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SATURDAY, DEC. 20

◆ The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra performs a Christmas concert, "'Tis the Season," at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 30003 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Choir members from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church in Eastpointe will be featured. Adult tickets cost $12; seniors and college students, $10; and kindergarten through high school, $5. For ticket information visit lscso.org. Advanced tickets may be purchased at Gifts Afloat, 10 Mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Detroit Institute of Arts offers a Stencil It class from 10 a.m. to noon. Children 9 to 12 years can decorate a T-shirt. To register, call (313) 833-4249.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

◆ The radio show performance of "It's a Wonderful Life" by Biz Team Theatricals begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Adult tickets are $15 and $14 for seniors and children and are available at the door. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

◆ Luminaries can be made from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

◆ Hanukkah stories will be told at 2 p.m. by Judy Sima at the Detroit Institute of Arts. For more information, visit dia.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe chapter of Local Business Networks meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. in the AAA Michigan office, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.

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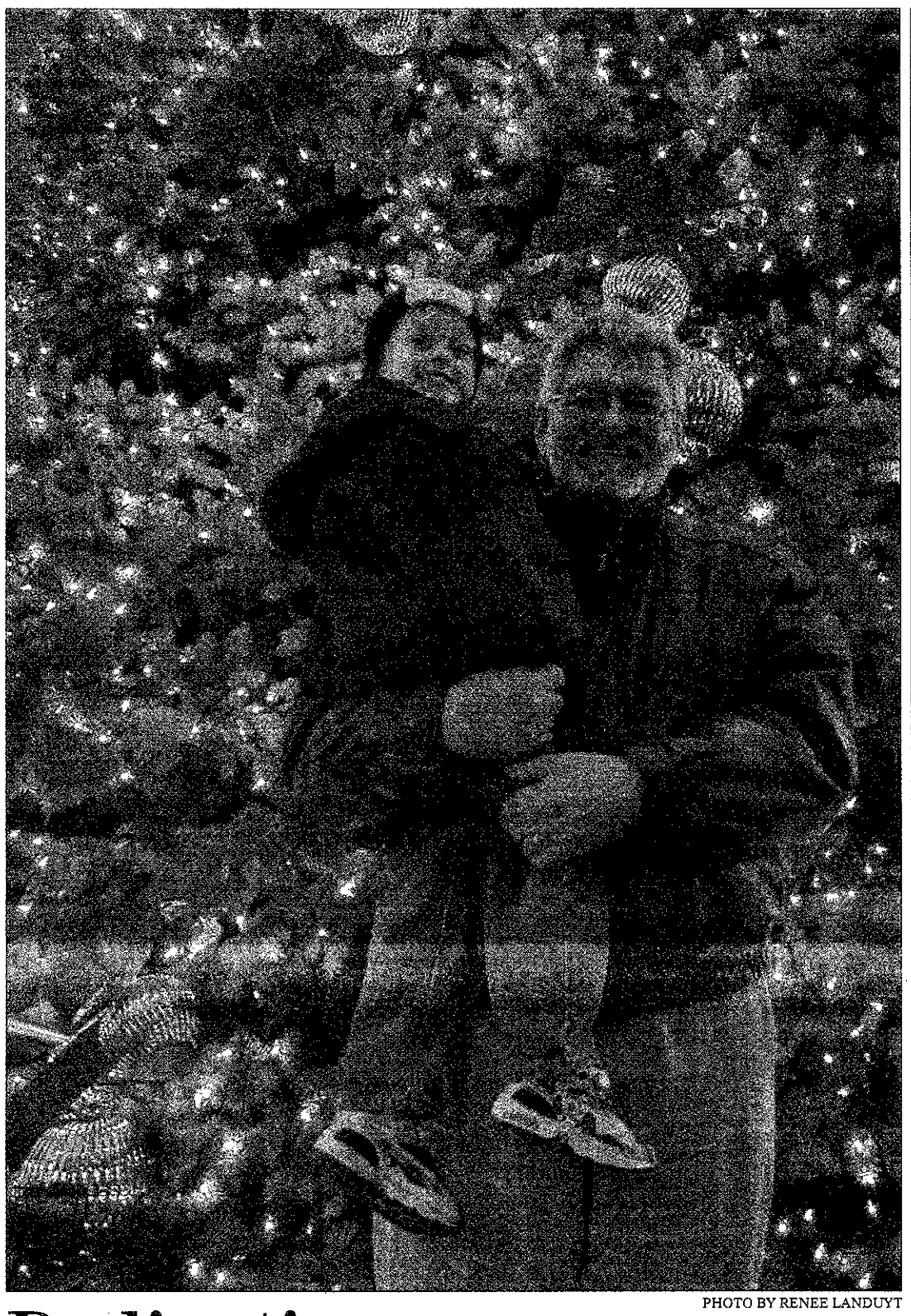

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Dedication

William Quinlan, 4, helped City Mayor Dale Scrace light the Village Christmas tree at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. See story, page 3A

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

AG relents, approves 'city' status

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, could begin operations April 1.

Michigan officials have withdrawn opposition to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores' proposed new name, virtually clearing the way for voters to have their say about it and a new city charter Feb. 24.

Technically, the governor must approve the charter, which includes the new name, prior to the electorate having its chance.

Shores officials are confident the governor will sign off on the issue now that the attorney general's office has done likewise.

"We continue to jump through hurdles put before us," said Shores President Dr.

See STATUS, page 10A

Giovan steps in

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

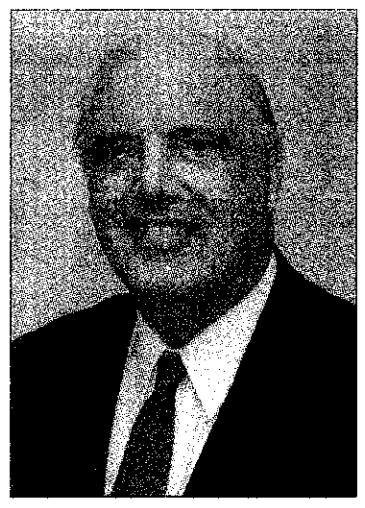
Judge William J. Giovan, who retires this month as Wayne County Circuit Court chief judge, won't be hanging up his robe or putting away his gavel for very long.

In January, he takes over as visiting judge for the Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores municipal courts, replacing Judge Lynne A. Pierce who won a seat on the Wayne County Circuit Court last month.

Giovan will serve until a new judge is elected in November to complete the final two years of Pierce's four-year term.

While a special election could have been held in February, Grosse Pointe Woods city officials, citing budgetary restraints, chose to appoint a visiting judge. Once that decision was made, Giovan's name headed a very short list of candidates.

"I think I speak for the community when I say that we are honored that a jurist of his stature is willing to serve as our municipal court judge," said



Judge William J. Giovan

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke. "He has an outstanding reputation."

Woods city attorney Don Berschback echoed the mayor's sentiments.

"The cities of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores will be well served," he said. "We're looking forward to working with him."

There is no official starting date, but Berschback said Giovan will hold court shortly

See JUDGE, page 10A

RENDERING: COLE & RUSSELL ARCHITECTS

There are plans to replace the Kroger grocery store and parking lot in the Village with a two-floor store and a parking deck.

Kroger could go two stories

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Final plans for a two-story Kroger grocery store in the Village, complete with jumbo-size escalators for shopping carts, should be ready for review in late January.

The structure would replace the existing store on Kercheval. An accompanying three-story parking deck has been proposed on Notre Dame where a municipal surface-level parking lot has stood for decades.

"To see Kroger submit a plan in which they're potentially spending $20 million is something we should be excited about," said City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Chris Walsh.

Kroger will continue operations until site plans are approved and the store is demolished, city representatives said. The store also was granted an extension on a temporary occupancy permit

See KROGER, page 10A

POINTER OF INTEREST

'Events like the gingerbread house give people a reason to come back.'

Kate Hopper

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 36
Family: Husband, Patrick; children, Caroline, 8 and Patrick Jr., 6
Claim to fame: organizer of gingerbread house contest
See story on page 4A

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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ **EXPRESSWAY ADDITION OPENED:** The opening of an eastside extension of the Ford Expressway brought the freeway closer to the Pointes and more accessible to Pointers who use the way in their daily travels.

The new section, 3.1 miles long, lies between Mount Elliott and Norcross in Chandler Park and is the longest single stretch of expressway ever opened at one time in Detroit.

Expected to be completed by late 1958, it is a second extension to the Detroit city limits at Moross, thus bringing the expressway still closer to the Pointes.

◆ **KERBY WIDENING TO BE DISCUSSED**: The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council will hold a public hearing in January to hear arguments from residents living on Kerby Road from Ridge Road to Grosse Pointe Blvd., on a proposed widening of that section of the street.

Residents will be asked to give their views on whether the road should be widened by two or four feet. The present width is 24 feet.

◆ **POP DRINKER TONGUE TIED:** A 13-year-old Grosse Pointe Park youth could not talk while being transported to Bon Secours Hospital by Park police.

While sipping a bottle of ice cold pop, the boy got his tongue stuck in the bottle.

At the hospital, a well-tapped blow broke the suction, releasing the boy's tongue.

FROM THE DEC. 17, 1998 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1998: CYO champs

Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea's seventh and eighth grade volleyball team won the Catholic Youth Organization City Championship and posted a 22-0 overall record. In front, from left, are Sara Chapman, Renee Russo, Meg Seago, Meg Sweeney, Lauren Stavale and Meg Luzi. In the middle row, from left, are Kate Monahan, Chelsea Ochylski, Kristina Seago, Erin Tobin and Lauren Andary. In back, from left, are Marie Vervaeke, Katie Schervish, assistant coaches Nicole Russo and JoMarie Thomas and head coach Margaret Spindler.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ **THEFTS UP DURING HOLIDAYS:** A nighttime mugging of a woman in a local parking lot, four purse snatchings in the Village and a stolen cellular telephone in a two-week span added up to the need for increased caution by shoppers during the holidays.

All incidents occurred during or shortly after the victims had shopped at local businesses.

◆ **CONNER CREEK OPPOSITION:** A number of environmental groups are seeking to join the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Wayne County in a lawsuit to prevent Detroit Edison from reopening a coal-burning power plant on Detroit's eastside.

The Conner Creek plant, known locally as the "two brothers," was mothballed in the 1980s.

◆ **$5,000 ROBBERY:** A store in the Village was robbed of more than $5,000 by a man with a small silver-plated automatic pistol.

The robbery took place after the store was closed to the public. The suspect entered the business, went behind the service counter and ordered an employee to empty money from the safe.

The suspect then fled with the money to a waiting vehicle.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ **FIRE DESTROYS STORE:** Personnel and equipment from four area departments fought a three-alarm blaze that gutted The Rainy Day Co. on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The fire was discovered about 2:30 a.m. by employees of Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods, who were locking up for the night.

Investigators believe the fire began near the building's furnace and worked forward along a suspended ceiling and roof support.

The weakened ceiling and roof later collapsed. Adjoining buildings received only smoke and water damage.

◆ **BRYS TWO-WAY AGAIN:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council voted unanimously to remove the last of its one-way signs while the city prepares litigation against the state transportation department to block the proposed widening of the Old Eight Mile bridge at I-94.

◆ **TRIO CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY:** Bond was set at $500,000 cash for three Detroit men charged with holding up a man at gunpoint.

The man was robbed of his wallet on Jefferson near Notre Dame in the City of Grosse Pointe. He told police he was shoveling snow at his parents' home about 10:30 p.m. when two men approached him, stuck a gun in his back, pushed him against a car and demanded his wallet. When he complied, they ran, he said.

The suspects were later apprehended by two Grosse Pointe Park officers.

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ **LIBRARY RECEIVES $1.25 MILLION IN GIFTS:** An aggressive fundraising campaign has yet to begin, but the Grosse Pointe Public Library has already announced gifts from private donors totaling $1.25 million.

◆ **PARK LIBRARY BEHIND SCHEDULE:** Construction of the future Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library was delayed three weeks due to steel fabrication, but library planners are optimistic about work that has been done so far.

◆ **BOAT FEES UP IN CITY:** City of Grosse Pointe officials increased boat slip fees at Neff Park.

New rates range from $550 to $1,400 depending on boat size. Last season, smallest slips rented for $431 and the largest went for $1,174. A new marina is being built at the park and expected to be completed by the end of March.

— By Karen Fontanive

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Josef Bogosian graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a master's degree in aerospace engineering and works for Boeing Corp. in California. The 2002 Grosse Pointe North graduate is also a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is the son of Josef and Eileen Bogosian of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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William Wrobel of Grosse Pointe Park received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lawrence Technological University in May 2008.

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Edmond Marck of Grosse Pointe Woods received his Master of Science degree from Lawrence Technological University in May 2008.

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Several local residents were accepted for the 2008 Fall semester into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at Albion College. They are: **Eric Jenkins**, son of James W. Jenkins and Marsha K. Hall-Jenkins of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School; Grosse Pointe North graduate **Nathan Masserang**, son of Donald Masserang of Grosse Pointe Woods and Elaine Kress of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Grosse Pointe South graduate **Sydney McIlroy**, daughter of Michael McIlroy of Grosse Pointe Park and Aleksandra Miziolek of Grosse Pointe Park.

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One doggone fun birthday party

Alison Pomaville of Grosse Pointe Park spent her ninth birthday up to her elbows in suds washing dogs and raising money for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

She and 17 friends spent nearly three hours Dec. 10 bathing 40 dogs at the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash to raise $705 for the local animal adoption organization.

Instead of a party, Pomaville chose to host a fundraiser.

"I wanted to help save animals especially during these difficult economic times and I knew my friends would want to help too," she said.

The idea, Pomaville said, came when she and her mother were planning a birthday party that would include helping animals. The Grosse Pointe Dog Wash and the GPAAS agreed to help with the birthday fundraiser.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above left, Jackie Petrouleas dries a dog after it was washed and Lauren and Olivia Owen brush its fur. Above, Alison Pomaville soothes Mandy as Leann Wilch, a GPAAS volunteer, rinses the dog. Michael Marshall and Raleigh Cerre stand ready to assist. Left, **Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society volunteer Gabe Wilch, left, Jackie Kosmas, Lauren Miller and Alison Pomaville washed 40 dogs to raise money for the adoption society.**

The young dog washers met at a local restaurant before the event to don Pomaville inspired T-shirts that read, "At the dog wash we made a difference."

After the party, Pomaville handed GPAAS president Corinne Martin the money and was rewarded with a hug. Martin said the money would be used to either save an animal's life or pay a veterinary bill.

The Pomavilles have two dogs. Chance was saved from a puppy mill, and Riley was adopted from GPAAS.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Village tree dedicated in memory of Frolich

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Village Christmas tree has been dedicated to the memory of the late Jessie and Ed Frolich.

The Frolichs were longtime merchants, property owners and boosters in the downtown City of Grosse Pointe commercial district.

"Many families over the years have had a huge impact on the Village," said Beverly Leinweber, of the Village Merchants Association. "Probably no one family has meant more to the Village than Jessie and Ed Frolich."

The family owned at least 15 properties in the Village. Ed Frolich died three year ago, leaving the properties in trust.

"A lot of you might not know who he is or ever heard of him," Leinweber told a crowd of about 200, who attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Beverly Leinweber, of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, dedicated the tree to the memory of Ed Frolich, longtime Village property owner and booster.

"But, you may remember J.P. Hallmark's card shop, which is where Hickey's (Walton Pierce) is now, and the Camera Center, which was next to it. Ed owned and operated those two stores."

Leinweber is a longtime organizer of Village special events. In 1975, she and two friends organized the first Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Kercheval.

"She never would have thought, 33 years ago, that she'd be sitting on the curb with her granddaughters and see the parade go by," said City Mayor Dale Scrace.

Scrace officiated at the tree dedication and lighting ceremony. William Quinlan, 4, of the City, threw the switch lighting the tree.

The ceremony, held each year the day after Thanksgiving, marked the first official shopping day of the holiday season.

"If there was ever a year to shop local, it's this year, whether on Kercheval, Fisher or Mack," Scrace said. "It's the year to support our local merchants, who bring all of this to us, besides having wonderful shops close by."

"Its wonderful to see the festive holiday atmosphere," Leinweber told the audience. "It's a warm and friendly place to enjoy. We need, especially this year, to shop local merchants. They need you and you need them. Merry Christmas."

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

House inspections start in spring

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There are gallant knights and good knights and sweet knights and worthy knights.

Unfortunately it is for fair Frank Schulte to be anointed the black knight and wear his infamous badge.

It has become gray-haired Schulte's dark duty to give final reckoning to City of Grosse Pointe residential property owners failing the new neighborhood beautification inspection program.

Starting in spring, Schulte, the city certificate of occupancy inspector, will oversee exterior inspections of each house in the city once every four years.

"The goal is to promote preservation of property values and neighborhood beautification," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Schulte has the authority to issue citations for excessive weed, grass and shrub growth; abandoned vehicles, excessive debris, peeling paint, rotted wood, broken windows and gutters, deteriorating tuckpointing and signs of rodent activity.

"If there's quick response by the homeowner to fix items Frank determines are in violation, generally they don't make it into court," Dame said. "Even if it's brought to court, fines aren't often levied."

Council members teased Schulte that his new duty has taken him from being a housing inspector to becoming the "housing enforcer."

Dame expects some resident opposition to inspections "because you're bugging people to do something to their homes that they haven't done."

Until now, home inspections had mainly been performed only when property changed ownership or when prompted mainly by complaints from neighbors. The new policy will be executed uniformly by employees of Landscape Service Inc.

"This will go through the entire city, house-by-house-by-house," Schulte said. "They'll do survey work. I'll follow up on major complaints."

The city will be divided into four sections. Each section will be inspected once every four years. Inspectors will document violations with photographs.

"They're our eyes and ears on these items," Dame said. "When we suspect there is a problem, Frank will go out to verify whether he believes (the homeowner) should be written up."

Dame said the inspection company does work for St. Clair Shores.

"I talked to the city manager in St. Clair Shores," Dame said. "They're extremely happy with Landscape Service."

The company won a one-year, low-bid contract this week to inspect 650 houses for a total of $8,450, or $13 each.

"If applied across the board, it will greatly improve our neighborhoods," Dame said.

Letters to Santa

Santa's helper forwarded the Grosse Pointe News a few Grosse Pointe children's letters.

Here they are, as written:

◆ To: Santa Claus
Griffin's Christmas list
1. Bionicles Vezon & Kardas
2. Bionicle Mahri Gadunka
3. Bionicle Jetrax T6
4. Bionicle Piraka Thok

P.S. I'm going to be in California and spend maybe my last Christmas with my uncle Matt before he go's blind.

from: Griffin J.

◆ to santa
1. Ripstick
2. GC (Gamecube) Games
3. Nerf N-strike Vulcan
4. Buzz Bee Tommy 20
5. Funkeys
6. Apples to Apples
7. Mp3 player
8. Pro Air Drummer
9. Pogo stick

Bryan B.

◆ I want Pixos. I want a footboll boll too. I want bath blizzart. Can I have a snuggiet too! and the supransis.

Anna B.

◆ Bat Man toy. Hull toy.

'Harry B.

◆ to: santa
My list
1. Nintendo DS
2. Nintendo DS games
3. little wooden doll house furniture
4. Pet bird
5. Art supplies
6. Bird books
7. and new stuff for our room
8. mini electric scooter

From: Melissa B.

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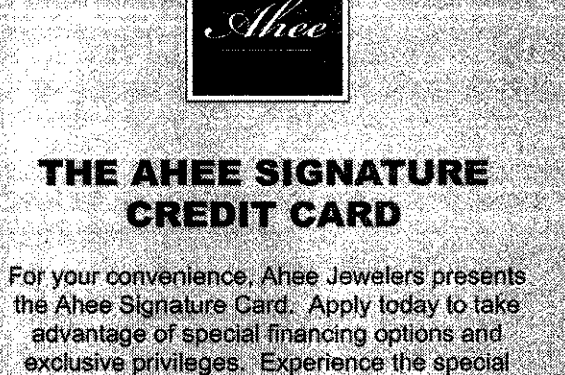

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Kate Hopper believes in keeping her options open and is surprised to discover what she can do.

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Kate Hopper decided to contribute her own creation when she was asked to coordinate the gingerbread house exhibit at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Promoting the Pointes is a (ginger) snap

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

As Kate Hopper explains it, she "gets carried away with projects."

So it should come as no surprise that not only did the Grosse Pointe Farms resident coordinate the gingerbread house exhibition at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, she contributed her own creation to the show.

"When Kathleen Mullins (Ford House president) approached me about coordinating this event, I loved the idea and wanted to jump right on board," Hopper said. "And I thought, if everyone is making a house, then me, too! Then I realized that it would be a great opportunity to honor St. Paul on its 175th anniversary, and the gingerbread church came from there."

Her replica has "stained glass" windows made from melted Life Savers, steps made from graham crackers, candy rock facades and gingerbread walls, all held together with a "cement" of royal icing. It took about a week to assemble, she said.

Like the 22 other creations in the show, it is all edible.

"It's amazing what I could find to use," Hopper said.

Other entries followed suit, including a birdhouse made of cheese crackers, gumdrop villages, an old English-style church with a thatched roof of shredded wheat and Santa's surf bungalow featuring the jolly elf and Mrs. Claus on the beach.

Those looking closely at one house with a "Beware of the Dog" sign on the fence, may notice the yellow snow just inside the gate.

"This project turned out to be so much fun," Hopper said. "We had no idea what to expect; not even how many entries. We couldn't believe the variety and the creativity. We had just expected to award a couple of prizes, but it turned out we had to create several categories because we had so many different styles."

And they accomplished the goal set by the Ford House staff.

"Kathleen Mullins had a vision; one of both whimsy and grandeur," Hopper explained. "Imagine being a child and seeing this wonderful display. I want people to come here, to visit the house and this exhibit and have that childlike feeling of wonderment and joy."

The gingerbread house project marks a return of sorts to the Ford House for Hopper. She had worked there in the mid-1990s, following graduation from Hillsdale College. She moved on, but "remained in touch."

She married fellow Pointer and Hillsdale alum, Patrick, had two children, Caroline, 8 and Patrick Jr., 6, and started her own company, Hopper Communications, which she runs from her home office. She also volunteers at St. Paul Catholic School where her children attend.

"This facility is such a treasure," she said of the Ford House. "We want people coming back throughout the year to see how much the property changes with the seasons. In the spring, we have the flowers and trees blooming. In the summer, we have the beautiful gardens in full bloom and in the autumn, we have the beautiful fall colors. Every season is breathtaking.

"And events like the gingerbread house exhibit give people a reason to come back," she said. "It reminds them why they should come back more often."

Planning events for the Ford House is a bit more sedate than some of her other event planning, including the concert series, Rockin' on the Riverfront, that brought classic rock bands like the Guess Who and Grand Funk Railroad in for shows along the riverfront by the Renaissance Center.

"They were held right off the Wintergarden," she said. "It was a great way to spend an idyllic summer night, right on the water, and people had a ball. Pat Benatar, Foreigner and Blue Oyster Cult were just some of the groups. I had such a great time putting those together.

"I never imagined an English major would be promoting rock concerts, but if you keep your options open, you'd be surprised at the different things you can do."

Hopper said she often follows her own advice and describes herself as a "very beginning gardener" and someone who enjoys cooking, but with an intensity not often seen in recreational gardeners or cooks.

'Talk about networking.... nothing can replace the connections you make in Grosse Pointe.'

KATE HOPPER, Grosse Pointe Farms

"I get carried away with projects," she said with a laugh. "I tend to get a little carried away once I start one. I guess you could say I even get a little nutty about them sometimes, then I have to get back to reality and remind myself that the laundry still needs to get done."

Promoting the Pointes and the Ford House are her pet projects.

"We are so fortunate to be able to live in this community," she said. "I grew up here, went to school at Maire, Pierce and South. After I graduated from college, I came right back.

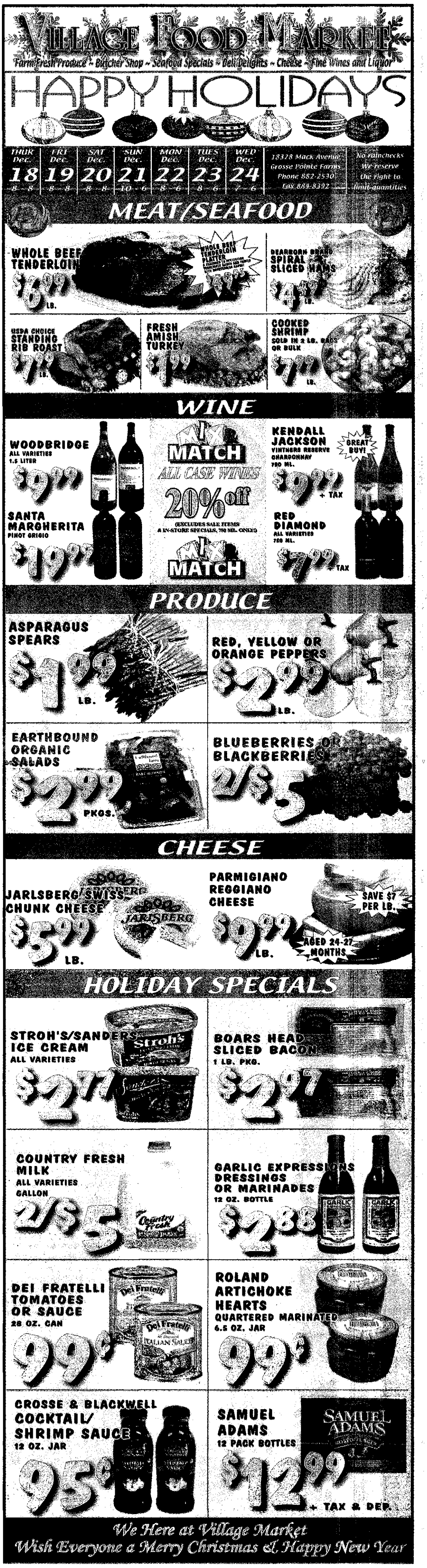
"My maiden name is Gormley, and I'm still always amazed when I go somewhere, and you get to talking and before you know it, you run into someone who went to school with either myself or my brothers and sisters.

"Talk about networking. There's Facebook, but nothing can replace the connections you make in Grosse Pointe."

See page 7C for more photos of the gingerbread houses on display at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Greg Ryan, son of Anne Ryan of the City of Grosse Pointe and Michael Ryan of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed his bar exam and graduated with honors from the University of Detroit Law School. The 2000 Grosse Pointe South graduate is employed at Comerica Bank.



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GROSSE POINTE FARMS, SHORES AND WOODS

Water tower shrinks

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Downsized options for construction of a water tower behind Village Hall are half the cost and one-third the size of what has been discussed so far.

"It would only be about 25 feet tall, about the same height as the public works building," said Mike Kenyon, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Ongoing engineering analysis of the village's water needs includes the option of building a 300,000-gallon storage tank, much smaller than 45-foot-tall, 1-million gallon tank proposed last fall to the village council.

The smaller tank would cost about $1.6 million compared with $3 million for the larger facility, Kenyon said.

The option represents one of four strategies that consulting engineers are providing the village to counter double-digit water rate increases forecast by its supplier, the City of Detroit.

A couple of years ago, engineers began studying the costs and benefits of the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods switching from Detroit and buying water from the Grosse Pointe Farms filtration plant.

"In that study, we recommended if the Shores and Woods were to join the Farms, they would have to put in 2 million gallons of water storage to meet requirements of the Farms system," said Tom Biehl, executive vice president of the Shores' consulting engineers Hubble, Roth & Clark.

The study concluded that two storage tanks of 1 million gallons each in the Shores and Woods were needed to ensure proper water pressure throughout the communities.

"It's on hold," Kenyon said. "We're still negotiating with Detroit. There's still ongoing testing with the Farms in terms of whether we will hook up with them."

Recent discussions between the two suburbs and Detroit about a 30-year contract have reportedly yielded the water customers a more favorable rate outlook.

"Detroit is interested in keeping the Shores and Woods," Kenyon said.

"Detroit indicated its rate increase might be 8 percent the first few years because of capital improvements and 5 percent for a few years after that," Biehl said.

While talks with Detroit continue, Biehl's been asked to provide the Shores with cost estimates for four courses of action:

1. Signing a 30-year water contract with Detroit without construction of a storage tank.

2. Signing the Detroit contract and building a 300,000-gallon water tank.

3. Partnering with Grosse Pointe Woods to become joint buyers of Detroit water. As things stand, Detroit sends water to the Shores through the Woods.

4. Breaking away from Detroit and joining the Farms system without the Woods.

"We've told the Shores we'll have those numbers in mid-January," Biehl said. "We're going to put together a spread sheet for the Shores financial advisors and let them run the numbers.

Kenyon said a storage tank probably could be financed through a bond, but "not necessarily."

He said, "We could do a revenue bond, which is paid for over time out of water rates."

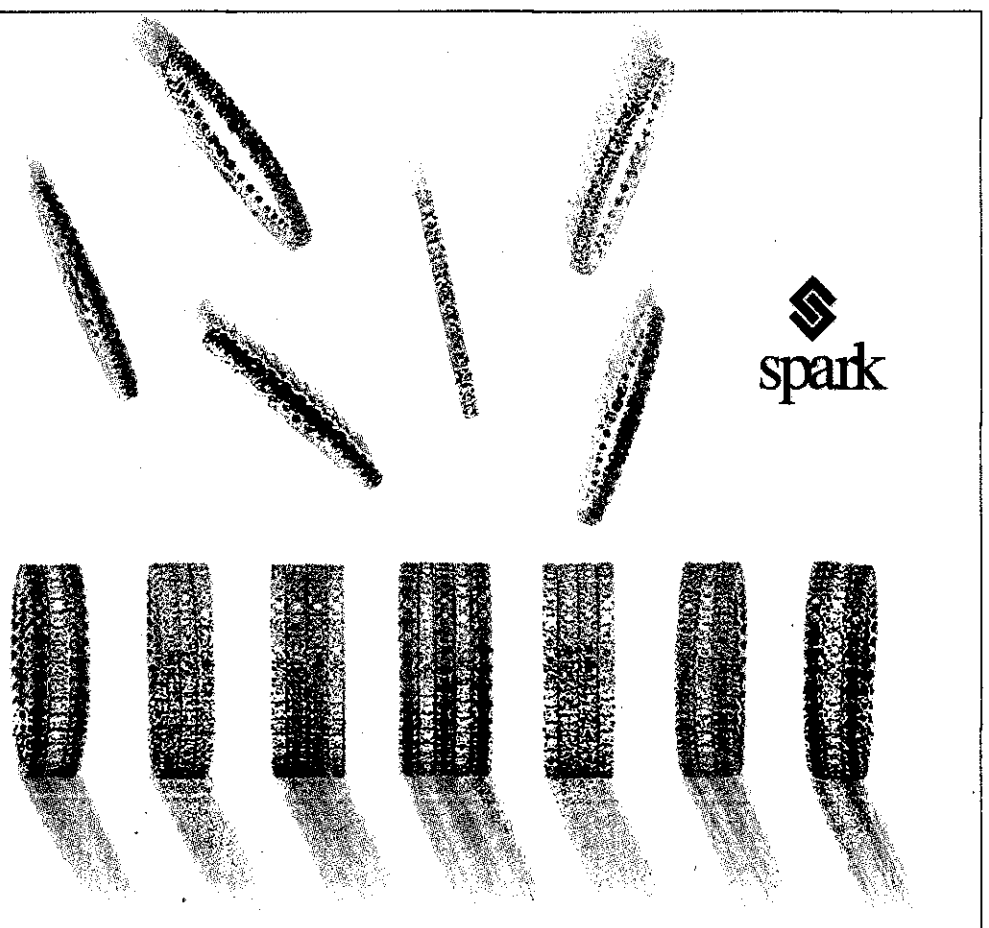
Meanwhile, Farms officials continue investigating possible upgrades to the water plant on Moross overlooking Lakeshore.

"We're still open to the possibility of the Shores and Woods remaining on board if it makes economic sense for all communities involved," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

Zoo benefits

The Detroit Zoo is offering special benefits to residents of Wayne County.

Under agreements between the zoo and zoo authorities, schools receive discounted field trip admission; the zoo will host two free Senior Days a year for tri-county seniors; and tri-county residents receive $10 off an annual zoo membership in all membership categories.



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Photo IDs combat park crashers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Neff Park administrators could teach federal immigration officials a thing or two about preventing illegal border jumpers.

"Since the City (of Grosse Pointe) began issuing photo IDs to city residents in 2006, the amount of unauthorized use of (park) passes has dramatically decreased," said Christopher Hardenbrook, recreation director. "Until then, it had been fairly easy to skirt rules regarding non-resident guests."

As the clamp-down enters its third year, Hardenbrook has proposed codifying a written policy for issuing passes to the city's residents-only lakeside park.

"The policy clarifies what individuals are eligible to receive Neff Park passes and what type of pass they qualify for," he said.

Policies reflect current practice.

"We're pretty much putting established practices into writing so there's clear understanding," Hardenbrook said. "There were certain gray areas that were up in the air. Now, it's black and white."

Councilwoman Jean Weipert told Hardenbrook, "I'm sure as it gets implemented, you'll find other areas that need attention."

Written standards are expected to make enforcement easier.

"There needs to be a clear understanding across the board," Hardenbrook said.

About half of the City's 5,800 residents have been issued park passes, according to Hardenbrook.

Prior to the photo ID policy, Hardenbrook said park staff received numerous complaints about nonresidents crashing the park and signing up for recreation programs.

"Residents could give passes to relatives who lived outside the city, who would come in and get the same treatment as any other resident," he said. "Now, its a better system to enable us to ensure registration programming for residents is indeed for residents."

Rules include:

◆ All passes are issued at the discretion of the recreation director.

◆ "The director may revoke park pass and entry privileges for disruptive behavior, repeated violation of rules and policies, or other situations as appropriate."

◆ Passes can't be shared.

◆ Replacement passes may be issued for $5.

◆ Passes must be renewed every year.

◆ A resident requesting a pass must provide valid photo identification along with one or more of the following: a recent utility bill, mortgage documents or a lease agreement. A photo of the resident will be taken and kept on file.

◆ Children at the park under age 10 must be accompanied by an "appropriate care provider."

◆ Residents can have up to two guests at the park at once unless the resident applies for a group permit.

◆ One temporary guest pass may be issued to a household at one time. Temporary passes may be issued to a resident for guests visiting seven days or more.

◆ Landlords of rental or commercial property may be issued one pass for their family.

Boaters

◆ Boat owners may submit a list of up to 10 guests with the gate guard. A group permit is needed to admit more than 10 guests.

◆ Guests of boat owners will be admitted only for the purpose of going to and from a specified boat well.

If guests wish to use park recreational facilities, the sponsor must apply for a group permit.

◆ Boat owners may enter the park when the park is closed, but must contact the gate guard before arriving.

◆ A permanent list of racing or maintenance crews may be kept at the front gate.

A list of crew members must be submitted to the park director for approval.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Dead ash dot Lakeshore

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Limbless trees stabbing at winter skies over Lakeshore may have awakened the pallid passions of Moritica Addams. Yet, they did nothing for beautification-minded stewards of Grosse Pointe Shores' premier drive.

Brett Smith, head of public service, called the partially dismembered trunks "logs sticking out of the ground."

The trees were all that was left of once-showy specimens of ash trees done in by invasive emerald ash borers.

"We have 25 ash trees on the south-end boulevard that are in need of removal," Smith said.

He said Wayne County crews helped the village remove the trees. The arrangement saved the village money, but cost it time.

"They don't work as fast as we're used to," Smith said. "However, the work they are doing, we are not paying for."

He said he checks with county crews daily to keep tabs on their work schedule.

"They seem to be getting called out on emergency work on a daily basis," he said.

Shores crews don't remove trees. Municipal work is contracted to private companies.

"Usually when we have a tree to remove, a company comes out and, in a quarter of the day, the tree's gone," Smith said. "We put in sod and you'd never know anything happened."

He said Wayne County uses

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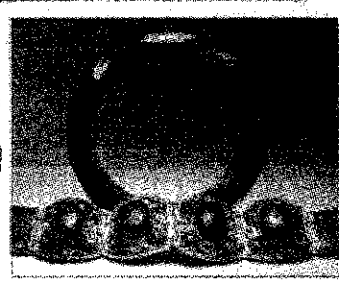

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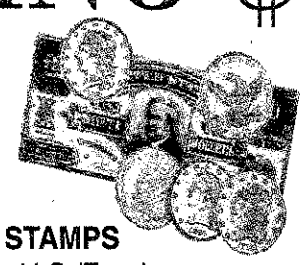

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GUEST EDITORIAL
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Requiem for reason

Gov. Jennifer Granholm promised to "go anywhere and do anything to bring jobs to this state."

To that end she's made a number of overseas trips to entice corporate executives into outsourcing jobs and operations here and dramatically expanded the state's economic development apparatus. Unfortunately, not only will these central planning programs fail to save Michigan's sinking economy, other administration policies are driving the state deeper into an economic abyss.

Instead of schmoozing with captains of industry in Japan and Germany, Granholm should have visited Sparta, Mich. That's where more than 100 jobs may soon be driven out of the state by her own Department of Environmental Quality's misguided prosecution of a local entrepreneur over a seasonal mud puddle in an industrial park.

Hart Enterprises is a fast-growing manufacturer of medical devices. In the 1980s, Alan Taylor, founder and CEO, moved the business and its five employees to Michigan. He's grown the firm to more than 100 well-paid workers and wants more.

To that end, in 2006 Hart Enterprises began a parking lot expansion on a one acre portion of the firm's property. Well into the project, Taylor was surprised to receive a letter ordering him to stop this "unauthorized activity" on "regulated wetlands" and to apply for a permit.

The frustrating regulatory quagmire that Taylor found himself in has been documented by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and is familiar to countless businesses all over Michigan. The center's property rights network receives calls regularly from frustrated business and landowners who are unable to use their property due to DEQ permitting obstacles.

Denial of a required environmental permit means no business, no jobs and no hope for Michigan's failing economy and struggling workforce. It's the equivalent of a 100 percent business tax rate and it may soon force Hart Enterprises out of a state the owner has concluded is openly hostile to his business.

To make matters worse, the DEQ's "wetlands" mischief is only the tip of Michigan's regulatory iceberg. Granholm and the DEQ have ordered — without legislative authorization — that power plants reduce mercury emissions by more than 90 percent, far more stringent than federal standards. This will further increase electricity rates that are already uncompetitive with other states.

A recently enacted law that prohibits electricity competition in the state and restores the monopolies of incumbent utilities will exacerbate this problem. Yet another new law championed by Granholm and the DEQ imposes a groundwater use regulatory and permitting regime that will transform what had been a comparative advantage for the state — abundant groundwater — into just another reason for potential job providers to say "No!" to Michigan.

Ironically, while one department makes it unnecessarily difficult to create jobs in Michigan, another claims to be doing the opposite, albeit in a completely misguided and ineffective manner.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation presides over myriad selective tax credits, abatements, direct subsidies and other goodies that it doles out to corporations and industries it deems "winners."

Since the creation of the MEDC in 1999, Michigan's per-capita Gross Domestic Product rank among the states has fallen from 16th to 41st, and the state has lost 323,000 jobs. Even if the MEDC was a jobs-creating powerhouse, it's a travesty for the DEQ to unnecessarily kill the types of jobs that the MEDC spent millions of dollars trying to create.

The fact that MEDC officials do not speak out about the DEQ's job-killing policies reveals what may be the agency's true purpose: Providing cover to politicians who need to look like they're doing something about our failing economy, but are unwilling to enact genuine improvements that challenge powerful special interests, including government employee unions and anti-development environmental groups.

Were it truly an economic development agency, the MEDC would also champion reforms such as right-to-work legislation and the repeal of a punitive gross receipts business tax, including a 22 percent surcharge imposed in 2007 to allow the Legislature and governor to avoid necessary but politically challenging transformational government reforms and restructuring.

While the governor and the MEDC are employing failed methods and taxpayer dollars to attract high-tech, growing firms such as Hart Enterprises, the DEQ is driving them off. Until the state rejects this nonsensical and self-destructive behavior, Michigan will continue to see businesses, jobs and residents flee the state.

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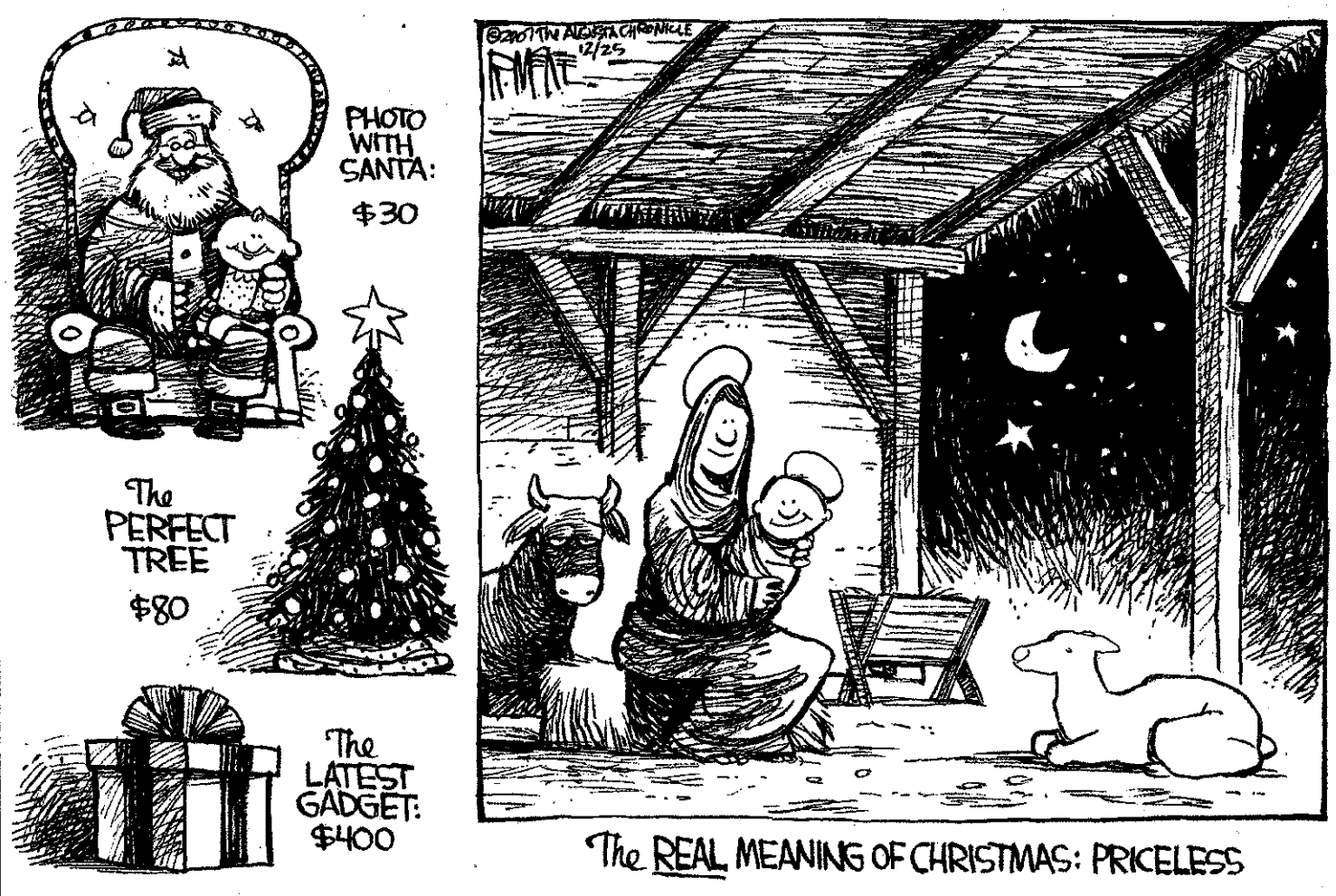

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Economic recovery

To the Editor:

The Congressional Republicans have nailed the GOP's ideological planks to the platform of "anti-Wall-Street-bailout" in October and now "anti-Auto-Bailout" in December.

They now have a vested interest in the failure of government intervention and economic stimulus.

The GOP's only hope for future electoral success lies in its ability to point to its decisions of 2008 and say, "We told you not to allow government intervention in the free market! We knew it wouldn't work!"

With our economy in increasingly dire straights, now the future success of all government intervention is further burdened by the Republican half of Congress that has bet its political future on its failure.

With their congressional seats depending on its failure, the congressional Republican's must actively work against all government intervention for the next 16 months in the run up to the next election. They have bet their political future on it to our collective detriment.

TIMOTHY BRION RITTER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Wonderful holiday show

To the Editor:

After several years of trying to find the time to see "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, I finally had a chance this past Sunday to see what was truly a wonderful show.

Marty Bufalini and his talented crew deserve a standing ovation for a very entertaining and well-orchestrated production.

I also thank the sponsors for helping make the show possible.

Everyone should take the time with their families to see it. You will be happy you did.

MICHAEL P. SMITH
Grosse Pointe Park

Village Christmas tree

To the Editor:

Early morning dog walkers, regular walkers and runners can enjoy a holiday choral treat every day by walking past the Village Christmas tree.

Not only is it loaded with festive lights, it's also loaded with hundreds of birds chirping full voice at around 7 a.m.

It's a great way to start the day — enjoy!

SALLY OWEN
City of Grosse Pointe

Blame game

To the Editor:

However it develops, the story of Detroit's auto industry will have an unhappy ending. We couldn't compete, and it cost us, big time.

There's plenty of blame to assess: Greedy, overpaid executives who built inferior cars and caved into labor demands; unions which degraded productivity; out-of-touch politicians who placed re-election before public interest; city schools so dysfunctional that graduates weren't prepared to work, etc., etc.

What we must do now is to focus upon three goals:

◆ Elect and empower leaders who have a vision for the future and who are determined to realize that vision, regardless of political consequences. Some combination of Barack Obama and John Engler comes to mind.

◆ Do whatever it takes to manufacture the next generation of vehicles in Michigan — at a labor cost below Toyota's and with CEO salaries limited to 24 times what the average worker is paid.

◆ Demand that schools teach and that parents take responsibility for themselves and their children.

There's still a chance that we can be the next "great generation." But it won't be easy to forget the "blame game" and get down to business. We don't have a minute to waste.

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

OPINION

A national Christmas celebration

The tradition of placing a decorated tree in the White House began in 1889 on Christmas morning during the presidency of Benjamin Harrison.

The President's grandchildren, young Benjamin and Mary McKee, led the Harrison household into the second floor Oval Room to take a look at the first White House Christmas tree, which was lit with candles. Filled stockings hung from the mantel, and presents, candy and nuts were distributed to family and staff.

What began as a family gathering has become a national tradition. Through the years, the White House Christmas tree has reflected the times and tastes of the first family.

Today, the first lady selects a theme and taps the talents of American artisans who give life to the idea.

This year's theme, "A Red, White and Blue Christmas," at the White House, celebrates the patriotic spirit that unites us as Americans.

This year, the White House got a little of the "Grosse Pointe touch" when Woods resident Susan Stewart spent several 12-hour days decorating it for the Christmas season.

Stewart and three of her sisters were among 92 volunteers. Her brother, Bob Scanlan, previous owner of Scanlan's florists on Fisher Road in the City of Grosse Pointe, is the assistant head florist at the White House.

"During this hopeful season we are reminded of the blessings of freedom we enjoy, and we renew our sense of what is important in our lives," said President George W. Bush. "Family and friends gather to share old traditions and create new ones. Strangers exchange smiles and tidings of good cheer. Children happily sing along to the songs of the holidays and help bake holiday treats for their loved ones.

"We are grateful to the White House executive residence staff, artists from around the country and many volunteers for decorating the White House red, white and blue. Thanks to their creativity and hard work, this year's holiday decorations reflect the best of the American spirit.

"May your holidays be filled with joy and happy memories," Bush concluded.

GUEST OPINION By Taprina Milburn

Winter hibernation

I'm ready for the beginning of winter. I have rituals for this time of the year — things I've done enough throughout the years that my family now recognize them as rituals anyway.

My pantry is stocked with cocoa, bread, cinnamon and sugar for cinnamon toast and hot chocolate snacks. There's hamburger in the freezer for chili with corn bread.

On a shelf in the garage are two inner tubes waiting for eager children to rip open on a snow day.

With the frost on the ground and the windows chilled to the touch, we will slide our toes into the warm flannel sheets and begin our winter sleep.

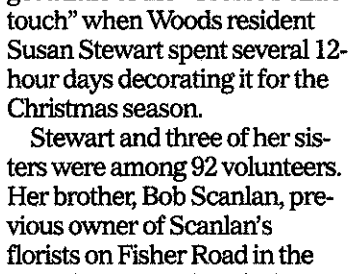
Anne Morrow Lindbergh said it best about winter, "Perhaps I am a bear, or some hibernating animal underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me."

Taprina Milburn is a writer for King Features Syndicate.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

A Christmas wish for the South

The bickering over the automotive bailout seems to indicate the South is trying to rise up again.



Perhaps we in the north should react in a fashion that impacts these rednecks where it really hurts — let's have all the domestic auto companies pull their support immediately for all NASCAR events.

Just think of the reaction from Skeeter and Possum and the other good 'ole boys in the South when their only reason for living is canceled!

Also, a good portion of the Republican senators who are voting against the loan are lame-duck senators who lost their seat because the UAW financed their opponents in the last election. Thus they are retaliating.

I think we in Michigan should demonstrate our largesse for these losers especially at this festive time of the year. Let's have everyone in Michigan send these Senators a miniature toy car to brighten their holidays. We could announce it as our "Toys For Turds" campaign.

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Choosing to cope with the Christmas rush

Recently I read an article in "People" magazine about the actor Michael J. Fox and his battle with Parkinson's disease.

In the article, Fox mentions how keeping a positive attitude helps.

He goes on to say how it's a bit corny, but each morning he tells his daughters as they leave for school, "Choose to have a good day."

I decided this was going to be my new mantra and I was going to share it.

I told my 12-year-old daughter all about the article. When I dropped her off at school that morning, we both rolled our eyes as I said, "Choose to have a good day!" When I picked her up from school, I asked, "Did you choose to have a good day?" She responded, "Of course." And then she told me how it was a good day because a social studies test was being postponed a week. Her teacher had forgotten about some meetings she had to attend and wouldn't have time to review the information before the originally scheduled test date, so the test was going to be postponed until the following week — right before Christmas.

What? What did my daughter just say? Christmas? Christmas is two weeks away? Well goodbye to my new mantra.

Choose to have a good day when I'm not done with Christmas shopping, haven't pulled a single decoration out of the knee wall or baked one batch of cookies?

Choose to have a good day when I haven't bought a tree or sent out Christmas cards?

Choose to have a good day when the vacuum decides to not work exactly when it's time to get everything nice and spiffy for holiday guests?

Choose to have a good day when I find I spend so much time shuttling my kids to parties and dances that even if I had my vacuum and baking ingredients, I don't have time to clean or bake?

Then I got ahold of myself. Choose to have a good day. Don't focus on what hasn't gotten done, but what has.

The house got a thorough cleaning for Thanksgiving, so it just needs the basics, supposedly what's getting done each week, and extra time vacuuming when the machine gets back.

A quick trip, or two or three, to the store and I've got my baking ingredients on hand. A marathon day of baking should be all I need.

I've already bought gifts for my kids and husband from my mom, mother-in-law and sister, so there will be presents to open.

A few hours of shopping and a few gift cards should do the trick.

Who needs to have a real tree up more than a week before Christmas? Certainly not me, the one who is allergic and needs to take it down after two weeks anyway.

I already have my Christmas cards, so it's just a matter of addressing envelopes and mailing them.

Does it really matter if they're received before or after Christmas? In fact, I think New Year's cards are the next "in" thing.

Hey, I kind of like this choose to have a good day stuff. And guess what?

I'm ahead of myself on something. I've got my New Year's resolution and it's only the middle of December.

Choose to have a good day – and happy holidays!

(Writer's note: Baking is done, tree is bought, decorations are out, cards are coming along. Just waiting on the vacuum.)

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you were a super hero which one would you be and why?

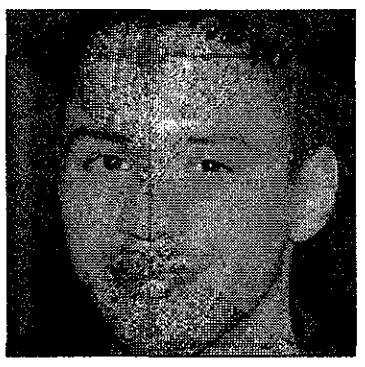
If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

'My friend and I have super hero nicknames for each other; I am Batman and my friend is Spidey Girl.'

HANNAH TRIPP
City of Grosse Pointe

'I would be Catwoman because she is really cool, she has great powers, and she is strong and confident.'

KAT TROST
Grosse Pointe Farms



'I would want to be the Flash because he is fast. I relate to his personality and he wears red which is my favorite color.'

JUSTIN MITCHELL
Port Huron

'I would be a super dog because I love dogs and if I was a super hero I could rescue dogs that needed help.'

ASHLEY POMAVILLE
Grosse Pointe Park

'If I could be a super hero I would be Bolt because I could take care of my owner, Megan, I could talk and it would be fun to be a cartoon.'

BRODIE WIRE
Grosse Pointe Farms

FROM THE ARCHIVESYI Compiled by Suzy Berschback

The life of G.P.'s French inhabitants

The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

The homes of the wealthier French habitants were generally made of logs hewn square; the interstice chinked with clay. The roof was of overlapping strips of barks, usually one story high, with a garret.

The ground floor was divided into four parts, La Grand Chambre, (parlor), LaSalle a Manger, (dining room), Le Cabinet (sleeping room), and the kitchen. The chimney was in the center of the house and occupied the space of a room. For a fireplace, a wall of stones and clay was made in the best practicable shape. An immense log reposed cozily inside. The furniture of those days was very simple. The bedroom consisted of a four post bedstead on stilts with an immense feather bed on a rope network or slats, large square pillows and a colored patch quilt.

There was no carpet; a small mat was placed near the bed and another at the door. There was no fire in the bedroom as that was considered unhealthy.

The parlor floor was covered with mats woven from rushes and swamp grasses. The chairs were of white wood, sometimes oak; the seats of rushes; the back very high and straight. The sofas were square boxes that could be opened at night and answer the purpose of a bed. In the dining room was hung the square clock. The kitchen was very spacious. Adjoining the kitchen was the bake house. The oven built of brick was generally plastered over with mortar. In the center of the floor was a wooden trough, in which the bread was kneaded. There was still a lower story in the old log house. The only entrance was by a trapdoor formed by sawing a section about three feet square from the floor formed into a door made to swing upward by a strap or ring. A ladder gave access to the cellar bottom which was a square hole under the center of the house far enough from the outer walls to be safe from caving.

In this cellar was stored vegetables for the winter, crocks of butter, lard, jars of wild honey and fruit. In one corner stood the old-time pork barrel. From its briny depths came the crisp and savory accompaniment of every morning meal and dinner of baked beans and boiled vegetables. A very common substitute for bread was hominy, a palatable and wholesome diet made by boiling corn in a weak lye made of wood ashes. After being well washed, it was boiled again to soften it when ready for use. It may be fried and seasoned or served as porridge with cream and maple syrup.

In the way of sweets, the wild bees stored up honey in the trees. The maples also contributed their store of sweetness. The Natives did not know how to make sugar out of the maple sap until the French missionaries came.

Hunting, trapping and fishing were also a livelihood at this early day. The woods and marsh abounded with game. Fishing was something of a pastime, for the lake was full of fish that were only caught to be eaten at once. Fresh fish could be obtained summer or winter and no effort was made to preserve it. Salt was very expensive almost worth its weight in gold.

At a very early day, a mill was established near Windmill Pointe propelled by the wind to grind the corn and wheat of the first French colonists. It was doubtless a crude affair, but performed the work more satisfactorily than had been done when only hand work was employed. The first important duty of the French habitant was to prepare some ground for planting and to plant what he could. The first year's farming consisted mainly of a "truck patch" planted with corn, potatoes, turnips and other vegetables.

Postal worker heroes

OPINION

Twenty billion cards, letters and packages are to be delivered between Thanksgiving and Christmas, says the U.S. Postal Service. More than 200,000 vehicles are dispatched to transport that mail, and mail carriers are instrumental in neighborhoods all over the country. Home pick-ups can also be scheduled if you can't make it to the nearest post office to send your package.

Apart from the abundance of holiday greetings this time of year, the postal system must also face an influx of other mail during the season. Stores tend to send out more flyers advertising sales, and magazines may be larger.

The holidays mark a time when you should give an extra measure of thanks to your mail carrier for the hard work he or she does throughout the year. It's also a time to show appreciation for the other people in your community who provide exemplary service.

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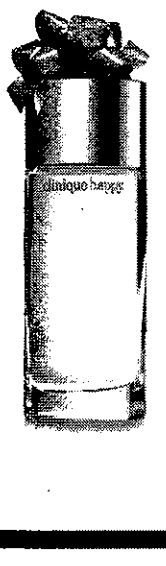

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KROGER: Expansion in the works

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to continue using an adjoining storefront.

The permit, which the city council extended four months ago to give Kroger officials more time to work out expansion details, has been extended another two months.

"By the end of February, a plan will have been approved or denied," said Peter Dame, city manager.

A team of municipal staff consultants has been addressing the Kroger issue. Members include the city planner, city engineer, a traffic consultant and more.

City officials expect Kroger representatives to attend the Jan. 21 monthly city council meeting, where the site plan could be approved.

"If issues are raised at the hearing that cannot be resolved, approvals would be considered at the February meeting of the city council," Dame said.

Kroger, a Village mainstay, has been bursting at the seams.

A couple of years ago the store acquired more space by shifting its beverage department into an adjoining storefront formerly occupied by Bath & Body Works. At about the same time, developers presented city officials an idea to relocate and expand the store elsewhere in the downtown commercial district. That idea was withdrawn 1 1/2 years ago.

During the first half of the two-month extension period, Kroger representatives have agreed to meet a schedule of intermediate benchmarks and goals regarding plans for the new store.

"We're trying to keep their feet to the fire," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

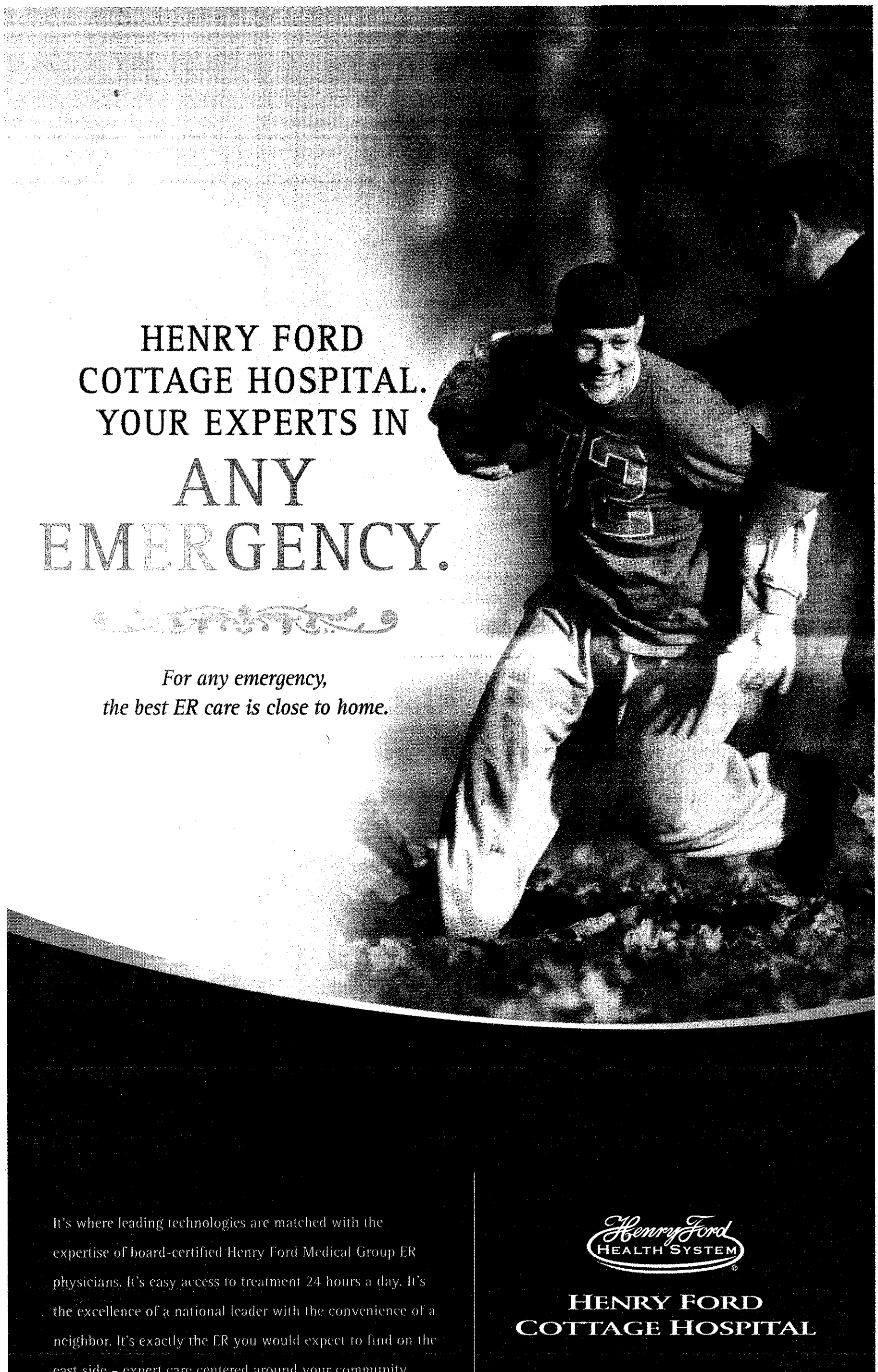
"Between now and Dec. 31, Kroger responds to information requests and questions from the city review team on various aspects of the plan," Dame said.

Incremental reviews follow each week thereafter until the January council meeting.

In a related matter, the lease Kroger has at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms has been extended.

"Originally, the lease agreement ended in May," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

"At that time, the city council approved an extension of the lease on a month-to-month basis through March of 2009. If it's going to be longer than that, Kroger will have to come back and petition the council for an extension."



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James Cooper.

Shores voters last summer decided to reorganize the nearly 100-year-old village as a city. Proposed benefits include eliminating two townships and redundant layers of bureaucracy.

As part of the switch, an elected charter commission drafted the would-be city's new governing framework. Commissioners also proposed a new name for the city that retained the word "village" as a vestige to the community's past.

"In talking to residents, it's the name they want," Cooper said.

Members of the attorney general's office disagreed. Having the words "city" and "village" in the same name was confusing, they said.

Rejection from Lansing came within the context of about one dozen Michigan communities being allowed to include both designations in their names. Also, the attorney general's office had no statutory basis for its ruling.

Shores officials persisted. State officials relented.

"The attorney general's office has determined that in the absence of a specific statute provision rejecting the name of a home rule city, the choice of names is up to the charter commission," said Mark McInerney, village attorney. "We're waiting for the final formality of a letter from the attorney general to the governor recommending approval."

Attachment to being called a village is based on more than nostalgia.

"The bottom line is, it's going to save us a lot of money," Cooper said. "If we had to change signage and things like that, it would cost us tens of thousands of dollars. People don't realize that."

The Home Rule Cities Act doesn't govern what a city's name should be, McInerney said.

"The act is designed to be broad to let localities have their say on just about everything," he said. "The attorney general's staff decided, since the legislature hasn't regulated (names), that it's our call."

The first of two public question-and-answer forums about the charter was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

A second forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Village Hall, soon, possibly, to be retitled City Hall.

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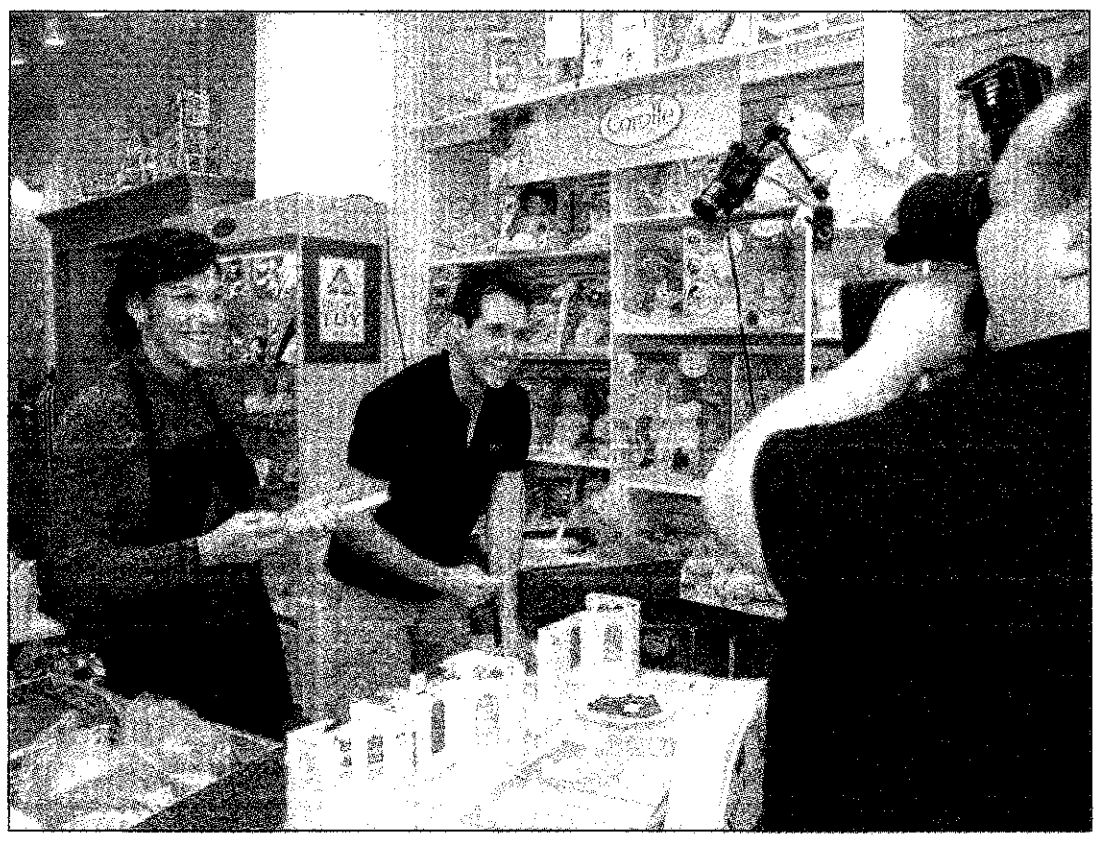
after the first of the year.

In addition to his court duties, Giovan plans to work as a facilitator to assist lawyers with settling cases outside of the court system.

Born and raised in Detroit, Giovan, 72, attended De La Salle Collegiate High School and the University of Detroit. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and has served on the Wayne County Circuit Court bench since 1976.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident was appointed chief judge last January.



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Castle competition

At the Village Toy Company Friday, Nov. 28, owner Ellen Durand and WDIV-TV Channel 4 personality Marc Santia went head to head in a live broadcast competition to see who could build a Play Mobile Princess Castle and finish first. Durand had a clear advantage. She has built this castle twice. Even though Santia has two daughters, he has never built one. "Usually when I need to put something together," Santia said, "I invite family over to help with the promise to feed them and it usually works." They appeared live on the 5 p.m. news. Durand won. Santia didn't finish, but received an "A" for effort.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Volunteer retires, says 'It's time'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

For Joan Bartoszewicz, inspiration meant more than income during 31 years of volunteering as an election commissioner in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I felt honored to have the position," Bartoszewicz said. "It was a service to the community."

She retired the day after the presidential election.

"It's time," she wrote Nov. 5 to Mayor James Farquhar and city council officials. "It has been a rewarding experience."

"It's people like you who make our community great," Farquhar said during a recognition ceremony at this month's council meeting. "We appreciate it immensely."

At the ceremony, Farquhar presented Bartoszewicz with a Pewabic plaque of the municipal seal.

Election commissioners survey precincts on Election Day to make sure things run smoothly.

"She's meant a lot to the city over the last 31 years," said Shane Reeside, city manager and former city clerk. "When I started as city clerk, she was one of the first people I met. She was extremely helpful on Election Day."

Bartoszewicz was appointed a commissioner by former Mayor Joseph Fromm, who served from 1986 to 1991.

Bartoszewicz has worked with former City Manager Rich Solak, current clerk Matthew Tepper and executive assistant Pam Baker a 29-year city employee.

"In the years I had the privilege to work with Joan, she remained the same thorough, vibrant and sweet lady that she is today," Baker said.

Some of Bartoszewicz's family attended the recognition ceremony.

"We have a big family and have been here for 43 years," she said.

She said she has nine children. Four live in the Pointes, one in Grand Rapids, two in Cincinnati, one in North Carolina and one in Atlanta.

ASH: Lakeshore trees cut

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a three-step process.

"They come out and take the brush off," Smith said. "Then, they have another crew come out and take the logs away. Then, they have another crew come out and do the stumping. We've negotiated with them for us to do the stumping."

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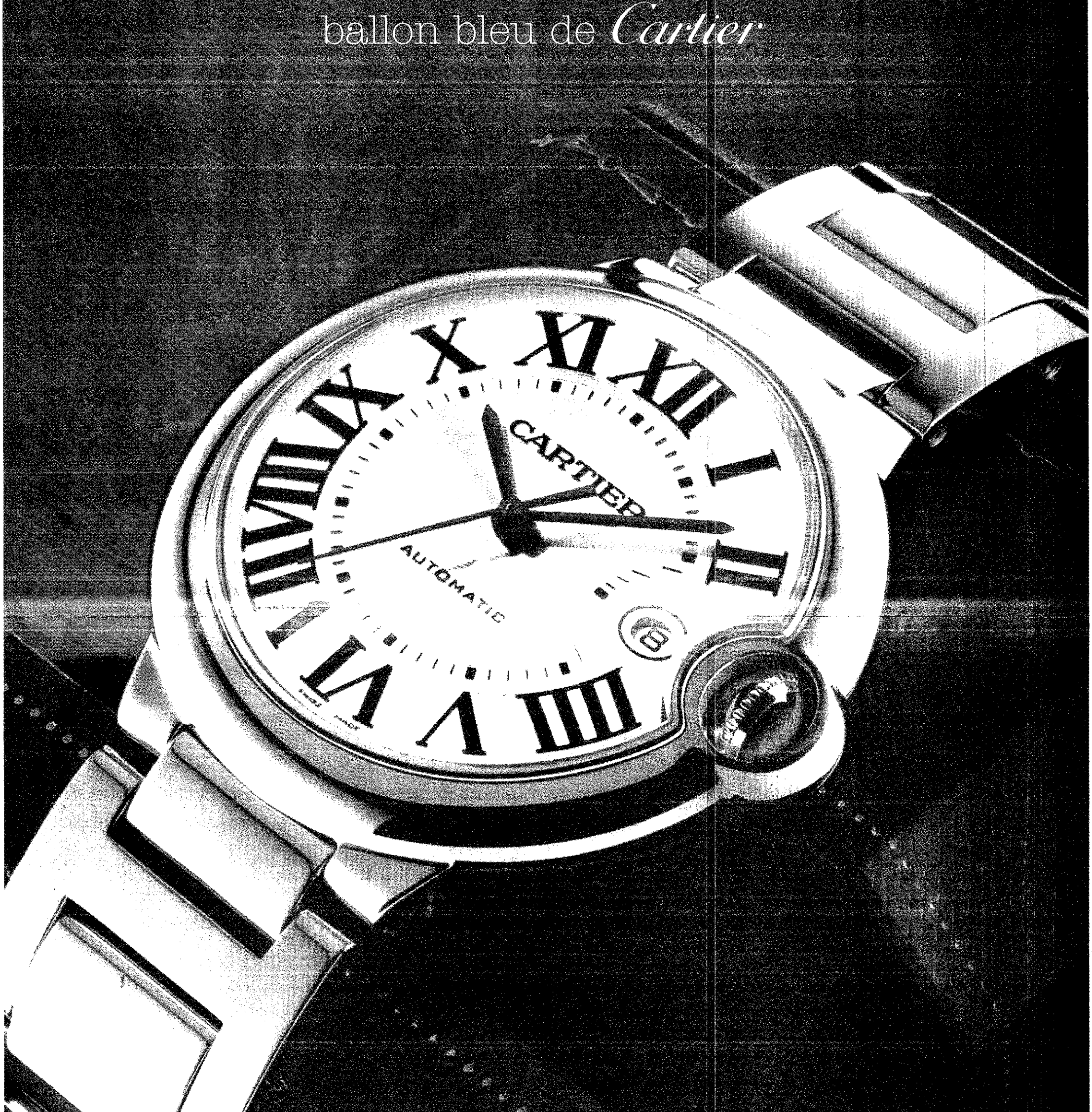

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The gift of reading

Need a specific holiday gift idea for a third grade grandson or a fifth grade niece?

The seven Grosse Pointe Public School System library media specialists are hoping you may consider the results of a district-wide election as you make your selection.

Last May during a collaborative planning time, the seven specialists decided to use the concept "I vote for reading" to help students at each grade level explore the electoral process.

"Kids are very specific about their reading preferences," said Libby Van de Putte, the library media specialist for Defer and Trombly.

Building upon that knowledge, the librarians had each classroom nominate favorite book candidates.

Then librarians pulled those titles and read them to the younger students or encouraged older students to read them so they could make an informed decision.

A primary election was held early in the fall to narrow the options. Each student voted for their favorite book using a secret ballot process.

In November, the top 10 books district-wide for each grade level were voted upon.

The lessons and ballots were adjusted as necessary. For example, kindergarten students voted by placing a sticky note over the cover image of their favorite book or using a picture ballot, while older students had ballots more closely resembling those used in actual elections.

All students discussed concepts such as having only one vote, being able to keep your vote secret, and the importance of civic responsibility and participation.

Here are the top student-selected titles by grade level.

Kindergarten: Snip Snap, What's That? by Mara Bergman; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin; Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 also by Bill Martin; If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff; Pinkalicious by Victoria Kann; Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Busby Mo Willems; Mouse Count by Ellen Walsh.

First grade: Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne; The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems; Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli; Pokemon (series) by Tracey West; Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel; Click, Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin; Get Well, Pikachu by Tracey West; Wacky Wednesday by Theo LeSieg; Do Not Open this Book by Joy Cowley.

Second grade: Tuesday by David Wiesner; Skippyjon Jones by Judith Schackner; The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog by Mo Willems; Duck for President by Doreen Cronin; The Stinky Cheese Man by Jon Scieszka; Tonight on the Titanic by Mary Pope Osborne; Horrible Harry (series) by Suzy Kline; Goosebumps (series) by R.L. Stine; Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin

Third grade: Goosebumps (series) by R.L. Stine; Guinness Book of Records, Star Wars (series) by Jude Watson; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal by Jeff Kinney, High School Musical by N. B. Grace.

Fourth grade: The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal by Jeff Kinney; Goosebumps (series)

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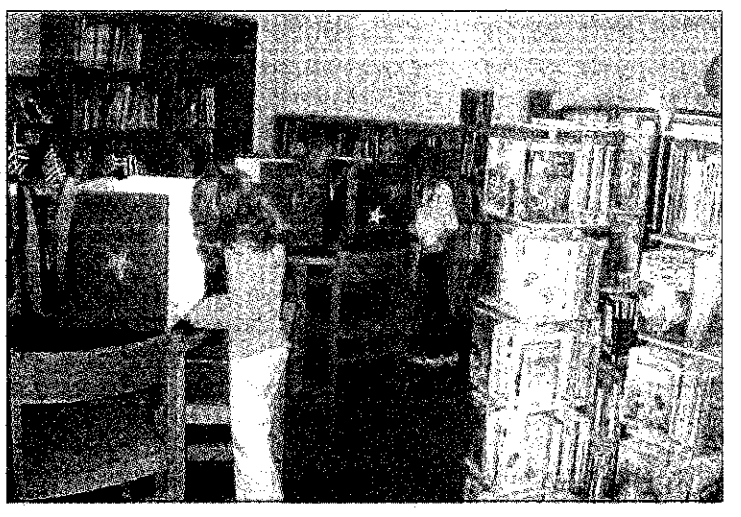

Students voted for their favorite books - a perfect idea for last-minute Christmas shopping.

The Libarary Media Specialists

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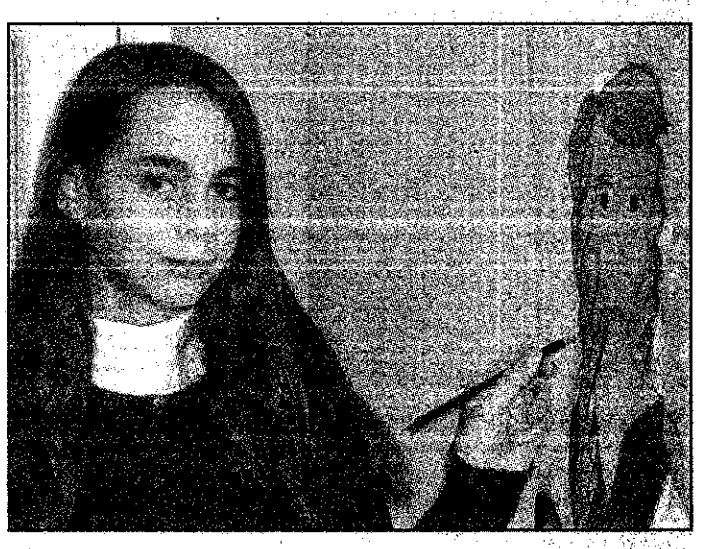
Anne Mauer: Kerby, Mason and Poupard
Sherry Martin: Ferry, Mason and Maire
Cheryl Quinlan: Poupard, Maire, Mason, and Barnes
Susan Tawile: Richard
Libby Van de Putte: Defer and Trombly
Rachel Walpole: Trombly, Richard and Maire



Chosen for art exhibit

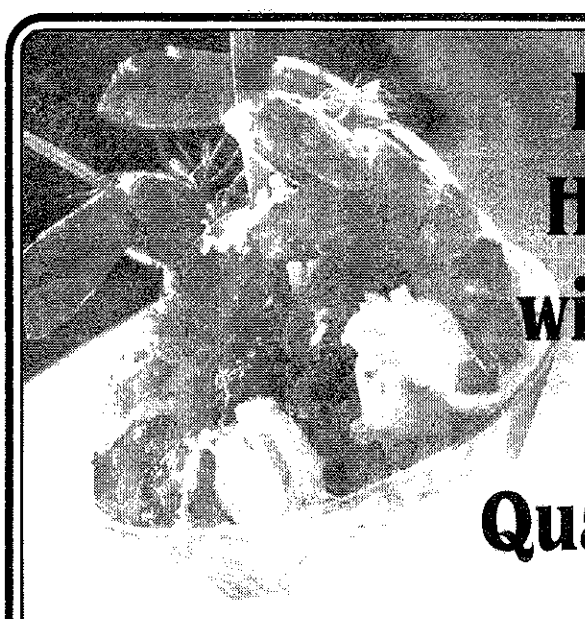
Two pieces by University Liggett School sixth-grader Isabelle Sakelaris were were included in the show and sale at the College for Creative Studies annual juried Continuing Education Student Exhibition. Both pieces, "Pass the Sushi Please," and "Four Faces of Girlhood," are fashion illustrations done with oil pastels. The art work was also featured as part of Detroit Cultural Center's Noel Night festivities in early December.

Coat drive a huge success at Richard

Richard Elementary School students recently held their third annual "Jackets and Jokes" coat drive to benefit the Capuchin Services of Detroit.

More than 155 articles of clothing including coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots were donated to the school. The children shared their clothing and their smiles by placing their favorite jokes in the jacket pockets.

Team REACH is the entire student body working to serve the community through outreach projects. The Team has collected various items and in turn has donated to many groups including hospital maternity wards, local schools, international charity organizations, and more.



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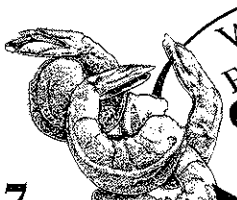

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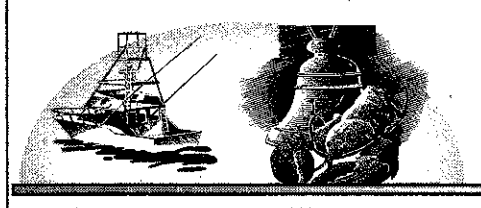

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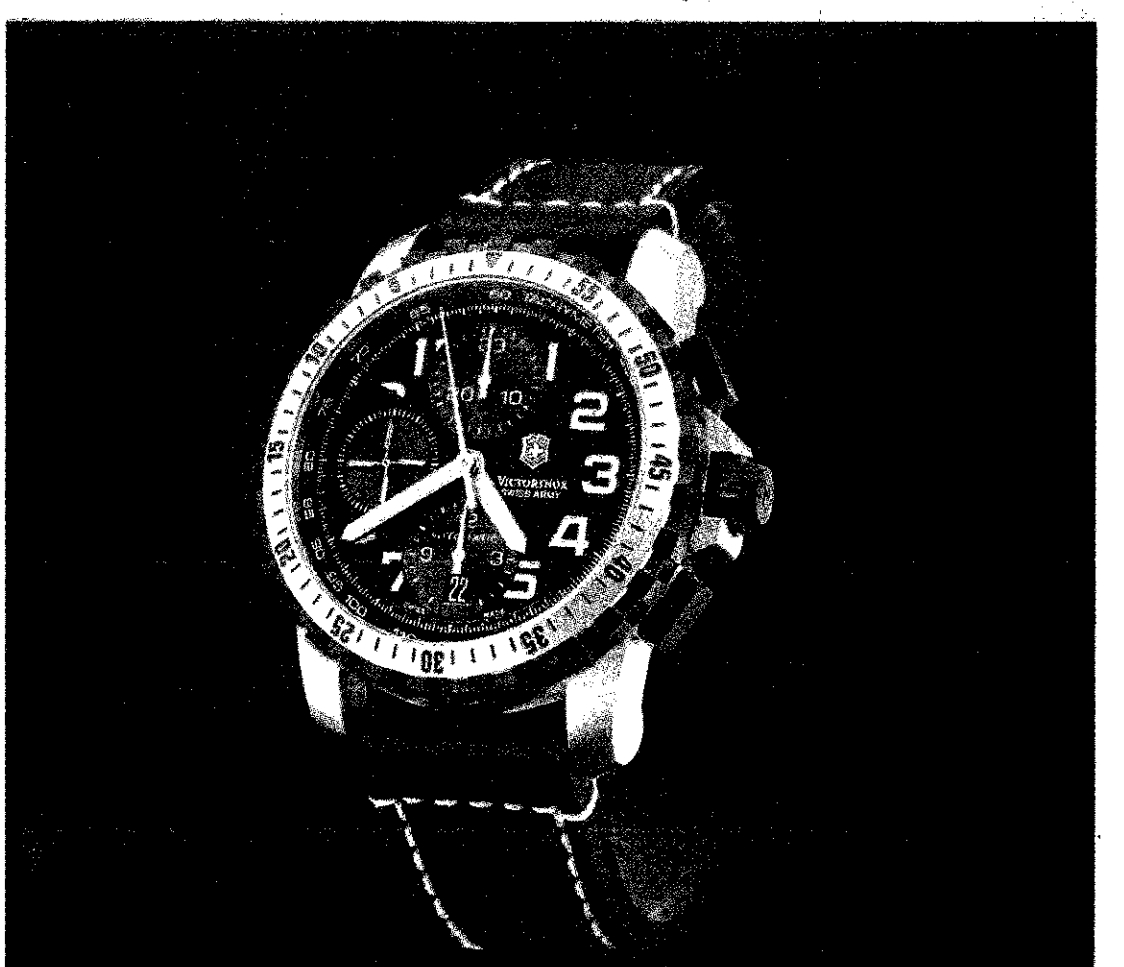

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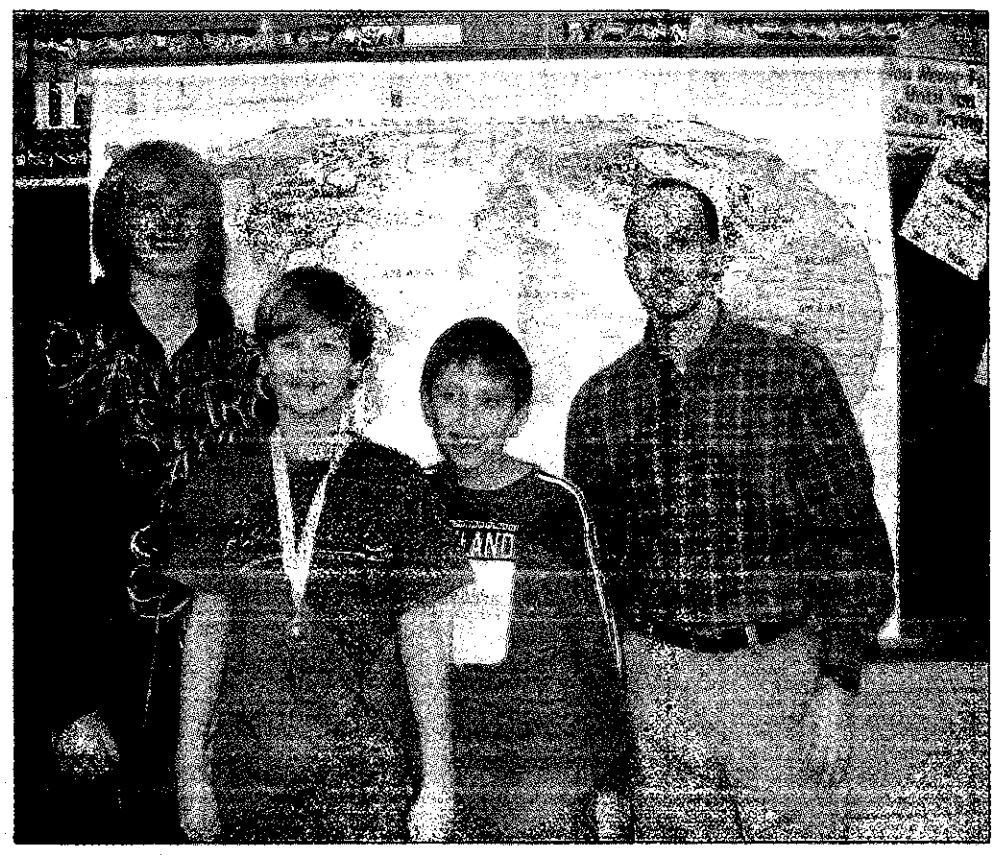

Around the world

Pacells Middle School held its annual Geography Bee Dec. 11. More than 30 students participated in the event sponsored by teacher Scott Cooper. The sixth-grade winner was Joshua Kozakowski; the seventh-grade champ was Danny MacAskill; the eighth-grade winner was Ryan Sparks and the top girl finisher was Kate Freeman. The overall school winner was Danny MacAskill. He answered the winning question: Mexico City is located on the site of Tenochtitlan (tay-no-SHTEET-lan), the island capital of what empire that was conquered by Spanish explorers in the 16th century? The answer is Aztec. At left, Sparks, MacAskill, and Kozakowski stand with Cooper.

Pierce robotics team strong in competition

A fun and fast paced new robotics program was piloted this year at Pierce Middle School. Following in the footsteps of the GP high schools, Pierce joined FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).

The Pierce Robotic Team, named The Spider Monkey Lego Heads, learned how to build a robust and versatile robot and how to program their robot to do "missions." In addition, the team presented a real life solution to a climate issue in our area, showed judges how the robot worked and why certain missions were chosen, and presented to judges the teamwork it took to get to competition.

The team worked for 10 weeks building and programming a Lego NXT robot and putting together their presentation. In the end, the team put on their yellow and black team shirts and did an outstanding job during the competition at Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights. The Spider Monkey Lego Heads finished 17th out of 48 teams. The Pierce team finished highest of the six Grosse Pointe area teams.

The team includes Ryan Hackenberger, Ian Perry, Neal Troscinski, Adam Marshall, Anthony Gennero, Steven Archinal, Andrew Meram, Andrew Korzecek, Owen Pfaff, Jack McCoy and Grant Lobert.

Busy season

Students from Christ the King Lutheran Preschool, 20338 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, celebrated the season with a Gingerbread search. The church's annual living nativity will be this Sunday, Dec. 21 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

GIFT: Last-minute shopping

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by R.L. Stine, The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks; Guinness Book of Records.

Fifth grade: The Kid Who Ran for President by Dan Gutman; Harry Potter (series) by J. K. Rowling; Number the Stars by Lois Lowry, Marley: A Dog Like No Other by John Grogan; Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney; Peak by Roland Smith; A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) by Lemony Snickett; Loser by Jerry Spinelli; Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo.

While not all of the titles would be considered great literature, the librarians did point out a few trends they noticed district-wide. Favorite books for younger children tended to be those read to them by parents and teachers, like Parts by Tedd Arnold and No, David! by David Shannon. Student selections often showed titles from series such as the Magic Treehouse series (also known as Jack and Annie books) by Mary Pope Osborne, and the pigeon series including Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems. Favorite easy to read books included Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor and the Fly Guy series by Ted Arnold.

"And what better gift could we share with our children than a book?" shared Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

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Rain breaks in time for runners

St. Clare of Montefalco School held its 21st Annual Turkey Trot Thursday, Nov. 13. After a torrential rainfall gave way to a grey sky around 8 a.m., the entire school participated in the event. After a quick warm-up the students were off and running. Grosse Pointe Park Police Sgt. Jeff Longo and St. Clare alumnus John Plotzke (Class of 2005) accompanied the students from every grade as they ran the race on the Grosse Pointe Park streets outside of school. The students run the race each year in hopes of winning the big prize, a turkey to take home to mom and dad. Top photo, Sgt. Jeff Longo, GPP Police, and St. Clare physical education teacher Beth McCreedy celebrate a successful Turkey Trot with the eighth-grade class of St. Clare of Montefalco. Above, fifth- and sixth- grade students make the turn in their trot around the blocks.

ULS student to be a U.S. Senate page

University Liggett School junior Jacob Osborn was chosen one of only 30 students from across the country to be a page in the U.S. Senate.

Osborn, 16, of Grosse Pointe Farms, said the lengthy application process began in October and culminated last week with a letter informing him he will be working in the office of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in January.

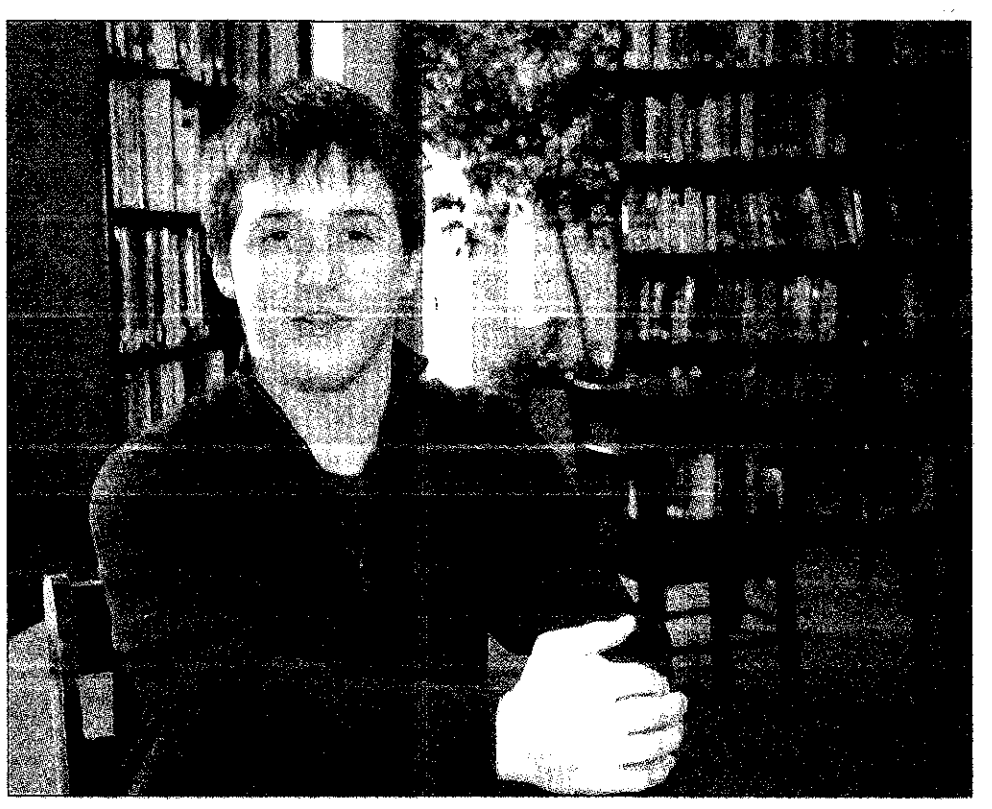
"I'm very excited," Osborn said. "This will be a great opportunity for me."

Osborn says his parents are involved in politics, and that exposure has fostered his interest in it. He's also excited to be in Washington, D.C. at this time of change.

"I get to see the inaugural address," he said, with obvious excitement.

Osborn will complete his junior year in Washington, D.C., where he will attend school while serving as a page. He will stay in a dorm attached to the U.S. Capitol and be paid $1,000 a month for his service principally as a messenger.

"These six months will be very rigorous, but they will be worth it," Osborn said.



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

An area where the **2008 Toyota Prius Touring Hybrid** surprises first time test drivers is interior roominess and cargo space. All features carry over to the 2009 model year.

'08 Prius Touring is great selling hybrid

Toyota's numerous automotive awards for its mid-size Prius Hybrid sedan are well documented. However, since the word "complacency" isn't in the Toyota dictionary, its third generation 2008 Prius continues to evolve nicely.

Now in its 11th year of production, many other manufacturers still "talk" of new hybrid offerings, or are just introducing hybrid models. Toyota has sold more than 1 million Prius models worldwide.

For those who enjoy auto history, Prius debuted in Japan in 1997, followed by a 2001 American introduction. Honda, meanwhile, was first on American soil with its 2000 Insight model, available late in 1999.

Our admiration for the Prius hybrid emerged again in our weeklong test, this time while driving its top-of-the-line Prius Touring Edition — base price: $23,220; price as tested: $26,235.

The Touring Edition offers a bit more driver input, thanks to a tweaked suspension and 16-inch alloy wheels and tires. The model also features full wheel covers over the alloys, a larger rear spoiler, high intensity headlamps and integrated fog lamps.

2008 Toyota Prius Touring Hybrid

Ready to deliver 48 city and 45 highway miles per gallon with a 46 to 47 average, the "backward" city/highway EPA figure is due to driveline efficiency, as the engine actually powers off in stop situations.

Toyota's third-generation gas-electric hybrid powertrain also offers full electric, full gas, as well as a mode that combines the power of the gas engine and electric motor. Since Prius can run in full electric mode at slower speeds or a combination thereafter to full gas, it is bestowed "full hybrid" taxonomy.

Relying on a small 1.5-liter four-cylinder 76 horsepower Atkinson gas engine and a permanent-magnet electric drive motor that produces a peak of 67 horsepower, Prius averages 110 combined horsepower. I know it doesn't add up, but that's because neither power input works at full efficiency in tandem. As for acceleration, don't expect any new quarter-mile records, but zero to 60 in 10 seconds isn't that bad for a car that, if driven properly, can easily exceed EPA averages.

Transferring power to the ground is a continuously variable transmission that does not have fixed gear ratios. It delivers infinite ratios in response to driving conditions, which I liken to that of a "go-kart" experience, whereas when you push the pedal, it goes forward.

There's more than enough leg and head room for any size adult, and when the back seats are folded down, cargo expands greatly.

We used Prius to move some business office items on an 80 mile drive, and it did so with ease, comfort and more than enough room. The dashboard allows monitoring the electric-gas power distribution on a seven-inch touch-panel display monitor.

Prius comes standard with air conditioning, ABS front discs with brake assist and an electronic brake-force distribution setup. Safety features are many, including advanced dual front air bags, standard driver and front passenger seat-mounted side air bags and front and rear side curtain air bags. The result is four and five star government crash ratings.

Our tester's $2,705 option package included Vehicle Stability Control, great sounding JBL 6-disc AM/FM stereo with nine speakers, satellite radio, Bluetooth, backup camera, smart key anti theft system and an auto dimming rearview mirror with Homelink.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3-inches, 11.9-gallon fuel tank, 2,932-curb weight, and 14.4 cubic-feet of cargo space with rear seat up.

Toyota's Prius rates a strong 9.5 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Fuel economy, interior room, best return on the dollar.

Dislikes: Rear visibility, some highway wind noise, rear drum brakes.

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DRIVEWAY By Frank A. Aukofer

Dodge gets in your face with new pickup

It smacks of getting in your face. That's the attitude the Dodge boys bring with their new Ram pickup truck.

At a time when doomsayers, spurred by rising fuel prices, are predicting the decline and perhaps fall of the full-size pickup truck, Dodge is ramming its new truck into the marketplace with announced confidence, if not bravado.

"Some of our competitors are running for cover," said Jim Yetter, the senior manager of Dodge brand marketing. "We're not. We think it's the best time to launch. The truck segment is alive.... The underlying demand for full size trucks is stable."

Buttressing that attitude is the fact that the 2009 Ram 1500 is all-new, with a few "firsts" among big pickups. They include clever storage and cargo management features and, most importantly, a new rear suspension system that uses coil instead of leaf springs.

Leaf springs have been used on pickups since buckboard days, mainly because they are simple, inexpensive, long lasting and can handle heavy loads without buckling. The downside is a hard ride and rear wheels skipping on uneven surfaces around corners, especially without a load.

"We didn't want people bouncing around when they're hauling air," Yetter said.

Calculating that customers would give up a modicum of pure trucking for a better ride and handling, Dodge engineers developed a multilink rear suspension setup with the coil springs. The Ram 1500 still has a solid rear axle, which also is necessary for hauling big loads. Leaf springs will continue on Dodge's heavier duty trucks.

In addition to restyling both the interior and exterior of the new truck, the Dodge boys also developed other niceties to add to the appeal. For the first time, Dodge is offering a four door crew cab model, which provides comfortable seating for up to six people in a capacious cabin with 121 cubic feet of space.

Tucked underneath the floor, accessible when you fold up the back seats, are a couple of covered storage compartments. Each can carry 10 12-ounce beverage cans. They have drain holes for melted ice water. However, you get only one compartment if you opt for the premium sound system. The other one is filled with a big subwoofer.

Other interior embellishments are a redesigned instrument panel and center stack, soft door bolsters and armrests, and a multitude of cup holders and cubbies. Leather upholstery, navigation and rear seat entertainment systems are extra-cost items, as is an audio system with a 30-gigabyte hard drive.

New exterior touches are an aluminum hood to cut down weight, blacked out center pillars, wraparound chrome bumpers, dual exhausts, optional 20-inch wheels and a tailgate mounted spoiler.

Much attention has been paid to the new optional RamBox. The system consists of two weatherproof, lockable storage compartments in the cargo box sides over the rear wheels. Each can hold golf bags, other sundries or up to 120 beverage cans. The system also includes a truck bed extender that doubles as a bed divider, as well as a cargo rail system with adjustable tie-down cleats.

Even with the RamBox option, the cargo bed is 49 inches wide, so the Ram crew cab can handle 4-by-8-foot sheets of plywood with the tailgate down.

The RamBox, an option at $1,895, comes only on the crew cab model, with either two-wheel or four-wheel drive. Continuing as part of the lineup are the regular cab and quad cab models, also available in either configuration.

All models come with standard safety equipment that includes front and rear side curtain air bags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability program. Optional are such items as a rear backup camera, adjustable pedals and a park assist program that warns of objects in the way when backing up.

Three engines are available: A 215 horsepower, 3.7-liter V6; 310 horsepower, 4.7-liter V8; and a new 390 horsepower, 5.7-liter Hemi V8. The V6, linked to a four-speed automatic transmission, comes only on the two-wheel drive regular and quad cab models. The V8s, which have five-speed automatic transmissions, are extra-cost options across the lineup.

Dodge claims a zero to 60 acceleration time with the Hemi engine in the short-box, regular cab model.

The test vehicle was a two-wheel drive crew cab Laramie model with a sticker price of $40,920 and $1,500 in options. It had the Hemi engine, which provided plenty of power.

Seats were comfortable and there was a remarkable absence of wind noise. With its new coil springs, the Ram exhibited controlled handling and a surprisingly compliant ride for a pickup truck. Empty, it still bounces around some on rough roads.

Aukofer is an automotive writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

2009 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie crew cab pickup truck

Engine: 5.7-liter V8, 390 horsepower, 407 foot-pounds of torque.
Transmission: *Five-speed auto.*
Overall length: 19 feet.
Weight: 5,160 pounds.
Towing capability: 7,600 pounds.
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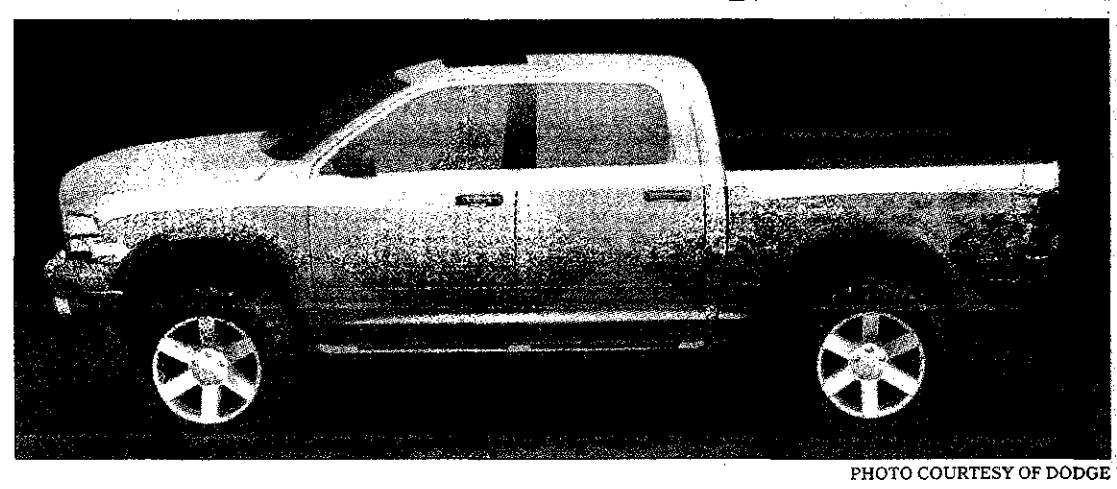
Base price, including destination charge: $40,920.
Base dealer cost: $35,180.
Price as tested: $42,420.



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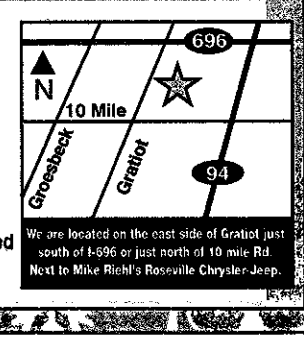

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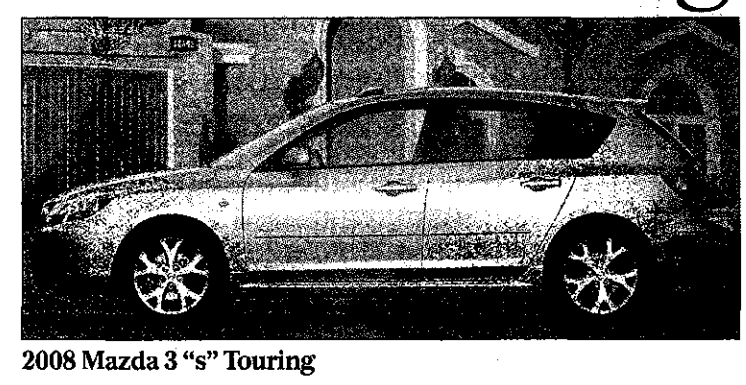
TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

'08 Mazda 3 's' Touring



2008 Mazda 3 "s" Touring

We recently drove Mazda's 2008 Mazda 3 "s" Touring 4-door — base price: $18,425; price as tested: $20,340.

Considering its still affordable base price, the "s" Touring sedan is the sixth highest of eight trim levels available from Mazda 3 in 2008, and comes in both four door and five door hatchback models.

You can park a base "i" trim in your driveway for $13,895, while the top-of-the-line Grand Touring models start at $20,195. These models are not to be confused with the turbocharged Mazdaspeed 3, which starts at $24,055 and is a performance-based vehicle. Frontseat side air bags and full-length side curtain air bags became standard on all "s" trim levels.

Front-drive Mazda 3 features double overhead cam, 16-valve inline-4 cylinder engines, coming in 2.3-liter size for the "s" and smaller 2.0-liter for the "i." The 2.3 delivers an ample 156-horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque while keeping the fuel ratings at a money-saving 22 city and 29 highway.

The "i" trim's 2.0 is even better, with its nearly as good 148 horses capable of delivering impressive EPA ratings of 24 and 32. The choice, of course, is up to the consumer; but with current fuel mileage conditions, we'd lean toward the 148-horse version.

Still, we enjoyed the 2.3's better power band, aggressive gearing and 6,500-rpm redline. Our tester came with a standard five-speed manual transmission, making for a fun week of driving on several business-related trips. Underneath, an independent front and rear suspension with stabilizer bars mate with beautiful 17-inch alloy wheels and tires, making handling a dream and planting Mazda 3 well in every corner we traversed.

Outwardly, Mazda 3 offers sleek, European looks even though its heritage and build it's platform lies in Japan — and parent company is Ford. The front end is slippery, thanks to a noticeable rake, and the clear lens taillights with silver color bezels set off a trunk design that attracts the "Tuner" generation. Other current trend notables include halogen headlights, fog lights, sport bumpers, side sill extensions, and a nice sound emitting from the exhaust system.

Our five-passenger tester was easy to enter and exit, thanks to front doors that swing wide. Once inside, Mazda 3's standard features include all the expected powers, digital clock, cloth seating, cruise, audio control buttons on the steering wheel, and a standard 6-speaker stereo CD system.

The "3" has a tilt and telescopic steering wheel, carpeted floor mats, 60-40 split fold-down rear seats, rear window defogger, air conditioning, leather wrapped steering wheel and electroluminescent gauges with colorful, red and blue nighttime illumination. Seating is comfortable front and rear, although the middle seat is tight for a full size adult.

Safety features include standard four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, advanced dual front air bags, side-impact air bags and curtains, triple-H construction, anti-theft engine immobilizer, and remote keyless entry to name but a few on a long list.

Everything described above is standard for the $18,425 base price except a power moonroof and six-disc CD changer package for an additional $890. Sirius Satellite adds another $430, while the remaining $595 is for destination.

Important numbers include a 14.5-gallon fuel tank that offers a 348-mile cruising range, 2,906-pound curb weight, large 11.5 cubic-foot trunk, and 103.9-inch wheelbase.

Consumers can choose a less expensive car in this class, a'la Hyundai Elantra, or even one that gives better fuel mileage, such as Honda's Civic. How, we feel the best bang for the buck lies in the Mazda 3, which carries with it the manufacturer's claim of "always the soul of a sports car."

We agree and give it a solid 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10 and recommend it in the crowded smaller compact class.

Likes: Standard features galore, looks, peppy performance, great value.

Dislikes: Back seat cramped, some engine noise.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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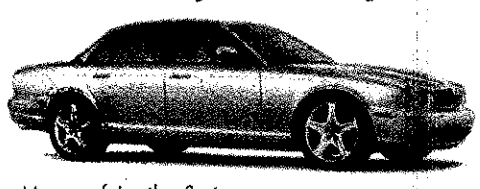

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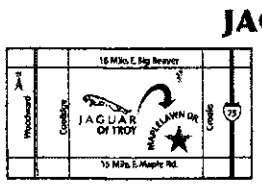

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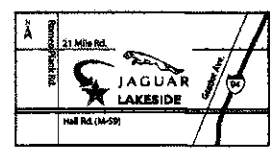

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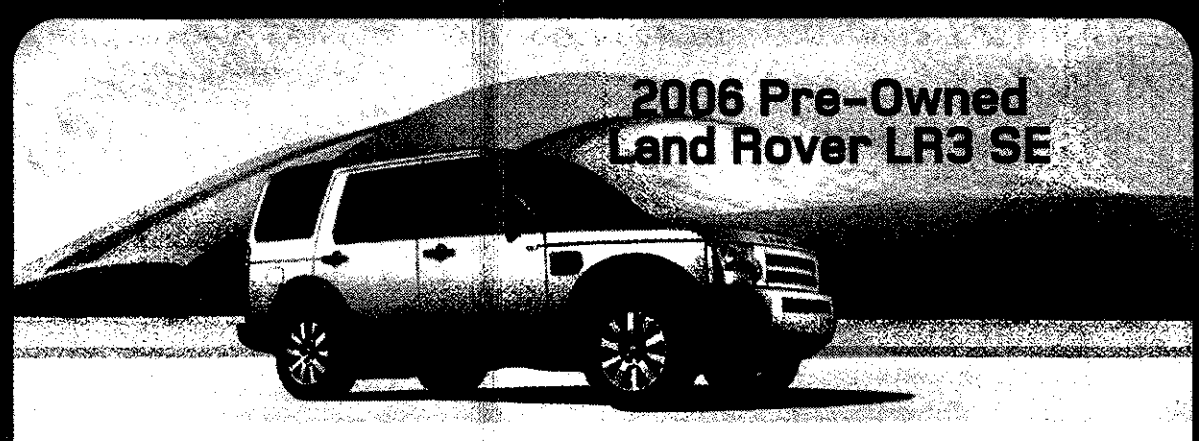

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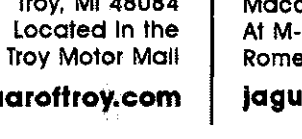

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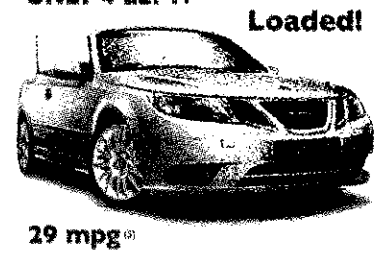

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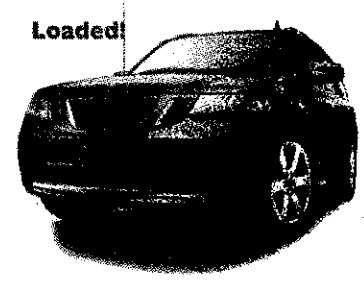

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OBITUARIES

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Marguerite M. Cools

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Marguerite M. Cools, 82, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, in Clearwater, Fla. where she lived during the winter months.

Mrs. Cools was born in Bay City to Gertrude and Henry Hamme. She graduated from Michigan State University and was a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools.

Mrs. Cools enjoyed reading, traveling with the Nomads Travel Group and volunteering for Meals on Wheels and many other organizations.

She is survived by her son, Larry; daughters, Cindy and Trudy; grandchildren, Morgan, Scott, Amber, Kyla, Trei and Sophie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Larry.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton St., Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to any local chapter of Meals on Wheels.

Gail Henney Fairbrother

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gail Henney Fairbrother, 59, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008.

She was born in Middletown, Conn. to Thomas Gonder and Louise Handloser Henney. She graduated from The Meeting School in Rindge, N.H. in 1967 and attended Waterloo College.

Ms. Fairbrother was employed as an information operator for AT&T for 23 years and later as a saleswoman at Wal-Mart.

She was devoted to her family and loved animals. She enjoyed beading jewelry and playing cards and Scrabble.

Ms. Fairbrother is survived by her son, Joshua Fairbrother; and her sister, Hope Henney Hoffman.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment was in the church's columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Mary Leigh Herdegen

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Leigh Herdegen, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008.

Mrs. Herdegen grew up in Madison, Wis., attended Rockford College and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mrs. Herdegen was a lifelong member of First Church of Christ, Scientist and a board member of Japhet School in Madison Heights. She was also a member of the Eastside Handweavers Guild.

Mrs. Herdegen is survived by her children, Martha (the late Arman) Gaulrapp, Ruth Ann (Daniel) Stump and Robert T. (Mary) Herdegen III; grandchildren, Aram Donovan (Jennifer) Stump, Ingrid Stump (Eric) Millikin, Sharon Stump, Genevieve Herdegen, Sarah Barkley and Margaret Barkley; and great-grandchildren, Miles Donovan Stump, Liam Donovan Stump and Anna Donovan Stump. She also is survived by her sister, Martha (William) Kilgour.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert T. Herdegen Jr.

A memorial gathering will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, followed immediately by the funeral service.

Memorial donations may be made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 282 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Rockford College, Rockford, IL. Light a candle and share a memory at verheyden.org.

Margaret Mildred McIntosh

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Margaret Mildred McIntosh, 96, of Boca Raton, Fla., passed away peacefully at her home Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008.

She was born June 22, 1912 in Detroit to Charles W. and Florence Edith Knaggs and earned a Bachelor of Arts in music and art from Eastern Michigan University. She was a talented soprano, who also enjoyed playing the piano and ballroom dancing.

Throughout her life, Mrs. McIntosh supported the performing arts, created scholarships and was an active member of the National Society of Arts and Letters. She also was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Country Club of Detroit and the Delray Beach Club.

She is survived by her devoted son, Thomas (Caroll) McIntosh of Long Grove, Ill.; loving daughter, Maggie McIntosh (John) Fieldsteel of Needham, Mass.; and grandchildren, Jessica, Vanessa and Brett.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Lester A.; brothers, Warren and Charles; and daughter-in-law, Vicki.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13, 2008, in Boca Raton.

Interment and committal services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County at hpbc.com or Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at ocrf.org.

Dorothy Jones Newhouse

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dorothy Jones Newhouse, 92, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008.

She was born May 16, 1916, to Dr. Clifford Buckman and Elizabeth Ferguson Jones in Philadelphia. She was raised a Quaker and attended Germantown Friends School. During her childhood, she loved going to her family summer cottage on Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire and canoeing in the stillness of the early morning hours listening to the birds.

In 1938, she graduated from Wheaton College in Massachusetts with a major in art history and a minor in French. Upon graduation, she traveled to France by ship on her own, with the intent of leading American student tours throughout France. However, tensions increased in Europe prior to World War II and she returned to the United States. She began work as curator of the Philadelphia Museum of Fine Arts.

She met her husband, Sidney, at a Presbyterian young adult group in Philadelphia. They married Dec. 21, 1944 and moved with their three children to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1960.

As her children were preparing to head off to college, Mrs. Newhouse returned to school at Wayne State University and earned her teaching certificate. She taught French for 18 years at Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School. Mrs. Newhouse's students knew her as an exceptionally kind, caring teacher who sponsored the French Club and led numerous student trips to France.

After retiring in 1981, she taught adult continuing education classes in calligraphy and French for travelers.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband. Her favorite trips were Australia and New Zealand, India and Nepal, and Hawaii and Fiji.

Her family gave her immense joy. Her grandchildren spent many happy hours assisting her in baking cookies and pies for numerous charitable fundraisers.

At Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Newhouse was a deacon as well as a Sunday school teacher, the calligrapher for the church record books and an expert on the church iconography.

She was active in the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and Services for Older Citizens. She enjoyed membership in the Alliance Française.

Her interests included a love of art history, French, calligraphy, birds, reading, the Detroit Tigers, bridge and other card games, dancing and gardening in her younger years.

Mrs. Newhouse is survived by her husband, Sidney; her children and their spouses, Nancy (Tom) Trimmer, Phil (Cindy) and Dave (Denise); her grandchildren, Tom Jr., Michelle (Scott) Baby, Juliana (Shaun) Kerschen, Andrew, Meredith and Megan; and her great-granddaughters, Brooke and Courtney Baby.

She leaves a legacy of love, kindness and caring to all whose lives she touched.

William H. Palm

Harper Woods resident William H. Palm, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008.

He was born Dec. 16, 1933, in Detroit to Harold and Edith Palm. He attended Alma College, Albion College and Wayne State University. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Palm worked in sales for Blue Cross-Blue Shield. He was the longtime owner of Lochmoor Lounge in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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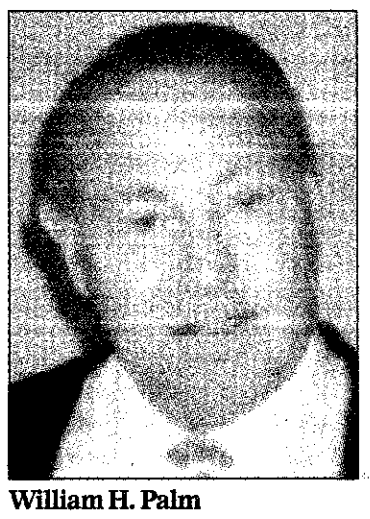

William H. Palm

Frank Pennucci

He was a boating enthusiast and enjoyed all sports. He also owned beagle dogs for many years.

Mr. Palm is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Gregg and Yvonne and Sean and Maria; sister, Denise (Marty) Potter; and nephews, Scott, Billy and Patrick.

A memorial service will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau, Detroit, MI 48212.

Frank Pennucci

Frank Pennucci died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at his home in Clinton Township surrounded by family.

He was born March 12, 1923, to Dominic and Carmella Pennucci. Born at the family home in the Italian section of Detroit's eastside, Mr. Pennucci learned early in life that to succeed you need to work hard and he did. For most of his adult life, he worked two jobs. In 1939 he started working at the Ford Motor Car Company, as he often referred to it. He was always proud of the 46 years he gave to Ford.

With war looming, Mr. Pennucci received a medical waiver from the armed forces. Instead, he drove from Detroit's eastside to Willow Run Airport in Willow Run, at a time when expressways had not yet been developed, to build bombers in support of the allies.

Mr. Pennucci also worked at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms and received honorable mention in their centennial book. One of his greatest memories occurred in August 1956 when he witnessed a young Arnold Palmer win his first amateur championship at the country club while he caddied for Mr. Palmer's opponent, Jim Sweeney.

Mr. Pennucci had the great pleasure of reliving that moment while attending the 50th anniversary of Mr. Palmer's win in 2006. He and Mr. Palmer were able to recall the moment together, where on the turn of the 15th hole Palmer overtook Sweeney. Mr. Pennucci retired without fanfare from the country club in 2005 after 60 years of service.

Mr. Pennucci is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Josephine (nee Misuraca); their four daughters, Diane (Richard) Fabbiano, Mary Margaret (Dr. Kim) Kezlarian, Geraldine and Katherine; and brother, Louis, of Arizona. He also is survived by granddaughters, Mary Jo (Mark) Calcaterra, Gina Fabbiano, Dr. Joelle (Ryan McKenna) Kezlarian of Chicago, and Lindsay Kezlarian and two great-grandchildren, Mark Anthony Calcaterra II, and Isabella Mary Calcaterra.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Lucianno; and sisters, Stella, Margaret and Joanne.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Macomb Township, followed by interment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

Barbara Wood Simonds

Lenora Bogardus Stoetzer

Barbara Wood Simonds

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara Wood Simonds, 81, died suddenly Monday, Dec. 1, 2008.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 22 years, Richard; five loving children, John Myers, Jeffrey Myers, Julie Biermann, Timothy Myers and Polly Mercer; 12 grandchildren; and her sister, Catherine Champion.

Mrs. Simonds also was blessed with many loving in-laws, nieces and nephews.

She was the daughter of Logan and Edith Wood in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1945 and Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Simonds was an artist whose paintings featured vibrant colors.

Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods with interment at Clinton Grove Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Tricia's Foundation, 20920 Hollywood, Harper Woods, MI 48225. Tricia was Mrs. Simonds' granddaughter who died suddenly at age 19.

Lenora Bogardus Stoetzer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lenora Edith Lois Bogardus Stoetzer, 98, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at Shore Pointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores. She previously had lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Stoetzer was born Dec. 23, 1909, in Detroit to Leonard R. and Edith B. Klein Bogardus and attended Grosse Pointe High School. She married Erwin F. Stoetzer at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in 1938.

She was a homemaker who was active in various organizations including the Detroit Historical Society and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She was a dedicated and founding member of St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Stoetzer was an avid gardener. She enjoyed reading, traveling, music and dancing, crafts, playing cards and Bible studies. She also enjoyed singing in the church choir and participating in the bell choir at St. James. She was a historian of Detroit and Michigan.

Her interest in history stemmed partly from her ancestral background. She was the granddaughter of Detroit City Alderman Charles W. Klein who served the city in the 1890s.

Mrs. Stoetzer is survived by her daughters, Shirley (John) Hartert and Dorothy (James) Scannell; grandchildren, John R. Fortune IV, Jason Scannell and Sandra Currie; great-grandchildren, John Fortune V, Zachary Fortune and Andrew and Bradyn Currie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Erwin; sister, Elaine Bogardus Saladini; and brother, Russell L. Bogardus.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Olympian readers

Grosse Pointers flew to Bejing, China to watch U.S. Olympian and Grosse Pointe's own Carrie Howe compete in the sailing competitions and took their Grosse Pointe News along to read. Picture in the first row, Cindy Brady, Mischa Heemskerk and Howe; back row, Terry Connell, Frank Brady, Kristin Burkhart, Ann Howe, Mike Howe, Julie Howe, Michael Howe Jr., Bastiaan Tentij, Ryan Breasbois and Jennifer Breasbois. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

The Disney Channel reader

Darcy Graham was selected as one of 25 winners to a private meet and greet with Mitchel Musso who plays Oliver Oken on the Disney Channel Original Series "Hannah Montana." She was accompanied by three friends from Ferry Elementary School to the Macomb Mall June 25 and took the Grosse Pointe News to meet Musso. From left, Alyssa Dall, 8, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Lauren Sexton, 8, Grosse Pointe Woods, Musso, Graham, 8, Grosse Pointe Woods and Isabella Lawson, 7, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Woods to raise various fees

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It's going to cost a little more to pull some permits or request a zoning change in Grosse Pointe Woods after Jan. 1.

Based on recommendations from the city's building department and the clerk's office, the city council voted to raise fees on building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical permits and zoning amendments.

"This is our first increase in five years," said Gene Tutag, director of the city's building and maintenance department. "The new fees more accurately reflect the actual cost to the city.

"They also bring our fees in line with neighboring communities."

Some of the new base fees that will rise include a $25 increase in building permits from $50 to $75; plumbing from $30 to $50; and electrical from $20 to $40. The increases are expected to generate about $25,000 in additional revenue.

In addition to building fees, the council also approved increases recommended by the city clerk's office that pertain to zoning appeals and ordinance amendments.

Based on an average cost now to the city of about $235, the current $75 fee will be increased to $250. The fee covers the cost to the city for required public notices and mailings.

Not all council members approved of the fee increases.

"These increases seem a bit draconian," said Pete Waldmeir.

"These are tough economic times and some of these increases seem a bit harsh." Waldmeir voted no on the increase.

Council member Vicki Granger disagreed with Waldmeir.

"It doesn't make sense not to cover the actual costs," she said. "I think these are appropriate increases."

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE

Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Christmas 2008

There will be no residential rubbish collection on Thursday, December 25, 2008.
Collection Schedule will be:

Wednesday, December 24, 2008	All rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m. Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day, No rubbish collection
Friday, December 26, 2008	Thursday's rubbish collection routes. Commercial Rubbish route on schedule.
Saturday, December 27, 2008	Friday's residential rubbish routes.

Thank You,
G.P.N.: 12/18/08 & 12/25/08 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE

Holiday Rubbish Schedule for New Years Day 2009

There will be no residential rubbish collection on Thursday, January 1, 2009.
Collection Schedule will be:

Wednesday, December 31, 2008 Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.	All rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 1, 2009	New Years Day, No rubbish collection
Friday, January 2, 2009	Thursday's rubbish collection routes. Commercial Rubbish route on schedule.
Saturday, January 3, 2009	Friday's residential rubbish routes.

Thank You,
G.P.N.: 12/18/08 & 12/25/08 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 15, 2008 and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held August 21, 2008 and the Planning Commission meeting held September 24, 2008.
2) Approve the 2009 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular and special meetings on October 13, October 20 and October 27, and further, to hold a public hearing on the 2009 Budget on November 3, 2008.
3) To adjourn to the Budget Workshop Session.
4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 88213 through 85349 in the amount of $223,326.85 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of $5,359.17 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of August 2008. (3) Accept the quote submitted by Natural Sand Company, Inc. in the amount of $9,334.50 for the purchase of material necessary for the construction of the new ball field at Johnston Park. (4) Approve payment to Douglass Safety Systems, LLC in the amount of $5,892.32 for the purchase of turnout gear for the police officers in training at the fire academy. (5) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of $5,846.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the city.

1) To approve payment to the Bank of New York Mellon in the amount of $608,562.50 for the annual principal and interest payments on the 1995, 1999 and 2001 Tax Road Bonds and the Library Improvement Bond; $440,750.00 principal and interest on the 1995 Series Bond; $86,625.00 interest on the 1999 Series Bond; $20,825.00 interest in the 2001 Series Bond and $60,362.50 interest on the Library Improvement Bond.

1) To approve payment in the amount of $54,916.14 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payment on the 1999 Series Bond.
2) To cast the City's vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool: Kate Lawrence - Mayor, City of Brighton and Jason Eppler - City Manager, City of Ionia.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor **Mickey D. Todd,** City Clerk
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Homemade check

A 35-year-old Canton woman and an unknown female accomplice are suspected of using a fake check to buy nearly $290 worth of clothing at a store in the Village. The women passed the check at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. A store manager suspected the check was fake and contacted police at about 7:30 p.m.

"(The) check appears to have been made on a home computer and is off center," said a police sergeant.

The manager said the suspects matched descriptions of two women suspected of trying to return stolen merchandise at a branch at Partridge Creek Mall.

Theft prevented

A car alarm that sounded at 1:14 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 likely prevented a woman's Dodge Challenger from being stolen while parked behind a building in the 18000 block of Mack.

"(The woman) didn't investigate the alarm until approximately 2:15 p.m.," said a public safety officer. "She discovered the driver-side door lock had been punched out. No entry was gained to the vehicle."

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lost and loaded

A 29-year-old Ferndale man was arrested for drunken driving on Lakeshore near Fisher at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

A public safety officer had seen the man tailgating, then speeding up to 42 mph.

"Road conditions were extremely poor (and) slick due to freezing rain," said the officer. "(The driver thought) he was on Nine Mile going west looking for the freeway."

The man reportedly registered a .131 percent blood alcohol level.

Car entered

A resident of the 400 block of Barclay submitted a belated larceny report Saturday, Dec. 13 about his car being entered while parked overnight Dec. 6.

Whoever entered the car stole the man's portable global positioning system and loose change.

"He (said) he looked everywhere for the GPS and realized it was stolen when he found his change missing from the center console," police said.

Drug arrest

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for possessing 1.7 grams of marijuana found in her car during a traffic investigation at 4:40 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 in the Mack Avenue alley near Moross.

An officer had noticed the license plate had expired on the woman's white 2002 Pontiac Bonneville.

Display wrecked

Vandals caused $230 damage when they destroyed an outdoor Christmas display in the 100 block of Handy.

The incident was reported at 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8.

Damaged items included a white lighted Christmas tree, two strands of lights and two hanging ornamental bulbs.

Credit fraud

More than $520 was charged to a City woman's stolen credit card before she knew it was missing at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16.

"When she discovered it missing, there had already been 10 charges to her account by an unknown suspect," said an officer.

The woman doesn't know when or where she lost the card.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Piling on

Thieves broke the kitchen window of a home on Balfour Sunday, Dec. 14 and took a flat screen TV and computer.

The items were loaded into the homeowner's 1998 Cherokee and the thieves drove off.

Cash taken

A home on Somerset was entered through a broken window and a large amount of cash was taken sometime between 10 a.m. Dec. 9 and 6 p.m. Dec. 10.

Drug suspect

A routine traffic stop Saturday, Dec. 13 produced a driver in possession of suspected narcotics and wanted on an Oak Park warrant.

Know your friends

Officers responding to a breaking and entering in progress on Wayburn at 11:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 learned the homeowner was acquainted with the suspect.

The suspect was arrested.

— Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Skids off road

Icy road conditions contributed to a pair of single-car crashes during the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 10 on the curve in the 1100 block of southbound Lakeshore. No injuries were reported.

◆ At 7:51 a.m., a 50-year-old St. Clair Shores man lost control of his Chrysler Town & Country, jumped the inside curb and hit a light pole.

◆ Nine minutes later at almost the same spot, a 25-year-old St. Clair Shores man driving a Ford Focus failed to maintain the roadway. The car jumped the inside curb and left the roadway, causing front-end damage.

"(The) vehicle was not drivable," said a public safety officer.

Detroit gunfire

At 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, a Shores man called public safety headquarters saying he was in downtown Detroit and his car containing his gun had just been stolen.

"(He said) he was shot at with his gun and Detroit police were on their way, but needed the serial number of the gun in

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Teen hit with 21 felonies

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Latonia Cochrane, 18, faces more felonies counts than candles on her birthday cake.

She is accused in the City of Grosse Pointe of 21 cases of identity theft.

"I don't know if we've ever gotten that many counts against one person," said Sgt. Al Gwyn, a City detective.

Each charge carries a five-year jail term.

Cochrane was arrested Monday, Dec., 8 at her home in westside Detroit for cashing outdated checks belonging to a City woman. The woman had dropped off the checks at the Bank of America branch on Mack at Warren to be destroyed.

"The lady'd changed addresses, so she gave her checks to a teller," Gwyn said. "The bank is supposed to put the checks in a shredder or something so nothing happens to them. There's some kind of leak at the bank we're investigating."

Cochrane doesn't work at the bank, Gwyn said. Accomplices at the bank, if any, could face federal charges, he said.

"She said somebody else signed the names on the front (of the checks), but she endorsed them all and cashed them all," Gwyn said.

Officers tracked her down as though following a trail of crumbs.

"She was dumb enough to endorse the checks and offered her Michigan identification card," Gwyn said. "Because there was a possibility that somebody was using her account or I.D., we weren't going to arrest her until we had video of her doing it. We got shots from the bank."

She was arraigned in City Municipal Court the day of her arrest. Judge Russell Ethridge set her bond at $25,000, of which she must post at least 10 percent.

"If she posts bond, Ethridge ordered that she wear a tether," Gwyn said.

He said she cashed 21 stolen checks, each for $250, for a total of $5,250.

"She cashed checks all over Detroit," Gwyn said. "She said another guy made her do it; an ex-boyfriend or something who threatened her life to do this. That's her story. We have a little information on him, but don't know his real name."

He said Cochrane cashed five checks in addition to those belonging to the City resident.

"There's another victim out there," Gwyn said. "I think the other victim is in Macomb Township."

Gwyn advised people wishing to destroy old checks to do so themselves.

"Shred them at home," he said. "Don't take them to the bank. There's a possibility that somebody at the bank will leak them for money."

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Police want you to call

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The public safety officer of the year in Grosse Pointe Farms might be you.

Although final crime statistics for 2008 haven't been compiled, the city's top law enforcement officer credits residents with helping police capture a high percentage of criminals.

"The Farms' clearance rate this year is outstanding," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "Much of that has to do with observant residents calling."

The department's clearance rate, which compares crimes solved to those committed, is heading this year toward 90 percent.

"There no doubt that the people are our eyes and ears," said Lt. Rich Rosati, head of the detective unit. "A majority of crimes where we arrest someone is because people have called and told us they see something happening right then and there."

Jensen credited callers with last month's capture of a Detroit man suspected of committing at least 20 car break-ins. The man confessed. His prosecution has advanced to Wayne County Circuit Court.

"The most important part of the case was that residents called police," Jensen said. "I can't emphasize that enough. I don't care how insignificant something may appear — call."

He said the department's clearance rate depends on multiple factors.

"Its an outstanding job by road officers, good detective work, good interrogations and some luck," Jensen said. "If residents don't call when they see something suspicious, we lose a valuable tool."

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED
1) To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of an unexpected urgent matter.
2) To add to the agenda discussion and or action on a bid award for Kelly Road Streetscape Improvements.
3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED
1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 84079 through 85211 in the amount of $1,181,326.30 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) To receive and file for the audit, the Treasurer's quarterly investment report. (3) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of $6,972.42 for the purchase of 24 new automatic read water meters. (4) Approve bid to Art Tucker & Son Excavating in the amount of $6,356.00 for the removal of water gate wells, valves and tees and disconnection of water service at the high school, with the school district being billed for this service. (5) Approve payment to J & J Auto-Marine Repair, Inc. in the amount of $7,523.75 for the repair and replacement of an impeller shaft on Engine 2. (6) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of $7,587.12 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period January 2008 through June 2008. (7) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of $58,583.25 for professional services during the month of August 2008 for the following projects: 2008 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-105; Recreation Office, #180-111; WCCC Fire Suppression Line, #180-110; Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096; 2008 General, #180-099; EB Harper Resurfacing, #180-109; EB Harper Resurfacing, #180-106; 2007 Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, #180-100 and the Kelly Road Sidewalk Project, #180-102. (8) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of $12,326.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the city, including City Hall, the Library, DPW and the I-94 service drive.

2) to approve the Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Harper Woods Command Officers Association and the Harper Woods Police Officers Labor Council - Patrol Officers, Detectives and Dispatchers Unit for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 and further to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Addendum.
3) to accept the adjusted low bid of $83,159 as submitted by Lacaria Concrete Construction of Detroit for the 2008 Kelly Road Streetscape Improvement Project.
4) to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED
1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 6, 2008 and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held October 14, 2008.
2) To adjourn to the Budget Workshop Session.
3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED
1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 85351 through 85504 in the amount of $546,432.94 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of $11,645.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the city, including CityHall, the Library, DPW and the I-94 service drive. Also, residential cuttings and tree removal restorations throughout the City. (3) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of $23,343.20 for professional services during the month of September 2008 for the following projects: 2008 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing, #180-108; EB Harper Resurfacing Project, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109; Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096; 2007 Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, #180-100; Kelly Road Sidewalk, #180-102; 2008 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-105 and the EB Harper Resurfacing, Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106. (4) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of $5.566.33 for services performed on the tax rolls. (5) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of $6,260.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (6) Approve payment in the amount of $7,500.00 to Southeast Macomb Incident Response Team for membership dues for the year 2008. (7) Approve the quote submitted by North River Truck and Trailer in the amount of $9,187.64 for the purchase of new plow blades, miscellaneous plow parts and supplies. (8) Approve payment to R.S. Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $10,020.00 for the pavement markings that were provided at various school/pedestrian crossings throughout the City.
2) to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Permit to Work on County Roads.
3) to approve payment to Cortis Brothers Trucking and Excavating in the amount of $45,761.30 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Johnston Park Tennis Court Renovation Project, #180-096.
4) to establish the following ambulance fee schedule effective Nov. 1, 2008:ResidentNon-Resident, Basic $405, Basic $525, Advanced $700, Advanced 4775, Mileage $9.00, Drugbox w/out Transport $100, Defibrillation $50,Oxygen $40, Extrication $500.
5) To accept the low bid submitted by Parks Fence and Supply in the amount of $13,702.94 for the purchase and installation of new fencing at the new baseball diamond at Johnston Park.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Village leaders are in a TIF

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Landowners in the Village commercial district won't be billed additional taxes for a newly-established funding formula that reserves property tax increases for economic development.

The formula, called tax increment financing, or TIF, was adopted this week in the City of Grosse Pointe as part of the new downtown development authority.

The TIF and DDA are designed to operate hand-in-hand. The TIF is a tool to fund redevelopment within the DDA zone, which encompasses the City's central shopping district.

"Creating a TIF nearly doubles the amount of money available to be dedicated toward improvements to the Village," said Peter Dame, city manager.

"TIF legislation allows the city to get a bigger bang for their buck," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

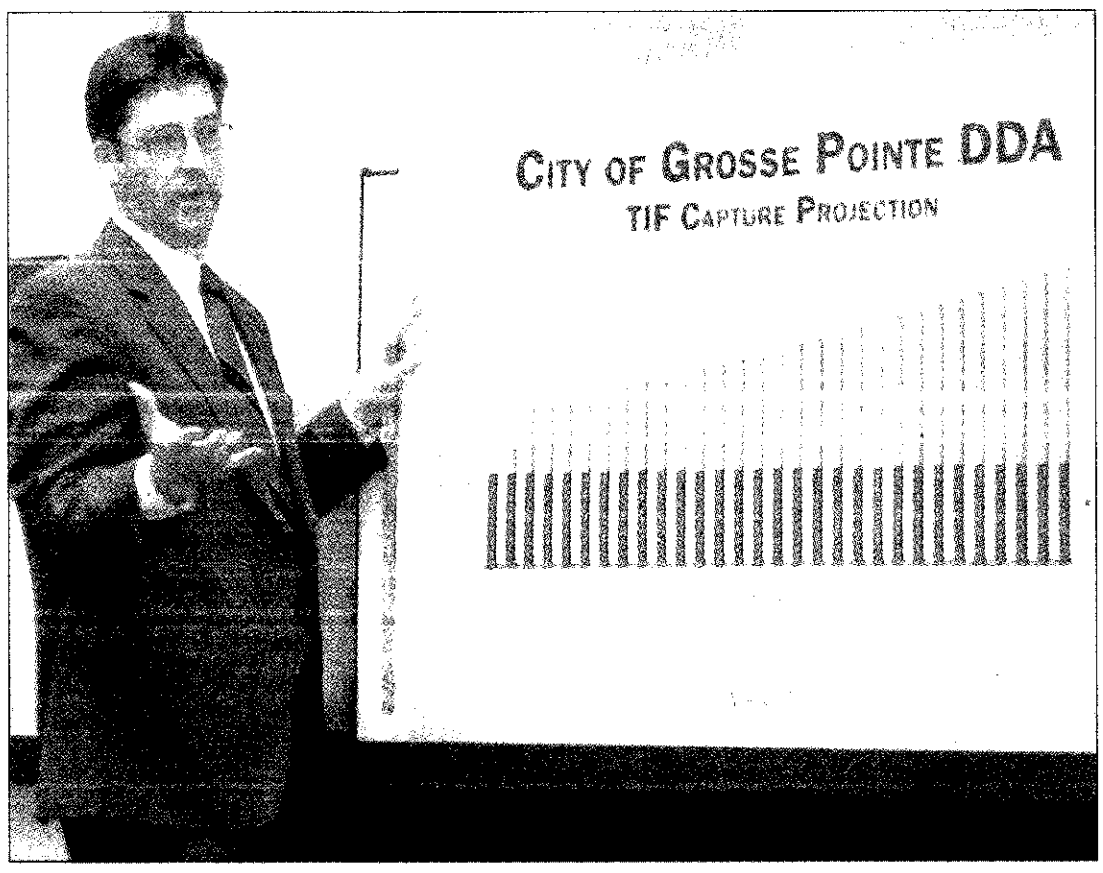
Bucks come from taxes derived from increased property values. The bang comes from increased taxes being captured by the city for downtown projects. Collections begin July 1.

A key part of improvements slated for the Village is construction of a parking garage on the eastern half of municipal parking Lot 2, off St. Clair, north of Kercheval.

Additional parking capacity would facilitate construction of a proposed 50-room hotel and mixed-use development.

"To make those projects go forward, modifications (are needed) to the city's current parking supply," said John Jackson, project director with the city's planning consultants, McKenna Associates.

City officials created a DDA in July. Upon approval of the TIF, DDA Chairman Andrew Martin Jr. said, "The work now becomes making the projects become reality."



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John Jackson, a planning consultant for the City of Grosse Pointe, uses a graph to illustrate tax increment financing. Darker vertical bars along the base of the graph represent current property values and the resulting tax receipts. Lighter-colored bars atop the darker bars represent increased tax receipts borne of higher property values. Economic development of the Village commercial district will be funded through incremental tax receipts captured by the City through the new downtown development authority.

In addition to the parking garage, projects include streetscape improvements to St. Clair, Notre Dame and Kercheval Place; upgrading utilities, marketing the district, enclosing Dumpsters, acquiring property and improving infrastructure, traffic safety and more.

Jackson explained tax increment financing:

"Right now, property values are at a certain millage," he said. "We can anticipate a property value increase. (The incremental increase) is the difference between the current value of property in the Village and the increase created by increasing property values and redevelopment. This incremental increase in property values and property taxes are captured by the DDA and applied to these projects."

He said, "There aren't going to be any increases in taxes proposed by the plan. No one's taxes are going to be increased as a result of this."

SAFETY: All the crime fit to print

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order to enter it stolen" in a statewide database, said a Shores officer/dispatcher.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Costly dinner

A diner at a Mack Avenue restaurant returned to his Cadillac Escalade at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 to find it on blocks and missing all four wheels.

Retail fraud

A 55-year-old man was arrested at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 after leaving a grocery store on Mack without paying for several items.

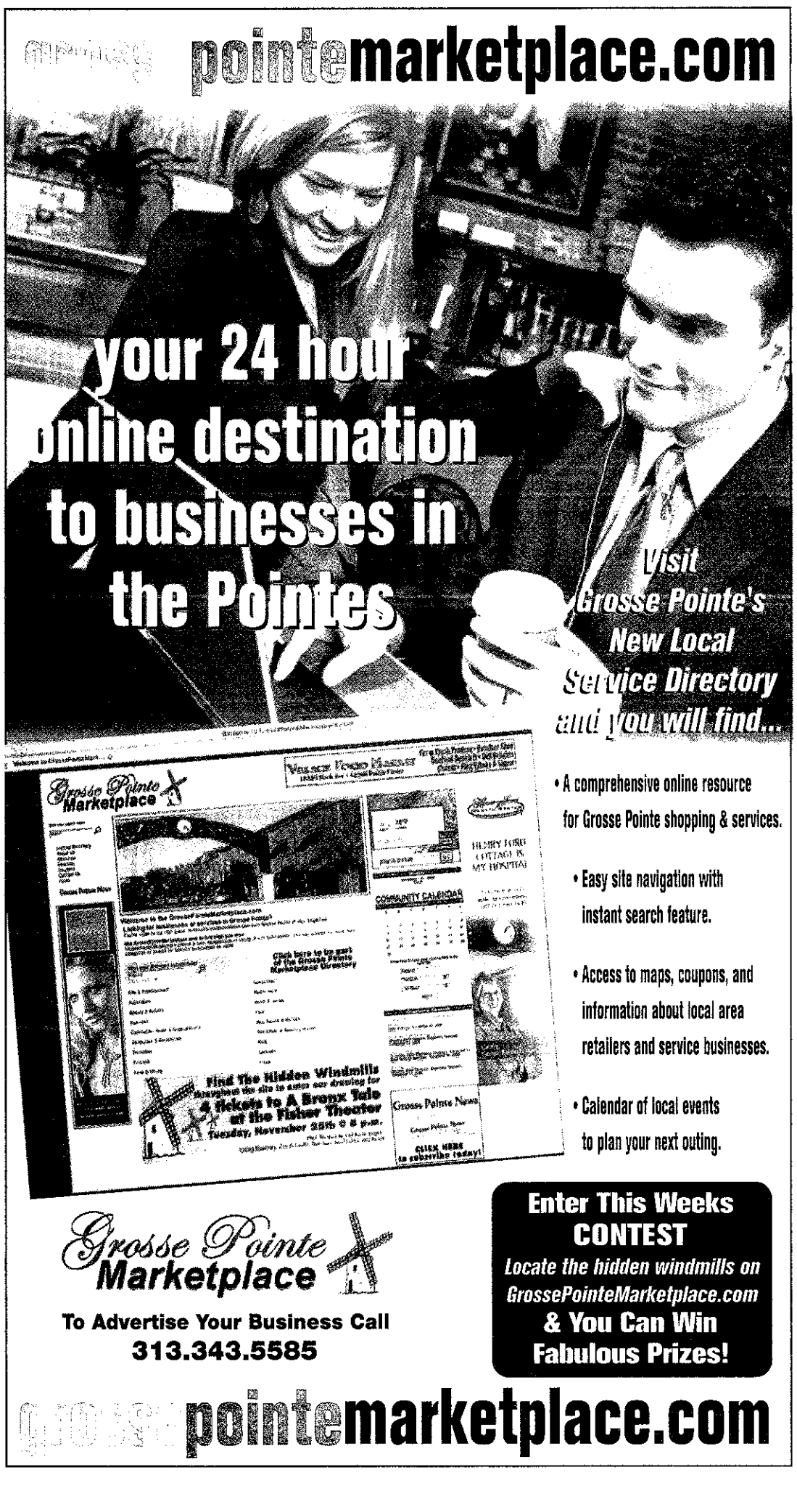
Busy night

Several Roslyn Road residents told police their cars were broken into overnight Friday, Dec. 12.

One resident reported prescription drugs were missing and another said a Verizon broadband pocket PC was taken. Two other residents reported their cars were entered, but nothing was removed.

Also that night a Hawthorne resident reported audio speakers, valued at $1,300, were taken from his unlocked Jeep Wrangler.

— Kathy Ryan



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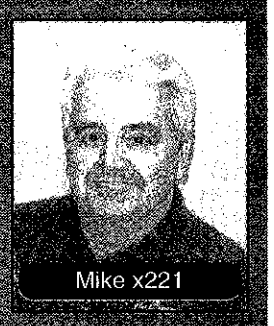
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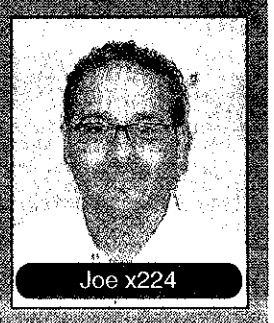
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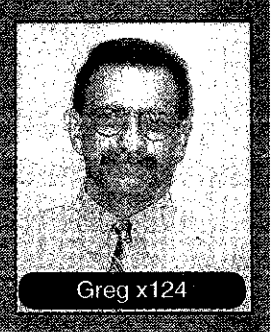
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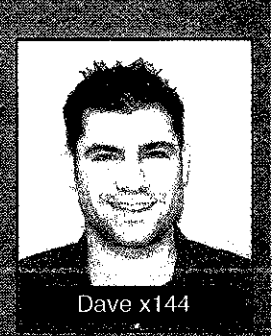
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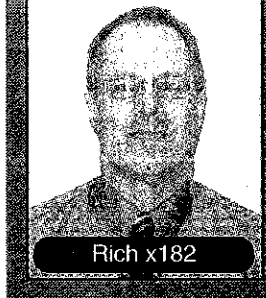
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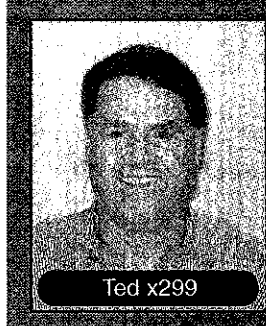
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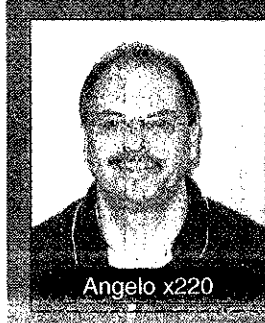
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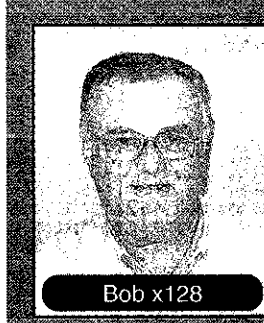
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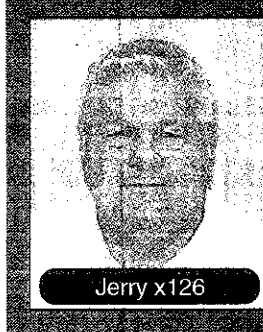
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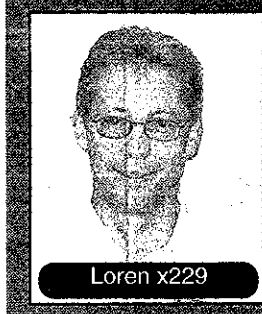
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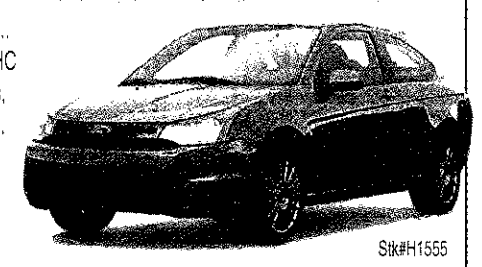

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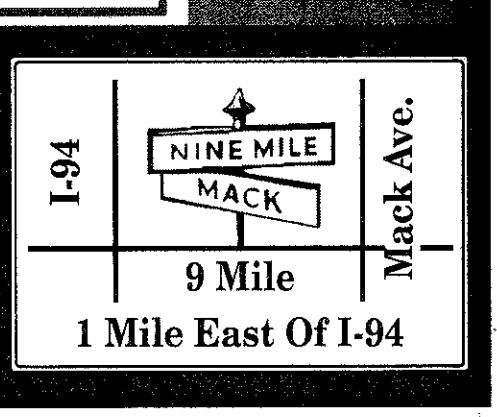

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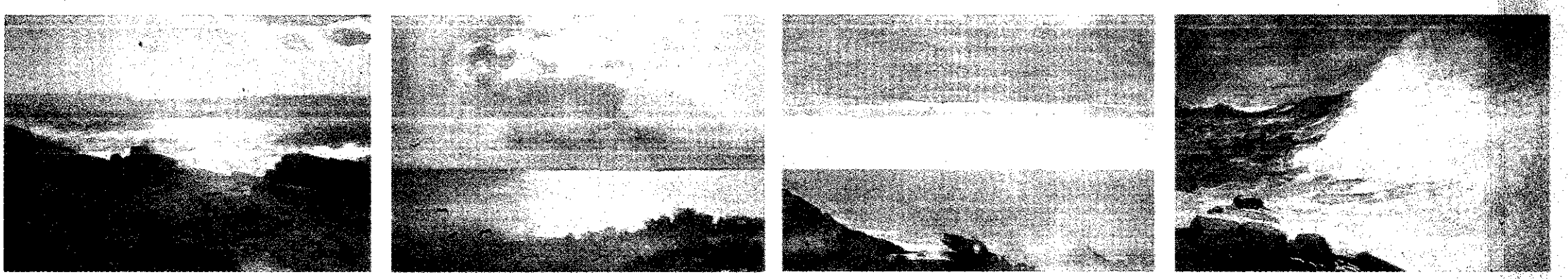

Homer for the Holidays

Winslow Homer, America's foremost painter of the 19th century, used **techniques** more in keeping with carpentry. An **exhibition** of his works through Feb. 8 shows how the reclusive artist did it.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Artists are suckers for the sea. With each incoming wave, water throws itself at the feet of the artist, standing on shore to lap up its phony promise of serenity.

Most seascapes included in a show of Winslow Homer watercolors at the Toledo Museum of Art depict storms impending, past or implied and the apprehensions therein.

Homer is considered the foremost American artist of the 19th century.

At first look, his watercolors seem elemental. Then, with review, more comes through: The artist's restrained wisdom and surprisingly layered creative process.

There's elemental tension as breakers hammer rocky outcrops, pitting one of nature's irresistible forces against another of its immovable objects.

There's foreshadowed human isolation as turbulent winds carry a lone ship and its unseen crew over the horizon toward a fate unknown.

There's hope diluted with apprehension as a village woman stands with her back braced against the wind awaiting the return of fishermen from a night's catch.

Art often is deceptively simple, even in works portraying simplicity itself.

An examination of Homer's watercolor technique revealed how he masked simplicity one brush stroke at a time; how be built with each ripple, wave, rock, cloud and human form, the incremental drama of nature building upon itself.

"With these watercolors, Homer's getting the impression of nature and climatic changes," said Larry Nichols, Toledo's curator of European and American painting before 1900. "He's aware of Impressionism. It's a comparable approach, not of technique, but of intent. It's heading into what will happen in mid-20th century American and European art, this notion of not defining what you're representing and letting it become more autonomous."

Payback

The show, "Homer for the Holidays: Watercolors by Winslow Homer from The Art Institute of Chicago," runs through Feb. 8.

The collection consists of 10 pieces on loan from Chicago, plus three works from Toledo's galleries, including its famous oil, "Sunlight on the Coast."

The show covers Homer's

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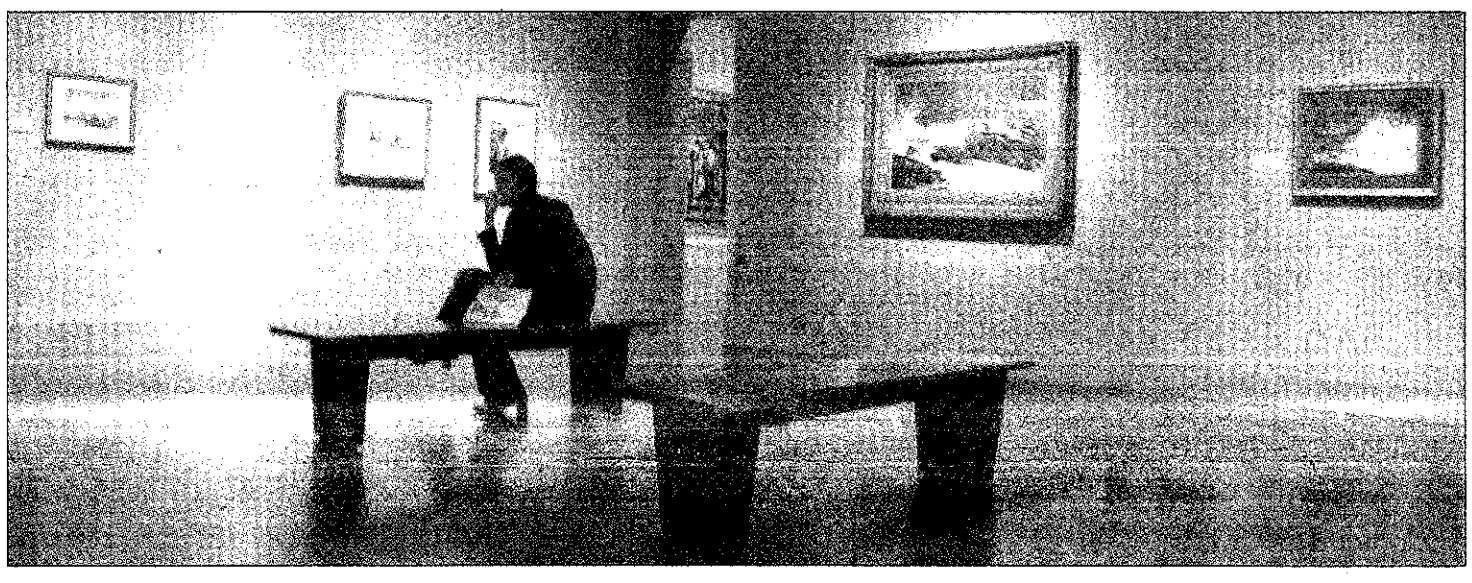

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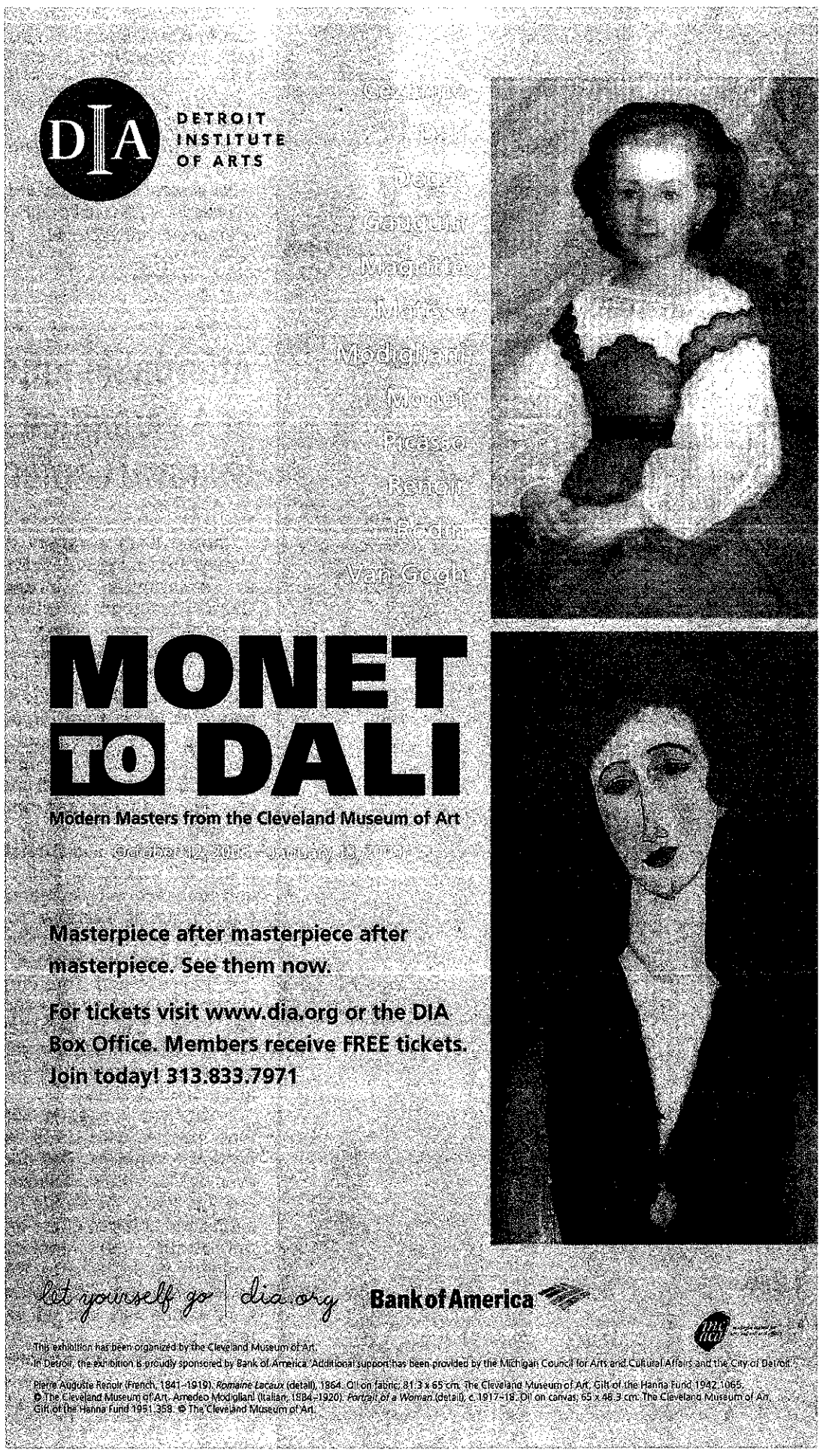
Winslow Homer's series of watercolors painted circa 1890 in Prouts Neck, Maine, located about 10 miles south of Portland, captured scenes from outside his front door. Homer's watercolors are filled with light, but the one-gallery show is lit dimly to protect fragile pigments from fading.



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HOMER: See how it was done

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career from 1873, when he took up watercolor in the coastal fishing village of Gloucester, Mass. Paintings on display also come from Homer's nearly two years spent in an English village on the North Sea, plus when he returned to New England and lived in a lighthouse. A couple of paintings come from time Homer spent during winters in Florida and the Caribbean.

"It's a small, one-gallery exhibition," Nichols said. "But, when you're dealing with Winslow Homer, it's not quantity, it's quality."

Nichols arranged the show as payback for letting Chicago borrow the Toledo oil painting for a major Homer exhibition.

"I said, 'Fine, I'll lend you the oil painting. How about lending us some watercolors in return?'"

Curators at both museums put emphasis on Homer's method of making watercolors.

"There are techniques of him removing colors once he applied them by blotting and scraping," Nichols said. "One watercolor ('Prout's Neck, Breaking Waves') even has Homer's fingerprint on it. You get the sense of looking at something the artist held."

A technique called "resist" (the word is used both as a noun and verb, like "telephone") involves covering the surface to be painted with a material that resists (verb) water — such as beeswax, to name one of many resists (noun) the artist concocted for himself. Watercolor was applied over the resist (noun). Then, the resist was scraped off, exposing the painted outline around an unprinted core.

Homer used resist (noun and verb) in "Breaking Waves" to highlight white rivulets of water draining over brown rocks back into the sea.

In the same work, Homer wrapped one of his fingers with a rag and dabbed wet paint composing the dark sky. The process created swirling clouds.

In "The Watcher," the painting with the woman waiting for fishermen to return home, Homer dripped pure water on freshly applied paint, thereby diluting the pigment and lightening the surface.

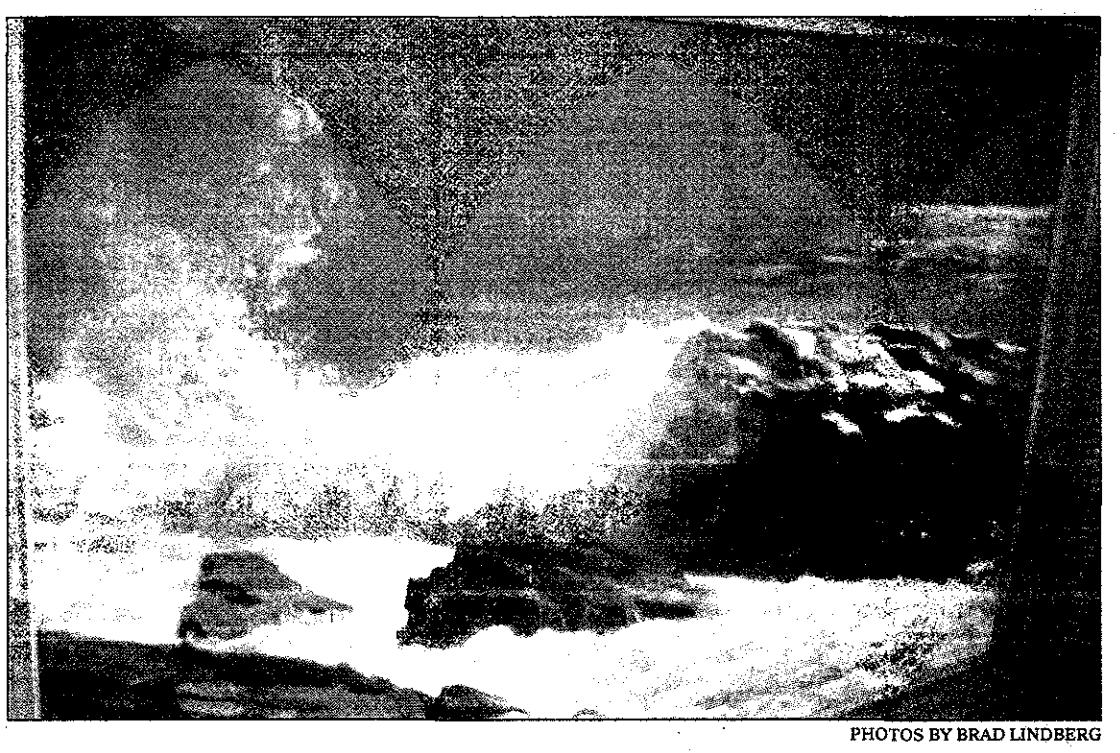
"It's a subtractive method," Nichols said. "Watercolors in this show look simple, but they're complex in their method of creation."

In some cases, Homer used techniques more common to carpentry than painting.

The sky in "Prout's Neck, Breakers" contains tiny silica residue — Homer brushed the sky with sandpaper to add texture.

Some of his works are like flawed heroes, their imperfections are the most distinguishing feature. Portions of the sky in "Boy in Boat, Gloucester" are deeper bluer than others.

"Sometimes, paper has mold growing on it," Nichols said. "That's what took place on this sheet. Darker blue dots are where mold increased the absorption rate of pigment. Homer would have seen this right away, but he kept going."



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It was the Toledo Art Museum's lending of this Winslow Homer oil seascape, "Sunlight on the Coast," to The Art Institute of Chicago that resulted in Chicago paying back the favor with a selection of the artist's watercolors. Included in the show are "Boy in Boat, Gloucester" below.

Kind of an oddball

It is ironic that Homer began focusing on watercolors at a time when the medium was mainly for young ladies at finishing school.

"He related to people who used their hands in their work — fishermen and farmers," Nichols said. "He referred to his work as 'working with brushes.' He never really said he made paintings. He was identifying with others who used their hands."

It's rumored that Homer became a grumpy recluse after being spurned by a pretty girl, possibly a model.

"He was reticent to talk about his art," Nichols said. "His favorite expression was 'Mind your own business. I'm not going to talk about my art. The title and subject matter say it all.'"

While living in self-imposed semi-isolation on the Maine coast, Homer bought through the mail one new pair of pants each month. He once ordered 144 pairs of socks.

Nichols said, "He must have been a bit eccentric, but that's a good thing."

Admission to the Toledo Museum of Art and "Homer for the Holidays" is free. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, one block off I-75 with exit designations posted.

For general information and a schedule of free public tours of the show, call (800) 644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.

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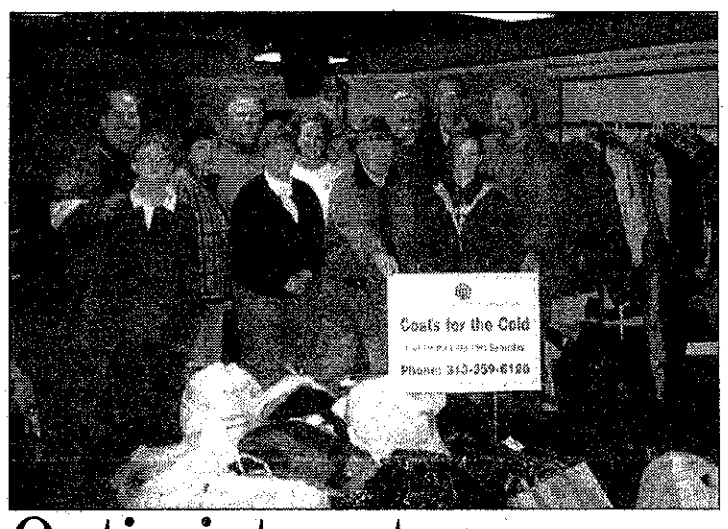


Optimist coats

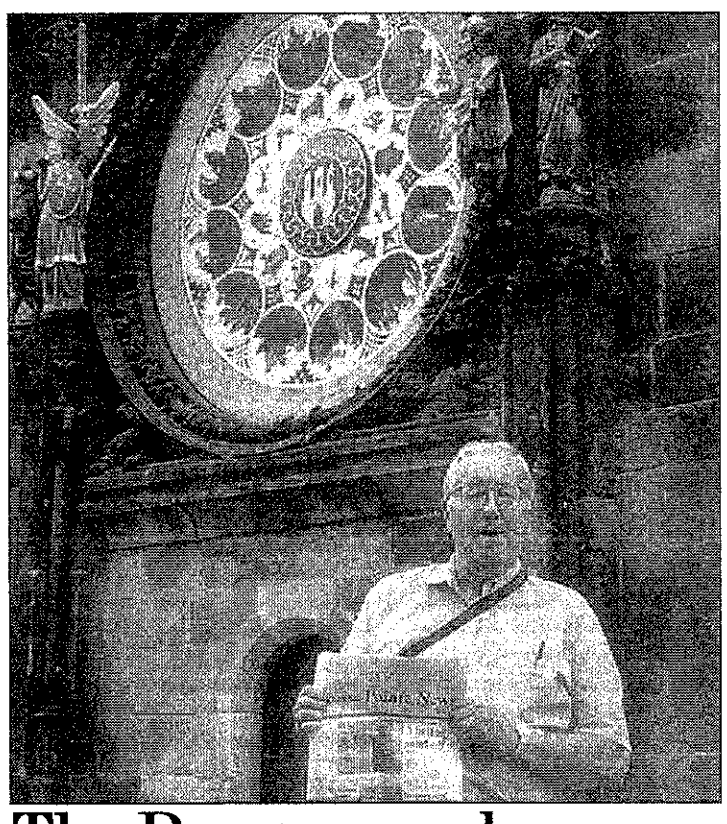
Several dozen bags of coats and clothing were collected during the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe's annual Coats for the Cold Community Clothing Collection Saturday, Dec. 6. The collected items will be given to My Father's Business Outreach Ministry, an organization that assists eastside Detroit families. Pictured is the 2008 Optimist Volunteer Crew, from left, Krys Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods, Johnny Koski of Grosse Pointe Shores, Monika McLeod of Harper Woods, Dave Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe, Debbie Moffat of the City of Grosse Pointe, Linda Ketelhut of St. Clair Shores, Leonard Williams of the City of Grosse Pointe, Doug Cordier of Grosse Pointe Farms, Kent Commer of Grosse Pointe Park, Jim Krausmann of Grosse Pointe Park, Lauren Graham of Grosse Pointe Park and Jeff Graham of Grosse Pointe Park.

Good fellows

Goodfellows volunteers James Goss of Grosse Pointe Park and Conrad Koski of Grosse Pointe Farms accepted more than $1,000 from the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe on behalf of Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. The Goodfellows provide more than 30,000 Christmas gift boxes to Detroit's underprivileged children. From left, Optimist President Krys Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Koski and the donation check to Goss.

Business development

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace updated the Lakeshore Optimist Club on the progress of business development on Kercheval in the Village, as well as on Fisher Road and Mack Avenue. From left, Optimist President Krys Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods, Scrace and past Optimist president Dave Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe.



The Prague reader

Gerald and Patricia Ament of Grosse Pointe Woods observed their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Prague. Ament took time to read the Grosse Pointe News by the astronomical clock in Old Town. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

Sense of community plays part in new book

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The sense of community played a role in Kathleen McCleary's book "House & Home."

"The sense of community; the closeness of families here is (reflected) in the main character," said McCleary, a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

Her main character, 44-year-old Ellen Flanagan, loves her yellow Cape Cod house and her next-door neighbor, who is a compilation of the two best friends she had while growing up in the Farms. The house and yard are filled with memories.

Flanagan is divorcing her husband of 18 years; the house must be sold. She must break from her home and cope with two young daughters as they question why Daddy has moved and why they have to move.

The book is set in Portland, Ore., a state from which McCleary moved four years ago.

A journalist for 20 years, she has been freelancing for the past eight years. The first venture into fiction was a change for her.

Kathleen McCleary

"In fiction, there is no reporting to look at whatever is in hand. Reporting is structured. I slowed down to be totally accurate," she said.

Switching from nonfiction to fiction was not the easiest, she admitted. The book took 2 to 2 1/2 years to write but from start to finish, it was a 3 1/2 year process.

"I was relieved when the book was finished. The process of writing is all consuming. It's like climbing a mountain on a computer," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Falls Church, Va.

"It's an intriguing way to process a lot of things in my life. I find something of interest; universal truth in fiction."

The book has at least one autobiographical point — the grief of leaving her Oregon house, the rest is fiction.

McCleary said she wrote the book for women, but has learned men are reading it, as well as newlyweds and parents of small children.

One book blogger, McCleary related, said it was not a book she would have picked up but after reading it found she just loved it.

"It's gratifying," she said to know her work it is not a "chick lit" book.

Her next book has a female main character, as well. The main character is overwhelmed with raising her family and moves to a remote island off the Washington coast, an island which has no electricity.

"I hope to finish it in three to six months," she said.

Before a la Annie, there were reader recipes

Through the years The Grosse Pointe News has featured recipes for entrees, sides, desserts, and more.

While a la Annie graces the pages of current issues, 50 years ago recipes were submitted by News readers.

Whether hosting a holiday buffet or sitdown dinner feast, some of these long-ago recipes may be exactly what's needed to start a conversation, add a dash of nostalgia or complement the other tastings.

Editor's note: These recipes are as printed in 1958 various issues. Some measurements and oven temperatures may be missing and are a reflection of the tastes at that time. Nutritional information is unavailable. The following features receipes for the entrée.

Meat Loaf

Contributed by Mrs. Henry S. Reynolds

1 1/2 lb. ground shoulder beef
1/2 lb. sausage meat
2 eggs
1 large onion, chopped
6 slices bread, with crust removed and moistened in 1/2 cup lukewarm water
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoon salt
dash of garlic salt

Mix all ingredients together. Put in greased loaf pan. Cover with 1 cup chili sauce. (Do not mix sauce with ingredients).

Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 1/2 hours.

Rice Dish

Contributed by Mrs. C.F. Taylor

1 cup rice (long grain, slow cooking)
3 tablespoon bacon fat
small onion, sliced fine
1 clove of garlic, mashed
1 cup celery
parsley
few dashes of savory salt
salt and pepper to taste
2 cups of consomme

Brown rice in fat. Add onion, garlic and celery. Simmer for five minutes. Pour into roaster and add consomme. Bake in oven for 1 1/2 hours. Stir occasionally. Correct seasoning. Add parsley.

Molded Salad

Contributed by Mrs. John Hughes

5 carrots
1 green pepper
1 small onion
2 packages of lime Jell-O
1 carton of cottage cheese
1 cup Miracle Whip
1 cup coffee cream

Grate carrots, chop green pepper and onion fine. Dissolve Jell-O in 1 cup of hot water. Add vegetables and other ingredients and pour into standard size ring mold. Salad is best made the night before serving.

Potato Puffs

Contributed by Mrs. Earl Cardoff

2 cups riced potatoes
2 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1/2 cup cream
Salt and pepper

Beat eggs until foamy. Stir butter into potatoes, add eggs and cream. Season to taste, heat well and drop by spoonfuls 2 inches apart on greased pan. Bake in quick oven and serve hot.

Cranberry-Cube Muffins

Contributed by Mrs. Harold A. Schaill

(Prize winning recipe in Better Homes and Gardens contest)

1 3/4 cups sifted enriched flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 beaten egg
3/4 cup milk
1/3 cup salad oil
1 cup canned jellied cranberry sauce cut in 1/2-inch cubes.

Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl; make a well in center. Combine egg, milk and oil; add all at once to dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. Grease muffin pans or line with paper bake cups; fill 1/3 full. Sprinkle all of the cubes over batter; spoon in remaining batter, filling cups 2/3 full. Bake in hot oven (400 degree) 25 minutes or until done. Makes one dozen.

Quick Mushroom Rolls

Contributed by Mrs. William F. Ewald

1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 loaf of bread
1/2 lb. lean bacon

Buy thin sliced sandwich bread and trim off crusts. Spread bread with undiluted soup. Roll up and tie with 1/2 strip of bacon, so the rolls resemble bow ties. Toast in a 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes. The rolls do not have to be turned.

Pork Chops in Foil

Contributed by Marilyn Buck Parr

4 or 5 pork chops
aluminum foil
butter
package of Liptons dehydrated onion soup

Cut squares of foil large enough to fold over each chop. Dot center of square with butter and a large spoonful of dried soup. Place chop on foil and top with more butter and soup. Wrap securely and place in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

AREA ACTIVITIES

Seven-month series

Jazz vocalist Kathy Kosins with guitarist A. Spencer Barefield and bassist Donald Mayberry perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, brunch at the Frank Lloyd Wright-Turkel home on West Seven Mile in Palmer Woods, Detroit.

To obtain $30 tickets, call (313) 891-2514 or visit palmerwoods.org.

This is the first in a seven-month series at Palmer Woods. The series costs $180 and $60 for the dinner dance concert at the Detroit Golf Club.

The calendar is:

◆ Saturday, Jan 24, 8 p.m. — Music by Jelly Roll Morton and Scott Joplin performed by pianist Taslimah Bey and her quartet, featuring trumpeter Dwight Adams.

◆ Saturday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. — Griot Mady Kouyate and the Kora, a 21-string African harp from Senegal, West Africa, will perform music from the times of the Mandinka empire in honor of Black History month.

◆ Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m. — Trumpet master Detroit Jazz Laureate Marcus Belgrave joins Italian-born, eight-string guitarist and violinist Michéle Ramo.

◆ Friday, April 17, 6 p.m. — The Bill Meyer group provides the jazz music for the dinner-dance at the Detroit Golf Club.

◆ Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m. — The Spencer Barefield Trio play the blues, bebop and jazz.

◆ Saturday, May 30, 8 p.m. — Violinist Bolkosky and pianist Bob play Beethoven sonatas.

◆ Saturday June 20, 8 p.m. — Detroit-born violist Jason Amos and New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, perform.

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Sunday, December 21, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2008 (Christmas Eve)
4 pm Worship with Communion
7 pm Worship with Communion
11 pm Worship with Communion
Pre-Service Music at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 28, 2008
First Sunday of Christmas
10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 31, 2008 (New Year's Eve)
6 pm Potluck 7 pm Worship

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Sunday, December 21, 2008
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Meditation" "Rediscovering God...in a Baby's Birth"
Scripture: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Luke 1:26-38
Peter C.. Smith, Preaching
Church School: Crib - 8th Grade

Wednesday, December 24, 2008
9:30 a.m. *CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE*
Prelude Music - 9:00 p.m.
Meditation" "A Bundle of Joy"
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Eve of First Sunday After Christmas
December 27
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

First Sunday After Christmas
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve
December 31
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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December 21 - Christmas Pageant at 9 & 11
December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 11:30 a.m. (followed by light lunch)
5:00 p.m. Living Family Créche Service,
7:30 & 10 p.m. each with Holy Communion
December 28 - One worship service at 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 21
Children's Christmas Program
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Christmas Eve Services
Wednesday, December 24
Family Service - 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 21, 2008
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VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Wednesday, December 24, 2008
CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 4:00 P.M.

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Thursday, December 25, 2008
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 8:30 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 27, 2008
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 28, 2008
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31, 2008
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 1, 2009
MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

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Wednesday, December 24, 2008
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6:00 p.m., With Children's Pageant
12:00 Midnight, With Liturgical Choir
(Caroling begins at 11:30 p.m.)

Masses on Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25, 2008
9:00 a.m., With Contemporary Music Group
11:00 a.m., With Liturgical Choir

Mass on New Year's Eve
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31, 2008
Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Masses on New Year's Day
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
Thursday, January 1, 2009
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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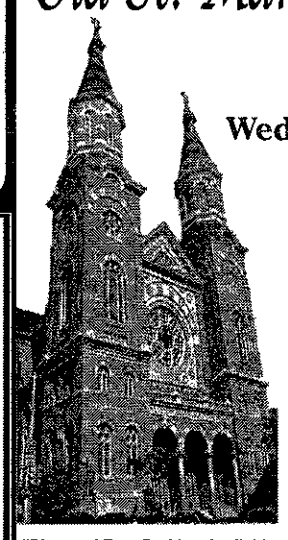

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24, 2008
Masses at 5:30 p.m.
and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day
December 25, 2008
Masses at 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Latin) and 12:00 p.m.

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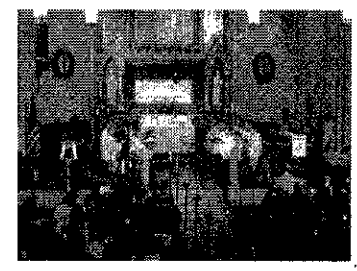
Christmas Eve – December 24



4:00pm – Children's Pageant Service
8:30pm - Carol Prelude Service
9:00pm – Candlelight Festive Communion
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Stay and Play

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts a free "Stay and Play" from noon to 1:45 p.m. every Thursday, beginning Jan. 8. To register call (586) 777-0215 by Friday, Dec. 19.

Cookie walk

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, hosts a cookie walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. European-style cookies will be featured. The cost is $7 per pound.

Historic Trinity

A free open house and Christmas market at Holy Trinity, 1345 Gratiot, is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Tours of the church will be available, as will an opportunity to sing Christmas carols in the cathedral.

There will be free refreshments and beverages. The market features imported, handmade and vintage items.

Christmas crafts will be available for children to make.

Christ Church

A free service of Nine Lessons and Carols, observing the nativity of Jesus, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Choir director is Scott Hanoian.

Live nativity

Christ the King holds four free performances of the Christmas story between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at the church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event includes live farm animals, readings and carol singing in the tent on the church's front lawn.

Cookies and hot beverages will be served in the church's basement between performances.

Special services

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, Sunday school Christmas pageant, "The Night the Animals Sang," is at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. This is the story of Jesus' birth through the stable animals' eyes.

Three candlelight services are offered Wednesday, Dec. 24. The 5 p.m. service is geared toward children. Special pre-service music begins at 7:15 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. service and at 10:45 p.m. for the 11 p.m. service. Holy Communion will be served at both evening services.

A 7 p.m. service is scheduled from Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Fort Street Church

Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit, will have a live nativity from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

Church members and live animals depict the first Christmas. There will be caroling, children's activities and refreshments during this free event.

For more information, call (313) 961-4533.

Nativity displays

More than 80 nativity displays can be seen from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Grace United Church of Christ, Lakepointe and Kercheval. There will be free activities for elementary-aged children and refreshments.

Congregational Church

The 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church worship service features the annual children's Christmas pageant, titled "Radio J-O-Y," the story of Jesus' birth using a variety of characters and upbeat music.

The Christmas Eve service begins at 7:30 p.m and includes candlelight and communion.

The church is located at the corner of Chalfonte and Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Fort Street

The Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit, hosts "Living Nativity" from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

Admission and monitored parking is free.

Visitors will be welcomed at the church door and, after a brief orientation in the sanctuary, will be able to walk through a nativity scene in the adjacent church house building. The activity will feature living farm animals, live music and will include church members portraying the figures associated with the Bethlehem manger scene.

The event also includes a Christmas carol sing-along, refreshments and a small petting farm

This will be the first time Fort Street Church has offered a living nativity in its more than 150-year history.

"This will be an opportunity to present a living picture to people, in a reverent manner, in a way that will create a lasting memory," Rev. Phil Olson said. "We hope people will feel encouraged to come and visit; our doors are just as open as those of any mall or store!"

For more information, visit fortstreet.org, or call the church at (313) 961-4533.

Detroit choir

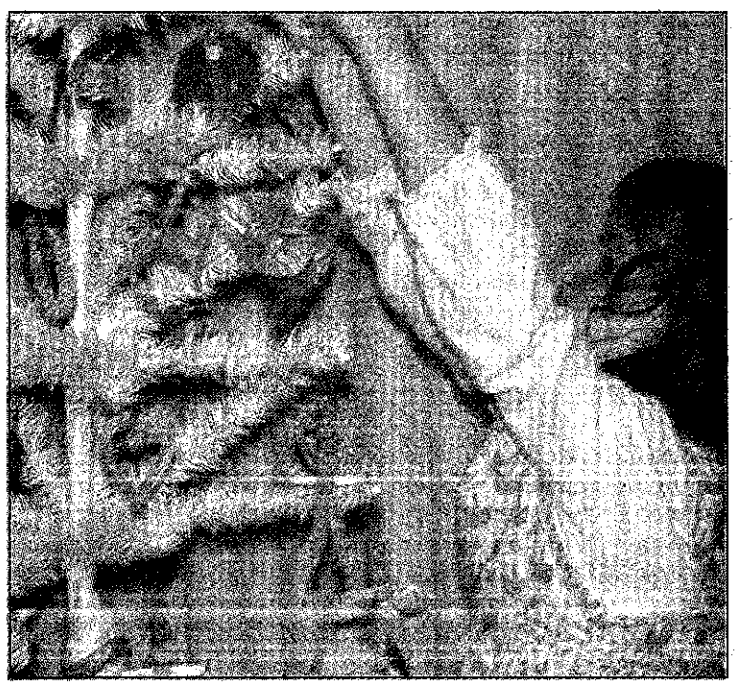
Artistic director and Grosse Pointe Park resident Gordon Nelson conducts the 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir in its holiday concert "Joy to the World" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at St. Martin de Porres, 31555 Hoover, Warren.

The choir observes its 22nd season by performing a cappella, classical works and holiday favorites.

Ticket are $20 for adult; $18 senior (62 up); and $10 young adult (8-21). Advance group rates for 10 or more are available.

For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

Choir members include: baritone Sam Smith, Grosse Pointe Park; bass Benjamin Wrobel, Grosse Pointe Park; bass Stan Harr, Grosse Pointe Shores; tenor Russ Yamazaki, Grosse Pointe Park; sopranos Veronica Smith, Marie Zacney and Jan Stewart, Grosse Pointe Park; soprano Michele Metes, Grosse Pointe Shores; soprano Lyndsey Briggs, Grosse Pointe Farms; soprano Diana Thornbury, Grosse Pointe Woods; soprano and flute Diane Kegler, Grosse Pointe Woods; alto Judy Leonard, City of Grosse Pointe; altos Jane Yamazaki and Judy Jogan, of Grosse Pointe Park; alto Donna Abdoo, Grosse Pointe Woods; bass Joe Wanchik, Harper Woods; alto Ginny Blackmer, Harper Woods; and alto Regina Steiger, Harper Woods.



A free open house and Christmas market at Holy Trinity, 1345 Gratiot, is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Tours of the church will be available, as will an opportunity to sing Christmas carols in the cathedral.

Christmas services

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, has both a 4:30 p.m. and an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, service.

The Thursday, Dec. 25, service is at 10 a.m.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church, St. Aubin and Canfield, Detroit, holds a midnight Mass Wednesday, Dec. 24, with the traditional Pasterka with singing of Kolendy and carols by the Polonaise eChorale. Doors open at 11 p.m. Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 527-9321 or (313) 285-9398.

Career transition

A free support group, Career Transition Support Ministry, for those who have lost their jobs is offered at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Career Transition Support Ministry is designed for those who are experiencing or have gone through a significant change in their careers," said Martha Williams, R.N., who serves as coordinator. "Participants find a comfortable environment with no shame, blame or judgment, just open acceptance, networking and learning from each other."

For more information, call (313) 885-4841 or visit christchurchgp.org.

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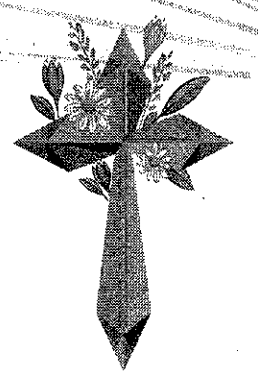

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4:00 p.m., Organ and Instruments
6:00 p.m., Children's Pageant
12:00 Midnight, Liturgical Choir
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Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25, 2008
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11:00 a.m., Liturgical Choir
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Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
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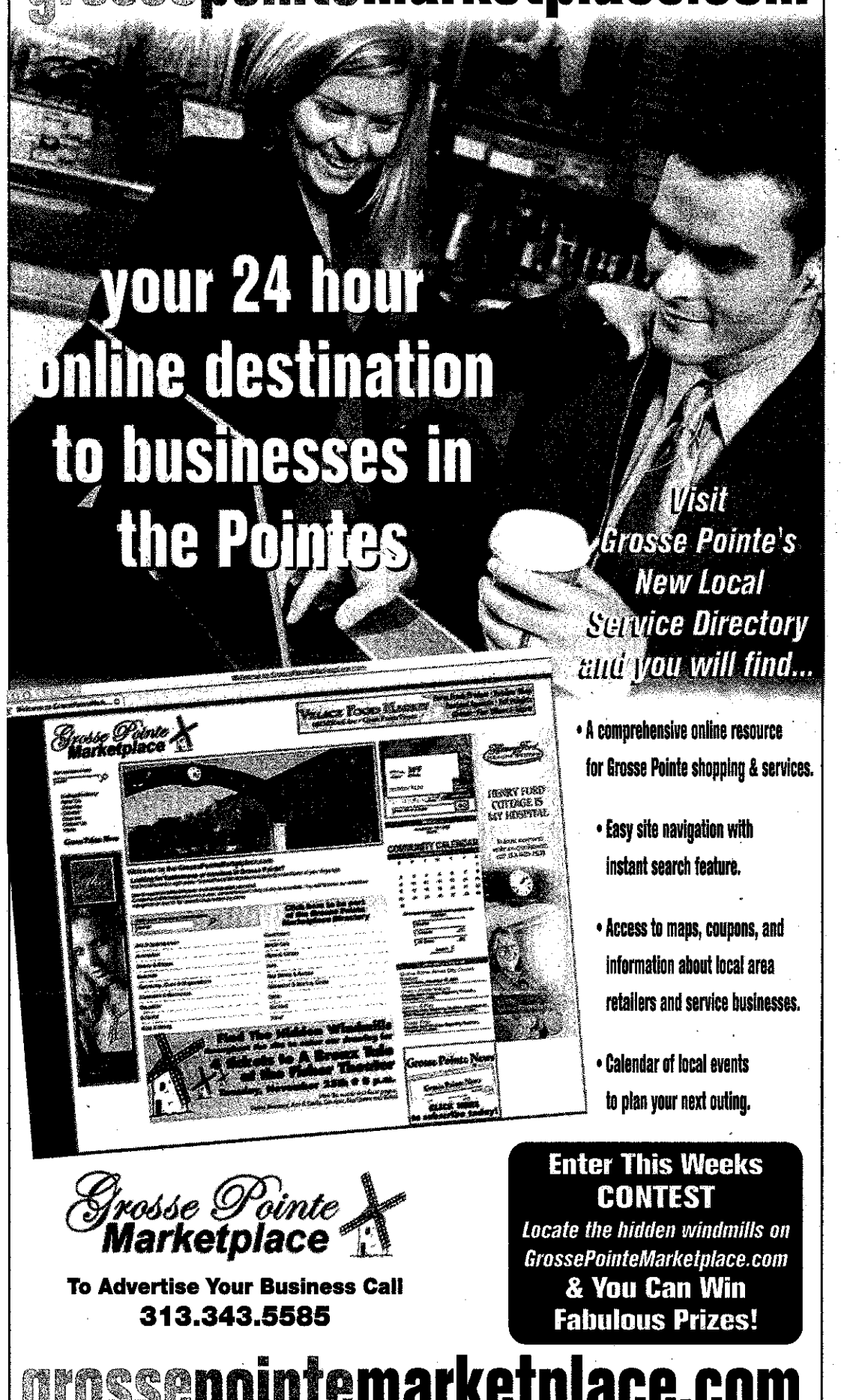

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Special events at Services For Older Citizens

From Bingo to birthdays, Services for Older Citizens has a series of special events planned for the upcoming weeks.

◆ Wii Demonstration – 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Watch a demonstration of this popular virtual sport and fitness game. Older adults who have never played a video game are becoming addicted to Wii's therapeutic capabilities with regard to back problems, hand-eye coordination or challenges with balance, dexterity and endurance. Wii will be an ongoing activity at SOC every Friday after lunch except for the last Friday of the month.

◆ Bosnian Theme Week — 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan.16. Naida Krusko, SOC's social work intern was born in Bosnia and moved to the United States when she was 3 years old. She will share the following:

Monday: Bosnian presentation with Bosnian treats

Tuesday: Bosnian Quiz (win a gift basket)

Wednesday: Movie — "The Hunting Party" with Richard Gere plus popcorn

Thursday: Lunch at Bosnian Specialties in Hamtramck

Friday: Word Search about Bosnia and Bosnian tea

◆ Birthday Celebration — 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan.14. Celebrate with those born in January and hear "Happy Birthday" sung in three languages. Those with January birthdays get free lunch and a photo.

◆ Bingo Blitz — Bring a Friend to Bingo and You Both Play for Free — 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20. To fill the room with bingo players, participants who bring a friend both play for free. The cost is $1.25 for two cards for those that don't bring a friend.

◆ Pizza lunch and Friday Afternoon at the Movies — 11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30. "Mamma Mia" is the movie version of the hit Broadway musical that centers around a young woman named Sophie, who wants to know the identity of her father before she is married. Sophie learns her mother, Donna, had trysts with Bill, Sam and Harry at the appropriate time to sire Sophie. Sophie invites the trio to come to the wedding. Donna, however, does not know about the potential fathers showing up. This movie stars Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and the music of ABBA. The cost is $5 per person.

◆ Valentine Craft — noon, Monday, Feb. 2. Make a Valentine heart foam wreath with ribbons and buttons. Call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600 to reserve a spot at the craft table. The cost is $2 per person.

◆ Alvin Schmidt and his Harmonica — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9. Alvin Schmidt has been playing the octave harmonica for 72 years. He is a member of the Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica, where harmonica enthusiasts come together from all over the world to meet and play each year.

◆ Special Bingo — "Sweets for the Sweet" — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb.10. All prizes are candy-related. The cost is $1.25 for two cards.

◆ Valentine Party and Birthday Celebration Buffet Luncheon — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.11. Catered by Blue Pointe Restaurant, the buffet includes honey-glazed ham, coleslaw, roasted red skin potatoes, baby carrots, rolls and butter and cherry pie for dessert, compliments of Remax in the Pointes. Entertainment will be provided by the Go Go Grannies. Those celebrating their birthdays will be sung to in several languages. Also attending is Mrs. Barbas' third grade class, better known as the "Muppet" classroom from Maire Elementary School. The cost is $12. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

◆ Ireland Theme Week — 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 20. Maggie Hogan, SOC social work intern, will lead participants on a visit to the land of her ancestors.

Tuesday — Irish Family Crests, trivia, quiz and prizes

Wednesday — Movie "In Search of Ancient Ireland"

Thursday — Lunch at Baile Corcaigh Restaurant and Pub in Corktown

Friday — Celtic Music and an Irish treat

◆ Blood Pressure Check and "Ask Dr. Gill" — 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Continuing on the last Monday of every month, Dr. Gill will check blood pressures and answer health questions. Put questions in the "Ask Dr. Gill" box and he will answer all in a group presentation.

◆ Pizza Lunch and Friday Afternoon at the Movies 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Lunch includes salad, pizza, dessert, plus a box lunch to take home and the screening of "Singing in the Rain." After years of honing his skills on the vaudeville stage, hoofer Don Lockwood (Gene Kelly) has reached the top and become a swashbuckling star of the silent silver screen. Then the self-satisfied celebrity has his confidence shattered when ingénue Kathy Selden (Debbie Reynolds) dismisses film actors as "shadows" without substance. After getting over the insult, he falls hard for her — much to the dismay of his costar, the sexy, selfish Lina Lamont (Jean Hagen), who wants Don all to herself.

The cost is $5 per person.

Norway reader

John and Maryann Judge of Grosse Pointe Woods traveled from Bergen, Norway on the Norwegian Coastal voyage and stopped to read the Grosse Pointe News at the North Cape globe marker, which is the northern most point on the European continent at 71 degrees, 10'21" N of the Equator. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Lunch and Learn topics at SOC

Services for Older Citizens' Lunch and Learn topics for the upcoming months are as follows:

◆ Patient's "Bill of Rights" — 11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5. Laura Gross of Franks Medical Supply will provide a copy of the "Patient's Bill of Rights" and discuss key points including laws that protect patients and choices they can make for their care including "The Stark Law." Due to her personal experience with diabetes, the emphasis will be on the rights of diabetic patients.

◆ The Power of Positive Thinking — 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7. The Rev. Rich Bartoszek of Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe will share how developing a positive attitude at any age can directly affect one's life.

◆ Tony the Tax Man...Questions and Answers — 11:45 Wednesday, Jan. 21. Tony Zoia of Zoia & Associates will discuss preparing for the 2008 income tax season and organizing documents. Learn how long to keep records, tax returns and receipts. Questions about charitable contributions will be answered including when is a receipt required, how much can be given and if gifts to children count as contributions. A question and answer session follows

◆ Staying at Home — 11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26. Judy Doyle-Martin of Senior Choices, LLC will discuss products and support services that allow seniors to safely and comfortably stay in their homes.

◆ Depression in Older Adulthood–Session 1 — 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28. John Dubosh, supervisor of social work for Behavioral Health at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, will describe some of the most common causes of depression in older adults, how to recognize depression in oneself and/or in others, and what to do about it.

◆ Later–Life Transitions for Successful Living — Session II — 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. Dubosh returns to discuss ways to deal with life transitions more successfully.

◆ Armchair View of the Detroit Zoo — 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Visit the Detroit Zoo without leaving your chair. A PowerPoint presentation on the inhabitants at the Detroit Zoo will be led by two experienced volunteer educators. The cost is $4 per person and includes animal crackers.

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The Yeats reader

Kay MacKay of Grosse Pointe and her son, Lachland, of Boca Raton, Fla., stopped at the grave of poet William Butler Yeats in Sligo, Ireland, to read the Grosse Pointe News.

The German reader

Charlie, Bill, Cheryl and Craig Gauss took the Grosse Pointe News along to read during their trip to Germany to visit Christopher Gauss. They are shown at a restaurant in Strahlenburg in the mountains near Heidelberg.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

Play Central provides winter fun for toddlers

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Q. I would like to find some socialization opportunities for my young children this winter. Any suggestions?

A. You'll be interested to know that The Family Center offers children and parents an excellent opportunity for socialization through their weekly Play Central drop-in centers which run from November through April. Play Central is held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the Neighborhood Club gymnasium and from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday in the First English Lutheran Church. There is a modest $3 fee per family visit.

The typical child is very active and their energy can seem infinite. During our long Michigan winters, it can be a great relief for parents to have a place where children can climb, ride tricycles, push trucks, run with peers, throw a ball, skip, hop and jump. Play Central provides a great venue for children to burn off some energy with their peers while their parents or caregivers socialize with other adults.

Play Central offers other significant benefits, as well. Group play allows children to explore their surroundings, develop an understanding of their place in the world with wants and needs that are different from others, to grow physically and emotionally, and to practice their socialization and communication. For parents, it is an opportunity to connect with other parents around shared experiences and concerns, provides a break from the demands of child care, normalizes the struggles inherent to new parenting and decreases feelings of incompetence that can come with isolation.

Group settings allow parents to experience their children in new ways, enhancing their understanding of their children's competencies and limitations. Observing their child's temperament, strengths and weaknesses allows parents the insight to guide their child in social settings. Children who have good social skills receive a lot of positive feedback from the adults and children with whom they interact. As a result, these children tend to have more positive self-regard.

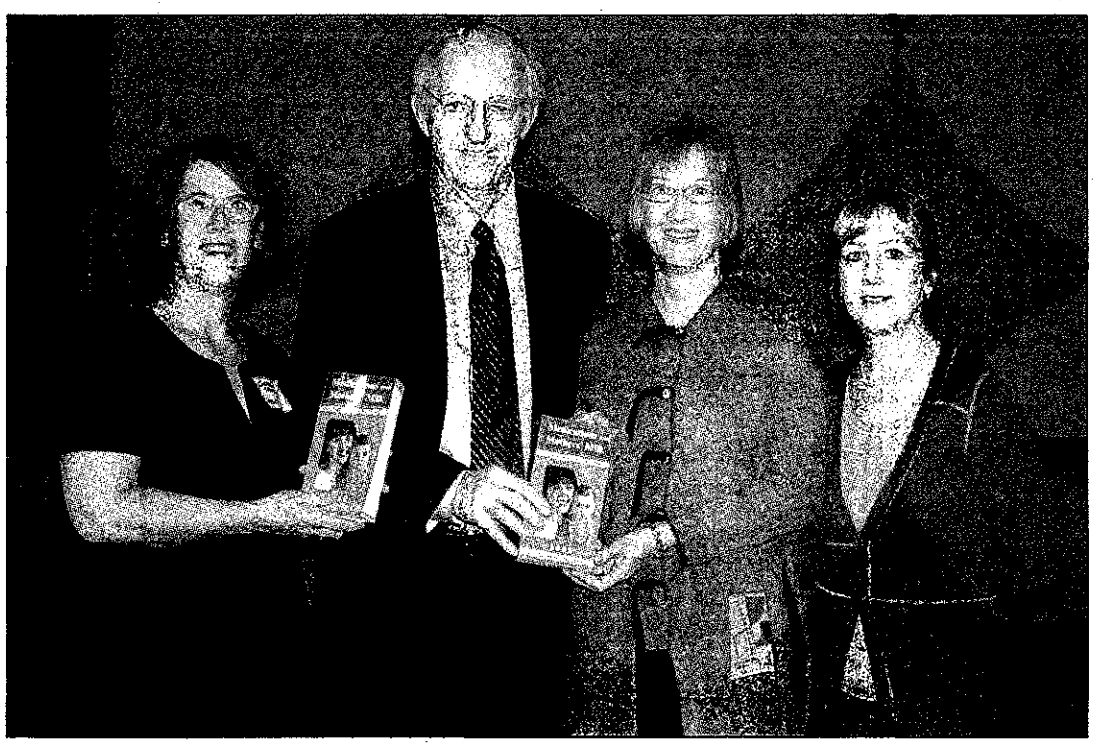
Through play, children take in their environment, what objects surround them and what people they can engage. As they become more aware of their surroundings, children start to put things into patterns and develop their own understanding of their world. Playgroups allow children to enhance their autonomy, investigate the world and learn new social skills while their parents are close by to reassure them and provide security.

Sociability goes hand-in-hand with the preschool years. Between the ages of two and five, solitary play is gradually replaced by parallel play, which involves children playing in similar activities near each other but not with each other. The 3-5 year old stage often begins with children learning to share and take turns. The progression typically involves an increased desire to play with others, more interactive and imaginative play, greater self-reliance, positive feelings about their families and others, and a growing ability to cooperate. They begin to learn what is socially acceptable and unacceptable. By playing with other children, kids have another context for understanding the social rules and manners that parents have begun to teach them at home. Parents can teach mutual respect and caring about others by encouraging social interest.

Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, is a member of The Family Center Board and a Clinical Therapist who works with children, adolescents and adults.

E-mail your questions to info@familycenterweb.org. The Family Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization that depends on donations and is located at 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.



PICTURE COURTESY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LOUISA ST. CLAIR CHAPTER

Providence Hospital lactation consultants, from left, Susie Scheiwe of Grosse Pointe Park, author of "Medications and Mothers' Milk" Tom Hale, Barb Nabozny-Valerio and Mary Castonguay. Hale signed the books which were purchased by the Grosse Pointe Daughters of the American Revolution chapter for the staff of Providence Hospital.

DAR donates reference books to hospital

Signed copies of the book "Medications and Mothers' Milk" were donated to Women's and Children's Services of Providence Hospital by the Grosse Pointe-based Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

The reference books, purchased by the Daughters of the American Revolution Women's Issues Committee, will assist staff to determine which drugs are appropriate for breast feeding mothers and their infants.

The Providence Hospital breast feeding assistance program lactation consultants, as well as assisting inpatients, run a phone service. Representatives advise breast feeding mothers on medications prescribed by medical providers who do not know the impact the drugs on milk supply or whether the medications can be taken while breast feeding.

The book is in its 12th edition.

Providence lactation consultants attended the Michigan Association of Lactation Conference where the author spoke to the consultants and health professionals from across the state.

Gender key factor in lung cancer survival

Gender is the most significant factor impacting overall survival from lung cancer, according to a study presented by researchers at Henry Ford Hospital and four other centers.

Results show males diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer had a 1.23 times higher mortality rate than females. Race and marital status did not significantly affect the patients' outcomes.

"Our study corroborates the fact that gender plays an important role as a prognostic factor in people diagnosed with lung cancer," said Benjamin Movsas, M.D., lead author of the study and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Henry Ford Hospital.

"This underscores the importance of studying this disease entity in light of the fact that women diagnosed with lung cancer tend to have a better outcome in terms of survival."

In 2008, approximately 215,020 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and 161,840 people will die from the disease, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Researchers at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group in Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas and Emory University in Atlanta studied 1,365 lung cancer patients to determine the impact of socio-demographic factors such as gender, race and/or marital status on overall survival.

The study was recently presented at the 2008 Chicago Multidisciplinary Symposium in Thoracic Oncology and was part of a national radiation therapy oncology group analysis.

HAP adds acupuncture, chiropractic

Health Alliance Plan is adding acupuncture and chiropractic services to its Flexible Health Options Benefit for individual Medicare Advantage members beginning Jan. 1.

The plan is offered to members of HAP Senior Plus and Alliance Medicare PPO that reimburse members up to $20 monthly ($240 annually) toward the cost of fitness classes, swimming, yoga, Tai Chi, weight training, or other activities at any gym, fitness facility or health club either at home or abroad. Members can also choose a qualified weight management program, such as Weight Watchers.

"With the holiday season upon us, this is a great time to be thinking about wellness resolutions for 2009," said Karen Wintringham, vice president, Medicare and Public Sector Programs, Health Alliance Plan. "So, if you just can't resist a second helping, know that in January, you can take advantage of HAP's weight loss or exercise Flexible Health Options Benefit to help shed those holiday pounds."

Since the Flexible Benefit was first launched in Jan. 2008, more than 600 HAP Medicare Advantage members have used it. This number is expected to grow in 2009 with the addition of two reimbursable complementary and alternative medicine services.

Also beginning Jan. 1, HAP Medicare Advantage individual members can elect to use their benefit reimbursement of up to $20 per month for acupuncture or chiropractic services not otherwise covered by Medicare.

About 20 percent of American adults have received chiropractic care and an estimated 8.2 million adults have used acupuncture, according to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Many people who seek chiropractic care have chronic, pain-related health conditions — most commonly low-back pain, neck pain and headache. A growing body of research suggests that acupuncture may help ease some side effects of breast, head and neck cancer treatment; decrease the need for post-operative painkillers; and relieve pain associated with osteoarthritis.

To receive the Flexible Health Options Benefit, HAP Senior Plus and Alliance Medicare PPO members can mail a completed form and a receipt to HAP each month, showing they paid a fee for a qualifying membership or service. Unused amounts cannot be rolled over to future months. Benefits provided through individual plans and employer group plans may vary.

Current HAP Senior Plus members can call 1-800-801-1770 for more information or for monthly benefit claim forms. Alliance Medicare PPO beneficiaries can call 1-888-658-2536 toll-free for information or for monthly benefit claim forms.

Prospective members who would like to enroll or learn more about HAP's Medicare Solutions may call 800-971-7878 or visit hap.org/medicare.

Hospice care fundraiser

The Women's Committee For Hospice Care celebrates 21 years of raising awareness and funds for hospice care with "A Grand Night Like No Other" Saturday, Jan. 10.

Taking place at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, the event includes cocktails in the Grand Hall, dinner, a live auction and dancing to the music of the Jerry Fenby Band.

An after-party takes place at Club Dragon Bleu at the Ritz-Carlton.

Tickets are $300 per patron and $500 per benefactor. For information, call Judy Gardner at (248) 647-2847 or visit wchcinc.org.

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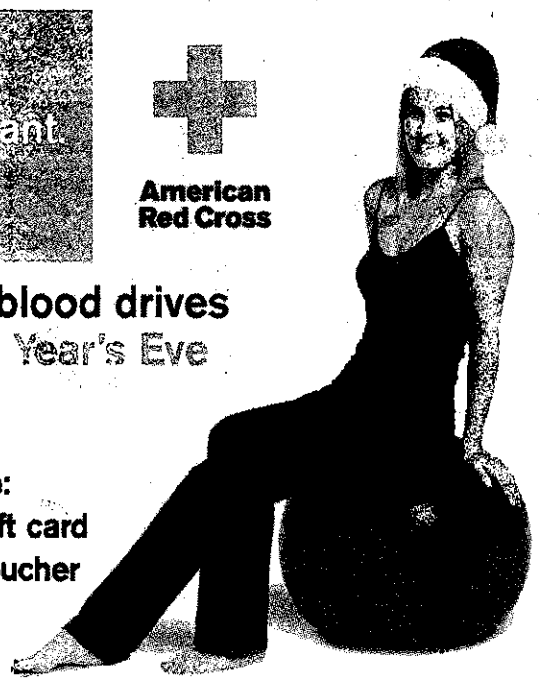

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Celebrate the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

The Christmas story is shared in many churches and homes this time of year. The part about the Three Wise Men and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh always gave me pause.

We all know gold. But what about frankincense and myrrh?

Both frankincense and myrrh are the sap from certain trees. Frankincense is taken from the Boswellia Sacra tree growing only in Somalia and the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula or northeastern Africa; Myrrh from certain trees in the genus Commiphora found in the bushland that covers the drier parts of tropical Africa, Arabia, Madagascar and India.

Most of the trees in the Boswelia genus are aromatic and many produce a scented sap, but only one tree, Boswelia sacra, produces the highest grade of frankincense, also known as "true" or "commercial" incense.

At certain times of year, the trees are cut with special knives and the sap oozes out. Once dried in the sun, it is ready for use. A different harvesting method is to simply scrape away portions of the bark and allow the sap to flow from this wound.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN PEABODY

The Christmas story tells of frankincense and myrrh which are tree resins used for a variety of purposes, both historically and in modern times.

During the cooler parts of the year, a similar set of incisions are made. As temperatures warm, the sap slowly oozes out in small droplets, building into spherules that can reach the size of a hen's egg before harvested.

Trees can yield several kilograms of resin each year. The first tapping occurs from January to March and the second from August to October. After tapping has continued for five or six years, the trees are rested.

Frankincense and myrrh are burned as incense because of their pleasing aromas. But history tells us they also have a number of other uses.

Referenced to healing the sick in the Bible, frankincense is now showing promise as an anti-inflammatory with possible use in treating asthma. It was mentioned in one of the oldest known medical records, Ebers Papyrus (16th century BC), an Egyptian list of 877 prescriptions and recipes. It has been used to treat depression, cancer, respiratory infections, inflammation and stimulating the immune system.

The medical properties of myrrh are also powerful as an antioxidant, antitumoral, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antiparasitic and as an analgesic/anesthetic.

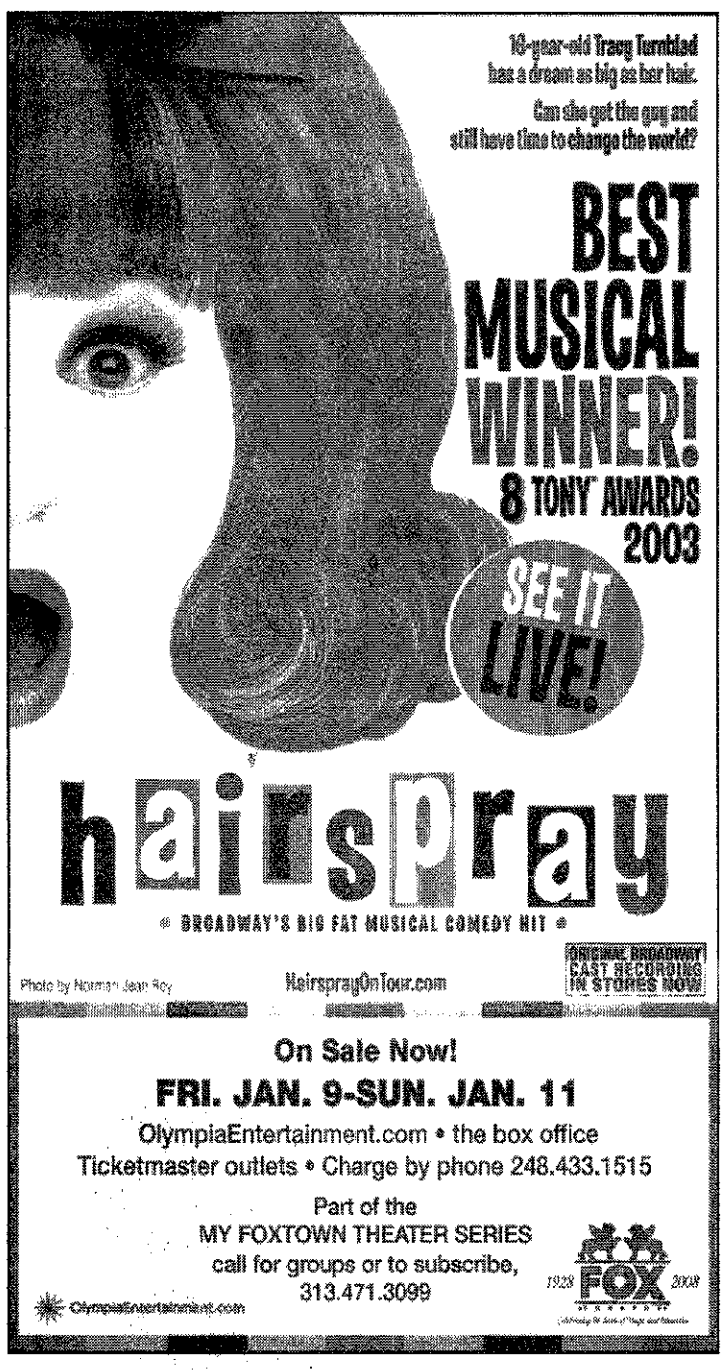
Other uses are in deodorant, toothpaste, food and drink flavoring and clothing scent.

Possibly the most important is the use of frankincense as a pest repellent. The coastal regions of South Arabia are prone to pest-born diseases like malaria. The smell of frankincense serves to drive the dangerous insects away.

The Omanis even go so far as to inundate their clothing with the smoke using special wicker frames.

With each step, their clothing exudes the odor of frankincense, helping to keep mosquitoes and other flying insects at bay.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village

This holiday season, step back in time when Christmas pleasures were simple.

The Henry Ford opens its gates for Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Dec. 19-23 and 27-28 when the village is transformed into a winter wonderland bustling with activity — from storytelling to ice skating.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Three-minute sushi rolls

Sushi has been all the rage for quite some time and restaurants are now adding sushi bars to their menus.

You can even find the Japanese treasures in the grocery store.

This week I'm going to show you how to prepare sushi at home. This Delicious Living recipe is called Three-Minute Sushi Rolls. It took me a little more than an hour to make mine.

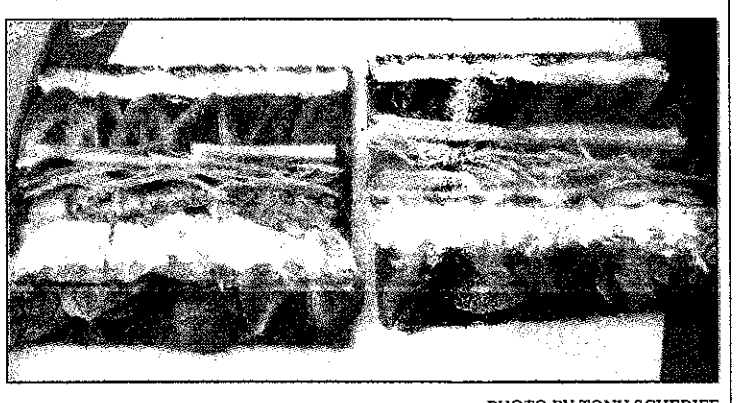
That's OK. You can prepare the sushi rolls a day in advance and you'll have enough sushi to feed a crowd. No special equipment is necessary.

Smoked Salmon Sushi Rolls

1 6-oz. package nori seaweed sheets (seven sheets)
1 bag baby spinach leaves
1 2-oz. package thin -sliced smoked salmon
4-oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
2 ripe avocados
1 bag shredded carrots
1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut into matchsticks
soy sauce and wasabi paste for dipping

Begin by lining up ingredients on a large, clean work area. Make one sushi roll for practice, then you'll be able to handle making two at a time.

Place a nori sheet shiny side down. (The sheets are rectangular with perforated lines. The lines should be vertical.) Lay a single layer of spinach leaves over the nori, leaving a half inch (or so) gap at the top of the sheet. About one inch from the bottom of the nori, place a 1 1/2 inch horizontal layer of smoked salmon over the spinach. Spread about 1 tablespoon of softened cream cheese over the salmon.



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The "before" sushi picture.

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The "after" picture. Sushi has been rolled and cut.

Working upward from the salmon, arrange a layer of sliced avocado an inch or so above the salmon, followed by a layer of carrots and cucumber above the avocado.

Spread a thin layer of cream cheese at the top of the nori sheet to seal the sushi roll. Starting from the bottom, carefully roll the nori sheet into a tight, snug roll. The cream cheese at the top should be the last thing to hit the roll.

Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

To serve, cut the sushi rolls into one-inch pieces (the perforated lines should help) using a serrated knife. Arrange the cut sushi on a serving platter with a small dish of soy sauce for dipping. Garnish with a dab of wasabi paste.

I picked up the smoked salmon at Costco. I prefer Trader Joe's for shredded carrots because the carrots are cut like matchsticks. You'll find the nori at the Sprout House in Grosse Pointe Park.

This isn't a throw-it-together, last minute appetizer.

It is however, a really neat treat to make for your sushi loving friends. This recipe yields 42 bite-sized pieces.

Candlelight tours at Ford House

Seek some holiday cheer on the off-work hours by participating in a Candlelit Christmas Evening Tour at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 through 21, the tour includes the historic Cotswold house where live music will play in the gallery where the family hosted many gatherings. The Grosse Pointe Symphony Flute Ensemble performs Dec. 18 and the Grosse Pointe South Show Choir Alumni perform Dec. 19, 20 and 21.

Visitors also get a look at Homes for the Holidays, a display of gingerbread houses created by area children, adults and professional pastry chefs. The Tea Room will be open for extended hours serving a special holiday dinner menu.

Candlelit Christmas Evening Tours are $15 per person. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

For more information, visit fordhouse.org.

WSU, DSO offer low-cost music lessons

Wayne State University's Department of Music and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Power of Dreams String Music Project offers low-cost music lessons to area children.

Lessons are available in violin, viola, cello or double bass during the fall and winter terms.

Tuition is $150 for two 12-week semesters.

Selected undergraduate string majors will teach violin, viola, cello and bass to small groups of third- through fifth-grade beginners on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Each semester culminates with a performance in the Music Box concert space at Detroit's Max M. Fisher Music Center.

The WSU component of this new string education program.

'The Polar Express' chugs into Ford IMAX

Back by popular demand, The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience returns this holiday season to The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre.

Based on the children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, the movie tells the tale of a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole. This journey of self-discovery shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

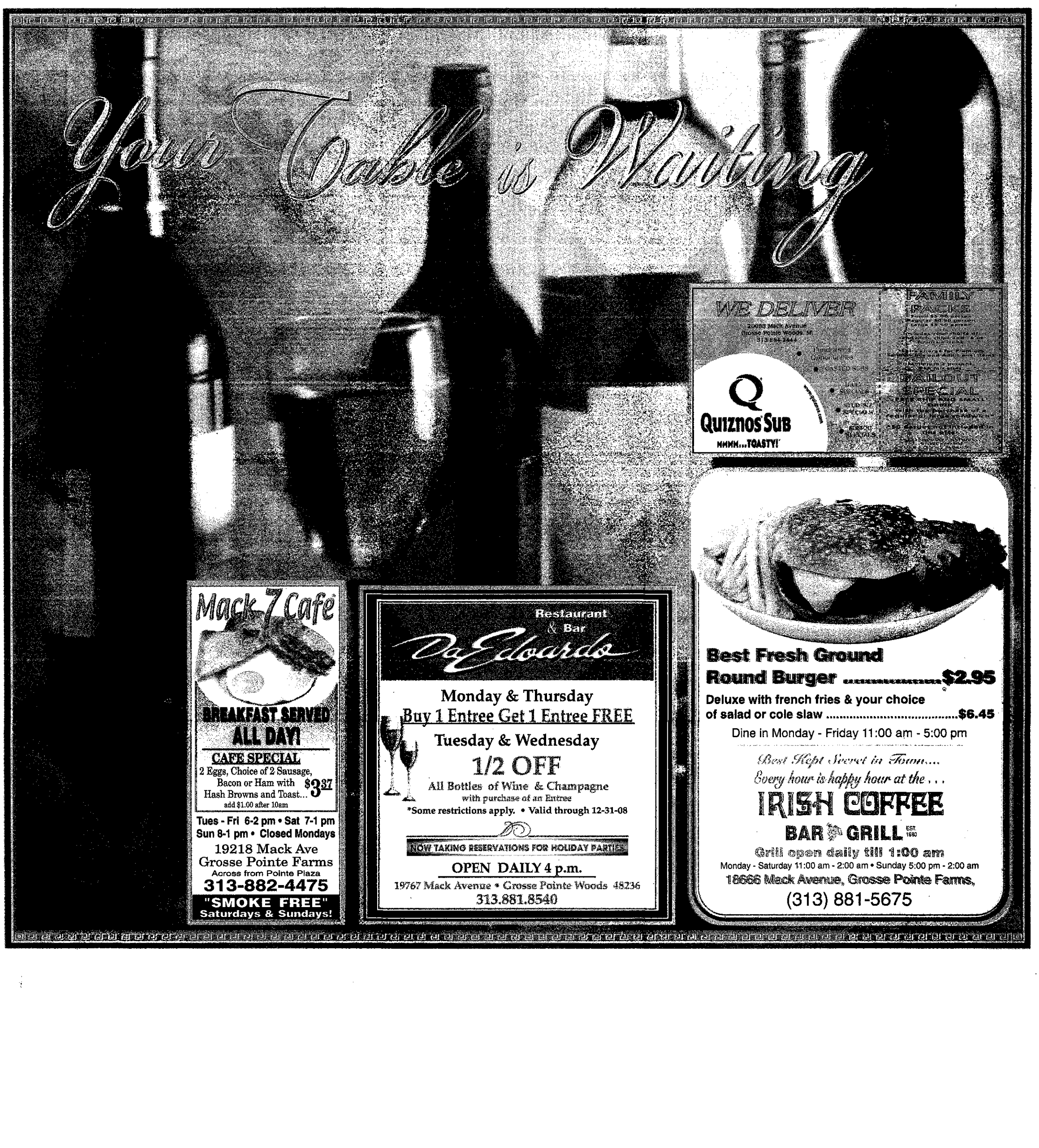
As the first full-length feature converted into IMAX 3D, the film opened in 2004 to acclaim and grossed more than $60 million in IMAX box office receipts.

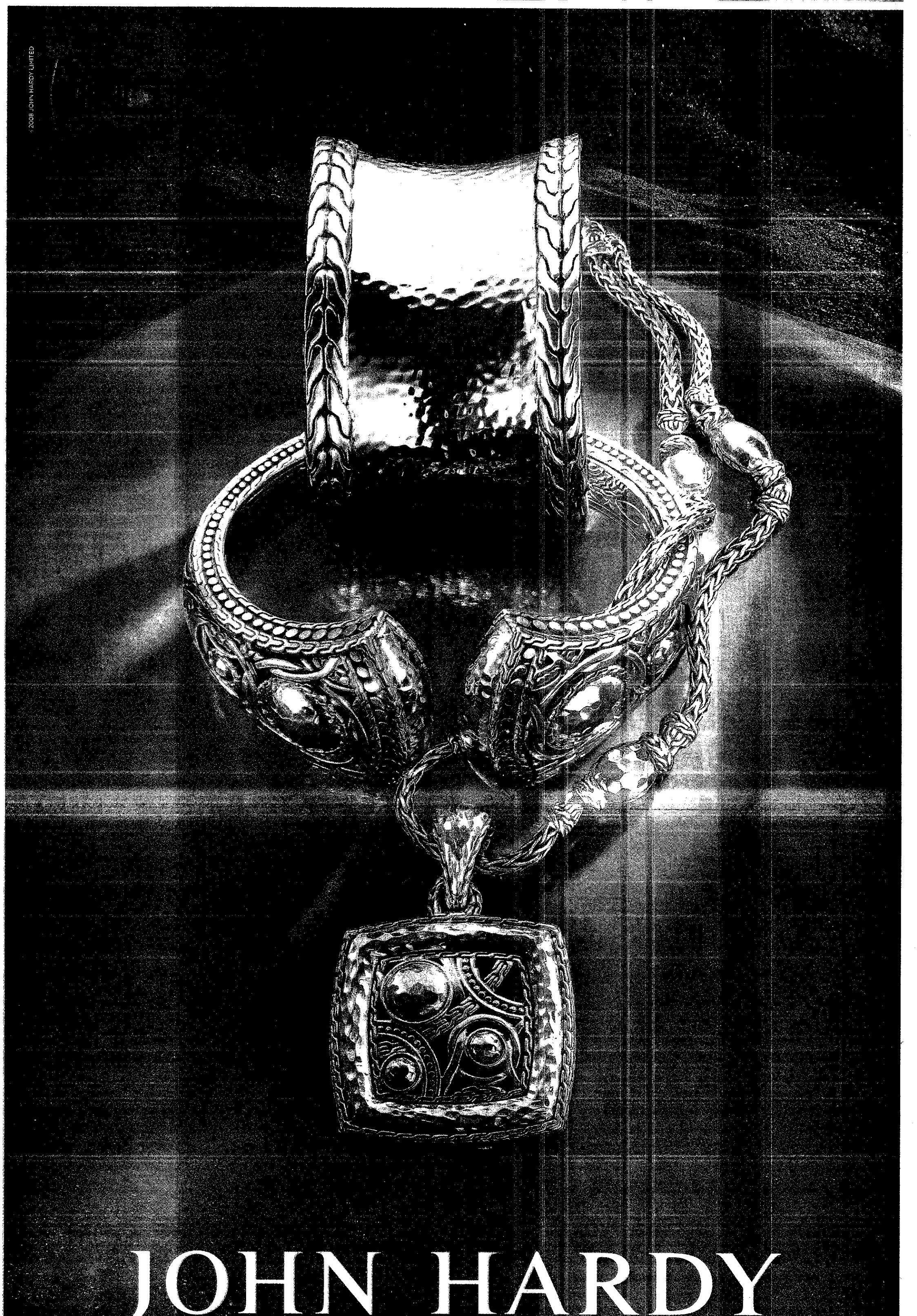
The IMAX 3D presentation, digitally re-mastered using proprietary IMAX 3D DMR technology, gives audiences the sense they can grasp falling snowflakes, duck as the train screeches into their lap and feel the howl of the steam whistle via state-of-the-art digital surround sound.

"When I saw the tests for The Polar Express in IMAX 3D, I was excited that audiences would be able to experience the movie this way," said director Robert Zemeckis. "The 3D adds incredible depth and allows the viewers to experience the visual splendor and amazing adventure of this classic story in a way which should create a really memorable experience, not only this holiday season but for years to come."

Once the IMAX DMR process is complete, The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience film format will be 10 times larger than the original. For audiences wearing special IMAX 3D glasses, the film will appear to have depth beyond and in front of the screen.

For information on tickets and show times, call (313) 271-1570 or visit thehenryford.org.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Jarboe saves day; South survives North

Rivals play with great emotion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team earned bragging rights in its first battle with city rival Grosse Pointe North.

The visiting Lady Blue Devils scratched out a 2-0 win over the Lady Norsemen as the high-powered offense took a back seat to a tight defensive battle.

"We didn't play the best game and our offense sputtered, but at least we were able to get a win," South head coach Bill Fox said. "I have to give North a lot of credit for playing a great game and playing a lot better than our team."

Senior Erin Shook's first-period goal would be enough as the Lady Blue Devils rode the hot goaltending of senior C.J. Jarboe to the road win.

"Jarboe made some great saves and she was our player of the game," Fox said. "I don't think we would have won this game without her."

Neither team mounted much of an offense as the Lady Blue Devils had only eight shots on net after two periods while the

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PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe senior goalkeeper C.J. Jarboe was the No. 1 star, making several sprawling saves to preserve the shutout win over its city rival.

GYMNASTICS

Grosse Pointe splits first two matches

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team opened its season last week, losing a close meet to Birmingham by only five-tenths of a point.

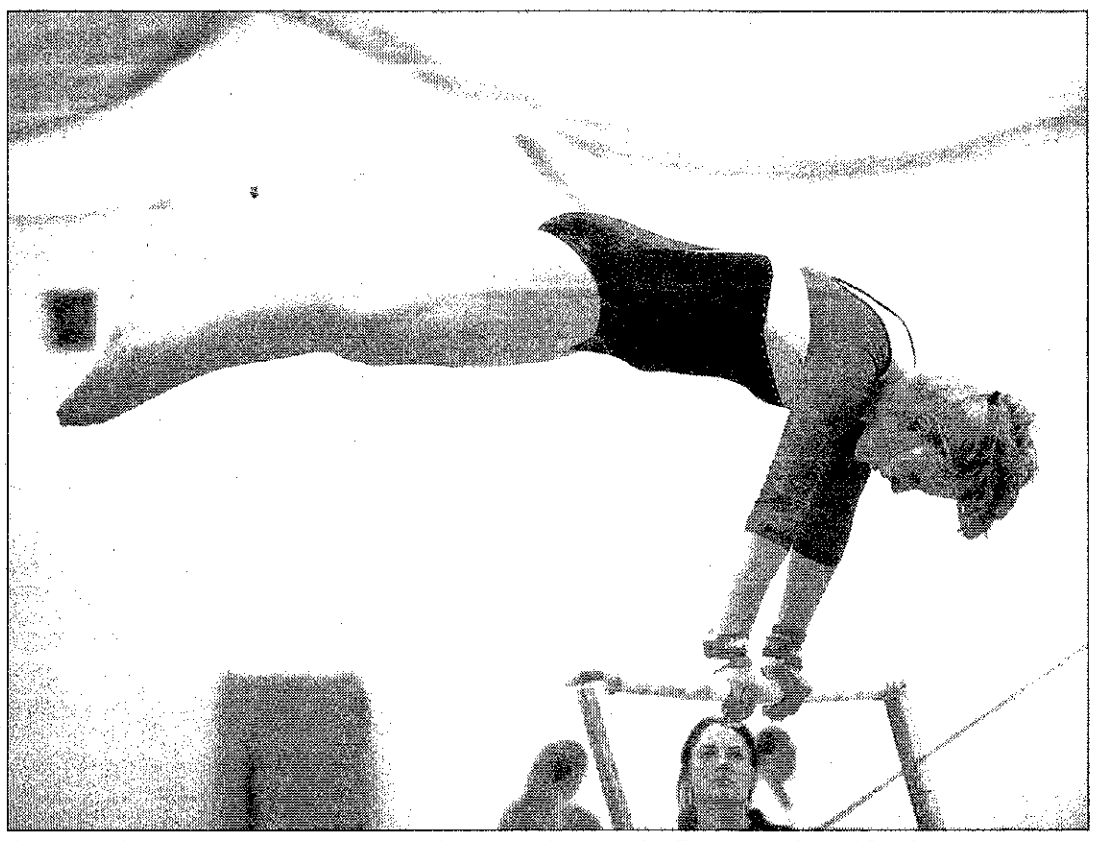
Madi Kaiser placed first on vault with an 8.4, third on bars with a 7.95 and was solid on the beam and floor exercise to lead the team.

Sarah Fentin and Lauren Krieger tied for second on vault with a score of 8.35. Fentin also had a strong showing on bars, beam and floor, as well.

Krieger's second on bars and beam and first-place floor exercise helped Grosse Pointe stay in the hunt to win the match.

Other strong performances were turned in by Heather Koresky, Brittany Rizzo, Lydia Fuller, Fran Kay, Anna Liang and Pilar Mackey.

In the final meet before the holiday break, host Grosse Pointe beat Royal Oak 133.40-126.85.



Grosse Pointe North sophomore Heather Koresky won the floor exercise with a 9.1.

Kaiser won the vault with an 8.65, while Koresky and Rizzo tied for second with an 8.4 to earn the team valuable points as it swept the top three spots in the event.

Fentin and Amy Claerr of Royal Oak tied for fourth with an 8.35 and Fuller earned a qualifying score on vault with a 7.9.

Koresky placed second on bars with an 8.3, followed by Kaiser with an 8.05, Fentin with a 7.7, Rizzo with a 7.1 and Kay with a 7.15.

Head coach Cathy Hubmeier watched Krieger win the beam with a score of 9.35, which broke the school record on that event. Kaiser was third with an 8.3, followed by Koresky with an 8.05, Fentin with a 7.8, Rizzo with a 6.35 and Liang with a 6.8.

The team's other first-place finish was posted by Koresky in the floor exercise. She scored a 9.1 with Fentin taking second with a 9.0 and Kaiser was third with an 8.75.

Kay scored an 8.05 on the floor exercise, while Rizzo and Fuller had scores of 7.75 and 7.65, respectively.

Hubmeier's squad is 1-1 overall after the opening week of competition.

— Bob St. John

PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North junior Lauren Krieger set a school record of 9.35 on the beam during the team's victory over Royal Oak.

RUN/WALK

Register for Dec. 31 run/walk

The 39th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Run/Walk is Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 3:30 p.m.

The events are a children's and open one-mile run/walk beginning at 3:30 p.m.; a four-mile racewalk/fitness walk beginning at 3:35 p.m.; and a four-mile run beginning at 4 p.m.

Registration is at the Belle Isle Casino, Saturday, Dec. 27, from noon to 3 p.m. or on race day from noon to race time.

The start and finish line is in front of the Belle Isle Casino and parking is free on Belle Isle, except on a designated race course.

The race entry fee is $10 for children 12 and under before Dec. 27 and $15 on race day and is $23 for participants age 13 and older before Dec. 27 and $28 on race day.

Those who compete will get a long-sleeve shirt, awards, food and beverage, as well as New Year's Eve toasts and festivities.

Race entry forms are available at michiganrunner.com/belleisle.com.

Return the entry forms with a check or money order to Belle Isle Runners/Jeanne Bocci, 1353 Grayton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230-1127.

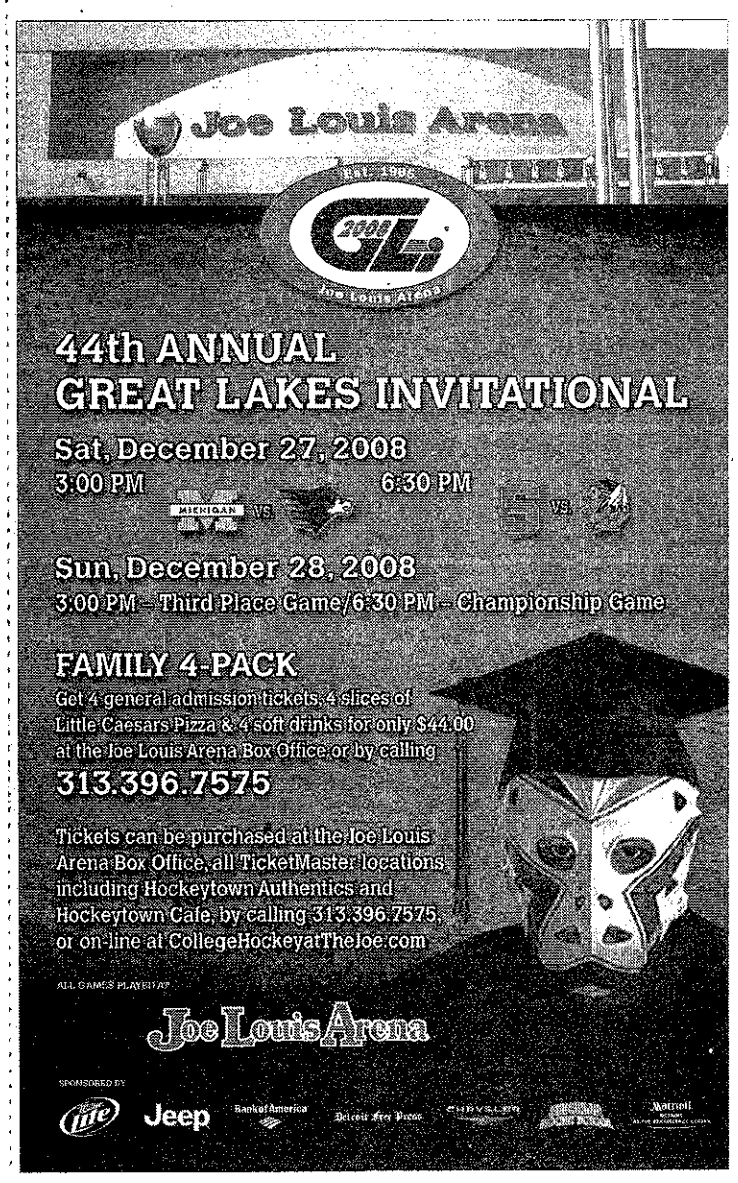
GOLF

Farms resident enjoys shot of a lifetime, an ace

George Schooff, of Grosse Pointe Farms, scored a hole-in-one Nov. 30 at the TPC-Scottsdale Golf Club.

Schooff, visiting relatives, played the round of golf where the FBR Golf Tournament will soon be held.

He aced the par 3, 185-yard seventh hole.



RIVALS: Goalkeepers dominante

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Lady Norsemen had only four.

That changed in the third period as the Lady Norsemen found some offense behind senior Alexa Quinlan and junior Nikki Capizzo.

Both had golden opportunities to score, but Jarboe stopped every shot, including three sure-goals after making sprawling saves.

"This was, by far, our best effort of the season, but it's unfortunate we had to lose this game," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "Our girls played very well and had some great chances to score and win this game.

"I have to give South's goalie a lot of credit because she made some unbelievable saves. I hope this effort continues."

Jarboe's biggest save came late in the third period when she stopped Quinlan on a breakaway and smothered the rebound shot Quinlan fired.

Senior Kathryn Pepicky scored an insurance goal at the 11:53 mark of the third period.

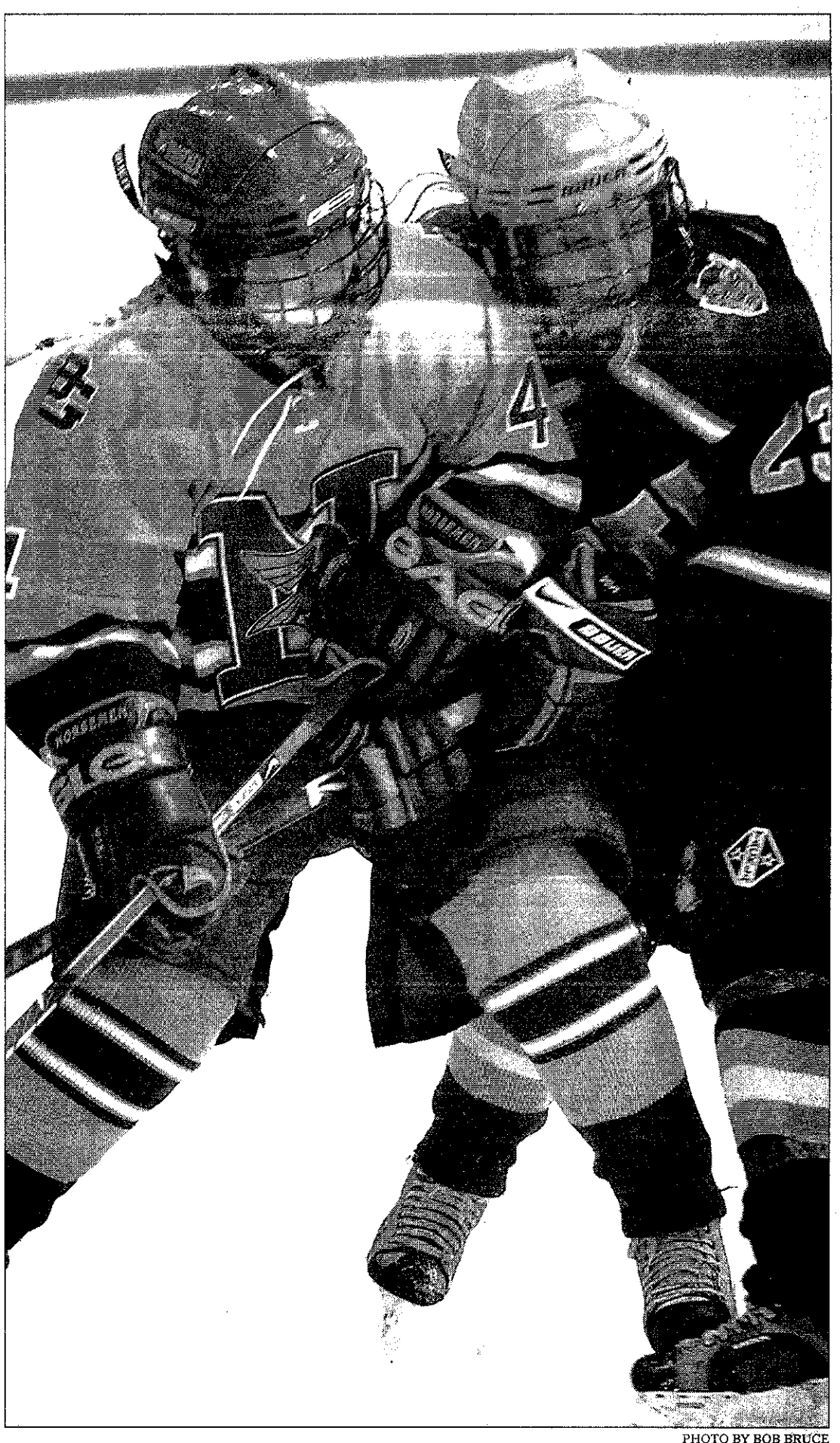
"I would have loved to get that goal," Quinlan said. "We played a good game, but not good enough, I guess."

North's senior goaltender, Lindsay Smith, played a strong game. Smith, playing goalie for the first time in her career, came up with her share of fine saves that kept the game close.

In other action last week, North beat Plymouth-Canton-Salem 7-1 and Walled Lake 9-1, while South edged Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 3-1.

In the Lady Norsemen's game against PCS, Quinlan had four goals, while senior Lauren Walsh had one goal and two assists. Capizzo chipped in with four assists.

South improves to 5-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School League and overall, while North is 2-2 in the Michigan Metro and 2-4 overall.



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Grosse Pointe North sophomore Megan Bergeron, No. 4, tangles with Grosse Pointe South junior Rachel Sklarski during the second period of the Lady Blue Devils' 2-0 win over the Lady Norsemen.

GOLF

Registration starts for golf sessions

Registration is under way for the winter session of after-school golf classes at four Grosse Pointe elementary schools.

The six-week sessions, conducted by Total Golf Adventures, are scheduled at Trombly on Mondays, beginning Jan. 5; Monteith on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 6; Defer on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7; and Kerby on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 8.

All classes are right after school in the gymnasium from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Classes are open to K-5 students and the cost is $119.

TGA also has programs in place at University Liggett School, the Lakeshore Family YMCA in St. Clair Shores and schools and YMCAs throughout Macomb County.

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University Liggett School

BOYS, GIRLS BASKETBALL

ULS doubles up on Macomb Christian

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys basketball team put win No. 1 in the books last weekend, crushing Warren Macomb Christian 57-33.

The host Knights came out with a flurry in the opening five minutes, using a pressing defense that turned turnovers into easy buckets.

After the initial burst, both teams were lethargic, which led to the Knights scoring only 21 first-half points, but taking a 21-13 lead.

"I told the guys at the half to turn up the defensive intensity and play with a little more emotion," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "Our halfcourt trap worked pretty well and we were able to extend our lead."

Within the opening three minutes of the third period, the Knights outscored the Crusaders 18-2 to open a 39-15 lead.

The Crusaders never threatened after that as the home team cruised to the easy victory.

The Knights were able to force 26 turnovers and hit 7-of-9 free throws compared to only 6-of-12 for the Crusaders.

Senior Jeremiah Manning had 20 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots, and junior Mark Ghafari had 12 points, six rebounds and several steals.

Senior Andrew Malaski was also in double-digits, scoring 11 points, all in the second half.

Freshman Eddie Thomas added six points and four rebounds, while freshman Justin Shack had four points.

Other contributors were sophomore Dominic Jamett with three points and nine rebounds, sophomore Carl Ghafari with two points and four rebounds and junior Matthew Stanley with one rebound.

Earlier in the week, ULS lost 78-58 to Sterling Heights Parkway Chrstian.

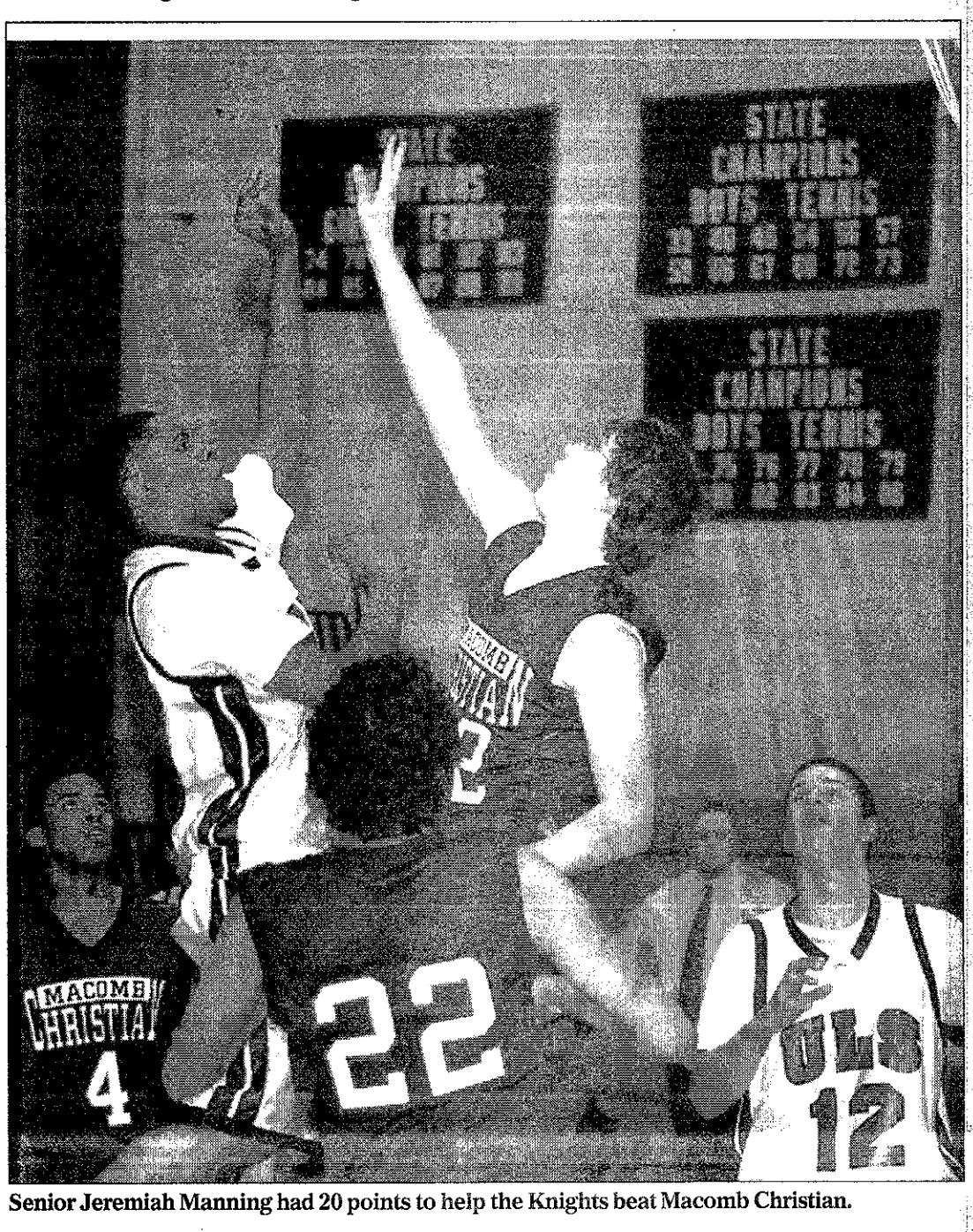
"We played a good first half, but then lost our momentum in the third quarter and never got back in the game," Johnson said. "I thought we could have played a better second half."

The visiting Knights led 21-16 after the opening quarter, but trailed 37-33 at the half.

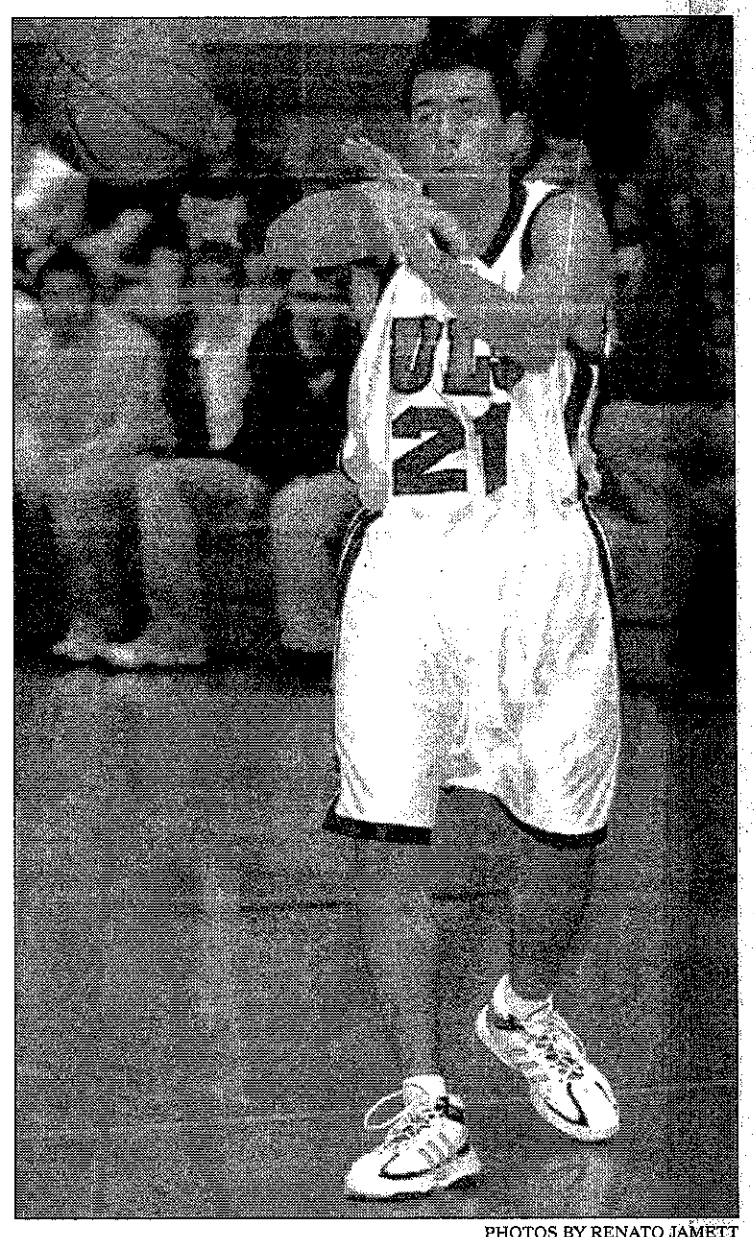
They lost their mojo in the second half as Parkway Christian was able to pull away in the season opener for both squads.

Mark Ghafari had a team-high 22 points, followed by Malaski with 19 and Maning with 10.

The University Liggett School boys basketball team is 1-1 overall.



Senior Jeremiah Manning had 20 points to help the Knights beat Macomb Christian.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior point guard Mark Ghafari had several steals and assists to help University Liggett School's boys basketball team to its first win of the season.

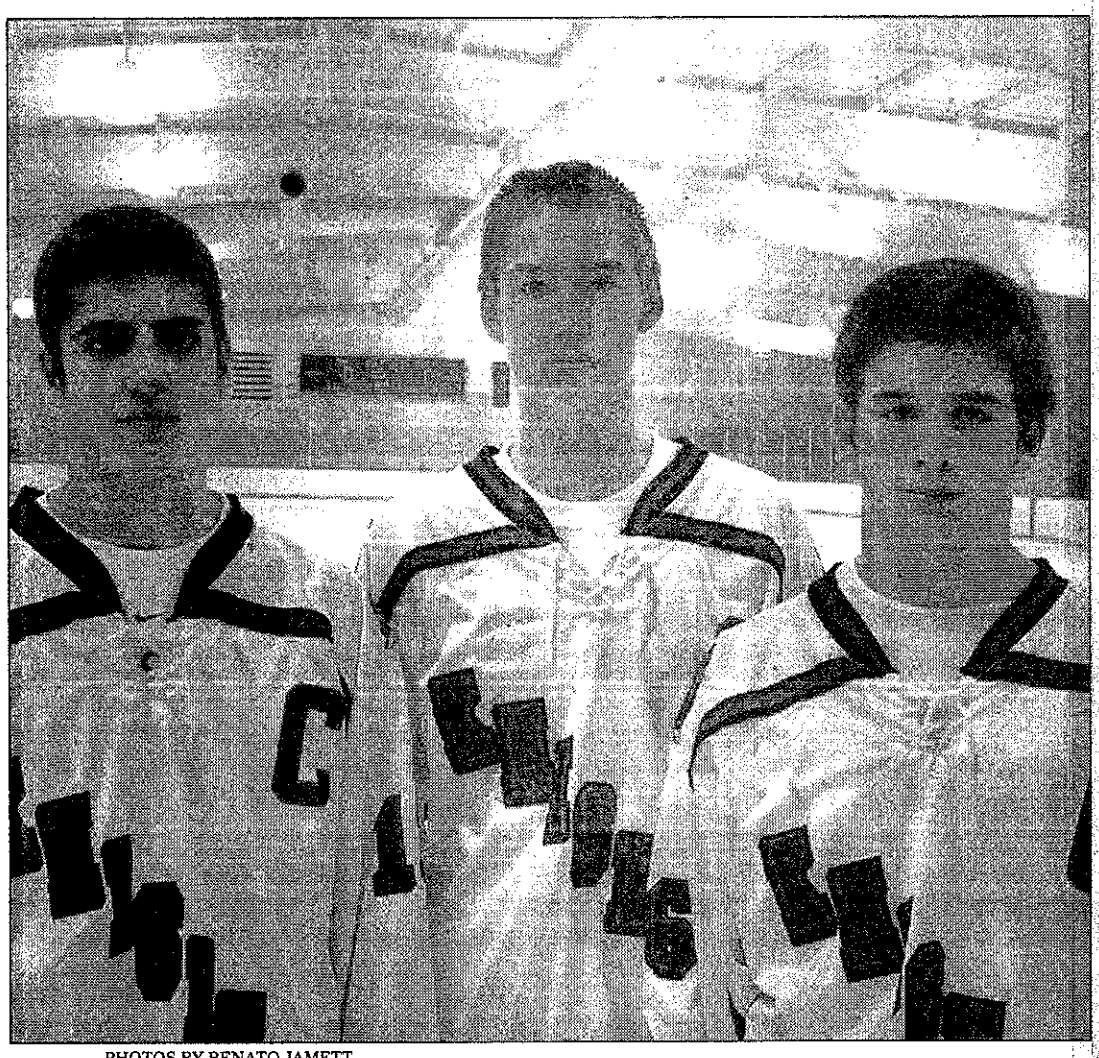
Girls results

Freshman Madison Ristovski scored 49 points to lead the Lady Knights to a 73-44 win at Macomb Christian.

"We played well on offense and had a lot of open shots for all of the girls," head coach Adam Beck said. "I was happy with our effort, but we still have a few things that we need to work on."

Head coach Adam Beck and his ULS girls' team improved to 2-0.

BOYS HOCKEY



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All-Tourney

University Liggett School boys hockey team hosted its annual tournament last weekend. The Knights lost 6-4 to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and 6-4 to Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Earning All-Tournament honors were, from left, senior Drew Amato, junior Rory Deane and junior Dan Zukas. Earlier in the week, the visiting Knights roared back from a 4-0 deficit against Allen Park Cabrini, but eventually lost 6-5, dropping to 2-7 overall. Pictured right is Zukas skating in for a shot attempt during the Knights' tournament game against Crestwood.

GIRLS HOCKEY

ULS blanks CD

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls hockey team cruised to an easy 8-0 home win over Birmingham Detroit Country Day last week.

"We won the game, but I wasn't too pleased with our effort," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We were too lethargic and that has to change with our big game coming up against first-place Mercy."

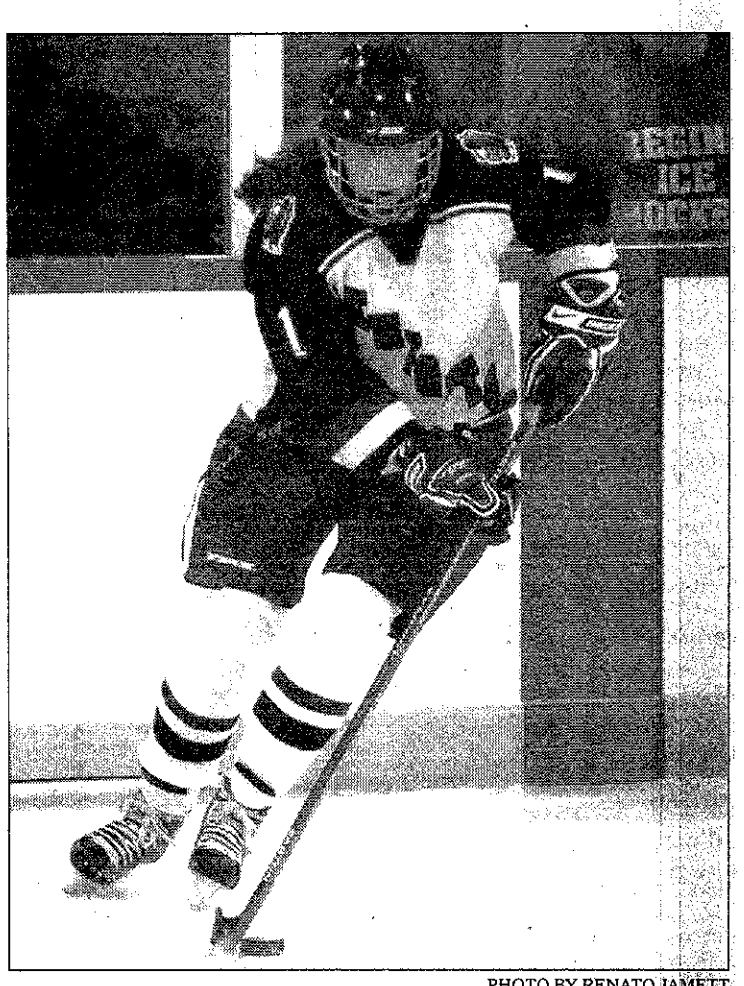
Senior Janaya Gripper and sophomore Mariah Passalacqua shared the shutout in net. Gripper stopped two shots in the first period, while Passalacqua stopped six shots, including a breakway midway through the second period.

Offensively, the Lady Knights fired 34 shots in the game which was called by mercy rule at the 7:34 mark of the third period.

Freshman Haleigh Bolton continued her goal-scoring surge, tallying a hat trick. Other goal scorers were junior Liz Smith with two, junior Paige Counsman, junior Morgan Ellis and sophomore Natalie Peracchio with one apiece.

"I was hoping some of our other girls who haven't scored would have put the puck in the net tonight," Owczarski said.

The Lady Knights scored two special teams goals. They had a power play tally by Bolton and a shorthanded goal by Smith in the second period. Counsman had three assists, while sophomore Kinaya Smith, junior Kelly Usakoski and Bolton had two assists apiece. Smith and senior Megha Patel each had one assist.



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Sophomore Natalie Peracchio, shown here against Warren Regina, scored a goal in the Lady Knights' mercy rule win over Country Day.

CO-ED SWIMMING

Knights' depth leads to victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School co-ed swim team won its season-opening meet last week, beating host Clawson 92-74.

"The kids pulled through and did splendidly," said assistant coach Adam Hellebuyck. "Our newcomers were a little nervous before the meet, but they did a nice job and the meet turned out in our favor.

"It was a nice way to open the season."

Leading the way for the Knights were Chris Brownell and Kara Zmyslowski, who won the 500-yard freestyle, as well as the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly, respectively.

The 200-medley and 400-freestyle relays teams of Brownell, Zmyslowski, Stavros Bricolas and Jake Osborn also won to help the team beat Clawson.

The Knights are 1-0 overall.

Grosse Pointe South

BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils open season with victories

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

With only two seniors on the squad, the varsity basketball team at Grosse Pointe South is obviously young.

That said, they're also talented and capable of surprising fans and foes alike in the Macomb Area Conference White this season.

"We're young," Blue Devils coach Jim Twigg said. "That's all. Once we figure it out though, we can be a pretty good basketball team."

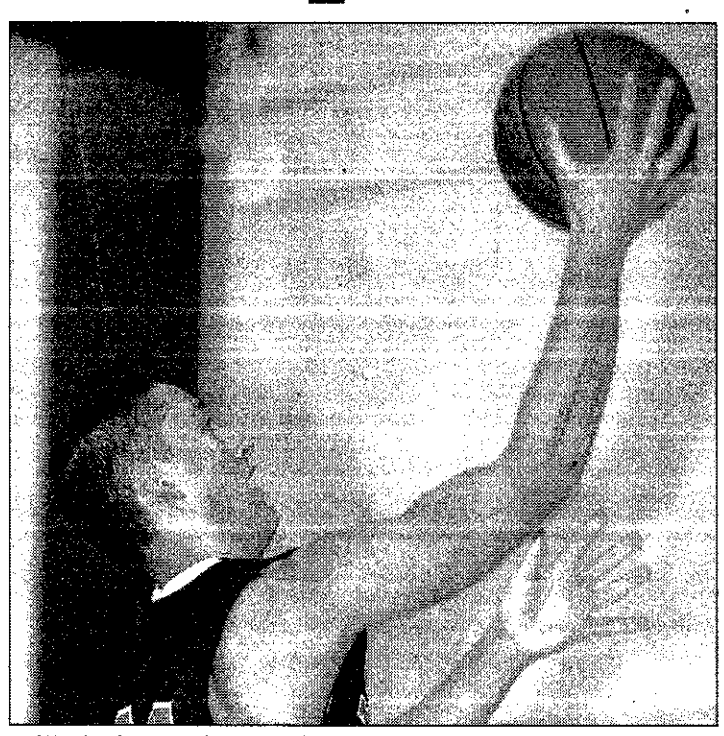
South has already shown fans a glimpse of its potential, kicking off the 2008-2009 campaign 2-0 last week, edging out Lake Shore 52-49 and then following that with a 66-52 trouncing of Andover High.

Even more impressive than the team's quick start might be the fashion at which they've done it - an impressive second-half comeback against the Shorians and a convincing victory against Andover.

"We were down by 15 points against Lake Shore in the second quarter," Twigg said. "We really looked nervous. Then, we got it together in the second half and came back. Against Andover, we just played well."

The sort of maturity needed to comeback on a team, that sort of character is tough to find in younger teams, as is anther trait the coach has taken note of early on – unselfishness.

"We're really moving the ball well. We're making that extra pass and getting good shots because of it," Twigg explained. "It's a very unselfish team, very unselfish."



Will Kim is one of two seniors head coach Jim Twigg is counting on to provide leadership to the young South boys basketball team.

Junior standout Jarvis Wise undoubtedly paces the Blue Devils attack on the court. Wise, one of the top players in the division, is also an excellent floor general, Twigg said, and leads his young squad from start to finish.

"He's a great player and great leader," Twigg said. "Without his presence out there, it would be much tougher."

The leadership Wise brings to the floor is but one of numerous intangibles South has in its arsenal – intangibles that often separate a good team from a great team.

Chemistry, work ethic, determination, selflessness and dedication are all necessary ingredients for championship-level play. They're also factors the Blue Devils appear to possess.

"We knew right away that this team had the chemistry and the desire and dedication," Twigg explained. "We (the coaching staff) could see early on that these guys might be young, but they have what it takes inside."

Of course, skill, ability and old-fashion talent are also important factors – South has this too.

A versatile offensive team, with the ability to push the ball up the floor if needed, and the poise to run half-court sets if necessary, has already shown they can succeed offensively.

"Our fast break looked good against Andover," Twigg said. "We're quick and we're making good decisions with the ball offensively. Our offensive should be fine, and it should get even better as the year goes on."

The only question to this point for Twigg and his staff is just how to tweak the defense to make it better.

"We need to improve our defense, no doubt," Twigg admitted. "But I really think that's going to come with time and experience. We certainly have the potential to be a very good defensive team. It's just going to take time. We're young."

Young or not, South seems poised to be a contender in a very competitive MAC White, despite the prowess of division-favorite, Roseville High.

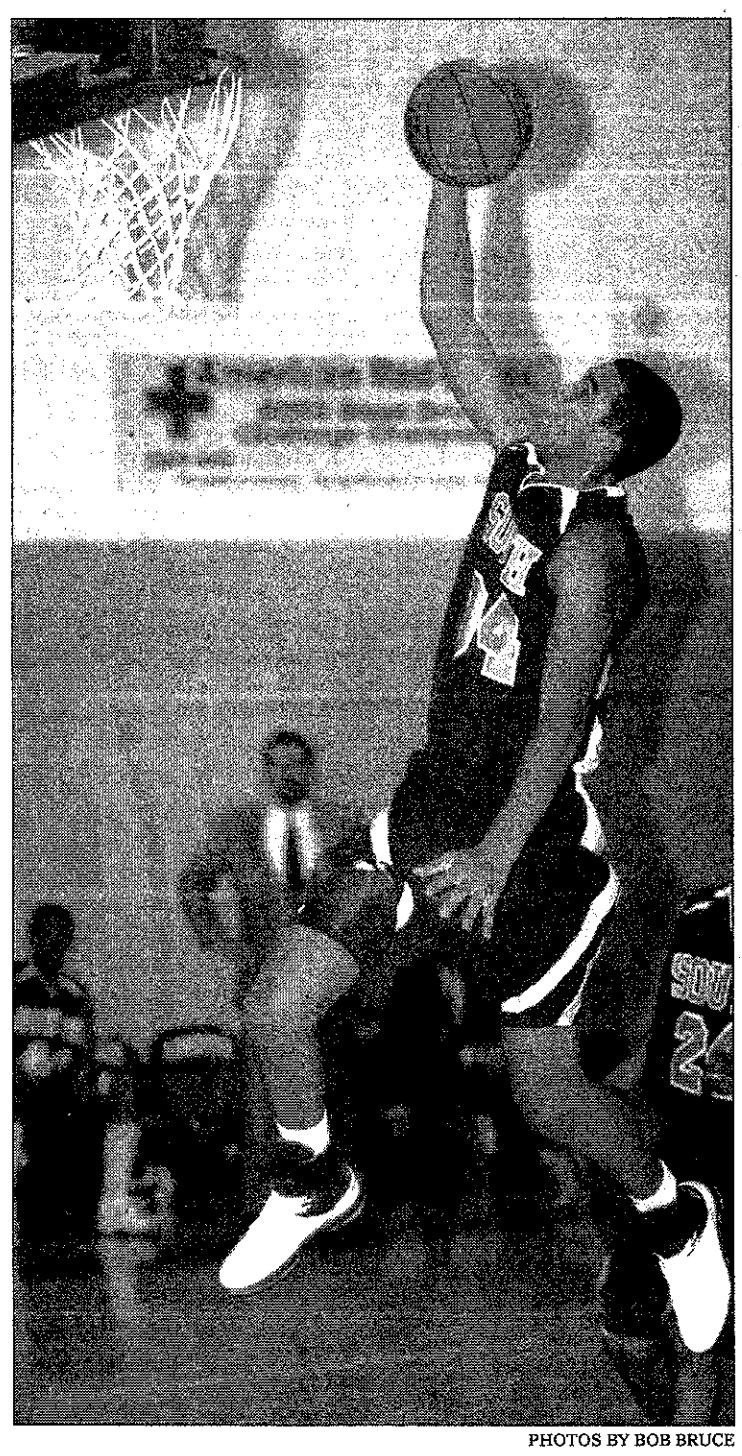
"It's a very tough division," Twigg said. "But, if we keep improving – and we get the ball to bounce our way a few times – we can be right there."

Contending for a division crown would be a remarkable feat for the young Blue Devils this season, but not an unlikely one. In reality though, the squad is a two-year project.

That said, with standouts such as Leif Rodney, Will Kim and Corbet Conroy joining Wise and an outstanding supporting cast, they just might battle for the crown this season.

"We do look at it that way, as a two-year team," the coach explained. "But, it really depends when it all clicks with us. We know it's going to. If it clicks this season, then we definitely have a shot. If not, then next year.

"Either way, I really like how this team is playing and what our potential is."



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Grosse Pointe South's Leif Rodney will provide scoring for the Blue Devils.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ladies rally to earn 'team' win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team continued its pre-holiday roll last week, beating Marine City 62-49 and Roseville 60-55.

Against Roseville, sophomore Aisha Rodney had 26 points, 10 rebounds, seven steals and five blocks.

"Aisha was absolutely dominant," head coach Kevin Richards said. "It was an up and down game that was fun to watch. I am just glad we came out on top."

The Lady Blue Devils hosted Marine City and started off slow, falling behind 25-21 at the half.

"We started off slow again," Richards said. "We made some adjustments at halftime and outscored them 41-24 in the second half.

"We were plagued with foul trouble the first half and we had a number of people step up.

"It was a great team win."

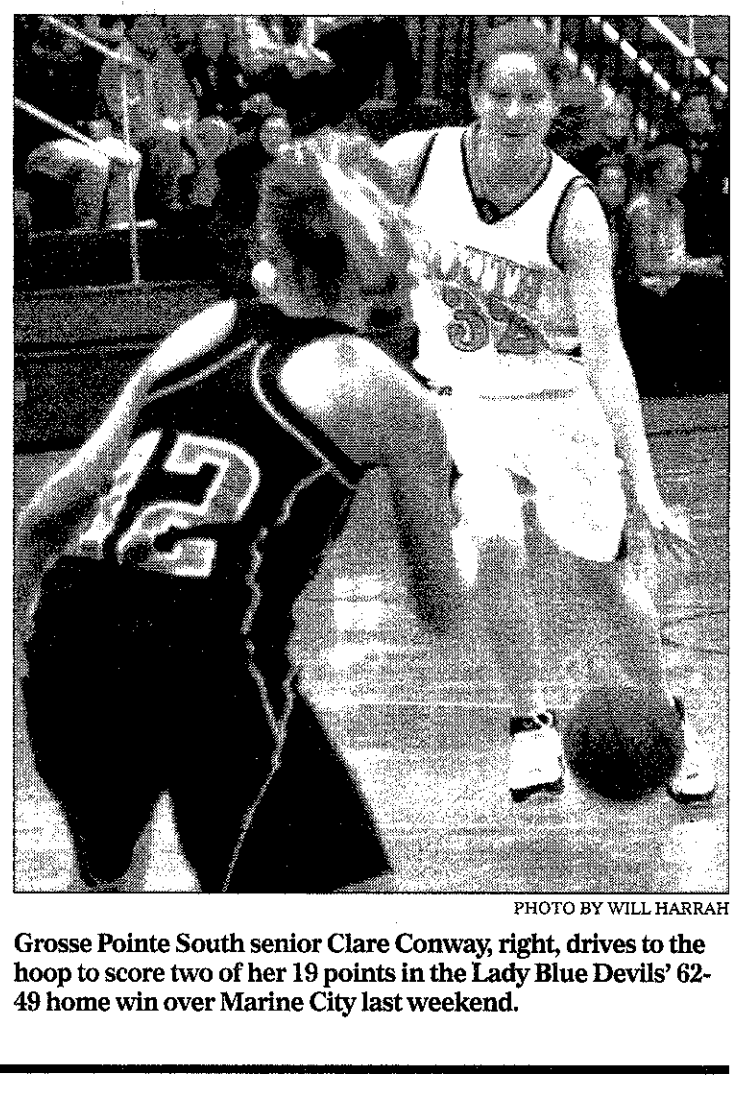
Senior Clare Conway had 19 points, while two others in double figures were junior Kate Pangori with 11 and junior Chloe Srebernak with 10.

Rodney had eight points and senior Kate Graham-McNeil came off the bench to score six points.

Richards also mentioned the fine play of junior Katie Hamm.

South improved to 4-0 overall and have averaged 62.25 points per game.

Coming up for the Lady Blue Devils is an away game at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, in the PSL Holiday Classic at Detroit Renaissance High School.



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Grosse Pointe South senior Clare Conway, right, drives to the hoop to score two of her 19 points in the Lady Blue Devils' 62-49 home win over Marine City last weekend.

BOYS SWIMMING

South battles, but loses meet

Blue Devils minus top 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swim team opened its season last week, hosting No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Huron.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and his swimmers circled this meet on the calender.

"We're excited to finally host a meet at South and bring in such a strong team as Ann Arbor Huron," Gunderson said.

The Blue Devils lost 104-82, which could have been closer if the team wasn't missing two of its top participants, Jordan Long, diving, and Matt Mandel.

Junior Michael Shook won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.14 and teammate Craig Campbell, a sophomore, was second with a time of 1:55.23.

Freshman Cam Laney also won an event, taking first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.97.

In that same event, seniors Fares Ksebati, David Cockell and sophomore Ryan Graham placed third, fourth and fifth with times of 1:06.38, 1:09.39 and 1:10.

Those would be the only first-place finishes by the Blue Devils, but they had enough second- and third-place finishes to keep the meet close.

Another highlight for the home team was the second-, third- and fourth-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Roby Boggs was second with a time of 1:01.24, while sophomore Zachary Powell was third at 1:02.20 and junior Matt Schmidt was fourth at 1:03.45.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Schmidt, Laney, junior Mac Day and sophomore Chris Smith finished second with a time of 1:48.61, while Boggs and Cockell were third and fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with times of 2:13.37 and 2:13.58, respectively.

Junior Joe Hessburg was second in the 50-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 23.22.

In the 1-meter diving competition, Long's absense allowed Huron to take first and second.

The Blue Devils finished third through sixth as junior Kyle Eschenburg, senior Kevin Macconnachie, senior Mike Mulier and sophomore Patrick Mulier earned a point total ranging from 162.25 to 122.85.

Junior Brad Kaminski was second and freshman Joe Zampardo was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, recording times of 58.97 and 1:00.00, respectively, and Shook was second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:55.17, which made the state cut.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Hessburg, Campbell, Shook and sophomore Cam Johnson placed second with a time of 1:35.85.

In the meet's final event, the 400-freestyle relay, the team of Shook, Johnson, Cambell and Hessburg took second with a time of 3:34.17, and the squad of Kaminski, junior Wayne Brackett, freshman Luke Hessburg and Boggs placed third at 3:42.24.

South is 0-1 overall.

BOYS HOCKEY

South nabs tie with Wyandotte

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team tied Wyandotte 2-2 last weekend at Detroit City Arena.

Wyandotte, which came into the game ranked No. 2 in Division 2, scored first at the 6:31 mark of the opening period and then again with only 1:30 left in the first, making it 2-0.

"This was a big test for us," head coach Bob Bopp said. "They had 13 shots to our five and it could have been a lot worse but our goalie, Trevor Sattelmeier, was really playing well.

"We looked like a much different team in the second period. We looked fast and played well from start to finish in that period."

Keith Sklarski scored at the 11:34 mark of the second stanza with Brian Auty and Nick Monforton drawing assists.

The shots on goal were totally in the Blue Devils' favor. They had a 13-5 advantage to equal the shots on net at 18 after two periods of play.

Auty and Sklarski teamed up to get the Blue Devils even. Auty scored the tying goal off a pass from Sklarski early in the third period.

"Brian Auty is a senior and one of our most consistent players on the varsity and he is our leading scorer," Bopp said. "He is an unselfish player and he scored a big goal against Wyandotte."

Each team had scoring chances the rest of the period, but both goalies made the saves to preserve the tie. Neither team scored in the overtime.

Sattelmeier stopped 21-of-23 shots, while defensemen Max Corbert and Monforton were stellar, according to Bopp.

"It was a good performance for us and a game that either team could have won," Bopp said. "In our last game, our power play looked great and looked good all week in practice.

"In this game, we didn't move the puck well on our power plays."

Alumni game

The annual Grosse Pointe South hockey alumni game is from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at City Ice Arena.

Pizza will be served after the game.

WRESTLING

Blue Devils get tough schedule

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling team stands 6-8 overall after its second week of competition.

Head coach Pat O'Donnell and his Blue Devils lost 41-24 to Warren DeLaSalle, 42-27 to Eastpointe East Detroit, 57-18 to Troy Athens, 58-18 to L'Anse Creuse North and 54-30 to Warren Mott last week.

They defeated Fraser 42-37 and U-D Jesuit 47-32.

Coming up for South is the Macomb County Tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, at Anchor Bay High School.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe North

BOYS HOCKEY

North ices powerhouse Cranbrook Kingswood

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team earned an impressive 2-1 road win over perennial state power Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

An hour delay caused the Norsemen to enter the arena only 15 minutes before gametime, which led to a sluggish opening period.

"We had a quick stretch and it was time to play the game," head coach Scott Lock said. "The bus delay put us in a hole that took us nearly half of the game to get out of, which wasn't good playing against Cranbrook."

Lock's squad finally found its rhythm midway through the second period, but found themselves trailing by only a goal.

"Our guys played poorly in the first period, a little better in the second and played a great third period," Lock said. "It's a nice road win in our division."

Senior Scott Brown scored with about four minutes left to tie it and senior Ben Scarfone tallied the game winner a short time later to lift the Norsemen to the victory.

Senior Eric Rohrkemper earned the win in net.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Senior Mike Rahaim had to make only nine saves in Grosse Pointe North's 2-0 win over Livonia Churchill.

Last weekend, host North blanked Livonia Churchill 2-0 behind single goals in each of the first two periods.

Scarfone tallied an even strength goal at the 12:11 mark of the first period with seniors Nick Hartman and Justin Kovacs getting the assists.

Churchill had a golden opportunity to tie the game in the second period after having a two-man advantage for nearly a minute.

The Norsemen fought off the first penalty and scored a short handed goal during the second penalty.

Kovacs tipped a pretty pass from senior John Neveux to give the home team a little cushion. Junior Alex Tomovski earned the other assist.

"We didn't work hard enough in this game and I'm disappointed with the effort our kids gave," Lock said. "It's my fault my team wasn't playing better hockey and I will make sure we have a good week of practice and our better prepared in our next game."

Senior Mike Rahaim had to make only nine saves to earn the shutout as Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-0 overall and is 2-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Next for the Norsemen is their first of two city battles against Grosse Pointe South at 7: 30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Senior John Neveux, shown here against St. Clair Shores Unified, slid a perfect pass that led to the Norsemen's second goal against Churchill.

WRESTLING

North has tough slate

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team is off to a slow start, but the grapplers are competitive.

The Norsemen stand 1-8 in dual matches, but head coach Bryan Lorenzo said his squad could have a .500 record if a couple of matches went their way.

"We were very competitive in most of our matches and they could have gone either way," Lorenzo said.

"We opened the season with the tough part of our schedule knowing it will helpus when we starting wrestling against after the Christmas break."

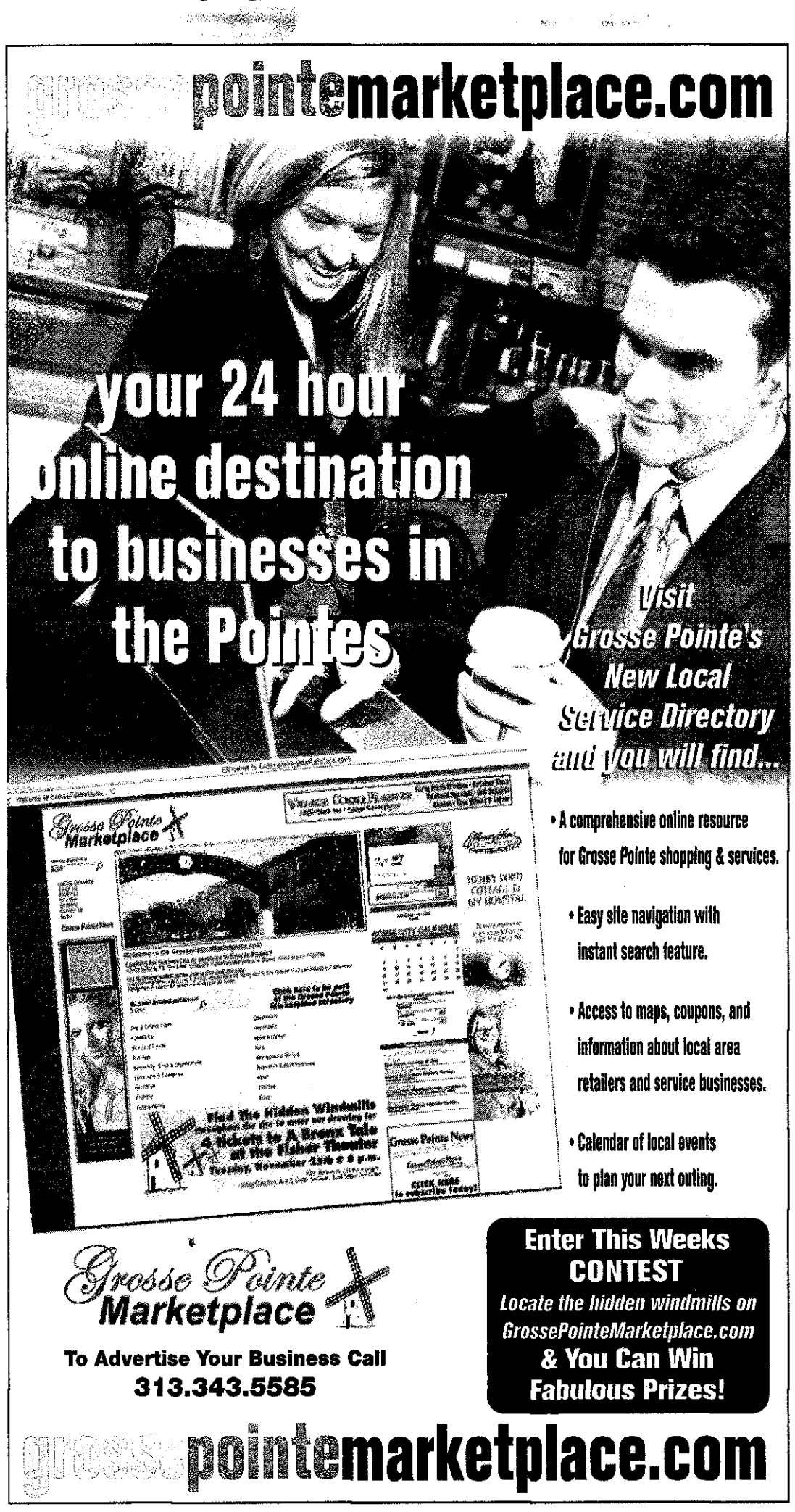
Leading the way for the Norsemen are Josh Franklin, Dwanta Hall, Nathan Strickland and Patrick Salazar, who have a good chance at placing in the upcoming Macomb County Tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, at Anchor Bay High School.

After the holiday break, Lorenzo's squad will get into its division slate.

The Norsemen compete in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with Utica Eisenhower, Warren Woods Tower, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Eastpointe East Detroit, Utica, Port Huron and Sterling Heights.

Their first division match is set for Wednesday, Jan. 14.

— Bob St. John



BOYS BASKETBALL

Nadeau's hot hand leads North to wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Kyle Nadeau poured in a career-high 32 points, hitting eight three-pointers, to lead Grosse Pointe North's boys basketball team to a 64-47 win over Detroit Community last week.

"Kyle was on fire and the guys did a good job of getting him the ball because they recognized he was in the zone," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "This was a nice win on the road against a good team with a big man heading to Providence on scholarship."

The school record for points in a game was set in 2005 by Mike Bramos, who had 38.

It was Lockhart's head coaching debut at North and it turned out as better than anticipated.

"I'm always nervous before coaching, but I was a little more nervous this time around," Lockhart said. "Our guys played a strong game and Greg (Blunden) did a great job defensively on the 6-foot, 9-inch big guy, making him take more jump shots than getting good looks in the low post."

Two nights later, the Norsemen traveled to Chippewa Valley and beat the Big Reds 64-44.

"I thought the guys would have a little let down after the big win at Community, but that was not the case," Lockhart said.

Senior guards Darin Willis and Damien Davis were able to control the tempo and were able to hit the open teammate as senior A.J. Horne scored 17 points and Nadeau added 16.

"North hasn't beat Chippewa Valley in a few years, so this definitely was a nice win," Lockhart said.

Lockhart's squad is 2-0 overall.

"You don't expect to start your coaching career 2-0, but we're 2-0 and playing good basketball," Lockhart said. "We have a long way to go and are taking this one game at a time."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stander's 26 points help Lady Norsemen get first win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team put one in the win column last week, beating Macomb Dakota 49-40.

"The girls played a good game and played better defense," head coach Gary Bennett said. "They're starting to play better as a team, which is a good sign as we head into the break."

The visiting Lady Norsemen led 24-20 at the half and extended the margin to double digits early in the third quarter. Their lead fluctuated between seven and 12 points throughout the final quarter.

Senior Olivia Stander scored a career-high 26 points and had four assists, while senior Jasmine Kennedy had 10 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

The Lady Norsemen lost 41-33 to host Birmingham Marian last weekend, despite leading after the first quarter and having it tied at the half.

The Mustangs outscored the Lady Norsemen 12-7 in the third period and kept a comfortable cushion throughout the final period.

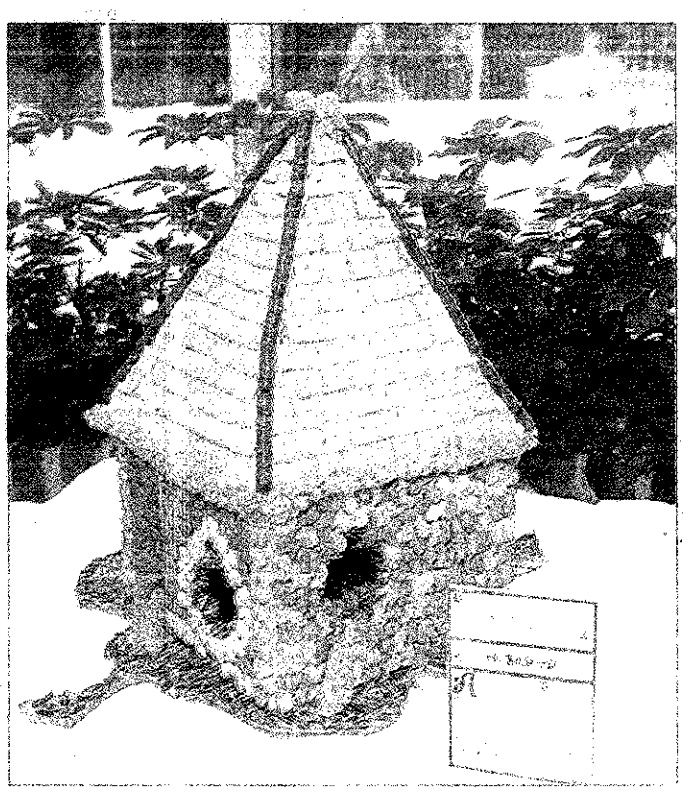
"We didn't move the ball too well in that third quarter and the girls took some quick shots instead of working the ball around to get better looks at the basket," Bennett said. "Overall, though, I thought we played very competitive against a very good team that might be favored to win the Catholic League."

Kennedy had 13 points, eight rebounds and three steals, while Stander had 11 points and three assists to lead the Lady Norsemen.

"We are getting closer to playing the type of defense Grosse Pointe North is accustomed to," Bennett said.

The Lady Norsemen played both games without junior All-State forward Ariel Braker, who is still waiting to receive medical clearance to play.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-3 overall and will host Romeo Friday, Dec. 19, before the holiday break.



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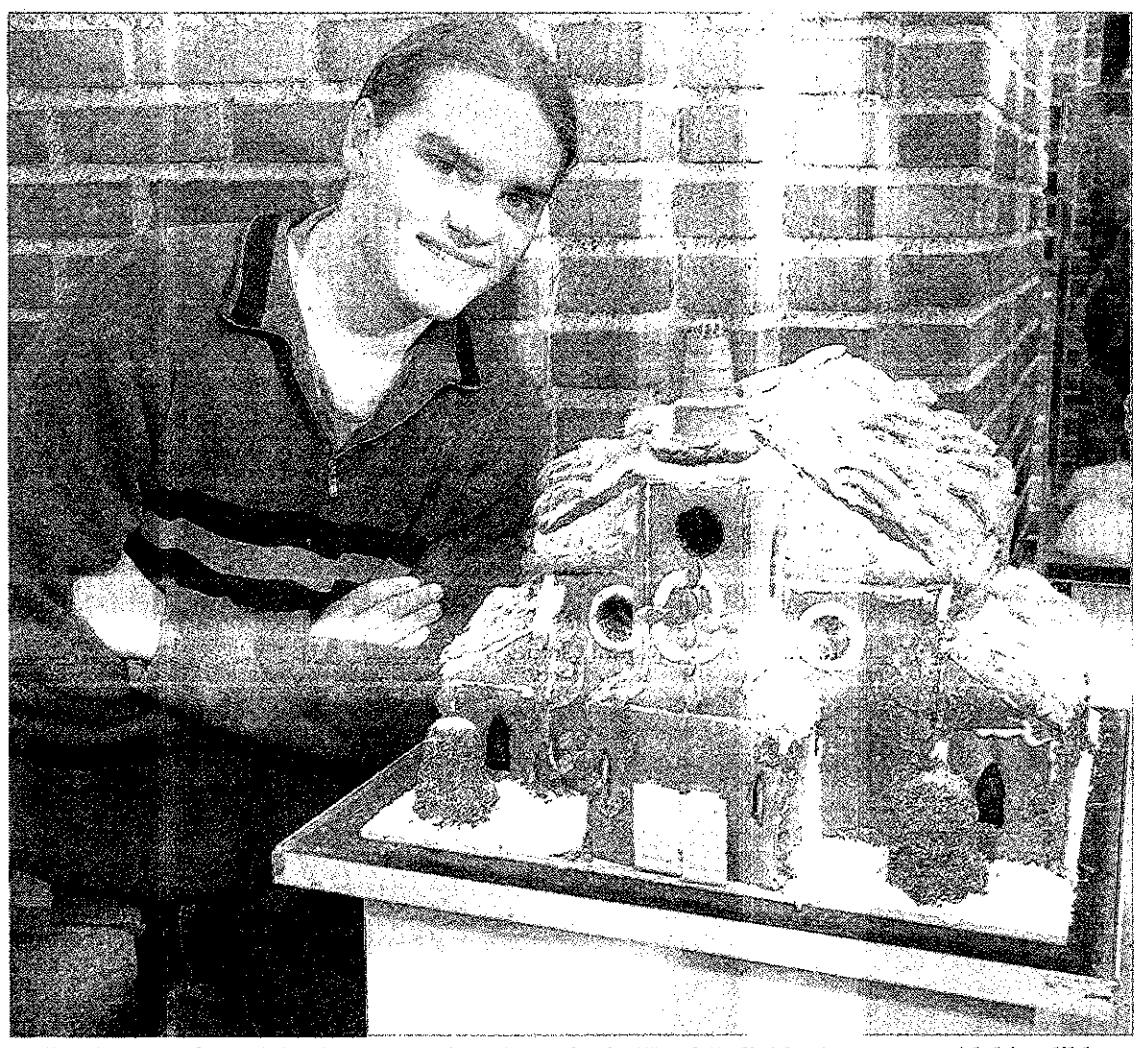
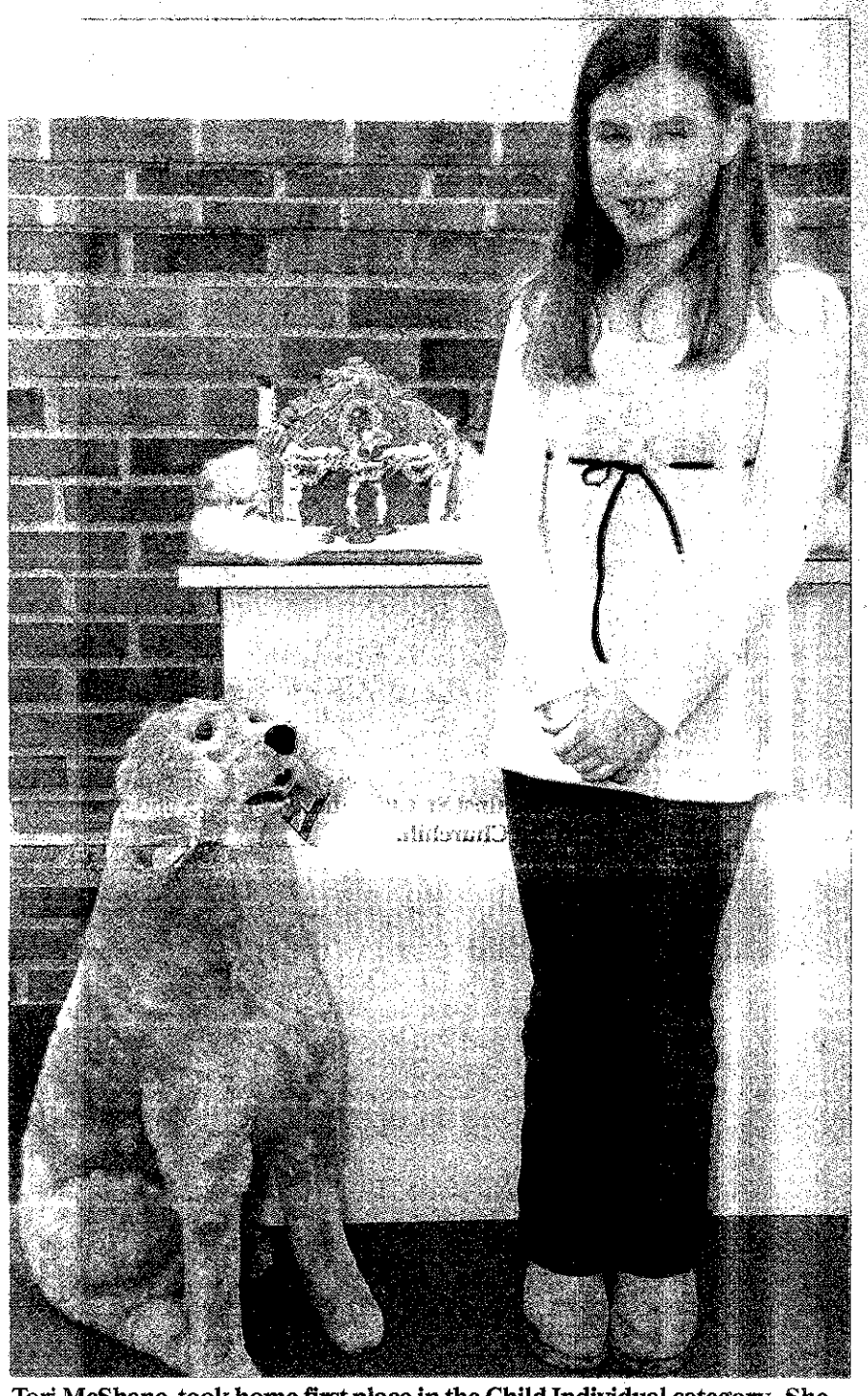
Elizabeth Coyle represented Brownie Troop 1176 in the Child Group category in the first gingerbread house contest at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. She made the gingerbread house in the center.

Lakeview High School's SADD group won for its "For the Birds" house in the Youth Group category. This house will be placed outdoors for the birds when the display ends.

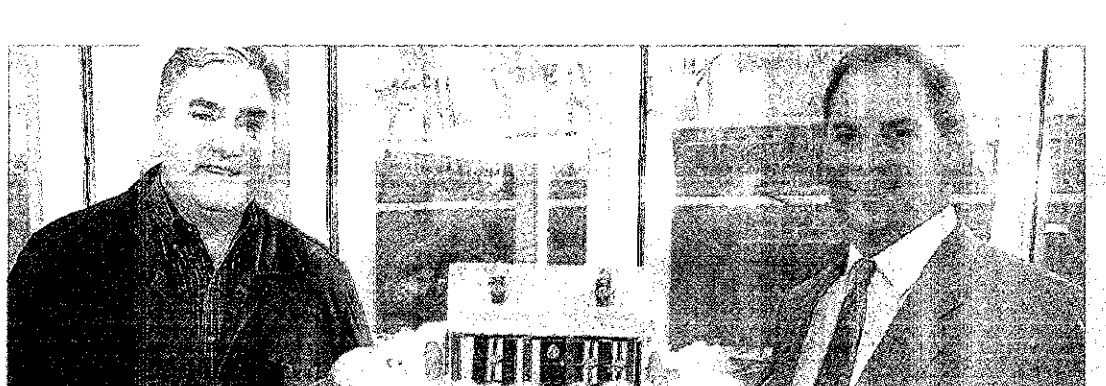


D.C. Wheaton of St. Clair Shores was the winner in the Youth Individual category with his edible rendition of an Old English church.



Tori McShane took home first place in the Child Individual category. She also took home a stuffed dog as her prize for her house, "Santa's Here."

In the Adult Group Creative category Pam and Sarah Zeman and Jennie Stevens took the first prize for their "Santa's Surf Bungalow."



In the Historic Adult group category, the winners were Dennis Miriani and Thomas Coyle with their miniature Provencal-Weir House.

Left: Kathleen Lucido of Harper Woods won the Adult Individual Traditional category with her "Swiss Chalet." Right: Colleen Hoffmaster and Jolie Skwiercz, left, made "Fun at the North Pole" and were awarded honorable mention in the adult group category. On the right, Kin Short was given the prize in the Adult Individual Creative category for her Enchanted Tree House.

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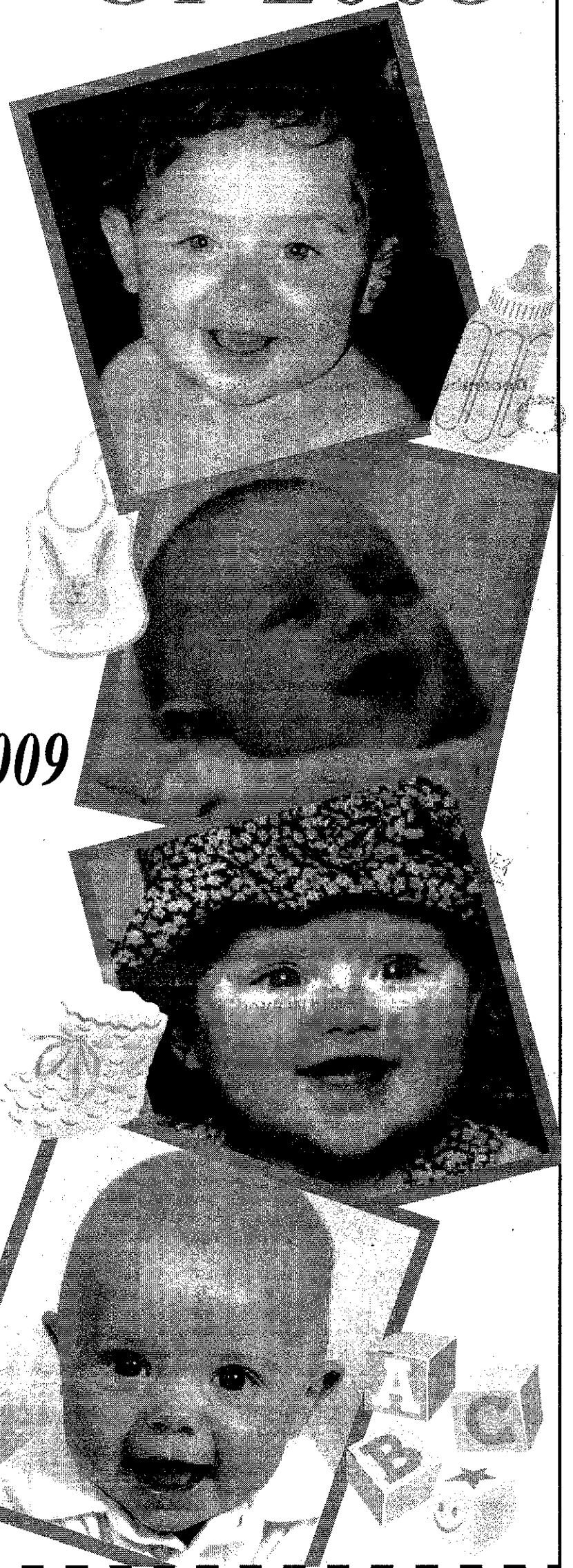

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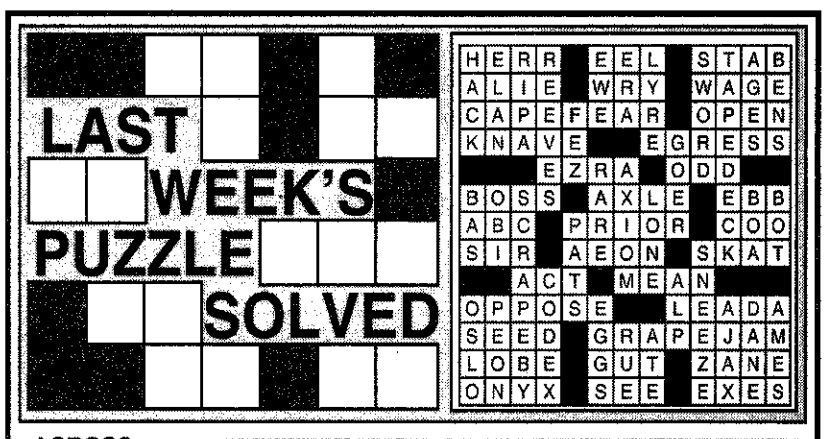

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100,000 miles.
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700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX POINTES/HARPER WOODS

1 bedroom, Grosse Pointe. Hardwood, updated, freshly painted, $750; includes heat/ air. (313)683-3617

1 bedroom- beautiful condo, Grosse Pointe City. $700, includes most utilities. (313)331-1926

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1107 Maryland- nice 2 bedroom lower. Living room, dining room, hardwood floors, laundry, off street parking, $595. (586)725-4807

1146 Maryland, large upper flat, 3 bedrooms, study, enclosed porch, fireplace, off- street parking, laundry room, appliances. $825, 248-515-7849

1341 Somerset- upper flat. Very nice, large 2 bedroom, plus study. Fireplace, hardwood, garage. New furnace. $700/ month. Pictures: Craig's list. Available January, 1. (313)884-2488

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316 Hillcrest, 2 bedroom upper flat available. Appliances, hardwood floors, garage. 313-617-8663

349 St. Clair, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper, fireplace, central air, $1,000. (313)806-7149

373 Neff- 2,000 sq. ft. High ceilings, wood floors, beautiful. $1,200/ month. 313-613-4554.

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915 Neff, 2 bedroom, $750 includes: appliances, water, air. No pets. (313)824-9174

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704 HOUSES-RENT

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MADISON Heights- 2 bedroom ranch. Fresh paint, very cozy. Immediate possession. Appliances, updated kitchen. Storage shed. $725/ month. 586-924-0547

705 HOUSES FOR RENT POINTES/HARPER WOODS

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1449 Maryland, spacious, 2 bedroom upper, freshly painted, newly remodeled kitchen and bath, new carpeting throughout, shared basement. $650. Shown by appointment, Jim Saros Agency, (313)884-6861

1641 Broadstone, Grosse Pointe Woods, 3 bedroom, remodeled. Central air, $1,800. (313)343-0622

19138 Roscommon- 4 bedrooms, updated, new carpet/ paint. Section 8 ok. $745. 313-496-3981

19453 Woodland, Harper Woods. 3 bedroom ranch, all hardwood. Updated kitchen with tile. Updated basement with carpeting. 1 1/2 garage. $850. 313-231-6525

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2361 Stanhope, 3 bedroom Bungalow, 2 full baths, hardwood, air. $1,250. Available January. (313)506-6600

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HARPER Woods, 3 bedroom, 2 1/ 2 baths. Grosse Pointe Schools, 1st month's rent plus security deposit, $1,175/ month. 20461 Hollywood. Detached garage, central air. Ask for Paul, (313)460-8863

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706 HOUSES FOR RENT DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

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3 bedroom, Mack/ Somerset brick colonial, new hardwood floors, quiet area, $725. (313)882-4132

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Jimco Properties (313)884-6861

4366 Chatsworth
2 bedroom upper, living room, kitchen, shared basement, garage; Mack & East Warren, $550.

4812 Chatsworth
2 bedroom upper, living room, kitchen, shared basement, Mack & East Warren, $550.

10670 Nottingham
2 bedroom brick ranch, living room, dining room, kitchen, basement, Morang & Whittier; $725.

All Properties Shown by Appointment

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707 HOUSES FOR RENT/ S.C.S/MACOMB COUNTY

TOEPFER, very nice 3 bedroom, near schools, garage. $800/ month. (313)885-0470, (313)220-0164

709 TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOS FOR RENT

2 bedroom. Lakeshore Village, hardwood floors, new carpeting. Freshly painted. $825. (313)683-3617

LAKESHORE Village updated 2 bedroom condo, $825. (313)506-4285

709 TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOS FOR RENT

HARPER Woods condo, Kingsville, 1 bedroom, clean, quiet, shared basement, washer, dryer. $540/ month. (313)407-2829

LAKESHORE Village, end unit, new kitchen, paint, all appliances. 2 bedroom, washer/ dryer. $800. (313)885-4752

714 LIVING QUARTERS TO SHARE

LOVELY family, Grosse Pointe City. Single mother/ 3 children, looking for respectful person; to rent their lower studio apartment. No smoking. $450. Private entrance. 313-268-5091

ROOMMATE wanted to share condo. Grosse Pointe/ St. Clair Shores border, $450/ includes utilities, internet & cable. (586)744-1843

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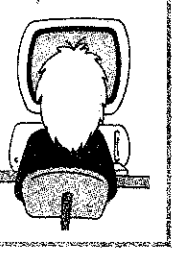

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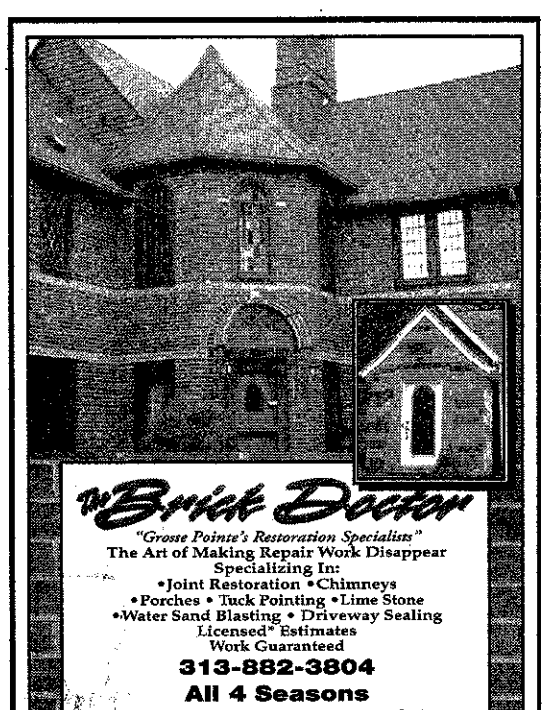

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DOUBLE SHUFFLE

RULES: Reshuffle six letters to form a new word. If a word is given, find an anagram of that word. Place letters in boxes next to shuffled letters. After all six words are solved, find new 6-letter words shuffled in the six columns or two diagonals.

HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find **8** words? Happy Hunting!

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Col. 6: **SHERRY**
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VE-16 Thursday 12-18-08

DIRECTIONS:
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

VE-15 SOLUTION 12-11-08

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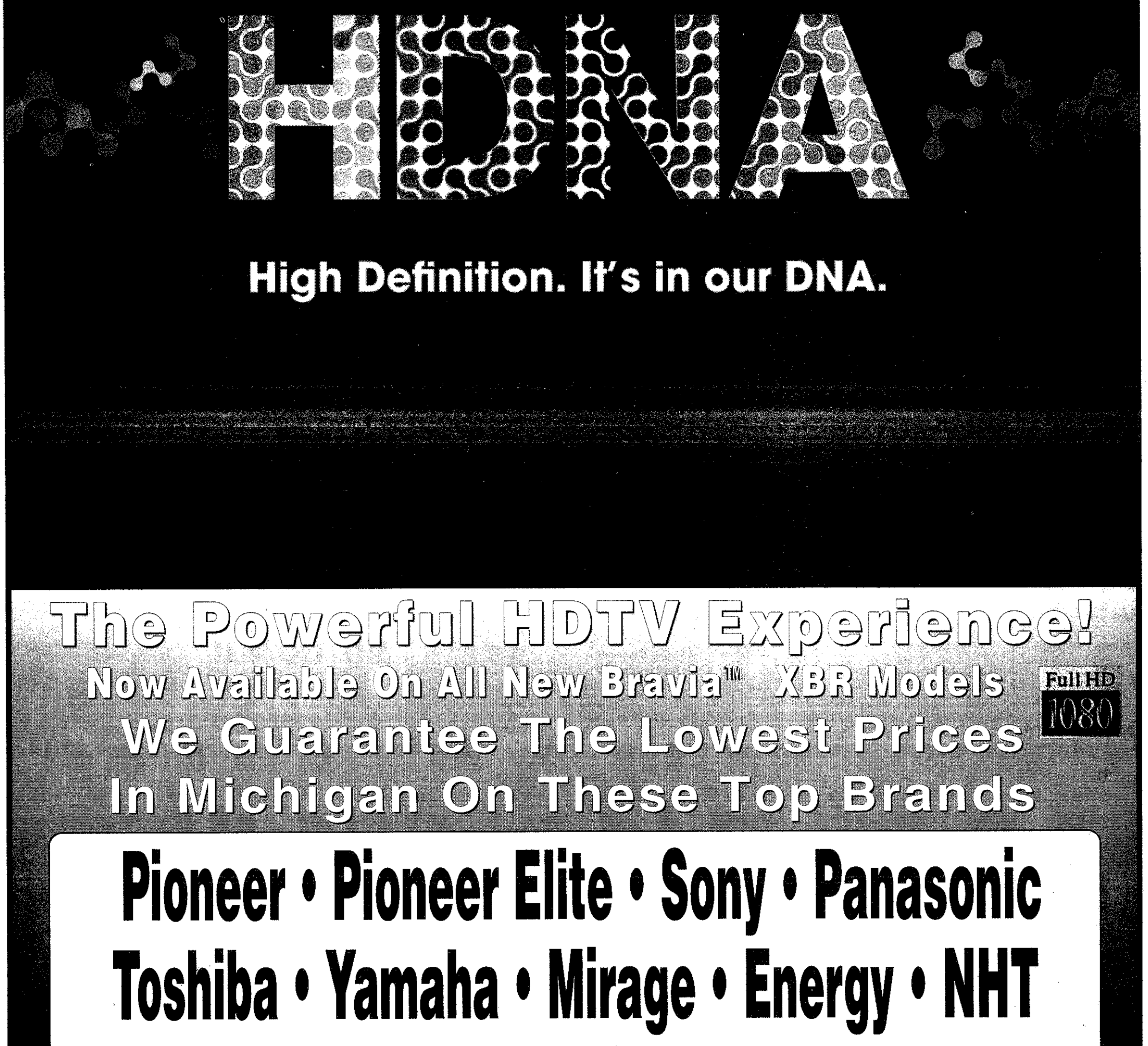

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Super stocking stuffers for children

'Tis the season for presents under the tree and treats tucked into stockings hanging on the mantle.

Think about these stocking stuffers that are both fun and functional.

Treat of a Toothbrush

Children tend to tune out when mom or dad tells them to take care of a chore or handle daily grooming. But with recognizable and enjoyable music as their partner, they'll want to tune into something that won't be a chore at all.

The FireFly Boppin' Barnyard Musical Timer Toothbrush from Dr. Fresh plays familiar childhood tunes for the length of one minute. This is the amount of time dentists say each row of teeth should be brushed for optimal health.

Colorful Toy Bins

Chances are the children you know will receive dozens of new toys this holiday season. And there's an even greater chance they're joining an already mile-high pile of toys collected from birthday parties and doting grandparents.

A toy sorter, toy chest, colorful bins, or stackable units can be the ideal complement to all of these toys. While it actually won't fit in a stocking, it's still useful nonetheless. Children will learn the lesson of keeping their toys in top-notch condition by putting them away neatly and in an organized manner.

Stationery and More

A trip to a stationery or office supply store can open doors to many stocking stuffer ideas. These finds can be put to good use by children for homework and in school.

Stock up on colorful pens, pencils, sticky note pads, card stock and coordinating envelopes and stickers. These stores often also sell arts and crafts supplies that will fit the theme.

Jewelry

Jewelry can make a perfect gift, particularly for women.

The experts at Jewelry Television offer this season's five best affordable jewelry gifts:

Treasures From the Ocean

A strand of pearls will delight any woman of any age from teenagers to grandmothers.

If purchasing a woman's first strand of pearls, go with a traditional white or ivory necklace. If the recipient is a seasoned pearl wearer, branch out with pearls available in unusual shapes, sizes and colors.

A black pearl ring or golden pearl earrings are a rich and lustrous surprise.

Think Birthday

Birthstone jewelry is especially appreciated for those celebrating around the holidays.

Here's Jewelry TV's helpful primer for seasonal birthday jewels:

• November — citrine. Celebrate the colors of fall with jewelry in light yellow to deep golden tones.

• December — topaz. These versatile jewels come in shades from clear blue to white with sage green undertones.

• January — garnet. Think outside the box and move away from the traditional red garnet. Try green, raspberry or brown garnets for a modern twist on the traditional birthstone gift.

• February — amethyst. Purple jewels offer an unusual, and often favorite, color option.

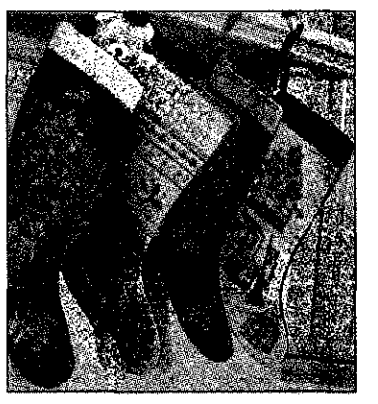
Rare and Exotic

Tanzanite is mined in the Merelani Hills of Northern Tanzania. Legend says it was discovered in the 1960s by a Masai tribesman when a brush fire, created by lightning, heated the brown stones to a vivid blue.

Because of its beautiful and unusual color, tanzanite is the perfect stone for a trendy cocktail ring. While this jewel may be a bit of a splurge, a small gem makes a big impact.

Bigger, Bolder Looks

Sterling silver is an affordable way to give bigger, bolder and trendier jewelry on a limited budget. For several looks with just one piece of jewelry, try an interchangeable Venetian glass pendant on a sterling silver chain.



Be Charming

Start a new tradition by giving a charm bracelet and adding meaningful charms. Begin with a sterling silver or 14k gold bracelet and add on each year with charms that celebrate occasions such as Mother's Day, engraveable charms to commemorate special dates and even tiny picture frames for that priceless photo.

Tips for holiday travelers

For those likely to spend as much time on the road or in the airport as they do around the tree this holiday season, consider the following tips to lessen some of your traveling load.

• Check flight status before leaving home. While it's imperative to arrive at the airport early, particularly during the busy holiday season, check the flight status online before leaving for the airport. Oftentimes, flights are delayed during the holiday season, sometimes for several hours.

• Don't wrap gifts before getting on a flight. With airport security tighter than ever, travelers can expect all baggage, be it carry-on or checked, to be searched. While not every piece of luggage is searched, that discretion is left entirely to airport security personnel.

• Use a shuttle service to the airport. Holiday traveling is stressful enough without adding long-term airport parking fees and highway traffic to the mix.

• Pack some entertainment for the children. If the bulk of your traveling will be done in the car, consider renting a minivan with a DVD player. Bring along enough movies to keep children occupied for the duration of the trip.

• Use E-ZPass wherever possible. Few things can be as nerve wracking on the road as waiting in long lines to pay road tolls.

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Holiday roast turkey recipe

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Roast turkey with gravy

1 (14-pound) fresh or frozen (thawed) turkey

1 medium onion, cut into 1-inch chunks

2 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch chunks

1/2 bunch fresh parsley

1 bunch fresh sage

1 bunch fresh thyme

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

Pan gravy

1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove neck from inside turkey; reserve for making pan gravy. Discard giblets and liver or save for another use. Rinse turkey with cold running water; pat dry with paper towels.

2) Place onion, celery, parsley and 1/2 bunch each of sage and thyme inside body and neck cavities of turkey. Wrap and refrigerate remaining herbs to garnish platter. Fasten neck skin to back with one or two skewers. With turkey breast-side up, fold wings under back of turkey so they stay in place. If drumsticks are not held by band of skin or stuffing clamp, tie legs together with string.

3) Place turkey, breast-side up, on small rack in large 17-by-11 1/2 inch roasting pan. Rub turkey all over with salt and pepper. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of thigh next to body, being careful that pointed end of thermometer does not touch bone. Cover turkey with a loose tent of foil, letting top of thermometer poke through foil. Roast turkey about 3 3/4 hours; start checking for doneness during last hour of roasting.

4) While turkey is roasting, prepare broth to use in the following pan gravy recipe.

5) To brown turkey, remove foil during last one and one-fourth hours of roasting time; baste with pan drippings occasionally. Turkey is done when thigh temperature on meat thermometer reaches 175 to 180 degrees and breast temperature reaches 165 degrees. The internal temperature of turkey will rise 5 to 10 degrees upon standing.

6) When turkey is done, place on large platter; cover with foil to keep warm. Complete gravy.

7) To serve, garnish platter with remaining herbs. Pass gravy to spoon over turkey.

Pan gravy

1 medium onion, cut in half

1 stalk celery, cut into large chunks

1 bay leaf

4 sprigs parsley

Turkey neck

4 cups water

1) To make the broth: In 3-quart saucepan, place onion, celery, bay leaf, parsley sprigs, turkey neck and water. Boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer 45 minutes.

2) Strain broth into large bowl; set aside. Pull meat from neck; discard bones and vegetables. Chop neck meat. If not using right away, cover and refrigerate broth and meat separately up to two days.

3) To make gravy: Remove rack from roasting pan and strain drippings from roasting pan into 8-cup liquid measuring cup or medium bowl. Let stand one minute or until fat separates from drippings. Spoon 2 tablespoons fat from drippings into 3-quart saucepan; skim and discard any remaining fat from drippings.

4) Add 1 cup broth to roasting pan. Place pan over medium-high heat and stir until browned bits are loosened and liquid boils; boil one minute. Strain liquid into drippings in measuring cup. Add enough water to meat-juice mixture in cup to equal 3 1/2 cups total.

5) Stir 1/4 cup all-purpose flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt into fat in saucepan; cook over medium heat until flour turns golden brown, stirring. Gradually stir in drippings mixture and cook until gravy boils and thickens slightly, stirring occasionally. Stir in reserved meat; heat through. Pour gravy into gravy boat or serving bowl. Makes 12 servings.

Tips: If using a frozen turkey, make sure it is completely thawed, especially inside the cavity. The rule of thumb for thawing turkey in the refrigerator is 24 hours per 5 pounds.

Cooking the stuffing separately yields a juicier bird, but if you want to stuff your turkey, to be safe, make sure that the stuffing temperature reaches 165 degrees on a meat thermometer. Roast the turkey about 30 minutes longer than the roasting time indicated.

Holiday stuffing recipe

Bread, seasonings and butter make up this time-honored classic.

Cook the celery and onions ahead, but don't add the broth; toast and cube the bread. Then refrigerate separately and complete recipe when ready to bake.

Bread stuffing with herbs

1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, substitute butter

5 large celery stalks, chopped

1 large onion, chopped

1 teaspoon dried thyme

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried sage

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth

2 loafs (16 ounces each) sliced firm white bread, lightly toasted and cut into 1/2-inch cubes

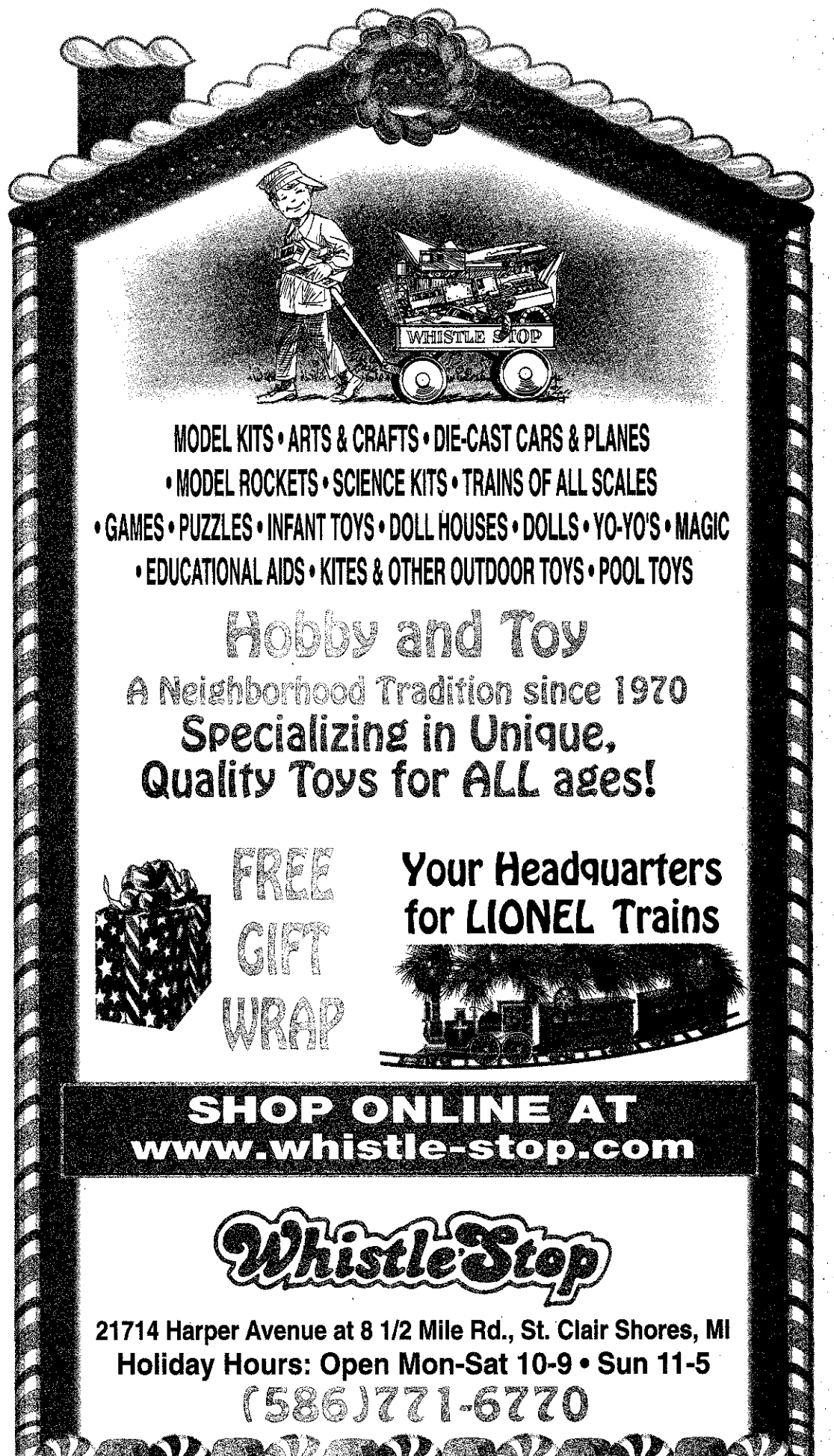
1/2 cup loosely packed fresh parsley leaves, chopped

1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. In 12-inch skillet, melt margarine or butter over medium heat. Add celery and onion, and cook 15 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

2) Stir in thyme, salt, pepper, sage, chicken broth and 1/2 cup water. Remove skillet from heat.

3) Place bread cubes in very large bowl. Add celery mixture and parsley; toss to mix well.

4) Spoon stuffing into 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish. Cover with foil and bake 40 minutes or until heated through.



Tips to make your home sparkle for the holidays

Holiday entertaining requires more than artful decorations, tasty hors d'oeuvres and some cheer.

From polished silverware, to a well stocked refrigerator that is fresh and inviting when guests go looking for a soft drink, to a home filled with the aroma of just-baked confections — every detail should convey the holiday theme of bright and shiny.

Jill Cordes, lifestyle expert, offers the following tips to make holiday preparations a cinch.

Holiday Aromas

Evergreen trees, the smell of baked goods and cranberry scented candles — the holidays are filled with aromas. Don't let smelly leftovers overpower the joyful scents of the season.

• Guests will appreciate a refrigerator that is clean and odor free, and a sink area that doesn't suffer from "stinky disposal syndrome."

Place an open box of baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors and prevent taste transfer between foods.

Deodorize the garbage disposal and drains by pouring baking soda down them while running warm tap water.

• Get the smell of fresh garlic from holiday cooking off fingers by rubbing hands on stainless steel, either a stainless steel spatula or along the edge of the sink. Then wash with regular soap and water. The stainless steel neutralizes the odors.

Holiday Sparkle

The star atop the Christmas tree shouldn't be the only thing in a home that shines for the holiday.

• To get silverware and jewelry sparkling for holiday get-togethers, make an easy, affordable silver polish with a paste of three parts baking soda to one part water and rub with a cloth. For gleaming crystal, clean with vinegar and lemon juice.

Foods of the Season

Meals savored with loved ones are the characteristic "flavor" of the holiday.

• Store winter greens such as Swiss chard, spinach and kale in an open container in the fridge.

Cauliflower should be stored stem side down, whereas broccoli stores best standing upright on the bottom shelf. If left in the plastic bags they were bought in, poke holes in the bag to allow the greens to breathe so they last longer.

• Store fresh tomatoes on the counter with the stem side down to prevent bruising and softening. Never store tomatoes in the refrigerator, where they immediately begin to lose flavor; or in closed containers or sealed plastic, which cause premature ripening.

• Try this quick and easy recipe for light, moist old-fashioned corn bread:

Corn Bread

Ingredients:

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups cornmeal
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
3 tablespoons shortening, melted

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Stir in cornmeal. Combine eggs, buttermilk and melted shortening.

Add the liquid ingredients to the dry ingredients, stirring only until smooth. Turn into a well greased 8-by-8-inch pan. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes at 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cut into 16 squares.

Holiday Home Cleaning

From top to bottom, a clean home will tell guests how much their comfort is valued.

• Don't season fresh holiday ham with chemicals — clean the food prep area by wiping cutting boards, counters and oven tops with food safe, chemical-free cleaners.

• Since spills can happen, have cleaning supplies on hand so that guests don't feel embarrassed or stressed about a stain on your upholstery or carpet. Freshen the carpet right before friends and family arrive. Sprinkle some baking soda, wait 15 minutes and vacuum.

Recipe for reducing holiday entertaining stress

Entertaining for the holidays can be a lot of work, but that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice having fun while everyone else has a good time.

The experts at Bed Bath & Beyond offer these tips for making your gatherings as simple, easy and stress free as possible:

Make a Game Plan

When planning holiday entertaining, the key to minimizing holiday-induced anxiety is to plan in advance.

• Start by determining the number of people expected, including dinner and overnight guests.

• Take inventory. Make sure you have the essentials needed to serve the holiday meal — basics and serving pieces.

• Think off the wall. If hosting a buffet, set up the buffet table away from the wall to utilize both sides of the table to serve food. Maximize space on the table by using stepped serving dishes that have a small footprint.

Time-Saving Tips

Adding the following key items into the holiday routine will save time by facilitating planning, execution and clean-up.

• Oven to table. Choose bake and serve warmers. These serving pieces will keep food warm, freeing up essential space on the stove.

• Create more oven space. With a three-tier oven rack, put an end to waiting for one dish to cook before baking another. It creates more usable space on one side of the oven, leaving the other side open for more bulky food such as the turkey.

• Go for easy clean-up. Sometimes the preparation and cooking is easier than the clean up. Don't be without a nonstick removable oven liner. When finished cooking, wipe it down or throw it in the dishwasher.

Avoid Last Minute Panic

The more prepared one is for the holidays, the less stressful they will be. Think ahead and plan for the "unexpected."

• Don't cry over spilled wine. Use a microfiber tablecloth that allows spills to bead up and wipe away cleanly.

• Have folding chairs on hand for extra seating. For a more formal, uniform look, add regular or special folding chair covers.

• An inflatable bed is the answer to that unanticipated sleepover guest. When the guest leaves, deflate and store it for the next visit.

Cook more than one dish at a time with a three-tier oven rack.

How to take perfect holiday photos

A camera sees more action around the holidays than just about any other time of the year.

Photos of friends celebrating, family gathered for a feast and loved ones in their festive clothing are snapped left and right.

Here are a few things to keep in mind to take perfect holiday photos:

• Try not to let the pictures look too staged. Catching the spontaneous glee of a child opening a gift will evoke more happy memories than a posed photo in front of the fireplace.

• For a truly steady shot, use a tripod. This is the No. 1 camera accessory recommended by professional photographers.

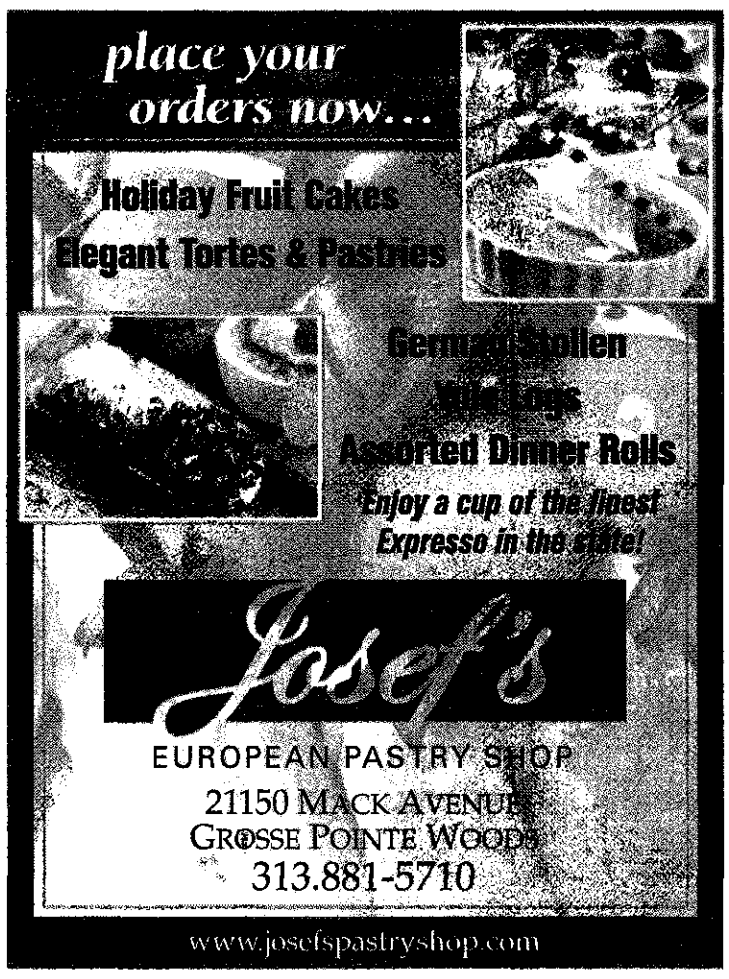
• Don't wear busy prints or patterns that can distract the eye. In addition to a checkered shirt becoming the focus of the picture, patterns can often appear distorted in photos.

• Help reduce red eyes in pictures by asking the subjects to look at the corner of the camera opposite the flash. Red eyes are caused by the camera's flash reflecting off the retina. When in doubt, turn off the flash and use another light source such as holiday lights.

Make sure the brightest source of light is behind the photographer to help properly light the subjects.

• Take lots of photos. Taking holiday pictures isn't rocket science and if something doesn't turn out quite right, you can delete or touch it up later with editing software. The more photos taken, the more likely it is a few will be found that are worthy of sharing.

By keeping a few simple tips in mind, memories can be shared with friends and family near and far.



Tips for a great holiday gift the whole family will enjoy

It's December, and most people have crossed the holiday cards off of their list, the house is decorated and the last cookie is frosted.

The only thing left to do is find a holiday gift the family can enjoy together.

According to a recent survey commissioned by Microsoft, nearly half of those polled will give one large family gift as opposed to many smaller individual items.

Eighty-one percent of families this year will purchase a gift that provides entertainment for the whole family at home. In addition, 74 percent of families polled will have electronics on their wish list.

Consider purchasing a computer. Windows PCs offer something for everyone: They get people online, help sync their life, enable one to share photos and stay connected with family and friends, provide a gaming experience and allow downloads of music, movies and TV.

Children can use it to do homework, play games and listen to music or watch TV and movies. Dad can use the PC to map out directions or research the top golf courses. Mom can create holiday cards and easily upload the family photos of the kids to the family blog or even e-mail photos to the local store to be printed out and pasted in the family scrapbook.

Windows PCs offer lasting value and versatility and have a range of options and price points, making them the affordable splurge for anyone in a family. A computer allows one to escape from the world with a game, or view a friend's social networking space. Yesterday's episode of a favorite TV show can be viewed, or plug in a new DVD movie in high definition and surround-sound.

The family can stay organized through sharing calendars and instant messages. Connecting with family and friends around the world is easy by posting messages and on a free personal Web site or talking face-to-face with live video chat.

Here are some other gift ideas that the family can share together:

• Plan an afternoon splashing around in an indoor water park or visiting a museum. Spending time together as a family creates memories everyone can share for years to come.

• Mobile phones. Parents can communicate immediately with the children using their mobile phones. Everyone can make calls to friends at anytime, without having to wait.

• A video camera. With the ability to record a junior basketball game or speech team performance, a video camera is great for parents, and also can be a tool for the children to put their creativity to use and make their own home videos.

• Volunteer with a local charity. Do something good for someone else. Get the whole family involved, perhaps, working together in a soup kitchen or participating in a recycling collection project and donating the money to another organization.

How to pick the right doll

For a little girl, there is no more magical gift to receive during the holidays then a new doll.

Despite all the high tech toys, classic doll play has stood the test of time, giving children today the same imaginative play experiences as they did centuries ago.

Dolls are important to children at each stage of development, providing comfort, security, and "an available friend."

Here are some helpful tips from the experts at Corolle on how to pick the right play doll for the right age:

• The size of the doll should be proportionate to a child's size and strength. When she cradles the doll in her forearm, she should be able to hold the doll's bottom in her hand, and its head should nestle in the crook of her elbow — exactly the way a baby would be held by an adult.

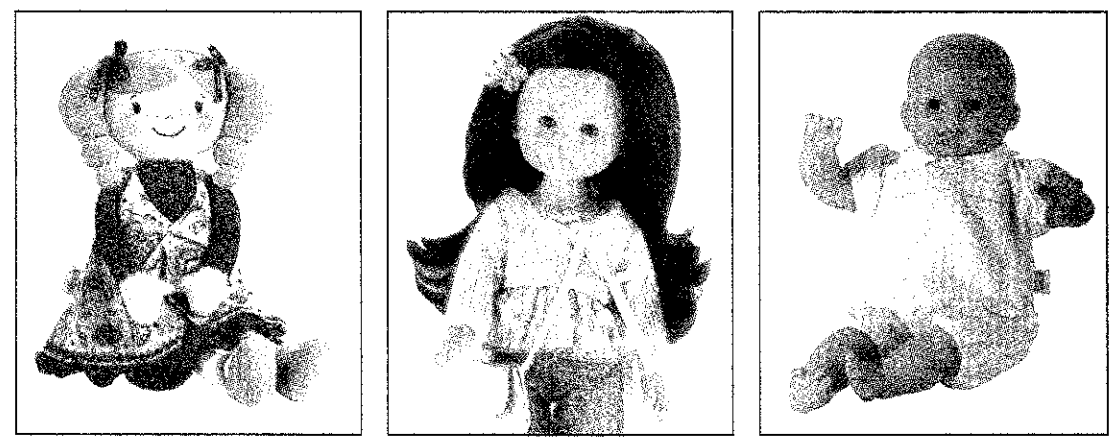
• The weight of the doll should also be proportionate to that of the child, which makes the doll easy to manage.

Here are some other tips specific to a child's level of development:

• Age: 0-plus. As a baby begins to investigate the new world of shapes and textures and develops essential skills, she needs a security companion. Select a plush and washable doll that is lightweight and between 10 and 12 inches tall. This is perfectly sized for tiny hands to hold and hug.

• 18 months. As baby transitions to the toddler years, she begins to care for and nurture her doll, imitating her parents.

Select a doll that will make an ideal playmate. Look for one about 12 inches long and is soft, lightweight, and easy to dress and undress.



Dolls, such as these from Corolle, can make treasured holiday gifts.

• Age 3 years-plus. Little girls at this age begin to act out many real-life situations with their dolls. They may become big sister, mother or babysitter. Baby dolls encourage creativity and inspire pretend play memories young girls will cherish forever. For the added fun of hair play, choose a doll with well-rooted hair that can be combed.

• Age 5 years-plus. Girls begin to project themselves into their world and start to develop and value friendships. In turn, they are looking for playmates. Select dolls that have a variety of wardrobe, hair design and accessory choices.

'Tis the season to entertain

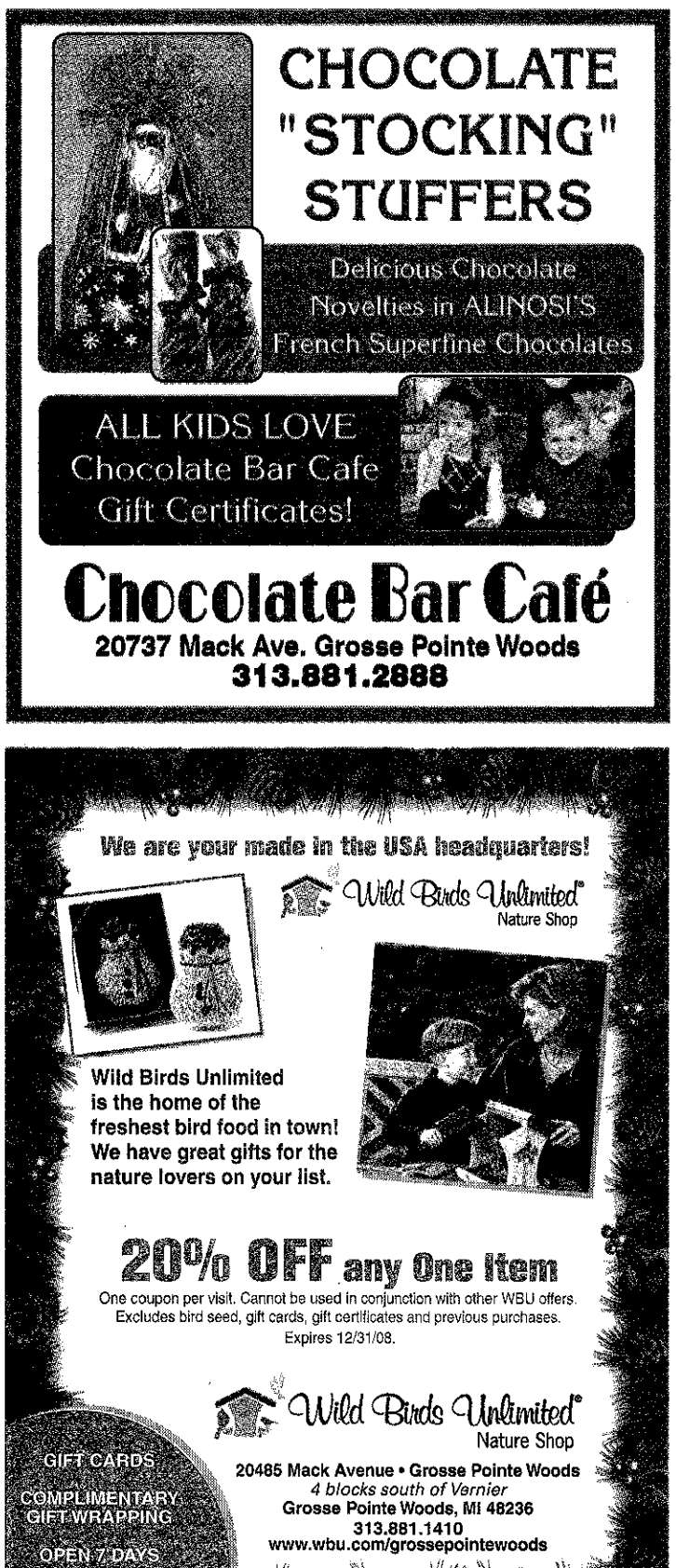
Although it is getting frosty outside, it can often be hard to keep your "cool" in the kitchen during the party-packed holiday months.

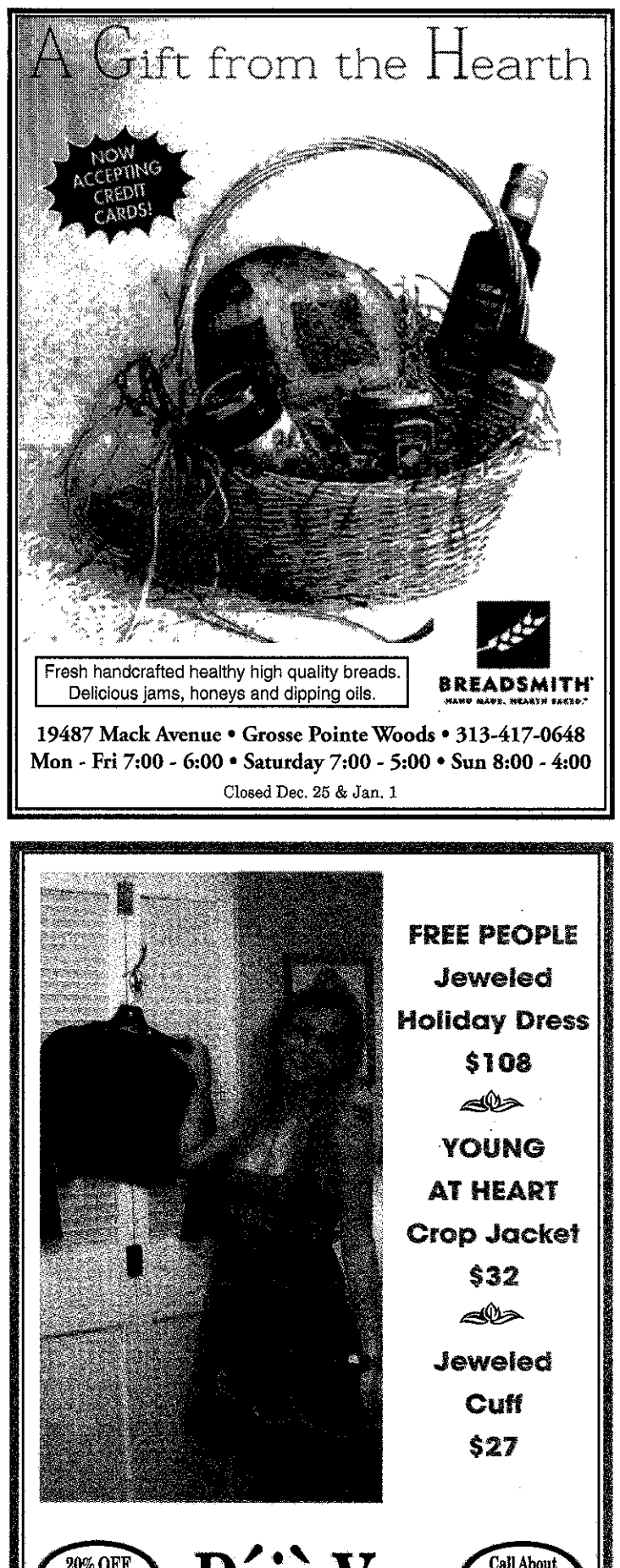
Make it a little easier on yourself and chill out in the frozen and refrigerated food aisles of the grocery store. That way, you can prepare for holiday events, family gatherings and unexpected guests.

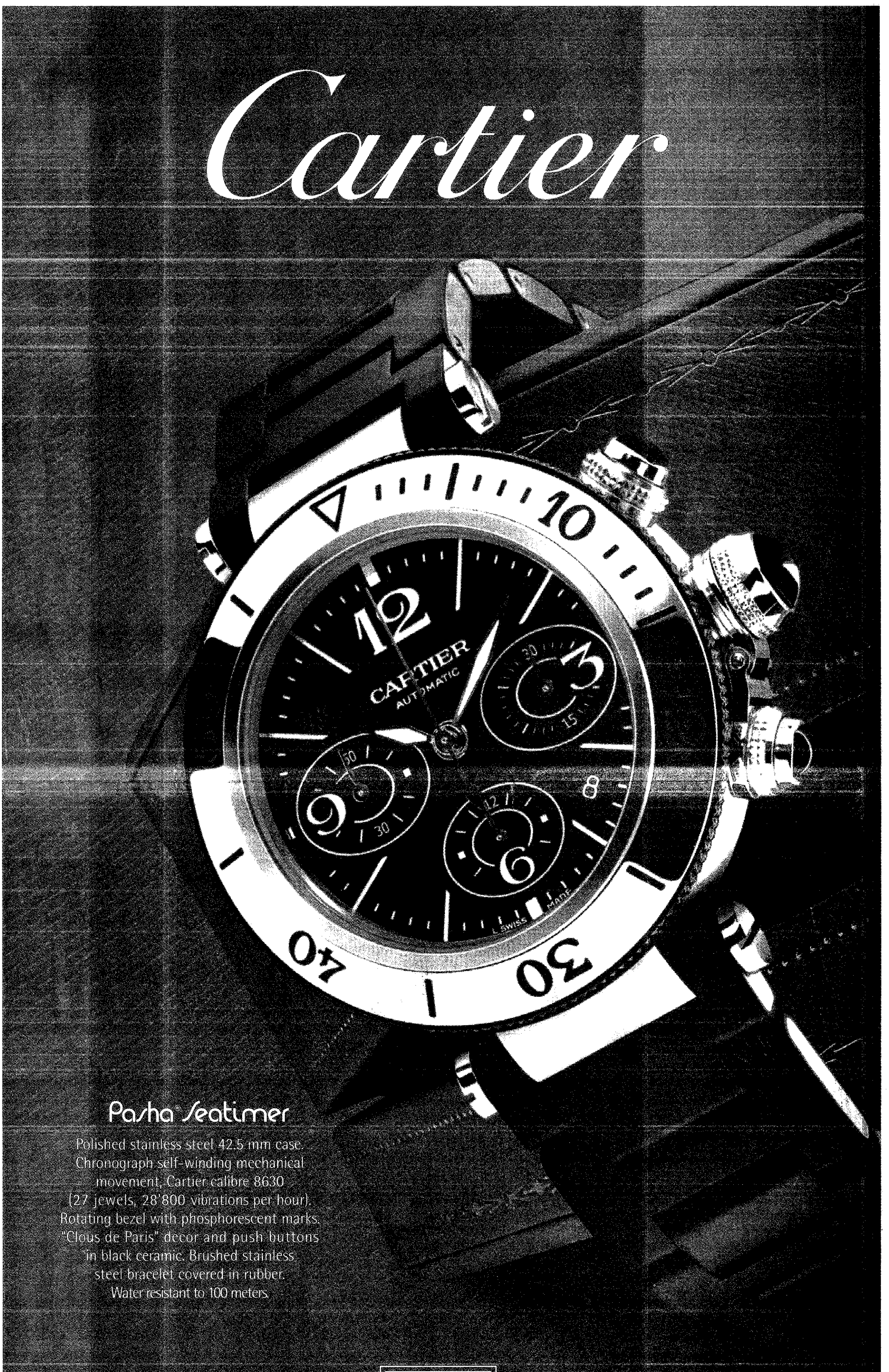
Keep the children happy with finger food favorites, such as string cheese, mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers and pizza bites. For the grownups, try egg rolls, quiche, meatballs and the wide variety of cheeses. Just throw these appetizers on a festive tray and all you have to worry about is having enough to last all night.

Frozen and refrigerated foods can complete your holiday meals with great taste and no fuss. Instead of slaving over the oven all day, consider the breads, potatoes, dips, vegetables and sauces in the cool aisles of the store.

In case you are stuck with overnight guests, stock the refrigerator with basic brunch options. Waffles, pancakes, eggs, cheese, pastries, fruits and juices will get the day started off right.



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