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#### THURSDAY, DEC. 25

◆ *Merry Christmas*

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls basketball team plays Detroit Pershing at 6 p.m. in the PSL Holiday Classic at Detroit Renaissance High School, 6565 West Outer Drive, Detroit.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 27

◆ Joe Louis Arena will host the 44th annual Great Lakes Invitational hockey tournament.

The University of Michigan plays Michigan Tech at 3 p.m. and Michigan State University battles North Dakota at 6:30 p.m.

◆ The Henry Ford Holiday Nights is open from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Greenfield Village is transformed into a winter wonderland full of activity from storytelling to ice skating. For more information, call (313) 982-6001.

It also runs Sunday, Dec. 28.

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 28

◆ The GLI third-place game is slated for 3 p.m. and the championship game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods residents are invited to an open skate from 5 to 7 p.m. at University Liggett School McMann Ice Arena, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Park passes must be current and will be checked at the entrance. Children under age 14 must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the Lake Front Park office at (313) 343-2470.

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

◆ Pointe Fitness is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All presenting donors will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, a \$5 Target gift card and a chance to win a \$500 hotel voucher and airline tickets for two to anywhere in the United States. Pointe Fitness is located at 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ A free support group, Career Transition Support Ministry for those who have lost their jobs, is offered at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# 2008

## the year in review

### GROSSE POINTE PARK

## Change is the theme this year

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park residents saw several additions to the city's parks in 2008, thanks to donations and the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Also making news:

January

◆ Council appropriated \$73,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to Services for Older Citizens and for street improvements.

◆ A quick thinking employee at Janet's Lunch is credited with saving a customer's life by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

February

◆ The city held its annual Chilly Fest, serving up chili, hot dogs and a Valentine's Day skate.

◆ An aging Tudor on the corner of Trombley and Essex was torn down; a victim of neglect and a bank foreclosure.

March

◆ A winter of heavy snow had public services director Chris Rimel worried about the city's diminishing supply of salt as the icy rains of March approached.

◆ The annual crime report showed an 8 percent decline in overall crime. Car thefts were down, but juvenile crime was up.

◆ Park resident Pat O'Hara was grand marshal of Detroit's 50th annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

◆ It rained on the Easter Bunny's parade at Patterson Park, but that didn't stop more than 100 children from participating in the annual egg hunt.

April

◆ Park forester Brian Coulter supervised the planting of 64 trees on city property to replace many lost to

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An ice sculptor wows the children with his creation at the January Winterfest on The Hill. Left, Tim Bledsoe (wearing suit) talks to County Commissioner Tim Killeen and other supporters on election night. Bledsoe is the first Democrat elected to serve the 1st House District. Below, Lindsay Rogers enjoys an ear of the good stuff at the August Corn Roast in the Park. See page 3A for Grosse Pointe Shores, page 11A for schools, page 12A for Grosse Pointe Woods and the Jan. 1 edition for the sports review.



Shores officer Ken Werenski monitors small flames coming from a downed electrical wire pinned under a large branch on Oxford. Strong winds June 8 thinned the community's tree canopy. Below, a car traced to a Monroe woman was pulled from Lake St. Clair near the foot of Clairview Oct. 7.



### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

## Businesses open, grow in tough times

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Improvements to the downtown commercial district didn't come at the expense of the City of Grosse Pointe's periphery during a

busy 2008.

Twelve month's attention to the Village central business district included creation of a downtown development authority. Work on

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## Merry Christmas

After the snow, the wind and more snow, these holiday lights were shining through at a home on Three Mile in Grosse Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY  
RENEE LANDUYT



### POINTER OF INTEREST

*'I love collecting.'*

## Margaret Hudson-Collins



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Park  
**Age:** 50-ish  
**Family:** Husband, Steve; son, Carl, 17; daughter, Katherine, 13  
**Claim to fame:** Extensive black Santa Claus collection  
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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ **POLICE RESCUE TEENS ON ICE FLOE:** Two 14-year-olds were rescued by Shores police when ice on which they were skating broke off and began drifting with the Lake St. Clair current.

The boys told police they had gone skating on the ice near the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and had planned to skate to the Farms Pier Park about two and a half miles away.

Just as they started skating, the ice cracked. The wind and current carried them about a quarter of a mile to Lochmoor.

Police used a 35-foot ladder and rope to rescue the boys who were wet, but otherwise unharmed.

◆ **PARK HOME RANSACKED:** Burglars entered a Grosse Pointe Park home through the rear door by removing its cylinder and ransacked the home.

The thieves tore out a basement fireplace, removed pictures from the walls and shifted beds in an apparent attempt to find a safe. They emptied drawers and scattered the contents on the floor.

The homeowners were on vacation and were notified of the break-in by Park police.

◆ **NEWCOMERS TO BE FETED:** The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association is entertaining all new Grosse Pointe families who have moved into any of the five Pointes during 1958. Representatives from churches and community organizations will be present to invite the guests to participate in their organizations. The event includes refreshments and entertainment.

Some 700 invitations have been mailed.

1983

25 years ago this week

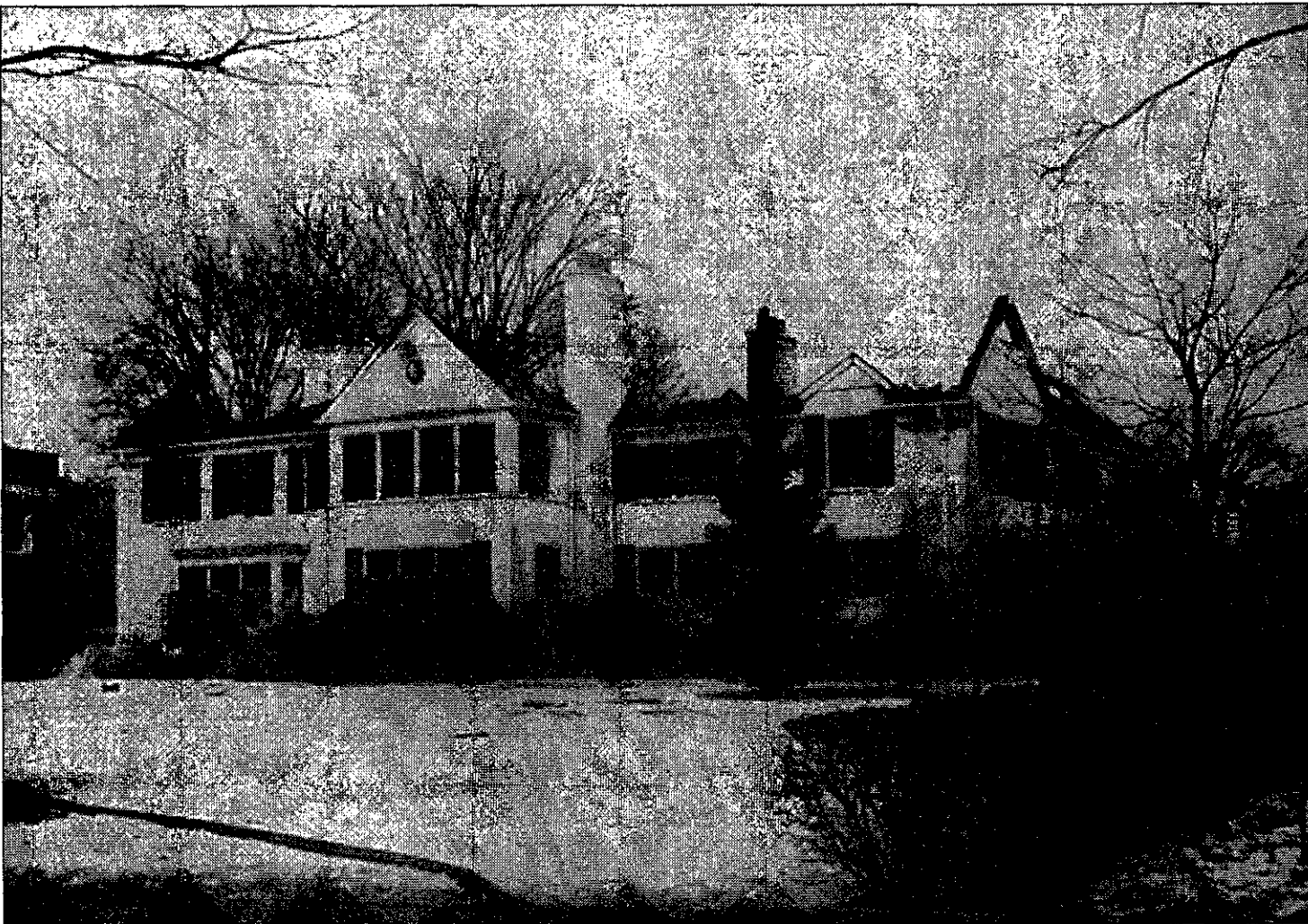
◆ **ANTI-RECALL DRIVE IS LAUNCHED:** An organization formed to support board of education members threatened with recall because of their vote to close Barnes Elementary hit the streets.

In the first week of the campaign, volunteers collected more than 1,000 signatures in support of trustees Catherine Brierly, Ernest Buechler and Jon Gandelot. The trustees are targets of a recall by the Committee for Neighborhood Elementary Schools.

◆ **FIRE HITS SECOND WOODS STORE:** The second Mack business in a month was damaged by fire. The fire at The Fruit Tree in Grosse Pointe Woods was spotted about 1:35 a.m. by two St. Clair Shores police officers. Firefighters gained entry quickly and contained the fire to the furnace area of the store. While the cause of the blaze is still under investigation, police speculate it could have been caused by the building's heating equipment. The Rainy Day Co. in the Woods was gutted by a three-alarm blaze two weeks ago.

◆ **FORD SUB MAY ADD 16 UNITS:** The developers of Windemere Place, the 18-unit cluster home subdivision located on the Henry Ford II property on Lakeshore, will soon be asking the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council for permission to expand the site to include 16 more units.

◆ **CABLE TV COSTS UP:** The charges some 10,500 local families pay for cable television will increase about 20 percent beginning Jan. 1. The increase in the basic service rate will go from \$7.99 to \$8.60 per month. Premium services, such as Home Box Office, will jump from \$8.99 to \$11.95 a month. Additional basic outlets



FROM THE DEC. 25, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Fire devastation

An early morning fire left only the walls standing at a residence on Provencal Road. The fire, believed to be fed by natural gas, caused about \$250,000 in damage.

The fire was discovered by a 12-year-old resident who was awakened at about 2:45 a.m. by a wrongly set alarm clock. Smelling smoke, the boy woke his parents and other family members who escaped without injury. Once outside, the homeowner remembered the family cook was sleeping in a rear bedroom. Police discovered the cook at the bedroom window. She was rescued, but injured as she broke the window to flee the fire.

will cost \$2.20 and additional premium outlets will cost \$3.75 each.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ **ULS TO BUILD NEW ICE**

**RINK:** University Liggett School recently received approval from the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission to build a new 38,000 square-foot ice rink at its Cook Road campus.

The new facility replaces the current 30,000 square-foot rink. The additional space

provides for an indoor location for dumping ice shavings collected by the Zamboni machine.

◆ **PARK WOMAN ESCAPES MUGGING:** A 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was mugged leaving a store on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. The woman

was jumped from behind, forced into her van parked on the street and hit repeatedly.

The woman screamed and fought back. She was able to break away, run to a store and call 911. Police, having already been notified by witnesses, were on their way. The two suspects were apprehended.

◆ **SUIT FILED TO STOP GPYC PROJECT:** A citizens group opposed to the expansion of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and municipal marinas filed suit against the club and the Grosse Pointe Shores Village council. The group, Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion, wants a permanent injunction against any possible expansion, citing a threat to the ecology of Lake St. Clair.

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ **WOODS WETTER?:** Two Grosse Pointe Woods councilwomen asked the council to consider a number of methods that would release four tavern licenses which the city is entitled to issue according to state law. Tavern licenses allow dining establishments to serve beer and wine, but not liquor. A couple of longtime restaurants in the city have been trying to obtain the licenses for several years.

◆ **16 SUSPENSIONS:** A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer spotted a car with an improperly displayed license in the rear window. Upon investigation, not only did the man not have a driver's license, registration or insurance paperwork, but his driver's license has been suspended 16 times.

◆ **SOME GRINCHES CAUGHT, OTHERS SOUGHT:** Grosse Pointe Woods police officers spoke with three 16-year-old Woods boys and their parents after the boys were seen taking stabilizing ropes off an inflatable Grinch in front of a house on Hawthorne.

However, grinch decorations continued pilfering decorations. On Cook Road in the Woods, a polar bear lawn ornament was taken. Grinches hit several homes in Grosse Pointe Park.

A straw reindeer was taken from a front lawn on Barrington; Jesus and Mary figures were taken from a front lawn on Bedford; and five decorative reindeer were taken from another Bedford front yard.

— By Karen Fontanive

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

# The village's last year?

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A new marina, the possible construction of a water tower and advice from would-be wordsmiths in the state capitol contributed to milestones, controversies and frustrations marking 2008 in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Construction of the marina at Osius Park involved an almost total, year-long renovation. Upon completion, boaters enjoyed wider wells, straighter fairways and modern utilities. Non-boaters were offered a rebuilt walkway atop the break-wall.

The marina and related enhancements to the park earned the village Keep Michigan Beautiful's Presidents Plaque, its top award.

The prospect of a tall water tower tanked, literally, when a potentially 1 million gallon structure to store water and increase water pressure was whittled down to something that could fit inside a 25-foot-tall structure. Construction remained speculative as the year ended, and depended upon an engineering study into improving the municipal water system.

Wordsmiths from the state attorney general's office opposed the village's new name, should it reorganize as a city. Critics in Lansing deemed "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City" too wordy. They relented in December, approving the name and new city charter.

Final approval remained unresolved at year's end, as Shores officials awaited the governor's approval and a Feb. 24 charter election next year.

In month-by-month fashion, this is the year that was 2008 in the Shores.

## January

◆ Shores resident and village trustee Fred Minturn is sworn in for another term on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. Minturn also retains his role as board treasurer.

◆ Village officials are prepared to ask voters on a May advisory ballot if the village, established in 1911, should change legal status to a city.

If voters seek change, a charter commission will be established to draw up a framework for the new municipality. Likewise, two townships comprising the Shores, one each in Wayne and Macomb counties, will be dissolved.

◆ An ad hoc committee is formed to determine the feasibility of the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods severing ties with the Detroit Water Board and hooking up to the Farms water filtration plant.

## February

◆ Twelve candidates file for nine positions to serve on a charter commission.

If voters favor the community becoming a city, the commission will be assigned the job of rewriting its charter.



Sarah galbenski and sisters Olivia and Gina Peruzzi break in part of the new playscape at Osius Park July 13.

## March

◆ Renovations to the Osius Park harbor are on schedule for a May 15 opening, according to Mike Kenyon, village manager.

The new \$3.8 million harbor will have 137 boat wells ranging from 25 to 55 feet, new electrical and water service, new dock boxes, upgraded lighting, a new walkway to the outer harbor, three flushing tubes to promote water circulation in the harbor, plus storage areas for kayaks, wind boards and Jet Skis.

◆ Shores resident Frank McBride Jr. is inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Association Hall of Fame.

McBride served 50 years on the Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac race committee and was commodore of the Grosse Pointe and Mackinac Island yacht clubs. He is referred to as the "voice of the Great Lakes" by coworkers at WJR radio, where he was boating editor for 44 years.

◆ A bald eagle is photographed scowling from a tree at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

## April

◆ Police receive at least one report per week of coyotes in the village, according to Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni.

"We have not been able to get close to them," he said. "We're still debating what to do because they're so darn smart."

◆ Shores President Dr. James Cooper assures residents that interest in switching the village to a city form of government is not a cloak for hidden agendas.

At least one person attending a council meeting suggesting village leaders might be trying to set the groundwork for succeeding from Wayne County to become part of Macomb County.

## May

◆ Cooper is convinced this month's city referendum is a matter of dollars and good sense.

Voters will determine if the

village should switch to city status.

"It's a wise choice to streamline government, consolidate services and reduce expenses," Cooper said.

◆ Voters approve overwhelmingly a proposal to switch the nearly 100-year-old village to a city-style form of government.

Voters support the switch 505 to 127, a nearly 4-to-1 landslide.

◆ The village is designated a Tree City USA for the fourth year in a row, and for the fourth time in as many tries.

The honor, from the National Arbor Day Foundation, is celebrated by planting a tree at Osius Park.

## June

◆ Nearly 64 percent of the cost of a new playscape being planned for Osius Park this summer will be funded by a donation from the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

Village officials allocate nearly \$31,000 in money and in-kind labor to buy and install the \$75,511 playscape, which will replace the current, 15-year-old installation.

Foundation Trustees Laurie Peruzzi and Lynn Galbenski researched playscape companies to come up with a model designed for toddlers through early teenagers.

◆ High winds thin the urban forest by uprooting trees and snapping limbs.

A tree on Oxford breaks at the trunk, lands on a power line and causes a small fire that wet leaves and branches prevent from spreading.

◆ An electrical problem is suspected to have set on fire a wood frame, three-story house in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

Firefighters from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods saved the house, built in 1908.

"Upon arrival, a couple areas of the lower portion of the house were engulfed in flames," said Poloni.

## July

◆ About 1,400 people watch the municipal July Fourth fireworks show at Osius Park.

"That's a huge turnout," said

Park Director Jim Cooke. "It was a beautiful night."

◆ Village officials and residents gather at Osius Park to dedicate the new harbor and playscape.

"Capital improvements just don't happen," said Cooper. "It takes a vision, a master plan (and) residents willing to give freely of their times and talent."

Nearly two-thirds of the playscape is paid by a donation from the Grosse Pointe Improvement Foundation.

◆ Facing double-digit rate increases from the Detroit water department, village officials continue studying the cost of switching to the Farms filtration system.

An analysis estimates the total project cost at \$25 million, including upgrades to the Farms plant. The Shores' share would be at least \$4 million.

◆ A 1 million gallon water tower associated with joining the Farms water network would be most efficiently located at either Osius Park, near village hall or at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate, according to an engineering study.

◆ Auditors urge village council members to raise water rates.

A hike would shore-up the municipal water and sewer fund, which over the last two years has accumulated nearly \$592,000 in operating losses.

The village is facing a 23.7 percent water rate increase from its supplier, the City of Detroit, according to Kenyon.

## August

◆ Shores police help make the first of what they said could be at least three arrests for a series of overnight break-ins of parked vehicles in the Shores, Woods, City and Farms.

The suspects are former or current Grosse Pointe men, some of whom have histories of illegal drug use, police said.

◆ Village officials discount the idea of placing a water tower at Osius Park.

A more likely, and somewhat less visible, location for the proposed storage facility would be behind the public works garage at the rear of Village Hall.

## September

◆ Longtime Racing For Kids supporter Benson Ford Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores receives the charity's Champion for Children Award.

Racing For Kids raises money for children's hospitals located in cities along the Indy Racing League circuit.

"I can never remember him saying no when Racing For Kids came calling," said Patrick Wright, charity executive director with offices on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Saturated with rising costs, the village passes a 10 percent water rate increase.

The hike is forecast to generate an additional \$130,000 in revenue per year.

◆ Patrol officers are presented a three-year labor contract with a 3 percent salary in-

crease beginning this year.

Concessions, including employees paying a portion of their health care premiums and pension changes, are expected to save the village money in the long run.

◆ Helen Bai accepts Keep Michigan Beautiful's Presidents Plaque for improvements to Osius Park.

Bai chairs the village beautification committee and is a master gardener.

The honor is the most prestigious given by the statewide organization.

## October

◆ Dry summer weather made things tough on village elm and ash trees, already under siege by invasive disease and pests.

"This year, we lost quite a bit more trees than normal," said Brett Smith, head of public works. "In a combination of ash trees and elm trees, we've lost a total of 65 trees. We normally run about 40 trees a year."

◆ An abandoned car found in a few feet of water off the Lakeshore breakwall near the foot of Clairview was traced to a female cage fighter from Monroe.

She claims she was carjacked late the previous night on Eight Mile in Detroit.

◆ Kenyon announces his retirement effective Dec. 22.

The 37-year village employee spent the first 10 years as a public safety officer.

Also announcing her retirement is Kenyon's wife, Angela, as executive assistant.

◆ Brian Vick, city administrator of Dewitt, a residential suburb north of Lansing, is named to replace Kenyon as village manager.

Prior to administering Dewitt, Vick was assistant manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. He is a Grosse Pointe Park native, South High School graduate and Marine Corps veteran.

◆ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officials propose construction of a second entrance-exit on the south breakwall.

The opening could be used by boaters in the neighboring Shores municipal harbor.

◆ State approval of the proposed city charter is hung up on the community's new

name.

Members of a Shores charter commission, charged with drafting the charter, want to name the pending city, "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City."

Staff members in the attorney general's office think the name is too wordy and confusing.

## November

◆ Wayne County officials inform Shores administrators that a tight budget this winter means road snow-clearing crews will have to cut back plowing and salting Lakeshore, a county road.

"If we have a severe winter and the county comes out and salts once, it's going to be one hell of a drive," said Kenyon.

He said the village will probably take on the job of clearing Lakeshore.

◆ Come snowfall, coyotes roaming the south end of the village will be living with their heads in the lion's mouth.

A trapper plans to track and capture the wild animals when snow reveals their paw prints.

## December

◆ A Shores man arrives home at night from a jewelry party in Southfield and is robbed in his garage by an unknown gunman demanding his \$18,000 Rolex watch.

Police suspect the resident was followed home from the party.

◆ Twenty five dead ash trees on Lakeshore are removed.

◆ The state attorney general's office withdraws opposition to the village's proposed new name, "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City."

If the governor endorses the name and proposed city charter, Shores voters will have a chance to do likewise at the polls Feb. 24.

If the charter passes, the Shores will yield its nearly 100-year-old status as a village in favor of becoming a city effective April 1.

◆ Kenyon, concluding his portion of the last village council meeting he'll attend before retiring from his 37-year career with the Shores, tells trustees goodbye and adds, "You've been my best council. I mean that."

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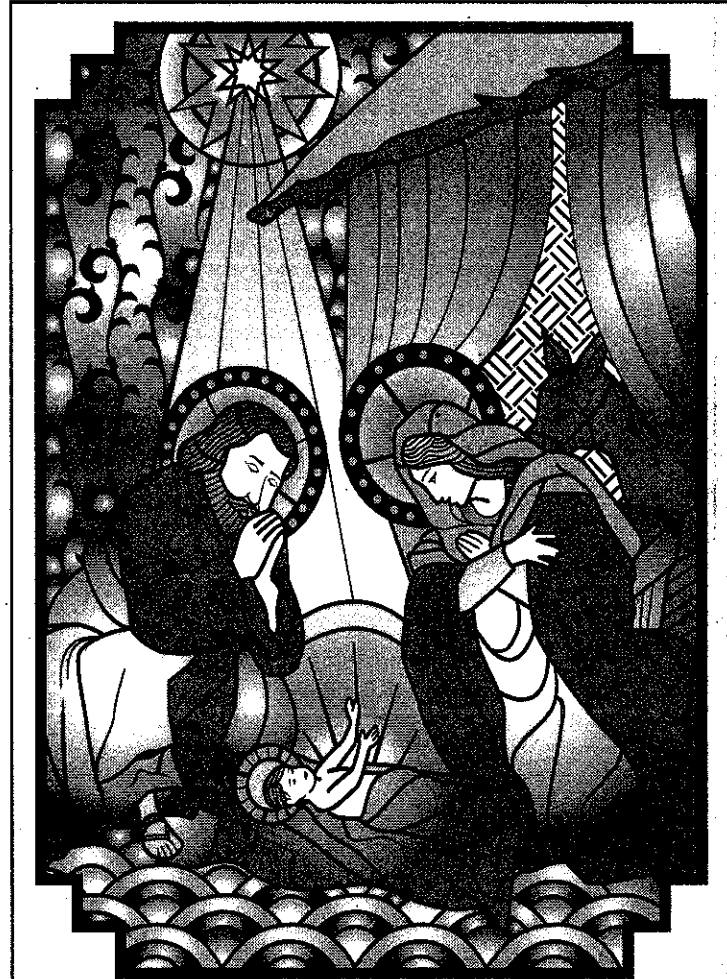
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## PARK: Year in review

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disease.

◆ Work began on a zero-entry children's pool and fountain at Windmill Pointe Park. The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation donated \$175,000 toward the \$200,000 cost.

May

◆ Ground was broken on a new townhouse development on Lakepointe.

◆ West Park Market opened for its fifth season.

June

◆ The Grosse Pointe Art Center received a \$10,000 grant from the Alice Kates Hartwick Foundation to fund art classes.

◆ City officials dusted off plans for a water treatment plant as the first step toward separating from Detroit's water system.

July

◆ Hollywood came to the Pointes as movie producers began taking advantage of tax incentives offered by the state. The Meade Mansion on Windmill Pointe Drive was the setting for a television pilot, "The Prince of Motor City." Clint Eastwood was spotted at several locations in the Park, including St. Ambrose and Pointe Hardware while shooting the film, "Gran Torino."

◆ The new children's wading pool and fountain at Windmill Pointe Park was dedicated just a bit behind schedule.

◆ DeJuan Felton, 18, was charged with two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct in conjunction with a home invasion and assault on Harcourt.

August

◆ The Grosse Pointe Art Center opened "Our Rivers, Our Lakes," a juried show fo-

cused on water and its impact on the environment.

◆ The parks and recreation department hosted the second annual Corn Roast and Beer Tasting.

◆ The city council approved a new dangerous dog ordinance banning pit bulls and other related breeds.

September

◆ Park residents voiced objection to the city's purchase of a house on Windmill Pointe Drive near the site of a proposed water treatment plant.

◆ Park police officers Lt. John Kretschmar and Officer Brent Merlington participated in a 750-mile relay run from Copper Harbor to Sterling Heights to raise money for Special Olympics.

October

◆ Park officials revised a ban on pit bulls and approved non-breed specific legislation defin-

ing a "dangerous dog."

◆ The ACTION (Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood) was honored by HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) for a reducing car thefts in the Park by 20 percent.

◆ The Okulski Family Theater hosted the area debut of "Morning Light," a film about the 2007 Transpacific Yacht Race. It features Park resident Chris Welch, 19.

◆ City officials dedicated a putting green at Patterson Park. Made of synthetic material, the three-hole "course" can be used year-round.

November

◆ The Grosse Pointe Park Little League champions were honored by Mayor Palmer Heenan.

December

◆ Mayor Palmer Heenan was honored for 25 years of service to the city.



POINTER OF INTEREST

**Margaret Hudson-Collins** is a collector. She likes angels, clowns and crèches. But her passion is collecting black Santas.

# A house full of Santas

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Tradition and heritage are strong in the life of Margaret Hudson-Collins. All around her Grosse Pointe Park home, decorated for Christmas, are signs of both.

They are reflected in the marble coffee table made in Afghanistan, the turn-of-the-century pictures and the copper mural hanging in the dining room. However, those characteristics are no more evident than in the collection of black Santa Clauses and the numerous crèches adding seasonal spirit to the house.

Her husband, Steve, said he believes it is the most extensive collection in Michigan, as he and the couple's son, Carl, 17, are responsible for getting them out of storage every Christmas.

Collins said she's never counted, but suspects she has in the neighborhood of 175 to 200 black Santas. She doesn't put all of them out, rather selects those that fit the mood of her holiday guests.

Just inside the double front door is a pirate Santa holding a treasure map. The nearby Christmas tree is surrounded by various sizes of gift bags all depicting a black Santa, which she said are hard to find. The bags are guarded by six 3-inch tall black nutcracker Santas.

"The prevalence of commercially sold black Santas peaked in the mid 1990s," she said, walking through her home. She points out the stockings hung on the mantel embellished with black Santas. The mantel holds a black Santa teapot, bells in the shape of Santa and a Mrs. Claus teapot.

"I love collecting," she said. It evolved over time. I've added crèches and African-American collectibles from the past 25 to 30 years."

She focuses on commercial and high-end items such as one of her most prized possessions, the Lennox crèche arranged on the sideboard.

"You can't get this anymore. I got it from Hudson's," she said.

"I'm a big fan of Christmas," Steve said. "I'm a crèche fan.



My wife has compromised. She bought the crèches. Our son likes those, too."

As she picked up a small figurine, Collins said she bought it when her son was young. It is of a small black boy trying on Santa's coat which, of course, is much too big for him. The statue is entitled "Maybe I Can Be Santa."

During her searches for black Santa collectibles, Collins selects items that have African-American facial characteristics. She points to an afghan as an example. It is on a chair near the black cowboy Santa.

Ten years ago she found a black flag-holding Santa with blue and white striped knickers. This year it stands near another collectible keepsake — a shiny Obama purse.

Creations from Sarah's Attic and Daddylonglegs by Karen Germany, now out of business, are two companies from which Collins has multiples.

There are black Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus sets which Collins points out are hard to find. She has skinny Santas and an Italian blown glass black Santa purchased at Bronner's 20 years ago. A rarity found near the kitchen is the Mrs. Claus cookie jar. There are pictures featuring black Santas and a black Santa soap dispenser. Around the corner are a dancing black Santa and another Santa hat holds the mail. Stackables and Mr. and Mrs. Santa napkins sit near the



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Margaret Hudson-Collins of Grosse Pointe Park started her black Santa Claus collection with a crocheted figure, given to her by her mother. In the background is the black angel, which tops the Christmas tree, and a gift bag depicting a black angel. Left top: A black Mrs. Santa teapot, a rare piece in the collection, sets on the mantel. Left bottom: The black American flag-holding Santa is positioned on a shelf with the collectible Obama purse.

Santa mugs.

### How it started

It all started in the early 1950s. Collins lived with her parents and sister in Tallahassee, Fla. where her father taught at Florida A&M.

It was there the two little girls saw their first real black Santa.

"My sister and I were frightened to death. We had never seen a black Santa," she said.

Years later her mother presented Collins with her first black Santa. The crocheted Santa with a brown face comes out every year to sit in a prominent place in the Collins home.

Black memorabilia from the turn of the century was her first focus.

"Much of it was negative and stereotypical. It attracted and

repelled because of the offensiveness of it," she said. Because she felt unable to display her early collection, Collins' tastes shifted to collecting black Santas.

### Education mattered

The Hudson family lived in Kabul, Afghanistan for six years while her father, a linguistics professor at Columbia University, taught at Kabul University in an exchange program. That was followed by two years in Puerto Rico when her father taught English as a second language. In the early 1970s, her parents moved to Indiana University where her father developed the African-American studies program and remained there for 30 years. All this, she said proudly, he accomplished even though he was blind.

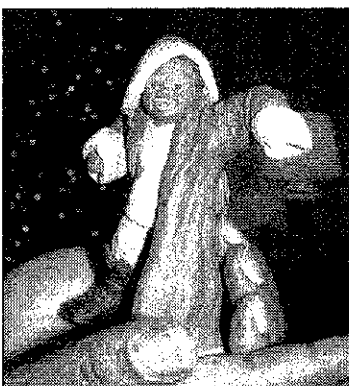
"He was an interesting man,

a hard taskmaster. He had to be driven and had high expectations. My mother was extremely maternal. She was a nurse."

Collins graduated from an all-girls Catholic boarding high school in Rowland, Va., run by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Francis de Sales High School was the alma mater of her aunt, mother and sister.

When she entered Michigan State University, she intended to major in linguistics and become a United Nations interpreter. After a stint as a paralegal in southwest Detroit, she enrolled in pre-med at Wayne State University. With a degree in psychiatry, Collins worked in several hospitals developing programs for the severely mentally ill.

In 1999, she took the job as



Above: This Lennox crèche is one of her favorite Christmas pieces. At top: This "Maybe I Can Be Santa" figure reminds Margaret Hudson-Collins of her son when he was young. Below: Gift bags with black Santas are hard to find in the stores. In Margaret Hudson-Collins' house, they surround the Christmas tree.



director of the Wayne County Jail psychiatry department, the largest psychiatry facility in southeastern Michigan.

When Michigan hospitals housing the mentally ill closed, Wayne County sheriff's deputies began arresting them, many for having committed petty crimes, she said.

"The mission of the sheriff's department is different than mine. Theirs is to confine and contain. Mine is to assess, evaluate and treat," she said. "No day is the same. It's challenging, difficult. I've never been afraid. I do enjoy it because I feel I'm giving back to the community. I leave my work at work."

When she comes home she is greeted by her husband, son, 13-year-old daughter, Katherine, and two tuxedo cats, Zoey and Zeeva. And at Christmas, black Santas.

Steve said it's good for the children, who aren't collectors, to see both the black Santas and collectibles from other nations that have infiltrated the extensive collection.

It's the tradition of Christmas for Collins.

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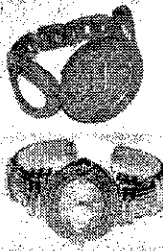
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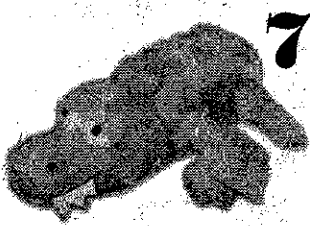
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### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2009/10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget as shown below:

2009/10 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget	
1. Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$7,790
a. SOC Minor Home Repair	\$58,220
b. SOC Countywide Housing Rehab	\$30,000
2. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	\$7,790
3. Administration	\$8,200
Total	\$112,000

Mark Wollenweber,  
City Administrator

G.P.N.: 12/25/2008

### City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a Public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for the purpose of Comments, review and Approval of the use of federal Community Block Grant Funds for the following or other approved projects.

Announcing the Cities objectives and proposed uses for redeveloping projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding. Subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed:

Residential Rasing Administration	\$49,130.00
	\$7,300.00
Services for Older Citizens	
• Minor Home Repair	\$6,370.00
• Case Coordination	\$1,500.00
• Information/Referral Service	\$1,000.00
• Meals on Wheels	\$5,000.00

Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible projects listed above or suggest other projects. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. Please Write or call the City Offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313) 822-4281.

Chris Reimel,  
Director of Public Service

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## CITY: Year in review

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the DDA culminated in December with adoption of a process for the city to help fund enhancements to the district's economic growth.

The year was bracketed by the February opening of Trader Joe's grocery store, while in December, Kroger officials announced plans to replace their store on Kercheval with a two-level store and parking garage. Also, a marketing study found greater demand than anticipated for a 50-to-60-room upscale hotel.

On the home front, a residential inspection program was established to promote neighborhood beautification and property values.

Here, the year in review:

## January

◆ Trader Joe's announces a Feb. 1 debut for its store in the Village.

A grand opening of the gourmet grocery store is being scheduled to coincide with completion of a new municipal parking deck behind Kercheval Place, the site of the old Jacobson's department store.

## February

◆ As promised, Trader Joe's opens Feb. 1.

Instead of a ribbon-cutting ceremony, City Mayor Dale Scrace and store manager Chris Franklin help sever a Hawaiian lei moments before the store opens for business.

◆ The Village municipal parking garage is dedicated by Scrace and Peter Dame, city manager.

The 244-space facility, located behind Kercheval Place, the new home of Trader Joe's, was the catalyst for the grocery chain opening a store in the downtown district.

◆ A 25-year-old Detroit man is arrested in his hometown for the November, 2007, attack and robbery of an elderly City woman in her home.

Police said the woman and

her son had seen the man pan-handling in downtown Detroit, took pity on him and welcomed him into their home for a night's rest.

The man returned the next day while the woman was alone, forced his way inside, knocked the woman unconscious and stole cash and credit cards.

◆ Members of the city council earmarked a \$236,388 bequest received in 2006 from the Ruth M. Hoffman Trust for visible improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Hoffman, a longtime City resident, died in 1982. The last of her surviving relatives died in 2006.

◆ Kroger grocery store representatives announce the start of efforts to renovate the store on Kercheval in the Village.

Officials said they hope in six months to have a site plan and development agreement with the City.

## March

◆ Crime in the City decreased 6 percent during 2007, according to the public safety department's annual report released this month.

"This is due in part to fewer larcenies, frauds, drunken driving offenses reported and domestic violence," said James Fox, department director.

## April

◆ A public hearing regarding establishment of a downtown development authority for the Village district draws an enthusiastic crowd to City Hall.

"The overall tenor was positive," said John Denomme, promotion manager for the Grosse Pointe Village Association. "I'm looking forward to moving this process along."

## May

◆ Construction of a 50-to-60-room, upscale hotel in the Village could begin next year and result in a grand opening

in December 2009.

"Market feasibility is key," said Dame.

The hotel would be part of the City Flats chain based in the city of Holland. Company representatives will commission a marketing study to determine demand.

◆ Public safety officers begin giving free child car seat inspections.

Inspectors include Officer Joe Adams, who has been certified by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Association.

◆ The City tax rate next year will remain at 13.5 mills on a budget of \$11,951,372, a \$78,470 increase.

The stable millage, passed this month, bucks the trend in property values.

"The estimated taxable value of \$399,805,620 (is) a decrease in taxable value of \$3,520,732 over fiscal year 2007-2008," said Karen Johnson, municipal finance director. "Our budget is still balanced."

## June

◆ Council members nix the idea of erecting a four-way flashing red light at the intersection of Maumee and Rivard.

A study of the corner concluded there's no need to regulate traffic more than the four stop signs have done for years.

## July

◆ Residents receive 64-gallon recycling carts as encouragement to boost environmentalism and cut the city's landfill costs.

"Residents will be issued one at cost," said Paul Weitzel, public works director. "The cost (\$52.80 each) will be (added) to their water bill over the course of next year in four quarterly payments."

◆ A 79-year-old pump that handles storm water will be rebuilt as part of \$770,000 in improvements to the station at the corner of Charlevoix and Neff.

The pump can handle 40,000 gallons of storm water per minute from the City sewer system.

◆ Water rates increase 8.21 percent through 2009.

The change means current average water bills of \$173.99 will go up to \$195.31.

◆ A fire truck and sports physicals are among more than two dozen attractions and activities at the Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Family Health & Wellness Fair. The free fair celebrates the hospital's newly renovated pediatric unit.

◆ A portion of the second-story brick facade of the building Starbucks occupies on Kercheval at Notre Dame falls to the sidewalk.

The failure occurred overnight. No one is injured.

◆ City leaders create a downtown development authority to help boost the Village shopping district.

"Establishing a DDA is a critical element to being able to finance the type of improvements we need to continue to transform the Village and make it a vital, active place of business," said Dame.

## August

◆ City resident Timothy Bledsoe wins the Democrat nomination of 1st District State Representative.

It is Bledsoe's second run for the office.

◆ Discussions between municipal leaders and business representatives are likely to conclude by the end of summer with merchants being able to do openly what they've been doing clandestinely for years: Display portable sidewalk signs to advertise sales and promotions.

◆ As the clock approached the witching hour and the release of "Breaking Dawn" neared, the scene at Borders Books in the Village was one of happy anticipation.

Between 250 and 300 people, mostly teenage girls and their parents, stayed up late for the 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 release party held at bookstores nationwide.

◆ Rain doesn't swamp Marina Day festivities at Neff Park.

About 150 residents attend the annual event, which this year included stormy weather, a cardboard boat race and synchronized swimming.

## September

◆ A Detroit drug user is arraigned for the August theft of a City resident's Mini Cooper.

The case is distinctive because the man charged with the crime pawned the car, a first as far as detectives are concerned.

◆ Anna Liang of the City wins best in show, ages 14-18, in the Michigan State Fair community arts youth division muffin contest.

◆ New lighting, intended to be more attention-getting, is approved for Trader Joe's at Kercheval Place in the Village.

## October

◆ Liang, the State Fair muffin contest winner and senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, is elected Homecoming Queen.

◆ Bledsoe, Democrat candidate to represent the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of eastside Detroit in the Michigan House of Representatives, wants a political action committee to stop advertising on his behalf.

Bledsoe has pledged to refuse financial help from lobbyists.

Yet, representatives of the well-financed, liberal Michigan Coalition for Progress, based in Kalamazoo, say they're not lobbyists, not part of Bledsoe's campaign, are acting independently and will continue their efforts.

◆ A marketing study shows more demand than expected for construction of a boutique hotel in the Village.

The forecast, commissioned by developers of the proposed City Flats Hotel, predicted that a hotel would appeal to business traffic in addition to weekend guests.

◆ Automatic payment cards, intended to make it easier to use the Village parking structure behind Kercheval Place, are offered for sale at City Hall.

## November

◆ Bledsoe of the City is the first member of his political party to be elected to represent the Grosse Pointes in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The Wayne State University political science professor in his second bid for the House, beat first-time Republican Mary Treder Lang of Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Municipal services are forecast to take a hit by 2010, the year property tax receipts are expected to reflect an estimated 10 to 20 percent drop in taxable values.

In the City, tax revenues could decline by \$1.5 million, according to an annual audit of municipal finances.

◆ The 33rd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade is led by the police officers belonging to the newly-formed Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Honor Guard.

◆ The municipal Christmas tree at Kercheval and St. Clair is dedicated to the memory of the late Ed and Jessie Frolich, longtime Village property owners and merchants.

## December

◆ Under terms of a neighborhood beautification inspection program passed by the city council, the exterior of every residential structure in the city will be inspected once every four years.

Inspectors will check for peeling paint, rotting wood, broken windows, lawn growth and more.

Home inspections had only been performed when property changed hands or when prompted by complaints.

◆ Unauthorized use of residents-only Neff Park has decreased "dramatically" due to a photo identification policy enacted two years ago, according to Park Director Christopher Hardenbrook.

◆ Kroger grocery store representatives provide city officials with preliminary plans to replace the Village store with a two-level facility and parking deck.

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## FARMS: Year in review

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gun salute during memorial services at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Neesley, a 28-year-old Farms resident, died Christmas Day, 2007, serving in Iraq.

◆ Petitioners want the city to enact an ordinance requiring one-year minimum rental leases. The measure would be based on one passed last month in Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ Mayor James Farquhar is named Elected Local Official of the Year by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Farquhar won the award for his instrumental support of enhancements to the quality of life through the promotion of parks and recreation.

◆ Winterfest on the Hill is marked by mild weather and a big crowd that enjoys activities and twice as many ice carvings as last year.

◆ A ruling in Wayne County Circuit Court allows a recall effort to proceed against State Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

An earlier court ruling stopped the effort by determining the recall petition was unclear and needed to be revised.

Gaffney is in the crosshairs for voting to raise state income taxes. Gaffney is term limited and has 11 months left before he must step down from office.

◆ Gretchen Carhartt Valade, a lifelong Grosse Pointer with a love for great music and food, finalizes plans to launch the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe on the Hill.

She's shooting for a February opening.

◆ An ad hoc committee is formed to determine the feasibility of the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods severing ties with the Detroit Water Board and tying into the Farms water filtration plant.

### February

◆ A \$30,000 effort to eliminate invasive plant species from the beach above Pier Park gets good reviews from SEMCOG representatives.

Once the area is cleared sufficiently, it will be replanted with native species, such as black-eyed Susan and holly.

◆ Henry Ford Cottage Hospital announces a more than \$10 million investment this year in its Farms facility.

Denise Allar, Cottage's chief operating officer and a Farms resident, also announces new services, including 10 private patient rooms and a concierge program.

### March

◆ Members of the city council once again take up the issue of requiring a minimum period for which a property owner may rent a house.

Council members want to provide controls, yet allow latitude to property owners who have no choice but to rent their homes in the current tight economy.

"The last thing I'm interested in is over-regulating this," said Farquhar.

◆ Car thefts in the Farms increased 50 percent from last year, according to the public safety department's annual report for 2007. Forty-two cars were stolen during the year.

Farms public safety officers have teamed with other Wayne County agencies to shut down car theft rings operating on the eastside.

### April

◆ Kroger on Mack near Moross is allowed to extend its lease on a month-to-month basis. Terms include a sunset clause that the lease will end no later than March 2009.

The grocery store is planning construction at its two other Grosse Pointe stores, one in the City and another in the Woods. The extension will allow the chain time to consolidate its stock.

### May

◆ Police rescue scuba divers grope through murky waters off Pier Park searching for submerged objects that hazard navigation.

"We marked debris that boats had struck last season so

a repair company could pull obstructions out," said Chris Fontaine, a public safety officer and coordinator of the five-man dive team.

◆ The Hill Seafood & Chop House receives municipal permission to offer outdoor seating for 12 to 14 patrons on the Kercheval sidewalk.

◆ Residential landlords must have their rental properties inspected every two years and also when tenancy changes, according to new rules passed by the city council.

The package includes a six-month minimum rental period.

◆ Budget tightwads at City Hall are keeping next year's spending within less than 1 percent of present levels.

Spending for fiscal year 2008-2009 will go up only \$15,790 from last year to \$12,973,890.

"The city has no increased taxes," said Councilman Terry Davis.

### June

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's 170-year-old log cabin is fumigated against an infestation of powderpost beetles.

"Larvae eat the wood and turn it into a powder a lot like baking flour," said Dr. John Singelyn, a society member helping restore the cabin.

The cabin is located behind society headquarters at the Provencal-Weir House on Kercheval.

◆ Coco Chanel, a 4-month-old Malpoo, accompanies her owners, Dan and Cindy LaLonde, every day to their jewelry store on the Hill. Coco becomes a staff favorite and customer draw.

◆ The Rev. Bradford Whitacker, rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, blesses the fleet during Marina Day at Pier Park.

### July

◆ The Rev. Robert Wright, senior pastor at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and department chaplain to the Farms and City public safety departments, is transferred to a new assignment in Flint.

Public safety officers, who say, "You can't go wrong with Wright," give the reverend a good-bye party at the Pier Park community building.

◆ A three-year, \$10 million DTE Energy upgrade of east-side streetlights progresses into the Farms.

◆ A 140-shot volley opens the annual fireworks show on Lakeshore. The show celebrates Independence Day and is held as part of the Farms Regatta by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and city.

◆ High gasoline prices hit municipalities in the pocket-book.

The Farms' public safety department gasoline budget is expected to reach \$60,000, a 33 percent increase over last year.

◆ Farms, Shores and Woods officials continue investigating the costs and benefits of expanding capacity of the Farms water filtration plant to provide drinking water to the Shores and Woods.

### August

◆ Mary Treder Lang, a certified public accountant from the Farms, wins the Republican nomination for 1st District State Representative.

This is Lang's first run for elected office.

◆ More than 1,100 people attend the 60th annual Grosse Pointe Farms-City Fishing Rodeo at Pier Park, the oldest family-oriented event in the Pointes.

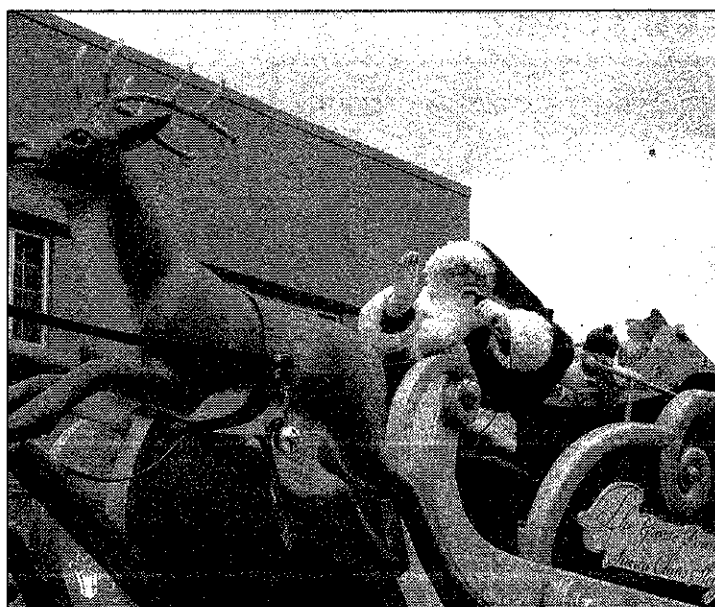
Children from the City and Farms landed 80 fish during the hour-long rodeo, according to Dick Graves, organizer.

◆ Pesky plants invading the shoreline above Pier Park receive another herbicide treatment.

Once the area is rid of unwanted flora, city officials will landscape it with indigenous species.

### September

◆ Robbie Buhl, a Farms native and national spokesman for Racing For Kids charity, ap-



Santa makes his way down Kercheval during the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade Nov. 28. Thousands lined the route from the Farms to The Village.

pears on the Hill with two of his drivers at Dreyer & Reinbold Racing — Buddy Rice and Milka Duno — for a fundraising auction.

This is the second consecutive year Buhl and his teammates in the Indy Racing League have held the auction, which takes place in advance of the Detroit Grand Prix and benefits children's hospitals.

◆ Farms patrolman and marine unit officer Geoff McQueen helps save three family members from drown-

ing in Lake St. Clair.

The victims, who are not Grosse Pointe residents, had been boating in the freighter channel when they went swimming and drifted away from their unanchored craft.

◆ A 30-foot-wide mural representing the Blue Devil mascot will watch over swimmers at Grosse Pointe-South High School's new pool.

The mural, designed by Farms resident Dan Hughes, will contain the names of donors.

◆ The first of what members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation hope will be a never-ending series of annual car shows begins with the inaugural Grosse Pointe Farms Concourse d'Elegance.

More than two dozen classic cars are entered in the free event, scheduled at Pier Park to complement recent foundation projects.

"We were looking at a way to highlight the new warming center for the skating rink, the paddle tennis courts and refurbished tennis courts," said Dan Hughes, foundation president.

◆ Rumors are rife that Detroit's ousted Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, soon to be expelled from Detroit's Manoogian Mansion, is eyeing a house in the 200 block of Touraine.

A real estate agent handling the property says there's nothing to the story.

### October

◆ Plans for construction of a new west wing of St. James Lutheran Church on the Hill receive municipal approval.

"The church is a fine addition to the Hill and has an imposing setting on a rise of land much like St. Martin's in the Field Church in Trafalgar Square, London," said Brandon Rogers, the Farms planning consultant.

◆ Weeks of investigation and surveillance pay off with what police expect will be the final arrest of suspects in a string of late-night larcenies from parked vehicles.

### November

◆ A 19-year-old repeat offender from Detroit confesses to committing a rash of overnight break-ins of cars parked in neighborhoods near the Mack Avenue border.

◆ Construction workers begin expanding The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe into neighboring commercial space on the Hill. The cafe opened in February and has proven to be a hit.

"There's no downside to expanding the Dirty Dog," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir Jr.

◆ For the first time in memory, the Grosse Pointe South High School pep band marches in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

"The kids are excited," said Dean Doss, second-year director of the 30-member band.

### December

◆ Joan Bartoszewicz, a 31-year election commissioner in the Farms, retires from her volunteer position.

"It's people like you who make our community great," Farquhar told Bartoszewicz during an appreciation ceremony.

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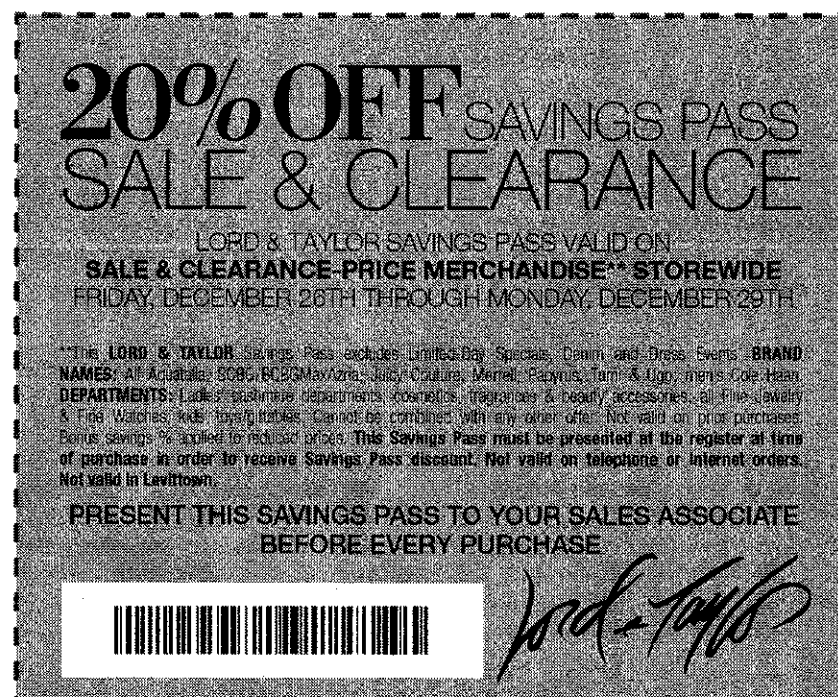
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

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

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:  
Dear Editor,  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

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

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

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

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The miracle of plenty

What do we owe our 20-pound Butterball turkeys, our high-definition TVs, our spacious and warm homes this holiday? Something that won't be high on anyone's list of things to be grateful for, but undergirds our way of life — a centuries-old economic revolution that changed the very terms of human existence.

In his eye-opening book, "A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World," Gregory Clark produces a chart tracking income per person throughout history. By Clark's account, it is essentially flat from 1000 B.C. to A.D. 1800, reflecting the crushing burden of providing for our

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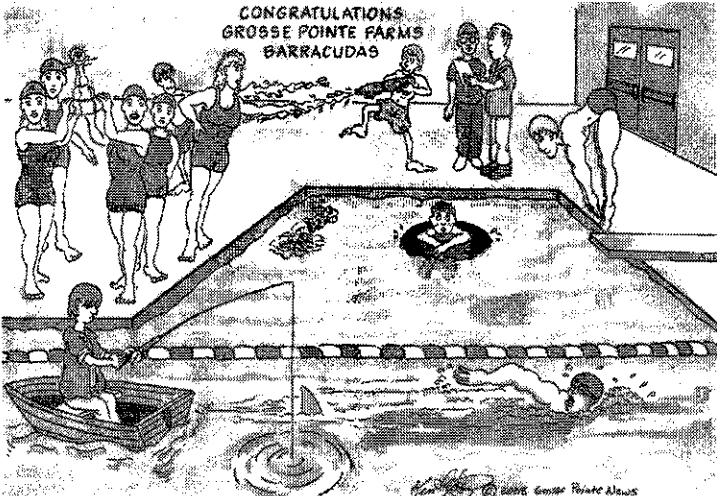
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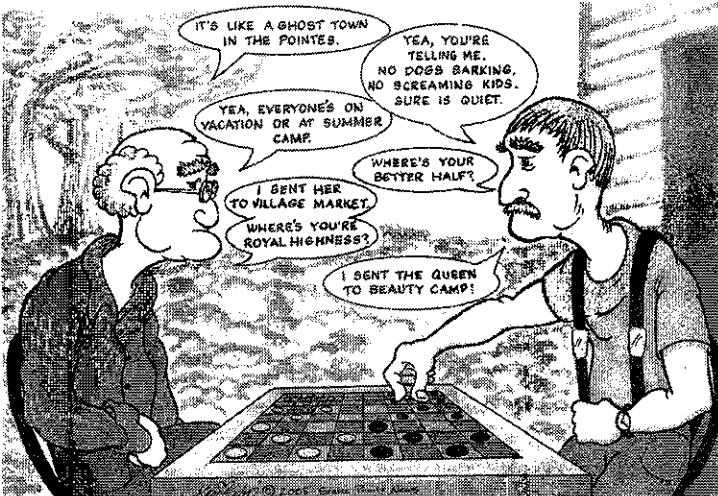
An attempt to highlight local achievements while making it humorous in a Mad Magazine style.



Inspiration for this cartoon came from when our new General Manager left his moon roof open during fish fly season, yuck.



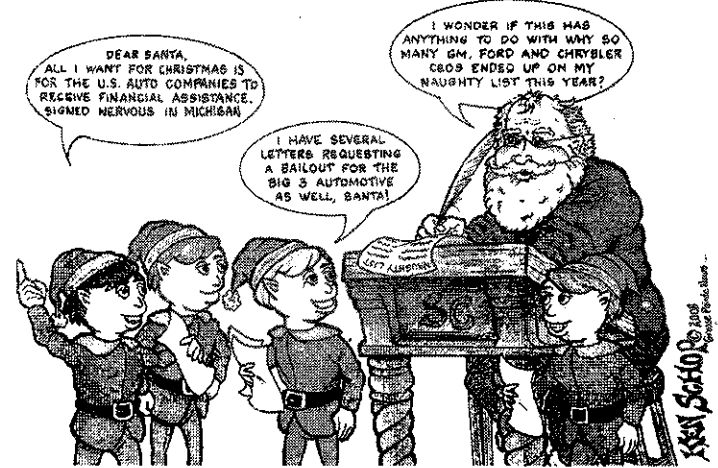
An off the wall local incident on halloween that caught the attention of the major networks and news media. I changed the subject, but the cliché "my way or the highway" still remains.



A staff writer at an editorial meeting made the observation of how quiet it was in the pointes early August.



First in a series of comedy groups I did. I know it did not have a local angle but the hype at the time was too good to pass.



At the end of 2008 it seemed like all the news was focused on one bailout or another. I followed suit and ended up doing three cartoons with bailout themes.

LETTERS

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Thanks for prompt urgent care

To the Editor:  
Christmas came early for our family this year. Zena, our 1 1/2-year-old puppy, has a clean bill of health after ingesting deadly anti-freeze on Dec. 4. Thanks to accurate observations and tests done by Dr. Patricia Fitzpatrick at Animal Urgent & Critical Care Center in Harper Woods late that evening, treatment was under way in less than 12 hours after exposure — and that is critical

to a successful recovery. I would like our neighbors to know the most obvious symptoms to anti-freeze ingestion might be a little tummy upset and wobbly state of "drunkenness." Late at night one could decide to wait until morning before going to the veterinarian and that could have a tragic outcome. Zena's behavior was a little too weird, even for a goofy puppy, and we were uneasy. We were also in complete denial when asked about the possibility of anti-freeze expo-

sure. It is not in our fenced yard or garage, and she never goes out without one of us on the other end of a leash. The treatment to counteract ethylene glycol in the system is, simply stated, an intravenous vodka drip. Warm-hearted jokes from friends and family aside, it is no fun to observe your dog in an alcoholic stupor for several days. We waited through the "life threatening" phases until we were allowed to hope that not only will she be saved but recover without any residual damage to her kidneys. When she came home Dec. 7, Zena had an incredible hangover, but she was alive. It is frightening to think that one of our neighbors might have improperly disposed of anti-freeze. On our walk that afternoon, within 6 to 8 feet of me, I observed Zena take a sip from a birdbath that was not completely frozen. She also hopped into someone's pachysandra and grabbed a mushy apple. I did not see her lick anyone's driveway and she is not allowed in the street unless we're crossing together. I spoke with Lillian Rogers at the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works and she said residents can dispose of anti-freeze in April and October on designated hazardous waste disposal days. Our deepest gratitude goes to Fitzpatrick and the critical care center staff. And also to our veterinarian, Dr. David Balaj, and the Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital staff for attending to our puppy with such care and compassion. Merry Christmas!  
JUDITH VANDER WEG  
Grosse Pointe Woods

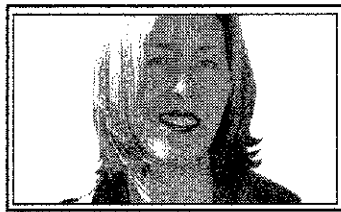
Representative gives thanks  
To the Editor:  
Midnight Dec. 31, marks the end of my tenure in office. I will be forever grateful to the people of District 1 for

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Better neighborhood with good neighbors



I saw a bumper sticker reading, "If you want a better neighborhood, be a better neighbor." Interesting, I thought. I like that idea.

When I purchased my home, I had old-fashioned dreams of talking with neighbors over the fence, chatting while watering our lawns in the summer, watching over each others houses and pets while on vacation and getting to know them as people, not just people I pass.

Neighborhoods are defined often as social communities with considerable face-to-face interaction among members. I grew up in the Park in a neighborhood like that.

It was a social community and we had lots of interaction. We knew everyone on the block, were friends with all the kids, played games, made up

dances and skits, created Halloween houses and rode our bikes to the park together.

Having a neighborhood like that is a gift to all who live there; a wonderful gift for those who grow up there; and the kind of neighborhood I want as an adult.

My brother and his wife live in the Park with their two kids, a rescued dog and a foreign exchange student. Their block is an excellent example of a community of friends between two side streets. They know their neighbors and their neighbors know them. When my niece started babysitting and her parents were out, neighbors stood by the ready if needed.

Most neighbors have each other's phone numbers and some even have keys to each other's houses. They have progressive dinners where one family serves appetizers, another an entrée and another coffee and dessert. They close off the street in the summer for a block party; they barbecue together; they share their lives; and yes, they talk over the fence.

I love that and if I could af-

ford it, I would move there, as I would be welcomed into a new community of friends.

Don't get me wrong, I am not dissing my neighborhood, not by any means — my neighbors are great. And while I don't know them as well as my brother and his wife know theirs, I am getting to know mine, saying hello and sometimes we even chat at the fence.

I don't know why I like that so much. Maybe its because it reminds me of what seems like simpler times, when people talked with one another without a cell phone glued to their ear or stopping in the middle of a conversation to text someone else. No, I'm not getting all Donna Reed because I know no one vacuums in the high heels and pearls. I guess I just like the old fashioned simplicity of sitting on the porch, talking with neighbors and feeling like I belong to something bigger.

I have wonderful neighbors. My neighbor on one side sometimes bring in my recycling bin after pick-up and I sometimes bring their garbage

can up from the curb. This wasn't prearranged or even something we talked about. We just started doing it one day because it is a nice thing to do. In the fall they even brought me apples from the cider mill.

She has 13 children. One of her daughters lives with her and her other sons and daughters and grandchildren come to visit, help with upkeep, plant flowers, cut the grass and shovel snow. In the summer you can find her sitting on the porch enjoying her day.

On the other side lived a missionary widowed in his 40s now married to a minister and together they are raising an adopted daughter. They moved to be near the daughter's elderly grandmother. Now their oldest son, Matthew, lives in the house and is a great neighbor too.

My neighbor, Judy, from across the street regularly waves and says hello. Last summer she showed me her garden and gave me some great tips should I want to start my own.

While my brother's block

has remained steady, mine has seen a lot of changes with people either moving or passing away. My neighborhood has gone through transitions in the last three years, but what had remained steady is the family across the street.

This young family has awed me the most. They help those living on either side of them and even across the street. I know because I am one they help. When it snows either Monique or her husband, Jeff, snow blow my driveway and they have even raked my leaves. No questions asked and they expect nothing in return.

They have two boys, Cameron and Connor, who are witnessing their parent's generosity and acts of kindness. Their sons are learning to serve their community and others without questioning what's in it for them.

Monique works for a supplier to the Big 3 and you can guess her fate. Yep, her company has closed. Merry Christmas, right? Is she sad? Will she stop helping others? No, because she knows when

one door closes another opens.

She is looking at this as her chance to make a change. This is a chance to fix something that broke; to find beauty and prosperity in the shattered moment that shakes you out of your comfort zone. I admire her attitude and she teaches simply by being herself.

Both her and her husband teach those they come in contact with by their actions and are creating that ripple in the pond that affects lives beyond what they will ever know. That, my friend, is a worthy life.

They are a shining example of giving for the sake of giving and doing the right thing simply because it is the right thing. And that in itself is the reward. I hope their kindness is returned to them tenfold.

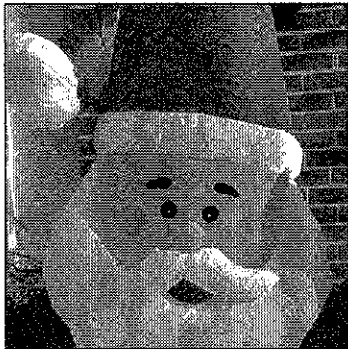
So take a walk in your neighborhood, say hello and wave. You might be surprised who your neighbors are and if you don't know them, find out about them.

If you want a better neighborhood, you've got to be a better neighbor.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

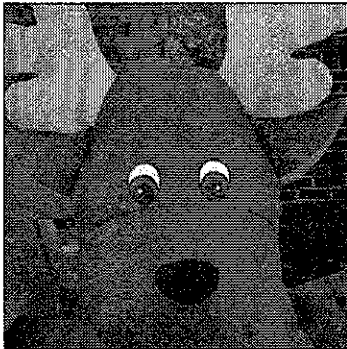
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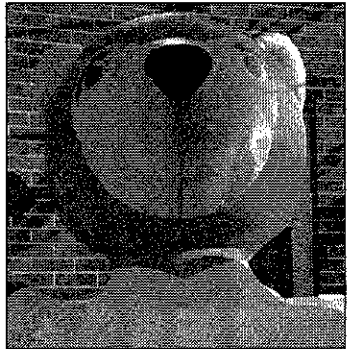
'We'll celebrate by bringing gifts to all the boys and girls then resting. And for the record I have never brought anyone coal for their stocking.'

SANTA CLAUS  
North Pole and Florida



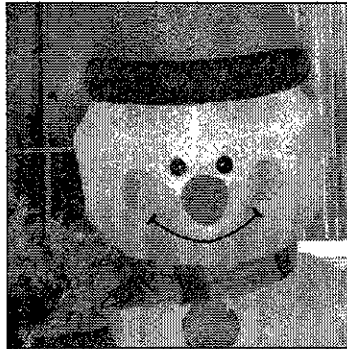
'By taking a day off. We're very busy on Christmas Eve so Christmas Day Rudolph and I get together with our families and eat lots of reindeer treats.'

DASHER, REINDEER TEAM  
CAPTAIN  
L.A. in the off season



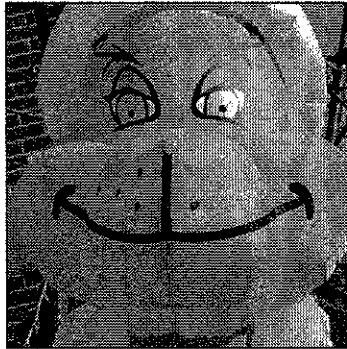
'By wearing a Michigan State shirt for the bowl game. But that is temporary because next year we will have a better season. Go blue and green!'

INTREPIDUS, THE  
WOLVERINE  
Ann Arbor



'This year I might have to go to North Dakota where they have lots of snow so I can reunite with my family.'

SNOWMAN JR.  
Anywhere there is snow



'By visiting my friends in Whoville especially Cindy Lou, and I will treat my little dog, Max, with love instead of making him pull my sleigh.'

MR. GRINCH  
Mt. Crumpit, North of Whoville

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

## French inhabitants maintained traditions



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

Socially, the French inhabitants were an admirable people. These old French pioneers clung with great tenacity to the traditions and customs of LaBelle France; they were the link connecting him with the shores of his sunny home.

They came from various parts of France, but chiefly from Normandy. The French language was spoken with all the purity and elegance of the time of Louis XIV. One of the old customs held in the early days of Grosse Pointe and traced to France and by fragmentary history and tradition back to the Druids, was the d'Ignolee.

On New Years' Eve, masked young men would go from house to house singing a song suitable for the occasion; "We ask but little," a piece of chignee, nothing more. "Will you give it? If not, say so and we will take your oldest daughter." The chignee to which is alluded, is a piece cut from a newly slaughtered hog. It was placed with clothing and provisions in the singers' cart and distributed to the poor.

On New Years' Day, the exchanging of presents was very universally followed, also the making of calls. The fair hostess always presented her rosy cheek for a kiss. The right of

precedence was strictly observed, the oldest person always being first. The younger girls received kisses on the lips. Wine, brandy or rum was offered to all callers. The respect paid to the aged, to parents and superiors was admirable.

New Years' morning, every child knelt to receive their parents' blessing and even when married, hastened with husband and little ones to receive this coveted benediction. The children were sent on this day to visit all their relations. On entering a room, "Bon jour monsieur," "Bon jour, Madame," and "Happy New Year" was the usual greeting of every French child. Children constantly seeing the respect and deference their parents paid to the elders soon acquired that graceful courtesy and affability of manners that was so distinguishing a trait of the old French habitant.

Mardi Gras evening was one of unusual mirth and enjoyment with the easy-going, fun-loving habitants.

"It was Mardi Gras evening in 1735, a furious storm howled through the leafless trees and the restless waters of Lake St. Clair were fast imprisoned in ice, but there were sounds of merriment in the house of Charles Chauvin. It was build of hewn logs and fronted on the lake. A party was gathered in the dining room to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The floor was partly covered with a rag carpet whose bright tints lent a glow of warmth to the room. A cupboard reaching to the ceiling displayed rows of blue china of a thickness which would now alleviate the fear of many housekeepers and defy the rough handling of the modern servant.

"Before an open fireplace with its crackling hickory log,

stood three girls, each armed with a long handled frying pan and trying to toss pancakes — a custom still preserved by some French families of Grosse Pointe. Nearby were several who poured in the batter as fast as the pans were emptied, whilst la dame Chauvin placed powdered maple sugar between the cakes and piled them up in pyramid form. The art consisted in tossing the light pancake as high as possible while turning it. It was accomplished by a dexterous motion of the hand, and merry were the peals of laughter which greeted

the unfortunate one whose cake fell on the glowing coals.

"The table was set with savory meats, and all ate with a relish inspired by the morrow which would be Ash Wednesday, for Lent was rigidly kept. After supper, dancing commenced and at the stroke of 12, all saluted the hostess and took farewell of pleasure until Easter...

"Far remote from the old world, entirely dependent upon his neighbor for comfort and amusement and sympathy the old habitant became attached to his new home and invested

everything with peculiar interest.

To the old habitant, the bell of his church had a charm of individuality; it was a sweet messenger summoning him from fields and woods. It was his faithful sentinel, giving him the first note of warning; joyful its triumphant peals swept over the blue waters of Lake St. Clair, awakening the slumbering echoes of the primeval forests."

Divorces were unknown. The charavari was then in vogue. Whenever a widower or widow somewhat advanced in

years, married for the third time, a band of young men masked and dressed in barbarous manner armed with every kind of instrument that could produce a howling, dismal sounds, would assemble around the house of the unfortunate groom or bride. Each would try with a zeal worthy of a better cause to extract the full measure of sound from his tin or iron instrument. The miserable recipient of this infernal serenade was obliged to capitulate by paying a certain sum of money which was given to the poor.

GUEST OPINION By Francis Shrum

## We'd like to have it both ways

We like to have it both ways, but it usually doesn't turn out that way. We even have a witty little saying that we use to describe this concept: "You can't have your cake and eat it, too." But somehow we just keep trying.

When this nation was rocked to its very foundation by the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, we were ready to do anything necessary to bring to justice those responsible and to ensure that such a horrendous thing never happened again.

As is the case with most emotionally charged situations, we began to think a little more carefully after the wreckage, rocks, rubble and body parts had been removed.

Prevention of such future disasters has been heavily commissioned to the CIA, FBI and other such organizations. These are the kinds of groups

that societies create to protect themselves. They are intended to do despicable things in the dark and out of sight. We hire them to do the dirty work, but not such dirty work that it may leak out and frighten the children.

Our intelligence agencies have been intimately involved in so many conflicts and potential conflicts during the past near-century that we will never know about them all, nor would we want to.

As the CIA's mission statement so eloquently puts it: "We are the nation's first line of defense. We accomplish what others cannot accomplish and go where others cannot go."

Since 9/11, the FBI and the CIA have both been on the front lines of counter-terrorism and, like all battle fronts, the scene isn't pretty. War is a cruel, ugly, dirty business. You can't be involved in it without engaging in just such behavior. To say

or expect it to be otherwise is simply a lie. In other words, you can't have it both ways.

In the bloody aftermath of 9/11, the CIA got its hands on some people they believed were members of al-Qaida, and they interrogated them — with vigor. You don't sit down with terrorists, pour them a cup of tea and expect them to give you information. These are people who will blow you up along with your children and themselves in an effort to achieve the highest possible number of casualties.

The interrogations occurred sometime in 2002 and were captured on videotape. They weren't pretty pictures. By 2005, public and political opinions were quickly backpedaling from the national fervor that swept the nation post-9/11. The anger was subsiding and as Afghanistan and Iraq began to take a toll on our sons and daughters, Americans started

getting a bellyful of war stuff.

Ever intelligent, the CIA got rid of the tapes and are on the congressional hot seat, accused of "obstructing justice."

It's an age-old story: We want ugly things to be fixed in a lovely manner. We want to do evil but look good.

I read a book titled, "A Soldier's Guide to the Laws of War" as part of a political science class. It is all about having it both ways — how you can actually go into the killing fields and take other human lives but do it in such a way that is legal, fair, upstanding, even compassionate. Unfortunately those things simply don't coexist.

Our covert organizations are used to the hot seat, used to doing the dirty work, and America goes right on believing the lie that we can have it both ways.

Francis Shrum is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.



# PLENTY: Human progress

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material wants in an environment of economic stasis.

Then, income per person explodes upward around 1800, coinciding with the Industrial Revolution that first arrived in England. Without it, most of us would still be living poor, nasty, brutish and short lives.

How poor?

"The average person in the world of 1800 was no better off than the average person of 100,000 B.C.," says Clark. "Life

expectancy was no higher in 1800 than for hunter-gatherers: 30 to 35 years. Stature, a measure both of the quality of diet and of children's exposure to disease, was higher in the Stone Age than in 1800. And while foragers satisfy their material wants with small amounts of work, the modest comforts of the English in 1800 were purchased only through a life of unrelenting drudgery."

Throughout most of history, Clark argues, humankind was caught in a "Malthusian trap" — small economic advances were outpaced by resulting population growth that made it impossible for living standards to increase. The massive productivity gains of the Industrial Revolution — driven essentially

by expanding knowledge — broke the trap and created modern life as we know it.

"The richest modern economies are now 10 to 20 times wealthier than the 1800 average," Clark writes. In these economies, it is the unskilled who have benefited most. "Unskilled male wages in England have risen more since the Industrial Revolution than skilled wages," Clark writes, "and this result holds for all advanced economies."

There have always been very rich people. What's changed in the past 200 years is the growth of wealth and its spread.

In his new book "God and Gold: Britain, America, and the Making of the Modern World," Walter Russell Mead picks up

the story from a geopolitical perspective. England embarked on its capitalist revolution at exactly the time when "the country that mastered this new system would gather rewards that far outstripped all the treasures of any empire in the past." With that came world power. England reaped the benefits first, then its successor as a superpower, the United States.

And so the miracle that started 200 years ago marches on.

"Currently, industrial societies appear to be doubling their rate of technological progress every 10 years," Mead writes. "If this continues, and there is every reason to suppose that it will, the 21st century will experience the equivalent

of 20,000 years of 'normal' human progress."

So long as it remains an open and dynamic economy, the United States is positioned to

stay at the heart of this progress. Thank goodness for that, and pass the drumstick.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

## LETTERS: Six years of service

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electing me to the state House of Representatives three times before term limits prevented me from being a candidate again.

Thank you for giving me the

opportunity to serve as your state representative for the last six years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit for three two-year terms.

These are not easy times to be a public servant. The challenges to the state of Michigan are well-known.

I believe the character and creative energy of the people of this state will prevail, and our current economic and social woes will be overcome.

I wish my successor, Tim Bledsoe, the best of fortune in seeking solutions to Michigan's problems.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

ED GAFFNEY  
State Representative District 1

## Digital TV

By Rich Kushman  
Special Writer

It's time for another warning: We're less than two months out from the most complete change in the history of television.

At midnight on Tuesday, Feb. 17, all of TV will go digital. Those analog signals that have delivered TV to American homes since the box was invented will stop, by order of Congress.

Every TV in the country needs to be ready to take digital signals or it will go dark — though you could argue it will still play DVDs and VCR.

When the sun rises on Feb. 18, most people won't notice. Whether they know it or not, already 91 percent of American homes are prepared. They'll get their television as always.

However, 8.4 percent of Americans — roughly 9.6 million households — do need to make some changes.

This digital transition is the reason viewers keep seeing the ads from local TV stations, and that's what a few of those inexplicable tests were about. They don't want to lose viewers. Those commercials aren't about their high definition capacity; they're about your TV reception.

Here's what that means to you: If you have cable or satellite service, you're fine. You may have to talk with your company, but you don't need to change anything.

If you have a digital TV — which includes high definition, but also means any TV with a digital tuner — you, too, are fine.

If you get TV from an antenna, it's time to do something about it.

One choice is to get a digital converter box, sold at most electronics stores. They run \$50 to \$70, plus there are government-issued coupons that will cut \$40 off the price.

The National Association of Broadcasters released numbers recently that revealed 8 percent of Americans are unaware this is happening.

Almost all TVs built in 2004 or later have digital receivers. Few TVs built before 1998 have them.

Every TV in the house needs its own digital connection, either through cable, satellite or the converter.

The converter boxes are easy to connect and you shouldn't need to pay for help. Once connected, the boxes do need to be told to scan for channels. The instructions tell you how.

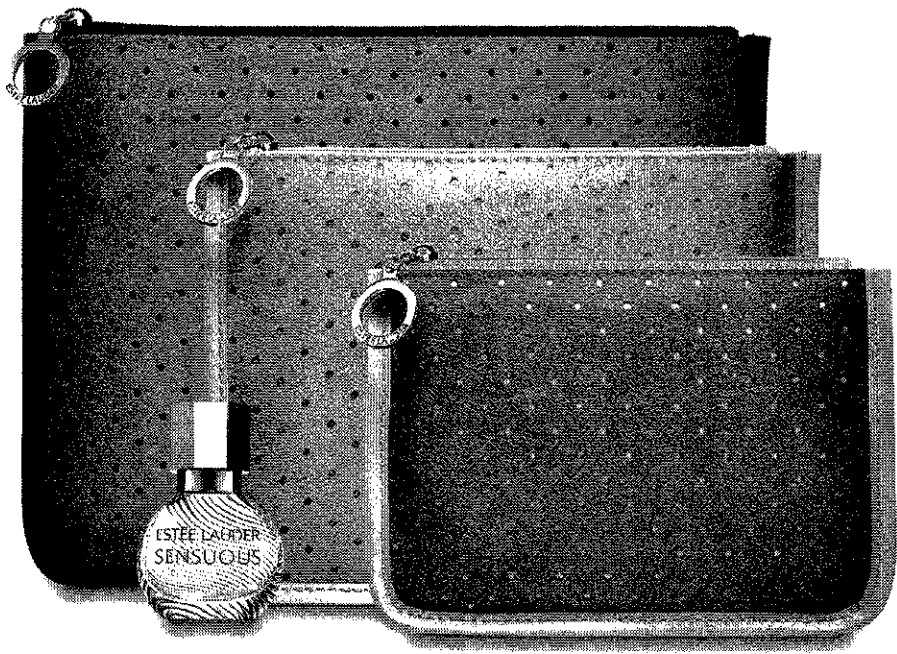
Battery packs are available for converters.

The U.S. Department of Commerce says coupons must be ordered before Wednesday, Dec. 31. The coupons expire after 90 days of receipt.

For more information on ordering converter box coupons, contact TV Converter Box Coupon Program at P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000; Web site, dtv2009.gov; phone, (888) 388-2009.

Rick Kushman is a reporter for the Sacramento Bee.

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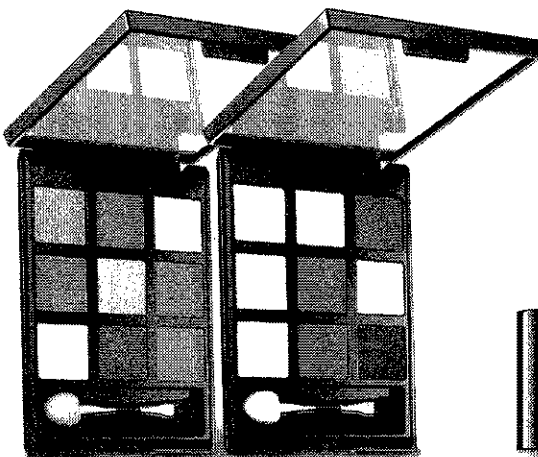
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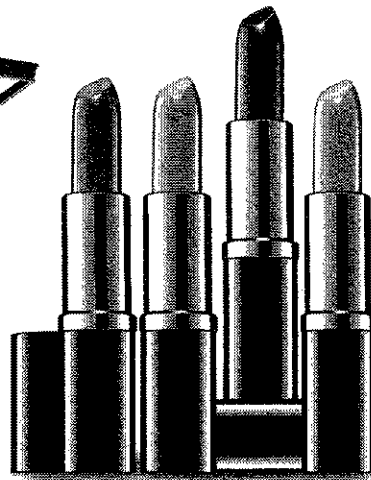
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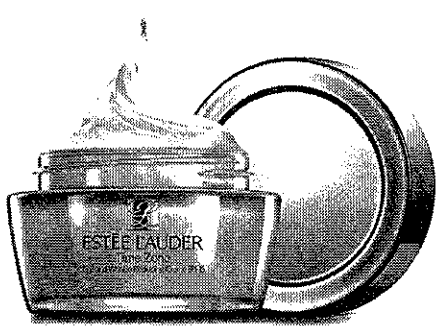
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2008 REVIEW

## Grosse Pointe Woods

City experiences ups and downs during 2008 PAGE 12A

### 14A OBITUARIES

# Schools look forward after a strong 2008

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education looked to the future and at the past as it opened a new pool, celebrated several anniversaries and welcomed a new board member.

#### January

♦The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education donated \$10,000 to the F.A.S.T. (Foundations of Analysis Synthesis Translations) implementation.

♦Grosse Pointe South choir director Ellen Bowen appealed her assault and battery conviction in Wayne County Circuit Court and sought a retrial.

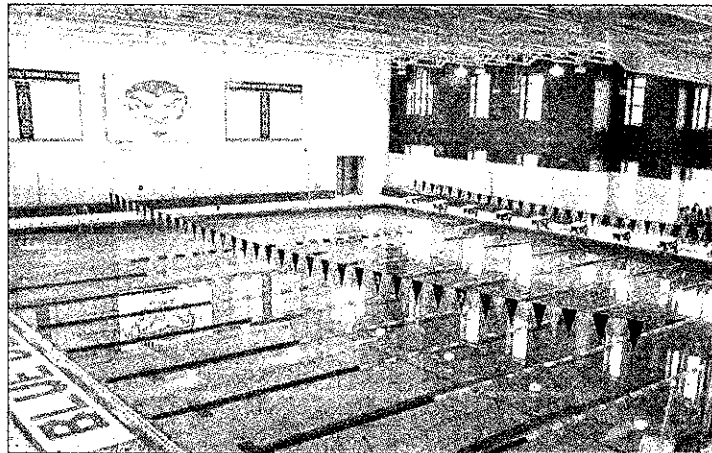
♦School board member Ahmed Ismail defended his actions in requesting the district's human resources department provide him a list of teachers who signed an e-mail expressing apprehension about the proposed International Baccalaureate program.

#### February

♦Construction of a new pool and gymnasium at Grosse Pointe South High School was almost on schedule, according to Barton Malow project manager Ahmed Beasley. The project is expected to be completed by September.

#### March

♦Grosse Pointe school officials encouraged parents to participate in a survey about the school's student code of conduct on the district's Web



**The much-anticipated 50,000-square foot Grosse Pointe South High School natatorium, named the John and Kathleen Boll Athletic Complex, opened to the community Sept. 7.**

site. District officials will use the responses to determine if changes should be made.

♦The school board approved a pilot course, Applied Medical Research with Clinical Investigations. The class will begin in the fall.

♦Administrative Law Judge James Ward determined South choir director Ellen Bowen may "retain her teaching certificate and...shall retain her full teaching privileges for the purpose of teaching in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools."

♦The Grosse Pointe school board approved a new Chinese language course for students at Pierce and Parcels middle schools and both high schools.

#### April

♦The school board accepted grants from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public

Education of \$4,308.90 to fund "Music in Mathematics" for all



**Grosse Pointe North High School marked its 40th anniversary with its Fab 40 party April 25 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.**

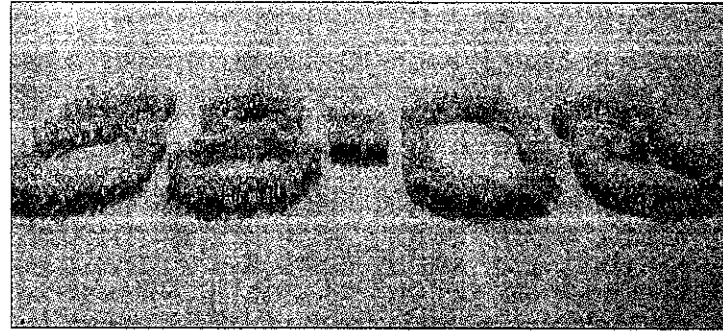
K-4 classrooms; and \$375 to start an English as a Second Language Parent Lending Library for all K-12 buildings. In addition, the foundation gave \$10,800 to the F.A.S.T. reading program.

#### May

♦Grosse Pointe North High School celebrated its 40th anniversary.

♦Grosse Pointe Park passed an ordinance prohibiting loitering and engaging in a gang-related activity referred to as "flagging" on school property following an incident at Pierce Middle School.

♦Superintendent Suzanne Klein was presented with an Excellence in Educational Leadership Award from the



**Nearly 700 Brownell Middle School students and staff form the numbers 58-08 to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary.**

University of Michigan. The award honors practicing school administrators who have made significant contributions to the improvement of administrator preparation.

#### June

♦Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education members presented the school board with \$75,000 for the new F.A.S.T. reading program.

♦The Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Committee recommended Harcourt Math be used for the kindergarten curriculum and Everyday Math for first through fifth grades.

♦For the second time in three months, Grosse Pointe South High School choir teacher Ellen Bowen was suspended from teaching with pay pending further investigation of a new incident.

#### September

♦Board member Ahmed Ismail will be challenged by

Christopher Cornwall, Terrill Newnan, and Darryl Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Judith Gafa of Grosse Pointe Wood for two seats on the school board in the November election.

♦The Grosse Pointe Public School System celebrated the completion of South's new gymnasium and natatorium.

♦The Association for Retarded Citizens' partnered with the Grosse Pointe Public School System on a new business called Full Circle Upscale Retail. Coordinated by Mary Fodell, a retired Grosse Pointe Public School System teacher, the store will provide jobs and serve as a training ground for the developmentally disabled.

♦School Board President Brendan Walsh proclaimed the new sports facility addition at South to be named The John and Marlene Boll Athletic

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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## Closing of Children's Home, approval of senior complex top stories

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The closing of the Children's Home of Detroit after 172 years of service to troubled children and approval of a senior housing complex topped the stories for 2008 in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Others of import are:

January

■ Linda Paladino declined a temporary post as city treasurer and asked not to be considered for the permanent position.

■ Concern over how city funds are being invested prompted a meeting between the Committee of the Whole and those responsible for overseeing the city's estimated \$8 million in reserve funds. Of particular interest was if the city's policy regarding time lines on investment of reserve funds was being violated and what needs to be done to ensure compliance.

February

■ More than 500 residents attended the city's seventh annual Winterfest at Lake Front Park.

■ Based on a recommendation from the public safety department, city council agreed to continue its contract with Macomb County's Community

Assessment Referral and Education Youth Assistance Program.

March

■ The city settled a lawsuit with former city employee Jane Brown, agreeing to pay her \$225,000. The city maintained it did nothing wrong, but agreed to settle the wrongful termination suit to avoid a trial.

■ City officials studied using LED lights to save money. Council members Art Bryant and Al Dickinson and city administrator Mark Wollenweber toured a company specializing in LED options.

■ Mayor Robert Novitke joined other Grosse Pointe officials in delivering Meals on Wheels to area seniors as part of the national Mayors for Meals initiative.

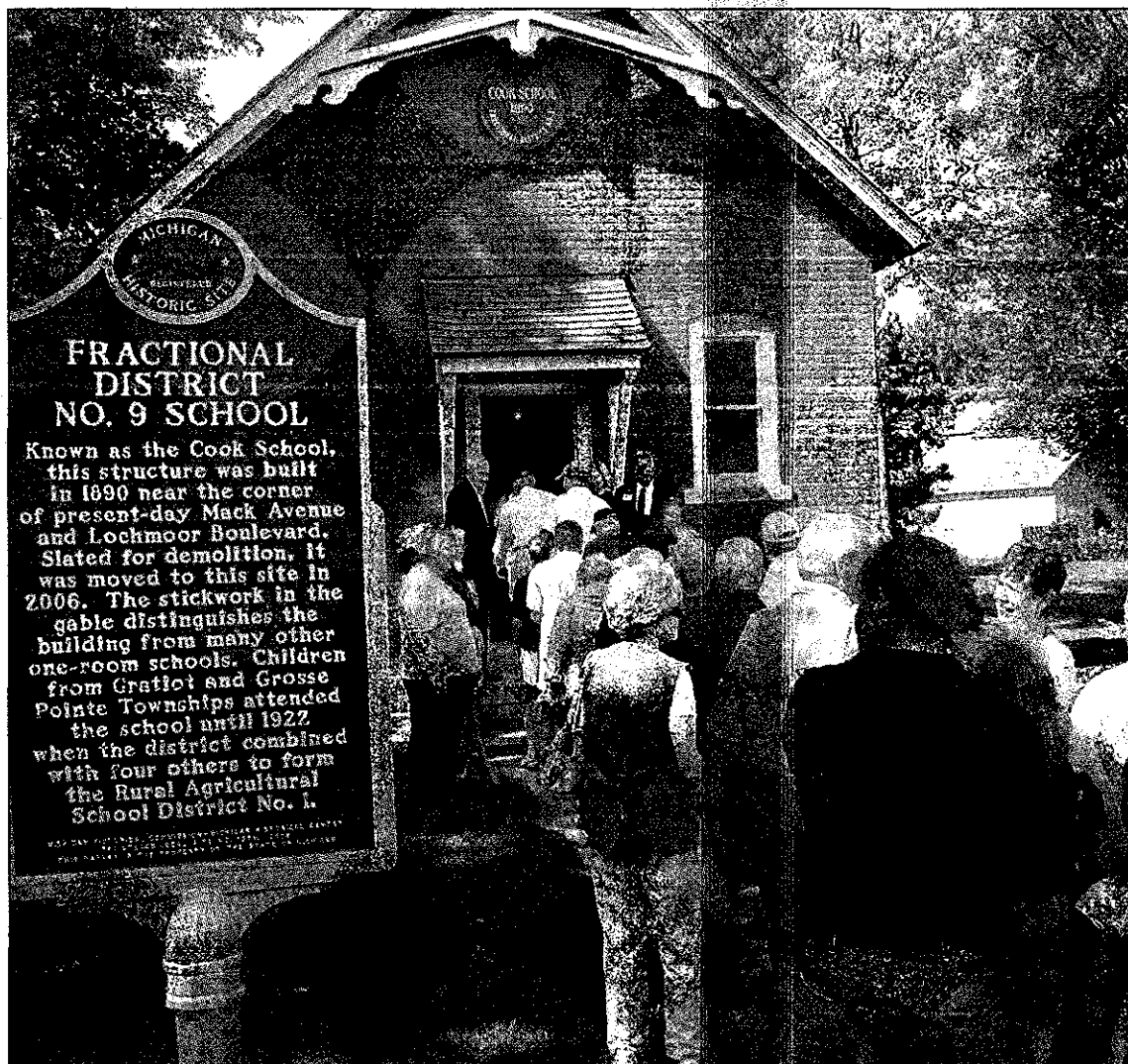
April

■ A memorial arbor honoring the late Jean Rice, a former city councilwoman, was dedicated. Rice also served for a number of years on the city's beautification and tree commissions.

■ Water levels concerned boat well holders with boats drawing more than 4 feet, as dredging had been postponed.

May

■ Dee Ann Irby was selected from a field of five to become the city's new treasurer.



The Cook Schoolhouse welcomes its first visitors during an open house Sept. 7 as part of Victory in the Pointes.

June

■ A small number of residents were without power for at least 24 hours following a late spring storm. Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator Mark Wollenweber said no severe damage was reported during a series of severe thunderstorms.

■ The Mack Avenue resurfacing project was delayed while city officials awaited final approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

July

■ The orange barrels were in place and store owners notified construction was set to begin. The project, originally sched-

uled for June 16, was held up due to paperwork snafus, county construction regulations, fireworks displays and a long holiday weekend.

■ The city's planning commission approved an ordinance amendment allowing senior housing on land currently occupied by the Vernier Terrace Apartments.

August

■ City council approved an amended ordinance clearing the way for a senior housing development on the Vernier Terrace Apartments site.

September

■ Fire heavily damaged a recently sold vacant historic

house on Vernier. Units from the Woods, Shores, Farms, Park and Harper Woods responded.

■ In a plea bargain agreement, former city treasurer Clifford Maison pleaded no contest to embezzlement charges and ordered to pay the city \$11,178.42.

■ The Cook School house was dedicated and received a Michigan Historical marker.

October

■ Officials from the Children's Home of Detroit, a residential treatment facility for troubled children, announce the facility is closing.

Low occupancy rates and a

downturn in the state's economy affected the decision, director William Steele said.

■ City clerk Lisa Hathaway was awarded the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Master Municipal Clerk designation.

■ City council banned neon signs on the facades or in the windows of area businesses. Businesses have until fall, 2010 to conform. The vote was 5 to 2.

■ Indrek Laul, owner of the Estonia Piano Company, helped dedicate the grand piano his company recently delivered to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church by performing a classical music concert.

November  
■ Under traffic guidelines issued by the State of Michigan, some stop signs have been deemed unnecessary and are slated for removal. About 38 signs are targeted.

■ Woods residents were asked to tie yellow ribbons around trees for U.S. Marine Sgt. William Thompson who returned home after four years with the Marine Corps, including tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

■ Municipal Court Judge Lynne A. Pierce won election to the Wayne County Circuit Court bench.

December  
■ Retiring Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge William Giovan is appointed a visiting municipal court judge for the Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Center in recognition of the couple's gift of \$500,000 to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

October  
◆ Brownell Middle School celebrated its 50th anniversary.  
◆ Board President Brendan Walsh apologized for a letter he wrote on school board stationery hypothesizing on the motives and actions of candidates in the upcoming school board election after members of the community questioned if he abused his position.

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education member Ahmed Ismail owed Wayne County approximately \$19,000 in delinquent taxes on his private residence in Grosse Pointe Woods.

November  
◆ Judy Gafa and Ahmed Ismail emerged from a field of five candidates to win the two open seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

December  
◆ The Grosse Pointe schools declared a rare snow day after a major snow storm buried most of the tri-county area.



# Gold medal awarded

John V. Sheoris of Grosse Pointe Park was awarded the Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects Detroit, the organization's highest honor.

Sheoris began his career as a design architect of skyscrapers and hospitals and after receiving an award in 1982 from his alma mater, Cooper Union, for the Advancement of Science and Art, he entered academia.

He joined the faculty at Lawrence Technological University in the College of Architecture and Design. He chaired the faculty council, was a charter member and chairman of the University Graduate Council and coordinator of the professional degree design the-

sis program.

Born in New York City, he came to Detroit in 1959 as director of design for Harley, Ellington and Day. He joined Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and became a corporate vice president and director of the health facilities division.

While in corporate practice, he participated in design juries at the University of Detroit, University of Michigan and Lawrence Institute of Technology. He served on advisory boards and executive committees at Texas A&M and the Yale Arts Association. He was also a seminar lecturer for the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at Columbia University.

Sheoris is a Fellow in the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. He has served numerous professional organizations including the National AIA Committee on Design, is active with the Detroit Chapter and serves on the Design Retreat Committee for AIA Michigan. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of the Grosse Pointes, the Assumption Church long range planning committee and served on the Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission.

In addition to a degree from Cooper Union, he holds Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees from Yale University.



## Open house

CARE's open house and ribbon cutting ceremony included from left, Monique Hayes, CARE deputy director; Anne Nearhood, CARE community organizer specialist; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Linda Zott, CARE student and youth assistance coordinator; and Mary Huebner, president, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. CARE is a non-profit association specializing in youth education and intervention. The organization is focusing on the Project Alert program funded by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. CARE is located at 21012 Mack. The phone number is (313) 332-0972

## Local business does 'whatever'

Two Grosse Pointe moms have put a positive spin on an annoying saying and turned it into an online business venture.

Kathleen Mazey-Bowles and Ann Michaels recently launched a T-shirt company, don't WHATEVER me, and were shocked when in the first week they sold more than 50 of their original T-shirts. Within the first few hours of posting their Web site, they received an order from Florida.

"Everything just started to unfold — no pun intended — from there," Bowles laughed.

The T-shirt tags state, "You Have Been Whatevered" and list reasons why someone would be "whatevered," Michaels explained, adding the gift giver chooses the appropriate reason before giving the gift.

"When you visit the Web site,

you will see that we are really trying to put a positive spin on the whole 'whatever' concept," Bowles said. "However, we, of course, know that the word can take on a negative connotation too.

"(The T-shirt is) an outlet for people to say . . . let it go . . . it is what it is . . . I'm sorry . . . let it rest . . . move on . . . forget about it. You can't control how other people act but only how you react to their actions."

"It's so much fun when someone 'gets it' and ends up having as much fun with this as we are having with it," said Bowles.

In addition to the online business, both owners work full time and each have two children.

"It's been hectic getting things up and running, but 'whatever,' we'll survive,"

shrugged Michaels.

The company Web site is [dontwhatevertime.com](http://dontwhatevertime.com).

## December lake levels

The following lake levels as of Dec. 19 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Lake Superior is 4 inches higher than it was at this time last year, while lakes Michigan, Huron and St. Clair are 11, 11 and 9 inches, respectively, higher than they were a year ago. Lakes Erie and Ontario are 3 and 9 inches, respectively, above last year's levels.

The levels of lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and St. Clair are projected to fall 1 to 3 inches during the next month. Lake Erie is forecasted to stay around its current level over the next 30 days, while Lake Ontario is projected to rise an inch.

Through April, lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are predicted to remain above their levels of a year ago. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are forecasted to remain above their levels of a year ago into this month and then fall below them in January or February.

Alerts: Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are cur-

rently below chart datum. Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels. Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

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### City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

##### Holiday Rubbish Schedule for New Years Day 2009

There will be no residential rubbish collection on Thursday, January 1, 2009. Collection Schedule will be:

Wednesday, December 31, 2008	All rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m. Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 1, 2009	New Years Day, No rubbish collection
Friday, January 2, 2009	Thursday's rubbish collection routes. Commercial Rubbish route on schedule.
Saturday, January 3, 2009	Friday's residential rubbish routes.

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Thank You,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

##### Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Christmas 2008

There will be no residential rubbish collection on Thursday, December 25, 2008. Collection Schedule will be:

Wednesday, December 24, 2008	All rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m. Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day, No rubbish collection
Friday, December 26, 2008	Thursday's rubbish collection routes. Commercial Rubbish route on schedule.
Saturday, December 27, 2008	Friday's residential rubbish routes.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Francis P. Blake D.D.S.

Francis P. Blake D.D.S., a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, after a short illness. He was 83.

Dr. Blake was a well-known dentist for more than 50 years. His office was on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was a graduate of Assumption High School in Windsor; Wayne State University, where he played football for several years; and a 1949 graduate of the University of Detroit Dental School.

Shortly after he began his practice, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, leaving his wife, Sally, and his first three children behind as he served during the Korean War. He was a dental officer, achieving the rank of lieutenant and was stationed in Japan for more than a year during his service.

Dr. Blake was involved in professional organizations including being past president of Omicron Kappa Epsilon, an honorary dental fraternity; a Fellow in the American College of Dentists; a past president of The Vetter

Society; a member of the Detroit District Dental Society; the Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the International Academy of Gnathology.

He touched many people's lives as a professor of dentistry at the U of D Dental School.

Dr. Blake was a former member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and was a member and past commodore of the Clinton River Boat Club. He enjoyed boating, tennis and travel and was an avid scratch model ship builder.

Dr. Blake is survived by his children, Peter (Louise), Joan (Francis) Plonka, Stephen (Renee), Carolyn Potthoff and Julie Bridget (James) Rodgers; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his son-in-law, Keith M. (Cathy) Bever; brother, James (Geraldine); and sister-in-law, Anne Blake. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Sally, his beloved of 58 years, who died in 2003; and his daughter, Sally Margaret Jever.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 22, 2008, at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by full military honors. Inurnment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Theresa Buccellato

Former Grosse Pointe resident Theresa Buccellato, "Mrs. Bee," died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at her home in Harrison Township. She was 66.

She was born May 17, 1942, in Detroit, the eldest child of Dominic and Caroline Paone.

Mrs. Buccellato is survived by her husband, Anthony; children, Trina (John) Barta, Tricia (Mike) Behm and Anthony David (Marika Col) Buccellato; grandchildren, Daniel Barta, Michael Anthony Behm and Caroline Behm.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 22, 2008, at San Francisco Church in Clinton Township with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to The PIME Missionaries, 17330 Quincy St., Detroit, MI 48221.

Share a memory with the family at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

## Marian Callouette

Marian Callouette, formerly Marian Gulevich, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, in Memphis, Tenn. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born March 8, 1919, to Walter and Catherine Dippold. She received her master's degree from Wayne State University and taught at Fraser High School, from which she retired.

In addition to being a devoted teacher and mother, Mrs.

Callouette was an avid reader and seamstress. She devoted many volunteer hours to the resale shop at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. She loved spending time outdoors and in particular at her cottage in Canada. Her wry sense of humor was appreciated by everyone she met.

Mrs. Callouette is survived by her daughters, Tina Varner and Catherine Gulevich; sons, Gregory Gulevich and Victor Gulevich; stepdaughter, Michelle Callouette; and grandchildren Ferrell E. Varner, Zoe Varner, Alex Gulevich, Jason Gulevich and Aaron Gulevich.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Callouette.

A memorial service is planned for August in Canada where she and her family enjoyed many happy summers.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

## Frederick Kipp Cody Jr.

Mr. Frederick Kipp Cody Jr., 60, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac after a brief illness. He was born Oct. 5, 1948, in Detroit.

He was a longtime resident of Birmingham with strong childhood ties to the Grosse Pointe area. Mr. Cody graduated in 1966 from Austin High School in Detroit and attended Michigan State University, where he received a degree in business and marketing in 1970.

Mr. Cody traveled the world in his role as director of marketing for Chrysler International and was instrumental in launching the Jeep brand in China, Egypt and throughout all of Europe. After leaving Chrysler, Mr. Cody joined Jucy, Inc. as a partner. Jucy, headquartered in Palm Springs, Calif., is a pioneer in "green" advertising for major corporations.

Mr. Cody was a member of Holy Name Church in Birmingham and was an avid art collector who loved gardening. As a loyal friend of Bill W., he reached out to numerous people.

Mr. Cody is survived by his siblings, Mary Lou and Daniel A. Miller of Olympia, Wash., Fredericka Cody of Atlanta, and Angela and Thomas Gonzales of Albuquerque, N.M.

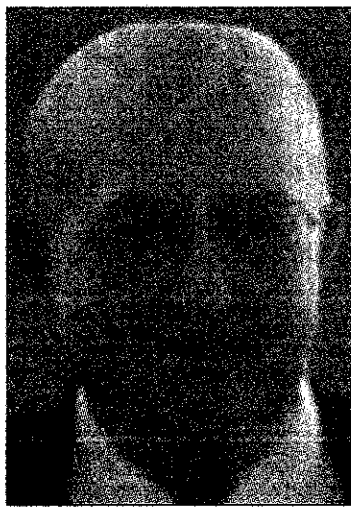
He also is survived by his nieces and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard F. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Sokolik; five great-nephews; two great-nieces; and cherished cousins, friends and business associates too numerous to list.

Mr. Cody was predeceased by his parents, Frederick K. Cody, Sr., Nancy Ryan Cody and Rosemary Brennan Cody.

A memorial Mass was held Dec. 13, 2008, at Holy Name Church, Birmingham, with interment in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Share a memory with the family at [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com).



Francis P. Blake D.D.S.



Marian Callouette



Frederick Kipp Cody Jr.

## Elizabeth Holton Ford

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Holton Ford, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Ford was born Aug. 23, 1921, in Detroit to Addison E. and Pauline Brooks Holton. She graduated from Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn. and Finch Junior College in New York, N.Y.

Mrs. Ford had a lifelong interest in gardens and flowers. An active member of The Garden Club of Michigan for 52 years, she was one of only four honorary members of the organization. She served an unprecedented three two-year terms as president of the club. In June 2008, she received the Garden Club of America Club Medal of Merit.

She was well-known for her fine taste in fashion and antiques. Her house was always filled with plants, especially orchids, which she regularly sent as gifts.

Mrs. Ford's life revolved around her friends and family. Nothing pleased her more than to play bridge or golf with her close friends. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, Elizabeth and Charles, especially on their extended family vacations to her summer home at Harbor Point.

Mrs. Ford was accomplished at fly-fishing, a favorite pastime for her and her father, which she then shared with her children and grandchildren. "She always cast a nice fly for trout and salmon in the streams of Michigan and Canada," said her son, John.

Mrs. Ford was a member of the Grosse Pointe Club, Country Club of Detroit, and The Garden Club of Michigan.

She also was formerly a member of The Fontinalis Club in Vanderbilt, The Jupiter Island Club in Hobe Sound, Fla., The Little Harbor Club in Harbor Springs and Sigma Gamma Association, Grosse Pointe.

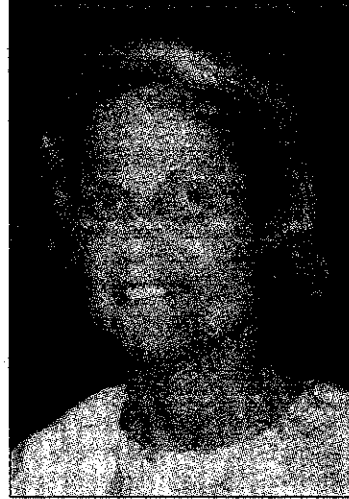
Mrs. Ford is survived by her son, John Buel (Anna) Warren Jr.; stepson, Frederick C. (Eleanor) Ford III; stepdaughter, Virginia Brush Ford; and grandchildren, Elizabeth D. Warren and Charles H. Warren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, John Buel Warren; second husband, Frederick Clifford Ford Jr.; sister, Barbara Holton Kammer; and brother, Brooks Holton.

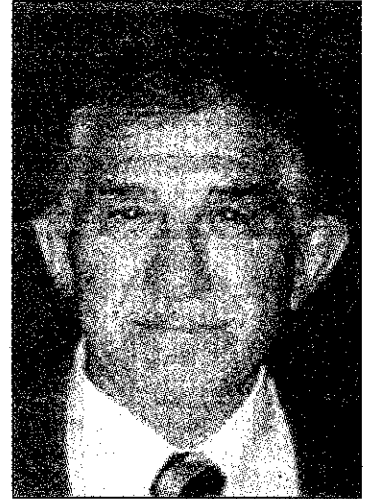
A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to The Garden Club of Michigan Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. Thomas N. Griffith, 515 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

She will be deeply missed by her friends and family and her faithful pet poodle, Coco.



Elizabeth Holton Ford



Joseph Leonard Warchol

## Joseph Leonard Warchol

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joseph Leonard Warchol, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008.

He was born March 17, 1927, in Detroit to Walter and Anna Warchol. He was a skilled tradesman at Chrysler Corp. and retired in 1995.

Mr. Warchol's family said he could repair anything mechanical from cars to home appliances and other items. He loved sports, especially bowling, baseball and hockey. He enjoyed spending time at his cottage on Lake George.

Throughout his life, he always had a dog, from Great Danes to poodles. He was known to take in strays and find them homes.

Mr. Warchol is survived by

Rita, his wife of 60 years; daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Jim; son, James, and his wife, Janet; daughter-in-law, Cindy; grandchildren, Jennifer and Dominique; and two step-granddaughters.

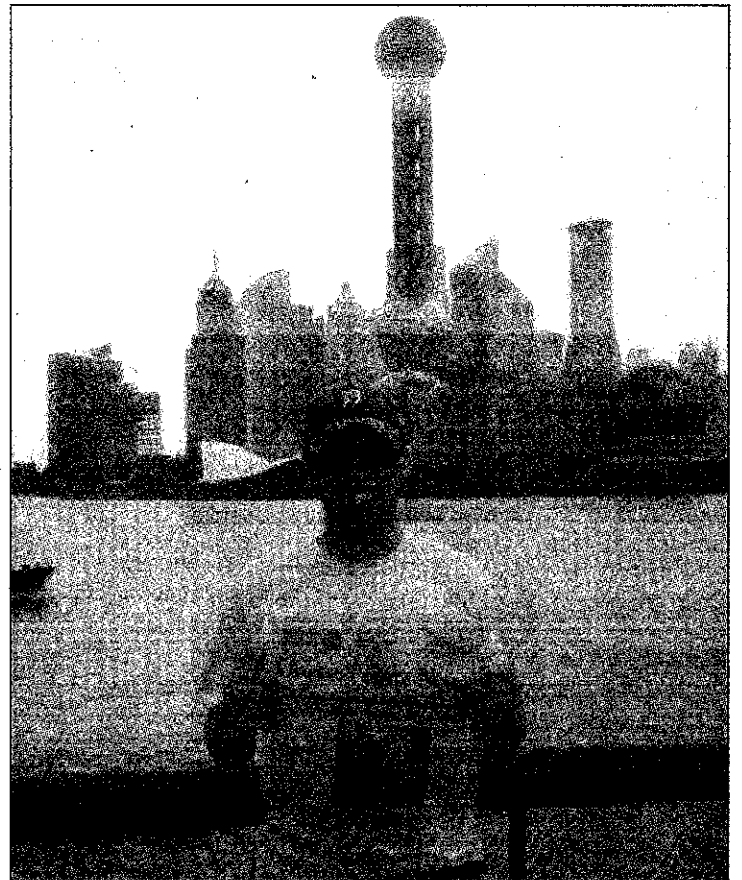
He also is survived by his sister, Virginia (Mike) Mizak, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, Rick; and two sisters and three brothers.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 22 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620 or the American Stroke Association, c/o American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

## The Chinese reader



Rand T. Sobczak Jr. of Grosse Pointe and a Michigan State University student, studied at Nankai University, Tianjin, China, this summer. He toured both north and south China and stopped in Shanghai to read the Grosse Pointe News. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO BOX 30204 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan 48236, on Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 08-82-0054-P under 325, Great Lake Submerged Lands, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236. The applicants propose to make renovations and construct a new entrance to a marina basin that is shared with the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores on Lake St. Clair, at 788 Lake Shore Road. Approximately 100 feet of seawall will be removed from the east wall near the northeast corner to create the new harbor entrance. Approximately 6,766 cubic yards of angular stone will be placed below the ordinary high water mark to build a rubble mound breakwater, approximately 221 feet lakeward of the east wall, to protect the new entrance. The breakwater will be capped with a concrete sidewalk, 3 to 7 feet wide. A navigation light will be installed at the end of the approximately 282 foot long breakwater. An additional 5,089 cubic yards of large stone will be placed below the ordinary high water mark along the east wall for absorption of wave energy. Approximately 100 feet of new seawall will be installed across the north side of the internal flushing channel, and the existing flushing tubes will be extended approximately 54 feet. The area will be backfilled with approximately 610 cubic yards of fill and capped with pavement. The existing drawbridge will be removed and replaced with an 8 foot wide by 50 foot long open pile boardwalk/pier. Some docks, associated piers, support piles, and spring piles for several slips and the gas dock and associated facilities will be removed for the marina renovations. The reconfigured docking system will reduce the total slip count from 274 to 240, with 86 existing slips unchanged. Six floating head piers with finger piers, including one with a fuel/service "T" dock, will be constructed within the interior of the basin, and provide for 102 slips. The fixed piers with finger piers, and a total of 22 individual fixed piers will be constructed along the perimeter of the basin, for an additional 52 slips. A total of approximately 11,821 cubic yards of material will be dredged, approximately 3,524 from the new entrance channel, and the balance from within the marina basin. Maintenance dredging of 2,000 cubic yards per year is also proposed. Material will be dredged up to 10 feet below LWD. The project is located in T1S, R13E, Section 2, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Wayne County, Michigan. The application is available for review at the DEQ website, [www.deq.state.mi.us/CIVWIPIS](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/CIVWIPIS), or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-22793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 32514 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

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GPN: 12/25/08



# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Wanted for drug

During a traffic stop at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, police learned that the 20-year-old male driver from Grosse Pointe Woods was wanted in Grosse Pointe Park on drug charges.

City police impounded the man's 2001 Lincoln Continental and delivered him to Park headquarters.

— 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

### Disorderly

A 46-year-old Farms man was arrested for disorderly conduct in the 400 block of

McKinley at 3:58 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Numerous 911 calls reported the man operating a vehicle recklessly in the block, knocking into a fence and brick wall of a house.

"All this damage was caused by (the man) attempting to back his vehicle out of the driveway in a reckless manner," said a public safety officer.

Police found suspected marijuana in the vehicle. Due to the man's "agitated" state, he was taken to a local hospital for observation.

## B&E

A \$300 Xbox 360 Pro was stolen from a house in the 300 block of Hillcrest sometime between Friday, Dec. 13 and 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

There are no suspects.

## Drunk at game

A drunken and disorderly 19-year-old Grosse Pointe

Park man registered a .246 percent blood alcohol level while attending a basketball game at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Police took the man home to his mother.

## Impala stolen

An unattended 2008 Chevrolet Impala four-door was stolen while being warmed up in a driveway in the 400 block of McKinley at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16.

## Voyager stolen

A 2000 silver-colored Chrysler Voyager was stolen while parked overnight Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the 400 block of Touraine.

— 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

### Second alarm

Three Shores officers and a fire truck answered a second alarm for a garage fire in the 21000 block of Van K Drive at 4:04 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

## Stuck in snow

Several motorists were stranded and stuck in heavy snow at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

Wayne County road crews informed Shores officials that they'd be in the village later that day to plow turnarounds on Lakeshore.

## Sledding injury

A 14-year-old boy was injured while sledding on Vernier Hill by a piece of metal protruding from the ground.

Police said the boy suffered a 4-inch scrape to his buttocks.

## Lakeshore closed

A 10:57 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, public works crews closed southbound Lakeshore at Vernier due to dangerous road conditions.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Thieves scared away

At 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, Grosse Pointe Park officers responded to an attempted wheel theft from a 2009 Dodge Challenger parked at a home in the 800 block of Barrington.

The suspects were scared off by the resident. The wheels were intact.

The resident described the suspects as two black males wearing dark clothing and driving a Buick Skylark.

## Stolen items

Overnight on Tuesday, Dec. 16, the two driver's side tires were stolen from a 2007 Ford Fusion parked at a resident's

home in the 800 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

Officers tracked the suspects in the fresh snow, which led to a vehicle parked a couple of blocks away.

## Quick response

At 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, officers responded to a larceny in progress.

The suspects were attempting to steal the wheels from a 2007 Chevy Impala parked at a resident's home in the 1300 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

A red SUV type vehicle was observed leaving the scene.

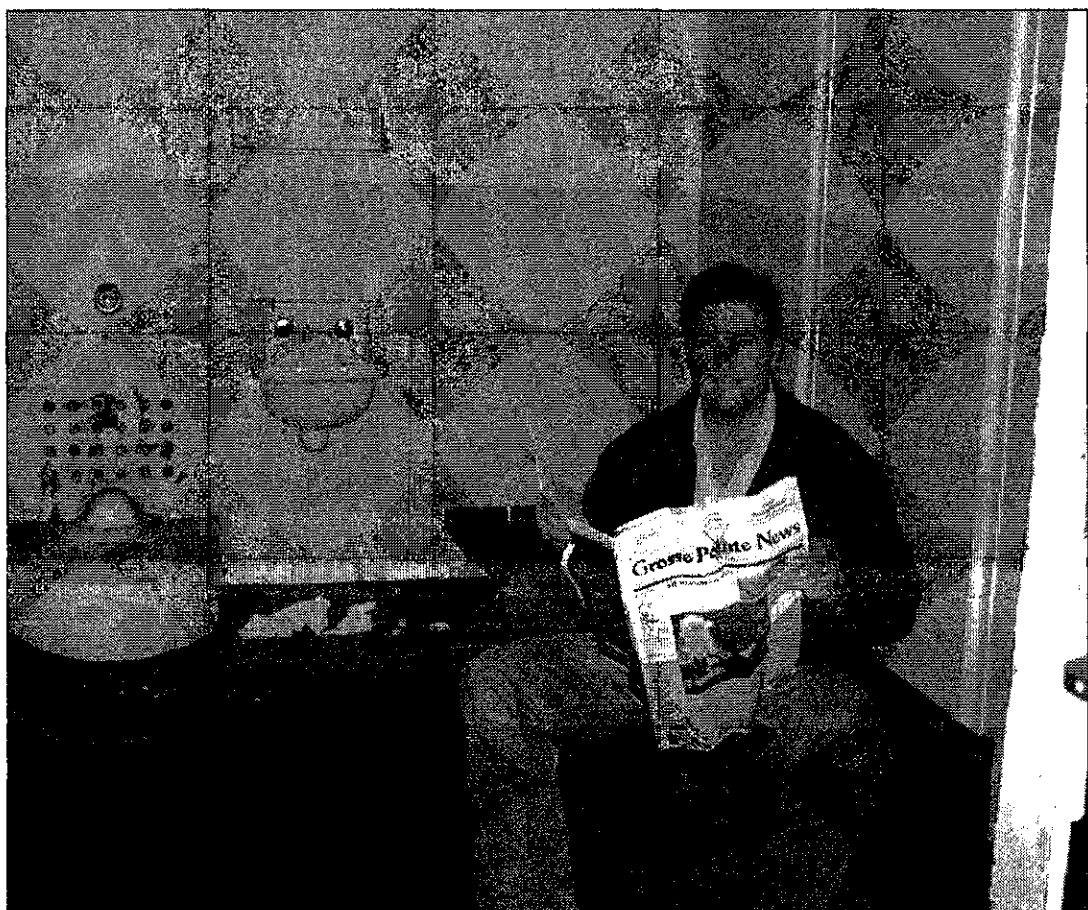
Grosse Pointe Park officers pursued the vehicle that was eventually lost in the area of Connor and Vernor in Detroit.

## Tires taken

Overnight on Friday, Dec. 19, four wheels were stolen off a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu parked at a resident's home in the 500 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park.

— Bob St. John

*If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department at (313) 822-6200.*



## The Key West readers

Eric and Rebecca Reiter of Grosse Pointe Woods, right, read the Grosse Pointe News while visiting Key West, Fla. They were attending the wedding of Mike and Kim Caruso of the City of Grosse Pointe. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



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## The Alcatraz reader

Bill Roche took the Grosse Pointe News along to read when he visited Alcatraz Island. He was in the San Francisco area to attend the graduation of his son, Sean. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Hugh Marshall.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting due to illness.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 3, 2008.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 85618 through 85806 in the amount of \$282,739.58 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing; (2) To receive and file for the audit, the 3rd quarter financial statement; (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of \$17,870.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the city, including City Hall, the Library, DPW, the parks and the I-94 service drive; (4) Approve payment to First Responder Training in the amount of \$6,600.00 for the registration fees for six police officers' fire fighter training course;
- 2) Approve the time change from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for City Council meetings, effective with the first meeting in July, 2009.
- 3) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 17, 2008 and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held November 20, 2008 and the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held November 24, 2008.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 85807 through 85938 in the amount of \$491,055.39 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing; (2) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$5,504.69 for services performed on the tax rolls; (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$6,347.01 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of October 2008; (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$25,387.05 for professional services during the month of October 2008 for the following projects: High School project, #180-091; 2007 Sewer Cleaning Project, #180-100; Kelly Road Sidewalk, #180-102; 2008 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-105; EB Harper, Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106; 2008 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing, #180-108; EB Harper, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109 and the SRF Project, #180-113; (5) Approve a one-time adjustment of 3.5% to the Longevity Allowance for 2008 for city department managers and administrators, except the City Manager.
- 2) That the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement received on November 10, 2008, from Comcast of Grosse Pointe, Inc. is not acceptable as it is not complete and to concur with the City Manager's November 20, 2008, correspondence advising them of this.
- 3) To approve payment to C & V Cement Co., LLC in the amount of \$58,686.30 for the completion of the 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 20, 2008 and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held October 16, 2008.
- 2) To open the Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 85505 through 85617 in the amount of \$658,622.36 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing; (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$23,472.85 for professional services during the month of October 2008 for the following projects: High School, #180-091; Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096; Johnston Park Tennis Courts Redesign, #180-096R; 2007 Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, #180-100; Kelly Road Sidewalk - CDBG, #180-102; 2008 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-105; EB Harper, Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106; 2008 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing, #180-108 and the DPW Garage Hoist, #180-112; (3) Approve payment to Wayne County Department of Public Health in the amount of \$10,045.00 for inspection services in the Cross Connection Control Program for the period January through September 2008; (4) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$5,952.99 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of September 2008.
- 2) To adopt the Tax Levy Resolution.
- 3) To approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution.
- 4) That in accordance with Chapter 27, Article V, Sections 27-120 and 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances, a rate of \$185.00 per residential equivalent unit is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2008.
- 5) Approve payment to Scodeller Construction Inc. in the amount of \$33,041.12 for Progress Payment No. 6 on the 2005-2007 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing Project, #180-089/094/104.
- 6) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20625 Anita.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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# Memories

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## Local seniors benefit from German service program through Services for Older Citizens.

# Learning made fun

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

When young men graduate from high school in Germany, they don't go directly to college. Instead, they are required to provide nine months of service before heading off to university or apprenticeship programs.

While military service is the usual option, they may select community service abroad, at either a child care or a senior citizen center.

For the past five years, Services for Older Citizens has been participating as a community service abroad option through World Horizons. This August, SOC welcomed Billy Sommer, 21, of Cottbus, Germany, Patrick Hessman, 18, of Gottingen, and Dennis Meurer, 20, of Frankfurt to the area. They are living with host families.

The trio and SOC staffers said they couldn't be more pleased with the arrangement.

"We appreciate all the help these young people give us," said Sharon Maier, director of SOC. "It's a great learning experience for all of us."

And how is living away from

home for the first time?

"It's been interesting and definitely fun," said Meurer, with agreement from his cohorts.

The three had not met before coming to Grosse Pointe, but have become fast friends. While they share work duties during the day, they also enjoy after work hours together.

All are fluent in English. German schools, they said, require students to take at least two foreign languages, beginning with one in elementary school. English is a very popular choice.

Hessman had a slight edge — his mother is German; his father, an American citizen.

The three young men have become jacks-of-all-trades while working at SOC. In addition to helping prepare and deliver Meals on Wheels, they rake leaves for seniors, shovel snow, answer phones in the SOC office, pick up items donated to SOC, computer processing and, as Maier put it, "just about anything else that needs to be done."

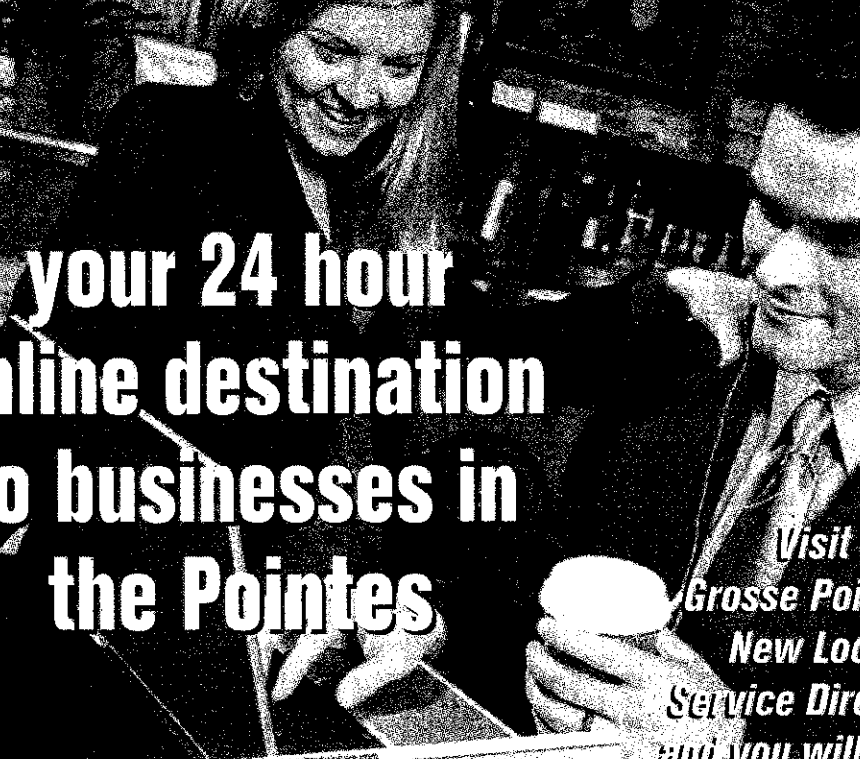
Sommer is living with the Wolking family of Grosse

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Definitely jacks-of-all-trades, the young German students do whatever needs to be done. Billy Sommer, Dennis Meurer and Patrick Hessman recently traded in their rakes for snow shovels as they assist area seniors through Services for Older Citizens.

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by Sally



I wanted to take this opportunity to wish my Shopping Review readers and advertisers a wonderful Holiday Season and a New Year that is filled with the peace and joy of true community as we pull together in the year to come. Thank you for your patronage and God Bless you and your families richly.

Sally A. Schuman



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PROGRAM:  
Students  
having fun

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Pointe Park. He is the third student the family has hosted and Mary Wolking hopes he won't be the last.

"We find it a good experience for everyone," she said. "We really enjoy teaching our culture and we always look forward to it."

The family plans to take Sommer, an avid snow boarder, to northern Michigan over the holidays for some slope time while his family visits from Germany.

"I'll be showing them around Detroit, and we hope to go to Canada," Sommer said.

The holidays will find Hessman in warmer climates, visiting his maternal grandparents in Phoenix, where he says he will spend most of his time, "in the pool."

When his community service is up, he plans to attend college and major in mechanical engineering.

He's now living with Detroit Ken Bresnan in what affectionately has come to be called "the man cave."

"I'm really enjoying my time here," Hessman said. "I had not had that much contact with seniors, so working at SOC has been a very interesting experience. We have senior centers in Germany, but not like SOC."

Meurer is living with Paul and Mary Hulswit of the City of Grosse Pointe and handles several duties at SOC. Oftentimes he can be found in the kitchen, as he has a food handler's li-

cense. When he returns to Germany, he plans to study aerospace logistics.

The three men have visited Chicago and New York and trips are planned to California and Miami.

They attended a conference at Crystal Mountain this fall and sure to their Alpine heritage, they joked about the size of Michigan's mountains.

"We kept looking for the mountain," said Meurer. "All we could see were hills."

And mountains aren't the only thing they compare. True to their gender, the talk to turns to cars.

"There are lots of things that are similar between Grosse Pointe and home," said Sommer. "But there are a lot of differences, too. We don't have that many SUV's at home and there are no pickup trucks."

When not working at SOC,

the trio spends time like most young people their age — watching sports, going to movies, hanging out and doing things with their host families.

When they return to Germany next summer, another group will take their place.

"We love having them," said Maier. "When I look at all that they do, I'm not sure we could run this agency without them. We have grown so accustomed to having them here. Not only do they help in the office, but our seniors love having them here, having lunch with them, and having them go on outings with them."

"It's a great multi-cultural, multi-generational experience for all of us. I can't tell you the times our seniors have said that it's just like having their grandsons with them."

"You can't put a dollar value on that."

SENIOR SCENE By Peggy Muelle

## Good memories of old Detroit

I recently volunteered to read to kindergarten children at Guyton Elementary School on Philip, south of Jefferson near the Detroit River.

It's been an enjoyable experience and brought back memories of the years I lived in that neighborhood and graduated from Guyton.

I return to those years often because they were my happiest and full of childhood wonders. My family moved there when I was 10 from a house off Kercheval, a street with only the usual scattering of dull, but necessary stores.

That first evening after the move, my mother, sister and I wandered onto Jefferson to see what was what. Marvelous sights greeted us: Sanders, Woolworth, Grinnells, a Chinese restaurant, Winkelman's, two movie houses and lights everywhere.

Whenever life got boring I'd

go up to Jefferson on my own. There were often sales ladies at Woolworths pitching some item. I listened to them spell-bound and memorized their spiels and delivered them to my family, who always seemed to enjoy them.

One was of a look-alike diamond ring that had "51 cuts on the top and 51 cuts on the bottom and priced at only 50 cents." Another featured a lady with a great line of chatter who was pitching products guaranteed to increase hair volume.

And there was the wonderful jewelry that I could buy for only a quarter. I could always stock up on stationery items. I loved paper, pencils, erasers and similar products. Perhaps this was a forecast of my writing and editing future?

Grinnell's was wonderful to us kids. We'd pile into one of the enclosed cubicles and listen to all the latest records and one

of us would buy the favorite. Each had enough money to buy one record a month, so of course, each was required by the group to buy different records.

The two movie houses made me a lifelong fan, feeding my desire for drama. My mother would give me a quarter for the Lakewood to see two movies. One was always a Western, followed by a cartoon and sometimes a newsreel about happenings in foreign lands which we all found quite remarkable. The Laurel and Hardy comedies were the ones I remembered best. There was money left from that quarter to buy candy.

As a teen, my friends and I would go to see Cinderella, which we thought was much more sophisticated, and saw all the Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers movies, the wonderful comedies and the beautiful clothing

the ladies wore.

Sanders provided both gustatory and aesthetic experiences. This combination was best seen in the marshmallow sundaes with chocolate ice cream. Cream puff hot fudge sundaes were to die for. Each week Sanders offered a special price of 12 cents for a sundae.

But the magic was not limited to Jefferson Avenue. We lived only a few blocks from Fox Creek. Nobody swam there because we were told the creek had a vicious current. Since most of those living on the west side of Alter had a boat well, the boats probably did little for the quality of the water.

In the wintertime, the creek came into its own. It wandered through many turns before reaching the Detroit River. When the creek froze, it was great for ice skating. No one was responsible for checking whether the ice was sufficiently frozen for skating, so you were on your own.

If many were skating, it was probably safe. But if you heard the ice crack, you skated as fast as you could to a safer point. And you had to remember on the way back to go fast past that point.

Because the creek did meander, it was possible to make believe you were skating in Holland.

Bicycling was another treat. We investigated the old Gar Wood place every so often and the Fisher Mansion was also worth a visit. We'd traveled into Grosse Pointe, finally reaching the lake. We'd pack a lunch and make a day of it.

Those were the most exciting days of my childhood. I feel sad neighborhood children will never experience the wonders of so many years ago. But they smile and seem happy, thankfully unaware of what they are missing.

Contact Cain at [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net).

## DETROIT ZOO

New giraffe  
adds zest

The Detroit Zoo's newest arrival stands tall for his age at 10 feet and is guaranteed to turn heads.

Zoo visitors met Jabari, a 600-pound male giraffe, on his first birthday, Friday, Nov. 28.

"Jabari is an exciting addition to the Detroit Zoo and we are looking forward to watching him mature," said Bob Lessnau, curator of mammals.

Jabari came from Utah's Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City and is gradually being introduced to Detroit Zoo visitors. He can be seen from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the giraffe house in the African Grasslands. Click on the Detroit Zoo Today section of [detroitzoo.com](http://detroitzoo.com) for the most up-to-date schedule.

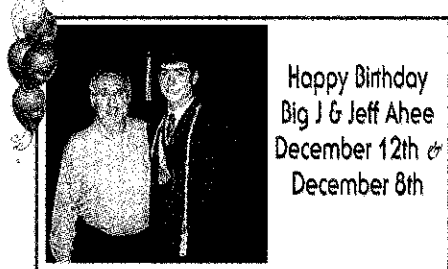
Jabari, Swahili for "the brave one," joins Raspberry, 16, Chardo, 23 and Ajax, 26, the oldest male giraffe in North America and the second-oldest male giraffe in the world.

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BIRTHDAY CONNECTIONS



# A honeymoon gift at children's home

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Sunsets, long walks on the beach and romantic dinners are ingredients for a honeymoon.

Lisa and Jason Dougherty of Grosse Pointe Park spent their five-week honeymoon in Kenya, Africa, away from room service and Egyptian cotton sheets. Instead they received gifts of appreciation, ad-

about the political system in the United States.

"We shared in their excitement about (president-elect) Obama," Lisa said.

Married on May 31 in the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle, the two were searching for an adventure for their honeymoon, she said.

"We both love to travel and we knew if we didn't go now we probably never would,"

Bud Ozar was serving as the administrative assistant to the bishop in Kenya with the job of funding church-organized projects in Meru. Sue was working as a teacher and counselor at a small village school nearby. The Doughterys were hooked up with the Meru Children's Home.

The Meru Children's Home began about 50 years ago with the mission to care for orphaned infants and toddlers in

*The Meru Children's Home began about 50 years ago with the mission to care for orphaned infants and toddlers in the middle of Kenya.*

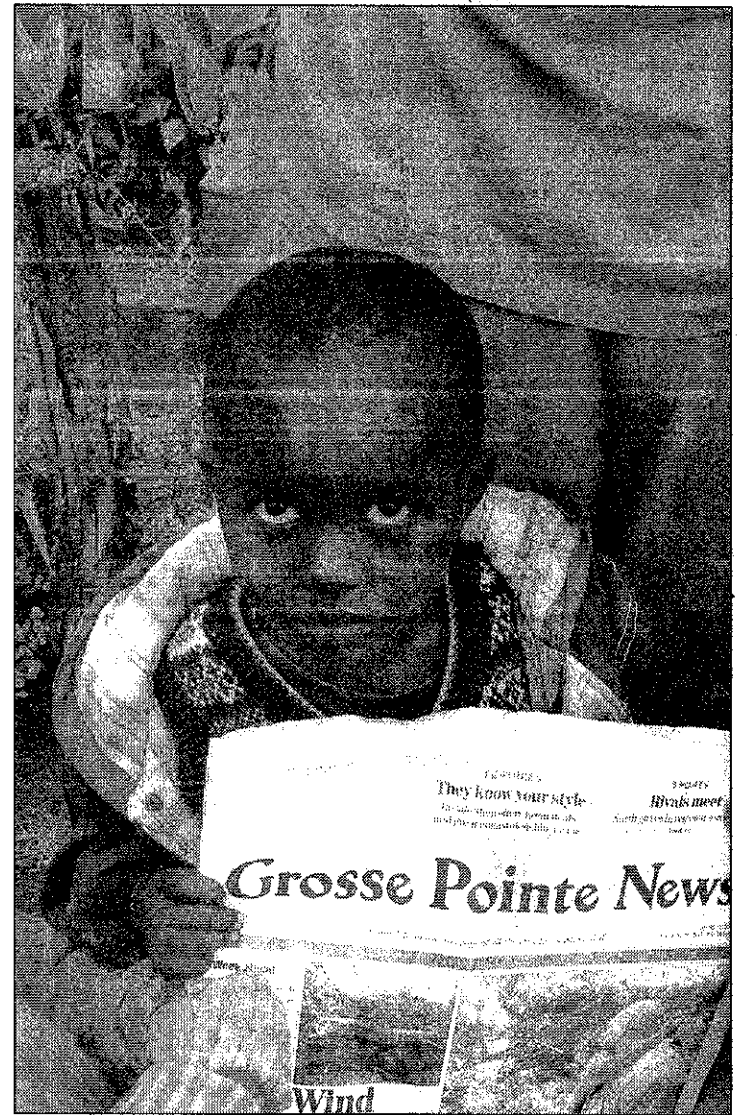
Sr. Mary Rita is the head of the three sisters and told the Doughterys she has become a beggar. Since the killing and riots last January and February, the country has experienced shortages of all basic necessities, especially maize and beans, which are the staple foods.

Every day Sr. Mary Rita gets in her old truck to make the rounds of churches and businesses begging for a day's food ration. There are days all she gets are green bananas to give the children.

"We traveled around the world thinking that we would meet people very different from ourselves but that did not happen," Lisa said. "The children were no different from the children we work with here. They were lovable and giving. They loved to laugh. They loved to play. They loved attention."

"Africa is in our hearts now. We learned from the people we met that it is possible to be happy in the face of poverty. People were grateful for simple meals, for the privilege of going to school and for the company of strangers. We strive to carry that gratefulness with us in our daily lives."

To make a donation to the Meru Children's Home, a personal check can be sent to The Diocese of Meru, c/o Helena Daley, 4226 Fulton Place North, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Checks can be made out to Our



A child at the Meru Children's Home where the Doughterys volunteered.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LISA DOUGHTERY

Jason and Lisa Dougherty took the Grosse Pointe News along on their honeymoon to Kenya, Africa. For a week, they volunteered at the Meru Children's Home on the northeastern slope of Mount Kenya.

venture and greater understanding.

The couple camped in national parks and spent a few days in Morijo, a Maasai village learning the culture. The newlyweds topped off their trip with a week at a resort on the island of Zanzibar off the coast of Tanzania.

One week was spent volunteering on Mount Kenya at the Meru Children's Home.

"We played with the children from morning until night," Lisa began. "We helped feed the infants and toddlers and organized games for the older kids. We taught them what little we knew about basketball. We helped peel green bananas for stew."

As a Warren Woods Tower High School social studies teacher, Jason answered the high schoolers' questions

said Lisa, who is a school social worker with Wyandotte Public Schools.

"As a social studies teacher, Jason wanted to see the birthplace of humanity. We both wanted to be able to see the animals in the wild while they are still there. With the way the world is changing, we know they may not be there forever. We are also both drawn to African music and we were excited to learn more about the culture. We were excited about starting our lives together with a huge adventure."

The Doughterys began their plans to volunteer by contacting Bud and Sue Ozar of Grosse Pointe Park.

The Ozars have volunteered with Lay Mission Helpers, who through the Catholic Church place volunteers in developing countries.

the middle of Kenya. Usually the family or village will take in an orphaned child. Periodically a child would be abandoned and police or medical workers will bring the infant to the home.

The HIV/AIDS infection rate in Meru is slowly and systematically killing a generation, leaving grandparents caring for their orphaned grandchildren. It becomes impossible to care for more than two to three grandchildren in a small hut with a 20-by-20-foot garden, Lisa said.

Today, the Meru Children's Home has 80 to 100 children where the Nazareth Sisters from the Diocese of Meru are in charge and do it all through donations.

They feed and care for the children without any support from government.

## Zoo names new CEO

Ida B. Tomlin has been appointed chief operating officer of the Detroit Zoological Society.

She is responsible for directing numerous operations of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo, including facility management, security, volunteers, education, guest relations, concession and retail services, membership, marketing, communications, community and government relations and human resources.

Prior to joining the zoo,

Tomlin served as CEO and vice president of human resources at the Detroit Science Center for seven years and as assistant director and head of public programs at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, also for seven years before that.

She also serves on the boards of the Boys & Girls Republic, University Cultural Center Association,

International Gospel Music Hall of Fame & Museum and Association of Midwest

Museums.

"Ida brings years of successful experience, excellent skills and a stellar work ethic," said Detroit Zoological Society Executive Director/CEO Ron Kagan. "Her leadership and management expertise will strengthen us in many ways."

Tomlin received a master's degree in public administration from University of Michigan, Dearborn and a bachelor's degree in communications/media from Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Mass.

## Chinatown artifacts sought for exhibit

The Detroit Historical Society is looking for artifacts for an exhibit opening this April about Detroit's Chinatown.

The exhibit will present the untold and often forgotten stories of residents of Detroit's original Chinatown on Third Avenue and Porter Street during World War II.

Residents in the area worked to send aid to China during its war with Japan in the 1930s, drawing the support of icons like Madame Chiang Kai-shek. They were admired for their

festive celebrations of the Chinese New Year for more than 90 years.

Political, economic and social factors aided in the eventual demise of Detroit's Chinatown.

The society is seeking the following items related to Detroit's Chinatown

◆ World War II propaganda posters

◆ Fliers or posters promoting the boycott of Japanese goods

◆ 19th century laundry equipment

◆ Chinese New Year décor

or costumes

◆ Goods from Chinese businesses

◆ Chinese or Western clothing worn by residents of Detroit's Chinatown

◆ Event pamphlets

◆ La Choy recipe booklets

◆ Newspaper articles

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# ENGAGEMENTS

## Scopel-Nader

Bryan and Irene Scopel of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Scopel, to Jim Nader, son of Fred and Rita Nader of Bloomfield Hills. A September wedding is planned.

Scopel is 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is a project manager with Team Detroit.

Nader is a 1989 graduate of North Farmington High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is director of North American Sales, CMS Worldwide.

ding is planned.

Broderick earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration from Miami University and is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree with a focus in health policy from George Washington University. She is a policy analyst with the National Partnership for Women & Families in Washington, D.C.

Ertley earned a Bachelor of Science in botany from Miami University and a law degree from George Washington University. He is an attorney with the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson.

## Dobies - ZurSchmiede

Angeline Paletti of Warren and James Dobies of Warren have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jammie Dobies of Grand Rapids to Aaron ZurSchmiede of Big Rapids, son of Cynthia ZurSchmiede of Grosse Pointe Farms and Robert ZurSchmiede of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

## Broderick - Ertley

Cynthia and Jeffrey Broderick of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Marie Broderick, to Andrew Carl Ertley, son of Carol and Eric Ertley of Hartville, Ohio. A May wedding is planned.

Dobies is a 1996 graduate of Warren Cousino High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University's James Madison College with a degree in international relations. She earned a Master of Business Administration in 2008 from Madonna University. She is a marketing research manager for Steelcase.

ZurSchmiede graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1996 and earned a finance degree from Grand Valley State University in 2001. He is the vice president of Federal Screw Works.

## Wynne - Zimmerman

Jim and Cathy Wynne of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Wynne, to Kyle Zimmerman, son of Joel and Pamela Zimmerman of West Bloomfield. A May wedding is planned.

Wynne is a 2004 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies. She is on staff with U of M's Campus Crusade for Christ.

Zimmerman graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 2004 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the U of M and is



Lindsey Scopel and Jim Nader



Kyle Zimmerman and Ashley Wynne

with U of M's Campus Crusade for Christ.

## Breedlove - Nianouris

Terry and Nancy Breedlove of Northville, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Rene Breedlove, to Christopher David Nianouris, son of David and Susan Nianouris of Centerville, Ohio. A July wedding is planned.

Breedlove earned a Bachelor of Science degree in



Christine Marie Broderick and Andrew Carl Ertley



Christopher David Nianouris and Heather Rene Breedlove

middle childhood education from the University of Dayton in 2004. She is a seventh-grade English and history teacher in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Nianouris earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Ohio University in 2001. He is a real estate developer.

## Spezia - Stepanski

Gary and Gerrie Spezia of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Fiona Rose



Jammie Dobies and Aaron ZurSchmiede



Ryan Paul Stepanski and Fiona Rose Spezia

Spezia, to Ryan Paul Stepanski, son of Paul and Jackie Stepanski of Grosse Pointe Park.

Spezia is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and is a student at the University of Michigan.

Stepanski is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and is a student at Eastern Michigan University.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Tim Tyler

### A Christmas display

It seems that the Christmas season has shifted from that wonderful time of year that we display Christ to one of having to defend him.

The fights over public displays of faith and a pluralism that seems to reject Christianity for the sake of the secular seems unfair in this season. Even saying "Merry Christmas" has come under attack. For most of us, defending Christ is now the posture of Christmas instead of displaying him.

Let me speak a word of encouragement to all.

First Peter 3:15 states that we are to, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

We are therefore supposed to have a reasoned defense for the hope we have in Christ. We should be ready at all times to defend the Gospel and our faith, but he then qualifies his statement by saying this defense must display the character of Christ. Peter says we should defend the faith with an attitude of "gentleness and respect." This can sometimes be hard to do with the increasing hostility and general disrespect toward Christians. Nevertheless a defense of Christ is no defense if it is not done with the display of Christ's spirit in our reasoning.

Consider that Jesus did not get elected. His authority is not based on polling data or popular interests. Jesus is the King of all Kings and Lord of Lords. His name is above all other names. He does not need our defense or anyone's acceptance to reign over all the Earth. He will forever reign on high and judge all the Earth. We do not need to defend his ways but he does command us to display his love to all people at all times.

So yes, be a workman rightly dividing his word and have a readied and reasoned defense of the Gospel, but there is no quicker way to lose your witness than to defend Christ out of your flesh. If we do, we become no different than any other opinion. We must display Christ at all times no matter what the outcome or abuse. The only way to achieve this is to be filled with his spirit and as Peter says, "In your hearts honor Christ as holy."

No matter how frustrated you get, no matter how angry you feel, no matter how unfair it seems, you don't need to defend Jesus; you need to display him. At all times, in every situation, our position is to display the character of Christ. So set Christ as Lord of your heart and display his nature during this Christmas season. Be a light that shines in the dark, a star to follow, a gift to give. Be Jesus on display.

The Rev. Tim Tyler is minister of Christ Community Church in Roseville.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, holds a Mass at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 25.

The Feast of the Holy Family will be observed at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 28.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God will be observed during the 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 Mass and at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1.

### St. John's

St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher, Detroit, observes the 150th anniversary of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. On that date in 1858, 25 people signed documents to incorporate St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit. The congregation later built a 125-seat chapel.

### St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House at St. Sabbas Orthodox Church,

18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling (313) 521-1894.

The cost is \$20.

### First English

A New Year's Eve service begins at 7 p.m. at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

### Christ Church

A free support group, Career Transition Support Ministry, for those who have lost their jobs is offered at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Career Transition Support Ministry is designed for those who are experiencing or have gone through a significant change in their careers," said Martha Williams, R.N., who serves as coordinator.

"Participants find a comfortable environment with no shame, blame or judgment, just open acceptance, networking and learning from each other."

For more information, call (313) 885-4841 or visit christchurchgp.org.

## ANNIVERSARY

### Bassett

Donald and Frances Bassett of Port Sanilac observed their 30th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28, 2008.

The couple married in St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Prior to retiring, Bassett was the principal of Maire Elementary School and Pierce Middle School; and Frances was an elementary school teacher with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Their family includes three daughters: Anne Hasenbusch, her husband, Ronald, and sons, Ronnie and Zachary of Grosse Pointe Park; Patrice Bono and daughters, Megan and Samantha of Oxford; and Nannette Remus and sons Kyle and Brendan of Atlanta, Ga.



Donald and Frances Bassett

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Peggy Muelle

# Seasonal disorder common when sunlight is minimal

**Q:** I am a 45-year-old working mother. My friends and family think I might have Seasonal Affective Disorder. Can you tell me more about this?

**A:** Those with SAD experience symptoms during the winter months that recede in the spring and summer. They feel depressed, tired and irritable and can experience sleep problems and headaches. They also can crave sweet and starchy foods, which can result in weight gain.

This disorder commonly begins in young adulthood and usually affects more women than men. Researchers are not

100 percent sure of its cause, however there is a strong correlation between the amount of sunlight people experience and this disorder. There is a higher incidence rate of SAD the further north individual's live.

There are some exceptions to the rule as some individuals experience a different set of symptoms on a cyclical basis in the spring and summer. Summer SAD is characterized by anxiety, insomnia, irritability, weight loss, decreased appetite and increased libido.

Researchers can only speculate on the cause of SAD. Many feel heredity, age and your

body's chemical makeup play a role as well as the availability of sunlight. It is believed that the amount of sunlight disrupts circadian rhythms which regulate one's internal clock.

A change in sunlight can affect the time we go to sleep and wake up. The disruption of this pattern can cause depression along with the other noted symptoms. Melatonin is a hormone which facilitates sleep. Most people have an increase in melatonin in the winter and some doctors believe this hormone is linked to depression. Other research suggests it is the level of serotonin in our brains that causes SAD. Of

course, many people have days when they feel down or depressed. However if you begin to notice this continues for days at a time, it may be time to seek help.

People who are depressed lose pleasure in things they normally enjoy. They can also see changes in their eating and sleeping patterns. Such behavior changes would certainly warrant an appointment with your doctor as would any thoughts of suicide.

In terms of SAD, your doctor will ask if these symptoms occurred at the same time of year for two consecutive years. He or she will also ask if your

mood lifts and improves once the season changes. The examination will also help rule out any physical conditions.

Once properly diagnosed, treatment can begin. Many try light therapy that involves sitting under a bright light (20 times brighter than indoor lighting) for 30 minutes each day. Nearly 70 percent report a reduction of symptoms. Some doctors also prescribe an antidepressant in conjunction with light therapy or by itself.

Many patients also choose psychotherapy to help with this condition. Therapists help their client explore ways of reducing stress and decrease be-

haviors and thoughts that may be a factor in their depression. They will also encourage their clients to promote healthy activities such as outdoor exercise and possible dietary changes.

To learn more about SAD, visit [ncpamd.com](http://ncpamd.com), [nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/print/seasonalaffectivedisorder.html](http://nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/print/seasonalaffectivedisorder.html), [mayoclinic.com/print/seasonal-affective-disorder/medicinenet.com](http://mayoclinic.com/print/seasonal-affective-disorder/medicinenet.com).

*Muelle, M.A., LPC is a professional counselor with more than 16 years experience. She has extensive training in substance abuse treatment as well as individual and family therapy.*

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## Make healthy New Year's resolutions

It's almost time for New Year's resolutions and the American Cancer Society offers seven suggestions focused on cancer risk factors.

They are:

◆ If you're a smoker, quit. There is no one right way to quit, but there are some key factors in quitting smoking successfully. Make the decision to quit; set a quit date and choose a quit plan. Learn how to deal with the withdrawal symptoms and create a maintenance program by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 for more information.

◆ Adopt a more physically active lifestyle. For adults, that means engaging in at least moderate activity for 30 min-

utes or more five or more days a week and for children and adolescents, 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity at least five days a week.

◆ Maintain a healthful weight throughout life.

◆ If you drink alcoholic beverages, limit consumption. Alcohol increases the risk of several cancers. Men who drink alcohol should limit their intake to no more than two drinks per day and women to one drink per day. Regular consumption of even a few drinks per week is associated with an increased risk of breast cancer in women. Those at high risk of the disease may want to consider not drinking

any alcohol.

◆ Eat a variety of healthful foods, with an emphasis on plant sources. Include five or more servings of a variety of vegetables and fruits each day, choose whole grains rather than processed (refined) grains and sugars and limit consumption of red and processed meat.

◆ Talk with your doctor about a regular schedule for cancer screening tests. These include mammograms and clinical breast exams for breast cancer; fecal occult blood test, sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy for colon cancer; PSA tests for prostate cancer; and Pap tests for cervical cancer.

◆ Take the Great American Health Check. Answer a few easy questions through the Great American Health Check Web, an online health assessment tool offered by the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org/healthcheck](http://cancer.org/healthcheck). Users receive a personalized cancer prevention action plan that lists the cancer screening tests they need to consider, along with healthy lifestyle recommendations.

To get started on healthy living, the American Cancer Society's Healthy Eating Cookbook offers healthy dishes and conversions from unhealthy ingredients such as whipped cream.

The following is one example:

### Key Lime Yogurt Pie

- 1 reduced-fat graham cracker crust
- 1/2 cup frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tsp. lime rind (zest), freshly grated
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat plain yogurt
- Fresh lime slices

Pour apple juice into a saucepan, sprinkle with gelatin and let stand for several minutes or until gelatin is softened.

Add sugar and cook over low heat until gelatin and sugar dissolve, stirring constantly. Pour gelatin mixture into a mixer bowl and add lime juice, rind and vanilla. Chill until mixture resembles raw egg whites, then beat until fluffy. Add yogurt, continuing to beat until fluffy. Pour yogurt mixture into graham cracker crust and chill until firm. Garnish with lime slices.

Makes eight servings of about 148 calories and 2 grams of fat per serving.

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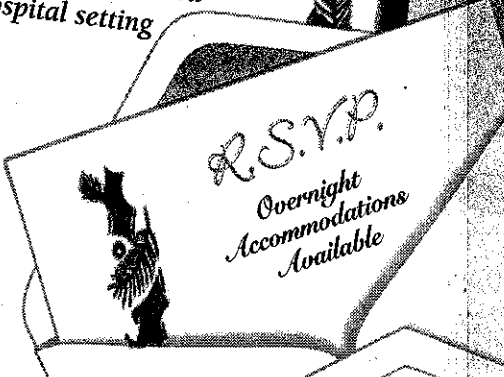
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## Surgeon performs single incision hysterectomy

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is the first in the state to perform a hysterectomy using a minimally invasive operation requiring a single incision.

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Hussein uses a flexible camera and an instrument to cut and suture that were developed for single-incision surgery.

After undergoing this minimally invasive procedure, patients are home in less than 24 hours. Patients typically stay two to four days in the hospital after a traditional hysterectomy and spend six to eight weeks recovering at home.





This spongy cake is a sweet holiday treat.

**A LA ANNIE** By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## This one is a keeper



This Christmas I'm baking a light and simple cake from scratch.

With no more work than a cake from a box, this spongy cake is filled with strawberry jam and fresh whipped cream. My favorite part is the flavor. Light and creamy but not too sweet is this Christmas treat.

**Christmas Sponge Cake**  
1 cup self-rising flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 stick butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
4 eggs  
2 tablespoons milk  
**Filling**  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup strawberry jam  
fresh mint leaves, maraschino cherries and confectioners sugar for decorating (optional)  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8-inch spring form pan (or two layer cake pans) and set aside.

Sift together flour and baking powder in a small bowl and set aside.

In a medium bowl, beat together the softened butter with the sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time and lastly, the milk. Beat in the flour mixture, adding it a little at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl.

Turn the batter into the greased pan(s). Bake at 350 for 35 to 38 minutes, until golden

brown and the cake passes the clean knife test for doneness. Place the cake on a cooling rack and cool completely before removing from the pan.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling by beating together the heavy cream with 2 tablespoons sugar and vanilla until stiff peaks just begin to form. Don't over-beat the cream. Cover and store in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Use a long, serrated knife to cut the cooled cake in half horizontally to create two layers. Place the bottom half of the cake on a raised cake plate. Spread jam over the cake all the way to the edge.

Spread half of the whipped cream (1 cup) over the jam to the edge of the cake. Carefully place the top (lid) of the cake over the whipped cream layer. Spread the remaining whipped cream (1 cup) over just the top of the cake and up to the edge. (You'll want to see the jam and cream layer oozing out between the cake layers.)

I used fresh mint leaves and maraschino cherry halves to make a holly decoration on the cake. A light dusting of confectioners sugar will turn your cake into a winter wonderland. Really.

I found this cake in a BBC cooking magazine and I have to say the cake recipe itself is worth keeping. The ingredients are pure and pound for pound, you'll be spending a lot less to make a cake, compared to the boxed stuff. And it's delicious.

Merry Christmas. May your days be flavorful and bright. A la Annie.

# Reader recipes from the archives

On and off through the years The Grosse Pointe News has featured food recipes: entrees, sides, desserts, and more. While A La Annie graces the pages of current issues, 50 years ago recipes were submitted by News readers.

Last week's issue gave appetizer and entree recipes. This week it's desserts.

**Editor's note:** These recipes are as printed in various issues from 1958. (Some measurements and oven temperatures may be missing!) They are a reflection of the tastes at that time and nutritional information is not available.

## Sponge Cake with Broiled Coconut Topping

By Mrs. Carl Scott

**Cake:**  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cups white sugar  
1 3/4 cups flour  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 lb. butter  
3/4 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat eggs. Add flour, salt and baking powder. Heat butter and milk to a boil. Add to mixture. Bake in slow oven in square pan. When the cake is done and still warm, spread topping (recipe below) and place under broiler until browned. Watch carefully.

**Topping:**  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
4 tablespoons cream  
1/8 lb. butter  
1 can moist coconut  
Mix ingredients together thoroughly and spread on warm cake.

## French Mousse

Contributed by Mrs. John R. Barlow

1 1/2 packages of semi-sweet chocolate bits  
5 tablespoons strong coffee  
2 tablespoons whiskey  
5 beaten egg yolks  
5 stiffly beaten egg whites

Combine chocolate and coffee and place in double boiler. Cook until chocolate is melted. Take off stove. Add whiskey and beaten egg yolks. Fold into stiffly beaten egg whites. Pile into sherbet glasses. Chill.

This dessert may be made the day before serving. Serves eight. A dollop of whipped cream may be added before serving.

## Chocolate Icebox Dessert

Contributed by Mrs. Neal E. Fitzgerald

1 lb. semi sweet chocolate bits  
1 1/2 teaspoon water  
4 eggs separated  
2 tablespoons confectioners sugar  
1 1/2 cup chopped walnut meats  
1 cup whipping cream  
12 split lady fingers.

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Add water and blend. Remove from heat. Add beaten egg yolks, then sugar and nuts. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into mixture, then fold in beaten cream. Line casserole or glass dish with lady fingers. Pour in mixture. Chill 10 to 12 hours. Serves 10 to 12.

## Old Fashioned Sugar Cookies

Contributed by Mrs. Charles E. Cahill

2 1/4 cups sifted flour  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs well beaten  
1 tablespoon cream

Sift flour. Measure and add dry ingredients and sift again. Add lemon rind to butter and cream thoroughly. Add sugar gradually and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and cream. Beat thoroughly. Add flour gradually and blend. Chill until firm enough to roll. Roll 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured 3 1/2 inch cutter. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in 400 degree oven for about 10 minutes. Makes three dozen cookies.

## Chocolate Candy Pudding

Contributed by Mrs. Robert H. Knapp

3-4 slices of cubed day old bread (about 2 cups)  
6 oz. package of semi-sweet chocolate bits  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Into a well greased square cake pan arrange day old bread. Sprinkle one package of chocolate bits over bread cubes. Mix together other ingredients and pour over bread and chocolate mixture. Bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes until set. Cut into squares and serve with cream to 6 or 8 people.

## Lemon Sticks

Contributed by Mrs. Thomas Sellers

1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup confectioners sugar  
2 eggs, separated  
1 cup flour  
2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream butter and confectioners sugar. Add egg yolks and beat until light. Stir in one cup of flour and grated lemon rind. Mix until smooth and spread evenly in bottom of ungreased 13-by-9-inch pan. Bake 10 minutes in 350 degree oven. Meanwhile, beat egg whites until stiff, gradually adding 1/2 cup of sugar. Beat in lemon juice and fold in nuts. Spread meringue topping over baked mixture and bake 25 minutes longer. Cool slightly and cut into 3-by-1-inch strips. Makes 32 strips.

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# SPORTS

## BOYS HOCKEY

### Rivals meet

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ristovski's abilities help Lady Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's fans are being entertained watching the girls' basketball team blow out opponents.

The Lady Knights have struggled for years to be con-

sistently competitive, but this year's team might go down in the record books as one of the best-ever.

It all starts with freshman phenom Madison Ristovski, who plays like NBA Hall-of-Famer "Pistol" Pete Maravich, who averaged 24.2 points per

game in the pros and more than 40 points per game while playing at Louisiana State University.

In her first game, Ristovski scored 31 points and she followed that with a 49-point performance.

Last week, she scored 31 points in the host Lady Knights' 59-36 win over Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart and 31 points in a 49-47 loss to Detroit University Prep.

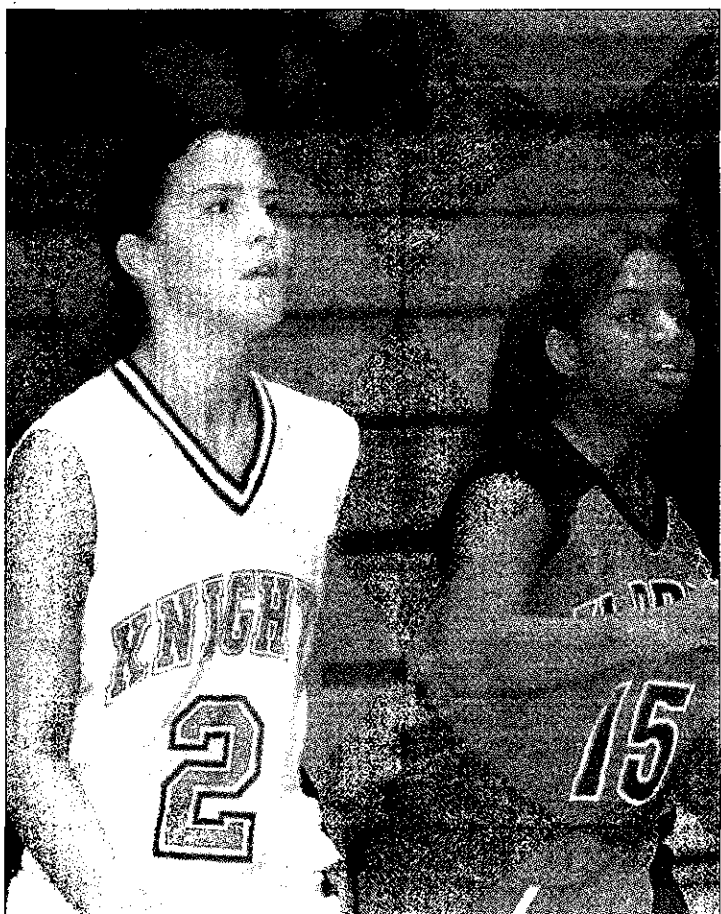
So far, Ristovski's scoring average is 35.5 points per game and she isn't selfish as she is averaging several assists, rebounds and steals per game, as well.

"Madison is a tremendous high school basketball player, even though she is only a freshman, and she is creating open shots for her teammates because she is getting double- and triple-teamed every trip down the court," ULS first-year head coach Adam Beck said.

The Lady Knights were in a battle against Sacred Heart, leading by only eight points, 30-22, at the half.

They put together a 15-0 run in the third period to extend the lead to 47-22 and the team cruised in the final quarter to a third straight victory.

Seniors Megan Amicucci, Charlotte Waldmeir, Kristin Peterson and Catherine Vatsis each hit open medium-range



Senior Charlotte Waldmeir grabbed seven rebounds in a losing cause as ULS fell to University Prep.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Madison Ristovski is the best player to suit up for the Lady Knights in more than a decade.

jump shots. Amicucci scored eight points, while Waldmeir, Peterson and Vatsis had six points apiece.

Junior Kathryn Sheehy rounded out the scoring with two points as the Lady Knights won their third straight game by double digits.

The Lady Knights fell behind University Prep 23-13 midway through the second quarter and trailed 25-17 at the half.

Cold shooting and poor re-

bouncing led to the deficit.

The Lady Knights picked up the intensity in the third period, outscoring the Panthers 13-8 to trail 33-30.

The game remained close throughout the fourth quarter and with a little more than a minute left, the Lady Knights had a 47-44 lead and had possession of the ball.

The rally was without Ristovski, who fouled out shortly after her three-point play tied it at 41 with 3:48 left

on the clock.

The Panthers scored the final five points of the game to win, sending University Liggett School to its first loss of the season.

Vatsis scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Waldmeir had seven rebounds and blocked a shot.

ULS stands 3-1 overall and doesn't play again until Tuesday, Jan. 6, when it plays at Michigan Collegiate High School.

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BOYS HOCKEY

North dismantles South in city battle

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North broke a five-game losing streak to city rival Grosse Pointe South last weekend, winning 5-2 on home ice.

A standing-room only crowd watched the Norsemen dominate every phase of the game, including shots on goal which turned into a 44-15 advantage.

"We really played a great all-around game," North head coach Scott Lock said. "The guys were very focused tonight and that is contributed to working hard in practice."

"Even though we were dominating the game, it was closer than I wanted until the finally got some breathing room in that third period."

"North has a good, fast team and we made them look even fast," South head coach Bob Bopp said. "We looked slow and played very defensive."

"In the game vs. them in February, we will have to play much more aggressive."

Five minutes into the opening period, the Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead when senior Brian Auty went in all alone

and scored a short handed goal that went over North goalkeeper senior Eric Rohrkemper's right shoulder.

The home team got the goal back when junior Matt Lucchese scored a powerplay tally late in the first period, tipping in a slap shot from the point by senior Brandon Davenport.

Senior Nick Hartman scored an unassisted goal at the 8:38 mark of the second period to give the home team a 2-1 lead and Lucchese tallied again at the 2:43 mark, making it 3-1.

The Blue Devils scored a momentum-building goal with only 25.4 seconds left in the second period when senior Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin beat Rohrkemper on a wrap-around shot.

Through two periods of play, the Norsemen fired 32 shots on South 'Dream Team' goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer.

Senior Justin Kovacs scored a big powerplay goal at the 8:32 mark of the third period to make it 4-2 and that would be more than enough as Rohrkemper came up with several key saves down the



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior goalkeeper Trevor Sattelmeyer stopped 40 of the 45 shots North sophomore Shawn Miele, left, and his teammates fired on net.



North senior Justin Kovacs scored a power play goal and assisted on an empty net goal in the third period of the Norsemen's win over South.

stretch to help the Norsemen beat their rival.

Junior Alex Tomovski added an empty-net goal with 1:01 left to account for the final scoring.

The Norsemen's defensive group held the Blue Devils in check, including senior Matt Sterr and junior Mile Knight, who have been hot of late.

"We're playing some great hockey right now and everyone is working hard," Lock said. "That again was evident when we played Brother Rice the other night. Our kids looked very good against a good team."

Earlier in the week, North traveled to Birmingham Brother Rice and crushed the Warriors 7-1 behind senior Jimmy Tocco's hat trick.

Hartman had two goals, while senior John Neveux and Davenport had a goal apiece.

"Beating Brother Rice in their building is a huge confidence builder for us," Lock said. "We can't get overconfident because every game on our schedule is tough and everyone gives us their best effort."

Senior Michael Rahaim earned the win in net. South played earlier in the

week and lost another 5-2 decision to host Trenton, ranked in the top 10 in the state.

O'Donnell-Daudlin scored 57 seconds into the game with Knight drawing an assist. Trenton scored the next two goals to take a 2-1 lead, but sophomore Eric Marshall scored his first-ever varsity goal to tie it 2-2 in the second period.

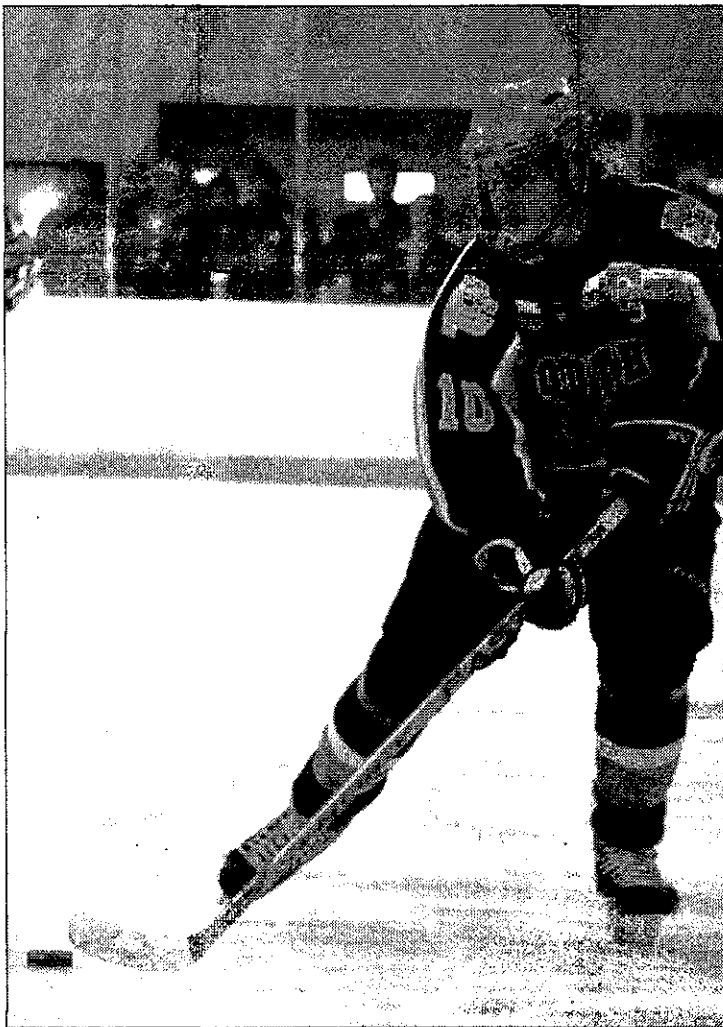
It was all Trenton in the final period as it scored three unanswered goals to send the Blue Devils with a loss.

"We played Trenton tough, thanks to a great effort," Bopp said. "I with we played North as tough as we did Trenton."

Grosse Pointe North improved to 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, while Grosse Pointe South dropped to 2-4-1 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is an away game Saturday, Jan. 3, against Novi Detroit Catholic Central at Compuware Ice Arena.

Next for the Blue Devils is the Alpena Tournament Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and 29, followed by an away game Saturday, Jan. 3, against Warren DeLaSalle at Great Lakes Sports Arena.



Grosse Pointe South senior Brian Auty scored the game's first goal in the Blue Devils' 5-2 loss to North.

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WRESTLING  
Franklin shines at county meet

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Josh Franklin earned a gold

medal at last weekend's annual Macomb County Wrestling Tournament at Anchor Bay High School.

He won the 215-pound divi-

sion to end the one-day tournament 5-0.

It was reduced to a single day due to the snow storm that cancelled school Friday, Dec. 19.

"Josh wrestled very well and won all his matches but one by a wide margin," North head coach Bryan Lorenzo said.

As a team, North placed ninth, while Grosse Pointe South was 16th out of the 32 teams that competed.

Lorenzo also watched Nathan Strickland finish 4-1, losing only to the eventual champ.

"Nathan came back strong after his one loss and beat a solid opponent in the third-place match," Lorenzo said.

In addition, Dave Kubacki finished 3-2, earning a seventh-place medal, and Patrick Salazar was also 3-2, earning an eighth-place medal.

Dwanta Hall was 2-2, losing his match to place in the top eight by a single point, 5-4.

For South head coach Pat O'Donnell, sophomore Sergio Rodriguez and senior Joey

Konen took home fourth-place medals in the 103- and 125-pound divisions.

Both O'Donnell and Lorenzo set up tough early-season schedules to get their wrestlers prepared for the tough competition at the county meet.

Anchor Bay won the title, followed by Roseville.

North and South will have the next couple of weeks off for the holiday break.

After the break, North hosts Utica Eisenhower, Port Huron and Warren Woods Tower in a Macomb Area Conference White Division quad meet Wednesday, Jan. 7, and will compete in the Wyandotte Individual Tournament Saturday, Jan. 10.

Coming up for South is an away match Thursday, Jan. 8, at Lake Shore.

This begins the Blue Devils' Macomb Area Conference Gold Division slate.

In addition, the Blue Devils will compete in the L'Anse Creuse Team Duals Saturday, Jan. 10, at L'Anse Creuse High School.

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Grosse Pointe South

BOYS SWIMMING

# Blue Devils too much for L'Anse Creuse

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys swim team had little trouble beating L'Anse Creuse last week.

The visiting Blue Devils took the petal off the metal in the end and won 122-66 to improve to 1-1 overall.

Senior David Cockell won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.56. He was followed by teammates Matt Schmidt, Mac Day and Henry Fildes, who turned in times of 1:58.65, 2:05.51 and 2:08.11, respectively.

Junior Michael Shook easily won the 200-yard individual medley with junior Wayne Brackett taking second. They had times of 2:06.07 (state qualifying) and 2:15.19.

The Blue Devils finished first and second, as well as third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Senior Fares Ksebaty and junior Brad Kaminski finished first and second with times of 25.27 and 25.81, while sophomore Chris Smith and senior Mike Bellovich took fourth and fifth with times of 26.55 and 28.11, which was an exhibition race.

Senior All-State diver Jordan Long missed his second straight meet, but that didn't stop the Blue Devils from earning first-place points as junior Kyle Eschenburg won with 181.88 points.

Senior Kevin Macconnachie was second with 152.13 points.

Cockell took his second top placement, winning the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.97. Junior Joe Hessburg was second with a time of 1:00.11, while Kaminski and freshman Luke Hessburg were



Senior David Cockell was all smiles after winning a couple of events in the Blue Devils' blowout victory over L'Anse Creuse.

third and fourth at 1:00.46 and 1:04.58, which was an exhibition swim.

Sophomore Ryan Graham earned a first place, posting a time of 55.40 to win the 100-yard freestyle.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched Fildes, junior Pete Basile and junior David Meza finish second, third and fourth. They had times ranging from 55.40 to 1:01.32.

Senior Patrick Wagner was second in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:30.68. Day was third and sophomore John Dennehy was fourth with times of 5:46.41 and 6:02.00.

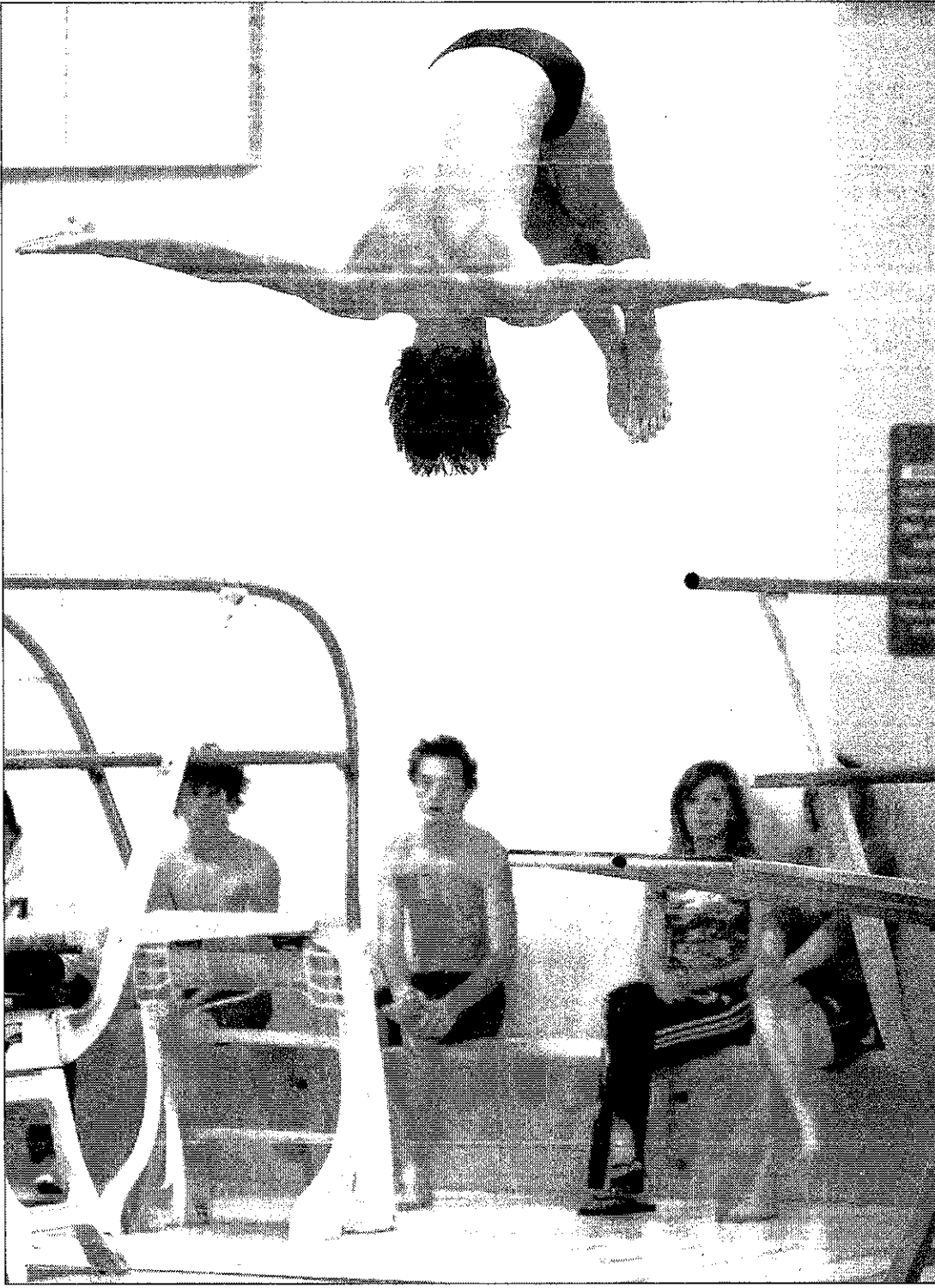
In the second relay event, the 200-yard freestyle, Kaminski, sophomore Brandon Dunaway, Fildes and

Cockell won with a time of 1:46.57, which was a little more than four seconds ahead of L'Anse Creuse's top relay team.

The Blue Devils swept the 100-yard backstroke with Shook, sophomore Craig Campbell and freshman Joe Zampardo taking first, second and third with times of 57.99 (state qualifying), 1:01.55 and 1:07.14.

Gunderson's swimmers and divers are done competing for three weeks, but they will practice nearly every day.

Their next meet is Tuesday, Jan. 6, at home against Macomb Area Conference Red Division foe Utica Eisenhower. They also swim against state power Novi Detroit Catholic Central Thursday, Jan. 8.



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Junior Kyle Eschenburg won the diving event to help Grosse Pointe South breeze by L'Anse Creuse.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady Blue Devils run by non-league foe Port Huron

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team blitzed host Port Huron last week, winning 76-44.

"We finally game out and had a good first quarter and half," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We did a good job with our break, but we need to do a better job in the half court on defense if we are going to be really good."

The Lady Blue Devils have struggled in the first half of their past few games, but played outstanding third and

fourth quarters.

Against the Big Reds, Richards' squad jumped out to a double-digit first-quarter lead and poured in 49 points in the first half. The 49 points were a season-high for a half and the 76 points are a season high for the Lady Blue Devils.

It was 61-28 after three quarters and the Lady Blue Devils put it on cruise control in the final stanza.

Sophomore Aisha Rodney had a game-high 20 points to go with 11 rebounds, while senior Clare Conway had 17 points and five steals.

Junior Kate Pangori had 10

points and eight rebounds and junior Chloe Srebernak chipped in with five points, seven steals and five assists for the Lady Blue Devils, which improved to 5-0.

With Richards' up-tempo style of play, all of the girls are getting a chance to play and contribute.

Next up for South is an away game at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, against Detroit Pershing at Detroit Renaissance.

Richards' squad is a participant in the PSL Holiday Classic which fields some of the top teams in the Tri-County area.

GIRLS HOCKEY

# Hull, Boyle net hat tricks

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team had an easy time of it last week, beating Plymouth-Canton-Salem 8-0.

The game was called after two periods due to the mercy rule.

Junior Emma Hull and freshman Claire Boyle each had a hat trick to help the host Lady Blue Devils improve to 6-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"It was nice to see Clair and Emma get the hat tricks since they haven't been getting too many goals despite playing hard every shift," head coach Bill Fox said. "We didn't have too many problems scoring goals and now we're practice several times during the break and get ready for some tougher games in January."

In the six games, the Lady Blue Devils have outscored their opponents 37-9. When



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South senior Erin Shook has been a steady offensive contributor to the undefeated Lady Blue Devils.

they return from break, the Lady Blue Devils travel to PCS and host Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

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University Liggett School

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Knights hustle, but fall in close defeat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School boys basketball team came within a whisker of upsetting a very talented Detroit Midtown Academy squad last week.

The Magic of the Southeastern Athletic Conference had won their previous games by more than 30 points.

The host Knights hung tough, thanks to a patient offense and a defense that didn't give up many second shots, despite getting only 15 rebounds in a 62-58 defeat.

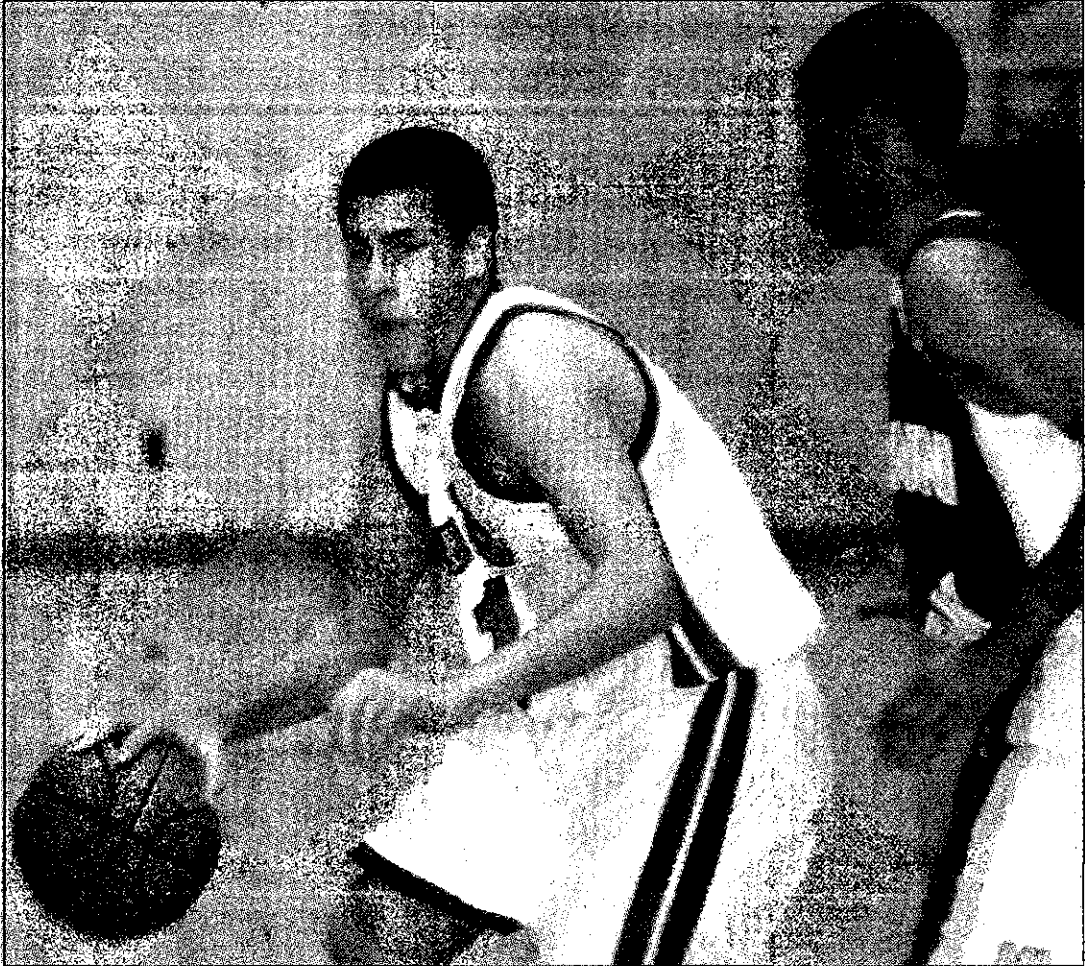
"The guys executed until the end and had a chance to send the game to overtime," ULS head coach Sidney Johnson said. "We almost got it done. Our kids worked hard at both ends of the court and I'm proud of their effort. We had a

chance to pull this out."

The Knights fell behind 53-43 with six minutes left in the game, but stormed back.

Junior point guard Mark Ghafari had a three-point play and a three-pointer to help ULS cut the deficit to 61-58 with 32 seconds left.

They forced a turnover, but missed a potential game-tying three-pointer and had a couple of other possessions to try to force OT, but turnovers



Junior Mark Ghafari, left, is turning into a true team leader for head coach Sidney Johnson and his University Liggett School boys basketball team.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Eddie Thomas played with poise during crucial moments of the Knights' close loss to Midtown Academy.

doomed those opportunities.

"Our kids can play with any team if we play our game," Johnson said. "This was a nice effort by all of our kids, but it's still a loss any way you look at it. A win would have been better."

Ghafari led three Knights in double figures, netting 18 points, while senior Jeremiah Manning had 12 and senior

Andrew Malaski had 10.

Freshman Eddie Thomas finished with nine points, followed by sophomore Dominic Jamett with eight and junior Joe Shannon had two.

The Knights let other opportunities go by the wayside, making only 7-of-14 free-throw attempts and they forced the Magic into 21 turnovers while only turning

the ball over 10 times themselves.

In other action last week, ULS played another close, tough game, but lost 54-48 at Detroit University Prep High School, dropping to 1-3 overall.

Coming up for the Knights is a home game Tuesday, Jan. 6, against Michigan Colligate High School.

BOYS HOCKEY

## Coach patient

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The holiday break can't come at a better time for the University Liggett School boys hockey team.

The host Knights lost a tough 4-2 decision to visiting St. Clair last week, dropping them to 2-8 overall.

"I think the kids are over thinking and trying too hard," first-year head coach Rob McIntyre said. "They're frustrated, but they're not giving up and they're playing hard."

"We have some time to prac-

tice during the break and try to snap out of this funk when we get back to school."

Senior Kyle Keith scored the Knights' first goal and junior Rory Deane tallied late in the third period to round out the scoring. Junior Dan Zukas recorded an assist on each goal.

"We play some good hockey in each game, but then we look lethargic and give up too many odd-men rushes that lead to goals," McIntyre said.

McIntyre is rotating three goalies, Vernell Johnson, Chris Ralstrom and Joe Davenport.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Kyle Keith scored the Knights' first goal in a tough 4-2 defeat to visiting St. Clair.

CO-ED SWIMMING

## Knights victorious again, now 3-0

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School co-ed swim team ran its unbeaten streak to three last week, defeating Hazel Park 94-76 and Warren Fitzgerald 98-68.

"Our increased numbers have paid off because we have some depth this year compared to years past," head coach Meg Painter said. "We're excited and gaining confidence."

Captain Chris Brownell is winning the 200-yard individual medley and 500-freestyle and he has been a part of winning relays team with Skippy Faber, Jake Osborn and Stavros Bricolas.

Faber won the 200-freestyle against Fitzgerald. Teammates Mary Nehra and Michael Leahy, both sophomores, finished second and third to help the Knights sweep the event and earn big points.

ULS improved to 3-0 overall.

GIRLS HOCKEY

## Lady Knights lose showdown, 3-2

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls hockey team lost its first division showdown of the season last week, falling 3-2 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Marlins, picked by many to win the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2, rallied with three unanswered goals to knock off the host Lady Knights and build a four-point cushion in the standings heading into the holiday break.

"This is disappointing because we let the game get away," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said.

"We had control of the game and let Mercy back in it and steal it from us."

"The girls needed to play a little better in our own zone and that was the difference in the game."

Junior Paige Counsman had the home team rocking and rolling, scoring two first-period unassisted goals.

"I told our girls Counsman had a nose for scoring goals and they didn't do a very good job of stopping her in the opening period," Mercy head coach Pat Gregory said.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Morgan Ellis, No. 10, gets a shot on goal, but it was stopped as the Lady Knights lost 3-2 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

"They did a much better job in the final two periods."

Maura Malone scored twice in the second period to tie it, although the first goal was disputed.

"The puck hit the crossbar and went high in the air," Owczarski said. "If the puck

went into the net, it would have gone straight down, not into the air."

"It's a bad break for us and a good one for Mercy."

Karen Malloure scored early in the third period to win it for the Marlins.

Both goalkeepers were sol-

id as Janaya Gripper for the Lady Knights and Alessi Nehr for the Marlins made several key saves in the final period.

University Liggett School dropped to 2-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 3-3 overall.

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## Grosse Pointe North

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Lady Norsemen dominante in victory

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

The banner will hang in the gymnasium forever.

The memories of Grosse Pointe North's 2008 girls basketball state championship will be the subject of conversation around town for decades to come. Folks will smile at the memory and feel a sense of pride each time the subject come up.

Teammates, parents, students, the community - each will share a common bond - a state title.

However, the championship, the run, the season that ended the way every team dreams it will - with a victory in the title game - is over.

"We're not the same team," North head coach Gary Bennett explained. "This is a different team, and it's really not fair to burden this team with expectations like that."

That said, this year's squad is pretty good nonetheless, and, despite getting a late start on the season thanks to a deep postseason run in girls volleyball, the Norsemen certainly have the potential to be among the top teams in the state.

But, Bennett admits, they're not there yet.

"I really wouldn't consider us among the top teams in the state right now," the coach said. "I think we can be among those teams, but right now, we're just not there yet."

North is off to a pedestrian 2-3 start, but much of this can be explained by volleyball and basketball seasons overlapping and effecting practice time for the hoops squad.

"We have a number of girls who play volleyball and they had a great year," Bennett said.

"But, while they were playing, basketball practice was going on. We really didn't even have enough girls to have a real, full-speed practice. So, it was more of a conditioning session for the girls who were there. I think this put us a little bit behind."

The Norsemen are roughly two weeks behind where they hoped to be at this point in the campaign, although the coach says the has found their "basketball legs," and are playing much better than the opening week or two of the season.

"I hoped to play as well as we are now in the beginning of the year," Bennett said. "but it didn't work out that way. We're getting better though. We're improving."

The lapses could be seen on both ends of the floor to start the year. Players were missing their spots on defense and offensive execution was just a touch off.

A 52-23 thumping of Utica last week is an excellent indication, however, that the squad appears to be getting it together.

"We are playing better, especially against Utica," Bennett said. "We got to our spots defensively and we're looking more comfortable on offense. It's going to take some time though. It really is."

The return of junior standout Ariel Braker to the lineup is bound to help the cause. Braker injured her knee last May during an AAU game and has needed six months to return to the floor.

The state's top player averaged 14.3 points, 9.7 rebounds, seven steals, five assists and three blocks during the regular season, but stepped up her game in the postseason, contributing 19 points, 18 re-

bounds, 8.5 steals and five assists a game during the team's state championship drive.

Braker played about half the game against Utica, and Bennett says he plans to repeat Braker's limited minutes for the next few contests.

Limited minutes or not, Braker only makes the team better when she's on the floor. A team that returns four starters and a total of eight letter winners from last year's team.

That said, this is not last year's basketball team.

"We take the same approach this year as we do every year," Bennett explained. "We want to be a hard-working team and have a good work ethic. We want to play together and have excellent teamwork. We want to be fun and exciting to watch. These are the goals we have every year. That doesn't change."

Repeating as state champion takes more, experts would agree, than just talent and skill. Many things have to come together in order for any team to hoist the title trophy. You need good fortune as well as ability, and even with that - there are no guarantees.

North is an excellent team, few would argue that point. And, by the time it all shakes out, it's likely they will be among the top teams in the state. However, to expect another state crown is an unfair burden to place on this year's team, Bennett is right.

But, don't be surprised if these girls and their longtime coach put together a real charge come the playoffs. And who knows, if the ball bounces their way a few times, they certainly have the ability to do it again.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Olivia Stander's defensive intensity has picked up, which will make a huge difference in the long run.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

## Goalie nets first shutout

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team evened its league record at 3-3 after splitting two games last week.

The Lady Norsemen lost 5-3 at Ann Arbor, but came back to blank Birmingham Detroit Country Day 8-0 behind the first-ever shutout for goalkeeper Emma Huellmantel.

"It was nice to see her get the shutout," head coach Scott Dockett said. "It's nice to head into the break with a win."

In the first half of the season, the Lady Norsemen have lost

tough two-goal games to both teams tied for first in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor.

In each of those games, the Lady Norsemen had their chances to win, but couldn't get the big goal.

They had no trouble scoring against Country Day, playing its first season as a girls varsity sport.

Senior Lauren Walsh and sophomore Taylor Moody scored two goals apiece, while junior Nikki Capizzo, senior Alexa Quinlan, sophomore

Kailey Sickmiller and senior Kelly Seago also tallied a goal.

North stands 3-5 overall and will have three weeks off before resuming its schedule Wednesday, Jan. 7, against Farmington Hills Mercy at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"We have had some success against Mercy in the past, but this game is at their place and they're playing some good hockey thanks to an offense that can score some goals," Dockett said.

Mercy is in first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 standings.

## BOYS SWIMMING

## Norsemen start season with lopsided victories

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team started its season last week with a 114-72 win over Anchor Bay.

Senior Michael Lane was a double winner, taking the 200- and 100-yard freestyles.

Other individual winners were Stephen VanBeek in the 200-yard individual medley, Andrew Paige in the 100-yard butterfly, Matt Peyser in the 100-yard backstroke and Christian Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke.

In addition for the Norsemen, the 200-yard medley relay team of Lane, Mellos, Paige and VanBeek posted a Division 2 state-qualifying time.

Head coach Mike O'Connor's team also competed at Utica Henry Ford II last week, winning 12-65, improving to 2-0 overall.

Paige had another good meet, winning the 50-freestyle and 100-butterfly.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving head coach Mike O'Connor's team is off to a 2-0 start.

Single event winners were Lane in the 200-IM, Max Hunt in the 100-freestyle, Peyser in

the 100-backstroke and Mellos in the 100-breaststroke.

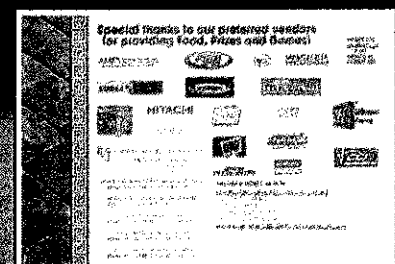
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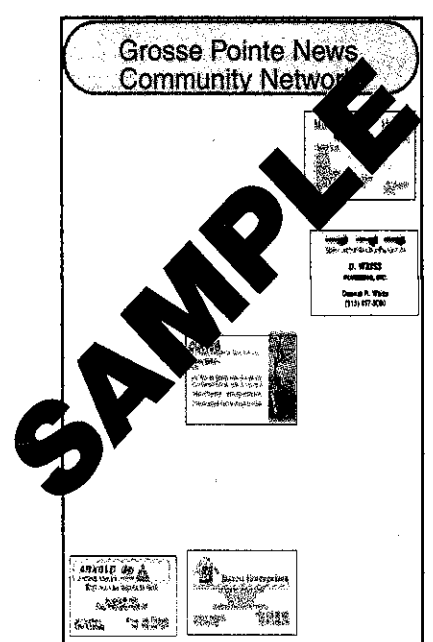
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