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- Christmas Eve*
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe municipal building is closed.
 - ◆ Many U.S. Postal Service offices close at 3 p.m.
 - ◆ Fort Street post office is open until 5 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building is closed.
 - ◆ No rubbish is collected in Grosse Pointe Shores.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park municipal offices are closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms municipal offices are closed.
 - ◆ Trash pick up in Grosse Pointe Farms is on schedule.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe News office closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library closed.
 - ◆ Services for Older Citizens closed.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

- ◆ The Detroit Institute of Arts offers a puppet show at 2 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ Harry Burkey teaches techniques of Texas hold 'em from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

- ◆ The cartoon, "Mulan," is shown from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Admission is free.
- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meets at 8 a.m. in city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a sing-a-long at noon.
- ◆ Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a holiday tea from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building is closed.
- ◆ Services for Older Citizens closed.

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UM-Flint comes to Harper Woods

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A movie house-turned-college campus is expanding its mission of being the stuff that dreams are made of.

"We are in the business of making dreams come true," said Gerald Voland, provost at University of Michigan-Flint. "The degrees our institution awards students — that's the way we help them fulfill dreams."

Voland was referring to UM-Flint's new presence at University Center, a satellite campus of Wayne County Community College District at the former Beacon East movie theater on Eight Mile in Harper Woods.

A partnership between the two

schools provides students taking nursing and business administration classes at University Center a seamless transition to higher-level studies at UM-Flint.

"Nursing students from WCCCD can go directly into our bachelor of science in nursing program and, if they're interested, into our doctorate of nursing practice," Voland said.

Classes start Tuesday, Jan. 5. Registration has begun on-line at wcccd.umflint.edu.

"Our faculty will be coming here to deliver those courses," Voland said.

"We're looking forward to bright and smiling faces as we bring educational opportunities for advancement in this area of the city," said

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Andrew Richner, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, speaks of UM-Flint courses being offered at Wayne County Community College District's University Center campus in Harper Woods. Among representatives of both institutions attending the announcement ceremony are, seated from left, Stephanie Bulger, WCCCD vice chancellor of educational affairs; and Gerald Voland, UM-Flint provost.

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Nutcracker tea

A December evening at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was filled with the sights and sounds of Christmas. At left, after ringing a bell to call reindeer, 4-year-old Jack Howe, of Grosse Pointe Shores, began to talk to Santa Claus. Above, one little girl and her doll dressed alike for their visit with Santa Claus.

Woods to enforce 'no neon' ordinance

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It's an ordinance that has taken 10 years to take effect, and now that it has, many businesses in Grosse Pointe Woods are neither happy about it nor ready to comply.

At issue is the city's ban on neon lighting for businesses along Mack Avenue. Originally approved in 2002, enactment of the ordinance has been hampered by moratoriums and grandfather clause exemptions. Active enforcement of the ordinance has now begun by city officials,

and business owners are making sure their opposition is being heard.

Businesses were reminded of the ordinance in September via a letter from Woods building official Gene Tutag. The letter stated that "any neon-type sign in existence as of October 24, 2002, on file with the Building Department shall be removed by October 26, 2010."

According to Tutag, 51 letters were sent out, with 43 businesses complying and seven businesses indicating they would appeal.

"What we heard from businesses is that they will comply as long as every-

one else does," Tutag told the commission. "All they wanted was a level playing field."

At least six businesses filed appeals with the city's planning commission, which heard their cases at its Dec. 14 meeting.

Attorney Gary Wilson, representing Merit Woods Pharmacy, told commission members ordering his client to remove the store's neon signage could possibly lead to the demise of the business which is already struggling against

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Ticket quotas outlawed

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Michigan has written off quotas for traffic tickets.

A new state law takes patrolmen off the hook for issuing a predetermined number of citations, for both traffic and parking violations.

The legislation plugs loopholes in prior rules against quotas.

"The purpose of this bill was to tighten the language and make it more difficult for local jurisdictions to get around it," said state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, a co-sponsor of legislation signed into law this month. "Clearly, you want local law enforcement officers to be enforcing the law. But, you don't want them out searching for violations in order to meet some quota."

However, an officer's ticket production can bear on his or her job evaluation, provided such production weighs no greater than other performance criteria.

"We do not have quotas," said Dan Jensen, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Farms. "I do not demand my guys write X amount of tickets."

The new law came from legislation introduced, in part, to prevent cash-strapped cities during the economic downturn from tapping into ticket quotas to generate revenue.

"We do not rely on tickets as an important primary source of income," Jensen said. "Does it support public safety? To some small degree, but we don't rely on it."

Pointe commanders characterize citations as second or third tier lessons in driver safety.

"Sometimes a ticket is a necessary process in the education of enforcement of traffic laws," Jensen said. "The first step might be a

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David Gardzella, Richard Dutcher and Keith Waszak were promoted at the Dec. 21 Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting.

Woods promotes three to sergeant

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Describing them as officers the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods can be proud of, city administrator Skip Fincham introduced three public safety officers recently promoted to the rank of sergeant to the city council at its Dec. 21 meeting.

The city's newest sergeants, David Gardzella, Richard Dutcher and Keith Waszak, along with their families, were recognized by Fincham and the council for their contributions to the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Public Safety Department.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have had the pleasure of knowing these fine officers for only a short period of time," Fincham told the council. "In that time I have learned that these dedicated professionals have the energy, drive and professionalism to lead this department with the necessary qualities and attributes that you as members of the council and our citizens can be proud of."

Gardzella has been with the department since 1994. He was a patrol officer on the midnight shift before joining the

Detective Bureau in 1998, where he also served as the department's juvenile officer. He returned to the uniform division in 2002 when he was promoted to the rank of corporal. He has also put his photography skills to use in processing crime scenes and documenting evidence. Gardzella serves as a field training officer, evaluating new officers. He holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is married and has two daughters.

Dutcher joined the department in 1994. Before coming to the Woods, he had served with the Olivet City Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. In 1997, Dutcher was promoted to patrol supervisor with the rank of corporal. He is responsible for creating, implementing and administering the department's Field Training Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University. His wife, Karen, is a Michigan State Police trooper. They have two daughters.

Waszak joined the department in 1999. He has been active with the PSO union, and assisted with the implementation of the city's bicycle patrol and the department's transition to 12-hour shifts. He is

a Taser instructor and field training officer. He was assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2009. Waszak holds a bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights University. He is married with two children.

Fincham presented each of the new sergeants with a Department Challenge Coin, a symbol, Fincham explained, of their accomplishments.

"A Challenge Coin is typically presented to department employees for a job well done," Fincham said, "and these new sergeants certainly are deserving of them."

Fincham also presented the sergeants' wives with a coin. "I am truly thankful to them for their continued support as a result of the long hours, shift work, being called in at all hours to respond to emergencies and the many missed holidays," he said.

Mayor Robert Novitke congratulated the new sergeants and recognized the contribution their families make as well.

"Public safety is so important to our city," Novitke said. "We expect so much, and we feel we have the best of the best. On behalf of the council, please accept our congratulations and our thanks."

Officers get COLA, but no raises

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Wages are flatlined in the latest public safety labor contract in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Under terms accepted last month by patrol officers and dispatchers, pay raises are out and higher health care deductibles are in.

"This puts them on the same health care benefit level as the rest of the employees, except commanders, as we don't have an agreement with them yet," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Employees under the new contract now pay the first \$2,000 or \$4,000 of medical expenses depending if their plan covers one or more person, respectively.

Although pay rates remain unchanged, compensation includes a \$1,000 per year cost-of-living increase.

The department's union representative was unavailable for comment.

Patrolmen and dispatchers had been working 1 1/2 years without a contract. Their former contract expired July 1, 2009.

The new deal encompasses two years. It is retroactive to the expiration date and runs until June 30, 2011 — six months from now.

The command staff contract expired six months ago.

"That's our next negotiation to tackle," Dame said.

Last month's agreement pares compensation for unionized employees closer to non-union counterparts.

"We're trying to be fair to everyone," Dame said. "These are difficult times."

Non-union employees this year had a pay freeze and did not get cost of living allowances.

The new public safety contract contains a second tier with lower benefits for new hires.

"Future hires includes elimination of cost-of-living allowances, longevity bonuses, a significant reduction in the pension program and elimination of retiree medical benefits of a defined benefit plan (into defined contribution plan)," Dame said. "That's similar to the plan we switched non-union employees to approximately two years ago."

Dame cut his own pay this year 5 percent. He also eliminated his cost-of-living allowance, which for non-union employees is \$500 annually. Dame gave up his \$550-per-month car allowance in exchange for a used vehicle.

"I gave up bonuses," he said. "We're all feeling the pain."

Although negotiations lasted beyond the contract's expiration date, there was no risk of a strike.

State law prohibits public safety employees from walking off the job.

"You don't have to worry about crime running rampant in the streets if you're unable to reach an agreement with your collective bargaining unit, police or fire," Dame said. "In exchange for giving up the right to strike, they put in place binding arbitration."

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Gates of Knowledge opened for Grosse Pointers

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It was a dilemma.

How would members of the Library of Congress staff select 20 items from 145 million? How would they stay true to and transmit the beliefs of the founding fathers to educate Americans with a small collection? From the 745 miles of bookshelves and thousands of collections, what could be fit into 1,000 square feet of the Gateway of Knowledge semi traveling to rural American communities?

"The Library of Congress is proud of the project," said Library of Congress staff member Jake Williams, on hand for the ribbon cutting opening a stop in Grosse Pointe Farms last week. "This is the 23rd stop having started Sept. 23. In 2011, the mobile library will be heading south for 40 more stops. It has some of the most beautiful items from the library."

Stop 23 was adjacent to the historic Provençal-Weir house, and saw nearly 1,000 Grosse Pointers Dec. 17 and 18 explore a concept Thomas Jefferson created.

He donated his personal library for Congress' use and to the citizens whom he believed should be well informed, said Mike Crosson of the Program Development Group for MRA Experiential Tours and Equipment of St. Clair Shores. The company constructed the self-contained, climate-controlled exhibit.

Crosson went on to say Jefferson categorized the library into three sections — memory, reason and imagination.

The trailer opens to three times its road size to show, with examples of all three categories, including a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence, one of Crosson's favorites in the memory section.

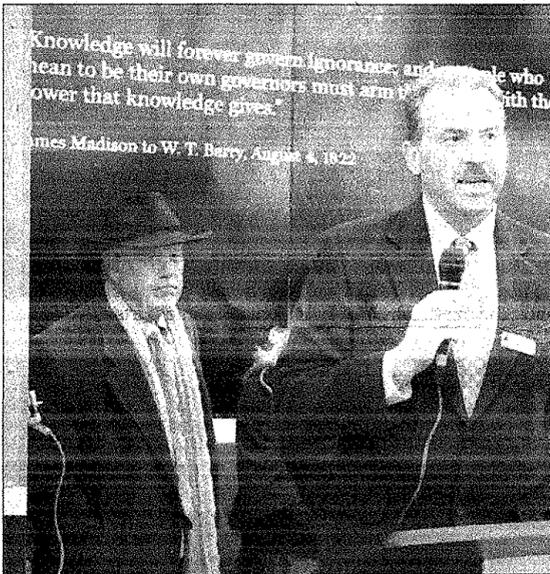
"If we looked at the Declaration of Independence and the word 'citizen' written by Jefferson. Under that was the word 'subjects' but Americans were not subjects. We are citizens. That to me is profound. The founding fathers looked at every word (of the Declaration of Independence). 'We the colonies' was changed to 'we the people.' We are people to be governing not to be governed."

Newly-elected U.S. Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, said the exhibit underscores the values of the country based on im-



PHOTOS BY PETER BIRKNER

From left Harry Kurtz, Lynn Kurtz, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, Jake Williams of the Library of Congress, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Susan Harts, Jenny Nolan, trustee of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board, Elizabeth Vogel of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor James Cooper and Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein.



Jack Williams said the Gateway of Knowledge contains some of the most beautiful items from the Library of Congress. In back is Harry Kurtz, president of MRA, which as integral in creating the exhibit.

mutable principles stated in that document.

"We need to be reminded of these," he said.



Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James C. Farquhar pauses at the display explaining how the Library of Congress came about.

Some 22 other communities have seen the document, the Gutenberg Bible, a piece on Clara Barton tending wounded

soldiers on the battlefield, Walt Whitman's first volume of "Leaves of Grass," Thomas Edison's first movie, an example of Persian calligraphy dated from 700 B.C. and the first Spider-Man comic book.

The strongest example of reason was the codex created by the Hahua of Huexotzinco, Mexico, to document the amount paid to the Spanish.

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WOODS: Some businesses upset with city for enforcement

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competition from the larger chain drug stores.

"You say that this ordinance is in the best interest of the city," he told the commission, "but how would having another business close be in the best interest of the city?"

Wilson also questioned the city's contention that in order for the ordinance to be a success, there must be 100 percent compliance.

"You have no intention of individually considering these appeals," he told the commission, "because you've made it clear that everyone must be

treated the same. In attempting to treat everyone the same, businesses cannot get due process from this commission. So why are we here?"

While most businesses appealed the order to remove neon signs from the front of their buildings, Carol Alfonsi, owner of Little Tony's, told the commission she did not have a neon sign, but rather simple neon tubing outlining her windows.

"My lights are hardwired and do not have separate switches," she said. "Without them I would have no lights and my business would not be visible from the street. I have been in business for 40 years

and I get a ticket for not turning off my lights? I think everyone in Grosse Pointe Woods keeps their places the best they can.

"We all try to keep them up and I don't think neon would hurt anyone. They have it in the Village and on The Hill. I don't know what else I can say that would convince you."

Apparently there was little the businesses could do to convince the members of the planning commission, as they voted to deny each appeal request by unanimous votes. The next step in the process will be for businesses to appear before the Woods city council at its Jan. 3, meeting.

"For the long term appearance of Mack Avenue, determination was made years ago to ban neon lights," said commission member Doug Hamborski. "The language in the ordinance is crystal clear. It states neon is not allowed. The grandfather clause has run out. We're not here to do harm to anyone, but to enforce a clearly stated ordinance."

Commissioner Tom Vaughn agreed with Hamborski.

"We think it is in the best interest of the city to not have neon signs. A large group believes that if you start making exemptions, it will be impossible to enforce the 'no neon' ordinance."

TICKET: Goal for departments is to make roads safe

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warning."

Various factors determine if a motorist gets a ticket. Attitude, driving record and circumstance come into play.

"If they've been stopped four times on Kerby Road going 35 mph in a school zone, they're going to get a ticket," Jensen said.

"In a perfect world, nobody gets any tickets, everyone drives safely and there are no ac-

cidents," said Skip Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety director and city administrator.

"The most important tool an officer has on the street is his discretion," Fincham said. "When he makes a traffic stop, based on contact with that driver and the infraction involved, he makes a decision on the seriousness of it — whether to issue a violation or better inform that driver so he doesn't do it

again."

Fincham retired as City of Grosse Pointe public safety director before being hired this year by the Woods.

"No one, at least since I've been here, has been told there's a quota or been disciplined for not writing tickets," Fincham said.

His successor in the City, James Fox, recognizes a positive correlation between traffic enforcement and traffic safety.

"Our number of traffic accidents has dropped," Fox said. "Good enforcement leads to less accidents."

Pointe police participate in state-wide driver safety campaigns, such as the Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign and the current holiday push against drunken driving.

"That's not to generate revenue," Fincham said. "That's to educate the public and reduce deaths and injuries."



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Amy Fodell created a business plan and obtained a grant from the federal government to create speciality dog biscuits. She can be found at fairs around town selling her wares.

Pleasing the pooch's palate

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The experts might advise now is not the best time to be launching a new business. But don't tell Amy Fodell.

The 30-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident recently launched a line of snacks and

treats for dogs, and with business plan in hand, she has not only received a grant to help get her business off the ground, but when it comes to the bottom line, she is actually breaking even.

What separates Fodell from other young entrepreneurs is she is an individual with developmental disabilities. That has

not prevented her from making a success of her business, Amy's Dog Treats.

Under the tutelage of her job coach, Mary Bommarito, Fodell secured a Micro Enterprise grant from the federal government through a program that encourages people with special needs to go into business for themselves to work toward self-sufficiency.

"I work about 10 hours a week," said Fodell. "But that is just to make the treats. If I take them to a craft fair to sell them, then that is more time I spend on it."

Biscuits are made from organic ingredients and are hand-dipped and decorated. They come in traditional dog-biscuit shapes, as well as several fun designs like cupcakes and fire hydrants.

Every business needs a niche, and Fodell is selling her items with a Michigan-Michigan State theme. Dog treats come dipped in maize and blue or green and white and wrapped with appropriate team ribbons.

That Michigan theme brought her biscuits to the attention of the "Made in Michigan" store operators, and her biscuits are now included in their inventory.

Fodell and Bommarito spent the past several weekends at Christmas craft fairs, including shows in Lansing and Ann Arbor, as well as locally at Bayview Yacht Club and Parcels Middle School, and Fodell is beginning to see repeat customers.

"The dogs love them," she said. "We have regular dog biscuits, but we also make them from peanut butter and cheese. We got the recipes from online."

Amy's Dog Treats come in bags that run between \$1 and \$2. They are available at Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop, 15201 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The store is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

City of Grosse Pointe resident Amy Fodell displays the dog biscuits she creates and sells. Her items include university-themed biscuits, as well as special shapes and flavors. Fodell can be found selling her biscuits at local fairs and through local businesses.



Fodell's university-themed dog biscuits caught the attention of "Made in Michigan" store operators, who now include the biscuits as part of the stores' inventory.

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Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance Nos. 393 and 394.

Ordinance No. 393 amends and restates Sections 18-74, 18-154, and repeals and reserves Section 18-75 of the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance designates the types of businesses required to pay an annual license fee and allows the City Council to set the business license fees by resolution.

Ordinance No. 394 adds Chapter 14, Article XII to the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance establishes an annual licensing fee of \$20.00 for all residential and business alarms. The ordinance also provides a mechanism for recovering costs of responding to false alarms.

These Ordinances will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance Nos. 393 & 394 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant 2011 Programming Request.

The following activities are proposed and their funding estimated under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final funding amounts are subject to the approval of the Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2011 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding) AMOUNT	
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$41,890
SOC (Public Services)	\$11,210
Administration	\$5,900
SUB TOTAL	\$59,000
SOC (Countywide Housing Rehabilitation)	\$30,000
GRAND TOTAL:	\$89,000

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

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LIBRARY: Examples of our past

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Calligraphy from the Koran and Jelly Roll Morton's music were examples of imagination. "Imagination," the text said, "is the realm of the arts. Inspired to create from the first movable printing press to recording sound, sight and motion; to create and delight the senses, fill leisure; to test physical limits, to find words to express how we feel, think and are shaped."

"I think this is lovely," said Jane Hinkins, of the City of Grosse Pointe, while viewing the imagination section. "Some of these things I didn't know existed."

Her husband and former Grosse Pointe Historical Society trustee, Jim, added "This is just an example of what's there. It's a good slice."

"The next time we go to Washington, we will definitely look at the Library of Congress differently," Jane Hinkins said.

Safety

Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen was excited about the exhibit and has been involved in its placement from the beginning, three weeks ago.

Jensen worked in tandem with historical society member Elizabeth Vogel, who spearheaded the drive to bring the Gateway of Knowledge to Grosse Pointe before it stopped for the holidays. They addressed concerns of neighbors,

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	ATWATER BREWERY BEER PLUS TAX & DEPOSIT	\$7 ⁹⁹ 6 PACK BTL.
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	FEVER TREE MIXERS GINGERALE OR GINGER BEER PLUS TAX & DEPOSIT	\$3 ⁹⁹ 4 PACK BTL.
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	COCKS CHAMPAGNE 750 ML.	\$5 ⁹⁹

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	JARLSBERG SWISS CHUNK CHEESE	\$5 ⁹⁹ LB.
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	RENY PICOT BRIE OR CAMEMBERT	\$4 ⁹⁹ 8 OZ.
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Check fraud

A Chase Bank security representative reported last week the discovery of three fraudulent City of Grosse Pointe checks.

The checks contain the municipal emblem, are endorsed and in amounts averaging \$950 for a total of \$2,827.

Tased

A 42-year-old Detroit man lost his struggle with officers at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, and was arrested for shoplifting \$12 worth of personal care products from Notre Dame

Pharmacy on Kercheval in the Village.

Officer Joseph Adams was first to respond to the theft complaint.

"The suspect was running north on Loraine from Waterloo, being pursued by an employee," Adams was told en route.

Adams came upon the suspect approaching Mack.

"(I) noticed (him) throw a bottle of bodywash to the ground," Adams said.

When the man ignored commands to surrender and reached into his waistband, Adams shot him with a Taser stun gun.

"The Taser failed to penetrate (his) jacket," Adams said.

A second patrolman arrived to help capture the man and

take him into custody.

Officers recovered a bottle of Olay and Axe deodorant.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lights and siren

A 39-year-old female motorist from Grosse Pointe Woods needed to be coaxed to a stop at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, on eastbound Lakeshore for a speeding investigation.

"(I) attempted to make a traffic stop using lights only, but the suspect did not stop," said the arresting officer. "It took multiple siren bursts before (the) suspect's vehicle eventually came to a stop at Kerby in the turnaround."

The woman registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level. Police arrested her for drunken driving.

Chooses jail

A 59-year-old Detroit man was sentenced last week to 10 days in jail for urinating in public.

He'd been found guilty in Farms Municipal Court of disorderly conduct.

Judge Matthew Rumora gave the man the option of paying a \$100 fine or spending time in the Wayne County Jail.

He chose jail.

Buzzed

Officer Matthew Hurner was conducting a traffic stop on

westbound Mack east of Moross at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, when he was buzzed by the driver of a black 2000 Chrysler Concorde.

Hurner caught up with the driver, a 65-year-old Detroit man, on Frankfort west of Gateshead on Detroit's east-side.

"(He) is on probation and shows several traffic warrants out of 36th District Court," Hurner said.

While searching the man at headquarters, officers found a plastic straw in his pant's pocket.

"He admitted it was for snorting cocaine," Hurner said.

Wallet stolen

An unknown thief at Grosse Pointe South High School on Monday, Dec. 13, stole a 16-year-old Farms girl's wallet from her purse.

The wallet contained \$60, gift cards and a Visa credit card on which fraudulent activity soon began appearing.

"Numerous charges are outstanding on the card," said a public safety officer. "The first occurred at Aeropostale for \$408.35."

Known to police

A patrolman monitoring traffic on Fisher near Grosse Pointe South High School pulled over a 62-year-old Gaylord man at 7:46 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, for speeding 37 mph in a 25 mph zone.

"The vehicle (was) operating at a speed unsafe for road conditions in a business district (and) school zone," said the officer.

A roadside sobriety test indicated the man had a .118 percent blood alcohol level.

"(I recognized) him from a previous operating while impaired arrest approximately three or four months ago," the officer added.

The man had a concealed weapons permit for a loaded handgun that officers found in the trunk of his black 2001 Chevrolet Impala.

Plate taken

A Farms man noticed last week that the license plate was missing from his personal watercraft trailer.

The man believes the plate was stolen between 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, possibly while at a marina in Clinton Township.

—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 Shores

Police B&E

Police received permission from a Fordcroft homeowner at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, to break into the residence.

The resident was locked out and didn't have a key.

Officers entered through a side door.

Gas investigated

A utility repair crew shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, found the source of a natural gas odor in the Shores municipal public works garage behind city hall.

"It was determined that the large heaters in the garage may not be venting correctly," said a public safety dispatcher.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Warm-up warning

A vehicle left running in order to warm it up on a cold morning in a driveway in the 1300 block of Bedford was stolen at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. The car was later spotted by Detroit police officers, resulting in a chase and a crash. A 17-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody.

Lock your doors

A prescription pad was taken from a car parked in the 700 block of Grand Marais sometime overnight Monday, Dec. 13. The car was not locked.

A cell phone charger was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 900 block of Westchester the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 15.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Retail fraud

Two suspects wanted for cashing fraudulent bottle return credit slips Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Kroger store on Mack were arrested by Harper Woods police later that evening on similar charges stemming from an incident in that city.

Bad driving

At 11:53 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Woods dispatch notified patrol cars of reports phoned in regarding a red car being driven erratically on Mack near

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The Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, January 15th as part of the annual Winterfest on The Hill.

Judging of all chili entries will be done by the public from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm or until the first chili is gone on the lower level of 131 Kercheval. Limit 20 entries. No entry fee.

All participants must pre-register by completing an entry form which may be obtained at the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks & Recreation office (313-343-2405), at City Hall or by emailing meickhorst@grossepointefarms.org

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The Babies of 2010

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UM-FLINT: Options for education come to Harper Woods

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Gary Cummings, assistant vice president in charge of University Center.

The business administration program is taught over the Internet.

"(Students) can move into our bachelor's program and take courses completely on-line," Voland said. "This is as easy as it gets with current technology."

"Our students are going to have the chance to earn degrees in two of the fastest growing occupations in the country," said Stephanie Bulger, WCCCD vice chancellor of educational affairs. "There's no substitute for a good education."

"It's a great opportunity for students on the eastside to

have access to a world-class education, continuing their studies from the community college to U of M Flint," said Andrew Richner, a member of the UM Board of Regents, a UM alumni and resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "This is an opportunity for students to pursue further studies without having to leave home."

Employment pathway

"There's always a need for good nurses," said Mary Smith, a registered nurse in the pediatric unit at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She's also an employment representative in the hospital's human resources department.

"This program gives another avenue on this side of town to our nurses to have easy access to achieve their bachelor's of science in nursing degree," Smith said.

Smith, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, took nursing prerequisite classes at WCCCD's former satellite campus at Lutheran East High School in Harper Woods.

"It was easily accessible," she said of the less-expensive, closer-to-home community college entrance to the nursing field. "It was great tuition. I had

great instructors. It was a very good experience."

Nursing curriculums are competitive.

"You pretty much have to be a straight-A student to be accepted into any program," Smith said. "Coming out with your associate degree is wonderful. Getting a bachelor's on top of that enhances it."

More to come

WCCCD established University Center a few years ago in league with academic programs with four-year institutions, such as Walsh College.

"A university center is designed to let students get their associates degree accomplished at a community college, saving thousands of dollars in the process, then transferring seamlessly to a senior institution for a bachelor's degree and, hopefully, a master's degree," said Michael Dotson, district-wide WCCCD vice chancellor for campus and operational services and Grosse Pointe Park resident.

UM representatives anticipate expanded tie-ins at the satellite campus.

"I want to extend our partnership beyond these two

programs," Voland said.

"This is the first step in something really big," Richner said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see U of M Dearborn here, too."

"This is a great opportunity for people on the eastside and in the city to go to a school close-by and earn credits for other colleges, in this case, University of Michigan Flint," said John Chouinard, a member of the WCCCD Eastside Advisory Council and a Park resident. "I look forward to more partnerships with other colleges to help students in the area."

Michigan State University soon may be affiliated with University Center, according to Cummings.

For more information about UM-Flint courses offered at WCCCD, call (866) 762-2177.

LIBRARY: History comes to town

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trailer placement, extra patrols, pedestrians and fire emergencies.

"Our first concern," he said, "was the neighbors."

The exhibit was parked on Lakeview and extended over the street, effectively blocking through traffic.

"When it opens, it takes up the width of the street and it takes a little more. There are no sidewalks so that helped with situating the trailer," he said. "We measured the distance from the fire hydrants."

In addition to possible emergencies, Jensen said, his department was concerned for the pedestrian traffic from those walking from parking on Kercheval to the exhibit.

He said following the 9 p.m. Friday exhibit closure and the extinguishing of the World War II spotlight, with a self-contained generator, there would be stepped up patrols around the trailer, which was opened at 10 a.m. Saturday.

From visitors arriving on foot to those having been shuttled from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the visit went smoothly and added yet another piece of quality of life to Grosse Pointe Farms, as Mayor Jim Farquhar said during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"It's a gratifying aspect to bring it to people," said Harry Kurtz, president of MRA. "This introduces people to the opportunity of the Internet, to inspire kids to fall in love with reading."

REPORTS: Crime news

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Brys. An officer in the area spotted the car and when he pulled the car over and questioned the 20-year-old driver, he detected the smell of alcohol. He was charged with operating while under the influence and minor in possession.

Proof needed

A driver pulled over at 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, on Harper was not able to provide a driver's license or a permit for the weapon he informed the officer he was carrying. He was arrested for failing to provide both.

—Kathy Ryan

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

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-516 NOMINATING PETITION DEADLINE.

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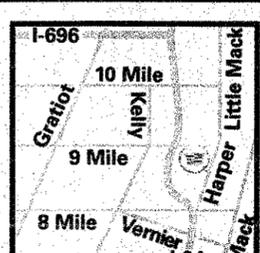
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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to Francis P. Church, veteran editor of The New York Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897:

"Is there a Santa Claus?"

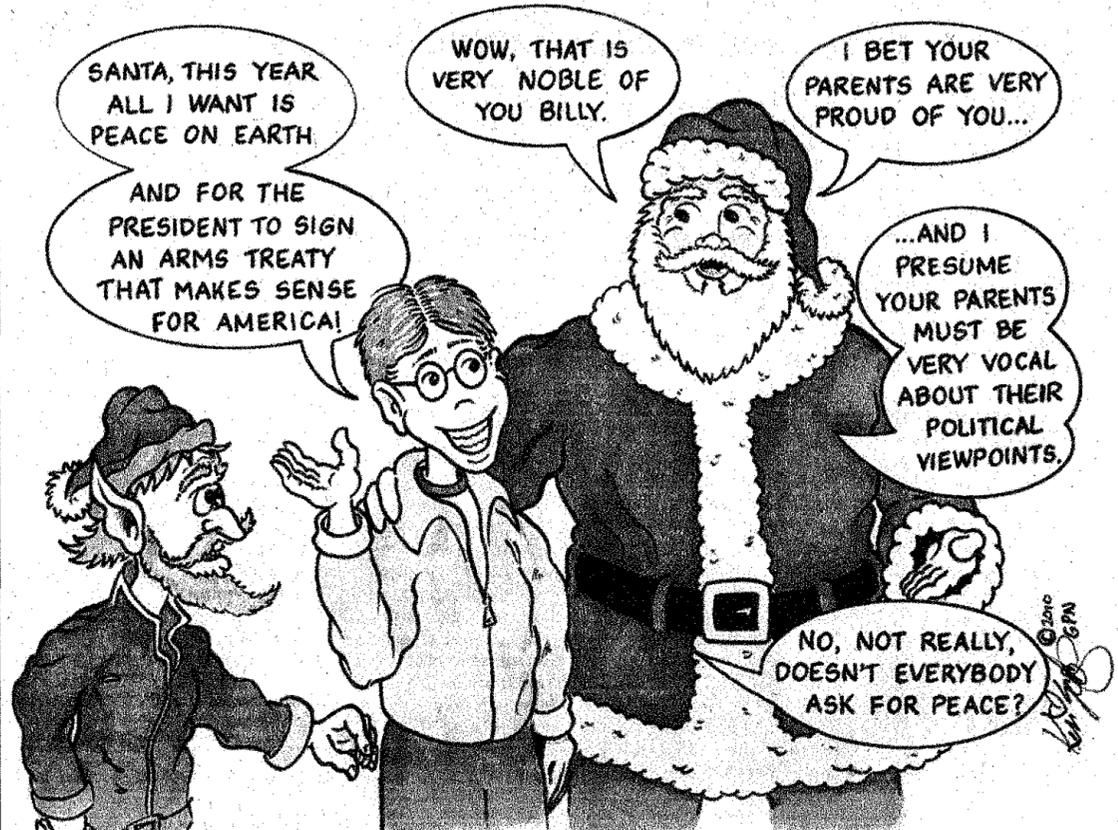
We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
"Virginia O'Hanlon
"115 West Ninety-Fifth Street"
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.
"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.
"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Merry Christmas!



KEN SCHOP



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Barber shop sign

To the Editor:
I was quite surprised during my recent visit to McCubbin's Barber Shop on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Apparently our elected officials in the Woods are requesting Dave to remove his neon business sign from the front window.
The sign has been in the window for more than 50 years without bothering anyone. It is not a hazard to vehicle traffic or pedestrians. It is

there to serve one purpose only, which is to support a local business. There is no reason that it should be removed. If there is a new ordinance that prohibits neon signs, McCubbin's should be allowed to have theirs grandfathered in and allowed to remain. The Woods elected officials should be spending their time on more important city issue and not causing grief to a very loyal and supportive local business owner.
ROB SZABO
Grosse Pointe Woods

Man-made climate change

To the Editor:
For years I have observed that when the children return to school and football season begins, the weather begins to change. It turns cooler, the leaves die and fall off the trees. And shortly thereafter it becomes bitterly cold with snow and ice replacing the beautiful flowers, leaves and green grass. And it occurs all across the northern hemisphere.
Why should this be? What could be the cause of this dramatic change? This cannot be natural. Man must be doing something to cause this.
I have observed for years people begin hauling their boats out of the water at this time of the year.
After careful observation, study and analysis, I have come to the conclusion this dramatic drop in temperature in the northern hemisphere is brought about by taking boats out of the water.

And then about March and April, people become bored with hockey and basketball and begin cleaning, polishing and painting their boats. They then put them in the water and what happens? It becomes warmer.
It is easy to see what is happening. Taking boats out of the water is causing cold weather and putting them back is causing warm weather. Man is causing the climate to change.
I wondered if there were places where people did not take their boat out of the water and what effect this might have on the climate?
Trained observers in Florida were enlisted to help. They reported people there leave their boats in the water all year. They never take them out. And what happens? It stays warm and sunny all year.
What more proof do we need? If we want to stop changing the climate, leave the boats in the water.
ROBERT H. SCHAPPE
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Mark Vasto

The sport of Christmas

The holiday season is a sport all to its own on many levels — and usually it's the basement level on Christmas Eve where, in any given town that night, you will find a father working well into the morning hours as he labors to follow the assembly instructions (typically translated from Chinese) for this year's newest toy.
Sure the elves get all the credit, but most of us who have ever held a job know better: The North Pole has had productivity issues for years, and its customer service is notoriously weak past Dec. 25. This has been an ongoing issue. After wooden trucks and rag dolls went out of vogue during the Dust Bowl years, Mr. Claus — saint that he is — recognized the problem, adapted to the times and started an ambitious outsourcing program to the private sector.
No, Virginia, not all of the

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toys found under the tree Christmas morning are constructed by the non-union elves of the Arctic Circle. Santa has, particularly in recent years, called on his "helpers" with increasing — some would say alarming — frequency. In many houses it takes a few ample servings of "helper" to keep the father from arguing with his "do-nothing son-in-law" and/or "know-it-all father-in-law" as the toy project progresses through the build cycle.
While the father somehow manages to get the project finished and under the tree before Santa arrives, very few of the nice children across the

world fully understand the sacrifices made.
On Christmas Day, many of us go to church. To the priests or ministers — adorned in their finest jerseys (robes, in the religious parlance) — it is the Super Bowl. Their passing percentage is always 100 percent as they remind us that these holidays are about something more than stuffed birds on a table and wrapped toys under a tree.
The father looks on as his child opens the present near the fireplace, and then goes on to play with the box it came in instead of the actual toy. It was the toy the father always wanted as child. It also was a toy

that took six hours off his life and liver to construct, a toy that had instructions only a United Nations translator could understand, and the same toy that almost led to a Tate-Labianca-type scene in the basement the night previous — which would have surely ruined Christmas.
But on Christmas and New Year's Day, it's a big dinner and football and basketball games on TV. You sleep through most of them, or just plain don't care, but you welcome the time out just as much as any world-class athlete would. It's been a long year, and you've worked for everything you've got and given to others this week.
Call that a win.
Happy holidays and happy new year.
Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Parkville (Missouri) Luminary and a writer for King Features syndicate.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The crisis of the middle

The unemployment rate for people with a college degree or higher is 5 percent. If that were the rate for everyone, it'd be the 1990s again.
But college graduates are only 30 percent of the country. For the rest of the population, the jobs picture is grimmer. For people without a high-school degree, the unemployment rate is more than 15 percent. If that were the rate for

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everyone, it'd be the 1930s again.
The unemployment rates are part of a growing divergence between the fortunes of the college educated and the rest of the country, including proverbial Middle America. In his new study "When

Marriage Disappears," University of Virginia scholar Brad Wilcox details how the college educated have embraced traditional mores and habits — especially the formation of stable families — while they erode among everyone else.

Our elites, broadly defined as the top third of our society, aren't nearly as decadent as advertised. According to Wilcox's data, the highly educated — with a college diploma or higher — are less likely to divorce, less likely to have children out of wedlock and less likely to commit adultery than the moderately educated — high-school degree or some college — and the least edu-

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Sports world provides peaks, valleys



What a wild and wacky 2010. The sports world was turned upside down by the madness of the local high school, college and professional sports teams provided.

You can break it down to the good and the bad.

The good is what some of the local high school coaches have done with their programs, including some I can't say enough good things about including: Dan Cimini, who brings a fire and passion to the University Liggett football and baseball programs each and every day; Tim Brandon, who has turned a lousy South football program into a winner; and Frank Sumner, who makes sure his guys have fun while dedicating themselves to football at North.

Watching Cimini, Brandon and Sumner guide their play-

ers is a treat. I get to watch players perform admirably on the gridiron, giving 100 percent for their coaches.

How else would these teams win if the respect their players have for them isn't immense? If players don't respect their coach, they don't consistently win. I have witnessed this as a sports writer for 18 years.

The bad include parents who ruin the party if they think their son or daughter is better than they really are. Parents need to sit in the stands and cheer their child and the team, not cry about their child's playing time or try to get a coach fired. This is pathetic behavior and it doesn't teach the child any meaningful lessons.

Another good from this year includes the volleyball coaches the local high schools have at the helm. North's Kim Lockhart, Liggett's Dan Sullivan and South's Ryan Welsler have taken their programs and lifted them to new heights.

Expect more winning next fall.

Hockey programs, both boys and girls, have been impressive under the tutelage of,

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in no particular order, Scott Lock and Scott Dockett at North; Jamie Bufalino and Joe Provenzano at South; and Robb McIntyre and Laura Aiken at Liggett.

All six programs are on the up and up, competing against the state's best competition week-in and week-out, providing their student-athletes the opportunity to shine at the high school level.

One coach I miss on the bench is South's legendary girls' hockey head coach Bill Fox. He helped create the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and has been a positive influence to a ton of student-athletes. He left the bench this year after guiding the Blue Devils to nine state championships and a winning percentage of better than .850.

There isn't another coach who can boast that winning

percentage.

Not everyone enjoyed his coaching style, but I have nothing but admiration for him and I wish him the best in retirement.

Staying on the ice: How about the University of Michigan and Michigan State University programs that have won multiple national championships. U-M is ranked in the top 20 once again this winter and well on their way to making another appearance in the national playoffs.

Grosse Pointe Kevin Lynch is on the Wolverines' team and playing well. Go Lynch!

The Detroit Red Wings continue to shine. They lead the National Hockey League's Western Conference and are one of the favorites to win the Stanley Cup.

Hockey fans around here are spoiled with their success and let's hope it continues

through June.

The good: High school basketball teams in the Pointes continue to provide fans with a ton of highlights each and every night. North's Gary Bennett is one of the coaches many admire. He is a class act.

The same goes for Matt Lockhart, Dave Grauzer, Wayne Gigante, Kevin Richards and Sidney Johnson. Each gives their all to make sure their student-athletes get it done on the court and in the classroom.

The bad: Detroit Pistons basketball. Poor ownership the past year paved the way for a pitiful Pistons squad. The players look uninspired, yet they make millions of dollars playing a game.

The good: Coaches like South baseball coach Dan Griesbaum whose kids play their hearts out for year-in and year-out.

Don't forget about the thrill ride the Detroit Tigers gave us during the summer. For a while, the Tigers were the talk of the town. Then injuries set in and a losing streak right after the All-Star break quelled the hope.

Another great display of

sportsmanship was pitcher Armando Galarraga, who had a perfect game taken away by a blown call by first base umpire Jim Joyce. He admitted the mistake following the Tigers' 3-0 win over the Cleveland Indians and the following day Gallaraga had nothing but praise for Joyce and forgave him for the call. The two embraced, which is a wonderful act of sportsmanship.

Maybe some parents should take a note on what sportsmanship is and follow it.

However, it was still a summer of promise and the 2011 season should be even more exciting at Comerica Park.

The bad: The Detroit Lions stink again. Yes they have provided a glimmer of hope for the first time in years, but to only have four wins this late in the season is disappointing.

At least the Lions broke the dreadful road losing streak with a 23-20 win over Tampa Bay last weekend and won two games in a row for the first time in a few seasons.

The good: Christmas is coming and a new year is on its way. It's a time to hope for the best in 2011.

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 toy car I can ride in, a package to make snow and an Elf on the Shelf.'
AVA TAYLOR
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'A Kirby Epic Yarn game and other Wii games, a Lego remote and a \$5 bill.'
THOMAS THUMA
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'A pillow pet, coloring book, and I really want a Diego Adventure DVD where he rescues animals.'
BRYNN SPICHER
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'Mostly Transformers. That's it.'
CHASE REINHARD
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'An iPod, a new camera, a fake cell phone, a new purse and an American Girl doll.'
REBECCA MOYN
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

One lump or two?



Christmas morning is always an exciting time for millions of boys and girls who have been good all year.

Laden under a beautifully decorated tree will be an assortment of gifts — some electronic gizmos, maybe a doll or two, some sports equipment and maybe even some clothes.

When we were growing up, many years ago, there might have been a buggy whip or a butter churner! No, just kidding, but back then an Erector Set or a Sears J.C. Higgins bicycle was a most welcome gift from Santa.

But for the youngsters who might have been a bit ornery during the year, there was always the proverbial lump of coal in a sock.

We lived in a house with a coal fired furnace so there was always an abundance of the black ore. And most of the time it seemed to appear in the socks of my brothers and I for whatever reason.

And that brings me to sharing a lump of coal with people who I think either irritated or upset us or did something bizarre or stupid in the past year that qualifies them for this special distinction.

Let's call this Santa's naughty boys and girls list. In that regard:

A lump of coal goes to:

- ◆ The oil companies who keep raising the price of gas for no apparent reason. At least tell us a polar bear ate

through the Alaskan pipeline. This would be more understandable than some of the excuses we have been given in the past.

◆ People who save seats at church services for family members or guests who either arrive late or never show up. Solution? No seats can be saved during the 10 minutes before the service starts. Let the tardy ones sit in a folding chair in the vestibule.

◆ Stores who do not allow their staff to wish us a "Merry Christmas" for fear of upsetting some customers or the American Civil Liberties Union. When I encounter this situation I always make it a point to wish everyone within earshot a loud and enthusiastic "Merry Christmas." And for the record, it is a Christmas tree not a Holiday tree!

◆ People who send out Christmas cards with a printed address label along with their names printed inside the card. What am I? A business! If you can't take the time to at least sign your name inside, don't send me a card.

◆ Store personnel who don't greet us or smile and act as if we are imposing on their time. Maybe a trip to their competition will locate a salesperson who really wants my business.

◆ Sports utility vehicle owners with four wheel drive who insist on barreling down the expressway even with a half foot of snow as we attempt to dodge their NASCAR antics.

◆ Radio stations that insist on playing any Christmas song by Alvin and the Chipmunks. It's over for the Chipmunks.

◆ Any TV or radio weather-

A lump of coal goes to: Shoppers who totally ignore the Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringers. This is a once a year event and even some loose change is appreciated. Come on — drop some coins in the kettle!

mous amounts of snow only to discover it passed by our region. With all the satellites and Doppler equipment available to these weather prognosticators, why do they get it wrong so often? Baseball players have a batting average. Let's have these snow predictors give us their "weathering" average. For me, I'll rely on Punxsutawney Phil for my daily forecast.

◆ Shoppers who totally ignore the Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringers. This is a once a year event and even some loose change is appreciated. Come on — drop some coins in the kettle!

◆ Mall parking lot drivers who enter their car, adjust their seat and mirrors, take a swig of some beverage, start and warm up their car and then put their back-up lights for what seems like an eternity while others are anxiously waiting to enter their slot. How about enrolling in "Backing Up A Car In A Mall Parking Lot 101."

◆ Anyone who designed grocery stores with a revolving door. Have you ever tried to push a grocery cart through a revolving door? Some store's parking slots are so small only people driving Yugos can safely be accommodated.

◆ Creeps who pilfer or damage figurines in outdoor Nativity scenes. Lowlifes caught doing this will be sentenced to portraying a donkey

in a live Nativity scene.

◆ Tiger Woods, Charlie Sheen, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former presidential candidate John Edwards for their boorish behavior. All have qualified themselves to be donkeys in a live Nativity scene.

◆ The group of miscreants from the Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas who protest at funerals and who desecrate the American flag. These jerks get a full sock of coal.

And isn't there an opening for them at Guantanamo Bay Cuba?

◆ Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus — just because.

◆ Politicians who have put the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on the possible chopping block in order to reduce expenses.

Frankly, this is one of the few government programs that actually works. Just ask the thousands of award winners including those at the state level that have dramatically improved their performance by winning or even just applying for the award.

◆ Airlines that charge fees for incidentals such as pillows, or a fee for carry-on luggage. What's next — a restroom fee.

◆ Cheapskates who pilfer

copies of the Grosse Pointe News from the various dispensaries. Come on — it's only a buck and you get to read my drive every week!

◆ And a lump of coal for yours truly for being so cantankerous. I'm sure I have left out some deserving recipients of coal and perhaps you have some candidates too.

My wish though is everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday season. And if we should happen to bump into each other over the next couple of weeks, be prepared to be wished a very merry Christmas. Being politically correct is not in my DNA!

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

MIDDLE: Stable family life

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cated, no high-school diploma.

In the 1970s, 73 percent of both the highly and moderately educated were in intact first marriages. That figure plummeted across the board, yet the moderately educated — 45 percent in intact first marriages — are now closer to the least educated, 39 percent; than to the highly educated, 56 percent.

The number for out-of-wedlock births is starker. From 1982 until today, the percentage of non-marital births among the moderately educat-

ed exploded from 13 percent to 44 percent. That figure is close to the least educated, 54 percent; and a vast distance from the highly educated, only 6 percent. Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation compares the dynamic to a carpet unraveling from the bottom, as illegitimacy first took hold among the poor and now works up the income scale.

This phenomenon is a calamity for the non-college educated. Growing up in a two-parent family brings enormous social advantages. Children in these families, Wilcox notes, are more likely "to graduate from high school, finish college, become gainfully employed and enjoy a stable family life themselves." An institution absolutely critical to children's prospects is slowly becoming associated with the upper third.

All of this points to a slow-

motion social and economic evisceration of a swath of Middle America. Wilcox even invokes the possibility of "a 21st century version of a traditional Latin-American model of family life, where only a comparatively small oligarchy enjoys a stable married and family life — and the economic and social fruits that flow from strong marriages."

At the moment, American politics offers two separate, distinct ways not to address these issues: Either the brain-dead populism of the left that blames it all on trade and the decline of unions, or the brain-dead populism of the right that extols the working class without taking serious note of its agony. We'll have to do better: There's a crisis in the middle.

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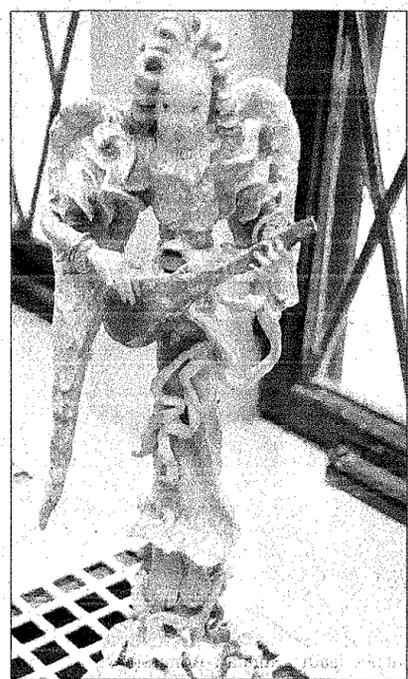
A Ford House holiday

Eight decades of Christmas family tradition continues this holiday season at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The lakeside house is decorated for the season and open for holiday tours through Jan. 2.

The house is decorated throughout with five Christmas trees, candles, wreaths, garland and poinsettias. Each room is decorated in the season's best and tells a unique story about how the Ford family shared holiday traditions.

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 - ◆ a 15-foot Christmas tree in the grand Gallery space where many holiday galas were held,
 - ◆ original glass ornaments made in the 1950s and



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Light porcelain angels were given to Eleanor Ford as a gift more than 50 years ago. She originally placed them in the bay window in the master bedroom. Every year, the Ford House puts them in the same window. The angels each play a different instrument and are made by Cybis.

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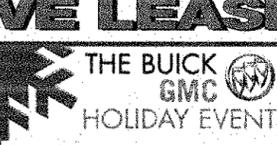
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Former South teacher pens Christmas book

A former Grosse Pointe South High School teacher has penned his second book, "The Mystery of the Christmas Dollhouse."

James Bixby, of St. Clair Shores, said the book is family oriented and a nostalgic fictional account of a dollhouse given to 9-year-old girl, Melanie, an orphan. She comes to live with her aunt and uncle in Grosse Pointe in 1956.

While the childless couple are happy to become parents and prepare for the holiday, Melanie finds there is something missing.

The book explores the deeper meaning of Christmas and how it fills the lives of the three.

"It's an upbeat Christmas story encouraging the practice of your religion," he said.

Bixby, the father of four daughters, earned two degrees in classical languages and taught Latin in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

He also wrote "Old Dingleford Square," a collection of Christmas stories set in Victorian times relaying good morals and virtues.

"The Mystery of the Christmas Dollhouse" can be purchased for \$11.95 at The Village Toy Company, 17112 Kercheval Ave., City of Grosse Pointe, and The League Shop, 72 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.



FORD: Tours run through Jan. 2

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◆ a player piano equipped with Christmas tunes.

A favorite spot among children of all ages is the charming Play House, a 2/3 scale Tudor-style escape, which was a gift to the Fords' daughter, Josephine, from her grandma, Clara. The Play House is festively decorated for the season.

Edsel and Eleanor Ford moved their family into the home, at Gaukler Pointe, during the holiday season 80 years ago. Family matriarch Eleanor Ford lived in the home, where her four children and many grandchildren would gather each Christmas, until her death

in 1976. The home opened to the public in 1978.

"The year they moved in, Henry and Clara joined Eleanor, Edsel and the four children for Christmas in their new home, and they began a tradition of Ford Family memories. Our many special events and holiday tours are a distinctive opportunity for friends and family of all ages to share their own memories, and discover new ones," said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House.

Holiday tours run through Jan. 2 and are given from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12 for



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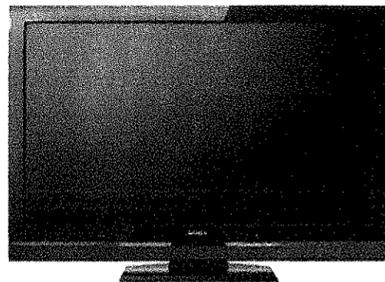
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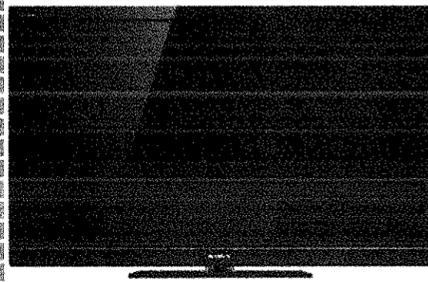
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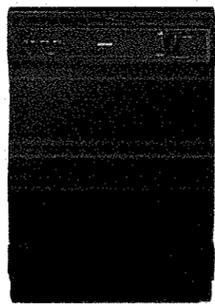
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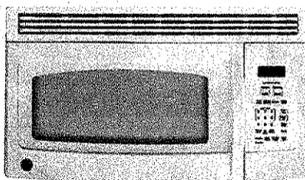


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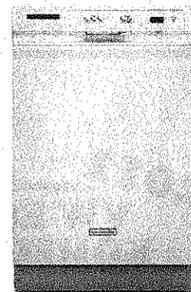
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Santa goes to school



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The annual Santa Dinner at Ferry Elementary School was a hit with a chocolate fountain, a cookie-making station, arts and crafts, a Santa shop, a man making balloon art, photos with Santa and a meal of pasta. Above, Fatima Jawad sits on Santa's lap to tell him what she would like for Christmas.



Ferry kindergartners Gabby Brumme and Riann Limmitt painted each other's nails holiday colors, red and green.



Right, Vanessa Ciaramitaro is pleased her holiday cookie creation having used vanilla frosting and colored sprinkles. Below, Ellie Smith and her sister, Evelyn, dip marshmallows into the chocolate fountain.



The evening's entertainment was provided by the Grosse Pointe North High School Jazz band, which set 5-year-old Lorelei VanHagen twirling.

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Teacher of the Week



Brownell teacher Mark Sonnenberg was nominated by Elaina Emig.

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They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom

This week, it's Brownell Middle School seventh grade science teacher Mark Sonnenberg.

He was nominated by Elaina Emig: "He makes science fun and gives us easy ways to study by giving us study guides and study strategies. His homework also is helpful. The way he has us keep notes, the knowledge almost sticks to your brain.

"Mr. Sonnenberg interacts with us in 'non-science' ways, too, especially when it involves the University of Michigan! We also do a lot of labs in that class. I enjoy being in his class for 55 minutes a day. I actually wouldn't mind it being more.

Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: Eight.

Previous work: I worked at Macomb Christian Academy for two years right out of college, then spent two years at Summit Academy in Flat Rock. After that, I was able to return to the district I grew up in and work at Parcels Middle School as an eighth grade science teacher.

After a transfer to Brownell, I have found my home.

Why did you become a teacher?

It was the impact that I have witnessed other teachers have on students that inspired me to become an educator. A teacher's role can be so important; I wanted that responsibility because I genuinely thought I could excel at it and I wanted to know I was doing something that mattered. Of course, I wasn't so good at first, but I think I've gotten better over the years.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

The best part of my job is the day-to-day connections I have with my students.

How do you feel about being nominated?

Flattered!

Favorite science fact to share with students?

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— Amy Salvagno

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OBITUARIES

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William L. Babcock

William L. Babcock, 82, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

He was the beloved husband of Mary June for 60 years and loving father of Cynthia Geller, Christine (Mike) Walsh, Susan (Matt) Vermetten, Bill (Erica) Babcock and David (Susanne) Babcock. He also is survived by his grandchildren, Whitney, Erin, Will "B.J.," Kelly, Christopher, Kristen, Meagan, Billy, Luke, Emma, Natalie, Ryan, Julia and Brandon.

Mr. Babcock was proud to have served as a U.S. Marine during the Korean War.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Dec. 22.

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John Francis Bracken

Former Grosse Pointe resident John Francis Bracken, 83, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was born April 11, 1927, in Philadelphia to Jeanne and Joseph Bracken and lived in Grosse Pointe for much of his life. He attended Richard Elementary, Pierce Junior High and Grosse Pointe High School, graduating in 1945.

Mr. Bracken was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy. He attended Michigan State University prior to beginning a long and storied career in advertising. He began his career at Brook, Smith, French and Dorrance, J. Walter Thompson, and Campbell-Ewald, where he served in executive and senior vice president positions for the Chevrolet and FTD accounts. He also worked at Young & Rubicam and CTS Associates before beginning his own firm, The Teamworks, with partner and friend, John McAlpine.

Mr. Bracken also lived in Petoskey, where he met and married Sue Dean in 1977. He spent his final years in Fort Lauderdale.

His family said Mr. Bracken was a man of great humor and charm, a lover of music and an engaging storyteller. He sang and smiled until the very end.

Mr. Bracken is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; brother, Richard; children, Judy Bracken, Daniel Bracken, Nancy Bracken Stilwell, Leslie Dean Finn, Julie Dean and Tod Dean; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Kelly Graves, Benjamin, Kate, Daniel Jr. and Micah Bracken, Matthew and Nathan Stilwell, Ryan, Erin and Brenna Finn, Ely Edwards, and Marlo and Ian Dean and great-grandchildren, Ayden Bracken and Layla and Nora Finn. He also is survived by countless friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Bracken.

A memorial celebration will be held Jan. 22 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale with his son-in-law, the Rev. Patrick Finn, officiating.

Donations may be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486, or a local hospice organization.

Michael James Comerford

Grosse Pointe resident Michael James Comerford, 72, formerly of Dublin, Ireland, died peacefully at his home Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, after a long illness.

Mr. Comerford was an avid sailor and boater on both sides of the pond and a Past Commodore of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. He was a charter member of the TechTown Mentors Program and was recognized for his work with the Small Business Advisory Council of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

His family said Mr. Comerford was known for his stories — frequently funny and

sometimes informative, but always entertaining. He never met a home improvement project he couldn't beat, no matter how "creative" the solution. And he couldn't walk past a historical marker without stopping to read it out loud.

Mr. Comerford is survived by his beloved wife, Maureen; siblings, Renee (Richie) and Kieran (Linda); children, Grainne (David), Eoin (Liz), Ciara and Niamh and grandchildren, Adam, Sam, Nate and Tom.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or Karmanos Hospice, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

Sarah Delphine Darbe

Life-long Grosse Pointe Park resident Sarah "Sis" Delphine Darbe, 89, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010.

She was born Aug. 19, 1921, to Corine Frech-Darbe and Benjamin Darbe and attended Defer Elementary School, which was named after her uncle, George Defer.

Miss Darbe enjoyed family activities with her large extended family.

Her father, Benjamin Darbe was a Grosse Pointe Park firefighter and her mother, the postmaster at the Cottage Grove Post Office. Miss Darbe worked for many years at Lou's Party Store on Lakepointe and Charlevoix.

Miss Darbe is survived by her brother, Benjamin (Lorraine) Darbe; nieces and nephews, Rodney (Sally) Rivard, Mike (Luanne) Rivard, Dennis (Pam) Rivard, Susan (Paul) Cieslak, Debbie (Larry) Scarletta, Joan Hogan and Benjamin (Janet) Darbe and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her stepbrothers, Harvey Rivard, Godfrey Rivard and James King.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice, Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007 or St. Mary Nursing Home, 22601 E. Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Lewis Rowady

Grosse Pointe resident Lewis Rowady, 88, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, in Bloomfield Hills.

Known as Lew or Louie, he was born July 13, 1922, to Rose (nee Jabbour) and Alexander Rowady and grew up in Winchester, Ky. The Rowady family embodied the American dream of Lebanese immigrants, who through love of country, hard work, education and family overcame many social and economic obstacles. When Mr. Rowady was in his early teens, his father died. The family lived in a modest apartment above a grocery store which his mother operated with the help of her children. Despite their many obstacles, all seven children attended the University of Kentucky.

After college, Mr. Rowady moved to Detroit and became a securities broker, a profession he loved and practiced six days a week until January when he suffered a stroke and was unable to continue working. At the end, he was an executive of Morgan Stanley. Prior to that, he had formed and presided over local brokerage firms including Davis, Rowady and Nichols and Financial House Incorporated. His family said he studied the market with great diligence and his house was littered with ticker tapes.

When local radio stations needed information regarding the stock market, he frequently was called for his opinion.

The one thing Mr. Rowady loved more than his profession was his family. In February, he observed his 50th wedding anniversary with his beloved wife, Henrietta. While he loved all of his family, he held a special place in his heart for his grandchildren, Michael and Andrea. Mr. Rowady's face would light up when he received his daily call from Michael, who is disabled, and they would launch into a conversation filled with love and laughter.

Mr. Rowady taught his family to put love of family at the center, but have compassion for the underdog and help your neighbor.

In addition to his wife, Henrietta, Mr. Rowady is survived by his son, Dennis (Laura) Gannan; grandchildren, Michael and Andrea Gannan; siblings, Michael Rowady, Julia Rowady, Catherine (Jerry) Hamilton and Edward (Judy) Rowady and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held Dec. 15 at St. George Orthodox Church in Troy.

Donations may be made to St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple Road, Troy, MI 48083.

Betty Flanders Spencer

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Betty Flanders Spencer, 86, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010 at the Evangelical Home - Saline in Saline.

Mrs. Spencer was born June 7, 1924, in Detroit to George and Ruth (nee Burgess) Flanders. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School.

After graduation, she worked as a secretary in downtown Detroit where she met Donald Rubert Spencer. They married Sept. 1, 1949, and were married 58 years. The couple lived in Detroit for several years, then Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms before moving to Ann Arbor in 2006. She moved to Saline in Spring 2010.

Mrs. Spencer was a loving, dedicated homemaker. She volunteered extensively. Much of that work involved children, including her work in the burn unit of Children's Hospital. She shared her knowledge and joy of gardening with many children at the Detroit Garden Center. She also served as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts, as a Girl Scout leader, and as a United Way Torch Drive volunteer. She was an active member of the Grosse Pointe South High School Mother's Club and the St. Paul Altar Society.

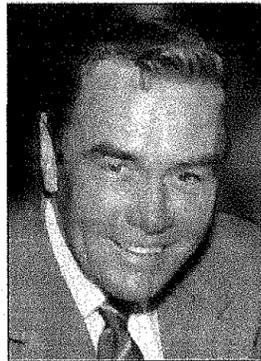
Mrs. Spencer enjoyed her membership in the Grand Marais Questers, participated in various community education classes and was an avid reader.

She enjoyed trips up north, out west and to Europe with the Grosse Pointe Ski Club and loved many outdoor activities.

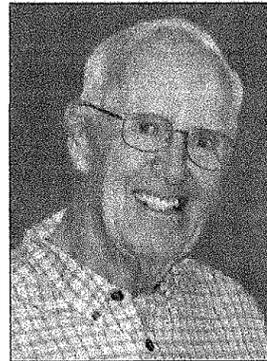
The simple and beautiful things in life brought Mrs. Spencer the most joy — tending her backyard garden, walking on the Long Beach Island shore early in the morning and reading a book on the observation deck looking over Lake St. Clair at Pier Park.

Her family is grateful for the care she received from the staff of University Living Assisted Living, the Evangelical Home - Saline and Arbor Hospice and from Visiting Angel caregivers.

Mrs. Spencer is survived by her children, Julie (Robert) Peterson of Portage; Priscilla (Rajeev) Batra) Spencer of Ann Arbor; William Spencer of Birmingham; and Peter (Colleen) Spencer of Grosse Pointe Farms; grandchildren, Kelly and Laura Peterson, Neale and Ray Batra, Haley Spencer and Mary Spencer; sister, Florence (Nan) Paterson



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Jill L. Capps



Spero Theros



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of London, Ontario and other family members including Jacie Flanders, Virginia Warren, and six nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Spencer was predeceased by her husband, Donald, and her brothers, Walter and George Flanders.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Tuesday, Dec. 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Detroit Garden Center, 1900 E. Jefferson, Suite 227, Detroit, MI 48207, with "AFG Program" noted in the memo section.

Jill L. Capps

Jill L. Capps, 48, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

She was born Aug. 2, 1962, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Robert and Emilie Baker, and was a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School in Bay City. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1984 and a Master of Social Work degree in 1989. She was credentialed by the Academy of Certified Social Workers and was a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Mrs. Capps worked as a psychiatric social worker at St. Luke's Hospital Partial Hospitalization Program in Saginaw, as a program manager at Cottage Hospital Partial Hospitalization Program in Grosse Pointe Farms, as a psychotherapist at Psychiatric Services of Grosse Pointe and as a psychotherapist in private practice at Capps Assessment in St. Clair Shores.

Her family described Mrs. Capps as a woman of great beauty reflected both in her appearance and in her heart. She deeply touched all who knew and loved her and served as a guide, teacher, mentor and loyal friend. She knew how to laugh and enjoy her life, but also how to suffer with great strength and dignity, always concerned about the effects of her illness on her family.

For many years, she was happily involved as a volunteer in her daughter's schools. She enjoyed traveling internationally to places, old and new, along with fishing and camping excursions, as well as photography and writing short stories and poetry.

Mrs. Capps is survived by her husband, Harry E. Capps; daughter, Kylie E. Capps; stepdaughter, Stacey (Brent) Meininger; stepson, Jeremy (Lisa) Capps; grandchildren: Darrin and Eric Capps, and

Sienna Meininger and her brother, Rob Baker.

A private celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Ste. 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or at pancan.org.

Spero Theros

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Spero Theros, a leader in the Detroit Greek community, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, while vacationing in his winter home in Flagler Beach, Fla. He was 81.

Born in Corinth, Greece, Mr. Theros immigrated to the United States in 1946. He graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit, and went to work for Briggs Manufacturing and then Chrysler Corp. He earned a degree in accounting from Walsh College and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served during the Korean War.

Mr. Theros and his wife, Barbara, established Theros Accounting, servicing hundreds of Greek-American businesses throughout Southeastern Michigan for nearly 40 years. They represented many of the businesses and restaurants that lined Greektown for decades. Mr. Theros would personally visit nearly all of his business clients every month.

His involvement in community service grew as he became deeply involved with his church, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, when it was in Detroit and at its current location in St. Clair Shores. He was a 30-year parish council. Because of his efforts on behalf of the church, Mr. Theros was elevated to the title of Archon of St. Andrew, the highest position a lay person can achieve in the Greek Orthodox church.

He also was instrumental in founding the St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Sterling Heights.

Mr. Theros built a reputation in the community for giving back. Through the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a non-profit Greek organization promoting education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence, he built the Omega 371 Senior Housing Complex in Harrison Township, providing independent living to some 150 senior citizens. He also was instrumental in organizing the Omega 371 Scholarship Fund which has provided scholarships to college freshmen for decades.

Mr. Theros is survived by his daughter, Olga (Michael Cardasis); son, Louis (Patti) and grandchildren, Michael, Tina, Barbara, Jonathan and Evan.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara, in 2008.

A funeral service was held Dec. 20 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church or the Omega 371 Scholarship Fund, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Rachel H. Webers

Rachel H. Webers, 80, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, after a courageous 11 year battle against ovarian cancer. She lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 56 years and loved to walk in the neighborhoods.

She was born Feb. 17, 1930, in Little Chute, Wis., to Henry and Susan Hermesen and was married 58 years to Jim, a teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She worked at the YMCA in downtown Detroit for 20 years after her children were in middle school and earned a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College.

Mrs. Webers was a good neighbor and friend and demonstrated her concern for others through her numerous volunteer activities. She was a teaching assistant at Guyton Elementary School, volunteered at Tutoring Tree and the Grosse Pointe Park library, taught swimming to visually-impaired children, was a Girl Scout leader and had taught catechism at St. Ambrose.

She was proud to be a member of the League of Women Voters for 50 years and had served as president. In 2001, she was named SOC volunteer of the year.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; daughters, Cynthia (Peter) Motzenbecker, Emily (Ken) White and Christina Cordelier; brother, Jude (Shirley) Hermesen and sister, Gretchen (Dick) Kamps.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brothers, the Rev. Ralph Hermesen and Jerome (Laverne) Hermesen.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Contact rwebers@aol.com for more information.

Donations may be made to the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Beaumont Hospice, Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007.

4A II | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

Nissan bets big on zero-emissions Leaf



The rest of us must wait until late 2011.

Speaking before the Automotive Press Association in early November, Nissan executive vice president Carlos Tavares laid out a case for his company's ground-breaking all-electric passenger car — the first of the new breed of electrics to come to market in the U.S.

Initial Leaf production will be in Oppama, Japan, with batteries sourced in Zama, Japan. Nissan says it is building new electric vehicle assembly and battery production facilities in Smyrna, Tennessee, with production slated to begin in 2012. Together the plants should have an annual production ca-

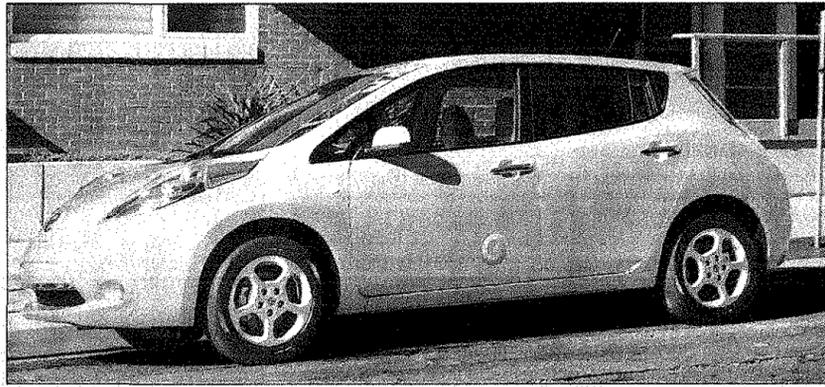


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The 2011 Nissan Leaf stages a quiet revolution.

The first consumer wave tends to be high-income, well-educated and new to Nissan products. They most likely will use Leaf as a second or third vehicle.

The Leaf is priced at \$32,780. There's promise of a \$7,500 federal tax credit. And states are stepping up to the plate with additional tax incentives. Apparently some folks in Fresno, Calif., who work for Sony can get a Leaf for the price of \$12,280.

Transient technologies make sense, Tavares said, but the goal should be zero: Zero tailpipe emissions and zero gasoline as fuel.

It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to change, Tavares said.

"The Nissan Leaf is the first of four 100 percent electric vehicles Nissan has announced, part of our worldwide commitment to becoming a leader in the effort to build a sustainable, low-carbon society," said Castignetti. "We believe LEAF is an exceptionally exciting first step."

Range is rated at 100 miles/charge based upon US EPA LA4 City cycle conducted in laboratory tests. (Battery capacity decreases with time and use; actual range will vary depending upon driving/charging habits, speed, conditions, weather, temperature and battery age.)

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

As Nissan launches its all-electric 2011 Leaf five-passenger car, it bows first in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and in Nissan's U.S. headquarters state, Tennessee. These five will be followed by Texas and Hawaii in January, and North Carolina, Florida, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland and Georgia next spring.

capacity of 150,000 electric vehicles.

It is part of Tavares' job to explain the company's strategy and to justify a place for an all-electric passenger car with a 100-mile range in a skeptical if not nervous market.

Competitor Chevrolet Volt, which also will bow before the close of the year, has a shorter all-electric range (about 40 miles), but the backup assurance of a gasoline engine to refresh its source of electricity.

The more familiar gasoline-electric hybrids have found a measure of acceptance and so far have no major strikes against them.

Tavares cited forecasts that suggest all-electric vehicles will sell at a rate of about 100,000 units a year by 2020. Forecasts based on current gasoline prices and consumer concerns about vehicle range and

recharging facilities may not give a true outlook.

Nissan anticipates improvements in batteries, advanced information technology systems for range management and recharging infrastructures. There could be as many as 13,000 recharging stations by 2012, he said. And Nissan dealers are busy installing them at their facilities.

The auto maker will be offering an all-electric commercial vehicle and an electric Infiniti in the near future.

Tavares said Nissan dealers closed their Leaf reservation books in September when 20,000 had been recorded. He said the company figures early adapters are the likely first buyers of the Leaf, followed by what he called pragmatists and eventually the mass market.



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Motor Trend Car and Truck of the Year

The 2011 Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle with extended range capability, left, and the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado HD Dually — pictured Wednesday, Dec. 8, on Belle Isle in Detroit — are the Motor Trend Car and Truck of the Year.

Don't be caught off guard by winter weather

Motorists are encouraged to prepare their vehicles for winter driving to avoid inconvenient or dangerous situations.

Freezing temperatures and slick roads pose many challenges to vehicles, such as added stress on engines,

drained batteries and reduced tire traction.

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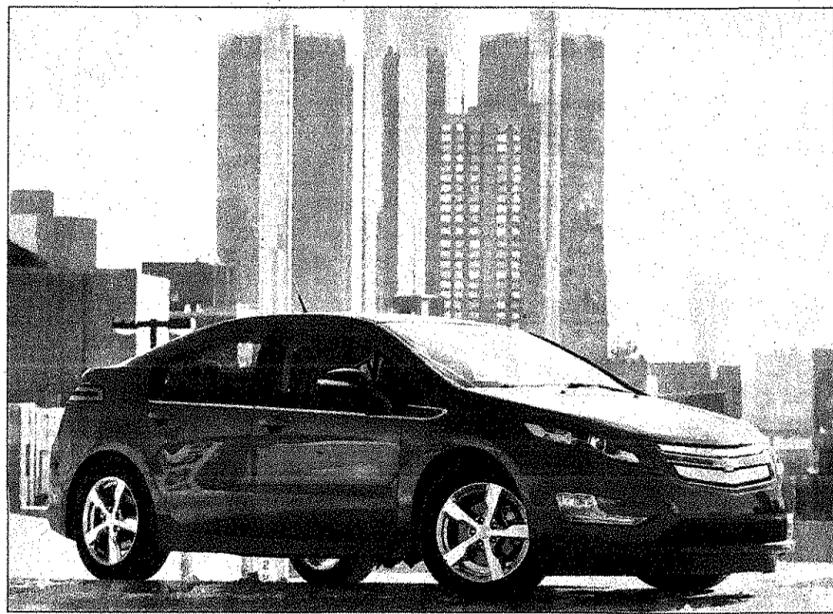


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Volt named finalist

The Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle with extended range capability has been named a finalist for the North American International Auto Show North American Car of the Year competition. The award will be presented on Monday, Jan. 10, during the NAIAS in Detroit.

WINTER: Tips when driving

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Generally accepted tips for winterizing vehicles include:

- ◆ Check the battery, which can lose half of its power in cold temperatures. Have it tested by a certified mechanic if it is more than three years old. Clean the posts and connections of any corrosion.
- ◆ Pay attention to the tires. Maintaining proper tire pressure is essential year-round, especially in the winter when snowy conditions reduce traction. Air pressure in cold tires will drop because air contracts as it cools.

- ◆ Make sure there is a clear field of view. Replace the wiper blades if necessary. They can deteriorate after a year or two. Effective wipers are a must to remove snow, rain and road slush from the windshield. Also, fill the window-washer reservoir with cleaning fluid. Don't use plain water because it will freeze.
- ◆ Use the right oil. It should have the proper viscosity for winter driving. Oil thickens in cold weather. Oil that gets too thick won't lubricate the engine sufficiently.
- ◆ Inspect the belts and hoses. Cold weather can cause extra wear and tear.
- ◆ Avoid moisture in the fuel tank. When the temperature dips, keep the gas tank filled to prevent moisture from forming in the tank. Moisture can cause an engine to run rough or pre-

- vent it from starting. Consider putting a bottle of fuel deicer in the tank to help keep moisture from the fuel line.
- ◆ Flush and refill the cooling system as recommended by the manufacturer. Check the coolant's level and concentration periodically.
- ◆ Check the four-wheel drive system. If the vehicle is equipped with four-wheel drive, make sure it's in working order before the snow flies. Since most people don't use the system in the summer, make sure the system engages properly and all gear oil levels are correct.
- ◆ Carry an emergency kit. It should include items such as a flashlight, first-aid supplies, jumper cables, a blanket, warm clothes, paper towels, a snow shovel, a well-stocked tool box and extra food and water.



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CTS-V Coupe wins award

Cadillac Marketing Vice President Don Butler, left, accepts the 2011 Internet Car of the Year Award for the Cadillac CTS-V Coupe from Internet Car and Truck of the Year President and CEO Keith Griffin, Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Detroit.

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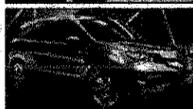
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'Twas The Night Before Christmas

At least one classroom of an earlier generation of Grosse Pointe middle school students received this pastiche of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" as an exercise in using a dictionary.

This bombastic version of Clement Clarke Moore's familiar Christmas poem engaged students to search their Websters to root out the meanings of big words.

Spoofs of the poem preceded this version. In 1927, James Thurber wrote one in the style of Earnest Hemingway, beginning:

"It was the night before Christmas. The house was very quiet. No creatures were stirring in the house. There weren't even any mice stirring."

Spoofs now are commonplace. A version written in legalese begins:

"Whereas, on or about the night prior to Christmas, there did occur at a certain improved piece of real property (hereinafter "the House") a general lack of stirring by all creatures therein, including, but not limited to a mouse."

Many pastiches are posted on the Internet. Versions spoof dieters, political correctness, rednecks, Star Trek fans and more.

But here is the first, at least to that class of the uninitiated:

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the nocturnal segment of the diurnal period preceding the annual Yuletide celebration, and



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

throughout our place of residence, kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential, including that species of domestic rodent known as *Mus musculus*.

Hosiery was meticulously suspended from the forward edge of the wood burning caloric apparatus, pursuant to our anticipatory pleasure regarding an imminent visitation from an eccentric philanthropist among whose folkloric appellations is the honorific title of St. Nicholas.

The prepubescent siblings, comfortably ensconced in their respective accommodations of repose, were experiencing subconscious visual hallucinations of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrums.

My conjugal partner and I, attired in our nocturnal head coverings, were about to take slumberous advantage of the hibernal darkness when upon the avenaceous exterior portion of the grounds there ascended such a cacophony of dissonance that I felt compelled to arise with alacrity from my place of repose for the purpose of ascertaining the precise source thereof.

Hastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barriers sealing this fenestration, noting thereupon that the lunar brilliance without, reflected as it was on the surface of a recent crystalline precipitation, might be said to rival that of the solar meridian itself — thus permitting my incredulous optical sensory organs to behold a miniature airborne runnered conveyance drawn by

eight diminutive specimens of the genus *Rangifer*, piloted by a minuscule, aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became instantly apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller.

With his ungulate motive power traveling at what may possibly have been more vertiginous velocity than patriotic alar predators, he vociferated loudly, expelled breath musically through contracted labia, and addressed each of the octet by his or her respective cognomen — "Now Dasher, now Dancer..." et al — guiding them to the uppermost exterior level of our abode, through which structure I could readily distinguish the concatenations of each of the 32 cloven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location, and was performing a 180-degree pivot, our distinguished visitant achieved — with utmost celerity and via a downward leap — entry by way of the smoke passage.

He was clad entirely in animal pelts soiled by the ebony residue from oxidations of carboniferous fuels which had accumulated on the walls thereof.

His resemblance to a street vendor I attributed largely to the plethora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of engaging amiability.

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Another Christmas season is upon us and another year is coming to an end, so, I am taking this opportunity to thank you, my readers and advertisers, for patronizing this column. My prayer for you is, you would find the joy and rest of returning to a child-like heart that receives the fullness of the season's blessings. Wishing you the warmth of family and friends around you as you celebrate. Joyous Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1960

50 years ago this week

◆ **CHANGES FOR CITY OFFICES:** The Grosse Pointe City Council decided to refer back to the City Hall Planning committee preliminary plans for an addition to the City Fire and police building on Maumee.

◆ **CITY PUSHES PLANS FOR PARK:** Final plans are being formulated for the improvements to the Norbert Neff Memorial park as approved by voters in November.

◆ **GOODFELLOWS SHORT OF QUOTA:** The Grosse Pointe Lions Club fell short of its hoped for quota of \$10,000 in the sale of Goodfellow newspapers. According to the organization's treasurer, the amount was \$6,407.07. Last year, the quote also was \$10,000 and the amount received was about \$6,800.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK SUED FOR \$10 MILLION:** Grosse Pointe Park is being sued by the family of a man killed in a head-on collision with an allegedly drunken driver who supposedly was stopped and released in the Park two hours before.

◆ **SHORES TO DISCUSS SCHOOLS FATE:** Village trustees are expected to discuss in the next couple of months what the Shores will do with Vernier School. Results of the village's survey of residents shows strong support for renovation, with either the aid of a non-profit organization or by the village itself.

◆ **PARK PLANS TO IMPROVE WEST END:** The focus in the Park will be on the west end in the coming

months. A set of proposals to ease traffic congestion in that corner will be presented to the planning commission at the end of January. And the 1400 block of Wayburn is scheduled to become a demonstration block of what the administration would like to implement over a wider area.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **GUNMAN JAILED AFTER STANDOFF:** Police in Grosse Pointe Park called off a 12-man special response team when a barricaded gunman surrendered after an 11-hour standoff.

The 21-year-old suspect had retreated to his apartment above a business on lower Mack Avenue after pointing a loaded shotgun at a plain-clothes Grosse Pointe public safety officer.

◆ **HEENAN LEADS FIGHT AGAINST MACK AND MOROSS:** Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan is the first Grosse Pointe elected official to take public action to shield his taxpayers from helping fund a recreation center at Mack and Moross.

A suggested half-mill tax would be levied on all Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents for the project. Heenan opposes levying a tax on residents of one community to support a project in a different community.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **WOODS LIBRARY TO OPEN JAN. 30:** The new Woods branch library is scheduled to open, Monday, Jan. 30. The current Woods library will close its doors forever Tuesday, Jan. 3, in preparation for the move to the new building.

◆ **SCHOOL BUDGET SHOWS SHORTFALL:** Cuts of more than \$3 million will have to be made in the 2006-07 Grosse Pointe Public



FROM THE DEC. 22, 2005 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

2005: White Christmas

For the first time in many years, it appeared earlier this week that we were assured a white Christmas. There is nothing like some snow, brisk weather and colorful decorations to put us in the holiday spirit. This snowman on Mapleton has a warm heart and appears to be awaiting his sweetheart.

School System's budget.

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

Options to cut a proposed

\$3.5 million from the budget are on the table. Cuts, say administrators, will be kept as far from the classroom as possible.

◆ **WOMAN TASED:** City of Grosse Pointe police used Taser stun guns to subdue a 19-year-old St. Clair Shores woman arrested last week for drunken driving.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive

NIGHT: Traditional tale

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The capillaries of his malar regions and nasal appurtenance were engorged with blood which suffused the subcutaneous layers, the former approximating the coloration of Albion's floral emblem, the latter that of the Prunus avium, or sweet cherry.

His amusing sub- and supralabials resembled nothing so much as a common loop knot, and their ambient hirsute facial adornment appeared like small, tabular and columnar crystals of frozen water.

Clenched firmly between his incisors was a smoking piece whose gray fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput, were suggestive of a decorative seasonal cirlet of holly. His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of impectinated fruit syrup in a hemi-

spherical container.

He was, in short, neither more nor less than an obese, jocund, multigenarian gnome, the optical perception of whom rendered me visibly frolicsome despite every effort to refrain from so being. By rapidly lowering and then elevating one eyelid and rotating his head slightly to one side, he indicated that trepidation on my part was groundless.

Without utterance and with dispatch, he commenced filling the aforementioned appended hosiery with various of the aforementioned articles of merchandise extracted from his aforementioned previously dorsally transported cloth receptacle.

Upon completion of this task, he executed an abrupt about-face, placed a single manual digit in lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward in a gesture of leave-taking, and forthwith effected his egress by renegotiating (in reverse) the smoke passage.

He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his conveyance, directed a musical expulsion of air through his contracted oral sphincter to the antlered quadrupeds of burden, and proceeded to soar aloft in a movement hitherto observ-

able chiefly among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed.

But I overheard his parting exclamation, audible immediately prior to his vehiculation beyond the limits of visibility: "Ecstatic Yuletide to the planetary constituency, and to that self same assemblage, my sincerest wishes for a salubriously beneficial and gratifyingly pleasurable period between sunset and dawn."

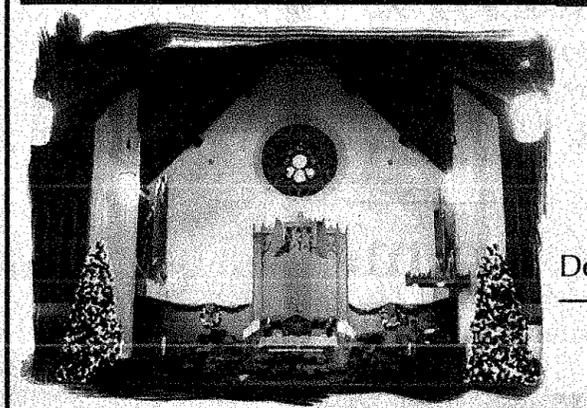
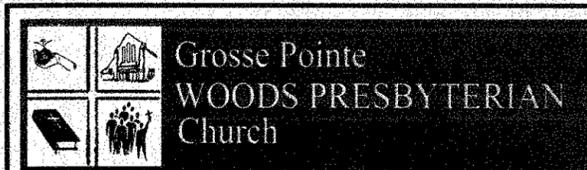
NEW ARRIVALS

Gabrielle Francis Josephs

Tim and Lori Josephs, of Milford, are the parents of a daughter, Gabrielle Francis Josephs, born Nov. 6, 2010.

Maternal grandparents are Diane Egan Long, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, and the late Dennis Egan.

Ed and Irene Josephs, of Oconomowoc, Wis., are the paternal grandparents.



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Services for Older Citizens hosts a Holiday Afternoon Tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Pianist Hadley Roy provides the holiday music. Refreshments are provided by ComForcare Home Care. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5. Friends enjoying last month's tea are, from left, Esther Brandau, Pauline Hemmen, Marilyn Reilly and Ann Michael.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets the at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, in Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information and the location, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Maria at (313) 885-3709.

GP Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers two courses at its rehearsal facility, 315 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

Acting for stage or screen I is taught by professional actor Harry Burkey. This is a six-week course of basic acting and is recommended for both the beginning actor or actors who need a brush-up course. Video feedback demonstrates everyone is capable of performing for an audience.

The class is from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Jan. 12. The cost is \$100 or \$75 for Grosse Pointe Theatre members. Registration closes Jan. 5.

Playwriting: The Ten-Minute Play is taught by award-winning playwright Kim Carney who instructs and mentors students on the basics of dramatic structure, character creation and plot development and she assists participants in writing their own short plays.

Each student's piece will be read aloud and discussed as it progresses. A few will be presented before an audience at Grosse Pointe Theatre's spring showcase in May.

The first class is at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19. Other sessions will be announced the first day of class. Students are provided continual feedback via Internet.

To register, call (313) 881-4004. Master Card and Visa accepted. The cost is \$125 or \$100 for theater members. Registration closes Jan. 12.

Directors

Directors and plays are now being sought for the 2012 productions of the Purdon Studio Theatre, a performance arm of Grosse Pointe Theatre, whose venue is the Activities Center at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The PST presents plays offering adult audiences non-traditional theater in a "black box" setting, a large room in which seating and staging can vary from show to show.

This is an opportunity for directors to offer works exploring human nature or delve into subject matter that may not be included in the Grosse Pointe Theatre main-stage season.



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Sunrise songs

Grosse Pointe South High School choir serenaded the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary with songs of the season during a recent club meeting. A check was presented to the choir by Rotary President J.C. Brooks.

The Purdon Studio Theatre Committee asks potential directors submit all of the following:

1. a copy of the proposed play; (No original scripts. Only published plays will be considered.)
 2. a concise paragraph conveying the director's concept of the show;
 3. a resume of the director's theatre experience (GPT directors are not paid)
 4. a tentative budget, broadly outlining anticipated expenses (excluding royalties and facility rental), not to exceed \$1,000.
- The deadline for proposal submission is Monday Jan. 3. Mail or deliver proposals to PST, Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

For more information on PST or Grosse Pointe Theatre to gpt.org, or e-mail questions to GPTEducation@aol.com

Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is selling a holiday ornament featuring the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. This is the second in the series.

The \$10 ornament has a picture of the yacht club on one side and the triangle flag with GPYC on the reverse side.

To buy a 3 1/4 inch ornament, contact Roseanne at rosewa33@aol.com. It is also available at The League Shop, 72 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms; Grosse Pointe Florists, 174 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms; Flagstar Bank, 19733 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; and aretée Therapeutic Wellness Spa, 20559 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Soroptimist is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Holiday gift ideas from the War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers suggestions for holiday giving.

A trip to Ireland is from April 26 to May 5 and costs \$2,779 per person, double occupancy. Residents also can also take a tour of Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria from Oct. 5 to 14. The cost is \$2,949 per person, double occupancy.

Iyengar yoga program, led by instructor Michele Pearson, meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 17, and costs \$85.

CardioCare is led by Jill Doughty, from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays from Jan. 8 through Feb. 19. The cost is \$66 or \$71 if registering on day class starts.

Yoga, led by instructor Betty Locke, meets Mondays from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m., Jan. 10 - Feb.

21. The cost is \$89 or \$94 if paid at the first class.

CardioMax is led by instructor Jill Doughty. Sessions are 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Mondays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21; and from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 13 through Feb. 24. The cost is \$66 or \$71 if registering on the first day of class.

Ballroom dancing is 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 through Feb. 24. John Perna is the instructor. The cost is \$116 or \$121 on the first day of class.

Belly dancing is led by instructor Shelley Kuhn from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Jan. 19 through Feb. 23. The cost is \$59 or \$64 on the first day of class.

Stretch yourself healthy is led by Tammy Meier, and is from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 18 through Feb. 24. The cost is \$93 or \$98 on the first day of class.

The Tribute Tree is a gift of love in honor and memory of soldiers, teachers, friends, family and loved ones. The Tribute Lights are on the 25-foot tall evergreen in the old courtyard of the War Memorial. An acknowledgement card, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Historic Alger House, is sent to the designee. Tribute Lights are \$10. To place a light in someone's name, fill out the form, available at the War Memorial or on the website warmemorial.org.

For more information on programs, classes and community resources at the War Memorial, call (313) 881-7511.



Flag presentation

Five members of the Louisa St. Clair chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, distributed United States flags to 92 new citizens from 28 countries following a Naturalization Oath Ceremony at the United States District Court - Eastern District of Michigan Nov. 8. Handing out flags were, from left: Peggy Scully, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Prudence Billiu, of Harrison Township; Grace Smith, of Harrison Township; Jane Turnbull, of Macomb Township; and Priscilla Schaupter, of St. Clair Shores.

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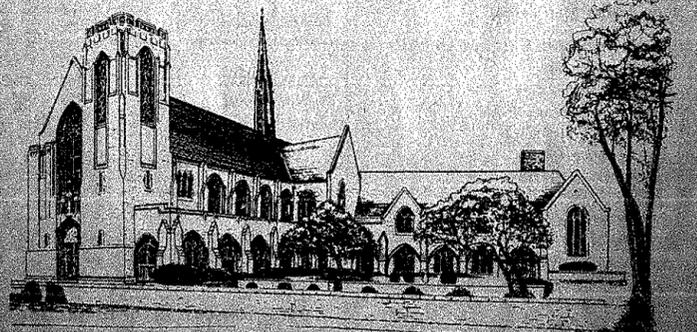
Holy Eucharist with Choir at 4 pm
(During this service, children fill the Crèche)
Holy Eucharist with Choir at 8 pm
Choral Prelude with Carols at 10:30 pm
Holy Eucharist with Choir at 11 pm

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25

Holy Eucharist with soloist at 10:15 am

First Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 26
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4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Michelle Basner-Ketepa

Are you using the Herod mentality?

"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he

gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and

under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi." Matthew 2:16

It's not a pretty part of the story and we often like to forget about it. Herod, in a desperate attempt to hold on to his power sends people out to slaughter infants and toddlers.

We don't often read the story in worship. Observed by many churches on Dec. 28 or 29, the Feast of the Holy Innocents is a day recognizing these children as the first to die for the gospel — the first Christian martyrs. This year, for some reason, I

find the story makes me pause and think.

Who are the innocents now? How many innocents are sacrificed in an effort to maintain control in our world today? How often do each of us have a little bit of "Herod" mentality that causes us to harm someone else in order to maintain our own status? We live in a world that is more and more divided into the haves and the have-nots. Those who have — wealth, power, status — are often blind to those who struggle for even the most modest improvements to their lives.

We are quick to label people based on their skin color, how they dress, their political

views or what they do for a living. We all make assumptions about those we do not know.

We write people off as failures while they struggle to pull themselves up in a system that finds reasons to keep people down.

Fighting the things dividing us involves a risk.

It requires us to step outside what we know. To see people as individuals and not the labels we would put on them. To recognize another human being as our equal. To acknowledge every person is a loved child of God — even those we don't agree with or particularly like. One could argue that, like

Herod, we are afraid — afraid by allowing someone else to have our same rights and privileges, we somehow lose our own. As we enter a new year, may we all take a moment to stop and think, "What am I afraid of?" and then step outside our comfort zone in order to build someone else up.

May we all take a risk to help another human being gain in dignity. It takes a little bit of humility and a bit more courage, but what kind of difference can we make?

Basner-Ketepa serves as Minister of Faith Formation for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Christmas Season Continues at St. Ambrose Catholic Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Friday, December 31, 2010
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Saturday, January 1, 2011
MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 2, 2011
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
Saturday, January 8, 2011
MASS AT 4:00 P.M. — Confirmation
Sunday, January 9, 2011
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church is located at 15020 Hampton Road between Wayburn and Maryland, one block north of Jefferson, just west of the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. (313) 822-2814 • www.stambrosechurch.net

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

Classes, incorporating low impact dance aerobics, kick boxing, yoga, weights, zumba, toning and flexibility, are from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning the week of Jan. 3, for eight weeks at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$69.

For more information, call Judy Sheehy at (313) 886-7534.

conducts a series entitled, "Catholics Returning Home" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on seven consecutive Thursdays, beginning Jan. 6, at the church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The series is for non-practicing Catholics who may be thinking about returning to the church. Evenings are informal sharing and updates of the Catholic faith.

For more information, call the parish office at (313) 885-8855.

The church is located at 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Career network

St. Paul Catholic Church
St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church

East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group Wellness group meets at First Christian Reformed Church,

1444 Maryland Ave., Grosse Pointe Park from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5.

For more information, call the Rev. Ben Van Arragon at (313) 824-3511 or visit ben.vanarragon@gmail.com.

Exhibit features scientist

The Henry Ford's newest exhibit, George Washington Carver, runs through Feb. 27.

The exhibit explores Carver's life, career and achievements as a scientist, conservationist, educator and humanitarian.

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Wednesday at Noon

New Year's Eve

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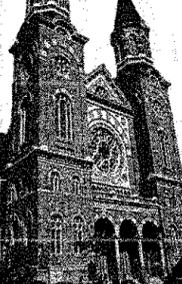
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Holy Communion at both services

Neighborhood Club winter programs

The Neighborhood Club offers programs for all ages and in a variety of activities. Adult recreational basket-

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

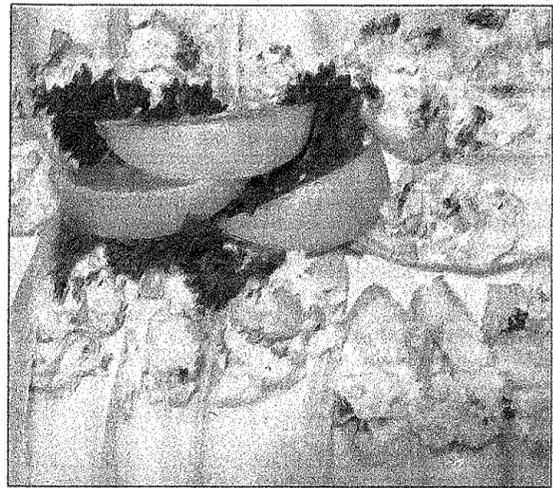


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Holiday parties deserve shrimp tucked into endive leaves.

A new way to serve shrimp



ley salt and pepper to taste
5 fresh endive heads, separated into leaves

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and add the beer. Bring back to a boil and drop about 1/4 of the prepared raw shrimp into the pot. Cook the shrimp for just a few minutes.

As soon, if not sooner, as the first shrimp begins to make it's way to the top of the water, the shrimp are cooked. Larger shrimp require longer cooking. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the shrimp to a large bowl filled halfway with ice cubes. Repeat with remaining shrimp, adding ice to the cooling bowl as needed.

Pour off excess water from the bowl as you go. Don't rinse the shrimp or you'll strip it of it's flavor. Chill in refrigerator until cold.

Weigh out one pound of the chilled shrimp cocktail and remove the tails. Chop the shrimp and place in a medium bowl. In a small bowl combine the mayonnaise with the horseradish then toss with the shrimp. Add the celery hearts, red onion and parsley and toss. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Spoon just a bit of the salad into the end of each endive leaf and arrange on a festive platter for passing.

Serves 6 to 10.

ball is for those 18 years and older. The league provides no instruction, no officials and is for players of all abilities who just want to have fun. It meets from 8 to 10 p.m. for 18 weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Brownell Middle School gym. The cost is \$144.

Microsoft Excel step-by-step runs two consecutive nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 5 and 6. The program teaches students how to create reports with charts and tables, save contact information for labels and billing and keep track of numbers and totals automatically. Class size is limited. The cost is \$69.

Tai chi for beginners/advanced beginners is 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. for 12 weeks on Mondays from Jan. 3 through March 28. The cost is \$72. This is for adults of all ages.

Intermediate meets from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 5 through March 30. This is for adults of all ages. The cost is \$72.

Special needs bowling is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 4 through March 15 at Harbor Lanes, 25419 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The cost is \$15, plus bowling fee and shoe rental.

Special needs indoor rowing for those 10 years and older is from 5 to 6 pm. Fridays, Jan. 7 through April 1. The cost is \$39 and is at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club tennis house, 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Special needs yoga for those

12 years and older is 6:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10 through March 28. The cost is \$45 and is at Brownell Middle School, Room B6.

Soccer for coed teams runs from Jan. 16 through Feb. 13 and costs \$45. The league for those born in 2007 practice 20 minutes and play a 20-minute game.

The league for those born in 2006 practice 30 minutes and play a 30-minute game.

Boys and girls instructional leagues meet from Jan. 16 through Feb. 13 and cost \$45.

For those born in 2005 practice 30 minutes and play a 30-minute game.

For those born in 2004 practice 15 minutes and play a 45-minute game.

All players must buy a \$29 uniform kit with reversible jersey, black shorts, socks.

Indoor rowing uses Concept II indoor rowing ergometers and meets Jan. 3 through April 1 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club tennis house, 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Coaches from Friends of Detroit Rowing run workouts in two sessions.

The cost for a twice-weekly class is \$78 and \$117 for the thrice-weekly session. Sunrise, morning and evening classes are available.

Grosse Pointe Fencing Club provides fencing instruction for all ages and levels. Beginner classes for those aged 7 through adults meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Jan. 3 through Feb. 2 and Feb. 7 through March 16;

intermediate and advanced meets from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. the same dates. The cost is \$10 for 10 classes.

Monday classes for adults meets from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Jan. 3 through 31 and Feb. 7 through March 14. The cost is \$55. More information is also at gpfencers.com.

Mom & Tot exercise class for children 1 and 2 years old meets from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 3 and Feb. 10 through March 17. The cost is \$59.

Kiddie gym for children 2

and 3 years old meets from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 3 and Feb. 10 through March 17. The cost is \$59.

Registration for any of the aforementioned classes can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

SOC January and February activities

Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offer lunch at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and a variety of activities throughout the year.

January and February events include the following:

Bingo — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. Cards cost \$1.25. Participants can win gift certificates for SOC lunches, bingo, parties, exercise, trips, movies, lawn cuttings, leaf rakings, snow shoveling and teas.

Rick Steves' Spain (Part 1) — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10. For 60-minutes view sites of Madrid, Castile, Toledo and Salamanca.

Country store bingo — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. Cards cost \$1.25. Stock up the pantry with the bare necessities at SOC's country store.

Birthday celebration — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. The cost is \$2. Those with January birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, serenaded with "happy birthday" in three different languages, a keepsake photo and lunch.

See SENIORS, page 6B

This is the season for shrimp cocktail. Big shrimp, little shrimp all circulating the party being devoured as if the tasty jewels had never been seen before. I'm having a party next week and instead of serving shrimp cocktail the traditional way (with cocktail sauce), I've prepared a simple salad that starts with fresh shrimp cocktail (not the store bought stuff) and is tucked into endive leaves.

Endive with Shrimp Cocktail Salad

(recipe for 1 lb. shrimp cocktail salad)
2 lb. raw shrimp, peeled and deveined (21-25shrimp)
1 12 - oz. beer
1 3 - oz. pkg. shrimp & crab boil
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons prepared horseradish (plus more if desired)
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery hearts
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
1/4 cup chopped fresh pars-

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6B | CHURCHES

CHURCH EVENTS

Men's breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and the speaker, the Rev. Peter Henry of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, is at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

choir at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

A holy Eucharist service with the choir is at 8 p.m. Dec. 24.

The choral prelude with carols begins the late service at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and is followed by the 11 p.m. holy Eucharist services with the choir.

A 10:15 a.m. service Saturday, Dec. 25, is a holy Eucharist with a soloist.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

A Bourne Christmas is the topic of the 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26 service. It illustrates through modern visual media, what the day after Jesus' birth was like.

The church is a 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

St. Paul Catholic

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a series, "Catholics Returning Home," on seven consecutive Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 9.

The event is for non-practicing Catholics who are considering returning to the church.

First English

◆ Three candlelight services are offered Dec. 24 at First English Lutheran Church. At 5 p.m. a special children's service is featured.

At 7:15 p.m., special music is performed at prior to the 7:30 p.m. service. The 11 p.m. service, which includes holy communion, is preceded with seasonal music beginning at 10:45 p.m.

◆ The annual Christmas Tree Walk and Tea is from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29.

The self-conducted walk spotlighting 42 Christmas trees and decorations culminates in an afternoon tea with sand-

wiches and dessert. A free will donation is accepted.

For more information or to make a reservation for the Christmas tree walk, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

◆ The New Year's Eve service begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Career network

East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Presenter Richard Gibson guides the group setting goals for 2011.

For more information, call Gibson at (313) 885-4841 or contact richardgibson@earth-

link.net.

From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, the Wellness group meets at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call the Rev. Ben Van Arragon at (313) 824-3511 or visit ben.vanarragon@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores, holds a free preschool art class from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28. The class is geared to children 2 to 5 years old.

A parent must accompany the child.

The class is taught by a Michigan certified teacher.

To register, call (586) 777-0215.

Christ Church

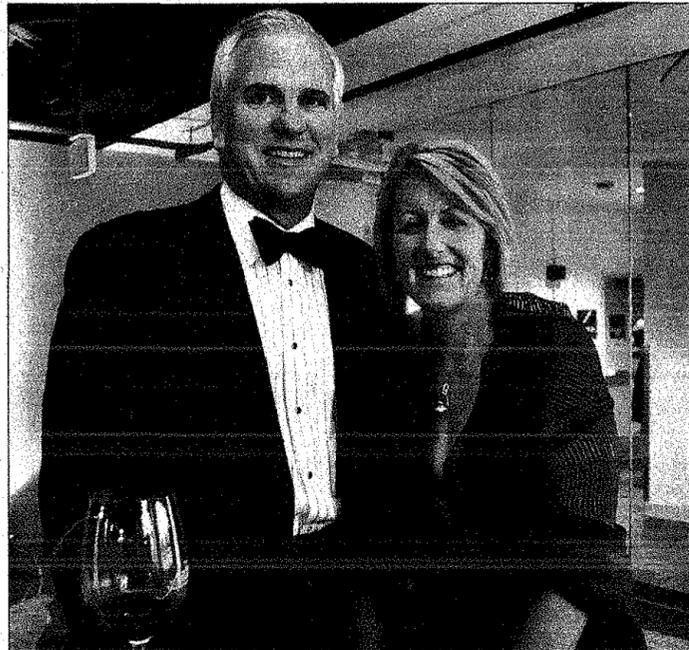
Christ Church Grosse Pointe holds a holy Eucharist service with a crèche procession and

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church holds services at 6 and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

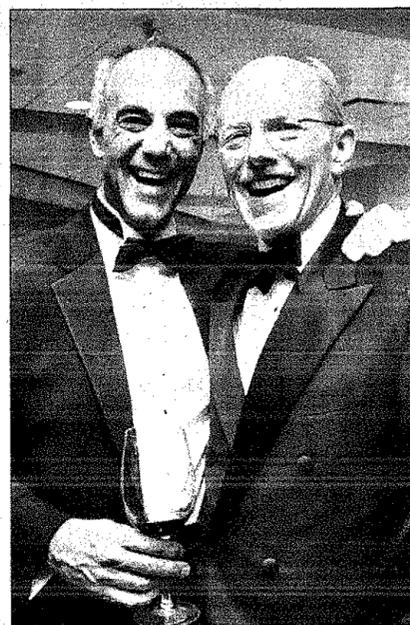


Mary Beth Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and James M. Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and CCS Board of Trustees member. He is co-chairman of the 30th Detroit International Wine auction.



Fine wine

The 29th Detroit International Wine Auction, the primary fundraising event for the College for Creative Studies, raised more than \$1 million to support the student scholarship fund and Community Arts Partnerships programs at CCS. The auction, at the GM Wintergarden, was chaired by Matthew and Karen Cullen, of Grosse Pointe Woods, above, with Alex Ryan of Duckhorn Wine Company as the featured vintner. One hundred percent of CCS students receive financial aid from the college. In 2009, CAP provided free art and design education to more than 4,000 school-aged students in Detroit. Cullen is a CCS Board of Trustee member.



From left, Alex Ryan, of Napa Valley, Calif., president of Duckhorn Wine Company; and Richard L. Rogers, of Grosse Pointe Farms, president of CCS.

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SENIORS: Bingo, movies, medical talks

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North defense too much for rival South

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

It's never an ordinary game. No matter at which point in the season it takes place, a North-South contest is always a big deal.

When the girls' basketball teams walked onto the court Dec. 15 at North, after the pleasantries of handshakes and the occasional embraces were through, it was all business.

"You want to win this game, sure," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "There's no way to hide that fact. It doesn't matter at what point of the season you play, both teams want to win. It's a great rivalry game."

This season, despite a very valiant effort, the Blue Devils wound up on the short end of a 52-41 decision.

"I fully expected us to work hard, and we did. I would've been disappointed with anything less," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "It's all about working hard and playing together. We did that tonight."

Like most meetings between the two schools, this contest was tight through much of the game, with the first half seeing a lead of no more than six points either way.

The squads headed into the break separated by the narrowest of margins, one point, 14-13.

"The game went back and forth in the first half. We'd be up by two points, then four, then back to two points. It was tight," Bennett explained. "At halftime we talked about getting a string of points and getting a little bit of a gap, and

that has to be keyed off our defense. We talked about it, and by golly, we went out in the second half and did it. It was all keyed off our defense though."

North, in the fourth quarter in particular, clamped down defensively and turned its effort into stops and turnovers.

"We turned the ball over too much, period," Richards admitted. "I think we had 14 turnovers before halftime alone. You can't do that against a team like North. That, and they sat down inside on Aisha and really pressured our guards. We didn't respond well to that."

North outscored the Blue Devils 38-28 in the second half.

"I think it's a case of us playing like we practice," Richards said. "We're just not practicing hard enough and then we come out and don't play as well as we can. Truthfully, we're just not a very good basketball team right now, but it's only two games into the season. We've got some games coming up that we can get better from, just like we'll get better from this game. There are some things we have to do and we're going to do them. Our effort was good, but you can't turn the ball over 25 times."

Defense has always been the driving force behind North's success – and Bennett knows with this year's squad it's even more important.

"We have trouble scoring," the Norsemen coach admitted. "That was pretty easy to see tonight, and we're probably going to have this problem on most nights. But, we can make up for some of that by playing

great defense, playing together, and working hard. That's really what it is all about for us. The thing is, we always talk about wanting to leave the floor feeling good about yourself. You get that from knowing you worked hard – in practice or in games – it doesn't matter. If you work hard, honestly, if we win or lose the game, that doesn't matter to me. If we work hard together – that's what I want to see."

The presence and play of North senior Michaela Liddane is a huge factor in getting the team to work together, Bennett said.

"She's extremely important. She keeps her dribble alive, which is really important," Bennett said. "That, and she has got an endless amount of energy. That is such a huge help to this team. She's on the floor with some girls who aren't offensive-minded so she has to have the ball in her hands a lot. She's extremely important to this team."

Liddane finished with 15 points against South, while sophomore Taryn Kiah paced the squad with 17 points.

"We're disappointed," Richards said. "But it doesn't change our goals at all. We still want to win our division. We still hope to see them (North) again in districts, and we still think we're going to be a very good basketball team."

South sophomore Claire DeBoer had 15 points and 17 rebounds for the Blue Devils. Aisha Rodney finished the contest with 10 points.

The win pushed North's record to 1-3, while South dropped to 0-2 on the campaign.

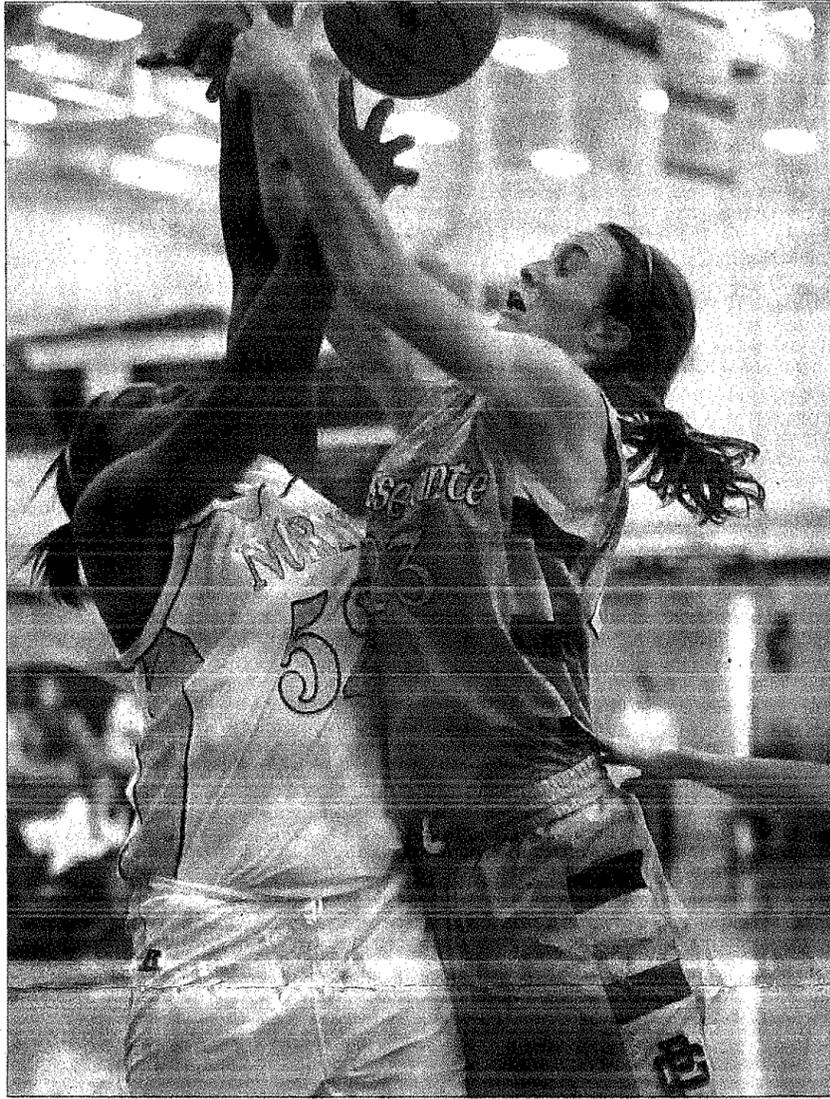


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Grosse Pointe North's Nicole Strickland, left, battled Grosse Pointe South's Claire DeBoer for a rebound during the host Norsemen's victory over the Blue Devils.

LIGGETT

Knights crush Class A Chippewa Valley

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team made quick work of Class A Chippewa Valley Monday night, winning 57-39.

"We played very well for most of the first half and that was the difference tonight," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "We made some defensive adjustments and really got the ball moving around, getting open looks at the basket and knocking down some shots."

In the opening quarter, freshman Bre'Nae Andrews and sophomore Haleigh Ristovski had the hot hands, combining for 16 of the Knights' 17 points.

Junior Madison Ristovski was held scoreless by the Big Reds' constant triple team. She scored her first basket at the 5:06 mark of the second quarter and finished the stanza with 12 points.

In that second period, the Knights exploded for 25 points, turning a 17-17 tie into a 42-26 lead heading into the intermission.

The lead grew to more than 20 points in the third quarter and the Big Reds flew the white flag midway through the final period with the game well in the visitors' hands.

We forced them into some mistakes (12 turnovers) in the first half and used those possessions to take the lead," Gigante said. "It was a nice effort against a nice team."

Madison Ristovski led the Knights with 21 points, followed by Andrews with 19 and Haleigh Ristovski with 11



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett sophomore Haleigh Ristovski, with ball, had the hot hand early, hitting two three-pointers in the first quarter and finished with 11 points, while junior Madison Ristovski, far right, didn't score her first basket until the second quarter, but still finished with a team-high 21 points.

and a team-high eight rebounds to go with two blocked shots.

Andrews and sophomore Julia DeRoo had five rebounds

apiece, while Madison Ristovski and junior Andrianna Evangelista had four boards apiece.

In other action, Liggett

blasted Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foe Bloomfield Hills Roper, 63-21.

"We had very balanced scor-

ing," assistant coach Ashley Alles said. "Everyone played well."

Madison Ristovski led the way with 21 points, matching

Roper's entire team effort, while Andrews had 15 and Haleigh Ristovski had nine.

Liggett improved to 2-0 in the MIAC and 4-1 overall.

Boys hockey

RIVALRY

4-goal third lifts North past Liggett

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

On paper, they were over-matched, no doubt about it.

On the ice however, the University Liggett Knights boys hockey team played valiantly, fought hard, and did the program proud, according to head coach Robb McIntyre, despite a 4-1 loss to Grosse Pointe North.

"I thought we played really well," McIntyre said. "I thought we did especially in the first two periods."

The Norsemen and host Knights battled back and forth throughout the opening two periods of play, resulting in a scoreless tie.

"I think, honestly, we started to run out of gas in the third period," McIntyre said. "North is a very good team and they took advantage of that."

North opened the scoring in the final frame when standout defenseman Scott Dornbrock found the back of the net at the 14:06 mark. Joe Aluia and J.P. Lucchese assisted on the goal.

Liggett responded quickly at 13:11, sneaking a shot past North goalie Chip Wujek and knotting the score at 1-1. Jacob Soyka tallied the goal with an assist from Connor Wiggins.

The Norsemen bounced back, however, and added their second goal of the evening thanks to Chris Kusch. Assists on the goal went to Jack Guest and Julian Quinlan.

North pushed the lead to two scores when Lucchese, from Dornbrock, scored on the powerplay at 7:23 of the third. Dornbrock added an empty netter in the closing minute of the game.

"I thought we were really competitive all night long," McIntyre said. "And honestly, I thought we deserved better than 4-1. It could've easily been 3-2 late in the third, but we made mistakes in the third period and they capitalized on them."

Regardless of the final score, the loss is a valuable learning experience for the Knights, according to the coach.



Grosse Pointe North's Chris Kusch keeps a keen eye on the action as he heads up ice during the Norsemen's win over city rival Liggett.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

"We're a very young team," McIntyre explained. "It's really good for these kids to play a program like Grosse Pointe North."

With only a handful of kids on the team, Liggett has to get

the most out of every play, every shift and every player and that means effort is extremely important to the Knights.

"These kids do put in a good effort every day," McIntyre ad-

mitted. "They go out there and work hard. They give it everything they have. I can see that."

With no seniors on the roster, this season is a way for the squad to get experience that should reap dividends somewhere down the line.

"We've got a lot to learn," the coach explained. "Things like patience and how to conserve our energy out there. These young kids hit the ice and they want to go, go and go. It's a process to learn the game, to learn how to win against good programs. We have what it takes though. We have enough to become a great program."

Last weekend, the Norsemen lost 4-2 to surging Warren DeLaSalle. The visitors fell behind 3-0 before Jack Stander scored an unassisted power play goal while the Norsemen had a two-man advantage. Brad Werenski scored another unassisted goal as the Norsemen crept to within a goal.

The Pilots put an insurance goal on the board late in the final period. Grosse Pointe North is 4-3-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League. Liggett fell to 6-3 overall with each loss to the Grosse Pointe squads.

G.P. SOUTH

Blue Devils rally, tie Trenton

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team played a 3-3 tie with state power Trenton last week.

Sophomore Michael Barry made his first start of the season in net and made 45 saves, including several of the spectacular variety.

"Michael did a wonderful job in net and our guys played very well," head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "It's impressive to walk into their place and see all of the state championship banners and it was nice to see our guys play tough and know they can play well against one of the top teams in the state."

Sophomore Thomas Marantette scored the Blue Devils' opening goal, unassisted, as the teams were tied 1-1 after the first stanza.

Neither team scored in the second period, but the host Trojans put two goals on the board early in the third period to take a 3-1 lead.

"Trenton's second goal on the power play was a beauty," Bufalino said. "However, the guys never quit and they made a nice comeback."

Senior Jess Martinelli scored two goals in the final eight minutes to forge the tie. On his first tally, junior Wes Cimmarrusti and senior Max Corbett drew assists and on the second goal, seniors Andrew Holder and John Wendzinski had assists.

To make it an even sweeter one point earned, the Blue Devils played without four of its top players who are nursing injuries.

"We have to build on this effort," Bufalino said. "To tie Trenton without some of our top guys is a great confidence builder."

The Blue Devils were outshot 48-26, but improved to 2-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 5-2-1 overall.

Coming up for South is the Alpena Tournament Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 29. Before that, South will host its annual alumni game from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Detroit City Arena.



Liggett goaltender Joseph Davenport played well in a tough loss to a solid Grosse Pointe North squad.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Hat tricks aplenty

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Santa Claus came early at Grosse Pointe North.

He handed out presents to senior Megan Bergeron, junior Jennifer Cusmano and sophomore Dylan Trout.

Bergeron and Cusmano received a hat trick and Trout got a shutout as North's girls' hockey team beat Warren Regina 6-0 last week.

"Dylan was very calm before the game and she did a nice job to earn her first career shutout," head coach Scott Dockett said. "Once again our defense was rock solid and it was nice to see Megan and Jennifer get those hat tricks."

The host Norsemen scored two goals in each period with Bergeron netting the first three and Cusmano the final three against an improved Saddlelites squad.



Grosse Pointe North's Jennifer Cusmano, No. 9 shown above against Grosse Pointe South, scored a hat trick in the Norsemen's 6-0 win over Warren Regina.

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North improved to 6-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 7-1 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen are games against two of the upper-tier teams in the league, at home Wednesday, Jan. 5, against

Ann Arbor, and Saturday, Jan. 8, at defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"Those are two tough games to open the second-half of the season with," Dockett said. "The girls will be ready to play."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South edges N'Ville

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

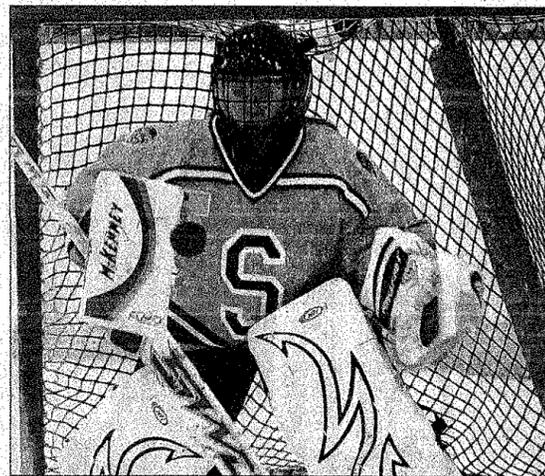
Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team played one of its best games of the first half of the season last week, blanking Northville 1-0.

Junior Marissa Monforton's goal with only 5:05 left in the game was enough to lift the host Blue Devils to the victory.

Sophomore goalie Anastasia Diamond was solid in net, making several key saves, including a breakaway with only 1:45 left in the second period.

"I feel we're getting better with each game," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "The girls worked hard for 45 minutes tonight and last night, which is what we're expecting from them. This was a nice effort tonight and last night."

The Mustangs came out the aggressor in the opening period, but after a Provenzano talk between periods, the home



Grosse Pointe South sophomore Anastasia Diamond was outstanding against Northville, making some key saves, including a second-period break-away to lift the team to a victory.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

team dominated puck possession and shots on net.

Northville goalie Ania Nelson also played well and was forced to make several spectacular saves of her own to keep the game scoreless for the first 39:55.

"Northville's goalie was solid in net, as was Anastasia," Provenzano said. "Anastasia didn't face many shots, thanks to a good defensive effort on our part, but she made the key

saves."

For the third straight game, the Blue Devils played without leading forwards Andrea Marshall and Claire Boyle.

The Blue Devils played the night before, losing 4-1 to defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Grosse Pointe South 4-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

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Boys hoops

LIGGETT

Knights kick it in gear, win 3rd straight

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' basketball team won its third straight game without a loss last weekend, beating host Detroit Eaton Academy 64-46.

"The game was close for the most part, but we were able to get some easy baskets off their 2-2-1 press, which opened up a lead," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "The guys played great and now we have to work hard during the holiday break and make sure we're ready for our division schedule when we return."

The Knights trailed 5-0 early, but tied it at 10 at the end of the opening quarter. They had a 28-19 lead at the half and stretched it to double digits after a solid third quarter.

Sophomore Eric Ewing ben-

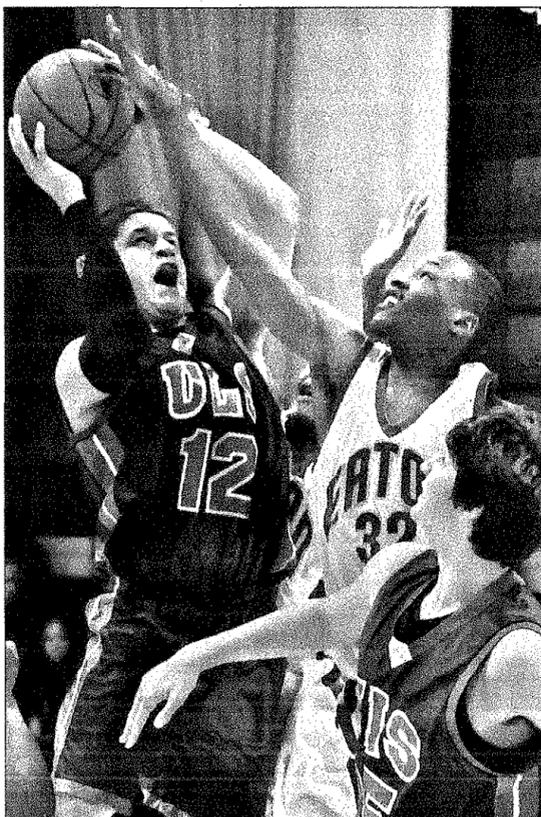
efitted from Eaton Academy's attempt to press in the final quarter. He scored some easy baskets to finish with 18 points.

Senior Dominic Jamett was a force at both ends of the court, scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Other standouts, according to Johnson, were senior Carl Ghafari and sophomores Drew Jerome, KeVaughn Jackson, Andrew Zinkel and Connor Fannon.

Liggett improved to 3-0 and returns to the court Friday, Jan. 7, at Lutheran Northwest in its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener.

"We feel good about our chances to win this division, so it's important to get off to a good start in that first game back from the break," Johnson said.



Dominic Jamett goes up for two of his team-high 20 points to help Liggett remain undefeated.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to tough foes

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A competitive first half turned to a lopsided second as Detroit Martin Luther King routed Grosse Pointe South, 82-52, in front of the home crowd Monday night.

The Crusaders' up-tempo style got the best of the Blue Devils, particularly in the closing two quarters, where the frantic pace created a slew of turnovers for King which resulted in easy buckets and uncontested shots, pushing a 34-24 halftime lead to 19 points, 56-37, at the end of three periods.

"I thought we came out a little on our heels in the first half, but answered the bell in the second quarter," South head coach Dave Gruazer explained. "We were 10 points down, and we had taken some fight out of them. But, they came out and we just didn't answer the bell in the second half."

Gruazer knew getting caught up in the pace King wanted would not be a favorable thing for his Blue Devils.

"I didn't want to play this fast," the coach admitted. "I told the team that one of our keys to winning was shot selection. I said that if you want to go up and down with this team it's not to our advantage."

South certainly got caught up in the pace, particularly late in the contest, but this is all a part of the process the program is going through.

"One of the mindsets we're trying to change here is how to win," the first-year South coach said, "and to do that we have to learn how to control the tempo of games."

Admittedly, the coach and the team are getting to know one another, so to speak, and Gruazer's approach to the game is a bit different than what the program is accustomed to.

That said, the more disciplined approach could be just what the program needs.

"This is my first year here and I'm use to a more disci-



South's Tim Kramer, No. 22, dribbles down court during the Blue Devils' nonleague loss to Detroit Martin Luther King.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

plined approach," the coach explained. "We're working hard in practice, but sometimes you just revert back to some old habits."

Undoubtedly, contests against top-flight competition such as King are great learning experiences for any team, and the old habits take time to kick.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils lost 60-50 to U-D Jesuit, one of the top teams in the Catholic League.

But, as South heads into the beginning of the Macomb Area Conference season after the holiday break, fans can be optimistic about the potential of the squad under Gruazer.

South will battle for a MAC White crown this season with the likes of a very talented Utica High squad, along with defending champions Warren Cousino, Grosse Pointe North, Port Huron Northern, Roseville and East Detroit.

College news

South graduate J.C. Cruise scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lift Albion College to a 93-88 overtime win over Carthage College in nonleague action Saturday, Dec. 11.

He earned the Michigan

Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Player of the Week honor in men's basketball.

Cruise scored six points in the overtime, knocking down a pair of layups and two free throws. He finished the evening shooting 12-of-22 from the field and 9-of-13 from the free-throw line. He also had two steals and a blocked shot.

The 6-foot, 4-inch guard is averaging 13.7 points per game for the Britons and shooting 47.5 percent from the field.

With that win, Albion evened its record at 3-3.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall at the buzzer

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team is inching closer to earning that elusive first win of the season.

Last week, the visiting Norsemen lost 48-47 to Rochester Adams when a shot went in as the buzzer sounded.

"We played our best game of the season against a good team and just came up short," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We're still trying to get our lineup set, but I can say our guys worked very hard and to lose at the horn stinks."

"However, we're getting better and these tough games will

pay off for us in the long run." Lockhart said Chris Collins, Will Ritchie and Derrick Morris led the team.

The Norsemen trailed 22-20 at the half, but came back to take a lead heading into the fourth quarter.

They led the entire fourth quarter and had a chance to widen the advantage, but missed free throws gave Adams a chance to win it in the end, which it did.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 0-3 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is an 8 p.m. game Monday, Dec. 27, against Detroit Denby in the PSL Holiday Tournament at Detroit Cass Tech.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Grapplers win county medals

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South wrestling teams finished in the second half of last weekend's Macomb County Tournament at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Head coach Bryan Lorenzo and the Norsemen earned 53 points to tie for 20th place with Utica, while the Blue Devils under Greg Snider took 34th place with 20 points.

State power Richmond won the tournament with 275 points. The rest of the top 10 was Macomb Dakota with 178, Romeo with 173.5, Chippewa Valley with 157.5, L'Anse Creuse with 154, Port Huron Northern with 143, Anchor Bay with 141, Utica Ford with 120, Roseville with 108 and

Warren Woods-Tower with 100.5.

The Blue Devils did not have a medalist, but the Norsemen had four medalists, led by three grapplers who finished fifth and one who was eighth.

Shawn Miller beat Woods-Tower's James Agrusa with a 6-2 decision in the 160-pound class to take a fifth-place medal.

Jake Brazil also placed fifth, defeating L'Anse Creuse's Tom Dzierbicki at 171 pounds, and Evan Lock was a 5-4 winner over Richmond's Eric Boyd to take home a fifth-place medal.

Their final placer was Patrick Salazar, who earned an eighth place by beating Utica Eisenhower's Andre Amaye.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Scrap book fun

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team is hosting a scrap madness crop from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Grosse Pointe South High School cafeteria.

The cost is \$50 and due by Jan. 22. Check or cash is accepted and walk-ups are accepted.

Coordinator Kara Richards says there is plenty of cropping space for participants and a continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as desserts, snacks and beverages are included.

Go green. Bring your own

cup with a lid to use for your beverages all day and receive a free raffle ticket.

To register, send check written to Grosse Pointe South High School, c/o Kara Richards, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The non-refundable cropping fee of \$50 is due at the time of registration. All cropping spaces are on a first-come-first-serve basis. For further questions or information, contact Richards at (313) 709-7214 or e-mail at karadickinson@hotmail.com.

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Giving back

Grosse Pointe South girls' cross country runners helped raise \$1,500 for the charity "Sweet Dreamzzz," which is a non-profit committed to improving the health, well-being and academic performance of at-risk school age children by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials. For more information or to donate, contact Nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director, at nancy.maxwell@ameritech.net or call (248) 478-3242. Pictured left are, from left, Nancy Maxwell, South girls cross country captains Natalie Gay, Harper Pizzimenti and Nanette Motschall; and Genevieve Houston, Sweet Dreamzzz community relations manager.

YOUTH HOCKEY

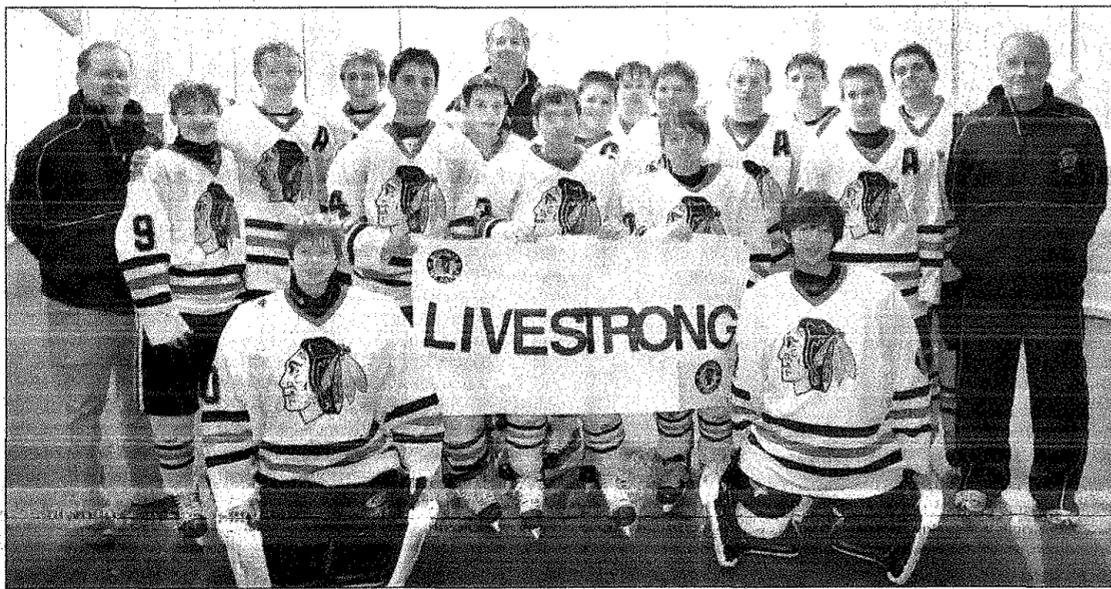


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Time to give

The '97 Michigan Ice Hawks raised more than \$500 for the LiveStrong Cancer Foundation at a recent home game against the Farmington Hills Flames November 14 at University Liggett's McCann Ice Arena in Grosse Pointe Woods. Family, fans and members from the five other Michigan Ice Hawks teams participated in a "White Out" to show their support for LiveStrong and the Ice Hawks. The '97 Ice Hawks thank all who participated and donated. Pictured left are, kneeling from left, Tyler Burroughs and Andy Jakub; and standing from left, Coach John Phillips, Alexander Minanov, William Walker, Richie Filippelli, Antonio Tjernia, Marko Dermanulian, Coach David Sommerville, Zack Zschering, Scotty Mallas, Jason Sommerville, Stephen Campau, Jonathan Theros, Jacob Smith, Austin Koleski, Jake Babbish, Ramone Kammo and Head coach Greg Cheesewright. Not pictured is Manager Louie Theros. For more information about the Ice Hawks, visit michiganicehawks.org.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Children learn ice hockey fundamentals

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Even Wayne Gretzky, Steve Yzerman and Gordie Howe started by lacing up a pair of skates for the very first time

and experiencing a new and exciting game known as hockey.

On Dec. 5, the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, along with USA Hockey, the Red Wings Foundation and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, hosted USA Hockey's "One Goal" program at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink.

The program, which is free of charge, is aimed at introducing hockey to kids who might otherwise have never known what it's like to hold a hockey stick in their hands or feel the ice beneath their feet.

And according to GPHA Registrar Amy Cowan, the event was a roaring success.

"It was amazing," Cowan explained. "We had over 50 kids from the community come and experience the game. These are kids who aren't involved in any organized hockey, too. It

'Hockey is such a great sport for kids to get involved in. It can help them physically and it can give them self confidence and teach them how to work with others as a team.'

AMY COWAN,
GPHA Registrar

was really something to see."

The kids, age 4 to 9 years old, arrived at the event and found USA Hockey had provided all the equipment needed, while the GPHA, Kim Ryszewski of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Mom's Club, and Bobby Mitchell, GPHA president, sourced more than 50 pairs of skates for the event.

"The kids had everything they needed," Cowan said. "And they had so much fun."

Whether the next Howe or Gretzky was among this group remains to be seen.

However, what was accom-

plished by the event was far more valuable than finding a superstar.

"It was a remarkable thing. It really was," Cowan explained. "Hockey is such a great sport for kids to get involved in. It can help them physically and it can give them self confidence and teach them how to work with others as a team. And, it's a lot of fun, too. That's never a bad thing either."

The "One Goal" program is part of what the GPHA is all about.

The association has pro-



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Jack Ring hits the ice and takes a breather during practice.

grams for kids of all ages, from 4 to 18 years old, and of all skill levels, too, Cowan says.

"It's for boys and girls alike, and it doesn't matter what your skill level is, or if you can even skate at all," Cowan said. "There's a program that we have that can help these kids enjoy hockey and learn the game at the same time."

The GPHA is also a very family-friendly organization, an organization that welcomes the participation and involvement of parents and entire families.

"Our coaches and volun-

teers come from all walks of life," Cowan said. "And they come from all levels of experience within the game, too. It's like a family we have here. It really is."

Five-year-old, Jackson Wade has just two words to describe the game.

"It's fun," he said, before striding carefully onto the ice for practice. "It's fun."

For more information about the GPHA, or to possibly get your child involved, contact Cowan at registrar@gphockey.org, or log onto their web page at gphockey.org.

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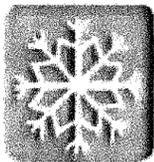
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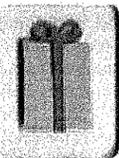


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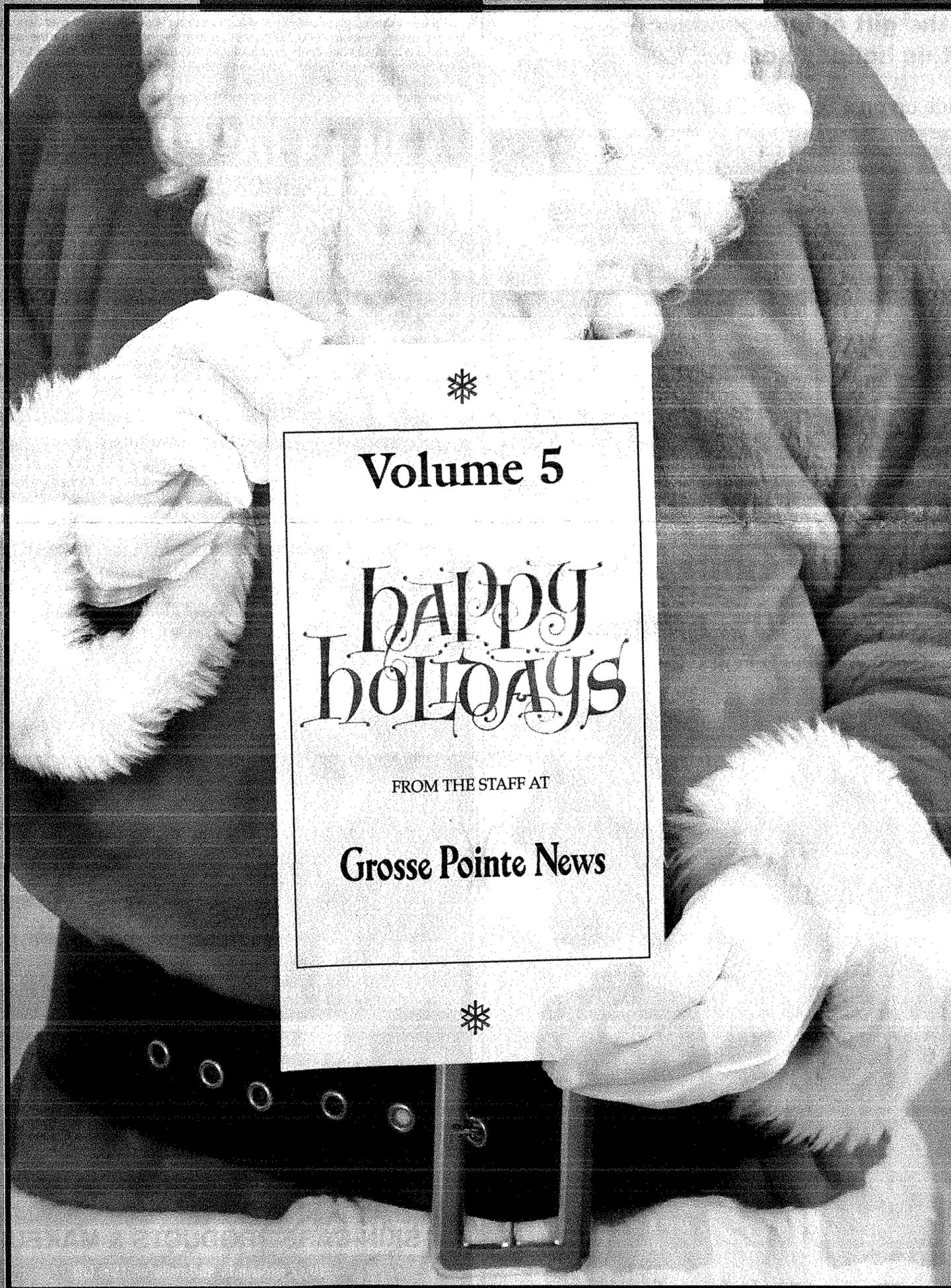
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Old-fashioned holiday ham

Many remember walking into grandma's kitchen and smelling the first whiff of holiday dinner in the oven.

That same warm holiday feeling can be recreated for your family with a hickory smoked ham.

There are a surprising number of ham cuts — how do you know which one to choose? These tips from Cook's Ham will help you find just what is needed:

- Spiral sliced hams:
 - Presliced in a spiral fashion, so it's easy to serve.
 - Available as quarters, halves and wholes.
 - Quarter serves seven to 10 people, half serves 15 to 20 and a whole serves 30 to 40.
- Half ham
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- Larger than a portion ham.
- Serves 15 to 20 people.

• Semi-boneless ham

- Fewer bones and less fat for more carvable lean meat.
- Two of three bones removed so it's easier to carve.

— Half serves 15 to 20 people, whole serves 30 to 40.

• Skinless shankless ham

- Less fat, less bone and more lean meat.
- One of three bones removed so carving is easier.

— Half serves 15 to 20 people, whole serves 30 to 40.

• Portioned ham

- Best value for great bone-in ham flavor.
- Since steaks have been removed, it is smaller than a half ham.

— Serves 10 to 15 people.

• Ham steaks

- Premium center cut slices.
- Heat up in minutes for a quick and tasty meal.

— Approximately 1 pound.

— Serves three to four people.

• Thick cut ham steaks

- Great for throwing on the grill.
- Approximately 2 pounds.

— Serves six to eight people.

Like a time machine that takes one back to the holidays of old, naturally hickory smoked hams have been the centerpiece of holiday meals for years.

The following recipes are offered by Cook's Ham:

Honey-Glazed Ham with Cranberry Relish

1 bone-in spiral sliced half ham (about 9 pounds)

Glaze

1/2 sweet ham glaze and dipping sauce package, heated 20 seconds in microwave (reserve 1/2 package for dipping sauce if desired)

1 teaspoon ground mustard (may add additional ground mustard for stronger flavor)

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Cranberry Relish

1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled, finely chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)

1 cup cranberry juice cocktail

1 package (6 ounces) sweetened dried cranberries (about 1 1/3 cups)

2 tablespoons orange marmalade

1/4 cup chopped pecans

Begin by preparing ham according to heating instructions on package label.

Approximately 45 minutes before end of heating time, prepare glaze by mixing glaze and dipping sauce, mustard and lemon juice in small bowl until blended. Set aside until the last 10 minutes of heating time.

Make Cranberry Relish:



Combine apples and juice in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cranberries; simmer an additional five minutes, or until fruit is tender, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat; stir in

marmalade and pecans. Set aside until ready to eat. Or, if made in advance, cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

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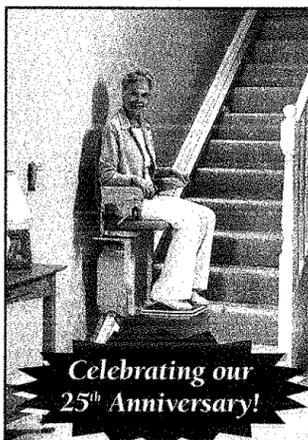
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Bookstore shelves are lined with volumes about the great events of the past, museums draw crowds with exhibitions of historic artifact, and an entire TV channel is devoted to history, in addition to all the history-oriented programming available on other stations.

But how often are we able to hold history in our hands? These days, we're more likely to be hanging onto a high-tech gadget, but something as small as a coin can bring the past to

life in the palm of one's hand. Looking at the prices coin collectors pay for rare specimens is a good indication of how exciting these fragments of history are.

Coin collecting is sometimes called "the hobby of kings," but it shouldn't put anyone off from starting a collection. Collectors can seek out museum-quality reproductions of rare coins.

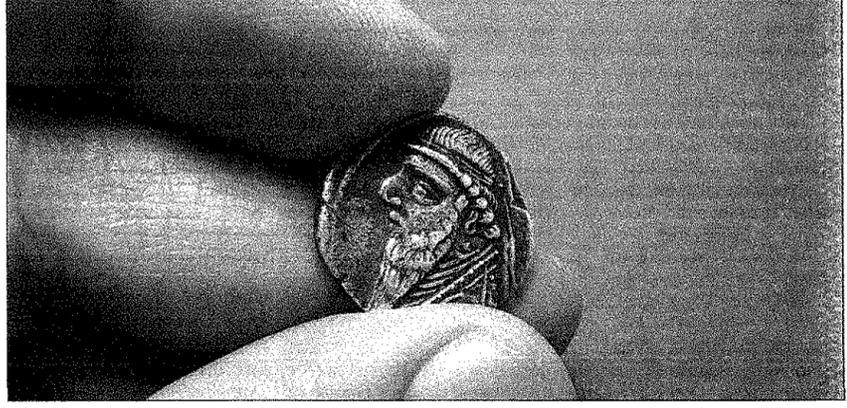
Rare and ancient coins are often priced in the thousands of dollars on the low end, with the most in-demand examples selling for stratospheric prices. During a recent event at Heritage Auctions in Boston, a 1652 New England Shilling, the first coin struck in British Colonial America, sold for \$416,875. The coin, simply marked with "NE" on one side and the Roman numeral XII on

the other, wasn't in production too long, making it extremely rare. However, a precisely crafted replica of that coin can be found for about \$20.

While collections can include coins of all vintages and from countries across the globe, adding a historic element is important. It helps to give context to later coins, which makes a collection tell a story. For instance, the 1652 New England Shilling that sold for more than \$400,000 was quickly replaced by a more intricate coin because the sides of the original could be clipped off.

However, historic coins can also be appreciated for their aesthetics.

It's been said the intricate designs on many ancient coins would be almost impossible to replicate today when using the



same tools and resources that were used by the cultures that made them. The adept artistry displayed in this tiny format can often turn art lovers into coin collectors, too.

Whether wanting to add replicas of ancient and rare coins to a collection or help a friend or loved one expand theirs, it's important to find the most accurate examples avail-

able. Coin collecting is a lifelong hobby that is still quietly going strong, attracting enthusiasts by giving them a way to connect to the past.

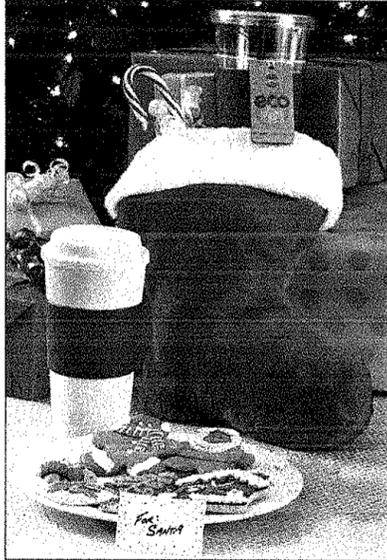
Stuffing the stocking

Stuffing a stocking is a sensible solution for last minute gifts.

Holiday stockings traditionally hang from the mantel awaiting Santa's visit, but they also make simple, economical, festive "wraps" for gifts. Remember teachers, coaches, neighbors, scout leaders, hair dressers and those who deliver the mail and newspaper.

It's fun to have a themed stocking like this one, holding eco-friendly beverage containers: One for hot beverages and one for cold. Double-wall plastic constructed cups provide enhanced insulation.

To make this stocking extra special, include a recipe for a seasonal favorite — Minty Cocoa for Santa. It's easy — just heat milk and dark cocoa mint flavored candy melts, pour into the mug and enjoy topped with whipped cream and snowflake sprinkles. Pair it with a plate of holiday



cookies for Santa.
Minty Cocoa for Santa
Makes one serving.

- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 cup dark cocoa mint flavored candy
- Whipped cream, as desired
- Snowflake mix sprinkles or Christmas nonpareils
- In saucepan or microwave-safe bowl, heat milk and candy melts, stirring until candy is melted. Pour into cups. If desired, top with whipped cream and sprinkles.
- Substitute 1 cup dark cocoa candy melts and one to two drops peppermint candy flavoring or 1/8 teaspoon mint extract for candy melts.

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Affordable luxuries: Holiday gifts under \$50

There are treasures to be found at prices so good shoppers might be tempted to get a few treats for themselves.

This list of affordable luxuries — items that stress quality over quantity — are perfect for everyone on your list and sure to be remembered.

Neighbors
Everyone is looking for all natural foods this year and imported foods have a certain cache. Combine the two and you get Kerrygold all-natural cheeses, imported from Ireland. Kerrygold cheeses are made

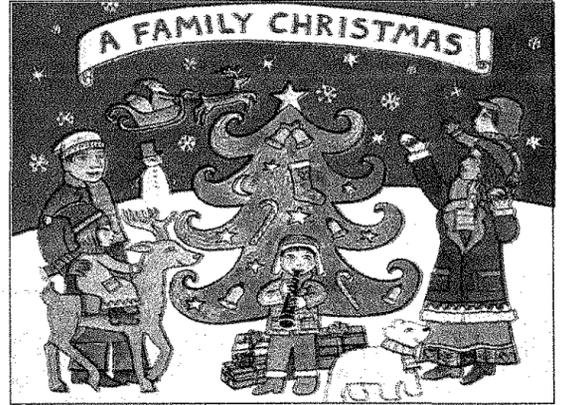
with milk from grass-fed cows.
Romance
Now is the time to give some of the best wines in the world for a fraction of the price. How? Many of the world's top wines are sold in half bottles. Not only will the bottle of wine be enough for two, the bottles are charming.
Friends And Family
Trapp candles make any house take on the air of a relaxing French chateau. Trapp's Bob's Flower Shoppe creates the feel of a French chateau for a fraction of the cost. Thanks to Trapp Candles' luxurious pack-

aging, gifters won't have to worry about the hassle of wrapping. Priced from \$17 to \$22.

The Boss
It's common for workers to give their boss a gift during the holiday season. Winemaker Michael Chapoutier is one of the most famous winemakers in France, but he also makes wines in Australia that have received top scores without the hefty price tag. A collaborative effort between Chapoutier and the Terlato family of California's Napa Valley, Domaine Terlato & Chapoutier Shiraz-Viognier offers all the

appeal of traditional French wine with a nod to the new world influence and appeal of Australia.

Children
Nothing could be smarter than to teach children financial literacy. Although the Money Savvy Pig, \$16.99, isn't exactly luxury, the lessons it teaches children will allow them to be able to afford life's luxuries in the future. The pig's four slots encourage children to save, spend, donate and invest — valuable advice many adults could benefit from.



Caring for the holiday tree

More families purchase their Christmas trees earlier than ever before.

To be certain the tree holds up through the long Christmas season, consider the following

tree care tips.
• Trees, even healthy ones, will have their share of needle loss. However, if the tree is faded, if the bark on branches is wrinkled, or exterior needles

fall off at even the most gentle touch, the tree is excessively dry. Keep the tree watered to avoid excessive dryness.

• Cut trees will absorb water more readily from their stand if they are given a fresh cut prior to submerging the trunk. A tree that has not been freshly cut will still absorb water, but at a slower rate. A thick, crusty sap forms on the end of the trunk and can hamper water absorption.

• According to the National Christmas Tree Association, it is not necessary to add anything to the water of Christmas trees, such as aspirin, bleach or fertilizer. Plain tap water will extend the life of a tree for weeks. Other additives can actually hamper water absorption and tree moisture levels.

• Look for large tree stands that can accommodate at least one gallon of water. A tree drinks at least one quart of water per inch of trunk diameter

per day. A larger stand ensures the water will last longer between refills. Also, check water levels regularly. There are products on the market that will automatically add water to tree stands.

Many people avoid real Christmas trees because they feel they are "killing" a tree and harming the environment.

Christmas trees are raised on farms and harvested for this specific purpose. For every tree harvested, at least three are planted in its place. Each year there are more trees available than the last.

Cut trees can be recycled after the season and impact the environment far less than artificial trees made of non-biodegradable metal and plastic.



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Don't let hospital stay ruin holiday

If an illness prevents a friend or family member from being home for the holidays, take a little bit of home to the hospital.

"Being in the hospital, away from family and festivities, can be a bit unnerving and sad for most people," said Denice Foose, a chaplain at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "Anytime you can bring a holiday ritual into a patient's room,

whether it's writing Christmas cards or reading a favorite holiday story, it can make it feel more like home and make it easier on everyone.

"Some family members might be upset they have to spend the holidays at the hospital, and patients might feel guilty about it," Foose said. "Talking about these feelings will let everyone know how

they feel about the situation, and in most cases will ease tensions and make for a happier holiday."

Foos said giving always makes one feel better, and it doesn't necessarily have to be something bought.

"Something as simple as a smile from a family member to another patient or from a patient to an employee who has to work the holiday can make everyone feel more at ease.

"People begin to realize material things are not what matters at the holidays, but instead the health and well-being of family members," Foos said. Here are some tips for staying in the hospital over the holidays:

• Find a holiday special on television and watch it as a family like you would at home.

• Bring holiday rituals from home into the hospital room, whether it's writing Christmas cards or reading a holiday story.

• Giving, whether it's a smile or a small gift, to another patient will make everyone feel better.

• Both patient and family members should talk about their feelings of anger or sadness over not being able to spend the holidays at home.

• If family members can't make it to the hospital, reach out to hospital volunteers for comfort and companionship.

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Kwanzaa Holiday stew

Kwanzaa is a celebration of family. Celebrate with this slow-cooker recipe that takes just 25 minutes to prepare.

African Sweet potato-Peanut Stew

- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 cups (loosely packed) fresh cilantro leaves and stems
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup creamy or chunky peanut butter

- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- Salt
- 1 cup water
- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks
- 1 can (15 to 19 ounces) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained

- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen whole or cut green beans

In blender or food processor with knife blade attached, blend garlic, cilantro, tomatoes with their juice, peanut butter, cumin, cinnamon, ground red pepper and 3/4 teaspoon salt until pureed.

Into 4 1/2- to 6-quart slow-cooker bowl, pour peanut-butter mixture; stir in water. Add sweet potatoes and garbanzo



beans; stir to combine. Cover slow cooker with lid and cook as manufacturer directs on low setting 8 to 10 hours or on high setting four to five hours or until potatoes are

very tender. About 10 minutes before sweet potato mixture is done, cook green beans as label directs. Gently stir green beans into stew.

Each serving: About 495 calories, 13 grams total fat (3 grams saturated), 1,105 milligrams sodium, 83 grams total carbohydrate, 12 grams dietary fiber, 16 grams protein.

Stringing holiday lights

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special Writer

Q. Every year, we string outdoor lights not just around the edge of the roof but around the backyard, trees, etc.

This year I noticed about half the lights I strung did not light up when I turned them on.

The lights seem to stop working in the middle of the string. What's going on?

—Buster in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

A. Grab some replacement bulbs — the same type and size, rated for outdoor lights—and start following the strings to the first bulb that isn't lit.

Take a close look at the bulb — if you can see a tiny dark spot in the middle or the glass

is generally darker than that of nearby bulbs, you've probably located the burnt bulb. Another more telling clue is the entire string beyond the bulb is also not lighting up.

The reason the string behind the burned-out bulb doesn't light is because in most Christmas light strings, the bulb assemblies act as individual fuses.

When a bulb burns out — the filament inside the glass breaks, preventing electricity from traveling along it — the bulb acts as a circuit breaker of sorts and stops electricity from conducting all the way along the wire.

In newer strands, you'll see the lights go out behind the burned-out bulb but work up to

that point. Older light strands would completely break the circuit, meaning no lights would work — and leading to much more tedious time spent searching for that elusive burnt bulb.

To replace, simply pop out the old bulb (you may need to unhook a small plastic latch at the base of the bulb receptacle to pop out the bulb assembly), being careful not to break the glass, and snap in a new bulb of the same type.

Test the strand by plugging it in.

Work your way along the strand and replace any other burned-out bulbs.

Tip: Use only light strands rated for outdoor use on outside lighting.

Scents of the season

There's good news for the estimated 50 million American homeowners who opt for the convenience of artificial holiday trees.

Choosing this no-fuss festive decoration no longer means depriving yourself of the nostalgic scent of fresh pine. There's an easy way to add that inviting scent to fake trees and other

holiday decorations.

One way to make the mood in your home merrier is to decorate with scented ornaments called ScentSicles.

Infused with pure fragrance oils, the ornaments can make any tree smell fresh cut for weeks.

You can stash them in the tree, hang them as decorative

ornaments, or use them in floral arrangements. They also make a timely holiday hostess gift.

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