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THURSDAY, DEC. 17

◆ Poets Follies Reading begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewald Branch Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Local writers Mary Sanders Smith, Vievee Francis and Judith Kerman will be present.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School choirs present a holiday concert at 7 p.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adult tickets cost \$10, students and seniors \$5. Gold card holders are admitted free. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited and at the door. For more information, call (313) 882-7774.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

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SATURDAY, DEC. 19

♦ Free parking is available on all municipal lots and structures in the Village and on the Hill and street parking along Mack Avenue in the Farms and the Woods during normal business hours.

◆ Radio personality Linda Lanci poses for pictures with pets from noon to 2 p.m. at Camp Bow Wow, 19795 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores, for \$5. The donation is given to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Pet food donations are also accepted.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20 ◆ Author John Kozak of

Grosse Pointe Farms is signing his book, "Through the Eyes of Rose," from 3 to 6 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 19221 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Living nativity

"Christmas in the Stable, a Live Nativity" is a tradition at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. On Sunday, Dec. 13, parishioners and guests gathered on the lawn to sing carols. Children from the church, dressed in costume, portrayed angels, shepherds and wise men. Joseph was portrayed by Cameron Veitengruber, 3, and Molly Anderson, 5, portrayed Mary.

Above, Caroline Forster ducks a "kiss" from Wilma, the camel. Dressed as a shepherd is Don Strobel, Wilma's handler.

Director says mayor off base

Ambitions shelved due to recession

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

The top administrator of the Grosse Pointe Public Library said the mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms was off base when criticizing the system's finances.

"Almost all of the Farms mayor's facts were wrong," said Vickey Bloom, library director.

She referred to statements Mayor James Farquhar made at the Dec. 7 Farms city council meeting against the library. The account appeared in last week's Grosse Pointe News, for which Bloom was unavailable for comment by telephone or e-mail.

Farquhar was reported saying the

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Grayton residents seek council's help

Neighborhood wants stronger police presence after attack

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

With the support of neighbors, a Grosse Pointe Park couple told how they were brutally attacked the night after Thanksgiving and asked the city council for a greater police presence in their Grayton Road neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (the Grosse Pointe News is not publishing the names of the victims) attended a recent council meeting with more than 40 neighbors. They asked the city to do whatever it takes to protect residents, even if it meant a special millage dedicated to public safety.

Mr. Smith, 72, now uses a cane because of injuries he sus-

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Kroger plans scaled down

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Some food companies have held down costs during the recession by reconfiguring their products' boxes to look the same size while containing less.

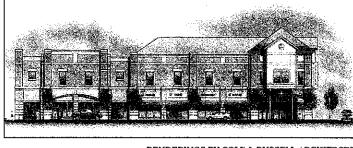
The same applies to the area's dominant grocery

for a two-level store in the

tion is to begin this spring on a one-story building masked to look like it has a second floor.

"It looks pretty much identical to the elevation we presented last year." Chris Rodgers, Kroger real estate manager, told the City of Grosse Pointe council Monday night.

Members of the council took the update with a once-bitten, twice-shy skepticism.



RENDERINGS BY COLE & RUSSELL ARCHITECTS

Kroger representatives this Ascaled back, one-story Kroger proposed for the Village week announced that plans looks like a two-story structure approved last February.

Village have been scrapped. Instead, construc- Kroger's people have been pumping up the idea of a two-story project in the Village for

more than a year. "We've had a couple of false starts here," said Councilman Christopher Walsh. "Things have not gone well, watching how this project

has gone from promise to downgrade.

See KROGER, page 7A

South girl pulled from pool

By Amy Salvagno Staff Writer

A group effort saved the life of a Grosse Pointe South High School student found at the bottom of the swimming pool.

According to Kim VanGorder, president of the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association, three special education assistants and gym teacher Tamera Slanck worked together Friday, Dec. 11, to pull the girl to safety during the noon-hour

"It was a combined effort. I believe without the teamwork of all involved, the outcome may not have been the same, but fortunately, the student is fine," VanGorder said.

Assistant Jesse Bordato told VanGorder they had just completed a head count of all the students swimming in the pool when Slanck began screaming to get the student out.

Bordato said he ran to the side of the pool, where fellow assistant Sara Kaleta was trying to reach the girl at the bottom. When she was unable to, Bordato jumped in, fully clothed, pulling the student up and back to the edge of the pool.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

I grew up idolizing my dad and even today I think of him as my hero.'

Dennis Cavanaugh



Home: City of Grosse Pointe Age: 61

Family: Wife, Pam; six children

Claim to fame: Won regional tennis tournament earlier this

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Yesterday's headlines

YESTERDAY'S HEADS

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe

50 years ago this week

◆ EXTORTIONIST NABBED: Nine houses, including four in the Pointes, were threatened with bombings by air by a bold extortionist who sent crude hand-printed notes to homeowners demanding \$2,000 from each or he would drop two small bombs with enough power to ruin their houses.

Each letter recipient called their respective police departments. The FBI was notified. The extortionist was caught when he went to the designated phone booth to retrieve what he thought would be money. The 19-year-old Detroit man was indicted by a federal grand jury.

◆ SPEEDING TICKET BRINGS RELIEF: Life became a little brighter for a 30-yearold mother and her two children after she received a speeding ticket from a Grosse Pointe Shores police officer. The officer noticed a pile of goods in the car and became suspicious. He took the woman and children back to the station where it was discovered the divorced woman and her children hadn't eaten for 24 hours, had been evicted from her Detroit apartment for nonpayment of rent and were living out of the car. They were given food and shelter by officers who lived in apartments on the second floor of the Village Municipal Building and the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club paid back rent so they could return to their apartment and the children to their school. Other Grosse Pointers donated food and money when they learned of the family's situation.

◆ EXPLOSION DAMAGES HOUSE: A gas explosion blew out the sides of a furnace in a house on Roland in Grosse Pointe Farms. The 14-year-old babysitter called the fire department when she heard the

explosion and helped the four children to safety.

◆ CITY TO GO TO COURT: All homeowners, except one, have complied with Grosse Pointe City Council's motion requiring residents on the westerly side of Elmsleigh Lane to renumber their homes by Sept. 1.

25 years ago this week

The problem began when a couple signed the final papers on their new \$300,000-plus home and discovered it lacked an address. First they were told it would be number six. then number 29 and finally, number seven. But number seven belonged to neighbors two doors away.

The neighbors have refused to comply with the address change. The matter is considered a case of civil disobedience and is scheduled to be heard in municipal court in January.

♦ FORD HOUSE WINS TAX CASE: The Michigan Supreme Court denied an application for review made by Grosse Pointe Shores and South Lake Schools to appeal a lower court's ruling that granted the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House tax-exempt status in 1980 and 1981.

The high court's decision not to review the case may end the three years of court battles between the home and four parties that collect taxes on the estate — the Shores, South Lake Schools, Lake Township and Macomb County.

The four may be liable for repayment of \$204,000 collected in taxes those two years.

♦ MAN KILLED IN ARGU-MENT: An argument over car jumper cables ended in a

shooting death in Grosse Pointe Park.

According to Park police, a 35-year-old Wayburn Road resident came to the station and told police he had shot a Detroit man about one-half hour earlier.

According to the Park resident, an argument started when the Detroit man wanted his jumper cables back and assaulted the Park resident with a knife. The Park man shot in self-defense.

10 years ago this week

♦ ST. JOHN TO BREAK GROUND FOR CANCER **CENTER**: Construction of the St. John Health System Cancer Center will start Dec. 17. The building will be located on the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Campus at Mack and Moross. The three-story, state-of-the-art facility should be open Oct. 2001.

◆ FARMS APPROVES HIS-TORIC DISTRICTS: The Farms city council created four specific historic districts just two weeks after approving an ordinance permitting the creation of historic districts.

The proposed districts contain the Provencal-Weir House, the Grosse Pointe Farms water filtration plant and Joy Bells, the Farms sewage pumping station and Beverly Road.

♦ BIRD NEST BLOCKS CHIMNEY: Grosse Pointe Park firefighters arrived at a home in the 800 block of Lakepointe to find the living room filled with smoke.

Officers determined the fireplace chimney was clogged by a bird's nest. The chimney cleared when the nest caught



FROM THE DEC. 17, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Parking hel

This machine is at the second entrance of Area No. 5 of the St. Clair parking lot, facing Notre Dame. It is the second such machine stalled by the City in the Village business district and has proved very popular with customers seeking faster parking service.

It eliminates the handing out of tickets by lot attendants and the use of parking meters. The front wheels of a car passing over the metal in front of the machine causes a ticket to pop out and the gate to go up.

♦ ST. JOHN PLANS NEW WING: St. John Hospital plans to add an eight-level 288,000square-foot North Pavilion that will face the back parking lot. With a tall atrium lobby, the wing will become the hospital's

main entrance. The wing will add 144 private rooms and consolidate outpatient diagnostic services. Also

project is a \$15 million expansion and redesign of the emergency department.

♦ SUNRISE STILL INTER-ESTED: An international company that provides senior housing has pulled out of the Village, but not the City of Grosse Pointe.

Sunrise Development, the nation's largest provider of senior living services, in April proposed transforming the upper levels of the vacant former Jacobson's building on Kercheval into condominiums

for active, independent seniors. Although company representatives have withdrawn the plan, they appear to have another location in mind other than the Village.

◆ SOFA TRASHED?: A man living in the 300 block of Touraine flagged down a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman to report the theft of his pink and white Henredon sofa.

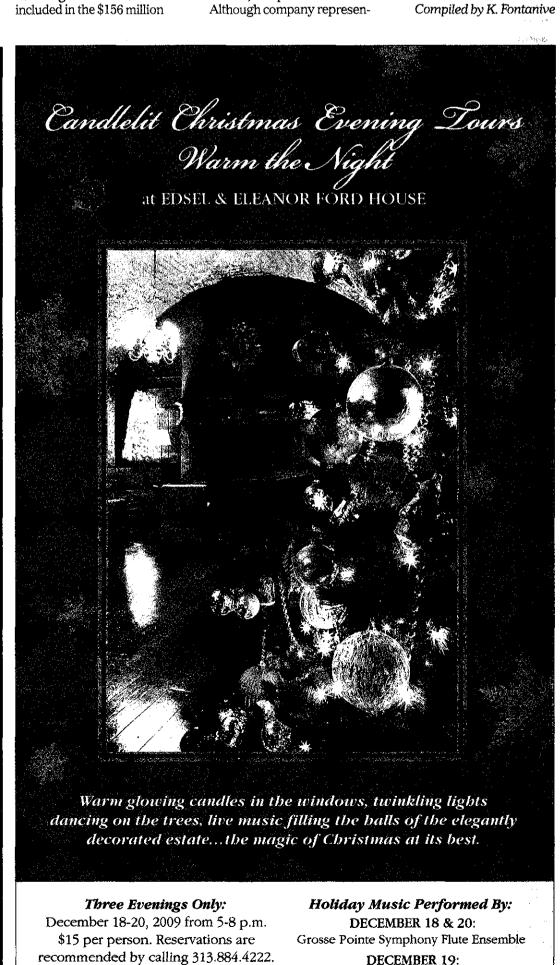
He placed the \$2,000 sofa in front of his house in preparation for transporting it to his daughter's home.

The man told police that it could not have been mistaken for trash.

Compiled by K. Fontanive



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The Tea Room will be open for extended hours and will be serving a special holiday dinner menu.

Violinist Kim Becker

www.fordhouse.org

Shop local for those one-of-a-kind gifts

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

The clock is ticking down on holiday shopping. There is still time to pick up an ugly sweater or a Chia pet. There is also more than enough time to shop local for one-of-a-kind gifts that won't be returned and certainly won't be duplicated.

Something for everyone

Betsy Enders and Kasey Malley, proprietors of Small Favors on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods say they are quite certain they have just what you are looking for in the way of a hostess gift, a present for that favorite teacher, the very hard to please brother-in-law, or a special stocking stuffer.

Enders and Malley create theme baskets, featuring items of interest to golfers, sailors, sports fans, cooks, animal lovers and children of all ages.

The store also carries several Grosse Pointe-themed items, including coasters and trivets featuring maps of Grosse Pointe, a perfect gift for any "former" Grosse Pointer to take back to their new house.

Perhaps Enders and Malley's favorite gift this holiday season is one that will help create a new Christmas tradition for your own family or a loved one, they say.

"The Elf on the Shelf" collection comes with a toy elf and a children's book that tells the story of the elf whose job it is to tell Santa whether a child has been naughty or nice. Each night, the elf returns to the North Pole to report on his charges. The following morning, children must find the elf in his new hiding place. Craftily written by the mother and daughter team of Carol Aebersold and Chanda Bell, the book features watercolor illustrations by Coe Steinwart.



A pony ride is considered a top-of-the-line gift and is available from the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

"This has become a one of our best selling holiday gifts," Enders said. "It's become a favorite with grandparents, and is a perfect family gift."

Small Favors is located at 20451 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. (313) 887-1774.

Pony ride

It's not unusual for a little girl to request a pony for Christmas, and while Grosse Pointe zoning laws won't allow one in the backyard, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club welcomes visitors to bring a little pony lover to the barn to spend up to an hour with his or her very "own" pony.

The child learns to brush, feed and put on the saddle and bridle. After all that work, a pony ride is in order. Designed for children from ages 3 to 6, and priced at \$30, the perfect pony present can arranged by calling Maggie Yash at the Hunt Club stables, (313) 881-1010.

Light up the night

What better way to guests welcome Christmas Eve or to a holiday party than luminaries along the walkway.

Why not get the neighbors together to begin a new tradition along the block by placing luminaries along the walks. They provide a warm glow of holiday hospitality to friends and neigh-

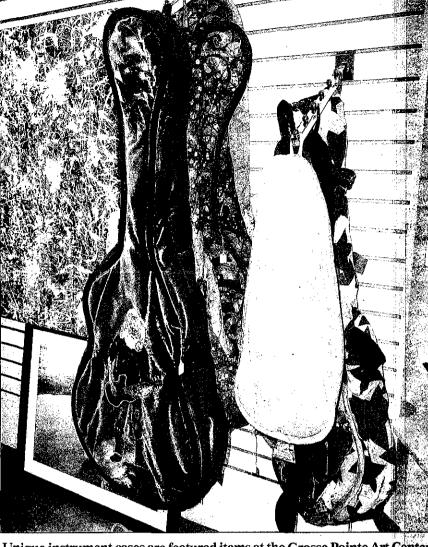
Full Circle Resale Shop is offering kits

that make eight luminaries for \$10. Full Circle is located at 15300 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 469-6660. All proceeds from Full Circle help to fund employment opportunities for special needs students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

It's a wrap

For a special selection of one-of-akind gifts, stop by the Grosse Pointe Art Center on Kercheval in The

Jewelry, ranging from macramé friendship bracelets for \$8 to strands of handmade beads, there is something for every age and price range. Handmade picture frames will be per-



Unique instrument cases are featured items at the Grosse Pointe Art Center.

fect for holiday photos. Drawings and cases will set your musician apart paintings, ceramics, fabrics, gifts in every medium are available.

The art center has unique instrument bags for carrying and protecting stringed instruments, ranging from violins to cellos and guitars. A variety of fabrics feature designs from flowers to a design of Jerry Garcia. These 821-1848.

Various non-profit organizations will also be providing gift wrapping at the art center throughout the weekend for anything purchased from a Village store.

The Grosse Pointe Art Center is located at 16900 Kercheval, (313)

Kerby students share in meaning of the season

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

Even as visions of their own Christmas gifts dance through their heads, third-grade students in Brad Restum's classroom at Kerby Elementary School are thinking of

The class "adopted" two senior citizens through Services for Older Citizens, and they are doing their best to make sure the seniors have a festive holiday season.

"We received the names of two seniors from SOC, and we were given a brief biography of each one, so we know what their needs are," explained Shawn McCrindle, a parent volunteer. "The kids know them as Jane and James, and, for example, we know Jane has some eye problems and James has a dog."

With those facts in hand, the children did some shopping.

"We got Jane some crossword puz-

zles with big type," said student Karl Caroline Turner explained Jane and James, like so many other seniors, are alone at this time of year.

he doesn't have a telephone. "He has to listen to the radio," she

For James, it's even worse because

While students were collecting items especially for Jane and James, they also wanted to do something for other SOC clients. Under the watchful eye of several parent volunteers, they decorated wreaths and small Christmas trees that SOC will pass on to some of the seniors they help. They will also make Christmas cards for SOC to distribute with Meals on Wheels.

'The students have learned so much with this project," Restum said. "They are seeing that giving is so much better than receiving at times like these. We had a student who used their own money to buy something for Jane and James. It's nice to see them learning the true meaning of the season."

SOC's executive director Sharon Maier said the projects not



Brad Restum's third graders at Kerby Elementary School prepared some special holiday decorations that they will donate to Services for Older Citizens. The class also adopted two seniors and donated items that will brighten their Christmas.

only help seniors with the agency, but the lessons stay with the kids for the rest of their lives.

"We have learned that when you start small, you never stop giving, you never stop volunteering," Maier said. "We are so fortunate to be in a community like Grosse Pointe where giving and volunteering is well-rooted in our families and that is passed on to our children by their parents."

Student Katie Steinhauer is a perfect example of what Maier

"We should always try to help people, especially if they can't be with other people at Christmas time," she said.

Restum's students are making sure SOC clients are being cared for this holiday season, granting them what Delaney Ptashnik is certain is their wish for Christmas.

When asked what seniors might want most for Christmas, Delaney replied softly, "a family."

SOC gets more grants

Services for Older Citizens ployees to administer the prothis week was named recipient of almost half of the City of Grosse Pointe's annual block grant allocation.

The grant was slightly less than one the Farms awarded SOC last week. City officials want to give

SOC \$41,210 of \$89,000 in federal block grants administered by Wayne County.

Another \$41,890 in grant money would be used to upgrade sidewalk ramps in accord with statues governing disability access.

The \$5,900 balance would be retained to pay for City em-

gram.

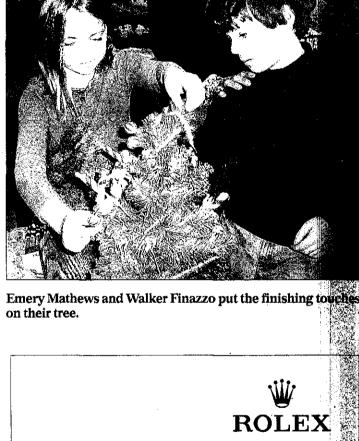
"Final programming amounts are subject to the approval of the Wayne County CDBG program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," said Al Fincham, City assistant man-

City officials separated the SOC allocation, with \$30,000 going for the minor home repair program and \$11,210 for public services.

The proposal is being forwarded to the county for authorization.

Brad Lindberg

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ROLEX & OYSTER PERPETUAL AND YACHT-MASTER ARE TRADEMARKS

POINTER OF INTEREST

Cavanaugh enjoys successful endeavors

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Dennis Cavanaugh is Grosse Pointe's version of Jim Thorpe.

The 61-year-old City of Grosse Pointe all-around athletic standout has done it all, seen it all and throughout it all, has learned a lot about life.

"I have been lucky to live the life I have, but I worked hard for everything and I have to thank my parents for it all," Cavanaugh said. "I grew up idolizing my dad and even today I think of him as my hero."

Walter "Pudge" Cavanaugh and his wife, Virginia, began raising a family in Detroit near St. Jude church. He worked as ly became one of the best as ther, Walter "Pudge" Cavanaugh. his craft.

This success Cavanaugh to move the family to Oxford in Grosse Pointe Shores in 1948 and then to the farmhouse famous Provencal in 1955.

Dennis Cavanaugh was forthe family first moved to the

allowed a lot of opportunities other kids didn't have because



an insurance agent and quick- A proud Dennis Cavanaugh stands tall next to his hero, his fa-

allowed of my father's success," Cavanaugh said. "He worked hard for his family and him and my mom signed me up for on the tennis program at the Hunt Club when we joined."

Cavanaugh began his athlettunate to have been born when ic endeavors at age 7, following in the footsteps of his six older siblings. He had two old-"I was lucky because I was er sisters and a brother who were tremendous athletes and two other sisters who were

PHOTO COURTESY OF DENNIS CAVANAUGH

Dennis Cavanaugh, far right, and his long-time friend, Chuck

Wright, far left, earned several top tennis honors throughout

their teenage years playing at the Hunt Club.

in his footsteps." Grosse Pointer, Chuck Wright.

At 14, Cavanaugh's parents took him to Hamtramck to learn from one of the nation's best tennis professionals who gave her talents for the pub-

Hoxie, a legend in the tennis in 1960, 1965 and 1966.

world-class equestrians.

His mother was also an avid and talented tennis player, so learning how to play tennis was almost a foregone conclusion.

"As the youngest child of seven, I had to get my dad's attention by being good at sports," Cavanaugh said. "My dad was a very good athlete and I always wanted to follow

At age 7, Cavanaugh began playing tennis with fellow The dynamic duo went on to win a doubles title at age 10.

lic's pleasure, Jean Hoxie.

world, coached Hamtramck's boys' tennis program to 11 straight Class A state championships, starting in 1949, and then titles in 1961 to 1964 and 1967 to 1969 for a total of 18, along with runner-up finishes



Dennis Cavanaugh has mixed in a successful business career, which has helped him form a solid all-around portfolio.

to a new level, a 15-year-old Cavanaugh was given the opportunity of a lifetime, which was spending eight weeks in Ireland at a tennis camp.

"Those eight weeks were a child's dream," Cavanaugh said. "Playing tennis on the grass courts in Ireland was a dream come true. I really learned a lot about the game and I came back a very good tennis player because of that experience.

"I couldn't thank my parents enough for sending me to that camp."

The lessons came in handy as Cavanaugh played a vital role in helping Detroit Austin High's tennis program win the none other than Hoxie's Hamtramck Cosmos.

Jon Hainline to win a doubles state title in '66.

"That was a big moment for opponent was huge and it was even bigger to help the team win the state title.

forget." Not only did Cavanaugh shine on the tennis courts, but he was an all-star shortstop in

Grosse Pointe Woods/Shores Little League and was an all-state caliber football, as well as basketball player at Austin High.

His senior year, Cavanaugh helped Austin win the prestigious Detroit city championship with a win over top-10 ranked Detroit Northwestern and beat No. 1 ranked East Detroit in the state playoffs.

For his efforts on the athletic fields. Cavanaugh earned a scholarship to Bowling Green State University, just 20 miles south of Toledo.

"I earned a Division 1 scholarship to play basketball and

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After taking his tennis game tennis," he said. "I never of golf and tennis at the played much in basketball, but I was one of the Falcons' top singles players on the tennis

> "Buster" Brown on a few occasions and earned some big wins against several top-notch Southeastern Conference foes during his time as a Falcon ten-

He beat Notre Dame's Elbert

nis player.

court."

"Beating Brown really felt good since Notre Dame never recruited me because they didn't think I was good enough," Cavanaugh said. "Those were really nice wins I will always remember."

In 1970, Cavanaugh earned the Bowling Green University Scholar-Athlete Award.

1966 state championship over. As he developed his game at the collegiate level, he became a good serve and volley player. Cavanaugh teamed up with His mix of speed and muscular power on the court is an asset for which he still benefits.

myself, as well as Austin ten- and I'm still playing with my not a good feeling," nis," Cavanaugh said. "For Jon boyhood friends, especially Cavanaugh said. "Chris Zingas and I to beat our Hamtramck Chuck (Wright), who is like a brother to me," Cavanaugh said. "I've been friends with Chuck and these other guys "It's a moment I will never for 50 years. I wouldn't want it any other way.

"We've formed strong bonds that mean a lot to me."

While at Bowling Green, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1970 and has been securities-licensed since 1972. He also attained the Chartered Life Underwriter degree in 1974 and Chartered Financial Consultant designation in

He has been a businessman since graduating from Bowling Green, but recently took the position of vice president of wealth management and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"That move was the best of my life," he said. "I used to commute to work and it took too long to get to and from.

"Now, I work about 300 yards from my house, so I can get plenty of exercise walking to and from the office and still get home in plenty of time to see my wife and grandchildren, take my dog for a walk anytime I want and get in plenty of tennis."

Cavanaugh and his wife, Pam, have six children and six great place to grow up and grandchildren. They play a lot then raise a family."

Country Club of Detroit

If he can't get any busier, Cavanaugh is the director of the Austin Prep Alumni Foundation and past director of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation

"I like to stay busy, but I do make plenty of time for my wife, children, grandchildren and friends," he said. "I'm loving every minute of my life and it helps that I learned some hard lessons along the way."

Some of those life lessons included rehabilitating from not just one, but four Achilles tendon ruptures.

The first came in 1981 at the age of 33. The initial injury healed with little ill effect but the past decade hasn't been kind as his Achilles ruptured three more times with the last one coming in May 2005.

"I didn't think I would ever "I'm passionate about tennis play tennis again and it was (an orthopedic surgeon) told me I would play tennis again and he performed a tendon replacement surgery."

Cavanaugh was on crutches and an IV for three months before rehabilitating the injury. He is good as new.

"I can't thank Dr. Zingas enough for helping me get my health back," he said. "I feel great and it's nice to be able to spend quality time with my wife, family and friends, aswell as play tennis with Chuck and the rest of the gang."

Cavanaugh also mixes in plenty of golf to go along with his tennis matches. He is still playing at a top level, winning tournaments at the state and regional level.

He recently was scheduled to play in a national tournament, but had to withdraw after one match after pulling a hamstring.

"I tried to go, but my mobility was shot and I wasn't very helpful to my doubles partner," he said.

The hamstring is healed, the Achilles problem is long gone and Cavanaugh is back to rock and roll through every endeav-

"I truly love Grosse Pointe and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else in the world," Cavanaugh said. "It's been a

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Lakeshore house razed

First the lakeside mansions fell. Now, one of their replacements follows.

A large house on Lakeshore at Oxford in Grosse Pointe Shores is being torn down to make way for two others.

The 330-foot lot at 665 Lakeshore will be split in two, each containing a house of its

"The lots are still large," said Mary Matuja, head of the planning commission.

A previous petitioner was denied permission to divide the lot into three.

"It would have been too confining to the neighborhood," Matuja said. "Lakeshore is a spacious boulevard. We'd like Down it comes. to keep things as they are. However, due to economic the way we'd like them to be."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The two new houses won't they will replace, Matuja said. times, things are not always be built any closer to neighboring residences than the one several homes in the Shores,"

"The petitioners have built

she said. "They are all beauti-

fully done."

— Brad Lindberg

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Family escapes house fire

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Firefighters arriving at a burning house in the 500 block of Lincoln south of Kercheval early Sunday morning found heavy smoke, flames and a family of three standing outside.

A battery-operated smoke alarm that awoke the family shortly after 5:30 a.m. continued beeping while officers Pointes put out the fire.

There were no injuries. Flames began in the basement. The cause was believed to be electrical.

"Two main circuits in the electrical box were completely melted," said James Fox, City of Grosse Pointe public safety chief.

"We confined the fire to the basement," said Lt. Eddie Tujaka.

"Fire started to come up into the kitchen, but was knocked down quickly."

A dispatcher received the homeowners' 911 calls at 5:35 a.m.

"The residents were alerted by the smoke detectors," Tujaka said. "The husband went downstairs to investigate. He found fire and alerted his family. The wife tried to dial 911 from the house phone, but it was inoperable, probably because the wires had burned through. They exited the house and called 911

on their cell phones." Officers responded and, seeing what they were in for, bypassed a second alarm and

went right to a third. "Three-quarters of the basement was engulfed in flames with heavy smoke throughout

the house," Fox said.

Firefighters from the Farms arrived with a pumper truck. Park officers came with an pumper and aerial truck, the type a Southeast Michigan Council of Governments study said the Pointes have one too many.

Officers smashed their way into the house through rear glass doors near the basement stairway.

"There was heavy fire damfrom three of the Grosse age in the basement," said Detective Sgt. Ron Wieczorek, one of the City's fire investigators.

Flames crept through the ceiling, into the kitchen and melted part of a built-in dishwasher.

"They broke out the basement glass-block windows to let smoke out," Wieczorek said. "Smoke damage extended throughout the house. There's about six to eight inches of water in the basement. Crews made a good stop of the fire. Nobody was hurt."

"They saved three-quarters of the house," Fox said.

Tujaka had the smoke alarm in his patrol car. The alarm was partially melted and discolored light brown, as though it were a breakfast biscuit soggy with too much

The City has two fire trucks. The second was kept in re-

"Our overtime people man the second truck so we can provide fire protection between the City, Park and Farms," Tujaka said. "If, God forbid, we get a second fire at the same time, we still have fire apparatus and manpower to attack that fire."

building, bu-

SAVED: CPR administered by teacher

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Bordato pushed up while Slanck pulled, getting the student back on the deck.

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Assistant Tina Mancini called 911 and grabbed the automated external defibrillator.

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Slanck began the first of three series of CPR chest pumps, Bordato said. Then he so very proud of took over on the second and third, checking for vitals.

The student remained unresponsive, so Bordato tried another series of CPR. The girl gasped, he said, and then became unresponsive again. Bordato waited for another breath, and when it didn't come, he began CPR again. On the third breath, he was able to revive her. The student ierked and took a very large gasping breath and Bordato turned her on her side while she continued to recover.

By that time, Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers arrived and took over.

According to officer Frank

Tm so proud of them, them.'

KIM VANGORDER. Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association president

scene, the girl was alert and breathing when police arrived. Medics took her to the hospi-

Zelinski credited Bordato for saving the student's life.

"He had it under control," he said. "He did all the work."

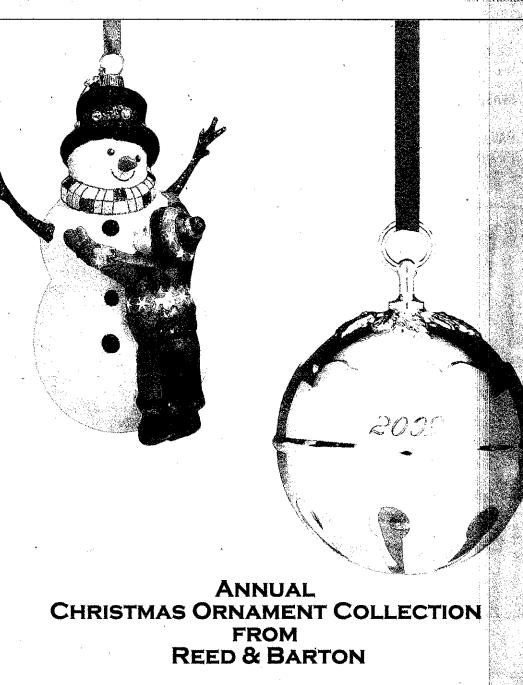
"I'm so proud of them, so very proud of them," VanGorder said of the staff.

Staff Writer Brad Lindberg Zelinski, the first officer on the contributed to this story.





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GRAYTON: Watching out for each other

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tained in the Nov. 27 attack. He told the council he took a garbage bag to his container in the garage about 7 p.m. As he was returning to the house, he heard footsteps behind him and was tackled by someone at least 6 feet tall and more than 200 pounds.

"He hit me and drove me into the ground and was banging my head on the ground," Mr. Smith recalled. "He jammed his thumb and finger down my throat. He was trying to rupture my larynx. He wanted to kill me.

Mrs. Smith, 69, heard her husband velling and started down the stairs to investigate when she was confronted by another assailant. He grabbed her and told her to lie down on the floor with her hands behind her back.

Mr. Smith said his wife, who had served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps,

assailant grabbed her and began banging her head on the

A neighbor who lives on Harvard behind the Smiths happened to be taking his garbage to his garage when he heard the commotion in the Smiths' backyard. Without hesitating, the neighbor jumped the fence and began yelling at the suspect who let go of Mr. Smith and ran off. The yelling alerted the assailant inside the house, who, according to the neighbor, "was not very bright" and came running out the back door and right into the neigh-

"I grabbed him and we got into a bit of a scuffle on the driveway," the neighbor said. "He struggled to get away from me, and in the process, wiggled out of his coat and was able to get away."

Mrs. Smith ran out the front door and asked a neighbor to call the Park police.

Police responded and established a perimeter, contacted other Grosse Pointe police agencies for assistance and brought in St. Clair Shores' tracking dog. It was able to

knew better and refused. The track at least one of the assailants for several blocks, across Mack into Detroit before losing the scent.

'We can't thank Chief (David) Hiller and his officers. for all they did, for their kindness and their professionalism," Mr. Smith told the coun-

The Smiths were taken to Beaumont Hospital where they stayed until Monday, Nov. 30. Mr. Smith suffered a broken collarbone, a torn hamstring and severely bruised ribs. The Smiths said their attackers never asked for cash. jewelry or other valuables.

"We were seconds away from dying," said Mrs. Smith, "if not for our neighbor, the headline would have been 'two murders in Grosse Pointe

"We have to recognize that we're dealing with a different type of criminal. There were no demands, there were no weapons. The weapon of choice was their hands. We're here tonight because we want to turn a negative event into a positive one and move forward and brainstorm and come up with ways to ensure. that this doesn't happen

get.

'We were seconds The Smiths away from dying, if told the council they were connot for our neighbor cerned that early release the headline would programs will have been 'two have an even greater impact murders in Grosse on crime in the Pointe Park." Pointes and were afraid the MRS. SMITH, Pointes would Grosse Pointe Park be an easy tar-

urged the city to take a proactive stance by ask what we can do to imputting more police officers on the streets.

They

"What we want to ask from the city is a sincere effort to increase police presence," Mr. Smith said. "Perception is a powerful tool. If they see police cars all over, they'll go elsewhere. We ask for a sincere effort to find more funds to put more police on the

special millage dedicated to gressively working to solve

public safety brought responses from several coun-

cil members. There is no more important issue than public safety," said Councilaman

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advice and to prove, but we also need to ask what would help and what would be a waste of money."

Hiller said he felt he had adequate manpower.

What happened to you is highly unusual," Hiller told the Smiths. "If we had a special millage and another similar incident occurred, then we would be asking what do we do now. I can't promise it won't The Smiths' suggestion of a happen again, but we are ag-

this case. We had 32 home invasions last year, which is the lowest number in 10 years."

Hiller urged all residents to take an active roll in helping

prevent crimes. "We can't stress enough for residents to call us when they see anything unusual," he

"You know who your neigh-Bob Denner. bors are and who belongs in "We rely on your neighborhood and who doesn't. Don't hesitate to call us. That's what we are here for."

> The Smiths proposed, and Hiller agreed, to have the department compile a list of suggestions residents can follow to ensure personal safety and to secure their houses.

> "The couple also volunteered to assist the city and the public safety department in finding ways to increase the Park's security.

"I'm willing to donate time because it's time I almost didn't have," Mr. Smith told the council.

KROGER: Building scaled back

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Speaking for myself, it's tough when we see renderings and then, we not only don't see action, we get further push-offs."

Rodgers said the company this time is committed to the project.

"We have total buy-in from our capital committee in Cincinnati," he said. "This will happen."

"We're happy with the architecture," said John Jackson, the city's planning consultant. "It looks like a full, two-story building, but it's not. We're going to work with (Kroger) to make sure display windows facing Kercheval are high qual-

Also deleted from the new plan is an attached four-level parking garage.

A tentative construction schedule calls for demolishing in April the existing, 20,000square-foot Kroger on Kercheval and Notre Dame.

The new, 21,000-square-foot parking garage. store would open on the same site in December.

A new building is needed because the current one is about 70 years old, according to Adam Crane, project manager with Kroger's engineering department.

"It's seen its day," Crane

Rodgers said the project isn't intended to attract more cus-

The hope is to have people spend more (money) per shopping trip," he said.

No construction-related documents — demolition permit, construction diagrams or parking studies — have been filed with the city.

Yet, Rodgers asked that the council approve everything at its Jan. 11 meeting so "we could stay on schedule."

"Don't expect (us) to give you permits the day after you bring drawings in," said Mayor Dale Scrace, an architect.

He added, "We did backflips to get everything done in one meeting," referring to a February council meeting during which Kroger was approved to build a two-story, 54,816-square-foot store and

Work was to begin shortly after Christmas.

A revised parking scheme is needed if Councilwoman Jean Weipert is to give full support.

"It has to be restriped," Weipert said of the store's present parking lot. "It's ridiculous how tight it is now. It can't be that way.'

She said to Rodgers, "If you want people to shop at that store, you're going to have to widen the (parking) spaces. I know you'll lose a couple of spaces as a result, but, as it is now, there's no way you can park in every one of those spaces because people can't fit into them.'

The lot has 77 spaces, according to Peter Dame, city

"They're not all usable," Weipert said. "So, what's the point."

"I concur," Scrace said. "I don't park in that lot anymore." Discussion revealed the council's dissatisfaction with the store's customer service.

Walsh, whose offices are across Kercheval from Kroger, complained of the store being staffed with "only one checkout person at any given time."

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library had \$7.2 million on hand, including \$1 million in donations, for the now-delayed expansion of the central branch at Kercheval and Fisher.

He and neighboring City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace wanted to know what is happening with the money. Both mayors want funds raised for central branch expansion to be used to improve library services in the central Pointes.

"I'm not sure where he (Farquhar) got his numbers,"

Bloom said in an e-mail received by the newspaper too long after deadline to be included in the story. "We have \$3.1 million in our operating fund. A good majority is used for operating from July 1 to Jan. 31, before all of the tax revenues come in. We only collect our tax money in December."

The library's \$5.7 million capital fund, Bloom added, includes emergency money for buildings, boilers, heating-cooling systems and technology re-

"The largest portion has been saved over the years for a new central library," Bloom

Ambitions had to be shelved

due to the economic recession. "Our auditors spoke at the September board meeting and said we can probably expect

(a) double-digit decrease in revenue this next year and possibly the year after," Bloom said. "Once the decreases are done, it could take as long as 14 years to recover. We could be looking at a \$1 million shortfall next year."

She added, "As a result of that - and the fact that if a new building were built tomorrow, we would need more funds to operate it than our current millage allows - the board voted to 'postpone further work on the funding of central and direct fundraising activities to supporting current operational activities and a library endowment."

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da is available at gp.lib.mi.us. ◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. An agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

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Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, holds a "Meet the Commissioner" from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson. ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Maumee.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22

◆ Grace United Church, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a free "Christmas Gathering of Faith and Food" from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (313) 822-3823.

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GUEST OPINION

By Peggy Stanton

Give Jesus back his birthday

appy Holidays ... bah humbug! From all the commentary I hear, I am not the only traditionalist who longs to be wished "Merry Christmas." In the Detroit area last weekend, determined doormen and waiters were defiantly delighted to be politically incorrect. Christians do not have an objection to

other faiths remembering their holidays. We simply object to having ours vaporized in the process. A man shares his birthday and look what happens. They steal it from him. Consider how you would like to have your birthday snatched from you.

Consider also there would be no season without the original reason. According to CNN, 76 percent of Americans still identify themselves as Christians. Some statisticians put the figure at 80 percent. As I recall, democracy means majority rule. So if minorities in American succeed in dictating how the majority commemorate a holiday cherished by the country's founders, are we no longer a democracy?

A USA Today columnist recently argued that "Happy Holidays" should include followers of witchcraft. Excuse me. Didn't they just have a holiday the last day of October?

Christmas in the English vernacular means "Christmass," referring to the liturgical celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday. How do you separate Jesus Christ from religion? By turning him into Santa Claus? Even here we have a problem as Santa Claus is based on an historical religious figure, St. Nicholas, bishop of Tyra.

May I propose a solution? Give Jesus back his birthday. Take it away from all those who find mentioning him offensive. Those of us who care about the true meaning of Christmas will celebrate it the way it was celebrated for nearly 1,800 years. In other words, no presents for anyone but the birthday boy.

Generic gift giving on Christmas, after all, is relatively new. It began in England during Queen Victoria's reign, where it undoubtedly spread to the United States.

In Ecuador, even today, gift giving is not prolific, a young Ecuadoran man told me. The concentration is on Jesus. During the entire month of December, there are processions and festivals. In Quito, Ecuador, the procession of El Nino Viajaro (the Traveling Child) is attended by thousands and lasts about four hours. At the end of the procession, is the statue of El Nino, which many decades ago journeyed to Rome and received a blessing from the Pope. An American woman, not particularly smitten with religion, concedes that "Christmas in Ecuador is wonderful." It is a time, she said, to be with family and friends. "The concentration is on people, not things.'

Ah, but what about the children? What about the children? Children do not arrive on earth expecting to receive presents. We educate them to greed. We create Santa and go to all lengths to perpetuate that belief. When a 5-year-old Florida child was asked what he would like for Christmas, he replied, "Nothing. I had my birthday. It's Jesus' birthday." As the song says, we adults sometimes act "more like children than children."

Think how returning Christmas to Jesus would simplify the lives of three quarters of American. Since the only presents Jesus is looking for are love, kindness, joy, peace, patience, charity, hope, justice ... we could simply skip the commercial scramble. Think of the money we could save. All we would need to do to give Jesus a splendid birthday is concentrate on being good to one another.

No frantic shopping. No trips to the mall at midnight to buy a bargain. No trees to haul out and decorate. No excessive drinking and driving. Just church celerbations, caroling and sharing relaxed meals with family and friends. No nagging our noggin searching for inspiration for a present suitable for ancient Aunt Agatha, who has never been pleased with any gift you have given her.

Those who object to Christian festivities would not have to participate. They could have their "Happy Whatever" as one merchant phrased it in a sign outside his gallery.

We might even reinstitute the 12 days of Christmas, which don't begin until Dec. 25 and continue until Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany, or "Little Christmas" as it's known in some countries. Think what fun it would be to keep the glow of Christmas going through those first dreary January days.

While this solution should please the ACLU, politically-correct lawyers, secularist judges and atheists, it will undoubtedly displease many retailers. It would be interesting to see what would happen to the "Happy Holidays" economy if all the Christians, 76 percent of America, took their "Merry Christmas" out of it.

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Library board plans

To the Editor:

We appreciate the Grosse Pointe News' regular coverage of the Grosse Pointes and their elective bodies, including the Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe city councils:

We further appreciate the News' willingness to run letters to the editor to help clarify matters "for the record."

This letter is in response to update is overdue; Mayors central branch expansion. want account of funds," by Brad Lindberg, Dec. 10 Grosse Pointe News.

Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar is quoted in the story as saying, "Farms residents voted for expansion and renovation of the central branch, and we're not going to get it." He further said, "(The library) has roughly \$5.2 million left in a bond issue for building (central branch)."

At no time have voters in Grosse Pointe Farms been presented with a ballot item concerning the expansion or renovation of the central branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Members of the Central Library Building Committee, many of whom are Farms residents, voted to upgrade and expand the central branch, and a conceptual plan was adopted. Yet no vote of the public, and certainly no bond issue, has been put before Farms' voters concerning the central branch.

The \$5 million in the capital fund that Mayor Farquhar must be referring to, is money the library board has saved from tax revenues over the years.

The library board hopes to retain as much of those funds as possible for a future renovation and expansion of the central branch, but the board, as with all prudent governmental bodies, including the Farms and City councils, must also maintain reserve funds. Additionally, the library has debt retirement on the two new buildings.

Mayor Farquhar is further quoted in the story as saying, "They have about \$1 million in foundation money and \$1 million in matching grants. They have up to \$7.2 million they're putting on hold for central branch.'

If today's \$5 million were spent toward renovating and expanding the central branch, along with the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation's \$1 million and a \$1 million "pledge" - not a matching grant — from a private donor, there would be \$7 million available.

However, the "scaled down" conceptual plan for a renovated, expanded central branch came in at a cost of \$20- to \$21million. That leaves the library renovation/expansion \$14 million short — even before the expected increase in operating expenses, such an expansion is likely to incur, is taken into account.

Further, library operating expenses — due to contractual and inflationary causes — are the front-page story, "Library expected to rise even without a

> To compound matters, library tax revenues have declined and will continue to decline due to falling property val-

The library experienced a 5 percent decline in tax revenue in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The library's auditors, Plante & Moran, project a double digit decline in revenue for 2010-2011 fiscal year and a loss as high as 27 percent for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

All entities that rely on property tax revenue, including the Farms and City, are facing the same scenario.

At that same meeting, the library's auditors gave the library an unqualified opinion, stating the library's audit was not only great, but rare for small entities with fewer people to be as timely, have strong controls and minimal to no audit

entries. As a result of this decreased revenue projection, on Oct. 26, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board voted to postpone further work on the funding of a Grosse Pointe Central Library renovation and expansion and direct fundraising activities to supporting current operational programs and a library endowment fund.

According to the Grosse Pointe News story, "the library's preliminary financial report lists \$1.9 million earning 1 percent at National Bank of according Detroit, Farquhar." The library does maintain a checking account at JP Morgan Chase (formerly NBD). The \$1.9 million the mayor is referring to may be our checking account balance, which is at a high in January after December tax remittances are received and a low in December just before tax revenues come in.

The library does not borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenues, as many cities do, and consequently we save on inter-

est payments. According to the article, the mayor "contrasted the library's financial report with a munici-

Treasurer John Modzinksi showing the city earned an average 4.41 percent yielding \$77,583.17 on deposits and investments for August alone."

Public Act 20 binds libraries as to where they can invest their money.

In the wake of last year's financial uncertainties, the library board did decide not to renew certain certificates of deposit and instead had money rolled into the library's checking account, which was 100 percent backed by the federal government through December 2009.

However, in the last couple of months, the board has reinvested funds in CDs coming due at various times during the year. Generally, the financial instruments that the library is allowed to invest in are less than the 4.41 percent that the cities can earn.

We wish to assure the mayors, councils and residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and City that we continue to have every intention of renovating and expanding the central branch of Library as soon as it is economically feasible.

We welcomed the mayors' attendance at our November board meeting, during which all these matters were explained, and we welcome their future communication.

We invite all residents to attend our board meetings. Our next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park.

We look forward to seeing you there, and, once again, we thank the Grosse Pointe News for its continued coverage of the Grosse Pointes and the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

President Grosse Pointe Public Library Board VICKEY BLOOM Director Grosse Pointe Public Library

ROBERT KLACZA

Crossroads gives thanks

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Once again, we were totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Pointes and surrounding areas.

On Nov. 22, 1,000 men, women and children enjoyed a turkey dinner and all the trimmings because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. 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.

We are also pleased to offer a special thanks to Spartan Stores Inc. for their donation of 150 pumpkin pies; Value Wholesale for donating all of the mashed potatoes and coffee; and Grosse Pointe's own Terry Valerio, of Advantage Sales and Marketing, who copal investment update from ordinated the donations.

Another big thank you to the Kordas family of Grosse Pointe, owners of Metropolitan Baking Co. George Kordas arranged for Metropolitan to donate 1,200 bread rolls for the dinner.

Also, thanks to Fr. Rich at the Beaumont Hospital chapel for allowing us to pass out "help wanted" fliers after his Sunday mass, and to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter to the editor requesting dona-

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, donate to 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 our kitchen serving the food the Grosse Pointe Public and washing dishes and, as always, treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations has increased significantly over the past few years, with 2009 leading the

The economic situation is serious all over the country, but Detroit has been hit especially hard. Unemployment is close to 50 percent, more than half of the children under age 18 live in poverty and, right now, among the poor, food is in dangerously short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are full every day with people who are struggling to survive and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request.

Our Soup Kitchen each week now hosts dozens - sometimes hundreds - of children and their parents. In the past, the incidence of a child in our food line was a rare occurrence.

The coming winter will bring with it the promise of even greater misery for those with inadequate clothing, food and shelter. For the homeless, frostbite is a cruel and constant threat and, for those on meager incomes, heat, lights and water are, too often, luxuries.

With this is mind, it was an inspiration to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in this dinner.

We wish all of our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas. And, please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, please consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer

See LETTERS, page 11A

I SAY By Amy Salvagno

Finally, home for the holidays



here have been moments this past year when I would've liked to trade places with Ebenezer Scrooge.

Specifically, the scene when the curmudgeonly, old miser is whisked away by the Ghost of Christmas Present, that jolly giant with dark brown curls who shows Scrooge what he isn't able to see.

I would have valued the same foresight during the frenzied flight my husband and I shared to find our first home.

There were countless moments throughout our eightmonth search when I prayed for what my eyes couldn't see: the lesson in patience that I continued to fail; a reason for the waiting; the joy that was to come.

We decided in March to shed apartment living — the quirky neighbors, cramped space and decades-coated white walls -to take advantage of the firsttime homebuyer tax credit and settle into a place of our own.

Though we had an agent pulling up listings, we spent hours on our own visiting real estate sites, jotting down numbers and building up naïve expectations.

Our initial budget - also idealistic — allowed us access to foreclosures mainly, which kept me awake in the dark with nightmares. My first reaction to these destitute dwellings was sheer shock.

What would compel people -who, at least for a little while, created some memories there to punch holes in the wall in the shape of a smiley face; to rip out cabinets and countertops; to allow stains to cover the carpet; and, much like the fabled Grinch, to strip it down to mere specks too small for a mouse? Some even took the light bulbs.

Understandably, these onetime owners were likely victims of the local recession: laid-off from a depended-on auto industry that crumbled and took others around it down, too.

And they held onto the house for as long as they could then unleashed their resent-

While I couldn't imagine re-

leasing that kind of fury — I'd more likely crumple into a ball of tears — I felt the frailty of the situation.

Some of the bank-owned houses, sealed up for too long without a check-up, had flooded basements, which caused mold to grow on every surface and seep into the drywall.

For a moment, we contemplated condos. And our budget inched uncomfortably closer to the maximum figure for which we were approved.

Between March and May, we walked through some 50 houses. We lost one offer, pulled out of another and had a third back out at the 11th hour. The fourth house we bid on was a short sale — the most brilliant example of an oxymoron — and from the end of May through early August, we waited and waited.

Those months brought frustration, impatience and exhaustion. We prayed for reprieve from it all, including living amongst boxes I had prematurely packed weeks earlier.

Then worry set in. At the time, the deadline to receive the \$8,000 tax check was Nov. 30, so we decided to pull out of the short sale and start our search again.

This time, we expanded our city limits to Royal Oak, Berkley, St. Clair Shores and even Grosse Pointe.

Finally, some 70 houses later, my mom stumbled upon a foreclosure flipped by a former construction company. The quaint, corner residence in Sterling Heights was fitted with everything we desired: granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, granite-tiled floor, a den with a cozy fireplace, walls painted in rich hues of brown and gold, crown molding and a large garage.

We embraced becoming members of what for months seemed like such an exclusive club: home ownership.

I dreamed of never again scraping ice and snow off my car's windshield or tuning out the loud vibrations from the neighbor's radio below. I put off purchasing a new sweater or two for towel bars and kitchen rugs. I postponed hair highlights for a garage door opener. I bought energy-efficient light bulbs and a blanket for our hot water heater. And I cringed at shorter showers, but jumped with delight over a new washer and dryer.

And just when we thought we'd learned everything there is to buying a house, life threw us into an unimaginable, 10week experience that rivaled the brief chaos and confusion endured by George Bailey of, "It's a Wonderful Life."

Because the house was flipped, the owners couldn't officially sell it for another six weeks. To take my mind off the waiting, I shopped for bathroom rugs, storage shelves and containers for the basement and all the little accessories needed to turn a house into a home.

When the day finally arrived to begin the purchasing process, we quickly learned there's never an easy approach to anything. The roller coaster of an ordeal felt defeating and demeaning as we waited on appraisals, underwriters — who seemingly dissected and picked apart our life - and a closing date, which seemed to never come.

What should have been a simple approval process turned into an inquisition of irrational conditions. With each week that passed, our excitement withered, leaving little but feelings of helplessness.

Then, like the peace inside a hurricane's eye, it all seemed to come to an end - we finally

got a clear to close.

The eye of a hurricane is a wondrous thing because as quickly as it brings a calm to the storm, it swiftly gives way to the most violent attack. Two days before our scheduled move - with boxes all packed mail forwarded and addresses changed — the rug was pulled out from under us.

We were losing the house. I'll spare the story of what took place the 24 hours following the news. But it included hours on our knees, praying for a break-through, praying for strength, praying for the heavy weight to be lifted from our shoulders.

We closed - miraculously two days later, a week before Thanksgiving, settling into our first place just in time for the holidays.

And we finally let out our long-held sigh of relief.

I've learned a great deal in this journey about patience. About waiting - its unpleasantness, but also, its direction About realizing the blessings in the midst of confusion.

And like Scrooge, who awakes wiser and merrier Fye found its much easier to live the everyday, come what may with joy.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is on your Christmas list?

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



'A Wii, a toy dolphin, a candy cane and a fire truck.' IGOR TRIFUNOVIC City of Grosse Pointe



'Hot Wheels, Matchbox cars, the card game Uno. the game Connect Four and a book called 'Watch Me Go."

CHRISTOPHER MCCORD Grosse Pointe Park



'A trumpet, a flashlight and 'Polly Pocket, a new a remote control car.' RIORDAN CEMP City of Grosse Pointe



Christmas dress and a teddy bear.' CAROLINE PARENT Grosse Pointe Park



'A golden notebook and a stunt car.' SEAN COSTELLO City of Grosse Pointe

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

The Black Rain of Oct. 1762



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

The Black Rain

"The story of the "Pluie de suie" or rain, that occurred according to history in Oct. 1762. Clouds of inky blackness hung over Canada, Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe and Detroit. Literally this was called "Rain of Soot" and "Black Day of Canada.

"It was in the days of Pontiac the wily diplomat of the forest,' that the strange phenomenon, named by the early French, "Pluie de suie" or rain of soot

occurred. Oct. 19, 1762.

"These clouds also spread over Grosse Pointe and Peache Island, Water, land, everything was enveloped in somber darkness. As the storm increased, the howling of the wolves and moans of animals, combining with the fear of man lent terror to the weird carnival. The sky was green and black in turns. The lightening flashed and thunder shook the very earth. When the rain finally fell, the drops emitted a strong sulphurous odor and were so deeply colored that they could be used for ink.

"The learned explanation of this weird event fell on deaf ears, for the French and Indians read for themselves the mystic language foreboding disaster.

"Pontiac viewed these signs are prophetic warnings. His fevered imagination saw the phantoms of his race urging

him on to defend their resting place from the despoiling hand of the invader.

"Records point to a repetition of this phenomenon in Nov. 1819. On the morning of Sunday Nov. 8, the sun rose upon a cloud sky, which as the light increased, assumed a strange greenish tint, varying in places to an inky blackness. After a short time the whole sky became terribly dark. Dense black clouds filled the atmosphere and these changes were followed by a downpour of rain, which appeared to contain something of nature of soap suds, and which was found to have deposited a substance resembling soot. The atmosphere assumed its usual form that afternoon, and the following day was dry and frosty. On the morning of Tuesday Nov. 10, heavy clouds again appeared, changed rapidly from a deep green to a

pitchy black. The sun when seen occasionally through them was sometimes of a dark brown color, at other times it appeared bright orange or a blood red.

"The clouds constantly deepened in density and later a heavy vapor descended. The day became as dark as night, the gloom increased or diminished fitfully. A pause and hush succeeded for a moment and then a most glaring flash of electricity flamed over the land. Another pause followed and then fell a shower of rain similar to that which introduced the phenomenon two days previously. After this shower, the day grew brighter, but an hour later it was as dark as ever. Another rush of clouds and another flash of lightening introduced the climax of the scene. The sky above and around was black as ink, but bright in one spot, in midair

above the Indian Village, the lightening danced for some minutes in a fairy circle, then rushed eastward and was not seen again. The darkest hour had come and gone.

"The French traders looked on the phenomenon with great curiosity but the Indians were very much alarmed. The more sensible concluded that the western pine woods were ablaze, others thought that the recently explored prairies were the whole day."

burning, while still others stated that a volcanic eruption was in progress."

The following appeared in the Feb. 22, 1853, issue of the "Detroit Daily Advertiser:"

"On the 19th of Oct. 1762 happened a remarkable dark day at Detroit and vicinity. While at diner the inhabitants found it necessary to light candles. The darkness continued with little interruption during

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Holiday stress and healthy food

rom time to time we are exposed to lists that herald what is "in" and what is "out." Frankly, I don't know who the all-knowing seers are who compile these lists, but the latest one regarding healthy and unhealthy foods, gave me indigestion.

A recent issue of a publication from my health care provider indicated with holiday shopping, decorating, entertaining and family visits, our daily lives can be filled with stress. Adding to this stress is

what we as Americans choose for our meals.

I like to think my daily fivemile runs and gym workouts have insulated me from stress. I plan on gaining a pound here and there and will make up for it later at the gym. So please don't tell me what foods to ignore — I want it all.

Here's a couple"no-no's" that somehow have an adverse impact on stress levels:

◆ Evidently, moderate portions are in while "large portions" are verboten. I don't propose being a member of the

loaded baked potato with my rib eye steak, Caesar salad and French onion soup, I think I have that right. Now pass the extra sour cream.

◆ The list goes on to inform us gravy should be avoided. No way, Jose! Not having gravy on my potatoes, on tantalizing slices of turkey and on dressing that came from inside the bird is almost sacrilegious. Perhaps as a way to placate us traditionalists, cranberry sauce remained

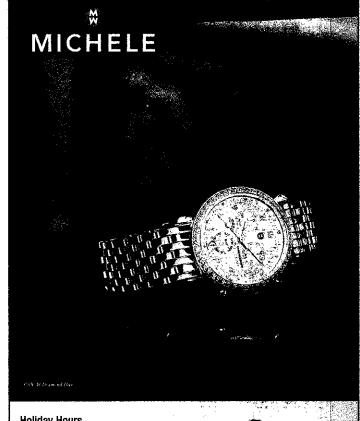
on the in list. Gee, thanks. To avoid stress that could

"clean plate club," but if I want a lead to heart disease, stroke, chronic headaches and more, we are told dining on low-fat, sometimes tasteless food will lower our stress levels. I don't know about you, but removing food items that give me pleasure and a high degree of satisfaction gives me stress.

Now pass me another helping of mashed potatoes with lots of gravy.

See you at the gym. Bill Kalmar is the former di-

rector of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.



Holiday Hours Dec. 13, 12:00-5:00 pm Dec. 14-18; 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Dec. 19, 10:00 am-6:00 pm Dec. 20, 12:00-5:00 pm

Dec. 21-23, 10:00 am-8:00 pm Dec. 24, 10:00 am-3:00 pm Dec. 25-28, Closed



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Takes coat

The manager of Ace Hardware in the Village told police that at 6:50 p.m. Red light Thursday, Dec. 10, an unknown man put on a brown hooded Carhartt jacket worth \$90 and walked out the front door without paying.

the suspect head northbound Kercheval and Cadieux. on St. Clair.

(The manager said) the suspect's face was covered by a green hat and gray scarf," said

A 35-year-old male motorist was arrested at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, for disobeying a "no turn on red" provi-A bystander reportedly saw sion during school hours at

Maire Elementary School is less than a half block away.

The motorist didn't have a valid driver's license. He was wanted in St. Clair Shores on an unspecified warrant. Police didn't list his city of residence. — Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Phantom check

A Farms man discovered last week that a \$484.14 check he'd never written had been cashed Monday, Dec. 7, by a Detroit man at a Wal-Mart in Canton.

The suspect is a contractor for the victim, according to po-

By Brad Lindberg

Two men from Detroit with a

combined 43 driving suspen-

sions were arraigned last

weekend in City of Grosse

The men had been arrested

in unrelated incidents, one for

drunken driving, the other for

Both men were sent to the

Wayne County Jail following

their arraignment by Judge

Russell Ethridge during special

hearings beginning at about 1

Jerry William Johnson, Jr.,

36, of Detroit, was charged

with his second drunken dri-

ving offense. He'd been pulled

over at 1:40 a.m. Saturday for

operating a 1999 Chevrolet

Blazer erratically on south-

bound Cadieux near Cranford

ing, almost striking the curb

and then crossing the yellow

(center) line," said arresting of-

Despite Cotzias activating

his emergency lights and siren, ported yesterday."

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ficer Christopher Cotzias.

"The vehicle had been weav-

Pointe Municipal Court.

a series of traffic offenses.

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Saturday

specials

Special attention

Residents in the 400 block of Kerby were driving toward their house shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, when they saw an unknown man trying to push open the side door.

The man ran away. A police dog tracked the suspect through a backyard to the westbound Chalfonte sidewalk. The track continued across Belanger where the scent was lost in the street.

Officers are giving the house on Kerby special attention.

Drug charge

A patrolman on eastbound

Johnson reportedly didn't stop

his car until turning into the

Beaumont Hospital Grosse

Pointe parking lot. He tested

positive for a .147 percent

blood alcohol level, police said.

large glass of vodka before he

got in the vehicle," said

In the other incident,

Valonza Scott, 52, Detroit, was

arrested at about 2 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 11, on Cadieux near

Waterloo for operating a 1988

Cadillac with plates for a 2001

the car and he must have put

the plates on the vehicle," said

driving suspensions plus relat-

ed warrants from Grosse

Pointe Farms and Detroit, po-

\$150,000 or 10 percent cash.

He was given bail of

"He couldn't come up with

the money and was transport-

ed down to the Wayne County

Jail," Wieczorek said Sunday.

"Both prisoners were trans-

Scott's record includes 20

PSO Justin Strohmeyer.

'(He said) he lent his brother

Chrysler 300M.

lice said.

Detective Ron Wieczorek.

"He admitted drinking a

Mack near Kerby pulled over a 53-year-old Detroit man at 8:13 p.m. Dec. 16, for operating a 2006 Dodge Charger outfitted with a license plate for a 1995

The officer arrested the man for possession of suspected marijuana contained in a cigarette case.

I.D. theft

A man living on Radnor Circle learned last week that someone tried to open a credit account in his name.

Someone also filed at the post office a temporary change of address form in the resident's name.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Bike thefts

Two bicycles were taken from a garage on Harvard Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Car break-ins

A Chrysler mini van parked on Devonshire was entered between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and the radio and Global Positioning System were taken.

A Pioneer radio was taken at 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 from a 2003 Jeep Liberty parked on Berkshire.

A camera, CDs and books were taken from an unlocked Jeep Liberty parked on Balfour between 5 and 6 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

— Kathy Ryan If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

House flooded was rived

Police shortly before noon Saturday, Dec. 12, discovered a flooded basement in an unoccupied house on North Duval.

Officers had been called to the scene by a neighbor reporting a leak that turned out to be from a broken lawn sprinkler.

"There is a foot of water in the basement and a toilet running upstairs," said one of a the officers who searched the structure. "The house is in

foreclosure." A real estate agent for the property reportedly told police the "bank knows about water in the basement and that the (swimming) pool needs to be drained and covered."

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lost and found

The owner of a wooden reindeer and a 3-foot plastic Santa can claim them at the Grosse Pointe Woods police station.

The decorations were found Dec. 12 on Wedgewood.

Bike exchange

A Ridgemont Road resident found a bicycle missing from her locked garage the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12.

Another bike with a decal from Pointe Cyclery was left next to the garage. The store offered to help find the owner of the abandoned bike, which is being held by Grosse Pointe Woods police.

Attempted car theft

A resident called police at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, about a mini van parked in the middle of Country Club Drive.

As police arrived, the mini van sped off, leaving behind a passenger who was attempting to break into a 2000 Jeep parked on the street. The suspect fled on foot.

-Kathy Ryan If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Coyote still at large

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms police said someone called 911 recently to report officers hassling coyotes.

The caller was right. Officers are out to get the animals.

Recent incidents of aggressive covote behavior in Grosse Pointe Shores and the killing of a pet dog in the City of Grosse Pointe have convinced authorities that the predatory animals are a problem that needs to be resolved.

of the County Club of Detroit.

because it's decomposing and gives off warmth," said Lt. Jack Patterson.

Patterson made daily rounds of the club during last's weeks

cold snap. "I sat there waiting for him," Patterson said. "Sure enough, I'm sitting there freezing with a rifle and there he is."

The coyote stood atop the compost heap about 80 feet away.

"I'm looking at him. He's looking at me," said Patterson.

Patterson didn't shoot. He A coyote being hunted in the was concerned that, even with Farms lives in a wooded area a small .22-caliber rifle, the bullet would pass through the coy-

"He goes to the compost area ote and hit something, or someone, in the background.

"I don't know who is on the other side of the hill," Patterson said, "Safety is No. 1. I waited for him to come down the hill so I could take him out. Of course, he went back to the other side."

The animal is bedding down within easy range of the club's

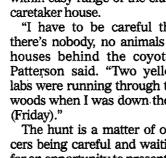
"I have to be careful that there's nobody, no animals or houses behind the coyote," Patterson said. "Two yellow labs were running through the woods when I was down there

The hunt is a matter of officers being careful and waiting for an opportunity to present it-

"If he goes out on the ice where there is a bunch of open water behind him, he's gone,' Patterson said.

The coyote behaves as

"The groundskeepers say knows us. He knows our cars.



though he knows the score.

he'll come within a few feet of them," Patterson said. "He When I show up, he's gone."



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LETTERS: Thanks for support

Mark Marker and Arriver

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We are honored to have had an opportunity to work with all of those who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLES TURNER Grosse Pointe Farms

Hold them accountable

To the Editor:

Shores jobs on the line," Dec. 10 Grosse Pointe News, Mr. Lindberg quotes Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Fred Minturn as saying "Your taxes went up \$60 on average this year and I'm sorry for that. Let's work on not letting that happen again.'

Before accepting Minturn's apology, I encourage Shores taxpayers to get out their prior tax bills and check the specific figures for their own home.

When I compare the 2008 and 2009 summer tax bills, my taxes directed to the Shores rose by \$523 or 14 percent.

Mr. Minturn's statement about an average increase of only \$60 is deceptive.

Due to rapidly declining property values, the Headlee amendment provided that many homeowners should have seen a significant drop in their taxes. Yet the incumbents used the tax reduction that residents were entitled to because of tumbling home prices to shield the true effect of their tax increase.

As a retired taxpayer, I'm disenchanted with those Shores officials who voted to raise property taxes, using faulty reasoning to try and minimize the impact of their decision.

Now they have the audacity to offer a tardy apology for their course of action. I wonder if this late expression of remorse has anything to do with the current recall efforts?

While residents are repeatedly promised our Shores government provides us with only the best in return for our high taxes, it is clear this pledge does not apply to the oversight of community finances.

Had the suggestions cited in the article to control expenses and legacy costs being addressed earlier, taxpayers would not now be faced with the serious consequences of the council's failure to effectively respond to these challenging economic times.

In my view, the best way for Shores citizens to work on not letting our taxes be raised again is to hold the mayor and responsible council members accountable by signing the recall petitions.

CASPER LOPICCOLO Grosse Pointe Shores

Alarming financial situation

To the Editor:

Sometimes people within a community pay attention to the details of what is going on and care about what their government is doing.

Sometimes others would prefer people only speak if it's supportive, positive and about paradise in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The truth is we have some very serious fiscal problems in

Grosse Pointe Shores. There are similar if not identical problems in the other Pointes as well as most other Michigan communities. To my knowledge, the leadership in those other communities are boldly, bravely and fearlessly confronting the painful truths

and working on real solutions. Meanwhile, Grosse Pointe Shores leadership has raised taxes a little bit, cut expenses a little bit, but has not at all dealt with the big, serious problems.

That some people in the community, who are concerned, alarmed, talking and exercising their democratic rights, seem to have upset some members of the Grosse Pointe Shores

"Pollyanna Posse." Instead of acknowledging the facts of our fiscal problems, the Grosse Pointe Shores

Pollyanna Posse deny them members, numerous and varand try to distract people from ied members of the public and our real and serious problems by attacking a few messengers, inventing connections between people and groups, where none exist and create innuendo to attempt to discredit a whole

group. When the Grosse Pointe Shores Pollyanna Posse becomes upset with people who criticize their paradise, they resort to painting with a very broad brush and bringing up old issues that have no bearing or standing in today's discussion — very distracting.

These attempts are childish scare tactics and disingenuous, disappointing and rather bor-

Recall election issue aside, In the article, "Grosse Pointe it's more than past time for our old elected officials to face our fiscal problems and do something about them.

They have been warned over and over by our newest council

now by Plante & Moran, auditors for Grosse Pointe Shores.

If the incumbent elected officials' inability to do something about our alarming financial situation causes them to be recalled, so be it. They'll have

REBECCA BOOTH Grosse Pointe Shores

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to thank the business owners and merchants who so generously contributed either gifts or gift certificates to our annual scholarship luncheon/fashion show held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Nov. 18.

With their donations, the club was successful in reaching the goal set for this year's event.

Inc. in St. Clair Shores for presenting the lovely fashion show.

nations from the following business owners: LaLonde Jewelers, Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, Maloof Jewelry and Gifts, Dawood Boutique, Woods Wholesale Wine, Print Xpress, Moehring-Woods Florist, The Loop Hair & Nail Salon, Images on Mack, Coldwater Creek, ChemDry St. Clair Shores, A.J. Nails & Spa, Pepperoni Grille, Edible Arrangements, Athenian Shish Kabob, Trader Joe's, Muieler's Market and A.H. Peters Funeral Home for printing tickets, and members of the club who donated raffle prizes: Marilyn Richardson, Janice McManus, Peggy Hickey, Pam Zimmer and Jean Buhler.

Many thanks to my cochairs, Carol Sauter and our president Pam Zimmer and to all committee members for

Our thanks to Persnicky's their help and support. We sincerely thank each one for their support and we speak for the We greatly appreciate the dofuture student recipients as

> With the holidays here, we wish all a prosperous and blessed new year.

FRAN AHEE Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

In defense of coyotes

To the Editor:

I read, with a smile, the article "Police out to get coyote," Dec. 10 Grosse Pointe News.

A more futile undertaking could not be pursued in Grosse Pointe right now.

Having lived here periodically since 1960, I have seen the changes in the "wild" animal population that have occurred here in the last 50 years.

The coyotes are here because of the increase in rabbits, squirrels, opossum and raccoon, not to mention the more undesirable rodents.

At the same time, the human population of southeastern Michigan is decreasing. This area is returning to what it was like pre-World War II.

Not too long ago a reader was complaining about all the squirrels being hit by cars. The coyotes may alleviate that

problem. When we lived in South Pasadena — a mere nine miles from downtown Los Angeles, we would see coyotes in our front yard in the middle of the day. They lived behind the house across the street from us. Early one morning, when driving to work, I almost had one jump in my open car win-

Humans and coyotes can coexist just fine. Unattended cats and dogs should beware, how-

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Ho-Ho holidays

Ferry Elementary School held its annual Santa Dinner Friday, Dec. 11, which included reindeer games, chocolate fountains, crafts, cookie decorating and a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Above, Sarah Corbet tells Santa her wishes for presents on Christmas Day. Top right, Ryan Doss takes a break from his serving responsibilities to eat a marshmallow he dipped into the chocolate fountain, careful not to drip onto his elf costume. Right, from left, Ginger McMahon, Steven McMahon, Isabel Standish and Natalia Dragovic load up sugar cookies with plenty of festive sprinklesand can't wait to indulge their sweet tooth.





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11:30 AM SERVICE WITH COMMUNION IN BARBOUR CHAPEL Simple lunch to follow

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Teacher of the Week



Kristen Vande Vusse is pictured with, from left, kindergarten student Bennett Smihal, former student Miranda Ostrowski, and kindergartners Alexandra Ostrowski and Audrey Smihal.

They play a key role in every their favorite teacher. child's development and inspire excellence in and out of Elementary School kinderthe classroom.

Here, students celebrate Vusse.

She was nominated by cur-This week, it's Maire rent student Alexandra Ostrowski and former student garten teacher Kristen Vande Miranda Ostrowski, who submitted several characteristics

us play at Center Time. She's nice. She is awesome, she let's us have a snack. She is the best teacher in the world. She is so nice and she is one of the only teachers who lets us have Center Time." The siblings' mother,

about Vande Vusse: "She lets

Marcia, added Vande Vusse is nurturing and encouraging:

"She has quiet enthusiasm and amazes me daily how she corrals all that kindergarten energy.

"Each of my girls was greatly disappointed to discover that they couldn't go to kindergarten on Saturday and Sunday, to; evidence that someone is doing something right for sure."

Years at the City of Grosse Pointe school: Four

Previous work: Taught at Poupard Elementary School for two years.

Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher because I have always enjoyed being with children. I am the adult that children start talking to in the grocery store line and the parents aren't sure if they should label me a stranger.

What do you enjoy about being a teacher?

Give your teacher something better than a shiny red apple.

Nominate him or her for an upcoming Teacher of the Week. Students in grades K-12 can submit the name of their favorite teacher, along with a few reasons why your teacher is outstanding.

Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information.

Featured teachers will be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.

My favorite part of kinder- Maire. They are great. garten is when the reading light goes on and children exclaim 'I can read.' It happens to different children at different times of the year, so there are always "lights" suddenly shining.

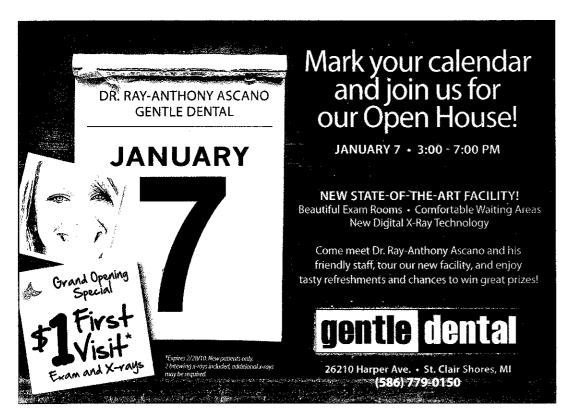
On being nominated:

I am flattered to be nominated but I know that I could not do my job without the support of the staff and parents at

Favorite book to share with

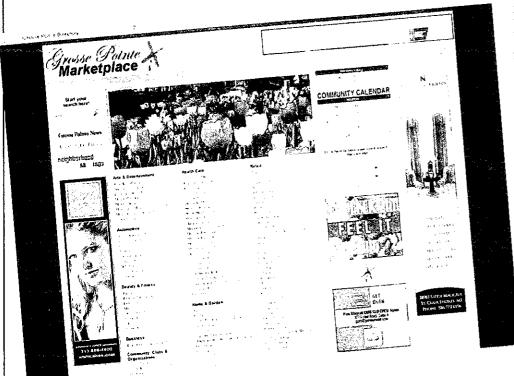
students: "Make Way for Ducklings." I got the book for Christmas as a child. I take the book out every spring when we do our unit on animals and the children never fail to enjoy the brown and white illustrations that accompany the timeless story.

-Amy Salvagno



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Top, Pierce Middle School students show off the rewards of working toward an environmentally-friendly building: a bright banner designating the school community 'green,' from the Michigan Green School Foundation. Efforts over the past year were developed and organized by the Pierce National Junior Honor Society. The school is challenged this year with earning a second straight designation. Above, eighth-grader Ben Schneider, president of NJHS, received recognition with an award for leadership and assistance in his help with the green designation. Pierce teacher Rex Marshall presented the plaque.

North choirs in concert

Grosse Pointe North High School choirs, under the direction of Ben Henri, present two holiday concerts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, and Friday, Dec. 18, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe

The event features Pointe Chorale, Choraliers, Concert Choir. CounterPointe, the Parcells Middle School choir and student solos.

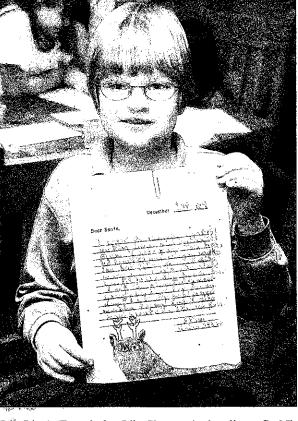
Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and

seniors. Children under age 5 attend for free. Gold Cards are accepted.

Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, and at the door. For questions, call (313) 882-7774.



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Makinga

Trombly Elementary School students got together for three evenings at Caribou Coffee in the Village of Grosse Pointe to pen Christmas wish lists to Santa. The stamped notes will be dropped into the large mailbox at a nearby Macy's, which donates \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for each letter. Former Trombly students who now attend Pierce Middle School volunteered to gain community service hours. Ten percent of all Caribou sales made while students were present were donated to the school PTO.

Top, Lizzie Trost helps Lily Chen write her list to St. Nick. Above, Katie Trost shows the letter she wrote, which includes a list of specific chocolate treats.



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From left, Kristen Van Pelt, with her parents, honorary chairs Gail and John Schneider, and her husband, Tom. The couple is the 2010 Action Auction general chairs, along with Lisa Vallee-Smith and her husband, Jeffrey Smith.

Event raises funds

The Grosse Pointe Academy's 43rd Action Auction is the beneficiary of nearly \$20,000 in underwriting as a result of the annual Legends Party, held Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the house of Michael and Beth Fisher. The event is held each year to bring together past and current auction leadership, as well as academy staff and supporters, to raise seed money to produce the auction and purchase items sold there. Since 1968, the auction has raised more than \$12 million. This year's Legends' Party specifically benefited the following auction categories:

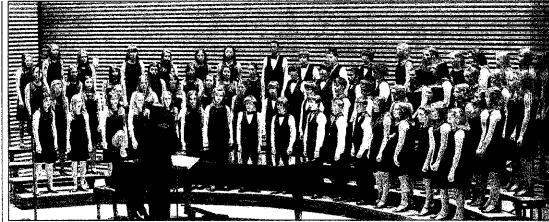
- · Art and Home Featuring handmade needlepoint items created by dozens of academy and community volunteers, fine china, artwork and accessories.
- Guys and Gadgets A new category , featuring electronics and entertainment specifically for boys and men.
- · Destinations Formerly known as the travel committee, the destinations category once again features experiences.
- Bling and Beauty Valuable jewelry, furs and fashion are traditional favorites of this category.

The auction takes place Wednesday, May 5, with a silent auction, and Saturday, May 8, with a silent and live auction. Both are held in the fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event supports the academy's operating budget, endowment and scholarships.







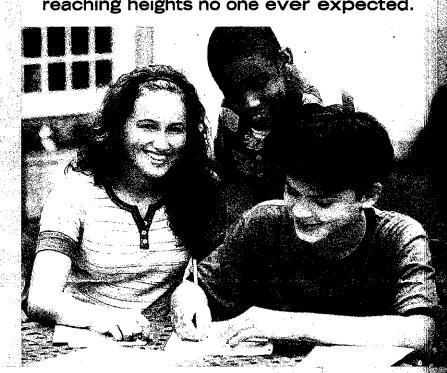


The Brownell Middle School eighth-grade choir was invited Saturday, Nov. 14, to sing with the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club. The ensemble sang several tunes of their own at the Stamps Auditorium in Ann Arbor, then joined the glee club for one song. The Brownell choir is di rected by Carolyn Gross, with Leslie Saroli on piano. The U of M Women's Glee Club is conducted by Julie Skadsem, with Samantha Biniker on piano.



Spare a little

Students from Maire Elementary School collected spare change in October as they headed out to trick-or-treat. The fundraiser for the UNICEF Trick or Treat program, led by Maire's student council, raised \$510. Student council members include, from left, Adriana Agosta, Terrence Lane, Kate Costello, Emma Leonard, Harry Susalla, Gabby Grobbel, Brady McCarron, Ally Portwood and Jacob Balconi.



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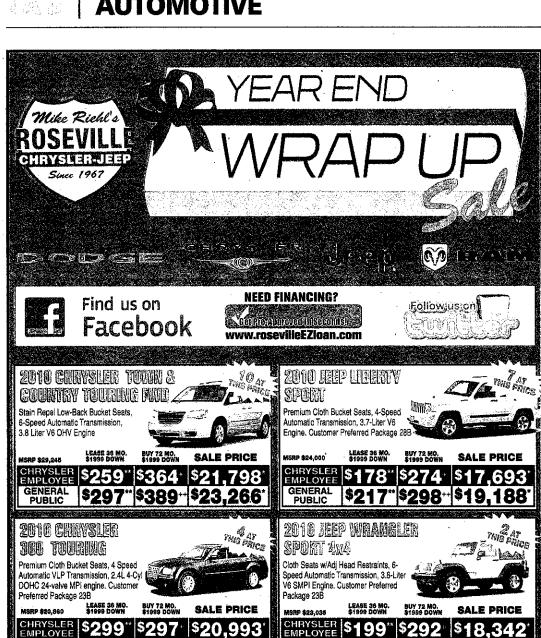
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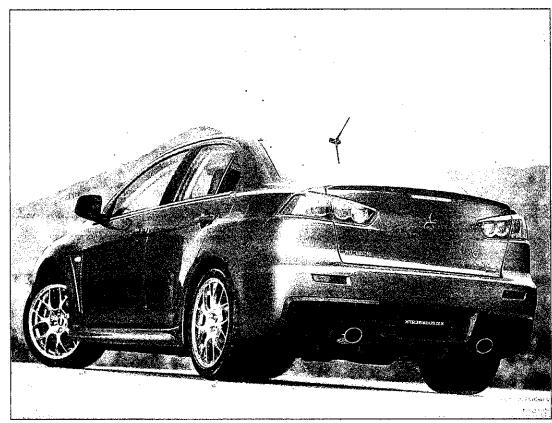
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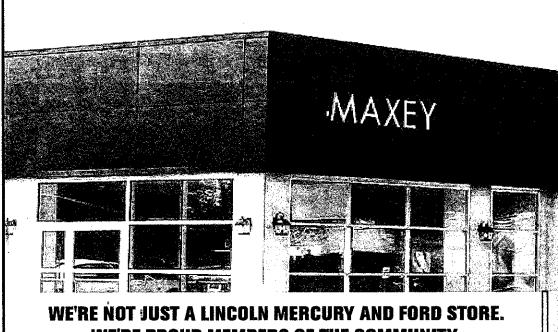


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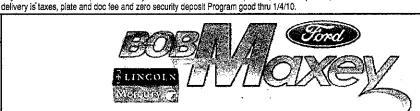
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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2010 Taurus, a five-passenger sedan and state-of-the-art, near-luxury passenger car with conservative good looks, emerges as an attractive flagship for Ford.

2010 Taurus transforms to near-luxury



he Taurus has come of age. The 2010 Ford Taurus first took the North American market by storm a couple of decades

Sporting a rounded shape, the Taurus bowed in 1985 as a 1986 model. Some — perhaps many - thought its unusual shape might doom the car. That didn't happen.

We spotted out first one on a nasty winter's night at the door of Norman's Eaton Street Station, a Birmingham restaurant that no longer ex-

The Taurus, however, has weathered the storms, undergone many subtle and major changes, been a favorite fleet and daily rental car and now emerges as a handsome flagship for Ford.

Our tuxedo black metallic, front-drive Taurus Limited featured Ford's workhorse 3.5-liter V-6 Duratec engine and a smooth six-speed automatic transmission. There were brushed-metallic paddles on the steering wheel for drivers who like to up and down-shift.

With a base price of \$31,170, the Chicago-assembled Taurus Limited came with a reverse sensing system that beeped even when a car passed the driveway on the street as we were some distance away and backing out.



Ford describes the 2010 Taurus' exterior as a powerdome that speaks to the strength, and says a lowered roofline helps makes the sedan one car lovers aspire to own.

The car was turned on using the non-key "MyKey," a fob that essentially tells the engine it's OK to start when the brake pedal is depressed and the driver pushes a large starter button on the instrument panel. Pray you don't drop the black MyKey between the seats or inadvertently leave it in the black cupholders when you exit the car - we prefer a key or similar device and an ignition slot.

Before turning to some of the safety features, let's enjoy the nice touches available in a new Taurus. Take, for example, the soft, red ambient lights under the front door pulls and lighting in the oftenused center console cupholders. Heated front seats are fairly common in many new cars and trucks these days. Heated rear seats have more likely been in expensive luxury cars. Our Taurus Limited

had them as part of a \$2,500 package that included front and rear heated seats as well as cooling for the front seats.

The same package offered a rear window power sunshade, adjustable pedals with memory, blind spot monitoring system and an upgraded sound system.

That is a package well worth considering - even if you don't think heated rear seats are a necessity. The blind spot monitoring alerts the driver with lights on the outside mirrors when a vehicle is beside you but not visible in the mirror or without turning your head.

We found the rear seat foot/ankle room a little tight.

An information system operated on the instrument panel will do a run-through of important functions such as oil, tire pressure and fuel, telling the driver — among other

things — how many miles the car is likely to travel on the gas in the tank. An instant readout let us know the car was averaging just under 25 miles per gallon in combined highway and urban driving.

Lim 1

The 2010 Taurus comes standard with Ford's 263 horsepower 3.5-liter V-6, generating 263 and can be paired with a choice of two new sixspeed automatic transmissions. The car feels well balanced and stable on the road.

Taurus fuel economy is aided by employment of a twospeed fuel pump and Aggressive Deceleration Fuel Shut-Off technology, Ford says.

Safety features

The first to capture our imaginations was the automatic high beam capability. As we entered a dark curve leading to a less-familiar freeway

suddenly the "brights" were on, showing the way until they sensed lights from highway traffic. Then they switched off. Ford says they operate in a

on a dreary November night,

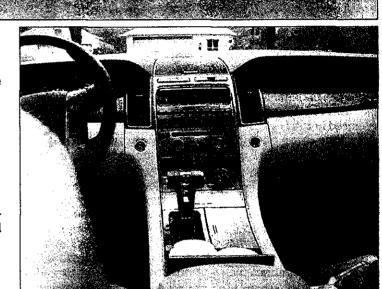
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AUTOMOTIVE

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Aside from its sporty good looks, the main attraction in the 2010 Lexus ISC 350 Convertible is the power-retractable folding hardtop, which quickly and seamlessly transforms to a convertible at the flip of a switch.

2010 Lexus ISC 350 Convertible



his week, we're driving the allnew 2010 Lêxus IS series 350 Convertible Hardtop — base price: \$44,390; price as tested: \$48,420.

The ISC ("C" being for convertible) is exactly what consumers expect from premium brand Lexus, but at a price some \$30,000 less than sibling SC convertible.

Of course, hardtop convertibles have been around for a while now, and from this keypad, I can remember the excitement when Ford announced in 1957 the release of its hardtop convertible. Crude by today's standards, Ford's "humpback" design lasted until 1959 when it was finally

This isn't the case with modern hardtop convertibles, which come in many flavors from a host of manufacturers. In recent years, retractable hardtops were or are still offered by Mercedes, Audi/VW, Infiniti, Mazda, Volvo and domestics Chrysler, Chevy and Pontiac.

For Lexus, however, its ISC is worthy of extra praise for allowing sun lovers the right to drive a Lexus convertible at an entry of \$38,940 for its ISC 250 model with a manual transmission. The aforementioned "high class" SC starts at nearly \$68,000 base, and is powered

by a 4.3 liter V8.

A closer look finds Lexis IS series built on a rear wheel drive platform in 2-door, 4-passenger luxury sports form. It's available in three trims, the aforementioned 250 series 2.5 liter V6 manual, a 2.5 automatic (\$41,110) or the top line 350 3.5 V6 automatic. The 250 produces 204 horsepower from its smaller V6 engine and achieves 18 miles per gallon city and 26 mpg highway with a 6-speed manual transmis-

The 250 V6 automatic, however, features the overdrive 6speed automatic and delivers an extra three mpg in both city and highway driving (21/29), proving a manual doesn't always deliver better fuel mileage versus an automatic with steeper overdrive gears.

Our 350 series tester came with the 306 horsepower 3.5 V6, which delivers excellent fuel economy and enough horsepower for any type of driving. The powerplant in an 11.8 to 1 compression ratio design, meaning unleaded premium is a necessity. As for the EPA rating, 350 delivers 18 mpg city and 25 mpg highway hooked to the 6-speed automatic overdrive transmission. Currently, the paddle shift automatic is the only transmission available on the 350 and works fine with firm shifts under full throttle.

Outside, Lexus designers present a winning combination of affluence, refinement and sporty aggression. It's all sculptured in the finest of detail while not straying from that special "Lexus look" calling card.

Inside, creature comforts such as leather 10-way power front seating with lumbar, six air bags, 8-speaker audio, 6disc CD and integrated XM satellite present great sound in total comfort. A power tilt and telescopic wheel, power passenger front seat slide (for rear passenger entry) USB port, Bluetooth and mini plug are all

standard fare. With all the good things said about Lexus aesthetics and comforts, it's the performance of this car that really catches my attention. You'll pull to 60 mph in 5.8 seconds, run the quarter mile in 14.1 and Lexus says it will top out at 141 computer governed.

Handling is superb, thanks to a full 4-wheel independent setup that features a front double-wishbone arrangement with coil springs, monotube gas-pressurized shock absorber and a hollow stabilizer bar. Out back, it's a multi-link design with coil springs, inverted monotube gas-pressurized shocks and another stabilizer

When it comes to stopping, 4-wheel disc brakes kick into play, with a four-sensor, fourchannel anti-lock braking, electronic brakeforce distribution, brake assist and fourpiston front calipers. The standard tire is a 17-inch VR speed rated design with 225s in front and 245s in the rear, all mated to beautiful 10spoke alloy wheels.

Our tester came with a luxury package that adds heated and ventilated perforated semi-aniline leather seats. dual front seat memory, outer

mirrors with tilt down and memory, steering wheel memory, illuminated scuff (side door panel) plates and wood trim. Outwardly, the option also adds Bi-Xenon high intensity discharge headlamps and rain sensing windshield wipers. The luxury option lists for \$3,155, but would be on my "unnecessary" list if I were ordering. Destination is \$875,

which pushes the final tally to \$48,420.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 107.5 inches, 3,880 pound curb weight, a surprising 10.8 cubic feet of trunk space and a 17.2 gallon fuel tank.

Regardless of choice, be it the 250 or 350 model, consumers now have several Lexus choices to enjoy a luxurious hardtop convertible with all of the noted Lexus advantages. The IS "C" series is a best buy recommendation

2010 Lexus ISC 350 Convertible

from this scribe. Likes: Pricing, performance, attention to detail, quality.

Dislikes: Some blind spots, no 6-speed manual for V6 model.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.



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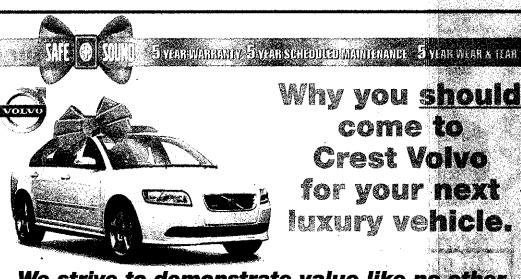
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Chevy Volt hits the road

The pre-production Chevrolet Volt engineering test drive took place along I-80 south of Toledo, Ohio in mid October.

TAURUS: Ford flagship sedan

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vanced optical sensor to detect the intensity of rain and/or snowfall to adjust wiper speed, Ford says. They do a great job of clearing and serve as a reminder we all need to change our wiper blades a lot more often than we likely do. That's something like replacing furnace filters and toothbrushes - important tasks that, well, are often near the bottom of the to-do list.

The 2010 Taurus offers adaptive cruise control. It was

a \$1,195 option on the test car. The driver sets the cruising speed. Radar technology on the car monitors traffic traveling up to 600 feet ahead and automatically adjusts your speed to maintain a safe distance. It's a great idea but one that may not appeal to those who don't like to be told how to drive.

One day, the car ahead suddenly slowed to make a left hand turn and we thought the Taurus over-reacted. This was the collision warning with brake support feature, which is enabled by the adaptive cruise. Its "heads-up" warning flashed a red bar across the base of the windshield and, unexpected, was startling.

Actually, there was little danger of a rear-ender - better safe than sorry. The system, Ford says, also precharges the brakes and engages electronic brake assist to help the driver stop more quickly.

We confess to not having explored the potential of the MyKey. When enabled, it features a Persistent Belt-Minder with audio mute until safety belts are buckled, an earlier low-fuel warning and engaged AdvanceTrac stability control, blind spot monitoring, cross traffic alert and forward collision warning. Additional programmability includes restrictions on audio volume, limiting top speed to 80 mph and speed chime warnings at 45, 55 or 65 mph, Ford says. It becomes a very strict parent.

Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.





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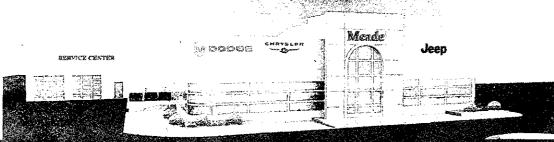


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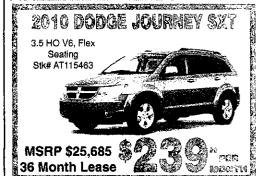




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OBITUARIES

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

Robert L. Charlton

City of Grosse Pointe resident Robert L. Charlton, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Detroit to Robert and Margaret Charlton.

He is survived by and was the loving husband of 59 years to his beautiful wife, Sophie and devoted father of Susan, Christopher and Karen. He also is survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Charlton enjoyed his broadcasting career, business, traveling and tennis. He will be remembered for the lives he touched and the love he shared with his family and

Memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis DuFour's golfing friends gave Foundation at cff.org.

Grace A. Crone

Grosse Pointe Park resident Grace A. Crone, 71, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

Born in Lake Forest, Ill., she received her Associate of Arts degree from Lake County College. Following several years of work in the alumni office at Lake Forest College and the Lake Forest First Presbyterian Church, she moved to Michigan in 1982.

She faithfully worked as parish life coordinator for 27 Lake Catholic Church in years at Jefferson Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms. Presbyterian Church in Detroit. This position brought her joy and purpose as she developed or assisted with many church activities and community programs. She began the Tea and Chatter Club and arranged many special day trip events.

She was a 40-year member Center in Holly. of P.E.O. She enjoyed traveling, doll and carousel horse in Detroit to Winifred and

collecting and her cats. She also enjoyed baseball

and was a life-long Chicago Cubs fan.

brother, Larry Crone of Michigan. He served his coun-Illinois; sister, Mary (Frank) Onorato of New Jersey; several cousins; many devoted friends and her beloved cats.

Services were held Dec. 16 at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian many years by Connecticut Church. Interment will follow in Lake Forest.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214 or to a cat welfare organization of the donor's choice. learned.

Thomas C. **DuFour**

Grosse Pointe resident Thomas C. DuFour, 56, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, in Detroit.

He was born Jan. 5, 1953 in Bay City to George A. and C. Maureen DuFour and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1971.

Mr. DuFour worked in management for Total Armored Car in Detroit for more than 20

He was an avid sports fan and frequently attended Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings games.

He also played baseball, hockey, and football in his younger years and, more recently, golfed and bowled weekly.

At his funeral service, Mr. family at verheyden.org. him a "21-ball Salute" by simultaneously hitting golf balls into Lake St. Clair.

Mr. DuFour is survived by his wife, Terry Navarro; daughter, Jacqueline Rose DuFour; father, George A. and siblings, Penny (Martin) Bergeson, Mary (Brian) Morrow, Renee (Robert) Greening, Richard, Randy, Patrick, James and George. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother, C. Maureen DuFour and brothers, Mark DuFour and Michael DuFour.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 28 at St. Paul on the

Richard R. Finch

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard R. Finch, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Holly Convalescent

He was born April 20, 1928 John Finch and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree Grace is survived by her from the University of try in the Army Medical Corps at bases in Fort Riley, Kan. and Japan during the Korean con-

> Mr. Finch was employed for General Life Insurance Co., serving as a manager in the group department and as an agent in the estate planning department.

> He was an avid U of M fan and the maize and blue song was the first song his children

Mr. Finch is survived by his wife, Barbara Fitzgerald Finch; children, Elise Finch (William) Sophiea, Mark Finch, Michael (Mariela) Finch and grandchildren, William Sophiea, Jeffrey Sophiea and Zachary Finch.

He also is survived by his two brothers, John Finch and Tom (Sue) Finch.

A memorial gathering begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, followed by the memorial service at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, Phi Delta Theta, University of Michigan, 1437 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Share a memory with the

Maud E. Lewis

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Maud E. Lewis, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at her residence in markable for his intelligence, Harrison Township.

She was born Jan. 14, 1925, and was the beloved wife of the late Bob. She was the dear mother of Craig (Tina), Sally (Bob) Mauro, John (Donna), Minette Lewis and the late Thomas (Michele) and loving grandmother of Peter and Allison.

She was predeceased by her brother, Bert Miller.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9 at Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Share a memory with the family kaulfuneralhome.com.

Julius Otto Ortwein

Life-long Grosse Pointe resident Julius Otto Ortwein, 97, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

Known as Jay to family and friends, Mr. Ortwein was born Nov. 16, 1912, in Detroit. He was a member of the Michigan Bar Association for more than 60 years, and coowner of Ortwein Coal and Supply Co.

Mr. Ortwein graduated from Detroit College of Law in 1936, became a member of the bar that same year and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War

He was a member of the Detroit Exchange Club, a life member of Lochmoor Club. Grosse Pointe War Memorial Senior Men's Club, AmVets and St. James Lutheran Church.

Mr. Ortwein practiced law while also building the family business, Ortwein Coal and Supply Co. After returning from the war, he was offered the position of assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, but declined knowing his priority was family. He remained with Ortwein Coal and Supply from 1939 until it sold to Michigan Foundation.

Once sold, Mr. Ortwein continued with the company in sales and public relations until age 90. His love of the law never waned and he practiced until age 94.

His first wife, Edith Peck, died in 1947, leaving him with two young daughters, Julie Katherine and Carolyn Edith. As a single father, he became the first PTA president of Monteith Elementary School where his daughters attend-

In 1953, he married Loraine Florence Deinzer and they lived happily until her death in 1994. He enjoyed close relationships with life-long

mined, loyal and strong in Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

friends, Jane Ogden and Mary Belanger. Mr. Ortwein was a selfmade man, resilient, deter-



Robert L. Chariton



Richard R. Finch

character.

He cherished his family and friends, and was a gracious, old-fashioned gentleman with a quick wit who demonstrated a keen interest in others. Friends described him as reand achievements.

Mr. Ortwein is survived by his daughters, Julie K. Smith (Gary), Carolyn E. Ortwein (Ann); three grandchildren, Lauri, Allison and Lt. Col. Mark Smith (USMC) (Nicole) great-grandchildren, Elijah, Clayton, Alexander, Sophie, and Lucas Smith.

He also is survived by his nieces, Joanne Grierson and Woodhouse and Peggy nephew, Richard Ortwein.

He was predeceased by his cherished siblings, Marvin and Charlotte Moreland.

A funeral service was held Dec. 15 at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Robert J. Peterson

Robert J. Peterson, a resident of Colonial Acres in South Lyon, died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, after a short illness.

Previously he had been a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church for 50 years.

Until his retirement in 1987, Mr. Peterson headed his own company marketing his patented item to specialty and department stores throughout the United States and abroad.

A graduate of University of Detroit High School and the University of Detroit, he was drafted into military service prior to Pearl Harbor.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major after serving in Panama Canal Zone and as a squadron executive officer with the 20th Air Force on Saipan, Marianas Islands.

He was a member of the 73rd Bomb Wing Association, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Boat Club and life member of V.F.W. Bruce Post. He is survived by his sons,

Robert Jr., Norman (Sherry) and David; daughter, Lois A. (Jeffrey) Konz; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and stepdaughter, Mrs. Deborah Redd of Marietta, Ga.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Evelyn Zimmer Peterson; his second wife, Rose Ellen Roth Peterson; his brother, Edwin J. and sister, Margaret Lois Peterson.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (10 Mile), South Lyon. The memorial funeral service begins at 7 p.m.

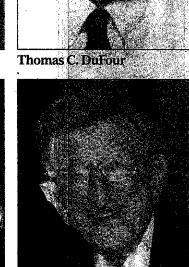
Memorial donations may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland



Grace A. Crone



Maud E. Lewis





Robert J. Peterson

Robert J. Rumpf

City of Grosse Pointe resident Robert J. Rumpf, 93, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at his home.

engineering and aeronautics from the University of Notre

Mr. Rumpf was an engineer for Ford Motor Co. where he designed a car that was operational with only hand controls. Along with 10 other men, he worked for the U.S. government researching how to protect the U.S. from nuclear attack.

He was involved in aerospace engineering and awarded 22 patents. He also appeared on the news with Walter Cronkite.

He was a master cook and enjoyed making jewelry. Mr. Rumpf is survived by his

wife. Jean H. Rumpf and brother, David Rumpf. Interment will be

Skaneateles, N.Y. Arrangements were han-

dled by The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Mount Clemens.

Gloria Janis Ruppe

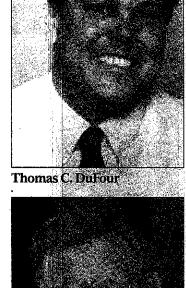
Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gloria Janis Ruppe, 87, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

She was born Feb. 10, 1922, in Grand Rapids to Marvin and Blanche (nee Fischer) Jones and graduated from Detroit Southeastern High School in 1940. She attended Michigan State College where she studied dietetics.

One of her proudest accomplishments was her 62-year marriage to her college sweetheart, Peter Ruppe Sr. Their romance began Dec. 19, 1942, after meeting at Michigan State College, now Michigan State University. They married in a military-style ceremony just prior to Mr. Ruppe's departure to serve in World War II.

In her youth, Mrs. Ruppe worked as a soda fountain attendant at Sanders on Kercheval and later at Swanson Foods.

After years as a mother and homemaker, she went to work as the bookkeeper for Ruppe



Julius Otto Ortwein



Gloria Janis Ruppe

Industries and Peter P Ruppe

Mrs. Ruppe was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church since the early 1950s. She was a founder of a local mother's club which met monthly at He was born July 31, 1916, each others' homes. She was in Auburn, N.Y., and earned a involved in a local investment Bachelor of Science degree in club as well as the Inventor's Association of Metropolitan

Detroit. Mrs. Ruppe had many interests, including baking, swimming, sewing, gardening and

reading. Family and friends enjoyed her homemade jams, pickles and doughnuts. A whiz in the kitchen, she could whip up a healthy four-course dinner in 30 minutes. Her dietetic background inspired her to continually perfect her recipes to the latest nutritional standards.

Mrs. Ruppe swam 30 laps daily in her backyard pools in Michigan or Florida.

Her gardening included roses, flowers and vegetables. She and her husband would pick strawberries every year for her famous jam. Her primary Florida home had a wide selection of fruit trees in her backyard, including grapefruit, lemon, lime, orange, tangerine and even banana. Everywhere she was present, the home was neat and dinner

was at 6 p.m. Mrs. Ruppe is survived by her daughters, Dianne and Deborah; son Peter Jr. (Lynn); grandchildren, David (Amy) Myers II, Peter, Steven and Julie; great-grandchildren, David III and Emmett and her brother, Gordon Jones.

She was predeceased by her husband, Peter Sr. in 2005; son, Paul and brother, Jarvis Jones.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18; at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



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Naples readers



From left, Carol and George Schulte, Janet Smith and Ann and Don Burns enjoy the sunshine, golf and the Grosse Pointe News in Naples, Fla. 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.



Tahiti readers

Following a cruise of the French Polynesian islands, Frank and Cindy Brady of the City of Grosse Pointe joined Frank's sisters and their husbands in reading the Grosse Pointe News in front of the Te Vaimahutu Waterfall in Tiarei, Tahiti. From left, Tom and Pat Winn of Huntsville, Ala., Frank and Cindy Brady, Mary Kay and John Turner of Jackson, Wy.

Harrods reader



The Key readers Aland Sharon Moebus of the City of Grosse Pointe read the

Al and Sharon Moebus of the City of Grosse Pointe read the Grosse Pointe News when they visited Englewood in Manasota Key, Fla.



J. Addison Bartush stopped to read the Grosse Pointe News in the Harrods of London food halls. He was in England with his daughter, Susan Cugliari, and grandson, Stephen Cugliari to visit the air force base near Cambridge where he was stationed during World War II as a B-17 pilot.

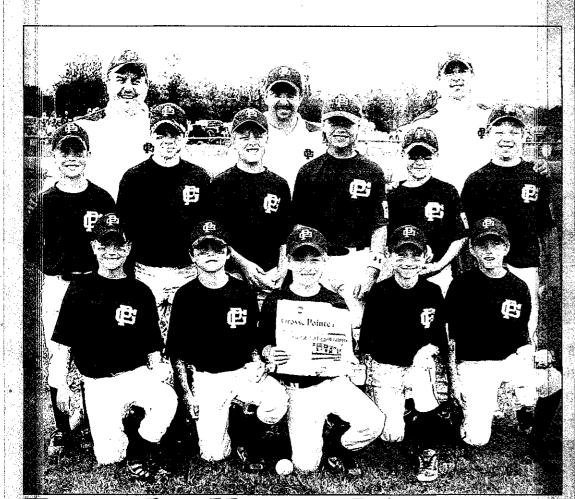
The Tigers readers



Ray and Sally Chown of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they attended a Tigers game at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. The Tigers beat the New York Mets 7 to 2.

Marathon reader

After running the Boston Marathon, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mike Karwowski found time to read the Grosse Pointe News.



Baseball readers

The 10-year old Grosse Pointe Farms City Little League team won the District 6 championship and traveled to Cheboygan for the state finals in July — and they remembered to bring their Grosse Pointe News. Pictured from left, front row are Jack Froelich, Jonathan Theros, Charlie Denison, Joey Veneri, and Connor McCarron; second row, from left, Jack Liagre, Michael Coyle, Charles Kruse, Logan Mico, Mac Welsher, and Jacob Brauer; and, in the back row, Louie Theros, Joe Veneri, and Kevin McCarron.



The Wedding readers

These women took a copy of the Grosse Pointe News along when they attended a wedding in Houston. Pictured from left are Martha Louisell, Maggie Adlhoch, Thumper Haggarty, Mary Anne Petz and Kathy Quilter all of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Mission reader

Grosse Pointe South High School freshman Elyse Croce spent a week in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on a mission trip with the Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group of Troy ministering and teaching vacation Bible school to area children. She shared the Grosse Pointe News with the children.



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Prevention and treatment PAGE 6B

90 degrees. Heads rested on

the back of the tub. To keep

bathers' bodies submerged,

burlap was placed over torsos.

50 and 65 gallons of water

which contained enough solid

material to fill five large jars.

Large jars filled with leftover

minerals can be seen at the

The first water analysis, Parr

said, was done in 1897 by

Crocker House.

Each bath required between

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Same beleive that Dog ... a to discover the curative powers of the nuneral water. There is a t-American legend that states that a lame horse was the first to be heatest from the mineral-rich water. The horse was set out to pasture by its owner after it was found too sickly to be of any use. After standing in the puddles of the mineral water, the sickly horse was found rejuvenated and healthy.

According to legend, after a few days of standing in a puddle, the horse was frisky again. It's renewed health was attributed to the mineral water.

By Ann L. Fouty Features Editor

Clemens became known as Bath City begins with an old horse put out to pasture. It was time to retire.

and watch the days go by, the horse stood in a puddle in the field.

After a few days of standing in this puddle, the horse was frisky again and healed of its weariness and age concerns.

The second legend, which has been documented, centers on gristmill owner Dorr Kellogg. He had eczema, no doubt bothering him exceedingly in the mid-1800s. He recalled how much better he felt after swimming in an ocean.

Kellogg bathed for 15 to 16 consecutive days in the mineral-laiden waters and was cured.

Director Kim Parr. a woman who suffered from for five years. rheumatism. He persuad-

ed her to partake of the curative Mount Clemens waters

Parr said Kellogg claimed to have cured her.

Due to his suc-Kellogg cess, opened the first bathhouse in Mount Clemens and it became known as "Bath City," attract-

ing the rich and famous. Mount Clemens was a booming industrial city in the 1800s and 1900s. It was home to the Mount Clemens Pottery Company, the Macomb Sugar Company, a glassworks factory making window glass and household items such as vases and ladles, Miller Brothers Dairy, breweries creating both healthful, non-intoxicating and intoxicating beverages and the Ironrite Ironer Company.

The city was also known for producing roses. That industry died in the 1980s when roses began to be imported. The city even boasted a semiprofessional football team, the Mount

Clemens Juggs. However, it is tourism that played a large part in Mount Clemens' history. Its international fame sprang from the mineral baths and the springs. At its peak in 1920, there were

10 bathhouses of varying sizes, 61 hotels and five sanatoriums. Industrialists, movie stars, The legend of how Mount European royalty, famous athletes and just regular folk flocked to the city. They came to have migraines cured, rheumatism, muscle and nerve With nothing to do but eat pain, back aches, eczema, psoriasis and cramps vanquished.

Today, one sanatorium remains. A single salon on Cass Avenue provides customers a 15-minute mineral bath for \$30. Memories and memorabilia

of Bath City are housed on the second floor of the Crocker House Museum in Mount Clemens and until Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The search for relief

Seeking a cure to what ailed people began with oil exploration in 1862. The drilling brought only brine to the sursaid Crocker House Museum face and the establishment, on Jan. 31, 1865, of the Mount Kellogg, she continued, knew Clemens Salt Co. It operated

The salt quality man consumption, Parr said. There were too many

other miner-

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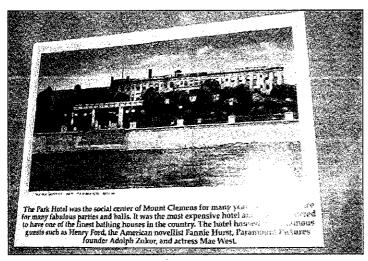
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bathhouse. His bathhouse was con-

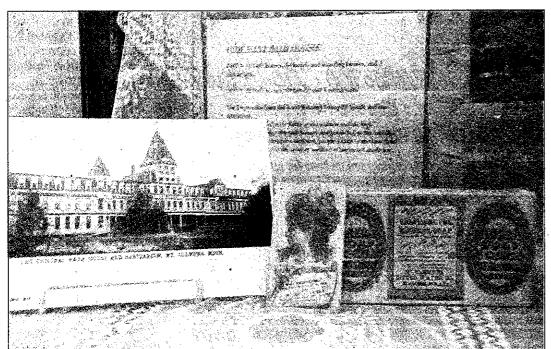
was not pure structed on the grounds of a enough for hu-former salt mill. Kellogg charged customers 50 cents to be submerged in a warm bath. With an attendant to help, the cost jumped to 75 cents. The structure burned in 1883, was rebuilt and reopened in 1893, ultimately providing 750,000 baths.

The Medea Bath House opened in 1882. Its owners owned a spring which supplied

brochure, "The longer trial you

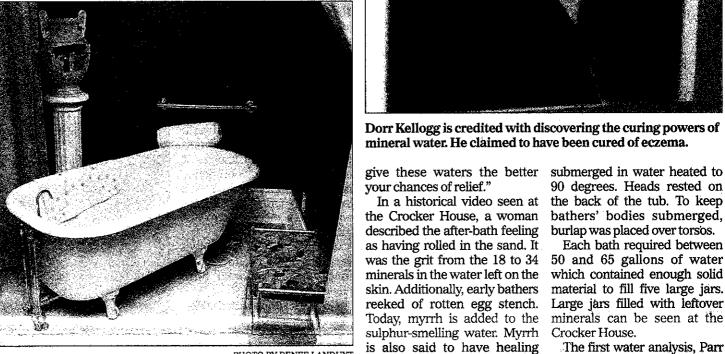


The Park Hotel, built in 1898, hosted Henry Ford, novelist Fannie Hurst, Paramount Pictures' president, director and producer Adolph Zukor and actress Mae West. It had 200 rooms, an elevator, a gym and bowling alley. It was demolished in 1940.

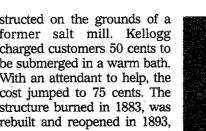


A display explaining the numerous bathhouses and hotels, and bars of soap are at the Crocker Museum.

Curative powers of bath water



The Olympia Spa & Salon in Mount Clemens offers patrons a mineral bath.



the mineral water.

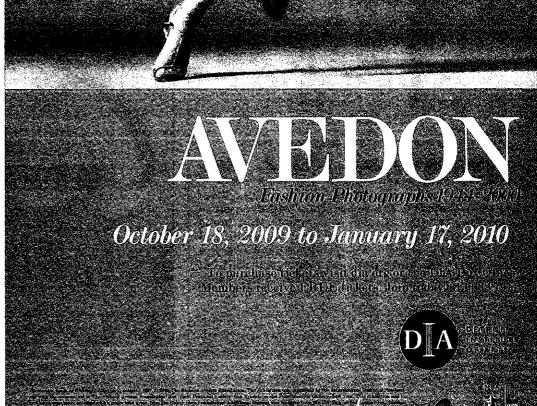
According to the Medea's



In a historical video seen at

Today, myrrh is added to the

powers, Parr said.



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BATH: The cure for what ails you

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pharmacist John Meyer, who completed and published his findings in 1911.

The top five minerals found were: sodium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride and calcium sulfate.

As word spread about Bath City, customers came and accommodations had to be supplied.

The Clementine Bath House, Fenton Hotel, National Hotel, Hotel Medea and Plaza Bath House were built. In 1911, the Arethusa was the last to be constructed.

Customers at the Clementine were charged \$1 per day. It was 94 years old when demolished in 1998.

The National House began by housing 30 guests. Business was brisk and the house saw an addition of three floors with 135 bedrooms, a writing room, a ladies waiting room and a barbershop. It was demolished

in 1908 and torn down in April 1960 to make way for the Mount Clemens municipal building.

St. Joseph's Sanatorium and Bath House was built in 1899 by the Sisters of Charity of Mount St. Joseph's in Cincinnati, Ohio. A sister had found relief in the mineral baths and suggested the order expand to Mount Clemens. It opened with hardwood detail, tile floors, solid porcelain tubs, lockers, a parlor and library and 50 beds, according to historical records.

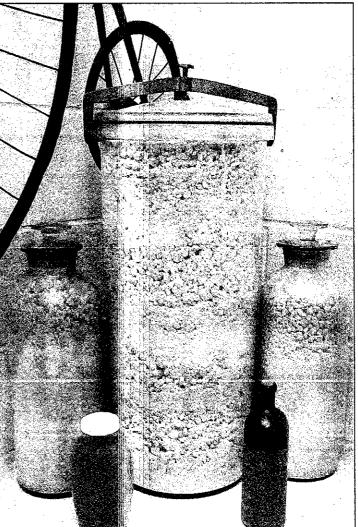
Opening in 1896, with two verandas and a rooftop solarium, was the Colonial Bath House.

The Park Hotel, built in 1898, hosted Henry Ford, novelist Fannie Hurst, Paramount Pictures president Adolph Zukor and actress Mae West, among others.

It had 200 rooms, an elevator, a gym and a bowling alley.

Free time

Once a bath was complete, customers had plenty of free



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Edison Hotel was built Minerals found in the waters can be seen in jars displayed at the Crocker House Museum in Mount Clemens.

time not only to attend the Juggers games but to watch bike races or attend one of three theaters. There was also fishing, boating, a roller coaster and concerts to attend.

People could do some star watching, when not strolling around town in their bathrobes. One might have spotted Eddie Cantor, Canada's Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier George Jessel, Lillian Russell, George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr., Jack Dempsey or George M. Cohen.

Bath City crumbled due to the Depression and modern medicine.

"People wanted a quicker way to heal, Parr said.

Some of the mineral bath's popularity is returning as people seek a homeopathic remedy for various ailments, she

Bath City is not such a distance memory, Parr said.

"No matter where you are from, Grosse Pointe or Detroit. your family came here. I bet your relatives have memories of the mineral bath," she said.

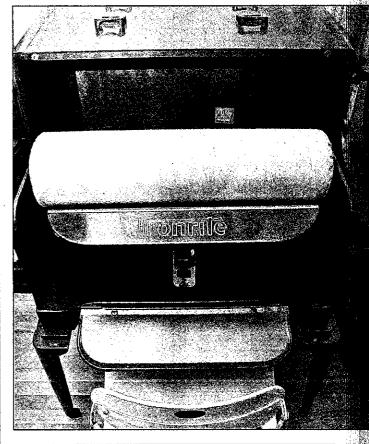
A Wayne County resident, Parr said both sets of her grand parents made day trips on the Interurban to Mount Clemens

"There is a connection with Mount Clemens. You learn how your grandparents took care of their aches and pains," she said.



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Above, a glassworks factory made window glass and some household items such as vases and ladles. Right, Ironrite, electric irons, were manufactured in Mount Clemens



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The story of Bath City with its waters offering healing powers became known worldwide to produce miracle cures is one which is told through Sunday, Jan. 10 in the muse-

um's Community Gallery. "The Community Gallery is an innovative approach to understanding modern history" he said. "It speaks to the needs of the community. It's about the stories across the country. The stories at the Detroit Historic Museum take that to heart.

The Bath City exhibit is a collaborative effort with Kimberly Parr of the Crocker House Museum in Mount Clemens, the University of Detroit Mercy and the Macomb County Historical Society.

Michigan stories told at the museum expose those who haven't stopped in a long time, he said. "The community engagement is our engagement

The museum, Woodward, is open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Adult admission costs \$6, Seniors, college students and students 5-18 pay \$4. Parking is \$4.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Recycling for Charities

Recycling for Charities accepts used cell phones, iPods, PDAs and digital cameras from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Eastern Market, 2934 Russell, Detroit.

The organization is a 501 (c)

For more information, call (248) 582-9229.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Speaker Chris Getz's topic is "2nd Base Chicago White Sox."

Canned and dry goods, clothing and children's books are accepted from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 19, and from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Barnard Center at Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Items gathered will be added to the Three Million Challenge. Fifty-one Rotary clubs in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario are gathering goods to be given to Matrix Human Services, Crossroads of Michigan, Kids Against Hunger and local charities.

For more information, contact Bob Bashara at (313) 670-

basharar@comcast.net.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

A holiday tea and tour is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. The cost is \$35. The event includes



onation check

Grosse Pointe Rotary members Paul Rentenbach, center and Bob Bashara, right, presented \$1,000 to Student Mentor partners director, Janet Eckoff.

limited edition 80th anniver- Music in Homes series. sary ornament will be given to participants.

Candlelit Christmas p.m. Dec. 18, 19 and 20. The or by calling (313) 891-2514. cost is \$15. Listen to holiday music and stories of the Ford family in the house's gallery room.

For reservations, call (313) or 884-4222.

Palmer Woods concert

Thornetta Davis Trio with jazz musician guitarist A. a house tour and a meal of tea, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, as

Davis performs blues, R&B and soul music.

Tickets cost \$35 and are time 15:32. evening tours are from 5 to 8 available at palmerwoods.org

Lions Club

Winners of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club Jingle Bell run are:

Men — first place — Trey Cassidy, time 13:37; second third place Montgomery, time 14:04.

Women - first place -Spencer Barefield and bass Lindsay Doherty, time 15:25; player Don Mayberry, perform second place — Laurie Thompson, time 15:30: and sandwiches and pastries. A part of the Palmer Woods third place - Kelly Langton,



Classical music league

Grosse Pointe Classical Music League members donated items to Toys for Tots during its third annual Louise Lee Memorial Christmas Lunch at Lochmoor Club Dec. 3. Helping gather the toys are from left, Pam Bawden, Catherine Tocco, Marel Thomas, club president Helena Thurber, Sandy Magreta and Mary Ellen Tyszka. Board members include, Judge Ben Stancyzk, Nancy Milewski, Mary Lou Moser, Katie Smith, Kiki Herfert, Gerry Leone and Karen Kolp. The club's goal is provide ing scholarships to high school students. For more information about the club, call membership chairwoman Bawden at (313) 318-8836.

Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe has collectible ornaments featuring the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. They cost \$10. Ornaments are sold at the War Memorial, LaModa International Hair place — Matt Geist, time 13:51; Design, Grosse Pointe Art Austin Center, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, The League Shop, Grosse Pointe Florist, Frances Twiddy Associates, Moehring Woods Flowers, arete'e Day Spa and Cafe, David the Salon, Flagstar Banks, Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe

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Soroptimist International ornament features a likeness of the **Grosse Pointe War** Memorial.



What's ahead

Here's what's coming up at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To register or for more information on these and other classes and events, call

(313) 881-7511. The Tribute Tree - This 25-foot tall evergreen shines in honor of soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and

friends and family of Grosse Pointers. For a gift of \$10, a light will shine throughout the holidays. In addition, a Christmas card with a watercolor rendition of the Tribute Tree can be sent to each honoree, informing them a special light shines in their name.

Make 2010 the best ever. Get off to a healthy New Year with classes at the War Memorial. Here's a sample:

Iyengar Yoga, Jan. 4-Feb. 15, Level I and II, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Mondays and Level III, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays. Learn yoga poses and movements to build strength and balance while helping align the

Aerobic Dancing by Jacki Sorensen, Jan. 4-April 1, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. A complete fitness workout with abdominal work, light weight training and simple dance routines, all choreographed to music.

Leaner, Stronger, Faster, Jan. 8-March 5. 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Get your body to the next level with a WarMemorial.org.

full-body workout that uses mass, powerbands, medicine balls, weights and jump ropes. Cardio Max, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, Thursdays; Jan. 11-March 1, Mondays; both sessions run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. The program applies low im-

pact, high energy aerobics, body sculpting, balance and flexibility exercises. CardioCore, Jan. 9-Feb. 6, 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays. A fusion of fat-burning aerobic ac-

> tivity and core strengthening exercises, students use weights, bands and mini-balls to target torso muscles.

Exercise your creativity

Water Media, Jan. 12-Feb. 23, 6:30 to 9 Tuesdays. p.m. Explore drawing, composition, dominance and color management; learn how to use different brushes, how to see and observe subjects, and revisit traditional watercolor methods.

Working from the Figure, Jan. 13-Feb. 24, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Students develop traditional methods for drawing and painting the costumed and nude figure and enjoy two slide presentations on art history.

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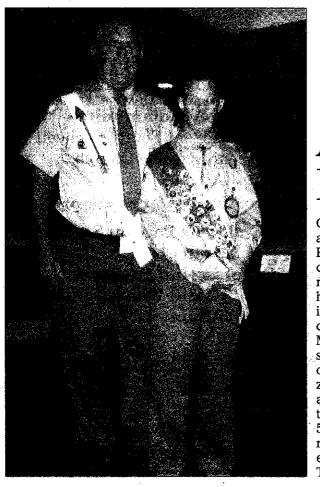
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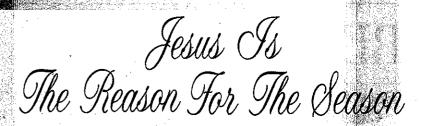
Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call, 313-881-7511



A special

Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Jeff Maci was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at Troop 330's annual banquet last month. He is one of five special needs scouts who earned scouting's highest honor. Maci's project was collecting T-shirts to be distributed at a summer camp attended by low-income children. Maci has been involved with scouting since 1975 and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, a scouting honors organization. He is the son of Al and Geri Maci, and is pictured with his father, one of the troop leaders. Troop 330 observes its 50th anniversary in 2010. For more information on the special needs scout troop, e-mail the troop's leader, Sid Keeler, at Troop330@wowway.com.

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11:00 a.m. -Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist

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Christmas Service Schedule

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Worship with Communion December 27, 2009

(1st Sunday of Christmas) 10am-Worship with Communion December 31, 2009

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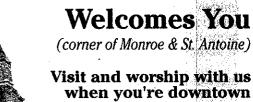
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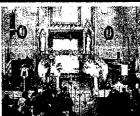
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve and 11:00 p.m. - Duplicate Ser Festival Choral Communion

No services on Christmas Day Sunday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion

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Christmas Eve-December 24

4:00pm - Children's Pageant Service with Communion

8:30pm - Carol Prelude Service 9:00pm - Candlelight Festive Communion

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First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, opens its doors for its third annual Christmas Tree Walk and Tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. Guests can see 35 theme-decorated trees on a self-guided tour. Right, labels indicate who decorated the tree, including the "Fun and Games Tree" created by Nicole McCarthy and the church's youth group. The "Home for the

Holidays" tree was decorated by associate minister Jerry Elsholz and his wife, Sandy. The event is chaired by Jacki Stein and Kyle Clor both of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Below right, Parker Rustmann and Anna Jackson make a paper chain during the church's craft, game and cookie decorating event Sunday, Dec. 6. Waynette Hostetler of Sterling Heights is the chairwoman of the tea.

PASTOR'S CORNER By John Burton

Christmas wish from God

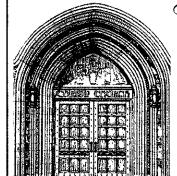
hat does God want for Christmas? What a question! I can hear people responding, "Uh, hello! He's God. He can have everything He wants!" Well, I know that God deeply craves a very real, reportable, experiential relationship with you and with me. Does He have that? Continually?

I'm confident Jesus yearns for us, via the enabling of the Holy Spirit, to actually love each other, to tend to one another, to really 'do life' together. (John 17:20-23)

We know the Bible tells us that God desires that no one perish (die without an intimate relationship with Him), but that we would all have abundant life. Do we all have this seemingly fleeting abundant life? No. Do some live and die without knowing God? Sadly, yes.

There are many passionate, fiery people in Michigan that I've been connecting with that are hungering more than ever for an outpouring from Heaven. We are contending for God's

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Sunday, December 20 at 4:30 pm Candlelight service with the choirs of Christ Church including readings and music celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord Arrive early for scating; doors open at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve • Thursday, December 24 4 pm - Holy Eucharist with Crèche Procession and Choir 8 pm - Holy Eucharist with Choir 10:30 pm - Choral Prelude with Carols

11 pm - Holy Eucharist with Choir (irritation-free incense) Christmas Day • Friday, December 25 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist with soloist

1st Sunday After Christmas • Sunday, December 27 8 and 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Blessing of the Gifts at 10:15 am - Bring your newly acquired

CHURCH ACTIVITI

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, in the Fellowship Hall of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Church is the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Cookie walk

Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old The Rev. Peter J. M. Henry of Homestead, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Memorial hosts its annual cookie walk

pastries and candy are sold for \$7 a pound is seed to the

beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 19. Homemade cookies,

Detroit Concert Choir

The Detroit Concert Choir, directed by Gordon Nelson, performs a holiday concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market, Mount Clemens.

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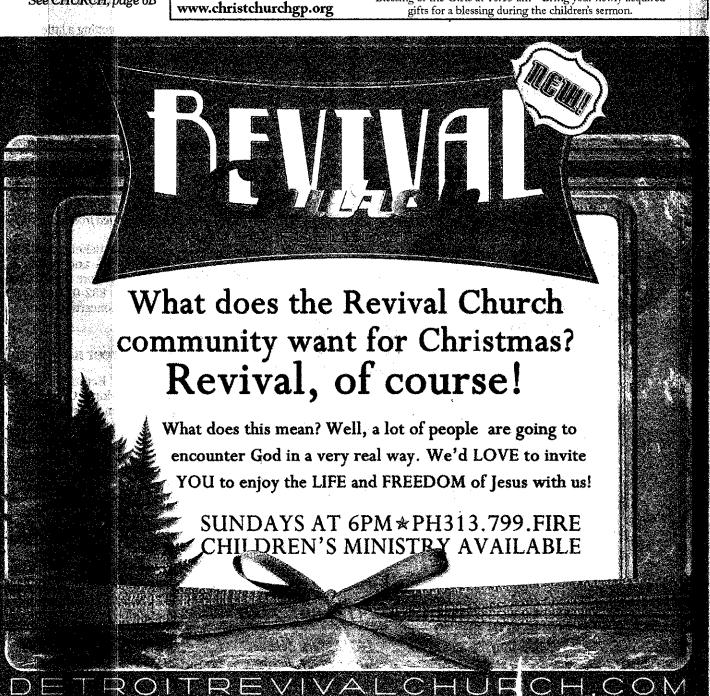


Dec. 20 - Children's Christmas Program in Worship

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Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM Christian Education at 9:15 AM

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HEALTH/SENIORS

ASK THE EXPERTS By Robert Takla, M.D.

The flu — what you need to know



How can I protect my • family from the flu?

There are two flu virus-A. es this year, the traditional seasonal flu and novel H1N1 (swine) flu.

Seasonal flu: Each year, the CDC estimates 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths from the regular flu. Those at

greatest risk include young children, or people with serious medical conditions.

The deaths from flu are usually in those more than 65 years old with serious medical conditions, or pregnant women.

Novel H1N1 (swine flu): It was first believed this influenza virus was transmitted from pigs to humans, but we know how it contains genetic material from pigs, humans and birds. Properly cooked pork even from an infected animal poses no risk of flu. Those at greatest risk include young children, pregnant women

and those with serious chronic ask your doctor or visit medical conditions. However, unlike seasonal flu, young adults are actually more at

Both viruses have similar symptoms: fever, chills, headache, body aches, coughing, stuffy or runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. And both are spread through coughing, sneezing or close contact.

Prevention

The Center for Disease Control recommends who should get these two separate vaccinations. To learn more,

cdc.gov.

♦ Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water. Alcohol based hand sanitizers are also effective.

◆ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

◆ Stay away from sick individuals if possible.

Treatment

- ◆ Get rest, drink fluids, and treat symptoms with Tylenol, Motrin, or an over-the-counter flu medication.
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.

◆ If you are relatively healthy and only have mild flu symptoms, stay home for 24 hours after the fever is gone. Most individuals will not require medical treatment.

◆ If you are pregnant or have a chronic disease, notify your physician immediately.

◆ Seek prompt medical attention at an emergency room if you have difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chest pain, have persistent vomiting and/or diarrhea and are becoming dehydrated.

Takla is chairman and medical director of Emergency

Medicine at St. John Health & Medical Center. Call Health Connect at 866-501-DOCS to find a family doctor for a vacci nation.

The Family Center, a 501(c) \$, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals.

To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org.

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X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutlish

Mishap shows how much educators care



ometimes it takes something bad to show something good. Somehow, some way, our son Andrew, 8, broke his left foot. Nobody knows how. Nobody knows why. Nobody knows exactly when.

Andrew does not talk. His left foot isn't talking ei-

We took him to his pediatrician's office for X-rays on a

recent Friday and to a podiatrist the next Monday for the placement of a fiberglass cast up to his knee. Surprisingly, Andrew handled the "casting call" perfectly.

Not even a flinch, moan or

His DVD player and one of his favorite DVDs helped distract him.

After falling down one time at home, Andrew quickly got the hang of walking, climbing stairs and even running with his cast.

Monday evening, we received a call from Andrew's Mason Elementary School classroom assistant Judy Griffith, and teacher Kim Moskwa, letting us know they

were on their way over to see Andrew. They could not wait another school day to see him.

Imagine that.

Arriving with get-well-soon gifts in hand of Andrew's favorite foods and a new SpongeBob DVD, they spent a full hour talking about Andrew's foot, how he was coping, how he'd handle recess with a cast, his progress in school, his medications and how they missed him in class

earlier that day.

The visit confirms what we know -- some educators are among the best people on Earth.

They listen.

They care.

They show patience. They show tough love.

They are constantly giving of themselves. And they are generous to a fault.

Kim and Judy are two of the

We have watched them over

the past few years and know they are among the finest educators in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

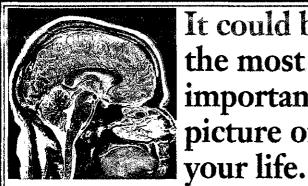
We are always delighted at how honest and forthright they are in assessing how their efforts are working or not working with Andrew and how they regularly think of new solutions as issues arise. They are highly creative, passionate, caring, dedicated, intelligent, sympathetic and outstanding educators.

We are fortunate to have them teach Andrew and serve in our school system. One 🕍 evening visit proved what we knew all along.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragilex.org.) Send questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Favorite time of year out of whack



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s I write this, it's two weeks before Christmas: my favorite time of the Even thought I no longer

look forward to Santa's wonderful gifts, it's still a very special time. The Christmas carols are beautiful; colors are rich and satisfying; store and home decorations are simply spectac-

There are parties I look forward to and wear a lovely outfit that sees the light of day just a few times at Christmas.

It also means I don't yet have to be stressed about the usual holiday chores; doing my own decorating, writing cards, buying gifts. In two weeks I feel I can accomplish just about any-

It also reminds me of the first long word I learned at my mother's knee --- procrastinaphrase so many times in my childhood, I developed a fantasy of growing up and becoming famous and when I was asked the secret of my success, I would answer, "Never doing today what I could put off until to-

Mother, of course, was right. Just nine days ago I developed a cold. After four days I was relieved that it was a cold and not the flu because I've had enough colds in my life to recognize the symptoms. I took such good care of myself so I would feel better by Christmas - nasal flushing, sipping honey and lemon for my sore throat, drinking hot chicken broth and getting lots of rest.

Two days ago I recognized I was fighting a losing battle and while thankfully it's not the flu, it's a sinus infection. This frequently follows a bad cold for me and only antibiotics will end

I am getting a little stressed because I'm missing parties, no decorations have been set up

and I'm feeling generally lousy, though grateful that it wasn't H1N1, especially because of my age.

I have another reason to feel really grateful. My youngest daughter lives in Virginia. Around Thanksgiving she had what seemed like a cold. She was worried about a small growth on ner snoulder and visited the dermatologist. The doctor asked if she had

been ill lately. She explained her rather mysterious illness of two week's earlier. "You have Lyme disease," he

informed her. "The red circle on your back is a dead giveaway."

She believes her two dogs may have passed on a tick, although she checks them regularly. Ticks are tiny and hard to find in dog's hair. She's on three weeks of antibiotics and thank heaven. Had she not been diagnosed and treated, she could easily have developed severe neurological prob-

lems, even died.

I'm on what must be a miracle drug. I took two pills vesterday with the remaining four to be taken once a day. Considering how I feel today, I cannot imagine feeling great in four days. However, I did notice the doctor gave me a refill.

By Christmas I have to decorate the house, buy one or two items and send a few holiday

cards. I will also eat some caloriefilled foods, although try not to be greedy. All the information I read about losing weight emphasizes exercise is helpful in weight loss, but weight loss comes from taking in less calo-

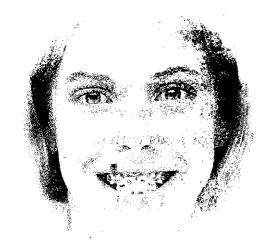
ries than you expend. I wish those who read my column a marvelous Christmas, full of love and good

cheer. Just remember one thing. It takes one hour of full exercise to compensate for the calories in one respectable serving of

cheesecake. You can reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

Visit www.waynemacombmri.com "Procrastination is the thief, To make a same day appointment call 586-447-4327 of time," my mother would inactivities tone solemnly. I heard the





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Career networking

The Ecumenical Career Networking Group meets at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe

PASTOR:

from God

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dreams to come true - for

strength and life to flood the

I don't know about you, but

yesterday's religious activities,

very powerful joy, peace,

people of this region.

Park. The day's topic is "Success Stories."

For more information, call Sarah Sharp at (313) 822-2814.

Single Way

The Single Way, a group of interdenominational Christian single adults, hold an appetizer buffet and chocolate fondue event at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at a member's St. Clair Shores house.

Adults pay \$4 and children

Call (586) 774-2119 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. by Thursday, Dec. 24, to make a reservation.

Deadlines

Turn in information for the Grosse Pointe News issues of Dec. 24 and 31 by noon Friday, Dec. 18. Information can be faxed to (313) 882-1585 or e-

Parking bags

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Christ the King youth group members and Flagstar Bank staff covered parking meters in the Grosse Pointe Woods business district. This provides shoppers free parking through Dec. 26.

The Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue spearheaded the initiative.

formulas and hoops to be jumped through just won't cut Christmas wish it anymore. We must experience God! He is not to be distant, confusing or more like a fable than a friend. He is real and he is alive!

He likes you and me! He loves it when there is legitimate connection. This is the way to live! It's one thing to know about God. It's an entirely different thing to know God! To be transformed by Him! This is what it's all about!

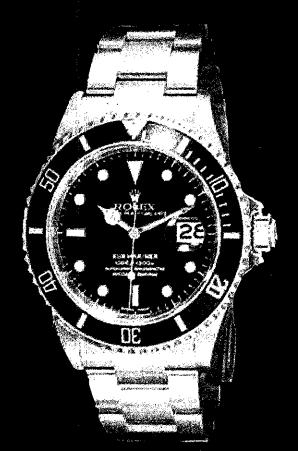
Imagine a people who continually encounter the Lover of their souls. That's a primary, all consuming desire of God. He loves us so deeply and wants to us to know Him so exhaustive What a Christmas that

would be for our wonderful I say, let's do it. Let's give

God a Christmas to remember: John Burton is a Grosse Pointe Park resident and senior leader of Revival Church.



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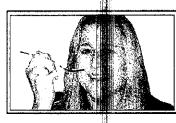


Ringing in the new year' tea

Services for Older Citizens say goodbye to the old year and ring in the New Year during a tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29. Homewatch Caregivers and Guardian Medical Monitoring will provide refreshments and entertainment, which includes karaoke. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations to the free event. From left, Marie Koueiter, Mary Matta, Patricia Nurse, Julia Gulas, Dolores Masiak, Michelle Colombo, Helen Mastay, Betty Wilk, Eileen Hatty and Rose David attended last month's tea.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Grand Marnier tops cake



anetton**e** (pronounced pan-uh-TOH-nee) is a traditional Italian holiday cake found baked and boxed. Unlike the fruit cakes with which Americans are familiar, the panettone is not packed with fruit but rather scattered with raisons and a hint of citrus. The cake is served as a breakfast bread, coffee cake or dessert.

This week, I'm turning a Panettone into a Christmas cake, spiked with a Grand Marnier syrup and topped with a mascarpone icing.

Christmas Panettone Cake

1 cup fresh orange juice 2 tablespoons orange zest, divided

1 tablespoon Grand Marnier

2 tablespoons sugar 28-oz. containers mascarpone cheese

This year's Christmas cake begins with panettone.

1/2 cup confectioners sugar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 2 tablespoons milk

1 - boxed panettone cake (1 lb. 10.5 oz.)

In a small sauce pan combine the orange juice with 1 tablespoon orange zest, Grand Marnier and sugar. Bring the mixture to a quick boil and simmer for 5 to 7 minutes, until the mixture is reduced to 3/4 cup. Remove from heat and allow to cool.

In a medium bowl beat the mascarpone cheese with the

confectioners sugar, remaining tablespoon orange zest, vanilla and milk.

Remove all paper from the sides and bottom of the panettone. Using a serrated knife slice off the cake's rounded top. (Save for a breakfast toast.) Slice the remaining cake into four horizontal lay-

Place the bottom layer on a serving platter and drizzle 3 tablespoons of the orange syrup over the top. Spread 2 tablespoons of the frosting over the top. Place the next layer on top and repeat with the syrup and the frosting. Do this two more using the two remaining layers. Spread the rest of the frosting around the sides and over the top of the cake. Chill for several hours or overnight before serving.

My Christmas panettone boasts a creamy richness with just enough sweet. The flavor from the mascarpone frosting bounces perfectly off the raisins. This cake tastes really special.

I purchased a second panettone to make French toast with on Christmas morning.

tadpole release

The critically endangered

Puerto Rican crested toad isn't

as endangered with the birth of

3,701 tadpoles at the Detroit

After keeping 20 tadpoles for

Conservation

future breeding at the National

Center, the rest were shipped

to Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, for

The Detroit Zoo has been

working to preserve the Puerto

Rican crested toad since 1999.

Last year, the zoo shipped

double the number of Detroit

Zoo-born tadpoles for release

into the wild this year," said Chief Life Sciences Officer

The Detroit Zoo, located at the intersection of Ten Mile

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in Royal Oak, is open daily 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. November

through March and closed

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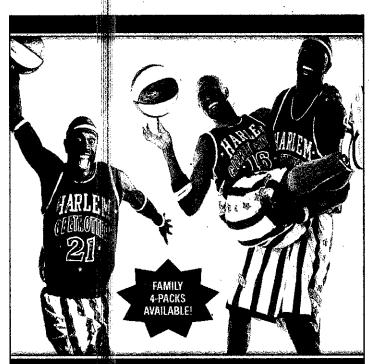
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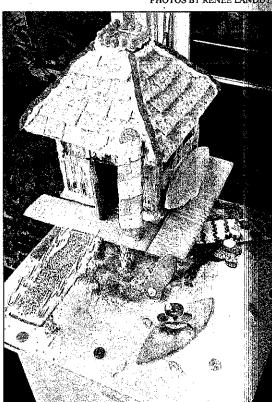


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Above, the James McCuish family of Grosse Pointe Park won the "family" category with their "Christmas Day at the Cottage."

Right, the winner of the group category was the Lakeview High School Art Honor Society of St. Clair Shores with its "Santa's Surf Hut." The houses are on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 20, in the activities

Left, Susanne Corker of Lake Orion was the winner in the adult category of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House second annual "Homes for the Holidays" gingerbread house contest. She created a house with individually-cut shin gles, a welcome mat and shovels on the front porch. A figure on the lawn appears to be making a snow angel. Tiffany Menard, 4, is looking at the house.





DIA holiday line-uj

Arrangements mimic fashions in Avedon Fashion

The Detroit Institute of Arts auxiliary Friends of Art and Flowers offers visitors a nostalgic holiday look with original arrangements marrying the Avedon Fashion Photographs 1944-2000 exhibition exemplified by JL Hudson's Woodward Shops.

The arrangements are made from hemlock, white pine, Douglas fir, Frasier fir, boxwood and cedar from Michigan growers and birch harvested from fallen trees. They include dress forms, an old Hudson's hat box and frames, and are installed throughout the museum.

The forms outside Cafe DIA include two looks seen in the Avedon exhibition - a pencil skirt and a full skirt, made from layered birch bark. with hems of mini pinecones. A charm necklace reflects the showy pearls in Avedon's Coco Chanel photo, and an Eiffel Tower charm represents his photos taken in Paris. One features a belt buckle with the Hudson's Woodward Shops logo.

Prentis Court displays four vintage store holiday "windows." Three are evergreen arrangements embellished with pheasant feathers, glittery stems, and satin and velvet ribbon. One window features a dress form covered in moss, having the effect of Persian lamb coats worn by Avedon models. Next to it sits a custom-made Hudson's hat box.

Kresge Court has a "gallery" effect with portrait, landscape and circular frames made from Michigan evergreens and birch bark. The frames are adorned with velvet ribbon and feathers to match the rest of the scheme.

The Woodward lobby features two dress forms with the Hudson's Woodward Shops logo decoupaged on their chocolate skirts. Lime silk taffeta mimics Avedon's high-end glossy feel. Glittery lime pom pons surround the installa-

The arrangements are on display through mid January.

Exhibitions

- ◆ Photography- The First 100 Years: A Survey from the DIA's Collection, through Jan. 3
- ◆ Action/Reaction: Video Installations, through Jan. 3 ◆ Avedon Fashion Photographs 1944-2000,
- through Jan. 17 ◆ Government Support for the Arts: WPA

Prints from the 1930s, through March 21 Guided Tours: 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays; and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Friday Night Live, Dec. 18

Music: Rachel Grimes: 7 and 8:30 p.m. Rachel Grimes is a member of the Kentucky-based chamber-pop group The Rachels. The music of the Rachels straddles the worlds of classical chamber and art-rock music, in the tradition of icons Philip Glass, the Kronos Quartet, and Laurie Anderson. Grimes performs material from her new solo piano album, Book of Lea along with music by French composer Link

Target Family Sunday, Dec. 20

Brunch with Bach: Aaron Berofsky and Edward Parmentier: 10:30 a.m. and 1 Violinist Aaron Berofsky has toured extensively throughout the United States and abroad, gaining recognition as a soloist and chamber musician. Parmentier is internationally renowned for his performances of early keyboard music and is a specialist in the harpsichord music of Bach and his English and French contemporaries. Berofsky and Parmentier perform music by Bach, Girolamo Frescobaldi, François Couperin, G. F. Handel, and Arcangelo Corelli.

Storytelling: "Hanukah Stories": 2 p.m. Sima lights up the holiday season Hanukah stories of miracles, menorahs and magic dreidels.

Special holiday activities

Dec. 26, 27 and 28

Holiday Performance: "Bathtub Pirates" p.m. Some of the best times in a child's life are spent playing in the bathtub, surrounded by aquatic toys and a sea of bubbles. Follow the antics of Blackbeard and his crew as they commandeer a child's bathtub to carry out their daring plan.

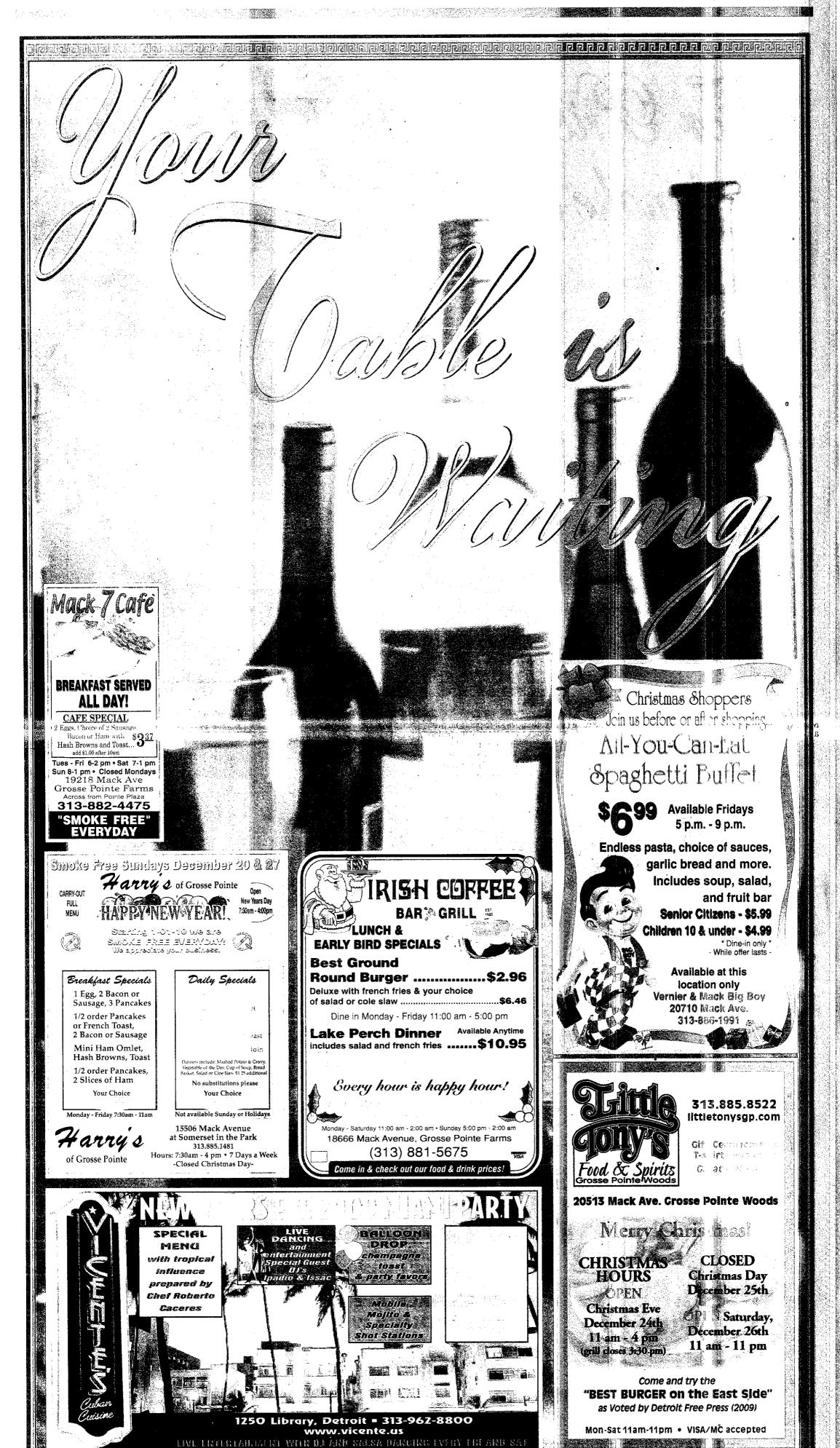
Sunday, Dec. 27

World Opera in Cinema: The Nutcracker lov Tchaikovsky: 2 p.m. This performance by the Kirov Ballet was filmed at Russia's Mariinsk Theater in St. Petersburg. Mikhail Shemiakin Russian émigré and world-renowned avant garde artist and sculptor, has reinterpreted the historical ballet for a contemporary audience Tickets are \$20 and \$18 for DIA members, students and seniors.

Dec. 29, 30 and 31

Holiday Performance: "Jack and Beanstalk": 2 p.m. Wild Swan Theater creates ar original version of this traditional tale for children ages three through eight. Lorrie Gunn brings magic to the production on her harp, viclin, and various percussion instruments.

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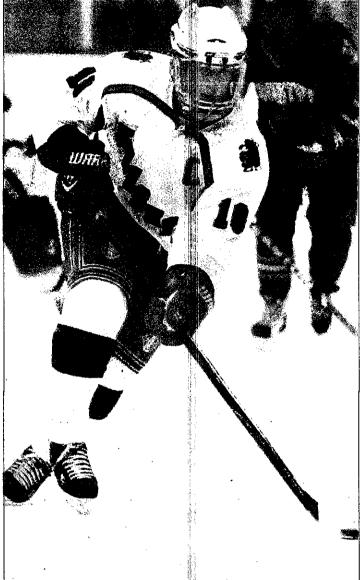


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Knights run circles around Country Day



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Jake Goldberg on a scoring tear added another tally in

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' hockey team officially put 2009 in the books last week, beating rival Birmingham Detroit Country Day 5-3.

The rivalry dates back to the beginning of high school hockey when both squads played their games outdoors.

This game was in the confines of Liggett's McCann Ice Arena and a full house watched the Knights head into the month-long holiday break undefeated, 5-0-1.

"We didn't play as well as I would have liked tonight, but we still found a way to win," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "I think the boys might be reading too many of their press clippings because they weren't very crisp tonight."

The Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead with first-period goals by senior Rory Deane, sophomore David Gushee and freshman Mark Auk.

On the initial goal, Auk and senior Dan Zukas had assists, while freshman Manny Counsman and sophomore Jake Hodges assisted on the middle goal and Deane and Zukas had assists on the final tally, which came in the final couple of minutes of the peri-

The Yellowjackets began their comeback with a power



Freshman Manny Counsman is playing well as a varsity hockey player, scoring a couple of goals in the Knights' 5-0-1 start.

mark of the second period and

scored in the final two minutes. Sandwiched between the DCDS goals was a tally by se-

nior Jake Goldberg. The Yellowiackets made it interesting with a goal early in the third period, drawing within a goal. They had a couple of chances to tie the game, but freshman goalie Nate Gaggin, making his first start of the sea-

son, stopped the shots. goal with 7:03 left. Hodges and now they have a month to Wednesday Jan. 6.

play goal at the 10-minute sophomore Austin Petitpren practice and prepare for what assisted on the power play goal that rounded out the scoring.

McIntyre gave Gaggin the nod in net in a game packed with pressure.

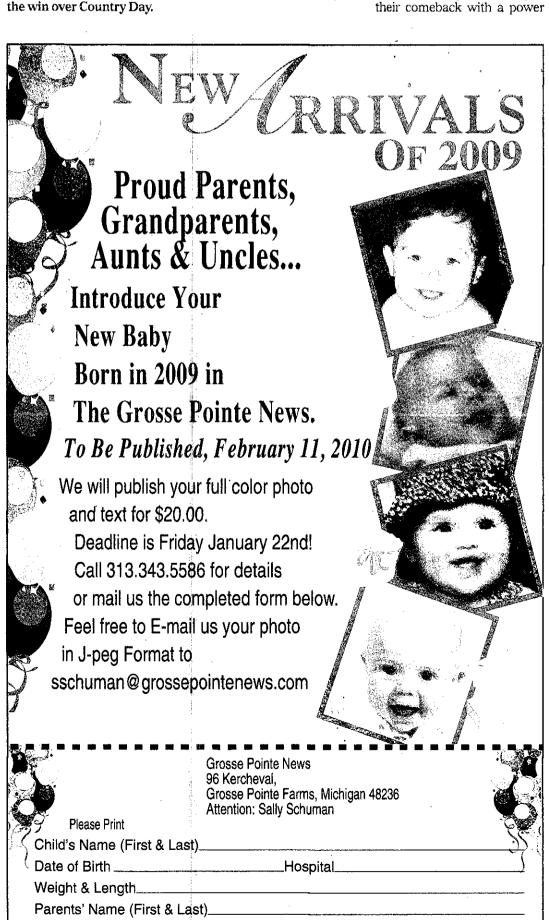
the job done," McIntyre said. "Overall he played pretty well with a few minor mistakes he made on a couple of Country Day's goals. He held his own."

The Knights' 5-0-1 mark is

will be a busy slate in January and February. During their winning streak, the Knights outscored their foes 26-8.

"I'm glad we got the win "Nate earned the start and heading into this long break," we felt confident he would get McIntyre said. "We can practice a lot and work on some things I feel will make us a better team as we get ready for a hectic final two months before the state playoffs in March."

When school resumes, the Zukas scored an insurance their best start this decade and Knights host Lincoln Park



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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils bedevil foes, start year 3-0

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team is off to a flying start.

Last week, the Blue Devils improved to 3-0 after whipping visiting Roseville 75-41.

"We're getting better while mixing in our newer players with the four veterans," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We're a young team and the girls are learning every day and trying to get better with each practice and each game.

"My assistant coaches (Dave Grauzer, Jason Hill, Bruce Pelto and Jackie Caldwell) have also been a huge help in this learning process.'

The Blue Devils jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never looked back as they had a 23-14 lead after the first quarter and 42-22 advantage at the half.

Roseville, which played Warren Cousino tough the game before, never got into a consistent flow. It couldn't handle the Blue Devils' pressure defense which forced 23 Roseville turnovers.

Three minutes of lethargic play during the third quarter was more than Richards could take. He called a 30-second timeout and told his girls to refocus and not let Roseville back in the game.

"I didn't think the girls were playing with any energy and I



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

South's Caitlin Moore poured in 11 points and had a couple of steals to help the Blue Devils defeat Roseville.

momentum," Richards said. nice effort from all of the girls." "I'm glad they picked up the didn't want Roseville to make tempo and they really played the Panthers 16-8 in the third

The Blue Devils outscored

some shots and gain a little well after that timeout. It was a quarter and 17-11 in the fourth double-double, scoring 13 to nearly double their opponents' output.

Junior Aisha Rodney had a shots.

points and grabbing 11 rebounds, plus she blocked two

Senior Chloe Srebernak shrugged off a slow start to finish with 15 points, while seniors Caitlin Moore and Taru Madekivi each had 11 points.

Everyone scored for the Blue Devils. Freshman Claire DeBoer (nine rebounds) had seven points, followed by senior Theresa Zettner with six. freshman Cristina Flom with five, sophomore Carmen Engel with four, senior Katie Hamm with two and sophomore Catherine Palazzolo with one.

In its previous two games, South dismantled Detroit Northwestern 62-28 and beat Detroit Cody 57-43.

"Cody played us tough and it was a good learning experience for the girls," Richards said. "They need these tough games to make them better basketball players."

Against Northwestern, the Blue Devils led 36-20 at the half before blowing them out in the final two periods.

Rodney had 25 points and Madekivi added 11 in the season opener, while Srebernak led the squad with 13 points against Cody.

Rodney and Madekivi each scored 13 points in the 14-point victory on a neutral court.

"We still have a lot of learning to do with our young team. but so far the upper classmen are doing a nice job of leading the way and the younger girls are picking up our system very quickly."

LIGGETT

Knights ground Eagles

By Bob St. John

So far, the Liggett girls' basketball team is motoring through its schedule without hitting a speed bump.

Last week, the host Knights crunched Southfield Christian 63-22, improving to 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 3-0 overall.

The home team sped out to a 16-0 lead with sophomore Madison Ristovski netting 13 of those points. They never looked back, leading 19-4 after the first stanza and 40-11 at the

"Once we got that big lead, I think the girls lost some intensity," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "I want the girls to play with the same intensity all the time and we will work on that in practice over and over again.

"I can't complain because we won the game, but I want the

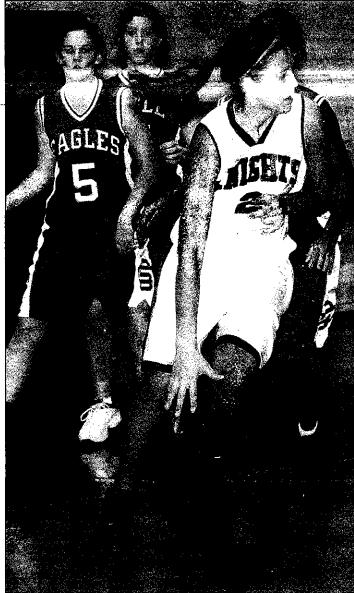


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Haleigh Ristovski, right, had 11 rebounds and several assists to get the Knights' offense off and run-

girls to realize they're going to need that intensity when we get into a tight game."

Ristovski finished with 34 points, seven rebounds and several assists, while freshman Julia DeRoo had eight points and a game-high 15 rebounds.

Senior Hannah Baird had eight points, while freshman Ariana Castillo finished with six points. Freshman Haleigh Ristovski had five points to go along with 11 rebounds and several assists.

The Knights finished with 39 rebounds and forced Southfield Christian into 28 turnovers, including 20 in the first half when they built the comfortable lead.

The Knights will see tougher tests, starting Friday, Dec. 18, at home against Lutheran Westland, and Tuesday, Jan. 5, at home against former league Bloomfield Cranbrook Kingswood.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



Junior guard Micaela Liddane, left, drives past an Okemos defender with senior Christine Bedway, No. 42, setting a pick in the Norsemen's victory.

Norsemen back on track

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

After suffering a seasonopening loss to Birmingham Marian, the Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team has won three in a row.

Included in the winning streak is a 40-26 road victory against a very tough Romeo

"The girls played very well in the Romeo game and it was a nice win," head coach Gary Bennett said.

The Norsemen trailed 12-8 after the opening quarter, but outscored the Bulldogs 11-2 in the second period to grab a 19-14 halftime advantage.

They maintained a slim lead throughout the third quarter, but put the defensive clamps down in the final quarter, hold-

ing the home team to only one field goal, while scoring 12 points to win by double digits. "We weren't very crisp offen-

played very well," Bennett said.

girls were mentally and physically tough.'

Senior Ariel Braker had a double-double, netting 15 points and 12 rebounds, plus she had six blocked shots. Other top scorers were seniors Christine Bedway and Kayla Womack with nine and seven points, respectively.

In addition, freshman Taryn Kiah came off the bench to play the best game of her young varsity career, Bennett pointed out.

The Norsemen began the winning streak with a 41-24 home win over Okemos as they stretched a 20-16 halftime lead to double digits in the

third quarter. On Monday night, they jumped out to a 25-5 first-quarter lead en route to a 60-27 win over visiting Detroit Northwestern.

"I feel we took a good step up in the past few games," sively, but defensively the girls Bennett said. "The girls are getting a little more comfort-

"Romeo is a good team and the able, but we still have work to

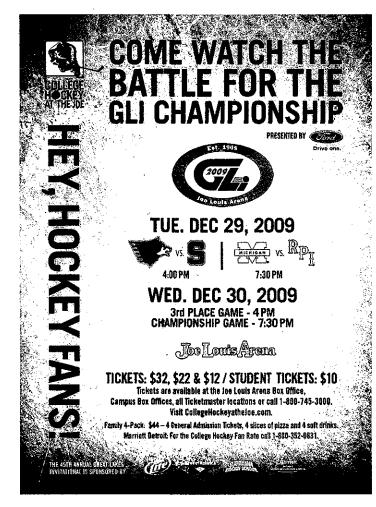
Braker had another doubledouble with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Womack had 14 points and five rebounds. For the game, the Norsemen grabbed 36 rebounds and forced Northwestern into more turnovers, 31, than points allowed, 27.

Other scorers included Kigh with eight, followed by by senior Kamille Hamzey with four junior Micaela Liddane with four, junior Nicole Strickland with four, junior Kia Tyus with four, junior Ariel Golden with three, freshman Emily Armbruster with two and Bedway with one.

Bedway did have five rebounds and Golden grabbed

The Norsemen also helped themselves at the free-throw line, making 14-of-24, while Northwestern made only 5-of-

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-1 overall.



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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win rematch with Ann Arbor

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team beat undefeated Ann Arbor 4-2 last week.

The last time these teams Metro Girls High School to play with more energy Hockey League state championship game won by the Blue Devils, 3-2 in double-overtime.

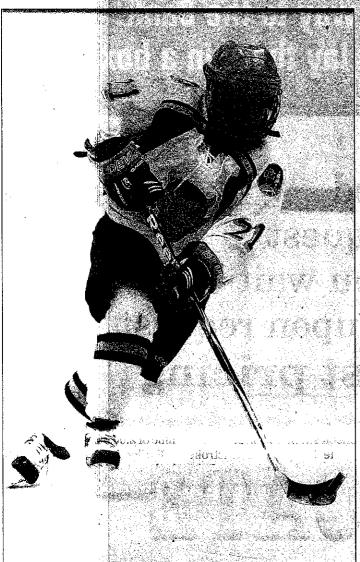
spark we usually have and we ling puck possession. didn't play very well, but a win

is a win, especially against Ann Arbor," head coach Bill Fox said, "The girls didn't make very good decisions when they had the puck in Ann Arbor's zone.

"We will work on improving that part of our game during met was in the Michigan the break and I want the girls

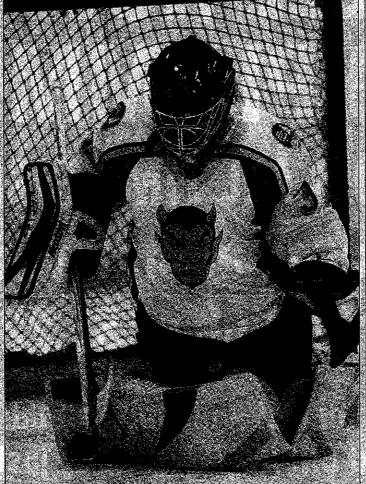
Neither team scored in the opening period, but the host Blue Devils outshot the "I don't think we had the Pioneers 15-0, totally dominat-

The Blue Devils broke



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Senior Ana Harris cruises into Ann Arbor's zone in the second period of the Blue Devils' win over the previously undefeated Pioneers.



Senior Maggie Miller came up with this big save early in the third period of Grosse Pointe South's 4-2 win over Ann Arbor.

through at the 12:00 minute mark to make it a 3-2 game. mark of the second period scored, assisted by senior Rae Sklarski.

The Pioneers tied it up with five minutes left in the period when junior Rachel Freeman scored a power play goal, but nearly a minute later the Blue Devils regained the lead for good when junior Lorna Burns tallied, assisted by sophomore Marissa Monforton and freshman Baylee McColl.

A minute later, senior Shannon Gianino scored with sophomore Claire Boyle netting the assist as the home team took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

Senior goalie Maggie Miller made two solid saves, including a break-away, in the third maintain the two-goal advantage.

Those saves proved to be vital as the Pioneers scored a

McColl scored her first-ever when senior Julia Solecki varsity goal at the 4:29 mark with freshman Meghan Polack drawing the assist.

The Blue Devils outshot the Pioneers 37-9 in the game.

"It's nice to get the win, but now we have to focus on Ladywood, which will have a solid team ready to play us," Fox said.

South kept its record perfect after blasting host Livonia Ladywood 8-0 last weekend.

Boyle led all scorers with six points, two goals and four assists, while Gianino had two goals and two assists for four points.

Harris also netted two goals with Burns and Monforton also scoring goals.

Others who had assists were the Monforton sisters, Marissa period to help the Blue Devils and Cara, Solecki, Sam Taylor and Christine Daudlin

Grosse Pointe South improved to 4-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School shorthanded goal at the 5:25 Hockey League and overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop division games

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team opened its division slate last week, losing 4-2. at home to Birmingham Brother Rice and 6:0 at Warren DeLaSalle.

Head coach Scott Lock knows it's going to be tough sledding through the Michigan Interscholastic with Novi Detroit Catholic Central: Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Brother Rice and DeLaSalle each ranked in the top 10 in their respective classes.

Those four teams have a combined record of 21-4 overall and occupy the top four spots in the division standings.

"I liked our effort against Brother Rice," Lock said. "We were right there until the final few minutes.

Against Brother Rice, sophomore Joe Aluia scored a power play goal in the opening period with senior Alex Tomovski and sophomore Joe played better."

Giordono drawing assists.

The Warriors scored twice in the second stanza, taking a 2-1 advantage, but early in the third period sophomore Scott Dornbrock tallied a power play goal with senior Matt Lucchese and freshman Brad Werenski netting assists.

It was the second time the Hockey League this season. Norsemen had been tied 2-2 with a state power. In a previous game, they were fied 2-2 with No. 1 ranked Trenton before falling 4-2.
With 4:33 left in the game,

the Warriors scored to take a 3-2 lead and they finished the scoring with a tally with 10 seconds left.

The Norsemen fell behind the Pilots 3:0 in the first period and never recovered, falling to 0-2 in the MIHL and 2-3 over-

"We did not play well at all against DeLaSalle." Lock said. DeLaSalle is a good hockey team, but we could have

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils getting into swing of things

By Bob St. John

son with mixed results.

Rodriguez, Nolan Goodall and Neil Leising earning victories.

Rodrigurz, Josias Yglesias (pin) and Goodall won their matches in the Blue Devils' 58-22 loss to Hazel Park and everyone wrestled well in a 58-21 victory over St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Head coach Pat O'Donnell and his squad also lost to Dundee and Warren Woods-Tower with Lewis earning a huge comeback over the first

Lewis and Goodall were 4-1on the day, while Andrew Grosse Pointe South's Stieber, Alex Romer, Deonta wrestling team began the sea- Bryant and Sutton all wrestled well, O'Donnell.

The Blue Devils lost 44-24 to Last weekend, the Blue Oxford with Dan Sutton, Devils lost to Fraser, U-D Last weekend, the Blue Reggie Lewis (pin), Sergio Jesuit, Troy Athens and Warren Mott, following to 1-8 overall. O'Donnell was missing half of his lineup, leaving the team shorthanded.

However, Lewis won all of his matches and is on an eightmatch winning streak, and Rodriguez has won six of his last seven, including four by

Goodall and Sutton are also wrestling well, winning five-ofseven and five-of-six matches with three pins apiece.

RIVALS

North makes it 2 straight over ULS

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team beat city rival Liggett for the second time in od. seven days, winning 4-2 at home last weekend.

"We came out a little sluggish, but once Emma (Huellmantel) made that save breakaway, we caught fire," Dockett said.

Junior Kailey Sickmiller by junior Natalie Peracchio, to lift them to the victory. build a 2-1 advantage.

huge break when sophomore sists, while junior Taylor power play goal with only four Megan Bergeron had one asseconds left in the second peri-

some momentum heading into the final period," Dockett said. "Our defense was playing well, Emma was doing a nice job in fered the tough defeat. on (Paige) Counsman on a net and we felt our offense North head coach Scott Liggett's zone to win the game in the third period."

The Norsemen followed scored the game-winner. scored to give the host Dockett's script as freshmen Norsemen a 1-0 lead, but the Catherine McCarthy and Bryn rule victory over Bloomfield in Knights came back with two Moody each scored power its game earlier in the week. straight tallies, including one play goals in the final period to

Freshman

The Norsemen caught a Skorupski had a couple of as- Dockett said. Jennifer Cusmano scored a Moody, Cusmano and junior sist apiece.

Huelimantel won her third "That goal really gave us straight game in net for the Norsemen, while junior Mariah Passalacqua played well for the Knights, but suf-

Earlier in the week, Liggett could get enough pressure in beat host Plymouth-Canton-Salem 3-2 in overtime when sophomore Haleigh Bolton

North had an easy 8-0 mercy

"Everyone got a chance to play and add something positive in the score sheet,"

Sophomore Ellen Brown led the Norsemen with two goals and one assist, while McCarthy had three assists. Junior Taylor Moody, junior Meghan Williams, sophomore Melissa Mermiges and freshman Katelyn Bowles each had a goal and an assist.

Junior Rachel Neveux and freshman Melanie Mermiges each scored a goal, while freshman Jacci Sherry had two assists to round out the Norsemen's scoring.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 4-2 overall; Liggett stands at 3-1 in the league and 3-3 overall.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

The best of the best

Grosse Pointe South freshman Hannah Meier, right, was named to the "Dream Team" for cross country. This team consists of the top seven runners in the state, regardless of class, among approximately 920 runners who competed in the state finals Saturday, Nov. 7, at Michigan International Speedway. Meier had the fifth fastest time overall at 18:17.1. The other members of the "Dream Team" are Rochester senior Megan Goethals, 16:54.8; Hartland freshman Avery Evenson, 18:10:3; Livonia Churchill senior Sara Kroll, 18:10.7; Goodrich senior Taylor Pougue, 18:11.0; East Grand Rapids senior Lauren Grunewald, 18:18.7; and Saline senior Alex Leptich, 18:19.1. Also pictured with Meier is her twin sister, Haley, who also earned all-state honors by placing eighth in the finals.

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Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights get big victory

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' basketball team won a big road game last weekend, beating Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 63-

"To beat Parkway on its home court is huge for our program," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "Mark (Ghafari) led the way in the first three quarters and then everyone stepped up to help us after Parkway changed defenses to stop Mark.

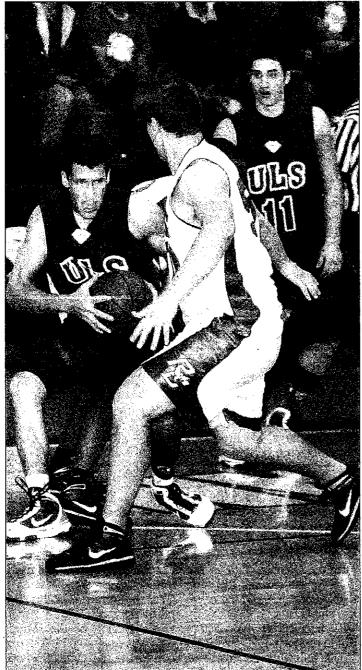
"This was a big team win." The Knights led by three af-

ter the opening quarter and five at the half. They maintained a slim lead heading into the fourth quarter before closing out the victory.

Ghafari had 26 points and eight assists and senior Joey Shannon hit a couple of big three-point baskets in the second half that helped the Knights keep the single-digit lead.

Sophomore Eddie Thomas stepped up and scored all 12 of his points in the second half when Parkway Christian went to a diamond-and-two defense to prevent Ghafari from scor-

"Mark changed his game and passed the ball around to the open guy, which was crucial for us in that fourth quarter when we had a slim lead," Johnson said. "It's a nice win, but we have a long way to go."



Senior Mark Ghafari, with ball, was hot early and senior Joey Shannon, No. 11, caught fire late to help Liggett go on the road and beat Parkway Christian.

son Monday, Dec. 7, beating KeVaughn Jackson and host Southfield Christian 70-35 as Ghafari scored 26 points.

The Knights opened the sea- Andrew Zinkel, freshman Shannon.

Liggett stands 2-0 in the Other standouts were junior Michigan Independent Athletic Dominic Jamett, freshman Conference and overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Coach finding right combo

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

It's been a mixed bag of results during the opening week of competition for Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team.

The Norsemen opened the season with a 67-43 loss to Warren DeLaSalle and turned around the following night to beat Harper Woods 65-54.

"We knew DeLaSalle would be tough with its experience and it was a tough game for our guys," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We just didn't have enough experience to beat them, but I was happy to see them come back and beat Harper Woods.

"It was close and hard fought. Harper Woods has some nice players, but our kids made enough key plays to win the game."

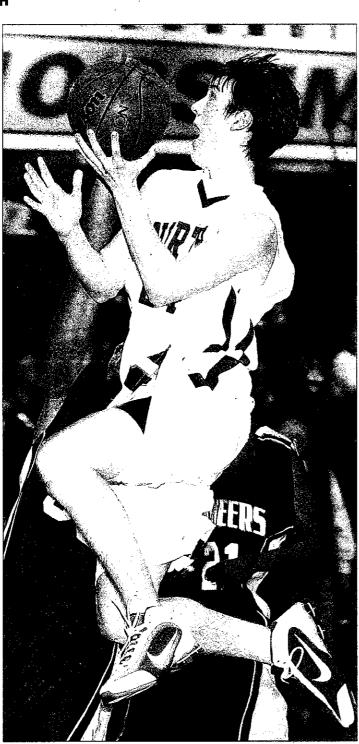
Against the Pilots, senior Bryan Brown had 15 points and junior Chris Collins added 11 points and seven rebounds to lead the Norsemen.

Brown canned six threepointers en route to a careerhigh 29 points in the win over the Pioneers. Senior Troy Williams had five points, four assists and three steals, too.

weekend, Last Norsemen played their third game in four days, losing 68-54 to visiting L'Anse Creuse.

"We got off to such a nice start, but couldn't sustain it, thanks to too many missed layups and free throws," Lockhart said. "The guys have to make those easy baskets and free throws. If that happens, it's a much different game."

The Norsemen led 13-4 mid-



Sophomore Adam Andrzejczak drives in for two points in Grosse Pointe North's win over Harper Woods.

way through the first quarter. However, the Lancers turned up the offensive intensity and outscored their guests 34-12 to end the half up 38-25.

In the third quarter, Lockhart pulled his starters and put in juniors Vadal Boyd, George Greer, Nolan Rozich and Allesandro Dutta, plus sophomore Will Ritchie, who instantly provided a spark.

They trimmed an 18-point deficit to 13, forcing a Lancer timeout.

"Those five played hard and got us a little closer and gave us a chance to make a game of it," Lockhart said. "The guys didn't have a lot of energy tonight and I'm not happy about that. The guys have to play hard for four quarters."

Senior Balazs Juhasz had 14 points, followed by Brown with seven, Williams with nine, Collins with six and Greer with

Grosse Pointe North stands

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Team breaks record

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team opened its season last week, beating Birmingham Unified 137.40-119.30.

The 137.40 set a school

On vault, Heather Koresky took first, scoring an 8.7 with Madi Kaiser placing second with an 8.65. Other standouts in the event were Emma Abessinio with an 8.50, Sarah Fentin with an 8.35, Lauren Krieger an 8.30 and Ashley Krynski with an 8.25.

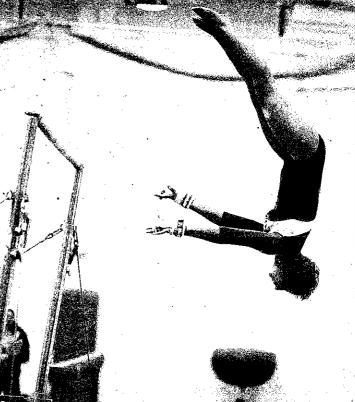
On bars, Fentin won with an 8.35 with Kaiser and Abessinio tying for second with an 8.30. Krynski helped contribute to the team score with a 7.95, followed by Krieger with a 7.9 and Koresky with a 7.85.

Kaiser and Fentin tied for first on beam with an 8.7, followed by Koresky, who was third with an 8.4. Abessinio chipped in with an 8.2, followed by Krieger with an 8.1 and Krynski with a 7.1.

On floor, Krieger placed first with a 9.2. Kaiser placed second with a 9.1 and Koresky and Fentin tied for third with a 9.0. Abessinio scored an 8.64 and Krynski had an 8.25.

Below are the scores of the other team members on the respective events.

Vault: Aubryn Samaroo 8.6, Brittany Rizzo 8.55, Emily Griffith 8.4, Fran Kay 8.35,



Sarah Fentin had a solid routine on the parallel bars during the

Vale 7.9

team's win over Birmingham.

Bars: Samaroo 7.20, Rizzo 7.05, Griffith 5.75 and Kay 5.65

Beam: Samaroo 7.9, Rizzo 7.8, Griffith 7.1, Madison Frame 6.85, Anna Brucker 6.65 and Kay 6.6

Floor: Samaroo 9.3, Kay son for these girls!"

Lydia Fuller 8.1, and Rachel 8.75, Rizzo 8.6, Fuller 8.2 and Griffith 7.4

"The team did a great job last night," head coach Cathy Hubmeier said. "We have such a deep team and so much potential to do well I am looking forward to a really great sea-

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net good result

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swim team placed third in last weekend's Warrior Relays.

It's an impressive start to the silver medal. season for head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue 2 in the preseason poll.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 408 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm at 346, South at 330, Brother Rice at 304, Ann Arbor Huron at 290, Novi Detroit Catholic Central at 238, Howell at 230, Waterford United at 214, Grand Blanc at 204, Romeo at 202 and Rochester and Troy at 194.

The Blue Devils took home three gold medals.

The first game in the 850yard freestyle relay as junior Cam Johnson, senior Joe Schmidt and senior Mike Shook posted a time of 8:00.95, and the second came in the 200-vard freestyle relay as senior Matt Mandel, Hessburg, Johnson and sophomore Cam Laney had a time of 1:29.37.

The final top spot came in the 400-yard freestyle relay as the foursome of Mandel, junior

Shook swam a 3:16.72.

The 200-yard breaststroke Hessburg, junior Roby Boggs, junior Ryan Graham and Laney had a time of 1:56.73 to earn a

800-vard freestyle relay with a

time of 7:20.60. squad of Schmidt, Laney, sophomore Joe Zampardo and Johnson took third with a time of 3:52.88 to round out the Blue

Devils' top three finishes.

The 200-yard butterfly team of Brackett, Zampardo, Boggs and senior Mac Day took fourth with a time of 1:44.22 and the 400-IM relay squad of Laney, Brackett, Graham and

Boggs placed fourth at 4:00.32. Gunderson watched the 200-Hessburg, sophomore Matt medley relay foursome of Schmidt, sophomore Luke Hessburg, Day and sophomore Henry Fildes take fifth with a time of 1:48.53 and the final top eight finish of the meet was turned in by freshman Jack Chase, sophomore Peter Cozad, senior Pete Basile and sophomore Chris Montague, who finished eighth in the 200-Craig Campbell, Hessburg and yard backstroke relay with a

Earlier in the week, South relay squad of sophomore Luke had no trouble beating L'Anse Creuse as the home team won all but one event.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Boggs, Laney, Day and Shook, Mandel, senior Johnson won with a time of Wayne Brackett and Campbell 1:48.18 and Schmidt won the Devils, ranked No. 3 in Division also won the silver medal in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.51.

Graham and Campbell took The 400-yard medley relay first in the 200-yard IM and 50yard freestyle with times of 2:13.38 and 22.08, respectively, while Kyle Eschenburg had no problems winning the diving competition, earning 196.85

points. Campbell helped the Blue Devils sweep the 100-yard freestyle by taking first with a time of 48.80 and the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Campbell, Johnson, Brackett and Joe Hessburg won with a

time of 1:35.63. Schmidt and Lanev won the 100-yard backstroke and 100yard breaststroke, respectively, with times of 59.84 and 1:04.77 and the Blue Devils captured the top spot in the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay as Brackett, Day, Fildes and Campbell had a time of 3:40.57.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

So close

Liggett's co-ed swim team lost 99-70 to Ann Arbor Greenhills last week. The highlights of the meet included Mallory Jamett, above, taking first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles with times of 2:05.38 and 5:44.75, respectively. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Connor Borrego, Nick Valice, Brian Gutermuth and Jamett had a time of 1:47.85. The Knights also took first and second in the 100-yard freestyle with Gutermuth winning with a time of 58.21 and Borrego taking second at 58.57. Head coach Mike Mullinger said the most exciting race came in the 100-yard butterfly with Kara Zmylowski getting touched out at the finish, but posting a season-best time of 1:09.98. The loss evened the Knights' record at 1-1.

SPORTS

HOCKEY MOMS



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mom's rule

The newly formed Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mom's Club celebrated its membership with a ribbon cutting ceremony last week at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. Taking part in the event were, above from left, Shari Warezak, Darla Lorelli, Debbie Albrecht, Bobby Mitchell, president of Grosse Pointe Hockey, Shelly Wollenzin, president of the mom's club, Kim Ryszewski, Michelle Armstrong and Lydia Bourke.

Their mission is to promote GPHA, build loyalty to the organization, create a supportive atmosphere for families, encourage the love of the sport, assist with the development of the children, build good sportsmanship and do philanthropic work. The founding board members are, below, Shelley Wollenzin, president; Shari Warezak, vice president; Laura Poplawski, secretary; Michelle Armstrong, treasurer; Darla Lorelli, membership; Kim Ryszewski, public relations; Debbie Albrecht, spirit wear; and Lydia Bourke and Julie Erickson, community relations. The newly formed club has been busy with several events this year already including participation in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade and a holiday canned goods drive to benefit the Capuchin Soup kitchen. For more information about the Grosse Pointe Hockey Mom's Club, visit gphockeymoms@yahoo.com.



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Synchronized swimming

FIGURE MEET

Four earn medals

The eighth annual Michigan Invitational Figure Meet, sponsored by Michigan Synchro Masters, was Saturday, Dec. 5, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

All swimmers had to be registered with United States Synchronized Swimming.

The girls were invited to compete at the "novice" level after learning basic synchronized swim "figures." These are like synchro swim "moves."

There were several teams from Michigan in attendance, including large synchro swim clubs from Troy, Sharkettes, and Midland, the Pearls. There were also college level competitions with the University of Michigan Synchro Team.

During the competition, novice swimmers had to perform the following figures; the dolphin, the shrimp, the back tuck somersault and the ballet leg-single.

Their current swim coach is Robin Hartnett.

The following awards were won — 1st place 12 and under division, Lindsey Hoshaw of Sue Schwartz of Grosse Pointe mer.



Enjoying synchronized swimming success were, from left, Karyn Sue Schwartz, Emily Hoshaw and Lindsey Hoshaw. Marie Bourke is not pictured.

place 12 and under, Emily Hoshaw, also of the Woods who was separated by 0.18 of a

Grosse Pointe Woods; 2nd Woods; and 1st place 13 and over, Marie Bourke of Grosse Pointe Woods.

All four girls swam on the point from her younger sister; Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors 3rd place 12 and under, Karyn synchro team this past sum-

MASTER TEAM

Local competitors shine

competed in a synchronized swim meet at Grosse Pointe

The girls, members of the Michigan Master Synchro team, entered as independents and placed first, second and third in their age group. The D group is the highest level of

The scores are recorded be-

competition at this meet.

A Figures — 18th place, Abby Kusch 34.5 pts; 16th

Several local girls recently place, Kyliegh Mathewson 35.8 pts; 13th place, Sarah Stokes 38.16; 13th place, Margaret Judnic 38.16; 10th place, Chelsea Adams 39.66; 9th place, Stephanie Smith 40.33; 7th place, Gertie Mulier 41.16; 5th place Katelyn Moceri 42.16; 4th place, Nichole Rhodes 42.66; and 3rd place, Heather Filippeli 43.83.

> B Figures — 15th place, Jessie Sutton 42.92; 12th place, Alli Gabrion 45.61; 11th place, Maddie Miriani 45.72; 10th

place, Lauren Martin 46.31; 9th place, Dallice Birk 48.12; 6th place, Carolyn Alam 49; 5th place, Ellie Thams 49.43; and 4th place, Sarah Gennero

C Figures — 11th place, Chloe Peck 45.11; 10th place, Eva Gouin-Davis 45.37; 8th place, Amanda Fillmore 47.06; and 6th place, Maggie Jackson 48.97.

D Figures — 4th place, Gina Lopiccolo 54.50.



Synchronized swimmers celebrate their success during their annual holiday party.

BASEBALL



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tiger talk

3/8/07

A packed house listened to every word, joke and fact presented by Detroit Tigers legends Alan Trammell, left, and Kirk Gibson, right, during a VIP meet and greet event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial last week. Major League Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell, center, also made a surprise visit to chime in with countless stories of great plays and some of those classic moments Trammell and Gibson had during the World Series year of 1984. Gibson earned the 1984 American League Championship Series most valuable player honor after the Tigers swept the Kansas City Royals and Trammell was the World Series MVP after Detroit beat the San Diego Padres in the Fall Classic.

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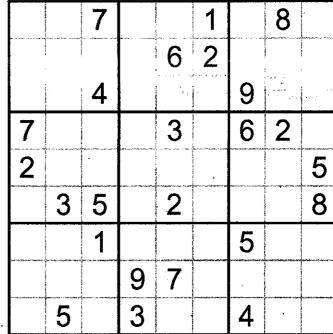
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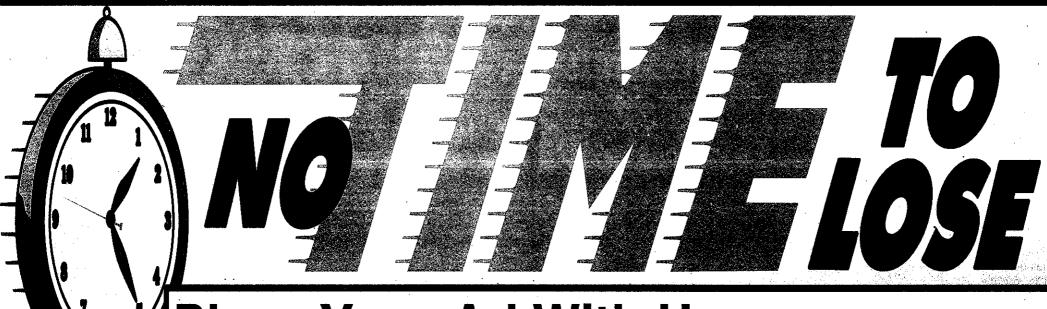


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