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 ◆ Services for Older Citizens Christmas party begins at 11 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

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MONDAY, DEC. 19

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killen, D-Detroit, holds "Chat with the Commissioner" from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson, second level.
 ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

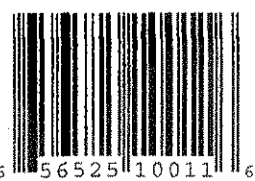
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The fun in fundraising

More than 110 people attended Holly Fest, a fundraiser held at The Little Club Dec. 4, to benefit The Family Center. Above, Lori Stefek of Stefek's Auctioneers and Appraisers, calls the live auction items. At right, Elizabeth Wakefield watches as her husband, Chace, bids on a Belair watch. Below, the auction fundraiser committee, from left, Lois Warden, Diane Strickland, Beth Moran, Beth Vernon, Anne Prokop and Mary Beth Austin.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



At left, event honorary chairs Rick and Cat Ruffner. As attendees left the event, they walked away with a jar of gingerbread cookie mix created by the special needs students at Parcels Middle School.

Farms boosts funds

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — That holiday jingle at city hall isn't Santa's sleigh bells, it's extra savings in the city's pockets.

An audit for fiscal year 2010-2011, which ended June 30, revealed Grosse Pointe Farms increased its rainy day fund.

The fund is greater than last year's and equals 23 percent of the general fund budget.

The amount exceeds the 20 percent savings auditors recommend.

"We're able to add \$110,000 to our fund balance for the year," said John Lamerato, Farms controller.

Savings, technically called unassigned general fund balance, now is \$2.9 million.

The city could operate off the balance for more than two months.

"We're in good shape," Lamerato

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Services could merge

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Earlier this year it was joint public safety dispatch with a sister Grosse Pointe.

This month, it's shared firefighting services with the whole Pointe family.

Next year is a police, fire and emergency medical services partnership between the City and Park.

All are goals of the City of Grosse Pointe to save costs and improve efficiency by sharing comparable services.

The latest proposal is the biggest: to create a joint public safety authority with neighboring Grosse Pointe Park. The authority is being considered to provide combined public safety services in the two cities.

"We plan to tackle this issue in depth in January," said Peter Dame, manager of the City.

The proposal is far from being implemented.

"At this point, we're just discussing fire services," said Dale Krajniak, Grosse Pointe Park city manager. "We'll continue exploring ways to work closer and closer together in sharing more services."

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NEWS

Glancy Trains show Sunday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT — When it comes to model railroading, every youngster can be an empire builder.

"You have to let children create an environment for a layout," said Cash Benford, a train enthusiast. "Once they start creating their own landscape, that keeps their attention. That is what I explain to people who get their kids trains."

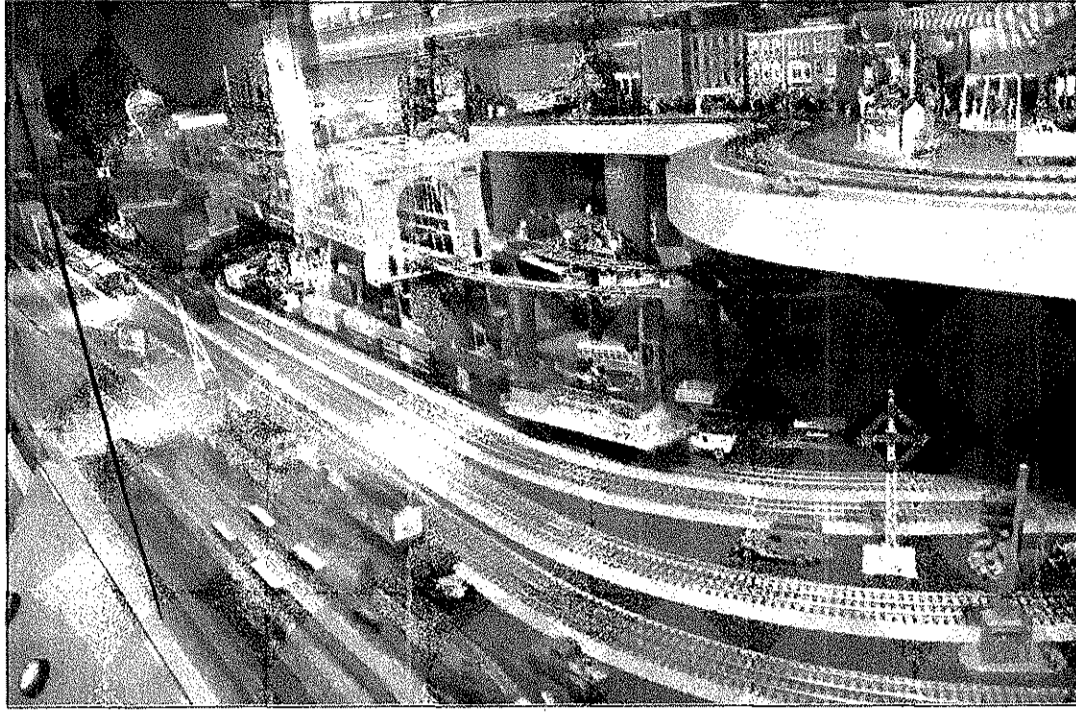
Benford is helping organize a model train show and sale, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

"There's opportunities to buy things for the holidays," said Bob Bury, head of the Detroit Historical Society and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "It's also free admission on Sunday, thanks to Masco Corp."

In addition to dealers of used and vintage model locomotives, cars, accessories and parts, the show includes on-site appraisals for \$3.

The show is affiliated with the museum's Glancy Trains exhibit.

The layout represents one of the late Alfred Glancy II, co-owner of the Empire State Building, had in his Tudor house, now razed, on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

A camera mounted in the nose of a locomotive gives an engineer's eye view of entering the Glancy trestle.

Shores. Glancy opened his trains to public view during the Christmas season.

"He had great train shows in his basement," Bury said. "He donated his trains to the museum."

Benford, of Detroit, volunteered to help reconstruct the layout in the museum basement. He continues to maintain Glancy Trains and operating accessories.

"I just love trains," he said.

Visitors see Lionel trains travel along eight O-gauge loops. There are two American

Flyer loops and one G-gauge loop.

At the press of a button, a hot air balloon goes up and down. Other buttons activate a crossing gate, a playground and amusement park rides.

Benford custom-built many of the layouts' bridges, including a multiple-span trestle extending nearly the length of the display.

"The fascinating thing about those bridges is there are no screws, pins or glue holding them together," he said. "They're built so they lock as tight as a drum."

Hooked from youth

Train enthusiasts come in all ages and sizes.

Victor Bodek, president of the Glancy Trains Modular Club — which operates a three-track, portable layout measuring up to 48-by-48 feet — was hooked the first time he saw a working steam locomotive.

"I was 10 years old," said Bodek, now in his 60s and living in Sterling Heights. "I was



Passengers ride in style in Lionel's Silver Dawn aluminum car.

with my mother in Detroit going to buy supplies for church. We were going down a viaduct — I don't remember where it was — and here came a steam locomotive. It was black and smoke was coming out of it. Man, that caught my attention."

Bodek still has the Lionel starter set his parents paid

\$19.95 for in 1954.

The set has a black steam locomotive with working headlight, Lionel gondola, Baby Ruth boxcar, red caboose, 35-watt transformer and 10 pieces of track, more than enough to fill the expanse of a boy's imagination.

"I set it up on a 4-by-8 piece of plywood," Bodek said.

The Glancy show is a good place to tap veteran enthusiasts for tips on maintaining model trains.

Benford recommends cleaning railroad car bodies with nothing more than a soft brush or, if necessary, mild dishwashing liquid.

"Once you wash it, rinse it off and let it dry," he said.

"Don't use anything really abrasive," added Bodek. "You might wipe away the lettering." Internal repairs are better left to experts.

"I used to take my engines apart and clean them," Bodek said. "The motors were a lot simpler then."

The Glancy Trains Show is noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Admission is free to the museum and show. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 833-7935 or visit detroithistorical.org.

The Glancy Modular layout is displayed 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday through the holidays at Henry Ford Greenfield Village. For more information, call (800) 835-5237 or visit thehenryford.org.

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Lieutenant arrested for DUI Step toward sharing

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A lieutenant with the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety department has been placed on restricted duty following his arrest in Madison Heights for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

John Kretzschmar, 49, was arrested at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, by Madison Heights police after they were called to the Red Roof Inn parking lot on Concord Drive by a Huntington Woods resident who claimed Kretzschmar had

struck her car and didn't stop.

According to the police report, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by the Grosse Pointe News, the Huntington Woods resident said Kretzschmar rear-ended her vehicle while on the northbound I-75 exit ramp to 14 Mile Road. He did not stop, but proceeded to the motel parking lot. She followed him to the lot and called police.

Officers who arrived at the scene noted that Kretzschmar was unable to answer any questions about the accident,

and when asked if he had been drinking, he acknowledged that he had "a few." Police conducted a field sobriety test as well as a Breathalyzer test, which resulted in a reading of a blood alcohol level of .24, three times the legal limit.

Kretzschmar was handcuffed and taken to the Madison Heights police station, where a follow up test was given which showed a blood alcohol level of .28. His car was impounded.

Grosse Pointe Park chief of police David Hiller said his department is conducting an in-

ternal investigation of the incident.

"We are not involved with the Madison Heights investigation, and we will take appropriate disciplinary action if it is warranted.

"The officer will remain on restricted duty until our investigation is complete."

Hiller said he was not aware of any other disciplinary actions involving Kretzschmar and said Kretzschmar has retained private counsel.

Arraignment information wasn't available to the Grosse Pointe News before deadline.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Representatives of all the Grosse Pointes continue forging an administrative framework to support operational savings through increased sharing of municipal resources.

Council members from the City this week endorsed a resolution creating a multi-governmental Grosse Pointe Fire Services Coordination Committee to organize shared firefighting services.

The committee is to create and implement:

- ◆ an automatic aid agreement, whereby officers from multiple jurisdictions automatically respond to fires at locations deemed riskier than most;
- ◆ a group to establish unified officer training and operating procedures for officers in the five Pointe public safety departments and
- ◆ a group to oversee the joint purchase of equipment.

The Woods council was first to sign on last week. The Park had it on its agenda this week (see story below). The Shores and Farms are expected to do likewise at council meetings next week and in January, respectively.

"The three items in the agreement are common sense," said Stephen Poloni, City public safety director (and in the Shores, until its council hires a replacement). "I think everybody's on board."

Committee membership shall consist of administrators from the five Pointes accountable to elected officials.

"By having the council ap-

prove these recommendations by establishing this intergovernmental committee, you are directing staff to get these done," City of Grosse Pointe Manager Peter Dame told his council Monday, Dec. 12.

"This (new committee) is an offshoot of the Ad Hoc Grosse Pointe Public Safety Committee, that has been meeting for about a year," said City Mayor Dale Scrace.

The ad hoc group, which is made up of representatives from each Pointe, has been meeting for about a year. Earlier this year, its members recommended the cities pursue savings by consolidating public safety dispatch operations.

That effort mostly remains in the works, although the Shores contracted its dispatch to the Farms.

"This is the second step," Scrace said of fire sharing.

"The theory is we get started with some things that should have been done many years ago," Dame said. "Then, build for future fire cooperation efforts."

By formalizing plans for shared services, cities qualify for state revenue sharing.

"The state is requiring, as of Jan. 1, 2012, all cities, in order to obtain what remains of statutory revenue sharing, to submit (a list of) existing shared services and items they propose to add to shared services," Dame said.

Receipt of state funds doesn't require that plans be implemented.

"It does require telling the state what we have been doing and what we plan to try to do,"

Dame said.

Biblical history on display

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The King James translation of the Bible has been the last word on the good word for four centuries.

In recognition of the 400th anniversary of its printing, two copies of the first edition are displayed through January in a gallery of the Toledo Museum of Art.

"They're in a room with 17th century works of art, the same time the King James Bible was first printed in 1611," said Ed Hill, curatorial assistant in the museum's department of works of art on paper.

Truth be told, the first edition has little artistic or technical merit.

Some of its ornate copper plate and wood block engravings relate literally to the text. Others hint symbolically to the text and times. Their content and construction are nothing new.

By 1611, the printing press had been around for 150 years," Hill said. "The process of printing books was somewhat standardized."

There aren't page numbers. "They were still in the process of getting books in the form we see them today," Hill said. "They go by page headings. Also, in the bottom right corner of each page is a small word. That is the word on the next page, so the printer can double-check it when putting the pages together."

The worth of the King James Bible is its language.

"In some ways, there was a burst of creativity in Bible translations in the 1500s, with the King James version the flowering of what had been going on for decades before," said The Rev. Dr. Andrew MacBeth, interim rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The King James translation is so ingrained worldwide, some people think it's the one and only English version.

"It's funny that people think of the King James version as the original or first English translation, because it's definitely not," MacBeth said.

Many English translations precede it, going back to Hebrew scriptures.

Immediate predecessors, such as the Tyndale and Geneva Bibles of 1526 and 1560, respectively, are nearly galley proofs for the bestseller to come.

For, "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

"Even Anglicans started using the King James version of scripture readings from the Gospel of the Epistles in 1611," MacBeth said.

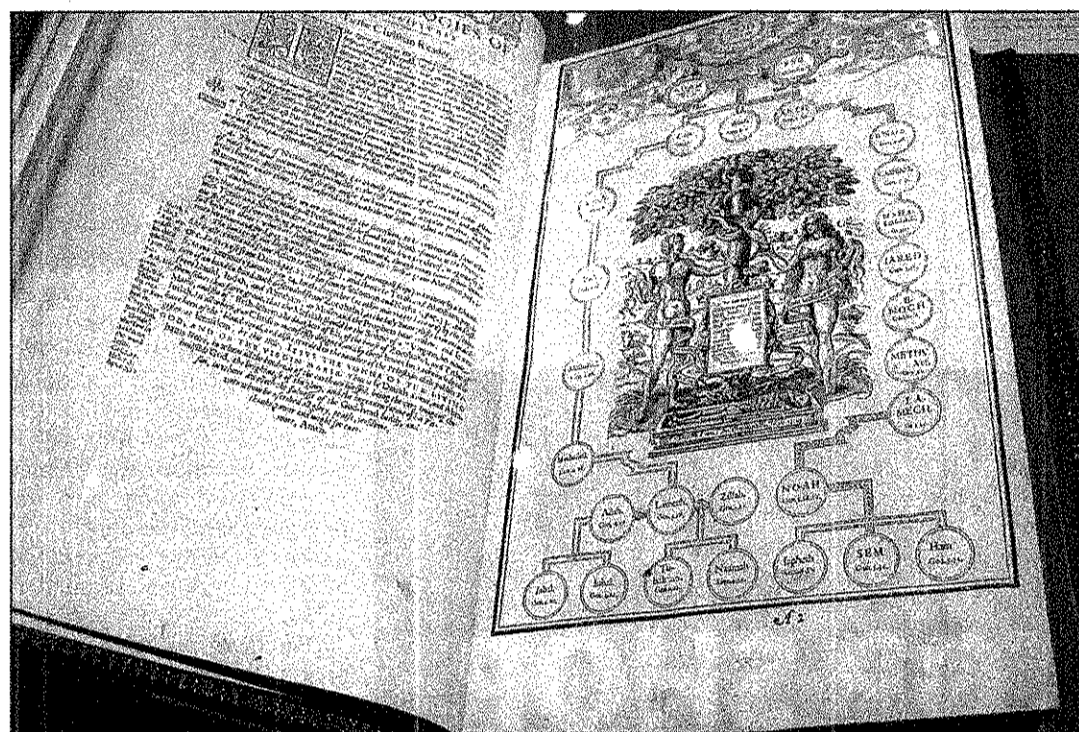
In addition to the exhibition's contextual art, there are information labels written about the Bible from different viewpoints.

"We have labels by a theologian, an English professor, a book collector," Hill said.

An English professor from the University of Toledo writes of the translation's literary merit.

He compares part of Psalm 23:6 from the Geneva Bible with that of subsequent King James:

◆ Geneva: "Doubtless kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall remain a long season in



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Two copies of first edition King James Bibles are the centerpiece of a focused exhibition in a gallery of 17th century art.

the house of the Lord."

◆ King James: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Geneva's "Doubtless" is a glass half empty kind of word, in some ways questioning the likelihood of salvation.

King James' "Surely" is half full, but brimming with promise.

Geneva's "long season" seems like a recipe instruction.

King James' "dwell" is more restful.

Such subtle improvements in the King James translation are remarkable considering they were made by committee, the empirical bane of beauty.

The translation was made because King James I didn't like the current one.

"He's the one the King James Bible is named after," Hill said. "He didn't like the popular Bible at the time, the Geneva Bible, which had commentaries in it that went against the divine right of kings, among other things. So, he commissioned this Bible. One of his requirements was there be no commentaries."

Six groups averaging about eight men each were assigned to rework separate sections of the Bible.

Researchers returned to the "Originall Greeke: and with the former Translations diligently compared and revised, by his Majesties speciall commandment," according to the title page, with original spelling.

Each group forwarded its translations to another group of 12 (two from each of the first groups), then to a committee of four, then to one person before it was considered finished and sent to the London office of Robert Barker, "Printer to the Kings most Excellent Majestie."

"It was a complicated process and it took several years," Hill said.

"In some ways, it was a wonderfully talented group of people that put the King James version together," MacBeth said. "We're lucky to have such gifted people doing that work."

Some editions of the King James Bible are nicknamed after typos.

Toledo's Bibles are early first editions known as "He" versions. Later first editions are nicknamed "She" Bibles.

The difference stems from a passage in Ruth 3:15.

In "He" Bibles, the passage reads, in part, "he went into the city." In "She" Bibles, the passage was changed to, "she went into the city."

"Both versions are extremely desirable," said John King, owner of John King Used Books in Detroit. "The King James is one of the keystones for Bible collectors. The 'She' version has the mistake and is more valuable. One is on the market for \$160,000. The 'He' version is a lot less. We've handled a lot of them, but I don't remember having a 'She' version."

Another edition is labeled the "Wicked Bible." Typesetters left "not" out of the Seventh Commandment. It reads, "Thou shalt commit adultery."

It's a coveted edition.

"They ordered all of them destroyed," Hill said. "I think only 11 survived from 1613."

The Toledo Museum of Art is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. Admission is free. Parking costs \$5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (419) 255-8000 or (800) 644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.

Vote is next month

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council put off until January voting to join with the other Grosse Pointes in a shared fire services agreement. Amid concerns of whether the plan is in the Park's best interest, the council referred the agreement to the city attorney for his review and recommendations.

Park Police Chief David Hiller presented to the council at its Monday night meeting the Fire Safety Interlocal Agreement, a plan put together by city and public safety administrators from the five Grosse Pointes that proposes consolidation of fire services through a revised automatic aid policy, cross training of officers and coordination of purchasing.

But concerns that the other

Pointes may overuse Park manpower and equipment as well as questions regarding the level of training Park officers receive as opposed to those in the other Pointes caused the council to delay voting on the agreement.

"My chief concern falls in the area of training," said Councilman Dan Clark. "We have highly trained personnel. I wouldn't want to see training move to the level of the lowest common denominator. I need to know that the level of training we have committed to will be the norm, and there has to be a commitment to training by the Farms and the City."

Councilman Greg Theokas expressed concerns that equipment owned by the Park, particularly the city's ladder truck, could be overused and the

chasing.

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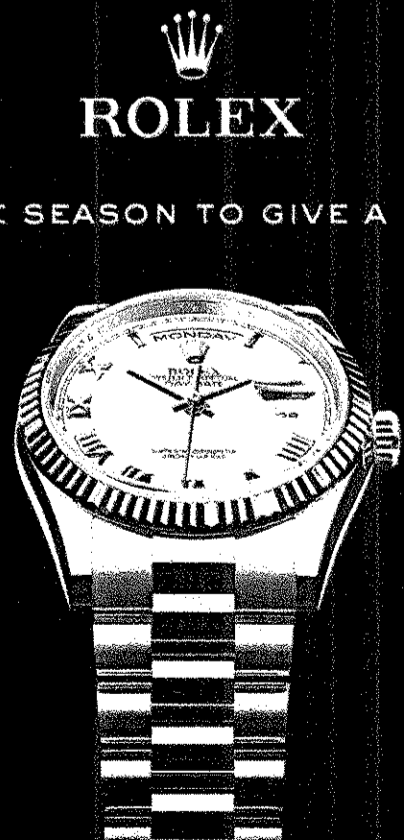
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Where animals and science meet

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

When Scott Carter was 9 years old he was separated from his family while visiting the St. Louis Zoo.

"I was totally enthralled with the zoo. I told my mother I would be a zoo director," he said when rejoined with his family.

Not surprisingly, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident is the Detroit Zoological Society's chief life sciences officer, which means he is responsible for 3,600 zoo inhabitants, big and small, living on land, in the water and in the air.

Stating the obvious, science is key to his job. Recently, he was recognized by the Noyce Leadership Institute which helps develop leaders of non-formal science education.

Established by Robert Noyce, founder of Intel



Corporation, the year-long fellowship involves three intensive retreats interfacing with executive leaders from around the world. Cohorts, the term used for those in the fellowship, are developing individually to lead science centers and help them maintain external community focus, he explained.

"The goal," Carter said, "is



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

to provide focused learning on leadership development.

"The family (Noyce) felt strongly about nontraditional science learning outside the classroom. (The) foundation focuses on improving science centers, developing and improving science centers."

Noyce fellows are exposed to different types of leadership.

"We have monthly conference calls and assigned reading," he said. "I read articles about different views on an issue that causes me to think differently. The program brings greater exposure to different styles of leadership, especially leadership in a broader external role in our community."

Since zoo leaders were not admitted to this program, Carter had to press his idea that zoos are in fact important centers of non-formal science learning in their communities.

Messages in educational programs at the Detroit Zoo focus on biological and natural history sciences and help visitors learn science in unique and natural settings with animals. For example, a future state-of-the-art penguin and puffin conservation center is to include messages about global climate change and how humans interact with the birds.

The exhibit will provide underwater views and be a better environment for penguins, who live in the southern hemisphere, and for puffins, who reside in the North Atlantic Ocean.

"We often tell the story of animals within a human context. Climate change is a good example of human impact on environments and animals," Carter explained.

It is Carter's intention for zoo visitors to see nature from the animals' point of view and possibly change people's atti-

Far left, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Scott Carter, right, chief life sciences officer for the Detroit Zoo, stands with Tom Schneider, curator of birds, in the aviary.

Above left, Scott Carter - Photo courtesy of the Detroit Zoo

Above, a pair of green winged macaws, native to South America, are new to the aviary at the Detroit Zoo. They were acquired from the Scovill Zoo in Decatur, Ill.

tudes about the environment by becoming more conscious of their choices.

His initiative, as a result of the fellowship, is to develop and lead a comprehensive process to understand green literacy — knowledge of the environment and how actions and behaviors affect it, particularly in southeast Michigan, and to develop and coordinate programs for improvement.

"Zoos are a tremendous place of learning," he said.

While educating the public, it is also the zoo's responsibility to provide for its residents.

"We have an obligation to ensure their well-being," he said. "It is possible for animals to be physically healthy by providing appropriate diet and good medical care, but ensuring their well-being requires much more."

"There are habitat guidelines to follow. They are more minimal than optimal, art plus science. The starting point for us is to make sure what is best for the animal."

Background

Carter earned a bachelor's degree from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., and worked in a medical lab for a year. What he really wanted was a job at the zoo in Wichita, which he did land. Carter worked as a zookeeper for 11 years, assigned to the African area with the hoof stock, including elephants and rhinos.

His interest veered to primatology, specifically spider monkey behavior. He earned a master's degree from Wichita State University School in anthropology and management.

"Spider monkeys are unique for primates," he said of the South American animal. "They live in large communities, but don't stay together all the time. They have what's called fission-fusion social grouping, so they travel in small groups that periodically meet up with others in their community."

The next progression for a zookeeper is to become a zoo curator. He was offered a job at the Detroit Zoo, thus bringing him, his wife, Karen; son, Ross, 25, and daughter, Emily, 23, to Michigan. His youngest son, Miles, is 18.

Husband, father, life sciences officer and Noyce cohort, Carter is proving science affects all lives, big and small, on the land, in the water and in the sky.



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City of Grosse Pointe

Parole jumper

Police caught a parole absconder during a traffic investigation at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, on Washington near Kercheval. The 32-year-old male suspect from Detroit was investigated for transporting seven unsecured passengers in the cargo section of a white Chevrolet van. A patrolman saw the passengers when the van's rear door swung open while the vehicle was in operation.

—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

Wanted by state

Michigan Department of Corrections authorities were notified last week that Farms police caught a 30-year-old

Warren man wanted by the state for violating parole.

A Farms patrolman stopped the man at 4:29 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the area of Mack and Moross for operating a 2001 Pontiac Grand Am with a broken taillight. The man's record included receiving stolen property.

Drugs near campus

Police figure they curbed a drug dealer from St. Clair Shores during a traffic stop at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, near Grosse Pointe South High School.

Officers arrested the 18-year-old male suspect cruising Fisher.

"(Grosse Pointe Park police reported him) selling suspected marijuana to students at South," said a Farms officer. "The suspect is known to drive a (white) 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee."

A patrolman spotted a vehicle on Fisher matching the Cherokee's description at about 3:30 p.m., shortly after school let out. During a traffic stop near Grosse Pointe

Boulevard, police searching the Jeep reported finding 110.5 grams of marijuana, a glass pipe with burnt marijuana residue, a scale and three-inch folding knife.

Loaded gun

During a traffic stop on Mack near Cloverly at about 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, police found a .38-caliber pistol loaded with hollow-point ammunition in a white 1999 Chevrolet Astro van operated by a 58-year-old Detroit man.

A patrolman pulled the man over for an equipment malfunction. Officers arrested the man on three Wayne County warrants for unpaid child support totaling \$57,650.

Embezzlement

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was arrested the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 8, for allegedly pocketing a fraudulently refunded money while employed as a cashier at JoAnn Fabrics, 18850 Mack.

Store authorities claim the

woman appeared on store security video processing a series of fake returns totaling more than \$500 since October.

A company representative showed police "numerous copies of receipts (signed by the suspect) used for returning items that were purchased by customers, but never actually returned to the store," said a public safety officer.

Bike stolen

A \$200 maroon bicycle of unknown make or model was stolen between 6 a.m. and 4:39 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, from an open garage in the 200 block of Merriweather. The garage faces Beaupre.

Car break-ins

A larcenist during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 7, is suspected of leaving loot in the backyard of a house in the 100 block of Ridge.

A red and black backpack stolen from a car parked in the 200 block of McMillan was found in the yard.

The pack contained a TomTom global positioning system stolen from a car parked in the 300 block of Moran. Police haven't deter-

mined the ownership of a camera found in the backpack.

Fourth arrest

A 22-year-old Harrison Township man received his fourth drunken driving arrest at 6:48 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, on eastbound Mack near Kerby.

Police said he had a .10 percent blood alcohol level.

"He admitted to drinking rum this date," said the arresting officer.

Prior arrests were in Clinton Township, New Baltimore and St. Clair Shores. His record also includes possession of a controlled substance.

—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

Homemade pipe

Police said they found a marijuana pipe last week made from a Red Bull can hidden under the driver's seat of a 2000 Dodge mini van operated by a 55-year-old Harrison Township man in the 600 block of southbound Lakeshore.

An officer pulled over the man at 9:49 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the 600 block of southbound Lakeshore because the van had a cracked windshield.

The man was released on \$600 bond.

Walks away

A 22-year-old St. Clair Shores woman with a restricted driver's license is suspected of trying to sidestep police shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, by parking her black Ford F150 pickup truck on Briarcliff and walking toward Van K Drive.

A patrolman was eying the pickup's expired license plate when the woman parked curbside.

Although police found open alcohol in the vehicle, the woman passed field sobriety tests, officers said.

Pit bull darted

Shortly before 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, a stray pit bull that had been evading police for days roamed into a fenced-in backyard on Oxford in Grosse Pointe Shores, according to Shores police.

The dog charged and growled at Shores officers. They called in a veterinarian, who shot the dog with a tranquilizing gun and took it away.

Parcels opened

Sometime during the evening or night of Monday, Dec. 6, someone stole clothing inside two packages delivered to a resident's house in the 700 block of Lakeshore.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Not so happy hour

A customer left a bar on Mack in the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 12, without paying her \$35 tab. She did leave a credit card, however the charge was declined by the credit card company.

UDAA

A 2003 Dodge Ram truck was taken from a St. John Hospital parking lot. The owner, a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident, was at the hospital for the birth of his daughter. Security personnel are reviewing surveillance tapes.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Busy night

Overnight Monday, Dec. 5, someone stole a 2001 Jeep Cherokee from a lot on Jefferson and attempted to steal two other vehicles.

The door lock and steering column was damaged on a 2005 Jeep Wrangler parked in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield and a 2007 Chrysler Town & Country parked in the 1300 block of Balfour was broken into. The in-board GPS and radio system were removed and the steering column damaged.

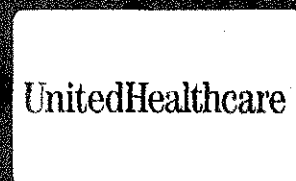
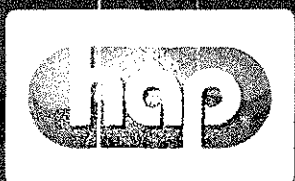
Cart taken

A garden cart used as a landscape decoration was taken from outside a house in the 1100 block of Bedford sometime during the week of Dec. 4.

—Kathy Ryan

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FUNDS: Annual report shows a tight ship in Farms

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said. "We're stable, compared to a lot of cities in the area."

"Our department heads did a great job cutting costs and keeping expenses down," said Mayor James Farquhar.

The savings increase countered revenue declines.

Property taxes, which account for 75 percent of municipal income, were about 4 percent less in 2011 than 2010.

Property tax receipts in 2011 totaled \$9.5 million, down from \$9.9 million in 2010, according to Lamerato.

Also, low interest rates meant less return on investments.

"When you make money on investments, that's free money for the city," Lamerato said.

A property tax rate increase raised revenue, yet resulted in most residents paying less taxes from the year before due property value declines.

"The city has maintained the lowest operating millage in the Grosse Pointes," according to auditors from Plante & Moran.

They gave the Farms their highest rating.

"The budget was tight last year and pretty accurate in its estimates," Lamerato said.

"Expenditures came in less than 1 percent under the budgeted amount. Every main

function in the general fund came in under budget."

"The economic outlook for the Farms continues to be better than most cities in Michigan," according to the auditors' report. "The city has maintained a strong financial position as a result of cost-cutting measures."

Harbor

The harbor fund is doing well, according to Lamerato.

"This past year, revenues were about \$15,000 over expenditures," he said. "It's about a \$400,000 operation."

Water

The water and sewer fund benefited from Farms officials passing on a Detroit rate increase.

The fund may be tapped if an investigation into last summer's two sewer backups concludes the inland sewer district requires upgrades, including possible replacement.

"Hopefully, we'll get a grant to pay for the engineering costs," Lamerato said. "The cash position has always been very tight. We'll probably try to build a little more reserve for improvements, so we don't have to go out and bond for things."

Assets

Overall governmental activi-

ties, including the water plant and pumping station, represented assets totaling \$49.6 million.

"That includes roads and a depreciated amount," Lamerato said.

Next year

Lamerato expects continued declines in property tax revenues, but not another 4 percent drop.

"We'll get our final numbers in a couple of weeks," he said. "Things are starting to level out a bit. Any reduction puts pressure on next year's budget."

State shared revenue held steady last year at about \$800,000.

"The city council decided to move \$1.4 million into our capital projects fund, which funds the road improvement projects," Lamerato said. "In next year's budget, we'll probably be looking at some road improvement projects. We'll have funding without having to borrow."



Free parking

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue and Grosse Pointe Woods offers free parking through Monday, Dec. 26. Helping to cover the parking meters are, from left Angelo DiClemente, Lucy Poulos and James Anderson, all association board members.

MERGE: City, Park look at partnership for services

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"It could be that much of the year is spent studying public safety with the Park," Dame said.

The study is likely to require expert advice from an outside consultant.

"We have applied for a state grant to fund 25 percent of the study, which could cost \$50,000 to \$80,000 and take four to six months," Dame said.

He's willing to consider additional joint, intergovernmental projects.

"We will also be examining

sharing public works services with Grosse Pointe Park and potentially other Grosse Pointes," Dame said.

"We've been discussing street sweeping, possible road repairs, catch basin repairs — things that are common to both communities," Krajniak said.

VOTE: Council wants fair pact

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Park may not be compensated adequately.

"The way I envision this is that there would be three major departments, the Park, the Woods and the Farms, with the City and Shores being much smaller departments," he said. "I fear the City would be taking advantage of our equipment if there was a fire in the Village, for example. This would also pull our officers off our streets to fight their fires."

Hiller assured the council that the agreement establishes a formula that credits each city for its existing equipment. He also stressed that the chiefs would oversee training and he would insist that all officers would receive the same training.

"I'm not going to send my guys if everyone is not on the same page when it comes to training," he told the council.

Hiller also reminded the council that the automatic aid policy sets up a pre-arranged response to fires.

"We only have three or four major fires a year," Hiller said. "If we receive a call that there is smoke at Beaumont Hospital, all units will respond. On the other hand, if we receive a report of a car fire, there will be limited response."

Councilman Bob Denner approves of the agreement, saying that it is designed to improve fire services in all communities.

Hiller urged approval of the agreement.

"It's not going to happen overnight, but when it does, it will be in our best interests," he told the council.

The council charged city attorney Dennis Levasseur with reviewing the agreement and bringing his recommendations to the council's January meeting.

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GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

Are politicians smarter than the rest of us?

I have recently had the opportunity to attend various briefings given by key Michigan legislators and the governor. Although the topics were different, the mindset was alarmingly similar. The political class, regardless of party affiliation, believes it is smart enough to plan the future for Michigan residents on critical issues ranging from energy to health care. This attitude seems to get progressively worse the longer elected officials are in office. Perhaps this is why most voters support term limits despite the continual politician rantings such limits destroy their ability to make

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government work. While their intentions may be noble, the outcome is fraught with broken promises and unintended consequences. When confronted with failed outcomes, politicians often seem oblivious to their attempts to control them — just trust us, we will get it right next time, seems to be a common response. The cure is abstinence. Politicians must first recognize they are not smart enough to plan everyone's future. The first step in the road to recovery is to adopt the principal, "do no more harm." Whether the issue is spending taxpayer money on risky alternative energy projects or dictating the type of health care Americans must have. Further intervention into the operation of free markets will only inflict more damage to the economy and continual loss of personal freedoms. When voters choose candidates, they should look for ones who do not think they are smarter than the rest of us.

We have declared war on ourselves

Environmental ideology disguised in the form of government energy policy may accomplish what our enemies cannot — weakening America. Arguably a greater threat to our national security than terrorist attacks is the war on energy declared by our own government — and it's being fought on several fronts: ♦ Government restrictions placing vast areas of America containing oil and gas reserves off limits. The federal government is issuing few permits to drill in the Gulf and much of the North Slope of Alaska remains closed to oil and gas development. ♦ Environmental Protection Agency regulations that have or are in the process of becoming law threaten to shut down one-third of United States coal-fired electric generation, driving up electricity costs and compromising the reliability of the nation's electric grid. ♦ A pronouncement by President Barack Obama delaying for another year the decision to permit the Keystone Pipeline projected to bring 700,000 barrels of oil a day to Texas refineries. ♦ Hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer money being spent at the state and federal levels to fund risky alternative energy projects, many of which have gone bankrupt, adding to the ballooning national deficit. Taken alone, any of these government actions will cause an increase in energy costs for households and businesses. Taken together, current government energy policies pose a threat to economic recovery and national security. Our enemies must be smiling as they observe how our own government policies are serving to weaken America. Russ Harding is senior environmental policy analyst at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and director of the center's Property Rights Network.

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Shop locally

To The Editor: The official holiday shopping season is under way. Before you head off to the malls, big box stores or shop online, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce wants you to consider spending your Christmas dollars here, in Grosse Pointe. Shopping in your communi-

ty offers the best of both worlds — the convenience of a great location and customer service you will only get from a local merchant. You can shop at your leisure, stop for a coffee, drinks or dinner at a fine restaurant, meet friends old and new and not have to fight the holiday traffic. Grosse Pointe has several shopping districts with an

abundance of unique products and services available right in your own backyard. Enjoy all that Grosse Pointe has to offer! CATHY W. CHAMPION Chairman Jennifer Palms Boettcher Executive Director

Important charities

To the Editor: Thank you very much for giving exposure to two important charities by my being Pointer of Interest, "19 X 26.2 = Fitness and funds," Dec. 1 Grosse Pointe News. I am extremely blessed, at 80, to have the health to have been able to do yet another 26.2 miles for brain illness research. The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation — known for 25 years, until this year, as NARSAD — is a unique charity. It has two fam-

ily foundations paying its overhead costs, allowing 100 percent of donations for research to go to research. As an example, more than \$4.2 million of research has been funded at the University of Michigan with NARSAD grants. For further information, visit bbrfoundation.org. The other important charity mentioned in the article is NAMI, the Nation's Voice on Mental Illness. The local affiliate of this family support group — with a mission to educate and advocate as well — has been meeting since 1986. Meetings are held at Henry Ford Cottage at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month. For further information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004 or visit nami.org. Again, thank you for giving exposure to these two very important charities. TOM COLES, M.D. Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

What's wrong with Tim Tebow?

In Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, the football gods have offered up a star every father in America should be grateful — provided they don't root for a rival team. Tebow is respectful, wholesome and a man of God. He has no obvious failings, besides an inaccurate throwing arm. If Disney were to produce a movie about an altogether admirable young man in the National Football League scorned by experts for his unorthodox style, yet wins week after week, Tebow would play the lead. In fact, Disney could make it a documentary. Nonetheless, Tebow is considered "controversial." It's now cutting-edge to be a straight arrow. It's countercultural to be an outspoken Christian. A player who embodies everything meant by the cliché "role model" is, for his critics, a figure of fun — or even hatred. Tebow is widely mocked for

It is ultimately a statement of modesty and, as such, profoundly out of step with a culture of self-glorification and ostentation in our sports and society. "Tebowing," praying on one knee before or during games. Tebow didn't originate the practice, or single-handedly bring religion to the NFL. If there's one staple of professional sports in America, it's players saying prayers and acknowledging God. An evangelical Christian, Tebow wears his faith on his sleeve. It is ultimately a statement of modesty and, as such, profoundly out of step with a culture of self-glorification and ostentation in our sports and society. Peter King, of Sports Illustrated, calls Tebow "the most polite interview in NFL history." While interviewing him after he engineered a comeback against the Minnesota Vikings, King

life isn't a 1950s sitcom? You can almost hear his critics urging him, "Shut up already about God and please start failing." By any reasonable standard, though, Tebow is a blessing. He won't be getting arrested for groping a woman (Julian Edelman), accidentally shooting himself with the Glock he smuggled into a dance club (Plaxico Burress) or for running a dog-fighting ring (Michael Vick). He won't be taking performance-enhancing drugs. He may or may not continue his success on the field, but he will do everything he can to respect his teammates and his God. Here is a prominent player who will almost certainly never require fathers to make awkward explanations to their children about some spectacular scandal. Rejoice, America, rejoice. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. — King Features Syndicate

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GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Money to help homeless veterans

The number of homeless veterans doesn't seem to decline. The latest annual figures show 76,000 veterans are homeless every night, with 135,000 spending at least one night in a shelter. The Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to help. An additional \$10 million was given to 11 states to provide more services to homeless veterans through the

National Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program to continue helping mentally ill and homeless female veterans and others. This is on top of the nearly \$60 million handed out this year, with some \$3.4 billion in total earmarked for homeless programs. The VA launched a program to eliminate homelessness among veterans by 2015. Instead of limiting help to emergency shelter services, it

is focusing on prevention through employment and permanent housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supported Housing has more than 20,000 housing units throughout the country for homeless veterans through Section 8 housing. Veterans with families are included. Veterans must meet certain criteria to be eligible, including physical disability, substance use or mental illness.

Those accepted must take advantage of support services, case management and be able to live independently on a daily basis. The VA has founded a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline, (877) 424-3838, to ensure homeless veterans or veterans at-risk for homelessness have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. Freddy Groves is a columnist for King Features

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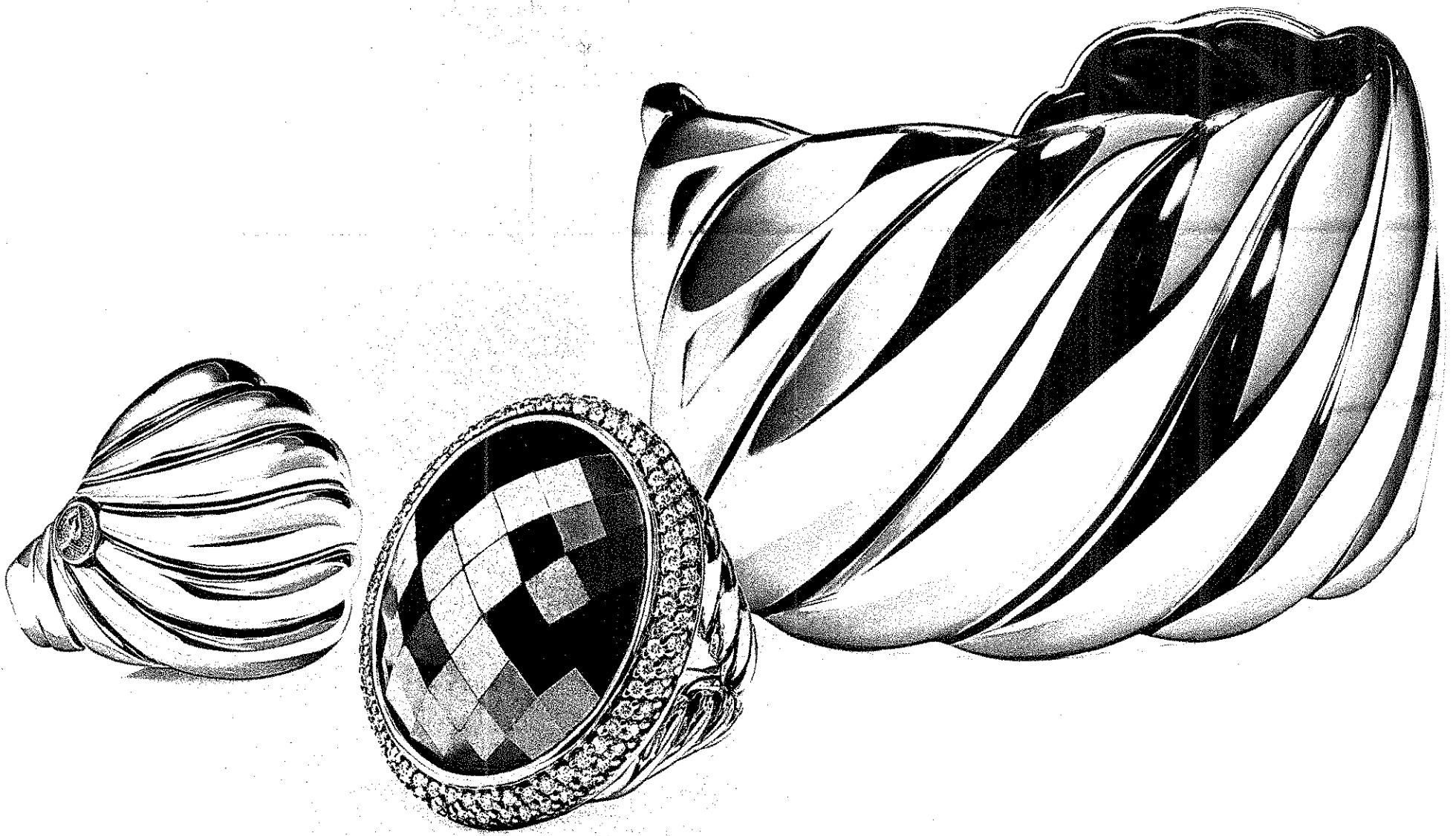
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School concerts abound during holiday season



'Tis the season for holiday vocal and instrumental concerts.

Throughout December, middle and high school bands, orchestras and choirs across the district host holiday performances. Last week, Brownell and Parcels middle schools performed their winter vocal and instrumental concerts, respectively, and the North and South high school choirs combined to host the annual Holiday Concert & Tea.

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club and Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club, the Holiday Concert & Tea is a district tradition and attracts hundreds of residents annually.

This year, the choir surprised superintendent Suzanne Klein with a birthday tribute. Students brought Klein on stage and presented her with flowers and a cake. They also sang Jonathan Larson's "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway musical, "Rent," considered among Klein's favorite songs.

The event also featured cookies courtesy of North and South freshmen.

Several more concerts are scheduled this week and next. They include: Pierce Middle School's winter instrumental concert, South jazz's ensemble concert, North's vocal holiday concert and South choir's Holiday Pops concert.

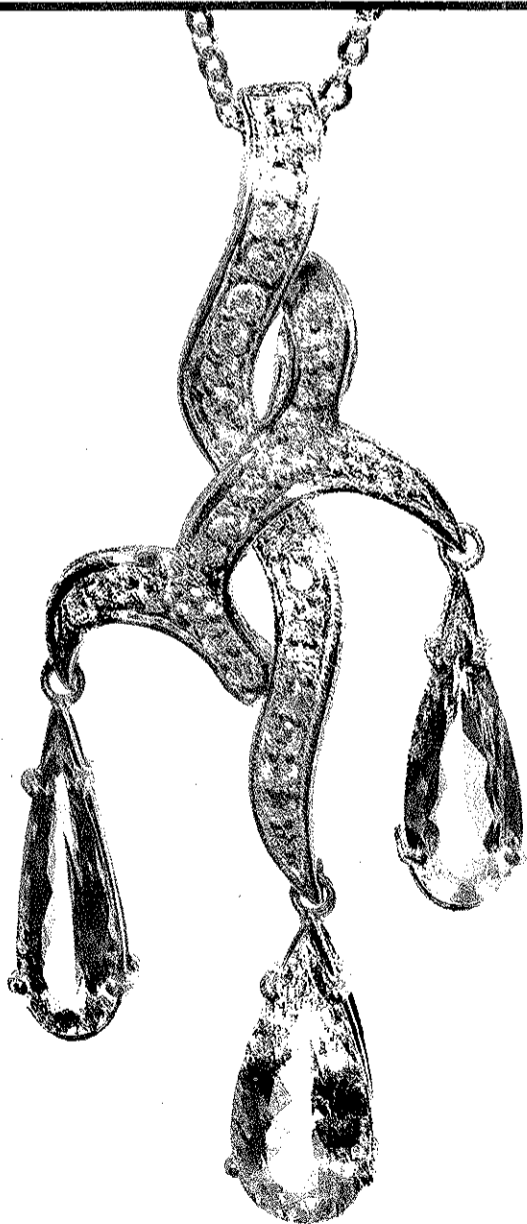


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Above left, during Grosse Pointe North and South high school choirs' Holiday Concert & Tea, students welcomed superintendent Suzanne Klein on stage for a birthday celebration. Students presented her with flowers and a cake.

Above, the Brownell Middle School choir performs during its winter vocal concert, held last week at the school's multi-purpose room auditorium.

Left, Parcels Middle School instrumental music students perform during their concert at the school's auditorium.



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John "Jack" William Coe

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident John "Jack" William Coe, 87, died of natural causes Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, S.C.

He was born Oct. 2, 1924, in Highland Park, to C. Leroy and Grace Gertrude Lamont Coe. His family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1930, where he spent most of his adult life.

Mr. Coe graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1942 and the University of Michigan in 1949, majoring in mechanical engineering. He interrupted his college years in 1942, joining the U.S. Navy V-12 program to become a naval officer and train in motor torpedo boat school. He served during World War II until 1946, before returning to finish his degree at U of M.

After a brief stint in public accounting, Mr. Coe joined the J.L. Hudson Co. in 1950 where he worked for 32 years as a buyer, merchandise manager and general manager of the downtown Detroit and Northland and Eastland mall stores. He was the last general manager of the flagship downtown Hudson's store. Subsequently, he joined Champion Home Builders of Dryden as vice president and served on its board until 1985.

In addition to his passion for retail, Mr. Coe was an avid fisherman who fished for trout at the Pere Marquette Rod & Gun Club in Baldwin, where he was a member for 43 years, and for bonefish in the Bahamas. He was a proud member of MENSA and an active writer of letters, poetry, speeches and essays, including many letters to the editors of the Grosse Pointe News. He belonged to both the Country Club of Detroit and the Detroit Athletic Club. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. He was a member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe since 1933, when he was a young chorister.

Mr. Coe is survived by his wife, Sally Childs Coe of Greenville, S.C.; sons, John Childs (Jana) Coe of Kensington, Md., and Daniel William (June) Coe of Greenville, S.C., and grandsons, Andrew, Robert and David.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Haywood Estates, 1180 Haywood Road, Greenville. A burial service will be held at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in 2012.

Donations may be made to Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Corine V. McDonald

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Corine V. McDonald, 78, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

Born April 24, 1933, in Detroit to Morris and Katherine LaDuke Thompson, she attended Wayne State University, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1955 and a master's degree from Oakland University. She taught 33 years in Detroit Public Schools, retiring in 1997. Since then, she was regularly substitute teaching in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mrs. McDonald was an avid reader, gardener and traveler. She loved to cook, spend time with her four grandchildren and entertain friends. She was a member of the Detroit Garden Club, Grosse Pointe American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Assistance League and

a 30-year member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. In 2010, Mrs. McDonald was honored as Lutheran Woman of the Year by the Council of Lutheran Women.

Her family said she will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, loyal friend and dedicated teacher who enjoyed life and took every opportunity to be with the people she loved. She will be deeply missed.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by her daughters, Karen (Tim) Haney of Kalamazoo and Lisa McDonald (Gary) Hudson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; grandchildren, Kirby, Lindsay and Scott Bailey of Rockford and Katherine "Katie" Hudson of Scottsdale.

She was predeceased by her husband, James D. McDonald.

A funeral service was held Dec. 5 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Sharon J. Osip

Sharon J. Osip, 66, passed away suddenly Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born June 9, 1945, in Detroit and resided in Grosse Pointe. She was a retired employee of Tiffany and Co.

Ms. Osip was the loved and treasured sister of Sandra Osip of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Susan (Michael) Dempsey of Grosse Pointe Park. She was a devoted aunt to Megan (Jonathan) Wood, Courtney Jo (Adam) Burkett and Ryan Dempsey and the caring great aunt of Hudson Burkett.

She was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Joseph Osip.

Ms. Osip loved animals, flowers, baking and cooking. Her favorite moments were those spent with her family and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore at Moross.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

John McLellan

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident John McLellan of Lancaster, Pa., passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, on his 90th birthday.

He was the loving husband of Grace, his wife of 70 years. Mr. McLellan also is survived by his children, Cheryl (Bob) Waldeck and Gail McLellan of Lancaster, John (Melinda) McLellan of Chicago and Brian (Ann) McLellan of Germantown, Tenn.; grandchildren, Lindsay Waldeck (Don) Myers, Lissa Waldeck (Chris) Dochat, Jamie Waldeck (Don) Burgess, Michael (Lena) Duffy, Erin Duffy (Clark) Mercer, John McLellan IV, Amanda McLellan (Mike) Reeves, Alex McLellan, Bryan McLellan Jr., Patrick McLellan and Katie McLellan and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. McLellan was born in Newton, Mass., to John and Grace McLellan. He attended Bentley College in Boston and was a decorated member of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He and his wife, Grace, settled in Hingham, Mass., had their four children and Mr. McLellan began work at Ford Motor Co.

In 1962, a promotion took

the family to Grosse Pointe Farms, and Mr. McLellan became a regional account executive-leasing and fleet sales manager for the Lincoln Mercury division, where he remained until he retired.

During this time, Mr. McLellan was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. After retiring, he devoted his time to Bon Secours Hospital at the front desk and as a Eucharistic minister. His family said everyone at the hospital, whether patient, visitor or employee, heard at least one of his jokes. He was known for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Mr. McLellan and his wife moved to Lancaster, Pa., and have been embraced by the community. The family would like to thank the staff at Lancaster Regional Hospital, the staff at Landis Homes and St. John Neumann Church for the care and kindness extended to Mr. McLellan and his family.

A memorial Mass will be scheduled after the holidays.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 717 Market Street, Suite 108, Lemoyne, PA 17043.

Express condolences or share a memory at snyderfuneralhome.com.

Lenore A. Pasquinelli

Former Grosse Pointe resident Lenore A. Pasquinelli, 93, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011.

She was a longtime preschool teacher at The Neighborhood Club and a real estate agent with Higbie Maxon Agney Inc. Realtors.

Mrs. Pasquinelli is survived by her children, Cynthia, Jeff, Craig (Kathy) and Veronica (Randy); 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Maureen and her sister-in-law, Jean Pasquinelli. She was predeceased by her husband, William and sisters, Evelyn and Patricia.

A private family service was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Omaha, Neb.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Carol A. O'Brien

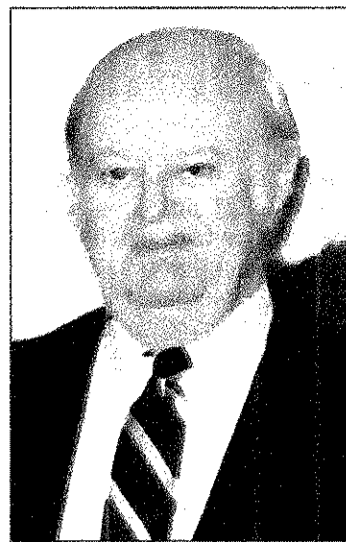
Carol A. O'Brien, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at the Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Fla.

She was born Jan. 11, 1937, in Boston. While a student at Marymount College, Arlington, Va., she met her future husband, Miles M. O'Brien Jr., a native of Grosse Pointe and a student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. A year after their graduation, in September 1958, they were married and settled in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. O'Brien was active in the Junior League of Detroit, running a boutique in the league's Show House charity fundraiser that set a national record for a chapter's first show house. She was the co-founder of Tennis & Crumpets, an annual fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. She also chaired the acquisitions committee for the Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction.

Mrs. O'Brien owned and operated a party planning and stationery business, Parties and Papers, and was the manager of the women's department at the Brooks Brothers store in Troy for two years before moving to Vero Beach, Fla., in fall 1986.

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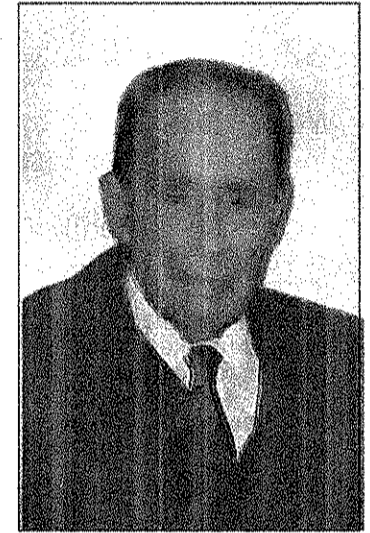
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Thomas G. Phillips



Howard Hall Robinson Jr.

husband of 53 years, Mrs. O'Brien is survived by two children, Miles O'Brien III of Chevy Chase, Md., and Aileen Graef of Vero Beach, and four grandchildren. She also is survived by her brothers, Philip Riley of Wellesley, Mass., and Kevin Riley of Brighton, Mass. She was predeceased by her brother, Russell Riley Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach.

Donations may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, UTC-FOUND, Tampa FL 33612-9416.

Thomas G. Phillips

Thomas G. Phillips, 52, died suddenly Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, in Northern Michigan.

He was born Feb. 21, 1959, in Detroit and married Sandra Fires Aug. 3, 1985, in Grosse Pointe Farms. He is the beloved father of their children, Carolyn, 16, and Morgan, 11.

He also is survived by his parents, Harry and Joan Phillips; parents-in-law, Donald and Catherine Fires; sister, Mary and twin brother, Gerry, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; brothers, Carl of Independence, Minn., and John of Whistler, British Columbia, Canada and brother-in-law, Barrie, of St. Paul, Minn. He was also the much-loved uncle of 12 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Phillips graduated from Austin Catholic Preparatory High School in 1977 and the University of Michigan in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration. While in Ann Arbor, he was affiliated with the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Mr. Phillips had a long career in the software industry and began his career with First Federal of Michigan Savings and Loan in 1983. He joined Microsoft Corp. in 1992, initially working in the Midwest sales region before transferring to the company's corporate headquarters in Redmond, Wash., in 1997. He was primary inventor for 24 patents and led teams on numerous business units, among them Windows Automotive, Emerging Markets, Windows Hardware and key Windows Servers applications and executed 35 product launches. Following 17 years with Microsoft, he moved to several smaller startup companies and a general manager position with Amazon.com.

Mr. Phillips was active in his community and generous with his time and resources to causes and organizations in which he believed strongly. At 17, he began volunteering with the National Ski Patrol through the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord. He was a first aid instructor and led fundraising activities for the patrol. He became a senior patroller in 1980 and national patroller in 2001.

He was active in numerous charities in both Michigan and the Seattle area, most notably the Fulcrum Foundation, Seattle Children's Hospital and Sacred Heart School in Bellevue, Wash. In addition to the Sacred Heart Parish, he was an active member of St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

His family said Mr. Phillips was an inspiration to those who knew and loved him and he will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the church at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Fulcrum Foundation at fulcrumfoundation.org; National Ski Patrol at nsp.org; Arthritis Foundation at arthritis.org or Seattle Children's Hospital in memory of Thomas G. Phillips at seattlechildrens.org.

Howard Hall Robinson Jr.

Howard Hall Robinson Jr., 90, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, after a short illness, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born May 13, 1921, in Cleveland, to Jean Kirk Robinson and Howard Hall Robinson Sr., both originally of Findlay, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were born and raised in Scotland, and he was proud of his Scottish heritage. He spent his childhood in Berkley and graduated from Cranbrook School and Princeton University. In 1948, Mr. Robinson married Ann Young, and for the 63 years of their marriage they lived in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Benjamin Young (Joanne) Robinson; Howard Hall (Kathleen) Robinson III; Jean Kirk (Dawn) Robinson and Thomas Randall (Laura) Robinson; grandchildren, Andrew A. (Laura) Robinson; Zachary Y. (Valerie) Robinson; Timothy C. Robinson; Michael Y. Robinson; Meghan A. Robinson; (William) Kirk Robinson; James A. Robinson and (Elliot) Reed Robinson; great-grandchild, Maya F. Robinson and his brother, David Kirk Robinson, of Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. Robinson was predeceased by his son, Steven Ward Robinson.

Mr. Robinson's mother was one of 12 children born and raised at the ancestral home in Findlay, Ohio, and he therefore had a large and closely connected extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces

and nephews. He enjoyed keeping in touch with his relatives, numbering more than 100 at family reunions. He also was most proud of his five children, always encouraging them and taking pride in their many accomplishments.

Mr. Robinson worked for the Rinsed-Mason Paint Co. until 1969, and then the Flint Ink Co., where he was vice president of manufacturing until he retired in 1987. At the Flint Ink Co. he was responsible for the company's nationwide operations, as well as labor relations.

As a volunteer, Mr. Robinson served as a Boy Scout master, was past president of the Princeton Club of Michigan, trustee of the Arnold Nursing Home on Detroit's west side; past president of Environmental Action Now, a group involved in the preservation of the St. John Marsh in Algonac and responsible for introducing the "bottle return" bill to the Michigan State legislature.

Mr. Robinson also served as past chairman of his cherished Witenagemote Club, was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and a dedicated and faithful volunteer for more than 15 years at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

For pleasure, Mr. Robinson played duplicate bridge both in Grosse Pointe and in Palm Springs, Calif., where he and the family enjoyed many winters at Smoke Tree Ranch. In the summer, he loved spending weekends at the family farm at St. Clair, tending his vegetable garden and orchard, planting a multitude of trees with the children, and carrying on his hobby as a naturalist.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadioux Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, or to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-5218.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

SCHOOLS

Looming charter school law creates potential disruption

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

An education reform law uncapping numeric and geographic limits on charter schools and similar entities, if passed, creates greater likelihood for educational institutions to expand their marketing strategies.

"The fact is we do already compete in this space because Grosse Pointe students do have school of choice options outside of the Grosse Pointe Public School System," said Brendan Walsh, Grosse Pointe

Public School System Board of Education treasurer. "Over 200 students who are eligible to enroll in our schools have enrolled in other public schools. That's \$2 million in revenue we are losing. This is sufficient incentive for us."

The bill, originally tie-barred with Senate bills 619, 620 and 621 as a comprehensive Parent Empowerment Education Reform package intended to enhance educational choices, amends the Revised School Code, eliminating limits on contract issuances and district collective bargaining agree-

ment compliance requirements for public school academies, urban high school academies and schools of excellence.

It also exempts said schools' property from real and personal property taxes levied for school operating purposes which, according to Walsh, account for about one-third of the School Aid Fund, the district's source for per pupil aid. Income and sales tax are equally important.

"Another factor here is that the state as a whole is losing students at a rate of about 2 percent per year," Walsh said.

"So as tax revenue increases, the state's lower obligation from fewer students provides state-level budget relief. It's a statement of fact that locally our state aid per pupil is lower than it was in 2004, despite other cost increases."

District funding is further threatened should a charter school organize locally. According to Walsh, a school's decision to do so is dependent upon several factors, including the district's current market size, its growth potential, and an ability to disrupt the current market share.

Since 2004, Grosse Pointe school enrollment has decreased by about 500 students. Thus, prospective charter schools must attribute that loss either to the district losing students to other schools and subsequent loss of market share, or if it's the result of a shrinking market.

If it's the former, there's stronger consideration for entering the marketplace.

Regardless, Walsh acknowledged the district is prepared.

"As a district, we need to be prepared for that and the best way to prevent the loss of mar-

ket share is to offer the greatest value," Walsh said, "and I think we offer great value and can get even better."

"If we stay true to our core values while responding to what the market wants, there's no reason to conclude this won't yield a healthy response to local families."

"We know they have a choice and we want them to know we value them as customers and will engage in continuous improvement practices to ensure their satisfaction and the best educational options for their students."

Reception honors retiring superintendent

Prior to its December meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is hosting a farewell reception for retiring superintendent Suzanne Klein.

Klein served in the district for 41 years, the past 15 as superintendent, and is retiring Dec. 31. She is the district's longest-serving superintendent.

The reception is at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19, at Grosse Pointe South High School's Cleminson Hall. There's no charge and it's open to the public.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North band entertains elderly

The Grosse Pointe North jazz band, under David Cleveland's direction, performed last week in the foyer of Sunrise Senior Living, providing entertainment for senior citizens. Students played traditional Christmas music, as well as other, lesser known songs, such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Hot Chocolate!" and several carols.

Choir prepares for holiday concert

Grosse Pointe South choir's Holiday Pops concert is at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

According to publicity spokesman Terry Ayrault, the concert features Christmas music "the whole family will love," and "really put you in the holiday spirit — if you're not there already."

Tickets, available at Posterity: A Gallery or online at gpsouthchoir.org, are \$15 for main floor seating. Balcony seats are \$10 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors.

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Wood, West, Joseph, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.

Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Pamela J. Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2011, were approved as submitted. The Minutes of the Closed Session held on November 14, 2011, were approved as submitted.

The Council accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 from Plante & Moran.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- 2012 City Council Schedule of Meetings (SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR INSERTION)
- Appointment/Re-Appointment of Members to the City's Board of Canvassers.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing litigation matters.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

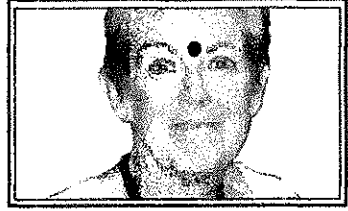
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.grossepointefarms.org

James C. Farquhar Jr.
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

AUTOS By Jenny King

Two handsome sedans square off



In one corner, we have a 2012 Kizashi GTS from Japanese automaker Suzuki. And in the other, a 2012 Forte from Korea-based Kia.

While not perfectly matched with respect to weight, size and engine output, they carry nearly identical price tags.

Kizashi is offered as an S or SE, or the Sport GTS or SLS. Suzuki repackaged the GTS with a six-speed manual transmission, eliminating the sunroof and power driver's seat options.

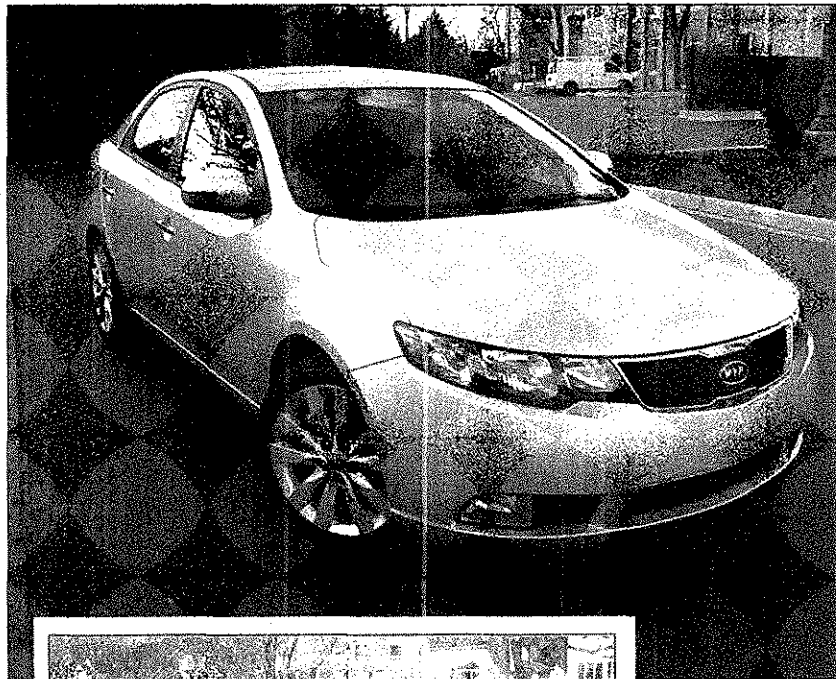
The top-of-the-line Sport SLS includes navigation as standard; XM Satellite Radio is a dealer-installed accessory.

The 2012 Kizashi line is equipped with a 2.4-liter inline four-cylinder engine delivering 185 horsepower with the standard six-speed manual transmissions and 180 horsepower with the continuously variable transmission.

Kizashi offers an all-wheel-drive system that, when activated by the driver, immediately sends power in the otherwise front-drive system to the rear wheels. Torque split — up to 50:50 front/rear — remains dependent on several factors, including wheel slippage, throttle and steering input, Suzuki says.

The all-wheel drive is restricted to the continuously variable automatic transmission.

The test Kizashi Sport GTS



Kia offers its compact Forte in a traditional sedan or five-door liftback body styles; a Forte Koup completes the Forte family. Available luxury and convenience features make up for the Forte's conservative styling.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The Kizashi GTS sport sedan from Suzuki features a 185-horsepower four and six-speed manual; a continuously variable transmission is available. Bright paint and trim make the moderately priced Kizashi a head-turner.

with six-speed manual, priced at \$22,774, included cloth sport seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel, split rear seats with center pass-through, an upgraded sound system with 10 speakers, fog lights and a sport-tuned suspension.

Kizashi with six-speed manual is rated at 20 miles per gallon city and 29 mpg highway.

The compact starts at \$19,000.

Kia Forte

The 2012 Kia Forte SX, Korean-built compact, performs like a modest sedan with luxury touches. The 2012 test SX had a base price of \$18,895.

The SX is the top of the Forte line, followed by the EX and LX. The LX and EX are powered by a 156-horsepower 2.0-liter four-cylinder.

The SX gets a 173-horsepower

2.4-liter four. Six-speed manual and six-speed automatic are the transmission choices.

The 2.0-liter four is rated at 25 mpg city and 34 highway with the manual and 26/36 with the automatic. The 2.4-liter four automatic averaged 23/32. An optional fuel economy package on the EX includes electric power steering, "smart" alternator, low-rolling-resistance silica tires

and improved aerodynamics for a 27/37 test result.

The LX sedan starts at about \$15,000. The five-door body style, available in only EX and SX trims, starts at \$18,100.

Kia says EX and SX technology packages — on both sedan and five-door models — include navigation with SiriusXM Traffic, smart key, automatic headlamps and chrome exterior door handles.

The SX leather package offers leather seat trim, heated front seats, auto-dimming rearview mirror and 17-inch wheels.

Kia featured packages include: premium for the EX, leather for the SX, technology for the EX and SX and a "Forte eco" package for the EX.

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

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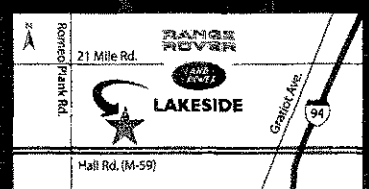
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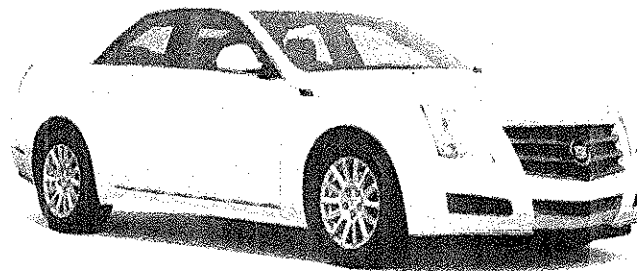
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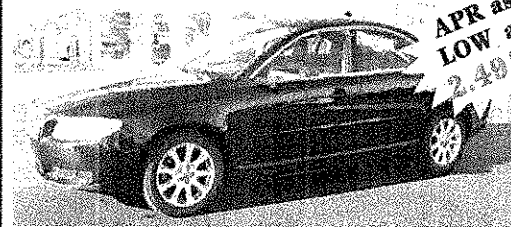
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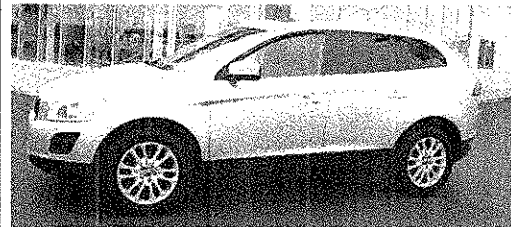
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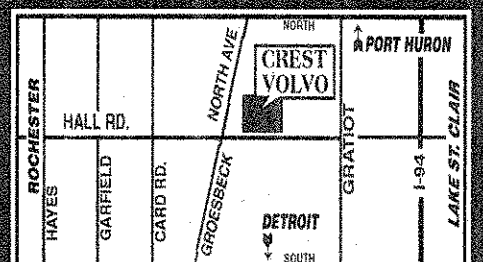
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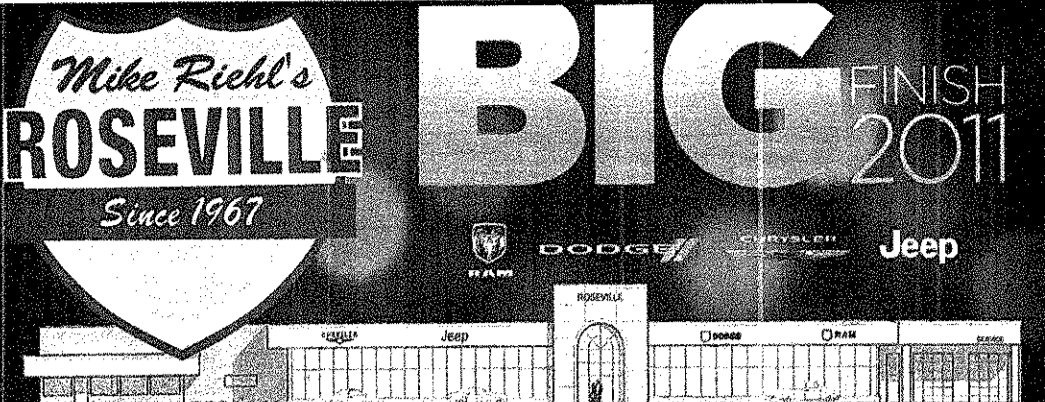


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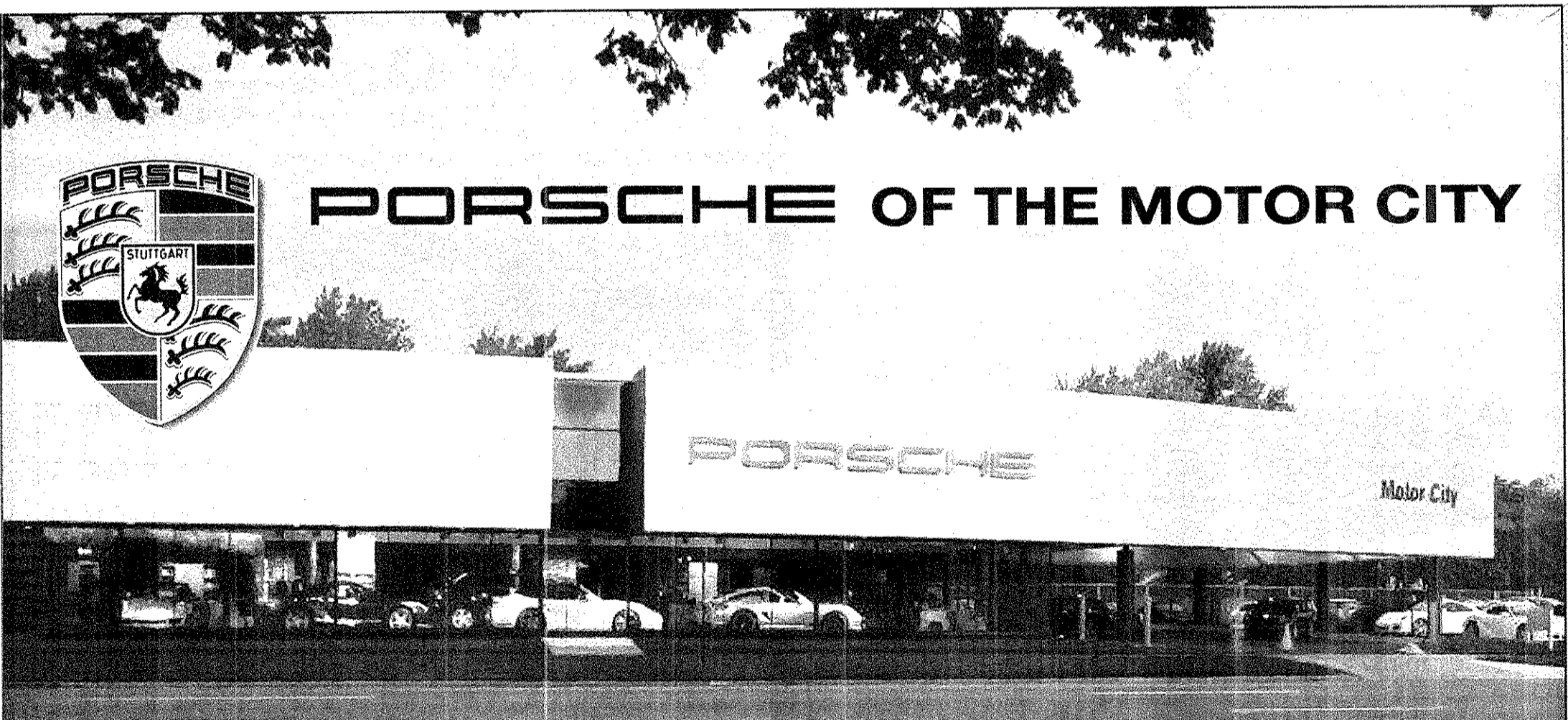
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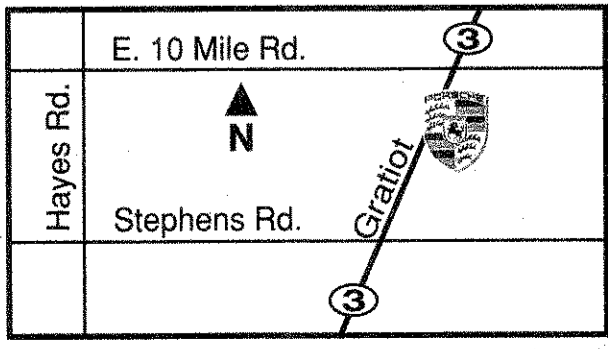
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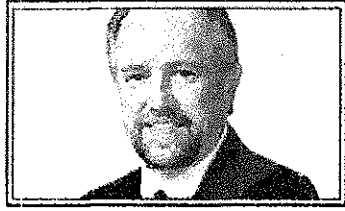
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Nissan Juke SV AWD



to the wheels as necessary, while fore and aft stabilizers and 17-inch tires on aluminum alloy wheels add to the car's sporty attributes.

The short wheelbase and stiffer AWD suspension results in a bumpy ride on rough roads, but once on the freeway, it's like a family sedan. If you need to go off-road, Juke delivers, thanks to the AWD system.

Inside, Juke's layout is impressive. The color coordinated seating is comfortable and firm and all gauges are sporty and easy to read. You'll enjoy the standard 6-disc CD/Stereo with MP3, color enhanced center console, XM Satellite, push button start, iPod interface, Bluetooth, cruise and steering wheel controls.

As for safety, Juke has an Insurance Institute For Highway Safety "Top Pick"

award and features all the air bags, traction control, 4-wheel ABS discs, electronic brakeforce, vehicle dynamics control and much more.

Three options — Navigation, \$800; illuminated kick plates, \$280; and carpeted floor mats and cargo mat, \$170 — pushed the base to \$24,260 with \$750 destination included.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 99.6-inches; 10.5 cubic-feet of cargo space expandable to 35.5; 11.8-gallon fuel tank, 13.2 in FWD models; and a curb weight of 3,172 pounds.

Likes: Engine, sporty handling, AWD, safety, Nissan reputation.

Dislikes: Tight rear quarters, "eyebrow" lights on top of fenders.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

We recently drove a new entry in the small SUV field, Nissan's 2011 Juke — base price: \$22,260; price as tested: \$24,260.

The Juke is fun to drive and offers much for the dollar.

Known as a "Sport Cross," Juke delivers sports car and sport utility vehicle attributes in one package.

Juke screams youth market more so than Baby Boomer and beyond. Its exterior is different and keeps pace with the Nissan reputation of proactive plunges into new design.

Assembled in Los Angeles, Juke relies on a 1.6-liter turbocharged 188-horse 4-cylinder. The turbo delivers 177 pound-feet of torque for the "sports car" ingredient, while allowing an impressive 25 city and 30 highway for an AWD fitted vehicle.

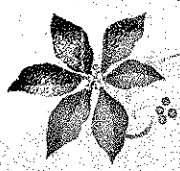
The base "S" 2WD Juke, starting at \$19,970, delivers 27 and 32 EPA numbers with the Xtronic standard CVT transmission. A 6-speed manual is available on the SV and SL front drive models, delivering 25 city and 31 highway. I recommend the CVT, which delivers better fuel mileage and comes as standard fare.

There are some negatives, however. Juke is listed as a 5-passenger, yet I wouldn't want to spend much time in the back seat. A plus is the 60/40 split rear seat, which frees up cargo room when folded down.

Underneath, a MacPherson strut front layout combines nicely with a multi-link rear. The Torque Vectoring AWD 4x4 system delivers traction

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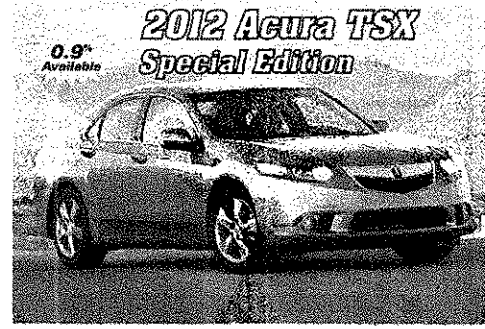
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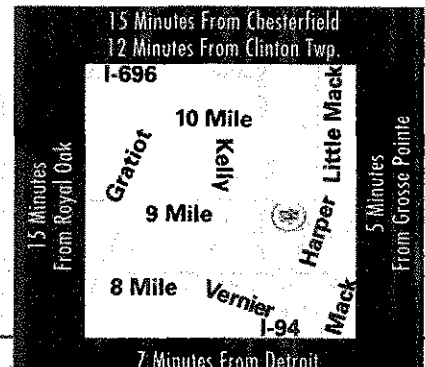
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Off to a good start

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

"Rowers do more before 8 a.m. than most people do all day."

It's an old adage, but anyone along the waterfront at sunup any given morning can attest the day has begun for scullers, sweepers, singles, coxswains, coaches and the people who love them.

And it's exactly where Renee Adams Schulte can be found as both a coach and avid rower for the Detroit Women's Rowing Association.

"We start at 5:30 a.m.," said Schulte, a City of Grosse Pointe resident. "It's perfect water and there's less boat traffic."

That early morning start time means a rower can launch, do a seven-mile workout, stow sculls and oars, shower, dress and be at work by 8 a.m.

"It's the perfect way to start a day," Schulte adds.

It's that time on the water Schulte, founder of the 10-year-old Detroit Women's Rowing Association, wants to share with beginners or master rowers and middle schoolers or those well into middle age.

Rowing is not new to the area, but Schulte felt a program for girls and women was needed.

"Women had been involved with the (Detroit Boat Club) program for several years, but as their numbers grew, some of us felt that we could do better with our own program," said Schulte. "With the beginning of the DWRA, we were able to get equipment that was sized



Veronica Schivachi Williams launching from the docking area along the Grayhaven Canal.

for a woman and we were able to focus on coaching."

The group now includes programs for middle school girls through masters level, with members ranging in age from 12 to 72. Some are just beginning and others are gold medal regatta winners.

The DWRA is headquartered in on Lenox in Detroit, with an expansive docking area along the Grayhaven Canal. Schulte said its an ideal site, offering placid waters in the canal for training novice rowers while providing easy access to both the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair for the more advanced.

The boathouse holds racks for club and privately owned boats and equipment, rowing machines, an area for yoga, strength training equipment, showers and a small kitchen.

The DWRA operates year round, with lots of time spent on dry land in the winter, utilizing indoor rowing machines. Schulte said master rowers may be on the river until ice forms and be back at it when it melts in the spring.

"But water safety is of utmost importance to us," she said.

Equally as important is the coaching staff; the DWRA

boasts nationally recognized professionals. Schulte is a Level Three US Rowing coach. Peter Rosberg, head coach of the men's and women's rowing program at Penn State

University, coaches the DWRA junior, collegiate and masters summer competitive program. The Grosse Pointe native rowed for Grosse Pointe South and Marietta College.

Grosse Pointe native Katie Baxter Henke recently joined the coaching team. She is a 2000 South graduate and

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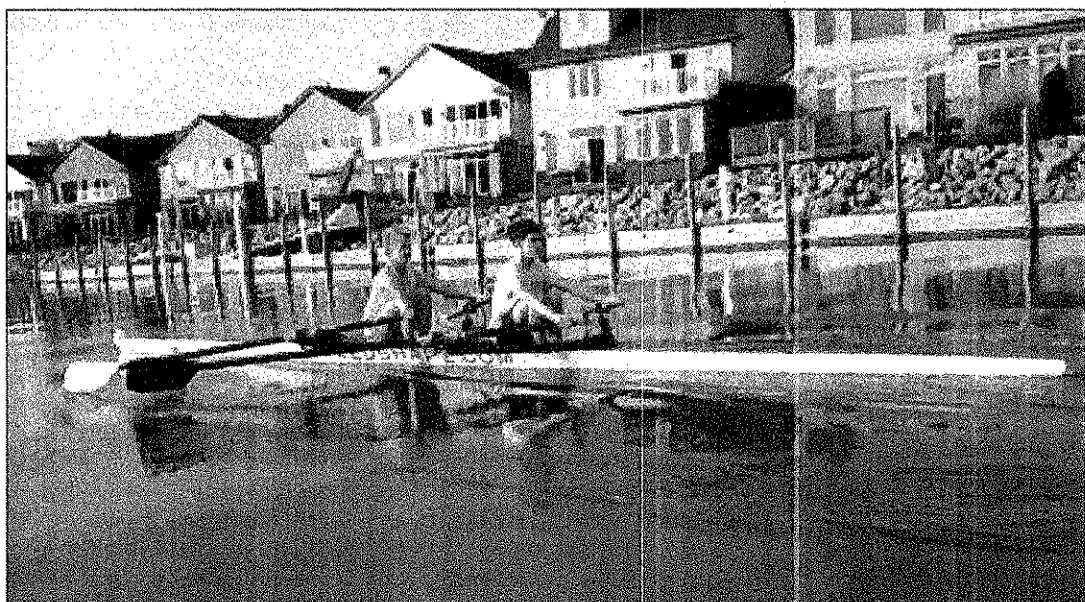


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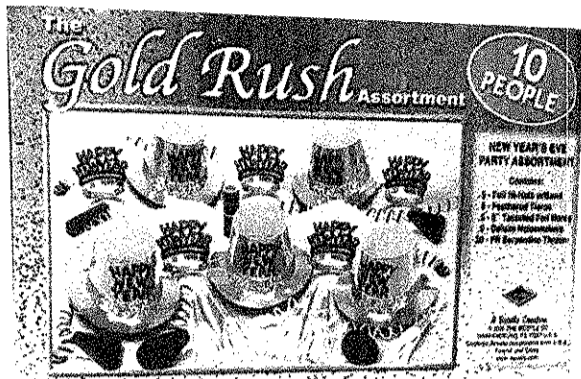
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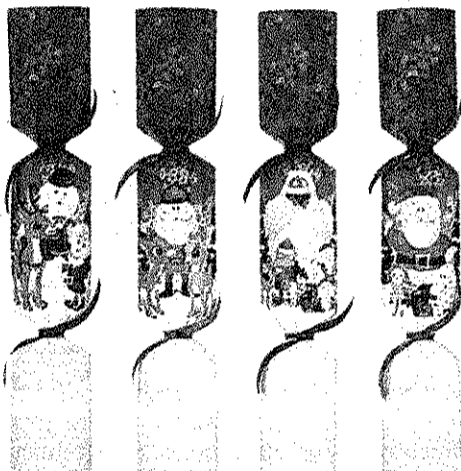


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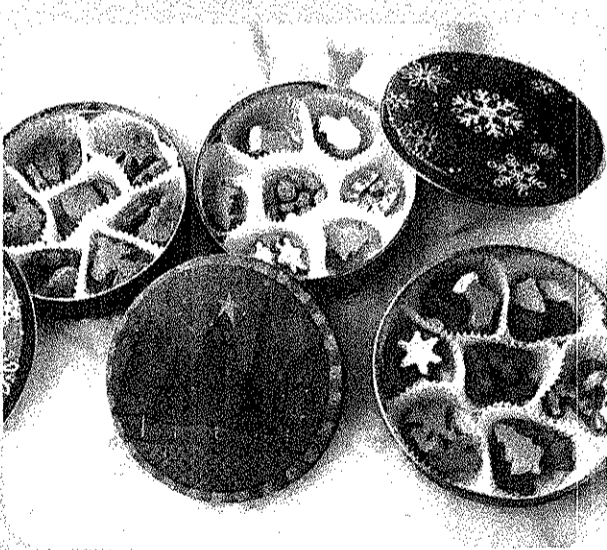


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The annual holiday meeting features the Mariners Inn Men's Choir singing holiday songs.

This week, club members donate presents and package and deliver baskets to needy area families through St. Marks Orthodox Church Christmas Basket and Gift program.

The club collects gently used books from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, and Jan. 25, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the

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For more information, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

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Guided meditation sessions begin at 10 a.m. and gentle yoga is offered from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday.

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Tai chi is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

General cancer support group meets from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The organization helps people live quality lives during their cancer journeys.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761 or visit MiLakeHouse.org.

Soroptimist

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe seeks nominees for:

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For more information, contact Sue at slewand12@yahoo.com.

com or (313) 737-5696.

Virginia Wagner Educational Grant: The nominee must be enrolled in a university degree program and be in financial need. The nominee's volunteerism is considered. The due date is Jan. 15.

One winner is given \$2,000.

For more information, contact Cathie at baldwindetroit@yahoo.com or (313) 885-4886.

Soroptimist Ruby Award for Women Helping Women: This award honors a woman who has made a difference in the lives of women and girls. Nominations are due Jan. 15. One winner earns \$500 for her charity of choice.

For more information, contact Jane at JLightfoot2002@yahoo.com or (313) 882-4939.

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What's happening

Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers ski trips, vacations abroad and classes in dance, art, gardening, cooking, yoga and exercise.

Ski Hi Club — Mandatory meeting, 4 and 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19. Grosse Pointe students in grades six -10 take ski trips to Pine Knob on Friday nights. Both parent and student must be present for the meeting. Bring 2-inch photo for ID.

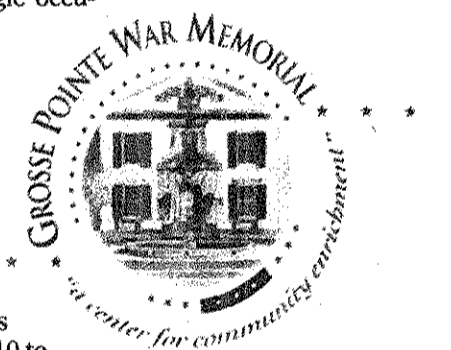
London and Paris trips — Travel to London and Paris from Nov. 8-15, 2012, with accommodations made by the War Memorial. The cost is \$3,399 per person, double occupancy, and \$4,099 per person, single occupancy.

Special programs on the region's history, publishing a book and tasting beers of the British Isles and Ireland are being offered through the War Memorial in 2012.

Tribute Tree — Lights can be purchased for \$10 to acknowledge a soldier, teacher, friend and family. The lights are on a 25-foot tall evergreen tree in the War Memorial's old courtyard. An acknowledgement card celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Historic Alger House is sent to the designee. Fill out the form, available at the War Memorial, or online at: warmemorial.org.

Program gift certificates for classes and events at the War Memorial are also available.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511.



Repairing aneurysms

The first Michigan resident recently received a new treatment called the pipeline embolization device to repair a complex large brain aneurysm.

Recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration, the stent-like device makes it possible for physicians to treat large or giant, wide-necked aneurysms, the most complex and dangerous brain aneurysms, using minimally invasive techniques.

"This is a major breakthrough for patients," said St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Richard Fessler, M.D., the endovascular neurosurgeon who performed the state's first case.

"Until now there really has not been a good treatment option for those with larger aneurysms. There is no question that this device will help save lives."

The device is different than a typical stent, which is designed to prop open blood vessels. The new stent has a smaller opening, preventing blood from flowing through it, making it effective in treating large aneurysms. Once implanted across the neck of an aneurysm, the device diverts blood flow away from the aneurysm, reducing the outward pressure on the vessel walls and preventing a life-threatening rupture.

With this procedure, most patients go home the day after and can return to normal activities in a matter of days. In addition, the stent's tightly meshed design allows blood to seep into the smaller vessels that branch off from the defective one, enhancing blood flow in the brain.

Before its development, a doctor's only nonsurgical option was to attempt to block blood flow into the aneurysm and prevent a rupture with platinum coils or a liquid embolic agent. While this procedure is effective for smaller aneurysms, it has very limited success in treating larger aneurysms.

The other option is to open up the skull and stop blood flow to the aneurysm with a clip. This treatment is only possible if the aneurysm is in an area where it can be reached. This type of surgery requires four to six weeks of recuperation.

A cerebral aneurysm is a weak spot in the wall of a blood vessel in the brain, characterized by abnormal ballooning of the vessel. When a brain aneurysm ruptures, 40 percent of patients die and about 66 percent suffer some permanent neurological damage. It is estimated one in 50 Americans have a brain aneurysm.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed by 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Sari-Klok Schneider, Goodfellows executive director. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

St. Michael's

The Music in the Woods concert series continues at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale. "Christmas Organ Improvisation

Festival," features a Christmas organ repertoire by three organists — Joseph Balisteri, Andrew Galuska and Gavin Craig.

Admission is free and donations are accepted to benefit the restoration of the church's E.M. Skinner organ, Opus 705.

For more information, visit stmichaelsgpw.org or call (313) 884-4820.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

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

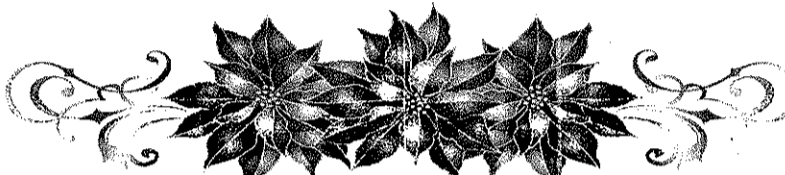
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Nativity

Paige and Kelsey Honkanen, of Grosse Pointe Woods, pet 10-year-old Ophelia, the camel. For more photos, see page 6B

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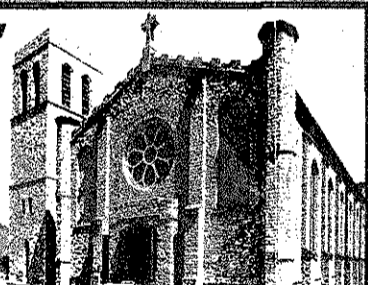
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Dec 18 - Worship Services, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant at both services
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Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services
Worship, 11:30 a.m.
Family Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service, 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Holy Communion at all Christmas Eve services

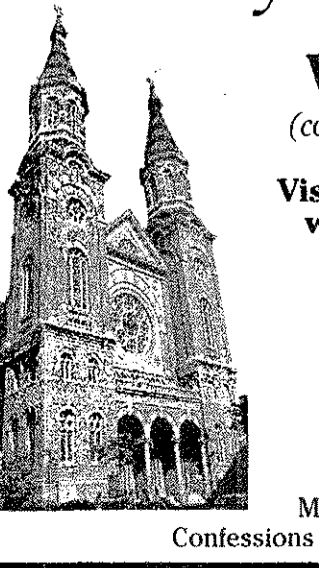
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SENIORS/HEALTH

Busy mind, body adds to long life

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

A devotion to the classics, both literature and music, have contributed to Edward Tenbusch's longevity.

Tenbusch, of Harper Woods, observed his 100th birthday Friday, Dec. 9, with friends and neighbors at the Big Boy on Mack Avenue, where owner Dan Curis served him breakfast and chocolate cake lit with just a few candles.

"Keep your mind busy and body busy," he said was the advice he would have given himself when he moved to the Detroit area 85 years ago.

Following his own advice, the former son of a Huron County farmer has 1,100 classic novels in his house and season tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts, Tenbusch said.

"I've been going there a long time," said Tenbusch, who drives his Lincoln.

Neighbor Lois Schwartz said Tenbusch talks with her about the classics, such as those written by the Bronte sisters.

"He's amazing. He makes me smile," she said.

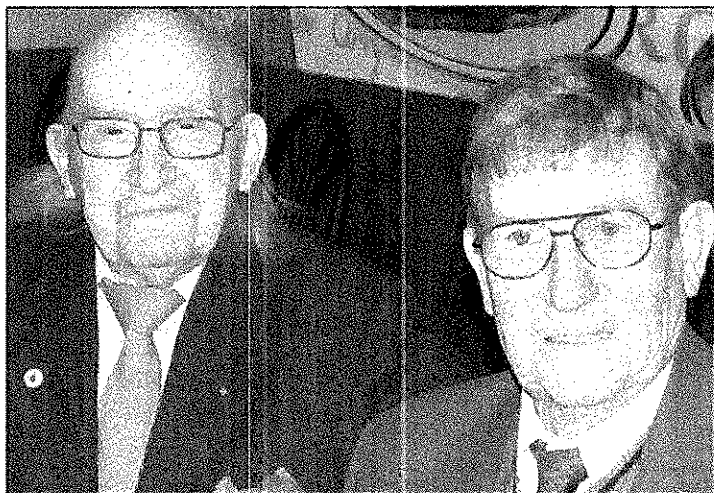
"He has so much integrity," said John Davis, a friend for the past 50 years.

Davis, who now resides in Lake Wales, Fla., said Tenbusch was his first friend in the United States after emigrating from England to the Detroit area in 1964. Both worked as engineers at Ford Motor Company.

"Edward was my first supervisor. He mentored me and took care of me. I became good



From left, Big Boy owner Dan Curis, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke and Edward Tenbusch, who observing his 100th birthday Dec. 9.



Edward Tenbusch and his long-time friend, John Davis.

friends with him and his wife," Davis said.

He and his wife, Sandy, and Tenbusch and his late wife, Mildred, celebrated holidays together, continuing the tradition even after Tenbusch re-

tired in 1978, Davis said.

"Edward was my surrogate father and he treated me as a surrogate son," he said.

Tenbusch said he left Huron County at the age of 15 because, "I felt I could stand on my feet."

From the ages of 17 to 20, Tenbusch was a crew member of ships sailing the Great Lakes. During World War II, he supervised a crew of 30 at a Detroit aircraft company. Following the war, Tenbusch opened Sterling Manufacturing on Mound Road, reconditioning hydraulic presses. He sold the company in 1957 and joined Ford's engineering department.

Davis said Tenbusch had an eighth-grade education, opting not to attend the nearest high school 2 1/2 miles away. During his employment at Ford, Tenbusch attended Henry Ford Community College, Davis related.

"He has so much integrity, honesty. He is a true patriot. He is very helpful. He's a dignified person. He always dresses up," he said.

Tenbusch sees himself differently.

"I'm a rebel. I don't follow the crowd. I don't go anywhere I don't want to go and I married the girl I wanted to marry."

January, February SOC events

Services for Older Citizens provides a variety of activities for seniors in January and February. SOC is located at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, third floor, south wing, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch is served at 11 a.m. each day and bingo is played at 10 a.m. and noon.

Paper product bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 3. Prizes are everything from facial tissue to word search books.

Rick Steves' Norway — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4. The 30-minute film highlights Oslo and Bergen, the country's seafaring history and the fjords.

White sale bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 10. Linens are the prizes.

Birthday celebration — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11. The cost is \$3.

Those with birthdays in January receive a piece of cake with a candle, a keepsake photo, a free lunch and are serenaded in three different languages.

Direct Link...Personal Emergency Monitoring System — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11. Terri Murphy of Direct Link/Home Helpers discusses why the service is important to those living alone and how it makes one feel safe.

A brief equipment demonstration explains what to expect from the professional monitoring staff once the help button is pushed.

A Winter Blast Tea — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12. The cost is \$5. Musical entertainment is provided by singer and guitarist, Robert Guskovitch. The tea is at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Baby it's Cold Outside bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Hawaiian luau party — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18. Entertainment is provided by

Polynesian dancers, Pi'ilani Wahines, at 11 a.m. on the first floor. Lunch follows on the lower level. Attendees can take a box lunch home. A raffle follows lunch. Seniors can wear Hawaiian/summer attire. Make reservations by calling (313) 882-9600.

Tony the Tax Man — 11:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23. Tony Zoia discusses 2011 tax changes, property tax deductions and credits and non-cash contributions. Write down tax questions on an index card for Zoia to answer.

"Old-Fashioned Country Grocery Store" bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Movie day, "Bucket List" — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25. The cost is \$4. The film, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, runs 97 minutes. Lunch is subs, dessert and a beverage. Seniors can take a box lunch home.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

"Super Bowl" bingo — 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31. Win prizes in all the team colors of Super Bowl participants.

The Price is Right! — noon, Tuesday, Jan. 31. Guess the price of household items to win.

Flu, shingles and pneumonia vaccination update — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1. Mohamad Fakhri, M.D., MPH, medical director, infection prevention and control, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, discusses what is recommended, why certain vaccines are needed to prevent infection, and their benefits and risks related to decisions to take or not take a vaccine.

"Accessorize" bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Valentine party and birthday celebration — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8. The cost is \$10. John Needham provides the entertainment at St. James Lutheran Church.

Those with February birth-

days get a piece of cake with a candle, a happy birthday serenade in at least three different languages and a keepsake photo to take home. A raffle follows the festivities. Take home a box lunch. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

A Heartfelt Valentine Tea — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9. The cost is \$5 and is held at St. James Lutheran Church.

"Valentine" bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Rick Steves' Stockholm, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15. The 30-minute film highlights Sweden's capital, Helsinki.

Special bingo with Maire third graders — 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 17, at St. James Lutheran Church.

The first bingo card is free, others cost \$1.25. SOC is closed Monday, Feb. 20.

"Mardi Gras" bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Paczki Day — Tuesday, Feb. 21. Let Susan Kopf know what your favorite paczki is by Friday, Feb. 17 and for \$1, an order is placed. Call (313) 882-9600.

Massage for relaxation and therapy — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22. Regina Matthews, certified massage therapist, Valade Healing Center, Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, discusses massages available, what to expect and the health benefits.

Grosse Pointe bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 28. Prizes are in Grosse Pointes' colors, pink and green.

The movie, "Secretariat" — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 29. The cost is \$4. Diane Lane and John Malkovich star in the 123-minute movie about the Kentucky Derby winner.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla K. Ruhana

Living a more stress-free life



Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series.

Q I don't know why, but I feel so stressed. Can you help?

A Many feel bombarded with life stressors and feel one stressor is eliminated and here comes another. It has been said 10 percent of what happens in life is beyond our control; 90 percent of what transpires is how we choose to react to it.

By learning ways to change your reaction to daily stressors, you can breathe, listen, be calm and decide how you want to deal with them.

Sometimes we feel stressors are not self-imposed, however, we do choose how to react and reactions often escalate problems. By exploring our reactions, we can increase self awareness and discover what really set us off.

Once we have a better understanding of our triggers, we can learn more effective coping mechanisms and feel empowered to change how we react.

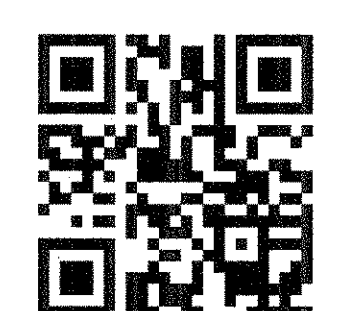
Self exploration can be a painful process, as it often involves setting limits and boundaries with others and in certain circumstances, distancing ourselves from those whose energy consistently brings us down.

As adults, often we are surrounded by others who constantly "need" something from us, such as an alcoholic friend unwilling to get help. Being around those people can be very draining.

We need to learn to set firm limits and boundaries, such as, "Until you're ready to get help, I can no longer socialize with you."

We need to explore what drives us to surround ourselves with certain individuals. There is truth to the saying, "we are who we hang with." Oftentimes we may not be consciously aware of the ways we give others our power, nor are we aware of the reasons why. Gaining insight as to why we place the needs of others before our own can be extremely helpful as an initial step to reducing self-inflicted stress.

Often, I see within my practice people who want to be liked and accepted.



We "people-please" at our own expense, which in turn leads to more cumulative stress.

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Services for Older Citizens needs volunteers this month.

◆ Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at SOC offices.

◆ Volunteers can assist before, during and after the annual Christmas party Friday, Dec. 16, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Set-up begins at 9 a.m.; the event is at 10:30 a.m.; and clean-up begins at 1:45 p.m.

◆ Volunteers are needed to sort and organize items for Christmas baskets from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at SOC offices.

◆ Volunteers are needed to fill and wrap Christmas baskets from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at SOC offices.

◆ Volunteers are needed to deliver baskets to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors between Thursday, Dec. 22, and Saturday, Dec. 24.

SOC is accepting donated items, such as:

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- ◆ Food treats,
- ◆ Household items,
- ◆ Decor items,
- ◆ Dog or cat food.

Items can be dropped off at SOC offices located in the Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information or to volunteer, visit socvolunteers@yahoo.com.

Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE DEC. 11, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

TOUGHER ALCOHOL POLICY: Chances of being caught drinking and driving will be increased in Grosse Pointe Farms this holiday season, and if the driver is under 21, there won't be a chance to plea bargain on the charges.

Police Chief Robert Ferber issued a statement last week that said that the Farms traffic bureau will operate during the evening hours with the primary responsibility of catching drinking drivers.

◆ **SCHOOLS TO OFFER**

HUMAN SEXUALITY COURSE: Opposition by several residents to a proposed curriculum change which will include an optional section on human sexuality did not stop the school board from adopting it.

With two members absent, the board voted unanimously to adopt the new program to take effect in the 1987-88 school year.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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1986: Safety

Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Patricia Schneider swears in new members of the safety patrol.

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

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50 years ago this week

◆ **THIEVES ROB FLORIST SHOP:** Burglars broke into a Woods florist shop, took some money from a cash register and made an unsuccessful at-

tempt to break through a wall separating the shop and an adjoining jewelry store.

◆ **POINTE YACHT CLUB SCENE OF ROBBERIES DURING PARTY:** A number of party guests and employees at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club were robbed of cash and other items while a party was in progress.

The thief or thieves stole cash and valuable articles valued at a total of \$265.30, according to the manager.

◆ **FIRE DAMAGES NEW**

CURBING: A straw and tar paper fire which destroyed approximately \$130 worth of new curbing on the Lakeland avenue construction project between Jefferson and Maumee was thought by City officials to be the work of vandals.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS TO BEGIN**

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Exchange cookies for bark



It's time for my gal pal Renee's annual cookie exchange. I'm stepping out of the cookie box and bringing "homemade" chocolate this year.

A simple combination of chocolate chips, fruit and nuts create a "bark" that's fun to pass at a party or bag up for a hostess gift.

Chocolate Bark

- 3 12-ounce bags semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup toasted pecan pieces
- zest of 1 navel orange (about 2 rounded table-spoons)
- 1 cup dried cherries

Line a 9-by-13 inch glass baking dish with foil (working the foil up the sides of the dish). Set aside.

Fill a large pot half way with water and bring to a boil. Place chocolate chips in an oven safe glass bowl that fits on top of the pot. Lower temperature to a simmer and place bowl on pot. Wait 5 minutes or so and start to stir melting chips. It takes about 15 minutes for chips to melt completely. Quickly stir in pecan pieces, orange zest and dried cherries.

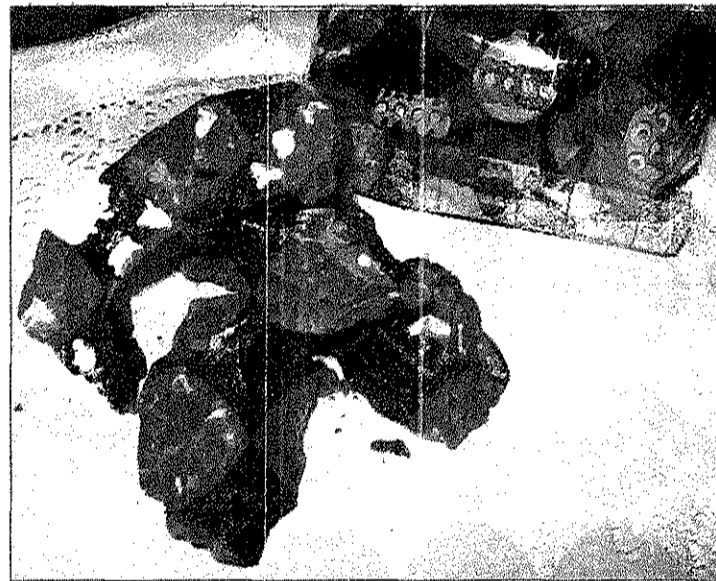


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Break the cookie habit and make chocolate bark.

Transfer mixture to foil-lined dish and use a spatula to smooth out.

Cover and chill for at least 3 hours.

To serve, take solid bark in foil and flip onto a large cutting board. The foil should pull off easily.

Using a strong, sharp pointed knife, carefully chip the bark into one-inch (bite-sized) pieces, starting at the edge of the board.

Each flavorful bite of chocolate bark showcases the pecans and cherries. The hidden orange zest is a mouth-watering surprise. Serve the bark on a fancy Christmas tray or bag it for gift giving. A perfect way to say thanks this holiday season.

ROWING: On the water training, racing

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rowed for Kansas State University.

"We take great pride in our programs and our coaching staff," Schulte said. "We have a tremendous development program for experienced rowers that draws participants from as far away as Grosse Ile and Wyandotte."

The DRWA also participates in America Rows. Established in 2010, the nationwide diversity program introduces rowing

to a broad range of participants, including Detroit Public Schools students.

Schulte is already looking forward to the 2012 season. Junior and collegiate competitive training and racing programs begin in June, with the season running through August, ending with the Royal Canadian Henley regatta in St Catherine's, Ontario, Canada and the US Rowing Club National Championships. This program, run by Rosberg, includes many college rowers who participate to stay in shape for the fall collegiate season.

For more information on DWRA programs, visit dwra.org or e-mail, schulte765@comcast.net.

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- 9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
- 10:00 pm The John Prost Show
- 10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
- 11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
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- Midnight Economic Club of Detroit
- 1:00 am The Soc Show
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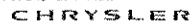
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CHURCH: Treat feast *From page 3B*

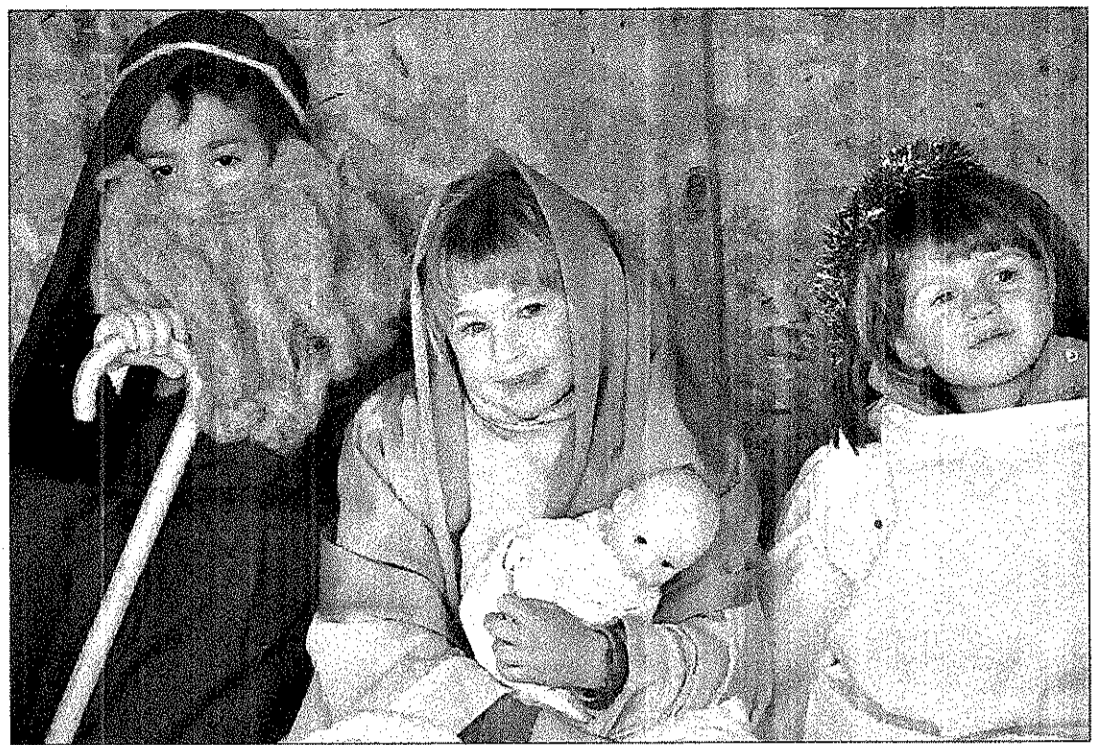


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Christ the King Lutheran Church hosted its annual living nativity with from left, Michael Roustemis as Joseph; Mary was portrayed by Stephanie Westrick and Sarah Westrick was an angel.

Sweet treats

St. Michael's Episcopal Church hosts Sweet Noels, a holiday bake sale, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Cookies, baked goods and candies are featured. The Little Thrift Shop and the Holiday Boutique are open. Pictured are, in front, Carrie Sullivan, Carolyn Skaff, Win Meredith, Margaret Rogers, Marge VanEckoute and MayJean Chan. In back row, Kathy Zmyslowski, Sandy Streberger, Gayle Peller, Judy Appleton, Mary Scraze, Jeanne Flynn and Elly Garzel.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Crocker House

The Crocker House Museum & Macomb County Historical Society, 15 Union, Mount Clemens, offers a Victorian Christmas Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Refreshments are served downstairs while guests watch silent Christmas films. Admission is by donation. For reservations, call (586) 465-2488 or visit crockerhousemuseum.com.

Pewabic Pottery

The annual Earthy Treasures Holiday Show is open through Dec. 30 and showcases the Snowflake Collectible Ornaments series and work from more than 100 ceramic artists. Pewabic is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 626-2000 or visit pewabic.org. Pewabic Pottery is located at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

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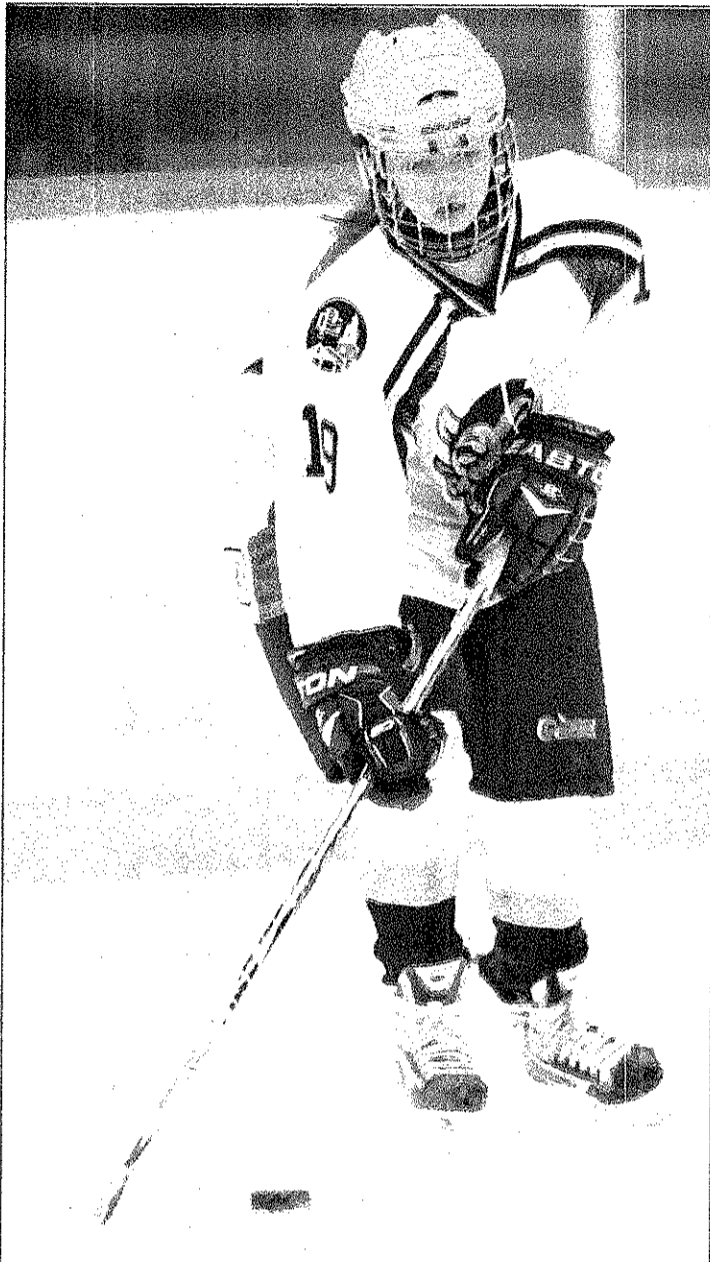
Success

North, South and Liggett basketball teams happy after week No. 1 PAGE 2C

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Boyle's hat trick leads South past Liggett



By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

South senior Claire Boyle, an offensive force this season, once again fired on all cylinders in last week's 4-0 win over city rival University Liggett.

Boyle scored another hat trick, scoring a goal in each period to help the host Blue Devils improve to 4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"Claire is playing at an ever higher level than at any time in her high school career," South head coach Joe Provenzano said. "She is getting her linemates involved in the play and her line is really playing at a high level."

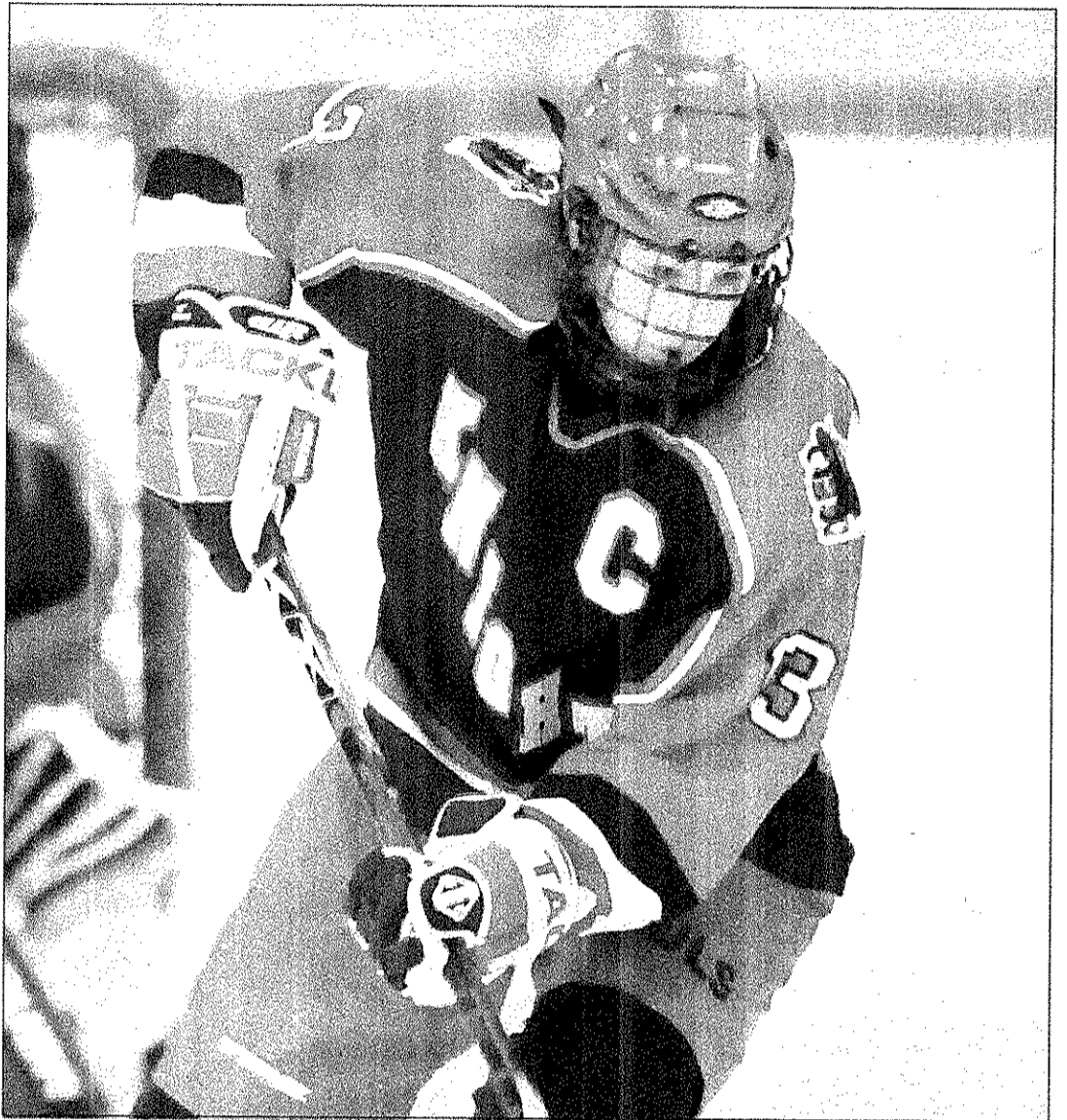
Boyle had four goals in the Blue Devils' previous game, a 4-1 victory over Livonia Ladywood.

"The entire team is playing better and they had to play good to beat a great goalie like (Jenna) Pleva, who I coached a few years ago. She was good then and even better now."

Sophomore Tenley Shield also scored for the Blue Devils, while junior Allison Daudlin, sophomore Anne Crowley and freshman Eliza Bourke had assists.

Pleva led the Knights with a 55-save performance, while Blue Devil junior Anastasia Diamond had far less action, making only three saves to post the shutout.

The Knights were also behind the eight ball when senior



Liggett senior Haley Smith gave it her best effort, but the Knights fell short against city rival Grosse Pointe South.

captain Haleigh Bolton missed the game with an injury.

"We were definitely at a disadvantage without our best

player," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaekle said. "Our girls played hard and gave a great effort."

Liggett dropped to 2-3 in the MMGHSHL and 2-5 overall, losing 4-0 to Northville last weekend.

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South freshman Elizabeth Erickson helped the home team limit Liggett's forwards to only three shots on net.

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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Tight finish

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team traveled north to battle one of the top-ranked squads in Class B, Goodrich.

The Knights jumped out to an 11-point lead, but found winning on the road against a state title contender was a job-and-a-half.

"I think we stunned them taking that 11-point lead," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "We played pretty well defensively, but had a few break downs that allowed Goodrich to get some easy baskets.

"This was one of the best high school basketball games I've been associated with. Not too many people thought we could win this game, but we nearly pulled off the victory."

Goodrich surged in the latter stages of the second quarter and early in the third stanza to make it a tight game.

In the fourth quarter, both teams made huge baskets that had the capacity crowd on its feet.

Senior Madison Ristovski led the Knights with 29 points and junior Haleigh Ristovski added 22 points, including making six three-pointers. Sophomore Bre Andrews finished with nine points.

Liggett evened its record at 1-1 and next plays at No. 1 ranked Dearborn Divine Child Friday, Dec. 16.

"We played tough against Goodrich and now we get No. 1 Divine Child," Gigante said. "Our girls get the chance to play another great team on the road. We will see how we stand after this."



Madison Ristovski, shown against Livonia Ladywood, scored 29 points against one of the best teams in the state, Goodrich.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Rebounding leads to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team won its season opener last weekend, beating host Mount Clemens 57-45.

The Blue Devils led 13-7 after the first quarter and saw the lead dwindle to a single point, 42-41, when the third quarter horn sounded.

The visitors put the game away, outscoring the Bathers 15-4 in the final quarter, improving to 1-0 overall.

"It was nice to go on the road and win the first game of the season against a talented team," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "Our rebounding was very good and it helped us control the tempo."

The Blue Devils used a powerful inside game to limit the quick Bathers to a half-court contest.

Senior Joe Srebernak led the way with 17 points and six assists, while senior Matt Temrowski had 15 points and eight rebounds.

Senior Kevin Reck had 10 points and senior Tim Kramer added eight rebounds in the victory.

"Beating Mount Clemens is nice since they opened their season with a big win over Chippewa Valley, which is one of the favorites to win the MAC Red," Grauzer said.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a 7 p.m. road game Thursday, Dec. 15, against St. Clair Shores South Lake.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Composure key to road victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

What a difference a year makes.

Last year, head coach Matt Lockhart had a group of hard-working players who didn't have the experience and poise to finish out games.

They led in the fourth quarter of nearly all their defeats.

The year of maturity was evident last weekend when North beat host Warren Mott 74-65 in overtime.

Seniors Jamal Williams, Adam Andrzejczak, Derrick Morris, Will Ritchie and Dondre Young made big plays in the fourth quarter and overtime to lift the Norsemen to a big non-conference road victory.

"Our seniors stepped up and played with poise when we needed it the most," Lockhart said. "They made some big free throws, grabbed some big rebounds and made some huge baskets on the road against a very good basketball team in Mott."

The Norsemen trailed by eight points midway through the fourth quarter before Morris helped tie it at 55 with a three-pointer and two-point basket in the lane.

The Marauders grabbed a 58-55 lead on a three-point play, but Ritchie tied it at 58 after making free throws.

It was tied at 60 when Mott's last-second three-pointer

missed the mark, sending the game to overtime.

Right off the tip, Ritchie made a three-point play and Morris buried a triple, giving the Norsemen a 66-60 lead and they never looked back.

The Norsemen's final eight points came from the free-throw line. As a team, the Norsemen made 25 of 34, which is a far cry from a year ago when the team hovered around the 50 percent mark for the season.

Andrzejczak led four Norsemen in double figures with 17 points, followed by Morris with 16, Ritchie with 15 and Williams with 10. Young had eight points and 13 rebounds before fouling out midway through overtime.

It was a tight game with a dozen ties and the lead changed hands just as many times. North had a one-point first-quarter lead and five points at the half, 32-27.

It was tied at 41 after three quarters and 60 at the end of regulation.

Earlier in the week, North opened the season with a 54-49 loss to host Warren DeLaSalle. The end result came via free throws with the Pilots somehow shooting 39 foul attempts to the Norsemen's 17.

Williams had 15 points, followed by Andrzejczak with nine, Ritchie with eight and junior Taiwan Wiggins with seven.

North is 1-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils open with victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team traveled to St. Cecilia last weekend to battle Detroit Mumford.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 12-point lead, but had to hang on down the stretch to pull out a 62-58 victory.

"It was a small gym and loud, but a great atmosphere

for a high school basketball game and for our girls to start the season," head coach Kevin Richards said. "It was a physical game and we had some foul trouble, but in the end the girls made some big plays to help us win the game."

Freshman Cierra Rice came up big in her first varsity game, scoring 20 points, grabbing six rebounds, dishing out three assists and netting three steals,

while senior Caitlin Moore had 18 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

"We have some things to work on, but overall I liked the way the girls played in a loud gym with a lot of fans in the stands," Richards said.

"Mumford took advantage of the small gym. I think we would have been a little better off using our speed in a larger floor."

Junior Claire DeBoer had 16 points and 10 rebounds in limited minutes. She got into foul trouble and spent most of the second and third quarters on the bench.

Senior Carmen Engel had four fouls, but still managed to net four points, nab three steals and grab seven rebounds.

South improved to 1-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Ladies fall to Blazers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Catholic League foe Livonia Ladywood battled Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team last week.

The Norsemen lost to Catholic League power Birmingham Marian the game before and Ladywood posed another problem.

In the end, North lost 40-29, falling to 1-2 overall.

"I felt we struggled at both ends of the court with court awareness and sustaining our effort," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We need to make big improvements in both areas before we become the team we are capable of becoming."

Junior Anajai Gutierrez led the Norsemen with 12 points, eight rebounds and four steals, while sophomore Maria Liddane had four points and five assists.

Junior Taryn Kiah added five points and five steals, plus junior Stavi Varlamos came off



North junior Anajai Gutierrez, shown above against Marian, scored a team-high 12 points in the Norsemen's loss to Livonia Ladywood.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

the bench to sink both free throws and grab two rebounds against the Blazers.

LIGGETT

Knights crush foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Season openers are an exercise in patience for a head coach, and that is exactly what Liggett's head man Sidney Johnson did last week.

The host Knights opened with an easy 75-47 victory over Eastpointe Eaton Academy as four players scored double figures.

It took the home team nearly six minutes to get the motor running, but when it did, the Knights took off.

"We wanted to close out and box out on the defensive end of the court," Johnson said. "We did a good job of that, but we have to work on cutting off the dribble penetration. That part of our defense wasn't all that good tonight, but it will get better."

It was 6-6 before the Knights scored the final 10 points of the first quarter. They outscored the Panthers 25-19 in the second stanza to grab a 41-25 half-

time lead.

Junior Eric Ewing's three-pointer as the horn sounded gave the Knights the 16-point cushion.

The junior tandem of Connor Fannon, 6-foot, 7-inches, and Andrew Zinkel, 6-foot, 5-inches, were too much on both ends of the floor. Fannon finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and two blocks in three quarters of play, while Zinkel had 14 points, nine rebounds and one block.

Ewing finished with 13 points and senior Eddie Thomas had 12 before taking a bench after the Knights led 64-33 after three periods.

All 12 of the Knights played with the starting five of Ewing, Thomas, Fannon, junior KeVaughn Jackson and freshman Fred Saffold scoring 48 points.

The Knights forced 29 turnovers, but they also committed 20 turnovers.

Liggett improved to 1-0 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils on fast track

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The offensive fireworks continued last week as Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team beat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 8-0.

The host Blue Devils scored three first-period goals and four in the second to take a commanding lead.

They officially ended the game at the 14:47 mark of the third period when senior Geoff Welsher scored an unassisted goal, making it an eight-goal difference.

In the first period, senior Marty Moesta, playing his first game of the season, scored a goal on his first shot of the season. His goal came on the power play at the 12:58 mark with freshman Ian Corbett and senior Wes Cimmarrusti assisting.

Junior Shane Sparkman scored at the 7:53 mark and sophomore Andrew Bigham tallied a little more than a minute later, making it 3-0.

The Blue Devils outshot the Fighting Irish 15-3 in the opening period and 23-1 in the

second as Sparkman, Welsher, senior Cam Gibson and junior Thomas Marantette scored goals.

The final three goals were scored in a 53-second span.

Senior Andrew Addy and Bigham each had a couple of assists during the four-goal outburst.

The host team had four more shots on net in the third period, giving it a 42-4 shot advantage and improving to 4-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 4-3 overall.

Correction

In the Dec. 1 South against North article, Gibson was misidentified as Andrew Hyde due to a misprint on the program handed out before the game. On the program, Hyde is listed as No. 20 and Gibson as No. 23, but Gibson wears No. 20 and should have been credited with the assists.

Hyde hasn't played a game this season and will play when the second semester begins due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association transfer rule.

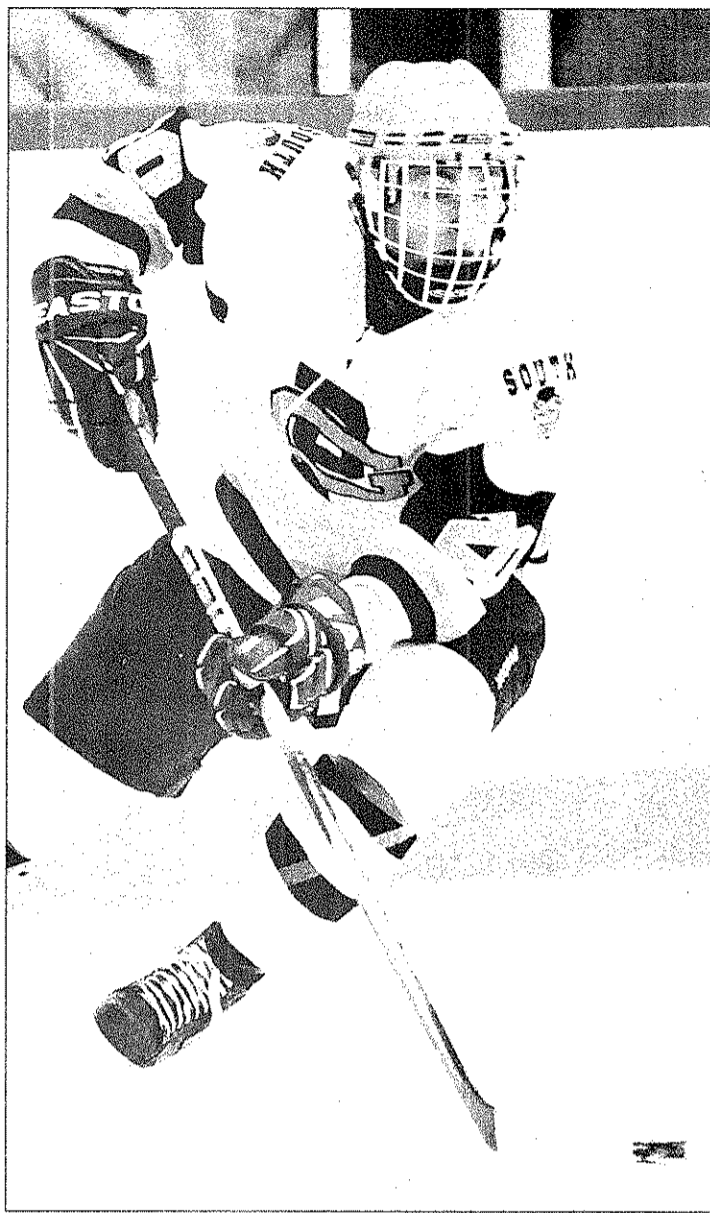


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South senior Cam Gibson scored a goal in the Blue Devils' 8-0 pounding of Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

LIGGETT

Knights crush Country Day in rematch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team won its third straight game last week, beating Detroit Country Day 6-1.

It was a rematch of last year's Division 3 regional final in which the Yellowjackets upset the Knights.

"It was an ugly game, but we got better as the game wore on," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We should have scored more goals, but we couldn't convert our chances."

Senior Austin Petitpren and junior Manny Counsman had two goals apiece to lead the Knights, which improved to 3-2 overall.

The teams might meet again in the state playoffs and this time the Knights know they will be better prepared for the pressure of playoff hockey.

Coming up for Liggett is a game against city rival Grosse Pointe South at 8 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 16. Cadillac plays Utica Eisenhower in the first game of the Liggett Tournament.

The consolation game is 6:25 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, and the championship game is 8:25 p.m.

"This is a big game and I'm sure they're (South) gunning for us," McIntyre said. "It will be a packed house and a fun game."

During the holiday break, Liggett travels to Big Rapids to play a two-day tournament Wednesday, Dec. 28, and Thursday, Dec. 29.

"We should see some good competition up north and it will be a good test for our guys," McIntyre said. "It will be nice to get some games in during the break instead of sitting around for a few weeks."

"This way, our guys stay focused and in a flow."

When school resumes, the Knights travel to Ohio to play St. Francis de Sales before facing Utica Eisenhower Saturday, Jan. 7.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

MIHL action

Grosse Pointe North senior J.P. Lucchese, right, had two assists in the Norsemen's Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League losses to Birmingham Brother Rice, 5-1, and Novi Catholic Central, 6-1, last week. Against Brother Rice, senior Joe Giordano scored with senior Joe Aluia adding the second assist, and against Catholic Central, senior Anthony Saleh tallied with junior Anthony Allemon netting the second assist. North dropped to 1-3 in the MIHL.



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Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Grapplers get feet wet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Eric Julien began his Grosse Pointe North coaching career last weekend, guiding the wrestling team to a sixth-place finish in the Hartland Invitational.

Hartland, last year's state semifinalists, won the invitational with 398 points, followed by New Lothrop with 327, Lake Fenton with 162, Bay City Central with 150, Lapeer East with 88, Grosse Pointe North with 86, Milford with 41 and Hartland "B" with 35.

Leading the Norsemen was Andrew Lock, a silver medalist in the 145-pound division, and Paul Menth, a bronze medalist in the 140-pound division.

Five other grapplers earned a top four finish.

Jaron Nelson, 112 pounds; Patrick Salazar, 119 pounds; Damon Barbee, 130 pounds; and Terry Hamilton, 215 pounds, each earned a fourth-place medal.

Julien and the Norsemen compete in the annual Macomb County Tournament Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY STEVE SKORUPSKI

All-stars

Grosse Pointe North hockey players, from left, Jen Cusmano, Natalie Skorupski and Sara Villani, earned spots on the All-Tournament team in the Liggett Invitational. They had a tough 2-1 loss to Cranbrook Kingswood in the tournament semifinals and repeated the same score in their league contest last weekend at Wallace Ice Arena. "We dominated the game, but couldn't get a couple of more shots past Colleen (Jacoby)," head coach Joe Lucchese said. Melissa Mermiges scored the Norsemen's lone goal. North dropped to 2-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 3-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils get solid results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team had only a handful of grapplers available to compete in last weekend's Cousino Tournament.

Head coach Greg Snider had five wrestlers with several others missing due to injuries and illness.

"Despite having only a few kids to work with, we still managed to win half the matches, which is a good start," Snider said. "We should be back to full strength after the holiday break."

Freshman Antoine Herrell finished 3-1 in the 140-pound

class to lead the Blue Devils.

The other competitors were sophomore Alex Manchester in the 125-pound class, sophomore Andrew Simon in the 119-pound class, sophomore Colin Brannagan in the 160-pound class and sophomore Hunter Benz in the 152-pound class.

In the team competition, the Blue Devils lost to fellow Macomb Area Conference members Sterling Heights Stevenson and host Warren Cousino. South is 0-4 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is the annual Macomb County Tournament Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17, at Chippewa Valley.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ford Field hosts bowl

The Little Caesars Pizza Bowl announced Purdue of the Big Ten will meet Western Michigan of the Mid-American Conference at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Ford Field in Detroit.

"We are excited to have

Purdue and Western Michigan in the 2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. Both teams have significant fan bases and will no doubt bring that support with them to Detroit," said CEO & Executive Director Ken Hoffman.

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LACROSSE



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Competitors

The 313 Lacrosse Club, an elite team made up of high school lacrosse players from 11 area schools, travelled to Ithaca, New York, and competed against some of the top programs in the country in the 20th annual Turkey Shoot. The team finished 5-3, with impressive wins against Cincinnati Big Dog, Columbus Velocity (twice), Buffalo St. Joes and Rochester Frontier. The three losses came against Binghamton - New York, Minnesota Loons, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a team made up of elite players from 14 states. 313 Lacrosse is coached by Ken Brubaker, an assistant coach at Western Michigan University, and assistant Ken Urbin, the new head coach at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. Team members are, goaltenders seated from left, David Trudel of Grosse Pointe South and Joe Takacs of Warren DeLaSalle; middle row from left, Kyle Missant of L'Anse Creuse North, Nick Lyons of St. Clair, Pat Kuchta of U-D Jesuit, Hannibal Roda of L'Anse Creuse, James Champane of Grosse Pointe South and Rob Nolan of L'Anse Creuse North; and standing from left, Andrew Skowrya of Hartland, Jack Monforton of DeLaSalle, Adam Keay of L'Anse Creuse North, Cody Desaro of Port Huron, T.J. Zuke of Rochester Stoney Creek, Mike Meshinski of Utica Eisenhower, Kurt Urbin of Stoney Creek, Phil Lecznar of Grosse Pointe North, Danny French of Grosse Pointe South and Jay Warren of Grosse Pointe North.

PLATFORM TENNIS



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Champs

The Grosse Pointes were home to the 2011 Detroit Invitational Platform Tennis Tournament held Dec. 3 at several locations, including Farms Pier Park, Neighborhood Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (the "Little Club") and Country Club of Detroit. The runners-up were, left two, Birmingham's Dave Cosgrove and Mike Parks, and the winners, right two, from Chicago, Jeroine Barnes and Jay Woldenberg. Tournament chairs were Patrick Mercier, Geoffrey Welsher and Tom Dow.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Giving back

The Grosse Pointe South Girls Cross Country team raised more than \$700 for Sweet Dreamzzz Inc. Sweet Dreamzzz is a non-profit organization committed to improving the health, well-being and academic performance of at-risk school-aged children by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials. Pictured here are team captains Kelly Langton, Colleen Martin, Hannah Wheeler, Jessi Aboutkasm and community relations director, Genny Houston.

GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY



PHOTO BY KATIE DREITMANN

Repeat champions

The Grosse Pointe Academy girls' varsity volleyball team won first place in the Grosse Pointe Academy Invitational Volleyball Tournament Saturday, Nov. 19. The Bulldogs won all six of their games, capturing their 21st consecutive GPA tournament title. Hannah Homsy and Anna Crane combined for 54 successful sets. Sara Anthony had her best offensive performance of the year, hitting 15 of 16 spike attempts, while leading the team in passes to the setter. Ann Arbor Greenhills finished second in the tournament. Pictured above are, standing from left, coach Michael Fultz, Sara Anthony, Katherine FitzSimons, Madeline Arikson, Hannah Homsy, Carly Demkowicz and Jyen-ai Jones; and seated from left, Anna Crane, Grace Drettmann and Grayson Cieszkowski.

Swimming

LIGGETT

Knights split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team split its double-dual meet last week, losing 158-55 to state power Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and beating Ann Arbor Greenhills/Willow Run United 108-88.

Highlights for the Knights included freshman Chris Cornell earning two Division 3 state cuts, posting a 2:10.43 in the 200-yard individual medley and 1:04.53 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

In addition, sophomore Steve Kneiser scored 131.4 points in his diving competition.

"I was happy with the team's overall effort in our first meet," head coach Ryan Gunderson said. "I am looking forward to more state cuts throughout the year."

Cornell took first in the 200-IM with his state-cut time and in the 50-yard freestyle, senior Brian Gutermuth, junior Mallory Jamett and freshman Paul Sidhu placed second, fifth and sixth with times of 24.31,

25.87 and 27.83, respectively.

In the 200-yard freestyle, junior Connor Borrego was third with a time of 2:04.82 and Kneiser won the diving competition with his 131 points.

Senior Zara Zmyslowski was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:09.30, while Gutermuth placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.72.

Jamett and Borrego took third and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:38.09 and 5:40.42, and the Knights' 200-yard freestyle relay was third as Cornell, Jamett, Gutermuth and Borrego posted a time of 1:51.58.

Zmyslowski also earned points in the 100-yard backstroke, taking fourth with a time of 1:14.28 and Cornell came back to win the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.53. In the 100-breaststroke, freshman Renata Szymanski was fifth at 1:25.52.

In the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Gutermuth, Jamett, Borrego and Cornell teamed up to take third with a time of 3:57.48.

Liggett is 1-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team opened its season last week, losing 103-83 to Ann Arbor Huron.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched the Blue Devils get off to a strong start, winning the 200-yard medley relay as sophomore Patrick Jackson, senior Luke Hessburg, sophomore Nicholas Yoo and sophomore Jack Martin posted a time of 1:42.38.

The Blue Devils also had a top-two finish in diving with sophomore Eric Addy and senior Ben Cornillie earning 170.40 and 170.25 points, respectively.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Jackson, freshman Devlin Francis and senior Joe Zampardo finished first, second and third with times of 55.39, 1:00.38 and 1:00.88, respectively. Yoo won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:07.07.

Hessburg won the 100-yard breaststroke, turning in a time of 1:02.88. In the meet's final event, Yoo, Francis, Hessburg and Jackson won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of

3:30.57.

Other top-three finishes included Francis in the 200-yard freestyle, third with a time of 1:58.04; Hessburg in the 200-yard individual medley, second with a time of 2:07.81; Yoo in the 50-yard freestyle, second with a time of 23.54; Martin in the 100-yard freestyle, third with a time of 53.95; and Jackson and junior Jack Chase in the 100-yard backstroke, second and third with times of 58.61 and 1:07.26.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle team of Francis, junior Frank Cusumano, junior C.J. Stafford and Martin took third with a time of 1:37.95.

South is 0-1 overall. Last weekend, South placed fifth with 182 points in the Warrior Relays.

The highlight for the Blue Devils was the first-place finish posted by the 400-yard medley relay squad of Jackson, Hessburg, Yoo and Francis who had a time of 3:45.73.

The 200-yard butterfly relay foursome of Hessburg, Francis, Yoo and Jackson placed second with a time of 1:40.45 and the same four also took a second place in the 400-yard individual medley relay with a time of 3:55.72.

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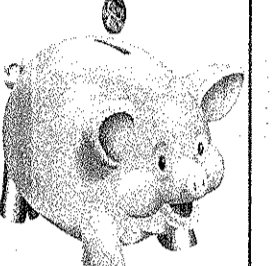
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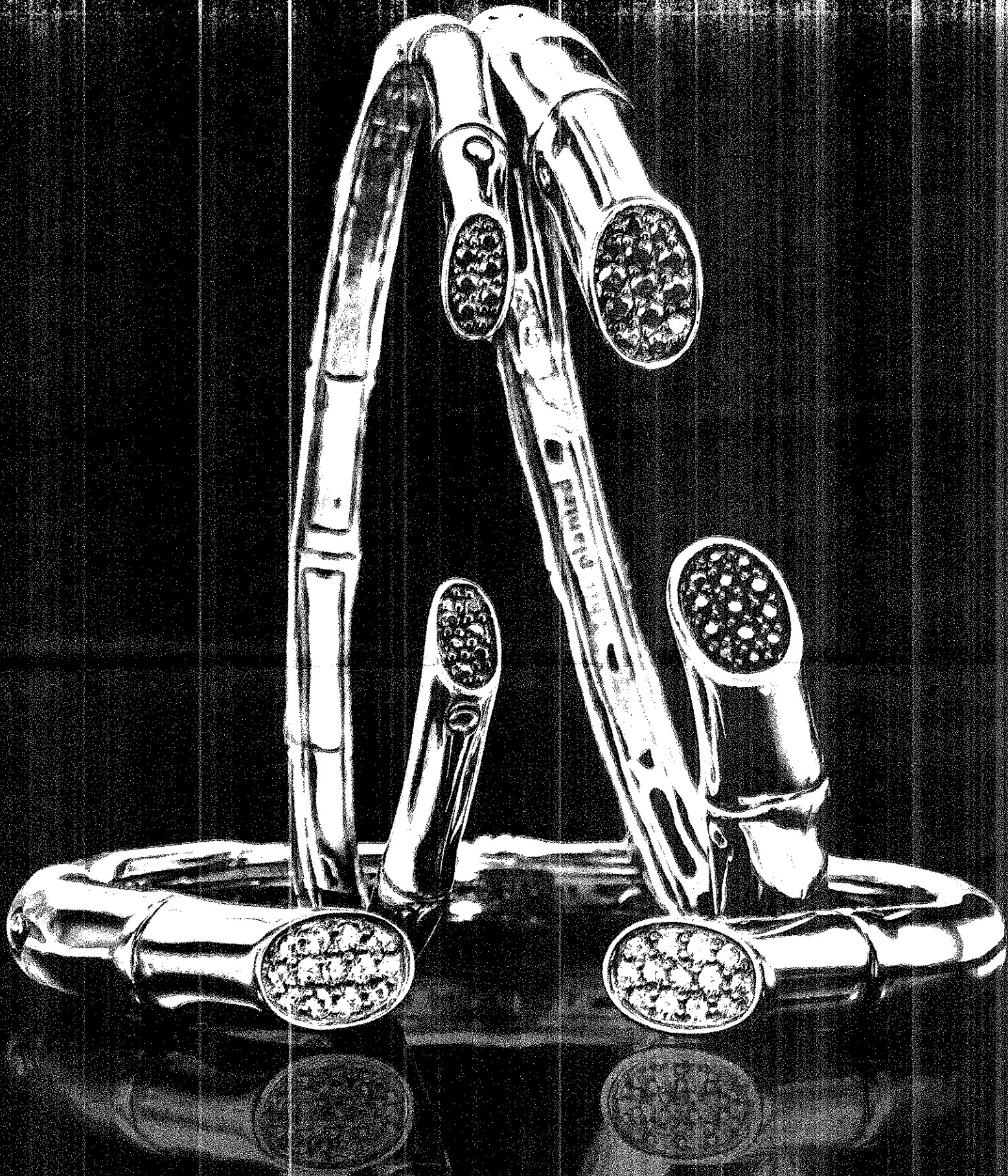
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