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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

White House gets G.P. touch

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

The holiday season means decking the halls, but very few know what it's like to deck Cross Hall at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Just back from completing several 12-hour days decorating the White House for the Christmas season, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Susan Stewart is still savoring the memories.

"It's such a beautiful house and everything is carefully planned," she said. "This year's theme was patriotism, so everything was done in red, white and blue. We created a patriotic spirit that will unite us as Americans."

It's very much a family affair for Stewart.

This was the third time Stewart, along with her sisters, Rosemary Casaceli of Marine City, Kathy Garrisi of Macomb Township and Marybeth McMonigle of Mount Clemens, volunteered for this coveted duty. Their brother, Bob Scanlan, is the assistant head florist at the White House. Scanlan and another brother, Bill, owned Scanlan Fisher Road florists for several years. Following the sale of the business, Bob Scanlan relocated to Washington, D.C. and has worked at the White House for 10 years.

"There are four full-time florists on staff at the White House," said Stewart. "They

bring in volunteers to help decorate for special occasions like the holidays."

Stewart and her sisters arrived in Washington Saturday, Nov. 29 and went right to work.

"First we unloaded trucks that would arrive from the warehouses where many of the traditional decorations like the garlands are stored," she said. "My main job was to attach florist wire to ornaments. They don't use hooks for anything; everything is done with wire. The garlands are artificial, but all the trees and wreaths are real and the scent was just beautiful."

She and her sisters worked in the East Room where state dinners are often held, decorating with red teardrop bulbs. Then they moved to the Cross Hall, the long promenade that connects the East Room with the State Dining Room. There they set about decorating the trees.

"The designers wanted the trees to be exactly the same, so there was a great deal of detail that went into decorating those trees," Stewart said.

Her first trip to the White House was in 2000, which marked the Clinton's last Christmas in the residence. She returned in 2003.

"There is a different theme every year," Stewart noted. "In 2000, we worked with fruit and in 2003, the theme was children's stories and a celebration

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Cameron Stapleton, 16 months, of Grosse Pointe Shores, visits Santa during last Sunday's village tree lighting ceremony. At left, Rose Garland Thornton of Grosse Pointe Shores leads the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus during the tree lighting ceremony.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Santa fires up tree lighting

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Mia and R.J. Cassar dressed for success when they wore red sweaters to visit Santa Claus.

"Red — that's my favorite color," Santa told the 5- and 4-year-old respective siblings at last Sunday night's Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Mia asked Santa for a Barbie doll and spin toothbrush for Christmas. R.J. said he wanted a Santa snow globe.

"That's one of my favorites, too," Santa told the boy.

The ceremony was the 16th, and possibly last, tree lighting in the village.

"Hopefully, next year we will be gathering for our very first 'lighting of the city' celebration," said Shores President Dr. James Cooper.

Shores residents this year voted to transform the nearly 100-year-old village into a city. Benefits include more economic operation.

Yet Yuletide, not civics, was on Cooper's mind as residents gathered for the holiday ceremony outside village hall.

He said, "This is our very own official kickoff to the holiday

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THURSDAY, DEC 11

- ◆ The La Societe des Jardinières holds its annual Christmas party at the home of Kathie Smith at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served and a grab bag gift exchange will follow.
- ◆ An introduction to Reiki will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the

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Heenan's dedication recognized

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It's not often Palmer Heenan is taken by surprise, especially after serving as mayor of Grosse Pointe Park for 25 years.

But when a routine, staid council meeting Dec. 8 suddenly turned into a surprise party for him, even he was speechless.

More than 100 residents crowded the council chambers as the Park's regularly scheduled meeting came to a close. Heenan, looking a bit surprised, smiled broadly when Councilman Greg Theokis stood and congratulated him on his 25th anniversary as mayor.

"In 1982, a group came together that had some concerns about how the city was being run and asked Palmer to run for mayor," Theokis related. "He said he was too old when he was first asked. We asked him a second time, again he said no. But apparently the third time was the charm."



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

City officials, family and friends gathered Dec. 8 to mark Palmer Heenan's 25 years of service to Grosse Pointe Park. Helping the mayor celebrate were his grandchildren, Caitlin Heenan, 12; Kiki Fox, 16; Thomas Heenan, 8; Isabelle Sakelaris, 11; and Bennet Sakelaris, 11.

Theokis added what apparently sealed the deal was Heenan's late wife, Jane, convinced him to run.

"I remember when he called me to tell me that he would run. That was the first of 1,000 calls I would get from P.T.

Heenan," Theokis joked. Daniel Grano, the youngest and newest member of the Park council, reflected on what Heenan had taught him about city government.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I have played sports since I was a little girl and I was lucky enough to play at the college level.'

Meghan Brennan

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 24

Family: Father, Jim; mother, Cheryl; siblings, Christopher and Emily

Claim to fame: Nike field reporter

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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ POINTES MUST PAY DETROIT MORE FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

After several months of negotiations, the Park bowed to a Detroit Water Board demand for an increase in the sewage disposal rate that will add approximately \$9,000 a year to the Park's bill.

At a regular meeting of the city council, City Manager Robert Slone saw no way to escape the increase, since Detroit supplies the community with all its water needs and handles the sewage disposal.

◆ THIEVES CAN'T CRACK SAFE:

Farms police are investigating the breaking and entering of the Punch and Judy Theater on Kercheval, where burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to open the theater safe.

Police said the thieves either had a key to the outer door of the theater or hid in the building until everyone had left.

The crime was discovered by one of the cleanup men who arrived to begin his chores at 7 a.m. He called police after finding the window of the ticket office broken and the combination dial chiseled from the safe.

◆ SHORES SETBACK IN LAND FIGHT:

Grosse Pointe Shores has been stalemated in its condemnation proceedings against the homeowners of 809 Lakeshore Road, whose property the village wants as an addition to its municipal park.

The state Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal by the

village, which sought a reversal of a decision rendered in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The Shores has been after the property since 1953 when it brought condemnation proceedings against the homeowners.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ POLICE PAY DISPUTE GOES TO ARBITRATOR:

An arbitration panel will meet to hear both sides of the long-standing wage dispute between Grosse Pointe Woods and its public safety officers and corporals.

Union officials asked for a 7.7 percent increase in the base wage, while the city's last best offer was 6 percent. The union's request would bring Woods officers up to the pay level in the other Grosse Pointes.

◆ THIEVES HIT NORTH:

Thieves escaped with two microwave ovens valued at \$800 from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Police said the thieves entered the school by breaking a window in a door and then unlocking it. It was the second theft from the school reported this year.

Four pieces of Apple computer equipment valued at more than \$3,000 were reported stolen in October.

◆ NO MOTHS:

For the second year in a row, agriculture department searchers came up with no signs of gypsy moth infestation in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The search was scheduled



FROM THE DEC. 11, 1958 ISSUE OF GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Seasonal sounds

Men's Night in The Village had plenty of music with the help of the Grosse Pointe High School band. Some of the musicians gathered around the big Christmas tree at Kercheval and St. Clair to pose for their picture while the stags were busily shopping during this traditional observance of the belief that man has a right to do his gift-selecting easily and pleasantly.

after the department trapped more than 60 moths in August. There will be another search in the spring.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ WOODS POLICE CHIEF TO RETIRE:

After 42 years of

service to the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jack Patterson is retiring as that city's director of public safety effective Dec. 31.

Patterson started as a public safety officer in 1956, was promoted to corporal in 1967, lieutenant in 1968 and executive lieutenant in 1980. He became chief in 1982.

◆ MACK/MOROSS LAND SURVEY:

A survey conducted

recently on behalf of elected officials in Grosse Pointe Farms has revealed that most residents of the five Pointes like the prospect of having a community recreation center in their midst.

While 64 percent of residents polled thought a joint-use community recreation center was a "very good" idea, the survey didn't mention the proposed site at Mack and Moross or the costs which could have changed the survey outcome.

◆ CARELESS OWNER: A 1985 Ford Escort was "fully involved with fire" when firefighters from Grosse Pointe Farms arrived on the scene outside a business in the 18800 block of Mack.

The vehicle's owner, a 43-year-old Woods man, told police he had been "pouring gas" on the engine's cracked manifold in an effort to "prime" the malfunctioning engine.

hind the Punch and Judy office building on the Hill. Nearby homeowners opposed encroachment of commercial activity into their neighborhood.

Additionally, the city attorney discovered deed restrictions limiting the properties to residential use. But the then-owner of one of the properties convinced the court that the city had made a legitimate offer to purchase the home and forced the sale.

◆ GRINCH: It appears the Grinch came to Grosse Pointe Woods this past weekend when outdoor decorations were stolen from several homes.

Bandits took off with an 8-foot inflatable Santa from a home on Lochmoor, a decorative candy cane and two strings of lights from a home on Hampton and a 4-foot plastic Santa and Mrs. Claus from a home on Conventry Lane.

—Karen Fontanive

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ PARK COPS HELP CLOSE DETROIT DRUG DENS: Grosse Pointe Park detectives and members of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team helped stop business in three suspected Detroit drug houses.

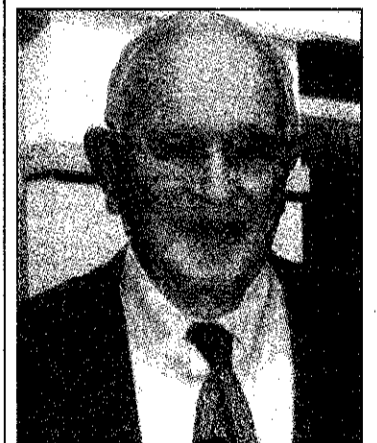
The detectives had been surveying the houses after hearing area youths were purchasing drugs at those locations.

◆ FARMS UNLOADS MCKINLEY HOUSE: Grosse Pointe Farms has arranged to sell a house on McKinley it was forced to buy through a court order.

The Farms wound up owning the property and one other after a failed attempt two years ago to expand a parking lot be-

HEENAN: Park mayor recognized

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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan

"I was just a toddler when you became mayor," he told Heenan. "I was blessed to grow up in this community. And when I ran for council, you took me under your wing and gave me valuable advice."

Heenan was presented with a watch and a plaque honoring his 25 years of service.

"I'm so grateful for all of you who have helped me," he told well-wishers. "The whole focus of this council is what's good for Grosse Pointe Park. It's been so much fun to be a part of this city. I'm gratified for your friendship and your help. I'm very humbled. I can't speak anymore."

But he can mark one more milestone. Heenan celebrates his 87th birthday this week.

It appears that's not about to slow him down.

"You exhibit a tireless stewardship," Theokis told him. "Those early guys were right, you were the best guy for the job. We look forward to many more years of your leadership."

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SHOP LOCALLY

Get on board with model trains

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Model trains continue to be a Christmas favorite.

"Everybody wants one under their tree," said Rick Claggett, of the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop.

His father founded the store as an antique shop in 1969. The following year, he started selling Lionel trains, which soon eclipsed antiques. Hence the "whistle stop" in hobby shop.

Claggett said train sales this year are good despite the bad economy.

"We sell at least half of our Lionel on the Web," he said. "There's been a slight decline of Web site sales from last year, but the decline is with the higher-end engines. The bread-and-butter stuff is selling very well, both online and in the store."

Lionel prices its trains at nearly \$2,000 for top-of-the-line steam engines. Basic freight cars list less than \$30. Claggett's stock is discounted to compete with national retailers.

The Polar Express set continues to be one of the manu-



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Rick Claggett said customers are on board with Lionel trains at the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop.

facturer's biggest sellers.

"This set has been so beyond Lionel's dreams that they keep adding to it," Claggett said. "I expect it this year to be the most popular again."

Not everything Lionel makes turns to gold. Trains sporting NASCAR paint jobs flopped, leaving Claggett with a rail yard of goofs.

"My instincts told me that NASCAR and Lionel trains don't mix," he said. "Then, people started asking about it. I ordered sets, and there they sit. We're breaking them up and selling them piece by piece."

Model trains get expensive quickly when they feature wireless, remote-control operation as opposed to traditional transformer controls.

For first-time buyers, or for parents buying sets for young children who might be hard on fragile equipment, Claggett recommended sticking with standard transformer power that has proven its value for decades.

"Remote control stuff would be over the top for something that just goes around a Christmas tree," he

said.

Remote control lets multiple trains operate simultaneously on the same track independent from each other.

"You need quite a layout to make that worthwhile," Claggett said.

Nevertheless, he said most beginning model railroaders "eventually graduate" to more sophisticated operation.

Lionel's main competitor, MTH, also available at the Whistle Stop, makes its own system of remote control.

"MTH's unit is compatible with Lionel," Claggett said. "Lionel's system can't control MTH trains."

Part of the Whistle Stop philosophy is spotlighting American-made toys. Lionel products are made in China.

"They were forced to move production to China to stay competitive," Claggett said.

"Their competition had done so. People don't want to hear this, but since they moved, their quality has never been better. The number of defective ones we get back after Christmas has never been so few.

"If there's a problem, they take it back."

Gifts with a definite local flavor

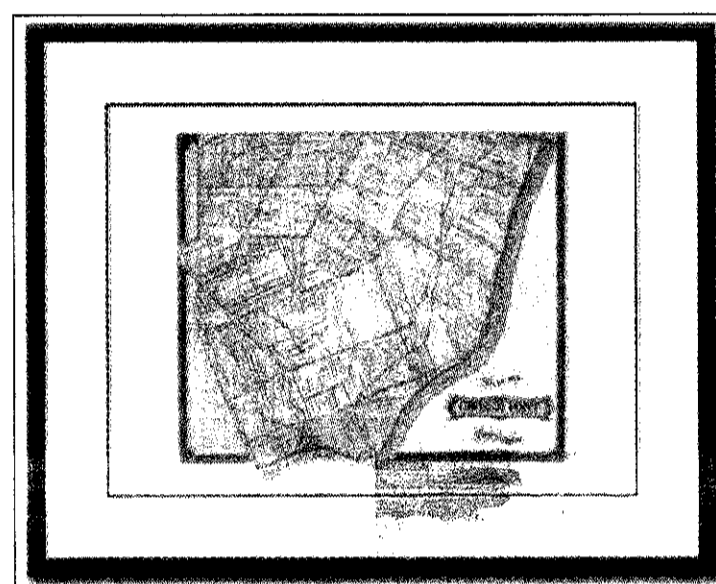
By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

How much more local can gifts pertaining to Grosse Pointe get than those offered by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society?

"With the holidays approaching, we think this is a great way to celebrate our heritage and give your friends and family a unique gift. By shopping local through Grosse Pointe Goods, you're also supporting a terrific local cause," said Stuart Grigg, historical society board president.

Show support with a gift of boxer shorts or a hoodie. There are barbecue aprons at \$18.50 to give the chef. Enjoy coffee with the neighbors using a collection of six mugs for \$13.50 each. Mugs each display a different local scene.

Framed posters and prints range in price from \$9.95 to



A framed map of Grosse Pointe can be found at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Web site.

\$47.95. Alongside a framed map of the area, a round clock would be nice. Clocks, with three different scenes from which to choose, are priced at \$18.95.

Out of town guests might enjoy carrying home their presents in a tote bag, which cost \$17.95 and \$18.95. Totes have three images from which to choose — a souvenir of the Pointes, an area map or the familiar windmill.

Gift items, including throw pillows, keepsake boxes, journals, mouse pads, ornaments, framed tiles and T-shirts, can be found on the Web site, gphistorical.org. Limited items can be purchased at the resource center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Call (313) 884-7010 to ask what is available.

Proceeds benefit the historical society's projects.

Service is their specialty

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Village Toy Company and Whistle Stop Hobby Shop are specialty stores.

Their inventories are tailored to the community. Most of their toys, games and crafts are sold by staff members trained in personalized service not typical of national outlets.

"We supply our customers with toys they're not going to see advertised on television or in Kmart, Walmart and Toys 'R' Us," said Ellen Durand, owner of Village Toy Company. "And another thing: We will show people how to play the games. We'll give them the appropriate dolls for the right age."

"Then, we offer all the services: Free gift wrapping and personalizing. We want to make shopping as stress-free as possible."

"Specialty store" isn't code for "high-priced."

"My Lego is priced the same as at Toys 'R' Us," Durand said. "If Toys 'R' Us puts them on sale, I can't help that. But, we consciously make an effort to keep our prices the same as they would be on the Internet or wherever."

At the family-owned Whistle Stop, family member Rick Claggett said his Lionel train prices are always discounted.

"It's a world market," he said. "We have to be competitive nationwide. Prices on our Web site are the same as in the store. People who come in the store get the same deals as people online."

When the economy is down and money is tight, Durand and Claggett advised parents to give their children toys that excite young imaginations, engage interest, can be used repeatedly and not become boring shortly after being opened.

"You want a lot of bang for your buck," Durand said. "It's important that we sell toys that are going to engage a child at any age. We want the toy to last more than one night. If it's a craft, we want children to make something they could use or give away."

Claggett expects lower-priced items to sell better this year than before.

He said a remote-controlled snake, tarantula and mouse "sell like crazy."

The tarantula's legs move. Its eyes glow red.

"Can you imagine seeing that crawling across the kitchen floor?" he said.

Some popular toys this year aren't just easy on the pocket-book, but also on the planet.

"We want to spotlight green-friendly toys," Claggett said.

One of the most popular items at his store this year is a self-powered model safari car made of recycled wood and milk cartons by Sprig Toys in Canada. The motor operates lights and digitalized narratives of adventures.

"The child pushing it along generates power to operate the sound and lights," Claggett said. "Every time you stop and start it again, it will continue the story where it left off. It's not like kids are always going to hear the same part of the story and never get to the end. At Toy Fair last

February in New York, every-

one was nuts about it." At Durand's store, children's bedroom accessories are good sellers.

Popular things for a girls room are color-coordinated pillows, chairs, tote bags and jewelry boxes.

"I think with girls rooms, it's a sign of independence," Durand said. "They're making their mark."

She said boy's accessories and fantasy toys include over-the-door basketball hoops, Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers lamps, pirate costumes, a king's crown, swords and shields.

Perfect gifts for the stressed

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

If there's something everyone can use this holiday season, it's a stress reliever.

Consider a massage or a day at the spa, not only for yourself, but for that person on your gift list who appears to have everything.

Betsy Breckels and her team of certified massage therapists at Breckels Massage Therapy have been kneading knots out of sore muscles and relaxing tensed tissue for nearly 25 years. This holiday season she is of-

fering gift certificates for five, one-hour massages for \$325.

The company offers several different types of massage, including Thai, assisted yoga, sports, Swedish and deep tissue.

For the busy person on your list, consider a speed massage. For the person who definitely has everything, Breckels offers a "four hands" massage that consists of two therapists working at the same time, in either an hour or half-hour package.

For those too tired to leave their house, Breckels offers "house call" massages to

those living within the Grosse Pointes.

Massage therapists bring the required equipment, including a massage table and oils.

Breckels Massage Therapy is located at 16610 Mack near Cadieux in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 886-8761 for an appointment. "Same day" massages may be available.

For those looking at a gift list that includes several nieces or granddaughters, or an office staff, consider giving them and yourself a day at the spa.

The arêtee Therapeutic Wellness Spa and Café offers several packages that include spa treatments and refreshments. Birthday and anniversary parties or just a group of co-workers wanting to unwind and have fun, are welcome.

A spa sampler package is available for \$60 per person and includes a manicure, pedicure, facial and light massage.

Complete packages with full treatment massages, facials, lunches and desserts are also available.

Pricing can be found on aretee's Web site, areteemichigan-spa.com or by calling (313) 423-0087.

The spa is located at 20559 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Village 'city' candidates file

Grosse Pointe Shores President Dr. James Cooper will run unopposed in the Feb. 24 election for mayor.

The election will decide municipal office holders and approve a new charter for the nearly 100-year-old village to reorganize as a city effective April 1.

The first of two public informational meetings about the charter is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Village Hall.

A second meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22, at the same location.

Running for six seats on the future city council are current village trustees Victoria Boyce, Brian Hunt, Karl Kratz, Fred Minturn and Glenn Peters. Also seeking a council seat is current Village Clerk Robert Graziani.

First-time council candidates submitting petitions last week at village hall were Connie Houin, Kristine Kaczanowski, Ted Kedzierski, Janice Pemberton and Dan Schulte.

Current Trustee Linda Walton is not running for election.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Meghan Brennan is using her gifts as an athlete and college education to land a job in the ultra-competitive world of sports broadcasting. The former Woods resident can be seen on Nike's Web site.

Promoting women's athletics

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Meghan Brennan has high hopes her time spent as a Nike field reporter will give her the break she has been working hard to receive.

The 24-year-old shined on the athletic field during her four years at Grosse Pointe North. She was talented enough to play college volleyball at University of North Carolina - Charlotte, before transferring to Michigan State University and competing on its very successful club team.

"I love playing sports, but volleyball is my favorite," Brennan said. "I have played sports since I was a little girl and I was lucky enough to play at the college level. It's been a big part of my life."

Brennan earned an opportunity of a lifetime, working as a field reporter for a professional sports event.

Nike has a program called Nike Women, which looks for outgoing, quick-thinking, sports fanatics for the job of a lifetime, as the promotion says on the Nike Web site.

"I had a lot of fun shooting my video, even though there was some pressure," she said. "I did the best job I could do and I used my education to make it happen."

"I'm very proud of my daughter and I'm her biggest fan," her father, James, said. "I loved watching Meghan grow up playing sports and, now I get a chance to see her as a

professional.

"As a parent, this is a wonderful thing."

The video shows Brennan playing several sports, including tennis, swimming, running, soccer and volleyball.

Her father and a couple of friends are featured in the video, as are several of Brennan's past coaches.

One of those coaches is Kim Lockhart, who recently guided the Lady Norsemen to a spot in the Class A volleyball Final Four.

"My dad went to the matches and called me to give me updates," Brennan said. "It was great to see my alma mater make it to the Final Four."

Brennan's degree is in communications and she has completed several internships, including at local television stations in the metro Detroit area.

She has interviewed Detroit Piston standouts Tayshaun Prince and Rasheed Wallace, as well as Detroit Shock head coach and former Piston "Bad Boy" Bill Laimbeer, and Duke University men's head basketball coach Mike Krzyewski.

She has also spent time interviewing Michigan State University men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo and football head coach Mike Dantonio. Other jobs she has had include interviewing Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland and the Tigers' players during their run to the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals in 2006.

Brennan knows how much

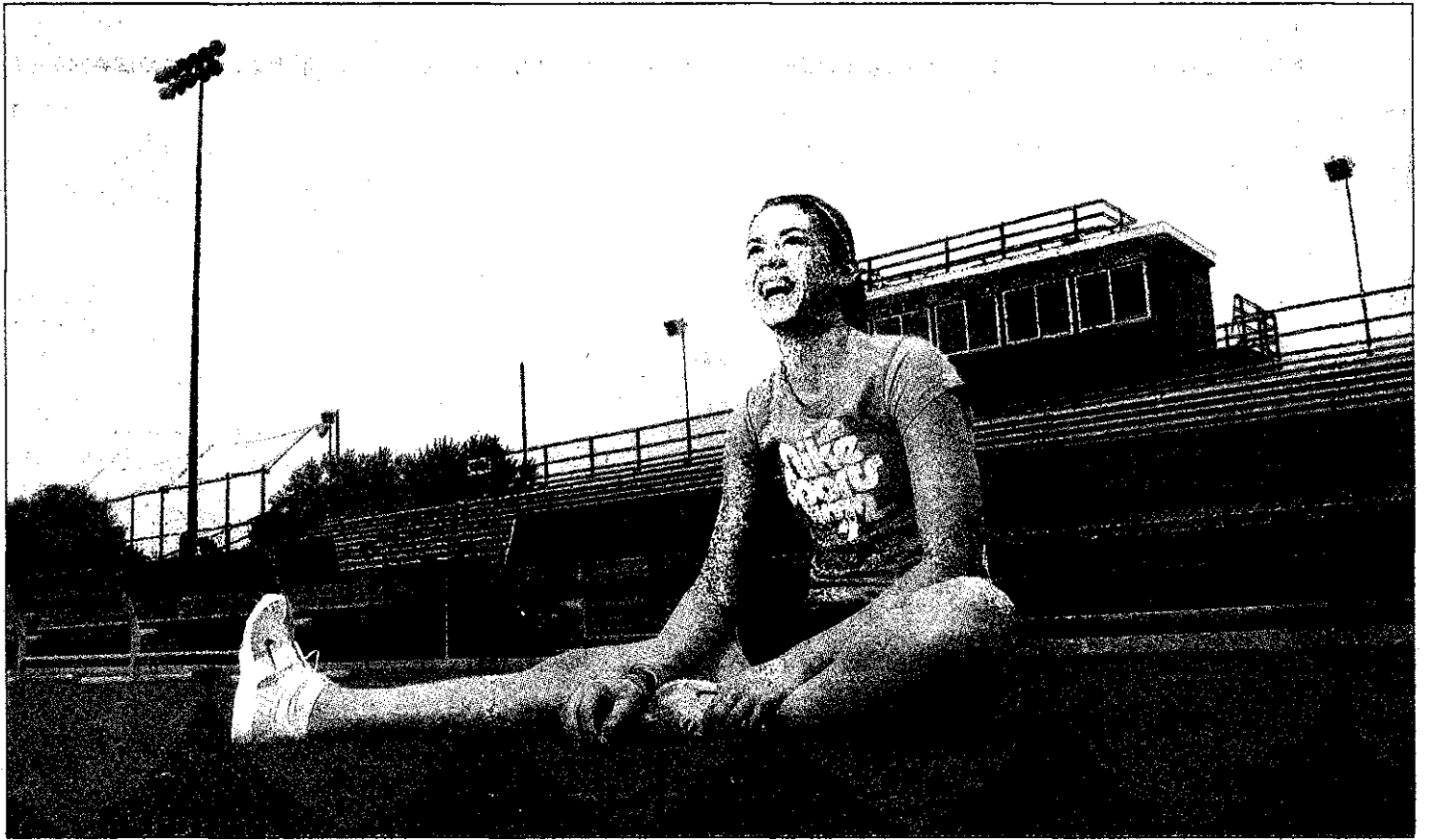


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Meghan Brennan was a standout athlete during her four years at Grosse Pointe North High School and at the college level at UNC-Charlotte and Michigan State.

homework reporters have to do before they go on the air. She said they have to know a lot of facts about the athletes competing in that particular game to give the audience the most complete report and to keep them interested in viewing so they don't change the channel.

"One of the hardest things in broadcasting is being unbi-

ased," Brennan said. "You can't show allegiance to one team or another, even if you graduated from that school."

"Another tough thing to learn is to be prepared for a broadcast, because once you're on the air, you can't be stumbling for things to say and that I learned the hard way. Every broadcast gets a little easier."

Brennan's mentor is Fox 2 Detroit's Jennifer Hammonds, who helped her during her time as an intern.

"Jennifer taught me the ropes about being a reporter and broadcaster and I thank her for that," Brennan said. "She gave me a lot of confidence."

Another sports writer who

Brennan looks up to is Christine Brennan, who is no relation. Christine Brennan is an award-winning sports columnist for USA Today as well as a best-selling author and commentator for ABC News, ESPN, NPR and Fox Sports Radio.

She is one of the most revered female sports reporters in the nation. She grew up in Toledo and was an avid sports fan of Ohio and Michigan sports teams.

"I have been reading Christine's new book, 'Best Seat in the House: A Father, A Daughter, A Journey Through Sports,'" Brennan said. "It's a great book and it reminds me of my father and I. There are so

many similarities between her life and mine.

"I hope to be held in high esteem as Christine is in this industry."

Meghan Brennan moved to Chicago and is looking to get her first job in the broadcasting field.

"I have to be patient," Brennan said. "I have worked hard and I can't wait to get that first job in some market, I really don't care where it is."

Maybe the native Grosse Pointe will be on ESPN in the near future walking the sidelines of the NCAA Bowl Championship Series title game, courtside for the NBA Finals or in the dugout of the World Series.

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A public hearing needed to launch the City of Grosse Pointe

Downtown Development Authority is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, as part of the regular monthly City council meeting.

The hearing will include discussion of the authority's tax increment financing plan.

"Under state law, the council

must hold a public hearing and approve the plan for it to go into effect," said Peter Dame, City manager. "All property owners in the Village will get a notice (of the meeting)."

An ordinance creating an authority was approved in July, followed by an appointed board and bylaws. The board this month approved the au-

thority and tax plan that established projects and activities for which authority funds could be spent in the Village commercial district.

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Lineup granted in Farms B&E case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pretrial examination last week of three Grosse Pointe teenagers accused of felony housebreaking was adjourned to give two of the defendants' lawyers more time to prepare.

The hearing was rescheduled in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court for Wednesday, Dec. 17, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Defendants Anthony Thomas Milano, 19, of Grosse Pointe Park and William Charles Francis III, 19, of Grosse Pointe Woods, were sent back to the Wayne County Jail unable to post \$50,000 cash bond.

Defendant Kieran James Reilly, 18, of Grosse Pointe Woods, remain free on \$25,000 cash bond.

Milano has a high bond because of his lengthy criminal history. Francis, likewise, tried to flee police Nov. 23, the day all three were arrested separately. Reilly's record is clean,

police said.

The men are accused of the Nov. 10 attempted break-in of an occupied house on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Investigation continues into their suspected earlier failed home invasion on Trombly in Grosse Pointe Park. Milano and Reilly also are suspects in a Detroit robbery, according to Farms Detective Mike McCarthy.

Attorneys for Francis and Milano requested the Farms homeowner be made to identify the suspects from a lineup. Farms Judge Matthew Rumora granted the request.

"Reilly will be pointed out," said Lt. Detective Rich Rosati, head of the Farms detective unit. "(The female victim) recognized him."

Prosecutors offered Reilly a deal to testify against his alleged accomplices.

"Reilly was the person we wanted to offer a plea deal to because he has the least amount of criminal activity on his record," Rosati said.

'He always cries in court, but once he gets out, he's the big man.'

RON WIECZOREK,
City of Grosse Pointe detective

Police have characterized Reilly as being in a "peculiar" position.

"The strongest case now is against him, yet he is the one we want to offer a deal to," Rosati said. "He's crazy if he doesn't take it."

Reilly refused an earlier deal that would likely have resulted in his arrest record being expunged, Rosati said.

"These kids are young and dumb," Rosati said. "They think they're not supposed to rat on friends. So, they'll take a role of the dice. I told Reilly I'm handing his life back on a platter and he's refusing it."

The victim reportedly identified the defendants in person shortly after their arrest.

"That's the genesis of the

case — that identification," said Corbett O'Meara, Francis' court-appointed attorney. "Even though she's been shown photographs (and) she's made an on-scene identification, there's ways for that identification to be tainted."

O'Meara was first to request an adjournment.

"I was appointed to this case this afternoon," he said in court last week. "I'm not prepared. I do not believe it is in

the best interest to hold the exam today."

"I don't blame you for wanting an adjournment," Rumora said. "I'd do the same thing if I were in your position."

Milano's lawyer, Walter Meyers, asked for the case to proceed as originally scheduled.

"I'm not going to break these (cases) up," Rumora said. "We ought to keep them together for exam purposes."

Milano cried and sniffled throughout the hearing.

"He always cries in court, but once he gets out, he's the big man," said Ron Wieczorek, a detective with the City of Grosse Pointe. "He did a home invasion in our city in 2007. He confessed and pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court. We've had numerous contacts with Mr. Milano when he was a juvenile and as an adult."

Cardiac drill tests teams

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods paramedics Marlo Przybylski and Wayne Culver knew just what to do when called to treat a citizen suffering from chest pains.

Working quickly as a team, they spoke with the victim and started intravenous therapy. Using the Advanced Life Support unit on board the ambulance, they connected the patient to a 12-lead electrocardiogram and immediately began transmitting data to the cardiac care team standing by at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

With data in hand, hospital personnel knew how to prepare for the patient's arrival and advised the paramedics of treatment actions en route.

"The hospital team is seeing exactly what we are seeing," said Przybylski. "With our portable equipment, we bring our 'truck' to the patient and a cardiologist can be reading the patient's EKG before we get him on the stretcher."

What the hospital team saw that night was a heart attack patient. They bypassed the emergency room and took the patient to the cardiac catheteri-

zation lab. Within five minutes, the heart attack was stopped.

At least on paper it was.

This wasn't a real emergency, but a surprise drill organized by the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department and St. John.

The "patient" was played by a healthy Derek Grosso, a student in the Emergency Medical Technician program at Baker College. The Woods EMTs were in on the drill, but the St. John staff was not.

Kim Lagerquist, R.N. and St. John EMS coordinator provided mock data to the hospital.

"Every second counts when someone is having a heart attack," he explained. "What an Advanced Life Support unit like the Woods does is bring the emergency room to the patient, and treatment can begin immediately. The cardiac team is seeing just what the EMT's are seeing as the patient is on route, and can give directions to them on the course of treatment."

The drill was deemed a success, with the "patient" being "transferred" from the cardiac catheterization lab to the coronary care unit 53 minutes after arriving at St. John.

"This was a great example of

how effective an Advanced Life Support unit can be," said Lagerquist.

The Woods ambulance is one of two ALS units in the Pointes and boasts a portable 12-lead EKG machine. It carries equipment for virtually any emergency or patient, including a pediatric supply bag.

"Protocols have been established for almost every situation and we're trained to follow those. We have excellent equipment and cutting-edge technology," Przybylski said.

"We're paperless," said Culver, as he pulled a small computer from a shelf in the ambulance. "Everything is done via computer. We transmit the information right from here and we can generate reports and even have doctors sign them."

City officials see the ALS unit as a necessary benefit for residents.

"We are so fortunate in Grosse Pointe Woods to be able to provide this service," said Councilman Art Bryant. "It is something we should all be proud of and our citizens should be pleased and comforted that such advanced medical care is just a phone call away."

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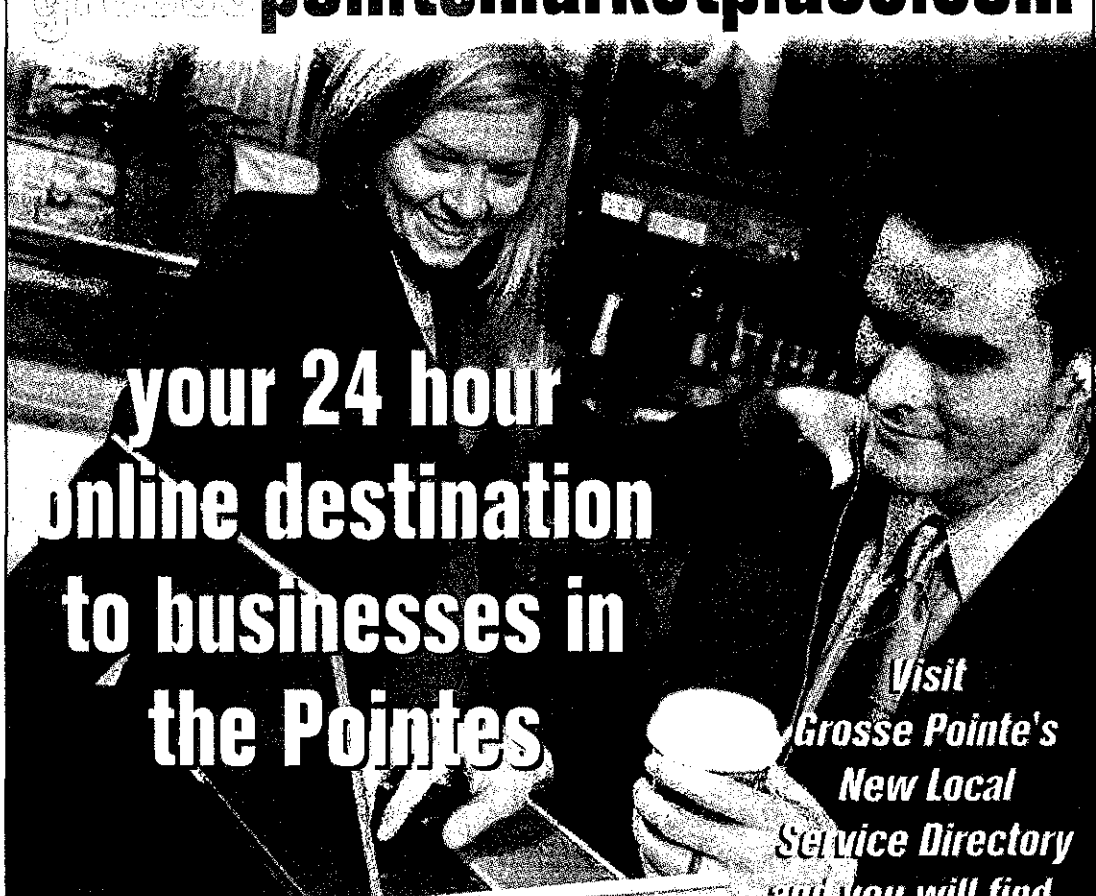


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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Susan Stewart and her sister, Kathy Garrisi, in the Cross Hall at the White House, among the red, white and blue decorations that represented the patriotic theme for this year's holiday season.

FLORIST: White House decorations

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of children's reading. Several of the artists for the children's books were invited and the volunteers were able to meet them.

"There were some friends of Mrs. Bush's from Texas that come every year and it was fun seeing them again," Stewart noted. There were 92 volunteers in all.

As the decorating progressed, the residents of the home couldn't help but check on the progress.

"President Bush came down on Tuesday evening just as we were leaving. We had photos

taken with him. He was very friendly and seemed very genuine. Then Mrs. Bush invited us back as guests for a light lunch. She was very nice and so pretty."

Stewart isn't sure if she'll have the opportunity to decorate for the new administration.

"I hope to go back, but I'm not sure," she said.

As one of 14 children, including nine girls, Stewart said her brother selects different sisters each year to participate.

"We had hoped that all of us could go this year, but only four of us could make it."

And now that Stewart is back home, her own holiday decorating awaits her.

"I started last week," she said with a laugh.

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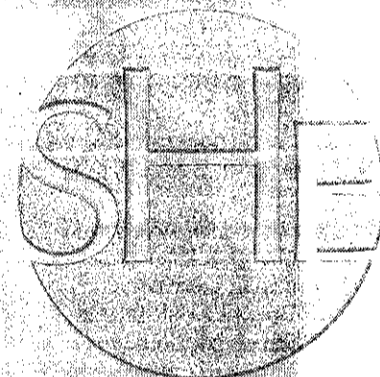
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GUEST EDITORIAL By Burton Folsom

Billy Durant's founding of GM

On Sept. 16, 1908, one of America's best known companies was born. That was the day that Billy Durant founded General Motors.

When the local gossips heard what he had done, some were shocked because Durant actually made his first fortune betting against cars: He was the largest maker of carriages in the United States.

Most carriage makers avoided the auto, but not Durant. He was one of the most remarkable entrepreneurs Michigan has ever produced.

Friends said Durant could sell sand to the Arabs and then sell them sieves to sift it. Walter Chrysler once said of Durant, "He could coax a bird right down out of a tree."

After a successful stint as a cigar salesman in Flint, Durant moved to carriages. In 1886, he started the Flint Road Cart Company and, after 15 years traveling the country hawking a variety of carriages in all sizes and colors, he had transformed \$2,000 in start-up capital into a \$2 million business with sales around the world.

By 1900, several mechanics had been tinkering with gas-powered horseless carriages, but costs were high and quality was low. Durant thought cars were smelly, noisy and dangerous. He had even refused to let his daughter ride in one. But instead of calling for government safety regulations, he thought about improving the Buick, a local car with few sales and large debts.

In 1904, after test-driving a Buick over the potholes in Flint and the mud of the countryside, he took the challenge of building the car industry almost from scratch. Durant the salesman sprang into action. He entered the Buick in a New York auto show — and came home with orders for 1,108 cars — not bad considering that only 37 Buicks had ever been made.

In 1908, after just four years making cars, he had the best-selling car in the business. The carriage king had become the auto genius.

Durant and his main rival, Henry Ford, both envisioned mass appeal for the car. Ford, however, thought his company should be built around one standard car, his low priced, no frills Model T.

Durant, from his years in the carriage business, knew that if he were to prevail as the auto leader he needed many different types of vehicles to cater to different incomes and tastes. He scoured the country with the idea of having Buick merge with other companies that could carve out a niche in the auto market.

He bought Cadillac for its luxury cars. He formed General Motors in 1908 by consolidating 13 car companies and 10 parts and accessories manufacturers.

By 1911, however, General Motors was losing money and Ford was selling more cars, prompting a group of Boston stockholders to oust Durant from leadership at General Motors. Thinking the losses were due to Durant's risk-taking brashness, they tried to run the company more cautiously.

Durant was resilient, however. With capital and expertise he mustered from friends, he started making the Chevrolet, a new economy car that quickly captured a large share of the market. Durant then cleverly traded much of his Chevrolet stock for GM stock and soon held a controlling interest in both companies.

In 1916, he triumphantly returned to GM for a final four-year term in the driver's seat.

During his second presidency, Durant bought Fisher Body and Frigidaire to add to his Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Buick. Joining the GM team were Charles Kettering, who invented the self-starter and Alfred Sloan, a brilliant organizer who wanted annual model changes.

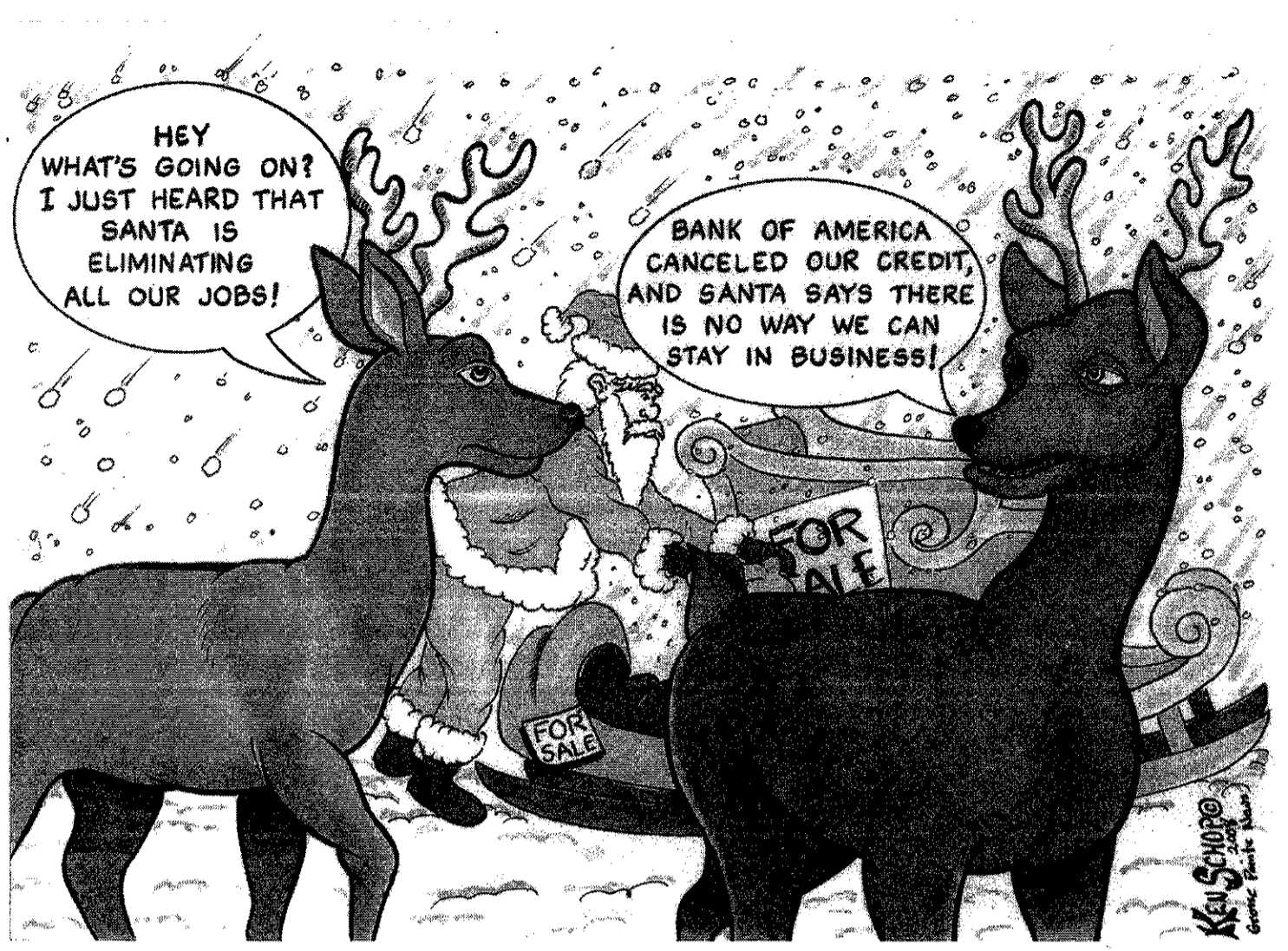
The problem was that GM began to receive less and less of Durant's time, while the stock market on Wall Street captured more and more. The gambling bug bit him hard and he lost touch with the company. In 1920, Pierre du Pont, chairman of the board, helped oust Durant again and worked out an arrangement to buy his GM stock.

When the Great Depression hit, Durant's roller coaster ride crashed and he declared bankruptcy in 1936. He died in relative obscurity in 1947, but General Motors, his creation, has lived on.

It is no exaggeration to say that millions of Americans today are dependent for their livelihoods — directly or indirectly — upon the leadership of the U. S. auto industry which Billy Durant helped establish almost a century ago.

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LETTERS

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Thanksgiving dinner thanks

To the Editor:
Many thanks to our family, friends and neighbors from the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities who provided a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for 1,000 hungry men, women and children at the Crossroads of Michigan Soup Kitchen on Sunday, Nov. 23.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

This year, we are also pleased to offer a special thanks to Spartan Stores Inc. for their donation of 125 pumpkin pies; Value Wholesale for donating all of the mashed potato flakes; and Grosse Pointe's own Terry Valerio of Advantage Sales and Marketing, who coordinated the donations.

We are also very grateful to the Kordas family of Grosse Pointe, owners of the Metropolitan Baking Company. George Kordas arranged for Metropolitan to donate 1,100 bread rolls for the dinner.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997 and many of the volunteers involved in this project have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome some new friends to the ranks as well.

Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, help collect food, offer storage space, help defray costs, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in the kitchen serving the food and washing dishes, and, as always, they treat our guests with compassion, dignity and

respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations has increased significantly in the past year. The situation is serious all over the country, but especially so in Detroit. Unemployment has surpassed 20 percent, half of the children under the age of 18 live in poverty and, right now food is in dangerously short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads are full to overflowing most days with people who are struggling to survive in this very difficult economy. Food is their most common request.

The coming winter brings with it the promise of greater misery for those with not enough food, inadequate shelter, too few warm clothes and incomes too meager to pay for the most basic needs.

For the homeless, frostbite is a constant threat and too often a reality. With this in mind, it was an inspiration to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in our pre-Thanksgiving dinner. Metro Detroit is known for its generosity, and during the Christmas season we are all especially aware of the needs of the poor. It is our hope, once again, though, that those of us who have been blessed with abundant gifts will remember that poverty and despair know no season. Need exists all year long.

We are proud to have had an opportunity to work with the many, many, friends and neighbors, who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLIE TURNER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Clear slush and snow

To the Editor:

As a regular walker, frequent cyclist and power shopper, the snow on Dec. 6 and 7 presented problems.

Luckily my driveway is clear and dry, thanks to my spending 10 minutes to shovel before the morning sunshine on Sunday.

Not so the Village of Grosse Pointe, where I enjoyed sliding through slush in my new shoes to have my morning bagel on Monday, Dec. 8. I am surprised the merchants are not furious.

I know there is a need to save money, but now the retail areas will have slush in the day time and ice at night until the weather breaks. And those early morning folks running or biking in the roadway on Kercheval in that one "clean" lane — we can't see you guys.

Perhaps the Pointes can muster a little strategic common sense so retail does not miss the peak season, and no one gets hit on the roads.

TOM NUGENT
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Top 10 holiday shopping and restaurant courtesies



As we move into the frenzy of the holiday shopping season most of us will have encounters with shopping center store personnel and restaurant staff.

Stores and restaurants will be filled with people looking for that perfect gift, then quickly digesting a meal to be prepared for another crazed journey searching for another perfect gift. Let's hope we can do so with a minimum amount of stress and confusion.

Here are my tips to make that a reality:

10) Store personnel should greet us with a smile and a friendly greeting even if they are tired and exasperated. As has been said — The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made. Frankly, if store personnel want to separate me from my money, I want them to treat

me as if I were the store owner.

9) Advertised specials should be in stock and be in abundance. Recently I have discovered store computer data fields are uploaded with products on sale before the actual items arrive. This means calling the store and getting assurance the item is in stock only to be disappointed upon arriving when no one can locate it. In those instances I want an additional discount given when the item does come in to compensate me for my inconvenience.

8) Please don't hand me a receipt that contains a survey about customer service unless you provide me with \$5 off on my next purchase. In my opinion most surveys that offer large cash prizes are bogus because I have yet to talk to store personnel who are aware of a winner's list. And evidently, people that have returned to a store stating that they have won are non-existent.

7) Message to toy stores: Please remove those irritating fake guinea pigs that chase a plastic ball inside a cage. I don't want one and won't enter your store because you have one on display in the window.

6) If there is a tip jar in your store or restaurant, please

don't think it is my responsibility to raise your minimum wage or your standard of living by filling it with crisp Lincolns. The price you charged me for my meal or for an item I purchased should cover your salary.

5) My calendar lists Dec. 25 as "Christmas Day" so if I extend such a greeting to you, I expect you to reciprocate! Yes, there are companies that feel such a greeting is verboten but if that is the case, just whisper it in my ear. And if shoppers identify themselves as employees from the American Civil Liberties Union, they should have "Merry Christmas" inscribed on their receipt.

4) Do not refer to me and those in my party as "guys" as "how are you guys doing?" When did "sir" and "madam" go out of popularity?

3) Restaurant staff: Don't come by our table and ask, "Are you still working on that?" That question is only valid if I am constructing a LEGO rock-ship at my table. And if you add the words, "Are you guys still working on that," I might

just spill your tip jar on the floor.

2) The words from the store clerk, "Were you able to find everything" makes me think that store personnel are hiding items much like a scavenger hunt. My response to that question is, "As a matter of fact I did. The \$10 bill behind a box of prunes was most unexpected — so thanks."

1) Christmas background music should be playing softly in the background but please refrain from our having to listen to "Grandmother Got Run Over By A Reindeer" or "I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas." Anything by the "Carpenters" will do just fine thank you.

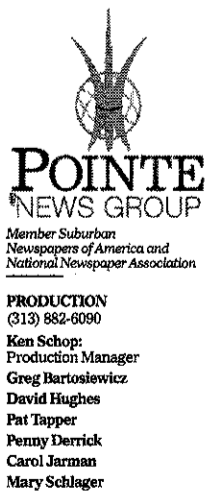
So those are my holiday wishes. Hope all you guys, er, sorry, I mean ladies and gentlemen have a joyous holiday season — that store and restaurant personnel smile and actually act as if they are glad to see you — and that you too find a \$10 bill behind a box of prunes!

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

Cookies — tantalizing holiday ingredients



Cookies are one of the sweetest ingredients during the Christmas season. They appear at virtually every holiday party and casual gathering.

They are a staple. And everyone has a favorite cookie.

In the Grosse Pointe News lunchroom, a box of assorted press cookies with colored sugar and powdered sugar didn't last long.

At the girls only party, only crumbs were left on the bottom of the chocolate chip cookie tray.

In the Fouty house, the perennial Christmas favorite is

Santa's Thumbprint — also known as peanut blossom. It's the peanut butter cookie with a Hershey Kiss in the middle. The title Santa's Thumbprint is more seasonally picturesque.

Over the years, when Santa Claus stopped at our house he was munching on his own sweet, chocolatey thumb print. Rather ironic, but the ones who so thoughtfully put the cookies out and the "Santas" who ate the cookies were happy, thus making it a win-win tradition.

Santa's Thumbprint is my style of cookie — mix, roll, place, bake.

I don't do cutouts, icing/frosting/fussy cookies. There are several reasons I refuse to create "works of art" from flour and sugar. Two of those reasons are the intense sugar rush and aching teeth I feel, when I eat one and never more than two. My teeth almost ache from the thought of all the sug-

ar: It's sugar overload.

Nonetheless, I enjoy looking at decorated cookies. They are colorful and imaginative.

When Betty Crocker (Betty and I are tight, or at least one of her cookbooks and I are tight) sent her press kit: decorating cookie icing, I thumbed through it and put it in the recycling pile. It was rescued one dark, dreary morning when I decided there are cookie bakers out there in Readerland who might like to share in Betty's words of wisdom as told by Tracy Hom of Hunter Public Relations.

Hom related in the press release that three in four Americans have decorated the cookies they made and 70 percent enjoy decorating cookies for the holidays, usually during the third week in December.

Due to all those bakers with more powdered sugar and food dye than they know what to do

with, Betty has come out with decorating cookie icing, a recipe used by professional bakers called "royal icing."

◆ Royal icing was known as glacé royal and originated in England after being used on the wedding cake of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1840.

◆ French chef Charles Elmé Francatelli described in his 1862 book how to use the icing, which sealed in freshness.

◆ Today the royal icing is used for frosting cakes and cookies and for intricate piping of decorations.

◆ Royal icing may be used as "glue" to fasten decorations together, i.e. the glue for gingerbread houses.

◆ And the best part is, it lets bakers stack these works of art humbly called "decorated cookies."

Pass the cookie tray and hoist a glass of eggnog.



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Betty Crocker's cookies using her royal icing.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

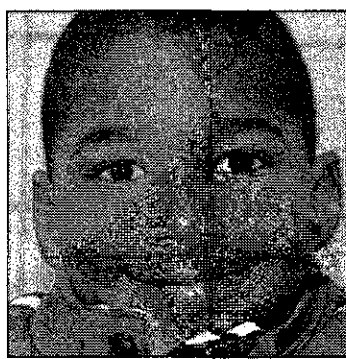
What are your favorite winter activities?

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



'Hockey is my favorite and I also like indoor basketball, skiing and snowboarding.'

ERIN BRANNAGAN
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Playing in the snow and sledding.'

SHAVENTESE BURRELL
Grosse Pointe Farms



'I like snowball fights, snow boarding and building snow forts.'

SANTIAGO BURRELL
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Playing winter sports, making snow forts and this year I want to learn to snowboard.'

TYLER HILL
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I like basketball year round but I also like to play outside and building snowmen with my friends.'

LEXI CIARAMITARO
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES By Suzy Berschback

Mission Pears stand tall in the Pointer



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

Near the corner of Oxford Road and Lakeshore Boulevard are three giant pear trees possibly 200 years old and for size and vigor, they are truly remarkable.

The fruit is of about average dimensions ripening about the end of August. The flesh is crisp, juicy, sweet and spicy.

It seems rather unfortunate so little should be known of the history of a tree of such extraordinary character.

The memory of the oldest inhabitant is only traditional in regard to them. The prevailing theory, that these pear trees originated from seeds brought from France is based upon the supposition that nursery trees could not have withstood the long sea voyage of that period.

Yet, this opinion cannot be accepted without hesitation. I know not by what fatality, but these old French pear trees

seem destined to have no successor to their fame. No one has thought of continuing the species or else all attempts have failed.

Only along the Detroit and Raisin rivers can this species of pear tree be found. Another half century will see the last of these magnificent trees, which were once the pride of the early settlers of Grosse Pointe.

In the park in front of the City of Detroit Waterworks on East Jefferson stands a magnificent pear tree, older than the memory of any man. It is the last of the "Mission Pears" so named, because of their number, after the 12 Apostles. All seedlings from this remnant of a proud race have re-

fused to grow, therefore, it bids fair to have no successor to its glory.

Hubbard, writing of a period now almost a century gone, characterizes them as "truly remarkable for size, vigor and productiveness. A bole of from 6 to 8 feet in girth and a height of 100 feet was common. Many showed a trunk circumference of 8 to 9 feet. They bore uniform crops — 30 to 50 bushels being the product of a single tree.

Another venerable old pear tree worth mentioning is one on the old Rivard farm, now on the estate of Dr. Fred Murphy, in Grosse Pointe Farms. It stands about 100 feet tall and behind it are 11 old French apple trees called the "Apostles;" the pear tree, which completes the number, is named the "Judas" tree.

The pear trees have been the inspiration for poets. These two verses were taken from the "History of Michigan" written by Silas Farmer. The first poem was written by J. L. Bates of which this is the last verse:

"Many a thrifty Mission Pear yet o'erlooks the blue St. Clair. Like a veteran, faithful war-dan; and their branches gnarled and olden, Yield their juicy fruits and golden, In the ancient Jesuit garden. Still each year their blossoms dance, Scent and bloom of sunny France."

The second, taken from the same book, was written by W. H. Coyle of which the ninth and last verses are quoted here:

"Where the white sailed ship

now rides the waves, Ye have watched the bark canoe,

And heard in the night the voyageurs' songs, And the Indians' shrill halloo.

"Live on old trees, in your green age, Long, long may your shadows last

With your blossomed boughs and golden fruit, Love emblems of the past."

Now, there are but few lone survivors among the old pear trees; the ravages of time have taken their toll. Soon, there will be nothing to remind us of those days when the fleur-de-lis gaily waved over the land we now call Grosse Pointe except the legends and memories handed down to us by those who have passed on to a far and distant land.



Not a creature was stirring

McGruff the Saint Bernard dreams of a white Christmas just like the ones his Alpine ancestors used to know. McGruff is 8 years old and has spent most of them asleep. He belongs to the family of Stirling and Amy Conrad of Grosse Pointe Park.

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More charges added

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michael Derek Albane's mother blew him a kiss goodbye last week when police officers in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court walked him handcuffed back to jail.

Albane, 19, of Detroit, had minutes earlier waived his

right to a pretrial examination Dec. 10 in Farms court on a felony charge of stealing credit cards from a parked car.

Prosecutors added a separate misdemeanor charge of breaking into a vehicle to steal property worth less than \$200.

Albane hoped to bail himself out of Wayne County Jail while his case progressed to arraign-

ment Jan. 21 on both charges in Wayne County Circuit Court. But Farms Judge Matthew Rumora wouldn't reduce his \$50,000 cash bond.

"He will obviously not be able to post a \$50,000 surety bond," said Albane's appointed attorney, Vincent Vantiem.

That's fine with Rumora.

"I have to consider the protection of society," Rumora said in court.

"He's a young man who has gotten himself in a bundle of

trouble already."

Albane is unemployed. He has a criminal record that predates his failing to graduate from South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores. He said during his Dec. 3 arraignment in Farms court that he risks prosecution for first-degree murder if he doesn't cooperate with a Detroit homicide investigation.

"The defendant is already on probation in Roseville (his former residence) for the same

type of crime we have here today: B&E of a vehicle," said Gary Bresnehan, a Wayne County prosecuting attorney. "He's got two similar fraud cases pending against him, which are some of the ones he's on probation for."

"And, we have a prior, I believe in 2007, for possession of marijuana. He violated (probation) on that."

Farms police believe Albane committed at least twice as many car break-ins during

November than the 10 or so he confessed to the day of his arrest, Nov. 28.

If the current charges fall apart, police might reload with charges based on one of the other B&Es.

"Although we feel both of these cases are very strong, there are additional cases we can charge him with," said Detective Mike McCarthy. "At this point, we're going to stick with these two and let the process take its course."

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WEEK AHEAD:

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Valade Healing Arts Center. The cost is \$5. To register and for more information, call (313) 647-3320.

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School Choir presents its Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Church 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and at the door.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Music Academy holds its free annual Winter Recital at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee. Attendees are asked to bring a canned good to donate to St. Jude's, a non-profit emergency food pantry that serves Detroit residents. To make additional donations, call Wendy Mack at (313) 717-8649.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

◆ University Liggett School choral and instrumental music students perform a free all-school winter concert at 2 p.m. in the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

◆ "It's a Wonderful Life" radio show can be seen and heard at 4:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus holds its annual holiday concert at 3 p.m. in the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10.

MONDAY, DEC. 15

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, holds a "Chat with Commish Killeen" from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ A public hearing to launch the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority will be at 7 p.m. as part of the regular council meeting in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Children's Choir presents a Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at village hall, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

◆ State representative Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, will be sworn into office at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Diane Hathaway will administer the oath of office.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School Choir performs at 7 p.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited and at the door.

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Christmas color

The color of Christmas in Grosse Pointe Park is reflected in the lights of red, green, yellow and blue and in the gold. Gold for the key Mayor Palmer Heenan presented to Santa Claus. Santa joined the tree lighting ceremony having entered the city riding on a Park fire truck with the Grosse Pointe South High School choir singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Heenan flipped the light switch to illuminate the Christmas tree near the Windmill Pointe Park gate house.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Santa was given a ride on a fire truck.

SANTA: Arriving in fine style

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season, an opportunity for all of us to gather as friends and neighbors to come together in fellowship and share in the enjoyment of this wonderful season."

Before Santa helped light the tree near the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier, public safety officers gave him a ride on a red Shores fire truck.

"He likes fire engines," Cooper explained.

In the meantime, members of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, led by former Village Trustee Rose Garland Thornton, sang carols.

"What better way to get involved in the holiday season than to sing," Cooper said.

Soon, the siren and flashing red lights of a fire truck on Lakeshore signaled Santa's approach.

"Hello boys and girls," he called, stepping down from the apparatus.

"Very merry Christmas to you all. It's so wonderful to be here again in Grosse Pointe Shores. I always get such a nice welcome."

"Thanks for stopping by our small village," Cooper said.

"Whether you are in a small village or a large community, all children are the same," Santa said. "They all love Christmas and I love them all. What do you say we turn on these wonderful lights and light the village?"

"Everybody have a wonderful and safe holiday season," Cooper said.



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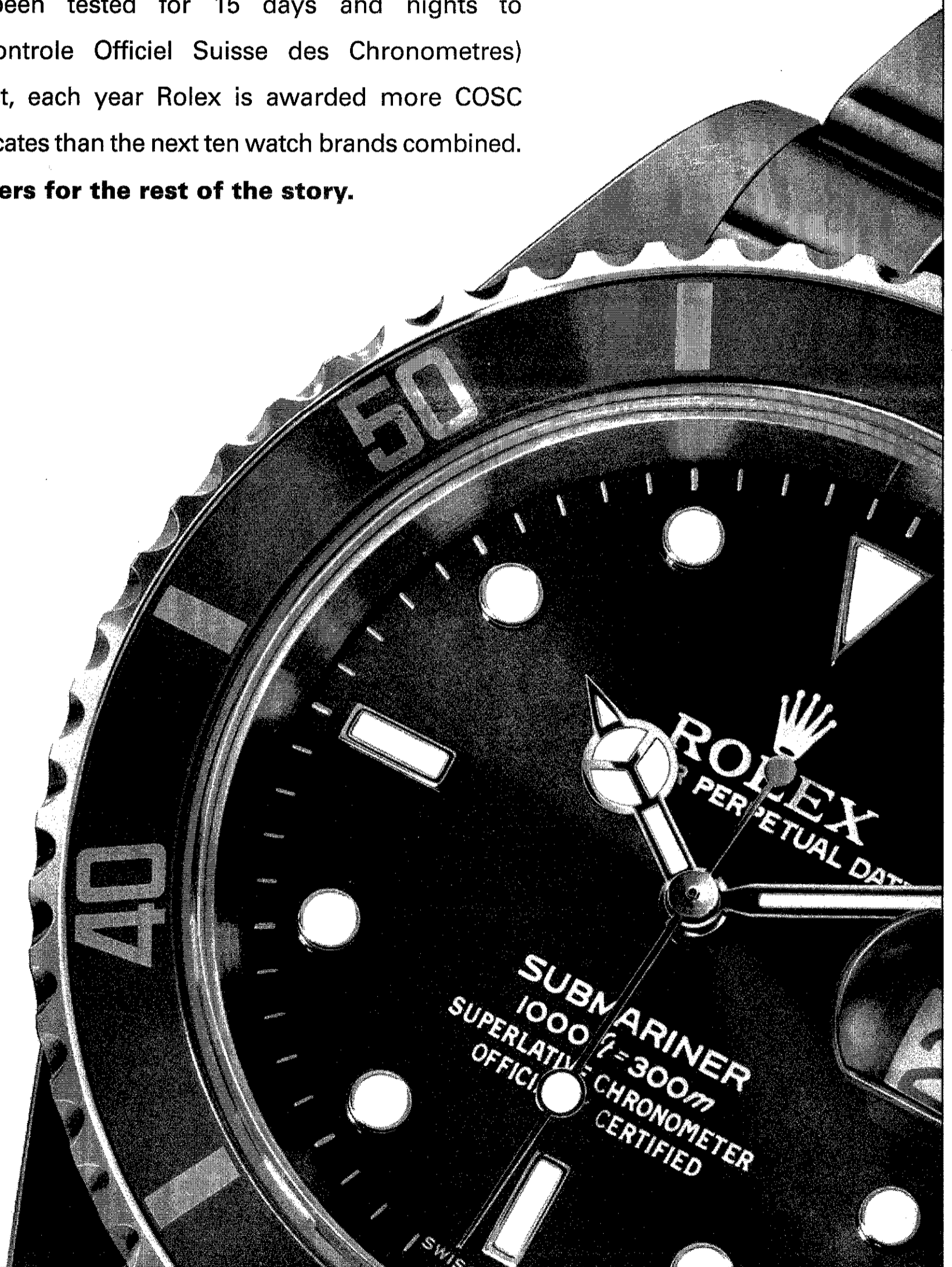
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South hosts hoops clinic

Boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 are invited to participate in the 2008 Grosse Pointe South Christmas Basketball Clinic.

It began Saturday, Dec. 6, at the John and Marlene Boll Athletic Center Field Gym, which is the new facility at South on Fisher.

The clinic also runs Saturday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 20.

The cost is \$55 per student, which includes a T-shirt and instruction.

Children in grades three and four will go from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and children in grades five and six will go from 10:30

a.m. to noon.

"The kids will get a great opportunity to learn the fundamentals and have some fun on the basketball court," said clinic director Kevin Richards. "It's open to everyone, so come on out and learn the game."

Make check or money order payable to GPS High School and mail to coach Kevin Richards, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

For more information, contact Kevin Richards at Kevin.Richards@romeo.k12.mi.us, at (586) 709-7196 or at (313) 882-2626.

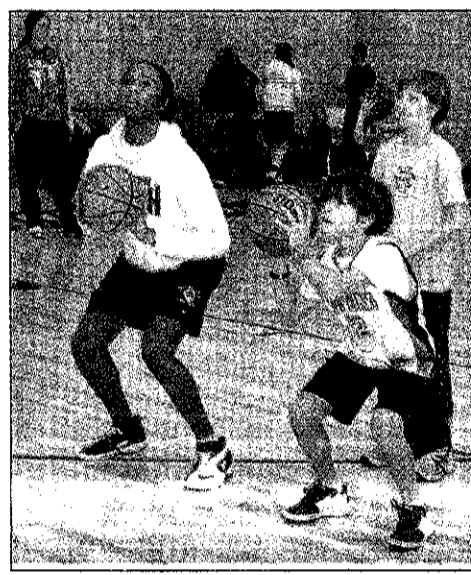
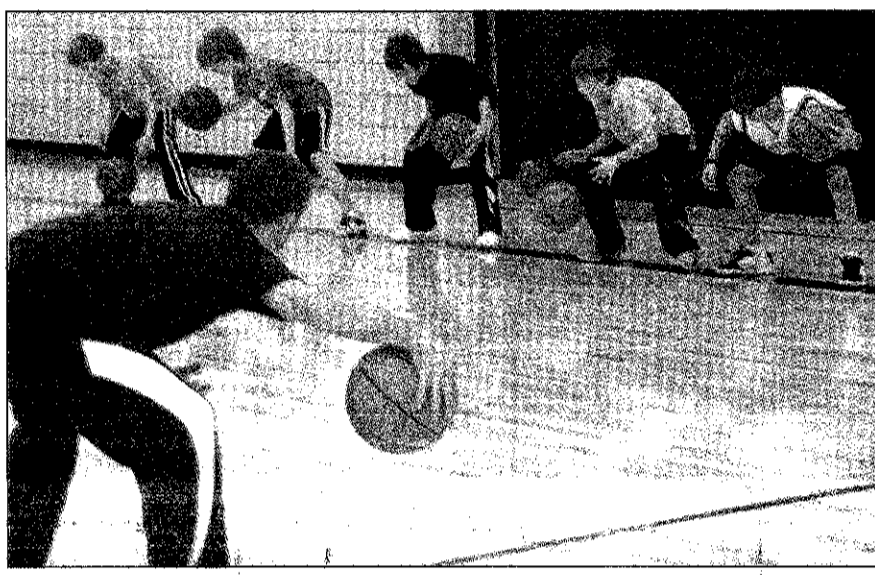


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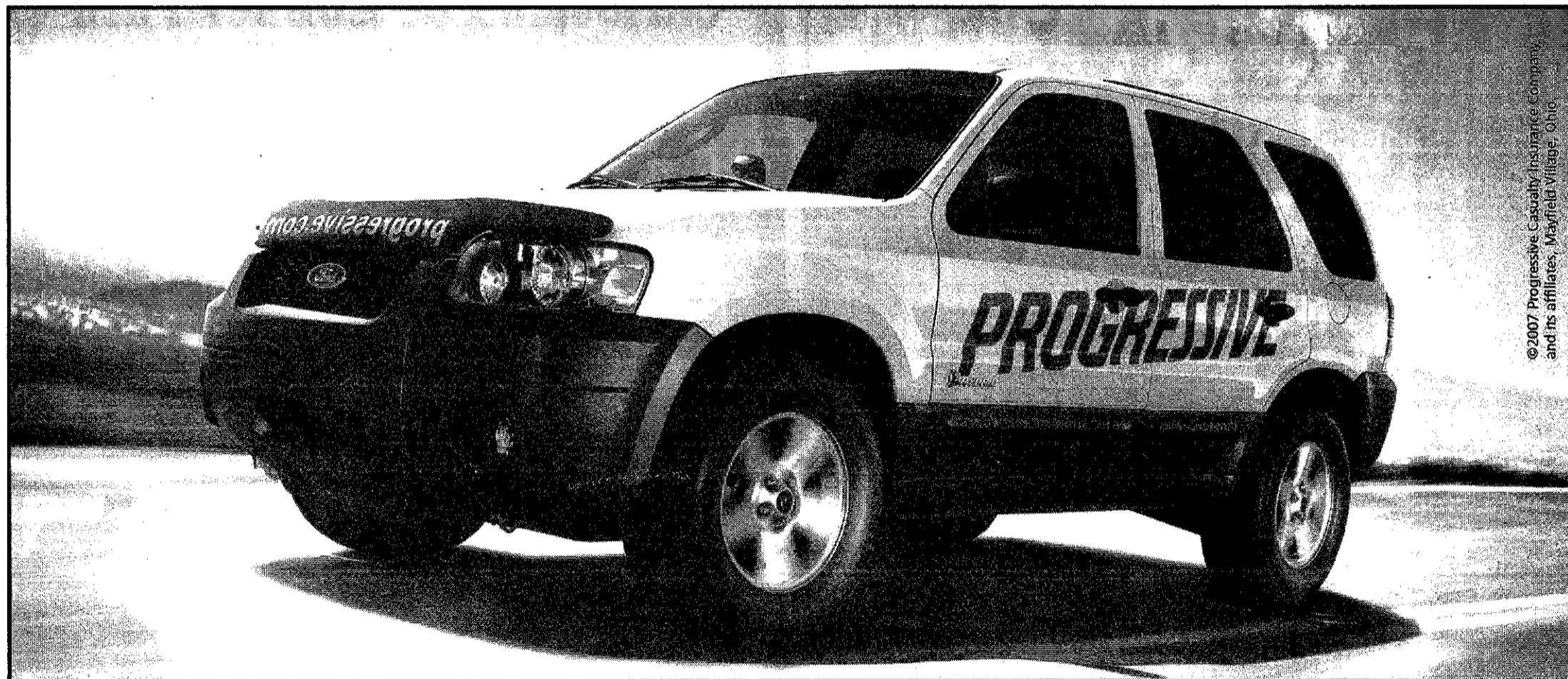
Clinic director Kevin Richards, right, demonstrates to third- and fourth-graders the proper way to handle the basketball.



Ellie Flom gets the hang of dribbling two basketballs at one time, which improves a fundamental skill. Below, Richards gives the participants a drill on how to dribble the basketball with either hand.



Jonathan Valente gets some help from Amanda Ray, a member of Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity basketball team as Sam Williams waits for his turn.



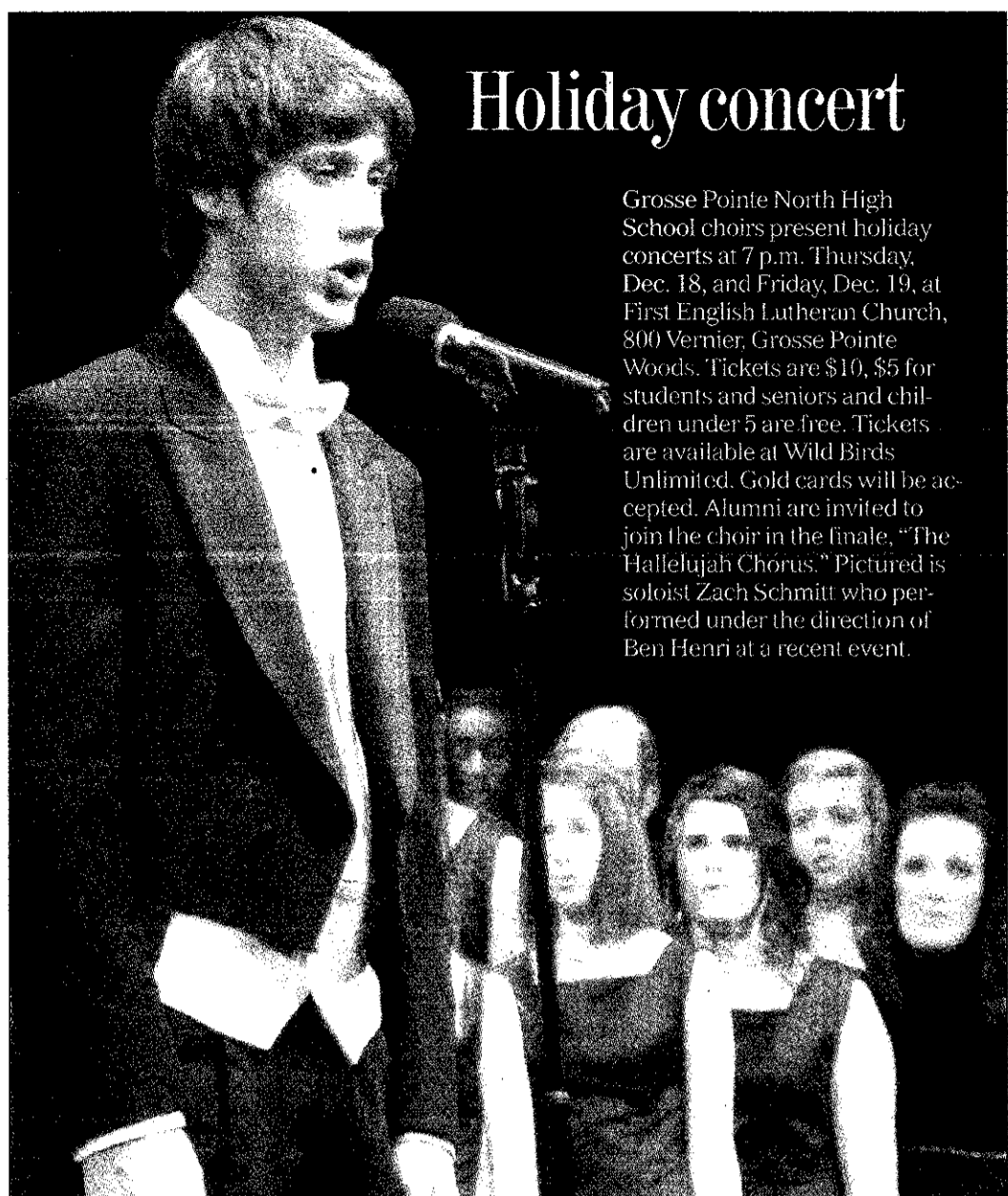
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Holiday concert

Grosse Pointe North High School choirs present holiday concerts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and Friday, Dec. 19, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and seniors and children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited. Gold cards will be accepted. Alumni are invited to join the choir in the finale, "The Hallelujah Chorus." Pictured is soloist Zach Schmitt who performed under the direction of Ben Henri at a recent event.



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Helping collect winter outerwear was, in back row, from left, Audrey Whitaker, Alexa Petropoulos, Nick Bsharah, Sasha Szura; middle row, Natalia Szura, Allison Frazer, Hannah Lynch, Sarah Simmet, Madeline Glasser and Grace Scott; third row, Sylvia Hodges, Ella McCarthy, Keelin McCarthy, Gracie Whitaker and Lauren Michels. At right, Sarah Simmet signs her name on one of the boxes filled with warm clothing, coats, scarves, gloves and mittens donated by Grosse Pointe families.



A party with a purpose

Michelle and Rob Petropoulos of Grosse Pointe Park held a party with a purpose.

They and Defer Elementary School children collected coats, hats, gloves and scarves for Detroit Public School students.

Petropoulos's friend, Lesa Hughes of Grosse Pointe Park, teaches at Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School in Detroit. Many of its students need of winter coats were the recipients of the gathered items.

A few Defer children who both donated and collected items went to the elementary school to deliver them. Holmes students were able to select what they needed.

However, not every student was served so the collection continue through Dec. 18.

To make a donation call Michelle Petropoulos at (248) 224-6847 or e-mail rm-petrop@comcast.net

"This is a great way to give back and see what it is like to make a difference, and to give back to kids their age," Hughes said. "Parents need to show

their children what is out there and how their kids can get involved," Hughes said.

Michelle Petropoulos added, "This was a great chance for some local Grosse Pointe school kids from Defer to make a difference and to see that not all kids have everything they have. Instead of wanting to keep everything they have they are now asking me 'should we give this to the kids?' That is a good thing to see in your children. This is why I turned an otherwise holiday party into a party with a purpose."

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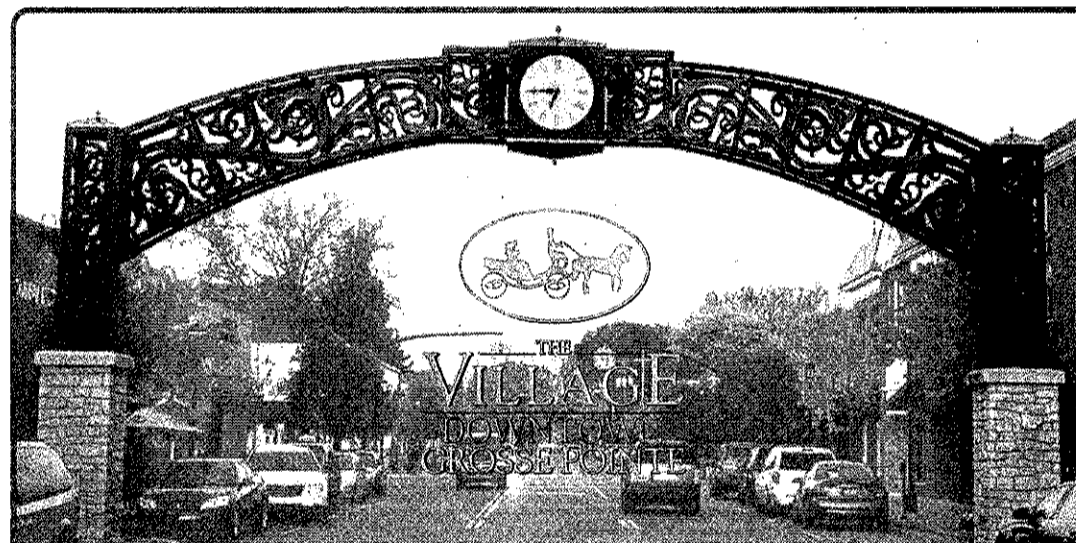
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Four village unions agree to terms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Pattern bargaining in Grosse Pointe Shores has resulted in three employee unions accepting terms first settled in September with patrol officers. "We have come to a resolution with the remaining three unions: command officers, public safety clerks and public works employees," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "All four unions signed for the same exact deal."

Terms of the three-year contracts apply to 40 full-time employees and include pay increases countered by concessions in health care and pensions.

"The long-term effects of these contracts will be a savings for the village," Kenyon said.

Village officials confirmed the agreement this week.

"We never approve a contract until after a union has," Kenyon said. "We're happy to have these contracts settled in these dire economic times."

The agreements run through June, 2010. They include a 3 percent salary increase beginning this year for the balance of the contract.

"The first year will not be retroactive," Kenyon said. "The

second year, 2008, will be retroactive from July. The third year, 2009, will be a pay increase."

Pensions for new employees are now capped at 75 percent of salary. The pension formula calculates pensions at 2.25 percent of annual salary for the first 25 years of employment, which is a .25 percent cut from the previous agreement's 2.5 percent. The percentage drops to 1.5 percent for each year after 25 years.

Long-term savings will be "significant," Kenyon said. "Who knows what the dollar amount will be. The reduction in the pension multiplier will be significant for the village."

Additional provisions are:
◆ Employees will contribute \$250 toward their health care premium.

◆ The health care deductible is \$1,000.

"It doesn't seem like a lot of money, but it's a foot in the door," Kenyon said.

◆ Health care for retirees age 65 and older will include a Medicare Advantage plan.

◆ Employees will receive \$3,500 for opting out of health insurance.

"We used to pay half the premium," Kenyon said. "For instance, a person would get \$6,000 under the old contract. We have approximately seven people, who take that option. So, we're saving money there."

◆ Employees must be employed for 25 years to collect 100 percent of retiree health care benefits or must work 15 to 20 years to collect 50 percent of the benefits.

Under the old contracts an employee who was vested and retired and left after 10 years could freeze their pension and work somewhere else, return to the Shores and demand health care and retirement.

Hanna Bear Boutique

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hanna Bear Boutique and La Jolie Rose, 17029 Kercheval, in the Village. From left are DeAnn Lukas, Myra Cartwright, Mayor Dale Scrase, store owner Rose Marchese and Chamber President Mary Huebner. The boutique is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The store offers family apparel, accessories and gifts.

Now, employees can be vested in 10 years. In order to get full health care, they must work at least 25 years.

"These are all down-the-road savings," Kenyon said. "There's not an immediate impact, but there will be in the future."



O'Leary cited in 'Best Lawyers'

Attorney John Patrick O'Leary will be included in the 2009 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America."

He is included in both the medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation specialties.

He and his wife, Jan, live in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Correction

A quote in "Food brings people back to the dinner table," which ran in the Oct. 30, 2008, issue should have read:

"All of our meat is top quality and our chicken is organic."



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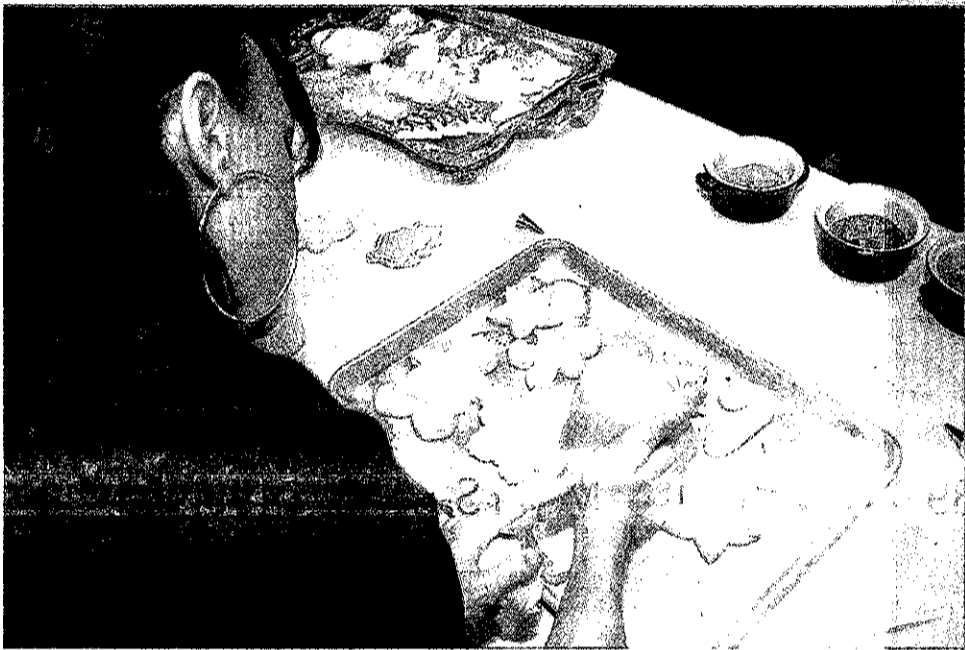
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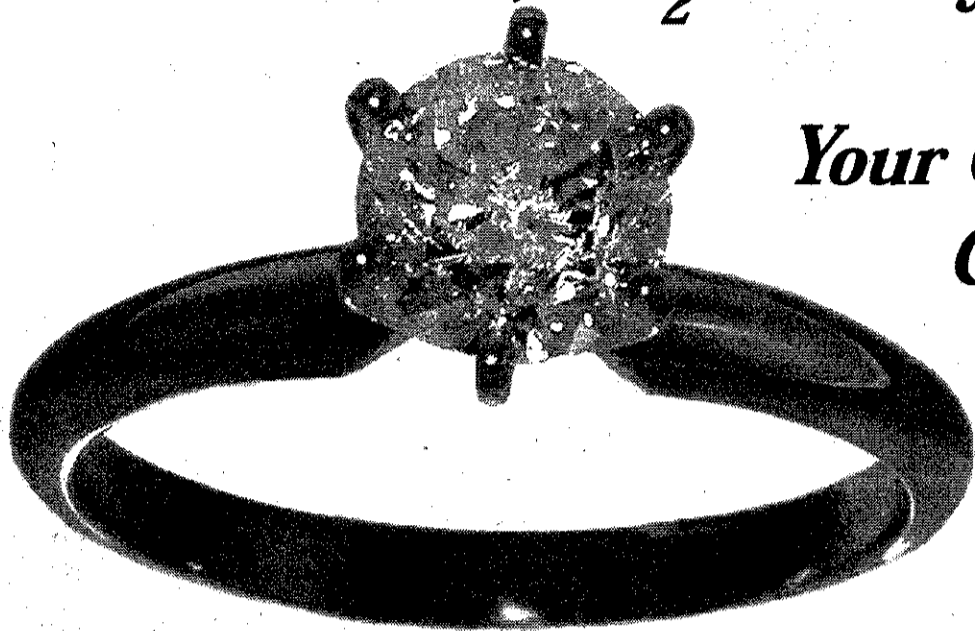
TOP RIGHT: Tess Paske takes a taste of the frosting, which acts as the glue for candy to stick to the house. She was one of the youngsters who built gingerbread houses recently at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. **TOP LEFT:** The finale. A tray of decorated cookies almost too good to eat. **ABOVE:** Garret Fragnoli decorated his sweet house with M&Ms. **ABOVE LEFT:** Chef Michelle Bommarito shows how to decorate cookies at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. She begins by outlining the cookie, then creates a design within the outline. **LEFT:** Santa delivered candy canes to Abigail and Kendall Volpe and inspected the gingerbread house they made. **RIGHT:** Josephine Cowart spreads frosting on a green gum drop, which will be added to the sidewalk around her small house. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Adrienne Nutter, Anne Purugganan and Yolanda Werhowatz laugh at Karen Clements, who is attempting to frost a cookie and find a comfortable position. She was having trouble learning how to hold the pastry bag. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Joe Wardlow gets some gum drop help from Anna Rea, while her son, Christopher, adds roof decorations.



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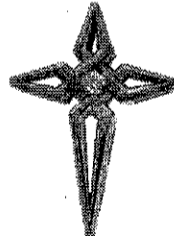


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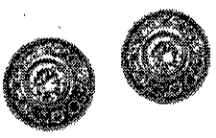


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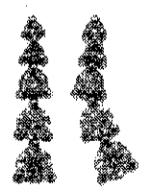


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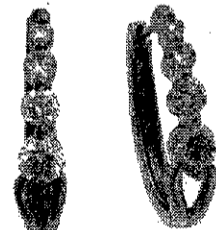
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Pit bull killed

A public safety officer being charged by a pit bull, shot and killed the animal at about 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the 300 block of Roosevelt Place.

"(I) fired one round into the chest of the pit bull, stopping the threat," said the officer. "The animal immediately collapsed and died. (The) dog had no collar and appeared to be a stray."

Police initially tried to capture the dog behind a house in the 800 block of Rivard.

"(I) approached the dog, which snarled and growled, refusing to let (me) get close," said the officer.

A veterinarian was unable to sedate the animal, which evaded capture until cornered and shot.

Bad dad

A 48-year-old male motorist from Detroit was arrested at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, for driving with a suspended license, owing \$650 in Detroit traffic warrants and failing to pay \$157,308 in child support.

A patrolman spotted the man on westbound Mack near Rivard operating a white Oldsmobile Bravada SUV without a license plate.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Student suspect

Police are investigating whether a 17-year-old female Grosse Pointe South High School student's car was vandalized by a female classmate.

Recent tampering to the victim's green 1999 Chrysler Cirrus includes dents to the

rear quarter panels and trunk.

Trick, no treat

A 62-year-old female resident, who was derided in national media for refusing to give Halloween candy to trick-or-treating offspring of Barack Obama supporters, has reported being hassled by Internet vigilantes.

She told police Dec. 1, that she'd been signed up for numerous unwanted Internet services and magazine subscriptions.

(She) has been receiving magazine subscriptions for multiple years averaging \$60 each," police said. (She) states she gets too many to remember them all."

Titles include Ebony, People, Star and The New Yorker.

An Internet search revealed a blogger posted her name, address, telephone number and registered her for nearly two dozen products and sites.

Police logged the complaint as an identity theft.

Bad check

At 1:05 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, a 22-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at a bank on the Hill for trying to pass a fake \$23,500 check.

Failed shakedown

At 10:30 a.m. Monday Dec. 1, a resident of the 100 block of Moran received a telephone call from an unknown man using the resident's cell phone.

The phone had been taken the night before from the resident's car parked in the driveway. The caller said he was at a Detroit gasoline station and wanted to know if there was a reward for returning the phone.

The resident left it at that.

Double teamed

Two unknown men are suspected of teaming up at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, to shoplift a Nintendo DS Lite from a store on the Hill.

A store employee said one of the men distracted her with questions, while the other man showed interest in the Nintendo. When the men left the store the product was missing.

— Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Tug-of-war

A beef over the sale of a used umbrella was decided in the customer's favor at 1:06 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, when public safety officers were called to an estate sale at 665 Lakeshore.

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man had arrived at the house to pick up an umbrella his wife bought for \$20. The 49-year-old female seller from Grosse Pointe Woods told the man the umbrella had been mispriced \$60 too low and he needed to make up the difference.

"Witnesses state there was a slight tug-of-war with both parties holding fast to the umbrella," said an officer. "The (man) took possession of the umbrella at its original price of \$20."

Science experiment

Firefighters dispatched to a house on Stratton Place at 8:03 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, encountered a failed scientific experiment.

"A pot was smoking on the stove, which was a science project gone bad," said an officer. "The smoking pot was placed outside."

Horn headache

The constant blaring of a car horn at 8:02 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, on Briarcliff put neighbors on edge.

"(A) caller (to headquarters said) this has been going on for 15 to 30 minutes," said the officer. "(The) caller (held the) phone outside and (I) was able to hear a horn sounding. (The) caller advised (me) that one neighbor is outside yelling at the driver of the vehicle to cease."

A patrolman sent to the scene disabled the horn by disconnecting its fuse.

— Brad Lindberg

Sebring snatched

A light blue 2001 Chrysler Sebring was reported stolen Saturday, Nov. 29, while parked in the Kroger lot between 5 and 6:40 p.m.

— Brad Lindberg

Fire run

A stove fire reported in a home on Audubon at 9:50 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24 was quickly extinguished.

Little damage was reported.

Car theft suspect

A suspected car thief was located under a porch in the Kercheval and Alter Road area at 1:27 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

The City of Grosse Pointe K-9 unit assisted.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

Public safety officers assisted a Kensington resident after a furnace malfunction caused smoke to emit from the furnace.

Radio thefts

A Sirius radio was taken from a Dodge Dakota parked overnight Tuesday, Dec. 3, on Kensington.

A resident on Whittier was awakened by his car alarm at 2:37 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, and discovered his Ford Explorer had been entered and the radio

missing.

ing column were not damaged.

Sub has bad day

A substitute teacher broke up a fight between a 12-year-old boy and his 13-year-old classmate Friday, Dec. 5, at Parcels Middle School. One of the boys suffered minor cuts. His father filed a police report.

Attempted B&E

A homeowner found damage to both the front and side doors of her home on Ridgemont when she returned at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

What's the point?

Police are not sure what motivated someone to smash out the side window of a 2008 Mustang overnight Sunday, Dec. 7.

Nothing was taken from the car and the ignition and steer-

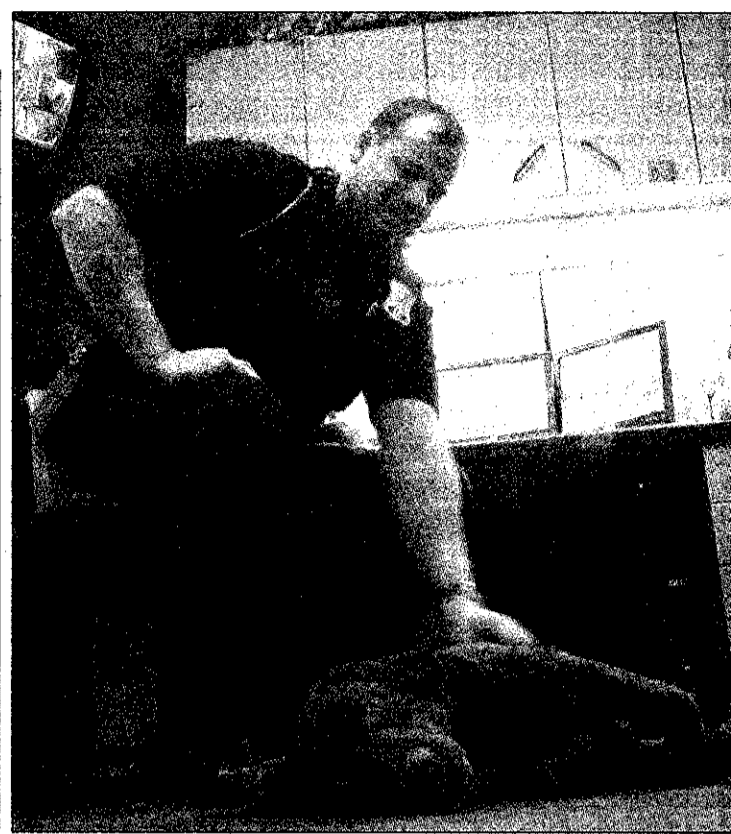


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Retriever retrieved

A stray chocolate Labrador retriever named Remington lucked out when a Grosse Pointe Farms resident on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 7 scooped him up near Mack and Hillcrest and dropped him off at police headquarters for safekeeping. Officer Tom Shimko, above, played with the 7-month-old dog. Officer Wes Kipke, who normally works the midnight shift, treated Remington to a home-cooked meal. "I gave him some of my lunch — meatballs," Kipke said. The dog's owner, a Detroit police officer living on the eastside, retrieved Remington at about noon.



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AUTOS By Jenny King

Auctions ignite car lovers' desires



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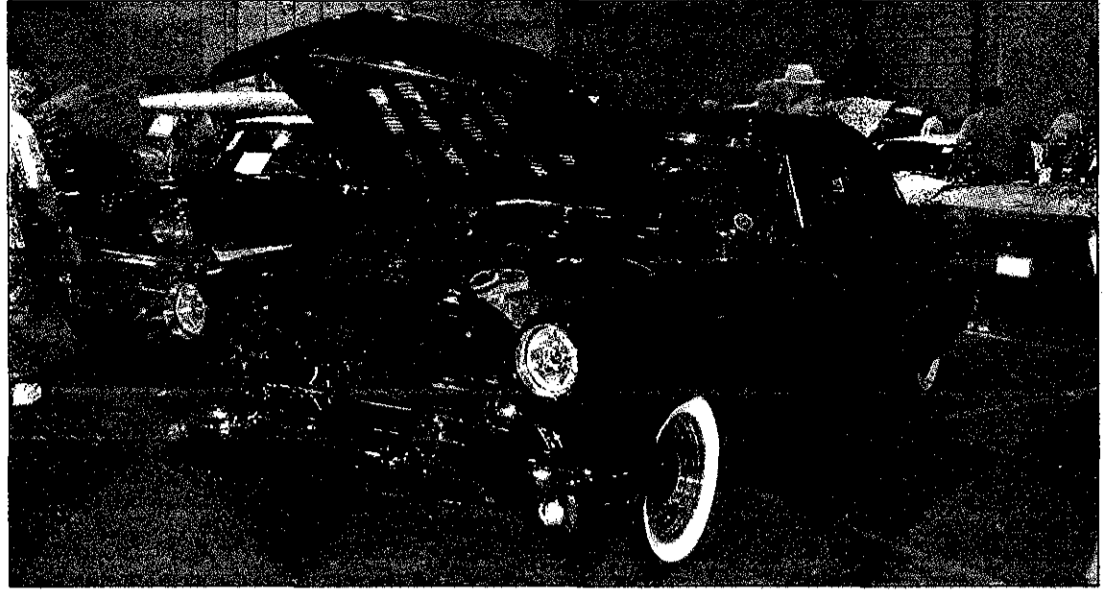
The Labor Day weekend sale is a classic, running a full week and featuring everything from handyperson specials to cars demanding and getting six figures.

The early November Kruse sale, held the first weekend of the month this year, has tended to be small and offer many ve-

hicles at no reserve. The highest offer secures the purchase — though the auctioneer is not likely to start the bidding at a mere \$50.

Results from the last event were posted by mid-month and there were indeed some bargains. Most items were not accompanied by a photo, so who knows the condition of the 1986 Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC two door coupe that went for \$975? Chances are the 1955

See AUCTION, page 20A



Who would have thought the family 1953 Mercury would someday bring \$50,000 at auction?



A handsome 1953 Jaguar XK 120 M sold for \$76,000. This is not a stocking stuffer.



Looking fit and ready to do wheelies, this dramatically shortened 1970 VW Microbus sold for \$20,500.

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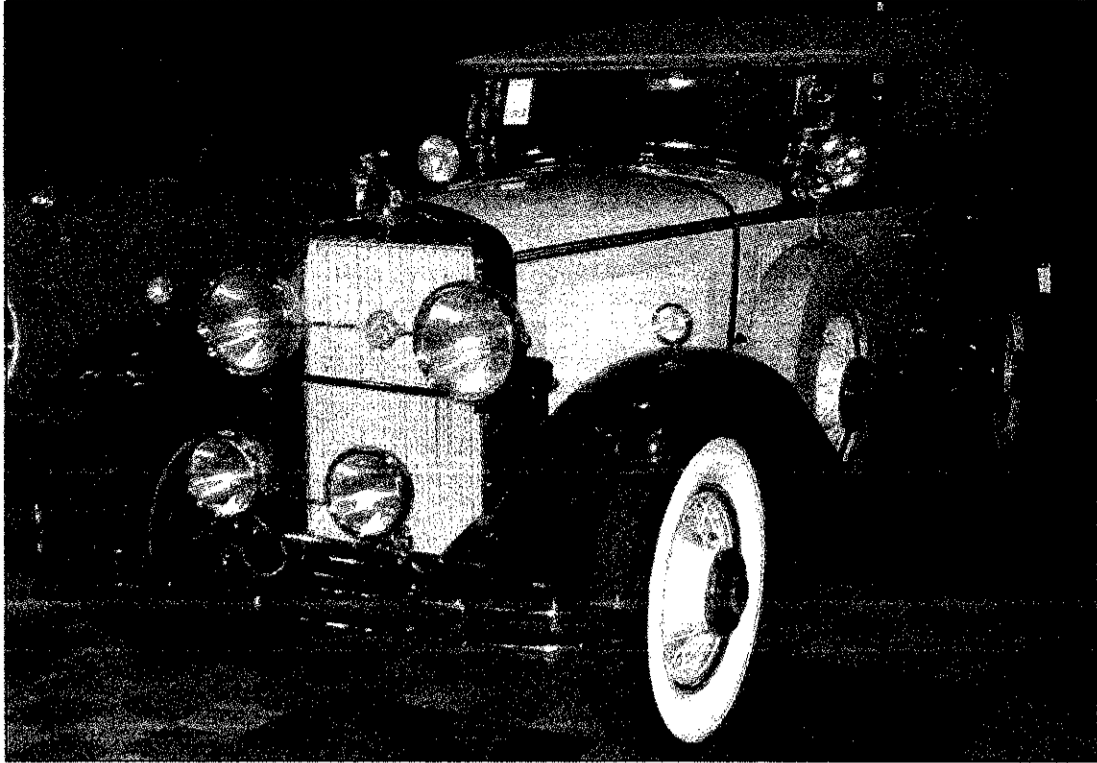
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This 1930 LaSalle with dual-cowl interior design and stunning two-tone paint won a high bid of \$110,000, but did not sell in September.

AUCTION: Chalking up sales

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Buick Special four-door sedan that sold for \$150 was not in No. 1 condition nor the Chevrolet Impala convertible from 1969 that a buyer took home for \$525.

But there really was a 1969 Plymouth GTX on the auction block and it sold for \$17,000, indicating a pretty nice muscle car. And a 1958 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner was snapped up for \$16,250.

The Kruse Labor Day sale is bigger than a three-ring circus. There seems to be an automotive pecking order here for the week-long event.

A large, open-air lot south of the main auction building holds vehicles that for the most part did not sell on the block.

Open-sided tents shelter the cars and trucks awaiting their turns at the hands of the auctioneers — and bidders.

And inside the main auction

area you'll find the eye candy: The please-do-not-touch beauties that if sold are likely to bring six figures. Some are there presumably on loan to whet appetites as there was no post-sale information on final bids or sales for them.

Visitors in this building are like children in a candy shop as they inspect cars such as a bright blue, dual-cowl 1930 Cadillac LaSalle T-26, a purple 1941 Cadillac Series 60 and a teal 1948 Talbot Lago.

The 1941 Cadillac sold for \$60,500 and the 1948 Talbot Lago for \$142,000. Bidders went as high as \$105,000 for the LaSalle but that wasn't enough to consummate a sale.

A modestly elegant 1960 Armstrong Siddeley four-door limousine, said to have been used as a parade car by Queen Elizabeth II in the early 1960s, did not change hands following the highest bid of \$195,000.

One lucky buyer captured a 1946 Mercury woodie station wagon with leather interior for \$75,000. Its former owner claimed it was one of only 40 1946 models in the National Woodie Club.

A 1950 Ford Country Squire

woodie wagon with a V-8 engine failed to sell at \$61,000, and a 1949 Ford woodie Custom Deluxe also went unsold following a final bid of \$70,000.

Chalking up sales were a 1953 Mercury Custom, \$50,000; a 1969 Pontiac GTO Judge with 366 horsepower Ram Air III under its hood, \$50,000; and an odd-looking 1970 Volkswagen Microbus with an emphasis on the "micro," since it had been shortened by four feet, \$20,500.

The 1948 Studebaker Champion Regal, a tulip cream convertible with red interior and 80 horsepower inline six with overdrive offered by Hyman Limited Classic Cars, sold for \$30,500.

For some unspecified reason the Labor Day auction results were not posted until early November. They ordinarily are ready by mid-September. Perhaps Santa was still dicker over some bids or sales costs. Or if you had already placed an order with the good-natured elf, he's checking to see if you have been naughty or nice.

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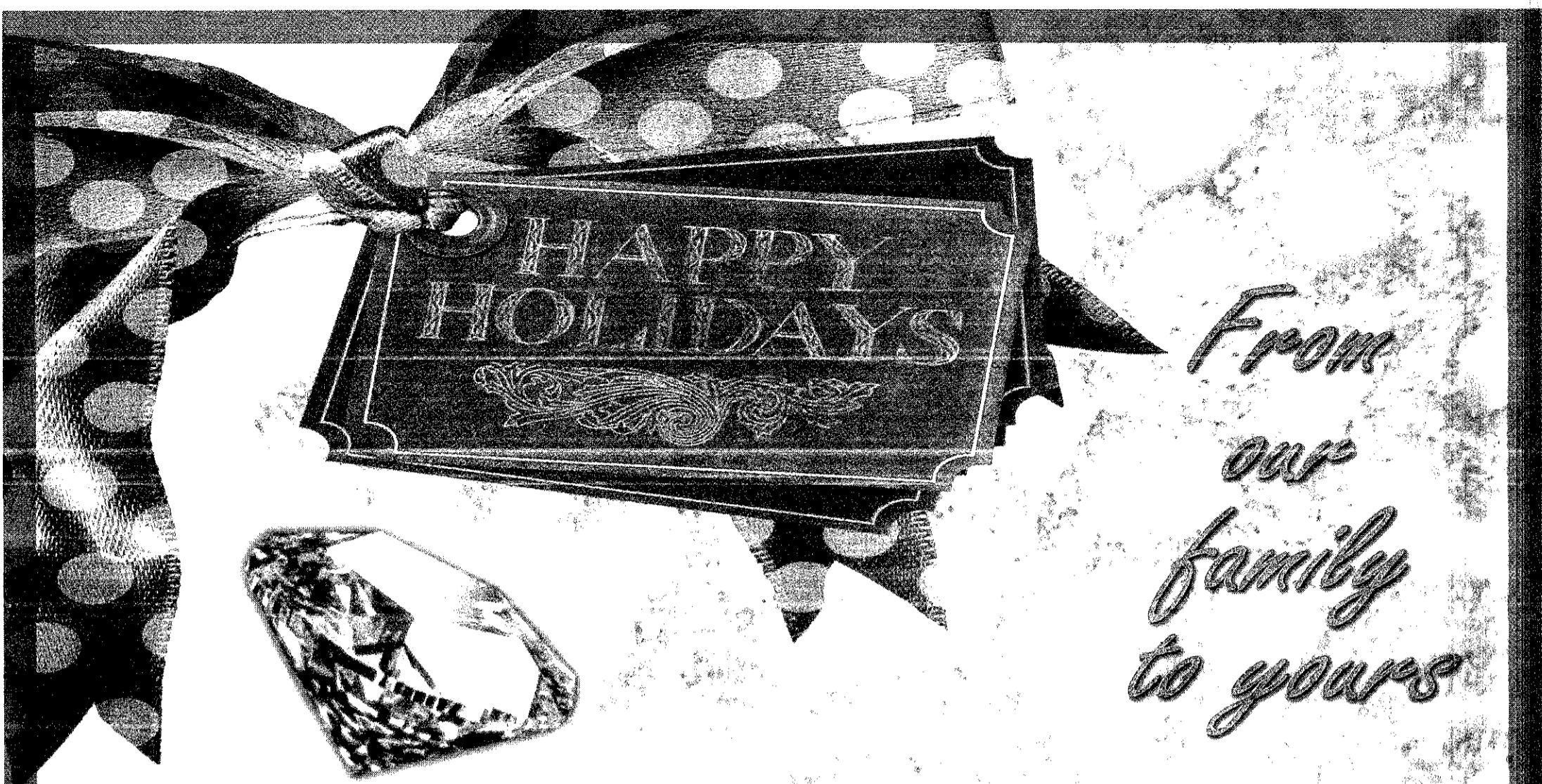
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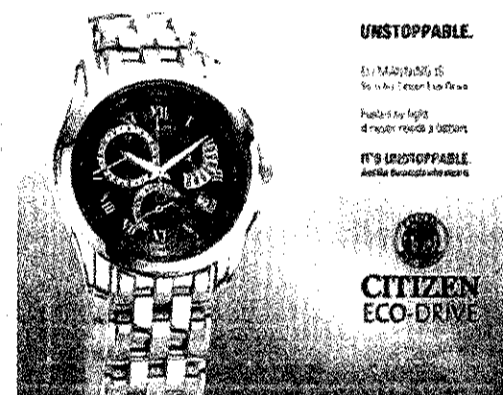
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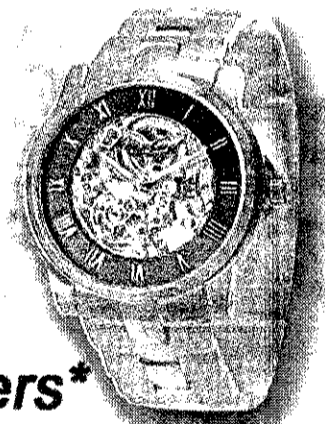
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William E. Anderman

Grosse Pointe resident William E. Anderman, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008.

He was the beloved husband of June Marks Anderman and loving father of Milton (Diann), Marie (Andrew) Ario, Richard (Denise) and the late William E. III (Judy). He was the dear grandfather and great grandfather of many.

Please sign Mr. Anderman's online guestbook at cremationmichigan.com

Denny Callahan

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Denny Callahan, 65, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 in Darien, Conn.

Mr. Callahan was born in Milwaukee to Raymond and Marie Callahan. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1969 and served in military intelligence for the U.S. Air Force in Turkey.

Mr. Callahan was the chief executive officer of Crowley's Department Store from 1992 until 1998. He also was a Realtor for Century 21.

Mr. Callahan enjoyed traveling, reading, skiing and playing cards.

He was a member of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation and its board president from 2004 to 2007 and Spaulding for Children, where he also served as board president from 1996 to 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; son, Todd; daughters, Jennifer Crewe, Amy Callahan Tannert and Lindsey Callahan; and grandchildren, Alexa and Alec Crewe.

He also is survived by his father; sisters, Marie Mullin and Susie Buffington; and his brothers, Tim Callahan and Mike Callahan.

He was predeceased by his mother.

A funeral service was held

Dec. 10 in Rapid River. Memorial donations may be made to Spaulding for Children, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 120, Southfield, MI 48075 or The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

John Robert "Bob" Colson

Bob Colson, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, in St. Clair Shores. A longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident, he was born Sept. 30, 1925 in Sharon, Pa., the son of Fred and Hulda Colson.

Mr. Colson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After service to his country, he graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950.

He moved his family to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1967 when he joined Bundy Tubing in Warren as manager of cost accounting. He retired from Bundy in 1987 and enjoyed an active retirement.

Mr. Colson enjoyed golf, music, travel and was an avid sportsman. He was the No. 1 cheerleader for his grandchildren's sporting events at Grosse Pointe North High School.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church since 1973 and served on its finance committee, a volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital, and was formerly involved in Junior Achievement.

Mr. Colson is survived by Shirley, his wife of 58 years; his son, James, and his wife, Lynne; and three grandchildren, Christopher, Leigh-Ann and Blair.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

A memorial service will be

held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. His remains will be inurned at Oakwood Cemetery in Sharon, Pa. on Dec. 19, 2008.

Memorials may be made to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

Condolences may be shared with the family at ahpeters.com.

Henry O. Gesell D.D.S.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Henry O. Gesell D.D.S., 77, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2008.

He was born in Detroit to Henry O. and Delores Gesell and graduated from Detroit's Southeastern High School. He received his Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University and his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in 1960.

Dr. Gesell began practicing dentistry in 1960 in association with the late Dr. Paul Kowalchuk. Dr. Gesell later opened his own practice in St. Clair Shores where he worked as a sole practitioner until 2007.

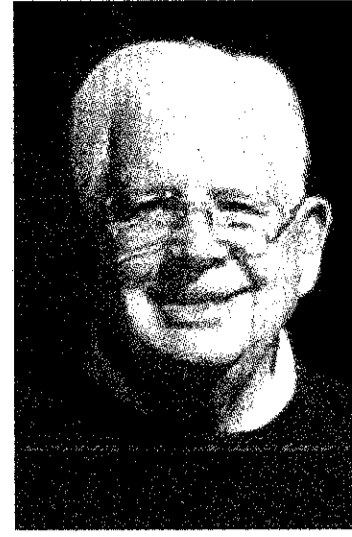
He recently had joined the practice of Robert Masi D.D.S. in Harper Woods where Dr. Gesell continued to treat his patients.

He was an avid sailor, fisherman and alpine skier. He was a member of Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit since 1952 and was a former member of the Crescent Sail Yacht Club of Grosse Pointe Farms.

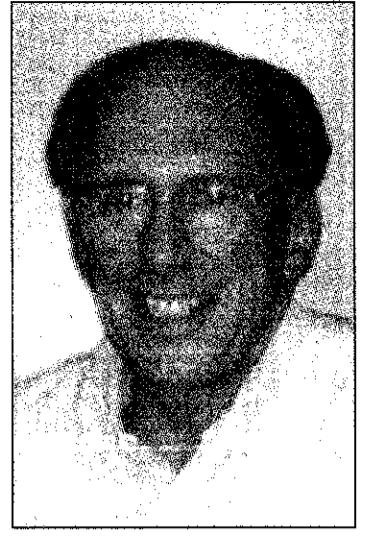
Dr. Gesell is survived by his daughters, Margy (Pat Bushey), June (Bill) Larkins



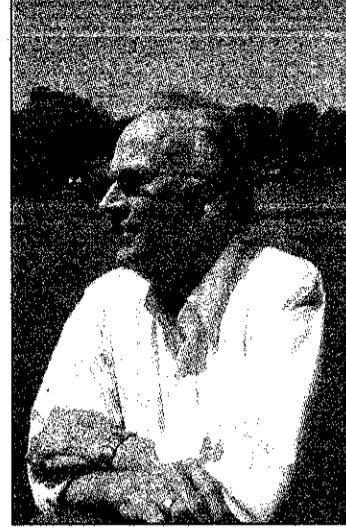
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Douglas C. Rivard

Donald J. Martin Sr.

Donald J. Martin Sr., 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit surrounded by his loving family. He was a 42-year Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Mr. Martin was born March 21, 1919 in Akron, Ohio, to John and Florence Martin. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a lieutenant stationed in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Martin worked as an engineer for Uniroyal Tire Inc. for 33 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Martin was a pioneer in the establishment of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. He also was a faithful parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods for 42 years.

His multitude of accomplishments included being involved in the Soap Box Derby, judging Detroit Public Schools science fairs, and being an amazing husband, father and grandfather.

His hobbies included photography, boating, amateur radio, and following myriad local sports. He traveled extensively in his retirement.

Mr. Martin is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Barbara H. Martin; and his sons, Donald Jr., David (Donna), Christopher Sr. (Linda), Charles (Mary), and Matthew (Heather). He also had the blessing of 12 grandchildren; Thomas, Julie, Michael, Lisa, Jennifer, Lindsay, Christopher Jr., Katie, Sam, Charlie, Jimmy and Jack.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 29 at Our Lady Star of the Sea, followed by a luncheon at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

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

Douglas C. Rivard

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Douglas C. Rivard, 53, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008.

He was born Nov. 15, 1955 in Detroit to Lawrence and Sophia Rivard. He was a product manager in the automotive industry and worked overseas for many years.

Mr. Rivard enjoyed boating and sailing on Lake St. Clair. He is survived by his brothers, Wayne and Michael.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Dean.

A funeral service was held Dec. 9 at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment in the church's columbarium. Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Carl Joseph Henrichs

Grosse Pointe Park resident Carl Joseph Henrichs, 102, died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at his home.

He was born March 6, 1906 in Detroit to Anthony and Elizabeth Kranz Henrichs, immigrants from Germany.

Mr. Henrichs attended University of Detroit High School and graduated from the American Institute of Banking.

He started his banking career in the 1920s. After the closing of the banks in 1933, he was invited to join the newly formed National Bank of Detroit. He was with NBD for 35 years, retiring as a vice president in 1968. Mr. Henrichs then started a new career as president of the Beaver Realty Company, a holding and insurance business, which he liquidated and sold in 1984.

Interrupting his career was his service in the military from 1941 to 1945. An early draftee, he was assigned to the 32nd Infantry Division known as the Red Arrow. His division was involved in combat for 654 days, more than any other American division. He served in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star and earned a battlefield commission as a 2nd lieutenant.

Mr. Henrichs' interests included music, both live and recorded, photography, taking thousands of 35mm slides, and traveling. Travels with his family took him all over the United States and Canada. Later, with his wife, Betty, he took many trips to Europe, the Caribbean and

Alaska. Mr. Henrichs was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club for more than 50 years, the American Legion Grosse Pointe Past No. 303 for more than 60 years and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He was an active member and generous supporter of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park for 56 years. He helped form the parish council and was elected its first president.

Mr. Henrichs is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth "Betty," children, Carl Jr. (Robert), Bernard "Tony" (MaryAnn), Marianne Adams and Elisabeth "Lisa" (Jeffrey) Mager; and grandchildren, Carl III, Joseph and Ellen Henrichs, Nicholas Henrichs, Zack and Beau Adams and Alex and Max Mager.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Dec. 6 at St. Clare of Montefalco.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

William "Bill" Leslie Seppala

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William "Bill" Leslie Seppala, 62, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008.

Mr. Seppala was born March 5, 1946 in Detroit to Katherine Seaman and Leslie William Seppala. He graduated from Denby High School in Jan. 1964 and the University of Michigan in 1968.

He served as a sergeant for the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

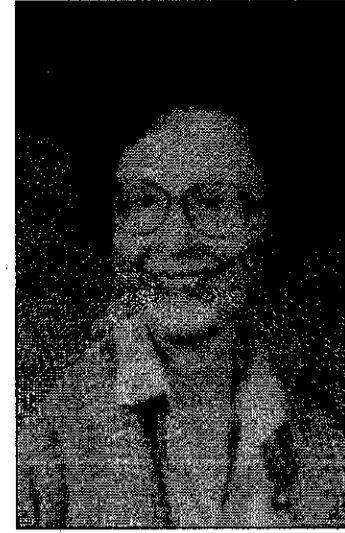
Mr. Seppala was the owner and president of Harper Sport Shop in St. Clair Shores. Harper Sport was well-known among generations of Eastsiders as the place to purchase sports team apparel, hockey sticks and skates, bowling balls and bags, and a



Carl Joseph Henrichs



William "Bill" Leslie Seppala



Charlotte Danaher Vaughan

wide variety of other sports equipment.

Mr. Seppala was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed softball, bowling, hockey and racquetball. He also enjoyed gardening and building model boats.

He was a member of the Mack Avenue Merchants Association; Les Cheneaux Club and Sigma Chi fraternity.

Mr. Seppala is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; sons, Michael and Mark; and sister, Sandra K. Seppala.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 8 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Charlotte Danaher Vaughan

Former Grosse Pointe resident Charlotte Danaher Vaughan, 88, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn after a brief illness.

She was born in Charlottenburg, Germany, Feb. 1, 1920, and immigrated to the United States with her parents and older brother when she was three years old. She attended Mount Holyoke and Grinnell col-

leges and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College. After graduation she lived in New York City and worked at ABC Radio, which she referred to as one of the happiest periods of her life.

She married James P. Danaher Aug. 31, 1946. After a brief stay in Placerville, Calif., the couple moved to Grosse Pointe Shores where they raised their five children.

After divorcing in 1971, she married Henry F. Vaughan Jr. on May 18, 1977 and the couple moved to Stuart, Fla. The family, which now included Mr. Vaughan's four children, enjoyed many summers up at Old Mission near Traverse City.

Mr. Vaughan died in Florida in 1988, and Mrs. Vaughan continued living there until 1997 when she moved to Henry Ford Village, a retirement community in Dearborn. During her 11 years there, the staff said she "always had a smile on her face."

Mrs. Vaughan enjoyed reading, art, particularly Impressionist painting, writing in her journal, playing bridge, Frank Sinatra songs and watching tennis matches on television.

She supported many local artists in Petoskey and Stuart buying their handmade craft works. She was a devout

Roman Catholic.

Her father, Dr. Charles W. Brabbee, was awarded numerous patents for inventions in the heating and air conditioning industry and was a guest lecturer at both Columbia and Yale universities. Her brother, Ralph A. Brabbee, was director of marketing services at the Kimberly Clark Corp.

Mrs. Vaughan was especially proud her family did well in the United States as first generation immigrants, and she had a special place in her heart for the Statue of Liberty.

Mrs. Vaughan is survived by her children, James Jr., Eileen (Frank) Traum, Thomas (Mallory) Danaher, Steven Danaher and Kathleen (Dave) Rybicki; grandchildren, Christopher Danaher, and Kelly and Brooke Danaher; and stepchildren, Terry Vaughan, Wendy (Bob) Brickman, David Vaughan and Vicki Vaughan Bush.

Services were held at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be at the Dunedin Municipal Cemetery in Dunedin, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to SOLEIF, The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation Inc., Attn: Donor Services, 17 Battery Place No. 210, New York, NY 10004-3507 or by calling the foundation at (212) 561-4588.

G.P. SHORES New trees being planted

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Thirty-six trees are being planted in Grosse Pointe Shores during the annual fall arbor campaign.

"We're in the thick of the fall tree planting program," said Brett Marshall, head of the village tree board. "We're bringing in new varieties this season to keep our diversity in progress."

At least 14 species are being planted. Selections include, but are not limited to, zelkova, ginkgo autumn gold, tupelo, northern red oak, cork, tulip and cherry shurbert.

Four specimens have been located at Osius Park along the main path to the harbor.

"Last week, we planted 12 new trees at the park," said Jim Cooke, park director. "We've taken 15 trees down in the last two years, all ash trees diseased or dead. Next spring, we should see those starting to take form. They were badly needed."

Trees were purchased at a quantity discount through a bulk bidding plan Marshall arranged with the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park.

"The Park is saving about \$50 per tree," said Brian Colter, Park city forester.

"Cherry trees are a nice alternative for small areas and under utility lines," he said.

The Shores tree board formulates planting programs, tree maintenance, coordinates Arbor Day celebrations and campaigns to become a Tree City USA sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

"The Arbor Day application has been submitted," Marshall said. "I anticipate approval early next year, January or February. That will give us our fifth year as a Tree City."

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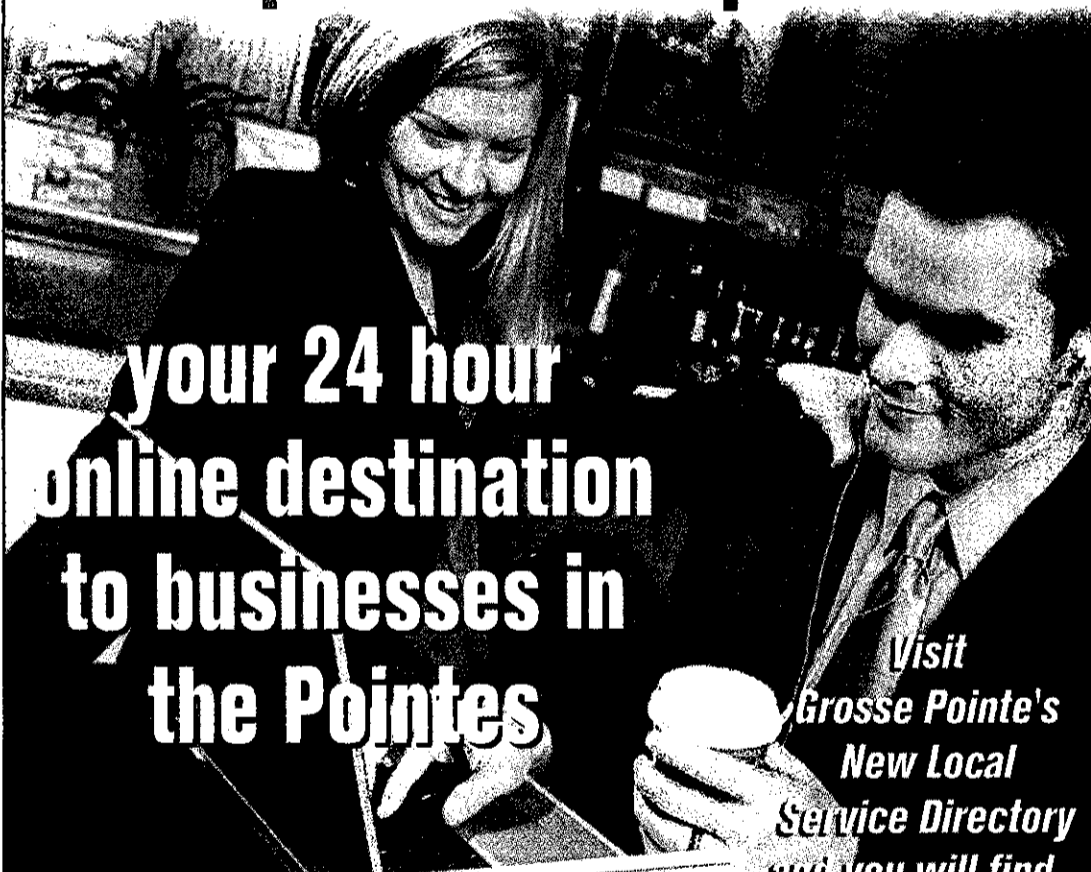
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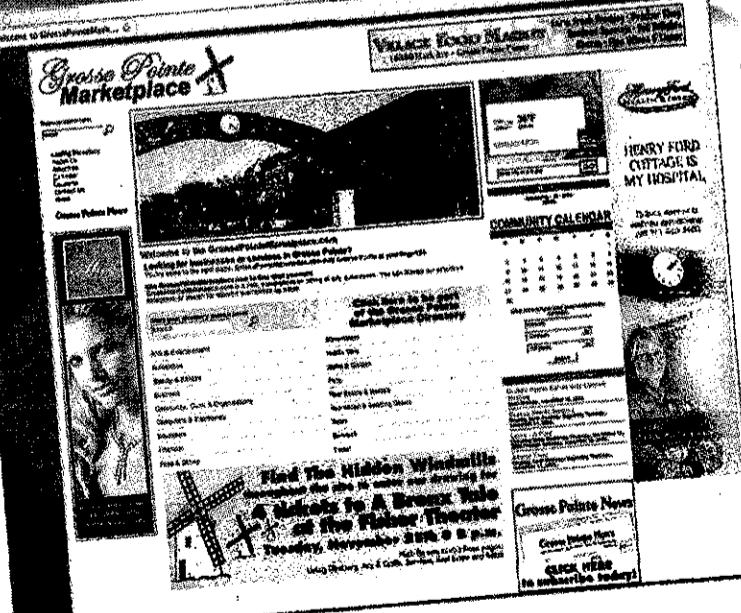
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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN
SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Leonard and Waldmeir.
Those Absent Were: Councilmembers Roby and Theros (Councilman Theros later arrived at the Meeting).
Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Pamela Baker, Deputy City Clerk.
Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.
Councilman Roby was excused from attending the Meeting.
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2008, were approved as submitted.
The Council approved the Resolution for the Annual Wayne County Permit, authorizing the Director of Public Service and City Manager to execute such permit on behalf of the City.
The Council approved the bid for the purchase of one Holder Utility Tractor for the DPW.
The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:
• Proposed changes to court fines and costs.
• 2009 City Council Schedule of Meetings.
• 2008/2009 Tree and Shrub Planting Program
• Resolution for gaming license for the Grosse Pointe South High Boosters Club.
Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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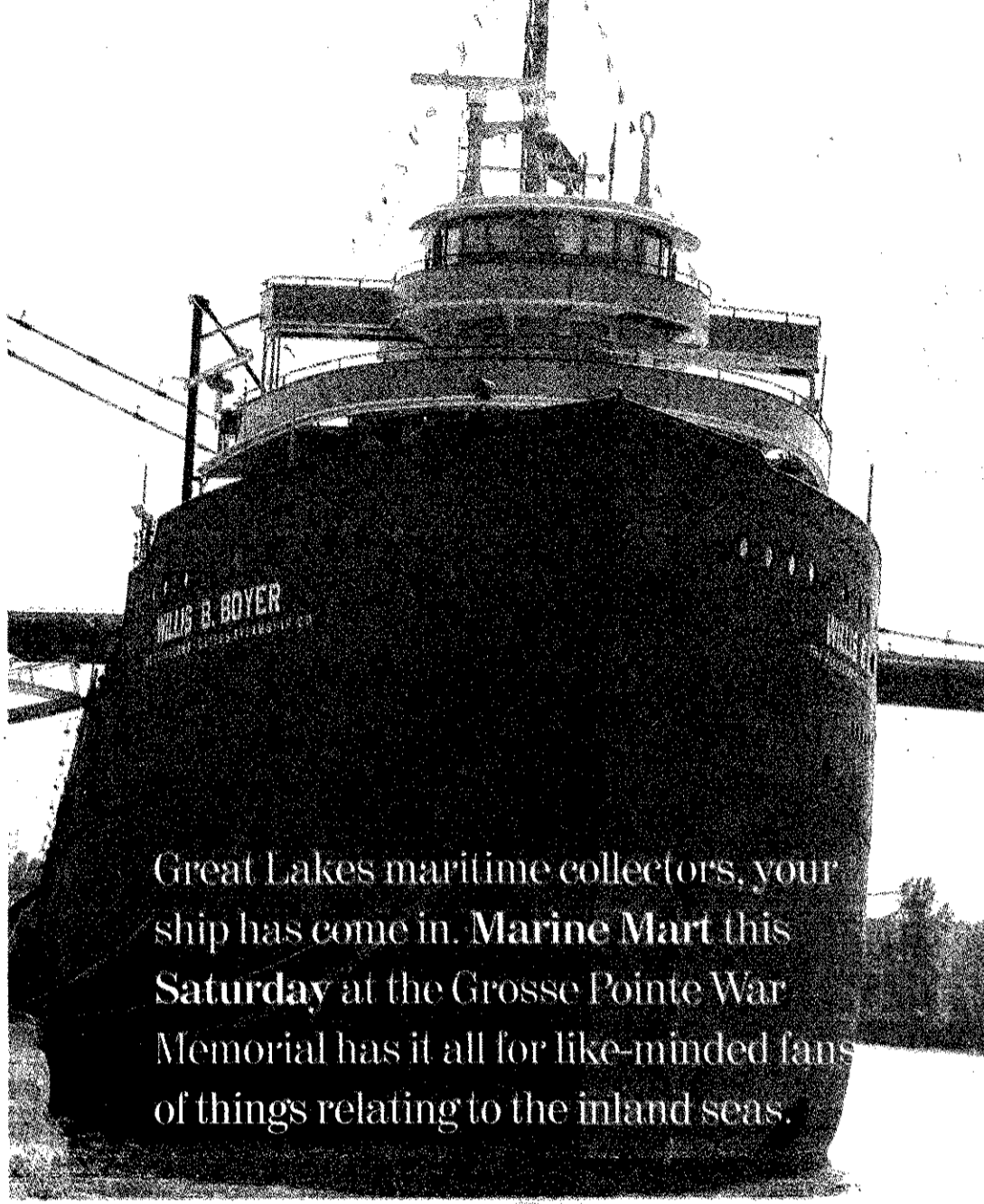
Road trip

Destination: Cleveland Museum of Art

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A treasure chest for boat nerds



Great Lakes maritime collectors, your ship has come in. Marine Mart this Saturday at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has it all for like-minded fans of things relating to the inland seas.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Part of a documentary about Henry Ford's maritime heritage was filmed in Toledo aboard the Willis S. Boyer.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Marine Mart drops anchor Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

On deck will be more than 40 dealers of Great Lakes maritime and lighthouse artifacts, collectibles, books, art and more.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission costs \$7. Children under 12 years can enter for free. Early bird admission from 9:30 to 10 a.m. is \$10.

The mart, presented by the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group, is in its 26th year.

"A lot of people show up for it, every time," said John Polacsek, former curator of marine history at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The show is part antique sale, flea market and chat-fest with people who share interests in all things Great Lakes.

Marts had been held at The Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. Organizers a few years ago expanded the event and moved it to the roomier War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We bring dealers together so people can come and purchase things: artwork, history books, post cards and photos of their favorite boats," Polacsek said.

By boats, he meant Great Lakes freighters and passen-



ger steamers, such as the Evening Star.

In 1879, passengers paid \$1 for a 12 1/2-hour round trip between Detroit and Port Huron, "calling at all River St. Clair ports each way," according to a Detroit Post & Tribune newspaper advertisement of the day. The ad concluded, "For freight or pas-

sage, apply on board to R.L. Montgomery, agent, at warehouse, foot of Shelby St." "It's extremely difficult to find the kinds of things Great Lakes buffs are interested in," Polacsek said. "Pure and simple, if you're looking for something to flush out your collection, the mart is one way to go." Fans of rare freighter dining china might find something at the mart to round out their sets

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MART: Marine mart this Saturday

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—for about \$300 per set.

Polacsek will be on hand selling his new, hour-long, \$24.95 DVD documentary, "Henry Ford's Maritime Heritage, 1918-1927."

Polacsek tapped the National Archives for original footage shot by the Ford Motor Company's motion picture department of the Rouge Plant construction and myriad products that ensued. The documentary chronicles assembly of 200-foot Eagle Boat submarine chasers for the U.S. Navy during World War I, the launching in 1924 of the freighters Benson Ford and Henry Ford II, cargo handling and related activity.

"I worked on that video for many years," Polacsek said.

Author, author

Patrick Livingston describes himself as a Bob-Loophile.

"In addition to going to Bob-Lo so many days in my life, I worked on the steamer Columbia in 1967," he said.

Getting to Bob-Lo amusement park was half the fun of going there.

Transportation from downtown Detroit to the island park 18 miles downstream in Canadian waters was by the roughly 200-foot passenger boats Columbia and St. Clair.

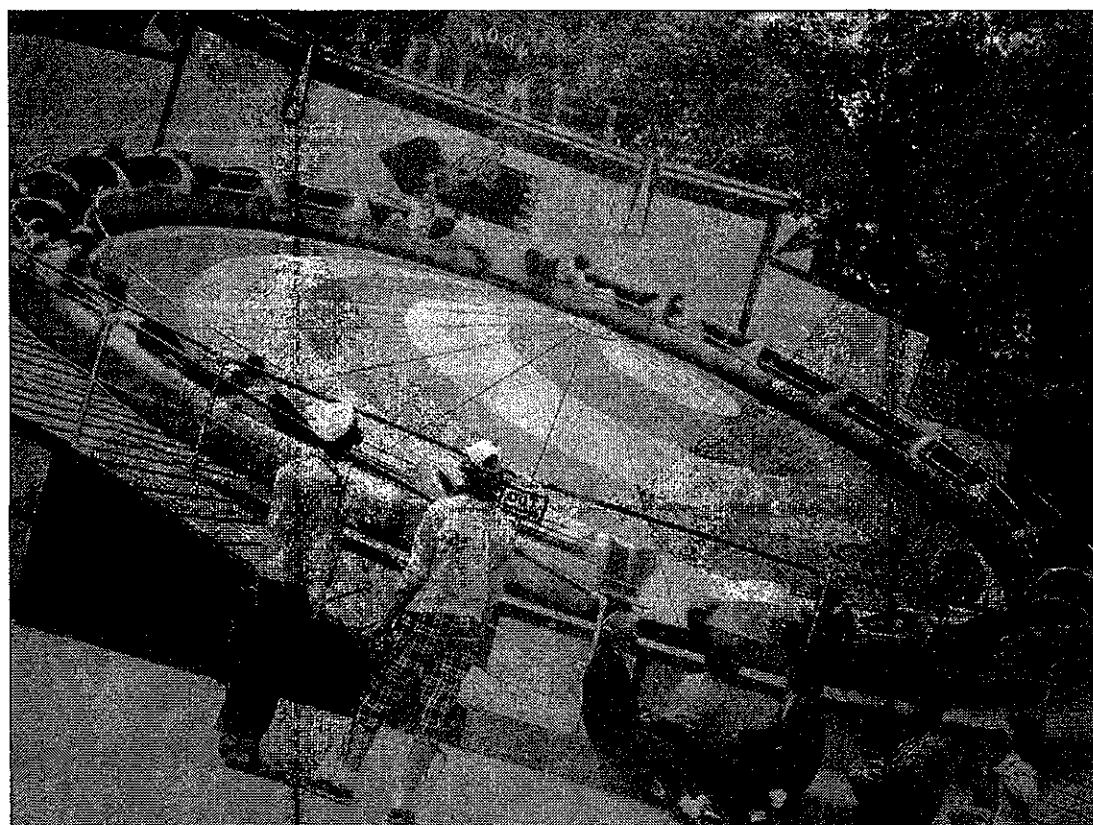
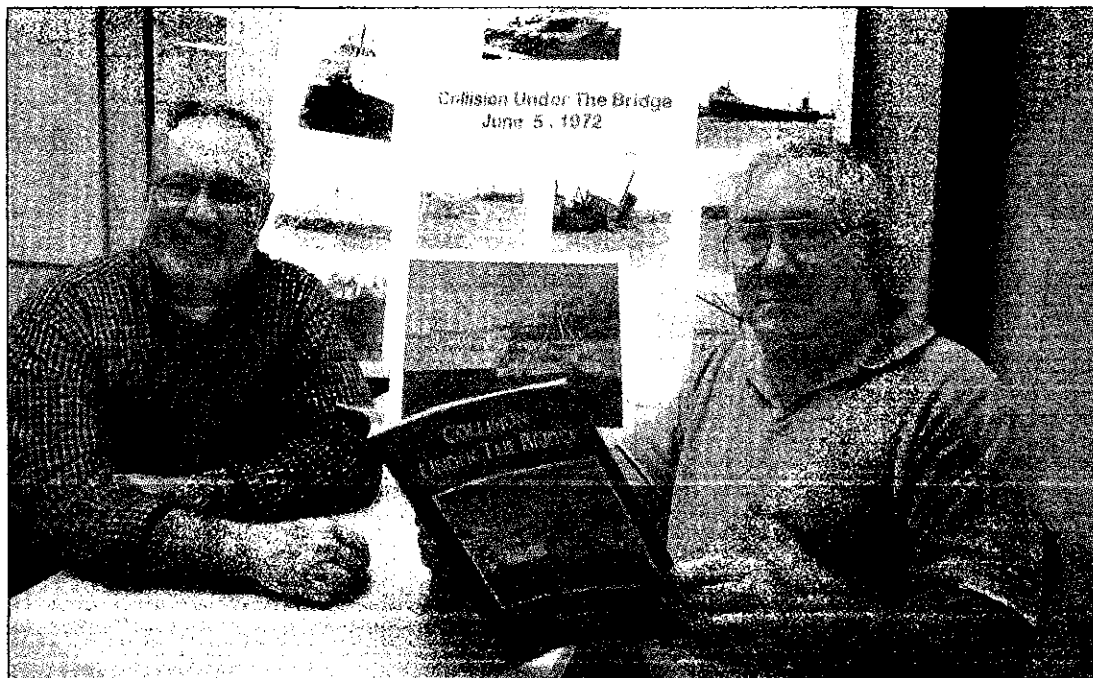
Livingston will be at Marine Mart signing copies of his recent book, "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-Lo Island."

The 208-page softcover features numerous black and white photos, maps and vintage advertisements. It sells for \$24.95 and is the second of Livingston's Great Lakes books published by Wayne State University Press.

Before starting the four-year process of writing "Summer Dreams," Livingston revisited Bob-Lo Island for research and reflection.

"I stretched out and kind of dreamed about what I'd like to write about and let the island speak to me," he said.

"Summer Dreams" developed into a broad-based history of the island. Livingston didn't limit himself to writing about the amusement park. He profiled people who lived and worked on the island — originally named Bois Blanc, or "White Wood," due to its stands of white-lumbered basswood — and at the park that operated nearly a century from



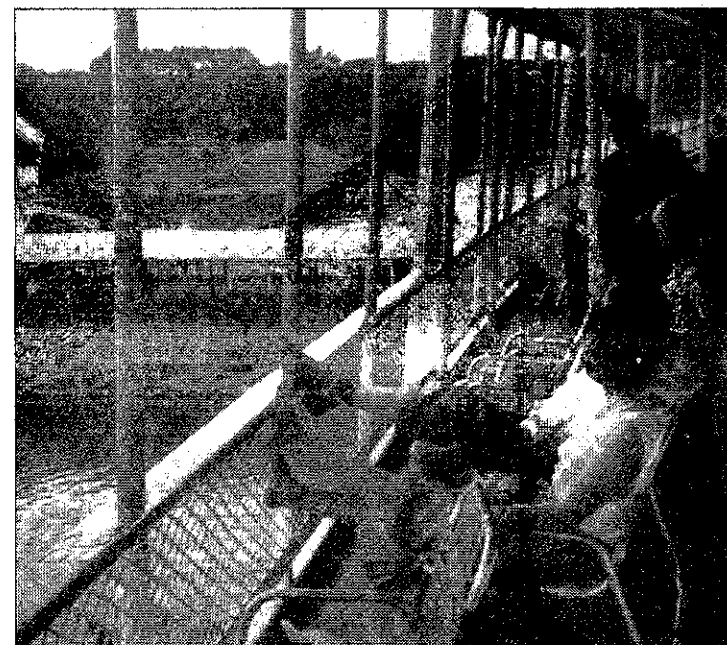
1898 to 1993.

Livingston excerpted first-person historical accounts and interviews to give the book a sense of immediacy. British author Isaac Weld described a 1796 nighttime visit to the island and Indians whooping it up around a fire:

"There is something inconceivably terrible in the sight of a number of Indians dancing thus round a fire in the depths of thick woods and the loud shrieks at the end of every dance add greatly to the horror which their first appearance inspires."

"I learned about people who owned the island after the British sold it in the 1850s and how it was used as a resort colony for artists," Livingston said.

The book had the working title, "Bob-Lo Lives," because, he said, "it was being brought to life by talking to people who had worked on the island and boats. The most fun part of



writing the book was doing interviews."

He talked with members of the Browning family of the City of Grosse Pointe, who owned the park from 1949 until 1978. The late Red Browning was mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe during the 1970s.

Livingston's anecdote about the Browning's final year of ownership symbolizes the Sisyphean futility of operating the amusement park polluted by Detroit gang violence that sparked newspaper headlines screaming "Mayday on Bob-Lo Boats":

"Midway through the 1978 season, the Skystreak coaster stopped at the top of a hill and rolled back down, injuring 10 passengers. Perhaps this was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back."

"Brothers Bill and Ralph Browning told me of the challenges confronting them running Bob-Lo as a business," Livingston said. "Bill said he had to deal with six unions on the boats alone."

Park managers juggled United States and Canadian regulations, two sets of customs officials, state and provincial officials, police and rules from municipalities along the boat routes.

"So many people from Detroit and border cities have Bob-Lo ingrained as part of their history," Livingston said. "Many early memories have to do with going to Bob-Lo with their family. It became as ingrained as much as other Detroit institutions: sports teams and Vernors ginger ale."

Also attending the mart will be Brenton Michaels, coauthor with his brother of "Collision Under the Bridge." The 86-page, illustrated softcover from Bullhead Publishing recounts the ramming, sinking and salvage of the steamer Sidney E. Smith in the St. Clair River from beneath the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron.

TOP PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG; VINTAGE PHOTOS FROM "SUMMER DREAMS"

At top, Jon Paul and Brenton Michaels' 2008 book, "Collision Under the Bridge," has entered a second printing. Above, Bob-Lo patrons relax on an island steamer while riders of the Moon Rocket spin around and around.

The book was featured in the Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News and has been added to the boatneru.com recommended reading list.

"We just got our second printing," Michaels said.

The book and accompanying limited edition art print of the Smith moments before being rammed by the freighter; Parker Evans, list for \$20 each.

"If you buy a book at the mart, we'll sell you a print for half price," Michaels said. "It's quite a piece of history and was a major, major salvage operation. We're trying to bring to people's attention that they're living on a river that has great historical value, not only for Michigan but for the whole United States."

Michaels is a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Coast Guard living in Cheboygan. The only way he'll miss the mart is if a snowstorm closes the highway.

"We got clobbered the other night," he said. "You guys down there can have it all, if you want it."

If it gets any colder up north, Michaels jokes, he may be recommissioned to work on an icebreaker.

"I kind of miss it," he said, "but not enough to go back."

Marine Mart is Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$7. Children under 12 can enter free. Early admission at 9:30 a.m. costs \$10.



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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for the annual Christmas party. Carol Stephenson is hostess and Alyssa Mertz and Marney Ramsey are co-hostesses.

Bridge club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for a Christmas lunch and bridge.

For reservations or cancellations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 before Monday, Dec. 15.

Le Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in a Grosse Pointe home and at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in a Harper Woods home.

For more information, call Jennifer at (313) 821-9196 or Shannon at (313) 882-9801.

Children's choir

The Children's Choir Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

DAR

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution observe the 235th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with a 1 p.m. tea on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Cook Schoolhouse in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations must be in by noon on Monday, Dec. 15, and may be made by calling Linda Benson at (313) 863-1015.

Members should bring their own tea cup, teddy bears for Toys for Tots to commemorate the 150th birthday of Teddy

Roosevelt and Christmas cards which will be sent to active duty and wounded service men and women. Items for Project Patriot also should be brought.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The University Liggett Lower School choir, directed by Grace Fenton, will provide the entertainment.

A representative of the Salvation Army will accept gifts and monetary donations.

Bring a wrapped gift designated for a girl, boy or mother.

Reservations must be in by Saturday, Dec. 13, and may be made by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5051.

The club is open to current and former Grosse Pointe residents, bordering communities and area business owners. Dues are \$55 and include seven lunches, a monthly newsletter, monthly programs of enter-



Featured speaker

The Honorable Ken Cockrel Jr., Mayor of Detroit, was the featured guest at the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club's annual pasta dinner in November. Cockrel congratulated the club on its hard work and success in the November election and emphasized the importance of working together as a region. From left, Shail Arora, the club's vice president, Laurie Arora, Kimberly Cockrel, and Cockrel.

tainment and a directory. For more information, call membership chairman Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 or president Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

ers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit meetup.com.

Spanish club

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup group gath-

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meet from 10 to

11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, and Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Ski club

The Grosse Pointe Ski club will join the Somerset Singles for two northern Michigan ski trips. The first is to Boyne Highlands Jan. 11 - 13 and Caberfae Feb. 2-4.

For more information, call Gloria Clark at (586) 293-4858.

Toys for Tots

Dressbarn, 22331 Moross, Grosse Pointe Woods, is accepting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots through Friday, Dec. 12.

Deadline

The deadline for information to be included in the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 Grosse Pointe News feature sections is noon, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

E-mail your items to afouty@grossepointe-news.com.



Mariann Bolton and Mary Yoches, both teachers at the Lennon Pregnancy Center, were awarded the President's Volunteer Freedom Award.

Teacher receives national award

Mariann Bolton of Grosse Pointe Shores was given the President's Volunteer Freedom Award for her work at the Lennon Pregnancy Center in Dearborn Heights.

She was chosen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive the award in Washington D.C. on Sept. 19. The award was given to 56 organizations and 150 individuals throughout the United States.

Bolton will log more than 300 hours at the center this

year. She teaches a variety of parenting classes to help expectant and new mothers and those who need guidance and support with their toddler children and/or multiple children.

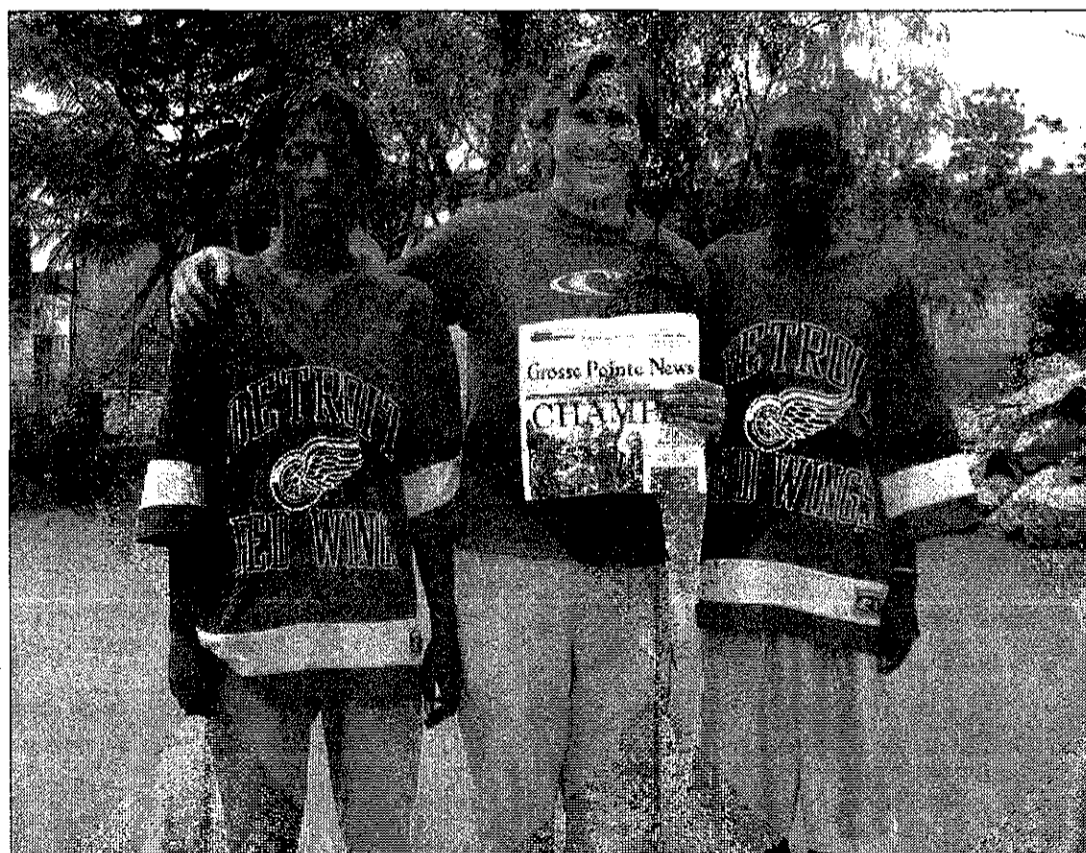
She volunteers two days per week to accommodate the availability of clients and acts as their mentor and friend.

The center's executive director, Bill Kennis, said, "It's not uncommon for Mariann to show up at the center with donated items for the clients and she personally phones her

clients confirming attendance which has increased participation tremendously over the past few months.

"While we feel blessed as a center to have so many special and unique volunteers who help us with any and all of our activities and needs, this is an especially special time for The Lennon Pregnancy Center and we are so proud of Mariann," he said.

"This was an amazing experience and the highest honor I've ever received," Bolton said.



Omo Valley reader

Brian Blatt of Grosse Pointe Farms took a copy of the Grosse Pointe News along when he visited the village of Turmi, South Omo, Ethiopia. He found two members of the Hamer tribe there decked out in Red Wings jerseys. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club gets new boss

Thomas G. Trainor has been appointed general manager and chief operating officer of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Trainor's career began 29 years ago at Joe Muer's in downtown Detroit. From there he joined Marriott Hotels and Resorts International and later held managerial positions at hotels

around the Midwest.

In 1995, Trainor became clubhouse manager of the Detroit Athletic Club where he presided over its dining rooms, banquet facility and other amenities.

He was also a member of the project management team that steered the club's \$20 million renovation and expansion.

Five years later, Trainor became general manager and COO of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, followed by a two-year stint as food and beverage director of the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

He returned to Grosse Pointe in 2004, becoming general manager and COO of the Detroit Yacht Club.

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10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?
10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Tech Pointes
12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm Senior Men's Club
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm The Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm Senior Men's Club
6:00 pm The Legal Insider
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat
8:30 pm Tech Pointes
9:00 pm Art & Design
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
10:00 pm The John Prost Show
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
11:30 pm Tech Pointes
Midnight Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 am Senior Men's Club
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2:00 am The John Prost Show
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Featured Guests & Topics

Who's in the Kitchen?

Michael Trombley
Pork Tenderloin

Things to Do at the War Memorial

Chamber Music, Veterans Club, God Party and Zumba Fitness

Out of the Ordinary

Ron Kosloff

Tech Pointes

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4B | CHURCHES

Church activities

Judelaires

The Judelaires will perform traditional carols, popular favorites with piano, flute, trumpet and percussion accompaniment at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. The Rev. Robert E. Lund, Detroit Police Chaplain Corps, will be the speaker.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Fort Street

Handel's "Messiah" will be performed by the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church,

631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets for this 30th performance are \$18. For more information, call (313) 961-4533.

Presbyterian Church

"Welcome, Sweet Season" is the title of the holiday program at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. The program features harpist Lydia Cleaver, a piano and cello duo and a vocal ensemble from Cass Tech High School.

The concert is free. For more information, call (313) 822-3456.

Open Door series

The Open Door Series presents the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, under the direction of Anna Speck, performing its 56th annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14, in the sanctuary of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Season of Joy" is the title of the program and will feature guest instrumentalists.

Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Tickets are available at the door.

Music Sunday

Season Music Sunday will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Good Nes Singers and instrumentalists will perform several sacred classics of the Advent and Christmas season.

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Men's breakfast

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Association meets

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Margo Allen

The power of one

Recently I've been fascinated by numbers in the news. Ten terrorists were able to totally disrupt a city in India.

Almost 200 people were killed in that attack. The terrorists may have hoped to kill 5,000.

Then newspapers reported that one man was trampled to death at a department store by a mob of Black Friday shoppers. One pregnant woman was critically injured.

In our own community, 200 people gathered as a counter-protest to three people from a Kansas-based Church who

protested Grosse Pointe South High School's production of "The Laramie Project."

In these instances, it seemed that just a few were able to create havoc for many.

On the other hand, there are so many instances of "the power of one." There are many stories of heroic deeds done by just one person. A person is rescued from a burning building by someone just passing by that "does what needs to be done."

In this Christmas season, Christians and some non-Christians too, celebrate the birth of Jesus, born in humble surroundings, living an ordi-

nary life for some 30 years and becoming the example for many. Jesus became the servant leader, teaching others to give to the needy, putting money matters into perspective, healing in many ways and serving others. Jesus responded to the poor, the outcast, the prisoner. Jesus loved and taught others to love their enemies.

Billions have followed the example over the centuries. Would that, in this Christmas season, many more would follow that example. One can transform billions.

Rev. Margo Allen is the minister at Grace United Church.



Cookie sale

The Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church holds its annual Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Buyers can choose from hundreds of homemade cookies for \$7 a pound. Breads and candies will also be available. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

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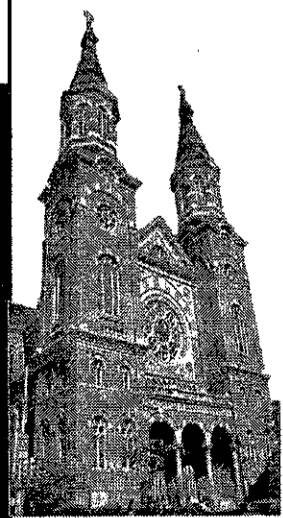
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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Making holidays nearly stress-free



I've always loved the holidays — the gathering of family and friends, the traditions and the presents.

However, caring for aging loved ones either in their homes or in a facility can change the way holidays are observed. Though initially difficult and emotional, I have found that by changing your mindset — looking at it as creating new "traditions" rather than dwelling on how things "used to be" — and some advanced planning, the "new" holidays have created some good memories too. And you can feel a lot less stressed and

guilty.

If you have taken on caregiving responsibilities, have a loved one in an assisted living community or nursing home or are simply beginning to realize your parents are aging and may not be around for many more holidays, here are a few tips that will help make the holidays happier, less stressful and preserve family traditions.

◆ Whether you're going to your aging loved one's home or they are coming to yours, the holidays are a wonderful opportunity to open the lines of communication and to learn more about your family history.

When the group is gathered, encourage each person, even the youngest child, to share favorite holiday memories. For example, ask how they celebrated as children; what their favorite gift was and why; what

is a favorite holiday memory, and what is a favorite food. Slow down the day.

Ask that only one person open a present at a time. It gives everyone the pleasure of seeing the gifts being opened and reduces the activity level which makes the atmosphere feel more relaxed.

If your loved one is coming to your home, keep in mind: ◆ Too much noise, activity, and hustle and bustle can be overwhelming for the elderly. Set aside a "quiet place" where anyone can go to get away from the activity.

◆ Don't over schedule the day. "Sharing" flows best during the down time. Prepare as much as you can in advance so you have longer periods of "calm" time.

◆ Put in safety aids such as grab bars in the bathroom and lighting in dark hallways and

stairs.

◆ If your loved one is coming to your home from an assisted living community or nursing home:

◆ Confirm holiday meal times with the staff so you can pick up your loved one before the meal has started and return them in time for the evening meal.

◆ Make sure medicines and (extra) supplies are available.

◆ The elderly get cold more easily so suggest they dress in layers and bring an extra sweater. Have an extra sweater or blanket on hand.

◆ If your loved one has dementia, it's important to make the atmosphere as relaxed as possible — too much excitement can make them anxious and agitated.

◆ Talk with children about your loved one's situation. For example, they may not remem-

ber them or may have physical limitations or issues and coach them on how to handle it.

◆ If your loved one has an aide, decide in advance whether he or she will be needed for the day and make appropriate arrangements.

◆ Allow family and friends to help you. If you don't get any offers of help, ask for it.

If you are visiting your loved one at an assisted living community or nursing home:

◆ Unless you are planning to eat with them, confirm holiday meal times so that your visit doesn't conflict with them.

◆ If possible, arrive an hour or two before mealtime so you have an opportune time to leave.

◆ Try to coordinate schedules with other family members, who will be visiting. Plan the visits at different times so that your loved one has company throughout the day.

◆ If you visit all at once, keep the atmosphere as calm as possible.

◆ If you bring children, talk with them in advance and coach them on appropriate behavior.

◆ Whether your children come or not, encourage them to make cards and gifts that can be hung or placed in the

room.

◆ If your loved one is living in an assisted living community or nursing home and you can't visit them, send a "Holiday in a Box." It's a fun way to share the holidays and the whole family can participate in its creation.

◆ A Christmas box might contain a small artificial tree with all of the trimmings, and special ornaments, cards and gifts.

◆ Include special "family tradition" items that will help them recall happy holiday memories.

◆ Set up a time for a telephone call that is good for both of you. If possible, call in the morning and early evening when they might be feeling lonely.

◆ And, of course, make sure everything arrives well in advance.

Most importantly, give yourself a gift. Allow others to help and remember to be kind and gentle with yourself — you deserve it.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Accept what cannot change



It seems like life as we know it has suddenly changed — not only for those of us in Michigan but for all Americans.

We were accustomed to buying the things we thought we needed for ourselves and our children, eating out whenever we wanted and going on vacations to escape our daily stresses. Now some of those may seem like the good old days.

Everywhere we turn there is more bad news — on TV, in newspapers and in the mail. In conversations with friends the talk inevitably turns to the economy. It's hard to stay "up" and positive in light of unending negativity.

Life can definitely be hard at times and sometimes there is

nothing we can do to change things. Many of us are experiencing difficulties that we need to make peace with such as a job loss, financial setbacks, a health problem or even the death of a loved one. Things happen, great and small, that are out of our control, unpredictable and painful. Having the wisdom to understand what is in our control is a skill that is central to our well being.

When we feel controlled by our circumstances in a particular situation, it is important to assess our alternatives. Trying to change a situation that is not in our control leads to frustration and hopelessness; our physical well being also suffers.

Instead, we can focus on the things that we CAN do that might make a difference, if not to the circumstance, then at least to our response. We cannot change this economy but we can change our attitude to our own setbacks and how we

respond to those setbacks. Rechanneling our energy on something we CAN change brings a sense of power and relief. Many times our response to a situation is the only thing we have control over. We DO have a choice in how we respond.

Our children learn so much from us — now is a time when we can teach them a valuable lesson on how we deal with adversity. For example, if a parent lost a job then a family meeting explaining the situation would be in order and an age appropriate discussion could include:

◆ Informing them of the situation and how it happened.

◆ Naming the emotions that you are feeling such as frustration, shock or sadness.

◆ Explaining what is in your control to change and what is not.

◆ Sharing your plan of action for the circumstances that you do have control over.

◆ Asking them to share their ideas and concerns over the situation and listening without judgment.

When adversity is dealt with positively it can actually bring people closer and feel they are part of a team.

The basis for this outlook is really not new. It is based on a prayer that many of us learned as a child — the Serenity Prayer. This prayer has a simple way of reminding all of us that finding inner peace is a necessary and ongoing part of the human quest. In the words of the Serenity Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Mary Ellen Brayton, LLPC, NCC, the former program director of The Family Center, is a therapist in private practice working with adults and children. Visit her Web site at maryellenbrayton.com.

The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, accepts questions via e-mail at info@familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center is a 50(c)(3) non-profit community organization and depends on donations. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Play Central offers a chance to socialize

Cold, inclement weather makes it difficult to provide preschoolers with sufficient out-of-the-home playtime. Through its Play Central program, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods provides a weekly place for caregivers to play with their children while socializing with other families in an open play setting.

Play Central is held weekly 9:30 to 11 a.m., November through April from at two locations:

◆ Tuesdays at The Neighborhood Club, 17150

Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. The upstairs gym is accessible through the doors on the circular drive.

◆ Wednesdays at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, across from Grosse Pointe North High School.

No classes will be offered Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 30, Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 31.

The cost is \$3 per family visit, and no pre-registration is required.

Families may attend as often as they wish.

In addition to providing an

opportunity for children to "burn energy," Play Central offers group play that allows children to explore their surroundings and develop socialization skills.

Group settings allow parents, grandparents and caregivers to observe their children outside the home. It also allows caregivers a chance to meet and socialize.

For more information, contact The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, via telephone (313) 432-3832, or e-mail info@familycenterweb.org.

Survey: Most don't understand diabetes risk

More people are afraid of being in a plane crash, hit by lightning, or bitten by a snake than developing diabetes according to an American Diabetes Association survey.

The survey findings show 5 percent surveyed reported a fear of getting an illness or disease like diabetes while 16

percent feared being in a plane crash; 13 percent feared snake bites.

Another 5 percent were afraid of being hit by lightning.

"Accidents and animal attacks don't compare to a potentially life-threatening illness like diabetes," said Art Franke, director of diabetes programs for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"While the impacts of these accidents may be more immediate, the reality is the consequences of mismanaged diabetes can have equally severe consequences that include loss of limbs, blindness and even death."

In fact, 491 deaths related to commercial aviation accidents happened in 2007 whereas diabetes contributed to 233,619 deaths in 2005. Diabetes is currently the sixth leading cause of death in Michigan.

Ignoring diabetes or not managing the disease can lead to complications, including:

◆ Heart disease and stroke — Adults with diabetes have heart disease death rates about two to four times higher than adults without diabetes.

◆ Kidney disease — Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, accounting for 44 percent of new cases in 2005.

◆ Blindness — Diabetic retinopathy causes 12,000 to 24,000 new cases of blindness each year, making diabetes the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults 20 to 74 years of age.

◆ Amputations - More than 60 percent of non-traumatic, lower-limb amputations occur in people with diabetes.

For more information on diabetes, call the Southeast Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network at (313) 259-1574 or visit diabetesinmichigan.org.

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Support group for young adults

Henry Ford Hospice-SandCastles Grief Support Program is sponsoring a group in St. Clair Shores for those ages 19 to 25 who are dealing with the death of a loved one.

Volunteers are also needed to help children and their families at the undisclosed St. Clair Shores location.

For further information on the young adults group or volunteering, call (313) 874-6881.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Expert tips on lightening the mood



Here are some tips for lightening your mood that I found in my readings, this time from *The Week* magazine.

When you're feeling blue, eat some complex carbohydrates such as whole grains, legumes and certain nuts, which keep serotonin levels high and make you feel chipper. Refined carbohydrates like white bread and pasta can cause a dive in serotonin levels. When those levels crash, so does your mood.

According to a Stanford University study, "night owls tend to be more depressed than early birds." If you can't

get eight hours, get at least six hours of uninterrupted sleep regularly.

People who meditate "exhibit more electrical activity in the left frontal cortex," an area associated with happiness. Let your mind control your mood by sitting down, closing your eyes and meditating for 10 minutes a day.

Staying positive can be "as easy as flipping a switch," according to a University of British Columbia study. Spending 30 minutes a day in front of a 10,000-lux light box, which mimics sunlight, can spur serotonin production and cheer you up "faster than popping Prosaic." Information about these lights can be found on the Internet.

Cognitive vitality tips for older adults

As we get older the experiences we've had help us to be

better at making decisions, have bigger vocabularies and have more expertise in certain areas than when we were younger.

Unfortunately as the brain gets older, it also may be a bit harder for us oldsters to learn certain information or remember things.

The good news is there are lots of things you can do to keep your brain sharp and working well throughout your life. Researchers call this "cognitive vitality."

Experts from the American Geriatrics Society offer some suggestions based on the latest cognitive vitality research.

See your health care professional regularly. Many health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, or not eating right, make it hard to keep your mind sharp. Regular check-ups help make sure you're in good health and

any health problems you may have are under control.

Exercising at least 30 minutes, three times a week can help you stay sharp. Exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which helps keep the brain healthy and working well. Exercise may even help new brain cells grow. Walking is the easiest thing you can do. Other good exercise choices are dancing, cycling, swimming and gardening.

Get enough sleep. Older adults don't need less sleep than younger adults. Getting fewer than seven or eight hours of sleep at night can make it harder to concentrate and remember.

Get rid of stress, which can make it hard to get a good night's rest and also make it harder to concentrate, learn and remember. Exercise, prayer and meditation are good stress relievers.

Think, think. The more you use your brain, the better it will work. Read, do crossword puzzles, play bridge, join a discussion group at a senior center or church. Take a class at your local community college. Learn to play the piano or speak Spanish.

Socialize. Spending time with other people also seems to give your brain a boost. Find ways to meet and get to know others by joining a club, volunteering or getting a part-time job.

Eat right. A diet that is low in saturated fats (the kind found in fried foods, butter cheese, beef and pork) but rich in fruits and vegetables and B vitamins is good for your brain. Your diet should include a couple of servings of fish, especially salmon, tuna, sardines and mackerel each week. These fish are high in omega-3 fatty acids, which are good fats that

your brain needs. Ask your doctor or nurse if you should take multiple vitamins daily.

Here's a conundrum. The biennial study by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education evaluates how well higher education is serving the public.

It handed Fs for affordability to 49 states up from 43 two years ago. Only California received a passing grade in the category, a C, thanks to its relatively inexpensive community colleges.

At a time when we're told that education, especially higher education, is a must for the future, it's becoming harder for young people to get the education. Colleges are feeling the bite of higher costs as is everyone. Hope our society can figure out a solution to this conundrum.

You can contact Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

CHURCH: Holiday activities

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A freewill offering will be taken. A nursery for babies and children under 3 is available. Refreshments will be served following the service.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

Nativity display

Some 80 nativities will be displayed from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Grace United Church of Christ, Ekepointe and Kercheval.

There will be activities for elementary-age children. Admission is free.

Holiday Brass

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir joins the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings Holiday Brass performance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

First English

The Grosse Pointe North High School holiday choir concerts will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and Friday, Dec. 19, at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and senior and children under five are admitted free. Tickets are available at the door and at Wild Birds Unlimited. Gold cards will be accepted.

For more information, call

(313) 882-7774.

Soup kitchen

It should be no surprise it takes money and people to feed and clothe the poor who come to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen for assistance.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen depends entirely on help and donations to assist those who come to its doors. That generosity is from small and large businesses; those who have bequeathed through their wills; those who have means; and those who have few means.

George Gaerig, manager of Capuchin Services Center, explains the soup kitchen is supported through a lot of many "little" stories. And although many think of assisting the poor as the holidays approach, the need is required each day of the year.

The stories range from two little girls from Macomb County who brought in their \$19 proceeds from their lemonade stand to a Romanian immigrant who crochets receiving blankets so that each crib leaves the Capuchin Services Center is accompanied by a homemade blanket for the new baby.

When a company went on strike, their union president contacted the Capuchin

The Services Center and asked how the center could assist its 2,400 members. Once the strike was settled, a woman, who worked on the assembly line, came in with a check for \$2,500.

She said this was her thank you for treating the striking workers well when no one else would help.

Gaerig explains that "grass roots" efforts make a big difference in the lives of the poor.

"The Capuchins depend on the generosity of the community. It is a big help for one person or one business to organize an event" Gaerig said.

"It's the 'little' stories that collectively make a big difference for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"We have a chiropractor in Lincoln Park that gathers toys for Christmas. We have a carpet company who gives away gas cards in exchange for clothing for the poor. We have an ice cream store in Sterling Heights who donated a full day receipts. We have a car dealer who coordinates a clothing drive. We have a sausage company in Dearborn that donates 300 pounds of freshly made sausage to our kitchens. We have a medical distributor who consistently makes the top State Fair 4H livestock auction bid and donates the butchered meat to our kitchens," Gaerig explains.

"Although we welcome the holiday assistance, it's important to remember that the smile you receive from a soup kitchen guest on Thanksgiving is just as genuine when you receive it in January or March. Our need is constant."

Gaerig said the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is in need of:



Christmas tea

The Christmas Decorations Committee at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts two Christmas tree walks spotlighting the 28 Christmas trees and other decorations throughout the church's complex. The walk culminates in a tea. The walks are at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, and Monday, Dec. 29. Tea, tea sandwiches, an assortment of sweet breads and holiday cookies will be served following the walk. To make reservations, call the church at (313) 884-5040. The decorations committee is chaired by Jacki Stein of Grosse Pointe Shores and event co-chairs are Waynette Hostetler, left, of Sterling Heights and Stein.

- ◆ New kids' coats, mittens, and hats for newborns to 10 years of age for a Christmas giveaway program
- ◆ Gently used men's/children's clothing
- ◆ New books, puzzles and dictionaries for the children's program
- ◆ New warm socks for children
- ◆ New men's underwear, socks, and gloves for the shower program
- ◆ Cash for bus tickets for use on DOT buses

For more information, contact Gaerig at (313) 925-1370.

Live nativity

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

Visitors will be welcomed at

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit

fortstreet.org, or call the church at (313) 961-4533.

Concert choir

Artistic director and Grosse Pointe Park resident Gordon Nelson conducts the 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir in its holiday concert "Joy to the World" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Detroit and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at St. Martin de Porres, 31555 Hoover, Warren.

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

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

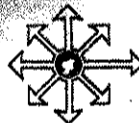
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Ford staff offers road trip to Cleveland Museum of Art

The artistry of three master designers of jewelry and luxury goods — and the rivalry between them — is explored in *Artistic Luxury: Fabergé, Tiffany, Laliq*, an exhibition at The Cleveland Museum of Art and rare loans from public and private collections worldwide.

Representatives from Edsel & Eleanor Ford House offer a trip to the public on Wednesday, Jan. 7, as Ford House staff takes to the road with a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art. During the day trip, participants will see luxury items and art and be part of discussions regarding the discerning clients that Fabergé, Tiffany, Laliq served, such as Matilda Dodge Wilson and Eleanor Clay Ford.

Created by Stephen Harrison, CMA's curator of decorative art and design, the exhibit brings together more than 300 objects from more than 50 international lenders including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco as well as institutions and private lenders in London, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Paris, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Lisbon, Berlin, Hamburg, and across the United States. The exhibition reunites works by Peter Carl Fabergé, Louis Comfort Tiffany and René Lalique that

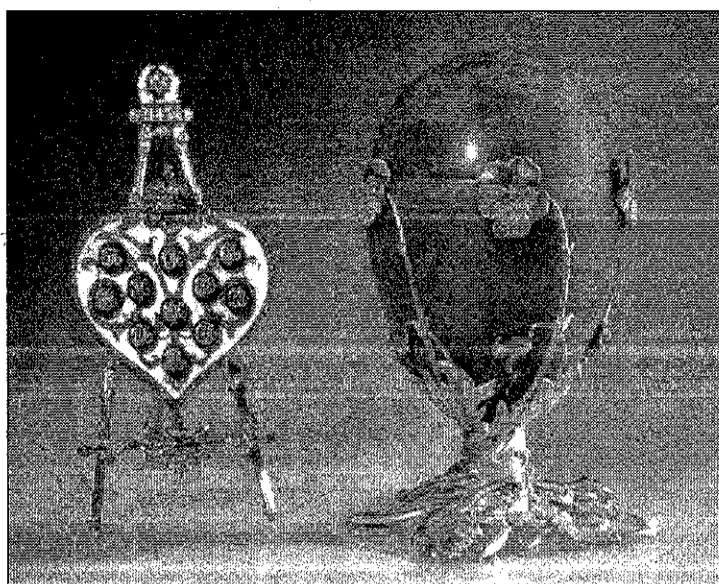


PHOTO BY JUDITH COOPER

From the House of Fabergé, work master Mikhail Perkhin made this Imperial Pansy Egg of nephrite, silver gilt, enamel and rose cut diamonds in 1899. This is from a private collection.

have not been presented together since first shown at the 1900 World's Fair in Paris, where the designers' rivalry took center stage.

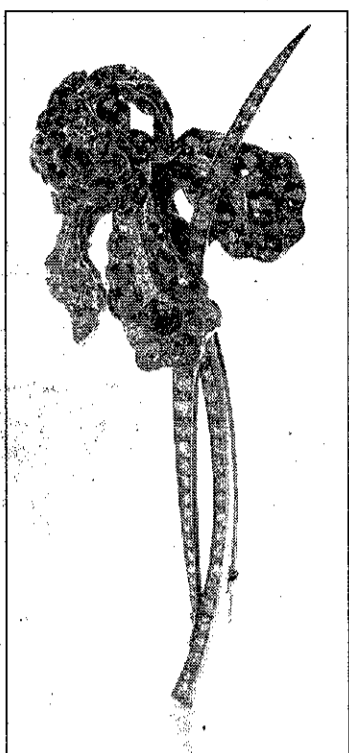
As a prequel to the day trip, Ford House curator Josephine Shea presents a program at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Ford House Activities Center to introduce the exhibition and connect it with items in the Ford House collection.

The \$85 cost includes museum and exhibition admission, audio guide, motor coach transportation, lunch, refreshments and the introductory lecture. Senior, student and Ford House Annual Pass hold-

ers pay \$75. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Dec. 23, and may be made by calling (313) 884-4222. For more information, visit fordhouse.org.

Artistic luxury

The artistic luxury highlights some of the key patrons and society members of the time. Through the use of archival documentation, provides visitors with a sense of the spirit of the era. Looking critically at the development, design and marketing of each artist, the exhibition explores how Fabergé, Tiffany and Lalique responded to the demand for luxury goods at the turn of the 20th century. Although all three designers competed for the same commissions and customers — royalty, political leaders, actors and barons of industry, among others — each was known for his own characteristic style and achievement as well as a particular geographical sphere of influence, which will be showcased in



THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

This Irish brooch is made of pink tourmalines, demantoid garnets and platinum between 1900 and 1901 by Paulding Farmham with Tiffany & Co. It is part of the Primavera Gallery collection.

this exhibition through separate galleries devoted to each designer. In the end, the three artists were united by a common purpose: to provide the most luxurious and artistic creations to their illustrious clientele. Their work was offered as diplomatic gifts to the ruling class and became the ultimate status symbol of the Gilded Age. To provide context, the exhibition also will include a variety of works by Cartier, Gorham, and Boucheron as well as many smaller artistic firms working in Russia, France, and America.

"This exhibition grew out of a desire to study the incredible diversity of work created by designers of luxury goods from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the First World War and the dynamic competition that resulted," Harrison said. "Fabergé, Tiffany and Lalique were the first to market themselves as 'artists' and not just mere jewelers or craftsmen. They hoped that by association their work would be considered on the same level of artistic achieve-

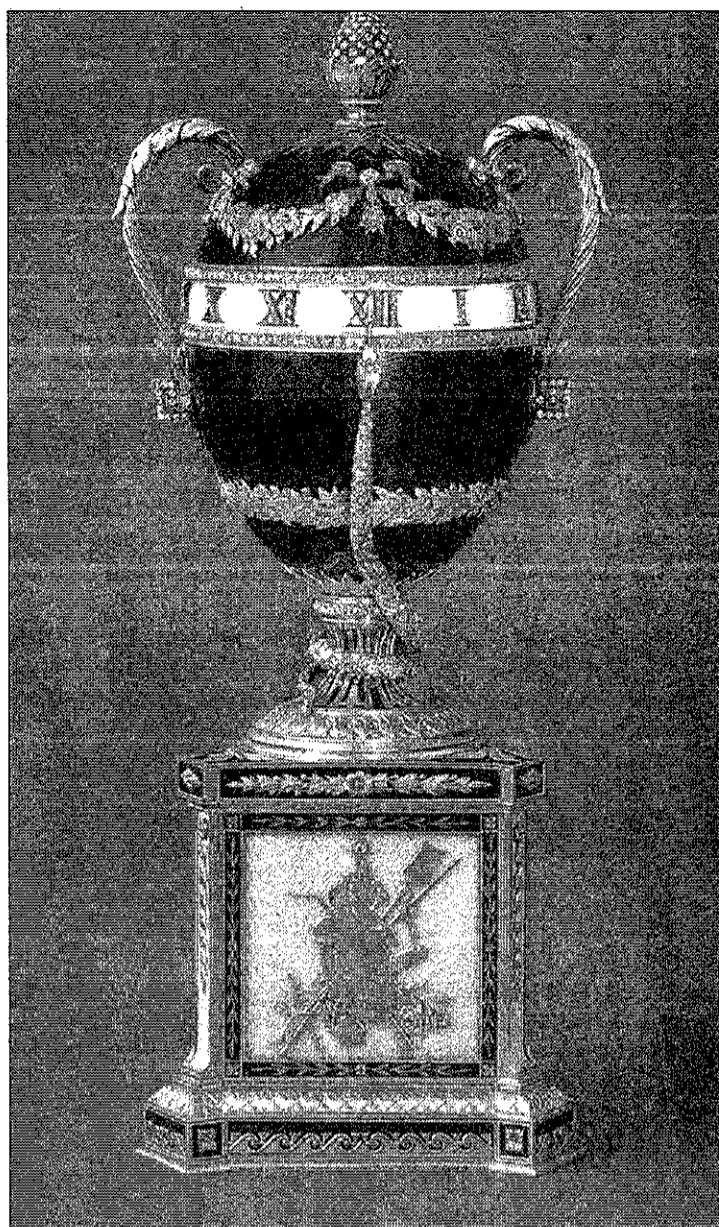


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In the House of Fabergé (Russian 1846-1918), work master Mikhail Perkhin made this Imperial Blue Serpent Egg of gold, blue guilloché enamel, opalescent white enamel, diamonds and sapphires in 1887. It was provided to the exhibit by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco.

ment as painting and sculpture."

The three designers drew inspiration from both historicism, reviving popular motifs from the past and new currents in design such as Art Nouveau and Modernism.

Fabergé, who catered primarily to the tastes of the Russian and British royal families, was the most conservative in design of the three.

Lalique pushed the boundaries of his artistry towards the avant-garde and attracted the patronage of influential members of the artistic and literary circles.

Tiffany had the broadest

range of customers and gained a reputation for providing the most extraordinary objects of personal adornment.

All three are credited with the elevation of indigenous multi-colored gemstones, in opposition to the profusion of white diamonds and pearls favored by the world's aristocracy and those who emulated them.

Likewise, the use of humble materials such as horn, tortoise shell and hard stones enabled the designers to exploit the natural colorations and concentrate on the sculptural possibilities inherent in the material.

Gingerbread and friends at Ford House

The antique furnishings in the Grand Gallery at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House have been moved to make space for a room for people to gather 'round the 15-foot Christmas tree and listen to the story of "The Gingerbread Friends" at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15.

Authored by Jan Brett, the book follows the mischievous, but lonely, gingerbread baby on his quest to find some playmates.

Following the Dec. 15 story, Santa will visit and lead them to the activities center for hot

cocoa and a special opportunity to see gingerbread houses.

Created for Ford House's first annual "Homes for the Holidays" Gingerbread House Contest, the confectionary cottage showcases the talents of area youth and adults.

Local historic landmarks, such as St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal Weir House, lighthouses, Santa's beach getaway and traditional gumdrop and candy cane decorated homes.

The Gallery, the largest room in the Ford house, is where Edsel and Eleanor spent many years entertaining.

It often was decorated extravagantly and for one Christmas celebration had live Christmas trees suspended from the ceiling in place of chandeliers.

"The Gingerbread Friends" book reading costs \$5 per person. Call (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org for reservations.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Detroit Zoo offers gifting ideas

The Detroit Zoological Society is now offering gift cards.

The cards can be loaded with amounts of \$5 and up and can be used for zoo admission and parking as well as tickets for the Tauber Family Railroad, Wild Adventure Ride and Giraffe Encounter feeding station.

The re-loadable gift cards are also good at gift shops and food concessions and can be used to adopt animals and purchase Detroit Zoo memberships, animal experiences, brick pavers and other gifts.

The gift cards are available for purchase at the admission gates daily during regular zoo hours. There are four designs from which to choose — a red-eyed tree frog, polar bear, peacock and animal collage.

Other holiday gift ideas: ♦ "Adopt" an animal. Gift package includes a plush animal, fact sheet and personal-

ized photo certificate and cost \$45 when purchased before Jan. 1. Each "adoption" helps provide veterinary treatment, improve animal habitats and support species survival plans.

♦ Detroit Zoo gift memberships include unlimited admission to the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo, free parking, discounts at zoo gift shops and other benefits. Prices range from \$45 to \$74. Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties receive \$10 off all categories and can purchase up to four gift memberships at the discounted rate.

♦ Purchase a 4-by-8 inch brick tribute paver engraved with a name or message. The brick will be installed in 2009. The cost is \$100 each.

♦ Breakfast with the butterflies (\$300 per group of four) or giraffes (\$500 per group of four) and mingle with the macaronis (special holiday price, \$500) allows visitors age 7 and

older to get up close and personal with these zoo residents.

♦ Buy a Butterfly. A brass-finished laser-etched butterfly can be purchased to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary or the life of a family member, friend or pet. The cost is \$500 and the butterfly will be displayed inside the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

♦ Dedicate a seat in the Ford Education Center Theater in the name of an individual or family. Seats cost \$500 and \$750.

♦ Have a tree planted at the zoo in honor of someone. Trees are \$1,500 and include planting and a brass recognition plaque.

♦ A zoo bench donated in someone's honor may be placed at the Detroit Zoo or Belle Isle Nature Zoo. New benches are \$5,000; existing benches are \$2,000.

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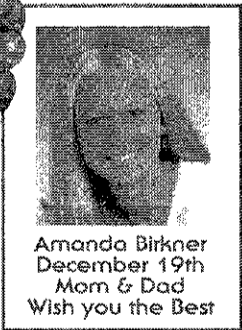
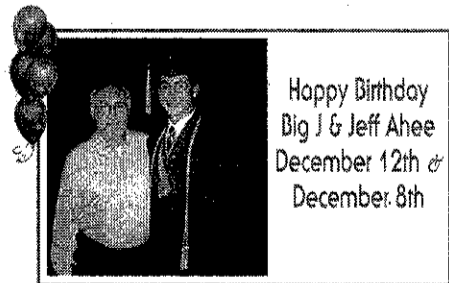
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BIRTHDAY CONNECTIONS



Tim Reinman will be the voice of George Bailey and Mary Bailey's voice will be provided by Angelina Bufalini in the radio production of "It's A Wonderful Life."

'It's a Wonderful Life' on stage

Old time radio show performances of "It's a Wonderful Life" by Biz Team Theatricals may be heard and seen at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Marty Bufalini is the director and returns for his seventh year as Mr. Potter.

Another City resident, Angelina Bufalini, is in her third year as portraying Mary.

Returning for the seventh year and providing the sound effects and the voices of Mrs. Hatch and Dr. Campbell is

Dante Bufalini of the City. Chrissy Panagos of Grosse Pointe Woods will, for the third year, provide the voices of Young Violet and Janey.

Other returning cast members are Hobart Reynolds of the City in his seventh year as Uncle Billy; Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms in his fourth year as George Bailey and Mary Reinman is young Mary for the second year. Jann Hight of St. Clair Shores is the voice of Ma Bailey for the fourth year; Danny Carr of Harper Woods provides the voice of Clarence, the angel for the third consecutive year; and the sound engineer is Eric

Anderson of Harrison Township. He is in his second year with the production.

Kristine Minturn of Grosse Pointe Shores will provide the sound effects. This is her third year with the production.

The producer is George Bournias of Grosse Pointe Woods. Young Harry's voice will be provided by new-comer Connor Reinman.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors and children 12 and under in advance or \$15 and \$14, respectively, at the door.

For more information, call the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Sweet and sour deviled eggs



And so the season of eating and drinking is well underway. Fancy company parties have been put on a back burner this year, while the "office party" is being reinvented. Everyone brings an appetizer or dessert to pass. Add a little cheer and an hour or so to meet and greet and you've got yourself a Christmas party.

I'm bringing sweet and sour deviled eggs to my office party. These little delicious bites of hard boiled egg halves are stuffed with tangy chilled yolks. They are easy to make, economical, and a good source of protein to combat all the starch and sugar that's likely to be at the party.

Belinda's Sweet and Sour Deviled Eggs

- 12 hard cooked eggs, peeled and chilled
 - 5 teaspoons sugar
 - 5 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon prepared (yellow) mustard
 - 1/4 cup mayonnaise (not Miracle Whip)
 - paprika and dried parsley for garnish
- Begin by cooking the eggs. (I always let the eggs sit out of



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Tangy chilly deviled eggs need to be added to the Christmas party table.

the refrigerator overnight so they are easier to peel.)

Place the eggs in a heavy pot and fill with water to completely cover the eggs with an inch of water. Bring the pot to a boil.

Turn off the heat, cover and set the timer for 16 minutes. Carefully drain the eggs and submerge them in cold water. When the eggs have cooled, peel away the shell then place the eggs in the refrigerator to chill throughout, about an hour or so.

Cut the eggs in half lengthwise and carefully pop the yolks out into a small bowl. Use a potato masher to smash the yolks. Add the sugar, apple

cider vinegar, salt, mustard and mayonnaise. Stir well to incorporate all of the ingredients. Lightly season the egg white halves with salt and pepper. Spoon a heaping teaspoon of the yolk filling into each of the egg white halves. Arrange the eggs on a holiday serving plate and sprinkle with paprika and dried parsley flakes.

Belinda came to my house to work on my Internet service and told me about her sweet and sour deviled eggs. The secret, according to Belinda, is the apple cider vinegar combined with the sugar. She's right. These deviled eggs are yummy. You go, Belinda!

Bands sought for summer concert tour

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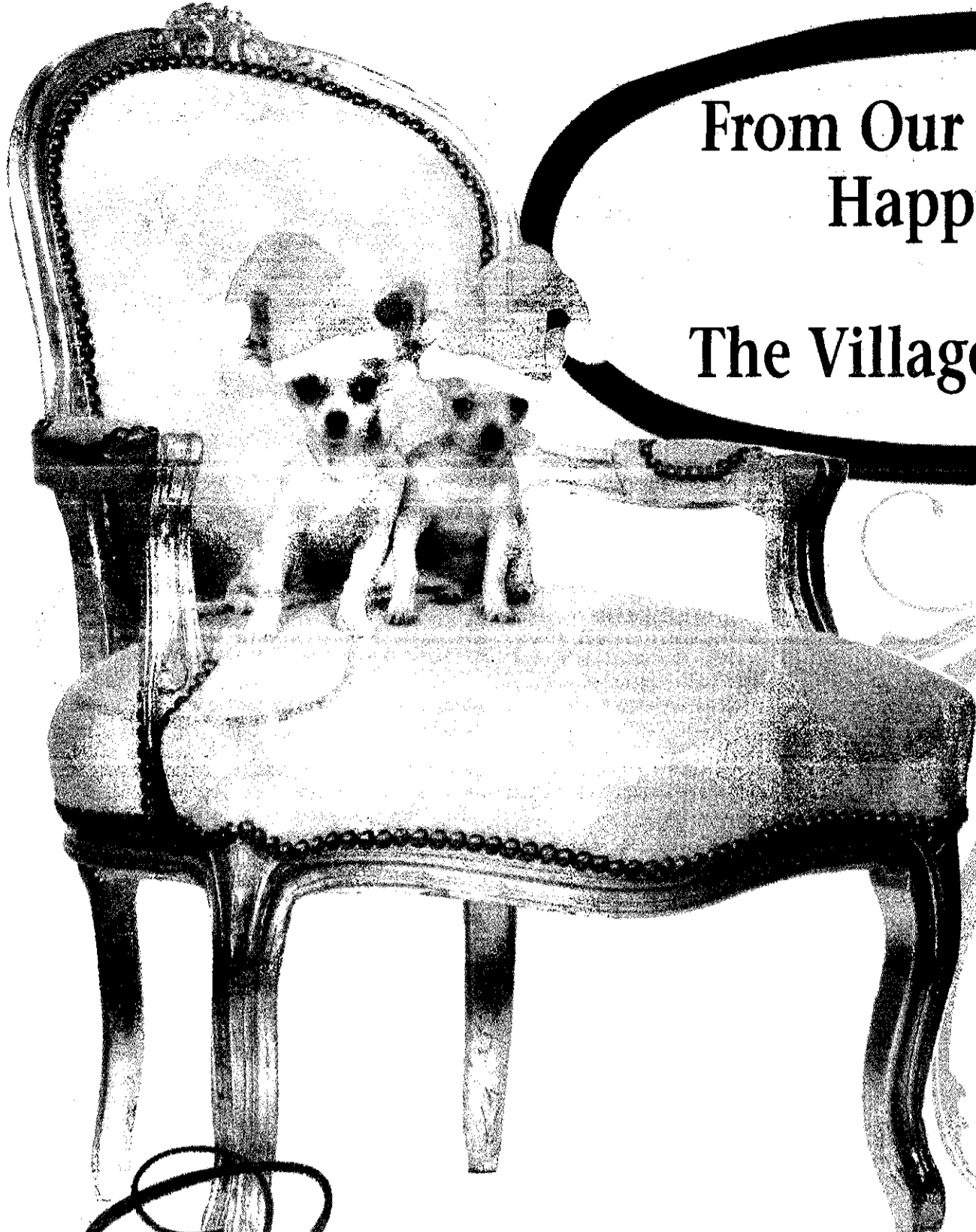
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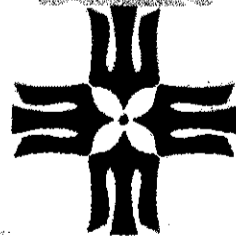
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BOYS HOCKEY

Norsemen off to impressive start

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team used a strong third period to pull away from St. Clair Shores Unified 6-2 last week.

"I told our guys to wake up and start playing hockey," North head coach Scott Lock said to his Norsemen between the second and third periods. "I thought we played a very strong third period, passing the puck well and getting a lot of

quality shots on net.

"This is Grosse Pointe North hockey."

The host Norsemen had 14 shots on net in the final period and outscored the Lakers 3-0.

Senior Justin Kovacs scored a shorthanded goal at the 12:30 mark to give the Norsemen a 4-2 lead and senior Nick Hartman added a power play tally at the 6:16 mark to give them a three-goal cushion, 5-2.

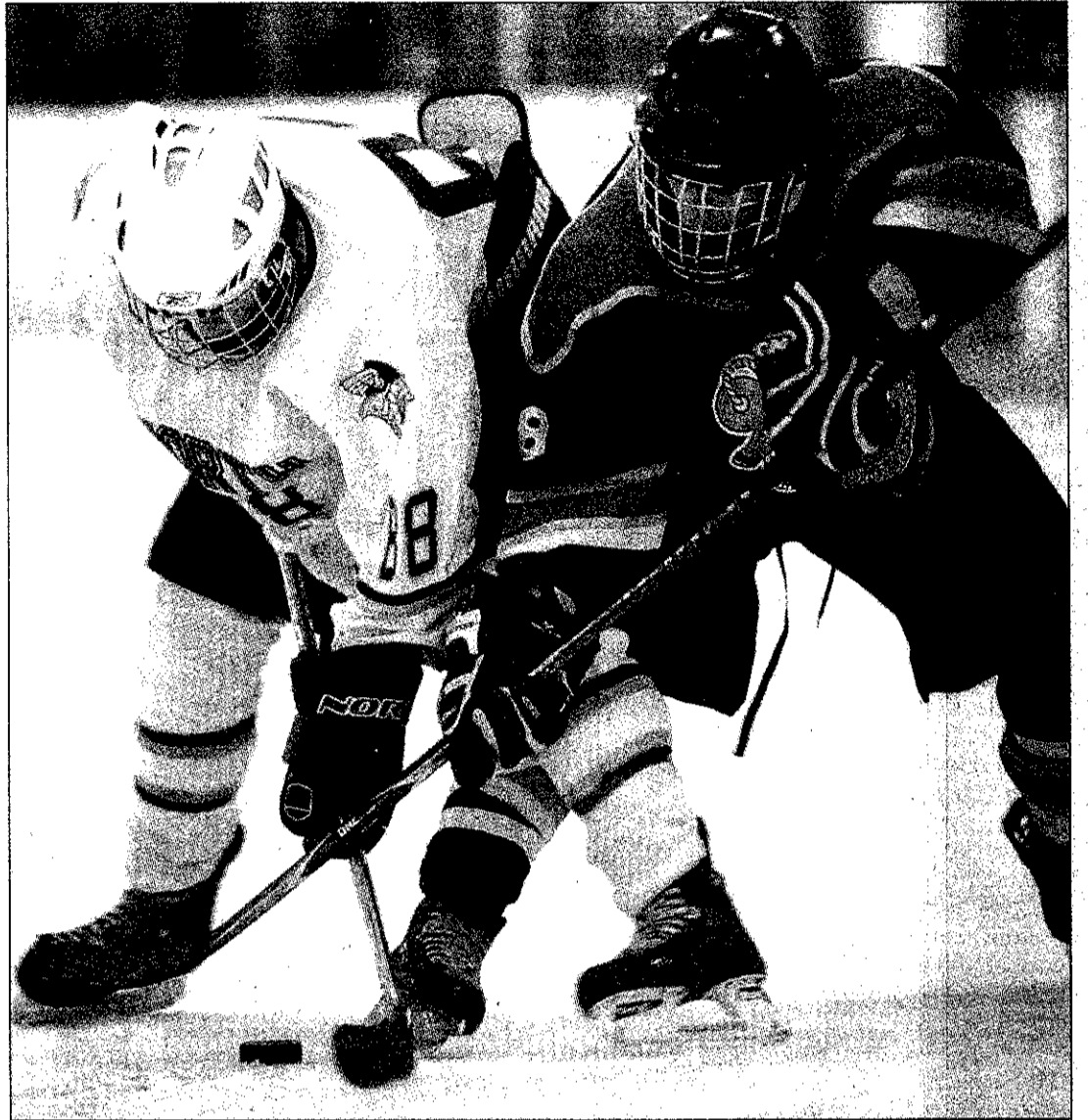
Senior John Neveux added another power play goal at the 3:39 mark to turn the game into a rout.

"We had a few too many penalties in the final period, but then again the game turned a little choppy toward the end," Lock said. "The guys were not finishing plays in the first two periods and they let St. Clair Shores hang around."

Neither team scored in the opening period, even though the Lakers had a two-man advantage midway through the stanza.

Senior Tom Walworth opened the scoring with a goal at the 12:14 mark of the second period and Hartman's power play tally at the 8:56 mark made it a 2-0 game.

The Lakers came back to score a power play goal at the 7:34 mark, but senior Scott Brown's tally made it 3-1.



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Grosse Pointe North senior forward Nick Hartman, No. 19, scored two goals to help the Norsemen beat St. Clair Shores Unified 6-2.

Senior forward Justin Kovacs, left, has scored goals in Grosse Pointe North's first two games, both victories.

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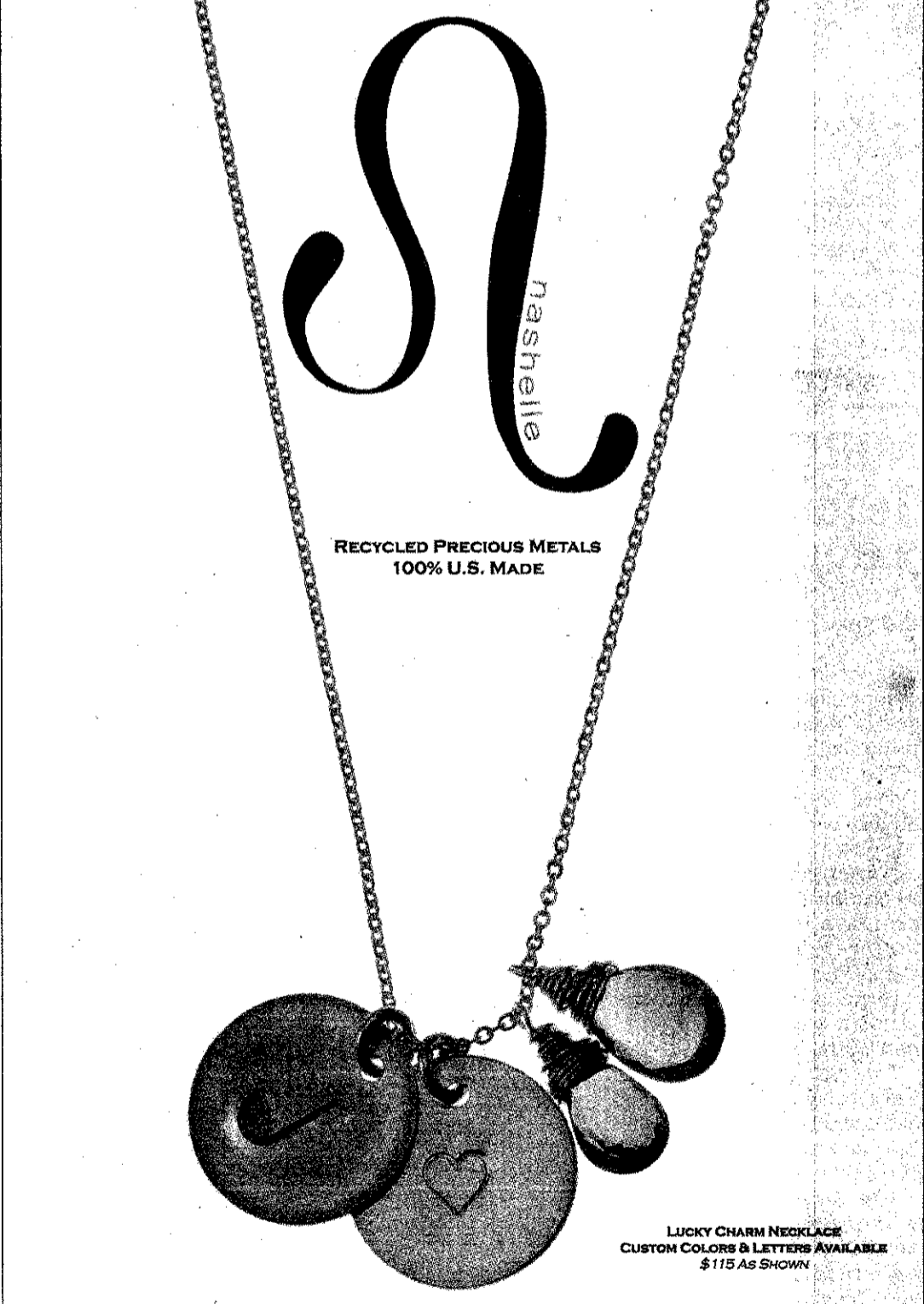


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GIRLS HOCKEY

ULS plays well, falls in tournament final

South edges rival ULS; North drops 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Laura Owczarski has her University Liggett School girls hockey players believing.

Not only are the Lady Knights believing in their coach, but they're believing in Owczarski's constant preaching that each and everyone has the talent to lift the team to heights not seen in several years.

Owczarski and her players were all smiles after upsetting Northville 4-2 in the semifinals of the annual University Liggett School Holiday Tournament.

"The girls looked and played like a solid hockey team tonight," she said. "Every time we walk onto the ice, I want the girls to believe they can win and believe in their ability to win games."

"They did that tonight and this was a nice win for our team."

Freshman Haleigh Bolton got the home team on the board with a goal at the 13:29 of the opening period. Junior Paige Counsman drew the lone assist.

Northville tied it early in the second period, but the Lady Knights forged ahead when Bolton scored a power play goal at the 8:52 mark. Once again, Counsman had an assist.

Bolton's shot was right over the goalkeepers left shoulder, an inch below the crossbar.

The biggest goal of the game came at the 13:01 mark of the final period when Counsman took a pass from junior Morgan Ellis and broke through two Northville defenders.

She skated in for a break-away and buried the puck in the back of the net to give the Lady Knights a 3-1 lead. That turned out to be the winning goal.

Counsman put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring a shorthanded goal with 6:14 left. Bolton had an assist.

The Mustangs were able to get a goal back with 53.4 seconds left, but it was too little,

too late to avoid the upset.

Senior Janaya Gripper was stellar in net, stopping more than 35 shots.

"Janaya doesn't show any signs of buckling under pressure," Owczarski said. "She is always calm and goes about her business. She was one of our stars tonight."

ULS faced Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the finals. The Cranes scored late in overtime to beat Grosse Pointe North 3-2.

Senior Alexa Quinlan scored just 57 seconds into the game to give the Lady Norsemen a 1-0 lead. Sophomores Megan Bergeron and Taylor Moody had the assists.

The Lady Norsemen took a 2-1 lead when sophomore Kailey Sickmiller scored a shorthanded tally at the 5:11 mark.

Each time, the Cranes came back to tie it. Neither team scored in the second or third periods, despite the Lady Norsemen dominating the play.

Quinlan had several chances to end the game in overtime, but the Cranes' goalkeeper made the saves.

In the title game, ULS lost 5-2 to Cranbrook Kingswood and North lost 5-0 to Northville in the consolation game.

Junior Liz Smith scored two

power play goals for the Lady Knights, which went into the third period trailing 3-2.

The Cranes scored two quick goals in the opening few minutes of the third period to open some breathing room.

Sophomore Caley Chelios had a hat trick to lead the Cranes.

"Other than one little stumbling block, the girls have played some pretty good hockey," Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Terry Brooks said.

North head coach Scott Dockett missed junior Nikki Capizzo as his offense couldn't get anything going against the Mustangs.

Earlier in the week, ULS hosted city rival Grosse Pointe South.

Counsman recorded a hat trick, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Blue Devils won 5-3.

"ULS is an improved team and some girls who can play some nice hockey," South head coach Bill Fox said. "We had control of the game, but the score was too close for my liking."

Junior Shannon Gianino scored two goals to lead the Lady Blue Devils, while senior Tara Bolton, sophomore Lorna Burns and freshman Claire Boyle scored a goal apiece.

Gripper was in net for the Lady Knights and made more



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Liz Smith scored both of the Lady Knights' goals in the title game against Cranbrook Kingswood.

than two dozen saves, while senior C.J. Jarboe started for the Lady Blue Devils and earned the victory.

South played a second game last week, crunching Livonia Ladywood 7-1. The host Lady Blue Devils outshot the Blazers 76-6 as sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Pavela made an amazing 69 saves, including several spectacular diving saves to take away sure goals.

"We kept Ladywood's goalie busy, that is for sure," Fox said. "Our girls were relentless from the opening whistle to the final whistle."

"They played a strong game against one of the better teams in our league."

The home team had 26 shots in the first period and followed that with 32 in the second stanza and 18 in the third, while Ladywood had one shot in each of the first two periods and four in the third.

Jarboe played the first two periods, while junior Maggie Miller played the final period.

Junior Rachel Sklarski opened the scoring with a tally at the 8:49 mark of the first period. Junior Emma Hull drew the only assist.

They made it 2-0 at the 6:24 mark when Bolton scored, assisted by Gianino and senior Erin Shook.

In the second period, Burns scored twice with freshman Marissa Monforton and sopho-

more Elizabeth Clem netting assists on each tally.

In the final period, Bolton scored again, assisted by senior Kathryn Repicky and sophomore Christine Daudlin.

The Lady Blue Devils put the finishing touches on the easy win with two goals 12 seconds apart.

Senior Sarah Auk, unassisted, scored at the 8:43 mark and

Boyle tallied at the 8:31 mark with Hull drawing an assist.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings. University Liggett School is 1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 2-2 overall; Grosse Pointe North is 0-1 and 0-3.

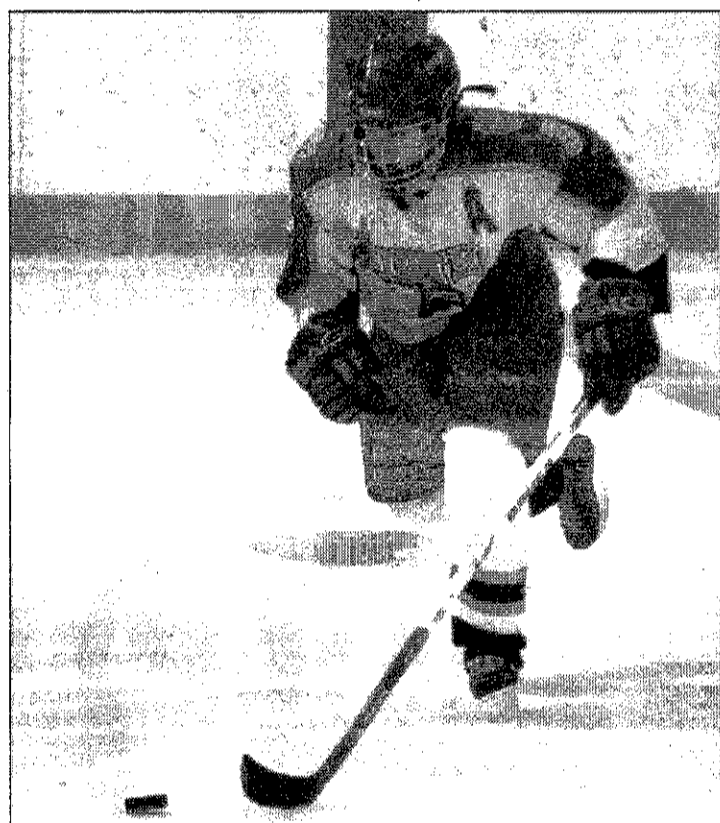


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Senior Alexa Quinlan scored a goal in Grosse Pointe North's semifinal overtime loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South freshman Claire Boyle, No. 27, scored a goal in both of the Lady Blue Devils' victories last week.

NORTH: Team off to 3-0 start

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St. Clair Shores earned its second straight power play goal to make it 3-2 heading into the final period.

The Norsemen outshot the Lakers 32-22 as senior Mike Rahaim earned the win in net, stopping 20 of those shots.

"I need our players to continue the third period focus into our next practice and play like that for three periods against DeLaSalle," Lock said.

North opened its division play last weekend, taking on host Warren DeLaSalle.

The visiting Norsemen used a goal by junior Matt Lucchese and a shutout by senior goalie Eric Rohrkemper to beat the Pilots 1-0.

"We moved our feet, we worked hard and we played up to our potential tonight against a good team," Lock said. "I was very happy with our effort. This is how we should play every night and we need to playing our tough schedule."

The Norsemen outshot the Pilots 33-18 and dominated possession of the puck.

North improved to 1-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 3-0 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen are home games Saturday, Dec. 13, against Livonia Churchill and Wednesday, Dec. 17, against Birmingham Brother Rice.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior Matt Lucchese scored the game's only goal in North's league victory over Warren DeLaSalle.

SAILING

Bayview slates 2009 officers

The membership of the Bayview Yacht Club has elected new Flag Officers and Board of Governors for 2009 with Robert H. Amsler, M.D. taking the helm of the historic club as Commodore.

The Bayview Yacht Club, founded in 1915, elected Commodore Amsler, of Clinton Township; Vice Commodore Bruce J. Burton and Rear Commodore John Burke.

Both Burton and Burke reside in Grosse Pointe Farms. Burton will assume the Commodore post in 2009 and Burke in 2010.

Amsler practices medicine as part of The Family Doctor medical group in Mount Clemens. He has been a practicing physician in Macomb County for 30 years.

Also elected by the membership to the Board of Governors was Kent Colpaert, James L. Cooley, Michael McDonald and Frank Kern, who also is the Mackinac Race Chairman for 2009.

Newly elected Flag Officers are Secretary Arthur J. LeVasseur; Treasurer Steven Freitas; Fleet Sailing & Regatta Director Dr. Gary Shoemaker; Fleet Captain, Gerald E. Anderson; Fleet Measurer Douglas W.

Scheibner; and Fleet Surgeon Dr. Philip D. O'Neil III. Charles M. Bayer, Jr. was named to the club's Control Committee.

"I am honored to be serving the club as Commodore for 2009," said Amsler, who ascended to the top commanding officer role from Vice Commodore.

"Bayview has a rich racing sailing heritage, a solid membership base and is a training ground for world class sailors and a great venue for family fun."

The election of the new Flag Officers and Governors was held Wednesday, Dec. 3. Voting is restricted to active members with 362 casting ballots.

Commodore Amsler assumed office from 2008 Commodore Timothy LaRiviere and will serve until December 2009. In total, Bayview has nearly 1,000 members comprised of active, intermediate and special classifications.

Bayview Yacht Club is host and founder of the famed annual Bayview Mackinac Race, which has been taking place since 1925. The race begins in Port Huron and ends at Mackinac Island Michigan. The 85th race will begin July 25.

Grosse Pointe South

GIRLS BASKETBALL

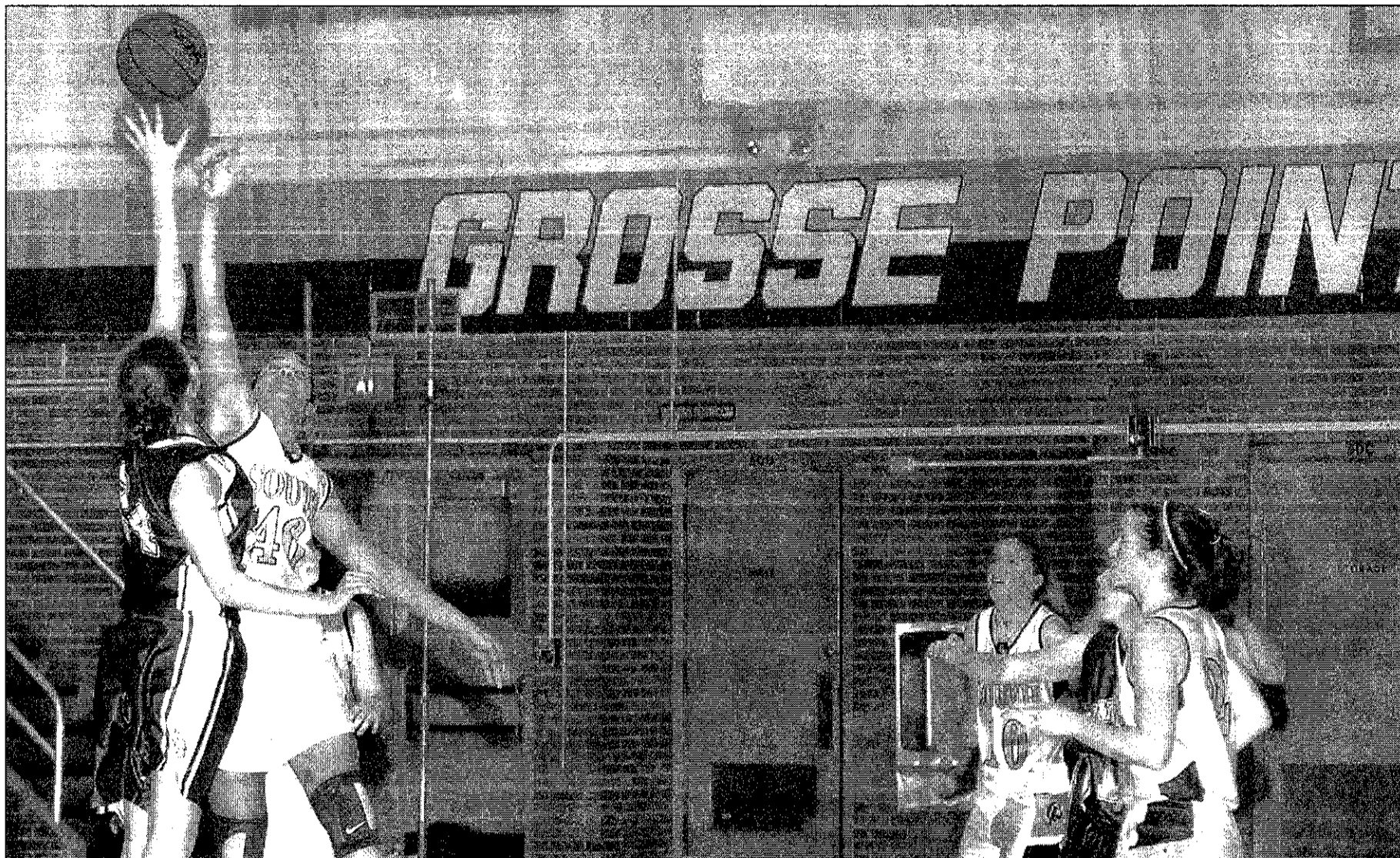


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Opening night win

Grosse Pointe South sophomore forward Aisha Rodney, No. 40, goes up for a rebound during the Lady Blue Devils' season-opening 66-23 home win over Marysville. Rodney scored a game-high 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while junior Chloe Srebernak had 14 points and seven steals and senior Kate Pangir had nine points on three three-point baskets. The Lady Blue Devils also defeated Detroit Northwestern 61-38 in the PSL Coaches Scholarship tournament the following night at Detroit Denby, pushing their record to 2-0 in the opening week of action. In that game Rodney had 24 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks; Pangori had 14 points with four three-pointers; and Srebernak had seven points and seven assists. Richard also pointed out the solid play of sophomore Emily Flom, senior Kate Graham-McNeil and senior Kimmy Leverenz.

WRESTLING

Blue Devils off to nice start

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team is off and running after opening the season last week with wins over Warren Mott 45-33 and Utica, 48-33.

Last weekend head coach Pat O'Donnell and his Blue Devils finished 2-3 at the Warren Woods Tower Invitational, beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview 45-36 and Eastpointe East Detroit 66-15.

They lost 72-6 to Goodrich, 60-18 to Canton and 34-33 to Walled Lake.

Leading the way during the week were Griffin Forton, 119-pound class; Joey Konen, 125-pound class; and Reggie Lewis, heavyweight; who are all 7-1, while Sergio Rodriguez, 103-pound class, and Max Thomas, 171-pound class, are both 4-1.

South's grapplers are 4-3 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is the Troy Athens Team Duals Saturday, Dec. 13, at Athens High School.

—Bob St. John

BOYS HOCKEY

Blue Devils blank foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

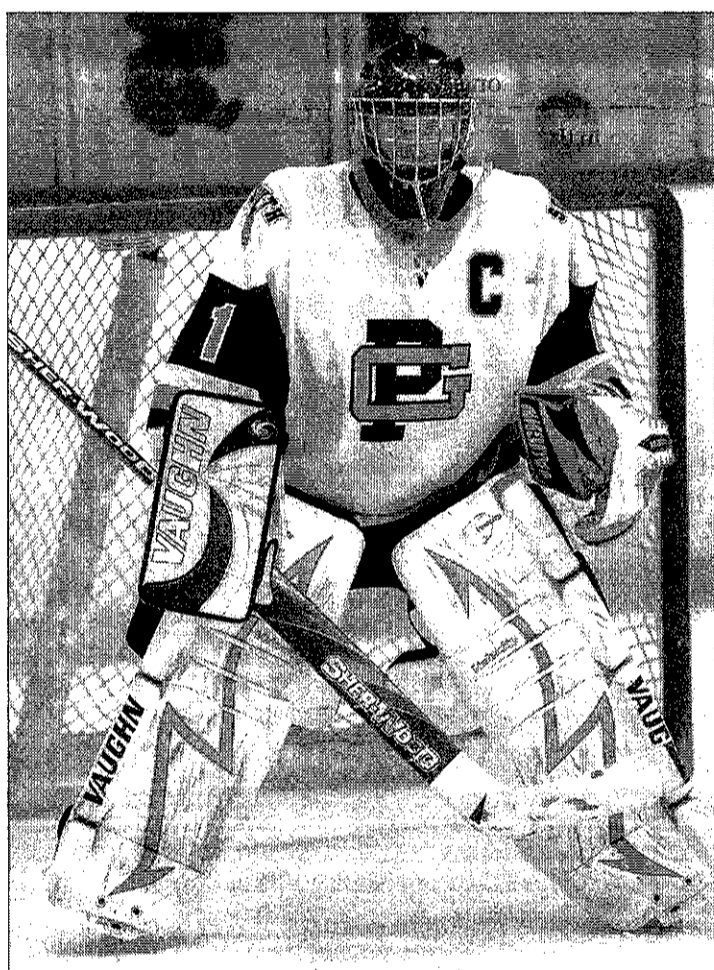
After starting the season with three road games, the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team returned home last weekend to beat Woodhaven 4-0.

"In our first home game of the year, the team came out right from the start and played well," South head coach Bob Bopp said. "In the first period, we looked quick, we played tough and had a strong first period."

Neither team scored in a fast-paced first period, but senior Matt Sterr made it 1-0 at the 8:25 mark of the second stanza, scoring a power play goal assisted by juniors David Clem and James Morris.

That would be enough scoring as senior goalkeeper Trevor Sattelmeyer shut the door on the Warriors, stopping all 18 shots he faced.

"The defensemen are playing so much better than our



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Senior Trevor Sattelmeyer stopped 18 shots to record a shutout and help Grosse Pointe South beat Woodhaven 4-0.

first game against Southgate," Bopp said. "Brian Auty and Jimmy Morris are off to great starts."

"Miles Knight and Keith Sklarski have been a nice surprise killing penalties and the line of Mack Sterr, Eric Marshall and Matt Reck has been playing well."

The Blue Devils scored two short handed goals in a 21-sec-

ond span late in the period.

Morris scored unassisted after a giveaway right in front of Woodhaven's goalie and junior Mile Knight took a pass from senior Keith Sklarski and skated in all alone beating the goalie to score with 42 seconds left.

"That first period might have been our best period of hockey this season and scoring those two shorthanded goals really broke open the game," Bopp said.

Morris scored with 2:12 left in the third period to round out the scoring and lift the Blue Devils to a win in their division opener. Sophomore Jess Martinelli assisted on the goal.

"I wasn't too happy with our play in the third period because we took too many penalties," Bopp said. "Not a good way to hold a lead."

Out of 15 minutes of play in the third period, the Blue Devils played shorthanded for 11:43.

"Our penalty killers did a great job," Bopp said.

The win evened South's record at 2-2 and improved it to 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.



Junior James Morris scored two of the Blue Devils' four goals in their division opener against Woodhaven.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Briggs announces honors

The Grosse Pointe South girls swim team had its annual banquet Monday, Dec. 1.

Head coach Todd Briggs had 74 swimmers on the team that placed 12th in the state championship meet and won an eighth straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and division meet championship.

The most valuable swimmer was freshman Ali DeLoof and the Blue Devil of the Year was senior Jackie Stevens.

The Coach's Award went to senior Kendall Effinger and the Spirit/Sportsmanship honor went to senior Chelsea Gilbert.

The Sara M. Brieden Scholarship recipient was senior Emma Baker and Danny Pogue Scholarship winners were seniors Jeanne Frisby-Zedan and Libby Strachan.

The Most Improved Swimmer honoree was sophomore Faith Ososki and junior Lindsey Phillips earned the Harry Huffaker 2.4 Open Water Swim Award.

Sophomore Ali Zoltowski, for a second year in a row, won the Attendance Award. She missed two practices out of a possible 280 practices during the past two seasons.

The Most Valuable Diver was freshman Madi Kaiser and the Coach's Award for diving went to junior Katie LeVan. The Most Improved Diver honor went to junior Lily Parker.

The Captain's Award went to Baker, Effinger, Stevens, Michelle Champagne and Frisby-Zedan, while the Iron Girl Award honorees were Champagne, Baker, sophomore Brooke Champagne, Zoltowski and freshman Eliza Mott.

The 500 Free Bell Award went to sophomore Caroline Wilkinson, Phillips, junior Nora Oliver and Baker.

First Team All-MAC Red Conference went to DeLoof, two events; junior Molly DeWald, two events; Stevens, two events; junior Kacey Murphy and Wilkinson.

First Team All-State honorees are DeLoof, two events; DeWald, two events; Effinger and Stevens.

First time varsity letter winners were junior Sydney Salley, sophomore Carrie Condino, sophomore Christina



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD BRIGGS

The Grosse Pointe South team captains this season were, from left, seniors Michelle Champagne, Jeanne Frisby-Zedan, Jackie Stevens, Kendall Effinger and Emma Baker.

Danieli, sophomore Kelsey Jones, sophomore Faith Ososki, freshman Megan Brooks, DeLoof, freshman Katelyn Engel, freshman Sarah Fentin, Kaiser, freshman Jessi Kaminski, freshman Jennifer Kirk, freshman Jeanette Llorens and freshman Allyson O'Connell.

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Headed to U-D Mercy

Grosse Pointe North senior Brandon Davenport signed a letter-of-intent to play men's lacrosse at University of Detroit Mercy next spring. Davenport is heading to the college on an academic scholarship. Taking part in the ceremony were Davenport, sitting, as well as, standing from left, coach Ken Brubaker, North head lacrosse coach Dan Preston, Alex Davenport, his brother, Jill Davenport, his mother, and Jim Davenport, his father.



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Wayne State bound

Grosse Pointe North's Madie Kent signed a letter-of-intent to play women's volleyball at Wayne State University next year. Taking part in the ceremony last week were Kent, center, and her parents, father, Richard, and mother, Deanna. Kent is heading to Wayne State on an academic scholarship.



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Heading to State

Grosse Pointe North senior Jenny Rusch recently signed a letter-of-intent to swim for the Michigan State University women's swimming and diving team next season. Taking part in the ceremony were, seated from left, Mary Ann Rusch, her mother; Rusch; Mark Rusch, her father; and standing from left, Carmen Kennedy, North's athletic director; and Mike O'Connor, North girls swimming and diving coach. Rusch was recruited by dozens of schools before picking State.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North's efforts fall shy against Renaissance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team battled another perennial state power last week, facing host Detroit Renaissance.

The Phoenix have posted one of the state's best records during the past decade and have had several battles against Birmingham Detroit Country Day during the regional playoffs the past few seasons.

The Lady Norsemen played well for a half, but lost 51-39 to drop to 0-2 overall.

"I was pretty happy with the way we played," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "Renaissance is a fast, physical team and we had a little trouble matching that.

"We held our own for most of the game, but one bad quarter did us in."

The home team led 13-10 after the opening quarter, but North outscored Renaissance 14-6 to take a 24-19 halftime advantage.

The Lady Norsemen were outscored 10-1 in the third period to fall behind 29-25, but they came back to tie it early in the fourth quarter.

"We fell behind in the final few minutes of the fourth and had to scramble on defense to try to create some turnovers," Bennett said.

"Renaissance turned those into easy baskets to account for the final score."

Senior Olivia Stander scored 18 points and junior Kayla Womack had 11 to lead the Lady Norsemen.

University Liggett School

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ULS opens with victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Freshman Madison Ristovski began her high school career in grand style last week.

She poured in 31 points and helped the Lady Knights by netting a dozen rebounds and several assists in a 50-22 win over visiting West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

"It was a great way to start the season," first-year head coach Adam Beck said. "Madison was fantastic and the rest of the girls played a strong opener."

Both teams had the first-game jitters in the opening quarter, which was won 8-0 by ULS.

Beck's squad put their game into second gear in the second quarter, outscoring the Jaguars 20-8 to build a 28-8 halftime lead.

The Lady Knights kept up the pressure in the second half as Ristovski got her teammates into the scoring column, including senior guard Megan Amicucci, who sank five field goals to finish with 11 points.

"Madison was getting double-teamed a lot when she drove the lane, so she kicked it out to the opener person, which happened to be Megan on several occasions," Beck said. "Megan is going to get a



Freshman Madison Ristovski's varsity basketball debut was a success as she scored 31 points to help University Liggett School win.

lot of open looks and it's her job to knock down those shots."

Senior Catherine Vatsis had four points and played strong defense as the Lady Knights equaled their win total from

last season.

The University Liggett School girls basketball team is 1-0 overall.

Coming up for the Lady Knights is an away game Friday, Dec. 12, against

Warren Macomb Christian, followed by home games Tuesday, Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 18, against Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart and Detroit University Prep.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Knights gain momentum

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a work in study, but Rob McIntyre likes what he sees early in his inaugural season as head coach of University Liggett School's boys' hockey team.

"I'm not worried about our wins and losses right now," McIntyre said. "I want the younger guys to get used to playing at the varsity level and to gel with our veterans."

"We're playing well at times, but that should change during the second half of the season."

The Knights opened last week with a 2-1 overtime loss to visiting Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

Junior Dan Zukas scored the lone goal as the Yellowjackets ended the game by scoring early in the extra session.

"I thought our guys played much better and we had our chances to win this game," McIntyre said. "Our younger guys did a better job and we needed this solid effort before we headed on the road."

The Knights traveled to Kalamazoo to play Mattawan and Portage Northern at S2 Ice Arena.

Junior Rory Deane injured his shoulder during a 6-3 loss to Mattawan. Zukas scored twice and senior Drew Amato had one.

The Knights fell behind 3-0 early in the first period but battled back to tie it 3-3 by scoring three quick goals early in the third stanza.

"It was great to see the guys storm back and tie it," McIntyre said. "They played some great hockey, but unfor-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Erik Litch, center, is off to a nice start for head coach Rob McIntyre and his University Liggett School boys hockey team.

tunately we couldn't sustain it as Mattawan won by scoring the final three goals."

The solid effort carried over to help the Knights beat Portage Northern 4-2 as Amato tallied two goals. Senior Clarke Dirksen and freshman Jake Hodges also scored. Zukas added three assists to his team-leading point total.

"It was nice to end the road trip with a win, playing without Deane," McIntyre said. "We had to adjust the lineups a bit, but it forced everyone to step it up and play a little better."

ULS improved to 2-4 overall.

Up next for the Knights is the annual ULS Tournament Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, followed by a home game Wednesday, Dec. 17, against Chippewa Valley.

SOCCER



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League champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer U-14 Breakers Green finished its fall season as league champs with an 8-1 record. With a suffocating defense, an outstanding goalie and an aggressive offense, they scored 33 goals and had only two against. This is the third straight season the team won the Michigan State Premier Soccer League, where they have moved a division each year based on their success.

Pictured above are front row from left, Francesca Ciaramitaro, Anastasia Diamond and Kim Cusmano; middle row from left, Danae DiCicco, Paige Micks, Natalie Skorupski, Danielle Karwowicz and Chelsea Marsh; and back row from left, Justine Lynn, Eleanor Rappolee, Emily Armbruster, Lindsey Makos, coach John Sikorski, Amanda Heidt, Margaret Brennan and Claire DeBoer.

GYMNASTICS

Neighborhood Club offers class

The Neighborhood Club offers gymnastics classes to children between the ages of 3 and 14.

The children are placed by ability, not age, with the classes broken down into five groups: Preschool, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced/Intermediate.

Tuesday classes run from Jan. 6 to Feb. 10. Thursday classes are from January 8 to February 12.

All classes are held at the Neighborhood Club in the evenings.

The six-week session is \$99. Register online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club,

17150 Waterloo in Grosse Pointe.

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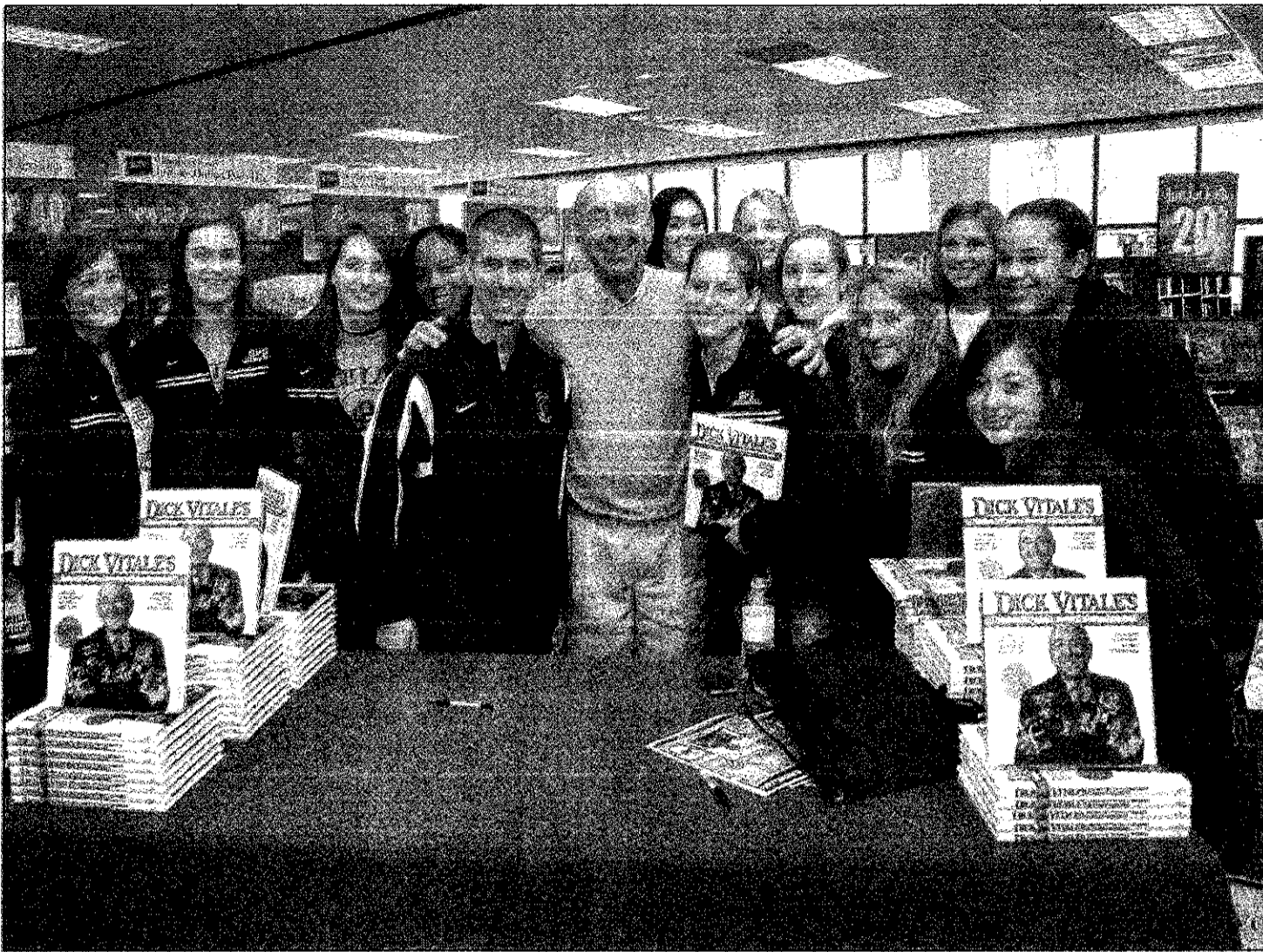
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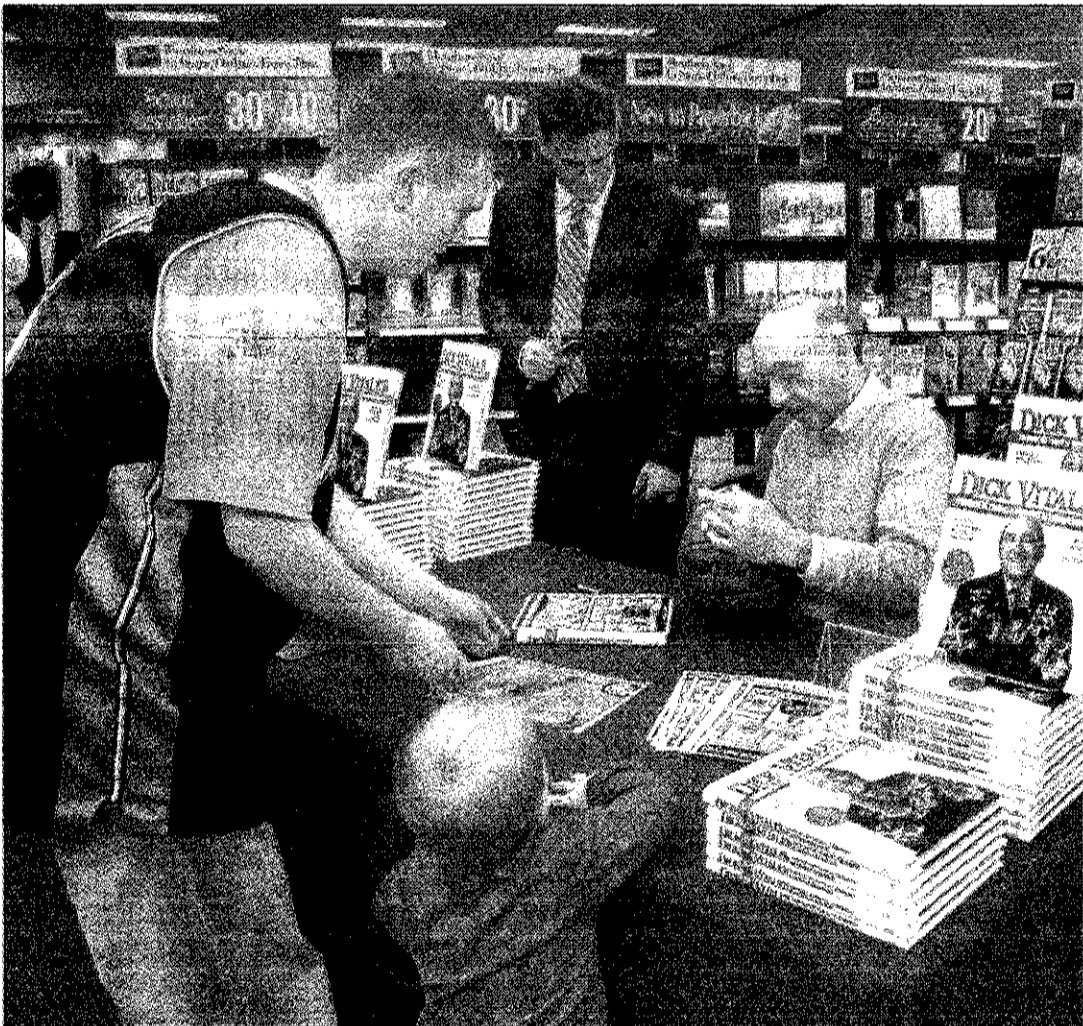
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Chance of a lifetime

Members of the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball team, above, and head coach Kevin Richards had their picture taken with legendary sports broadcaster Dick Vitale, center. Vitale, who has spent the past 30 years doing color commentary for ESPN, was a legend in the Detroit area in the 1970s coaching the University of Detroit men's basketball team from 1972 to 1978 as well as the Detroit Pistons during the 1978-79 season. Vitale was at Barnes & Noble in the Village signing copies of his new book, "Dick Vitale's Fabulous 50 Players and Moments in College Basketball," Wednesday, Dec. 3, before broadcasting the North Carolina/Michigan State



University men's basketball game later that night at Ford Field.

Pictured left is Vitale signing a basketball for Corey Van Aelst and his 2-year-old son, James.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

North grad honored

Albion College head football coach Craig Rundle recently announced the names of the 63 student-athletes who earned varsity letters for their participation in the sport this fall.

Spencer Channell, the son of Larry and Mariann Channel of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe North graduate, will receive a blanket designating his senior-year award.

Channell was an offensive lineman for the Britons, who posted a 3-3 record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 4-6 overall.

In MIAA action, the Britons



Spencer Channell

beat Olivet 10-5, Hope 28-21 and Kalamazoo 23-20, but lost to Adrian 21-6, Trine 30-7 and Alma 34-22.

DeBoer earns letter

David DeBoer, a City of Grosse Pointe resident and Grosse Pointe South graduate, earned his third athletic letter playing football at Hope College.

DeBoer scored two touchdowns this season for Hope, which finished 3-3 in the MIAA and 3-7 overall.

He played in all 10 games this season.

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ALBION COLLEGE

Gunderson breaks record

Ryan Gunderson of the City of Grosse Pointe edited Albion College's freestyle records and met the "B" qualifying standards for the NCAA Division III Championships on the first day of the Washington University Thanksgiving Invitational.

In the first session, Gunderson completed the 50-yard freestyle in 20.82 seconds to break the school standard that stood for nearly 15 years. Andy Mullin established the previous standard of 21.10 seconds during the 1993-94 season.

Gunderson, a Grosse Pointe South graduate, claimed the school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.41 seconds in the evening session. Albion's previous record of 46.78 seconds was set by Britt Johnson during the 1999-2000 season.

He met the "B" cut for the NCAA meet in both events. Gunderson appears to be in good shape to make the field for the national meet in the 50-freestyl as this performance beat the 2008 selection time of 20.89 seconds.

He still may have some work to do in the 100-freestyle, as the 2008 selection time was 45.98 seconds.

Gunderson has been named the

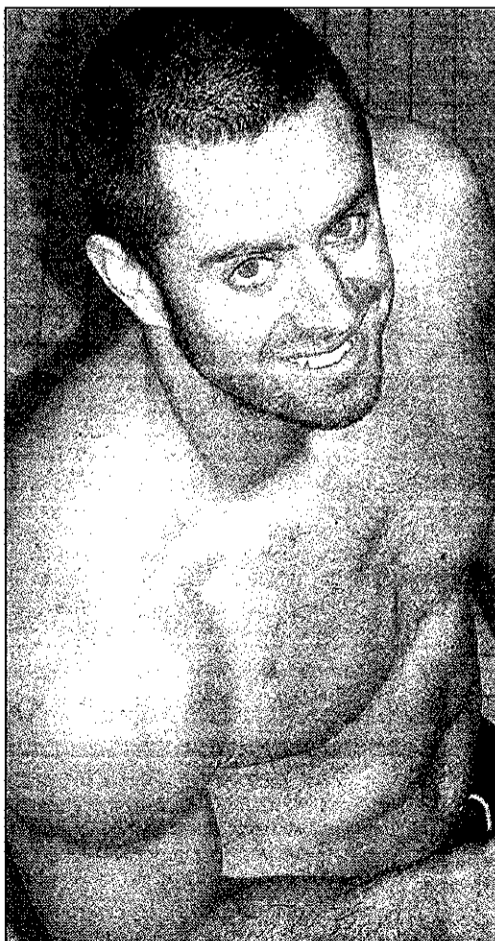


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Ryan Gunderson, a South grad, recently set a new Albion record in the 50-freestyle.

Councilman-Hunsaker National Division III men's swimmer of the week for his performance in the Thanksgiving Invitational.

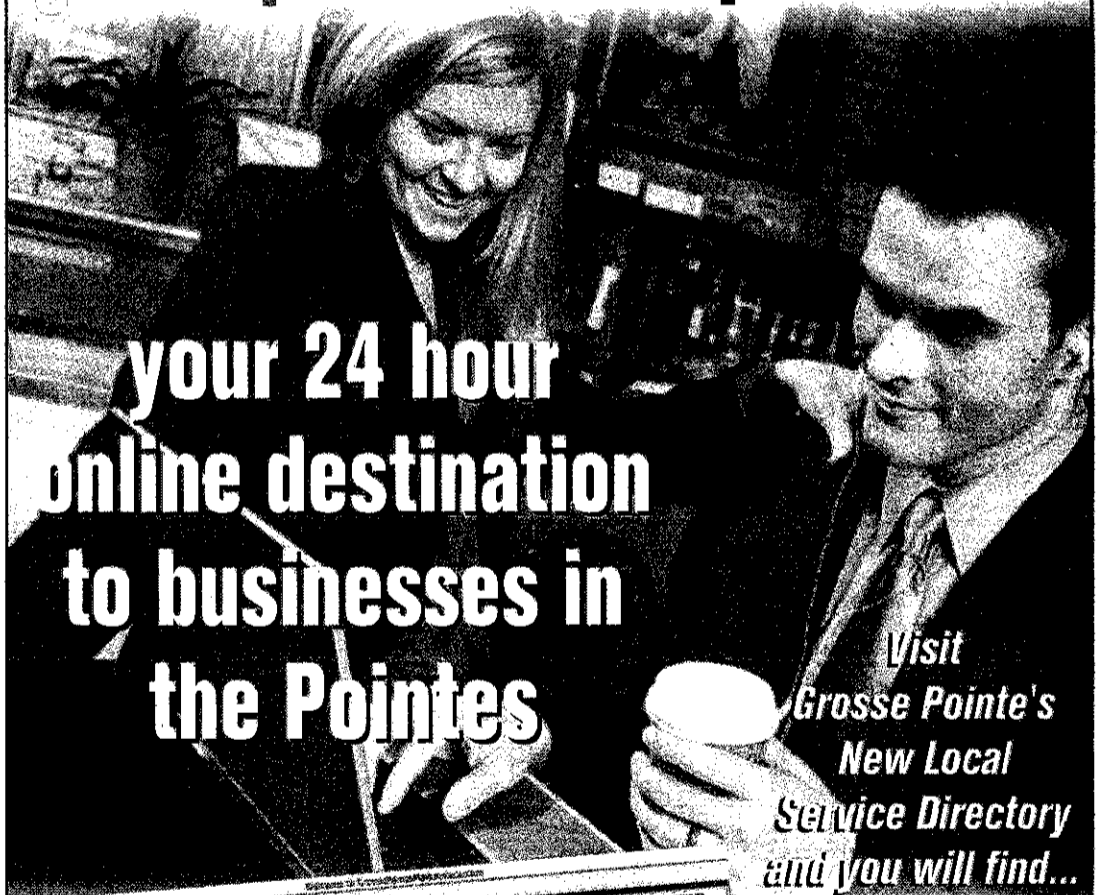
Other local competitors included Grosse Pointe Farms' Jennifer Dunaway, also a South grad, was the runner-up in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.26.

Ty Lattimore of Grosse Pointe Farms led the Albion College divers in the Washington University Thanksgiving Invitational held Nov. 22 and 23.

The Grosse Pointe South graduate won the men's 1-meter diving event with an NCAA

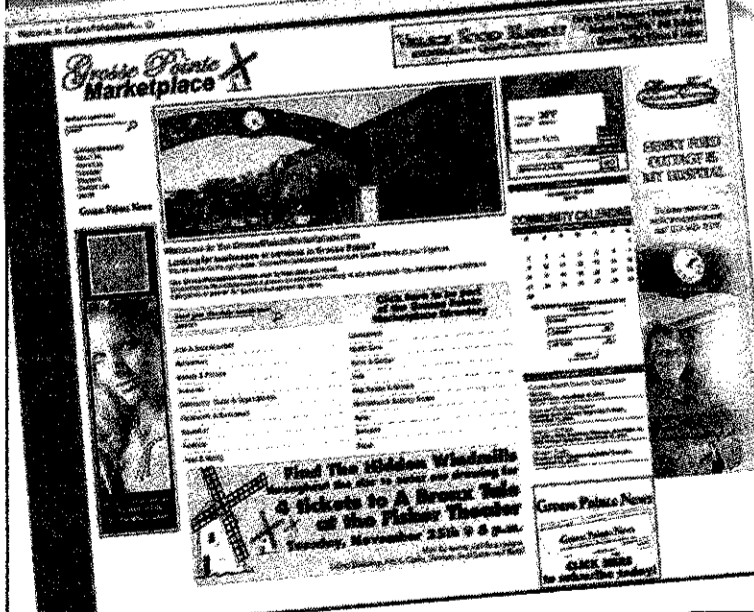
Division III Championship qualifying score of 428.60 points. He was runner-up in the 3-meter diving competition with 407.95 points.

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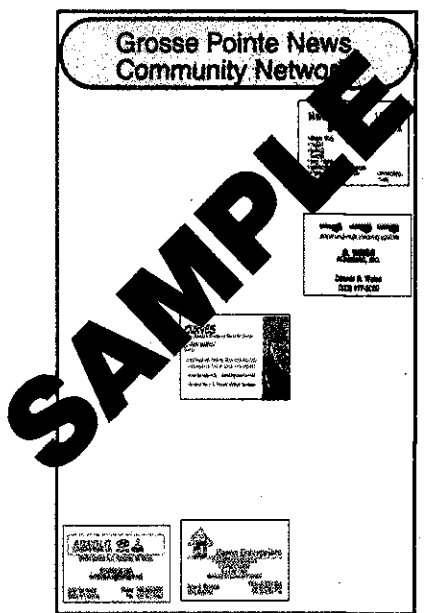
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