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Happy New Year

MONDAY, JAN. 5

◆ A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the conference room at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For an appointment, call Pat Lecznar at (313) 640-2631. Walk-ins are welcome.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

◆ A mandatory meeting for those interested in joining the Ski Hi Club is at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Both parents and students must attend the meeting and students need to bring a 2-inch photo. For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org. The club is open to Grosse Pointe residents or students in grades 5 through 12.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School hosts a high school orientation night at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, call (313) 432-3200 or visit gpschhols.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

◆ Local Business Networks, Grosse Pointe Chapter, meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. in the AAA Michigan office, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.
◆ The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a Mom & Tot exercise class for children 1 to 2 years old and their parents and caregivers in six week sessions from 9 to 9:50 a.m. The cost is \$50. For more information, visit neighborhoodclub.org.
◆ The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a Kiddie Gym class for children ages 2 and 3 years old from 10 to 10:50 a.m. for six consecutive Thursdays. The cost is \$50. For more information, visit neighborhoodclub.org.

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Wind gusts up to 60 mph blew through southeast Michigan Sunday, Dec. 28, ripping wires from poles and buildings and tearing branches from trees. A 30-foot tree branch was severed and dropped to the ground on the Grosse Pointe Academy grounds. In all the Grosse Pointes, tree branches, limbs, garbage cans, signs, holiday decorations and gutters were blown about as temperatures dropped 30 degrees in 24 hours.

High winds wipe out trees, power

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Strong winds that pushed through the Grosse Pointes during the night and into the early morning Dec. 28 left behind a landscape of broken branches, downed electrical wires and uprooted trees.

The area was under a high wind alert throughout the day, with gusts of nearly 50 mph reported by the National Weather Service. The windy weather followed soaking rain, record high temperatures and thick fog.

Early in the morning, the violent winds knocked down a wire in a parking lot off of Kercheval Avenue in the Village, cutting power to several shops. Two more wires were blown down at the intersection of Maumee and St. Clair, knocking out power to Grosse Pointe City Hall and the public

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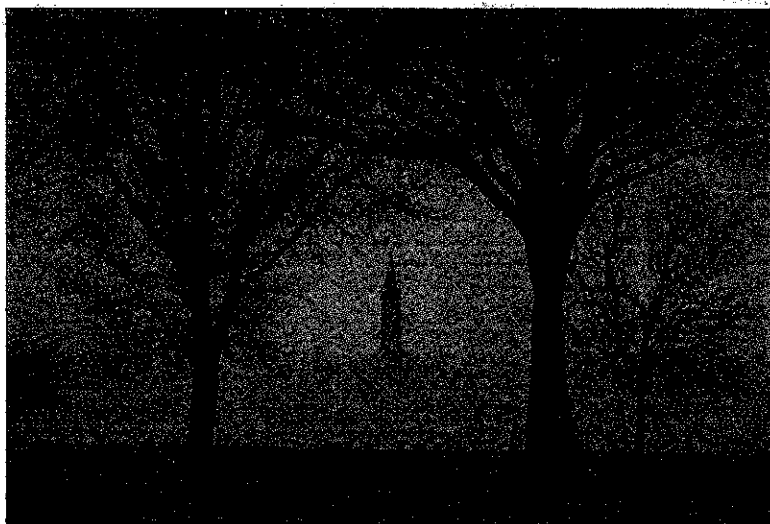


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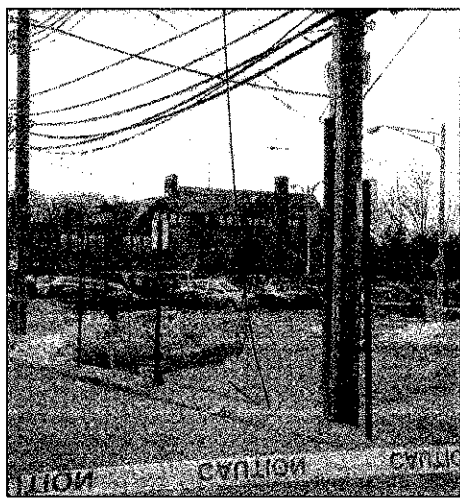


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Above, heavy fog blanketed the area on Saturday creating an eerie picture of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. At left, the downed wire in the alley behind Starbucks on Kercheval was blocked off with caution tape by police early Sunday morning until a DTE worker repaired the damage.

The Boss

Robert A. Ficano served as sheriff of Wayne County for nearly 20 years before being elected Wayne County executive in January 2003. Ficano's office oversees an annual budget of \$2.2 billion. He is a graduate of the Livonia Public Schools District and has earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. He practiced law in the private sector before entering public service.

Ficano was assistant city attorney in the city of Westland before being elected Wayne County Sheriff in 1984.



County's CEO sees a bright new year

By Joe Warner
Editor

To say 2008 brought challenges to Wayne County and Metro Detroit would be the understatement of the New Year.

An ailing economy with the talk of bailouts or bankruptcy for the Big Three, the highest jobless rates in the United States and numerous scandals leading to the "resignation" of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick have left Detroit in the national headlines — and not in a favorable way.

There are positive signs, including new businesses coming to town, the revival of old businesses — the Book Cadillac, especially — and hope that financial help from taxpayers will save thousands of jobs in the region. We still bring the world to town with the North American International Auto Show, though Cobo needs renovating, something that has been talked about for years.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is excited about 2009. He said different projects under way in the region will be a benefit to businesses and residents. He recently met with the Grosse Pointe News to look back at 2008 and look forward to progress in the

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Park man faces bank robbery charges

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe Park man has been charged with one bank robbery and is a suspect in another.

Nicholas Maslonka, 33, is in Macomb County Jail on a

\$100,000 bond in connection with the 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, armed robbery of the Bank of America branch at Marter and Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Joseph Poirier is credited with making the ar-

rest.

According to police, a man entered the bank, told a bank teller he had a gun, demanded money and fled in a white car. The bank manager took down the car's license plate number

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I went out in the alley one day to take trash out and found a tennis racket in the trash.'

Betty Dunwoodie



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 90

Family: Two sons; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren

Claim to fame: Plays tennis up to five times a week

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ FIRE PROTECTION

CRITICIZED: A recent fire that destroyed a Provencal Road home has resurrected discussion about consolidating the fire departments of all five Grosse Pointe communities.

Consolidation into one district has long been a subject of discussion and often bitter debate in the community.

◆ VANDALS PREY ON

OUTDOOR DECORATIONS: Several instances of vandalism were reported in the City of Grosse Pointe and the Park during the Christmas week.

A homeowner on Lakeland complained of a deliberately smashed spotlight in the front of his house; a Lincoln Road resident found her string of outdoor lights smashed on her front porch; a Rivard resident complained that a five-foot silhouette of Santa Claus had been lifted from his front yard; and a Devonshire resident reported a string of lights and two flood lights had been stolen from her front lawn.

◆ JOY BELLS TO RING

AGAIN: The carillon from the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Joy on Lakeshore Road was presented to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms by the couple's son and daughter.

The Farms council appropriated money to have the carillon moved to the Water Filtration Plant grounds on Moross between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Most Grosse Pointe homeowners can expect higher property assessments in 1984, according to preliminary studies by the Wayne County assessor's office.

The assessment hikes are expected to range from 2.25 percent to almost 5 percent.

Residents in the Shores and City may see a slight decline.

◆ WOODS FIGHTS MILK

RIVER STATION: A Wayne County Circuit Court judge temporarily halted construction of a prefabricated office facility at the Milk River pumping station in Grosse Pointe Woods last week, pending hearings scheduled to begin tomorrow on the matter.

The Woods City Council asked its attorney to seek a temporary restraining order against construction, alleging it is a capital improvement and by state law needed to be approved by the members of the drainage district, namely the Woods and Harper Woods.

◆ CLEMINSON HALL

REDEDICATED: Cleminson Hall, South High School's original library, was rededicated recently after this year's student association helped enhance it with \$3,000 in new carpeting.

Attendees at the event included artist William Yaeger who painted wall murals in the library in 1936 and Mrs. Walter Cleminson, wife of South High's principal from 1940 to 1957 after whom the hall was named.

South High School graduated its first class, comprised of 48 students, in 1928.



FROM THE JAN. 1, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Out with the old

No old man with a scythe is skulking into oblivion in this interpretation of the calendar change. Stephen Calder of Grosse Pointe Woods has a better a way to usher in the new year.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ PROPERTY VALUES

EXPECTED TO INCREASE:

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ STOLEN CLOTHES:

About \$1,400 worth of clothing was stolen from three stores in the Village by a 59-

year-old woman who said she was going to sell them to get money for drugs.

◆ GARAGE FIRE:

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters were called to a home on Middlesex after the residents discovered their garage on fire.

The fire did not spread to the house, but the garage was destroyed and the two vehicles inside were severely damaged. The fire began in one of the cars parked in the garage.

◆ ST. PAUL CELEBRATES

100 YEARS: St. Paul Catholic Church marked 100 years of service. St. Paul's was organized as a mission in 1825 and as an official parish in 1834.

The current church building was finished and the first Mass celebrated in January 1899.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ NEW WATER PLANT

POSSIBLE: Grosse Pointe Shores has joined a consortium of eastside suburbs looking into building its own water treatment plant.

◆ TASERS:

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers have been outfitted with Tasers. Tasers fire twin, 21-foot wire strands tipped with metal barbs

that hook into a subject's skin. The result is a powerful jolt that stops a person in their tracks, but is not lethal.

◆ WOODS STANDOFF ON

GUN RANGE: After 11 months of study, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council still isn't sure whether the city's gun range should be permanently closed to residents. The city's risk management specialist recommended eliminating public use of the range because such use increases the city's liability.

— By Karen Fontaine

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'Bad Year for Tomatoes' kicks off new year

The Studio Theatre is kicking off 2009 with John Patrick's comedy, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

Performances continue at 8 p.m. Jan. 15-17 and Jan. 22-24.

The play revolves around movie star Myra Marlow as she escapes from Hollywood to the small town of Beaver Haven.

Her rest and relaxation come to an abrupt halt when her nosy neighbors come to call. But the inventive and imaginative Myra devises a sneaky plan to keep her neighbors on the edge of their seats.

After being in show busi-

ness all her life, Myra is tired of pretending to be somebody else. She has given up her fake Hollywood life and is searching for the simple pleasures of gardening and recording her life story. Myra sets in motion her declaration and discards her old costumes, begins to grow tomatoes and starts her autobiography while living in her humble, modest home.

Will Myra be able to change her way of life or will her nosy neighbors interfere? Will this be a bad year for tomatoes?

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" is directed by Kate Brandon. The cast includes Annabelle Young, George Abud, Erin

Hildebrandt, Kelli Sarakun, Megan Blaschak, Dave Witulewicz and Stephen Carson.

The production team includes Brandon Silva, stage manager; Tracy Machak, costume designer; Alan Batkiewicz, scenic designer; Chris Wade, lighting designer; and Heather DeFauw, sound designer.

The Studio Theatre is located downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$12. For tickets and more information, call (313) 577-2972, log on to wsushows.com or visit the Wayne State University box office at 4743 Cass, Detroit.

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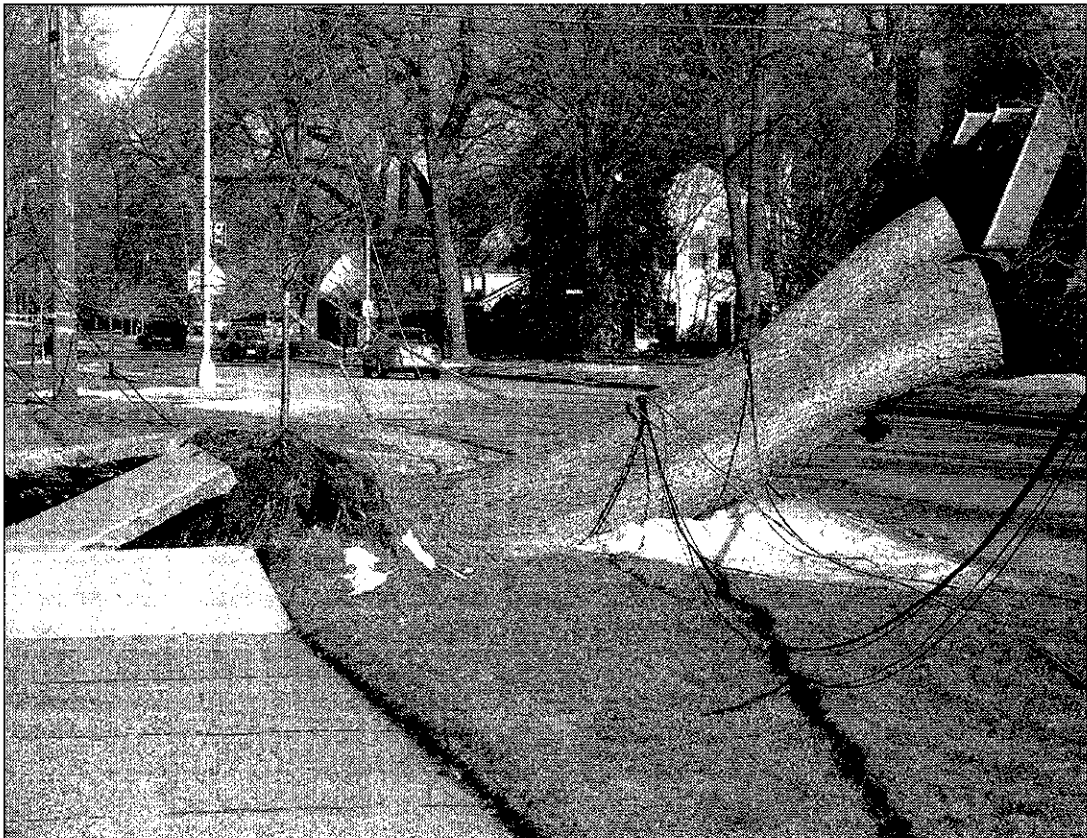


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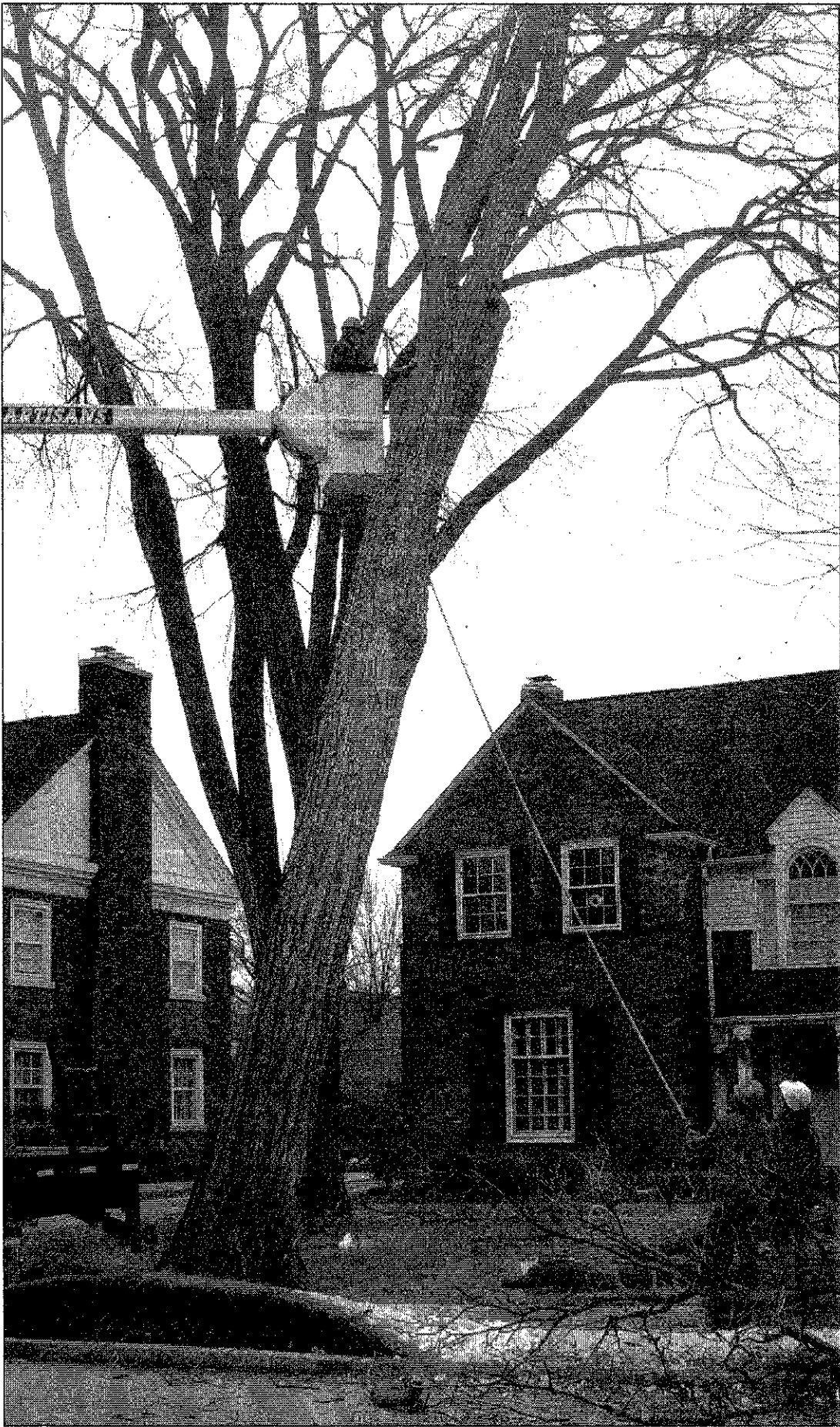
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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, basketball was canceled at this house on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods after Sunday's high winds blew down the basketball net. Woods officials reported spotty power outages, but no major damage following the storm that brought gusts of up to 60 mph. Top and right, Sunday's high winds nearly brought down an ancient elm tree on Kensington in Grosse Pointe Park. Winds uprooted the tree about 6 a.m. Sunday, but it fell onto another tree, preventing damage to the house. The crew from J and W Tree Artisans completed what the wind storm began on Sunday afternoon. Public safety officials reported several large tree limbs had come down during the storm throughout the Park. In other areas of the Grosse Pointes, it

was the tale of the yellow tape as downed power lines were cordoned off, such as Kercheval and Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park. Though the traffic lights were out on Mack from Cadieux to Alter Road, Park officials reported only spotty power outages and no major damage. Left, Coldwater Creek in the Village was closed due to the power outage.



WINDS: Trees down, electricity out

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safety department. The department was running on a generator Monday, Dec. 29, but city offices remained closed, said Officer Paul Onderbeke.

Deputy Director Jim Fowler, of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, noted only temporary power outages in some neighborhoods and a few fallen tree

limbs. In Grosse Pointe Shores, Public Works Director Brett Smith reported minimal damage. One residential tree came down at the north end of town, he said. Officials in Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms also reported little damage. At press time, the National Weather Service issued another wind advisory as a cold front moved through south-east Michigan. Wind gusts of up to 40 mph were expected in the late afternoon Dec. 29 and into the early evening.

CEO: 2009 is looking good

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new year. This is part one of a two-part discussion.

The Auto Show

Ficano said for the auto show to stay in Detroit, Cobo needs serious work and the cooperation of the whole region — including the city of Detroit, Oakland County, Macomb County and beyond.

"We have identified work that means \$288 million in construction costs," he said. "We need to look at revenue with franchise agreements and naming rights. We need to look at everything."

Ficano said Detroit's trademark is the auto show, but it's endangered by aggressive moves in other cities looking to compete.

"This brings a half-billion dollars to the Detroit economy each year," he said. "We're still making more cars here than anywhere in the United States. We need to protect this show and the only way to do that is to come together on these large projects."

"For so many years, everybody operated in their own silo. You could get away with it. Now we all have challenges. Everybody has to be on the same page."

Ficano went on to say that Beijing, Frankfurt, Los Angeles and Chicago are working hard to steal the thunder from the Motor City when it comes to the auto show.

"How it is run, how it is paid for — everything needs to be looked at," Ficano said. "We have to change and we have to have a business model that works."

Cobo — with the auto show and several other much smaller events — brings in about \$6.2 million in revenues a year. Ficano said Grand Rapids brings in about \$6.6 million in revenue on conventions in a smaller facility.

"It's possible to do so much more," he said. "Real people and real jobs are on the line here."

Scandals in Detroit

Ficano confirmed some of the projects, including renovations to Cobo, were put on the back burner due to issues at Detroit City Hall involving Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

"As the text message issue heated up, the focus was gone," Ficano said. "Things worsened from a public scrutiny standpoint, and self-preservation mode took over instead of business getting done. In June and July, the pieces were in place for the project there. It's going to happen now. We are cautiously optimistic that it's moving forward."

Ficano said while Macomb County supports the initiative, there is still work to be done in

Oakland County.

"I think the people of Oakland County and Sen. (Mike) Bishop are for the progress there," he said, leaving Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson out of his comment.

Patterson, who went against Kilpatrick on his numbers to renovate and not necessarily expand Cobo, saw some of his wishes come true in legislation that made its way through Lansing in December. Kilpatrick said the work needed would far exceed \$1 billion.

As Ficano also wished, the administrators of Cobo will now fall to a five-member board that includes a representative of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Detroit and the state of Michigan. All must agree unanimously on decisions affecting Cobo.

The argument is how the project should be funded. The current tax on liquor and hotel rooms in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties is scheduled to end in 2015. It would need to be extended to 2022 to fund the expansion and renovation project.

"We will get there," Ficano said. "It's something the region needs. The auto dealers have stepped up to the plate when it comes to the auto show. It's a tough economy, but we plan to move forward."

Auto Bailout

Ficano was obviously elated President George W. Bush announced his plan to keep the

Big Three afloat after the Senate failed to approve a bailout package before its holiday break.

He questioned the motives of many who voted against the measures, and his office supported an advertising campaign in many southern states touting the importance of saving the Big Three. Ficano said it was also supported by the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Peter Karmanos, the Ilitch family, Rock Financial, the UAW, the AFL-CIO, Detroit Renaissance and Doug Rothwell.

"I couldn't believe the hostility from some of these uninformed senators," Ficano said. "There seemed to be such a disconnect. The negative impact of not helping our automakers would be felt across the United States. As a region we need to educate people. We haven't done a good job of that."

Ficano said the restructuring that is under way, along with a plan for the future will make the Big Three very competitive, enough to survive this recession.

"Our silence and work ethics have worked against us," he said. "We just bared our teeth and went to work. I think the tone was set when President Bush refused to meet with the automakers. He now knows how important it is to the economy. The rest of the world wants the innovations we bring to the table. The next UAW contract will make them very competitive. It's worth saving."

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Snow much fun



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Grosse Pointe resident Paul Kania took his son, Larry, sledding at Balduck Park during the first heavy snowfall of the season. Larry joined dozens of other children who used the day off school to have fun.

Above, Larry rotates as he slides down the hill.

At left, still smiling, Larry trudges up the hill for the umpteenth time.

At right, Larry shows what fun sledding is and that practice makes perfect.



POINTER OF INTEREST

At 90, **Betty Dunwoodie** continues to play tennis as much as five times per week. She stays active by walking, playing bridge and volunteering her time.

Nearly a century on the courts

By Karen Fontanive
Staff Writer

Chances are if you play tennis, you know Betty Dunwoodie.

Chances are if you play bridge, have taken classes through the Grosse Pointe War Memorial or are involved with Henry Ford Cottage Hospital or any of its charity fundraisers, you know Betty Dunwoodie.

Chances are if you have lived in Grosse Pointe long enough, you know Betty Dunwoodie.

That's because Betty Dunwoodie has been around Grosse Pointe for a long time.

This active woman plays tennis three to five times a week, bridge two times a week and volunteers at least once a week.

There are a lot of people who do that. But not all of them are 90 years old.

This Grosse Pointe Farms resident has lived through the Great Depression, the advent of television and the new mil-

lennium. Through it all, to this day, she still plays tennis.

Dunwoodie discovered tennis in the alley behind her Detroit home, literally.

"I went out in the alley one day to take trash out and found a tennis racket in the neighbor's trash," said Dunwoodie. "I took the racket and grabbed a small rubber ball and hit it against the garage door.

"I did a lot of banging. Every time it hit a board in the door, the ball would bounce crazy and go down the alley and I'd have to chase that darn ball. I hated that."

She got pretty good at hitting the ball before it bounced down the alley.

All of that banging and chasing would lead her to become captain of her Southeastern High School tennis team — and without having a single tennis lesson.

Upon graduating in 1934, she had planned to attend the University of Michigan, but the Depression struck a few years earlier and derailed her plans. Her father, the chief structural engineer at an architectural firm, was laid off.

"My dad was out of work for two or three months," she said recalling those difficult times. "We didn't have any new clothes for two or three years. We didn't spend money on candy, pop, shows or movies. We made up games, listened to the radio. There wasn't any television. As bad as it is now, it was worse then," said Dunwoodie.

While money was tight and her plans for attending U-M fell through, Dunwoodie says she was lucky to be able to at-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Betty Dunwoodie prepares to volley a shot during a recent tennis lesson. Dunwoodie, who was captain of her Southeastern High School and Wayne University tennis teams has been playing tennis about 80 years.

tend Wayne University, now Wayne State University. She cites a program Franklin Roosevelt implemented to provide tuition to students who worked.

"I was lucky enough to work in the dean's office — typing, filing, folding letters, stuffing envelopes, whatever was needed," she said.

And, there was tennis. She was captain of the Wayne University tennis team and graduated with a degree in economics and business.

Always athletic, she met her first husband, Edward Devine, while rollerskating at

Waterworks Park when she was about 16. They married in 1942.

He was a lawyer for the FBI during World War II and while he was at Quantico, she worked for the U.S. Census Bureau. Then the couple moved to Albany, New York.

"The Daughters of the American Revolution opened a canteen there. I worked serving coffee and doughnuts to soldiers. I played a lot of ping-pong with them as well," said Dunwoodie.

After her husband was transferred to Little Rock, Ark., Dunwoodie continued her work with soldiers. An exclusive hotel and spa in Hot Springs was turned into a rest stop for wounded soldiers. Dunwoodie worked there. While in Arkansas, she learned to play bridge which she often played with the soldiers.

Her husband received a transfer to Seattle, but the couple never made it.

"There was a terrible car accident and my husband never regained full use of one of his arms. He was assigned a desk job, but by then the war was over, so we came back to

Detroit to work in the family law practice," said Dunwoodie.

Dunwoodie had two boys and while they were babies, she stopped playing tennis. "I didn't know people who played," she said. "When the kids were in school all day, I started playing tennis again."

Her husband died in 1972 and a few years later she married Bob Dunwoodie, a widower whom she had known through the children's school and Little League.

Bob Dunwoodie, a trial lawyer, developed Alzheimer's disease. Betty Dunwoodie's eyes well up as she recalled the doctors suggesting they travel and enjoy themselves while they could. And they did. They traveled the United States, England, Scotland, France, Italy and Sicily. "I'm still traveling," she said.

But it was tennis that helped her through her husband's Alzheimer's. He spent 13 years in a nursing home. "They wouldn't let me visit in the morning, so I played tennis and then went at lunch to feed him," said Dunwoodie.

And, she's still playing tennis.

"Betty is one in a million. She is ageless and timeless," said tennis professional Joe Shaheen. "A lot of people would love to be able to do what she does. Whenever she's out on the court, she is always working on something no matter how many years she's played."

Said Dunwoodie, "The only thing I don't do is run backward for the balls. I can't risk falling."

She walks two to three miles on the days she doesn't play tennis and plays bridge twice a week at Grosse Pointe Methodist Church.

When she isn't on the courts, walking around town or at the bridge table, she may be at The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, where she has volunteered for the last 15 years.

"I used to work with the 7th grade skiers — check them in, take their pictures. Now I do whatever is needed," she said.

Or she may be at the gift shop at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital. "I began volunteering at the hospital about 17 years ago. I worked every Thursday in the office," she said. "For the last 15 years, I've been working in the gift shop. I see more people this way."

Or she may be volunteering at Grosse Pointe Methodist Church.

Looking at the slender Dunwoodie, with her piercing blue eyes, it's easy to imagine the woman who once modeled for J.L. Hudson, B. Siegel and Kern's.

To what does Dunwoodie credit her longevity and her active lifestyle?

"I do some calisthenics every morning to loosen stiff bones. Watch your diet. My mom didn't allow pop and candy was a treat. She believed in milk, cereal, fruits and vegetables with a minimal amount of meat, usually chicken. To this day, I only eat a small amount of meat at most two or three times a week," she advised.

"My grandmother lived to 100 and my parents lived into their nineties. I guess I inherited fairly decent genes."

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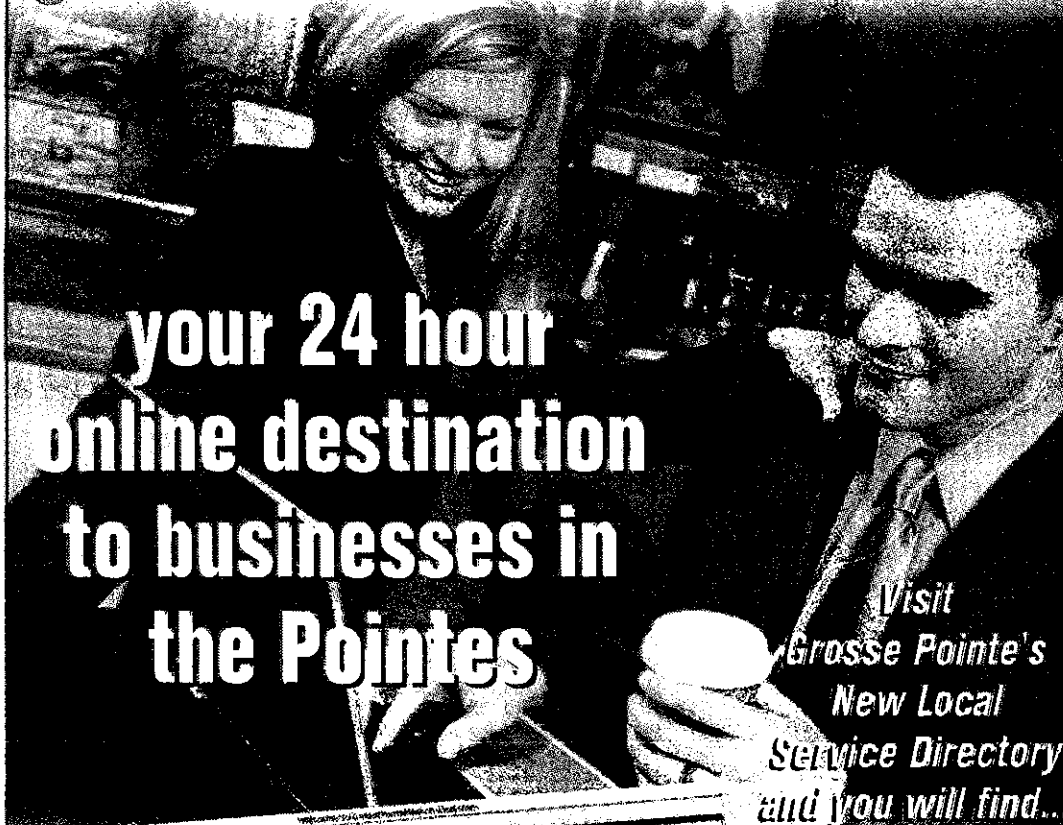
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Grosse Pointe Park

Fire runs

An oven fire was quickly extinguished at a house on Nottingham at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

A generator caught fire at 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 and spread to the exterior of a house on Lakepointe. Firefighters used a dry chemical extinguisher to put out the blaze.

Garage theft

A John Deere professional grade snow blower was taken from a garage on Balfour sometime between Dec. 24 and Dec. 26.

Not open

The rear door of a business on Charlevoix appeared to have been pried open Monday, Dec. 29.

The alarm was not working due to a power outage, but nothing appeared missing.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Disarmed

A maintenance worker at a local high school told police someone with a pellet or BB gun had been firing shots in his direction Sunday, Dec. 28.

Police located a 22-year-old Hidden Lane resident who had been target practicing in his backyard. Police explained it is unlawful to discharge a firearm in the city and confiscated the gun.

Yuletide arrests

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was stopped after making an illegal turn on red at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27.

Detecting a strong odor of alcohol, police administered field sobriety tests and the driver failed.

A 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was pulled over for running a stop sign at Helen and Vernier.

After failing a field sobriety

test, the driver registered a .14 on a Breathalyzer test.

Park elsewhere

The car belonging to an employee of a grocery store on Mack was hit by the driver of another vehicle who was pulling into the adjacent parking spot.

The driver backed out and proceeded to park on the other side of the parking lot.

A store employee witnessed the 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 incident, photographed the car and its license plate and turned the information over to police.

Missing Blackberry

A woman attending an event at a local high school Saturday, Dec. 20 noticed her Blackberry was missing from her purse after an acquaintance had brushed up against her.

Police questioned the acquaintance, but he denied any knowledge of the device's whereabouts.

—Kathy Ryan

ROBBERY: Park man arrested

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and forwarded it to police along with a description of the man and the vehicle. That information was broadcast to local police agencies.

At 1:40 p.m., Poirier observed a white car on Lakepointe driven by a man meeting the suspected robber's description. After verifying the vehicle's license plate number, Poirier stopped the car. The driver fled and was caught after a

brief pursuit.

According to David Hiller, director of public safety for the Park, the man was identified as Maslonka. He was not armed at the time of the arrest, however Hiller said he had "thousands" of dollars in his pockets.

While Maslonka was in custody, Park police learned he was being sought by Detroit police in connection with a bank robbery in Detroit that occurred shortly before the one in St. Clair Shores.

"He has an extensive criminal record," said Hiller. "We're well aware of him in this department."

Hiller praised his department, in particular Poirier, for the quick apprehension of

Maslonka.

"Officer Poirier did an excellent job," he said. "This shows how effective officers on routine patrol can be. He paid attention to the broadcast, recognized the vehicle, confirmed the information through checking the license plate and made a very important arrest."

"All of the officers, along with the alert bank manager who took down the vehicle information, are to be commended for excellent work. This is a great example of all operations working together."

According to Hiller, Detroit authorities may also be pressing charges against Maslonka.

"He'll be in jail for a long time," he said.



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Concerts showcase student musicians

Hundreds of band and orchestra students in the Grosse Pointe school district will welcome the New Year with the ninth annual Band-O-Rama and String Extravaganza Thursday, Jan. 8 and Friday, Jan. 9.

Musicians from Grosse Pointe North High School, Parcels Middle School and Poupard, Monteith, Ferry and Mason elementary schools will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Band-O-Rama. All district schools will participate in the String Extravaganza on Friday, also at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts

will be held in the North gym, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe schools instrumental music directors Leslie Brumm, Jim Cadotte, David Cleveland, John Donnellon, Dean Doss, James Gross, Paul Miller, Gail Scarlett, and Dan White will conduct.

The event features the progression of the students from elementary through middle and high school performance levels. The community is invited to attend. A minimum \$1 donation is requested at the door.



Contest winners

Grosse Pointe Farms' St. Paul Catholic School student Annie McKee's first place drawing of an open treasure chest, gems and a cross will appear on the cover of the school's auction catalog. More than 34 students submitted design entries for the annual Auction Cover Catalog Contest using the 2009 auction theme, Treasures: A Gem of An Evening Awaits. Pictured from left, front row, are Ashley Brieden, Elizabeth Sullivan, McKee, Erin Gormely, Jackie DeLoof and Megan Gall; and back row, left to right, Catherine Gardey, Elise Whitney and Sorin Koszyk. The auction is Friday, Feb. 6, at the Roostertail in Detroit. Funds raised will be used to purchase new textbooks and enhance the school's academic programs. For more information, call (313) 885-3430 or e-mail auction@stpaulonthelake.org.



Puppet performers

First-grader Brooke Lady and third-grader Abigail Lady were just two of many Maire Elementary School students to enjoy a recent performance of "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man." The folk tale was presented by the Puppet Art Theatre of Detroit, and made possible by funding from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment and the Maire PTO.



In holiday harmony

The Grosse Pointe North High School Jazz Band helped spread holiday cheer during the Christmas season, performing at Ferry Elementary School, Parcels Middle School, Sunrise Assisted Living and at the National Honor Society induction at North.



South choir rings out carols

The Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Singers Concert Choir wowed Detroit Symphony Orchestra attendees at six concerts Dec. 18-21 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Along with the Andover High School Choir from Bloomfield Hills, South's choir sang out seasonal favorites. They were accompanied by the DSO during its annual "Home for the Holidays" performances, led by conductor Thomas Wilkins. Holiday selections ranged from Robert Shaw's "The Many Moods of Christmas" to Bill Holcombe's "Festive Sounds of Hanukkah." The choir is under the direction of Ellen Bowen.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By John M. Crisp

History repeats itself for the good

It's a banal truism to note that history repeats itself. But it does, if not in the details, at least according to general outlines and patterns.

History is predictive, and scholars and writers who interpret the past are, at the same time, accounting for the present and foreseeing the future. If only we paid more attention to them.

For example: The current financial crisis broke just about the time I hit the mid-point of Kevin Phillips' book "American Theocracy," published in 2006.

Phillips argues convincingly in non-alarmist prose that America is facing an unfortunate chapter in its history stemming from the confluence of three related phenomena: The depletion of the world's oil supply, the expansion of the influence of evangelical Christianity in American politics and the shift of America's economic engine from manufacturing to a

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questionable system of "financial services" based on credit and debt.

So if history does repeat itself, it's not good news for us. Phillips sketches credible parallels between our current circumstances and the conditions that prevailed during the declining decades of several cultures that had previously enjoyed a century or more of world dominance.

Phillips focuses, for example, on the 17th century Dutch, who developed global dominance of trade and technology based on their exploitation of the forces of water and wind.

The Dutch were succeeded by the British, who between 1760 and 1914 parlayed technological inventiveness and vast reserves of coal, into a global empire. Coal served Britain well, but oil was the energy source of the future. And its exploitation by the United States promoted America's succession to world dominance.

The decline of the Dutch and British was characterized by their inability to recognize the shortcomings of their primary energy source and adapt to new energy developments. Both experienced a resurgence of nationalism and fundamentalist religion in their last years, as well as an interest in the notion of an apocalyptic "end time."

This should sound familiar to us. But the most telling parallel between our culture and those of the past is that their declines were characterized by their abandonment of technological innovation and manufacturing in favor of an economy based on dubious financial schemes, credit, speculation, and debt.

Historically, when "moving money around" surpasses "making things" as a share of the gross domestic product, a sharp decline in the economy can't be far away.

So Phillips argues. And he should be feeling remarkably prescient right now. Assuming that his arguments are more or less valid, what might the past say about the present? A couple of suggestions:

The current crisis in the U.S. economy can be understood only against the backdrop of larger economic patterns that have operated on world-dominant cultures of the past. This means that it's entirely wrong-headed to blame our current financial woes on anything as specific as the Community Reinvestment Act, which facilitated the extension of credit to sub-prime borrowers. If the act was a mistake, it was only a very small part of a much larger pattern of imprudent economic practices.

Second, if the American century is near its end, another culture will step up to take its place. China? But China is unlikely to establish global hegemony based on the world's rapidly diminishing petroleum supplies without considerable worldwide conflict, including war. And our globe couldn't endure, ecologically, a rising China powered by coal.

The good news is that while history is predictive, it's not destiny. China currently is taking only tentative steps toward the development of what some think is the next great essential energy source, "green power."

An expanding green technology vacuum calls for creativity, inventiveness, skilled labor and investment. American dominance based on oil may have run its natural course, but American ingenuity and labor are still global necessities. Taking advantage of this opportunity could provide the best "rescue package" of all.

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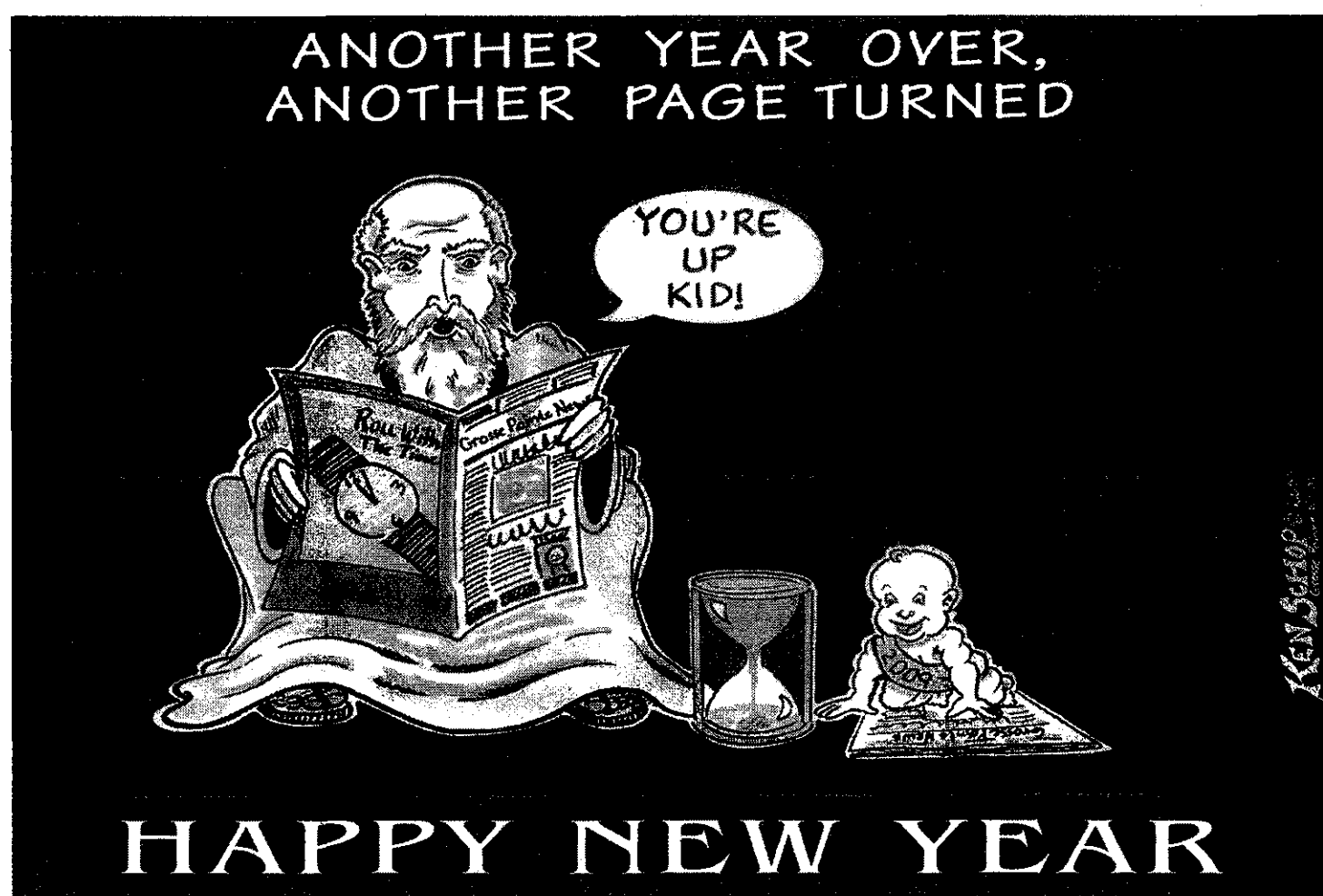
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We are proud of the combined efforts of our friends, neighbors and the Grosse Pointe and tri-county business communities for their three years of support to the Lara Rutan Endowed Scholarship at Wayne State University for the benefit of the Physician Assistant Studies program.

The Eugene Applebaum College was the site of this year's "Cats Meow" party and fundraiser. Three hundred people enjoyed "signature" dishes from 19 of our area's finest restaurants.

As the 18-piece Rhythm Society Orchestra played old standards, our guests strolled from special scallops on a spoon with spicy avocado to sushi to tenderloin sliders to elegant veal and chicken cannelloni and beyond.

Everyone's palate was satisfied thanks to the special epicurean efforts of the following restaurants: The Beach Grill, Bob's Boathouse, Centaur Bar, Chelli's Chili Bar, Da Edoardo Foxtown Grille, Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille, Garden Fresh Gourmet Salsa, Hard Rock Cafe, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Jack's Waterfront Restaurant, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, The Melting Pot of Troy, Mosaic, Mudgus Deli, Pat O'Brien's, Room for Dessert, Tom's Oyster Bar, Union Street and The Woodward.

We are especially thankful to the following corporate sponsors for their continued support: Muti-Financial Security Corp., Wolverine Packing Co., The Pegasus Taverna, Fifth Third Bank, The Filippis Foundation, Financial Solutions of Michigan, Jackson National Life Insurance Co., Autodesk Inc., Thomas Cronin, Karam-Daly Agency Inc., Michigan UAW CAP Council, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, St. Clair Investment Advisors LLC, Tepel Brothers Printing Co., Village Ford and Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc.

Also contributing to the success of the evening were the generous donations of the following companies and individuals: edmund t. AHEE jewelers, Joseph DuMouchelle Auction House, LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists, Catherine and Ken Schreiner, Kloka Design Group LLC, Sue and Don Armbruster, Connolly Travel Inc., Cathy and Skip Seeber of the Cat's Meow Resort, Sinbad's at the River, WJR News-Talk 760 and Ticketmaster.

We share the following names of individuals and companies for their generous help and support: Drew DeFour for his outstanding piano entertainment; Tom Pettit & Curzon

Piano Co.; Cafana Cleaners; Chuck Dyer; Einstein Bros. Bagels, Kercheval; Grosse Pointe Moving & Storage; Grosse Pointe News, Ben Burns, Peter Birkner and Julie Sutton; Maurer's Linens; Party Adventure; Tom Rusinow; and Tina Sills.

We gratefully make note of the many local businesses that contributed to the evenings excitement: Andiamo, Lakefront Bistro, Athenaeum Suite Hotel, Antonio's in the Park, Blue Goose Inn, Cadieux Cafe, Crews Inn, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Opera House, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Edwin Paul Salon, Eastside Dermatology, Elizabeth Meda Design, English Gardens, Fortoni's Mower Service, Gifts Afloat, Joe Girardi, Godiva Chocolatier, Shey Dehring, Greektown Casino; Grosse Pointe War Memorial; Grosse Pointe Audiology; Hour Media Inc.; Irish Coffee; Jan & Jim's Hallmark; Hilton Garden Inn; Janet's Lunch; Jerry's Party Store; Joseph Ryan's Hair Design; Chip LaMarre Golf Pro; LaFontaine Automotive Group; Marriott at the Renaissance Center and Marriott Troy; Mark Morden PGA Pro; Mr. C's Car Wash; National Cone Island; Opus One; Palace Sports; Platz Animal Hospital; Pointe Family Dentistry; Reflections Salon; Michelle Riley, DDS; Robusto's Martini Lounge; Roma Cafe, SandProducts; Small Plates; Steveann's Salon; Taylor Door; Art of Relaxation; The League Shop; The Great Frame Up; Pointe Pedlar; Thomas Edison Inn; Yoga Shelter, Grosse Pointe; Too Unique Boutique; and The Whack the Mole Band.

The LARA committee wants to thank everyone who participated in this event. It was due to your involvement that we set a record for attendance. As a result, we raised more than \$65,000 for the Lara Rutan Memorial scholarship for Physician Assistant Studies at Wayne State University. This brings the endowment to \$135,000 over the past three years.

We are grateful to the general chairman, Mike LeFever, and his entire committee for their tireless work. A special thanks to Lisa Whitmore Davis and the development office staff at Eugene Applebaum College.

We extend our thanks to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and kind words. You are priceless part of Lara's legacy. Visit LaraRutan.com and know that you are all loved.

CHARLES R. RUTAN FAMILY
JUDY, RICK, RACHEL AND NICK

Love Always Remember
Always Committee

Cheney's memoirs

To the Editor:

Throughout history, retired public figures have published autobiographical versions of their lives and accomplishments.

From Benjamin Franklin's "Autobiography" to Bill Clinton's "My Life," these works have characterized the author in favorable terms and have ignored inconvenient details.

Now we're told that Vice President Dick Cheney will prepare his memoirs. If his recent comments as a "lame duck" are any barometer, he should have the good sense and good taste not to do so.

For example, Cheney recently told one friendly audience — at the Hudson Institute, Heritage Foundation or a similar venue which caters to neo-conservative extremists — that Donald Rumsfeld should not have been fired as defense secretary, because "he did a great job for us."

Later, and in contrast to the civility with which President Bush has treated Barack Obama in the presidential transition, Cheney told Fox News that incoming Vice President Joseph Biden would be prepared to weaken the vice presidency which Cheney had so heroically bolstered through obfuscation, his theory of the "unitary" executive, etc., etc.

And who could forget that Cheney single-handedly neutered the Environmental Protection Agency, and spearheaded the charge to war in Iraq by falsifying intelligence?

I've been watching politics for 55 years, and I've never encountered a worse or more dangerous public servant than Dick Cheney.

The closest competitor was Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin. His career started to unravel when a courageous lawyer, Joseph Welsh, accused him of unjustly impugning a young lawyer with the memorable question, "Have you no shame, sir?"

It would indeed be a shame if anyone read Cheney's memoirs.

WILLIAM HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Point of Relevance

To the Editor:

Christmas is a great season to thank God for all he has

done, is doing and will do through his people.

The Point of Relevance team rejoices that we are able to freely lift up our Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful and grateful that we do not stand alone but have the continued support of many people in the community who join us in faith and obedience to do his work and promote our vision: To illuminate Jesus Christ in the marketplace.

It is a refreshing privilege to work together as a community — people and leaders from different churches and denominations, believers and nonbelievers, coming from different occupations and different stages of life. We praise God for the fellowship and the relationships which have been formed.

We praise him for all who have been moved and blessed at the seminars and for the guest speakers who have openly shared God's principles with us.

Again and again God's might is demonstrated by his working in and through so many people.

We thank you for your participation — attending seminars, volunteering, extending invitations, distributing fliers and contributing monetarily.

We appreciate all your generosity and look forward to your continued support in furthering God's plan:

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

— Matthew 28:19-20a

Thank God for the ultimate gift his Son Jesus Christ who shed his blood so that we could have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

— John 3:16

May you and those you love be blessed and enjoy all that God has for you. May you be comforted by his amazing love as expressed through the gift of his son.

We look forward to seeing you in 2009 at our next Point of Relevance event.

POINT OF RELEVANCE
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GUEST OPINION By Dale McFeatters

The tanked economy

The classic definition of a recession is two quarters of negative gross domestic product. And although the economy grew in the first two quarters of 2007, the official referee in these matters, the nonprofit National Bureau of Economic Research, said a broad array of other indicators — non-farm payrolls, industrial production, personal income — began to slide in December, 2007.

President Bush will leave office with the dubious distinction of having two recessions during

his presidency. But rather than looking like the relatively brief 2001 recession — eight months total — that followed the dot-com bust, this one is looking more like 1981-82 that lasted 16 months.

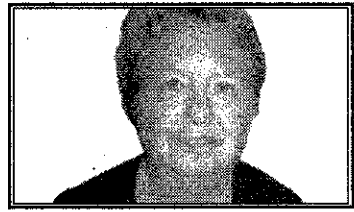
Already this downturn is longer than the 10.5 month average for all recessions since World War II.

If this recession lasts through April it will be the longest since the Great Depression, a record the country would just as soon not break.

Dale McFeatters is a writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

I SAY By Kathy Ryan

When you need a knee...



Ouch. Actually, that's the nicest thing I've been saying lately, as I hobble around, the victim of a knee that has been the victim of a hard landing off a horse, a run-in with a St. Bernard, and with enough years on it that it is officially playing the back nine of its life. I had never given my knees much thought until my left one turned on me. The little bugger can be downright mean, inflicting a sharp pain with every step, or, worse, being fine for about two minutes,

then suddenly sending a piercing pain that starts at the knee and shoots up and down my whole leg, as if to say, "Ha!! Gotcha!!! Thought you'd run that marathon today, didn't you?"

Well, all right, I've never run a marathon, but when it got to the point that I couldn't walk to the corner, I checked in with the emergency room staff at Beaumont. A torn meniscus was the diagnosis, with the added caveat that my knee wasn't as young as it used to be, so the prognosis for a speedy and complete recovery was not good. An appointment with an orthopedic surgeon was needed, and Paul Schreck, M.D. got the nod. He may live to regret it.

The first thing he said was, "Well, keep in mind, you don't

have the knees of an 18-year-old anymore."

Well, there are lots of things on my body that aren't 18 anymore, but unlike most of those, I actually need my knees.

As my left knee deteriorated, so did my disposition. In fact, I'm downright cranky. I can't ride my horse, I can't walk my dog, I can't carry groceries in from the car (OK, scratch that one. That always makes me cranky whether my knee hurts or not. What really pushed me over the edge was when a Ryan child would actually come out to help me bring in the bags, and would start eating the food right out of the trunk, but that's another column.)

In a rare moment of painless sincerity, I explained to the

good doc that the pain in my knee was boiling down to a quality of life issue.

As I related to Schreck, one of my favorite, more mindless things to do, is to wander around Target for an hour or so, shopping for things I never knew I needed. But at those low prices, who can resist? For me, it's retail therapy at its best, the large red shopping cart a shrink's couch, where all of life's little ills can be cured with a stroll down the seasonal specials for \$1 aisle. And with the rest of the store loaded with hundreds of items for \$5 or less, who needs Freud?

So the other day I headed out to Target, an actual list in hand, with the intent of finishing my Christmas shopping. Unlike most trips, this was not

an idle stroll, I was on a mission, though I had not ruled out a glance at the \$1 aisle.

But my knee had. I lasted about 10 minutes before the pain became so excruciating, I was forced to terminate my mission, leave my post, derelict my duties, and abandon my shopping cart.

The next day, at an appointment with Schreck, I was going to throw myself at his feet, beg him to help me before my Target sojourns were but a memory. But I quickly came to my senses, realizing that with this knee, once I went down on the floor, I wouldn't be able to get back up. So instead, I sat calmly while he poked about my swollen knee and related to him in stark, cold clinical language, my oh so sad Target experience.

He just looked at me. I don't think he understood. One can't help but wonder if I told him my Alpine skiing career was being threatened or my ice dancing Olympic dreams dashed with this bummer of a knee if I could have garnered more sympathy. What is there about men that they don't understand that shopping, if done correctly, is a sport?

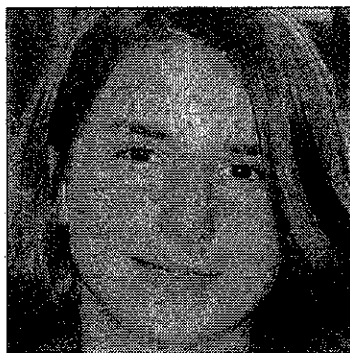
So here I sit, weighing the prospect of a partial knee replacement, gazing out the window at a foot of snow, wondering if my knee would hurt this badly if I was on a beach in Key West, and if the seasonal specials for \$1 aisle includes Margarita mix at the nearest Target.

Since I can't even get my car out of the garage, I won't be finding out any time soon.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

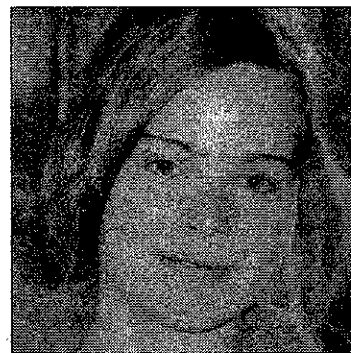
What will you do differently in 2009?

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



'I want to volunteer more and become more active in my community and in school clubs.'

KATIE RAPACCHIETTA
City of Grosse Pointe



'In general I am going to work on being more outgoing because everything else is good.'

MAGGIE STAFFORD
City of Grosse Pointe



'I want to work on studying more and I'd like to do some volunteer work.'

KELLEY LIEDERBACH
Grosse Pointe Park



'I want to stop procrastinating on my homework and I will be more disciplined with my ballet.'

EMMA VOCI
Grosse Pointe Park



'I try to handle what comes up in my life in the present, instead of saving change for the new year.'

ALISON FRIED
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Early life in the Grosse Pointes



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

"The settlement of Grosse Pointe began with the settlement of Detroit, so that the tradition and the histories of the two places are most closely interwoven."

The story of its early life is as attractive as a French romance of medieval times: The courage and daring, the vivacity and en-

ergy of its first settlers, the womanly virtues of its earliest wives and mothers and maidens together with the happy combination of thrift and courtesy, vigor and pertinacity, couples with love of beauty and financial foresight, possessed by later residents, have given Grosse Pointe a heritage of which every one may well be proud.

It makes one almost sigh for the ancient habitants at the remembrance of those times and wish for the return of the good old days when the Indian Canoe, the French Calash carryall and charrette were the only vehicles of conveyance.

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plored this territory they found certain tribes occupying certain tracts, with evidence these natives had resided here for a considerable period of time.

It is impossible to determine with any precision at what time this township was first discovered by the French. It must have been visited by travelers or roving traders and bold rovers called by the French, "Coureurs de Bois," long before its settlement.

"Many of these were of the lower classed and dropped readily into the ways of the natives, adopting their habits and becoming adherents to the

tribe; but there were many also, of respectable connections, who betook themselves to a wandering life of hunting and trading, partly from love of adventure and partly because they could find no other means of livelihood.

"There is no reason to regard them as a despicable or essentially vicious race. The 'Coureur de bois,' (bushrangers) were seldom if ever, found guilty of any treachery to the government, which had no claim upon their respect beyond the fact that they were of French blood."

There is a tradition that this

territory was first visited by a French explorer as early as 1610, only two years after the founding of Quebec by Champlain.

"This is highly probable inasmuch as the Franciscan friars at that early period had extended their missions along the St. Lawrence as far as the waters of Niagara."

In the brief account of the journey of Joseph LeCarron a French Recollet priest, to Lake Huron in 1616, it is said that he, "Reached the rivers of Lake Huron from the land of the Mohawks on foot and paddling a bark canoe."

"It was an evil day for Canada when on the 26th of May 1609, Samuel de Champlain, impelled by his own adventurous spirit, departed from the hamlet of Quebec to follow a war party of

Algonquians against their enemy, the Iroquois. Such was the first collision between the white man and the Iroquois."

It is probable that Grosse Pointe was visited by the French before the hostility of the Iroquois has closed the passage by the lower lakes. It is well known that the hostility of the Iroquois along the eastern borders of the lower lakes and their connecting waters was the cause of the exclusion of the French for many years.

In consequence the missionaries and voyageurs were obliged to make their way here by the way of the Ottawa River, leaving the St. Lawrence in the neighborhood of Montreal and passing up the Ottawa and its portages to Lake Nipissing, and thence by French River to the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.

GUEST OPINION By Kenneth M. Braun

State checkbook still missing from Internet

Thomas Jefferson envisioned the finances of government should be "as clear and intelligible as a merchant's books," allowing "any man of any mind" to "comprehend them, to investigate abuses and consequently to control them."

However, while the Information Age places such transparency within our grasp, a detailed expense report for Michigan government will not soon appear on the Internet for public inspection. With one exception: Last spring, Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land began placing a quarterly report of the Department of State's expenses online.

Despite this example to guide them, the Office of the Governor has twice refused requests to replicate this report for other departments of state government, dismissing the idea as "cost prohibitive."

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The governor's office also deemed the information contained in such a report amounts to a level of detail that would be of "little value to the taxpayer."

Requests to the Office of the Governor were made by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's "Show Michigan the Money" transparency project. An identical and earlier request from the center is what inspired Land to begin posting her department's reports.

In addition, the MDOS has provided a cost estimate for the project.

For staff to initially create the first online expense report cost \$2,400.

The "going forward" price to continue posting this report each quarter is just \$700; or \$2,800 annually. The MDOS also notes that these costs have been and will be entirely absorbed by assigning the task as a job priority for existing employees. No additional staffing costs were or will be necessary.

The governor's office appears to be misunderstanding the modest nature of this request for information. Bearing in mind that the annual budget for all of state government is nearly \$43 billion, it would appear that the comparative price to implement an MDOS-equivalent report for all departments would be far short of "prohibitive." The fiscal 2008 budget for the MDOS was about \$208

million, so figuring out how to produce that first report cost the department 0.0012 percent of its total budget. Now that they know how to do it, the cost for each subsequent quarterly report is just 0.00035 percent of the annual budget.

Roughly applying these ratios to the entire \$43 billion state budget would mean that the total cost of creating the first reports of this kind for every department would be \$516,000. Thereafter, the total cost of quarterly reports for every department would be just \$129,000 — or \$602,000 annually to keep this whole transparency project running.

These numbers are figuratively "pennies in the seat cushions" of the state budget. For example, one relatively new government program, the "21st Century Jobs Fund," cost taxpayers \$65 million in 2008; and a brand new program designed to lure movie producers into Michigan car-

ries an estimated 2009 price tag of \$117 million.

It would take less than one week of spending from just one of these new programs to start up and fully fund an online expense report project for every state department.

The decision to "show Michigan the money" — or not — is a matter of priorities, not resources. This ballpark figure will surely vary depending upon the specific details of each department's spending.

But economies of scale could also drive down the estimate significantly: The Michigan Department of Information Technology should theoretically find it easier to replicate the procedure for each department now that MDOS has shown the way.

The MDOS has taken a modest but firm step in the right direction, placing online the names of vendors getting paid by the department, the

reason for the expenditure and the amount.

The report has its limitations and falls short of the "gold standard" of transparency set by Missouri — a state Web site which, among other things, is updated daily and also provides the salary information for every state employee.

While the Office of the Governor has stated that replicating Missouri would cost \$100 million or more, they have yet to justify why replication of what the MDOS has already accomplished is beyond Michigan's reach.

A government that is spending money on everything from 20th Century Fox to 21st Century Jobs shouldn't have a 19th Century standard for showing the taxpayers where it's all going.

Kenneth M. Braun is a policy analyst specializing in fiscal and budgetary issues at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

G.P Woods Beautification awards



Residential Renovation Awards were presented by Mayor Robert E. Novitke, front row, far right, to Carol Glaeser, Dawn Levick and, back row from left, John Glaeser, David Levick and Michael Thoit.



Edwin Paul Spa owners David and Elizabeth Wagensomer were presented with the Landmark Award for 10 years of outstanding beautification to their property. From left, David Wagensomer, Mayor Robert E. Novitke and Elizabeth Wagensomer.



Community Central Bank President Dave Widlak, left, was given the Business Renovation Award by Mayor Robert E. Novitke.



Gabriela Boddy, Mayor Robert E. Novitke and Angelo DiClemente chaired the 36th annual Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Awards Night.



Residential Beautification awards were given to Aldo and Alba Cardosi, Jim and Paula DeCarlo, Geoff and Toni Diamond, David and Theresa Embree, Scott and Deanna Fischer, Stavros and Maria Malliaras, Gary and Sara Phillips, Jim and Nam Poole, Denis and Jennifer Quain, Dave and Karen Raska, Doug and Jackie Schaible, Nancy Silveri, Joseph and Patricia Wenzler, Michael and Beth Widgren, Bob and Katy Yaklin and Gary and Nannette Zarb.



The Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission members are, front row from left, Joyce Cook, Angelo DiClemente, Mayor Robert E. Novitke, Carol Sauter, Walter Schwartz, Kelly Martin Rahaim and William Allemon; back row from left, Kevin Ketels, Deborah Mathews, Lisa Gaglio, Gabriela Boddy, Maria Nederhood, Dennis Hyduk, Arthur W. Bryant and Gerald Hilton. Not pictured are Heather Simmet, Sally Stier and Janet Hagen.



Grosse Pointe Woods Business Beautification Awards were presented to, front row from left, Sue Kouri, Kim Schmidt, Sue Gregory and Caroline Atnip of Community Central Bank; Sandra and Robert Rabaut of Rabaut's Interiors; Lisa Hammerlee of String Beads; and Kathleen Gibney Drawbaugh of Kathleen Gibney, D.D.S. office. Back row from left, David Widlak of the Community Central Bank; George Koueiter of George Koueiter Jewelers; Lorrie Lipa and Bernadine Sherwood of Van Elslander Cancer Center; John Minnis and Robert Kacza of the Grosse Pointe Public Library - Woods Branch; Sue Kouri and Kathy Hawkins of the Community Central Bank; Greg Drawbaugh of Kathleen Gibney, D.D.S. office; and Richard Matejonek of Grosse Pointe Collection.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

County of Wayne, Michigan

ORDINANCE NO. 380

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 187, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1975, AS AMENDED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") has prepared and recommended for approval the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") on file with the City Clerk for the Development Area in the Downtown District within the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2008, the City Council held a public hearing on the Plan pursuant to Act 187, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area is located an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the Plan, the City Council has determined to approve the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE ORDAINS:

I. Sections 28-20 through 28-29 are added to the Grosse Pointe City Code as follows:

ARTICLE II.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

Sec. 28-20. Findings.

(a) The Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan on file with the City Clerk (the "Plan") meets the requirements set forth in the Act.

(b) The proposed method of financing the developments is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.

(c) The developments are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

(d) The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

(e) The development Plan is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.

(f) Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.

(g) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Plan, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.

Sec. 28-21. Public Purpose. The City Council hereby determines that the Plan constitutes a public purpose.

Sec. 28-22. Best Interest of the Public. The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District.

Sec. 28-23. Approval and Adoption of Plan. The Plan is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Plan and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.

Sec. 28-24. Preparation of Base Year Assessment Roll.

(a) Within 60 days of the publication of this Ordinance, the City Assessor shall prepare the initial base year assessment roll. The base year assessment roll shall list each taxing jurisdiction in the Development Area on the effective date of this Ordinance, the initial assessed value of each parcel of property within the Development Area, and the amount of tax revenue derived by each taxing jurisdiction from ad valorem taxes on property in the Development Area.

(b) The City Assessor shall transmit copies of the base year assessment roll to the City Treasurer, County Treasurer, the Authority and each taxing jurisdiction, together with a notice that the base year assessment roll has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Tax Increment Financing Plan contained in the Plan approved by this Ordinance.

Sec. 28-25. Preparation of Annual Tax Increment Assessment Roll. Each year within 15 days following the final equalization of property in the Development Area, the City Assessor shall prepare the tax increment assessment roll. The tax increment assessment roll shall show the initial assessed value of each parcel of property within the Development Area and the amount by which the current assessed value as finally equalized for all taxable property in the Development Area exceeds the initial assessed value of the property as shown on the base year assessment roll (the "captured assessed value"). Copies of the annual tax increment assessment roll shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the City Treasurer, the County Treasurer, the Authority and the treasurer of each taxing jurisdiction within the Development Area, together with a notice that it has been prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Plan.

Sec. 28-26. Establishment of Project Fund; Approval of Depositary. The Treasurer of the Authority shall establish a separate fund which shall be kept in a depository bank account or accounts in a bank or banks approved by the Treasurer of the City, to be designated Downtown Development Authority Project Fund. All moneys received by the Authority pursuant to the Plan shall be deposited in the Project Fund. All moneys in the Project Fund and earnings thereon shall be used only in accordance with the Plan.

Sec. 28-27. Payment of Tax Increments to Authority. The City Treasurer, and the County Treasurer shall, as ad valorem and specific taxes are collected on the property in the Development Area, pay that proportion of the taxes, except for penalties and collection fees, that the captured assessed value bears to the initial assessed value to the Treasurer of the Authority for deposit in the Project Fund. The payments shall be made on the date or dates on which the City Treasurer and the County Treasurer are required to remit taxes to each of the taxing jurisdictions.

Sec. 28-28. Use of Moneys in the Project Fund. The moneys credited to the Project Fund and on hand therein from time to time shall be used annually in the following manner and following order of priority:

First, to pay into the debt retirement fund, or funds, for all outstanding series of bonds issued pursuant to the Plan an amount equal to the interest and principal coming due (in the case of principal whether by maturity or mandatory redemption) prior to the next collection of taxes, less any credit for sums on hand in the debt retirement fund.

Second, to establish a reserve account for payment of principal of and interest on bonds issued pursuant to the Plan to the extent required by any resolution authorizing bonds.

Third, to pay the administrative, auditing and operating costs of the Authority and the City pertaining to the Downtown District, including planning and promotion, to the extent provided in the annual budget of the Authority.

Fourth, to repay amounts advanced by the City for project costs, including costs of preliminary plans, and fees for other professional services.

Fifth, to pay the cost of completing the remaining public improvements, if any, as set forth in the Plan to the extent those costs are not financed from other sources.

Sixth, to pay the cost of any additional improvements to the Plan that are determined necessary by the Authority and approved by the City Council in accordance with the Act.

Sec. 28-29. Annual Report. Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the City Council, with copies to each taxing jurisdiction, a report on the status of the Project Fund. The report shall include the amount and source of revenue in the account, the amount and purpose of expenditures from the account, the amount of principal and interest on any outstanding indebtedness, the amount in any bond reserve account, the initial assessed value of the Development Area, the captured assessed value of the Development Area and the amount of captured assessed value retained by the Authority, the tax increments received and the amount of any surplus from the prior year, and any additional information requested by the City Council or deemed appropriate by the Authority. The secretary of the Authority shall cause a copy of the report to be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

II. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(A) **Section Headings; Severability.** Section headings are provided for convenience only and are not intended to be part of this ordinance. If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be unlawful, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

(B) **Publication and Recordation.** The Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the *Grosse Pointe News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.

(C) **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after its adoption. (Ordinance became effective December 22, 2008)

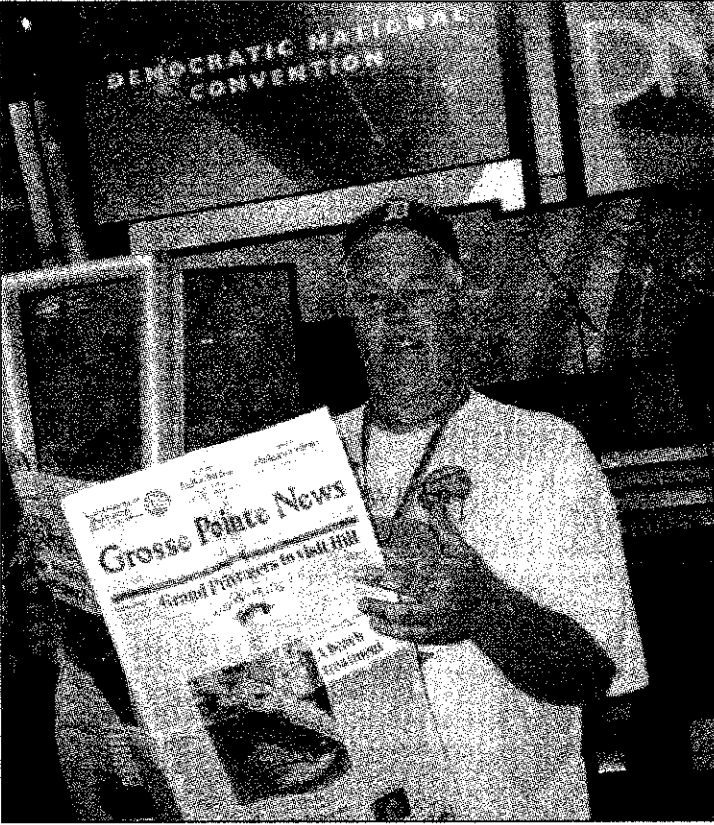
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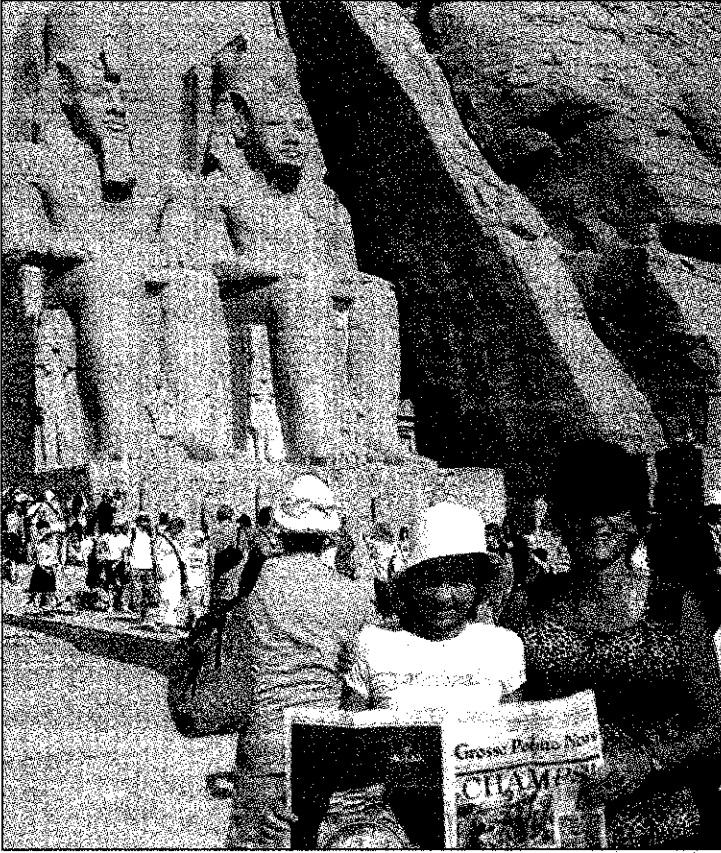
The German readers

Sarah and Nicholas Shankie of Grosse Pointe Farms stopped to read the Grosse Pointe News at Lindau on Lake Constance, Germany. 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.



National convention reader

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Grosse Pointe, took the Grosse Pointe News along when he attended the Democratic National Convention.



The Pharaoh readers

Kim and Cheryl Cusmano took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited the Pyramids of Giza and the 65-foot tall statues of Ramesses II at his Sun Temple at Abu Simbel near the southern border of Egypt.

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.

William M. Sheahan

Grosse Pointe Park resident William M. Sheahan, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008.

Mr. Sheahan graduated from Denby High School in 1940. His college years at the University of Detroit were interrupted by World War II. He served in England, France and Germany where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Good Conduct medals.

After his discharge in January 1946, Mr. Sheahan returned to the University of Detroit, earning a bachelor's degree. His career was spent with various companies as a sales executive placing experts with large factories that needed high-end professional services to solve their manufacturing problems.

Mr. Sheahan is survived by his loving wife, Judge Maureen P. Reilly; children, Daniel (Melissa), Tom and Maureen (Dave) Gillhouse; grandchildren, Michael and Kathryn Gillhouse, Catherine and Victoria Sheahan and Jenna, Patrick and Colin Sheahan.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Lois.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday Dec. 26, 2008, at St. Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice or the Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

James Vernon Patton

Grosse Pointe Woods resident James Vernon Patton, 89, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008.

Mr. Patton was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He retired from Uniroyal after 40 years of service. He was a member of the Masons and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club where he enjoyed playing pool.

He is survived by his children, Penni (George) Jarjosa, Perilyn Patton and Pamela (John) Diegel; grandchildren, Michael (Emily) Jarjosa and Jennifer (Brian) Tscholl; great-grandchildren, Alexis, Luke, and John; and siblings, Werdna Garrett and William Knox Patton.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Priscilla.

A funeral eulogy was held Dec. 29, 2008, at the Modetz Funeral Home, Orion Township, with entombment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to American House Stone, 3741 S. Adams Road,

Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

Share a memory with the family at modetzfuneralhomes.com.

Jerry Scudder Hughes

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jerry Scudder Hughes passed away peacefully in his sleep at home, Monday, Dec. 22, 2008. He was 81.

Orphaned at 8, he attended Grosse Pointe High School, University of Chicago and earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University.

Following a variety of eventful jobs — from egg truck driver to skiptracer — he spent many years with the Fisher Body Co. before beginning a career in computers in 1970.

A talented pianist and enthusiastic choral singer, he was active in many organized musical pursuits, notably as longtime accompanist for the Grosse Pointe Community and Summer Choruses.

The Hughes household on McMillan Road in Grosse Pointe Farms was continuously alive with music produced by family, friends and neighbors. Those who doubted their talents found bongos or kazooos thrust in their hands.

Mr. Hughes viewed his greatest musical accomplishment as the many years he devoted to bringing music into the lives of the men of Mariner's Inn.

He also was a skilled bridge player and birder.

Mr. Hughes took great pride in the success, and joy in the happiness, of his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his children, David Hughes of London and Durham, England, Molly Hughes Lindgren of Lomita, Calif., and Chris Hughes of Weston, Mass.; and his grandchildren, Julia, Holly and Weston.

His greatest joy in life was his wife, Sue, who predeceased him by seven years. They met and married as teenagers enrolled in the University of Chicago's experimental program for talented

high schoolers when she traced the powerful strains of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 to a common room piano and found Mr. Hughes at the keyboard. They were married for 57 years.

A memorial celebration will be held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Neighborhood Service Organization, 220 Bagley, Suite 1200, Detroit, MI 48226.

Ellis J. Van Slyck M.D.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Ellis J. Van Slyck, M.D. died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Dr. Van Slyck was a lifelong Episcopalian and an active church member having served his beloved St. Michael's in many capacities over the years including as senior warden. He received great comfort and joy from his faith.

A native of New York City, Dr. Van Slyck received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Yale University. He had post-graduate training at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City, Barnes Hospital, Washington University, in St. Louis, Mo., and Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a captain during the Korean War.

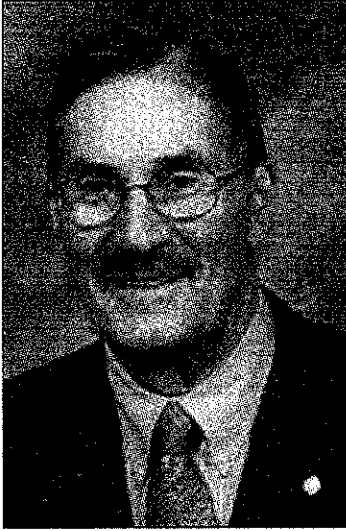
In 1957 he joined the staff of Henry Ford Hospital's hematology division in Detroit. He became division head in 1978. In that capacity, he directed Henry Ford's hematology fellowship program and co-directed the weekly joint hematology and hematopathology conferences for a decade. He was also an active participant in the clinical research activities of the Southwest Oncology Group in San Antonio, Texas.



William M. Sheahan



Jerry Scudder Hughes



Ellis J. Van Slyck M.D.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Dr. Van Slyck contributed much to patient care and research relating to cancer and hematologic disorders. He wrote extensively about his specialty and authored or co-authored 80 publications. He served as an abstractor for Excerpta Medica, a medical publisher, for 20 years. Dr. Van Slyck also advanced the knowledge, skill and expertise of his specialty in many other ways.

Dr. Van Slyck served on the medical advisory board of The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan from 1975 to 1983 and as chairman from 1981 to 1983.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and had a Life Fellowship in the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Hematology. He was also clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Michigan School of Medicine in Ann Arbor. Since his retirement in 1987, he twice served in the Indian Medical Service as a volunteer physician in New Mexico and Oklahoma.

During college, he crewed, played varsity tennis and performed in the Yale Glee Club. Dr. Van Slyck played 2nd violin in the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra from 1968 to 1970. He was a member of The Society of Mayflower Descendants. He and his wife, Ann, traveled extensively pursuing their interest in world birding.

Dr. Van Slyck is survived by his beloved wife, Annalea Welker Van Slyck; children, Loring J. Van Slyck (T.J. Birkenmeier), Zenas R. Van Slyck (Bernadette Missant), and Abigail Ayres Van Slyck (Mitchell Favreau); grandchildren, Valaire Ellis (Tara) Van

Slyck, Vanessa Ann Van Slyck (Dave Sullivan) and Randolph Van Slyck Birkenmeier.

A memorial service was held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to The Dr. Ellis J. Van Slyck Memorial at the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1651, Southfield, MI 48034 or leukemiamichigan.org.

Shirley Caroline Wendt

Harper Woods resident Shirley Wendt, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Ms. Wendt was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Detroit to William Fred and Meta Henrietta Rein Wendt.

She received her doctorate in education from Wayne State University. She was a teacher for eight years and an assistant principal for 23 in the Detroit public schools. Her love for children and her staff were the hallmarks of her service.

Ms. Wendt had many interests including crafts, reading, geography and walking. She traveled around the world prior to her retirement.

Her family remembers her giggles, her love for her church, chocolate, Snoopy and Woodstock, winning at dice, and books-on-tape and CDs. Most of all she loved people. She faithfully attended Bible study and her monthly luncheon with the teachers. She maintained many friendships over the years.

Her family especially thanks all those who were her guardian angels, assisting her



Shirley Caroline Wendt

in her desire for independence as her eyes grew dimmer.

Ms. Wendt cherished her family, and they adored their Aunt Shirley.

She is survived by her nieces, Diane Moskaluk, Cynthia (David) Burt, Pam (Gene) Baerwolf, Dawn (Roger) Panczner, Marcia Eubanks and Dr. Christine Phillips; her nephews, Dr. William (Sharon) Hassig and Dr. Walter M. (Dr. Jennifer Irwin) Hassig; 19 grandnieces and grandnephews; and 10 great-grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Norma Phillips and Elaine Hassig; and brothers-in-law, Dr. Walter W. Hassig and Bud Phillips.

A memorial service was held Dec. 27, 2008, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund, Luther Center; or to the Music Fund, Open Door Series, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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The glitter and the excitement of the holidays have passed. We are now headed into weeks of dreary skies and winter doldrums. **A trip to Europe** might just be the answer to reduce winter’s sting.

A French respite

By Jennie King
Special Writer

SARLAT-LA-CANEDA, FRANCE — The noise starts very early on a Saturday morning. The pre-dawn streets are machine-swept and metal trash containers emptied.

The caravans begin arriving for the popular outdoor market which, on Saturday, includes every imaginable food plus clothing, artifacts, household goods and, of course, “local” souvenirs.

Sarlat-la-Caneda, a centuries-old town of about 10,000, has in the last few decades become a major tourist destination for visitors to France’s Perigord region.

About 100 kilometers east of Bordeaux is the valley of the Dordogne and Vézère rivers.

The region is rich in history going back before the recordings of modern civilization. The famous Lascaux caves are here, though visitors today must content themselves with viewing an incredible facsimile of the Lascaux’s Hall of the Bulls at what is called Lascaux II. It is the result of 11 years of painstaking work to reproduce



Above, caravans of the many Saturday market vendors set up shop at dawn in the streets of Sar-la-Caneda. At right, fresh-cooked shell fish look appetizing even at 9 a.m. on market day.

as exactly as possible a very small portion of the 18,000-year-old natural limestone relief paintings at Lascaux. It is now closed to prevent further decay from over exposure.

A short ride away is Ruffignac. There the visitor may ride a small, open train inside the cold, dark, damp earth to view prehistoric drawings and the cave of a hundred

mammoths. A guide explained the latter likely was only about four feet in height when the drawings were created. Today the distance from stone floor to ceiling may be eight or nine feet.

How and why early artists did their remarkable portrayals of animals here so far from

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History, food
and sights

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sunlight, warmth and security remains a mystery.

The National Museum of Prehistory at Les Eyzies de Tayac could keep most visitors occupied for hours, even days — although a local Web site suggests the typical visit is one hour.

Beautiful displays of artifacts and tools from very early human civilization line countless display cases.

Videos throughout the modern museum explain how the items were used. There are life-size reproductions of humans and the animals with which they shared the countryside.

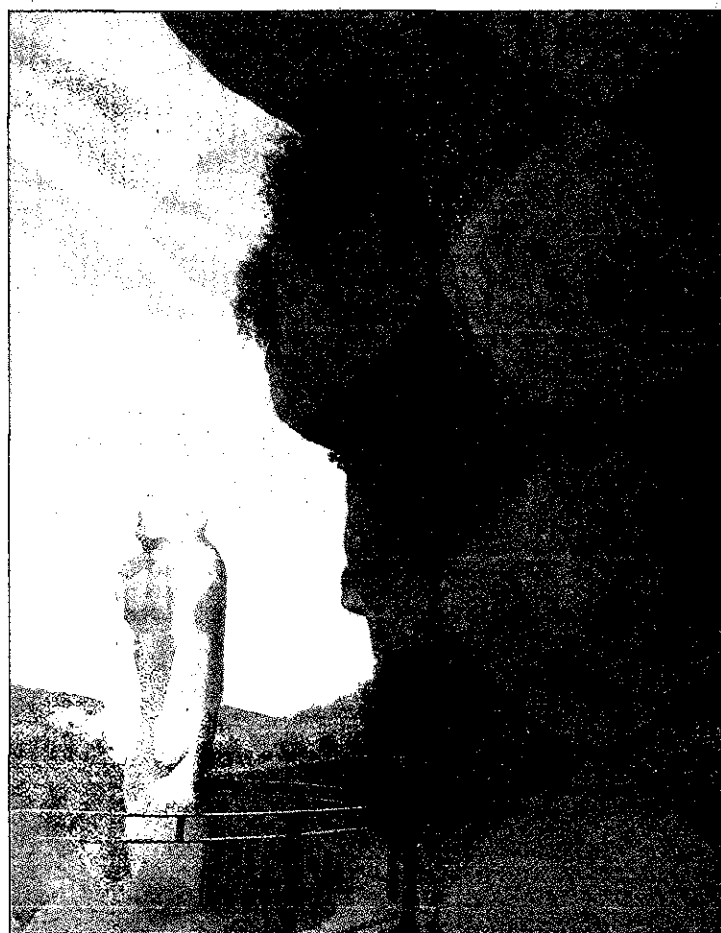
November: An inhospitable and unwelcome 30 days for

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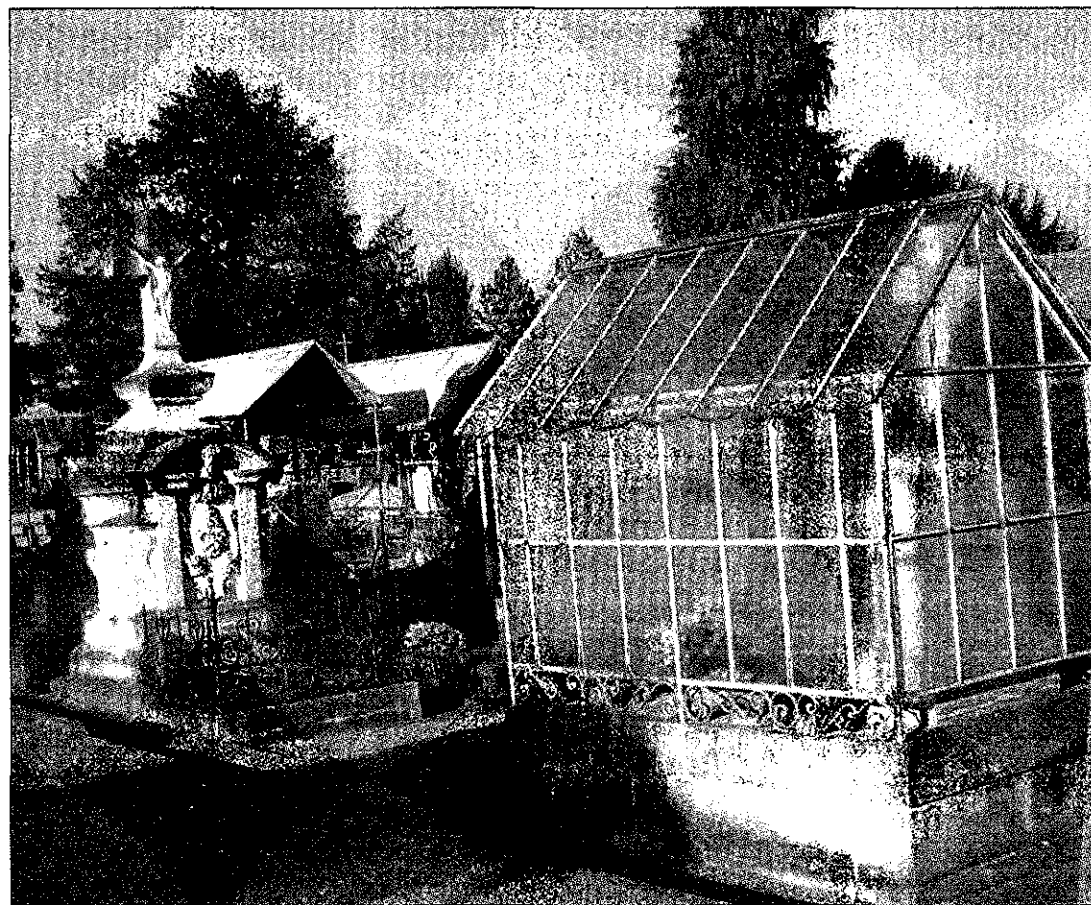
many in the northern hemisphere. But it is the beginning of the four-month truffle season and the Perigord region is an area where the so-called "black diamonds" thrive.

References indicate the treasured and flavorful fungus is most often found on the roots of oak trees.

Pigs historically have been used to scout them out, though they apparently are as keen to eat them as the human gatherers are to capture the white or black truffles.



The National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies puts visitors in touch with civilization in the Dordogne region more than 15,000 years ago.



A cemetery in Sarlat comprises many small greenhouses to shelter family gravesites.

Dogs also have been successfully trained to sniff out the simple plant which, in low-yield years, brings an enormous price per kilo. Poaching of truffles and the "borrowing" of dogs are problems sometimes forcefully resisted.

The Perigord's other natural riches include tobacco and hardwood forests, especially walnut trees whose fruit is sold as-is, pressed into oil or used to flavor countless spreads.

Foie gras of geese and ducks is another local specialty, savored by some and eschewed by others because the poultry is force-fed to enlarge the livers.

Villages of various sizes and ages pepper the Dordogne valley. Thousand-year-old castles perch at the edges of precipices, ready to defend their turf. Most, if not all, changed hands numerous times throughout their histories, in spite of human ingenuities like those on display at Castelnaud.

This fine old structure today serves as a museum where visitors can examine the development of the bow and see how catapults were used to bash in protective walls.

Some were so large and complex, they could only fire their stones twice in one hour — leaving the castle's defenders plenty of time to rain fiery arrows upon their enemy.

Of course patient aggressors could always wait until food and water sapped the strength and will of castle occupants.

The chateau at Beynac was used as a setting for one of the many movies about Jeanne d'Arc (1999, Luc Besson). The village of Beynac beneath the castle was a location for the popular film Chocolat (Lasse Hallstrom, 2000). A chateau guide is likely to point out the historical inaccuracies of various scenes in Jeanne d'Arc. And one loses any sense of romanticism after experiencing the cold and darkness that was part and parcel of life during peaceful times in these stone structures.

Back in Sarlat-le-Caneda, that Saturday market will drive away any fears of going hungry or unclothed.

Vendors line the twisting streets and alleys of the town, selling everything from freshly-poached shellfish to suspicious-looking sausages and cheeses; from tablecloths in typical French colors and decoration to walnut oils and three-packs of local wines and tins of foie gras; and from shoes to ceramics and paintings.

A smaller market on Wednesdays offers mostly food.

Sarlat was rescued from neglect in the years following World War II, when local citizens recognized the jewel in the rough and launched a long and expensive rejuvenation of the town — a work still in progress.

The rewards have been increased income from tourism, a restored place in the sun and a strong sense of pride and accomplishment on the part of its inhabitants.

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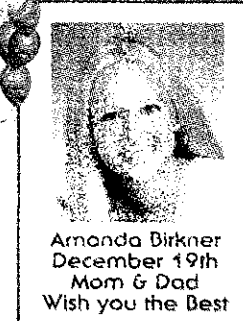
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Historical society ball

The 2008 Detroit Historical Society Ball raised more than \$175,000 for the society's exhibition and educational programs at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

An additional \$15,000 was raised for the society's Adopt-a-Class program, which provides museum admission, guided tours and transportation to metro Detroit schools unable to afford field trips.

The event was co-chaired by Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, Marianne Endicott of Grosse Pointe Shores, Vivian Rogers Pickard of Bloomfield Hills and Sydell Schubot of Franklin. Monica Gayle of Fox 2 News served as mistress of ceremonies.

The ball also featured the chance to watch Detroiters in a "Dancing with Detroit's Stars" competition.

The community sponsor for the 2008 Ball was JPMorganChase, with Comerica Bank as the valet sponsor, Wolverine Packing was the auction sponsor, Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone was the dance sponsor, St. John Health was the dessert sponsor, and Hour Detroit and Fox 2 were media sponsors. Penske Corporation, James Nicholson/PVS Chemical and Francis W. McMillan were premium table sponsors. The Chrysler Foundation and Meriwether Capital were platinum table sponsors. Bank of America, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bayer Jr., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buhl, Ed and Judy Christian, Clark Hill PLC Attorneys at Law, DTE Energy, Marianne Endicott, Mr. and Mrs. James T. McMillan II, O'Brien Edwards Construction Co. and Toyota Motor Sales USA were gold table sponsors.

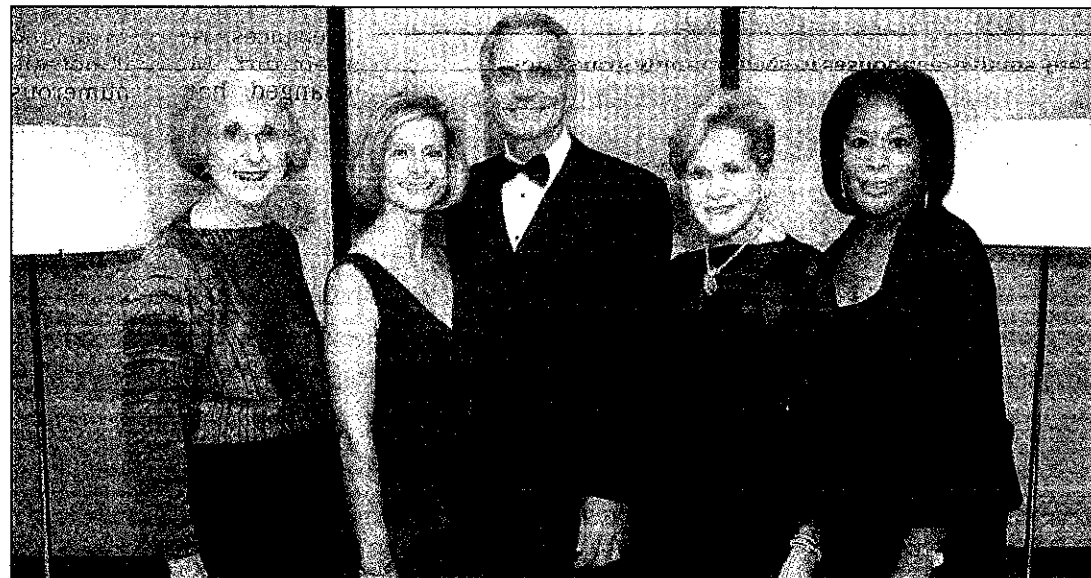


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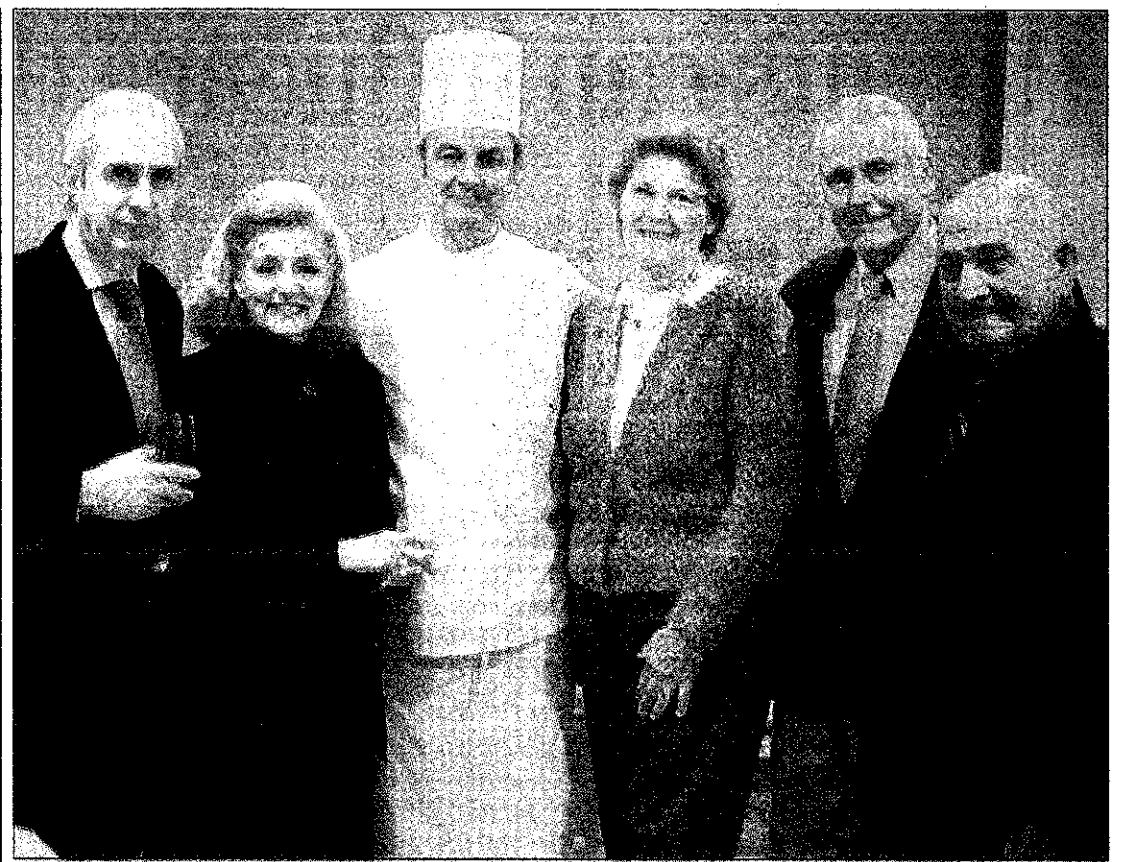
Devin and Corey Scillian of Grosse Pointe Park.



From left, Detroit Historical Society Trustee Terence Thomas of Grosse Pointe, society president Sandy McMillan of Grosse Pointe Farms, Beverly Burns and society trustee Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe.

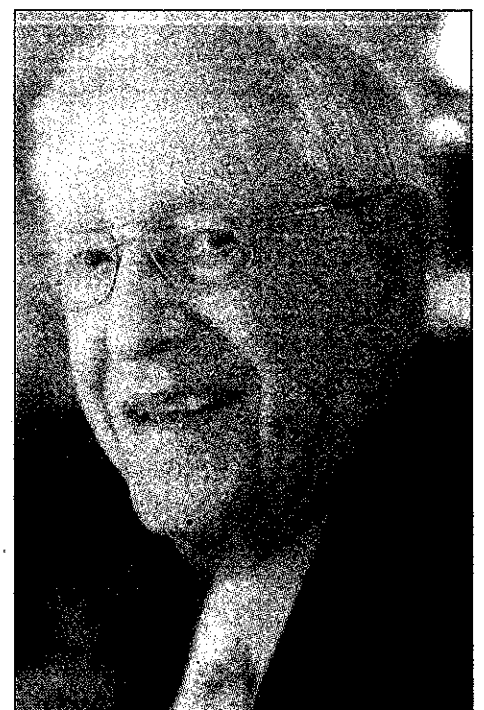


Detroit Historical Society Ball co-chairs Marianne Endicott of Grosse Pointe Shores and Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park are pictured with Detroit Historical Society Executive Director Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park and co-chairs Sydell Schubot of Franklin and Vivian Rogers Pickard of Bloomfield Hills.



Italian treasures

"Explore the Culinary Treasures of Italy" offered Italian Heritage Society members and their guests included an array of Italian foods during a fundraiser. The Italian Studies, Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures department of Wayne State University was the benefactor. Pictured above, are Senior Chancellor, Consulate of Italy in Detroit Robert Lanza, event chair Marian A. Impastato, Chef Bujar Mamuslari, event co-chair Patricia Cardello, Jesse Cardello and the Hon. Joseph N. Impastato. Special guests included Lanza, Consul General of the Republic of Macedonia Igor Dukoski and Bachir S. Tawk, acting consul general, Consulate of Lebanon in Detroit. At right is Peter J. Cracchiolo.



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Practices are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 7 through May 13 at Brownell Middle School. The spring concert is at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

For more information, e-mail gpchildrenschoir@yahoo.com.

Friends of Vision

The Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Garden club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the home of Mary Northcutt. Cathy Murray is the co-hostess.

Hector Debrabant of Telly's Nursery will present a program on bonsai.

Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek Questers meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the home of Debbie Voohrees. Bonnie Medura is the co-hostess.

Carol Sauter will present the program on the underground railroad.

Spanish group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Caribou Coffee in the Village. For more information, visit meetup.com.

Ski club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Grosse Pointe

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Club members will join the Somerset Singles for two northern Michigan ski trips. The first trip will be to Boyne Highlands Jan. 11 to 13 and the second will be Feb. 2 to 4 to Caberfae.

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

Historical society

Grosse Pointe Historical Society offers "Going Once, Going Twice," with Lori Stefek 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval. Stefek, an International Society of Appraisers accredited appraiser and owner of Stefek Estate Sales, will discuss how to put an item up for auction and will appraise items on site.

Fifteen-minute verbal appraisals only will be given on one item per guest. Reservations for appraisals are required. No large items, coins or weapons will be permitted. The cost is \$5 for historical society members and \$10 for non-members.

For information, call (313) 884-7010, or visit gpihistorical.org.

Correction

Lisa and Jason Dougherty's last name was misspelled in the Dec. 25, 2008, issue.

Parents can influence their children's decisions

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." — Mark Twain

Contrary to what exasperated parents of teenagers may often think and feel, family attitudes and behaviors do play an important role in shaping the choices young people make.

As the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism points out, a large body of research shows that, even during the teen years, parents have an enormous influence on their children's behaviors, values and decisions about drinking.

Now researchers at Iowa State University also say that a child's future alcohol use may be directly influenced by a parent's expectations about alcohol consumption. In analyzing data obtained through interviews with about 800 Iowa mothers and their children, Stephanie Madon, ISU psychology professor and lead author, and a team of researchers found strong evidence a mother's beliefs regarding her child's likelihood of using alcohol altered her child's self-view in either a positive or negative direction.

In other words, if a mother believes her child will use alcohol, there is an increased likelihood that the belief will be-

come reality.

"What people believe ultimately has an impact on what actually occurs," Madon said. "But it's not just because they believe it. It's not magic. When we believe something — even if it's wrong — and when we believe it's true, we act as though it is. And sometimes when you act as though something's true, your behaviors will cause the belief to become true."

"So I think the moral here is to help children develop positive and pro-social concepts about themselves, because children are likely to make choices that match how they view themselves."

It's never too early to begin

nurturing a child's positive self-image, experts agree. While that task may seem daunting, various government agencies offer free guides to help parents and caregivers promote healthy lifestyles and open up the lines of communication with children so they will make informed, responsible choices.

Building Blocks for a Healthy Future is an early childhood substance abuse prevention program developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for parents of children age 3 to 6. The materials are based on six action steps that relate directly to what researchers and prevention professionals term family-

related "protective factors."

The program teaches adults to better communicate with children; how to be more involved in their day-to-day activities; how to set and enforce rules; how to be positive role models; how to help children choose friends; and how to do regular check-ins with children.

Make a Difference: Talk to Your Child About Alcohol is a booklet by NIAAA for parents and guardians of young people age 10 to 14. It provides strategies for communicating with teens about alcohol, ways to spot warning signs of potential drinking problems and how to help teens resist alcohol.

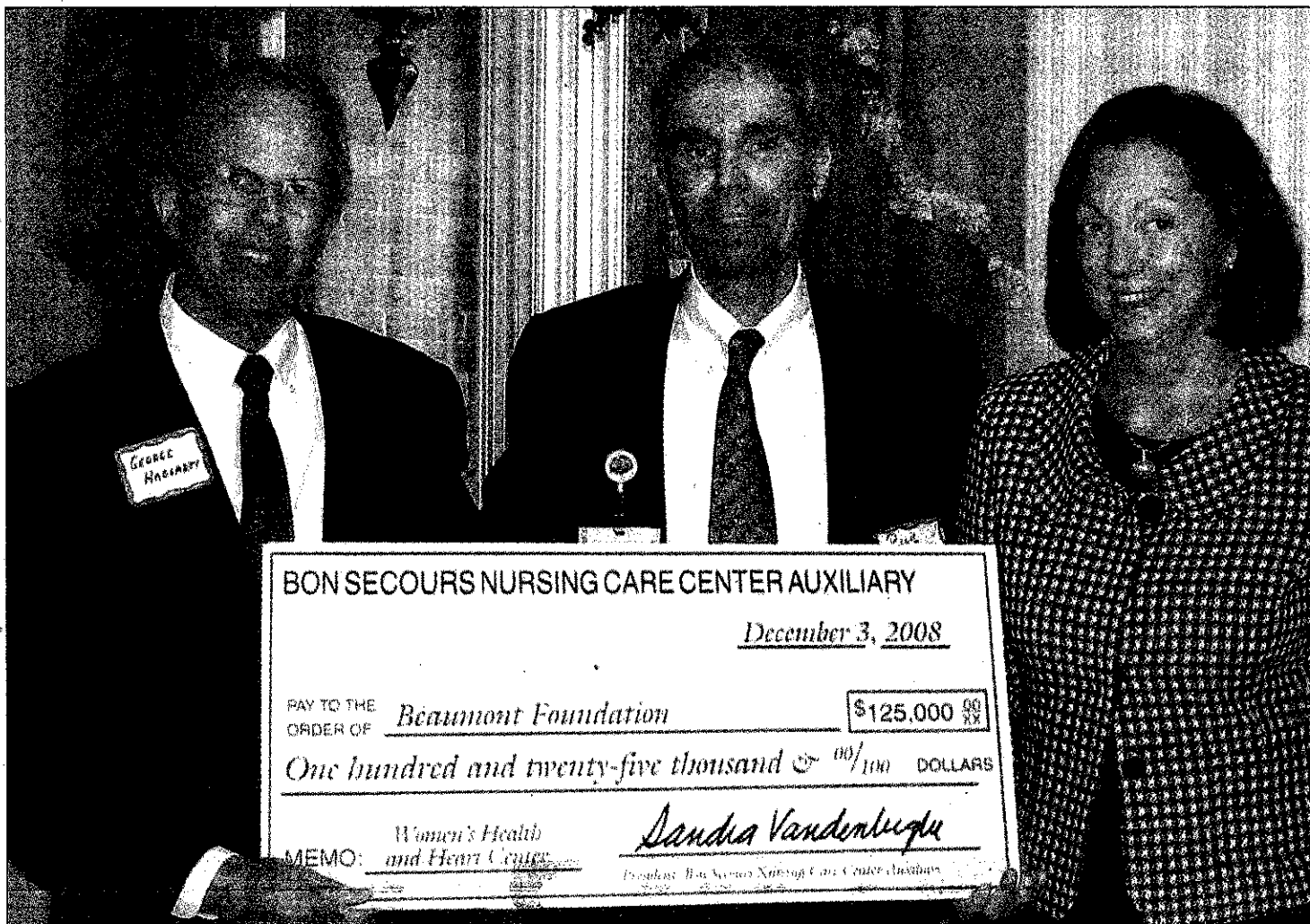
"When children have a strong bond with a parent, they are apt to feel good about themselves and therefore be less likely to give in to peer pressure to use alcohol," according to the booklet. "When the relationship between a parent and teen is full of conflict or is very distant, the teen is more likely to use alcohol and to develop drinking-related problems."

To view the NIAAA booklet, visit niaaa.nih.gov, find "Publications" and click on "pamphlets." Hazelden, a non-profit agency based in Center City, Minn., also offers a wide range of prevention resources for parents; visit hazelden.org/bookstore.



Christmas music

Benjamin Teisan, 9, of Grosse Pointe Woods, decided entertaining visitors, volunteers and employees at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe would be a great way to pass the time while visiting his grandfather. The programmed piano is usually off limits, but Teisan, who has been playing since he was 4 years old, was given an exemption.



Women's health donation

The Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary recently presented a \$125,000 seed check to help fund the Women's Health and Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. The auxiliary has donated \$1.4 million since its inception in 1984 and has provided funds for various expansions, renovations and the purchase of new equipment. Accepting the check from Beaumont, Grosse Pointe are from left, foundation director and hospital trustee George Haggarty, senior vice president and hospital director Rick Swaine and The Beaumont Foundation director Margaret Casey.

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1:00 pm The SOC Show
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
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3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art and Design
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4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The SOC Show
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6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen
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Henry Ford tops in Wayne County

For the third consecutive year, Henry Ford Hospital has been selected as one of the nation's most preferred hospitals for overall quality and image by the National Research Corporation.

The 903-bed hospital was named a "Consumer Choice Award" winner by consumers in Wayne County. Henry Ford shared the award with the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Each year, NRC of Lincoln, Neb., publicly recognizes the nation's top hospitals as Consumer Choice Award winners.

The award identifies hospitals that health care consumers have chosen as having the highest quality and image in more than 250 markets throughout the U.S.

"These Consumer Choice award winners exemplify the dedication it takes to provide quality health care to their communities and we are pleased to honor them through the eyes of their patients," says Ginny Martin, president of NRC's Healthcare Market Guide Division.

Of the 3,200 hospitals named by consumers in the study, the winning facilities rank highest in their Metropolitan Statistical Areas, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

More than 200,000 households representing 400,000 consumers in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia were surveyed.



Spirit of Christmas tree

The 53 students of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church religious education program presented its interpretation of the birth of Jesus Sunday, Dec. 14. The annual pageant this year was titled "Spirit of the Christmas Tree" and included singing carols and roles for every child.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass at 10 a.m. and noon Thursday, Jan. 1.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, holds a New Year's Day Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1.

The Mass of the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday,

Jan. 4.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church, St. Aubin and Canfield, Detroit, holds an Epiphany Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4. Doors open at 10 a.m.

For more information, call (313) 527-9321 or (313) 285-9398.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents music by Bach, Haydn and Mozart at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A transcription for two cellos of Bach's "Chaconne in D Minor" from the "Partita for Solo Violin," will be performed by Stefan Koch and Renee Goubeaux.

The "Piano Trio in C Major" by Haydn will be performed by violinist Lorraine Perlman, cellist Sylvain Bouwman and pianist Linda Greiner.

Clarinetist Lillian Dean, violinist Constance Markwick and pianist Blake Ray will play Mozart's "Kegelstatt Trio." Tickets are \$12 and available

at the door.

In January, the annual membership fee is \$15 and becomes the pass for the rest of the season.

For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

Fitness Firm

The Fitness Firm offers low impact dance aerobics, incorporating kick box, yoga, free weights, toning and flexibility classes from either 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes begin the

week of Jan. 5 and are held at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Each session costs \$8 or attend as many classes in a week as needed for \$68.

For more information, call Judy Sheehy at (313) 886-7534 or visit vitaftitjudy@comcast.net.

Tea house

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The suggested donation is \$20.

Call (313) 521-1894 for reservations.

Bereavement ministry

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church's bereavement ministry holds a Mass and lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker will be the Rev. Gene Simon, past director of the Manresa Retreat House.

Fine dining

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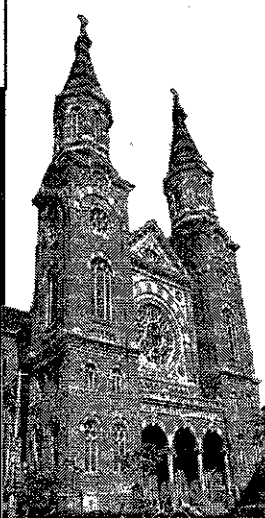
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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

What is your green wish for 2009?



Another year has begun and what better way of ringing in the new than sharing in the wishes of some of our illustrious gardeners, landscapers, shop owners and other greenies. These are the responses I received with the question, "What is your environmental, gardening, horticultural wish for 2009?" "I wish that we continue to grow in our realization that living a 'green' lifestyle is not only essential to the ongoing health of the planet at-large

and our immediate communities but that, in many cases, it is an economically viable policy as well. — Cheryl M. English, owner/operator, The English Landscape "My gardening wish for 2009 would be that everyone would understand the importance to our environment and to our families of gardening using organic fertilizer and non-toxic pest control methods and that their gardens and families would thrive as never before!" — Robin Heller, executive director, LocalMotion "My wish for 2009 is simply to have a year of pleasant, moderate weather with the hydrangea gods kind to me." — John Verpoort, vice president, Men's Garden Club of

Grosse Pointe "I wish for much sunshine and enough rain to keep my posies (and me) happy and hearty, and I hope for good health so that I may continue enjoying my volunteer gardening efforts and working in my own gardens on this good Earth. — Ruth Ellen Mayhall, master gardener and VP/program chair for the GPS Garden Club "My wish is a cure for the emerald ash borer. If nothing is done, the beetle could kill every beautiful ash tree in this country." — Joe Shock, forester, City of Grosse Pointe Woods "That we can look at our own gardens, appreciate and love them and take the steps to take care of them. Our small steps of care cause a rip-

ple effect that can produce health in our environment beyond our imagination." — Mil Hurley, owner, A Southern Gardener, host WMTV5 Pointes of Horticulture "Rather than a wish, I'd like to put forth a hope — that the scientific community finds the reason (and consequently, a cure) for the devastation of the bee population. Without bees, the human community will have to deal with dire circumstances related to food availability. — Sue Hanson, president, Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit, a chapter of the Wayne County MSU Extension "That we can keep trying to provide excellent service and keep prices down as best we

can." — Tom Glaeser, Manager, Allemons Landscaping "That communities plant more diverse trees in public spaces while assessing all appropriate sites for especially long-lived trees." — Alan Marschke, head of the Grosse Pointe Historic Tree Cloning Project "I wish for temperate days, cool nights, a loooong gardening season, lots and lots of heirloom tomatoes, and evenings to share it all with family, friends and neighbors!" — Diane Yordy, advanced master gardener, Grosse Pointe Garden Center board member "Garden writer and educator William Moss says, "Before I gardened I had plant blind-

ness and environmental indifference." Now Moss educates youth and adults in all aspects of gardening and sees them blossom into individuals who care about preserving their environment and the beauty of the natural world. "My wish is that gardeners will reach out in 2009 and open the eyes of a child or adult to the beauty in nature, and excite them about this new world." — Barbara Hayes, director, Detroit Garden Center & Chair, Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit Here's hoping all your 2009 environmental wishes come true! Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.



The playhouse on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Tour Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Holiday tours at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House continue through Sunday, Jan. 4. The home is decorated in a

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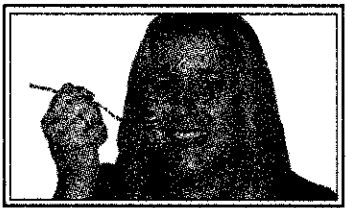
about family holiday traditions, see the home adorned for the season and hear about celebrations from the past. New this year, visitors can see the gingerbread wonderland display created by area children, youth, groups and adults during Ford House's first annual contest. The confectionary creations will remain on display through Jan. 4.

Schedule/admission

Jan. 1 — closed
Jan. 2, 3 — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Jan. 4 — noon - 4 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children 6 to 2; 5 and under are free. The schedule can also be found at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A kinky holiday cheese ball



Happy New Year! I'm making a homemade cheese ball that requires not much more than a food processor. Creamy and flavorful and rolled in nuts, my cheese ball recipe is from the pages of "So Now You Own A Food Processor," by Donna Reynolds. Donna teaches life skills and food classes at Brownell and Pierce middle schools.

Cheddar Nut Ball

2/3 cup pecan nut pieces (or other nut)
1 8-oz. package cream cheese (not softened), cut into six cubes
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon chopped green onion or other onion
2 tablespoons mayonnaise (or whole milk)
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
Begin by placing the nuts in a food processor (regular blade). Pulse-chop four to six times until coarse. Transfer to a plate. Set aside. Rinse and dry processor bowl and add cream cheese



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With a food processor, cream cheese, sharp cheddar cheese and toasted pecan pieces, this cheese nut ball will be a hit with your party guests.

cubes, shredded cheddar, green onion, mayonnaise and garlic salt. Pulse-chop several times, until well blended. Add the green pepper and pulse-chop four to five more times. Transfer mixture to a small bowl and refrigerate for about an hour to give the cheese mixture time to firm up a bit before handling. Form the chilled cheese into a ball and roll in chopped nuts until coated on all sides.

Carefully wrap in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator until ready to serve. To serve, place the cheddar nut ball on a serving plate and surround it with crackers. Choose a healthy whole grain type cracker or spread in celery boats. This is a deliciously simple recipe. The onion and green pepper add just the right amount of kick to this zesty cheese ball. Toast the nuts before chopping if you like.

Ski club regroup

A mandatory meeting for those interested in joining the Ski Hi Club is offered at 4 or 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The club is open to Grosse Pointe residents or active students in grades 6 through 12 and offers ski trips coordinated and chaperoned by parents.

Both parents and students must attend the meeting and students need to bring a 2-inch photo. Returning members can join for this season from 4 to 7 p.m. The membership fee is \$35 and each trip is \$48 without equipment rentals or \$64 with ski rentals. To add a snowboard rental, the fee is \$67 per trip.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North, South get rolling with victories

Latest win gets North to .500 mark

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Look out MAC Red foes, Grosse Pointe North is back to its championship form after dismantling Romeo 56-40 Dec. 22.

The game was originally scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19, but a snowstorm cancelled school and the game couldn't be played.

A 16-0 second-quarter run was the difference. It turned the host Lady Norsemen's one-point deficit into a 26-11 lead with just under one minute left in the second stanza.

They led 26-13 at the half and extended it to 30-15 on a junior Kayla Womack layup and senior Olivia Stander three-point shot midway through the third period.

"We're starting to get our legs under us, which has made our full-court pressure more effective," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "Our pressure really took Romeo out of its game and that was evident after the first possession of the game."

The Lady Norsemen's trap

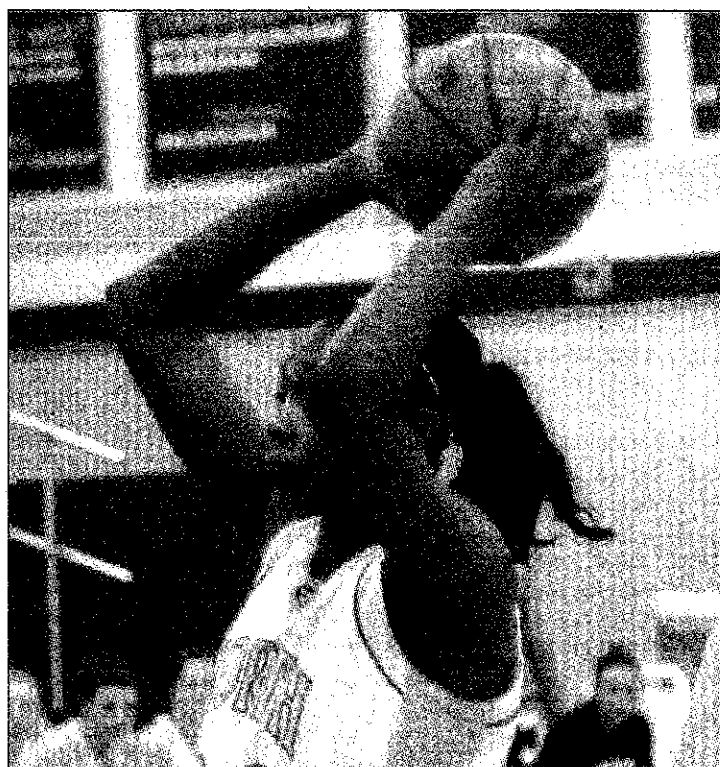


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Senior Jasmine Kennedy was a force in the paint against Romeo, scoring 20 points.

forced more than 20 turnovers, which led to several fast-break layups.

Senior Jasmine Kennedy had a game-high 20 points, while Stander finished with 14 points and seven assists.

Junior Ariel Braker, playing about half of the game, had eight points, five steals, four rebounds and three assists. Senior Madie Kent had five

points and seven rebounds and Womack finished with five points.

"Jasmine worked her tail off and Madie played her best game of the season," Bennett said. "Ariel is getting back into the swing of things. She adds a tremendous amount at both ends of the court."

With the win, Grosse Pointe North evened its record at 3-3.

South uses 'team' effort to win again

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team gained a signature win last week, beating No. 3 ranked Detroit Pershing 70-64 in overtime.

The game was played at Detroit Renaissance and was part of the Renaissance Holiday Classic Games 2008.

"This was definitely a confidence-building win," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "Pershing was a quick, athletic team and beating them shows our girls they can play with any team in the state."

"I'm proud of how well we executed and now we have a few days off before getting back to practice and getting ready for our league schedule to start."

The Doughgirls led 33-30 at the half, but the Lady Blue Devils out scored them 31-22 in the second half to lead 61-55 with just a minute left in the fourth quarter.

"We let them get back in the game by not making some free throws down the stretch," Richards said. "The girls re-



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Junior Chloe Srebernak, shown here against Marine City, scored 15 points to help South beat No. 3 ranked Detroit Pershing in overtime.

deemed themselves in the overtime by making those critical free throws."

The Lady Blue Devils missed the front end of a one-and-one and the Doughgirls' junior Seneca Shearer drained a three-pointer to cut it to three. The same scenario tied the game at 61 with 30 seconds left.

South junior Kate Pangori and Pershing senior Rodnisha Owens each hit 1-of-2 free

throws to send the game to overtime. Owens' free-throw attempts came with only two seconds left on the clock. She was fouled going up for a put-back.

Sophomore Aisha Rodney scored a game-high 33 points, while junior Chloe Srebernak added 15 points and senior Clare Conway had 10 to lead the Lady Blue Devils, who improved to 6-0 overall.

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Grosse Pointe North

Girls hoops, Bennett highlight North

2008 in review

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sports Editor Bob St. John takes a look back at the best stories that headlined the three Grosse Pointe high schools' athletic programs in 2008.

It starts with last year's winter and spring sports and ends with the recently concluded fall athletic season.

Teams of the Year

Grosse Pointe North's Team of the Year is the girls' basketball squad that won its first-ever Class A state championship last March.

Head coach Gary Bennett and his Lady Norsemen finished the dream season 26-2 overall.

"We had some great chemistry and senior leadership, which played a big part in winning the state title," Bennett said.

Once the Lady Norsemen cleared the first two hurdles, the district and regional tournaments, they set their sights on the Elite 8.

The Lady Norsemen destroyed Southfield Lathrup 57-35 to advance to the Final Four at the Convocation Center on the Eastern Michigan University campus.

Forget about nerves, Bennett's squad blasted North Farmington 65-32 in the semifinal as Ariel Braker had a monster game, netting 23 points and 20 rebounds, including 12 offensive.

Jasmine Kennedy had nine points and 13 rebounds, while Olivia Stander and Kayla Womack reached double figures in points, netting 12 and 11, respectively.

North reached the pinnacle by beating East Lansing 58-46 in the championship game. It was tied at 17 after the first quarter and the Lady Norsemen held a slim 28-26 lead at the half.

An 8-8 third period set the tone for what was shaping up



Doug Zade, just a sophomore, made All-State First Team at No. 1 singles for North's boys tennis team.

to be a state championship that might be won with a final shot.

The Lady Norsemen dispelled that notion as they outscored East Lansing 22-12 to win the title by double digits.

Braker led the way with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Kennedy had 13 points, followed by Kelly DeFauw with 11, Stander with nine, Womack with six and Maddie Kent with four.

The ladies finished the season a perfect 14-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, beating Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Port Huron Northern, Utica, L'Anse Creuse and rival Fraser.

In nonleague games, the Lady Norsemen beat Livonia Ladywood, Detroit Renaissance, Birmingham Marian, St. Clair, Utica Henry Ford II and Grosse Pointe South.

Their only losses came to Rochester Jan. 8 and Saginaw Arthur Hill Jan. 28.

A congratulations is extended to the girls soccer team that lost in the state championship game, the girls and boys track and field teams that won regional titles, the boys golf team that won a division title and reached the state finals, the football squad that made the second round of the state playoffs, the girls field hockey team

that won a division title and made the state quarterfinals, the boys and girls cross country teams that ran in the state finals, the boys hockey team that made it to the Final Four, and the girls volleyball squad this fall that made it to the state Final Four.

Coach of the Year

Gary Bennett's tenure as head coach of Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity basketball program has been filled with many success stories.

None more incredible than last year's run to the state championship in which he orchestrated without the services of key senior Kristine Klein, who suffered a knee injury midway through the state playoffs.

Bennett was honored as the Class A coach of the year by the daily newspapers and earns the respect from each and every player who dons a North jersey.

"Coach Bennett is a great coach, a great teacher and a wonderful person," senior Maddie Kent said.

Bennett has the respect of fellow coaches who know when the whistle blows at the start of each game, Grosse Pointe North will be ready to play tough defense until the final horn sounds.

Whether it's a huge win or a

loss, Bennett still gives credit to both teams and a hand shake to the opposing head coach.

Bennett is just one of several North head coaches who led their teams to lofty heights.

Scott Lock is making a habit of leading North's boys hockey program to the state semifinals.

Last season made it two Final Fours in a row, but the Norsemen lost 3-0 to co-champion Marquette in the semifinal. They also lost to Marquette, 8-2, in the 2007 semifinals.

Lock won back-to-back state championships in Division 2, beating Sault Ste. Marie 3-0 in 2001 and Davison 4-0 in 2002.

Kim Lockhart etched her name in the coaches' history book in November, leading the Lady Norsemen to the state semifinals in Class A.

Last spring, Chip Stencil guided the Lady Norsemen's soccer team to an improbable run to the state championship game. They finished the regular season with a .500 record, but found a groove in the playoffs that led a path to the finals.

Scott Dockett guided the girls' hockey team to the semifinals, but they lost to Ann Arbor in the Final Four.

Matt Eszes also guided his girls tennis team to a state finals appearance, while Brian Stackpoole's boys golf team



FILE PHOTOS

Olivia Stander earned a spot on the girls soccer "Dream Team" for a second straight season. That achievement has rarely happened for any athlete in the state.

made a state finals appearance last spring.

Don't forget Frank Sumnera who led his North football team to a spot in the second round of the state playoffs. It was the fifth straight year his squad has made the postseason.

Drew Mascarin guided his boys tennis team to a regional title and a spot in the state finals.

Two more spring coaches, Pat Wilson and Charles Buhagiar, led the boys and girls track and field teams to regional titles and appearances in the state finals.

This fall, Jen Nadeau stepped in as head coach of the girls field hockey team and led the squad to new heights, including winning a division championship and a quarterfinal spot.

Players of the Year

Grosse Pointe North's student-athletes excelled throughout the 2008 calendar and many were talented enough to

earn All-State honors in their respective sports.

Olivia Stander made the girls soccer "Dream Team" for a second straight year. This is her senior year, which could be the best of her four-year varsity career.

Ariel Braker also made the girls basketball "Dream Team" as a sophomore. The 6-foot, 2-inch center is back on the court after rehabilitating a knee injury suffered last spring.

Chris Zak, a 2008 graduate, earned All-State honors for boys golf after tying with friend Tim Shield of Grosse Pointe South for third in last spring's state championship with a two-day total of 151.

Kevin Gibson and Mike Neveux made the Division I All-State honors for boys' hockey and for girls' hockey, Alexa Quinlan and Lauren Walsh made All-State First Team.

Other All-State First Team athletes were John Neveux, football; Jenny Rusch, swimming; and Doug Zade, tennis.

University Liggett School

Baseball, Cimini highlight ULS in 2008

2008 in review

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School didn't have a state champion in 2008, but several teams and individuals were close.

Teams of the Year

The boys' baseball team

started the 2008 season ranked No. 1 and didn't disappoint.

The Knights won a second straight Metro Conference regular season and tournament title with an unblemished record.

They won every game in the regular season and won a district title with a thrilling come-from-behind victory in the first round against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Senior Curtis Fisher had the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Knights crushed Royal Oak Shrine in a regional semi-

final game, but abruptly ended their season with an upset loss to Metro Conference foe Lutheran Westland.

"Despite the loss in the regional finals, we had a pretty darn good season," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Every player on this team worked hard to try to win a state title."

"We came close, but not close enough because I really think we were the best team in the state in Division IV."

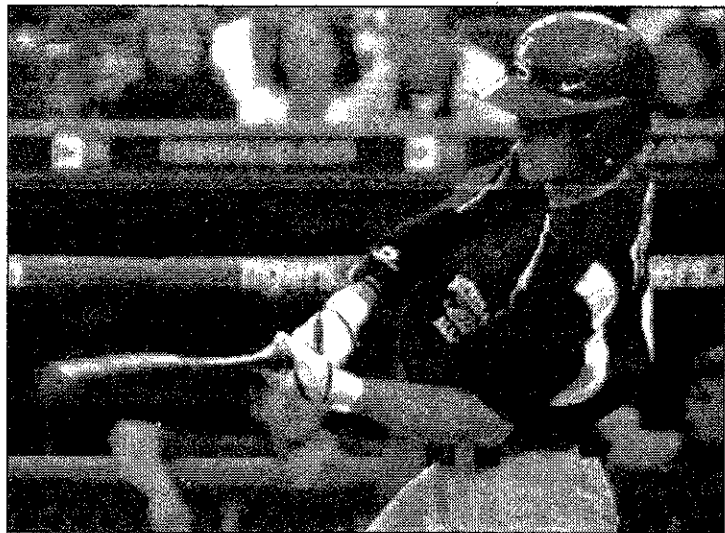
The Knights were powered by Fisher and fellow seniors Mike Thomas and Patrick Gustine.

Other prominent starters were Mark Ghafari, Dominic Jamett, Jeremiah Manning, Joe Simon and Tommy Graves.

The boys lacrosse team made huge strides last year, beating city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South in the same season for the first time in years.

Head coach Chris Hartley resigned after the season after accepting a job offer in Seattle.

The girls' tennis team made it to the state finals, finishing in the top 10, and the boys' tennis team made it to the state finals



FILE PHOTO

Curtis Fisher, a 2008 graduate, earned a spot on the "Dream Team" and played in the annual East-West All-Star baseball game last summer.

once again.

The ULS tennis programs have been two of the most successful in state history and keep cranking out talented athletes year after year.

This fall, the girls field hockey team won a division title and made it to the state semifinals, while the boys soccer squad won a district championship with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Royal Oak Shrine.

Junior Dan Zukas scored the title-winning goal late in the second half.

The girls volleyball team came out of nowhere to shock Division IV by capturing a district championship.

The team underachieved throughout the season before playing their best during the

district tournament.

Coach of the Year

Tamara Fobare, David Backhurst, Chris Hartley are head coaches who guided ULS athletic teams to success in 2008.

However, ULS was fortunate to have Dan Cimini, varsity baseball head coach, on his way to San Diego, along with his mentor, Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum, to accept the ABCA/Diamond Sports Company High School Division III Region 4 Coach of the Year accolade.

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Grosse Pointe South

Girls hockey, girls tennis lead South in 2008

2008

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's 2008 was full of dozens of wonderful stories, including the opening of the new pool facility.

Teams of the Year

Head coach Todd Briggs and the Lady Blue Devils swimming and diving team crushed all but one of the foes on its 2008 slate.

The team placed several competitors in the Division 2 state finals, including several mentioned later in this article.

Two South teams went on to capture state championships. First, the girls' hockey squad beat Ann Arbor 4-2 in early March to win. In the spring, the girls' tennis team crushed everyone in its wake en route to easily capturing a Class A state championship.

For the hockey team under Bill Fox, it was the eighth state title in the 11-year history of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, and for the tennis squad under Mark Sobieralski, it was its first crown since 1986.

The hockey team had several seniors, Alex Rentz, Jenna Huitsing, Maria Hartman, Mary Dosch, Anna Shepard, Kathleen McDonald and Ashley Thibodeau.

Junior C.J. Jarboe was stellar in net throughout the season and in the title game against the Pioneers she had several spectacular saves.

"The girls were motivated after not performing up to our standards the year before," Fox said. "They worked hard and were able to beat a very good Ann Arbor team."

"Our goal was to win our last game and we did."

The Lady Blue Devils finished 19-0-2 overall.

Sobieralski's squad also went undefeated. It blew away the competition and easily won the division dual meet, the division tournament and regional tournaments before embarking on the state finals scene.

At the finals, Angela Chupa won her No. 1 singles flight, while Carolyn Chupa won the No. 3 singles flight.

Mary Chupa, No. 2 singles, and Sarah VanWalleghem, No. 4 singles, made the finals, but



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Jordan Long, sitting, won the diving competition in last year's state finals, thanks to hard work, dedication and the coaching of Chad Hepner, standing.

lost.

Other finalists was the No. 1 doubles team of Melanie Capuano and Mary Kate Hayden, the No. 2 doubles squad of Elizabeth Hyde and Victoria Grams, and the No. 4 doubles team of Molly Lynch and Stephanie Skau.

"This group of girls were focused each and every match and they performed up to expectations," Sobieralski said. "We were the favorites heading into the season and the girls didn't let the pressure get to them."

Other teams that made a splash in 2008 included the girls' golf squad that finished second in the Division I state finals, the girls and boys cross country teams that made the state finals, the boys and girls track and field teams that made the state finals, the girls soccer team that won a district title and recorded an upset in a regional semifinal game, the boys baseball team that won a league title with a perfect 12-0 mark and a district championship, the boys lacrosse team

that made it all the way to the state Final Four for the first time ever, the boys hockey team that made it to the regional finals before losing 1-0 in double-overtime to Warren DeLaSalle, and the boys' tennis team that won division dual meet, division tournament and a regional tournament.

Coach of the Year

Bill Fox got his girls to believe they were the best ice hockey team last year and they proved it by winning a state championship.

The year before, the Lady Blue Devils had their worst season in the program's history, but Fox got his girls to focus from the start of the first practice to the last horn of the state championship game at City Arena in Detroit.

The only blemishes on the schedule were two ties against city rival Grosse Pointe North. Other than that, Fox guided his Lady Blue Devils to big victories against Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Kingswood and Livonia Ladywood en route to winning the title.

Sobieralski's team was loaded with talent from top to bottom, but that didn't stop him from loading up the schedule with as many top-ranked squads as possible.

"The girls needed to be challenged as much as possible and I think they stepped up to every challenge presented to them, including winning the state championship as the favorite," Sobieralski said.

Cooper's squad got off to a fast start, winning several early-season tournaments, and it kept on rolling along, going undefeated in dual meets and winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament.

Seniors Kelsey Burgess and Charlotte Park said during interviews they enjoyed playing for Cooper because he had a serious side and a fun side that made playing serious golf enjoyable.

Briggs is slowly turning South's girls swim program in-

to a state title contender. They have improved their overall point totals in the state finals the past few years, as has the boys' swim team under head coach Eric Gunderson.

Both coaches put hundreds of hours of time into teaching the finer points of swimming and that has attracted many all-top-notch swimmers to their programs.

Tom Berschback was back for another crack at winning dual meets, division meet and regional titles, which his players did for an umpteenth season.

He keeps on cranking out top players and top teams that finish in the top 15 in the state.

Track and field coaches Werner Schienke and Steve Zaranek, who also coached the girls' cross country team, and fellow cross country coach Tom Wise, dedicated hour upon hour to help their student-athletes perform at a high level, which is why they win year after year.

Wise recently announced his retirement from coaching.

Dan Griesbaum rode his seniors to an unblemished division record, as well as a district title. His Blue Devils beat city rival Grosse Pointe North four times a year ago.

Griesbaum expects big things from his players and they respond with winning seasons.

Don Wolford's enthusiasm spilled over late last spring when his Blue Devils lacrosse team finally played up to its potential, which resulted in a first-ever spot in a state Final Four.

Players of the Year

Grosse Pointe South's Jordan Long began the 2008 season by making a big splash in the state diving championships. He won the gold medal with 496.60 points compared to 432.80 for runner-up John Santein of University of Detroit Jesuit.

Long missed the first couple of meets this season with an injury, but will return after the holiday break and be ready to defend his title.

Angela Chupa, Mary Chupa, Carolyn Chupa, Melanie Capuano (fourth time she earned All-State honors as the first three years came at No. 1 singles), Mary Kate Hayden, Lizzy Hyde and Victoria Grams each made All-State First Team in girls tennis in 2008.

In addition, Angela Chupa was selected All-American, which is one of 40 in the country and one of two in the state, joining Shannon Matthews of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Reid Fragel made the football "Dream Team" for defense this fall, while Jackie Stevens, Ali DeLoof and Molly DeWald made All-State in swimming.

Tim Shield was truly an All-Everything, earning "Dream Team" honors as one of the state's top goaltenders in ice hockey and making All-State for boys golf in the spring.

Other standouts are Mark Riashi, an All-State pitcher who set pitching records for the Blue Devils last spring; Alex Parker was an All-State tennis player this fall at No. 1 singles; Alex Rentz earned the prestigious Miss Hockey honor and was an All-State First Team player; Mike Cunningham made All-State in soccer; Charlotte Park earned All-State honors in girls golf; Ashley Thibodeau was an All-State lacrosse performer; and Edwin Gay was an All-State cross country runner.

ULS: 2008 was fruitful

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Executive Director, Dave Keilitz, sent Cimini the official notice this fall.

The ABCA National Convention is Jan 2 through Jan 5.

"This is a great honor to be selected nationally," Cimini said. "We had a great season with a great bunch of young men. Even though we didn't win a state championship, we had one heck of a season."

Joining Cimini as regional coaches of the year are Craig Phillips of Fort Plain High School in New York, Jeff Smoot of Strasburg High School in Virginia, Tony Rasmus of Russell County High School in Alabama, Brian Miller of Mid Prairie High School in Iowa, Kirk Bock of Harrison High School in Arkansas, Don Freeman of Heritage High School in Washington and John Diate of Valley Christian High School in California.

The ABCA High School Division III National Coach of the Year is Bock.

Players of the Year

Among the best of the best at ULS, no one stood taller in



FILE PHOTO

The 2008 University Liggett School baseball team had an undefeated record until losing to Lutheran Westland in a Division IV regional championship game.

2008 than graduate Curtis Fisher.

He dominated the baseball diamond last spring for the Knights, leading them in nearly every offensive category.

The power-hitting pitcher/centerfielder earned "Dream Team" honors and was selected to play in last summer's prestigious East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

Fisher was one of four Knights who made the

Division IV All-State First Team, joining 2008 graduates Patrick Gustine and, Mike Thomas, as well as current senior Tommy Graves.

Others who earned All-State First Team honors were seniors Drew Amato and Aziz Jan, who played on the Knights' No. 4 doubles team this fall. They helped the team make it to the state finals.

This fall, seniors Charlotte Waldeir and Whitney Baubie, as well as junior Paige

Counsman, earned Division II All-Division Team I honors in field hockey.

Claire Perrachio made All-State in girls tennis last spring, making the finals of the No. 3 singles flight.

Catherine Vatsis, No. 1 singles, and Jamie Bow, No. 2 singles, made the semifinals of their respective flights in the state finals, while the No. 4 doubles team of Sarah Pollick and Ellie Ottaway also made the semifinals.

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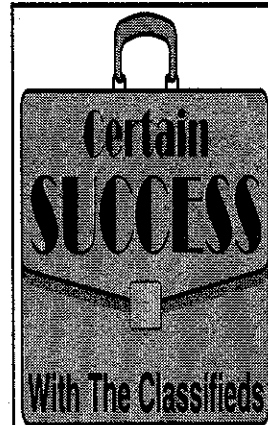
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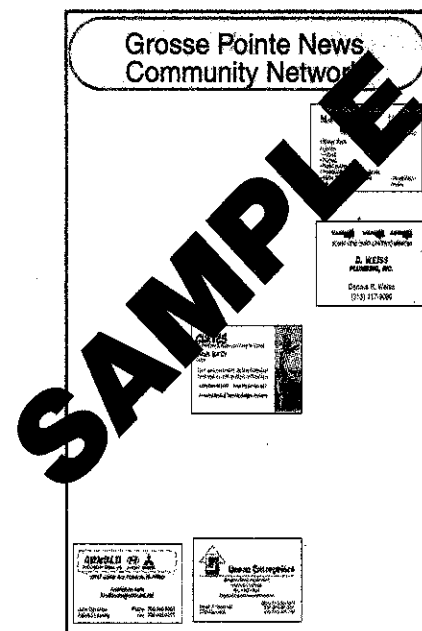
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