

Another change to Star's preschool program this year is in the area of field trips. Traditionally, preschool field



PHOTO BY LINDA KUSCH

Kathy Sandberg, left, assists preschooler Nicholas Asimakis with his arts and scraps masterpiece.

trips have been limited due to the relatively short school day and to transportation issues. However, this year, Star of the Sea has decided to bring field trips in house. The first field trip "to go" was from Arts and Scraps.

Representatives brought in

an assortment of supplies for preschool children to create art from items that might otherwise be throw away.

Future "field trips to go" include a visit with "Paleo Joe," a dinosaur expert and a Valentine visit with Robert Lyles to discuss heart health.

For further information on the F.A.S.T Learning Program, contact Patricia Stumb, principal, at (313) 884-1070 or visit the preschool during open house Jan. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Choir to perform benefit concerts

The Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Singers Show Ensemble's benefit concert is at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Pierce Middle School Auditorium.

Guest choirs from Brownell and Pierce middle schools and the Grosse Pointe South student jazz combo will perform.

Highlights include a Latin song and dance medley, show tunes from hit Broadway musicals, American folk spirituals, and the new Spanish National Anthem, which makes its debut Jan. 21 in a performance by Placido Domingo.

Tickets are \$25 for main floor (premier with gift), \$15 main floor and \$9 balcony for seniors and students, and can be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery in the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the Pointe Singer Chamber Singers, student orchestra and the Hot 4 jazz combo will perform a benefit concert at 3 p.m. at the South High School auditorium. They will feature classical, jazz and American spiritual/gospel music selections that the groups will perform in cathedrals in Spain during a trip.

Tickets are \$15 for main floor and \$9 for balcony for seniors and students. Proceeds

benefit South's students who will attend the 2008 American Celebration of Music tour of Spain, Feb. 15 through Feb. 23.

For more information, call (313) 432-3638 or visit gpsouthchoir.org.

Raising cash

Grosse Pointe South's Child Care Preschool Program hosts the 18th annual Trike-A-Thon between 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7.

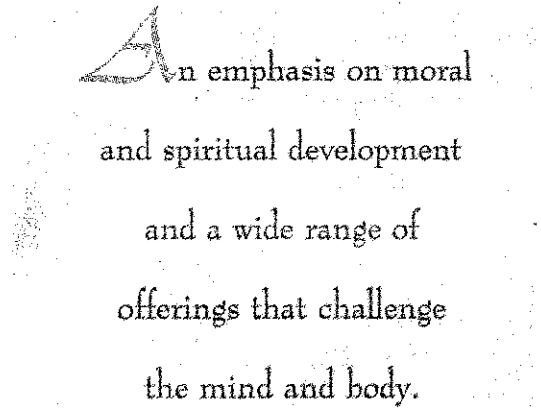
The event raises money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. It will also involve the program's preschoolers, who will ride their tricycles in the high school gym and receive money pledges based on how many laps they complete. The children will be sponsored by their families, friends and the students and staff at South. Program representatives will also hold a silent auction to help raise money.

Anyone interested in donating can contact Phyllis Henry at (313) 432-3654; or via e-mail at Phyllis.Henry@gpschools.org or at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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14A | SCHOOLS**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Schools' forensic team gets competition accolades

St. Paul Catholic School's seventh and eighth-grade forensics team recently competed in the Eastside Catholic Forensics League Tournament.

Approximately 250 students from eight area school competed and St. Paul earned a fourth-place trophy.

Coach Ann Marie Jauch said students perform memorized pieces in a variety of categories, such as poetry, prose, drama, storytelling, impromptu declamation, duo and multiples.

Each student performs a piece for a different judge in three rounds of competition.

Teams earn points for each first, second and third-place.

The overall category winner receives the most points after the three rounds and is awarded a first-place plaque.

"These students put their hearts and time into this with many practice sessions," said St. Paul fourth-grade teacher Pam Vokal. "The coaches work with them and they actually help each other."

"It is a fabulous all-around experience and helps students prepare for a life time of public speaking, giving them stronger skills and confidence. We see great talent and growth now and in the team's future."

Eighth-grader Carolyn Alam earned a perfect score for a sec-

ond year in a row in poetry and eighth-grader Dillan Cummings won a first-place plaque in the impromptu category. Seventh-grader Grace Weldon won a first-place in the prose category, too.

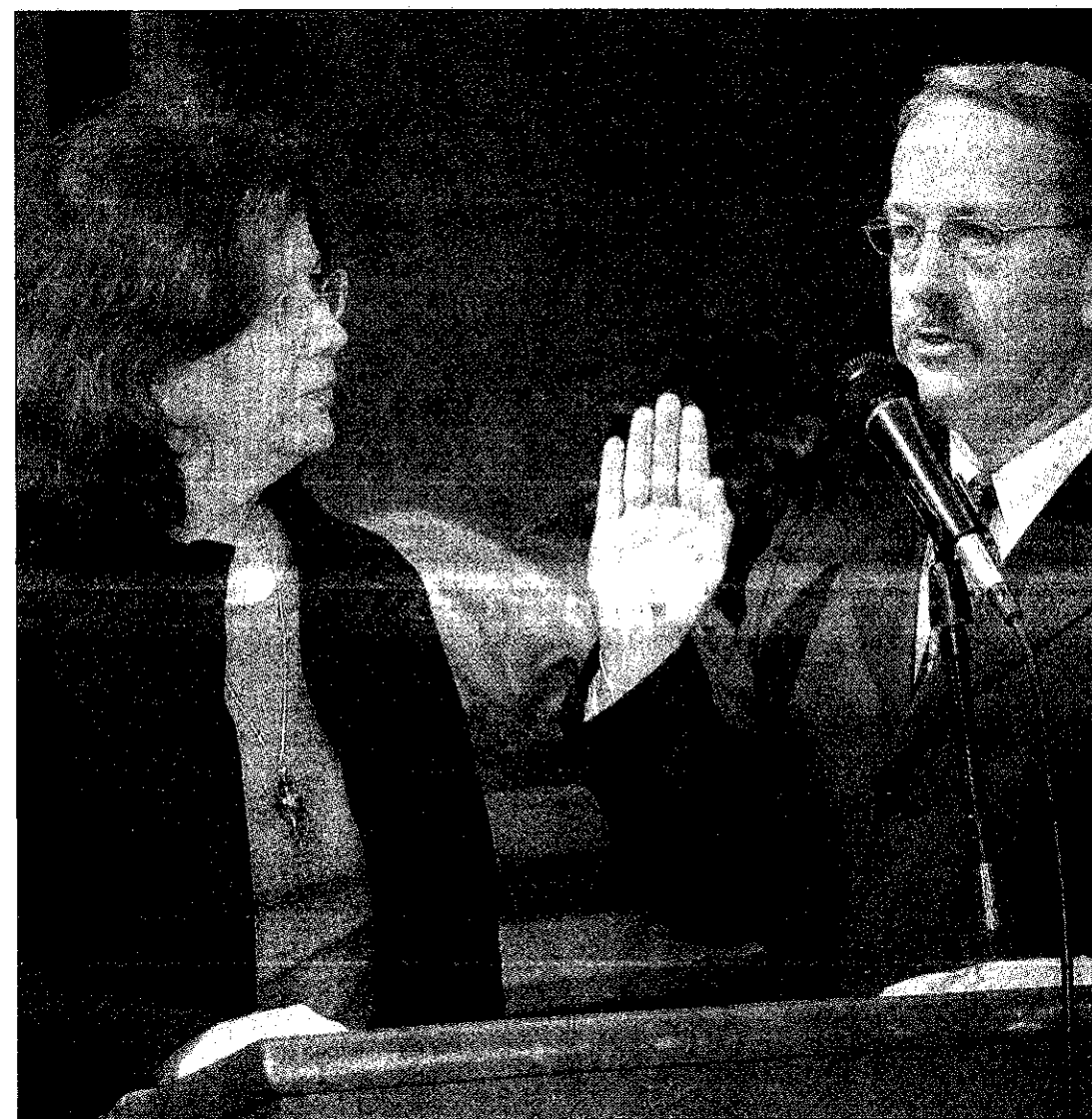
"I think forensics gives them a tremendous value and sense of poise and presentation," said Bonnie Reaume, parent of seventh-grader Margaret Reaume. "They gain the posture of being able to present themselves comfortably in front of a person with their eye contact, verbal clarity, a strong sense of being able to communicate, not just by words, but by full communication of material."

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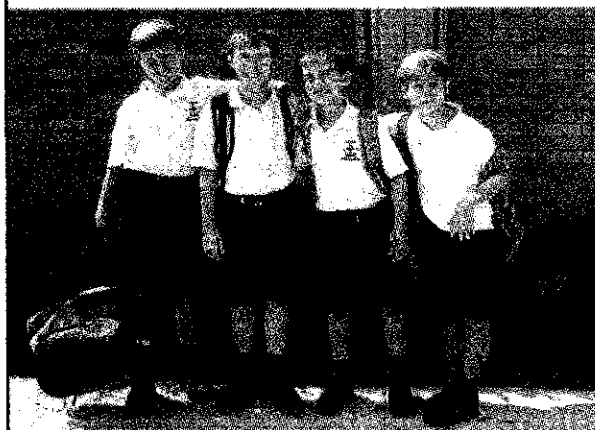
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Sworn in

Before Monday night's school board meeting, Suzanne Klein, superintendent, pictured below left, swore in incumbents Fred Minturn; and Circuit Court Judge James A. Callahan, above left, swore in friend and board newcomer John Steininger during an official ceremony. Residents were treated to cookies, punch and candy to help the school board members celebrate. For 2008, Brendan Walsh (7-0 vote) remains president and Alice Kosinski (5-2 vote) remains vice-president. Angela Kennedy (6-1 vote) is the new secretary and Minturn (7-0) remains the treasurer.



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Generous gift

Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent, pictured left, accepted a book donation from Dorothy Lilly, center, a retired district librarian, and Susie Scheiwe, right, a regent with the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. The chapter donated the book, "Hidden Michigan," pictured on the desk, written by Anne Margaret Lewis and Janis Campbell and illustrated by Wendy Popko. The book illustrates the state of Michigan and lists dozens of historic facts. Each middle and elementary school in the district received a copy of the book. For information about the book, visit mackinacislandpress.com.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Roofing contract gets approval

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

In anticipation of abrasive winter conditions wracking havoc on school buildings, school officials went searching for contractors to get the job done this spring.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services, received several bids for district-wide work.

"The work will be primarily for roofing repairs," Fenton said.

The amount budgeted in the Sinking Fund is \$160,000 per year or nearly \$500,000 for the three-year contract.

The board of education approved contracts with Fisher Roofing Company Inc. and Schena Roofing and Sheet

Metal Inc. through November, 2008, with an option to renew for another year.

The other companies who submitted bids were JC Candler, Port Huron Roofing, Laduke, Newton Crane and Royal Roofing.

PARCELLS SCHOOL

(Habeas) Chorus performs

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

Tickets are \$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, Sara Fischer-Hodges, and Justin Klimko, live in the Grosse Pointes.

School to host event

Fifth-graders planning to attend Pierce Middle School next year, along with their families, are invited to the school's annual Coney Island Night and Open House from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24.

Students and staff representing extra curricular and elective activities will be on hand to answer questions and display their programs.

The dinner is sponsored by the Pierce PTO and supported by volunteers of Pierce Student Council. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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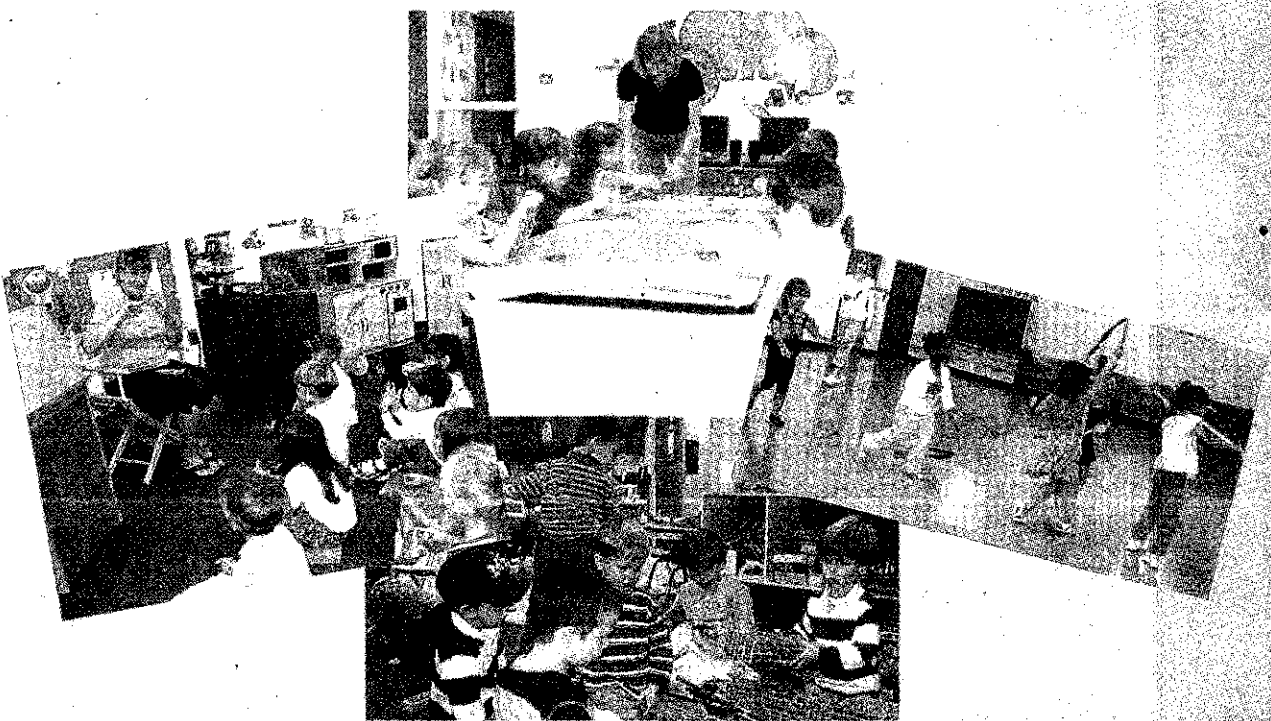
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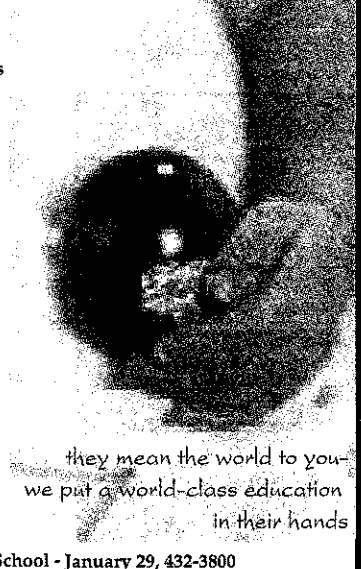
GPPSS Enrollment Process - Deadline February 29 for K-1st grades
For all new students, residency and enrollment must be processed by appointment at 389 St. Clair Ave. To schedule an appointment, call 313/432-3083. Packets may be picked up at your neighborhood elementary school, central office, or downloaded from the district website www.gpschools.org. All forms and required documents for registration are listed on our website. We use registration data determine staffing.

Extended Day Program applications and downpayments are due Feb. 27. The lottery drawing will be March 3. Seven sites for extended day kindergarten will run depending upon enrollment. These are: Barnes, Defer, Trombly, Richard, Kerby, Monteith and Ferry.

Kindergarten Info Nights are held at 7 p.m.

Defer - February 5, 313/432-4000
Ferry - January 31, 432-4100
Kerby - January 22, 432-4200
Maire - January 24, 432-4300
Mason - January 22, 432-4400
Monteith - January 31, 432-4500
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Trombly - January 24, 432-5000
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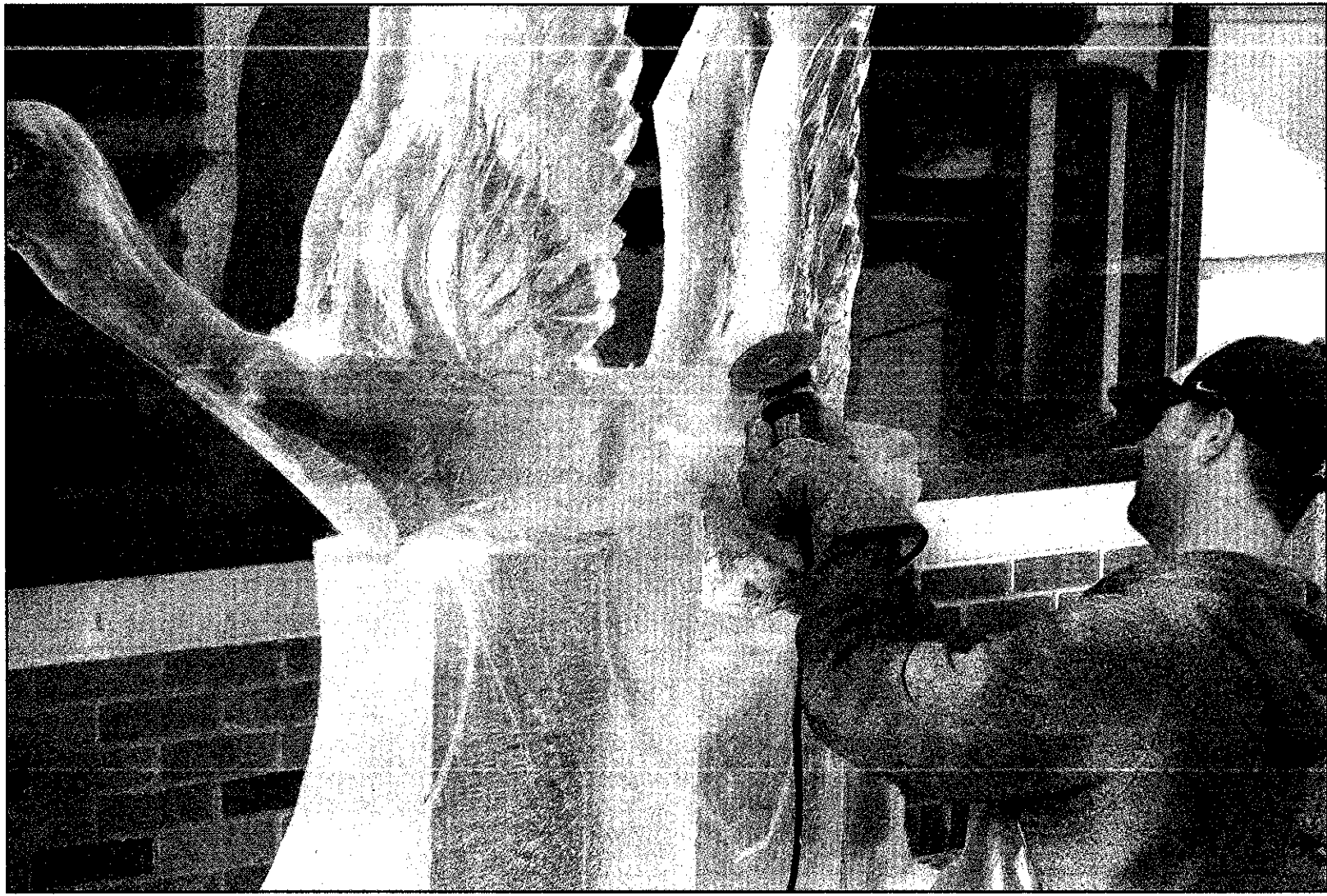


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Details are carved into a sculpture in front of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital during Winterfest on the Hill.

ICE capades

Families enjoy Farms festival

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

There are only so many things one can control when planning an outdoor event like Saturday's Winterfest On-The-Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. And weather isn't one of them.

But despite the mild temperatures that accompanied this year's event, crowds once again flocked to the Hill in record numbers to participate.

boasted huge crowds to participate in a roster of events. From ice carving, a chili cook off, to a dog sled demonstration sans snow, happy families flooded the business district for hours.

"We went into the event and set specific goals and we met all of them," said Dick Huhn, Farms director of parks and recreation. "The people all had smiles on their faces. The sidewalks were full.

"We were extremely pleased."

If there is a constant theme with holding the event on the Hill, it is underestimating the number of hot dogs to buy. Like last year, patrons went through the 1,700 hot dogs originally purchased, forcing event organizers to run out and buy 320 more. Even so, all were consumed by 2 p.m.

"You can't beat the price," Huhn said.

Event organizers also doubled the amount of ice carvings this year. Wells said the children got a special kick out of the structures, even though the mild weather was particularly harsh on the intricate figures.

"I couldn't imagine how it could have been a more successful event," she said. "Dick Huhn was a master putting this together.

"It's a wonderful family event. It's a terrific way to bring the community together."

Huhn and Wells also paid tribute to the event's sponsors, particularly Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, Russell Development Co., DuMouchelle Art Galleries and the Bologna Building Co.

"Without the money, you can't have the event," Wells said.

Once again, event organizers plan to expand on this year's success and promote it even more.

"The whole idea is to promote the business district," Huhn said. "Unfortunately, we can't control the weather."



PHOTO BY TOM TREUTER

"Oh, my goodness. Could it have been more of a success?" said Mary Wells, president of the Hill Business Association. "It was an absolute panic.

"Our only wish was that it was a little bit colder."

For the second year running, the annual Winterfest

Above, hundreds make their way down Kercheval, looking at ice sculptures between venues hosting entertainment. At right, music was the theme at the Bologna Building, 131 Kercheval. The building also hosted the chili cooking contest.

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Above, Sofia Nelson, 3, admires a table. At right, from left, District Pointe News General Manager and City Councilman Joe Leonard Jr., which featured 21 entries. At far



Above, the line was constant for the festival. At right, from left, Hill Association, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, Farms director of parks and recreation, and the festival.



Winterfest on-the-Hill offered plenty of family fun, including a classic rock band, children's entertainment and ice carving demonstrations. Hundreds filled the streets to look at the carvings, take part in the festivities, and visit businesses along Kercheval. Below, Jack Glover hugs one of the huskies from Thunderfeet Kennel in Howard City.

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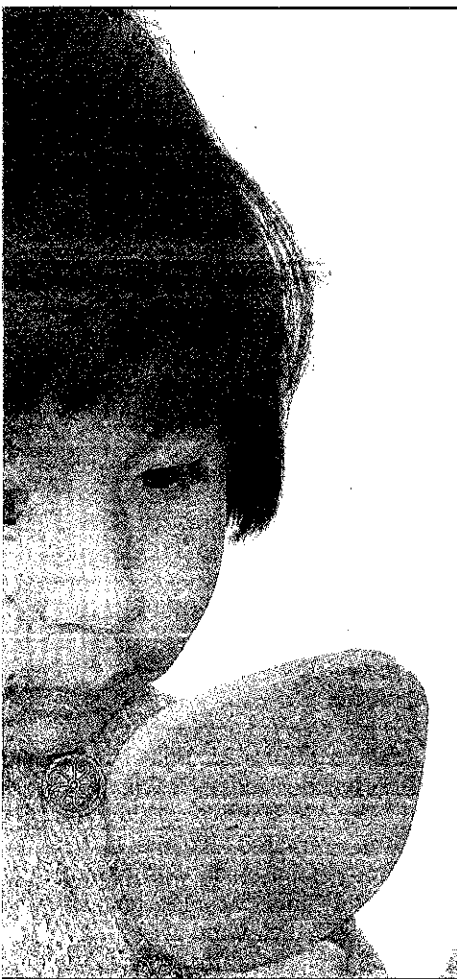


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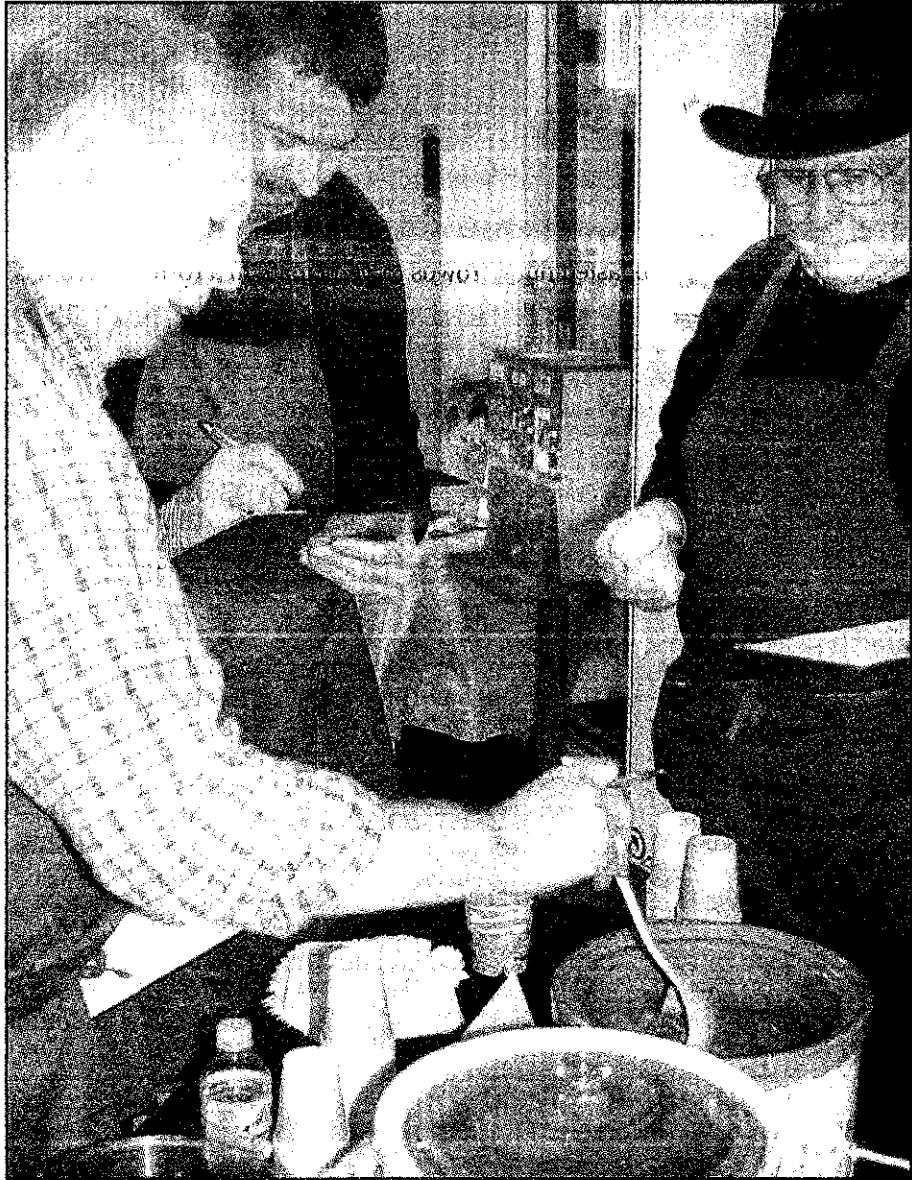


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al Chief Operating Officer Denise Allor, and Richard Huhn,
ation, announce the winners of contests and drawings dur-



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OBITUARIES

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

Madeline Rose Bingaman

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Madeline Rose Bingaman, 64, of Chapin, S.C. died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008. She was the former owner of Our Lady's Gifts in Eastpointe.

Mrs. Bingaman was born May 8, 1943 in Aurora, Ill. to Thomas and Barbara Boney. She graduated from Hammond High School in Hammond, Ind. in 1961.

Mrs. Bingaman was a devout Catholic and a philanthropist.

She is survived by Don, her husband of 39 years; daughters Virginia (Larry) Weimer and Laura (Larry) Heimlicher; son Christopher (Sarah) Bingaman; grandchildren Michael, Tyler and Marissa Weimer, Jon, Madison and Sophia Bingaman, and Jake, Abby, Chloe and Lola Heimlicher; and her brother, Thomas Boney.

She was predeceased by her parents and grandchild Cole Heimlicher.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18 at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13770 Gratiot, Detroit, followed by burial in the church's cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13770 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48205.

Louise Crain

Louise Crain, 89, a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., died Monday, Jan. 7 at St. John Hospital and Medical Center after suffering a stroke Dec. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Crain was born Aug. 4, 1918 in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from East Central University in Ada, Okla. with a degree in elementary education. She was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

She married J. Wendell Crain in Washington D.C. on Jan. 17, 1942 at Hamline Methodist Church.

The couple moved to San Diego, Calif. where her husband was commissioned as a U.S. Marine Corps officer. During World War II, Mrs. Crain worked for Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego and was one of the first female employees hired. She also served as a volunteer nurse's aide for the war effort.

After the war, the couple moved to Boston where Mr. Crain received his M.B.A. from Harvard University. They then moved to Evanston, Ill. when Mr. Crain joined American Hospital Supply.

They lived in Washington D.C. for many years, Manhasset, N.Y., Kenilworth, Ill., Summit, N.J., Richmond, Va. and finally back to Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Crain was always active in her local church. She chaired the annual bazaar at the Kenilworth Union Church

in Kenilworth, Ill., and was an active, longtime member at Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church in Washington, D.C.

She loved the arts and was a charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and supported the National Gallery of Art and the Washington Opera. She was a member of Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md.

Mrs. Crain's greatest love was for her family and friends. She was happiest being with children of all ages or in her garden. She loved reading, painting and art as well as traveling.

Mrs. Crain is survived by her two daughters, Carol (the late Robert) Lytle of Grosse Pointe Park and Laura (James) Walton of Baden, Pa.; and five grandchildren Tom, Jay and Courtney Lytle, and Elise and Jim Walton.

She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, J. Wendell Crain.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to George Washington University - GWSB Crain Fund for Excellence, 2131 G. Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20037.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. An additional memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave., Washington, D.C. 20016.

Elizabeth H. Goddeeris

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elizabeth H. Goddeeris, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at Shore Pointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Goddeeris was born Nov. 4, 1916 in Detroit to Helen C. and Anthony Machesky. She graduated from St. Ambrose High School in 1934.

She was a homemaker until after her children were grown. She then began working as a private duty nurse aid at Georgian East Nursing Home. She also worked at Augustine's Bakery in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Goddeeris' interests were her family, her home and her church. She belonged to the Christian Family Movement at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores, and was a volunteer for the catechism for exceptional children class at the church. She also served as a volunteer at Georgian East Nursing Home for bible study and provided communion to its residents. Her family said that one of her fondest memories was a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

Mrs. Goddeeris is survived by daughters Patricia A. (Dennis) Miriani and Mary Jo Berns (Wayne) Kennedy; sons Charles M. (Suzanne) Goddeeris and Anthony J. (Jane) Goddeeris; 18 loving grandchildren; and 18 loving great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, James N. Goddeeris; sisters Eleanor Legein, Margaret Mahlmeister and Dorothy Fletcher; and brother Joseph Machesky.

A funeral Mass was cele-



Madeline Rose Bingaman

brated Friday, Jan. 11 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

H. Scott Mullinger

Grosse Pointe Farms resident H. Scott Mullinger, 61, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008.

He was born May 16, 1946 in Toronto to H. Hugh and Vera Mullinger. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and Western Michigan University. Most recently, he was a salesman for Sprint Corp.

His family wrote of him: "Uncle Scott as he was known, was a wonderful friend, brother and uncle. Although his time here was much too short, he will be remembered for the generous gift of time and unabashed support of his family."

"Never married, Uncle Scott frequently attended the sporting activities of his six nieces and nephews, and was a singularly spectacular cheering section unto himself. As a salesman for Sprint and mentor to many new salespeople, Scott showed that it was possible to learn, perform at the highest levels and have fun doing it. He will be deeply missed."

Mr. Mullinger is survived by his sisters, Susan, and Robyn (Dave Dyle), brother Mike (Amy); nieces Megan and Jenna Mullinger, and Taryn Dyle; nephews Mike and Robby Mullinger, and Scott Dyle.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9, 2008 at Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207-3485.

Paul Raymond Murphy

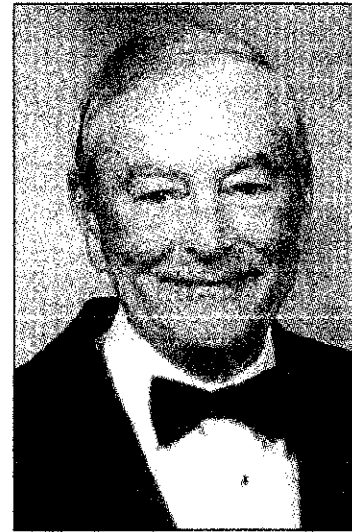
Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Paul Raymond Murphy, 74, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, in Savannah, Ga. He was born Oct. 1, 1933 in Lockport, N.Y. to the late James Raymond and Margaret Mahar Murphy.

Mr. Murphy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce from the University of Notre Dame in 1955. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, serving from 1956 to 1959. He then joined General Motors Corp. in the financial department. His career with General Motors spanned more than 30 years and included such assignments as comptroller of GM of Canada, AC Delco, GM Parts Division, and GM Saginaw Steering Gear.

Upon retirement in 1992, he and his wife relocated to The Landings, a residential community in Savannah. He was an avid yachtsman and world traveler and he enjoyed golf-



Louise Crain



Paul Raymond Murphy

ing and gardening. Most importantly, he was a loving husband and father and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sandra Webber Murphy; and two daughters, Kimball B. Murphy of Bluffton, S.C. and Erin E. Murphy of Chicago, Ill.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Skidaway Island First Responders, 602 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411; Class of 55/Paul Fullmer Scholarship Fund, University of Notre Dame Alumni Affairs, Notre Dame, IN 46556; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Share memories with the family at foxandweeks.com.

Dominic Anthony Vallan

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Dominic Anthony Vallan, 91, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Vallan was born in Detroit and graduated from St. Joseph High School in Detroit.

He is the former president of Young Supply Company, a wholesale refrigeration and heating business in Detroit. He enjoyed sharing his story of how he worked his way up from an hourly custodial position to owner of the company.

Mr. Vallan was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Detroit. He was also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and enjoyed dining out, traveling and playing bocce ball.

He is survived by his sons, Ronald and Louis; grandchildren Anthony (Michelle), Lisa and Ronald; and great-grandchildren Madison, Nicholas, Andrew and Jacob.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth and his sister, Angeline.

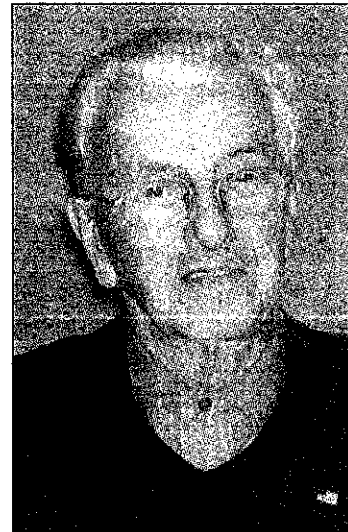
Funeral arrangements are being handled by Chas. Veheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

James T. "Tim" Wilson

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident James T. "Tim" Wilson of Fort Myers, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, after a four-



Elizabeth H. Goddeeris



Dominic Anthony Vallan

month battle with complications from pneumonia. He was 58.

Mr. Wilson graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1967. He served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy.

He owned and operated an interior design and decorating firm in Florida.

Mr. Wilson's family said he lived by a saying he kept taped to a mirror in his home. "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming wow... what a ride."

He will be missed dearly by all of his family and friends.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his daughters, Kim Wilson (Adam), of Fort Myers, Fla. and Tracy (John) Deryckere of Eastpointe; mother Beverly Wilson of Grosse Pointe Farms; brothers Bob (Donna) Wilson of Algonac, Chris (Colleen) Wilson of Fort Myers, Fla., Gary (Lauren) Wilson of Grosse Pointe and sister Nancy Wilson of Fort Myers, Fla.; grandchildren Alec, Amanda, Brooklyn; and many loving nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert M. Wilson; and his brother, Jeffrey P. Wilson.

Per Mr. Wilson's wishes, he was cremated. As one of his greatest passions was fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, his ashes will be scattered at sea.

A private family service, Mr. Wilson's final fishing trip, will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075.

G.P. WOODS

Daddy Daughter dance Feb. 9

Grosse Pointe Woods holds its annual Daddy Daughter Dance Saturday, Feb. 9 at the city's community center.

Punch and cookies will be served and each girl will receive a special keepsake. In addition, a professional photographer will be taking pictures available for purchase.

Dads with daughters ages 5 to 6 will attend from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; ages 7 to 8 will attend from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and ages 9 to 10 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. Call Lake Front Park at (313) 343-2470 by Feb. 1.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - UNIFORMS: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing: Uniforms to the City's Department of Public Works. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 1/17/2008

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2008

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

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

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held December 10, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year June 30, 2007 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe opening mid-February

Gretchen Carhartt Valade, a lifelong Grosse Pointer with a love for great music and food, brings The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe to the Eastside.

"I felt it necessary to open this jazz club because music is such a vital part of the Detroit area," Valade said. "It's been a long process, but the opening is coming soon."

Valade and builder Tom Robinson said there will be a grand opening celebration Wednesday, Feb. 13, to Saturday, Feb. 16, and Jennifer Sanon will perform.

"We're putting the finishing touches on the club, and we're waiting for the health department and those checks to happen, before we can officially open," Robinson said.

Along with music, the Hill's newest 65-person establishment, located at 97 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, will be serving up tapas in the American bistro style with seafood and touches of European cooking by Chef Andre Neimanis.

"Andre is an excellent chef and we're happy to have him," Valade said. "He will help make our club better."

Valade has been celebrated recently for her generous endowment of the Detroit

'I felt it necessary to open this jazz club because music is a vital part of the area.'

GRETCHEN CARHARTT VALADE,
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe owner

International Jazz Festival, which allows the event to grow and continue showcasing the best jazz musicians in Detroit and beyond.

In 1997, she started a jazz record label, Mack Avenue Records.

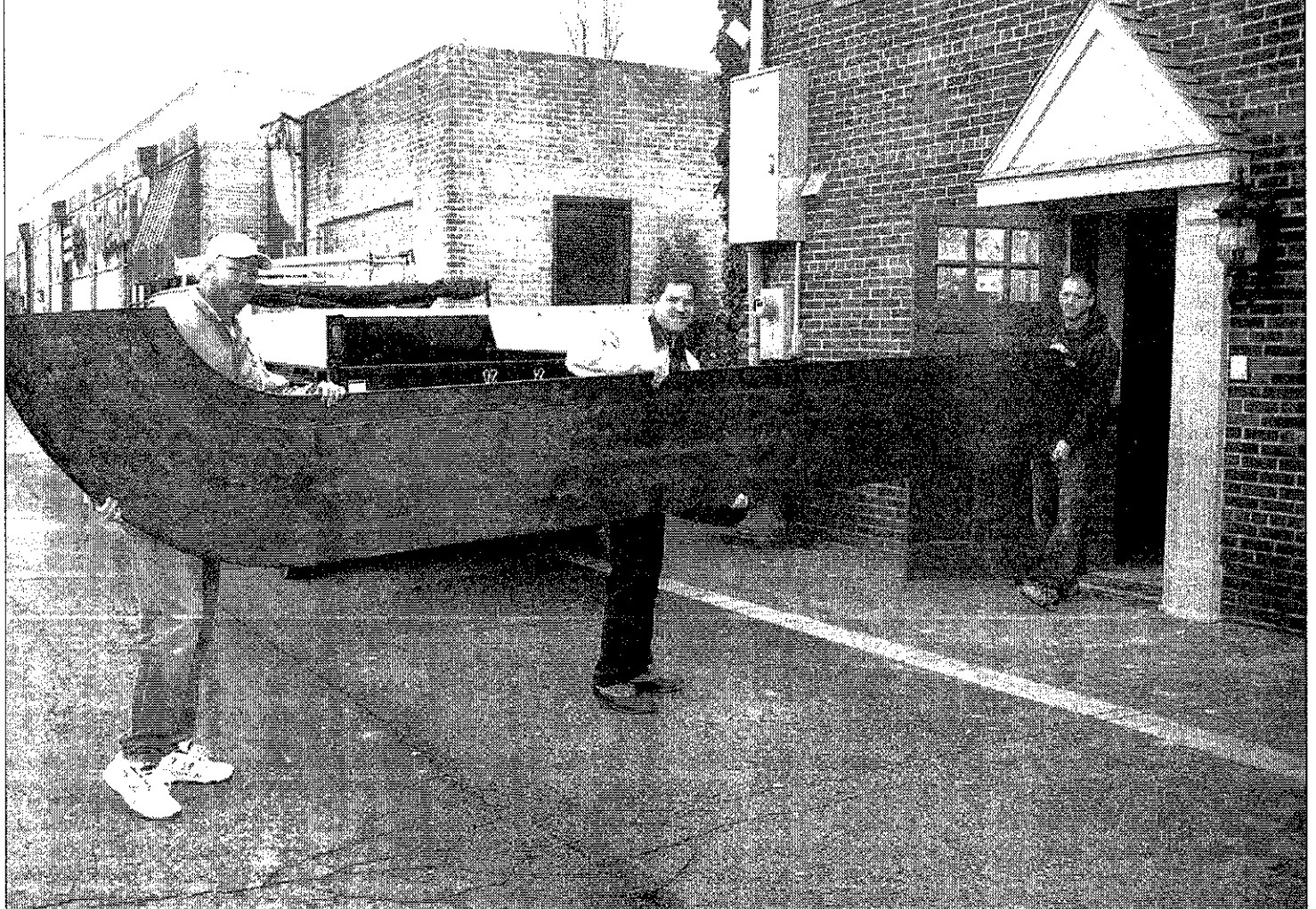
The Dirty Dog is Valade's continuation of her passion and commitment to the Motor City and its legacy of music and culture.

"I love jazz and this club will allow jazz enthusiasts to have a beautiful place to come and listen to great music and enjoy good food," Valade said.

The dining room is appointed with wood moldings, fabric panels and oak beams to capture the feel of an old English pub.

Willie Jones, formerly general manager at Detroit's Coach Insignia, is managing the front of the house.

Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to close Wednesday



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

The top of the bar was delivered the morning of Thursday, Jan. 10, from left, by Michael Sugg, Hank Roesch and Mike Klomp. The bar was put into place and will be a centerpiece for many a conversation about jazz. The opening of club has been a hot topic for residents during the past several months.



Gretchen Carhartt Valade's new establishment, The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, is scheduled to open Wednesday, Feb. 13.

through Saturday.

There will be live jazz performances every evening with national acts on special occasions.

The Dirty Dog will also be available for private evening parties Sunday through Tuesday and daytime events all week.

Valade said the dishes from Neimanis' kitchen are inspired by world cuisine and his own love of creating great food. From his childhood studying books by Julia Child, James Beard, and Jacques Pépin, to apprenticing under Chef Mark Kuzma, a descendant of Master Chef Milos Cihelka, Neimanis said he has a love for food from around the world and around the corner.

When asked what his secret is for great food, Neimanis said, "Knowing how to use your ingredients and pairing them well with each other is key. Passion, dedication and love for food really makes the best meal."

The tapas are divided into

savory and sweet.

Standouts on the savory side are seared sea scallop with oxtail ragout, steak and eggs (beef tenderloin with poached quail egg), escargot pot pie with forest mushrooms, fried egg BLT and smoked salmon camembert.

The sweet side of the menu includes banana foster tempura, malted griddle cakes and Godiva chocolate risotto.

Valade was also mentioned in Crain's Detroit Business as one of Detroit's Most Influential Women, and in 2007 she received the Max M. Fisher Philanthropist of the Year award.

Valade is the granddaughter of Hamilton Carhartt, who created the Carhartt clothing line in 1889.

The Dirty Dog can be reached at (313) 882-5299. Management will begin taking reservations Monday, Jan. 28, between noon and 4 p.m. Reservations are required.

— Bob St. John

Group to play role in 2010 census

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will participate in the 2010 Census.

The chamber will administer the Local Update of Census Addresses program, a decennial census geographic partnership.

Kelley Vreeken, a 12-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, has been hired to administer this program with a team of individuals to account for every address within the community.

All of the Grosse Pointes have to be registered for the LUCA Program.

When the materials arrive, Vreeken and her team will have 120 days to research, verify and document all residences within the community.

Accurate census data is important to the community in a number of ways.

In addition to the constitutional requirement for the decennial census to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, census data is used to allocate federal monies to states and local governments.

Additionally, significant amounts of state-generated funds are distributed on the basis of population data.

Other statistical census data supports grant applications that fund community, social, economic, and environmental programs, and other needed improvements and enhancements.

Census data is also used to determine:

◆ Appropriation of federal monies for 1,000 programs

administered by 26 federal agencies to state and local governments. Most of the funds for these programs are distributed by a formula that uses census data, such as total population, population by age group, gender, income, housing characteristics and others depending on the program.

◆ Support for grant applications that fund community social, economic and environmental programs as well as other needed improvements and enhancements.

◆ Planning future community funds.

For example, if census data reveals that the community has a growing number of individuals nearing retirement age, residents may have a future need for more assisted living options.

◆ Accurate census data is also used by businesses, non-profit organizations, researchers, students and many others in myriad ways from fund distribution to school reports.

The LUCA Program operates as follows:

◆ Each invited government designates a LUCA liaison — Vreeken in the Grosse Pointes — to review the portion of the census address list covering the area under its jurisdiction.

The LUCA liaison is subject to the same confidentiality requirements as census workers, which prohibits the disclosure of census information.

◆ The Census Bureau will send the LUCA liaison an address list from the Master Address File, corresponding

maps and the address count list.

◆ The LUCA liaison can update individual addresses on the list as well as add missing addresses.

The Census Bureau will verify the updates during the Address Canvassing Operation and provide feedback to the participants about the results.

The chamber welcomes any

residents' suggestions to their neighborhood — carriage house residences, single-family homes that have been converted to two or more family homes, new construction and apartments over businesses and others — to Mary Huebner, president Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; or Kelley Vreeken at census@gpcc.cc; or by calling (313) 881-GPCC (4722).

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

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Police are investigating the discharge of two copper BBs that cracked a front window of a house in the 700 block of St. Clair reported at 5:03 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

The homeowner found the two BBs by the window after noticing the cracks.

Bracelet found

Police took custody of a silver bracelet found in a parking lot in the 17000 block of Kercheval turned in Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The bracelet was put into the station's safe. It also contains several real or synthetic diamonds.

Attempted robbery

Police are investigating the attempted robbery of a woman walking on Lincoln and Waterloo reported at 10:18 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Police said she was approached by a man on a bike who told her to surrender her money. The woman kept walking and the man got on his bike and rode off. He is described as a black male, between 45 and 55 years old, having a thin build and short hair. He was wearing dark clothing.

Fugitive arrest

A 52-year-old Taylor man was arrested following a traffic stop on Mack at 3:12 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

A Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed the man had several driver's license suspensions. His vehicle was impounded.

—John Lundberg
Those with information on

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 61-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Moross at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding and running a red light. Police suspected the driver had been drinking because of her slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .29 on a breath test. Her vehicle was impounded.

Fugitive arrest

A 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop on Mack at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Police stopped the vehicle after a Law Enforcement Information Network check of the vehicle's license plate revealed it was unregistered. A LEIN check of the driver's name revealed he was wanted on a felony arrest warrant for parole violation. His vehicle was impounded.

Wrong way

A 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 11:12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11.

Police stopped the vehicle for going the wrong way on Lakeshore. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .21 on a breath test. Her vehicle was

impounded.

GPS stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a GPS satellite system from a vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 200 block of Ridgemont reported at 8:37 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry and nothing else was reported missing from the vehicle.

—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

Slashing rubber

Police are investigating the vandalism of a 1994 Plymouth Voyager van parked in the 1300 block of Maryland overnight Friday, Jan. 11. The two tires on the driver's side of the vehicle were slashed.

Theft slammed shut

At 2:01 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, police responded to an intruder alarm at a business located at the corner of Nottingham and Mack. When officers arrived, they found the front door damaged.

The police located three Detroit residents — two females ages 44 and 36 and one male age 44 — in possession of burglary tools. The officers received admissions from the suspects that they were attempting to steal the wood and glass front door. They were taken into custody and arrested.

Anniversary

Congratulations to Sgt. Christopher Powell who cele-

brates 22 years with the public safety department on Jan. 17.

—Beth Quinn

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Breaking, staying

The owner of a house on Severn, who recently evicted its tenants, called police at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, to report a member of the evicted family gained entry to the house and had been staying there.

The homeowner went to the house to clean and awoke the ex-tenant, who fled the house by climbing out a window.

Police searched the immediate area, but could not find him.

Attempted break in

A South Brys homeowner returned home at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 to find a window broken by a rock.

Nothing was reported missing.

A neighbor reported seeing a small black 4-door car parked in front of the home earlier in the day. It had a dented driver's door and a broken headlight on the driver's side. Police continue to investigate.

Cell phone returned

A cell phone found by officials at a local high school during the investigation of another phone theft was returned to its owner.

Police were called to the school on Monday, Jan. 7 after the phone was found in the possession of a student, who could not give a reasonable reason for having it. It had been taken from a gym locker,

along with \$10, Friday, Jan. 4.

Outstanding warrants

During a routine traffic stop at 4:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11 police discovered the driver not only had a suspended license, but was wanted on two outstanding warrants out of Ferndale.

Police took the driver into custody and held her until Ferndale police arrived.

Return call

At 11:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, a resident on Raymond reported his living room windows had been broken.

The man was home at the time and told police he believed his ex-girlfriend was responsible.

Police were dispatched to the same residence on New Year's Day after two separate 911 calls were made from different cell phones later traced to the address. In both cases, the caller asked for help, but refused to give an address.

—By Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Wanted

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant at 11:53 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. She was being held by Oakland County.

She was released after posting bond.

Drunken driving

A 29-year-old Fraser woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 1:17 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. When question-

ing the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .15 on a breath test. Police also found drug paraphernalia after searching the vehicle, which was impounded.

Fugitive arrest

Police took into custody a 27-year-old Detroit man wanted on a Grosse Pointe Shores warrant at 5:01 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. He was being held by Detroit police.

He was released after posting bond.

—John Lundberg

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

Seat belts save lives

Visitors to the 2008 North American International Auto Show can experience the impact of a collision, reminding them of the importance of wearing a seat belt.

The Michigan Secretary of State's Office and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association sponsor "The Convincer," an 18-foot-long crash simulator. The machine simulates the power of a low-speed crash and an air bag deploying, showing riders why seat belts are needed to survive crashes.

Michigan officials remind drivers that wearing a seat belt reduces their chance of death by 50 percent and serious injury by 70 percent. In 2006, 45 percent of motorists killed on Michigan roads weren't wearing a safety belt.

The Convincer will be at The Secretary of State booth from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Jan. 19, 20 and 26; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 21-25; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 27.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

2008 NAIAS preview



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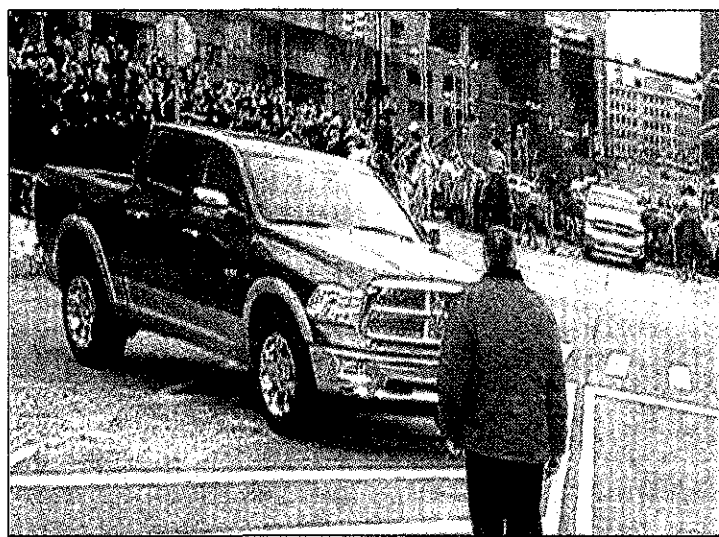
NAIAS opens to the public from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, through Saturday, Jan. 26, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens age 65 and older, \$6 for children age 7 through 12, and children age 6 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

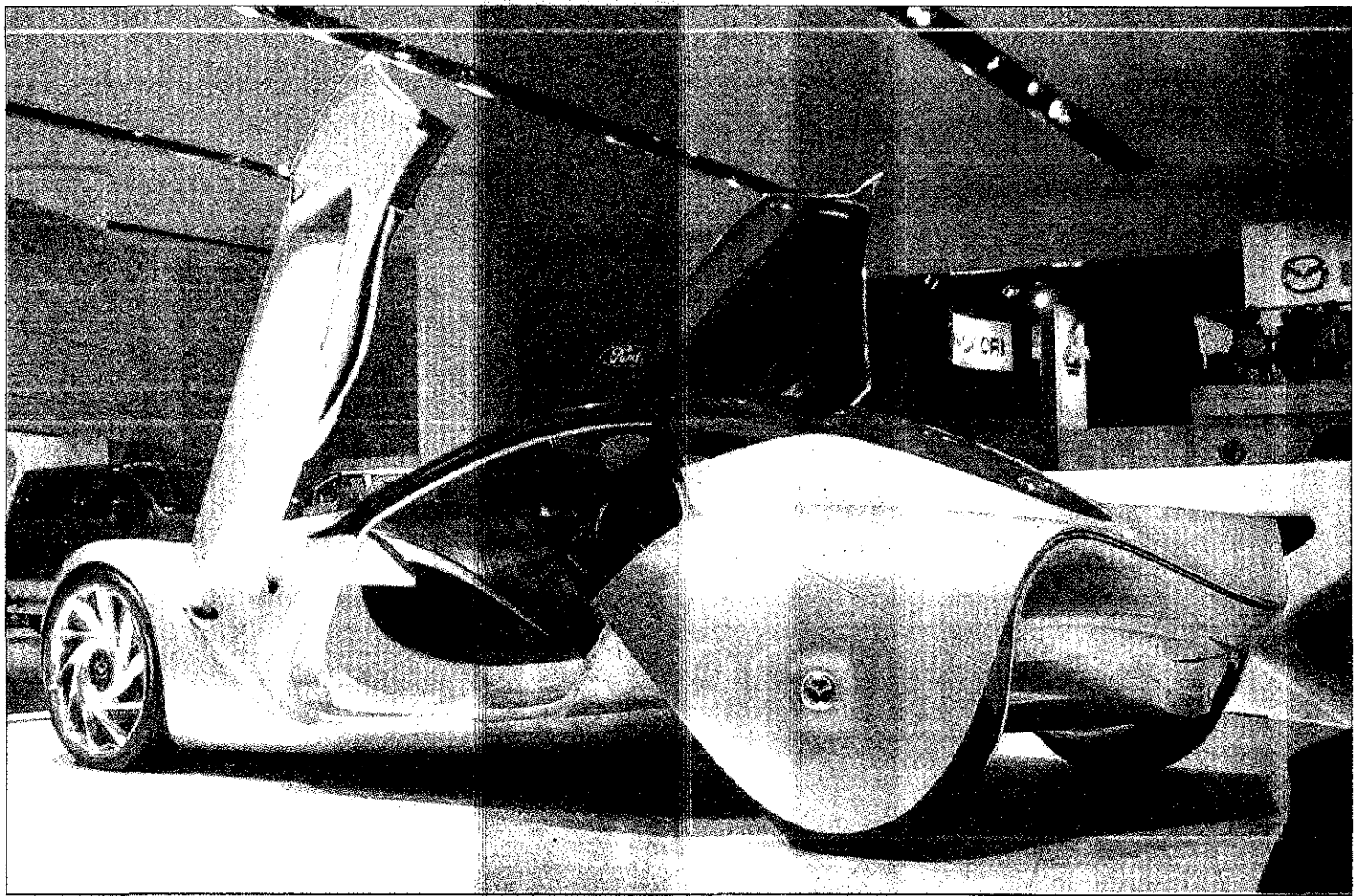
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While many took advantage of a recent gray Sunday morning to snatch a few extra winks, visit a favorite coffee house or get ready for church, Cobo Center was alive with previews of automotive things present and future.

Concept cars were unveiled, new regular production models were introduced and the 2008 North American Car and Truck of the Year awards were presented — to the '08 Chevrolet Malibu and '08 Mazda CX-9, respectively.



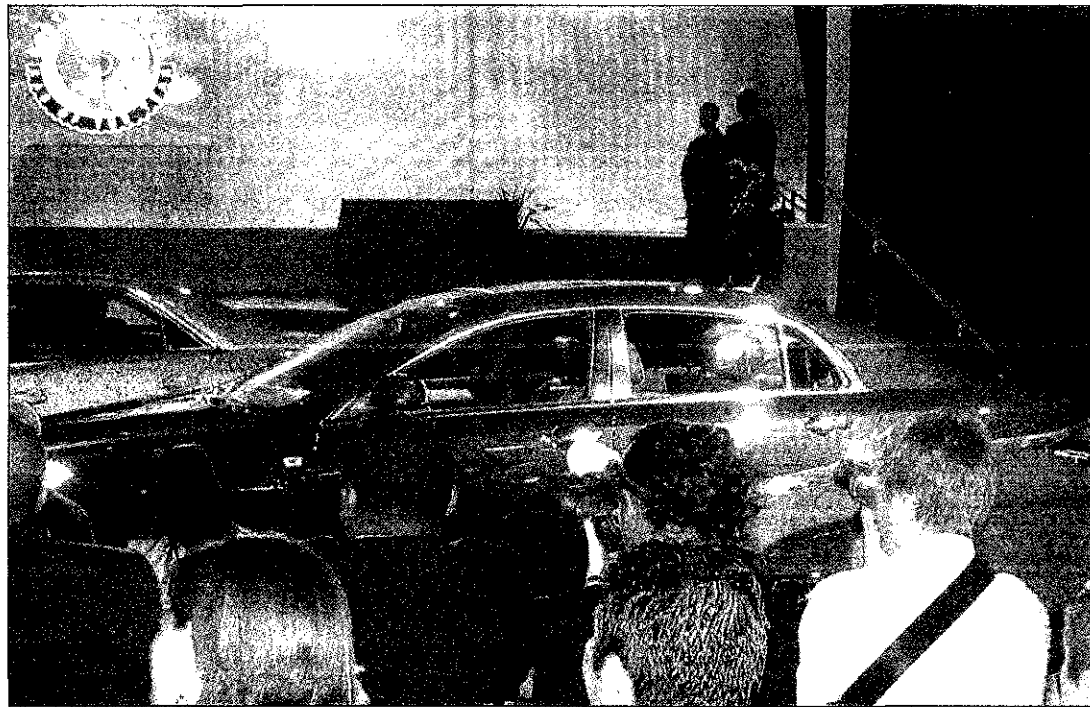
Dodge brings cowboys and steers as a backdrop for its new hard working Ram trucks.



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My success as a teacher has been nurtured by the freedom to enrich the program with my own ideas. From the very beginning, I was encouraged to try new activities, to incorporate resources from the wider community, and to stretch the students while continuing to maintain the strong academic foundation for which Liggett has long been known.

I love the curriculum and the opportunity to kindle new knowledge.

At Liggett, teachers utilize their individual strengths and a variety of teaching styles. I have always loved learning by doing. Fifth-grade studies – organized around American history – allow for enrichment and interdisciplinary study. During Voyageur Days, literature, history, vocabulary, art, music, geography, writing, technology, science, nature and recreation are all part of the learning experience. I delight in being an enthusiastic facilitator for the Oregon Trail simulation each spring.

I love seeing my students reach new levels of understanding.

It makes me smile when students ask me if math is my favorite subject. We have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of mathematical concepts and follow a student's desire to acquire knowledge.

I love teaching with my peers.

The faculty is one of the most intellectually stimulating group of people I have ever known. Within our ranks is a broad array of interests and talents. From primary school through high school, I am in dialogue with my peers – learning and building together an outstanding, comprehensive educational program for our students.

There is joy in my heart as I walk the halls and I think that translates to students. I DO love being a teacher at Liggett!

- Julie A. Foust
December 2007

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Calm down. **Grosse Pointe Geeks** are aware of the computer problems, glitches and quirks. After a week of tinkering to find solutions, the Grosse Pointe Park business opens its door to Sunday afternoon gamers.

A life in techdom

Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It was a dark and stormy night. The exhausted author, hunched over his computer keyboard, takes one last look at his manuscript before sending it off to his publisher.

It had been his reason to live for five long years, the bane of his existence, his mistress, his tormentor. But now, finally, it was complete.

Suddenly, the shadows cast by the monitor against the bare walls of his office prison cease to be as the screen goes blank. The author, crazed for lack of sleep and nicotine, grabs the monitor. His scream could be heard over the clap of thunder, "NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!"

OK, that's a little far fetched, but anyone who has ever sat staring at a blank computer screen where important data had been just seconds before knows what panic can strike in the hearts of otherwise normal people.

"The first thing we'll tell them to do is to calm down," said Joe Bracken, founder and owner of Grosse Pointe Geek. "Then we get to work."



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

What could demand this kind of attention of teenage boys on a Sunday afternoon? Try Halo 3 on a giant flatscreen TV. Tuned in for Gamer Sunday at the Grosse Pointe Geek store in The Village are Phillip Reik, 14, Grosse Pointe Park, Evan Michaux, 17, Grosse Pointe Farms and Demarco Havard, 13, of Grosse Pointe Park. Stop by on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and grab a controller. Everyone is invited.

Bracken, 27, started banging on computer keys when he was 4 years old while sitting on his dad's lap. When he was eight, he got his own computer and has been fascinated with how they work ever since.

The University Liggett graduate started Grosse Pointe Geek while working as a health care management consultant. He found himself spending a lot of time in airports and hotels working on and tinkering with computers. He soon realized that was what he really wanted to do.

Starting out with a few business clients, he opened a storefront on Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park. In October 2007, he moved to Kercheval in The Village and his residential business is increasing. Small business clients still account for about 80 percent of his business.

Grosse Pointe Geek has six full time technicians on staff to assist with everything from computer purchasing to salvaging a corrupted hard drive. And, Bracken assures his customers that every Grosse Pointe geek eats, drinks and sleeps techdom.

"Everyone I hire is the biggest geek I have ever met," said Bracken with a laugh. "Here, everyone embraces their geekness. We think about computers all the time. The first thing we do every morning, when we wake up, is click on our computers and we think about them all day long. When we're not working on them, we're thinking about them or reading about them."

They also read manuals, something few non-geeks ever do. And Bracken's staff also take classes, enroll in training programs offered by computer suppliers and seek certification in operating systems and computer programs.

Besides a heavy geek quotient, Bracken looks for other qualities in his staff.

"I look for someone with excellent communication skills," he explained. "Our job, in addition to fixing your computer or straightening out problems with a particular program, is to educate the consumer on how they can do it themselves should the problem develop again."

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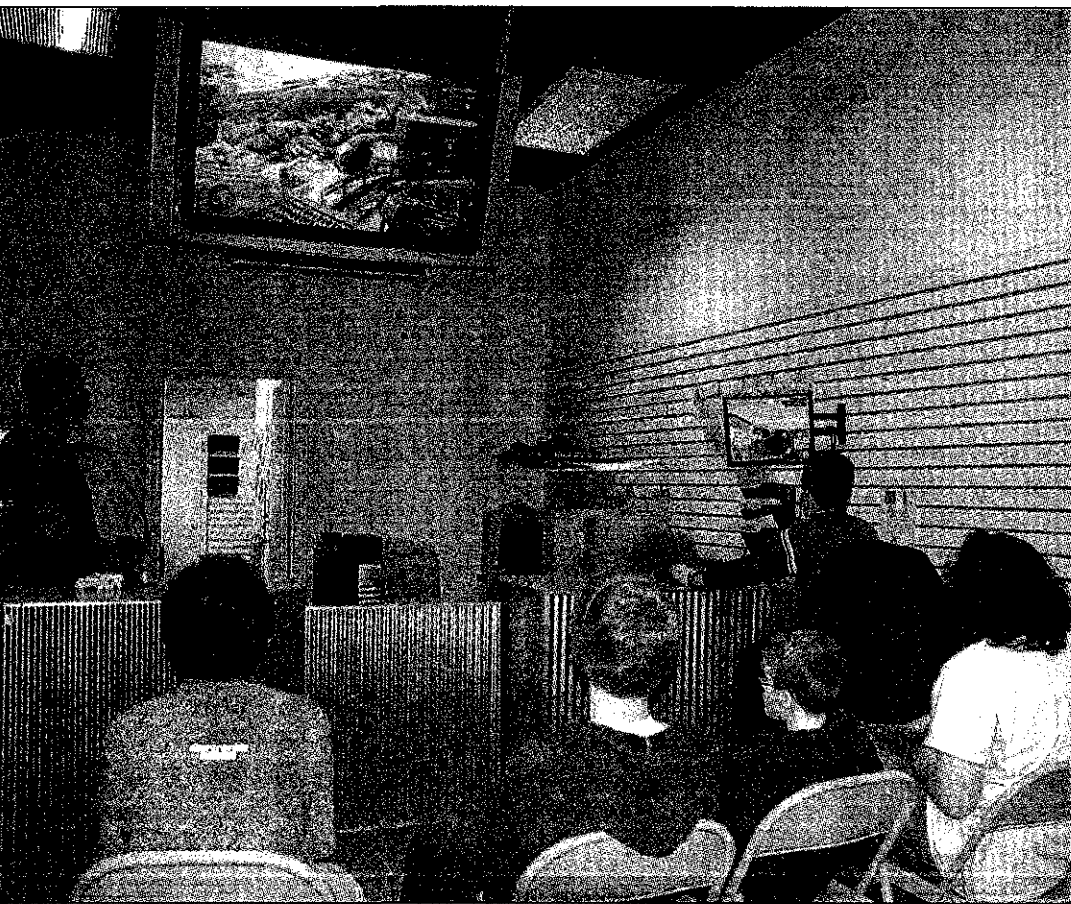


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Children gather at Grosse Pointe Geek on Sundays to play Xbox. If not interested in playing Xbox, gamers can play individually on a single computer such as the boy on the far right is doing.

**GEEK:
Techies use
plain English**

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“We use plain English and take the customer through every step, using the most simple of terms.”

But don't for a minute think the geeks are condescending to their customers.

“What we find with most computer problems is that the fix is fairly simple, but what happens is the customer gets very frustrated and just gives up. We remain calm and work the problem through step by step by step.

“I guess that's where our geekness shines through. We all love to take the problem apart step by step by step. What is frustrating to others is fun for us.”

For customer security, he also performs background checks and requires every new technician to work with a more experienced geek for several weeks before they are allowed to work alone.

Bracken says the staff can't solve every problem, but if it is brought to their attention when

it first develops, there is a pretty good chance it can be fixed.

“There are only two moving parts to any computer; the hard drive and the fan. If it's a hard drive problem and you get it to us before it totally fails, chances are good we can repair it. The key is not to wait too long. If it has already failed, there isn't much anyone can do.”

But chances are the problem is not anything as drastic as a dead hard drive.

“The first question we ask when someone calls for help is if everything is plugged in. You'd be surprised how many times it's not.”

While a bad connection might be an easy solution for a desktop, Bracken offers a quick fix for one of the most common problems with a laptop.

“They call and say that their child has just spilled a cup of juice onto their laptop. The best advice is to immediately turn it off and let it dry out. Chances are it will work again. Then never allow anyone with liquids around your laptop again.”

Staffers are also available to provide advice before a technology purchase is made. Bracken said he and his staff have taken calls from customers standing in a computer

aisle at a retailer contemplating what to buy.

Grosse Pointe Geek also will set up computers, wireless Internet connections, home theater systems, speakers, new televisions and computer games.

Classes in several computer programs, including Excel and PowerPoint are offered at the store. Sunday afternoons finds the store full of gamers, playing the latest video game offerings. Check grossepointegeek.com for class schedules or call (313) 885-2222.

Now that Grosse Pointe Geek has moved to the Village, Bracken is seeing more walk-in traffic and notes many are older residents looking for ways to stay in touch with their tech savvy children and grandchildren.

“Obviously they don't need a big computer system, just something they can rely on for e-mails or for some Internet work,” Bracken said. “We'll make sure they get just exactly what they need, whether they buy it from us or from somewhere else.”

Grosse Pointe Geeks invite customers to walk in and ask about computers. Be prepared to be there for awhile as there is nothing geeks like better than talking techie.

CLUB EVENTS

Book signing

Gerry Prokopowicz, author of “Did Lincoln Own Slaves?: And Other Frequently Asked Questions about Abraham Lincoln” will be signing his book at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Borders Books, 17141 Kercheval.

Prokopowicz is a 1976 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and has

served for nine years as scholar-in-residence at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind. He holds a law degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from Harvard.

Senior Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets on Tuesday,

Jan. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The luncheon meeting begins at 11:15 p.m. and concludes at 1 p.m.

Denne Osgood, representing the “Friends of Belle Isle,” will be the speaker. He is a lifetime member of the Detroit Boat Club and is president of the Maritime Auxiliary Group of the Detroit Historical Society. He will discuss Belle Isle.

For more information, call John Proust at (586) 774-6400, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Youth concert

The Pointes Area Youth Orchestra concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Trombly Elementary School. Admission is free and students should arrive at 4:45 p.m. There will be a parent meeting upon arrival. The group is in its eighth season under the direction of Julia Kurtyka. Those interested in joining the orchestra should call Jenny Stanley at (313) 823-3433.



Old Newsboys

Local attorney Jim Goss of Grosse Pointe Park and local CPA Conrad Koski of Grosse Pointe Farms visited the Lakeshore Optimist Club as part of their annual fundraising drive for the Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, which provided Christmas gift boxes to needy Detroit children between the ages of 4 and 13. The two expect to raise more than \$10,000 toward the Goodfellows \$1.3 million 2007 goal. The Optimists contributed about \$1,000 to the cause.



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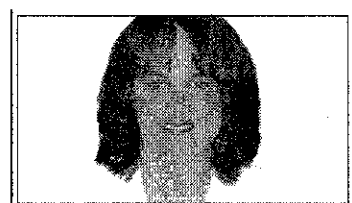
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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Family caregivers face challenges



Caregiving to a loved one can start with the onset of a serious illness such as a heart attack or stroke or can begin when a person experiences slight limitations associated with growing older.

Family caregivers face a number of challenges. These include: learning basic health care skills; coping with physical, emotional and financial stress; understanding legal options; assessing the service system; and learning how to balance conflicting demands while dealing with potentially stressful family dynamics. Some caregivers handle

these challenges better than others. Caregiving responsibilities can lead to feelings of love, generosity and a strengthening of family ties. Some caregivers are thankful for the opportunity to provide care and to share in the final days of the older persons life. For others, these responsibilities can be overwhelming and lead to isolation, physical illness, financial devastations and loss of employment.

In severe cases, caregiver exhaustion can lead to elder abuse – the financial exploitation, neglect, or mental or physical abuse of an older person.

Many people find themselves thrown into the role of caregiver and not everyone is suited for it. Before assuming caregiving duties, it is important to determine if you can legitimately embrace the role. Take an honest appraisal of your capabilities,

who you are and what you can handle physically, emotionally and mentally.

The fundamental question is: what is the most loving choice for the care recipient, the potential caregivers and family members?

Some important questions to ask yourself are:

- ◆ Are you a nurturer?
- ◆ What in your background supports being a nurturer?
- ◆ Do you have any unresolved and deep-seated anger over how the potential care recipient treated you as a child, teenager or adult?
- ◆ How is your health and stamina? Do you have the energy to be a principal caregiver?
- ◆ What is your primary motivation for caregiving – guilt, family obligations, or love?
- ◆ How well would your family and home handle the addition of a parent or grandpar-

ent?

◆ Can you easily ask for help if you require it?

◆ Can you set and maintain boundaries?

As a caregiver you need to establish some important priorities. The following suggestions will help you to do so:

- ◆ Allow care recipients to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. Resist the impulse to rush in and try to fix things. Caregivers must respect a senior's need to remain independent and do what they can, even if their actions may not be up to "normal" standards. Focus on what they can do and not on what they can't do.
- ◆ Intervene gracefully and only when necessary. Caregivers must strive to make decisions with their loved one and not for them.
- ◆ Get and give up-to-date information on health issues.

Good information helps you to understand the course of illnesses and how to best manage them. This will also help you communicate better with their physicians.

◆ Don't take on too much responsibility. Care usually falls on the shoulders of one person – the primary caregiver.

Though the caregiving responsibility is often too much for one person to adequately handle, rarely is it shared. This creates the possibility of serial caregiving, where each successive caregiver burns out and then another person takes over.

It's important to be honest about the burdens involved and make a plan as to how they will be distributed across several helpers and how the primary caregiver will receive relief.

◆ Manage stress. Most caregivers experience enormous stress, which can wear on their health and lead to inadequate

care for the recipient.

Caregivers must mitigate their own stress, realize their limits and set boundaries with the care recipient.

◆ Get help when you need it. Some caregivers believe that asking for help demonstrates weakness or character flaws. Yet caregivers need respite, routine breaks from care and life-enhancing activities to mitigate their stress so they can continue in their important work.

◆ Invest in the human family. Invest in people. Build a community of those you love and who love you.

Terri Murphy is a professional caregiver and the owner of Home Helpers. She lives in Grosse Pointe and can be reached at (313) 881-4600 or send e-mails to tmurphy572@comcast.net. Home Helpers Web site is homehelpers-mi.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey

Supporting healthy teen peer relationships



There is so much relationship conflict with teens. As a parent, what can be done to support healthy peer relationships?

The kind of peer relationships your children experience can influence their motivation and success and deter-

mine what's important to them and the choices they make. It is wise to show your son or daughter what a healthy support network looks like.

Developing healthy peer relationships involves several key components:

- ◆ ability to take stock of relationships
- ◆ redirecting or breaking off a relationship when treated poorly
- ◆ knowing when to strategically disengage from relationships

◆ knowing how and when to ask for support

You can help your kids evaluate their relationships and I don't mean that you "fix" them or mandate with whom they can or can't be friends. You can ask questions such as: What do you experience in the relationship? Is it mutually satisfying or one-sided? Are there benefits to the relationship or is it habitual?

The goal is to help your son or daughter be aware of his own response to the relation-

ship.

Very often in therapy, I have girls who are extremely frustrated in friendships. They don't want to talk about it with their friend because they don't want to cause upset or it is too uncomfortable. I understand their reluctance.

I remind them that, although they may not be talking about it, their frustration is probably playing out in the relationship through distancing, thinly disguised "snipes," humor or talking behind the friend's back.

Among adolescent girls, I see friendships most often sabotaged by not talking about something rather than addressing an issue. We can help our children learn that relationships should be strong enough to handle talking about difficult things when done in a respectful way.

I think it is important to let children know that relationships can be difficult and good relationships take work. It is also important they know it is OK to end a friendship. In contrast, many parents believe the child "should" try to find a way to get along and maintain the friendship.

This is well intended, often prompted by the desire to teach kids to be tolerant and turn the other cheek.

If your son or daughter is involved with a friend that doesn't make them feel good about themselves and they can't make that better, it is healthy for them to walk away.

Another way to manage rough relationships is reminding kids it is OK to disengage for a while.

This is particularly important in adolescence because relationships are intense, dramatic

and conflicted. Using an opportunity to disengage in a healthy way helps kids take inventory of the problem. Their constant access to each other makes it all the more important for kids to learn to step out of relationship drama to get their bearings and to find their own voice.

Developing good peer relationships and promoting independence also means teaching kids it is OK, even desirable, to ask for help. Reinforce that depending on others not only helps meet their own needs, but contributes to more intimate and trusting relationships. It also helps alleviate the drive for perfectionism and recognize that we all have weaknesses, flaws and vulnerabilities, yet we are still liked and respected by others.

Parents can model how to manage healthy relationships by seeking support in their own lives and giving their children the opportunity to observe how one can gain support from family and friends.

Send questions to: Info@familycenterweb.org. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.



Research delegation

A U.S. State Department delegation from the Near East and North Africa, representing 17 delegates, visited Henry Ford Hospital to explore breast cancer awareness and community outreach. The visit included a conversation with S. David Nathanson, M.D., director of breast care services at Henry Ford Health System, in back row, fourth from left, who spoke with the delegation about the research that went into a book he recently authored about breast cancer survivors called "Ordinary Miracles." The delegation, which included four interpreters and two officers from Washington D.C., has also met with First Lady Laura Bush and Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, as part of its travels. They came from Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the West Bank.

HEALTH EVENTS

Screening

A free screening for peripheral artery disease will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

This disease causes leg arteries to harden and clog, reducing blood flow to the feet and legs. The most common symptoms include: cramps, tiredness or pain in the legs, thighs or buttocks that occurs while walking and subsides during rest; foot or toe pain at rest that often disturbs sleep; foot or toe wounds that will not heal or heal very slowly; a marked decrease in the lower leg/foot temperature, particularly compared to the other leg or rest of the body.

Registration is required and may be made by calling (313)

539-9922.

Lung association

The American Lung Association of Michigan hosts a free workshop for people affected by lung cancer, entitled "Frankly Speaking About

Lung Cancer," from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Weisburg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

The deadline to register for the free workshop is Friday, Jan. 18. Call (248) 784-2000 for more information and to register. Refreshments will be provided.

Low vision support

The Low Vision Support Group of Clinton Township hosts Taletha Crowley from the Michigan Commission for the Blind at its Wednesday, Jan. 23 meeting.

Crowley will speak from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pine Ridge of Garfield, 36333 Garfield, Clinton Township on the free services available to people with limited vision.

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PHYSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Doctor specializes in palliative medicine

Jeanne G. Lewandowski, M.D., has been a board-certified pediatrician since 1988 specializing in palliative medicine and pediatrics at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

In 1996, she became the first pediatrician in the midwest to be board certified in palliative medicine and focuses on both adult and pediatric palliative medicine.

Q. What is your passion for healing and why did you become a physician?

A. My passion for healing is caring for persons at the beginning and at the end of life. I spend time each week in the delivery room and with dying patients. I feel very fortunate to play a significant role in both experiences, which actually share many similarities. I became a physician to solve the mystery of a patient's con-



Jeanne G. Lewandowski, M.D.

cerns and symptoms by diagnosing his or her condition, and to do what I could to make bad things better, to enhance the good, and to assist children and their families as they grow.

My philosophy is to provide the best quality of care I can,

with attention to detail, one patient and family at a time.

Q. What is palliative care?

A. Contrary to popular belief, a patient doesn't have to be dying in order to benefit from palliative care. Palliative care aims to remove distressing symptoms, to help the patient plan for the future, to prioritize the goals of care, and to support the patient and family throughout the stages of any serious illness.

Medical professionals can do a better job of helping patients who have complex medical conditions identify their goals of care and determine what is most important to them.

We help remove distressing symptoms that complicate their quality of life, and satisfy their medical needs so that they can complete their rela-

tionships and live better, fuller lives.

To experience great healing, patients undergoing palliative care complete their relationships by saying the following five things to those they care most about:

- ◆ Forgive me
- ◆ I forgive you (because in close relationships, we have hurt and been hurt by others, even unintentionally)
- ◆ Thank you (to acknowledge the gifts we have been given)
- ◆ I love you (to acknowledge how we feel)
- ◆ Goodbye (to acknowledge the impending or potential loss)

Q. What makes a good patient-physician relationship?

A. A good patient-physician relationship is a partner-

ship where the patient trusts the physician, and the physician takes the time to ask and truly hear the patient's needs, commits to never abandoning the patient and always tries to help them manage their conditions and improve bad situations and problems.

Q. What are the most important things you would like patients to know about their care/treatments?

A. Patients need to know as much as they can about their conditions, the available treatments, and the best care plans. Since all medications and treatments have both benefits and burdens, patients must always weigh the options when making their health care decisions.

Q. What's on the horizon in pediatrics and palliative medicine?

A. As medical care becomes more patient-focused and Baby Boomers age, I believe people will come to expect enhanced partnerships with their doctors and health care providers.

They will focus on the goals of care, and try to live longer, fruitful lives that include their social, emotional and spiritual needs.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a high-quality health care facility that is very patient, family and child-friendly.

To enhance the experience of healing for both the patient and the provider, we are currently working on a project with the Duke University Divinity School in which spirituality becomes a fully integrated and essential part of all the health care we deliver.

Events planned at SOC

Services for Older Citizens has a series of Lunch and Learn activities and other events planned through February.

Lunch and Learn programs begin with a hot lunch at 11:15 a.m. followed by a presentation.

Upcoming programs

◆ Operation: Quiet Comfort — Wednesday, Jan. 23. Jan Hogg, program coordinator, will discuss the program designed to honor and comfort injured U.S. Armed Forces members and offer support for those who care for them. Their mission is to create "GO BAGS," or transition kits, with comfort items such as "Four Freedom Gratitude Quilts," personal care items and other

products to promote spiritual, emotional and physical healing.

◆ Leg and lower back pain — Monday, Jan. 28. Mary Martin, manager of The Spine Center at St. John's Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss facts and offer tips for a healthy lifestyle, exercise plans and proper diagnostics and treatment options for keeping pain at bay.

◆ Go Red for Women — Heart Health — Wednesday, Feb. 6. Laura Marchwinski, a representative of the Cardiac Rehabilitation at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss heart disease in women.

◆ The Animals are Back — Monday, Feb. 25. Lori Clinton of Pet-A-Pet will bring therapy

animals to visit.

◆ Elder Law: Issues and Answers — Wednesday, Feb. 27. Lynn Bidigare, Elder Law attorney will discuss recent legal changes that affect seniors. Learn how to protect your assets and prepare for the future. Topics include long term care housing, costs and coverage, power of attorney, trusts and advance directives.

Special events:

◆ Valentine's Day Party — Wednesday, Feb. 13. Reservations are required for this catered event that includes entertainment. A \$12 payment in advance is requested.

◆ Easy Listening — Wednesday, Jan. 30. Songstress Dorothy Ignasiuk will perform.

Center for Lifelong Learning offers class, program

The Center for Lifelong Learning in Harper Woods presents two programs.

The first is "You Can be an Older, Wiser Driver" with Cheryl Dupay, safety coordinator, AAA Michigan from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the Commons room of St. Peter the Apostle, 19851 Anita.

The goal of this program is to keep older drivers on the road. Age doesn't mean giving up activities, but it can mean changing your driving habits to reflect changing abilities. Learn how to compensate when age affects vision or

range of motion; how to keep the mind sharp and alert and what affects physical fitness has on driving. Hear valuable information on how certain medications change your driving ability. Recognize the unwritten new rules of the road and how to deal with other drivers who use them.

Free will donations are appreciated.

The second program is "Getting Framed" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, also in the Commons room.

Margaret Prizer of the Detroit Institute of Arts speak-

er's bureau will talk about the outer elaborately carved wood pieces adorning some of the paintings at the DIA.

This will be a behind-the-scenes look at how a frame is selected for a certain work of art. Free will donations are appreciated.

Tai Chi, aerobic and stretch and tone classes are offered in one hour sessions from 9 to 10 a.m. There is also a four segment health and fitness series offered.

For information about any of the classes offered at the center, call (313) 886-1770.



Recognition

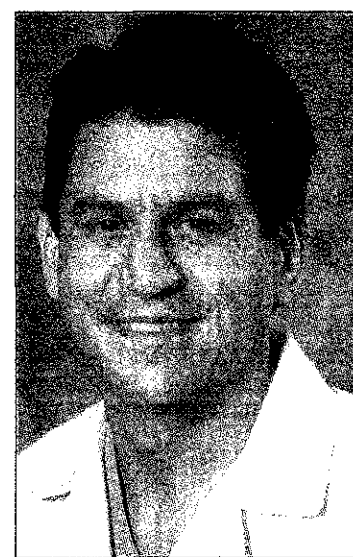
The Neurofibromatosis Clinic at Henry Ford Hospital has been awarded Network Affiliate Status by the Children's Tumor Foundation. The clinic is the only one in Michigan and one of 21 in the country to receive this recognition. Neurofibromatosis encompasses a set of distinct genetic disorders that cause tumors to grow along various types of nerves. It can affect the bones and skin and can cause tumors to grow anywhere on or in the body. The designation by the Children's Tumor Foundation recognizes Henry Ford Hospital for providing appropriate care through a consensus of clinical care guidelines. Members of the network aim to improve clinical care for those living with the disorder through information sharing and integrating clinical care and research. Members of the neurofibromatosis clinic at the hospital are from left, Jacquelyn Roberson, M.D., Barry Wolf, M.D., Ph.D, Amy Decker, Howard Feit, M.D., Ph.D and Xia Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

Cardiology chief named at St. John

St. John Hospital and Medical Center has named Thomas LaLonde, M.D. as division chief of cardiovascular diseases.

LaLonde has been on staff at the hospital since 1989 and served as interim chief for the past year and as vice chief of cardiology since 2005. He was president of the medical staff from 2004-2006 and has been a member of the St. John Hospital Board of Trustees since 2000.

"We are pleased Dr. LaLonde will assume this leadership role and establish a medical leadership team within the cardiovascular service line to expand and promote cardiovascular care for our area," said Louis D. Saravolatz, M.D., chairman and program director, Department of Internal Medicine at SJH&M. "We are confident that



Thomas LaLonde, M.D.

Dr. LaLonde will enhance the visibility of this important product line and bring recognition to the great medical care of the cardiologists at our institution."

LaLonde earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan and his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He trained as a resident, chief medical resident and fellow in cardiology and interventional cardiology at SJH&MC. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology and has been recognized as a "Top Doc" cardiologist in the Detroit area for the last 13 years.

LaLonde also served as director of the interventional cardiology fellowship program, medical director of the cardiac catheterization lab at SJH&MC and is a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Free Speaker Series

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Understanding Dementia

Thursday, January 24 • 7:00-8:00 pm

Dementia has different meanings for different individuals at different points in time. The more dementia is understood, the more we can know what to expect and what we can do to maximize coping while minimizing stress. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Coping With Increased Needs

Thursday, February 28 • 7:00-8:00 pm

Facing increased cognitive or physical limitations presents challenges for everyone involved - yourself, family, and friends. Recognizing strengths and abilities in yourself and your loved one is important for discovering new ways of adapting to change. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

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Former Muslims find answers in prayer

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Prayer is the answer.

The number of Muslims who have converted to Christianity has nearly doubled in the past four years as French missionary Father Vincent Renad has taught the people of Kerou, Benin, how to pray to God. It is the Africans' desire for an explanation of changes in their world that has them seeking answers.

The answers, Renad explained, come through prayer.

"Muslims in Kerou want to learn a new way to pray," he said.

As the African world changes, it's Christianity that must also come, he explained, because the Muslim traditions and teaching have not explained the world, nor have the

African traditions been able to explain the changes. Cell phones, internal combustion engines and electricity, a different style of dress and music videos, among other things, have been introduced into "dark Africa," the term Renad used for this poor country, which borders Nigeria on the east, Togo on the west and Burkina Faso and Niger on the north.

"Muslims don't have enough to explain the world so they seek something (else)," he said. "They want to learn a new way to explain the world. The Africans don't have a way to explain the world," as they see the modern world creep into their lifestyle.

Christianity explains the world, he went on to say. "There is a separation of church and state" in the

Christian world.

As a missionary in this northwest African country which is the size of Pennsylvania, Renad must visit the entire 60,000 population. Once he has made the initial contact, Renad must wait for a return invitation.

Every day he hears the 5 a.m. Muslim call to prayer and Renad has been quietly explaining the world to Africans whose basic lifestyle hasn't changed in generations and it begins with prayer.

Prior to his assignment in Kerou, Renad spent several years with the pygmies in central Africa. Since coming to Kerou four years ago, he has seen his goals and projects realized.

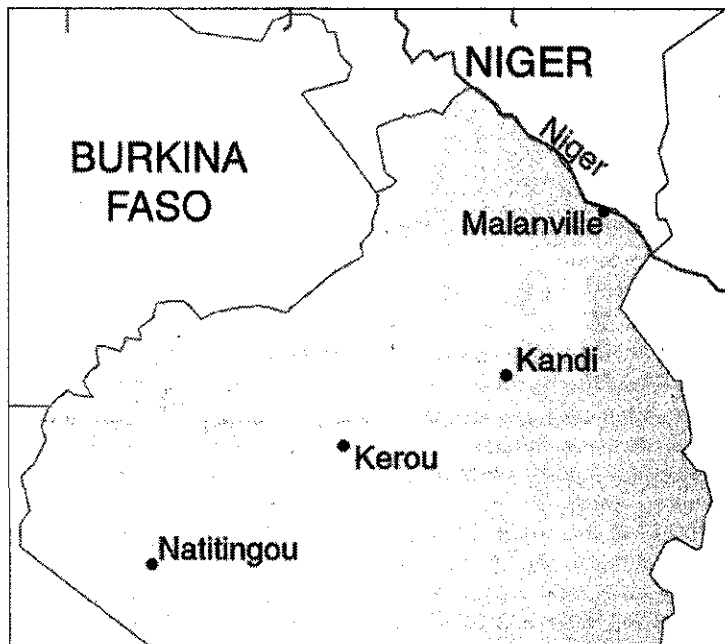
More than 20 Christian communities have been established under his guidance.

Additionally, he has seen people who have converted to Christianity move close to the mission for the purpose of becoming better Christians, he said.

Renad must also teach residents to share their money to help support the mission and each other.

"With the money, you can help plenty of your friends," he said he explains to the new Christians. "The church is well established. When the community can support the church, it's a revolution. The first priest came with money and now you (his parishioners) must share your money, it's hard work."

And it can all be accomplished with prayer.



Catholic missionaries landed on this beach near Ouidah, Benin, April 12, 1861, to which this monument is dedicated. A cross is centered in the outline of Benin and stands facing the Atlantic Ocean.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Learning opportunities

Ongoing is the Thursday Morning Bible Study from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The study of the ministry of the 12 Disciples is winding down in the viewing of an award winning DVD highlighting their lives and their missions. The new study, the Gospel of Luke, begins next. The studies are conducted in the lounge by Rev. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor at First English. The community is welcome to share in the study and discussion.

On Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the Adult Sunday School class has begun studying "From the Parables to the Cross" following the Lenten theme for this year. The study is lead alternately by Pastor Schmidt and Pastor Jerry Elsholz.

Call the church office for further information at (313) 884-5040.

Preschool

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts an open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.

For more information, call (586) 777-0215.

'Dancing Under the Stars'

Dust off your dancing shoes and join members of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Jan. 19.

A DJ will play music in the Luther Center from different eras. A few simple dance steps will be taught.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and includes three drinks, other beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

Adults can make reservations by calling (313) 884-5040. First English is located at 800 Vernier at Wedgewood, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Point of Relevance

Point of Relevance hosts William Wagner from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wagner will speak on "How One's World View Affects the Destiny of a Nation."

He is the president of Salt and Light Global and the International Center for Ethics, Rights and Responsibility and holds a law school professorship in ethics and constitutional law.

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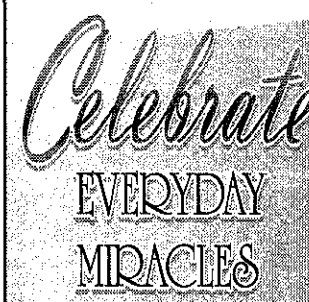
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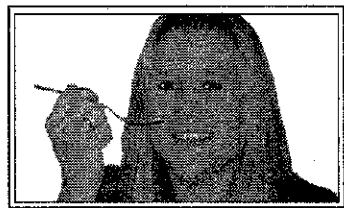
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Christmas gift turns out sweet, sausage soup



My favorite Christmas gift this year is a four-quart Staub enameled cast iron Dutch oven given to me from my friend Wilma Zeleznik. (And you thought I wanted jewelry!) It's blue and shiny and a cook's dream. My first creation in my shiny new pot? Soup. Easy soup that started with the

canned goods I had in my cupboard. Turkey smoked sausage, sweet potato and spinach lend flavor to this "any bean" soup even you can make.

Any Bean Soup with Sausage, Sweet Potato and Spinach

1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more as needed
1 14-oz. Jennie-O smoked turkey sausage, quartered and cut into 1/4 inch pieces
1 large (1 to 1 1/4 pound) sweet potato, peeled and cut

into bite sized pieces
1 large onion, chopped
2 to 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme (or 2 to 3 teaspoons dried)
4 15-oz. cans chicken broth
1 15-oz. can northern beans, drained and rinsed
1 15-oz. can red beans, drained and rinsed
1 10-oz. bag baby spinach salt and pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese for serving

Heat the oil in a large (4 quart plus) pot over medium heat and add the cut sausage. Cook the sausage for about 10 minutes, tossing once or twice. Transfer sausage to a bowl and set aside.

Return the pot to the heat and add a little more olive oil. Add the cut sweet potato and cook and stir for about 10 minutes over medium heat. Add the onion, the garlic. Cook and stir for another 10 minutes. Add the thyme and season lightly with salt and pepper. Add the chicken broth and

bring the mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat. This will take about 15 minutes.

Add the spinach, cook and stir until the spinach has all wilted. Add the beans and return the cooked sausage to the pot. Stir well and taste and season with salt and pepper if necessary.

Cover and simmer for another 10 minutes before serving. The flavor from the sausage, sweet potato and spinach fuse together in perfect harmony. This protein rich, fiber rich soup will please your palate as well. It is delicious and relatively easy to prepare.

Choose whatever beans you like for this recipe (hence the name).

Ladle this yummy soup into bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Crusty bread and a fresh green salad turn this healthy bowl of soup into a mid winter meal.

Thank you Wilma for my shiny blue Staub Dutch oven. What's the next adventure for my Staub?

Why Sloppy Joe's, of course!

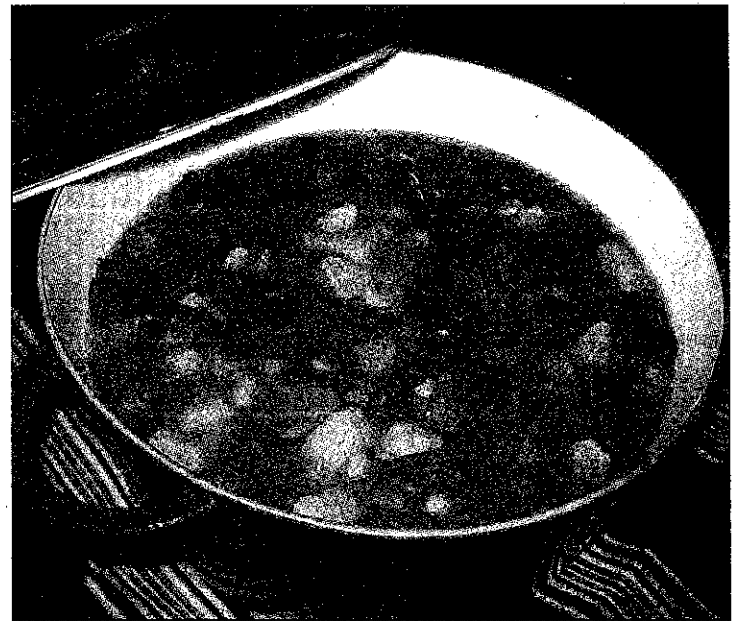


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Any Bean Soup made with sausage, sweet potatoes and spinach makes a hearty winter meal.

Snowed out event is rescheduled

While carolers sang "let it snow, let it snow," guests of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's Enchanted Holiday Evening said "Oh no!" as a snowstorm cancelled the evening's festivities.

The rescheduled event — A Classic Affair — will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 and features a guided tour of the home, a gourmet dinner served with wine and a hand bell performance by Classical Bells.

"With guests traveling from all over the area — as far away as Lansing — we didn't

want to put them in the position of having to make a decision about whether to travel on potentially treacherous roads," said Jennifer Welsh, events and programming manager. "Instead, we cancelled the event and offered ticket holders the opportunity to attend A Classic Affair on Feb. 2."

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NORTH BOYS HOCKEY

Norsemen cruise in tourney

**North beats
Mona Shores
8-0 in finale**

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team started the week slowly, but by week's end the Norsemen had hit their stride. "We just want to get better with each game and we did that last week," said North coach Scott Lock after his team had beaten Muskegon Mona Shores 8-0 in the championship game of the Stan Konrad Tournament hosted by the Sailors. "Eric (goalie Eric Rohrkemper) played well. We got goals from every line. Our defense was exceptional. Anthony Raymond, Brandon Davenport, Evan Skorupski and Michael Neveux all played well. And we had a good game from our fourth line of (Mitch) Capp, (Craig) Henderson and (Ian) LaValley." It was a 1-0 game after one period. Kevin Gibson scored a shorthanded goal off a nice play from Justin Kovacs for the Norsemen.



Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team admires the championship trophy it won for winning the Stan Konrad Tournament in Muskegon. The Norsemen defeated host Mona Shores 8-0 in the championship game.

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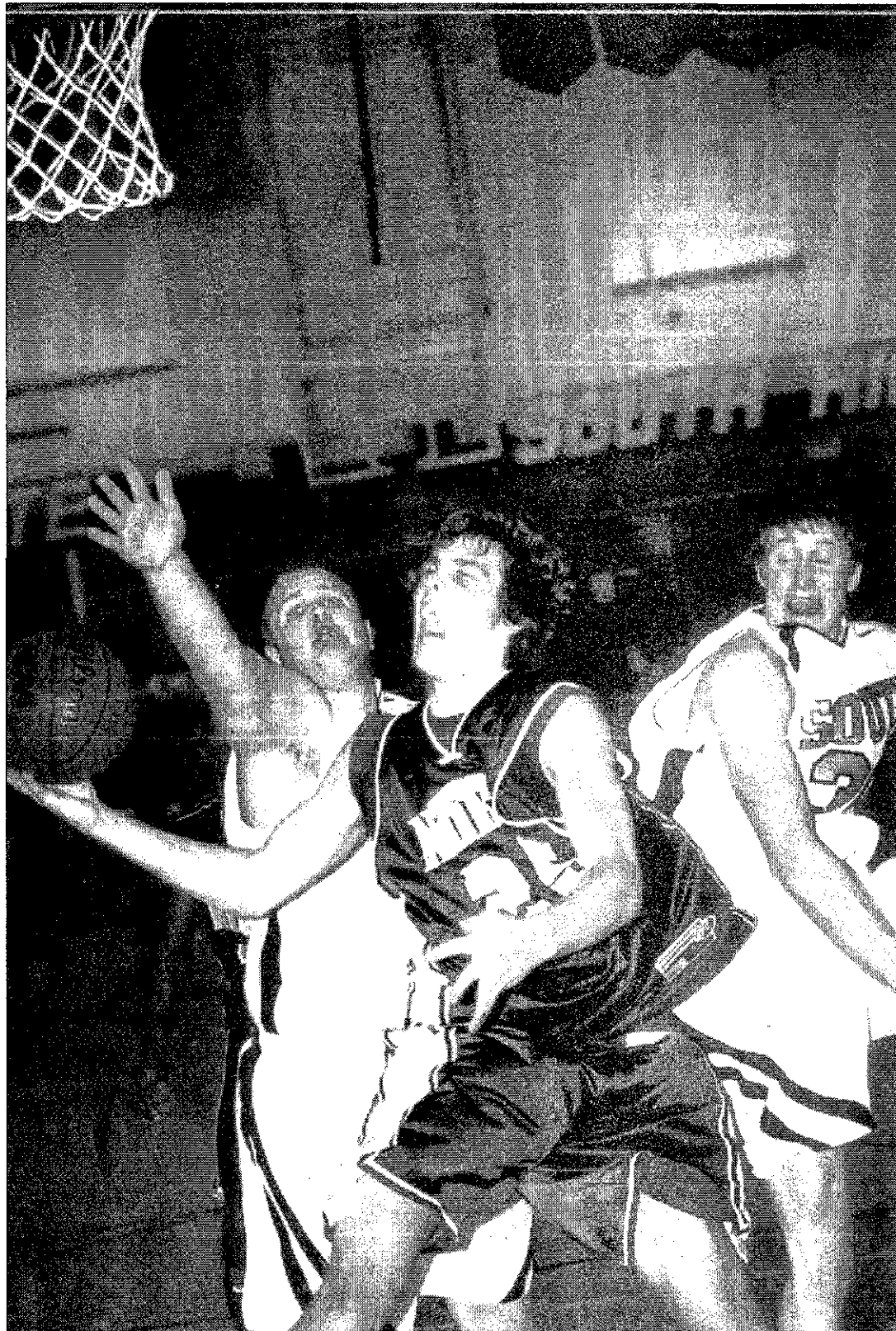
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Grosse Pointe North's Matt Blunden finds the going tough under the basket as he goes against PT Shirar, left, and Tim Quinn.

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Knights get a split in two boys basketball contests

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Basketball is a game of adjustments.

And the team that adjusts the quickest is usually the one that walks off the floor with a victory.

University Liggett School's basketball team made those adjustments against Roseville Conner Creek East in a 73-69 non-league victory, but it took a little longer in the Knights' Metro Conference game with Clarenceville and they wound up losing 70-61.

"Conner Creek jumped out to an early lead but we adjusted well to their speed and quickness," said ULS coach Sidney Johnson. "We went to a sagging man-to-man and zone and tried to stop their penetration. Then we clawed our way back into it."

Conner Creek led 20-15 after the first quarter but at halftime it was ULS in front 35-26.

The lead changed hands several times in the second half but the Knights went ahead to stay in the fourth quarter, although the outcome wasn't decided until Derek McLaughlin grabbed a rebound off a Cougars miss with 10 seconds to go and ULS leading by three. McLaughlin got the ball to Aaron Heaney, who was fouled and hit the free throw to make it a two-possession game.

"They kept roaring back," Johnson said. "They shot very well, especially in the third quarter when they shot 70 percent."

Patrick Gustine led ULS with 25 points, Heaney had 15 and Jeremiah Manning added 14. Andrew Malaski, who scored 11 points off the bench, put the Knights ahead to stay with a three-point basket.

It was another slow start that plagued ULS in the Clarenceville game.

"We had to battle back and

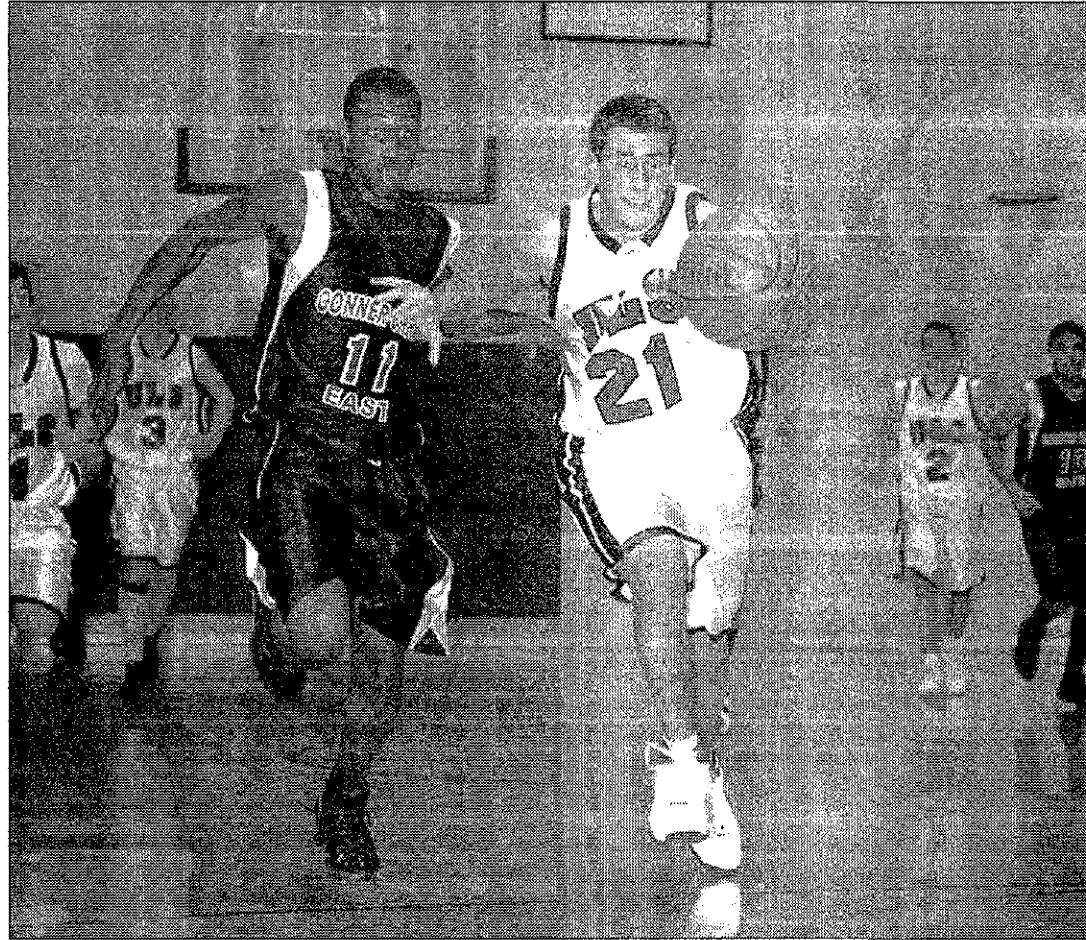
we played them even in the second half," Johnson said. "Once again, we had to adjust to their team speed, and they outrebounded us by a two-to-one margin. We also had trouble finding their leading scorer, James Stewart in our zone in the first half."

Stewart scored 19 points in the first half as the Trojans built a nine-point lead.

"I was proud of our effort," Johnson said. "They were up by 18 or 19 points in the fourth quarter and we played hard to the end and cut it to nine. Their coach had to put his starters back in at the end, and after the game was over, he praised us for the way we played to the end."

Mike McLaughlin and Malaski came off the bench to provide the spark at the end, along with Gustine.

Malaski, Gustine and Manning led ULS with 14 points apiece and Mark Ghafari added 13.



Mark Ghafari chases down a loose ball in University Liggett School's game with Roseville Conner Creek East.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North holds on to beat South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North basketball coach Pat Donnelly was wearing a smile Friday night after the Norsemen had outlasted Grosse Pointe South, 36-33, in a game dominated by the defenses.

He was especially pleased with the effort North had put out against South, and earlier in the week in a 58-50 victory against Dakota.

"That's half the battle, getting a consistent effort like we did the last two games," Donnelly said. "We still have to work on our execution, but I'd rather see great effort and less-than-perfect execution than perfect execution with poor effort."

"We'll execute better. That's something that can be corrected. That's up to us as coaches. The effort comes from them. There's nothing we can do about that."

Even though he was on the losing side, South coach Jim Twigg had no complaints with the way the Blue Devils played.

"I thought both teams played ferociously," Twigg said. "They shot a little better at the free-throw line than we did. I can't ask any more from my kids. They played as hard as they could. We just have trouble scoring points."

The crosstown battle was close throughout.

There were five lead changes in the first quarter which ended with South leading 13-9. The Blue Devils' Jarvis Wise scored during the first minute of the second quarter to give South its biggest lead of the game at 15-9.

North outscored South 6-2 in the last 5:22 of the first half to cut the margin to 17-15 at halftime.

"I think we were a little hesitant at the start tonight," Donnelly said. "It's such an intense rivalry that it kind of makes the kids think too

much. When you hesitate that split-second, it allows the defense to get over and you lose that open shot."

The Norsemen started the second half with a 9-2 run to lead 24-19 with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter. Jerry Peoples hit four straight free throws during North's spurt.

South battled back and Jimmy Saros made two baskets in the final 18.4 seconds of the quarter to cut the margin to a single point going into the final quarter. Wise hit a basket during the first minute of the fourth quarter to give the Blue Devils the lead, but Andrew Horne answered with a three-point basket to put North back in front.

A free throw by PT Shirar and a jump shot by Wise put South ahead 28-27 with 4:23 remaining. On North's next possession, Nick Waller was fouled and he made both free throws to put the Norsemen ahead to stay. Moments later, Waller hit another free throw and Matt Blunden drilled a three-pointer. Two more free throws by Waller gave North a 35-29 advantage with 2:45 to go.

The Norsemen began to struggle some at the line down the stretch and South got two baskets by Shirar to cut the lead to 36-33 with 26 seconds remaining. South tried to work the ball in to Saros, who led North with 13 points, but North kept the ball out of his hands with strong defensive play from Peoples, Rashad Boyce and Paul Bramos.

"We knew Saros has been their go-to guy, so we made sure we followed him around the floor," Donnelly said.

"We used a few different people to guard him. It's important to have guys willing to take on that personal challenge."

Waller led North with 14 points, Peoples had seven and Blunden finished with six

points and five rebounds.

Wise finished with nine points for South, while Shirar had seven points and 10 rebounds.

Donnelly said that the victory earlier in the week against Dakota had an effect on the South game.

"That was huge for us, because I'm not sure we would have won tonight if we hadn't won that game," he said. "It gave us a big confidence boost. We needed to win that first one. Now we've got two in a row and guys are talking about a winning streak."

North led 18-15 after the first quarter and stretched its lead to seven points at halftime.

The Norsemen built their lead to 11 points at the end of the third quarter, but they weren't home free.

"We relaxed a little," Donnelly said. "We got a little complacent with our offense and (Dakota) tied the game."

It was 50-50 with three minutes to go, but Greg Blunden hit a pair of free throws to break the tie and trigger an 8-0 North run to end the game.

"Dakota was very physical," Donnelly said. "They hit us with a few shots, but we didn't back down."

Greg Blunden and Waller led the Norsemen with 11 points apiece in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division contest.

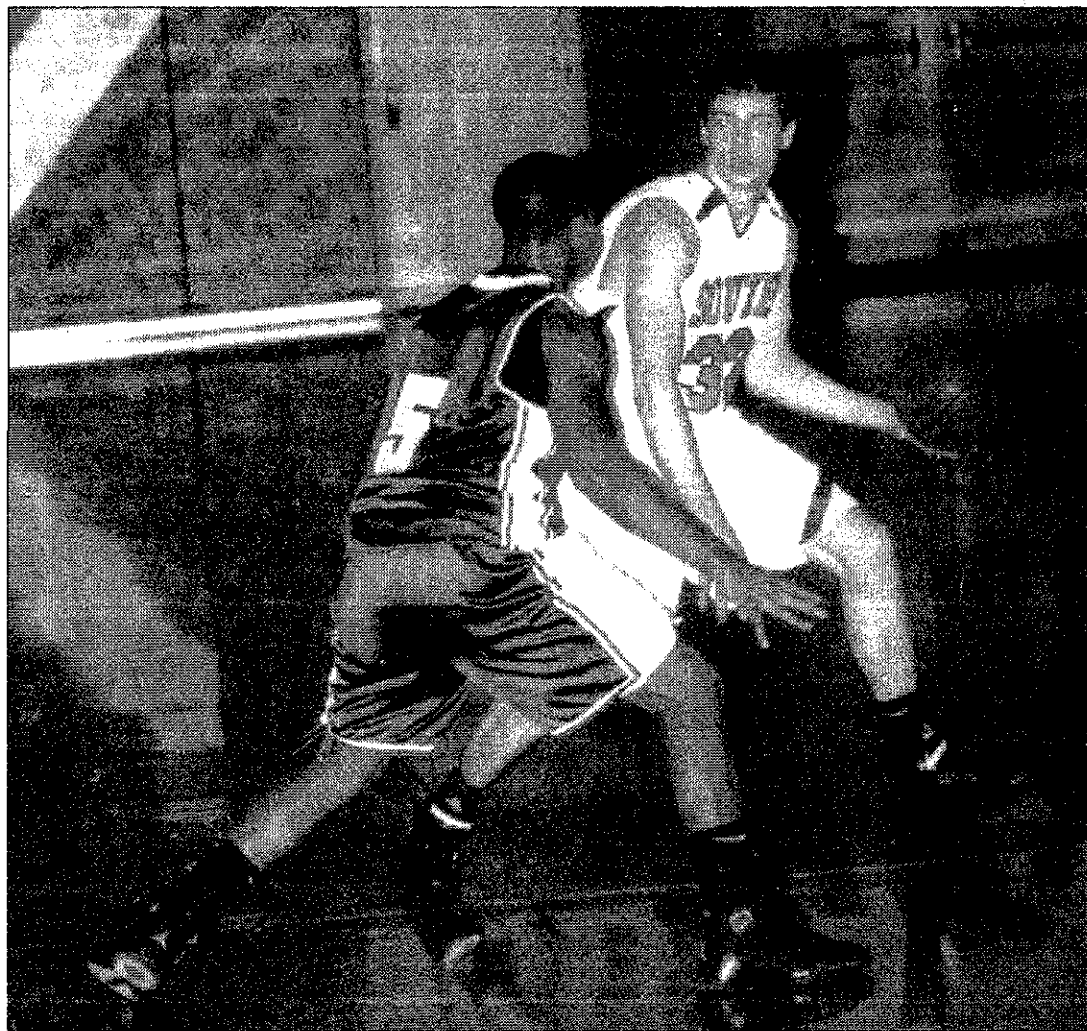
In South's other game last week, the Blue Devils lost to Cousino, 54-34 in a MAC White game.

"They took it to us," Twigg said. "It was the same as it's been all season when we've lost — our inability to knock down shots."

Saros again led South in scoring with 17 points.

"We want Jimmy to look for the shots," Twigg said. "We need to get the ball to him even more than we've been doing."

North is 2-6 overall and 1-5 in the MAC Red. South is 3-6 overall and 1-4 in the division.



Two of Grosse Pointe's top football players, Jerry Peoples (5) of North, and Jimmy Saros of South go head-to-head on the basketball court.

South swims past North

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team began the new year on the right foot with an impressive 133-53 victory against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North.

"We had some good swims, especially from our underclassmen, and we're looking forward to more fast swims and some state cuts in the coming meets," said Blue Devils coach Eric Gunderson.

Gunderson didn't have to wait long for more strong performances as two days later the Blue Devils defeated Novi

Catholic Central 121-64.

South won 10 of the 12 events in the North meet.

The Blue Devils swept the three relays. The team of Roby Boggs, Fares Ksebaty, Brad Kaminski and Cam Johnson won the 200-yard medley relay in 1:49.87; Matt Mandel, Joe Hessburg, Michael Shook and Craig Campbell took first in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:36.80; and Zach Powell, Hessburg, Mandel and Shook won the 400 freestyle relay in 3:37.10.

Shook and Mandel each

won two individual events. Shook was first in the 200 freestyle in 1:52.25, and he won the 500 freestyle with a state qualifying time of 4:56.51. Mandel's firsts came in the 50 freestyle (23.66) and the 100 freestyle (52.05).

South's other winners were Kaminski with a time of 59.16 in the 100 butterfly; Powell in the 100 backstroke at 1:01.99; and diver Jordan Long, who led a South sweep with a winning score of 276.85 points.

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Lochmoor pro begins new life

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Tommy Valentine is getting ready to write another chapter in an already-exciting life story.

After 17 years as the head golf professional at the Lochmoor Club, Valentine is retiring.

And like many retirees, he's planning to spend a lot of time on the golf course. Only this time it's going to be different. Instead of teaching other folks how to play the sport, he's going to play more of it himself. In the real world, club pros don't get many opportunities to hone their own game.

"That's a misconception of being a golf pro," Valentine said before heading to his winter home in West Palm Beach, Fla. "I played once every two weeks."

That's because he was so busy with his work at Lochmoor. He was in charge of the entire golf operation. The long hours paid off. Three times his shop was ranked among the top 20 private clubs in the United States. Ten of his assistants are head professionals.

"Those are my kids," Valentine said. "Work three years under my reign and you're ready for anything. There's nothing you haven't seen."

This summer Valentine plans to play the entire Michigan PGA tournament series, and he thinks he can be competitive.

"I've won quite a few events, but never played a practice round," he said. "I'd leave work here, get to the (tournament site) at 10 p.m. and I'd tee up the next morning. It'll be a different scenario getting there a day early and working into it like I used to. Hopefully, I'll have the fire in my belly, and want to do well."

Valentine isn't retiring because he's a dottering old man. Far from it. He can still hit a ball as straight and as far at 58

as he could when he was a contender on the PGA tour in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1981 he was 39th on the money list.

Glenn Johnson, the five-time Michigan Amateur champion, lives near Valentine in West Palm Beach, and they were members of a foursome that played regularly during the winter.

"(Johnson) was instrumental in what I did," Valentine said. "One day when we were playing he said, 'Valentine, you're the best driver of the ball I've ever seen. You're 58 and you've probably got seven more years to enjoy this. You're in good shape. You hit it as far as when you were on the Tour. Enjoy life. When you're 65, things change.'"

Valentine had been contemplating retirement. He made some shrewd business investments while he was playing the Tour. He has a business degree from the University of Georgia, where he was an All-American golfer, and planned well for his retirement years.

"Fifty-eight is a good age to retire if you can do it," Valentine said.

"I'm going to miss it, but it just seemed like the time. I'm sure eventually I'm going to have to find something to do. But during the season, I worked seven days a week, 70 hours a week. I'm going to take a break for a year."

Valentine will be spending his summers in Michigan. Lochmoor's membership made sure of that.

"The greatest thing happened when I left. They gave me a full membership here," Valentine said. "So the members who wanted to watch me play are going to get that opportunity next year."

The new head pro is Jim Wilson, who had been at the Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti.

Valentine remembered when he took the Lochmoor job in December, 1990.

He left the PGA Tour a year

earlier and was working in Atlanta at the Pine Tree Golf Club.

"I saw some of my buddies just hanging on playing," Valentine said. "I was still exempt, but I could see the younger players coming up. I was 39, and I had a good education. The senior tour isn't what it is now, so I was wondering, 'what am I going to be doing when I'm 50?'"

He had a couple of offers to go into the insurance business, but decided to work a year as a golf professional. Then he got word that the Lochmoor job was open.

Valentine was familiar with the club. He knew former Lochmoor pro Jim Picard. He also knew some of the members from his tour stops in Michigan.

"Dr. (Herb) Krickstein was the president and we hit it off immediately," Valentine said.

It was a cold, blustery day when Valentine had his interview. It was nothing like a native Georgian was used to.

"When I got off the plane, I couldn't envision myself being here," Valentine said.

He returned to Georgia that night and the next morning was offered the job.

At the time, Valentine was a finalist for two other head professional jobs. One at the Park Country Club in Buffalo, N.Y., and the other at Atlanta National.

"All three said they were going to offer me the position," Valentine said. "If I went to Atlanta National, I wouldn't have to sell my home, but their board wasn't meeting for another week and Dr. Krickstein kept calling and calling."

Valentine asked the Lochmoor president if he could wait until the weekend to make his decision. In the meantime, he kept calling Atlanta National to see if it could speed up the process, but to no avail.

"On Sunday, I called (Atlanta National) one more time and told them that I told Dr.

Krickstein that I'd let him know that day and that I'm going to accept the job there," Valentine said. "Of course they called me on Tuesday, and offered me the position at Atlanta National."

That left Valentine with mixed feelings.

"I sat down with my mom (Bonnie) and dad (Dr. H.E.) and said, 'I've got a problem,'" Valentine said. "I accepted the job at Lochmoor on Sunday and now they've offered me the job at Atlanta National. My dad said, 'you don't have a problem. You accepted the job on Sunday and your word's your word.'"

His dad then asked how long the contract was for. It was a two-year deal.

"He said he spent four years in the Philippines as a doctor in the Marines," Valentine said. "He said, 'two years in Detroit is nothing.' I said, 'two years in Detroit might be like four years in the Philippines.' But it turned out to be the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

"I met some great people here. This club is a spectacular club — the tennis, swimming, junior golf and the social events are second to none."

One of the junior players Valentine worked with was Krickstein's granddaughter, Morgan Pressel, who is one of the bright young stars on the LPGA Tour.

Valentine could tell her about some of the pitfalls in playing the pro tours.

"You have to have the personality where you don't mind being on the road for nine months of the year," Valentine said. "Some people can't handle the tour because of that. That was one of the issues I had. If you had asked who'd have the best career coming out of college — Lanny Wadkins, Tom Kite, Tom Watson or me — they'd have said me. I've never been married and playing the tour single isn't easy. There are a lot of dis-

tractions and sometimes you lose your focus."

"There are some things I shouldn't have done — actually lots of things — but I look back and there's not a thing I would change, even going to the pajama party at the Playboy Club and having a 7 a.m. tee time."

Valentine joked that if he ever wrote a book about his life it wouldn't be "Valentine's Day" but "Valentine's Night."

Valentine got into golf almost by accident. In high school he starred in football, basketball and baseball.

He was an All-State football quarterback and averaged 45 yards-per-kick as a punter, but his only scholarship offers were to some mid-major schools like East Carolina, Wofford, Furman and Appalachian State.

In the spring of his senior year, he didn't play spring football. Instead he played golf and finished second in the state tournament to Lyn Lott, who also played on the PGA Tour. He was offered a golf scholarship by the University of Georgia.

"A cheerleader at Georgia was the first true love of my life, and since Georgia didn't offer me a football scholarship, it seemed like the thing to do," Valentine said.

He did come in for some good-natured ribbing from his college sweetheart.

"She was on the cover of Sports Illustrated twice and I never made it," he said with a smile. "She was running out with the Georgia mascot, Uga."

When Valentine arrived at the Athens campus, he sat on the bench for the first year. The Bulldogs were an NCAA golfing powerhouse, and freshmen had to wait their turn.

"I wasn't as experienced as the other guys," he said. "They were all champions growing up and I never played enough golf to learn all the nuances. This was the first time I just played one sport."

Finally, Valentine got a

chance to play in a tournament late in his freshman year and he finished first. He never left the lineup after that.

He won four Southeastern Conference championships and just missed winning the NCAA championship as a junior. That year he was a first-team All-American and was joined on the first team by Wadkins and John Mahaffey, while the second team included Kite, Andy North and Watson.

Watson got his measure of revenge a few years later when he beat Valentine on the third playoff hole at the Atlanta Classic.

That was one of the biggest thrills of Valentine's pro career.

"Another was having a chance to win the U.S. Open at Merion and playing with (Jack) Nicklaus," Valentine said. "We lost to (Tom) Weiskopf down the stretch."

He developed a friendship with several of the Atlanta Flames before the NHL team moved to Calgary, and he hung out with Wayne Gretzky.

"Gretzky and I got to be pretty good friends," Valentine said. "When we were both single we ran around a little bit. He's the classiest human being ever."

If retirement bores Valentine, he could probably be a golf commentator.

"One day at the Buick Open. Frank Chirkinian, who was the head of CBS Sports, Gary McCord and I were sitting in the bar," Valentine said. "I made the cut on the number and McCord missed it. Chirkinian said they were looking for somebody to fill in the next day. McCord said, 'I'll do it.' I said, 'I've got to play.' One stroke and it might have been me. I've got as much b.s. in me as anyone."

That might have been good for the folks who watch golf on television, but the members of the Lochmoor Club would have missed out on something special.

SWIM: South also beats CC

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North's Michael Lane was also a double winner with firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:03.62) and the 100 breaststroke (1:05.28). Both times were state cuts and season bests.

South's winning week continued against Catholic Central when the Blue Devils won nine of 12 events.

After finishing second to the Shamrocks in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle, South took first in the 200 IM with David Cockell (2:10.72); the 50 freestyle, Mandel, 23.29; 100 butterfly, Kaminski, 58.72; 500 freestyle, Powell, 5:06.88; and the 100 backstroke, Shook, 59.79.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Joe Hessburg, Jack Hessburg, Kaminski and Johnson was first in 1:38.30; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Mandel, Joe Hessburg, Powell and Shook had a winning time of 3:31.53.

Long won the diving with a personal-best score of 295.70.

North had several season-best performances in the South meet. They came from Lane, Jeff Moore, Bob Rader, Chad Tech and Michael Seago in the 50 freestyle; Max Hunt, Moore, Rader, Cameron Howle, Ryan Seago and Jeff Burns, 100 freestyle; Howle, Hunt, Scott Adelson and Tommy Milne, 200 freestyle; Howle, Alex Fly and Adelson, 500 freestyle; Robert Tripp, Louie Sarovolat and Michael Seago, 100 backstroke; Chris Bill, 100 breaststroke; Andrew Paige and Stephen VanBeek, 100 butterfly; VanBeek, Fly and Sarovolat, 200 IM; and Sean Ireland, Mitchell Gross and Wesley Channell, diving.

South hosts Hartland at noon Saturday.



Tommy Valentine is joined by his parents, Dr. H.E. and Bonnie at his retirement party at the Lochmoor Club.

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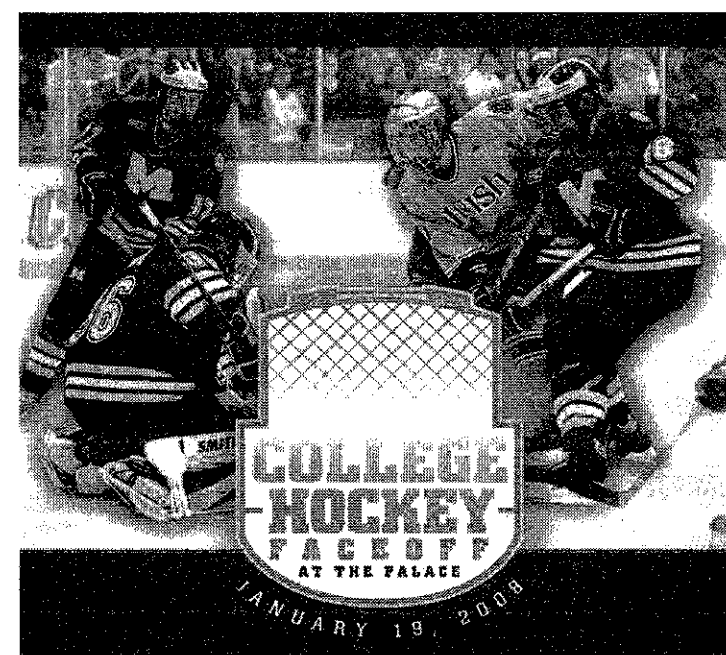
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Perfect South pair

Grosse Pointe South wrestlers Joey Konen (125 and 130 pounds) and T.J. Carter (171) each went undefeated in their four matches to help the Blue Devils finish third at last weekend's Lake Shore Invitational.

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There's plenty of action in front of De La Salle goalie John Kleinhans as Grosse Pointe South's Brian Auty (10) and Jimmy Morris (94) try to jam the puck past him.

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Goals scarce for South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last week was a strange one for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team.

The Blue Devils couldn't buy a goal.

After losing 3-0 to De La Salle on Wednesday, South dropped a 2-1 decision to Divine Child on Saturday.

"We had more than 60 shots in the two games and only one goal to show for it," said South coach Bob Bopp. "I thought we played our best game of the year against De La Salle, but their goalie (John Kleinhans) was great. That save he made on Lance Lucas was one of the best saves I've seen all year."

"I wasn't happy with the Divine Child game. We had some distractions, but you have to overcome those things. I wish we could have played the next day, but we have to wait until Saturday. I hope the team comes out fired up."

If that's the case, Allen Park could be in for a long night when it visits the City Sports Center on Saturday, Jan. 19.

South outshot De La Salle 31-13 but the Blue Devils couldn't get the puck past Kleinhans, who recorded his second straight shutout.

"I think we stole one," Pilots coach Dan Barry said. "South outskated us and outplayed us. They probably deserved to win this game, but our goalie has been playing great."

There were just under four minutes remaining when Kleinhans robbed Lucas during a South power play. Nearly everyone in the arena thought that the Blue Devils had tied the game a 1-1.

"When (Kleinhans) came over to the bench, he said, 'don't ask me how I stopped that one, because I don't have any idea,'" Barry said.

South had applied heavy pressure around the Pilots' net for most of the third period, but Kleinhans kept coming up with the save. He robbed Jack Sklarski early in the period, then made a save on Sam Mott and another save on Mott with Tim Shield at the edge of the crease waiting for a rebound that never came.

The game was scoreless until De La Salle's Dexter Jacques scored a power-play goal with 22.9 seconds remaining in the second period, assisted by Bill Coole and Matt Gasior.

Jacques gave the Pilots a two-goal cushion when he batted the puck out of the air and into the net with 1:22 remaining in the game. De La Salle's Jeremy Gave capped the scoring with an empty-net goal after South pulled goalie Trevor Sattelmeier for a sixth attacker.

"Nick Cinqueranelli and Brandon Brundige had their best games, and they've played well all season," Bopp said.

The Divine Child game was scoreless until the Falcons' Anthony Stankiewicz broke the deadlock at 8:20 of the second period.

It looked like South had tied the game but none of the officials saw the puck go into the net and bounce back out again.

South finally got the equalizer with 1:31 left in the second period on a goal by Lucas, assisted by Sklarski and Arthur Griem.

The tie was short-lived, however, because the Falcons' Zack DiBiasi broke the deadlock with 51 seconds remaining in the period.

"I'm not sure that puck went over the (goal) line," Bopp said. "But you can't do anything about those kind of things. You have to play over that."

The Divine Child game was costly in another respect. Chris Shields and Rudy Vandenbroeck each suffered injuries and are expected to each miss several games.

"Shields has played well all year, winning faceoffs and using his speed to make things happen," Bopp said. "It was tough to see Rudy go down, too, because he's worked hard and got the chance to take a regular shift."

It's surprising to see South struggle to score goals because the Blue Devils have played so well on the power play.

"Our power play has been phenomenal all year, but we've stalled a little bit lately," Bopp said. "I think sometimes we're trying to make the perfect play, making that extra move when we should be shooting. I don't think the players have lost any confidence even after we've lost two in a row. They still think they're a good team — and they are."



North's Brian Lockhart controls the puck against Brother Rice.

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NORTH: Wins 7-5 in semifinal

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North broke the game open with five goals in the second period and the contest was ended by a mercy rule after the Norsemen scored their second goal of the third period with about five minutes remaining.

Kovacs had two goals and two assists, Neveux had two goals and an assist, and Gibson had two assists to go with his goal.

Dante Deserrano, Tim Tibaud and Capp scored North's other goals.

North reached the championship game with a 7-5 victory against Portage Central.

Gibson broke a 5-5 tie with 3 1/2 minutes left in the third period, and Kovacs capped the scoring with a shorthanded empty-net goal.

Gibson finished with two goals and two assists, and Neveux also scored twice.

Kovacs had a goal and an assist, while goals by Ben Scarfone and Tibaud completed the North scoring.

"It was just an up and down game," Lock said.

"They'd score a goal and we'd come back and tie it."

North began the week with a 5-4 overtime loss to Brother Rice in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

The contest was typical of North's league games this season.

"We've got five of a possible six points," Lock said. "Of our five losses this year, three of them have been in overtime. We have to keep getting better so that we can win those games in overtime."

North fell behind 3-0 against the Warriors.

"They had a lot more jump at the start," Lock said. "It was our first game back from the break, and it was their second. That might have had something to do with it."

North got power-play goals from Kovacs and Deserrano in the second period to cut the Rice lead to 3-2. The Norsemen

had another good opportunity, but hit the goalpost on a breakaway.

Brother Rice restored its two-goal lead early in the third period, but North came back with late goals by Deserrano and Kovacs to send the game into overtime. Those goals were also on the power play.

Kovacs got the equalizer with 23 seconds remaining when North had pulled the goalie for an extra attacker, giving the Norsemen a 6-on-4 advantage.

Gibson had two assists.

Brother Rice spoiled the comeback when it scored the game winner off the opening faceoff of the overtime.

"We could have packed it in when we were down 3-0, but we kept battling," Lock said. "They're a skilled team and they were flying, but we came back strong."

North had two more tough games this week against league foes. The Norsemen played Catholic Central on Wednesday, then they'll travel to Clarkston for a game Saturday.

Knights hold off 'Jackets skaters

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The University Liggett School boys hockey team began 2008 with a bang, beating Birmingham Detroit Country Day 3-2 in front of a standing-room only crowd.

"The break was good for us and the boys responded by hitting hard, skating hard and beating a good hockey club," head coach Terry Olson said.

After a scoreless opening period, sophomore Dan Zukas scored at the 10:05 mark of the second period to give the home team a 1-0 lead.

Sophomores Rory Deane and John Stockmann drew assists.

The Yellowjackets scored twice early in the third period to grab a 2-1 lead. The deficit didn't last long as junior Drew Amato tallied at the 10:52 mark, assisted by sophomore James Palmer.

The Knights scored the game-winning goal at the 7:44 mark when senior Mike Thomas turned on the red light. Mike Burchi and Steve Morris had assists.

The Knights were whistled for a penalty with 1:22 left in the game and again with 32 seconds remaining, leaving them two men short.

The Yellowjackets pulled their goalie, giving them a 6-3 advantage during the final half-minute of the game.

"Our penalty killers did a great job of clearing the puck and Vernell (Johnson) made some nice saves to lead us to the big win," Olson said. "Our kids played hard and I hope they can keep this momentum going after they take exams."

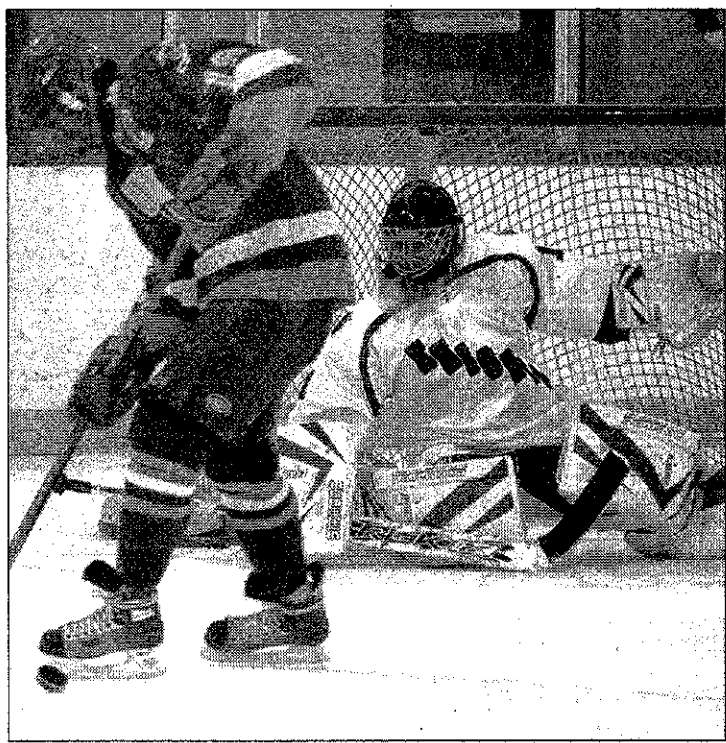


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University Liggett School goalie Vernell Johnson gets ready to make a save against Detroit Country Day.



Maters feted

Grosse Pointe South senior Ben Maters, center, was selected as the Channel 7 McDonald's High School Scholar Athlete of the Week. At South, Maters has earned high academic marks, he was a captain of this season's football team and was one of the lead characters in the school's production of "Beauty and the Beast." With Maters at the filming, which aired last Sunday, is South athletic director Brandon Slone, left, and Channel 7 sports anchor Don Shane.

Early goals lift North past ULS

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team used two early goals to beat University Liggett School 3-0 last week.

"We didn't play our game tonight, but at least we won the game," said North head coach Scott Dockett. "We were able to carry the play in Liggett's zone for most of the game, but I didn't see us dominate like we can and we made their goalie look like Patrick Roy."

"We played a scoreless game after the opening period," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "The girls played a good game against a very talented team. I hope they continue to play this well because we have some big games coming up."

The visiting Lady Norsemen scored their three goals in the first period.

Nikki Capizzo and Angela Giorgio scored goals 45 seconds apart and Megan Bergeron tallied the third goal with 1:01 left in the stanza.

Katie Latimer, playing for the first time since breaking her collarbone in the first game of the season, and Alexa Quinlan drew assists on Capizzo's goal, while Lauren Walsh and Kailley Sickmiller had assists on Giorgio's goal. Capizzo and Alexa Lucchese assisted on the final goal.

ULS netminder Janaya Gripper was stout, stopping 33 of 36 shots. Her counterpart, Rachael Lentz, stopped six shots to post the shutout.

Lady Knights forward Paige Counsman had two chances to get her team within striking distance in the final period, but both shots just missed the outside post.

"I'm really encouraged with this effort," Owczarski said. "We can make a move up the standings if we play this well in our next few games, which are against teams ahead of us."

The Lady Knights missed the services of two players, including starter Morgan Ellis, leaving the squad shorthanded.

North hosted Bloomfield Hills Unified the following night and cruised to an easy 8-0 victory.

Sickmiller played goalie for the first time in her career and earned the shutout.

Offensively, the highlight was provided by Jacqueline Reardon, who scored her first goal late in the second period.

Other goal scorers were Quinlan, Christie Listwan and Taylor Moody with two apiece and Capizzo.

Latimer, Capizzo, Giorgio and Walsh each collected two assists, while Lentz, Reardon, Quinlan and Kara Yeager each had one assist.



Grosse Pointe South's Kate Graham battles Ford II's Tiffany Wisniewski for a loose ball.

South beats LCN; bows to Ford II

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team is beating the teams that it should defeat.

Now coach Kevin Richards would like to see the Blue Devils steal a couple of victories from the teams above South in the Macomb Area Conference White Division standings.

"We've got to find a way to generate points against some of the better teams," Richards said after the Blue Devils' 57-35 loss to Utica Ford II.

"We're giving up too many offensive rebounds, and we have to improve on that if we're going to beat the better teams like Ford, Romeo and Chippewa Valley. We have to do everything right to beat those teams, and (against Ford) we had some costly turnovers. We didn't always defend like we should. We have to do some work on our help defense."

Ford went ahead to stay midway through the first quarter on a three-point basket by Meredith Smith that triggered a 9-0 run by the Falcons. Ford led 28-18 at halftime.

South made a bid to cut into Ford's lead early in the second half. A pair of free throws by Chloe Srebernak and a basket by Clare Conway cut the margin to 30-22, but the Blue Devils committed turnovers on their next three possessions and never got closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"We had our chance there," Richards said. "We got some stops on defense, but we couldn't answer on the offensive

end."

Allie Drewes led Ford with 15 points, most of them coming inside the paint. She also had six rebounds. Lea Jones had 10 points and Smith added eight for the Falcons.

Srebernak led South with 13 points and six rebounds. Kate Pangori had nine points and five rebounds.

The Blue Devils also got solid performances off the bench from Jackie Farber and Ellen Switala.

"Jackie had a lot of injuries, so it was good to see her play like that," Richards said. "If she can play the point, it'll let us move Clare to the two or three positions where we can take advantage of her shooting skills."

"Ellen has been struggling a little, but she's been working hard in practice. It was good to see her hit a couple of shots."

Earlier, South rolled to an easy 57-31 victory against L'Anse Creuse North.

"I know their personnel pretty well, so we were able to come after them and create some turnovers," said Richards, who coached the Crusaders a year ago. "They had three people handle the ball most of the time last year, so the others are inexperienced."

Pangori hit a couple of early three-point baskets to get South rolling and with six minutes left in the first half, the Blue Devils had a 33-3 lead.

Srebernak led South with 16 points, while Aisha Rodney, Pangori and Kimmy Leverenz added 10 apiece.

South plays at Dakota on Friday.

Rochester hands North its first loss

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Nobody wants to lose a game, especially when it ends an eight-game winning streak, but Grosse Pointe North coach Gary Bennett could find as many positives as negatives in the Norsemen's 45-38 defeat against Rochester in a non-league girls basketball game matching two of the top Class A teams in the state.

"It was a lot of fun — a great game," Bennett said. "It had the feel of a regional final game. It was noisy, the gym was almost full and it was super intense. Both teams played hard. At the end of the game, I felt it gave us exactly what we needed. We needed the experience of a tournament game and we got it."

"Rochester is a very good team. They're deep and very talented. They're fundamentally sound. They're well-coached and they execute well."

Rochester started the game with a full-court press that bothered the Norsemen.

"It was a good experience for us," Bennett said. "We got a good exposure to their full-court pressure. We knew what to expect but didn't handle it well. They forced us to play faster than anybody has this year and we committed more turnovers."

North committed 14 turnovers in the first half as it fell behind 25-18 at the break.

The second half started better for the Norsemen.

"Our first possession of the second half was outstanding," Bennett said.

In short order, North had cut the Falcons' lead to 25-22. Rochester came back to go ahead by seven and the Norsemen would slice the margin back to three or four points.

That's how it went for most of the fourth quarter. Rochester was leading 38-30 when North made its final push.

"We do a lot of things on defense and in this game we did everything," Bennett said. "They started to panic at the end and they started turning the ball over. They had the same deer in the headlights look that we had early in the game."

North cut the Falcons' lead to 40-38 with a minute to go on a basket off a steal by Kayla Womack, but the Norsemen weren't able to get the equalizer and Rochester secured the win with some free throws down the stretch.

The Norsemen probably would have gotten over the hump if they had been able to shoot a little better.

"We shot 41 percent, which isn't that bad, but we were 0-for-11 from the three-point line," Bennett said.

"You have to hit threes against a good team to open things up inside. Then we missed five or six layups, and three of them were uncontested. If you had told me that, and that we'd miss nine of 11 free

throws, I'd have said we'd have lost by 20."

"I thought our effort was fantastic. I'm disappointed we lost, but at the end we were starting to get it. We were dictating what would happen on defense. Rochester is one of the best teams in the state and if we meet them again (in the state tournament) we'll have to shoot better and start better. But in terms of our work ethic and doing what we wanted to do, I'm not disappointed."

Ariel Braker had an outstanding game as she finished with 16 points, 13 rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Kelly DeFauw had nine points. Christine Klein had eight points and five rebounds and Olivia Stander had four assists and three steals.

The Rochester game was a far cry from North's next game — a 44-7 victory against Port Huron Northern in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"Their best player was out with a broken nose and we gave their guards a lot of trouble," Bennett said. "We pressed for the first 10 minutes and then called it a day."

Although Braker played less than half the game, she finished with 15 points and seven rebounds. She had 11 points in the first quarter.

DeFauw, Stander and Madie Kent each scored seven points for North.

The Norsemen have a key MAC Red game at Fraser on Friday.



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Grosse Pointe South's Erin Shook, No. 2, battles Warren Regina's Rachel VerVaecke for position in front of the net during the Lady Blue Devils' 9-1 victory Jan. 5.

South blanks Cranbrook

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Two of the state's top girls hockey programs hooked up last week with each team on the opposite end of the standings.

Grosse Pointe South, winner of several state titles, and in first place, beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, currently sitting in last place, 8-0 last week.

"The girls could have played better," South head coach Bill Fox said. "It's up to the girls to decide if they want to win or lose."

"It's executing the little things that makes a team good and I don't think we started out doing those little things. They picked it up after the midway point of the first period and beat a good team."

It was a scoreless game midway through the first period

before the host Lady Blue Devils got on the board when sophomore Shannon Gianino scored with senior Jenna Huitsing and junior Erin Shook drew assists.

Gianino made it 2-0 scoring a goal with only 15.5 seconds left in the opening stanza. Huitsing had the only assist.

Within a matter of two minutes, the Lady Blue Devils put the game out of reach, scoring three goals to give them an insurmountable six-goal cushion.

Senior Annie Shepard scored a powerplay goal at the 7:27 mark to make it 3-0. Shook and junior Kelsey Burgess had assists.

During the scoring burst at the end of the second period, sophomore Emma Hull scored twice and Gianino completed her hat trick with a tally. Burgess, Huitsing, junior Sarah Auk, Shepard and se-

nior Kathleen McDonald drew assists.

Huitsing and sophomore Tara Bolton scored early in the third period to end the game by the eight-goal mercy rule.

"I'm not happy with the result, but overall our girls are playing better," said Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Terry Brooks. "I hope we have a chance to play South again because we will give them a better game."

The Lady Blue Devils' defense was stellar. Junior goaltender C.J. Jarboe stopped only seven shots to record the shutout.

Also, South blasted Warren Regina 9-1 and Northville 6-1 to lift its record to 8-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Standouts in those games were Shepard, McDonald, Burgess, Bolton, Hull and Shook.

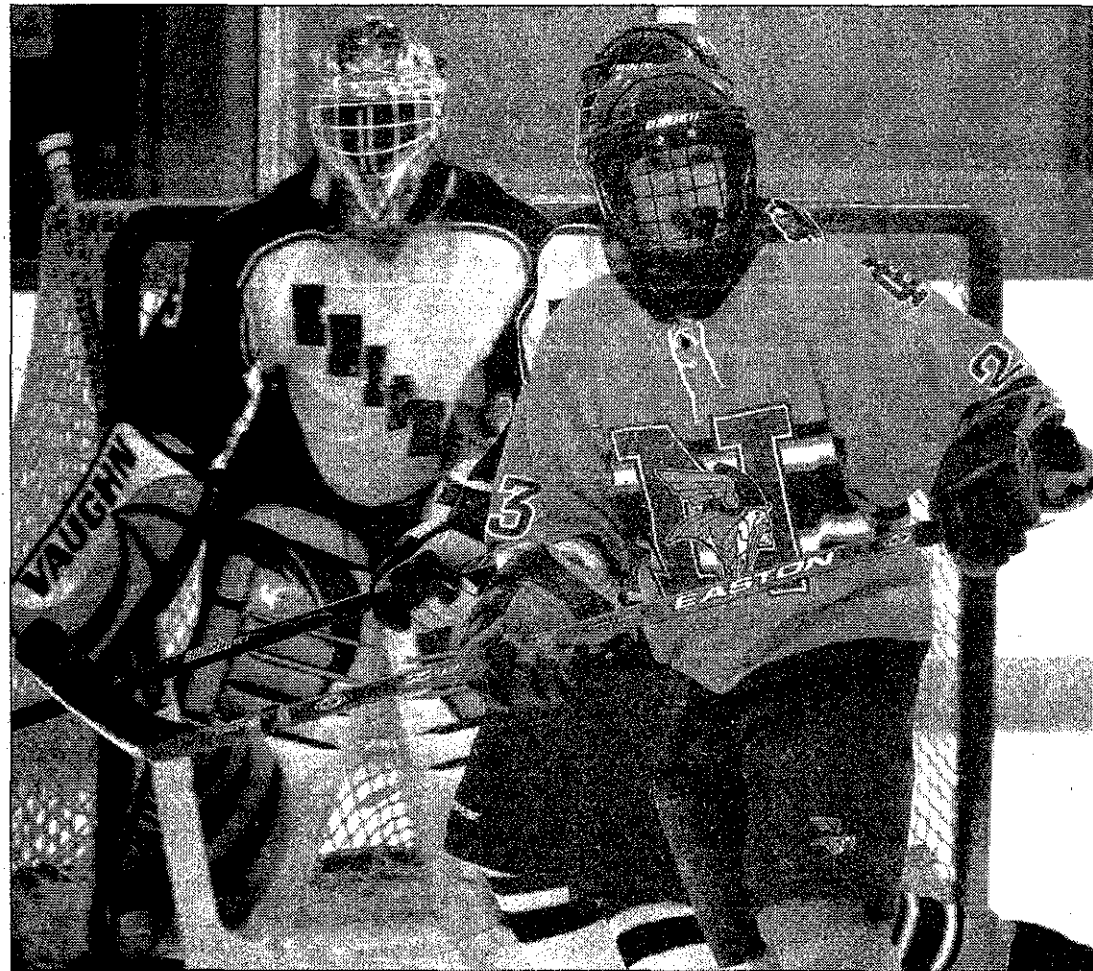


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Grosse Pointe North's Nikki Capizzo, right, was able to get one the three shots past ULS' Janaya Gripper, left.

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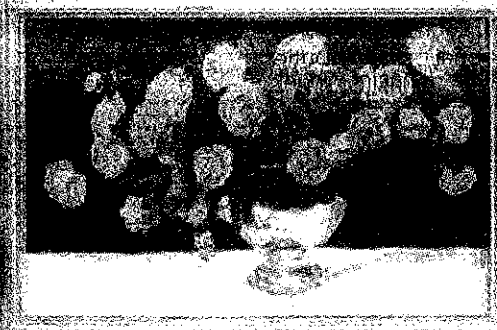
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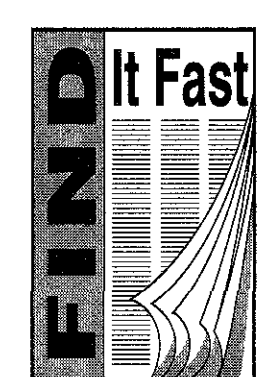
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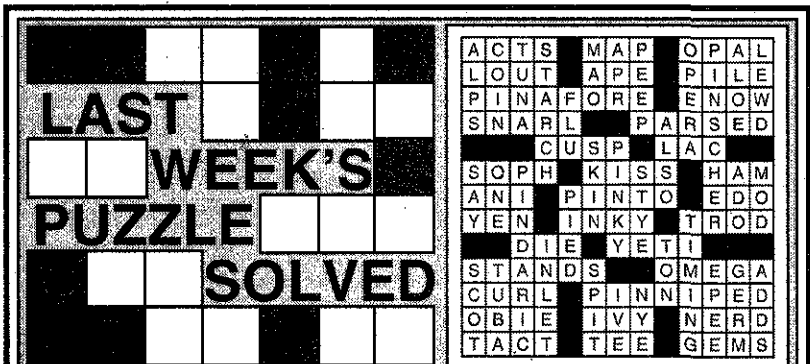
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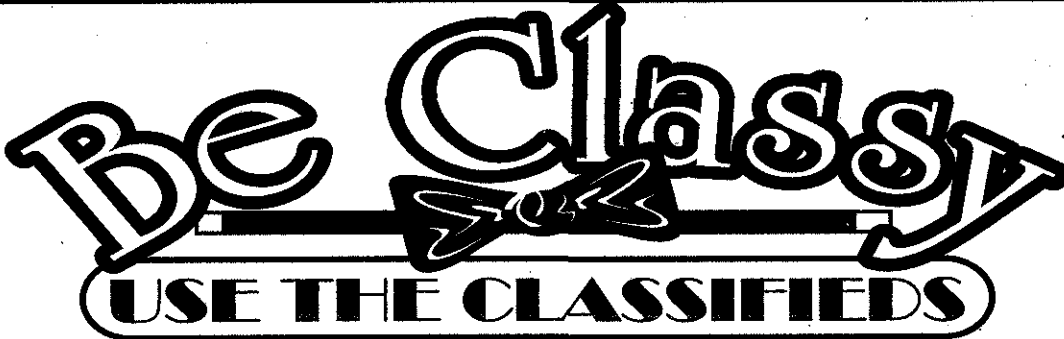
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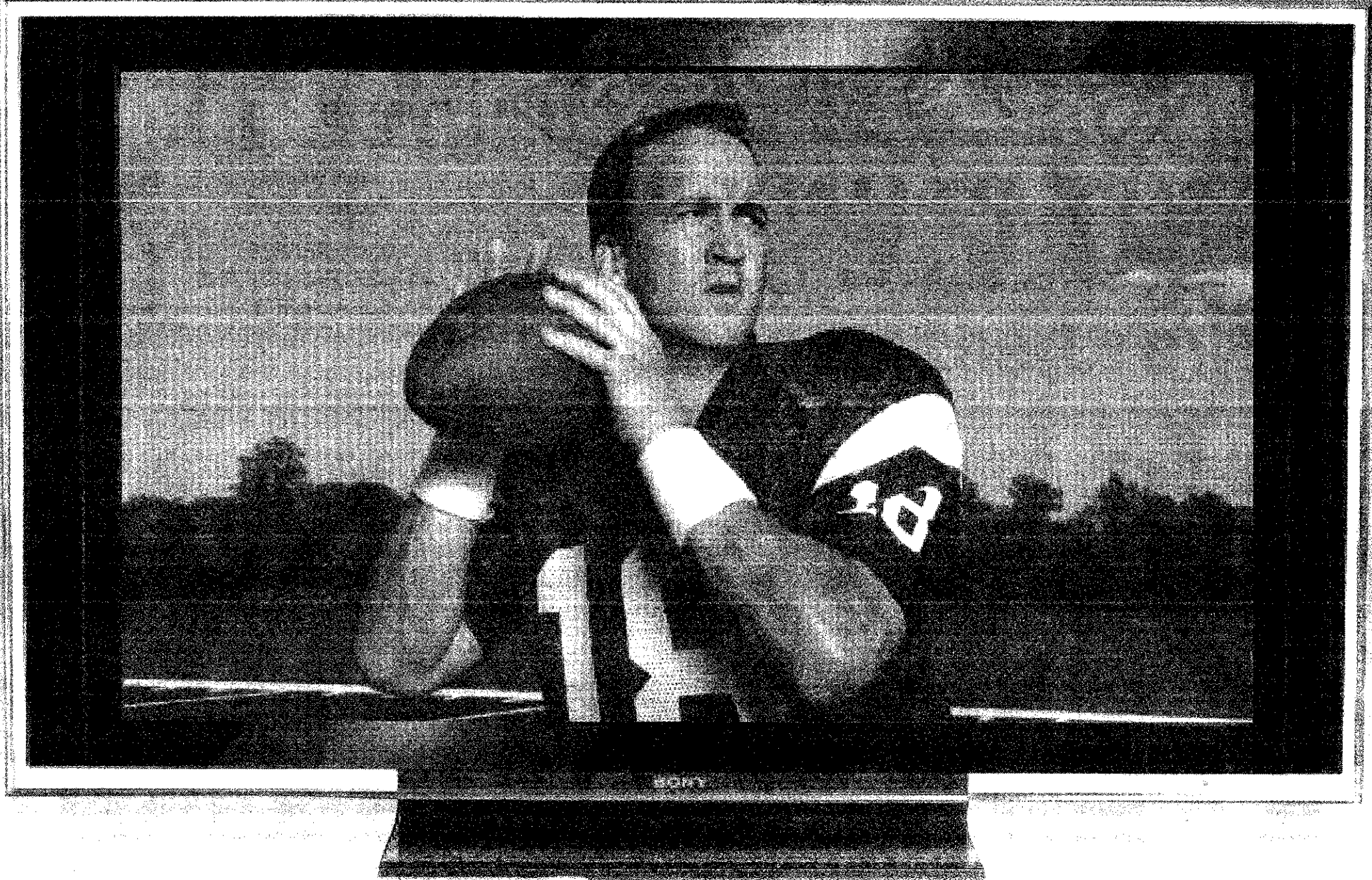
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