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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Dec. 22

Free flu shots are available from 5 to 9 p.m. at Crest Volvo, 23405 Hall Road, between Gratiot and Groesbeck. Only 100 shots are available. For more information, call (586) 948-6000.

Friday, Dec. 23

The American Red Cross holds a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe. To make an appointment, go to www.givelife.org.

All municipal offices are closed. Grosse Pointe News offices close at noon.

Saturday, Dec. 24

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School offers a special Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m. Children from preschool through second grade will reenact the nativity. The Children's Choir and the Children's Bell Choir will perform under the direction of Kim Korba. The school is located at 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 26

Grosse Pointe News and all municipal offices closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Obituaries and Letters to the Editor are due by 10 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 30

Most municipal offices are closed, except for Grosse Pointe Park. Grosse Pointe News offices close at noon.

Sunday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

Monday, Jan. 2

Grosse Pointe News and most municipal offices are closed.

Tuesday, Jan 3

Obituaries and Letters to the Editor are due by 10 a.m.

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Photo by Robert McKean

A welcome sign

For the first time in many years, it appeared earlier this week that we were assured a white Christmas. There is nothing like some snow, brisk weather and colorful decorations, such as this wreath on Merriweather, to put us in the holiday spirit.

Below, this snowman on Mapleton has a warm heart and appears to be awaiting his sweetheart.

For more holiday photos, see page 16A.



Photo by Chip Chapman

Proportionately more properties for sale in B'ham

Lake St. Clair a huge bonus

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Real estate through the Grosse Pointes is competitive when compared with similar communities of Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

The average home in these three areas is relatively the same price- and size-wise. However, one thing that lures potential buyers to the Grosse Pointes is accessibility to Lake St. Clair.

Birmingham and West Bloomfield do not have that luxury. It's a long drive from Oakland County to Lake St. Clair.

The number of properties for sale throughout the Pointes has gone down from 700 a few months ago to 545, according to realtor.com.

which had that total posted on Thursday, Dec. 15.

"Our property values are very similar to Birmingham and West Bloomfield. One thing that makes the Grosse Pointes attractive is the accessibility to Lake St. Clair via the community parks," said Kay Agney of Higbie, Maxon, Agney Inc. "Certain segments of our market are doing well, and one such segment is the homes selling for \$1 million to \$1.5 million."

Agney also said that the Pointes' real estate market should be boosted by the emergence of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"Our new Chamber of Commerce will really give our community a boost," Agney said. "People don't know where Grosse Pointe is because we're not listed on the freeway signs; so this

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Woods library to open Jan. 30

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

The new Woods branch library is scheduled to open on Monday, Jan. 30, library Director Vickey Bloom announced at the Monday, Dec. 19, meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees.

The current Wood's library will close its doors forever on Tuesday, Jan. 3, in preparation for the move to the new building.

The library has organized a Book Brigade at Parcels Middle School for Wednesday, Jan. 11. During the brigade, the school's children will form a human

chain to pass by hand the last remaining children's books from the old to the new library. The current plan is to have the route weave through the school's interior.

A similar ceremony was held in December 2004 involving Trombly and Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle school students to commemorate the old Park branch and the new Ewald branch libraries in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bloom also announced that the dedication ceremony for the new Woods library is planned for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Toni Urso-Salvador

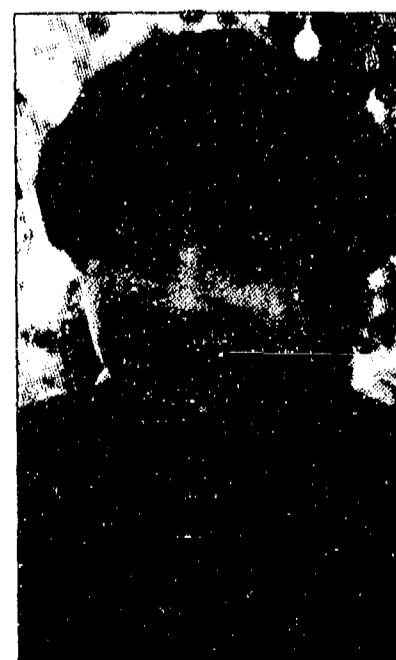
Home: Grosse Pointe Shores

Family: Husband John; daughter Isa, 25; son John, 21

Claim to fame: Portrays Christmas Carol

Quote: "Live well, laugh often and love much."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Fire smoking within a mattress of a house in the 1400 block of Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods erupts in flames and claims the life of the dwelling's sole occupant.

The victim, Mrs. Mary Gutowski, 45, is found on the floor of a rear bedroom of the five-room brick ranch house.

■ Plans are being drawn up to finish construction of the seawall at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

So far, just 700 feet of the breakwall at the east end of the park pier is complete.

Extending the wall is considered essential to protecting against swells created by freighter traffic, which is forecast to increase upon opening of the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway.

■ Invitations are being extended to all those who moved into the Grosse Pointes during 1955 to attend the War Memorial Center's annual reception for new residents.

25 years ago this week

■ Carlos Cable, 30, of Grosse Pointe Park dies when his Dodge Aspen station wagon hits a Detroit Edison pole in front of 190 Moross in the Farms. The impact snaps the pole and shears Cable's vehicle in two.

■ Grosse Pointe War

Memorial board members search for a new director.

John Lake, director for 29 years, retires in October.

■ A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male is charged with two counts of first-degree murder for the October rape-strangulation of an 81-year-old woman in her house on Kerby. Charges are for murder while raping and murder while robbing.

Bound over as an adult is David Cameron McKendrick of Merriweather.

The motion to try McKendrick, a Grosse Pointe South High School freshman, as an adult is granted by Judge Gladys Barsamian, Wayne County Probate Division.

10 years ago this week

■ Fire guts the former Kenwood house of Detroit Tiger Cecil Fielder.

No one is living in the 10,000-square-foot Tudor-style house when fire starts and spreads throughout the structure.

■ A commercial plug for Coca-Cola in exchange for new high school scoreboards could be a sweet deal for Grosse Pointe schools.

The soft drink company offers to donate \$35,000 to the district for the purchase of four scoreboards: two for both of the high schools' football and baseball fields.

The scoreboards would display the Coca-Cola logo.

■ Twelve students from Grosse Pointe North High School finish in the top 5 percent of more than 16,000 students taking the 39th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

5 years ago this week

■ Palmer Heenan, mayor of Grosse Pointe Park, leads opposition to a proposed community-funded recreation center at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Heenan is the first Pointe public official willing to take a public stand against the project.

Heenan says he would rather direct his residents' recreational tax monies toward things closer to home, such as construction of a year-round activities building at Windmill Pointe Park.

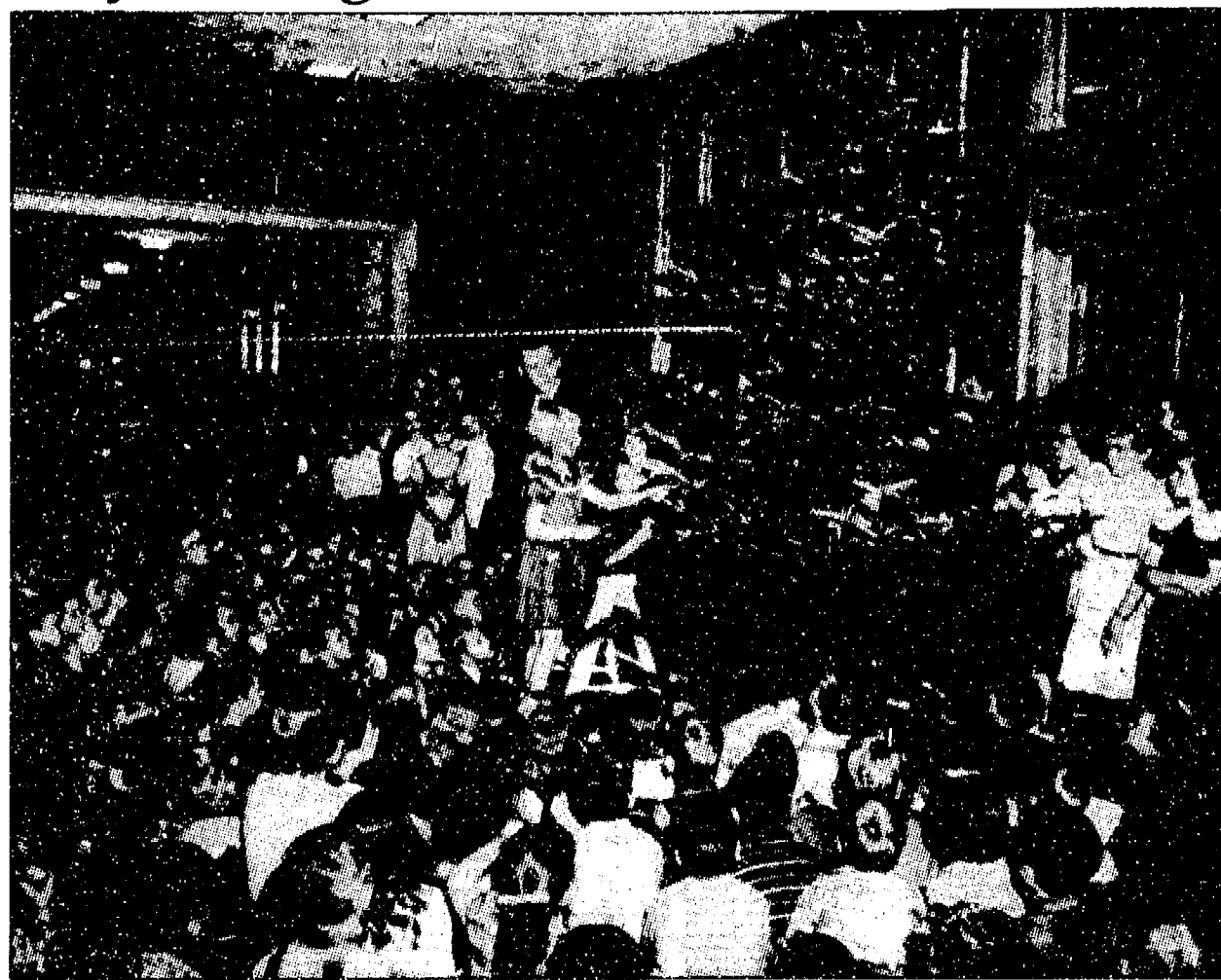
■ Grosse Pointe Park police call off a 12-man special response team when a barricaded gunman surrenders after an 11-hour stand-off.

The 21-year-old suspect had retreated to his apartment above a business on lower Mack after pointing a loaded shotgun at a plainclothes Park officer.

■ Grosse Pointe South High School's boys hockey team skates past two rivals to record a 4-0 record early in the season.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Tiny tot lights Christmas tree at school party

Little Linda Robinson, a kindergarten student at Montielth Elementary School and formerly of Turkey, has the honor of lighting the Christmas tree in the school's main corridor with help from acting assistant principal Frank Bozarth. Linda has never seen Christmas celebrated in the United States. She is the unanimous choice for the honor of lighting the tree. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 22, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

Police pursue Jefferson B&Es

Grosse Pointe Park police are investigating a series of home invasions that have taken place during the last four to six weeks along Jefferson.

"We have identified a possible group of youths who

are targeting unoccupied homes," Grosse Pointe Park director of public safety Dave Hiller said. "We want the public to be aware of this and call us if immediately if they see something suspicious."

The kids are traveling around the neighborhoods in a car and a couple get out and knock on a door.

If someone answers, they say they are looking for someone, giving the homeowner a fictitious name. If nobody answers the door, they break into the house and steal valuables.

"We're making progress on this case, but we need some more info and the public can help," Hiller said.

If anyone sees some mischievous activity, call Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-6200.

City election certified

The City of Grosse Pointe mayoral and council election has been certified.

Incumbent Mayor Dale Scrace beat challenger Stephen Sholty 1,138 to 1,102, a 36-vote margin.

In the council race, first-time candidate Christopher Walsh won the most votes at 1,417.

Re-elected and coming in second with 1,342 votes was Jean Weipert.

Also elected was first-time candidate Kris Pfahler with 1,003 votes.

— Brad Lindberg

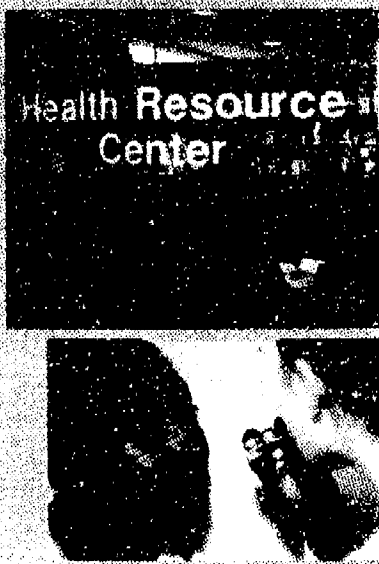
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Hathaway named city clerk in the Woods

Promotion saves city money

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods has a new city clerk, Lisa Hathaway, who was approved with a 4-3 vote count by the city council at Monday's meeting.

Hathaway, 42, has been the city's deputy city clerk since 1997, while also serving as the executive assistant/confidential secretary to the city administrators (Pete Thomas, who retired in 1999; Ted Bidigare, 1999-2004; and Mark Wollenweber 2004-present).

"I'm appreciative to be the new city clerk," Hathaway said. "I'm surrounded by a wonderful staff of men and women who make working here very enjoyable. I'm a little nervous about the new job, but then again who isn't a little nervous when they are ready to start a new

job?"

She earned the Certified Municipal Clerk designation in 2002 and has been accepted into the Master Municipal Clerk program for the state. She is also attending classes at Davenport University, working toward earning a Bachelor's Degree in business administration, focusing on human resources.

Hathaway is replacing Louise Warnke, who is retiring at the end of the year.

The promotion from within saves the city money. Warnke's salary of \$71,018 is off the books, and Hathaway's salary of \$58,300 will increase to \$63,000, which is a savings overall to the city of \$66,318.

The topic of filling Warnke's position was brought up in a committee-of-the-whole meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, and at that time the committee discussed the clerk position serving as a specialized function, requirements of the position, current staffing being sufficient/overstaffed, for current responsibilities,

appointment from within, full- and part-time deputy clerks, and possible interim considerations.

City attorney Don Berschback recommended to council to continue having a separate city clerk with a distinct role and to have the city clerk serve as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) coordinator due to the clerk's record-keeping function.

Mayor Robert Novitke discussed functions the city clerk provides, such as managing elections, FOIA, agenda preparation and other miscellaneous duties.

Council member Vicki Granger moved that the committee-of-the-whole recommend to city council that the position of city clerk remain a separate council appointment and not be merged with another appointed official.

Council member Lisa Pinkos Howle seconded Granger's motion, and the motion was passed unanimously (council member Darryl Spicher was absent from the meeting).



Lisa Hathaway

Council also passed a motion by a 5-1 vote whereas qualified employees were given until noon on Friday, Dec. 9, to provide a letter of application, including a resume, which council voted to pass along to Berschback.

When these agenda items were presented at the city council meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, the 5-1 vote turned into a 4-3 decision to continue with the course of action

to select a new city clerk.

Novitke, Granger, Al Dickinson, and Pete Waldmeir voted yes, as they did in accordance to their vote at the committee-of-the-whole meeting, while Spicher, Pinkos Howle and Dona DeSantis Reynolds voted against the city clerk remaining a separate council appointment and not being merged with another appointed official.

The three city council members who voted no wanted the city clerk's duties to be spread out among the employees currently working for the city, and they said hiring another person to do the job would cost the city money it didn't need to spend.

"We're filling the role with someone from within our own staff, and that is saving money," Dickinson said during the Dec. 5 council meeting.

"Losing \$100,000 from one salary, giving \$5,000 or so as a raise to a promotion of city clerk is saving the city thousands of dollars," Waldmeir

said.

The four votes were enough to fulfill the motions presented at the committee-of-the-whole meeting and allow the process of hiring a new city clerk to commence.

City council members and Mayor Novitke sat through three interviews on Dec. 12, interviewing Hathaway, Jane Brown and Susan Stewart, and on Monday, Dec. 19, Grosse Pointe Woods city officials voted 4-3 to hire Hathaway as the new city clerk.

"Each of the three individuals who were interviewed were excellent candidates," Granger said.

Hathaway has worked for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for 10 years. The first two years she was a part-time employee, and the last eight have been in a full-time capacity as deputy clerk.

Hathaway was officially sworn in as Grosse Pointe Woods' city clerk during a council meeting on Monday, Dec. 19.

Village tree lights way for shoppers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Let there be light.

To a countdown of "three, two, one — Merry Christmas," 7-year-old Molly Walsh flicked an electrical switch and a burley evergreen at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair sparkled in its role as the Village Christmas tree in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Thank you, Molly. Great Job," said Dale Scrace, City mayor.

Molly, a second-grader at Richard Elementary, smiled, showing that in addition to the laptop computer she wants for Christmas, she could use a set up upper front teeth.

"Every year our tree seems to get a little bigger," Scrace told a group of residents attending the annual City tree lighting celebration at dusk last Friday. "The guys have to buy another string of lights every year to keep up."

About five hours earlier Scrace concluded the 30th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade by greeting Santa.

Santa brought up the rear of the parade on a brand new float featuring eight reindeer pulling a sleigh over a landscape representing the five Grosse Pointes.

"Wow, what a great day in the Village," Scrace said. "That was a spectacular parade. A little chilly, but the crowds were strong. This is a fitting end with Santa Claus' new ride."

John Stevens helped organize construction of the new float. He was pleased by its reception.

"Children really enjoyed it," Stevens said.

During the tree lighting people kept warm by drinking free hot chocolate provided by the Grosse Pointe Boat Club.

The Authentic Dickens Carolers, sponsored by Rennell & Co. Gifts, sang favorites such as "Let it Snow."

Scrace urged shoppers to patronize local stores during the holidays.

"Make sure you support our merchants," Scrace said. "They are the heart and soul of the Village. Make sure you shop often this year."



Photo by Robert McKean

Farms officers promoted

The promotions of Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers Holly Krizmanich and Sgt. Andrew Rogers to sergeant and lieutenant, respectively, were announced at the Dec. 12 city council meeting. Krizmanich became the first female sergeant in the Pointes, said Deputy Director Dan Jensen.

"We had the first female public safety officer and fire inspector," Jensen said. "And now we have the first female sergeant."

Krizmanich has been with the Farms since April 1996, after working in Oak Park for two years.

Rogers' promotion to lieutenant comes after nearly seven years with the Farms and 12 years in law enforcement. He served in Monroe for five years before joining the Farms department in February 1999. In June 2004, he was promoted to sergeant.

From left at the Dec. 12 city council meeting are City Manager Shane Reside, Jensen, Mayor James Farquhar, Public Safety Director Robert Ferber, Sgt. Krizmanich and Lt. Rogers.

Houses

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way we will be able to use the chamber to help potential buyers focus on purchasing homes in the Grosse Pointes.

"People talk negatively about our terrible market, but actually the market is good," said Bill Adlloch, of Adlloch and Associates. "People move to the Grosse Pointes because of the school system, the excellent parks, and the access to the lake."

The properties for sale in Birmingham are at 506, and the number of properties for sale in West Bloomfield is 592. These numbers were also from Dec. 15.

However, Birmingham is the smallest of the three communities, measuring 4.78 square miles and the city has a population of 19,291 with 9,700 housing units.

The five Grosse Pointes have a combined square mileage of 10.33 with a population of 54,553 living in 19,297 housing units.

West Bloomfield is the largest of the three, measuring 27.33 square miles. Its population is 64,862, and there are 24,411 housing units within the city borders.

If you compare the numbers, Birmingham has

roughly 106 housing units for sale per square mile, compared to 52 for the Grosse Pointes, and 22 for West Bloomfield.

Residents throughout the Pointes are also adding on to their existing homes, making them more marketable.

Proposal A has put a damper on the real estate market in the Pointes, as well as Birmingham and West Bloomfield. Putting more value into a home is one example of residents' trying to increase the value of their home.

Proposal A was adopted by the state on March 15, 1994. Literature about it states that it is a constitutional amendment to increase the state sales and use tax rates from four to six percent, limit annual increases in property tax assessments, exempt school

operating millages from uniform taxation requirement and require a three-quarter vote of Legislature to exceed statutorily established school operating millage rates.

The proposed constitutional amendment limited annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5 percent or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, the taxable assessment is adjusted to the current value.

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Fire truck ferries Santa to the Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Santa Claus can't get enough of the Pointes.

He arrived the day after Thanksgiving for a parade in his honor along Kercheval through part of the Farms to the Village in the City.

After the parade he remained in the Village to compile Christmas lists from children lined up at the Village Toy Co.

The following Sunday evening he attended the 13th annual Lighting of the Village ceremony in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"This is Grosse Pointe Shores' own kickoff to the Christmas season," said Shores President Dr. James Cooper. "It also allows all of us to come together again and give thanks for the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us individually and as residents of this community."

Cooper spoke to a crowd gathered on the steps of Village Hall awaiting Santa's arrival on a Village fire truck.

The tone was set with hot cocoa and a sing-along of carols with members of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus.

"Santa, Santa," chanted children and parents alike. "Santa, Santa."

"Hey, I see our fire truck coming," Cooper said. "Do you suppose that's him?"

"Here comes Santa Claus," said a parent, holding her child up to see.

"Ho, ho, ho," Santa said from atop the truck. "Hi, President Cooper. Hi, boys and girls. Merry Christmas. Boy, I love coming to Grosse Pointe Shores. I get such a nice welcome."

"We know how busy you must be this time of year, so we're really happy that you take time to visit our small community," Cooper said.

"Well, whether they live in a small or large community, all children are the same," Santa said. "I love them all. Let's light up the village so I can get to see the boys and girls of Grosse Pointe Shores again."

Within seconds of the tree lighting children lined up inside Village Hall to meet Santa and Christmas Carol.

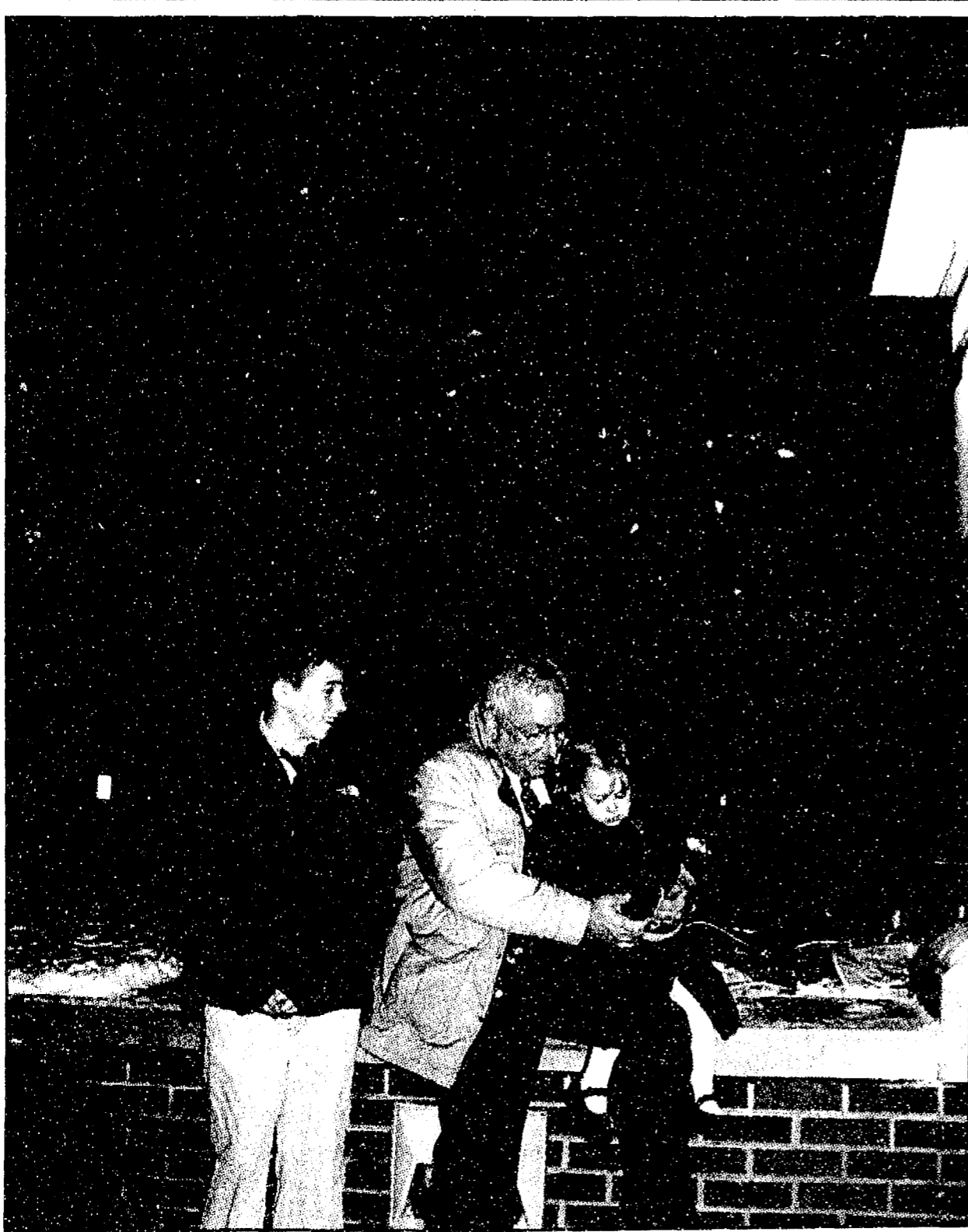
"He's excited," Carol said. "He says he finds the nicest children here."

A lot of children asked for an iPod or Hilary Duff recordings.



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Lights on

The branches of the Douglas fir tree on Kercheval in front of Cottage Hospital were set aglow at a recent tree-lighting ceremony. The annual lighting of the Fink Tree brought Bon Secours Cottage employees, volunteers, former trustees and friends of the health system together for the celebration. The tree lighting honors the memory of longtime Cottage Trustees Elise M. Fink and her son, Peter R. Fink. First lit in 1988, the tree was dedicated to Elise Morley Fink for her 50 years of service to Cottage Hospital. Her son, Peter, was elected to the Cottage board of trustees in 1976. For 17 years, he served on the Cottage and Henry Ford Health System boards. In 1992, the new Emergency Center at Cottage was named in Elise's memory, and in 1993, the hospital's 75th anniversary, the Fink Christmas Tree was rededicated in memory of Elise M. Fink and Peter R. Fink. The event included a performance by the Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir and refreshments in the Cottage Hospital lobby. Bill Rands, former Cottage Hospital board chairman, assists Stephen, left, and Reece Jones, members of the Fink family, as they officially light the Fink Tree in front of Cottage Hospital.

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'Tis time for Christmas Carol

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If you need a little Christmas — right this very minute — then you're in spirit with Toni Urso-Salvador.

"There's nothing like Christmas," Salvador said.

For the past four decades, Salvador has portrayed Christmas Carol, Santa Claus' elfish helper.

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The role comes naturally for Salvador, a barely five-foot actress and dancer with a bright smile.

"I'm bubbly all the time," Salvador said.

Especially during Christmas season.

"I want it to last as long as

it can," she said. "My favorite phrase is to live well, laugh often and love much. All of that incorporates what Christmas Carol is."

Salvador lives in Grosse Pointe Shores with her husband John. Their daughter

Isa, 25, is a children's mental health therapist. Son John, 21, studies electrical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Salvador plays Christmas Carol in the Detroit and Grosse Pointe parades, at community events such as the Shores Tree Lighting ceremony, and private functions. She's

appeared at hospitals, charity events, schools, concerts and parties.

If you're a baby boomer, odds are you've met Salvador or her alter ego.

Salvador portrayed Christmas Carol for four years during the 1960s at Hudson's Department Store in downtown Detroit.

"At that time I was already involved in theater and dance," Salvador said. "Those were my interests growing up."

During the run-up to Christmas, thousands of children each day flocked to see Santa in Hudson's 12th floor Santaland.

Santa's No. 1 sidekick, Christmas Carol — a smiling, elf-like little girl in red dress, scarf, hat and mittens — was the official greeter.

Step into one of Hudson's paneled elevators for a ride to Santaland on the 12th floor.

The elevator hostess stands to the side as riders enter. Her black dress uniform is as freshly pressed as



Toni Urso-Salvador as Christmas Carol with Devin Scillian, honorary grand marshal of the 2004 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

the day before. It will be as freshly pressed tomorrow.

The operator closes the car's brass gate. It latches with a reverberating clank. The operator pushes "12" and, with elocution specified in the elevator hostess manual, calls out the passing floors.

Here comes the book department on the mezzanine. There goes sporting goods on level two. Past linens on three.

Past childrens clothing on the fourth floor, where floor-mounted brass drinking fountains are shorter than elsewhere in the store owing to the miniature clientele.

Past the high school shop, equestrian shop and A Nice Girl Like You shop on the fifth floor.

Past furs, the Woodward shops and interior design department on floors six, seven and eight.

Past furniture, mattresses and a 50-seat personalized greeting card gallery on nine. Past sewing machines, model kitchens and the wedding gift consultant and

Christmas ornaments on 10. Past the lamps, office furniture, cashier's office, pictures, lost and found and executive offices on 11.

Twelfth floor. Santaland.

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"It was a magical wonderland — the whole floor," Salvador said. "You felt like you were at the North Pole, in a little village with Santa and his elves."

The character of Christmas Carol was created in 1953 by Maureen Bailey, a 15-year-old from Birmingham. A few years later, Bailey put aside her red outfit for a career in show business. She played Wendy in the 1960 NBC production of "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin.

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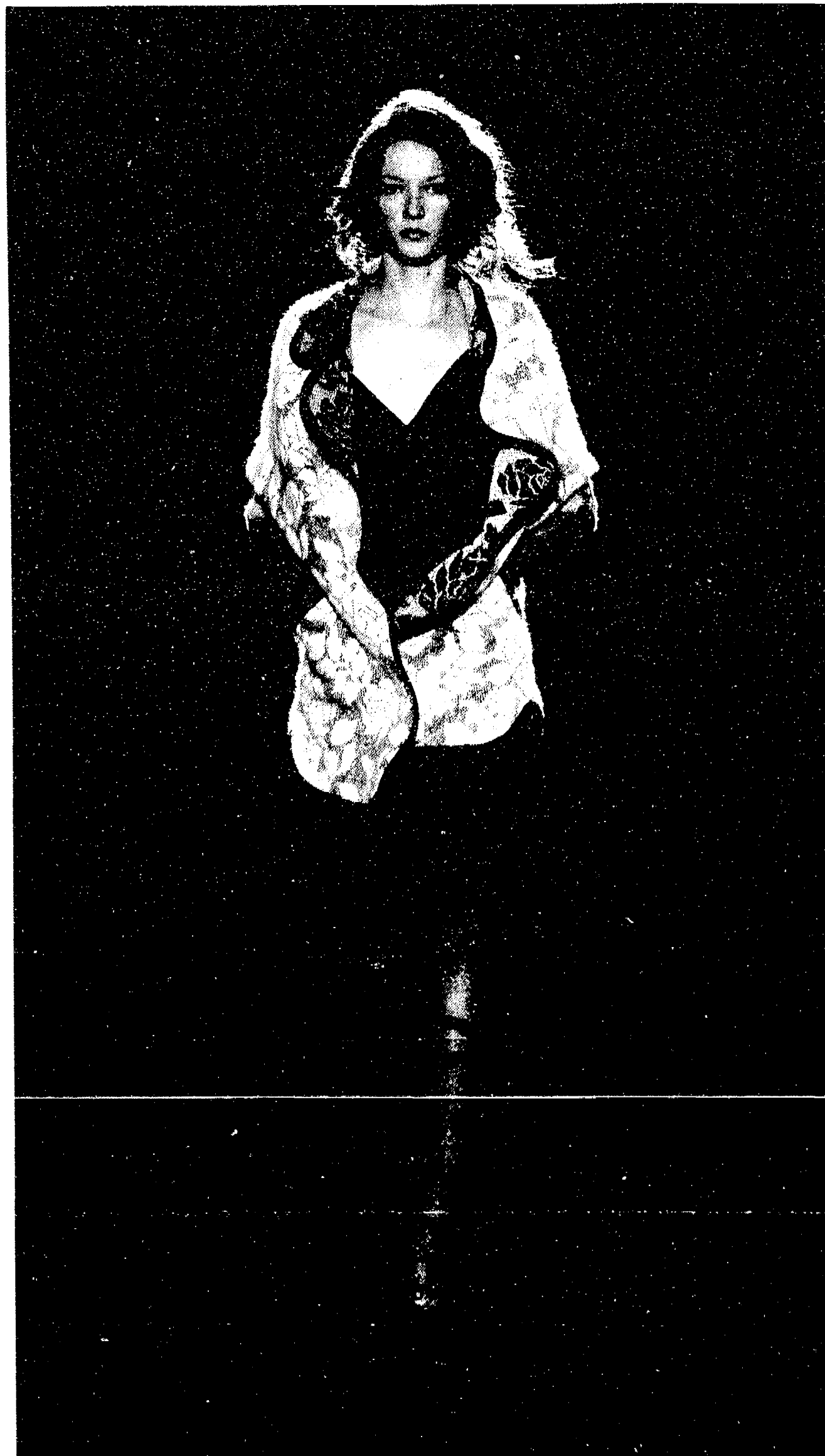
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Christmas village warms hearts for the holidays

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Love of God. Love between people. Renewal. Hope. Working together.

These are the qualities that Grosse Pointe Park native Trish Hancock values during the celebration of Christmas, and the village she and her husband, John, have concocted in their house brims with these feelings.

Trish has collected miniature holiday houses since she was a little girl. Her parents, siblings and children gave her houses throughout her life, and she bought some when she was in her early 20s.

When she met her husband, she had about seven houses.

"John was admiring my village, and he asked, 'Do you like this kind of thing?' I said, 'Yes, I like the miniature aspect of it,'" Trish recalled about showing her houses to John their first Christmas together.

Married on Valentine's Day in 2004, John expressed his love for his new wife by buying her scores of new houses last year at Bronner's in Frankenmuth.

They currently have more than 30 houses, replete with a landscape of mountains and ponds that John developed himself.

For Trish, the village is a kind of apotheosis of their young relationship.

"Even though we're older adults, our love is new, and we're very hopeful about the future," she said.

The town, based on a New England village at the turn of the century, is spell-binding in its intricacy and beauty. A multiplicity of

Two parts of the town are reminiscent of Grosse Pointe and Detroit. A domed conservatory, her favorite in the collection, resembles the one on Belle Isle that has been in existence since 1904.

The town church looks like Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where Trish is an active member.

John started constructing the village last summer in his basement workshop. He took pictures and made molds of the different buildings to set them to an exact scale. He started to put up buildings and the landscape in the living room of their Pemberton Road house in October.

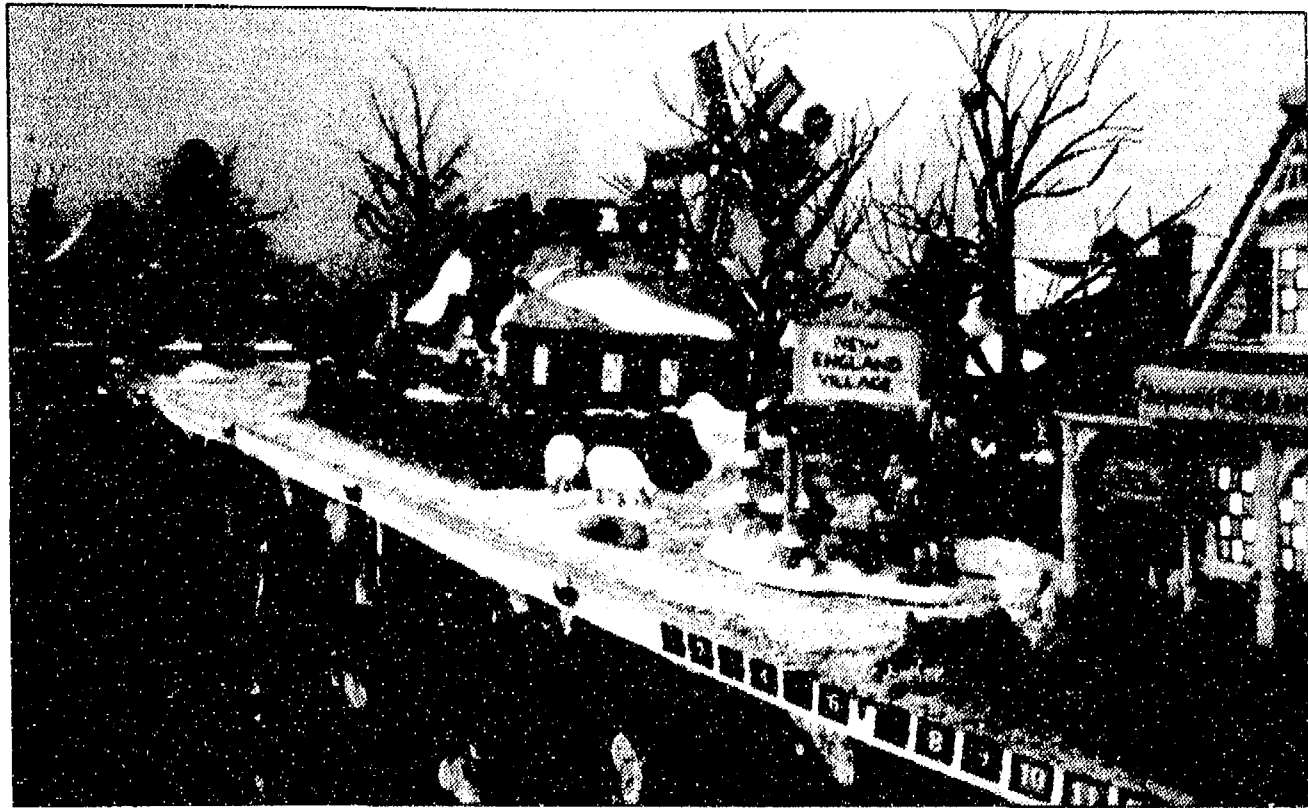
The creation of the farm is a particular labor of love for John; now a corporate lawyer, he grew up on a farm. The cattle walking on grass are positioned as he remembered them.

"He knew exactly how the



A train in the Hancock's Christmas village passes a law office, doctor's office and a sweet shop selling goodies.

Photos by Carrie Cunningham



A cider mill offers delicious apple cider to warm people during the holiday season.

farm should be. He has it right to scale," Trish said. "He's able to make that look authentic."

Collecting things is nothing new for John; as a hobby, he has gathered beer steins and close to 3,000 beer cans. Yet, the making of the Christmas village is fresh and has an added importance as he and his wife have garnered houses and devised the village together.

Adults who came to the Hancock house for a recent Christmas party relished the miniature village. And Trish and John, who have five children between them from previous marriages, hope they will have grandchildren who can see and appreciate the village in future years.

The village will continue to be a work in progress for the Hancocks. Next year, they hope to add an ocean with lobster containers and fisherman's nets, as well as a coffee house. Additionally, they want to have another layer of buildings in newly made hills overlooking the current buildings. The current U-shape of the village will possibly be positioned in a straight line.

As Trish said, Christmas is about love between God and people and people with each other. The creation of their village reflects these

emotions, ones that most certainly can fuel camaraderie throughout the year and beyond.

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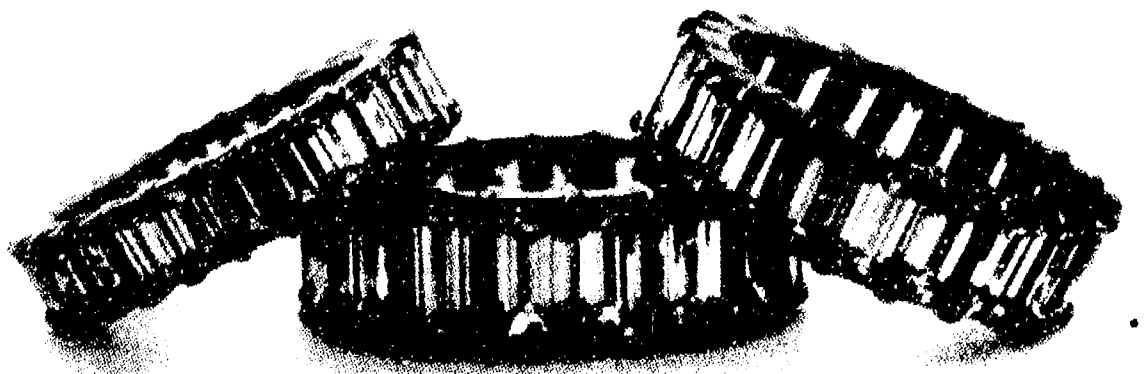
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work places are scattered throughout the winter landscape.

A law office, doctor's office, ice house, lumber mill, cider mill, violin store, bakery, cranberry bog and farm with grazing cattle are among the sites where people work.

While it's winter and cold outside, the town is bustling with activity.

"The warmth of the action, that's what I like about it. It's not just houses. There's interaction of the people," Trish said. "That's what makes it enchanting."

The people in the village don't just work; they relax and have fun, too. Riding the train on the inner periphery of the town, people can stop at outdoor eateries selling waffles and hot dogs.

A sweet shop offers goodies; and an adjacent stand sells steaming hot chocolate.

A creche is positioned in the middle of the town, and several Santa Clauses are on-site, which creates a spirited mood for the holidays. One Santa is rowing a boat in a canal in the northern part of the town.

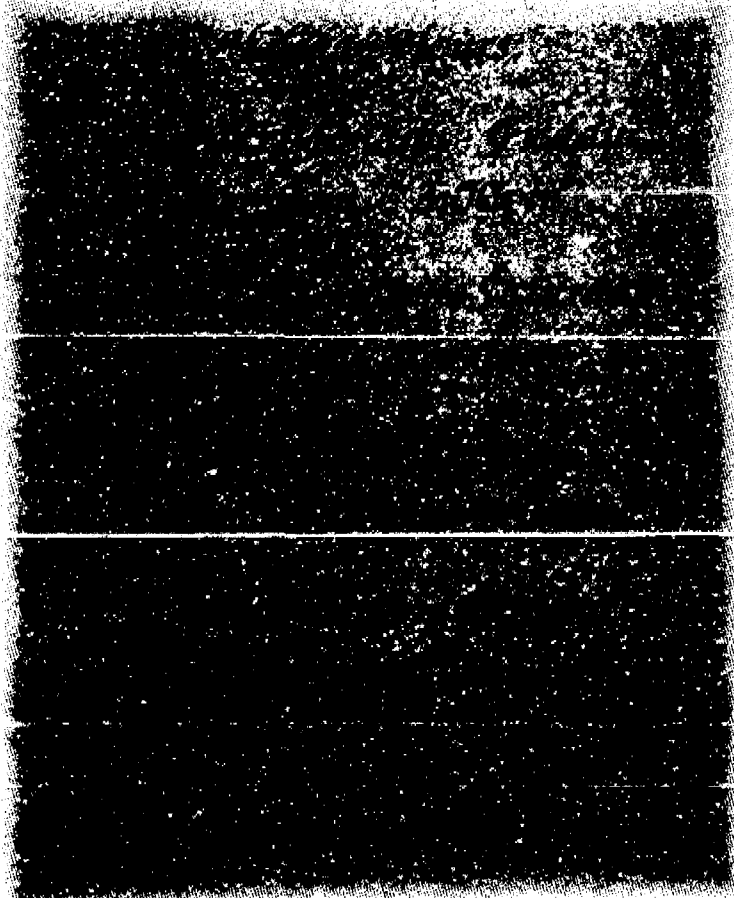
Santa is a particularly meaningful figure for Trish as her husband dresses up as Santa during the holiday season for the benefit of kids.

"He has such a charm that everybody is immediately drawn to him," She said.

A conservatory, Trish Hancock's favorite piece in the village, resembles one on Belle Isle that has existed since 1904.

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Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do



not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be

the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but

that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

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A Christmas message

As with many of us, I spent the weekend at a large table surrounded by various boxes of Christmas cards and different holiday stamps. While I'm not into the recent controversy of a politically correct holiday greeting, it is not my intention to cause discomfort to the recipients of our cards, if they prefer a generic message. Each year I purchase a variety of cards that appeal to me and often use leftovers from the previous year as well.

I also am not one to be highly organized and count on good health to enable me to meet the many unforeseen deadlines that crop up at this time of year. Heaven forbid I should catch a bug that would rob me of a few precious days in my final preparations for the big night before Christmas, which is an annual event at our house.

Christmas Eve is my favorite night of the year, when the house has serenity and beauty just before the clattering of hooves on the roof and grandchildren racing down hallways in great anticipation. Christmas carols caress us as they gently play in the background. Candles and tree lights warm the rooms. A fire draws us close to the hearth as family and close friends dressed in their finery gather at our table to offer our thanks and blessings for another year.

I was chatting with a pal about the glad tidings exchanged across the miles at this time of year, and she read me a letter she had received. She was so touched by the message and especially because she was just an acquaintance and not a close friend of the woman who had sent it. What a lovely surprise to learn of her impact on this person. She has consented to have me share it with you.

My Christmas List

Author unknown

"I have a list of people I know written in a book
And every year at Christmas time, I go and take a look
And this is when I realize that these names are a part
Not of the book they're written in but of my very heart

For each name stands for someone who has passed my way sometime
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme
And while it may sound peculiar for me to make this claim
I feel that I'm composed in part of each remembered name

And while you may not be aware of any "special link"
Just meeting you has shaped my life more than you'd ever think
For once I've met somebody the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.

For I am but a total of the many friends I've met
You happen to be one of those I choose not to forget
And whether I have known you for many years or few
In some small way you have a part of shaping things I do

So every year when Christmas comes I realize anew
The best gift life can give to me is meeting friends like you
I pray for Christmas spirit that ever more endures
May it leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours."

I couldn't have said it better. Joyous Christmas, happy holidays and PEACE ON EARTH.

— Offering from the loft

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Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

Library lease clarified

To the Editor:

This letter is in follow-up to the article, "Library lease tabled by school board," published in the Dec. 15 Grosse Pointe News regarding my request at the last Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting that the vote on the lease of the land for the Grosse Pointe Woods library be tabled.

I made this motion based on what I felt were substantial issues yet to be resolved in the actual language of the lease, among them the items which the Grosse Pointe News' reporter outlined in the story referenced above.

A number of residents have stopped into Speedi Photo to ask me about the

entire arrangement, and why, when the school system is in such financial straits, we would sign a lease for 100 years for only \$1 per year when the library is generating a positive cash flow of taxpayer dollars.

While your word-count limit doesn't allow me to express my thoughts on the wisdom of this move, I thought at least I could shed some light on why I want to see all of the loose ends wrapped up on this 100-year lease before it is again presented to the school board for approval.

Let me preface my comments by stating that I am not writing this response to the article on behalf of the board of education or my fellow school board trustees. I am writing it as an individ-

ual board member and taxpayer with the hopes of enlightening the general public on the issues at hand.

The lease for the land on which the new Grosse Pointe Woods Library has been built is the result of a development agreement signed in 2003 between the school system and the library. The agreement references as an exhibit of a proposed lease for the land on which the building has been built, which basically calls for a 100-year lease (inclusive of the options) for only \$1 per year.

Contrary to what has been reported in the Grosse Pointe News, and what the general public has been led to believe, a lease for this property has not been signed by the board of edu-

cation.

The lease was originally presented to the board for approval in August 2005. Beyond the question I raised about the wisdom of signing a lease for only \$1 per year for the next 100 years, I had issue with the fact that the lease was being presented for signature so long after the development agreement was signed and the documents were not complete. For example, the legal description and the site plan referenced as exhibits were not attached to the lease which we were asked to approve. I requested that the vote on the lease be tabled because of these deficiencies and received support on this motion.

It would be considered negligence on the part of a private sector board member to authorize a lease of this magnitude with the caveat that critical exhibits were "to follow" and that other details would continue to be handled on a "handshake" arrangement. Nothing is forever and relationships change, especially over 100 years.

I feel that state finance challenges will ultimately place the library and the school system in the position of competing for the same private sector endowment and funding "wallet" in the near future, which will surely challenge the existing handshake relationship.

Many would say that I am being granular in my concern that every detail be nailed down in any contract I am asked to authorize as a board member. I say that I am doing what I was elected to do — use my best business judgment to serve and protect the taxpayers of this community. Any less would be a breach of my fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer-

ers who elected me.

This concern for wrapping up all of the details on this lease, especially when any related delay is of no negative consequence to the opening of the library, has caused frustration for many.

I hope that the majority of residents share the feelings of their neighbors who have contacted me and accept the fact that not addressing issues I feel create a potential liability for the school system in the future is the right thing to do.

The issues I have regarding signing a 100-year lease for only \$1 per year weren't one of the subjects of the article referenced above, so I will save my thoughts on this issue for another day.

Ahmed Ismail
Grosse Pointe Board
of Education Member

School personnel overhead

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the front-page article, "Administration needs to improve financial reporting to the board," printed in the Dec. 15 Grosse Pointe News about the Grosse Pointe's public school budget.

Mr. Minturn calls the one-to-one ratio of classroom teachers an "overhead." In fact, administrators, office personnel, custodians, classroom aides, hall monitors and all other school employees play a critical and necessary role in any functioning school system. They do not represent overhead.

Would Mr. Minturn argue that in hospitals, all the employees except doctors and nurses are overhead? For example, housekeepers in hospitals play a crucial role in keeping operating rooms antiseptically clean,

and save hospitals money by cleaning rooms quickly to make room for new patients.

I would argue that the one-to-one ratio is incredibly low and indicates that the schools are operating at an optimal level.

Furthermore, it is naive of Mr. Minturn to think that teachers have the time and expertise to perform the functions of other workers critical to the operation of the schools.

Tija Spitsberg
Grosse Pointe Park

Financial transparency

To the Editor:

At the Dec. 5 Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting, Mr. Fred Minturn offered some recommendations to the board regarding the need for more specificity in financial information from the administration in order to better monitor budget goals.

We wholeheartedly support his efforts to develop and/or improve the financial processes in the school system so that the board, as well as the community, knows the appropriate actions that may be necessary to meet a serious budget shortfall.

Mr. Minturn did not comment on his efforts to obtain data from the administration. Hopefully, it was better than our experience in requesting financial information.

As an example, we were asked about the costs of extracurricular activities in the system, since there are now fees assessed on students who participate in a wide variety of programs. Both parents and others in the community are interested in knowing the value of

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Signed by yours truly

We bundled up, loaded up and fastened up. It was Thanksgiving Day, and we were off to Jackson County for the annual Fouty Feast of Thanks.

Daughter fluffed up her pillow for a two-hour nap. Son popped in his CD of the moment. Husband unbentoned his coat and announced he could smell the turkey cooking. I jammed myself into the back seat, carefully balancing the pies and salad. The anticipation of eating too much was on all of our minds as we pulled out of the drive and merged onto the nearly-

empty expressway.

This was the moment I'd been planning.

Timing is everything. My audience was captive.

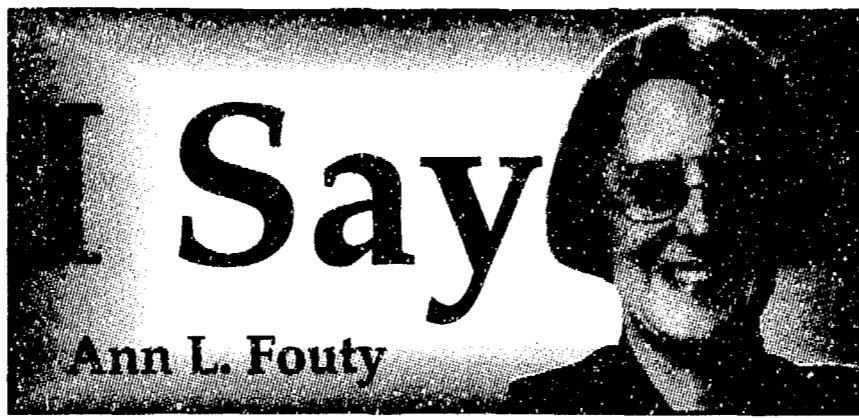
"Oh, look what Mom brought," I announced to the assembled.

I whipped out a green ink pen and two packages of Christmas cards.

Was that a whoop of joy I heard? Or a groan of "Do I have to do this again?"

Every year I tote out the Christmas cards and hand them around. Each member of the family signs his or her name in this year's penmanship.

I find it interesting to see how the signatures have changed during the years. While other people send me their children's pictures fea-



turing toothless, gaping mouths to smiles which try to cover braces to proud graduates and joyful wedding scenes, I show off how my children are changing by the way they sign their names.

It began when my husband and I first married (newlyweds do everything together). We'd neatly and precisely sign our names

side by side. The tradition continued with the children's preschool letters of backward Es or Es with too many horizontal lines. Some years a name will be spelled in all capital letters. Another year the signature became one for testing newly-learned cursive.

It's all a way of showing how my children are growing up sans a photo.

Even my husband's signature changes. If he is sitting at the table, his name is straight and legible. If he is watching television, reclining in the La-Z-Boy, it's scrunched up and nearly unreadable.

This is a significant year. It will probably be the last year Son's name is penned below the holiday greetings and wishes. He graduated from college this month and will soon be on his own. I needed to squeeze in this one last year, more for me than him. He signed quickly and with a flourish.

My daughter makes a special effort to get through with the agonizing task as quickly as possible. Whoever reads the card will note the first letter and guess at the remaining four letters. Yet,

hers, too, has a special flourish. Maybe my friends and relatives will remember when her Es looked like a caterpillar waving its many legs, and when learning to write was a proud accomplishment.

Is it really a hassle to scribble your name 60 times? Luckily, everyone has learned to keep groans and comments to himself and humor Mom. Who else will bake their favorite Christmas cookie?

It takes time for four people to sign each card. It takes time to choose the appropriate card to each of those on my Christmas card list. It takes time to hand address each envelope. It takes time for that personal touch. That's my signature.

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The Op-Ed Page



Christmas spirit

"Kathy," a Grosse Pointe resident and a teacher in St. Clair Shores, called in a wonderful story about a local, corporate business that truly exhibited the Christmas spirit.

She said she and her fellow teachers wanted to help a less fortunate family. When they learned the family did not have even a Christmas tree, Kathy approached a family-owned Grosse Pointe business for help.

She would like to report the locally owned business came through, but that is not the case. "They kept showing us hundred-dollar trees," Kathy said. "They clearly didn't get it."

She then approached Jenny at the Village Ace Hardware. "She showed me

a \$60 tree, and all I asked was for \$10 off," Kathy said. "She then put it in a box so the family would have something to store it in afterward. She added a Teddy bear for the 2-year-old and a stuffed animal for the 9-year-old. The total bill Jenny provided me with was \$0. Jenny and Ace Hardware are truly in the Christmas spirit."

Great story, Kathy. And special thanks to Jenny and Ace Hardware for coming through for two little girls this holiday season.

Christmas story

The Rev. Fred Harms, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church on Chalfonte in the Farms, returned from a trip to the Holy Land recently with a different picture of

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by Ben Burns



the situation there than we see on television or read in the national media.

Harms, a staunch supporter of Israel's right to exist, visited the West Bank and talked to Jews and to Palestinians who have suffered under repressive Israeli military control. He viewed illegal settlements built by hard-line, fanatic Israelis. He pointed out a protective barrier wall Israel is building that is almost as high as a three-story building, and it does-

n't follow the traditional United Nations' boundary line for the West Bank but intrudes miles inland into Palestinian territory splitting farms, olive groves, communities and Christian as well as Muslim church congregations.

He recounted sobering tales from the folks he spoke with. One Jewish woman reported watching Israeli soldiers forcing a young school girl at gunpoint, her books scattered about her on the sidewalk, to raise her blouse to see if she was carrying explosives. When the woman attempted to intervene, they pointed their weapons at her and warned her away.

She has since helped found a Jewish monitoring organization that witnesses the treatment of Palestinians moving through checkpoints and reports on how they were treated by the soldiers.

All Palestinians must carry at least five pieces of identification when they pass through the checkpoints, and they may be delayed up to five hours before being cleared.

One woman who wanted to visit a friend on the West Bank who was dying of cancer discovered the road to the village had been closed by the Israeli Defense Force; so she was turned back.

Others told her there was a roundabout way into the village and led her that way and up a hill. Exhausted by the trek, she fell and sprained her ankle and concluded that she couldn't go on and would have to turn back.

But two men appeared with a donkey and said they would give her a ride to her destination. When she asked who the men were, her friends told her they were Samaritans.

"There aren't many of them, but Samaritans still exist," Pastor Harms reported. The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast. To ever achieve peace in the Middle East, Christians, Muslims and Jews are all going to have to put aside their differences and treat everyone equally and fairly, Harms said.

That is a Christmas message to which we all should subscribe.

Christmas art

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's holiday greeting card this year that features skiers in the form of musical notes cruising across a treble clef under a snow-filled night sky is the work of a 9-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms youth Conrad Schaitberger, son of Julie and Dan

ability to listen to music and translate that into sophisticated images," Helen Wu said in a DSO press release. "This process of how they understand form and color is so inspiring, we wanted to see their creative ideas on paper."

Conrad's card is a perfect example of the success of that experiment.

Mission trip

Six members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church joined about 20 members of other Detroit area Presbyterian Churches in a week-long mission helping Hurricane Katrina victims in Gautier, Miss. Members included the Rev. David Noble, Gordon and Judy Morlan, Virginia Becker, Jane Burley and Peg Carpenter.

The team returned wearing blue T-shirts that said on the back: "Out of Chaos: Hope."

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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What is your favorite thing about Christmas or the holidays?



Sally Henn

"Getting ready for Christmas."

Sally Henn visiting Grosse Pointe from Jupiter, Fla.



Debbe Pavle

"Getting together with family and friends."

Debbe Pavle Grosse Pointe Park



Brooke Ford

"I'm with my family and we all get presents!"

Brooke Ford, 9 Grosse Pointe Woods



Claire Bouret

"Everybody gets together and there's lots of joy."

Claire Bouret, 10 St. Clair Shores



Adam Graskewicz

"I like Christmas trees, presents, and it's Jesus' birthday."

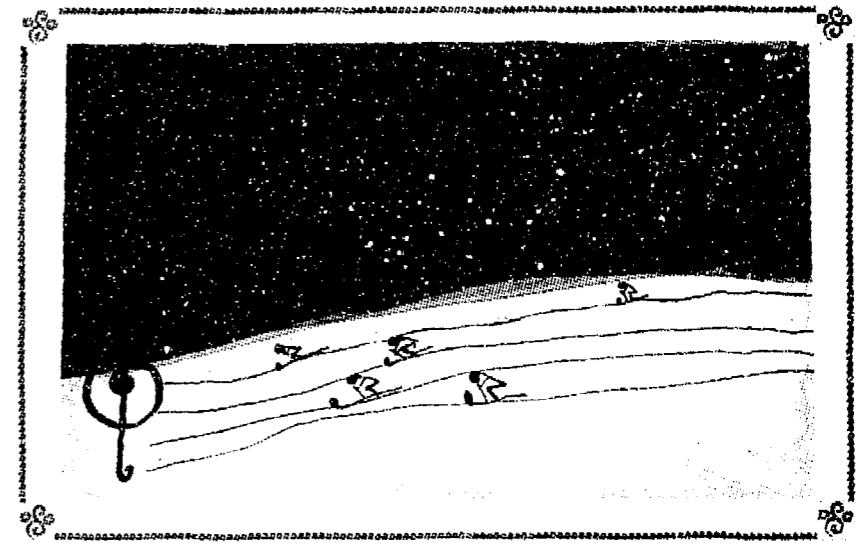
Adam Graskewicz, 5 St. Clair Shores



Samantha Giles

"I like being with my family."

Samantha Giles, 10, visiting Grosse Pointe from Grand Blanc



Conrad Schaitberger, 9, son of Julie and Dan Schaitberger of Grosse Pointe Farms and grandson of Elaine Schaitberger, won the design contest this year for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's holiday card, above. The contest was sponsored by Dr. Clyde and Helen Wu of Grosse Pointe Park.



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their investment in these activities vis-a-vis academic needs.

Therefore, in July, we requested the administration to provide us with line item revenue and expense details for each sport and other sanctioned activities for the last three years and by school location.

The initial response was a summary athletic budget for 2005-2006 for the two high schools that covered salaries and benefits with some costs related to the sport activity, such as transportation but not equipment or related costs and a promise for information related to other sanctioned activities when the school year began. This clearly did not respond to any elements of our request. A proposed budget for high school sports does not provide information to make an informed choice.

In October, another letter was sent to the administration requesting this information. Again, the data provided by the administration was budget amounts and projections, not revenue and expenditures, over a three-year period.

In addition to the above, copies of the letters were sent to members of the board after a discussion at a board session a few months ago. More letters could be written and additional information might be pried from the administration, but it is a tedious process.

If the board holds true to their fiduciary role and supports Mr. Minturn and Mr. Sabino in their efforts for more financial transparency, progress can be made and we will all be better served.

Margot C. Parker
Grosse Pointers
for Excellence
in Education
Grosse Pointe Park

Exciting City plans

To the Editor:

I would first like to thank Mayor Dale Scrace and the City of Grosse Pointe Council for renewing my faith in government at the

meeting on Dec. 12.

There were three very important issues presented to the council and all three were dealt with fairly, intelligently, and with respect to the citizens of this community.

First of all, the presentation by Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates for the former Jacobson's building was extremely exciting and very attractive. But the most important aspect of the presentation, the parking deck, seemed to have a very low cost involved to the city, if any. A substantial portion of the cost would be offset by the revenues from the parking fees, in addition to some assistance from the developer.

The issue of raising city taxes was never mentioned. In addition, it has never been mentioned that the city taxpayers would ever have to pay anything, if the parking revenues projected are correct. In addition, the tax revenue that would be generated by the businesses and 24 condo units would additionally offset the cost.

The council's overall reaction to the project was very positive and a step forward for the future of our city. The possibility of Fresh Market, Joseph A. Banks, Acorn and Coldwater Creek is very exciting and hopefully the parking deck issue can be quickly settled.

Second, the discussion by the council of the Lot 2 proposals was very exciting as well, although the amount of construction going on in the city at the same time may be of concern.

The mayor and council again gave encouragement and strong consideration to all the proposals and more hope for vitality to the Village.

Lastly, the city wisely and judiciously decided that the Neff Lane Department of Public Works lot project would no longer meet its needs. Instead, they voted to authorize a purchase agreement with Sunrise Assisted Living for the sale of a portion of the CVS lot for \$1.5 million. This is money that the city could put toward the construction cost of a new parking deck. Hooray!

Congratulations are in order to our mayor and council for taking positive

steps to move our city forward.

Carolyn Candler
City of Grosse Pointe

Christmas celebrations

"Christmas" in Old English means Christ Mass. On this day, Dec. 25, we think of presents and family but we don't think about what happened on this day.

The real meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. Presents represent the love and gifts that the three Wise Men gave.

There are many different ways people celebrate Christmas. Saturnalia, the ancient Roman festival of Saturn, was a time of gift exchanges to family and friends celebrated on Dec. 17. There are Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and many other holidays.

There are also many ways to decorate this Christmas. Trees, usually evergreens, are strung with lights and ornaments. Evergreens are also used for garlands and wreaths to represent eternal life.

So when you think about Christmas next time, think about love.

**Lilly Miriani, 9,
Maddie Miriani, 12,
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Letters welcome

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2005

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

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

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller; Homminga, Water Superintendent; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Huhn, Parks & Recreation Director; Ferber, Director Public Safety; Jensen, Deputy Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 14, 2005, were approved as submitted.

The Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year June 30, 2005, and ordered it placed on file.

The Council adjourned the request for sign permit for 131 Kercheval to Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Proposed Schedule of Council Meetings for Calendar Year 2006, as follows:

January 9
January 23*
February 6
March 6
March 20*
April 3
April 17*
May 8
May 22*
June 5
June 19*
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 2
October 23*
November 13
December 11

- Indicates Work Session or additional Council Meeting, as needed, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

- Re-appointed Jane Dow, 191 Ridge Road and Katherine McDonald, 129 Meadow Lane to the City's Board of Canvassers, each to serve a four-year term.

The Council approved the low bid Seabrook-IXL Glass for replacement windows at the Water Treatment Plant.

The Council received the Public Safety Report for November 2005 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE-POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN, 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

James C. Farquhar
Mayor

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Shane L. Reeside,
City Manager/City Clerk

Business People

Honored

America's most widely read magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*, has again cited Phoebe Weinberg of Greatways Travel, Inc. as one of the country's top travel specialists in its annual August issue listing of the Top Travel Specialists in the world for the sixth year in a row. Consumer News Editor Wendy Perrin's sixth annual report on travel consultants details the ins and outs of a good consultant and lists the names of the best in the business. Weinberg, CTC, President of Greatways Travel, Inc. in Grosse Pointe Farms has been recognized every year since 2000 for her specialization and expertise in Southern Africa, as well as knowing the best hotel rooms in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Weinberg was also featured in the December issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine.



Beverly Hall Burns was recently selected by her peers for inclusion in the Labor and Employment Law section of The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Burns is a principal and deputy chief executive officer of the firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. She practices labor law, representing both private and public sector employers in NLRB and state employment relation matter; labor negotiations; contract administration; and arbitration.

She represents clients on employment discrimination matters before federal and state agencies and courts. She also handles Section 301 and other employment-related litigation, and general labor-related matters.

She is also a part of the firm's School Law Group, specializing in school labor matters, including cases under Michigan's Teacher Tenure Act, as well as in special education, student discipline, Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act issues.

Burns is a member of the Michigan Bar Association's Labor Law Section; the American Bar Association's Labor Law Section and Committee on Law Firm Management; Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association; Michigan Council of School Attorneys; and National Council of School Attorneys.

She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and a B.A., with honors, from Michigan State University.

Burns lives in Grosse Pointe.



Burns

Scott Dulchavsky, M.D., Ph.D., chair of the department of Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital, was recently named a Health Care Hero by Crain's Detroit Business.

Dulchavsky won in the category of Advancements in Health Care for his expanded uses for ultrasound technology for physicians and nonmedical personnel that can be used on Earth and in outer space.

He leads a team of NASA scientists charged with refining techniques for examining and treating sick or injured astronauts when they are in outer space, millions of miles away from a doctor or hospital.

His team developed a training program that quickly shows nonmedical crew members how to use ultrasound equipment to help in the diagnoses of injury. The ultrasound images obtained by the remote crew member are transmitted by satellite to the ground where his team interprets the examination and helps make a diagnosis.

Dulchavsky is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Jim Morris of English Gardens Landscape Department recently won an Environmental Improvement silver award for residential landscape construction under \$10,000 from the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA), announced Rick Vespa, Vice President, Merchandising and Landscape Design/Build, English Gardens.

He received his bachelor's degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Michigan State University.

Morris lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

Robert B. Joslyn of the

law firm Robert B. Joslyn, PC, in St. Clair Shores, was selected to be included in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in both the Taxation and Trusts and Estates specialties.

He is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Council and was its Michigan Chairperson and a member of its Board of Regents.

Joslyn is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Timothy J. Lowe was recently hired by the law firm of Butzel Long.

He is based in Butzel Long's Detroit office and concentrates his practice in the area of business and real estate law and litigation.

He is a graduate of Aquinas College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree (magna cum laude, 2002) where he was on the Dean's List every semester. In addition, he was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society) and Outstanding Political Science Student in 2002.

He also graduated from Wayne State University Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2005) where he was Senior Articles Editor of The Wayne Law Review.

Lowe is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Tepel Brothers Printing Company Vice President Harriet Tepel, left, and President Jim Tepel pause with members of the production team in their Troy printing plant, which was recently expanded by 17,000 square feet.

Grosse Poine Farms residents expand successful business

Jim and Harriet Tepel, Grosse Pointe Farms residents and owners of Tepel Brothers Printing Company, announce the completion of a 17,000 square foot addition, bringing their Troy facility to 50,000 square feet.

The expanded space will accommodate new equipment and improve workflow for the commercial printer's comprehensive production services.

The Tepels, who founded the company in 1989, made the \$5 million investment to keep Tepel Brothers at the forefront of the Southeast Michigan commercial print market.

Since January 2005, Tepel Brothers has nearly doubled its staff, adding 42 sales and production personnel to service clients and manage its full-service, around-the-clock printing operation.

The privately held company's sales in 2004 were \$10.5 million and are expected to reach \$18 million by the end of 2005. Tepel Brothers anticipates sales of \$23 million in 2006.

Jim Tepel, president, efficiently and competitively manages a variety of jobs with current technology, such as a new software program that precisely tracks the progress of each project as it moves through the

plant. "We are without doubt the most diverse printer in Southeast Michigan when it comes to equipment," he said. "We can price the job on the right piece of equipment every single time, whether it's printing one or one million pieces."

The Tepel Brothers' presses can handle a wide range of projects, from simple brochures printed in one color to catalogs, calendars and posters printed in six colors. The gleaming centerpiece of the Tepel Brothers' expansion is one of the world's finest printing presses, the Heidelberg Speedmaster CD 102.

The press, newly arrived

from Germany, will handle projects measuring up to 28-inch by 40-inch.

"It opens up a whole new market for us," Harriet Tepel, company vice president, said.

Since its founding Tepel Brothers, one of the largest printing companies in Southeast Michigan, has serviced more than 1,000 automotive and other local and national clients.

Tepel Brothers Printing Company is located at 1725 John R, Troy, 48083; phone (248) 743-2903. For further information contact: Harriet Tepel, Tepel Brothers Printing at (248) 786-0341, or e-mail: harriet@tepel-brothers.com.

Martha Richardson has been named Distinguished Volunteer Fundraiser for 2005 by Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

She was honored Nov. 17 at the National Philanthropy Day Recognition Dinner of the Association of Fundraising Professionals — Greater Detroit Chapter at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Richardson recently finished a term as chair of the LSSM Foundation, which administers endowment funds for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. She has been a Foundation trustee for nine years, and also serves on the board of the LSSM.

She is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Jack Pascoline is serving on the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan



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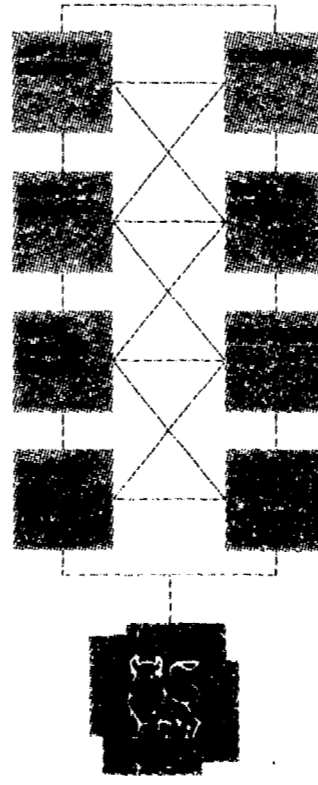
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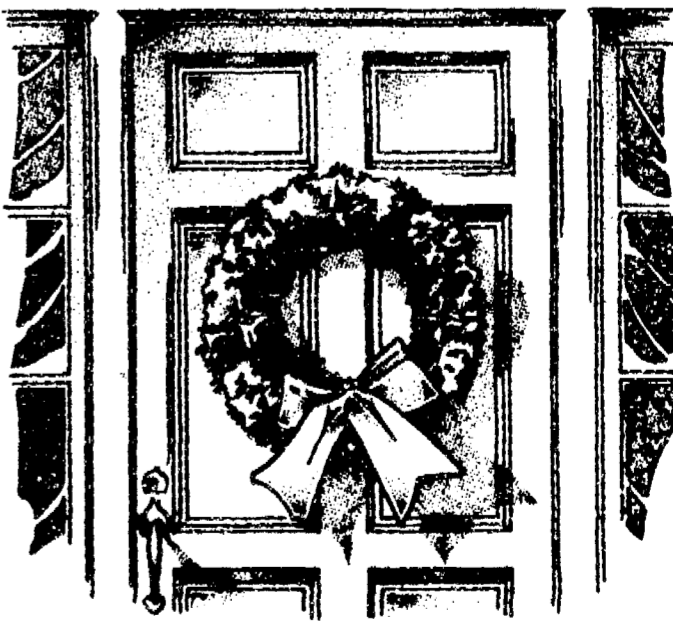
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Kerby's Army pen pal visits

Fifth-graders meet Sgt. Maj. L. Klann

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Hands shot in the air for 45 minutes asking questions of Army Sgt. Maj. Laurence Klann.

The pen pal and recipient of care packages from Patricia Blazinski's fifth-grade class at Kerby Elementary was paying them a visit. Klann was on a 10-day bereavement leave to attend his mother's funeral. By mid-December he would be back in southern Iraq, fulfilling his job

as an Army military policeman in the southern Iraqi town of Bucca, near the Kuwait border. Klann is in charge of the detainees in Iraq and his role is handling the interpreters who work with all detainees.

"The children were overwhelmed. He was with us 45 minutes, and every question was different. He spoke to them on their level," Blazinski said. "They asked if he carries weapons. Has he had to shoot anyone? What kind of

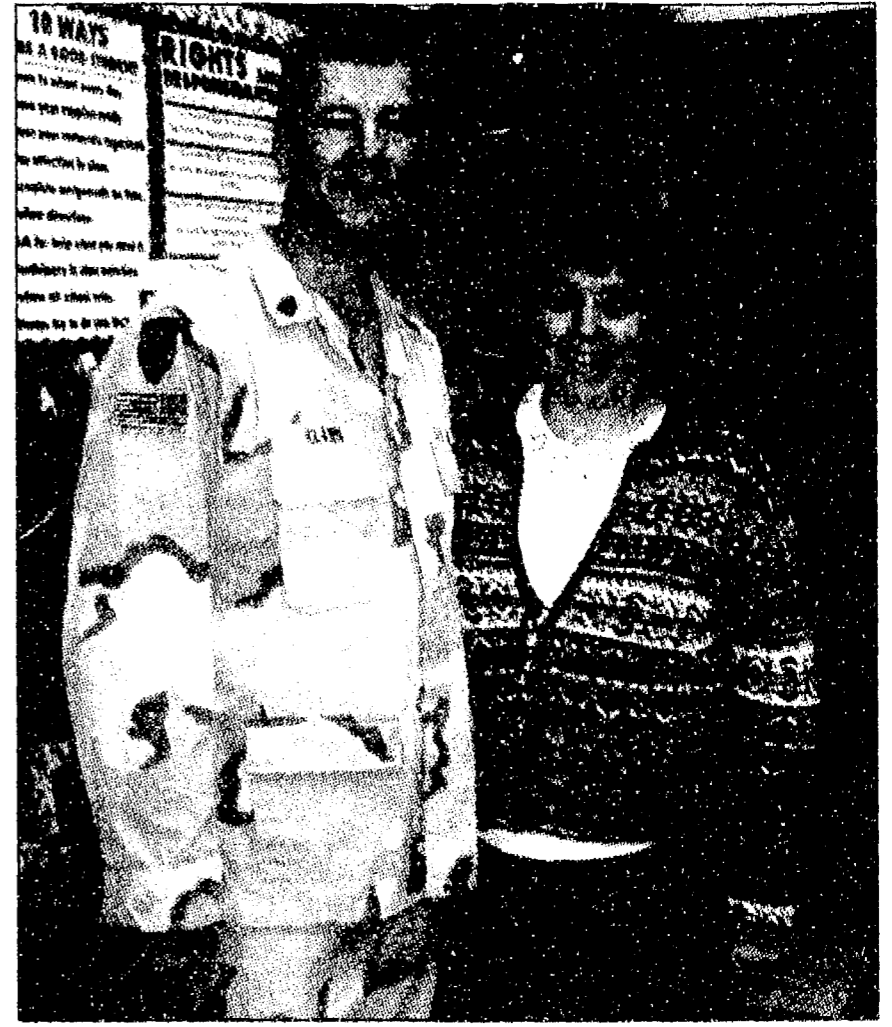
food does he eat? It was interesting to hear the questions."

Blazinski's students have been writing to him for the past three months, as well as sending cards and care packages. In return, Klann e-mails them from his compound which is two miles by three miles in area.

The first package the students sent was in October and it was filled with coffee because soldiers can't get the beverage outside the mess tent. The November



Ben Trube took copious notes as Sgt. Maj. Laurence Klann fielded questions about his work in Iraq working with detainees.



Army Sgt. Maj. Laurence Klann visited the fifth-grade classroom of Patricia Blazinski in December. Blazinski's students have been e-mailing him, as well as sending cards and packages to Klann, who is stationed in southern Iraq until July 2006.

Photos courtesy Lisa Vreede



Photo courtesy Dave Cleveland

North jazz

The Grosse Pointe North Jazz Band has had a busy December performing for the residents of Beechwood Manor Nursing Home, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, a concert at Parcels Middle School, and a holiday concert. Its third CD entitled "Blue Skies" has just been released and can be purchased in the main office at North or from Dave Cleveland in room C-101. The jazz band will appear next at the Band-O-Rama on Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School. Members of the jazz band include Mike Brinker, Ben Wasmuth, Jeff Kurtz, Ryan Mann, Frank Seraiocco, Darius Merriweather, Ryan Boury, Jerry McDonnell, Paul Browksi, Dan Law, Quinn Wulf, Zak Schroeder, Mike Hulway, Rhocheff Krawetz, Charles Visser, Ed Grumeretz, Ed LaCombe, Alex Duncan, Jenny Barger, Eli Wilson, Skip Brosnan, Lindsay Smith, Alex Sikorski, Andrew Lamont and Ally Cara.

package was filled with nuts and letters.

In December, the children worked with his commanding officer's wife, Susan Faulk, to find appropriate items, not only for Klann but also for those in his unit out of Roseville (the precise unit cannot be released) who receive little or no mail. He will be able to share Christmas cards and more than 40 gifts of CDs, DVDs, books, maga-

zines and puzzles.

Kerby's Reaching Out Committee is paying for the postage to send the boxes.

"Everybody always gives. They know the meaning of giving," Blazinski said of not only her classroom but

also colleague Matthew Eszes' classroom whose students are donating items for children whose parents are serving in Iraq.

Klann and Blazinski are longtime friends having met when her daughter and his daughter, now 18 and attending Western Michigan University, were members of the same figure skating club.

Knowing that Klann would again serve his country, as he did during the Gulf War, Blazinski got her students involved to use their language arts skills and talk about character traits.

"He has high regard for the U.S. government. It's an honor for him to serve the country. He gladly goes to help armed forces. He is patriotic," she said of her friend.

Thus, the children in Blazinski's class will continue to send cards and packages to him through his tour of duty which is to end in July 2006.

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Days of Caring joins GP schools and United Way

Students from Grosse Pointe Public Schools participated in United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Days of Caring program, Nov. 17. More than 40 students participated in projects at three agencies, helping to pack and distribute food for the homeless and working on beautification projects at buildings being restored in Detroit.

This is the first year the school is participating in United Way's Days of Caring.

"United Way's Days of Caring is a great opportunity for us to engage our students in the greater community," said Judy Olkowski, coordinator for Grosse Pointe Community School. "In addition to providing the outlet for students to get involved in their community and learn the importance of

giving back, the experience will provide us with a service learning opportunity to develop discussions and lessons for our students in the future."

Olkowski had learned of the student opportunity during a volunteer fair held at South High School in May. She let the students decide which organizations would best suit their interests. Splitting up into groups, the 43 students made sandwiches for the homeless at St. Aloysius Community Center, assisted Motor City Blight with a building cleanup and went to Focus: Hope's central warehouse. There they stocked shelves and assisted senior citizens with shopping.

During a student reflection after their service, one student noted that it took a great amount of food to feed



Students from Grosse Pointe Community School, including senior Morgan Heidebrink and sophomore Brandon Moore, made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that St. Aloysius Community Center staff would distribute to the homeless. The community center distributes 1,000 sandwiches a day, six days a week.

Detroit's hungry. United Way's Days of Caring are special days that match students, employees, friends and civic and faith-based groups with meaningful volunteer opportunities in metro Detroit.

The volunteer opportunities are coordinated through United Way for Southeastern Michigan's George W. Romney Volunteer Center.

"The Volunteer Center's goal is to create lasting change in the community through volunteerism," said Patricia McCann, director, Volunteer Services, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "Getting students involved in volunteerism at a young age gives them a good foundation to continue to make an impact on the community throughout their lives."

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Defer fifth-grade girl takes walking to heart

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Courtney Rajt takes walking to heart. She, along with her moth-

er and brother, Matt, 14, participated in the September Heart Walk sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital. And she raised \$1,420 to help support research for curing heart disease.

The Defer fifth-grader has been recognized by her school and the sponsors for her efforts in the Sept. 17 event.

Rajt heard about the walk through her mother, who is an employee of the hospital. Knowing that a great-grand-

father died from the disease and an uncle has a pacemaker, Rajt decided it was time for her involvement.

She set up a lemonade stand with her friends to begin her financial involvement. Rajt went to Bruce Campbell Ford, where her father works and found employees more than willing to donate.

"They were generous," she said of her father's co-workers.

"It's a nice thing to do for a very good cause," Rajt said

of her first experience in raising money of this magnitude. "It made me feel good to know that I was helping other people survive."

She said she plans to participate in the event in 2006.

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Courtney Rajt, 10, raised \$1,420 for The Heart Walk sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital and was recognized for her efforts during the Sept. 17 event on Belle Isle.



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School budget shows \$3.5 million shortfall

Middle school schedule could change

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Cuts of more than \$3 million will have to be made in the 2006-07 Grosse Pointe Public School System's budget.

It's not that Grosse

Pointe school officials haven't been cutting the budget in the past four years to deal with decreasing revenues and increasing expenses; it's just that Michigan's economy, rising energy and health care and state-mandated retirement costs are budget busters.

Reduced income at the state level translates into

fewer dollars to be shared with public school districts around the state, Grosse Pointe included.

Options to cut a proposed \$3.5 million from the 2006-07 budget are on the table. Cuts, say administrators, will be kept as far from the classroom as possible.

However, when secretaries are reduced and cus-

todians eliminated, services are squeezed to the point where teachers and students do feel the pinch, pointed out South High School Principal Al Diver last month.

One proposed adjustment is at the middle school where the schedule would be realigned from a seven-period day to a six-period day. The class times would be longer, but the opportunities for electives would be reduced.

It isn't an ideal option but a doable one to retain the core academics and ask students to prioritize their electives.

One physical education teacher remarked during a board work session that it seemed as if the arts, drama and music were getting preferential treatment because there is no physical education requirement at the middle school level. Music and drama may be taken as a yearlong courses.

If the board should approve the new middle school schedule, a team of local educators will adjust the district's required courses and plan for professional development time in order to minimize the impact on the educational program.

This team would be led by Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction, assessment and technology.

It will be the team's job to draft a proposal that would include students options for elective courses and capitalize on the increased instructional time for core classes.

Before making decisions of how to adjust the budget, several board members indicated they wanted to see the "big picture based on the strategic plan."

Schedule change pros

- More time for core areas
- More flexibility in electives
- Additional support for students in reading or math, where necessary
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No stone left unturned to balance school budget

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Every stone in the Grosse Pointe public schools budget is being lifted and examined. There may be an answer under one of those stones on how to cut all or a portion of \$3.5 million from the budget.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein said her staff is proposing a reduction in all labor and nonsupport groups and increasing activity fees. The administration is making projections on enrollment and the financial status of the district.

During the next three months, the board will consider how budget adjustments align with the strategic plan and the district's goals to present a challenging educational program with a competent staff. Elementary, middle and high school structures and offerings will be examined. Student services and special education and outsourcing technology and custodial services will be on the table.

All options must be considered, including trimming administration, teachers aides and a middle school principal, she said.

"A major decision needs to be made by March," Klein said. "The board will decide on the number of administrators, custodians, secretaries,

classroom assistants, teachers, technology and technology specialists. The budget reality is not pleasant. We have made significant cuts to staffing and services over the past five years. More (cuts) are needed to meet the short-fall expected for 2006-07.

While our short-term financial future is not what we would like it to be, we all remain firm in our commitment to make the school experience for each of our students the best it can be." The need to cut the budget is not new. For the past four years, the board has joined consortiums to buy paper, textbooks and energy to help further reduce costs and the school lunch program has been privatized.

"Each time we make changes there is an impact felt," she said.

However, efforts are being made to preserve and protect the student and ensure student success, Klein went on to say.

Board president Jeff Broderick added, "The rule of the day is cost containment."

Prior to the tentative March 23 date to approve the final draft of the 2006-07 budget, the board will review programs and determine how their elimination or downsizing will affect the budget.



P.E. recognition

The elementary physical education teachers of the Grosse Pointe Public School System were awarded Level II recognition from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness on Nov. 17. The council provides awards to recognize teachers who demonstrate their commitment to high-quality physical education by taking exemplary actions and demonstrating exemplary results in terms of student achievement. There are a total of eight levels and the elementary staff, including Jason Senska from Defer, Gail Frederick from Monteith and Bruce Pelto from Trombly, is currently working on Level III status for next fall.

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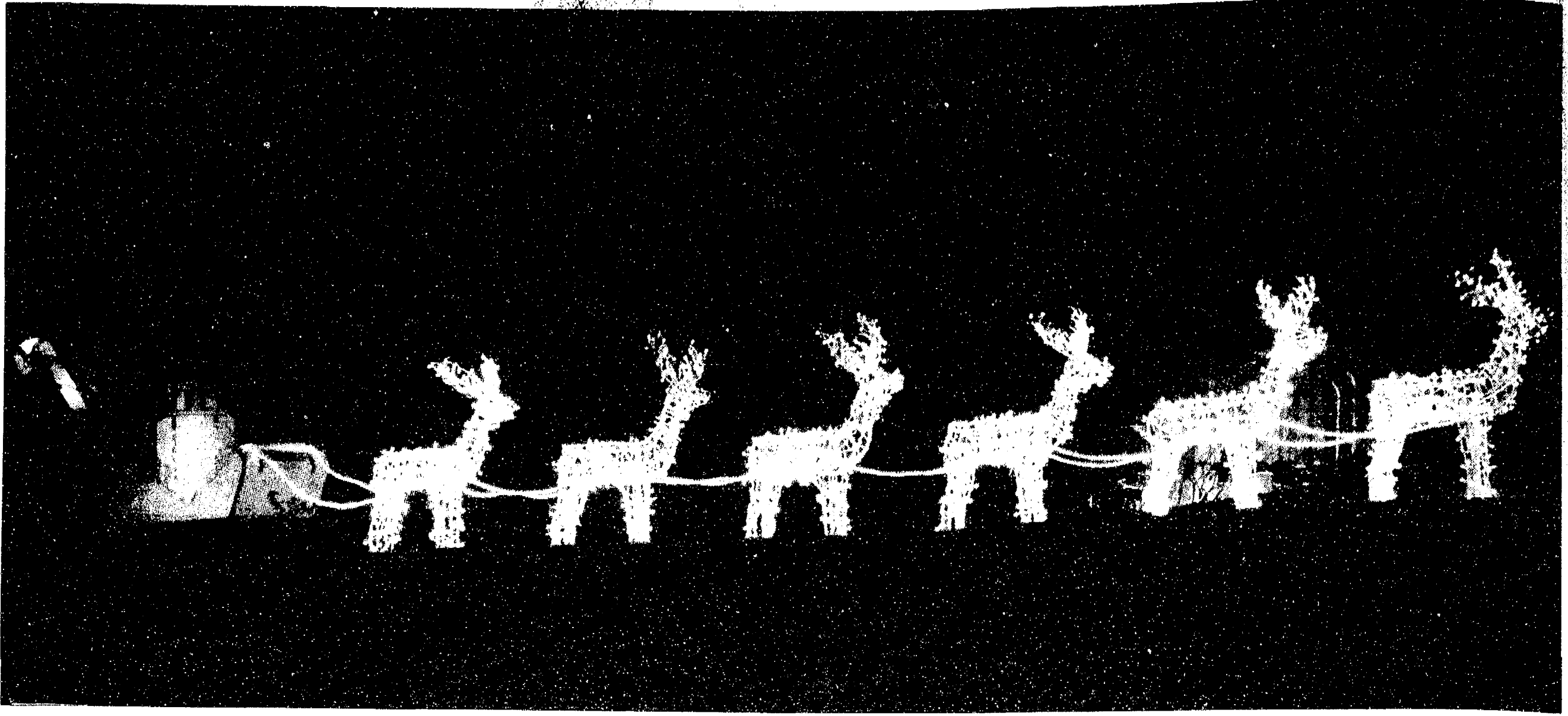
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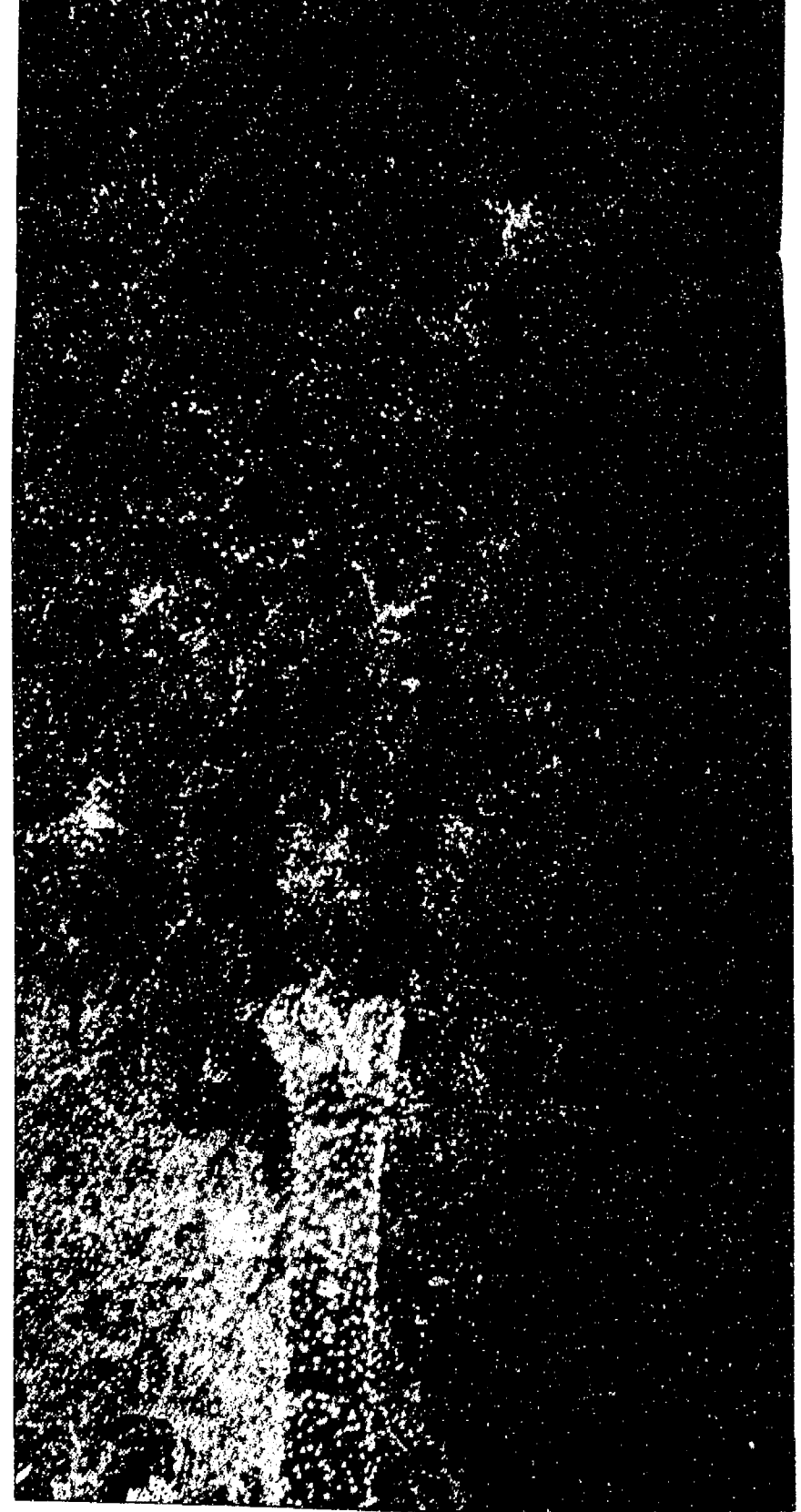
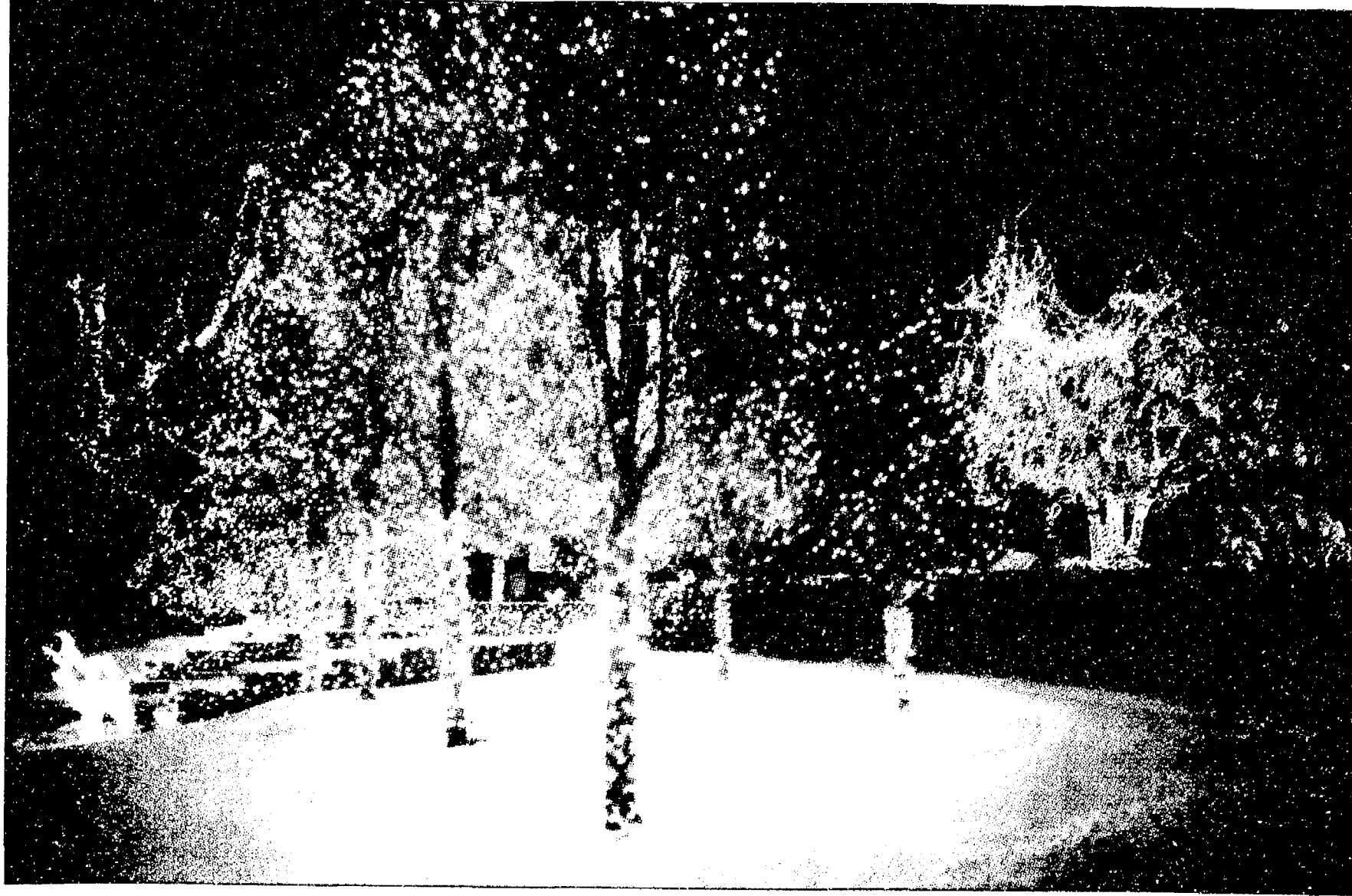
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William W. Arbaugh

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William W. Arbaugh, 75, died on Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at St. John Hospital.

Mr. Arbaugh was born on Jan. 30, 1930, in Detroit to William and Luetta Arbaugh.

He attended Michigan State University where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He completed additional post-graduate work at the University of Michigan.

He worked for 38 years in the Grosse Pointe Public School district as a science teacher and counselor at Parcels Middle School. He was an ardent teacher of young people. He had a profound effect on the lives of many children — often from different generations of the same family.

Mr. Arbaugh served his country as a captain in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

During his leisure time, he enjoyed outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and birding.

While attending MSU, he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and, later in life, was a member of the Senior Men's Club in Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Arbaugh is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth Arbaugh; sons, Steven and Robert (Denise); grandchildren, Jean, Blair, Emilie, Ethan, Jonathan, Lydia and Claire; and brother, Thomas.

He was predeceased by a son, David.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Grace Community Church in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parcels Middle School Memorial Fund, Attn: Principal Mark Mulholland, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

John Joseph Dyle

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident John Joseph Dyle, 86, died on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at his home surrounded by loved ones, after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 23, 1919, in Hamtramck to Lucas and Antonina Dyle. He studied aeronautics at Cass Technical High School, and began studying aeronautical engineering at the University of Detroit before taking time off to work in the Carboly Division of the G. E. Co. in Detroit.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and attained the rank of sergeant while teaching celestial navigation and electrical instrument repair to B-29 pilots and navigators destined for the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged and returned home in 1946 to enroll in engineering at the University of Michigan where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Mr. Dyle married Eleanor Marie Danckaert in August 1947. He transferred to the University of Detroit where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mechanical and industrial engineering. While attending school, he worked at Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory in Detroit and the U. S. Rubber Co. Mr. and Mrs. Dyle built and moved into their Grosse Pointe Park home in 1952.

In 1953, Mr. Dyle began working as the senior mechanical engineer at Parke Davis and Co., and later became plant and project engineer. While working and raising a family he earned a Master of Business Administration degree in accounting, finance and economics from the University of Michigan.

From 1965 until he retired in 1985, he worked as the general superintendent of Facilities Operations at Chrysler Corp. World Headquarters. At the age of 80, he worked for H & R Block as an advanced tax preparer.

Throughout Mr. Dyle's working life, he was a



John Joseph Dyle



Adele Louise Huebner



Helen Ann Nichols



Helen J. McIntyre



George F. Renaud Sr.

licensed, registered professional engineer in Michigan. He was president of the Parke Davis Toastmaster's Club, area governor of Toastmaster's International, secretary of Boy Scout Troop 399, member and committee member of the Engineering Society of Detroit, committee member of the Metro Detroit Science Fair Organization, adviser to the Detroit Area Junior Achievement Group, and member of the board of directors and finance committee of the Parke Credit Union.

Mr. Dyle was an avid boater and an active member of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. Throughout his years in the organization, he completed and excelled at all classes offered by the United States Power Squadrons. He later taught many of those same classes and was honored with the Educator of the Year Award. He was elected and moved up through the ranks of the squadron and became commander in 1987. After his term of service, he was active as a past commander and sat on the executive committee.

Mr. Dyle became a navigator and was a member of the Detroit Navigators Club. He was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. For many years, he and his wife set the marks for the Windmill Pointe Park Tuesday Night Sailboat Races and Saturday GPSC Regattas. They were also magnificent dancers and belonged to the Merry-Go-Rounders and other local dancing groups. Many a dance floor would clear to watch how beautifully they danced together.

After his devotion to his family was his devotion to the Catholic Church. He was a member of the church and school council at St. Ambrose, and an usher, financial and technical advisor to Holy Family Church in Detroit. In later years he joined St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a daily Mass attendee. He was a Eucharistic minister to the sick at Cottage Hospital and to the homebound parishioners. He enjoyed his times as a member of the St. Paul's Bereavement Society after the passing of Mrs. Dyle.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Belgian American Association. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Chapter of AARP and wrote a financial/political column for their newsletter. He delivered meals-on-wheels for the Neighborhood Club, and was an avid bridge player at the Neighborhood Club, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. He also played poker with a group of longtime friends.

Mr. Dyle's other activities throughout his life included golfing, fishing and tutoring children in math and English while wintering in Florida. He also enjoyed traveling, and attending reunions with his Army buddies and their wives, in addition to reading, attending Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts and listening to Latin-Cuban music. He relished getting together with and helping his friends and continuing to teach his children.

Mr. Dyle was hardwork-

ing, brilliant, generous, loving, kind, thoughtful, moral and devout. He was a gentleman who always gave to others. He influenced the lives of all he met. He will be dearly missed in the lives and hearts of his relatives, friends and, especially, his children.

He is survived by his children, John Dennis (Julie) of Pellston, David Lawrence (Robyn), James Michael and Elizabeth (Ralph G.) Dyle Fisher, all of Grosse Pointe; and two grandchildren, Taryn Elizabeth Dyle and Scott Davidson Dyle.

He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Eleanor; brother, Stephen; and sisters, Helen and Bernice.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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

Mirna S. Graham

Mirna S. Graham died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and lived for many years in Grosse Pointe Woods. At the time of her death she was a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was the eldest child of the late Tom L. Graham and the late Sarah Mullen Graham of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ms. Graham attended the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Wayne State University. She was a long-time employee of J. Walter Thompson Co. in Detroit.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Ski Club and skied all over the world.

She is survived by her sister, Kathleen J. Graham, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Tom L. and Bertram W. Graham.

A private remembrance gathering was held at her sister's home on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Adele Louise Huebner

Adele Louise Huebner of Grosse Pointe Farms, died at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, after a short illness.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1932, to Julius F. E. and Adele Pudrith Huebner. She was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School as the "Outstanding Girl Graduate" of the Class of 1950.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1954, and worked for the next year in the White House as a staff member for the U.S. Vice President.

Miss Huebner became the editor of the Detroit Engineer in 1959. While working for the Engineering Society of Detroit, she was named one of the "Top Ten Working Women of Detroit" by the Central Business District Association in 1964. She was also invited to be a member of the Zonta Club of Detroit and served on its

board of directors.

During this time and later, as the manager of the Public Affairs Department of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, she volunteered her services to many charitable organizations. She belonged to the Junior League of Detroit, serving on its board of directors as chairman of the art-to-the-schools program. She also served as the chairman of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Martha Cook Building at the University of Michigan.

From 1961 to 1963, she was the first and only woman to serve in the Michigan Industrial Ambassador Corps. She was listed in the Marquis Who's Who of American Women.

In 1971, she changed her professional direction by entering the Detroit College of Law, receiving her juris doctor degree, cum laude, in 1974. For most of her legal career, she worked as a sole practitioner with emphasis on estate law.

She was very active in the community, serving as a docent at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House for eight years. She was also the president of the Women's Republican Party of Grosse Pointe, president of the Libri Club, and a board member of the Junior League Gardeners. At the time of her death, she was also a member of the Fox Creek Questers and a member of the board of directors of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Miss Huebner is survived by her brother, Julius (Cynthia) Huebner; niece, Carolyn (Paul) Montie; three nephews, Jay (Laura), Charles (Caroline) and Peter (Laura) Huebner; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher Freeway, at the corner of Woodward and I-75 in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083, or the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, Attn: Memorials.

Helen J. McIntyre

Helen J. McIntyre, 96, of Grosse Pointe Farms died on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1909, to Charles and Mabel Husted of West Branch. She was a graduate of West Branch High School.

She worked as a secretary for Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Clair Shores until her retirement in 1975.

Mrs. McIntyre was an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, the Grosse Pointe chapter of the Order of Eastern Star No. 420, Cottage Hospital Auxiliary and the School of Government Inc.

She had numerous interests including bowling, crocheting, reading and dancing. She was a musician who played the harmonica and ukulele. One of her pleasures was attending the Grosse Pointe Theatre's productions.

She is survived by her daughter, Colleen (Gene Carns) Arcaris; daughter-in-law, Barbara; grandchildren, Ann, John, Jayne and

Jessica; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Fay Richardson, and son, Dean Richardson.

A memorial service was held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20474 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or to Crossroads, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

Helen Ann Nichols

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Helen Ann Nichols, 82, died on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Detroit on Jan. 2, 1923, to the late Peter and the late Angeline Spear. She was a member of the Class of 1940 from Southeastern High School in Detroit.

Mrs. Nichols was passionate about the classics and a music of every genre. While she enjoyed watching classic movies, reading and doing needlework, she enjoyed her family most of all.

She is survived by her sons, Ted N. Nichols and Peter (Cherie) A. Nichols; grandchildren, Charles, Amanda, Natalie and Katina Nichols; great-grandchild, Emma; and sister, Nina Genematas.

She was predeceased by her husband, Andrew Nichols; sister, Emily J. Smith; and brother, Ernest P. Spear.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Renovation Fund, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

George F. Renaud Sr.

George F. Renaud Sr., 92, a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005.

He attended the old Detroit University School, and was a member of the first graduating class of Cranbrook School in 1932.

Mr. Renaud played football while attending the University of Michigan, and later attended Wayne State University.

He served in the Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, and returned home to Grosse Pointe to take part in the residential development of his family's property, now known as Renaud Road in Grosse Pointe Shores.

He later founded George Renaud & Associates and continued at its helm for over 50 years.

Mr. Renaud was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fly-fishing, tennis and golf. Additionally, he was a member of the Detroit Boat Club and the Grosse Pointe Badminton Association.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Dorothy Renaud; children, Deborah, Denise and George Jr.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be

held at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Mary Jane Rousseau

Mary Jane (nee Barrows) Rousseau, 81, died on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., she became a resident of Grosse Pointe at a young age. She was graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1942, and attended Edgewood Park College in Briarcliff, N.Y.

Mrs. Rousseau resided in Grosse Pointe Park for most of her life, and spent many summers in Harbor Springs where she maintained a residence.

She was a lifelong member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She believed in giving back to the community as was demonstrated through her many civic and volunteer activities including her service with the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Cancer Closet, Group 6-Bon Secours Hospital Auxiliary, the Colony Club and Williams House. She was a passionate bridge player and an avid tennis player.

"MJ", as she was affectionately known, lived a life of grace and dignity. She will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert; daughters, Nancy (Mark) Lindsay and Susan (Patrick) Schulte; granddaughters, Frances and Sydney Schulte; brothers, Foster and Lanford Barrows; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., in Grosse Pointe Farms. A visitation beginning at 10 a.m. will precede the memorial service at noon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48073, or the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Due to the upcoming holiday weekends, the Grosse Pointe News office will be closed on the Mondays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The deadlines for obituaries appearing in the Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 newspapers will be 10 a.m. on the Tuesdays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

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Cadillac XLR convertible: a future classic

By Richard Wright

A requirement of my job was that I drive a new Cadillac XLR convertible to a classic car auction in Auburn, Ind. (You can probably understand why I am hesitant to retire.)

By the time I got to Coldwater, I was totally converted.

When I picked up the test vehicle, I examined it and came to the conclusion that it looked like a Corvette that had been hewn from solid rock.

I am not a fan of Cadillac's new styling approach. It is different. While most of its competitors — Chevrolet's Corvette

and assorted exotics with names like Ferrari, Maserati Jaguar, Lexus, and Mercedes-Benz are a handful of nameplates in this Cadillac's league — still show the world a swoopy, rounded look, Cadillac's "chunky" look is definitely distinctive.

I am clearly in the minor-

ity. I drove through the drive-through lane at McDonald's in Coldwater. The young lady who took my order said one of the guys there wanted to know how much the car cost.

"About \$75,000," I said not adding that it was probably a bit steep for a guy working at McDonald's. I

was kind of surprised that he knew what it was. He clearly knew it was something special.

From a skeptical start, I had become a believer. Actually, I have always believed that Cadillac could build a world-class sports car. My skepticism has been whether Cadillac would, not

could, build one. This XLR is a truly great car.

One question we get asked from time to time is "what cars of today will be the classics of tomorrow?" Now I have an answer: the Cadillac XLR convertible.

A classic has to be outstanding in its design and execution. This car is. It has to be more than an ordinary car. This car is not ordinary. It has to be a pleasure to drive. This car is. It has to be beautiful. It's not my favorite, but the guy at McDonald's in Coldwater offset my vote. And I am sure he is part of a big majority.

Part of the driving pleasure is a result of controls that are easy to use. Many big-time nameplates have gone the other way, apparently in the belief that complicated is good.

I have driven cars recently in which I could figure out how to change the radio station; another I often drove without headlights because I wasn't sure how to work the control; and a number of cars in which I couldn't figure out how to turn off the heating and/or-cooling system.

The Cadillac XLR has a single button which folds the hardtop out of sight and runs the side windows up or down, similar to the Mercedes-Benz SLK.

The Cadillac XLR uses a modified 2005 Corvette chassis, teamed with a smooth and powerful 320-hp Cadillac Northstar V-8 engine. The result is a road car that is perfect.

The Cadillac XLR lists at

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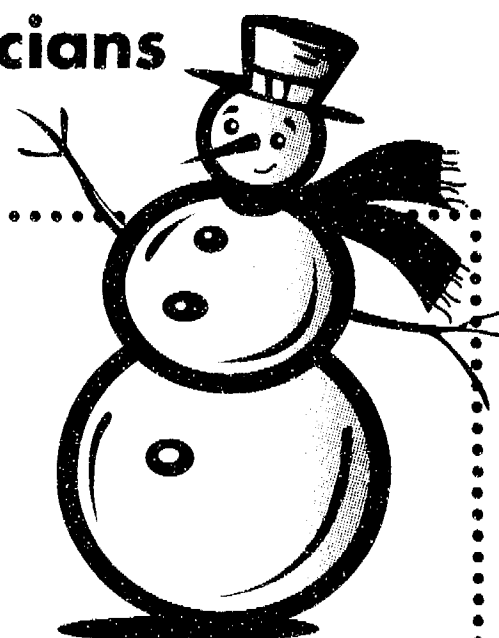
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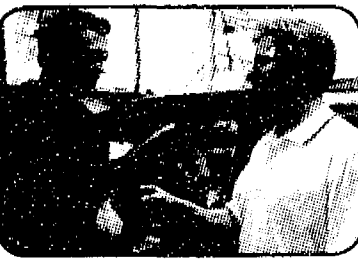


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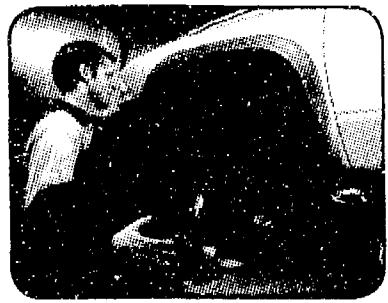
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Electric cars 'zap' rising gas prices

(NUI) — Fuel prices this year have been at the highest levels in 25 years. According to Zap, a publicly owned company based in California that manufactures an array of electric vehicles, one of the best ways to beat rising gas prices is to buy and drive an electric car.

Gas cars use about 10 cents' worth of fuel for every mile, whereas electric cars use only 3 cents' worth. That means an electric car can travel three times as far as a gasoline car for the same money. Other Zap vehicles, like its electric bicycles, use about a penny's worth of gas for every five miles and achieve an average fuel efficiency of more than 1,000 miles per gallon.

Electric cars emit 98 percent less pollution than gas cars, even after accounting for power-plant emissions. This can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which scientists say contribute to global warming and climate change.

Electric vehicles start as low as \$300 for an electric bike or scooter and \$5,000 for an electric car. For more information, visit the Web site zapworld.com or phone (800) 251-4555.

Zap also is beginning to market "smart" cars, which are some of the smallest and most fuel-efficient gas cars available. While small cars seem to have become an endangered species in the United States, Zap is aiming to bring them back into vogue, which can help reduce gas prices and air pollution.

Whether you get an electric vehicle or keep your gas car, one of the easiest things you can do is slow down. The faster you drive, the more fuel your car consumes per mile. If you drive at 70 mph instead of 55 mph, you'll reduce your car's fuel economy by 17 percent.

XLR

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\$75,835. It comes one way, with a convertible hard top. Its 4.6-liter V-8 engine is mated to Cadillac's newest five-speed automatic transmission. Manual transmission is not available.

The only available option is XM satellite radio, at \$325.

Standard equipment includes just about any-

thing you could want: side-impact air bags, a nine-speaker Bose sound system, DVD navigation and video, StabiliTrak electronic stability control, radar-controlled adaptive cruise control, keyless entry and push-button start, a head-up display, and OnStar, the highway assistance service featuring the helpful voices of genuine human beings beamed to the car by satellite.

I accidentally pushed the OnStar button and a human voice asked me

pleasantly what was wrong. Not sure what to say, I confessed I had made a mistake. No problem, the human assured me.

The car actually looks cooler as a hardtop than as a convertible, but when the weather is nice, you've got to lower the top. It is so neat a mechanism and so

easy to do.

There are no door handles. In a deep notch behind the top trailing edge of the door there is a button that opens the door. You don't need the key to unlock or start the XLR. With the keyfob in your pocket or purse, the door will unlock as you stand before it, and

you can start the engine with the push of a button on the instrument panel. Just keep the fob in your pocket.

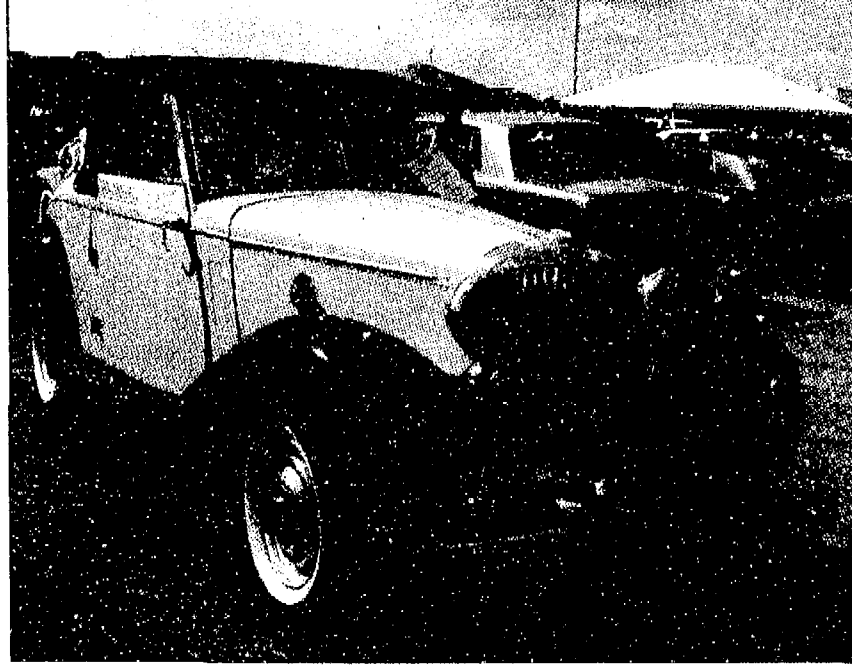
Is this a cool car or what?

The car will go from a standstill to 60 in less than six seconds and mid-range torque is amazing. It cruises at turnpike speed with-

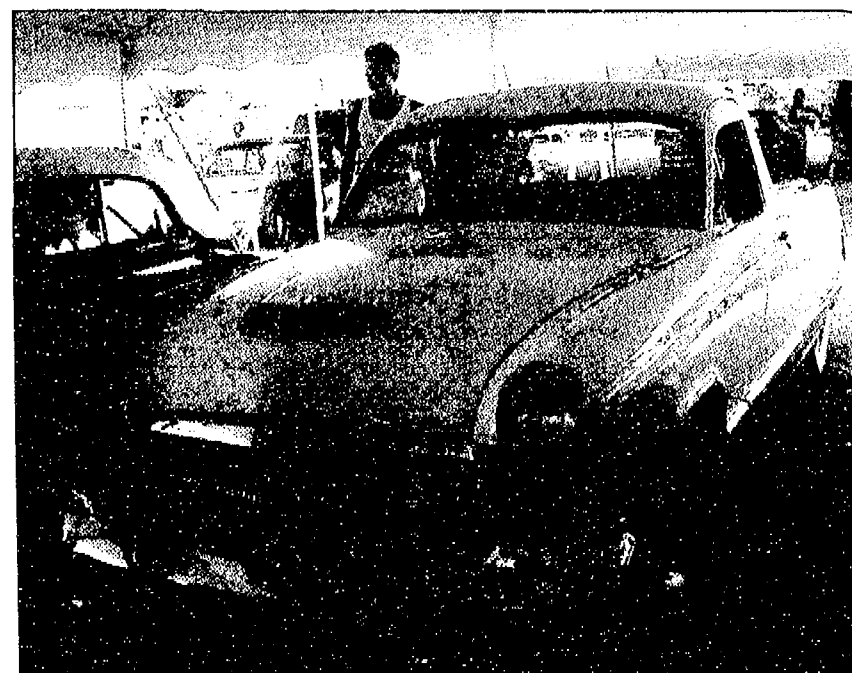
out really trying. At 70, the tach shows less than 1,800 rpm.

As a teenager, I could only imagine the ecstasy of driving a Cadillac. As an old guy, I discovered the fantasy was better than the reality.

Until I drove the XLR. Cool!



A rarely seen car at the Kruse Labor Day auction in Auburn, Ind., was this British 1939 Sunbeam Talbot convertible with rumble seat. It was sold for \$20,250.



This unusual 1953 Kaiser pickup was sold for \$27,000 at the Kruse Labor Day auction in Auburn, Ind.



The Cadillac XLR convertible is smooth and cool with its top down.



With its top up, the Cadillac XLR is a very good-looking coupe.

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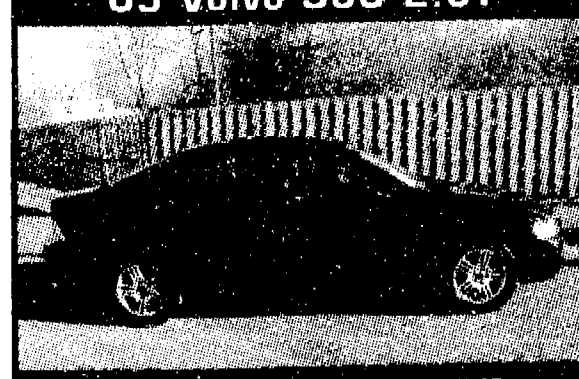
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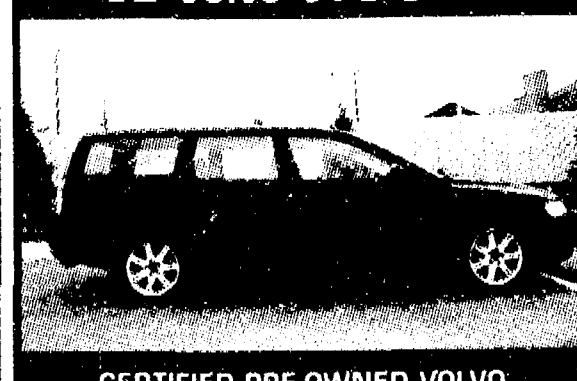
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Woman Tased

City of Grosse Pointe police used Taser stun guns to subdue a 19-year-old St. Clair Shores woman arrested last week for drunken driving. Officers added a charge of disorderly conduct.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 3:38 a.m., a patrolman on southbound Neff saw the woman driving a 1999 Ford Ranger with a broken tail-light.

At headquarters the woman reportedly became "highly agitated."

"(She) started screaming at me," said an officer. "(She) claimed she couldn't wait until our kids shot heroin (and) smoked crack."

Officers took her to Bon Secours Hospital for her blood to be drawn for analysis of alcohol.

"She was placed in a chair in the waiting room," police said. "(She) became very bel-

ligerent and started screaming obscenities in front of a woman and her two children."

Officers took the 5-foot-5, 150-pound woman to another room and tried to restrain her on a bed. She began kicking and knocked an officer to the floor. Two Taser shots to each thigh were ineffective, prompting a third to her right shoulder.

"(Her) aggressive behavior stopped," police said.

Cars stolen

Sometime between 8:10 and 8:17 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, someone stole a 2004 BMW 530i parked in the 500 block of Lakeland in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A resident had been letting the unattended car warm up in the driveway.

A dark blue 2002 Chrysler Concord was stolen between 6:10 and 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, while parked in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Touraine in the Farms.

The vehicle had been locked, police said.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, between 3 and 6 p.m., a 2003 Jeep Liberty owned by a Shelby Township woman was stolen while parked behind stores in the 18700 block of Mack in the Farms.

Salvation kettle taken on Mack

The bell tolls for the thief who stole a Salvation Army collection kettle last week outside the U.S. Postal Service building at 18640 Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Losses are estimated at \$150.

Between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, the unknown thief, described as a 40-year-old white male, took the kettle. A witness said the man ran to an older model Mercury Grand Marquis and drove east-bound on Mack. The car lacked a license plate.

The kettle had been tended by a 49-year-old Hazel Park man.

"(He) attempted to stop the (thief) but was unsuccessful," police said. "In doing so (he) injured his right leg when he fell near the curb."

Lion's Club box stolen on Mack

On Thursday, Dec. 15, at about 10:10 a.m., a woman reportedly stole a Lion's Club donation box inside a store in the 19200 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Losses are undetermined, police said.

The suspect, described as about 40 years old, left the area northbound on Mack in a gray 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

— Brad Lindberg

Drunken Lions fan

On Monday, Dec. 19, at

1:37 a.m., an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man driving a 1994 Pontiac four-door was pulled over by Woods police at Mack and VanAntwerp for not having his headlights on during vehicle operation.

The officer noticed a can of Labatt Blue beer in a cupholder and asked the driver and his 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods passenger if they had been drinking alcohol.

The passenger told the officer the beer was his, but he was underage; so the officer had both exit the vehicle. Both said they had consumed a beer earlier that day while watching the Detroit Lions' football game.

They were asked to take a portable breath test (PBT), and both results came back .085.

The officer also searched the car and found two pipes with one containing possible marijuana, which the two denied was theirs.

The officer arrested the driver for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and arrested the passenger for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Slurred speech

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:46 a.m., a 42-year-old Warren man was pulled over in his 2003 Ford Explorer for disregarding the red light at the intersection of Harper and Allard.

The driver's eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred. He failed field sobriety tests, and his PBT came back at .101, which exceeds the legal limit.

The man said he was enjoying a couple of drinks while watching the Lions game played earlier in the evening at Ford Field.

The driver was arrested and taken into custody for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Suspended license

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 1:54 a.m., a 48-year-old Warren man driving his

1991 Ford Taurus was pulled over on Beaufait for having an expired temporary plate.

The man told the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer he did not have his driver license and did not have the necessary paperwork concerning his vehicle.

A LEIN check revealed the man's license had been suspended 11 times, and he had a warrant out for his arrest out of Detroit.

The man was arrested and turned over to Detroit Police.

Larceny

Between Friday, Dec. 9, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, power tools and two shovels were taken from a trailer parked on the property of a home in the 1100 block of Three Mile in Grosse Pointe Park.

Home invasion

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, between 6 and 10 p.m., the rear door window of the master bedroom of a home in the 800 block of Pemberton was broken.

The room was searched, and the residents reported to Grosse Pointe Park police that currency and coins from a collection were taken.

Attempted theft

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1:48 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident found two suspects in his pickup truck as it was parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

The suspects pried open the door handle to enter the vehicle and fled on foot when the resident arrived.

One suspect, a 19-year-old Detroit man, was arrested, and the second suspect is still on the run.

— Bob St. John

Pointer

From page 6A

Salvador partly credited her childhood focus on fine arts to her uncle, Santo Urso, a first-section violinist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from 1943 to 1984.

"As children growing up we went to 'The Nutcracker' year after year with the DSO," Salvador said. "That led me to dance which ultimately led me to Christmas Carol."

She met another mentor while taking theater and dance classes on scholarship at Colorado College.

"I studied with a wonderful director and choreographer from New York, Hanya Holm. She was in her 70s. She could leap and stretch. She was an amazing woman."

During the 1960s, Salvador was a member of Vanguard Playhouse, Detroit's first full-equity professional theater. In 1966 the Vanguard was renamed the Gem Art. Yes, that one.

Salvador's choreographed for the Traverse City Playhouse, acted with the Dearborn Civic Theater and performed comedy and dance with the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Jobs have included hosting the morning show "Sunday in Detroit" on WJBK-TV2, being a production specialist for Cathy Lee Crosby's television show in Los Angeles, teaching dance and being an image consul-

tant.

Being Christmas Carol at Hudson's meant riding a float down Woodward in the annual Thanksgiving Day parade.

When Santa's sleigh stopped outside the store's main entrance, he and Carol were welcomed by the mayor and given the key to the hearts of the children of Detroit.

The routine is similar to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade, in which Salvador has played her character in recent years.

Salvador said Santa is just as real to today's children as to those who lined up to visit him years ago.

"They have that desire; so they have that belief," Salvador said. "We don't really get those who are skeptical."

Children aren't the only thing that has stayed the same.

"Christmas Carol never ages," Salvador said. "There's a child in each of us. For me, it brings out the indescribable joy of helping young and old alike have fun and feel good about themselves. As long as I can keep that up, I'm going to do Christmas Carol."

It's become the role of a lifetime.

"No matter how many years pass," Salvador said, "you are a part of the beauty of the season of Christmas, which is bringing joy and warmth and love to everyone."

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 358
Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 358 amending Article I; Article I, Section 90-4, Article IV, Section 90-129, and Article VI of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe pertaining to residential zoning district regulations of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 358 is available at the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue.
Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk
G.P.N.: 12/22/2005

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
SPECIAL NOTICE
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Christmas 2005
There will be no rubbish collection on Monday, December 26, 2005.
All residential rubbish routes will be one day late. Examples: Monday's Routes will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's routes on Wednesday, Etc.
Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, December 31, 2005
Tuesday and Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule
Thank You,
G.P.N.: 12/22/2005 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

GROSSE POINTES - CLINTON REFUSE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULE
January 10, 2006 7:00 p.m. Clinton Township Civic Center
40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48036
(586)286-9313
March 14, 2006 7:00 p.m. Grosse Pointe Park
15115 E. Jefferson Avenue
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48036
(313)882-6200
May 9, 2006 7:00 p.m. City of Mount Clemens
One Crocker Blvd.
Mount Clemens, MI 48053-2537
(586)469-6803
July 11, 2006 7:00 p.m. City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-3100
(313)885-6600
September 12, 2006 7:00 p.m. City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313)343-2440
November 14, 2006 7:00 p.m. Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
795 Lake Shores Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236
(313)881-6565
January 9, 2007 7:00 p.m. City of Harper Woods
19617 Harper Avenue
Harper Woods, MI 48225
(313)343-2500
For further information, please contact our General Counsel:
John J. Gillooly
Garan Lucow Miller, P.C.
1000 Woodbridge Street
Detroit, MI 48207
(313)446-5501

REQUEST FOR BIDS
ANNUAL AUDIT FOR
THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
The Grosse Pointe Public School System hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the School District's Annual Financial Audit for the fiscal years, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 combined.
Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on the 26th day of January, 2006, at the Business Affairs office, Administration Building, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.
Requests for bid forms and any questions should be directed to Isha Smith, Business Manager, at (313) 432-3071. All Bids must be submitted on the required form and will be binding for sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of bid opening. The right to reject any and/all bids is reserved.
Angela Kennedy,
Secretary, Board of Education
G.P.N.: 12/22/2005

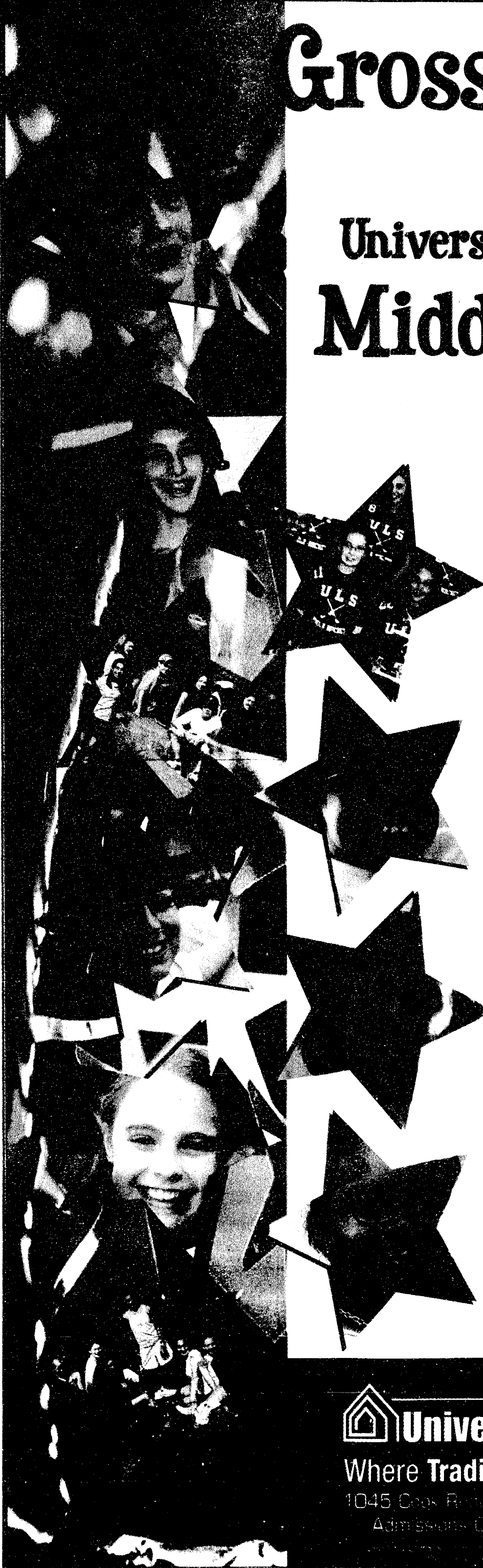
City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing is scheduled before the mayor and City Council on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for the purpose of Comments, review and Approval of use of Federal Community Block Grant Funds for the following or other approved projects.
Announcing the City's objectives and proposed uses for developing projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding, Subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed:
(These are estimated amounts)
• Parking enhancement program \$50,500.
Services for Older Citizens
• Minor Home Repair \$10,000.
• Case Coordination \$1500.
• Information/Referral Service \$1000.
• Meals on Wheels \$8000.
Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible projects listed above or suggest other projects. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. Please Write or call the City Offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313-822-4281).
Chris Reimel,
Director of Public Service
G.P.N.: 12/22/05

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
CITY HALL MUNICIPAL OFFICES
TEMPORARILY RE-LOCATED
ATTENTION: GROSSE POINTE WOODS RESIDENTS: Please excuse our dust! Due to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall administrative offices renovation, the following services:
City Assessor
City Clerk
Cashier
Utility Billing
will be temporarily relocated to the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, from Monday, December 19, 2005, through Friday, January 13, 2006.
Louise S. Warnke,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 9, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development and Coordinators.
The Following activities are proposed for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 (subject to full funding by H.U.D.).

PROJECT	AMOUNT	PROJECT AREA
Mack Ave. Streetscape	\$11,100	Mack Ave.
Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$42,000	City Wide
Administration	\$5,900	
TOTAL	\$59,000	

The City invites its citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.
Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk
G.P.N.: 12/22/2005



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December 22, 2005

Goodfellows' wish: 'No kiddie without a Christmas'

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

If you think you are buying a lot of gifts this Christmas, take a look at a small sampling from Grosse Pointe Farms resident Conrad Koski's shopping list:

- 36,000 pairs of jeans
- 36,000 sweat shirts (10,000 bearing college logos)
- 36,000 packages of candy
- 36,000 boys winter hats
- 144,000 age-appropriate books
- 102,600 pairs of girls underwear
- 107,400 pairs of boys socks
- 60,000 pairs of boys briefs
- 74,400 pairs of girls socks
- 36,000 toothbrush/toothpaste kits
- 23,700 pairs of boys boxers
- 13,100 pairs of girls gloves
- 11,400 Lego toys
- 14,000 dolls

The long list continues with thousands of other items which Koski buys to fill 36,000 Christmas packages given to deserving Detroit area children by the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. The children range in age from 5 to 8 years of age and live in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. It is estimated that one-third of the public schoolchildren living in these cities will receive a Detroit Goodfellows' Christmas gift box.

Founded in 1914, the Goodfellows' motto is, "No kiddie without a Christmas." Koski chairs the

Goodfellows' packing committee which is responsible for buying the 1.1 million items given out each Christmas. Every recipient receives a gift package that contains a pair of Wrangler jeans, a sweat shirt, six pairs of socks, six underwear, a winter hat, gloves and a scarf. Each child receives six age-appropriate books, toys, trinkets, candy and holiday treats.

New this year are the 36,000 dental kits which were donated by the Michigan Dental Foundation on a three-year agreement with the Goodfellows.

"We are happy to become partners with the Goodfellows on this important project," said the foundation's secretary, Dr. Michael Jennings of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Toothbrushes and paste are not a demand item. Toothpaste is the last thing in the world that you worry about when you're worrying about food and clothing," said Goodfellow secretary, Pete Waldmeir of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Through their buying savvy, ordering early and in bulk, Koski and his crew are able to keep cost to a minimum. They spend about \$30 to \$40 for approximately \$80 to \$90 worth of merchandise.

"We get the best quality for the money," said Waldmeir. "Everything is brand new."

Among the toys that are guaranteed to bring joy to the children, are the 14,000 dolls that are individually outfitted by volunteers at local businesses and organizations.



Photos courtesy of SMA PR Partners

Above, these three dolls were selected as this year's "the best dressed" from among the more than 14,000 dolls that were individually outfitted by the Detroit Goodfellow volunteers.

Below, the Detroit Goodfellows president, Tony Nairhos of Grosse Pointe Woods, left, and packing committee chairperson, Conrad Koski of Grosse Pointe Farms, get ready for the 91st annual "Goodfellow Newspaper Sales Day," held on Nov. 28.



There is even a contest in November to determine the best-dressed dolls. The selection process is similar to a beauty contest in which thousands of entries are whittled down to a select few. However, most likely, in the eyes of the girls who received them, every doll is a winner.

"One woman once wrote and told me that she still has the dolls she received in the 1940s," Waldmeir said.

Over the last 91 years, more than a million children have been the recipients of the Goodfellows' generosity. It is estimated that there are approximately 100,000 living Goodfellow alumni.

Many of those children have grown up to become Goodfellow members.

"Children never forgot the kindness of strangers," said Goodfellow President Tony Nairhos of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Waldmeir, who is an alumni, recalled how excited he and his siblings were to receive the Goodfellows' gifts.

"During the Depression, my mother was a single mom with three kids. I can remember the policemen coming to my door with all the gifts for us," Waldmeir said.

Once the holidays end, the Goodfellows continue to support disadvantaged children through their shoe-buying and dental programs. Teachers and social workers in the three school districts will notify the Goodfellows if they know of a child who is in need of a new pair of shoes or who is in need of dental work.

The shoe program has been around since the

Depression. Back then, children received a standard issue black pair of shoes.

"When I was a kid, you could always tell who were Goodfellow kids by the black shoes they wore," Waldmeir said. "We would say, 'Hey, you're a Goodfellow kid, too!'"

Nowadays, families receive a \$20 voucher to buy shoes at the Detroit shoe store chain, Mr. Alan's Shoes. They can choose from 12 different styles ranging from athletic shoes to boots.

"We wanted to give the kids a choice so not everyone has the same pair of shoes," Waldmeir said.

The Goodfellows work in conjunction with the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School to provide hundreds of children with routine and emergency dental care. The children are referred to the program by the Detroit Public Schools and are given dental care free of charge. Nairhos, who is employed as an attendance officer for the Detroit Public Schools sees first hand the difference the Goodfellows' effort makes in the lives of children.

"As a truant officer, I see up close and personal the effect our work has on children," he said. "It's amazing, the difference our donations make in the lives of children."

In order to run these programs, the Detroit Goodfellows rely upon contributions from corporations and individuals. To date, they have raised \$939,558 which is 66 percent of their \$1.5 million goal.

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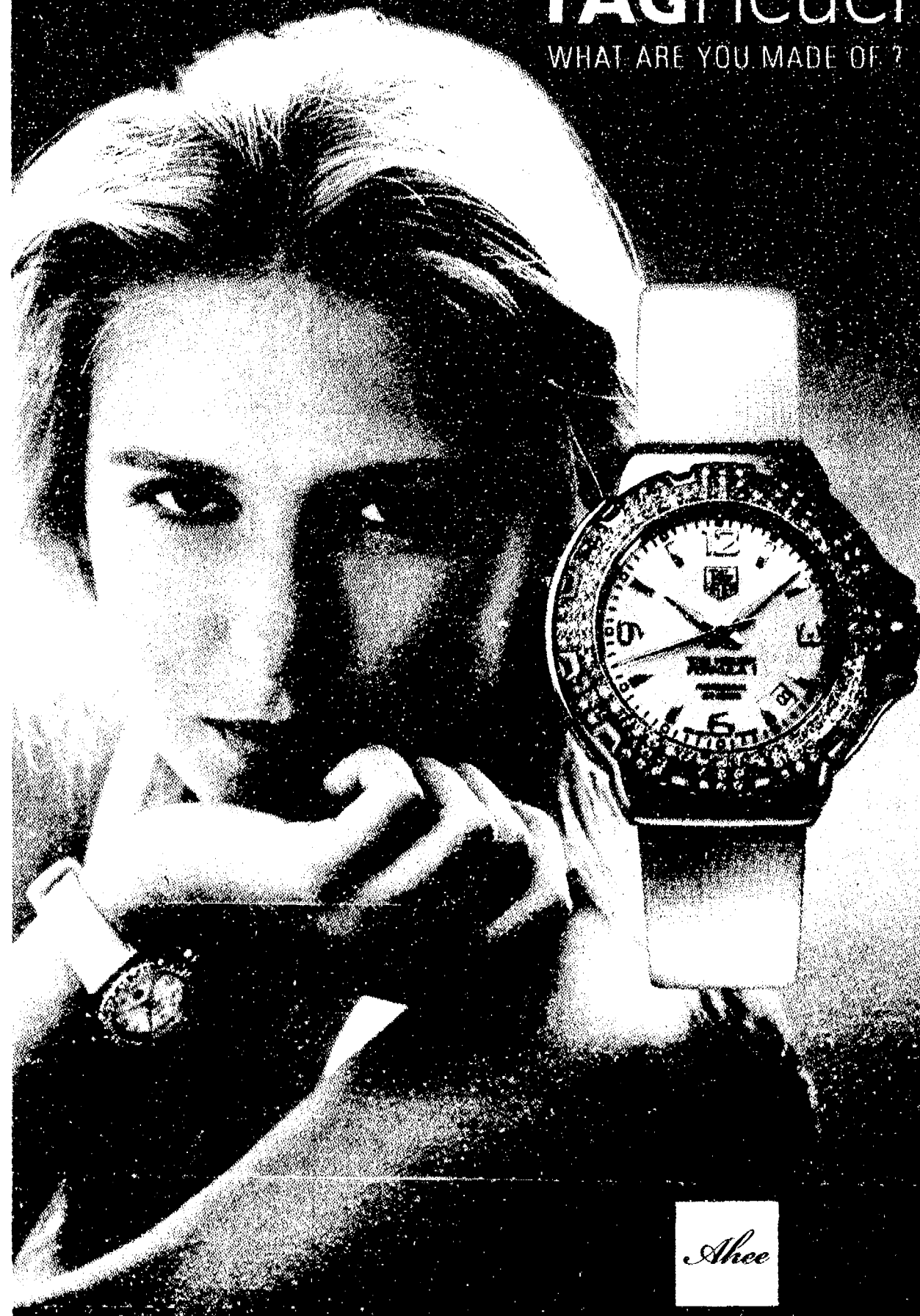
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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Saturday, December 24, 2005
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CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Carol Eucharist for Children
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Nursery Care Available

9:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
and Carols

Christ the King Lutheran Church

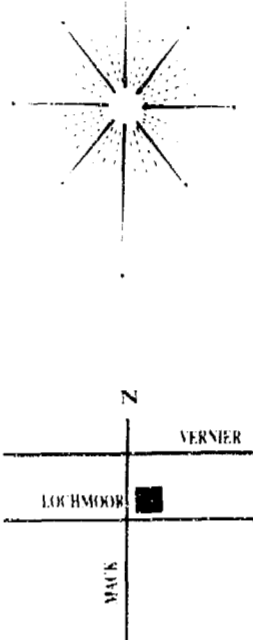
December 24th -
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
with Holy Communion
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
with Special Music

December 25th - 10:00 a.m.
Special Worship

December 31st - 7:30 p.m.
New Years Eve Worship

January 1st - 10:00 a.m.
Special Worship

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10:30 p.m. Music prior to 11 p.m. service

Sunday, December 25th
10 a.m. Worship with Communion

New Years Eve
6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper
7:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, January 1st
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Christmas Day

Sunday - December 25

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Sunday - December 28

Noon Holy Eucharist

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Choir of Men & Boys

8 pm Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II
sung by the Choir of Girls & Men

10:30 pm J.S. Bach: "Christmas Oratorio,
Part II" sung by the Choirs of
Boys, Girls & Men w/ Orchestra

11 pm Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II
sung by the Choir of Men & Boys

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1

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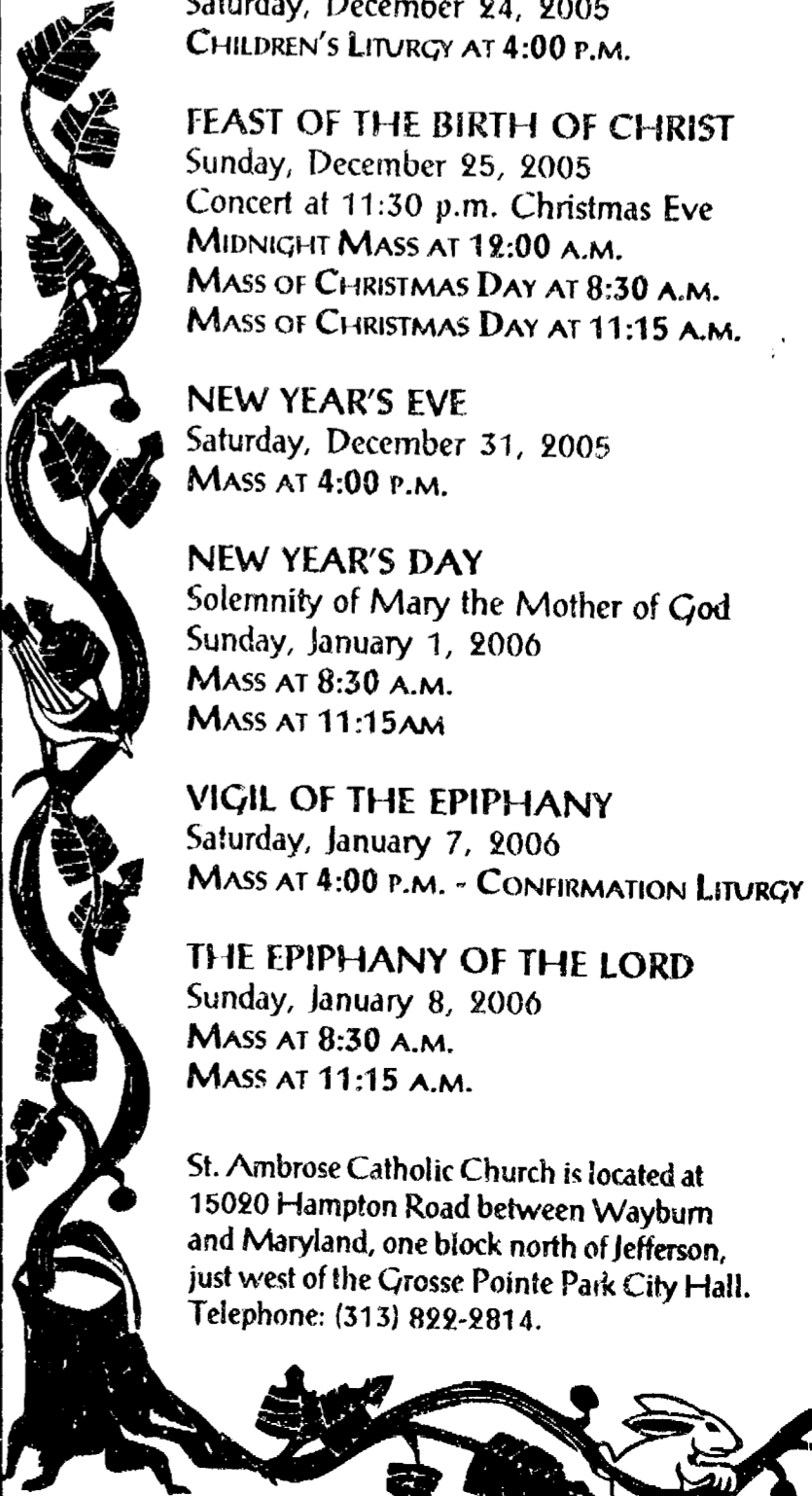
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New Year's Eve family fun run/walk

The 36th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.

The Belle Isle Runners, the Downtown Runners and Walkers and Michigan Runner Magazine host the run.

Events include a one-mile fun run for children 12 and younger, an open one-mile run/walk, a four-mile run and a four-mile racewalk/fitness walk.

Participants should meet at 3 p.m. at the Belle Isle Casino. After the races, participants and spectators celebrate at an awards ceremony and refreshments.

Entry fees for the children's race are \$12 in advance, \$15 on race day. Fees for adults are \$20 in advance or \$25 on race day. Entry includes a long-sleeved shirt, awards and post race food and beverages. Make checks payable to Belle Isle Runners/Jeanne Bocci, 1353 Grayton, Grosse Pointe Park, 48230. For more information, call Bocci at (313) 886-5560.

Class offered

Christ the King Lutheran Church will offer a new class for parents beginning in January.

"Faith and Values Development: A Scriptural Foundation for Parenting" is open to all parents, but is designed especially for those whose children are in middle or high school. Using a series of engaging, insightful articles on specific topics, it will help to provide participants with solid biblical principles for navigating the teen years with their children. The goal is not only to sharpen parenting skills and to build up the parent-child relationship but also to serve as a source of strength and encouragement as the group enjoys fellowship with one another.

The class begins Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served weekly at the church at 6:30 p.m. for parents and for children enrolled in Christ the King's confirmation program.

For more information, contact the Rev. Tim Holzerland at (313) 884-5090.

Goodfellows

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The Goodfellows take pride that they strictly adhere to their mantra, "Charity Without Overhead." Every dollar donated goes directly into buying gifts for the Christmas packages.

"We have tight control over our expenses," said Waldmeir. "We are consistently one of the top three Michigan charities in the Crain's and Associated Press' ranking of charities."

Every November, hundreds of Goodfellows volunteers, Detroit policemen and firefighters take part in the annual "Goodfellow Newspaper Sales Day," during which they hit the streets across Detroit at 5:30 a.m. to hawk special editions of The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. This year, newspaper sales were down approximately 24 percent from last year's sales.

In addition to braving the elements to sell newspapers, each Goodfellow member conducts a letter-writing campaign to solicit donations from family, friends and associates. Each member pays for their own expenses, such as stationery and postage. Waldmeir estimates that he sent out more than 1,100 letters this year.

However, the Goodfellows are encountering the same fund-raising challenges that most local charities are facing. Donations are off due to the downturned state economy and people giving money to relief efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita survivors.

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Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe Academy

Portrait

Inspired by Madonna and Child images and paintings of women and children by American artist Mary Cassatt, the Grosse Pointe Academy's Lower School art teacher, Rosi Triano, had an idea: to give the children the opportunity to paint using a live model. Says Triano, "Religious painters commissioned by the church generally used live models. The interesting part was to see the children's different interpretations." Thanks to Academy parent Abby Wujek and her two-month-old baby, Helen, Triano was able to bring this idea to fruition with a class of first-graders, including Helen's older brother, Henry. Pictured is first-grader Gabriela Cavataio painting a background on her "Madonna and Child" portrait.

DIA has extended holiday hours

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) has extended its hours this holiday season so visitors will have more time to take advantage of its programs and exhibitions.

Visitors are encouraged to tour the museum's presentation of its permanent collection's greatest hits in Remix, featuring artists such as Edgar Degas, Benny Andrews, Andy Warhol and Dale Chihuly.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26, through Thursday, Dec. 29; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30; and

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. The DIA is closed on Sunday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

The exhibit, "Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter," runs through Sunday, Feb. 5.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the premier art museums in the United States, is home to more than 60,000 works that comprise a multicultural survey of human creativity from ancient times through the 21st century. From the first van Gogh painting to enter a U.S. museum ("Self

Portrait," 1887), to Diego Rivera's renowned Detroit Industry murals (1932-33), the DIA's collection is known for its quality, range and depth.

The DIA is currently undergoing a major renovation, scheduled for completion in late 2007.

The museum remains open with a dynamic schedule of programs and activities for all ages. Visitors can enjoy some of the DIA's "greatest hits" while the museum prepares for an entirely new installation when renovations are completed.

Names in the news

Clarinetist **Julienne Hong** and trumpet player **Ben Wasmuth** were selected to the 2005 Michigan State University Honors Band. The two were hand-picked by the university faculty as being among the

finest high school performers in the state. They played on campus Sunday, Dec. 11, and were directed by John Madden, director of the Spartan Marching and Symphony Band. The students attend

Grosse Pointe North High School.

Matthew Adams of Grosse Pointe Woods was among the 87 December graduates of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.

Pastor's Corner

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Light

By Cantor Roger Skully
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Because Hanukkah usually falls in December, it is often thought of as a Jewish "Christmas." It is correct that the reason for its popularity in America is that it falls around Christmastime and involves gift giving... a popular commercial idea. It was a minor holiday. Today it has become a success in American culture.

It began to mark the successful revolt against Antiochus IV, one of the line of Syrian-Greek monarchs who succeeded Alexander the Great. Alexander had been respectful of the Jews' monotheistic religion, but Antiochus was determined to impose Hellenism with its pagan gods throughout his domains. When the Jews opposed him, he made Judaism illegal.

His strategy was to unite his many cultures to oppose the growing strength of Rome. He banned Sabbath observance, circumcision, and the study of Torah on pain of death.

A statue of Zeus was placed in the Temple. Pigs were sacrificed before it. Those who wouldn't abandon their faith were cruelly tortured and murdered. Many stories were told of atrocities committed by Antiochus and his soldiers.

The fight began in 167 BCE in the town of Modin

where an elderly priest named Mattathias refused to sacrifice to an idol. When an apostate Jew stepped forward to comply, Mattathias killed the man and tore down the altar. Then he and his five sons took to the hills and launched a guerrilla war against the armies of the empire.

When Mattathias died, his third son, Judas Maccabaeus assumed command. They won against hopeless odds and in 164 BCE they recaptured the Temple. They cleansed it and purified the altar. The menorah, the candelabra symbolizing the divine presence, was rekindled. There was only enough oil found for one day, however, it lasted for eight days. "All the people prostrated themselves," records the Book of Maccabees, "worshipping and praising Heaven that their cause had prospered."

Hanukkah represents the first fight for religious freedom, but it speaks foremost to the Jewish yearning for God and the holiness of His Temple.

It is also the only Jewish holiday not found in the Bible. It speaks to a triumph of spirituality over the Hellenistic values of earthiness and hedonism. If it were not for the victory of Hanukkah, Western Civilization, including Christianity, would probably not have existed as we know them today.

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'My Medicare Matters' aims to help seniors understand Medicare Part D

The National Council on the Aging (NCOA) and the Access to Benefits Coalition (ABC) recently announced the creation of a major national effort to help people with Medicare understand the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) and be prepared to make the enrollment decision that is right for them.

The program, called My Medicare Matters, will provide a continuous presence in 27 states for the next six months, using vans and on-the-ground teams. The program also includes computer technology for community-based organizations in 23 states and a new Web site for people with Medicare and their families.

James Firman, president of NCOA and ABC chair, said that the program is multifaceted because many people have expressed the need for personalized help.

"It's critical that people

and their families are better informed and fully understand their options so they can make their own decisions about what's right for them. Prescription drug coverage can make a significant difference in the health and lives of people with Medicare, especially those with limited income and resources who may qualify for the extra help."

Firman said My Medicare Matters has three distinct elements.

The program's on-the-ground strategy will deploy 37 vans and dozens of trained educators using the latest in wireless technology to 44 markets in 27 states, where they will work continuously throughout the Medicare Part D enrollment period, which ends May 15, 2006. The educators will participate in an anticipated 5,000 community events in more than 300 counties.

At these events, beneficia-

ries will be able to sit down one-on-one with the educators who will provide personalized guidance to help them find answers to their questions about the new coverage. Using Internet-based tools, including NCOA's BenefitsCheckUpRx and Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan Finder, the educators will help beneficiaries gather information, assess their options, compare plans and, if they wish, join a plan through the online enrollment process.

"The fact that My Medicare Matters teams will be in so many communities like ours, helping beneficiaries throughout the entire enrollment period, will be especially valuable in expanding our ability to reach more people," said John N. Skirven, executive director of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, a local ABC partner. "The work that we have already

done in educating and enrolling people is important. What we will now be able to do with these new resources is even more important."

In a second initiative, My Medicare Matters will donate more than 700 wireless laptop computers (pre-loaded with the software programs that the benefits educators are using) to community-based organizations to use for their own grassroots education and enrollment activities.

The third strategy, a new Web site found at www.MyMedicareMatters.org, also extends the reach of the program. The Web site will provide information written in easy-to-understand language so that people with Medicare can work on their own to assess their options, find and compare plans and enroll online if they so choose.

Firman emphasized that the Web site will be a valuable resource not only for individuals, community organizations and professionals, but also for family members and friends of people with Medicare.

"It's time for all Americans to step up and help our parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors," he said. "We should be asking them 'Have you looked at the new coverage?' and if they have not, help them understand their rights and options and how to make the right choice."

My Medicare Matters is being supported by a grant from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP.

Tony Zook, president and CEO designate, AstraZeneca, said the company was supporting the national effort because, "as a company committed to improving patient health, we think the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit can make a tremendous contribution to millions of Americans. We commend the NCOA and the ABC for bringing this crucial educational program to people across the country."

"We think it is important for seniors to be able to access the medicines they need to help maintain their health. By treating diseases and medical conditions, they may be able to prevent more serious health problems, and that's a great thing for our families' health and the health of our communities," Zook said.

Founded in 1950, The National Council on the Aging is a national network of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the health and independence of older persons and to increasing their continuing contributions to communities, society, and future generations. For more information on NCOA, visit www.ncoa.org.

The Access to Benefits Coalition (ABC) is dedicated to ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes know about and can make the best use of all available resources for reducing the costs of prescription drugs, including the extra help available through the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage that will start in 2006.

The winter blahs?

By Dr. Haresh S. Mehta
Special Writer

Here in Michigan we are just beginning to settle in for the long winter ahead. While it's common to feel somewhat down and melancholic occasionally due to the cold and dreary weather, for others this time of year can cause severe symptoms of depression. The phenomenon is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) — a mood disorder associated with depressive episodes and related to seasonal variations of light, according to the National Mental Health Association.

It's hard to quantify just how prevalent SAD is because it's not considered an illness by itself, but a variant of clinical depression or major depressive disorders. It's also a misunderstood illness, in the sense that we expect to be in a down mood because of the inclement weather.

But we shouldn't. So if you do, you could be suffering from SAD.

SAD symptoms

To establish a diagnosis, psychiatrists will first look for signs and symptoms of depression, which include

- Sad moods
- Lack of interest in usual activities
- Change in appetite
- Disturbances in sleep patterns

To establish a diagnosis of SAD, these symptoms must occur during the fall and winter months only and be severe enough to cause disturbances in day-to-day activities.

Possible causes

SAD was first noted in 1845, but it wasn't until the early 1980s that it was officially named. Unfortunately, the exact cause of SAD is not yet known. Several theories exist.

The first relates to the fact that winter brings with it shorter days and lack of sunlight, especially in the northern climates, and this may impact our mood.

Another theory relates to our body's circadian rhythms or our natural biological clock. Some research indicates that when there are disturbances to the body's circadian rhythm, due partly to changes in the daylight hours, our schedule gets out of whack.

Some also believe SAD may be related to problems with the regulation of a neurotransmitter or brain chemical. Melatonin is a sleep-related hormone that may cause symptoms of depression. The brain produces more melatonin when it's dark and in the winter. When the days are shorter and darker, not surprisingly, melatonin production increases.

Treatments

For mild SAD symptoms, a treatment called phototherapy has been shown to be effective. Also called bright light therapy, the patient is indirectly exposed to a bank of bright artificial lights (ranging from 10,000 to 30,000 lux, a measurement of light) for about 30 minutes a day. To avoid side effects, such as headaches or eye strain, patients should not sit directly in front of the lights. Phototherapy is usually administered in the morning so that it gets the patients' circadian rhythms more in sync.

Dawn simulation is another form of light therapy that may help SAD sufferers. With this therapy, the lights in the patients' bedrooms are programmed to come on gradually a few hours before they normally wake up.

If a patient's symptoms are more severe, and/or if phototherapy and other light therapy are ineffective, most doctors will recommend antidepressant medication. A patient who has more severe SAD symptoms may actually be suffering from another major mood disorder such as bipolar disorder, (also known as manic-depressive), and SAD is seen as a component of the more predominant mood disorder.

At-risk populations

Although the reasons are unclear, there are certain populations more at risk of developing SAD, including:

- Those with a relative who suffers from SAD
- Young adults
- Women

In fact, between 60 and 90 percent of SAD patients are women. It's believed that SAD and mood disorders in general are more prevalent in women because women tend to experience more biological and psycho-social stressors in their life cycles.

Dr. Haresh S. Mehta is a doctor of Psychiatry at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. In 2004 he was named one of the Detroit area's top psychiatrists in Hour magazine's "Top Docs" survey.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Sebaceous hyperplasia is the diagnosis used to describe lesions that form due to enlarged sebaceous glands (the glands that form sebum, the substance that helps keep your skin protected and soft.)

Sebaceous hyperplasia almost always occurs on the nose, cheeks or forehead (the areas with the largest concentration of sebaceous glands). The lesions also occasionally occur on the chest, upper arms, around nipples, vulva, and in the oral mucosa.

Sebaceous hyperplasia appears as small, soft, skin colored or whitish-yellow bumps usually less than an eighth of an inch in diameter (though they can grow larger). The lesions may

appear alone, or there may be multiple lesions. Sebaceous hyperplasia usually affects patients later in life, with most cases occurring to patients in their forties, fifties and sixties.

Sebaceous hyperplasia itself is harmless and does not require any treatment. However, in some cases single or atypical lesions may mimic lesions that do require treatment, such as basal cell carcinoma; therefore your physician may recommend a biopsy to confirm the diagnosis. Also, when lesions are irritated or extensive, removal or destruction may be recommended.

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SOC plans Christmas tea

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Grosse Pointe Theatre helps produce Christmas show for Hurricane relief effort

Around Thanksgiving, the board of directors of Grosse Pointe Theatre (GPT) received an e-mail plea from Mike Babel, son of GPT members and former Grosse Pointers Denny and Gail Babel, asking for assistance for a project he's involved in as part of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Although Babel is a professional actor and producer living in New York, he grew up in Grosse Pointe and has spent most of the time since mid-September doing relief work in Biloxi, Miss., through Hands On USA.

Babel is producing and directing a staged reading of "A Christmas Carol" in Biloxi for anyone who wants to attend for about 10 days before Christmas. They opened Saturday, Dec. 17, and run through Christmas Eve. In attendance will be community residents, many of whom are still sleeping in tents, shelters, trailers or living on the street; as well as hundreds of volunteers from every part of the country who have left their jobs, sold their cars and left their own families at the holiday season to help with the incredible relief job yet to be done.

Because he's starting with nothing, Babel has asked Grosse Pointe Theatre to help by sending costumes for the production. In a staged reading, there is no set, and the actors carry the script through minimal movement on the stage. Therefore, costumes are important to help the audience distinguish characters.

"Scrooge has to be in a nightshirt and wear a pointy nightcap," said Mary Adzigan, Grosse Pointe Woods resident who serves on the GPT board of direc-

tors, and coordinator for the project for GPT. "Otherwise, how would we know who he was? And we found the ball and chains, and locks for The Spirit of Christmas Past/Marley to drag around. I couldn't believe we found that in our pro room."

Grosse Pointe Theatre isn't providing complete costumes, but rather identifiable pieces to help with the characterization. The actors will need to wear their own shirts, shoes and trousers in most cases. "We found women's hats and men's caps approximately from the period, as well as outstanding pieces for the three ghosts. That was fun," said Adzigan.

Babel, who travels back and forth between New York and Biloxi, is in New York, earning a living and will return to Biloxi mid-December to cast and produce the show. He plans to have 27 people in the cast.

"Therefore, we don't have sizes for specific actors," said Adzigan. "The costumes pulled are pretty generic, size-wise, and should fit a wide range of sizes. There are lots of skirts and jackets for the ladies. We understand Mike is working with several other organizations; so we hope they will be able to fill in the gaps with the missing costumes. But we have to go ahead and ship the boxes now to be sure they arrive in the storm-ravaged area in time for the show."

"Grosse Pointe Theatre maintains a large stock of costumes from past shows and is happy to help out with a project like this," said Adzigan. "This will all be part of our holiday activities to raise money for the community. This year, we select-



Grosse Pointe Theatre volunteers coordinate costumes to be sent to help in the production of "A Christmas Carol" in Biloxi, Miss. Former Grosse Pointer and former member of Grosse Pointe Theatre Mike Babel, an actor and producer who lives in New York City, is helping with the production, which will be given for hurricane relief workers and victims.

ed four local charities, as well as assisting with the hurricane relief in some manner. I'm glad this all worked out so well and that we have a conduit to be sure our help gets to the right people and is being used wisely."

Hands On USA houses between 80 and 100 volunteers who go out into the community and work from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day doing clean-up, reconstruction and other relief assistance. Then the night shift goes out into the streets for medical assistance and supply duty. They are 100 percent volunteers, including the board and all the admin-

istrative team, and operate on donations and fundraising efforts around the country. You can visit its Web site handsonUSA.org.

Grosse Pointe Theatre, in its 58th season, has about 400 members and is also all-volunteer.

They present quality live theater to the eastside Detroit community with five productions annually, involving about 50 performances. They also have a youth theater component, Youth On Stage, as well as a new program to keep their long-time members involved, called Encore Players.

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Choco-Bark

3 12-oz. bags semi-sweet chocolate chips
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1 cup dried cranberries

Line a glass 9- by 13-inch dish with one sheet of foil, working the foil up the sides of the dish. Set aside. Fill a large pot halfway with water and bring it to a boil. Meanwhile, place the chocolate chips in an oven-safe glass bowl that will sit on top of the water pot. Lower the water to a simmer and set the bowl on the pot.

Wait five minutes or so, then start to stir the melting chips. It will take about 15 minutes for the



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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

chips to melt. Once all of the chips have melted, stir in the pecans, orange zest and dried cranberries.

Transfer the mixture (quickly and carefully) to the foil-lined dish and spread into an even layer using a rubber spatula.

Cover and chill for at least

three hours.

To serve, take the solid bark in the foil and flip it upside down, back into the dish. The foil should peel back easily. Using a strong, sharp-pointed knife, starting at the edge, carefully chip the bark into bite-sized (1-inch) pieces.

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Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan holds forum on childhood obesity

Education, community involvement and giving children healthy choices are essential to solving the issue of overweight in Michigan's children, according to a panel of experts speaking at a special forum on childhood obesity.

Approximately 400 community representatives from southeast Michigan — including educators, health care providers, nonprofits and policy-makers — attended the educational forum presented by the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan (CFSEM) forum "Childhood Obesity: How Do We Address This Epidemic?"

Participants heard the sobering facts on the issue as well as workable solutions that they can implement at the community

level, including Grosse Pointe.

Thirty-three percent of Michigan's children are obese or overweight. Childhood obesity is a major contributing factor to the incidence of heart disease, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes as well as arthritis later in life.

Some researchers predict that, if childhood obesity continues to increase, it will shorten the lifespan of the nation's children to the point that it could cause today's kids to become the first in American history to live shorter lives than their parents.

"The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan believes that through education, through strengthening our collective knowledge and skills, we can effect positive change on the issue of childhood obesity and make this region a stronger and better place for all and particularly for our children," said Grosse Pointer Mariam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan (CFSEM).

"This forum is part of the Foundation's focus on building a healthy environment and community in southeast Michigan," she said.

"Obesity is a major driver of medical costs. It will take a multi-dimensional approach involving the medical community, work sites, schools and communities to change behaviors," said keynote speaker Dr. William Dietz, director of the division of nutrition and physical activity in the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dietz cited six strategies for which there is reasonable scientific certainty or that are promising as being effective in changing behaviors in children.

These include: increasing physical activity, reducing the amount of television viewing in children and adolescents, promoting breastfeeding, increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables, reducing soft drink consumption and finally, reducing portion size.

"When you give children choices, adopting new behaviors is more acceptable," Dietz said. "For example, Sesame Street's familiar Cookie Monster is

now eating peaches and other fruits as well as vegetables while cookies have become a 'sometimes food' versus a daily snack.

Likewise, if we want to encourage kids and families to be more active physically, there have to be interesting places to bike or walk. For starters, we can make walking to school and physical education in our schools a priority."

The forum included presentations by a panel of experts in addition to Dietz, including Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, Surgeon General for the State of Michigan; Dr. Herman Gray, president of Children's Hospital of Michigan; Dr. Kim Eagle, professor of internal medicine, University of Michigan; Dr. Felix Valbuena, medical director, Community Health & Social Services (CHASS), and Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Henry Ford Health System and moderator of the experts panel at the forum.

"Anyone that touches the lives of children — from parents and school principals, to health care providers, to city planners and policy makers, to youth leaders and coaches, to grass roots nonprofits — can take steps to keep kids healthy and well," Noland said. "The goal of the Community Foundation with this forum is to provide workable solutions that can be implemented in communities throughout our region."

Among the community-based solutions highlighted at the forum is a joint program between Henry Ford Health System and City Year Detroit that is promoting good nutrition and physical activity among students, teachers and families at five elementary and middle schools in Detroit and Dearborn.

Each school is forming a Coordinated School Health Team (CSHT). City Year youth volunteers will work with the team to complete a Healthy School Action Tool, an assessment of the school's ranking on eight criteria from school health policy and physical education to food services and family and community involvement. Based on this assessment, the CSHT will develop and implement action plans. Henry Ford Health System and City

Year received funding for this project from CFSEM.

Several other solutions were discussed by panelists including a program called "5-2-1", a school-based effort that promotes healthy eating: 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, a limit of two hours of television or video games daily, and one hour of physical activity daily for kids.

Participants in the forum on childhood obesity received a comprehensive resource guide containing articles and reference lists for information on action plans, nutrition, physical activity and education, policy, school health and statistics.

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan presented the Oct. 31 forum as part of the foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life, including the lives of children, in southeast Michigan. Over the past five years the Community Foundation has invested more than \$15 million in grants that encourage children and families to develop healthy habits that include good nutrition and physical activities. These grants are in three major areas:

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- More than \$300,000 go to develop pilot programs to improve kids' fitness and nutrition and to conduct education and outreach in elementary and middle schools about the importance of children eating well and being physically active.

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South gets defensive in basketball victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team is off to a 2-1 start this season, thanks to a strong defense.

"Our defense has played extremely well in our last

two ballgames," head coach Jay Ritchie said. "The guys are rebounding well, contesting every shot, and making it difficult for the other teams to score, and that is what we preach."

Last weekend, the visiting Blue Devils pounded Clintondale 62-46. It wasn't as close as the final score indicated as Ritchie's squad led 41-20 at the end of the third period.

Senior guard Christian Conroy had a career-game, scoring 27 points, and at the end of the first half he had more than half (14) of the Blue Devils' points (27).

"Christian was the hot guy tonight; so we kept running plays to get him some shots," Ritchie said.

J.C. Cruse scored 11 points, while freshman Melvin Malone scored nine points. Cruse chipped in with seven rebounds, and Dave Baldwin had five.

The Blue Devils' huge front line was too much for the smaller Dragons to handle, and Clintondale ran a half-court, slow down offense instead of utilizing its team speed advantage

over South. The Blue Devils led 13-4 after the first quarter and 27-13 at the half. The visitors forced 21 turnovers.

Defense was also a major factor in South's 43-29 victory over Eisenhower earlier in the week but the Blue Devils also played well offensively.

"There were a lot of things we liked in this game," Ritchie said. "Our defense was good. We did a nice job of passing the ball around. We've been practicing being unselfish and finding the open man."

"And we didn't give Eisenhower many second shots. Baldwin did a real good job in the fourth quarter."

Ritchie praised the defensive work of guard Jimmy Saros, who had the difficult task of guarding Eisenhower's Brian Kaiser.

"We told Jimmy to think defense first," Ritchie said.

"We wanted to take some of the defensive responsibility of guarding the other team's best scorer away from J.C. so he could concentrate on other things."

"Jimmy was outstanding. Kaiser's been averaging 20 points a game and he had only three points."

Ritchie also said that Dave DeBoer "had a solid all-around game."

South jumped out to a 10-4 lead midway through the second quarter but the Eagles tied the game on consecutive three-point baskets by Kaiser and Dan Soper, only to see the Blue Devils regain the lead, 12-10, on Cruse's layup in the final minute of the first half.

Eisenhower started the second half with a 7-2 run but Conroy scored the first eight points of a 13-0 run by South that put the Blue Devils ahead to stay.

A three-point basket by Kyle Pantalone cut South's margin to 32-29 with 3:39 left, but a three-pointer by Conroy triggered an 11-0 South run that secured the Blue Devils' first victory of the season.

Conroy finished with 15 points, all in the second half, while Cruse scored 13 for South.

Pantalone led the Eagles with 16 points.

Earlier, South opened the season with a 53-51 overtime loss to Highland Park.

Conroy tied the game at 48-all with a jump shot from the key with seven seconds remaining in regulation.

The Polar Bears got the victory when Melvin Williams tipped in a shot as time expired in overtime in the game that was moved to South because of boiler problems at Highland Park.

"They had three shots in the last five seconds and finally got the tip," Ritchie said. "It's disappointing because we could be undefeated."

"We had 20 turnovers, went 10 for 20 from the foul line and didn't rebound as well as we can."

Ritchie was pleased with the play of Baldwin, who had 13 points.

"David will have a great year if he continues to play within himself," Ritchie said.

Conroy led South with 17 points and Cruse scored 10.

The Blue Devils are idle until they host L'Anse Creuse on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

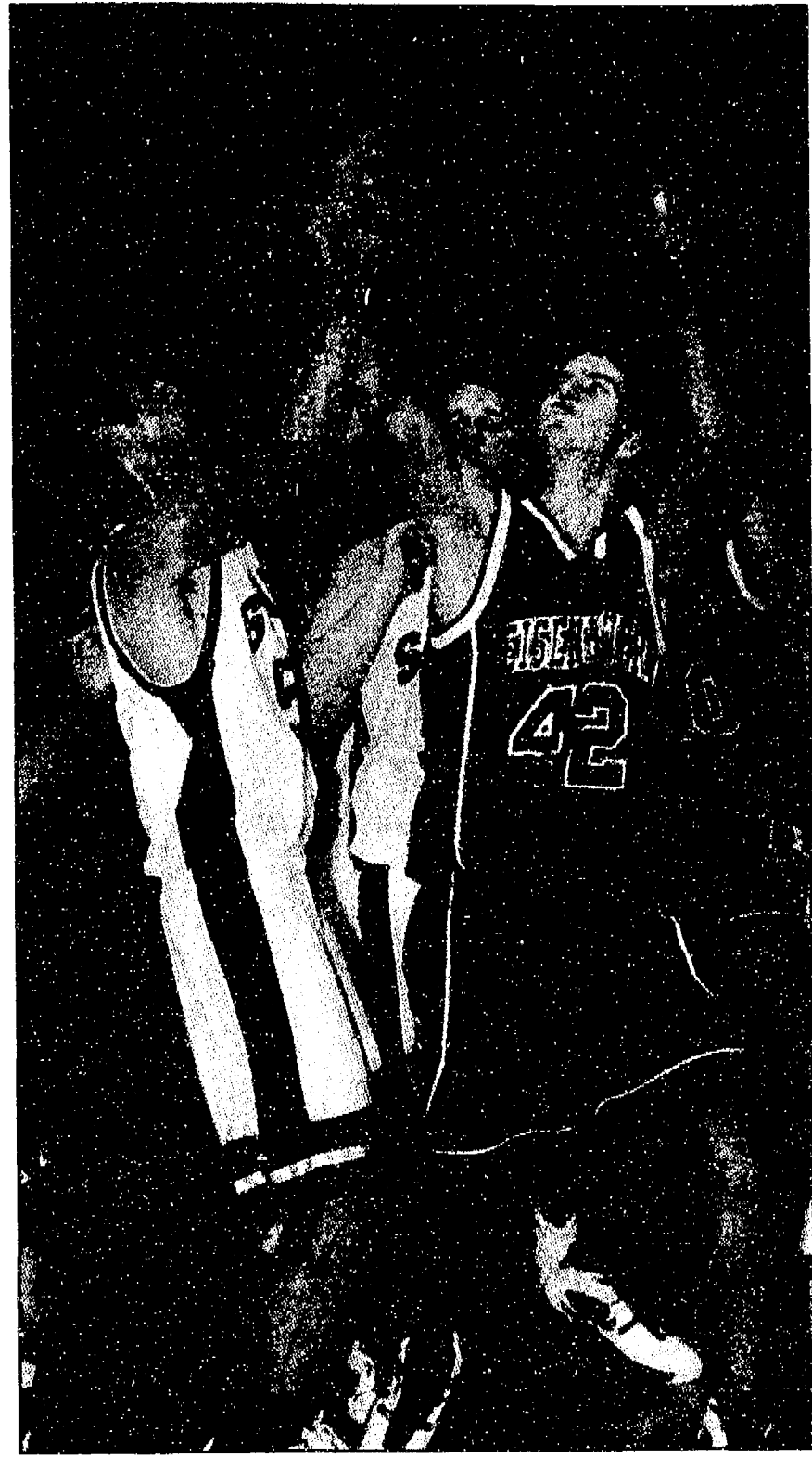


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Grosse Pointe South's Brendan Howe, left, battles Eisenhower's Dan Soper for a rebound.

North girls make hockey history by beating South

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey squad made history last weekend, beating arch rival Grosse Pointe South for the first time in team history, 6-5, at Hazel Park's Viking Arena.

"We lived up to our potential for the first time in a few

years," North head coach Tim Van Eckoute said. "In the past, we have had some very good teams but found away to lose the big games to South. This was a great win for us, but now we have to come out and play this way in every game. We can't just play great in a game against South."

The Norsemen tied the Lady Blue Devils in a 2001 game, but every other contest had finished with South on the winning end, including 2-1 and 6-4 in regular-season play last year, and 7-2 in a state playoff semifinal game.

"We made a nice comeback but fell a goal short,"

South head coach Bill Fox said. "We might have been able to get a tying goal if we had a couple more minutes left."

The Norsemen took a 4-2 lead into the third period before Lady Blue Devil senior Ali Morawski scored a short-handed goal at the

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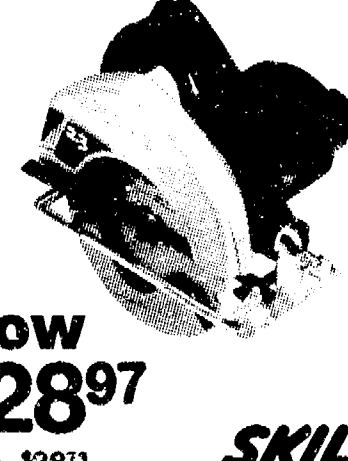
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Photo by Bob Bruce
North's Adam Miller finds the path to the basket blocked by a Catholic Central player.

Knights' comeback falls just short

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball game at Oak Park Academy last week wasn't a victory but it was a good experience just the same.

"That's one of those games that are really fun," ULS coach Dean Ristovski said after the Knights' 59-53 loss. "There was a lot of intensity. There was the opportunity to coach and use some strategy. And the team pulled together to get back into the game after we fell behind early."

Oak Park Academy jumped out to a 15-0 lead and things looked dismal for ULS.

"It was a new environment for our kids — a shoe-box gym, and an opponent that came out with a lot of intensity and used a full-court press," Ristovski said. "It was turnover city at the start and they came down and dunked on us a few times. I burned three time-outs in the first five minutes."

The Knights eventually settled down and by half-time they cut the Wildcats' lead to 25-24. After three quarters, ULS led by six points, but Oak Park Academy came back in the fourth quarter to regain the lead.

With 46 seconds remaining and ULS trailing by three points, Ristovski called timeout to set up a play, but the Knights weren't able to score.

"It was disappointing that we weren't able to win the game but to come back and play like a team and to play somewhat smart basketball was good to see," Ristovski said. "Everybody worked hard."

Carlton Snyder led ULS with 23 points. Joe Conway had 13 points, while Patrick Gustine came off the bench

and gave the Knights a boost in the first half with some three-point baskets.

"Those were huge three-pointers," Ristovski said. Jeff Heaney and Christian Starling also helped with their work on the boards.

The following night, ULS played University School of Indiana, and the Knights never really were in the game.

"We didn't play with the energy we had the night before," Ristovski said. "They outworked us. We have to work hard and play our style of game. We can't just walk out on the court and think we're better than everybody else."

"We're trying to keep it simple and have everyone play their roles to the best of their ability. If we do that, we can be a pretty good

team." ULS opened the season with a 30-point win over Macomb Christian. Matt Langston led the Knights with 26 points.

"Matt and Carlton are two of our seniors who have to give us leadership on and off the court," Ristovski said. "They have to get the team heading in the right direction."

Ristovski has been pleased with the work of Charlie Litch and freshman Jeremiah Manning.

"Charlie is my 110 percent guy," the coach said. "Manning has shown the ability to make good decisions on the court."

Jon Nicholl and Aaron Heaney, who'll become eligible at the start of the second semester, round out the ULS squad.

Norsemen looking for more consistency on defense

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

Defense was just as important as offense when Grosse Pointe North's basketball team made its run to the state Class A semifinals last year.

Most of that squad has graduated, and coach Matt Trombley is trying to impress the importance of defense on this year's young team.

"The defense has to be there," Trombley said after the Norsemen beat Anchor Bay 52-34 for their first victory of the season.

Part of Monday's practice was watching films of the second halves of the Anchor Bay and Harper Woods games. North played well defensively against the Tars, but against the Pioneers (a 69-40 defeat) it was a different story.

"We're trying to teach them that they can't sag off their man," Trombley said. "They have to be ready to react."

Defense turned things around in the second half of the Anchor Bay contest. The Norsemen trailed by two points at the break, and Trombley wasn't real happy with the defense.

The second half, however, brought a smile to his face.

"We got a couple of quick steals and that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the game," Trombley said. "We pressured them a lot and caused some turnovers."

Dwight VanHoosen also came alive in the second half to finish with 13 points. He shot 9-for-12 from the free throw line, all in the second half.

"That's what Dwight

needs to do, attack the basket and draw fouls," Trombley said.

Adam Miller also had an excellent game for North with 12 points, including seven straight in the fourth quarter to stretch the Norsemen's lead to nine points. Miller had two steals that he converted into baskets and he capped his run with a three-point basket.

Jason Aubrey, who hadn't played a lot in the first two games while recovering from an injury, added 10 points and Mark Reno had eight, including a pair of three-pointers to keep North close in the first half.

North opened the season with a 66-37 loss to a veteran Novi Catholic Central team.

"They start all seniors, and we're still trying to find out what we're about," Trombley said.

Two things disappointed Trombley the most.

"We didn't play good transition defense, and in the second quarter when we only scored two points, we only went to the basket twice," he said. "But it was a good learning experience."

VanHoosen, who finished with 21 points, had three early three-point baskets to help North jump out to a 13-4 lead.

In the Harper Woods game, North ended the first half with an 11-0 run to pull within two points of the Pioneers at halftime, but the Norsemen weren't able to sustain that surge in the second half.

"We attacked them on defense and got some steals and they lost a little bit of composure," Trombley said

of North's run at the end of the second quarter.

Harper Woods' height advantage with Andre Hogg and Bobby Gibson paid off in the second half.

"They're 6-7 and 6-6 inside and more athletic than we are," Trombley said. "We didn't attack their 2-3 zone very well, and when we missed the outside shots, they'd get the rebound."

Hogg had 23 rebounds to go with his 16 points. Gibson had 12 points, including eight in the third quarter.

VanHoosen led North with 11 points and Miller had seven.

North will play Detroit Pershing in the PSL Coca-Cola Tournament on Monday, Dec. 26. The Norsemen's next game will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills against Fitzgerald on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Palace game tickets on sale now at North

Tickets are on sale now for Grosse Pointe North's basketball game at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A \$30 ticket provides admission for the Norsemen's game with Fitzgerald at 3:30 p.m., and the Pistons game with the Orlando Magic at 7:30.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the North athletic office at (313) 432-3217. If no one is there, leave a name and phone number and your call will be returned.



Several Grosse Pointe North wrestlers earned medals at last weekend's Macomb County Invitational. From left are assistant coach Matt Brazil, Jack Todd, Arsenio Hall, Scott Gawel and head coach Bryan Lorenzo. Jon Chow is seated in front.

North, South win medals at Macomb mat invitational

Several Grosse Pointe North wrestlers earned medals at last weekend's Macomb County Invitational.

The Norsemen's best showing came from Scott Gawel, who finished third at 189 pounds. Gawel pinned Max Smith of Dakota at 2:48

of the consolation final.

Arsenio Hall was fifth at 135 pounds after posting a 6-3 decision against Larry Roberts of Roseville.

North had a pair of seventh-place finishers. Jon Chow beat Anton Dimberger of Utica Ford II 11-5 at 112

pounds, and Jack Todd pinned Port Huron's Travis Frasier at 1:21 in the 140-pound class.

Grosse Pointe South's only medalist was Blake Walker, who posted a major decision (11-2) over Dionta Lacey of Roseville at 130.

ULS completes rigorous first half

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

University Liggett School's boys hockey team continued its trek through its rigorous first-half schedule last week, losing 5-1 to unbeaten Berkley.

"We set up our schedule so we face more Division I and II teams in the first half of the season, which will get the guys ready for the second half," head coach Terry Olson said. "We have played pretty well against the bigger schools, and we know we can play with these teams, but we have to play smarter hockey."

The visiting Bears jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead as junior Sean Parent and senior Zachary Shencopp (power play) were able to beat Knights goaltender Alex Brooks.

The Bears fired 16 shots at Brooks in the opening

period, and the Knights had only nine.

"We had to play with our heads and not take so many penalties," Olson said. "Berkley has some very good hockey players, and they are a little more aggressive than the other teams we have faced this season; so we couldn't get into a shoving match with them like we did in the first period."

The Knights played a better second period but still gave up two more goals.

They were able to cut the deficit to 2-1 when senior captain Adam Rock netted a power-play goal, but five seconds later the Bears scored to make it a 3-1 game.

Olson's squad had a 41-second two-man advantage late in the second period but couldn't convert.

Berkley scored again with 1:25 left in the second stan-

za to take a 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

A turnover in their own zone allowed the Bears to score their final goal. When the final horn sounded, the Knights were outshot 38-25.

"This is a learning experience, and I can see the improvement in our overall game," Olson said. "I'm going to give the guys some time off to relax, and then we're going to practice hard before we get back to action after the first of the year."

In other action, the Knights played two games at Southside Arena in Grand Rapids, losing 7-2 to East Grand Rapids on Friday, Dec. 9, and 6-1 to Grandville on Saturday, Dec. 10.

ULS fell to 3-5-1 overall, and it will not play again until Saturday, Jan. 14, when it hosts Madison Heights Bishop Foley at 6 p.m.

Winter session of Griesbaum Baseball School is Jan. 21-22

The annual winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School will give youngsters in grades two through six the opportunity to work on their hitting, pitching and catching skills.

The two-day camp will be held in the Grosse Pointe South High School gyms on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. each day.

Students can elect to attend the hitting camp one

day and the pitching or catching camp the next, or if they choose, they can attend the same camp both days.

The cost is \$50 per day, but if a player attends both days the total cost is \$90.

Instructors are high school coaches and players.

Camp brochures are available at the front desk in the main office at South or at the Neighborhood Club. Brochures can also be

obtained by calling one of the co-directors of the school — Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537.

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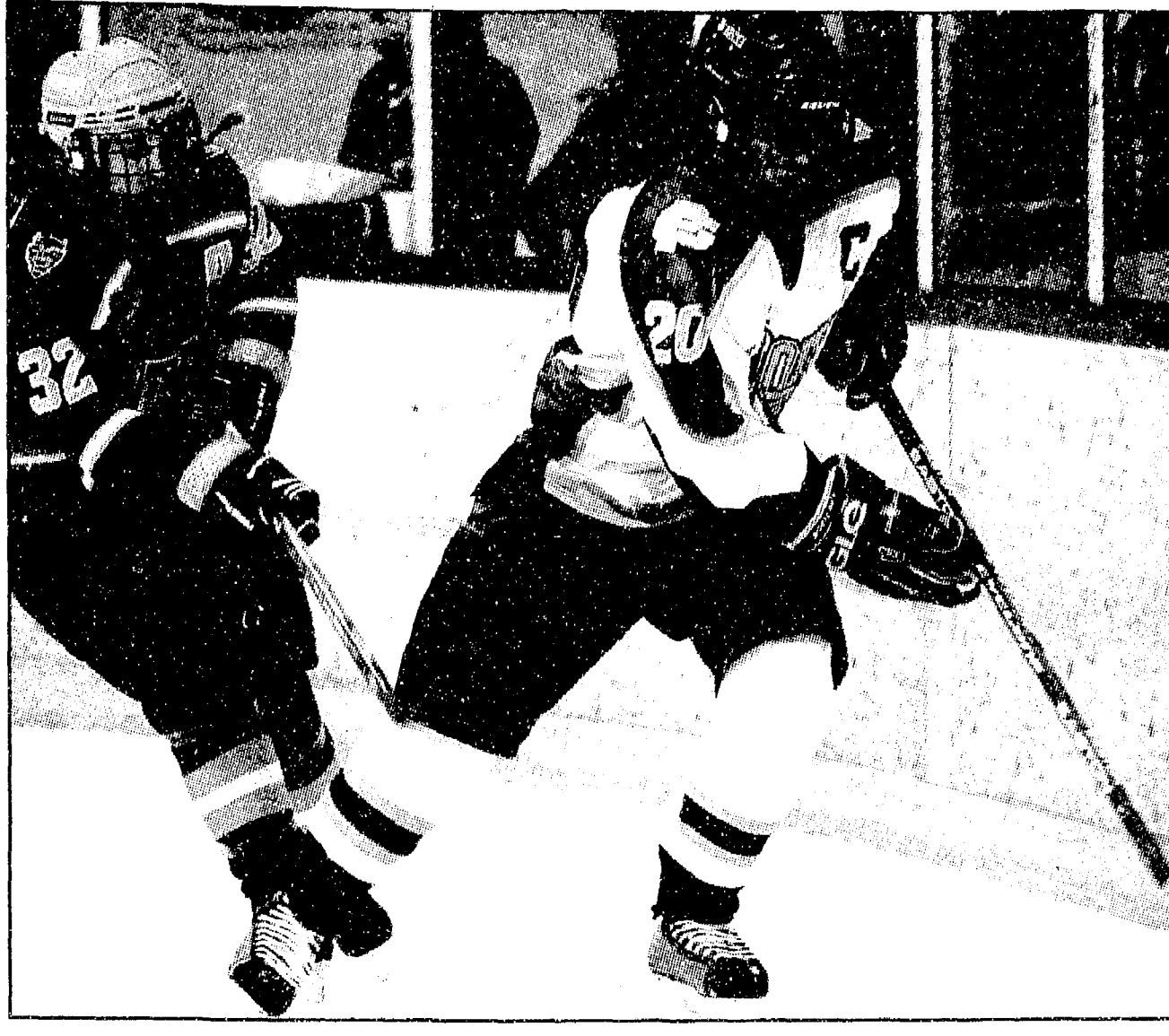


Photo by Bob Bruce
Grosse Pointe North senior Liz Rabidoux, right, dumps the puck into Grosse Pointe South's zone as Lady Blue Devil senior Katherine Gerow tries to gain possession during the final two minutes of the Norsemen's historic victory.

North ends scoring drought

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It looks like Grosse Pointe North's hockey team might have snapped out of its scoring drought at Port Huron last weekend.

"The guys who are supposed to score goals did," North coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen erupted for four third-period goals in a 6-1 victory over Port Huron Northern in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

"Some of the guys we count on for offense are playing well, like Jeff Rohrkemper, but the puck just hasn't been going into the net for them. Maybe that's about to change."

North went into the third period leading 2-1 on second-period power-play goals by Robbie Ireland and Doug Rahaim.

"We just dominated the third period," Lock said. "We forced some good turnovers and we put some good pressure on their goalie."

"That's the first time we've played with a lead."

Ireland scored his second goal of the game to make it 3-1. Alex Conforte, Rohrkemper and Scott Brown added goals before the period ended.

Mike Rourke had three assists, Julien Horrie had two and Ireland and Rohrkemper had assists to go with their goals.

Eric Rohrkemper made 14 saves to record his first victory for North.

"He didn't have a lot of shots but he stepped up when he needed to," Lock said of the freshman netminder.

Michael Neveux, Matt Miller and Michael Cartwright had solid games on defense.

"The defense made some big hits in open ice, especially in the third period to get the team going," Lock said.

Lock also praised defenseman Anthony Paglino.

"He played his best game of the year," the coach said. "He has good size and mobility and we got a chance to see it. He was outstanding."

Earlier, North lost 4-1 to Brother Rice in a league game that was tied 1-1 after two periods. The Warriors won the game with a pair of goals midway through the third period, and secured the victory with an empty-net goal.

"We didn't play a bad game but we lacked a little offense," Lock said.

"We had some chances to take the lead but their goalie won the game for them."

Michael Yakamovich scored North's only goal, assisted by Neveux and Jeff Rohrkemper.

"The Yakamovich-Rahaim-Rohrkemper line was the best one for us," Lock said.

Brown, a freshman, played his first varsity game and did a good job.

Cartwright and Neveux were solid on defense, while Rahaim continued his consistent play. Ireland, Peter Watson and Conforte also played well.

Lock was also pleased with his other freshman goalie, Michael Rahaim.

"He's played four periods of hockey and has only given up three goals," Lock said. "He's shown that he can play at this level."

North is idle until it travels to the west side of the state for a tournament with Mona Shores, Portage Central and East Kentwood on Jan. 6-7.

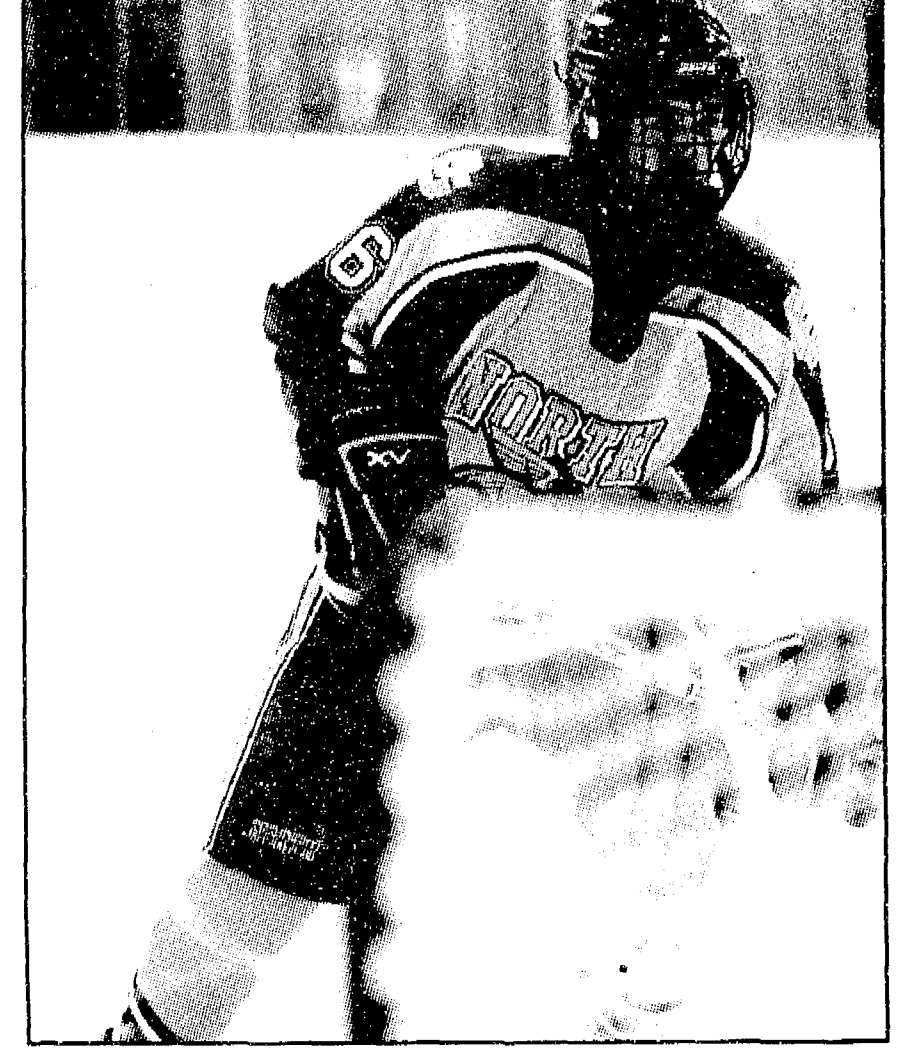


Photo by Bob Bruce
Michael Yakamovich scored North's only goal against Brother Rice.

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13:27 mark, cutting the deficit to 4-3.

Van Eckoute watched veterans Kate Zemenick and Emily Nelson score goals at the 10:27 and 8:51 mark, giving the home team a seemingly insurmountable three-goal lead, 6-3.

"We built our lead by not letting South's playmakers get loose in the neutral zone," Van Eckoute said.

North got away from its game plan during the second-half of the final period, and within a 60-second span the Lady Blue Devils cut the deficit to 6-5 when senior Hilliary Inger (assist to Morawski) and junior Amanda Marsh (assist Morawski) scored goals.

"We were playing to not lose," Van Eckoute said. "I told the girls they had to stick to the game plan and not let South loose in the neutral zone. They just gained possession of the puck and tore loose through our defense when they scored those two goals to cut it to one."

North called a timeout as Van Eckoute told the girls to keep the puck in South's end, and they executed the plan to perfection during the final four minutes of play to post the monumental victory.

The Lady Blue Devils stayed in the game when freshman backup goalkeeper Christine Jarboe stopped two outstanding scoring chances in the latter stages of the final period.

"Jarboe kept us in there," Fox said. "I thought about putting her in goal before, but I thought twice about it. I guess I should have put her in before North scored its sixth goal. Jarboe did a nice job."

The Norsemen built its lead when Nelson scored a powerplay goal with 49.8 seconds left in the opening period.

In the second period, Zemenick scored within the first two minutes, and freshman Alex Quinlan tallied twice with junior Marissa LaValley drawing assists on each goal.

For the Lady Blue Devils, Marsh scored both goals, including one during a scramble in front of North goalkeeper Jaelyn Zarb.

Senior Angela Lee came in after that goal and made some key saves on Morawski to help the Norsemen win.

North outshot South 23-17, and it scored the first powerplay goal against South this season.

Earlier in the week, Van Eckoute's Norsemen blanked Port Huron 6-0 to improve to 5-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division, which is tied with South for the lead.

North is 7-1 overall, while South dropped to 5-1.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Frankie DeLaura tries to stuff a backhand shot past Trenton goalie Danny Pason. At right is the Blue Devils' Tim Shield.

South's effort encourages coach

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Trenton is one of the high school hockey teams that serves as a measuring stick for other squads around the state.

The Trojans seldom have a down year, so if a team is competitive against them, it can feel good about itself.

Grosse Pointe South played Trenton last week, and although the Blue Devils lost 5-0, coach Bob Bopp was encouraged by his team's performance against the unbeaten Trojans.

"It was a better game than the score would indicate," Bopp said.

"It should have been a 5-3 game. We had some good scoring chances but we hit a post, a crossbar and shot wide."

Teams are often intimidated by Trenton but Bopp didn't feel that was the case with the Blue Devils.

"We seemed relaxed and confident," Bopp said. "I think that was the right way to approach the game."

And Bopp doesn't think South had lost any of that confidence when the game ended.

"I think every player on the team felt that Trenton is the best team in the state, and if they are, we feel that we can beat them if we play the way we're capable of playing," Bopp said.

The shot totals were almost even. Trenton had 24 to South's 22.

"The difference was, Trenton moved the puck better than we did and had a few more scoring opportunities because of that," Bopp said.

"They were also deeper than we were because we

were missing a few players."

Trenton scored once in the first period, and added two goals apiece in the second and third periods.

Trevor Sattelmeyer was in goal for South and he turned back 19 shots.

"It was a big test for a freshman goalie to play against Trenton, and Trevor passed the test," Bopp said. "Both of Trenton's goals in the second period came on rebounds. Trevor did his job. We just didn't help him out by clearing the rebounds."

Scott Maxwell and Geoff Osgood also had strong games for South.

"Maxwell was at his best," Bopp said. "He played the way I expect him to play. He's playing with a lot of confidence."

"Geoff has been playing some great hockey, winning faceoffs and working hard in all three zones."

North spikers defeat South

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball season got off to a good start last week with a 25-19, 25-17, 25-18 victory over Grosse Pointe South.

Erica Gaitley had nine kills, one block, 20 digs and five ace serves for the Norsemen. Caitlin Bennett had nine kills, two aces, 17 digs and three blocks, while Meghan Potthoff had nine kills and four blocks.

Allyce Kulek had 19 digs and 10 serve receptions. Danielle Zorhob collected 32 assists and two blocks.

North is idle until after the break when it visits perennial state power Marysville on Jan. 4. It will be the Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener for the Norsemen.

South alumni to play Friday

All former Grosse Pointe South boys hockey players are invited to participate in the annual alumni game on Friday, Dec. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the City Ice Arena.

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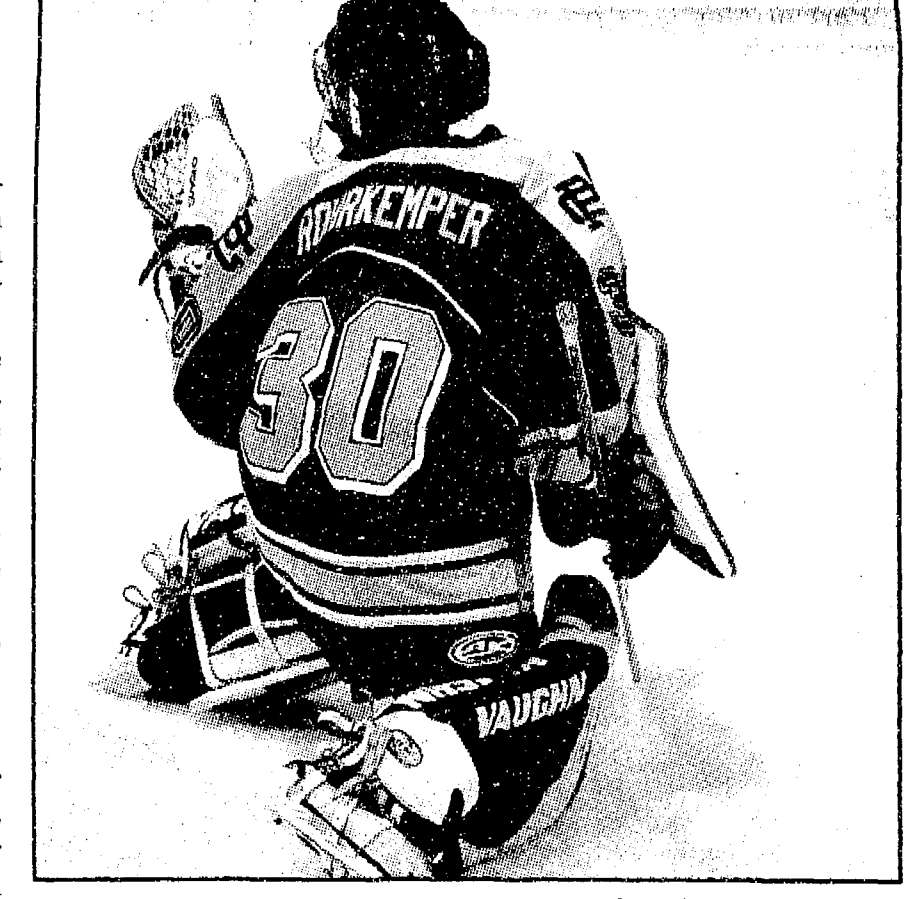
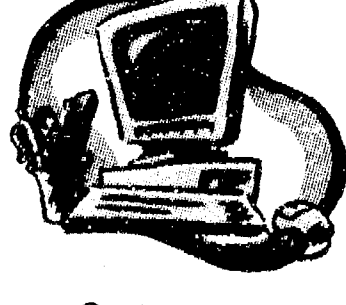


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Eric Rohrkemper makes a glove save while picking up his first victory for Grosse Pointe North against Port Huron Northern.

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<p>304 SITUATIONS WANTED GENERAL</p> <p>AGATA Cleaning- Polish honest girl looking for a job. Experience, references, free estimates. Call Barbara, (313)615-1034</p>	<p>305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL house cleaning. Honest hard working lady. Excellent references. (313)354-1277, leave message.</p>	<p>400 ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES</p> <p>LOUIS XV chairs, pair. Male/ female. C1900. Dark green. \$1,500-value; both \$800. Must see! (586)293-2413</p>	<p>408 FURNITURE</p> <p>50% OFF STOCKS PRICE</p> <p>A happy holiday sale-50% off store wide. Starting as low as \$10. Unique gifts, accessories, and furniture. 1920's to present day. Drexel, 9 piece mahogany dining set, Thomasville table/ 6 chairs, stunning 11 piece mahogany Chippendale dining set, absolutely beautiful 52"- 60" round inlay mahogany and Carpathian Burl walnut tables/ 4 to 6 chairs (3 styles to choose from). Inlaid 4 poster bedroom set, mahogany 6 piece bedroom set, mahogany corner cabinets, entertainment center, 4 large mission style book cases, hand painted furniture, Tiffany style windows and lighting. Venetian and fancy gold mirrors. Lots more! Exquisite Estate Interiors, 607 South Washington Avenue, Royal oak. Closed Thursday only. (248)582-9646</p>	<p>412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES</p> <p>60" Sony Grand Wega LCD. HD/ TV with stand and 4 year warranty. Only 10 months old, like new. Paid over \$6,100; asking \$3,200/ best. Model #xbr-kdf-60xdb950. (810)343-8297</p>	<p>413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>WANTED: musical instruments of all kinds. Cash paid. Will pick up! (248)842-6869</p>	<p>505 LOST AND FOUND</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: Red female Mastiff. Female Shepherd mix, stubby tail, red collar. Male neutered tri-tiger cat. (313)822-5707</p>	<p>605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN</p> <p>1990 Volvo DL sedan; 126K, new tires, just tuned up. Very good condition. \$2,500. (313)824-8675, (313)917-3970</p>
<p>HANDYMAN, all small jobs, readily available. Many Grosse Pointe references. Call (313)821-2724</p>	<p>307 SITUATIONS WANTED NURSES AIDES</p> <p>COMPASSIONATE & experienced male caregiver, references. (313)475-3759</p>	<p>DEL GIUDICE ANTIQUES We make house calls!</p> <p>MEMBER OF ISA WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO PURCHASE: Fine China, Crystal, Silver, Oil Paintings, Furniture, Costume & Jewelry.</p> <p>YOU'VE SEEN THE ROAD SHOW If You Have Unusual Items That You Feel Would Appeal To A WORLD WIDE AUDIENCE</p> <p>We will Research, Photo And Sell Your Items For You Through The Internet Please Call For More Information</p> <p>VISIT OUR GALLERY LOCATED IN THE OLD CHURCH AT: 515 S. Lafayette Royal Oak Monday-Saturday 11-6 248-399-2608</p>	<p>401 APPLIANCES</p> <p>30" self-cleaning electric range, oven window, oven light, clock, digital timer, storage drawer, \$250. (313)331-2378</p>	<p>MANICURING station for sale. Best offer. 313-822-8080</p>	<p>415 WANTED-TO BUY</p> <p>BOWFLEX: looking for a new/ used BowFlex. Will move. (313)529-7100</p>	<p>LOST cat- Black/ white Tuxedo. Intact male. End October, near Mack/ Cadieux. Reward. Sharon, 313-882-3150</p>	<p>606 AUTOMOTIVE SPORT UTILITY</p> <p>1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 68,000 miles, new tires. \$5,495. 313-885-2048</p>
<p>305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING</p> <p>1/2 off for the holidays! Receive half off your residential cleaning services through January 2006 guaranteed! Free recorded info 24 hours. Clean Start Services. 888-746-5434 ext. #212 Local owner.</p>	<p>EXPERIENCED caregiver for senior males. Excellent references. Steven Dwojakowski, 586-944-5233</p>	<p>THE "At-Home Caregivers" provides in home care with professional, dependable, care for your loved ones. We are insured and bonded and also provide 24 hours/ 7 days a week care. Please call today for a free assessment at 586-774-8490. You may also visit us at www.at-homecaregivers.com "The home is where the heart is!!!"</p>	<p>ORIENTAL rug- 9'X 6' 7". Claret/ multi-center medallion. Kasvin, original label attached. \$600. (313)884-7893</p>	<p>BRAND new Toshiba 50" flat screen HD plasma TV. 4 year warranty. Delivery not included. \$3,300. (313)372-7449</p>	<p>FINE china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware and antiques. Call Jan/ Herb. (586)731-8139</p>	<p>LOST: female 1 year old English Bull dog, brown/ white. Last seen at Balduck Park. Reward, no questions asked. (313)522-2424</p>	<p>1990 Jeep Grand Wagoneer, no rust. Black, red interior. Good drive train. \$2,500. Bob, 313-570-3098</p>
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<p>HOUSE cleaning and laundry services. Polish ladies with very good experience, excellent references. We speak English! (313)319-7657, (313)881-0259</p>	<p>406 ESTATE SALES</p> <p>406 ESTATE SALES</p>	<p>MRS. CLEAN Complete House Cleaning (313)590-1000 We Do It Your Way! You'll Love My Service. Fantastic References.</p>	<p>406 ESTATE SALES</p> <p>406 ESTATE SALES</p>	<p>BASEBALL cards; 70's thru early 90's. Some 50's and 60's. Lots of cards/ memorabilia. (313)402-7166</p>	<p>413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>WANTED: Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins and Ukels. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522.</p>	<p>603 AUTOMOTIVE GENERAL MOTORS</p> <p>2002 Buick Rendezvous; clean, well-maintained, highway miles. \$9,500/ best. 586-292-9208</p>	<p>612 AUTOMOTIVE VANS</p> <p>1996 Caravan LE, 79K miles, loaded. 3.3L, good condition. \$4,200 (313)823-8538</p>
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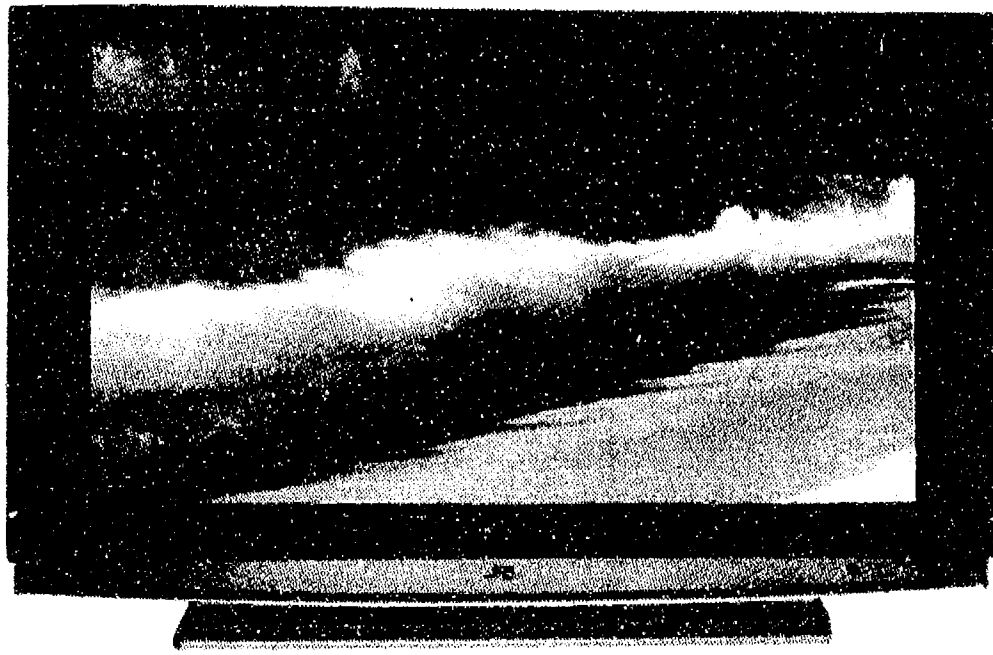
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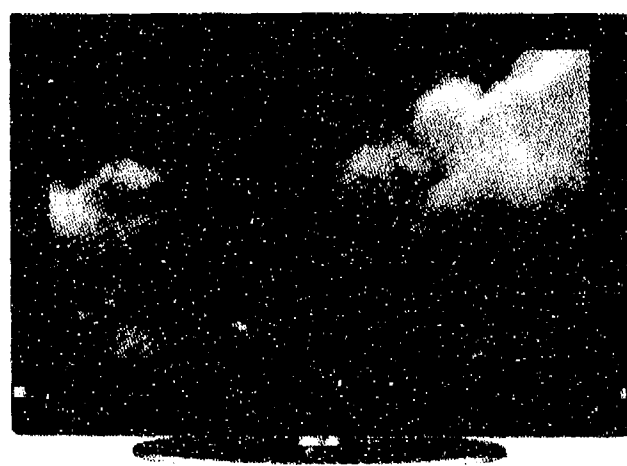
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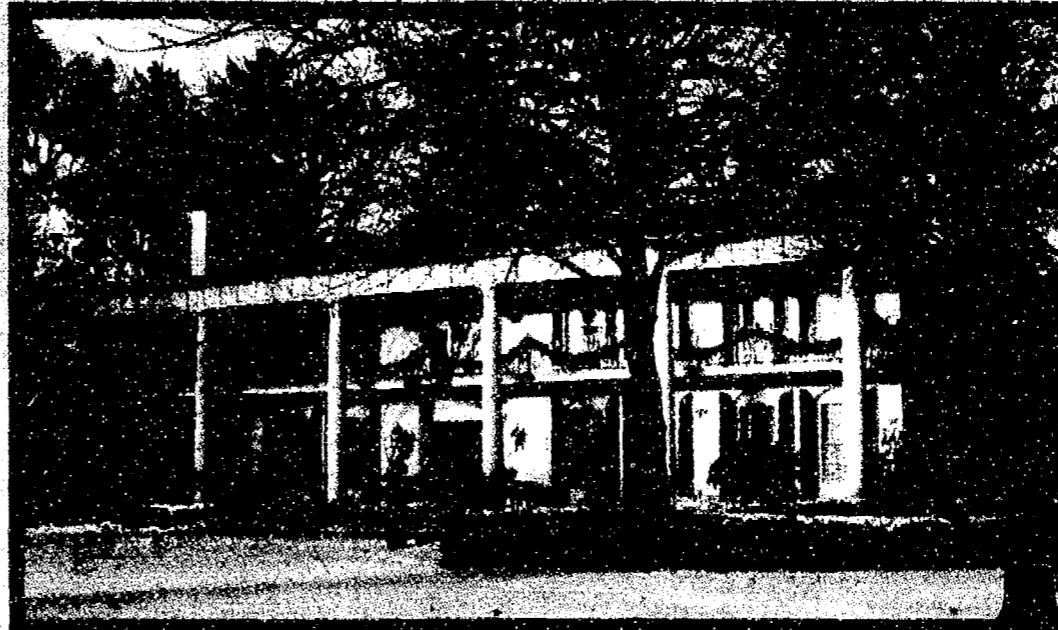
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On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Federal Reserve Board raised its benchmark lending rate from 4.0 percent to 4.25 percent, the highest since May 2001. This will be the 13th consecutive quarter-point rate increase in the past 18 months.

This adjustment is recognized through many different types of interest rates, but what is the immediate effect to a current homeowner? Its immediate effect is directly related to any Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC) a consumer has on his or her current home.

A Home Equity Line of Credit is a loan taken by the consumer against the equity in his home. The equity is the value of the home, minus your mortgage balance or other liens. For example, let's assume you owe \$150,000 on your current mortgage, and an appraisal shows the market value of the home is \$350,000. Subtract what you owe from the home's market value, and the difference is what may be applied for a HELOC.

By obtaining a HELOC, the consumer has the money set in a reserve line of credit that can be accessed and drawn upon when needed. The cost of borrowing this money is based directly off the prime rate. HELOCs feature variable rates that move up and down with the prime rate.

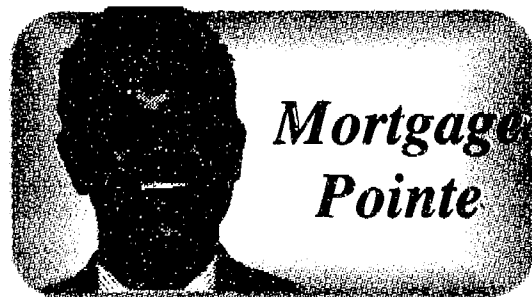
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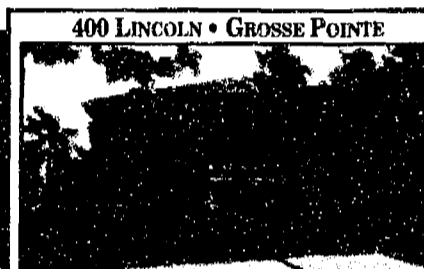
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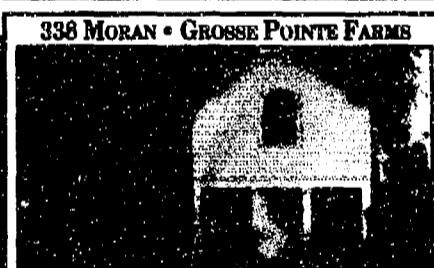
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Winter concrete care and the use of deicers

Q. We had a new concrete driveway put in this fall and the contractor told us to be careful using deicers on it this winter. What are the best deicers to use to avoid damaging our new driveway?

— Greg, via e-mail.

A. The best way to avoid damaging a new or existing concrete driveway is to avoid using too much deicer (most commonly rock salt or calcium chloride) in an effort to melt all the snow and ice. However, you should not use any deicing chemical the first winter on new concrete, if at all possible. The only safe material to make new concrete surfaces skid resistant is plain sand.

The following are other practical tips for proper winter concrete care from the Michigan Concrete Association, whose members produce the concrete for most of Michigan's sidewalks, driveways and parking lots:

- Always remove snow and ice from concrete surfaces as soon as



possible to minimize the effects of freeze/thaw cycles.

- Use deicers according to the manufacturer's instruction and never over-apply. Melting every bit of ice and snow on walkways and driveways with deicers is just not practical. Use the deicer only to break the bond between ice and pavement.

- Once the bond between ice and pavement is broken by the deicer, the slush and residual deicer should be removed by shoveling or plowing to prevent refreezing.

- Under normal conditions,

deicers containing sodium chloride (common salt) or calcium chloride may be used after the first winter. Even then it is recommended that a penetrating sealer be applied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Never use deicers containing ammonium sulfate or ammonium nitrate. These chemicals are often packaged and sold as deicers but overuse can disintegrate concrete. Following these steps will ensure

that you get a long and useful life from your new driveway.

The Michigan Concrete Association is at 3130 Pine Tree Road in Lansing. The association was established in 1952 as a forum for the state's ready-mixed concrete industry and as an educational resource for consumers. For more information, call (800) 678-9622, or visit its Web site at www.miconcrete.org.

Loans

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into a fixed first or second mortgage based on the current loan to value and combined loan to values.

Using the information gathered from the above examples, imagine that the current consumer's first mortgage of \$150,000 is at a 30-year fixed rate of 6.25 percent, holding a monthly principal and interest payment of \$923.58. When combining this payment with the HELOC interest-only payment of \$604.17, there is a total monthly mortgage obligation of \$1,527.75. By consolidating both mortgages into one mortgage and refinancing at a current market rate of 6.25 percent on a 30-year fixed, his new payment would be \$1,539.29. In this example the payment does increase; however, a consumer is now paying principal and interest on the full amount of \$250,000 as opposed to his current financial situation of \$150,000. In addition, the consumer has eliminated any future increase of payments on his current mortgage balance and hedged himself from any future risk.

A consumer may read this example and not want to give up a great first-mortgage rate he received from a lender three years ago to satisfy a growing HELOC balance. The simple answer to this situation would be to refinance the HELOC solely by means of a second mortgage.

A consumer will find that second-mortgage rates are slightly

higher than first-mortgage rates. This is due to the fact that a second mortgage takes the second position or lien. In the event of a borrower defaulting on the mortgage, the second position will get paid back second, causing it to be riskier. Despite rates being slightly higher than first-mortgage interest rates, the rates are very comparable to current-market rates of a HELOC. By consolidating the HELOC into a second mortgage, you are receiving a fixed rate and therefore hedging against any future increases in rates without jeopardizing your first mortgage.

It is very important to contact a knowledgeable loan officer and discover the different options you, as the homeowner, have. More often consumers are discouraged and afraid of what they may not know. A competent loan officer can provide you with the knowledge of the many different products to help you achieve your financial goals.

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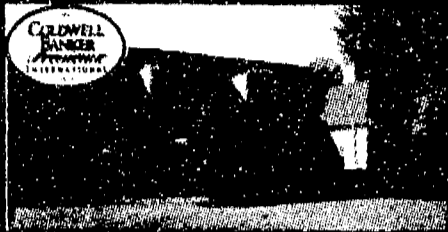
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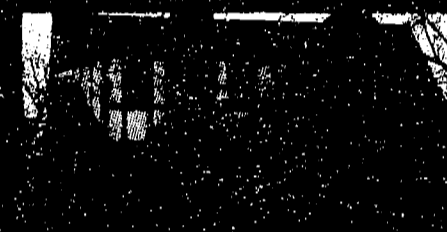
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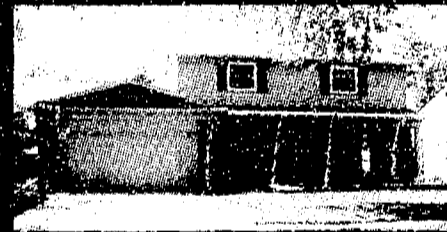
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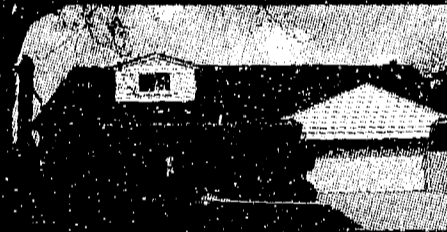
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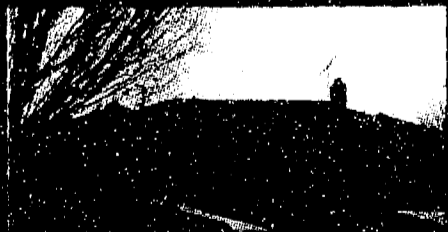
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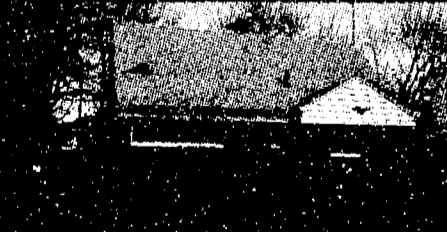
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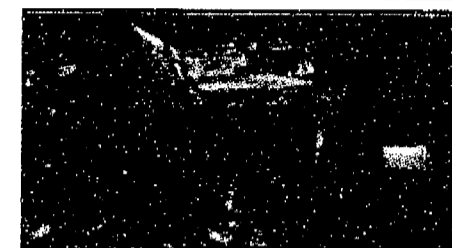
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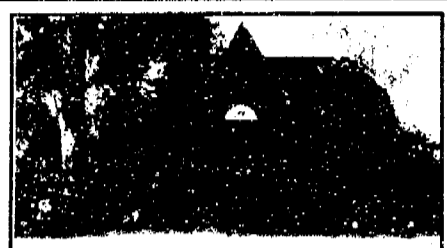
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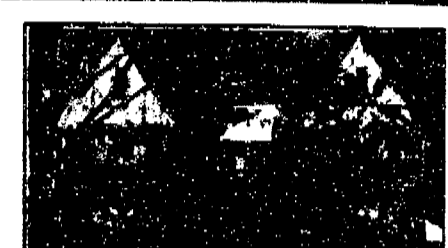
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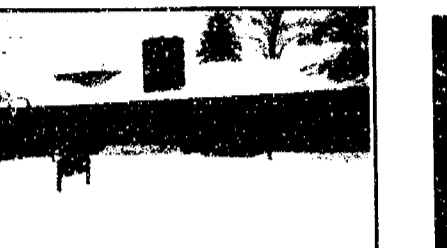
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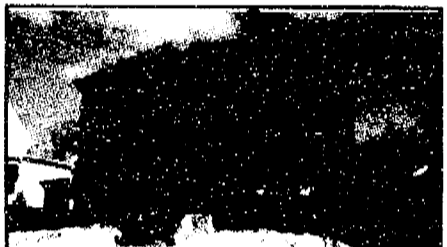
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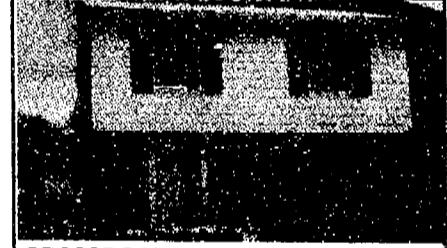
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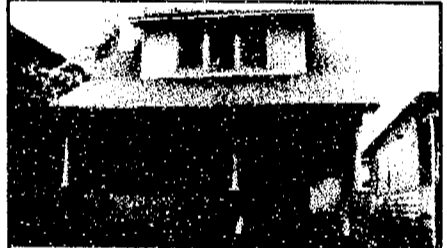
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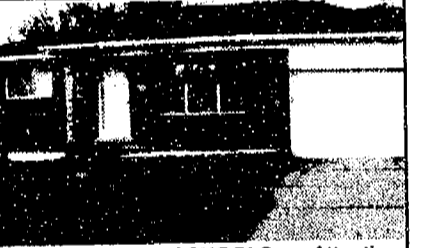
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Enjoy all the Grosse Pointe amenities including the private lakefront parks. Large deck perfect for entertaining. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Kitchen appliances. Ready to move in. (LGP30WAY) 313-886-5040 \$158,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Ranch
Major price reduction! Act fast! Grosse Pointe Woods two bedroom ranch. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet, gas fireplace and deck. Hardwood floors. Neutral decor. Two and one half car garage. (LGP41HAM) 313-886-5040 \$148,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Exceptional
Colonial featuring a newer custom kitchen with hickory cabinets, ceramic floors and counters. Beautifully refinished hardwood floors, family room, beautiful walnut fireplace in living room. Professionally landscaped. Tastefully decorated. (LGP59COU) 313-886-5040 \$184,500



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Attention
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwalk leads to roofed patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty. (LGP67FLE) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Charming
Three bedroom brick ranch, Grosse Pointe Schools, two car garage, updated kitchen. Finished basement with full kitchen and full bath. Hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Patio, fenced yard, air, home warranty. (LGP91KEN) 313-886-5040 \$149,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Immaculate
This three bedroom brick ranch is spotless. Newer kitchen, newer roof and newer windows. Refinished hardwood floors, central air conditioning, two car garage. Seller will help buyer with closing costs. Home warranty. (LGP12BEA) 313-886-5040 \$129,900



BIRMINGHAM Outstanding
Recently renovated condo, walking distance to downtown Birmingham. Two bedrooms, two full baths. Incredible gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite countertops. Master bedroom has walk-in closet. See and buy! (LGP15OLD) 313-886-5040 \$479,000



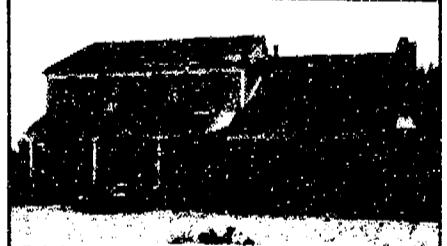
DETROIT Indian Village
Multi-family. Unique opportunity. Believed to be the only two-family in historic Indian Village. Natural fireplace in both units, separate utilities, two car garage. Old world charm. Family room, master bedroom with private bath. (LGP17SEM) 313-886-5040 \$297,500



DETROIT Exceptional Loft
Exceptional Detroit loft condo in Wayne State area. Two bedrooms and one and one half bath, attached garage. Beautiful hardwood floors and exposed brick walls, stainless steel appliances. Home warranty. Immediate occupancy. (LGP48MIL) 313-886-5040 \$289,900



DAVISBURG Country Living
This spacious home offers approx. 2,844 sq. ft., a gorgeous horse barn with pavers, an extensive corral and approx. 4.5 acres. Finished walkout basement with approximately 1,500 additional sq. ft. Two fireplaces - one is in master bedroom. (LGP21EAG) 313-886-5040 \$267,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Spacious
This spacious family home offers four bedrooms and two and one half baths. Large corner lot in a beautiful sub. Master bedroom offers private full bath and walk-in closet. Doorwalks to deck from both kitchen and family room. Fireplace. (LGP35FAI) 313-886-5040 \$273,900



LIVONIA Colonial
Family home in sought after area. Four bedrooms, one and one half baths with two-car attached garage. Finished basement, large backyard for the kids. Dining room, family room and natural fireplace in living room. (LGP47WIL) 313-886-5040 \$235,000



CHESTERFIELD TWP. Condominium
Wonderful end unit condo with view of pond. Vaulted ceilings in great room, open floor plan, snackbar in gourmet kitchen. Master bedroom with full bath. Florida room. Fantastic finished lower level with bedroom, bath, kitchen-perfect in-law suite. (LGP05WHI) 313-886-5040 \$215,000



MACOMB TOWNSHIP Custom Living
Upgraded split level condo with master on first floor, full bath and walk-in closet. Custom kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Loft area with second bedroom, full bath and sitting room. Don't miss out. (LGP47SLE) 313-886-5040 \$213,900



ST. CLAIR SHORES Exceptional
Updates 2005 include new windows, gorgeous cherry cabinets in kitchen, stainless steel appliances, ceramic floors and backsplash, snack bar. Very open concept. Family room with gas fireplace, doorwalk to patio. Crown moldings, six panel doors. (LGP06CHA) 313-886-5040 \$209,900



DETROIT A Real Gem
Located in historic Indian Village manor on the Detroit River. You won't be disappointed with it's beauty and quiet comfort. Meticulously cared for. Each bedroom has it's own bath. Gracious foyer opens to living room. (LGP20JEF) 313-886-5040 \$190,900



DETROIT East Side Gem
Beautiful remodeled three bedroom home has been thoroughly updated. Windows, roof, furnace and more. New kitchen and all new plumbing. Fenced yard. Close to schools. Very nice inside! Decorative fireplace and hardwood floors. (LGP07BAL) 313-886-5040 \$140,000

Relocation Services
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Grosse Pointe 313-886-5040 St. Clair Shores 586-778-8100 Birmingham 248-642-8100 Chesterfield Twp. 586-949-5590 Clarkston 248-620-7200 Clinton Twp. 586-286-0008 Commerce Twp. 248-363-1200 Fraser 586-294-3655 Northville 248-349-5600 Plymouth 734-455-5600 Rochester 248-652-0000 Royal Oak 248-280-4777 Shelby Twp. 586-731-8180 Sterling Heights 586-939-2800 Troy 248-524-1600 West Bloomfield 248-626-8800



THE GONG RATE

Mortgage Rates as of December 16, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.75	0	JB
1st National Bank in Howell	(517) 545-2207	6	2	5.5	2	NR	NR	J
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.375	2.25	4.875	2.125	4.5	1.125	JB
AAXA Discount Mortgage	(877) 728-3599	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	JB
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.75	0.5	5.375	0.25	NR	NR	J
America's Premier Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.875	0	5.5	0	6	0	JB/VF
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.875	0.25	5.5	0	5	0	J/VF
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	J
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8646	6	1	5.5	1	5	1	J
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.75	0.75	5.5	0.875	3.75	0.5	JB/VF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	6	2	5.625	1.875	NR	NR	J
Captiva Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.875	0.25	5.5	0.25	3.375	0	J/VF
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.75	0.5	5.5	0.125	NR	NR	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.375	0	6	0	NR	NR	J/VF
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 569-5805	5.625	1.125	5.125	1.25	2.5	1	JB/VF
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	6	2	5.625	2	4.75	0	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	6.25	0	5.75	0	5.625	0.5	J/VF
Credit Union One	(800) 544-5567	6.25	0	5.875	0	5	0	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	6.125	0	5.75	0	3.625	2	JB
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.875	2	5.375	2	NR	NR	J
eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.875	1	5.375	1	4.625	1	R
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	6.125	0.375	5.75	0.25	5.125	0.25	VF
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	6.25	0	5.875	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
First International Mortgage	(248) 258-1584	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	JB
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.75	3	5.875	1	4.375	1	JB/VF
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.5	1.875	5	1.875	2.25	2	JB/VF
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.125	0	JB/VF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6	0	5.625	0	5.25	0	JB/VF
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.75	0	5.375	0	5.125	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	5.75	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.625	3	5	3	NR	NR	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	5.5	2.5	5.25	2	3.75	1	JB
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) HOME-800	5.875	2	5.5	2	3.75	2	JB/VF
Lira Financial	(586) 228-0900	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.125	0	JB/VF
Macomb Schools & Gov. CU	(586) 263-8800	5.625	2	5.25	2	4.875	0	J
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.625	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	JB
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.75	0.5	5.25	0.625	2.5	1	JB/VF
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.75	2.125	5.25	2.125	5.375	1	JB/B
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.375	0	JF
Peoples Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.75	0.5	5.5	0.25	NR	NR	J
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2600	6	0	5.75	0	2.75	0	J
Prime Financial Corp.	(248) 203-7010	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	VF
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.375	3	4.875	3	3.125	3	J/VF
Sterling Bank & Trust	(800) 926-LOAN	6.25	0	5.875	0	4.375	0	JF
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.25	0.25	JB/VF
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	5.875	0	5.625	0	4.625	0	JB
Average of Rates and Points		5.86	0.86	5.47	0.78	4.18	0.60	

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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton

Real estate experts give tips for the holidays

According to the National Association of Realtors, nearly 1.5 million homes were sold between November 2004 and January 2005, dispelling the myth of a slowdown in home sales during the holiday season. In fact, these three months can be especially crucial for transferees, many of whom need to be in new homes at the start of the coming year.

The real estate professionals from Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp. offer the following tips to help sellers maximize their home's charm and allure during the holidays:

Increase curb appeal: First impressions are critical. If the home is in a snowy area, make sure to clear the walkways and driveway. Remove any late fall leaves, and ensure the path to the stairs is free of ice. Put up a few exterior holiday lights and decorations to display seasonal tidings and pride in ownership. Do not overdo the lighting. Keep it tasteful and consistent with the rest of the neighborhood. A holiday welcome mat outside the front door is also a nice touch.

Keep the house warm and welcoming: December and January

can be very cold; so make sure the home is warm and cozy. If the house has a fireplace, light a fire to bring the room to life and enhance the ambience. Bake holiday cookies and treats to give the home an enticing aroma.

Decorate the interior: It is important not to overwhelm home shoppers with dramatic displays of holiday cheer; so be conservative with holiday decorations. Decorate to accentuate the house, not to eclipse it. Tasteful decorations will help connect buyers to the home, remind them of pleasant memories and help them imagine their own holiday celebrations there.

Remove the lock box: On a more practical note, sellers who are entertaining a lot over the holidays should talk to their real estate sales associate about removing the lock box except during designated appointment times. The multiple listing service information may need to be changed to let sales associates know that there is a temporary showing procedure that requires buyers' sales associates to call in advance for an appointment. It is best if the house is not shown when entertaining family and friends.

Old-fashioned glass cookies

By Anita Gold

Q. At a family dinner, my grandpa raved about the "glass cookies" his mother made when he was a boy. When I asked him why they were called such a name, he said he didn't know but that his mother always kept them in her glass cookie jar for dunking in tea. I know there's no such thing as glass cookies, but can you tell me more about the name, and some information on glass cookies?

— F. Thomas, Virginia Beach.

A. Although "glass cookies" never existed, they were sometimes called by that name, being that drinking glasses (when turned upside down and pressed into cookie dough) allowed the open end to become a cookie cutter that could cut out rounds in different sizes, depending

on the size of the glass and its opening. For instance, a martini glass would make a big cookie whereas a whiskey glass would make a small one. Therefore, the name glass cookies refers to upside down glasses used as cutters.

Q. I have an old handmade tin cookie cutter shaped like an elephant that has a strap handle and measures over 4-inches long. Does it have any value?

— Marie Nathan, Munster, IN.

A. Yes, between \$55 and \$65 depending on its condition and workmanship.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

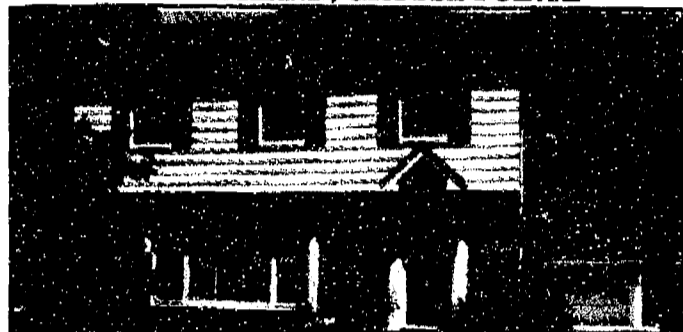


Happy Christmas!



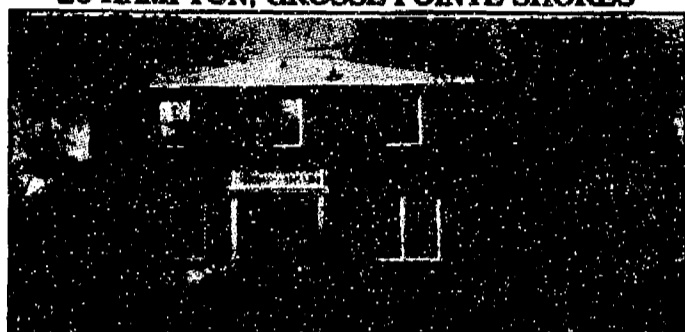
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784 LAKELAND, GROSSE POINTE



Beautifully and excellently cared for home! Superb colonial on desirable Lakeland Road. Generously deep lot. Living room with natural fireplace. Formal dining room. Bright and cheerful kitchen with loads of cabinets and counters. Refinished oak floors. Open atmosphere as the family room and breakfast room stretch the entire width of the house overlooking the yard. Three bedrooms. 2 1/2 baths. Finished basement with office and recreation room. Two car garage with an extra work room attached to the back. Central air and more. Priced to sell at only \$399,000

20 HAMPTON, GROSSE POINTE SHORES



FIRST OFFERING

Gorgeous center entrance colonial a few doors off Lakeshore Road and in walking distance to GP Shores waterfront park and the GP Yacht Club! Circular floor plan takes you on a tour through the foyer, to the living room with NFP, and the family room overlooking the extra wide backyard, formal dining room, kitchen with eating space. Powder room in back hall which leads to the 2 1/2 car attached garage. Four generous bedrooms with 2 full baths. Finished and divided basement with loads of elbow space. Numerous updates. Central air. Sprinkling system and so much more. 2,800 sqft! Hurry and see this special home in a great neighborhood at \$575,000

1376 BEDFORD, GROSSE POINTE PARK



FIRST OFFERING

English Tudor in the heart of GP Park. Four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. New kitchen with all upgraded appliances. Oak floors. Freshly painted throughout. Third floor is perfect for either teen's room or games room! 2300 sqft. Priced to sell!!

4 CARMEL PLACE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS



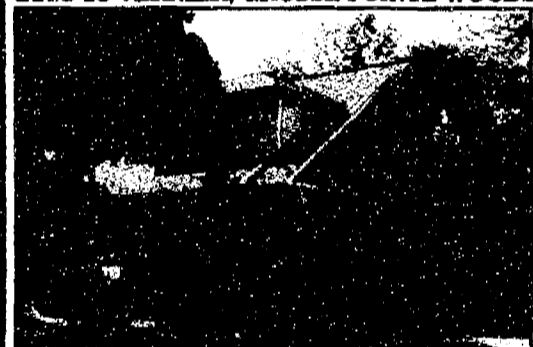
Lovely outstanding views of Lake St. Clair! New kitchen with limestone counters and updates galore! Two new master bedrooms on first and second floors! Three new marble and ceramic baths. Gorgeous two story entrance foyer with marble floor. Wonderfully inviting floor plan. Fireplaces in sunken living room, master bedroom, sitting room, and marvelous lower level, which has a library, family room and so much more. Tandem four car attached garage. Raised porch overlooking the lake. \$1,395,000

1931 BEAUFAIT, GROSSE POINTE WOODS



NEW PRICE! ONLY \$189,000! Cute and Quaint! A wonderful three bedroom bungalow in walking distance to shops and restaurants along Mack Ave. Living room with fireplace. Dining room. New roof/furnace and central air. Newer windows. New kitchen with new appliances. Comfortable and cozy home with finished basement. A generous lot. Easy occupancy.

2113-15 VERNIER, GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Totally renovated and updated multi-family! New price at only \$199,000! This home w!!! WOW YOU!! Two new kitchens w/ ceramic floor & backsplash, with new appliances and countertops! Newer carpeting. New roof! New furnace! Copper plumbing. Two updated full baths! Two car garage with door openers. Walking distance to Mack Avenue shops/restaurants/banks/schools!

21553 NEWCASTLE, HARPER WOODS



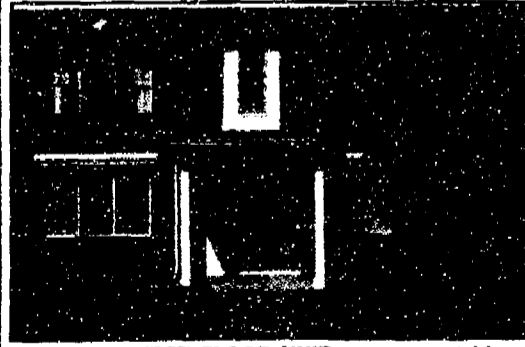
Totally renovated four bedrooms, two full bath bungalow. New windows! New maple kitchen with granite counters! Re-finished oak floors! New finished basement! Freshly painted! 2 car garage! Central air, and more!! East of I-94! Walking distance to shopping, banks, restaurants along Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods! Price slashed to only \$174,500

20934 HUNT CLUB, HARPER WOODS



SWEET!!! Beautifully renovated and professionally decorated brick bungalow east of Harper in the Grosse Pointe school district. New Kitchen! New windows! New roof! New electric! Three bedrooms, remodeled bath! Open kitchen and dining room offering a wonderfully inviting atmosphere. Finished basement with dry bar! Only \$158,900

19835 ARTHUR, HARPER WOODS



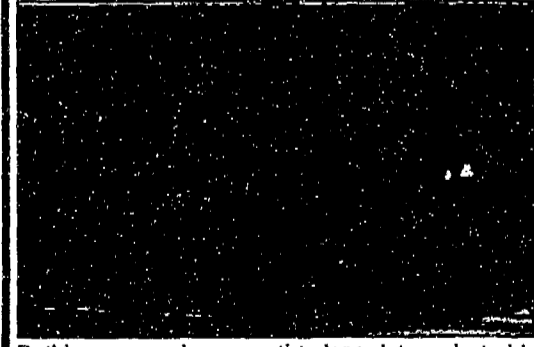
Convenient FIRST FLOOR UNIT in quiet neighborhood east of I-94 bordering near Grosse Pointe Woods. Walking distance to Mack Avenue shops/banks/restaurants. Good condition. Two bedrooms, living room & dining room overlooking front courtyard. Kitchen with appliances. Spacious rooms! Laundry in basement. Priced reduced to only \$43,500

3855 KENSINGTON, DETROIT



Beautifully maintained English Tudor in the "East English Village" district 1 1/2 blocks off Mack Avenue. Three spacious bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Living room with NFP. Formal dining room. Kitchen with eating space. Family room. Recreation room in large basement. 2100 sqft. Only \$175,000

314 UNIVERSITY PLACE, GROSSE POINTE



Build your own home on this large lot on desirable and eclectic University Place in Grosse Pointe City. 150 x 156 on a winding bend of the street. Plans are available from owner! Land contract possibilities! Priced at \$695,000

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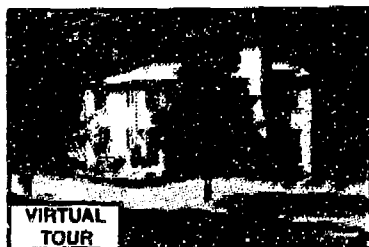
VIRTUAL TOUR

10 Webber Place • \$1,245,000
Grosse Pointe Shores
6 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths



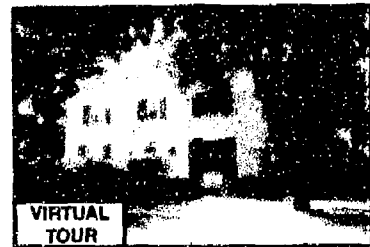
VIRTUAL TOUR

1037 Bishop • \$819,000
Grosse Pointe Park
5 bedrooms, 3 full, 1 half bath.



VIRTUAL TOUR

1105 Three Mile Drive • \$799,000
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 half bath



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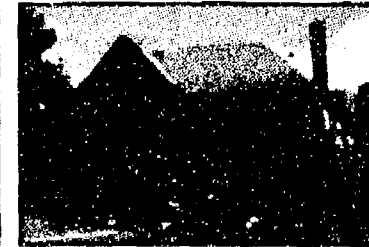
687 Westchester • \$729,000
Grosse Pointe Park
5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1 half bath



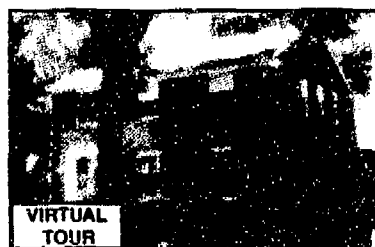
VIRTUAL TOUR

NEW PRICING

631 Westchester • \$724,500
Grosse Pointe Park
5 bedrooms, 3 full, 2 half baths.



726 Westchester • \$625,000
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 3 full, 1 half bath.

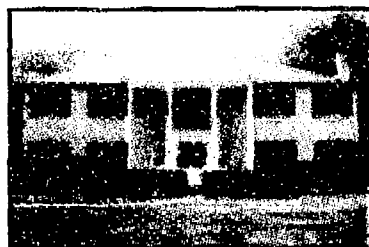


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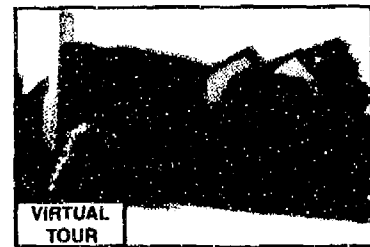
1025 Whittier • \$599,000
Grosse Pointe Park
5 bedrooms, 3 full, 1 half bath.



1029 Kensington • \$585,000
Grosse Pointe Park
6 bedrooms, 3 full, 1 half bath.



767 Berkshire • \$549,950
Grosse Pointe Park
5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1 half bath



VIRTUAL TOUR

723 University • \$549,500
Grosse Pointe
4 bedrooms, 3 full, 1 half bath.



1033 Harvard • \$529,900
Grosse Pointe Park
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 half bath.



1115 Whittier • \$499,000
Grosse Pointe Park
6 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1 half bath



VIRTUAL TOUR

917 Westchester • \$484,900
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



861 Lakeland • \$484,900
Grosse Pointe
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 half bath

In memory of our parents, Jim & Jeanette Fikany...

There is no more appropriate time to say "Thank You" and to wish our clients, associates and friends a blessed Holiday Season. Denise, Mike, Sharon, Jim, Joe, John, Mark & Jeff



NEW PRICING

790 Lakeland • \$389,900
Grosse Pointe
3 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



1997 Severn • \$318,000
Grosse Pointe Woods
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths.



942 Lincoln • \$317,000
Grosse Pointe
2 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath.



NEW PRICING

1303 Kensington • \$313,900
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



22482 St. Clair • \$298,500
St. Clair Shores
5 bedrooms, 3 full baths.



FOR SALE OR LEASE
1245 Grayton • \$295,000/Lease \$1,500
Grosse Pointe Park
3 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath.



1433 Harvard • \$239,000
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths



19971 Emory Court • \$239,000
Grosse Pointe Woods
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths.



NEW PRICING

1444 Grayton • \$237,400
Grosse Pointe Park
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, 1 half bath



1021 Cadieux • \$219,500
Grosse Pointe Park
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath.



896 University • \$216,900
Grosse Pointe
3 bedrooms.



21115 Woodmont • \$189,500
Harper Woods
3 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath.



21119 Beaufait • \$169,900
Harper Woods
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



NEW PRICING

16600 Chandler Park Drive
Detroit • \$169,900
3 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath.



19648 Lochmoor • \$158,900
Harper Woods
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath.



18961 Mallina • \$119,900
Detroit
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath.



COMMERCIAL

20946 Harper • \$625,000
Harper Woods • 4,399 square feet
Former recording studio.



4223 University • \$89,500
Detroit
3 bedrooms, 1 bath.

313-882-6900 ext 3

FAX: 313-343-5569

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Open Sunday grid - MONDAYS 4 P.M.

(Call for Holiday close dates)

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TUESDAY 12 NOON

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