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**SATURDAY, DEC. 5**

◆ Lake St. Clair Symphony hosts a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Adults and senior tickets cost \$10 and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the door and at Gifts Afloat, 25025 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For more information, visit [lscso.org](http://lscso.org) or call (586) 933-0088.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms skate swap is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the warming house at Pier Park. Donors of pairs of skates are qualified to select a pair. This is open to Farms residents only.

◆ Free parking on all surface lots and municipal parking garages in the Village and on the Hill and street parking along Mack Avenue in the Farms and the Woods during normal business hours.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 6**

◆ Free parking is available on all surface lots and municipal parking garages in the Village and on the Hill and street parking along Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods during normal business hours.

**MONDAY, DEC. 7**

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9**

◆ The Defer Elementary PTO sponsors a holiday shopping extravaganza from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Admission is free. Twenty-five vendors are represented.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 10**

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chapter Barbershop Harmony Society presents The Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus in "Santa Gets Grilled on Larry King Live," a one-act Christmas singing play, at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Advanced tickets cost \$10 or \$12 at the door. Also performing are In the Neighborhood and Singer Local No. 4. For more information, call (586) 463-3917.

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## Thousands greet Santa

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It was a wonderful day in the neighborhood when Santa Claus climbed down from his sleigh in the Village at the end of last Friday's parade.

"It's a wonderful trip from the North Pole to here," he said to a group of children, parents and municipal officials after the 34th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. "Thank you and everyone. Have a wonderful, wonderful Christmas."

"What a wonderful day," said Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe. "What a wonderful parade. I think it was the most crowded it's been in all the years."

An estimated 10,000 people watched the parade along its 1.5-mile route from Kercheval and Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms, through the Hill to the Village in the City, according to Lt. Eddie Tujaka of the City public safety department.

Scrace said, "The Hill was a lot more crowded this year than before."

The parade is high on Santa's Christmas list.

"Santa looks forward to getting the invitation to visit this wonderful, wonderful parade," he said. "All of the children, families, parents and grandparents who have come down to say hello to Santa is incredible. It a real wonderful trip for Santa to take from the North Pole to come here. Everyone have a wonderful, wonderful Christmas."

The parade was a joint effort of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and Hill Association.

"On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village and Hill associations, I thank all the wonderful volunteers who put so much time into today's parade and our wonderful sponsors," said Ellen Durand, Village association president. "We wouldn't be here without you."

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade provided Santa's float with sleigh and eight flying reindeer.

The crowd included

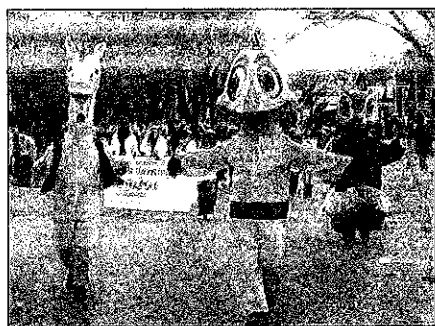
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PHOTOS BY PETER BIRKNER

## Getting ready

Some 10,000 people were on hand to welcome the holiday season with Santa's appearance Nov. 27. Clowns and Big Heads were a part of success of the 34th annual parade. Turn to pages, 6 and 7A II for more parade photos.

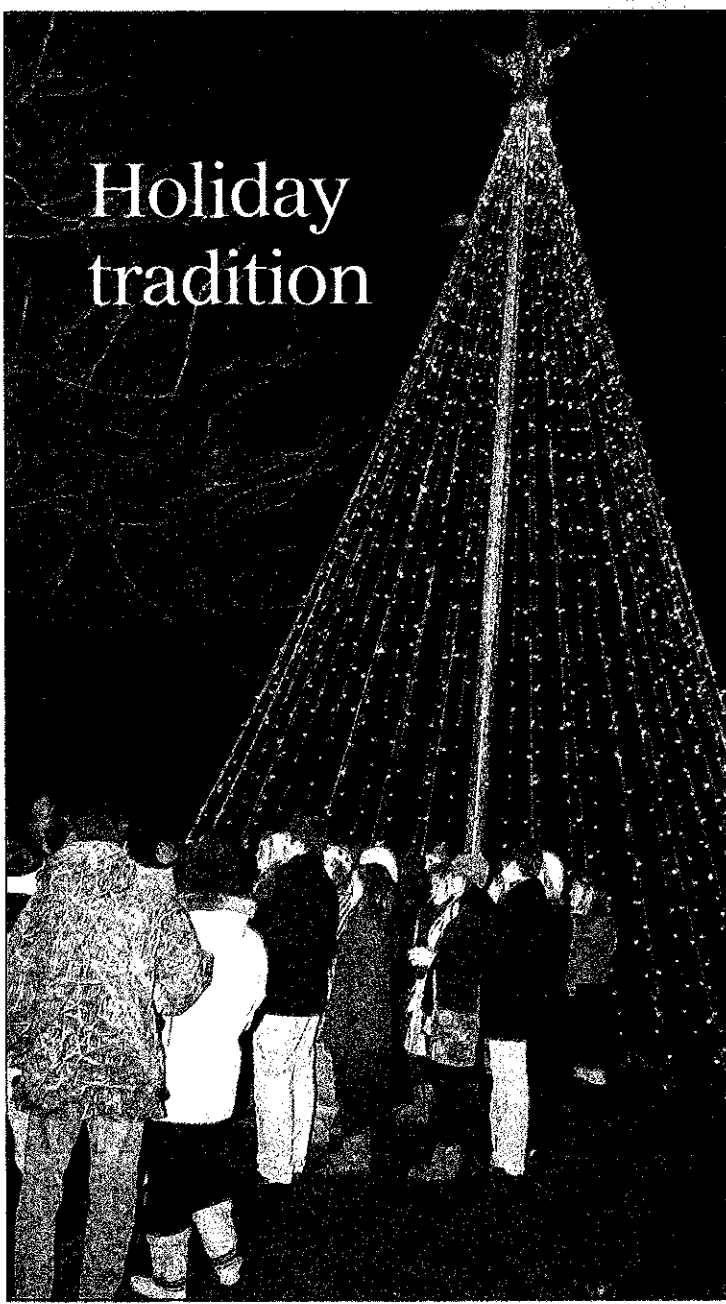


The Pointe Singers from Grosse Pointe South High School and spectators sang carols last Sunday evening at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. Ceremonies for the municipal tree lighting ceremony continued in the community center, where the Merry Music Maker entertained children.

Below, Lily Petz, 4, and her 2-year-old sister, Elle, wait for festivities to begin.



## Holiday tradition



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Motions to be heard

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Motions will be heard Dec. 16 in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court in the case of an unlicensed adult foster care home operating on Fairway Lane under the name Serenity Way.

The facility, owned by Pamela Boos, began accepting residents in September, even though the home was not licensed. According to city officials, it continues to operate without a state license. The city cited Serenity Way on Nov. 2 for violation of local zoning

laws, which brought the facility's St. Clair Shores attorney, Paul Garvey, to court Nov. 25.

Garvey told the court Boos had applied for a license Oct. 14, and the state has issued a temporary license. He also said Boos has hired a consultant to assist with moving the license application through state channels and expects the home to be fully licensed in 30 days.

"Once that license is granted, we will be in complete compliance," he said. "It will be of no benefit to the city to keep citing us and we will file a motion for

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### POINTER OF INTEREST

*'I'm still on the learning curve. I've paid my dues.'*

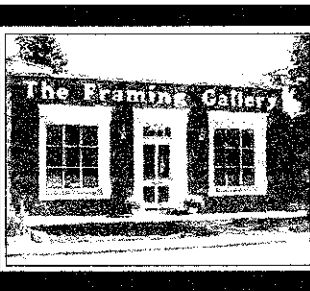
## Margaret Carroll



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Age:** 49  
**Family:** Daughter, Kathleen, 8; Buddy, the dog, 9.  
**Claim to fame:** Author of thrillers  
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## 2A | NEWS

## Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **MELTED PIPE PROVES FINE FIREFIGHTER:** Not many homeowners can boast of an automatic sprinkler system inside their house that serves as a fire extinguisher. But a family in the 1200 block of N. Oxford can.

The family left the house thinking everything was in order only to return to the remains of a fire in the kitchen and a house full of smoke.

Grosse Pointe Woods firemen, who were called immediately after the family discovered the damage, found paper in the wastebasket under the sink was ignited by cigarette ashes.

The fire swept through the kitchen, but when it reached the ceiling, the heat from the flames melted the copper water pipe. The water that escaped the pipe extinguished the fire before it could spread to the remainder of the house.

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL RATES HIGH:** Grosse Pointe High School received a visit from an accreditation team from the University of Michigan and received several fine comments from the inspection team. The language department received special complements from inspectors, including, "It is the most outstanding of all the high schools visited in Michigan."

◆ **PARENTS TOLD TO INSTRUCT CHILDREN ON SNOWBALLING:** There is no law preventing anyone from making snowballs, but there is a law against where you throw them.

There are ordinances in each of the five Pointes which prohibit tossing of snowballs at automobiles, or at passing pedestrians, which prescribe fines and punishments against miscreants.

her purse stolen. In the second incident, the driver refused to get out of her car or roll down the window. When she said she would call police about the incident, the other driver ran back to his car and fled.

◆ **ANOTHER BUMP AND RUN, WITH A TWIST:** Three young men in a red car bumped the rear of a silver Camaro stopped at a red light at Vernier and Marder. When the woman stepped out to examine the damage, she was pushed aside by one of the occupants of the red car who jumped into her car and drove off.

The woman flagged down a passing vehicle that just happened to be equipped with a car phone. The driver immediately notified Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety which dispatched a scout car to Moross and I-94. When the silver Camaro followed by a red car drove past, the officer confirmed the Chevrolet had just been stolen and apprehended the driver and his passenger.

◆ **NEWSPAPER PLANS NEW BUILDING:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council voted as a zoning board of appeals to allow the owners of the Grosse Pointe News to proceed with plans to construct a new building for the community newspaper.

According to Publisher Robert G. Edgar, the new structure will be built on two adjacent vacant lots located on Kercheval Avenue between Picar-Norton clothiers at 91 Kercheval and Persnickety Pedlar at 98 Kercheval, almost directly across from the paper's current location at 99 Kercheval.

The new building will be two stories tall and contain approximately 6,000 square feet of usable space versus the current building's estimated 2,700 square feet.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **HISTORICAL DISTRICTS APPROVED:** Grosse Pointe Farms entered a new phase in its history when it approved an ordinance creating the mechanism necessary for establishing special historical districts to preserve some of the city's older buildings.

The Historical Advisory Commission believes it is important to preserve the city's Provencal-Weir House, the Farms water filtration plant,

the Farms sewage pump station, the Joy Bells and the houses of Beverly Road, the city's first subdivision.

◆ **HATS OFF:** It's hats off to the anonymous Grosse Pointe Shores resident who donated \$5,000 toward the purchase of modern and up-to-code fire helmets for the village's public safety department. The helmets meet current Occupational Safety and Health Association standards and replace helmets that are about 20 years old.

◆ **HARMONY HOUSE HITS LOW NOTE:** A local record shop will soon spin its last tune.

Harmony House in the Village will close early next year when its lease runs out.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **LIQUOR LICENSE WANTED:** A Grosse Pointe Farms man with more than 25 years restaurant experience is first in line to receive a liquor license for a café he's planning on the Hill.

Edward Barbieri Jr., who with his father in 1978 opened DaEdoardo restaurant in Grosse Pointe Woods, wants a Class C liquor license for his Café DaEdoardo being built at 98 Kercheval.

The Farms has only one more available liquor license. No other requests are filed at the city clerk's office.

◆ **EXTRA SENSE OF SECURITY:** With the favorable response to the availability of lock boxes for commercial buildings, Grosse Pointe Woods will be testing a similar program for its residents.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council is expected to give the city's public safety department the go-ahead to purchase two to five temporary lock boxes for residents to use upon request. The lock boxes will provide public safety officers with instant access into a house in case of an emergency.

◆ **BIG LOOT:** Thieves stole more than \$8,000 in electronic equipment and computers during a home invasion on Fisher Road in Grosse Pointe Farms. The residents slept through the robbery. An occupant reported the crime at 8 a.m. when she went to the kitchen and discovered her purse emptied out. Several fingerprints were recovered at the point of entry, a broken side window.

— Karen Fontanive



FROM THE DEC. 6, 1984 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1984: Just a trim, please

No matter how busy things get at Ron's Barber Shop on Mack Avenue, there's always a chair for Santa. The Grosse Pointe News roving photographer happened past and spotted the guy from up north patiently waiting his turn.

## Jingle Bell runners



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Elena Roma and her father, Dan, make the Jingle Bell Run on Kercheval a family affair. The run took place before the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students graduated in May 2009 from Central Michigan University: Cyril Agley, Heidi Berger and Mary Maki all of Grosse Pointe Park; Jeffrey Simmons, Eric Kmetz, Michael Wayland and Angela Weiss all of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Tylor Clor of Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆◆◆ Joseph Anton Daboul graduated in May from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. The Grosse Pointe North graduate is the son of Frederick and Rita Daboul of Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆◆◆ Justin W. Wines graduated third in his class from culinary specialist school at Naval Station, Great Lakes, Ill. and has been assigned to Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland. A 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, he is the son of Michael and Lori Wines of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Mayor says: Shop local

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

When Emma Sclabassi, 4, came from Illinois last week to spend Thanksgiving with her grandfather in Grosse Pointe Woods, the visit included a side trip to see Santa Claus in the Village.

Sclabassi's mother and grandfather predicted the parley will yield Hannah Montana presents under the Christmas tree.

"Emma's interests wax and wane quite a bit, but I think the focus is on Hannah Montana — and some princess things," said her mother, Jennifer Sclabassi, a former Pointer now living in Hinsdale, Ill.

Sclabassi's father — Emma's grandfather — is Terrence Kosky of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He and some of the family went to the Village last Friday afternoon. Attractions included the Village Aglow tree-lighting celebration and Santa, who tallied Christmas lists from children visiting him at

the Village Toy Company.

"We stopped by for the tree-lighting ceremony and the carolers," said Jennifer Sclabassi. "I remember Christmas shopping in the Village. We bought quite a bit."

Municipal stakeholders who value a healthy local business community hope all children this year grow up to remember their parents and grandparents shopping in the Village quite a bit.

"This year, more than any year, it's really important for us to support our local merchants," said Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe, to a crowd attending the tree ceremony. "Everybody is looking forward to a great year with all of your help."

The city Christmas tree is at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

"Here we are on one of my favorite days as mayor," Scrace said to about 250 people, according to police estimates. "We started with a wonderful parade. We welcomed Santa to the Village. Our tree



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Emma Sclabassi has Hannah Montana gifts in her future.

seems to get bigger every year. I thank the Edward Frohlich Trust that sponsors the tree."

The Treasure Trove antique store sponsored Village Aglow.

"We are very appreciative to the Treasure Trove for making that possible," said John Denomme, promotions manager for the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

The lighting ceremony included a sing-along of Christmas carols led by The Pointe Singers Select Choir.

Santa Claus met children at

the toy store. He was explaining the unexpectedly large number of out-of-state children he'd met in the Village when Emma walked in.

Store owner Ellen Durand said business on Friday was steady.

"We had lots of families and out-of-towners," said Durand, who also is Village Association president. "There were a lot of repeat visitors from out of town. They make a point to come in the store every time they come to town."

## GROSSE POINTE SHORES



Santa and Christmas Carol with Evans, Christopher and Jimmy Valice.

# Santa arrives on a fire truck

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

"It's unbelievable," said a little voice in the Ferry Elementary School choir when Santa Claus rolled up to Grosse Pointe Shores city hall last Sunday on top of a fire truck.

The truck, with red lights blinking and siren wailing, delivered Santa to one of his favorite stops during the run-up to Christmas.

"I love Grosse Pointe Shores," he said to more than 100 people attending the Shores Christmas tree lighting ceremony Nov. 29. "I always get such a nice, warm welcome."

Members of the choir, having finished singing carols, chanted Santa's name.

"I love to come and see all the beautiful decorations," he said. "I love to see all the children and how happy you are getting ready for Christmas."

The tree lighting is a tradition.

"This serves as a kickoff to the holiday

season, an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together in fellowship and share in the joy of this wonderful season," said Mayor Dr. James Cooper. "In this, the season of gratitude, I want to express what certainly should be a sense of appreciation for our wonderful community that, in spite of all our challenges, remains a portrait of unique beauty and community pride."

New to this year's celebration was the Ferry choir.

Singers led the crowd in traditional Yuletide songs, starting with "White Christmas."

Santa's helper, Christmas Carol, made a repeat appearance helping children line up to tell Santa their Christmas wishes.

"I think this is the biggest crowd we've ever had," she said. "This is wonderful."

People cheered when the tree was lit on the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

"Everybody, let's go inside and have some hot chocolate," Cooper said. "Have a happy and safe holiday season."



PHOTO S BY RENEE LANDUYT

Shores mayor, Dr. James M. Cooper, center, welcomes Christmas Carol, left, and Santa Claus to town.

## GROSSE POINTE SHORES

# Shores holiday home tour Sunday

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

This Sunday marks the second annual holiday home tour sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

"Last year was our first year," said Susan Walton, foundation secretary. "It was a raving success. We had far more people than anticipated. People loved seeing the

homes decorated. So, we're doing it again this year."

The tour of Shores houses is 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance and are available by sending a check payable to the foundation at Shores city hall. Tickets cost \$20 at the door.

Homeowners on the tour will have their houses decorated for the holidays.

"Some of them started decorating after Halloween be-

cause they get so excited," Walton said. "It's just a matter of Grosse Pointe Shores residents volunteering to decorate their homes and let their friends and neighbors come in to see their decorations."

The foundation will use proceeds to fund municipal improvements, such as \$3,700 it pledged recently to renovate basketball courts at Osius Park.

"City staff will be involved

with installation of the (basketball) poles and getting the courts prepared for spring," said Brian Vick, city manager.

Walton said, "More and more, we're trying to get to a point where we can raise much larger funds and focus on getting the swimming pool replaced in the park."

"That's the key thing we're starting to hone in on — earn some money and replace that pool."

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Coyote kills pet spaniel

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A City public safety officer said the next coyote he sees causing trouble will be dead meat, especially since one last week killed a resident's pet.

Dickens, a 25-pound cocker spaniel, was attacked and killed by neck wounds shortly before 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. The attack occurred in front of his owner's house on Dodge Place.

The dog had been let outside to a lawn rigged with an invisible electric fence. The owner found his dog wounded in the street and saw the coyote running away between houses.

Coyotes started moving into the Grosse Pointes a couple of years ago.

"During the past year, we've had three sightings of coyotes in our city, mostly in backyards along the lake," said James Fox, City public safety director.

He said his officers are allowed to shoot coyotes only if the animals pose a danger.

"If a coyote poses a threat to humans or property, we're allowed to take lethal action, and we will," Fox said. "As long as we have a clear shot and don't endanger anyone. Our shotguns have buckshot, usually eight pellets. That would be our weapon of choice."

Many coyote sightings have been near the border of Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores.

A Farms public safety shift commander a few weeks ago tried to shoot a coyote near Provencal, but couldn't get clean aim.

Shores residents this fall reported coyote encounters of escalating seriousness.

In October on Shoreham, a coyote attacked a beagle in the presence of its owner. A week before that, another resident told police a coyote showed no fear of three adult humans and their two 50-pound dogs.

Regarding the City attack last Friday, police said they were told a resident of the neighborhood has been feeding coyotes.

"That's one of the worst things you can do," Fox said. "You're not only encouraging coyotes to come back into the area, but once they become familiar with the scent of humans, they become less afraid of them. You're liable to have more attacks on family pets."

"We advise strongly against feeding the coyotes or leaving food out they can get," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "We want them to be fearful of humans and their pets. By feeding them, you're drawing them up to your house, which is exactly the opposite of what we want to do."

# Nothing goes right in Woods left turn

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It seemed simple enough at the time.

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was waiting to make a left hand turn off Mack onto Lochmoor Boulevard at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23. A truck in front of him in the turnaround was stopped at the red light.

That's when a 67-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident in a Mercedes Benz pulled up behind him and became impatient. She honked her car's

horn. When the light changed and the Woods resident completed his left turn, she decided to let him know how unhappy she was with his driving. She followed him. She sped up, passed him and when she came to a stop sign, she stopped. She put on her car's four-way flashers and refused to move.

Concerned, the Woods resident decided to pass her, at which time she began to follow him again. He decided against going home for fear

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Author **Magaret Carroll's** male characters are just plain bad, yet are inspired by real life.

# What a thrill to write books

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Porter Moross is a control freak. He wants a good marriage but doesn't have a clue how to achieve it. And, he is just plain creepy.

Danny Cunningham is an enabler, selfish, has a temper and is downright mean. All he wants is money and what it can buy him.

Porter and Danny are bad to the bone.

Both Porter and Danny are characters in thrillers written by Margaret Carroll of Grosse Pointe Farms and published back-to-back in 2009.

"I loved him," Carroll said of Porter. "He was my favorite character. I'd get up in the morning and say 'Oh, boy, I get to write about Porter today.' I was writing about bad things in his life, what happened to him. When I was writing about him, my fingers couldn't keep up with my thoughts. I felt bad for him, what he went through."

Danny is in "Riptide" and Porter appears in "Dark Love," which has been named one of the top five in mass fiction by Publishers Weekly. The latter is in its second printing by the German publisher, Bertelsmanns Worldwide Media.

These two books followed "The True Match" set in New York City and "The Write Match," both published by Avalon.

Her next book, due out next year, centers around a man involved in a Ponzi scheme.

Carroll's interest in writing thrillers began by reading the crime pages in the Sunday paper.

"My father would get up early to make coffee and read the paper. I would grab the crime stories. I remember reading about Charles Manson. I read thrillers," she said.

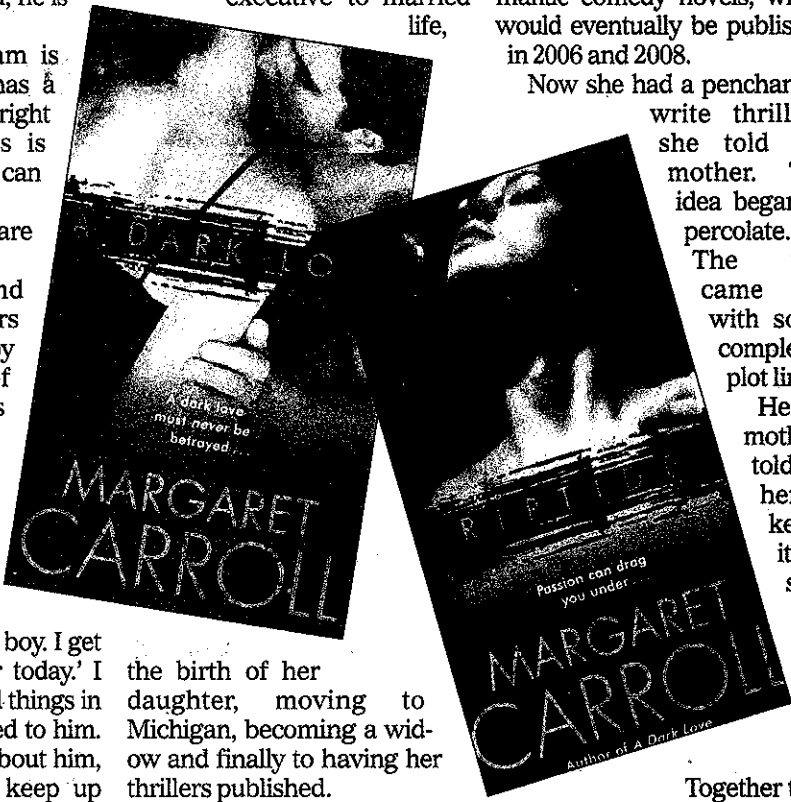
To become the successful writer she is, Carroll traveled a long road. She uses the analogy of a phoenix rising from the ashes as her life moved from being a highly paid, traveling executive to married life,

Four months later, her mother suggested a vacation to Sanibel Island, Fla. While there her mother inquired about the topic of her next book.

Carroll had written two romantic comedy novels, which would eventually be published in 2006 and 2008.

Now she had a penchant to write thrillers, she told her mother. The idea began to percolate.

The two came up with some complex plot lines. Her mother told her to keep it simple.



the birth of her daughter, moving to Michigan, becoming a widow and finally to having her thrillers published.

Carroll, her husband, Rand, infant daughter, Kathleen, and Buddy, the Scottish terrier moved to Michigan just before Labor Day 2001 after her brother-in-law said Michigan was a great place to live.

"We found this one," Carroll said of their seven-month search for the Tudor house. "We were so excited. We closed in February."

"Rand was homesick for Santa Fe. He went to an annual men's meditation conference," she said.

Riding a Harley-Davidson with a friend on the stretch of Route 66 near the conference site, an accident occurred and Rand was killed.

"That was April 2002. I didn't know what I would do for the rest of my life. We had moved into the house in March. The neighbors helped us move in. They had met Rand. It was such a terrible time."

Together they settled on a wife trying to get away from her abusive husband, Carroll said.

Before the day was over, Carroll had written key scenes on a legal pad. It was a cat and mouse scenario — the wife runs, the husband follows.

She wrote the book in five months, from 4 to 7 a.m., before Kathleen arose.

"I thought I would sell it," she said.

She gave it to her sister, an English teacher, who stayed up until 1:30 a.m. reading the manuscript by the light of a kerosene lamp at their camp site.

"This is the book," she said her sister told her. "For three years it didn't sell."

Rejections came from one publisher after another.

Carroll came across the agency representing John Grisham, which at the time had no website, and was in the market for thrillers.

She remembers the July weekend day, she, her daughter



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Margaret Carroll lives in a Tudor house with her daughter, Kathleen, and Scottish terrier. Her third thriller will be published in 2010.

ter and Buddy walked to the corner mailbox and dropped in the inquiry. The following Wednesday morning an e-mail from the publishing house said e-mail the first three chapters immediately. She did and by Friday, the message was to rewrite the entire book.

"I don't know if I can do this," she said.

Carroll took her laptop and note cards to the Central Library reading room, where, she said, every morning the same retired men were reading the papers, and she was working.

By the end of September, the book was complete. Her editor was on her way to New Hampshire for the weekend and said she would look at it upon her return. That was a Thursday.

Before the day was over there was a contract for "Dark Love" and "Book B." It was a book she hadn't written but was also the beginning of "Riptide," which Carroll said she could deliver by March 1.

"It was really a tough deadline. A 'Dark Love' was all ready to go. It was edited and the page galleys were done."

It was a hectic time.

Kathleen was making her first communion, a party planned, out of town guests were due and so was the book, which was inspired by a true-to-life story.

"Real life is creepier than fic-

tion," she said.

"I wanted to write about a bad guy. It was tough. I got migraines." Carroll stopped and laughed. "It could have been the sunlight. I was on my Mother's porch."

During the years of writing the two thrillers, Carroll was learning about house ownership.

When she was on Sanibel Island, her neighbors relandscaped her lawn.

"It was an eyesore," Carroll said. "We never got to do what we wanted to do. (The yard) was neglected."

"I still remember pulling up (after the vacation)," she said. "Mother and I couldn't believe it. It just felt like a big hug. They (neighbors) brought meals over. I was learning how to maintain a house. People were so nice to me in this neighborhood. They would stop and offer to take Buddy for a walk. I really love it here."

With book five well under way, Carroll is stretching her writing abilities.

"I'm still on the learning curve," she said. "I've earned my stripes. I must learn how to write about all kinds of people. They aren't going to be people you know. You have to forgive them. I had to stop moralizing. I had to let them have their say. I write like Mary Higgins Clark."

## The beginnings

Carroll's family moved from

Bayside Queens to Suffolk County, Long Island, the setting for "Riptide," when she was in third grade. She graduated from George Washington University with a degree in journalism and political science.

"I had a wonderful career," she said.

It began with Standard and Poor's Daily Record with hourly deadlines.

There, she said, she learned journalistic and work ethics and pounded out stories on a manual typewriter.

"It was so much fun. It was a great atmosphere," she said.

After a year and a half, Carroll moved to a monthly, Airport Express, learning about JFK's airport cargo facility.

"We were doing pioneering stories," she said.

She began traveling overseas looking at other airport cargo facilities. From that job, she moved to aviation and luxury travel venues. She worked for British Airways for 10 years.

In 1999, Carroll was hired as the advertising and promotion director for the Luxury Collection and St. Regis hotels. It was during a business trip to Arizona, she met attorney Rand Carroll. During the long weekend there, he joined Carroll and her girlfriend each night for dinner, she said. A few more trips to Santa Fe and a year later they were married in Central Park, honeymooned in Greece, adopted Buddy and had a baby.

At Kathleen's baptism, Carroll confessed she was homesick. Her brother-in-law, a chemical engineer in Kalamazoo, said Michigan was a good place to live.

"Who moves to Michigan," she wondered.

Rand Carroll began looking for a job and landed in Detroit. "I came sight unseen," she said.

Sight unseen has turned into home and success; a rise from the ashes of sadness and confusion through the use of thrilling words.



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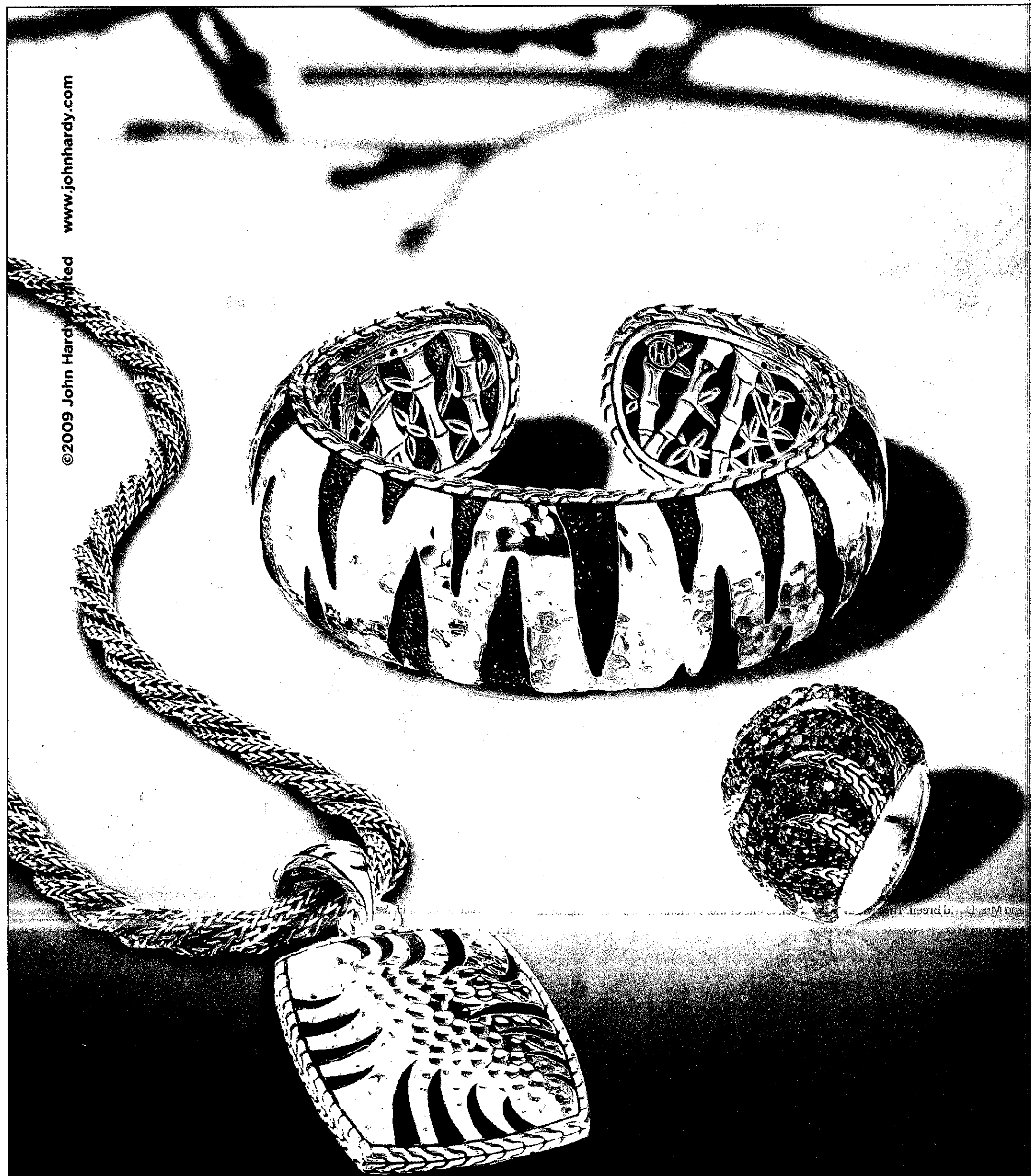
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## Beautification awards



Grosse Pointe Park residents and business owners were presented with annual beautification awards. The 2009 homeowners honored were: Karen Collins, David and Donna Costa, Inga J.F. Bushman and James Sabourin, Mary and John King, Dennis and Taryn Loughlin, Christopher and Gillian Jens, Mike and Michelle Konieczny, Dennis and Nancy Anderson, Elizabeth and Jacqueline Wang, George and Suzy Fishback, Duke and Ellen Grimshaw, Rick Semack, Don Berschback, Shirley Kennedy, Mary and Tim McCaughey, Larry and Janet Peplin, John and Catherine Hackenberger, Betty and Cecil Scott and Richard and Donna Tepper. Not pictured are: Wilbert and Carolyn Marsh, Michael Flores and Michael Fournier, Herman Wang, Daniel Gorczya, Arris Q. Urbanes and William Hulsker, Doug and Kathryn Jones, Barry J. Burton, Ann Berschback, David and Marilyn Jablonowski, Judene Cook and Thomas and Jennifer Woodman.



Civic award winners were Bill Krebs and master gardener Jolene Shrake, who gardened open lots next to the Ewald Library. Meg Novak, Letitia Waitkus, Diana Domin, Mark Domin, Betsy Breckels, Clem Fortuna, Jan and Rob Schoenherr, Anida Margaritti, Vikte Moss, Beth Walsh Sahutske, Suzanne Forbes and Eric Edlund worked an organic community garden. Not pictured, Mr. and Mrs. David Breen. The civic award is given to one or more volunteers who have improved public property.



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Above, business award winners were Jeff Lee, owner of Wolverine Services and Sierra Station; Mike Muer, owner of Harvard Grille; Yvonne Maes, owner of Do by Hair Co; Blake and Marie Maconochie, owners of Sprout House; and Nelson Scheurer, owner of 5227-33 Kercheval.

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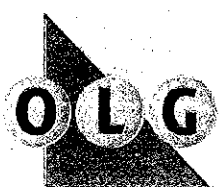


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GUEST EDITORIAL  
By Sen. Martha G. Scott

‘It’s Time to Talk Day’

The numbers don't lie — one in two teens report they have been personally victimized by controlling behaviors from a boyfriend or girlfriend. On Dec. 3, Americans nationwide will be participating in “It's Time to Talk Day,” a day dedicated to speaking about issues most prefer not to discuss — domestic violence and teen dating abuse. Many are reluctant to speak out due to fear and stigma — It's Time to Talk Day, sponsored by Liz Claiborne Inc., provides a national platform to discuss these issues in the open and out of the shadows. I am working with the National Foundation for Women

Dating violence is at epidemic proportions, resulting in thousands of preventable deaths. We all have a responsibility to do our part to end this vicious cycle.

Legislators and Moms and Dads for Education to ensure all young people are educated about the devastating consequences of teen dating violence and abuse. MADE, a nationwide coalition of parents, teachers and concerned citizens advocating for every middle school and high school in the country to teach curricula on teen dating violence and abuse, is participating in It's Time to Talk Day by urging all schools in Michigan to teach the nationally recognized Love Is Not Abuse curriculum. Because digital dating abuse is increasingly a problem for youth — nearly one in three teens in a relationship say their partners have used texting to control and harass them at all hours of the night — the curriculum is being officially relaunched on Dec. 3 with a section on digital abuse. Dating violence is at epidemic proportions, resulting in thousands of preventable deaths. We all have a responsibility to do our part to end this vicious cycle. I hope you will do your part to end relationship violence and will participate in It's Time to Talk Day events by talking to the youth in your life about dating violence and by joining the MADE coalition. Visit the website loveisnotabuse.com/made. Sen. Martha G. Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

What would Bush do?

If he wants to prevail in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama needs a George W. Bush moment. He'll have to ignore the polls, brush aside doubters in his own party and reinforce a failing war effort. Bush did all that, and more, when he ordered the surge in Iraq in January 2007. He also had to buck his own military brass and almost the entirety of a foreign-policy establishment that considered the feckless recommendations of the Baker-Hamilton commis-

We'd be in even worse shape if Obama hadn't already sent 21,000 additional troops earlier this year.

sion holy writ. He operated from a position of political weakness so debilitating, Lyndon Johnson might have identified with it in his final days. Compared with those headwinds, Obama is experiencing a late-summer breeze on Afghanistan. He's a new president in whom the American public hasn't yet lost faith, even if he's faded from his post-election heights.

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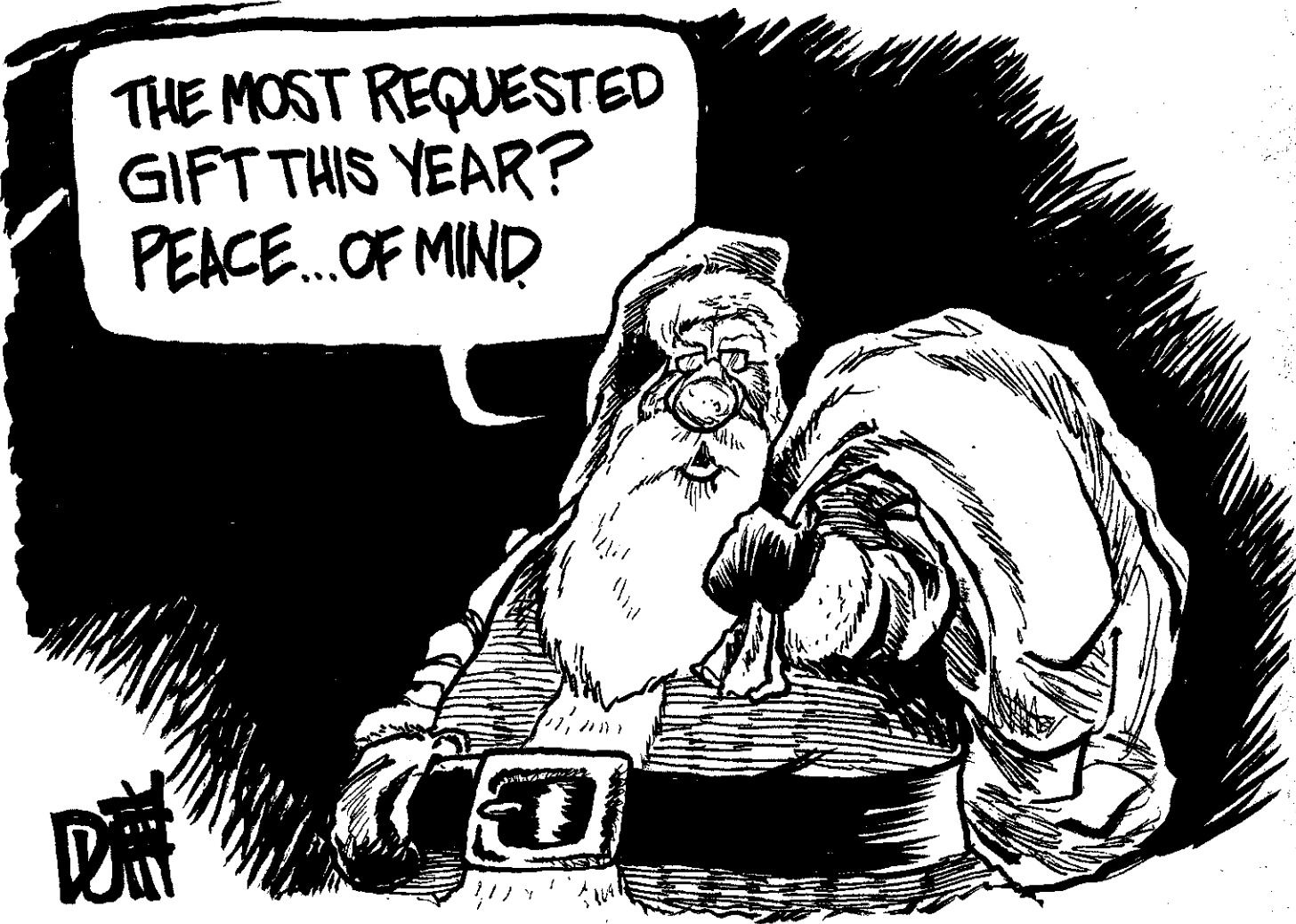
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Thanks parade volunteers

To the Editor:  
On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and Grosse Pointe Hill Association, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the sponsors that enable us to produce the 34th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. Those sponsors are: Pentastar Aviation, Bob and Vicki Liggett, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, the city of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Dirty Dog Jazz Café, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, Mr. and Mrs. William Rands III, the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe War Memorial WMTV5, the Grosse Pointe Hill Association, Tassels, Wayne County Community College District, Aitken Ormond Shores, CVS, Flagstar Bank, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Grosse Pointe Coach, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, Grosse Pointe Florist, Janet and Rob Ridder, Grosse Pointe Lions Club, Grosse Pointe Times, LaLonde Jewelers, Robert Loomis & Associates, Kloka Design Group, Eastside Tennis & Fitness, Eastern Michigan University, Crest Volvo, Russell Development, Sanders Candy shop, Smith Barney — Morgan Stanley, State Farm — Ed Lazar, The Private Bank, the Berschback family, UBS, Community Central Bank, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Pointe Electronics, Ralph Wilson Enterprises, Robert R. Sfire & Associates Inc., TCBY, Alex McLuckie and Cold Stone Creamery. A big thanks to Dan Connell, Scott Adlhoeh, Sean Moran,

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Director  
Grosse Pointe  
Santa Claus Parade

Unlicensed health care facility

To the Editor:  
I believe Paul Garvey, the attorney for Serenity Way LLC and Nursing Unlimited, has misrepresented the facts in his letter to the editor, “Licensed facility,” Nov. 26 Grosse Pointe News. If, in fact, a small group of elderly persons had purchased or rented a home within which to reside, there would be no issue. However, that is not the

case here. A commercial business enterprise purchased the home, solicited elderly residents in need of caregiving to rent rooms and contracts to provide them with around the clock caregiving through its self-owned agency. At best, it's been operating as an unlicensed health care facility and at worst, it's a commercial boarding house. Either way, I'm not happy with it on my block. It sets a bad precedent and I'm glad the city of Grosse Pointe Woods issued them a citation. ROBERT G. TIGHE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thanks officer for response

To the Editor:  
We are writing to thank officer Mike Almeranti for his rapid, kind response to our family's crisis at 6 a.m. the Friday after Thanksgiving. Our beloved pet, Dickens, a cavalier King Charles spaniel, was brutally mauled by a predatory coyote. Although our pet later died at the Pontiac Veterinary Clinic, officer Almeranti's compassion and police escort to the local vet helped our children accept that we did everything possible to help Dickens. We urge fellow Grosse Pointe residents to encourage our local police to capture and remove the coyotes from our area. Further, know that a fenced yard is no protection from such predators. We do not want another family to be traumatized. AL, SIMONE AND GREGORY  
LAHOOD  
MARQUITA BEDWAY  
Grosse Pointe

Help for our troops

To the Editor:  
I would like to call attention to a wonderful service being offered to our troops and their families through “Give An Hour.” Give An Hour is an organization based in Bethesda, Md., formed to provide mental health support services to military personnel and their loved ones who are affected by the hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, and who are currently unable to access mental health services through the military. GAH also provides help to members who are no longer eligible otherwise. Services are provided by licensed social workers, psychologists and counselors who have volunteered one hour a week to this project. A person seeking our services visits the GAH website (giveanhour.org) and clicks on “How It Works.” After reading the message, the person clicks on “Visitors” and proceeds with the process of choosing a therapist near them. They call the therapist who sets up a mutually convenient appointment to meet. If needed, services are also available by phone. There are a number of therapists in the Grosse Pointe and

Macomb County area who have volunteered to help. All that is required is a phone call. SHIRLEY NEWBOLD, LMSW, ACSW  
St. Clair Shores

Questions of global warming

To the Editor:  
Eons ago, when Earth appeared in our solar system, it was not sessile. It was and is a work in progress. If an intelligent traveler from outer space were to observe Earth since its inception, enormous changes would have been seen on its surface, devoid of living creatures capable of affecting the weather. We may never know if Earth is unique in the cosmos. But, scientists ascribe dynamic factors acting within and upon it: The tilted axis, movement of its tectonic plates, the fluctuating solar heat and the seemingly constant torrid level at its core. These elements provide the habitable conditions in which we survive today. There is absolutely no way an accurate measurement of the temperatures of the entire Earth can be made simultaneously. Recorded daily readings reveal local trends prompting meteorologists to forecast a day or so ahead as do the economists with their assumptions. If we assign heat as an allegorical elephant: “The heat produced by mankind is like the fly on the elephant's forehead.” During the 1970s, some scientists warned us of a resurgent Ice Age. Ten years later, a letter was sent to the nation's scientists requesting affirmation man was the major generator of global warming.

The vast majority tossed it out with the junk mail. Others, sensing an opportunity for a grant, acquiesced. This small insecure minority treated those who differed brutally. Jobs were lost. When reputable investigators demonstrated the fallacy of the grant holders the theme was masqueraded as climate change. Disreputable politicians seized the opportunity to perpetrate the greatest scientific fraud since the doubters of Copernicus. The present administration quickly and cunningly rammed this perfidious fake enshrouded in the veiled depths of an energy bill. If any part of the bills in question pass, every aspect of our lives can be controlled at overwhelming financial cost and loss of personal freedom. Ask the advocates: “Do you have a grant?” Check them out for intellectual honesty, if for nothing else. A pair of recent American Nobel Prize winners have duped the world and have the audacity to try to peddle their bill of goods at the scheduled Copenhagen forum on climate change. On Nov. 15, climatologists claimed we are in the cool phase of the millennium and shall be for thousands of years to come. DICK ROYER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Honor flights to Washington

The youngest World War II veterans are turning 80 years old now, and we're losing about 1,000 of them a day. Most, unfortunately, have not seen the memorial built in their honor in Washington, D.C. The WWII memorial opened in 2004, some 50 years after the war ended. The very next year, Earl Morse, a retired Air Force captain, set about making sure as many WWII veterans as possible got to visit their memorial. A fledgling group of a dozen veterans from Ohio made the first trip in August 2005. After Morse's group joined with HonorAir in North Carolina, the Honor Flight Network was born. Since then, they've taken more than 20,000 veterans to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C., but there is still much to do to ensure that

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I SAY By Bob St. John

# A lot to give thanks for during holidays



With Thanksgiving tucked away in the memory bank, it's time to focus on my favorite holiday, Christmas.

Christmas music has been flowing through our house and cars, thanks to my oldest daughter, Emma, who is enthralled with it. She can't get enough Christmas music.

In fact, she oozes holiday spirit from every inch of her body. Her giddiness has rubbed off on all of us in the St. John home.

We put the Christmas tree up the weekend before Thanksgiving and lined the

front of our house with Christmas lights. It's all lit up and ready to make life easier for Santa Claus when he is guiding his reindeer through Southeastern Michigan.

Jolly St. Nick should have no problem landing his sleigh on our roof. Our living room will be ready for his arrival. Cookies and a glass of milk will be on the coffee table for the big guy and carrots will be there, too, for the reindeer.

We can't forget the reindeer. They need energy as they fly around the world in one busy evening.

The stockings will be hung. One for mom, dad, Emma and Addison. We also have to hang them for our cats and maybe we will even hang one in honor of our beloved pooch, Princess, who we had put to sleep a year ago.

I think Emma would appreciate this gesture since she misses her, even to this day.

We have heavy hearts for the loved ones who have passed on.

Each set of my grandparents are gone. Christmas time always brings about vivid memories of my mom's parents, George and Mary. We would spend the holiday at their apartment eating stuffed cabbage. It was a tradition.

My dad's parents, Joseph and Theresa, are also gone but not forgotten. Other aunts and uncles are always in our prayers during this special time of year.

I know my parents still have a heavy heart as they recall memories of their parents and some of the traditions they had growing up in Detroit.

I'm lucky because my parents are still alive and doing well. Before we settle down for dinner at my parents' house Christmas evening, my mom always lights a small black pot that emits incense

that wraps itself around all of our souls as we say a prayer for those we miss.

Tears are always shed, but they're good tears because the departed are always with us in spirit.

My wife lost her father, Mike, when she was a teenager and lost her favorite grandmother, Helen, just a year ago. This was a tough loss for my wife. Helen was the heart and soul of my wife's life growing up. Unfortunately, Helen died Thanksgiving morning 2008.

I know this will be a tough holiday for my wife. Sadness will be present, starting with Thanksgiving, but with a little extra tenderness, my daughters and I will help her get through this difficult time.

Emma still has to give Santa her list, which he will check twice to make sure she has been nice and not naughty. We will also give St. Nick a list for Addie. What ex-

actly does a 17-month-old need?

Maybe we can slide a small baseball glove in her car seat. It's never too early to start playing catch.

The holiday season is when you get a little extra after performing admirably through a tough year.

Those who don't work hard should get a piece of coal in their stockings.

I can now call myself an award-winning sports writer. That has a nice ring to it. It's the ring of Christmas bells as the heavens smile down on my witty personality.

I look back at 2008 and see the good things, like staring at my daughters who glow with love. They're the essence of my life.

I have seen Emma shine on the softball diamond, throwing a couple of no-hitters and hitting a few mammoth home runs. She is muscular and

mature for her age — 10 to be exact. She will be 11 at the end of January.

I love watching her play sports. The good plays, the bad plays and everything in between.

My Addie will be there soon enough, throwing out base runners from second base with the ease of Sweet Lou Whitaker.

I can't be thankful enough to have two perfect daughters, a beautiful, smart wife and parents who support me through thick and thin. They're my biggest fans (maybe my only fans).

I can't beat having my youngest daughter come running into my arms with the sweet, innocence of a 1-year-old.

I'm alive and well. I cover sports for a living, which is a dream come true.

Happy holidays to everyone.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What place in the world would you most like to visit?

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



'Italy because I'm Italian and my grandpa brought over photos of Italy for us and it made me want to travel there.'

ELIZABETH BARATTA  
City of Grosse Pointe



'Hawaii because it's warm and I would like to see all the tropical features.'

PATRICK BOURKE  
City of Grosse Pointe



'Hawaii and the Caribbean because I like warm weather, water and volcanoes.'

WILLIAM GEORGE  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'China, Alaska and Hawaii because it is tropical, China is very different and I want to see the wildlife in Alaska.'

LAUREN HUNWICK  
City of Grosse Pointe



'Africa because I would like to take pictures of all the different wildlife.'

OLIVER LIVINGSTON  
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FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# The reclamation of The Grand Marais



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

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

"The Grand Marais, or big marsh, extended from the Detroit Water Works, then part of Grosse Pointe to Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park. (Period beginning about 1745).

"In winter, when a vast sea of

ice separated them from their eastern neighbors, and their Indian allies were far in the depths of the forest engaged in the chase, the denizens of the fort and of the crowded town gave themselves up to unrestrained pleasure-seeking.

Stretching along the lake shore of Grosse Pointe was a large marsh called by the French "Le Grand Marais" (the big marsh). It extended down to the waters of the lake, and when the autumn rains came, the entire surface was submerged and the wintry frosts soon converted it into a miniature sea of glass.

"In the absence of sufficient snow for sleighing, the Grand Marais, which could be readily gained from the icy margin of

the lake, was a favorite drive for the citizens; and late autumn the young men of the town would erect on its border a long one-story building, with tone chimneys at each extremity, and furnished with rude tables and benches.

"Every Saturday morning during the long, cold winter, carioles filled with gay young men and laughing girls might be seen gliding over the glassy surface of the ice-bound river, or, if there was snow, flying along the river road where now extends the broad and beautiful Jefferson Avenue, each finally landing its freight of life and beauty at the Hotel Du Grand Marais. The box seats of the carioles were always well filled with mysterious baskets

and packages, which were speedily transferred to the afore-said long tables, and soon the rattling of the dinner service was heard in the lulls of the gay chatter of the French girls; and the aroma of the fragrant mocha escaped into the frosty air in delicate smoke-wreaths, an incense of anticipation to the coming repast. As soon as the dinner was over, the tables and benches were removed and dancing commenced, which continued until the booming of the evening gun at the fort warned the merry party that, 'the evening shades might be but vantage ground for some fell foe.'

"The next day, Sunday, after morning Mass, the gentlemen were accustomed to repair to

the Grand Marais and spend the day in carousal and feasting on the remains of yesterday's store. Sleigh riding on the ice and balls and parties in town filled up the week inter-im. The summer's earnings scarce sufficed for the winter's waste.

"The predominating winter sport of the early Grosse Pointe pioneers, from the middle of the 18th century to early in the 19th century, was horse racing. The little French or Canadian ponies were so plentiful as to be had for almost nothing; and box runners then much in vogue, were so easily constructed that everyone could procure a 'turn out,' and not only the lake shore but on the Grand Marais, was the fa-

vorite spot for this sport.

"Jacques L'Esperance became one of the most celebrated horse breeders and was referred to as an oracle on the subject. Perched on the high seat of his cariole, well protected from the rude blasts by the Indian blanket coat with its deep black stripe, the hood of which was drawn tightly over his head, a wide red sash encircling his waist, his hands covered, he heard loud above the others as he urged his little Canadian pony on: 'Avance donc Caribou. Avance Lambreur!' With lightning speed he flew, and ere the sound of his voice had died away only a tiny speck on the ice marked the steed and its driver."

## OBAMA: Sending more troops

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In a CBS poll, only 23 percent of Republicans approve of the job Obama was doing on Afghanistan, compared to 57 percent of Democrats. That's nothing like the collective "enough" the public had exclaimed about the War in Iraq prior to the surge.

But Obama will need three especially "Bushian" qualities if he is to spare his country a humiliating retreat or an under-resourced, inconclusive slog in Afghanistan: Sincerity, perseverance and courage. (Obama is outlining his new Afghan strategy — sending 30,000 additional U.S. troops.)

Bush risked his presidency on Iraq because of his heartfelt belief in its strategic importance. Obama sounds just as categorical about Afghanistan. If he believes it, he'll make the tough calls. If not, he'll be prone to

"Rumsfeldian" half-measures that will ensure all our sacrifices are made on behalf of failure.

We'd be in even worse shape if Obama hadn't already sent 21,000 additional troops earlier this year. The buzz among coalition commanders on the ground was that August would be a trying month — casualties would spike, and Americans back home would sour. So it has come to pass.

Bush had to endure a similarly treacherous lag between our troops fighting their way to outposts among the population in Iraq, and the results in enhanced security.

Obama, too, will have to ignore his most fervent supporters and stomach poll numbers that will get worse.

If we withdrew, the Taliban would take over swaths of the country and would likely host al-Qaida again. Pakistan would feel pressure to return to embracing the Taliban fully as its proxy in a war that would become "A free-for-all for Afghanistan" neighbors. This would strengthen the hand of extremists within Pakistan at the same time our

credibility would have sustained a devastating blow.

The war is far from lost. Kabul is relatively safe compared with the hellish extremity of Baghdad in 2006. The areas that are in the worst shape are those in which we have had the fewest forces. The population doesn't want a reprise of Taliban rule.

If we could recover in an

Iraq that had descended to Dante's seventh circle, Afghanistan is salvageable with enough resources and time.

As he contemplates his next move, Obama should ask an unexpected question: "What would Bush do?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review and a writer for King Features Syndicate.

## VETERANS: Washington flights

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every veteran who wants to visit can do so — at no cost. There are 7,000 veterans on the waiting list.

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Freddy Groves is a writer for King Features Syndicate.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Immaculate intoxication

An 18-year-old City girl denied drinking, yet registered a .112 percent blood alcohol level prior to her arrest for drunken driving at 3:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26.

A patrolman also found a nearly empty fifth of vodka in the silver 2007 Ford Edge the teenager reportedly drove through a red light on southbound Cadieux at Mack.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Mustang lassoed

Police arrested a 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, for drunken driving.

A patrolman had pulled the man over for accelerating a 2008 Mustang to 40 mph on Kerby, a 25 mph zone, near Chalfonte.

The man admitted to drinking and registered a .13 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

### Home invasion

Someone entered the open back door of a house on Stanton Lane between 4:15 and 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, and stole a \$1,500 Hewlett



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Honor Guard marches

The Grosse Pointe Honor Guard leads last week's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade parade down Kercheval through the Hill in the Farms to the Village in the City.

Packard laptop computer, two watches worth a total of more than \$1,000 and a cellular telephone.

### Road rage

A man and woman from Grosse Pointe Park were arrested last week by Farms police conducting a road rage investigation on Moross north of Chandler Park in Detroit.

The couple had been reported to police by a woman who called 911, saying the suspects

began following and honking at her when she honked at them for not responding to a green light on Kerby in the Farms.

Police said the man, 53, "was blowing his horn in a long and constant manner as well as giving the (woman) the finger from the open driver's window over the top of his vehicle."

The man registered a .10 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

A 54-year-old female passenger was "uncooperative and interfered with officers on several occasions during the investigation," said a patrolman.

The woman registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level.

Officers said they found 6.4 grams of suspected marijuana and a small pipe in her purse.

"She willingly admitted owning the suspected marijuana and contraband," said an officer. "(She) stated she forgot it was in her purse."

### Drunken driver

A 45-year-old North Carolina man was arrested at 9:56 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, for drunken driving on westbound Chalfonte near Lexington.

An officer pulled over the man for weaving a black 2002 Honda CR-V from curb-to-curb on Chalfonte and running a stop sign at Barclay.

The man had a .14 percent blood alcohol level and was wanted in Clinton Township for driving without a valid license, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

boring house.

The house is unoccupied and vacant.

### Happy landing

At about 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, a 911 caller reported a seaplane flying low over the community.

More callers reported the aircraft landing in Lake St. Clair near the foot of Oxford.

"(An) officer located the plane approximately less than 100 yards out from the seawall," said a dispatcher. "(It) appeared the plane was having engine problems."

Police notified the U.S. Coast Guard station in St. Clair Shores, but the plane soon took off.

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Stolen cars

A Plymouth Breeze was taken from a municipal parking lot on Mack the evening of Thursday, Nov. 26.

The ACTION task force recovered a 2001 Chrysler Sebring in Detroit shortly after it was taken from a driveway on Wayburn at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25.

### Larceny

A 1995 Chevrolet van parked on Maryland was entered during the early evening hours of Tuesday, Nov. 24, and an iPod, a power inverter and two pairs of basketball shoes were taken.

### MDP

An unknown person cut deep scratches into the doors and fenders of a 1997 BMW parked on Bishop overnight Sunday, Nov. 29.

### Copper theft

Grosse Pointe Park police are holding both a suspect and a large amount of copper that is believed to have been taken from a construction site in Detroit. The suspect was being investigated on Thursday, Nov. 26, on suspicion of stealing copper from a house on Beaconsfield, when the large cache of copper was found.

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to PSO Thomas Gamicchia for 13 years of service and PSO Erik Davis on 14 years of service.

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

—Kathy Ryan

### Duck hunters

Police last week received a handful of complaints about people hunting ducks from small boats near the Lake St. Clair shoreline.

One caller at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, mistakenly thought one of the boats had overturned near the foot of Oxford.

Less than an hour later, a resident of the 500 block of Lakeshore wanted police to make the hunters "move on."

Officers determined the hunters were in compliance with the state's 450-foot safety zone law.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### I read it on Facebook

Police were called to Mack and Vernier at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, on the report of a fight. They found a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident with abrasions to his face and blood coming from his nose and mouth. His 15-year-old girlfriend, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, reported her ex-boyfriend, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident, had been texting her and following her. The Woods resident told police he had posted his whereabouts on his Facebook page, and apparently that's how the Farms resident was able to locate him and his ex-girlfriend, and a fight ensued. His mother indicated to police that they wish to press charges, and detectives will follow up.

### Harley missing

A Vernier Road resident returned home from work on Monday, Nov. 23 to find the lock on his gate had been cut and his garage door open. His Harley-Davidson motorcycle was missing.

### Goodbye Kitty

A 1995 Dodge Spirit was taken from a business on Mack around 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26. The car had Hello Kitty seatcovers and mats. Also missing was the owner's purse, which contained cash, credit cards, identification and an MP3 player.

### Tires taken

A Newcastle resident found two cars on blocks, minus all tires and wheels, the morning of Thursday, Nov. 26.

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

—By Kathy Ryan

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Hits curb

Police said a Texas woman was drunk when she swerved her car and hit the curb on northbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore Drive at 9:51 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

She reportedly had a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

### Meter reader

A "suspicious man" reported at 11:29 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, walking through back yards on North Duval turned out to be a meter reader with valid identification.

### Honda envy

Police will give special attention to a Hampton residence. Its owner found the following note the morning of Saturday, Nov. 28, on the windshield of his vehicle:

"I can not [sic] believe a GM retiree drives a Honda. Perhaps you have given up your pension."

Police said the note was signed, "The neighbors."

### Copper missing

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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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**Sgt. Robert Bensinger**  
Traffic Safety Section



## SERENITY: Court to hear motions

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a stay."

"The fact is the home is not licensed," Woods city attorney Chip Berschback told the court. "It is in violation of our zoning ordinance."

A state-licensed group home, is an allowable use for residential property. However, an unlicensed home violates the city's zoning ordinance. It is a civil infraction, carrying a fine of \$350 for the first offense and \$500 for a second offense. A third citation would raise the charge to a misdemeanor, which carries a fine of \$500 and a penalty of 93 days in jail.

Following the hearing, Garvey said the delay in applying for a license was because his client didn't think she needed a license to operate the home. Her original intention, he said, was to merely rent rooms in the home to seniors, and if additional care or medical services was needed, it was up to the renters to contract with agencies providing those services. Boos owns and is president of Nursing Unlimited, a home health care agency with headquarters in Clinton Township.

"Once the city expressed concerns nursing services were being provided we decided it was in our best interest to become a licensed facility," Garvey said. The home, which can accommodate up to five individuals, had one resident as of Dec. 1.

Operations of the home were first brought to the city's attention after neighbors on Fairway Lane saw an ad in local newspapers offering nursing services in a home-like setting. Neighbors questioned the appropriateness of such a facility in a residential setting.

Fairway Lane resident Chapman Cunningham attended the hearing and expressed his ongoing concern with not only the fact the home is unlicensed, but is a nursing facility and not a group home.

"This facility is not licensed, but is providing 24-hour nursing care," he said. "This is not a group home, it is a nursing home and it does not meet the definition of a group home by state statute."

## PARADE: Holidays kicked off

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representatives of each Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, including, in addition to Scrace, Farms Mayor Pro Tem Therese Joseph, Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, Shores Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke and Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter.

"This is by far the highlight of my year as mayor," Scrace said to Santa. "On behalf of my fellow mayors and the children of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods of all ages, we welcome you to our cities. Have a very merry Christmas and enjoy your stay here."

Scrace extended holiday wishes to local merchants.

"Hopefully it will be a wonderful year for the merchants, not only in the Village but all merchants in Grosse Pointe," he said. "They all need our support this year."



PHOTO BY PETER BIRKNER

A clown checks her costume before turning her charm on to the crowd.

## TURN: Road rage on Mack

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she would follow him and learn where he lived. He drove around with her in pursuit. After about 15 minutes, she pulled up next to him and told him what she thought of his driving. He dialed 911 on his cell phone and reported the situation to police, who advised him to drive to the Woods police station.

She followed him not only to the police station parking lot, but into the station as well, where she told police what she thought of his driving.

She was outraged when they were waiting to turn left onto Lochmoor he would not

pull up far enough to allow her to pull off Mack into the turn-around. She felt she was in danger of being hit by other cars traveling on Mack and she wanted him to know. She wanted the police to know it as well.

Public safety officers told her by sitting on Mack as she had done, she was actually impeding traffic and could be ticketed.

The proper procedure is to go to the next turn around in the traffic island and make a turn from there, so traffic does not back up behind the car.

The case was referred to Woods traffic safety officer Sally Behgin.

"We'll be turning the information over to our city attorney," she said, "and it is possible that charges could be brought. He'll be reviewing it this week and we expect a decision by the end of the week."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Leaf rakers

Diane Platt of Grosse Pointe Farms took advantage of 8-year-old Bianca Pugliesi's sign advertising her services to rake leaves. For \$2, Pugliesi and her friend, Merry Bruni, right, raked, piled and bagged the leaves in the Platts' courtyard. The girls, who attend Richard Elementary School, donated the proceeds to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

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# NEWS II

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## Santa comes to town

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## Newspaper enjoys view from the top

Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Its ambition is to highlight life inside the Grosse Pointe North High School community — club outings, arts fairs, choir and band concerts, sports winnings and the latest clamor over teachers issuing uniform exams.

But lately, North Pointe has found itself in the spotlight.

The student-run newspaper, which most recently launched an interactive website to garner peer involvement, caught the eye of the National Scholastic Press Association at its annual convention in Washington, D.C., last month.

The bi-weekly publication walked away with the top honor in scholastic journalism — the Pacemaker.

According to faculty advisor Andrew Taylor, just 14 similar publications nationwide were recognized with what is considered the Pulitzer Prize of high school press.

The award, for issues published during the 2008-09 school year, is given based on coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics.

The paper's editors included Christine Bedway and Michelle Ewart, now seniors, and now-graduated Kyle Campbell and Lauren Powell.

"In all honesty, I was completely shocked when we won the award. It was an absolute honor to be recognized as a finalist, but I did not walk into that room thinking that we were going to win," said Bedway, who made the trek to D.C. with eight other staff members. "It was a pleasant surprise, to say the least. Actually, they announced our names and I didn't even stand up and celebrate, I was caught so off-guard. It took me a minute to realize what was going on."

Bedway said the Pacemaker award is the reflection of a group effort.

"We have great writers on staff, but more importantly, these people are dedicated journalists. They stay late to get the interview, drive out of town to get the photo, make the call to the experts for the information they need," she said. "It is very inspiring to watch the people around you work so hard to produce great material — it pushes you to work harder and the cycle continues."

Bedway has been on staff since her freshman year, Taylor's first year at North, and credits his involvement with the success of North Pointe.

Through English teachers' recommendations of talented writers, Taylor invited aboard the majority of the paper's current staff, who Bedway says



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ANDREW TAYLOR

The editorial team of Grosse Pointe North High School's North Pointe celebrate at the Einstein monument in Washington, D.C., after winning the 'Academy Award' of student journalism.

would otherwise never have considered journalism.

"What most people don't know, though, is how much time and effort Mr. Taylor puts into our publication. Grosse Pointe North has always had talented students, capable of achieving what we have this year. The difference is ... Mr. Taylor came to North and recognized the potential. He completely transformed the way the journalism classes ran ... He created a respectable program, and in doing so, we were able to produce a respectable

publication," she said. "We were taught how to do things the right way over the years and then the new kids come and we try to guide them."

"We have all had some experience, and now we are able to be extremely creative because we are confident in our decisions. As a result, we are making a newspaper that people want to read. It isn't really recent success. I would say it is more because we have had a few years under the new system, we have tweaked things the way that we want and now

it's just like clockwork. Upperclassmen lead by example, underclassmen learn, and then eventually they're the ones teaching others."

Taylor says his biggest accomplishment is "having built a team of knowledgeable, responsible and caring student leaders who have a passion for continuous learning."

While at the NSPA convention, North Pointe staff entered the most recent publication into the Best of Show competition — it ranked second place nationally in its division.

## Tower honored

Grosse Pointe South High School's student-run publication was recognized at the National Scholastic Press Association's convention last month in Washington, D.C.

The Tower newspaper earned third place nationally in Best in Show in its division.

Additionally, senior Ben Boyce and junior Leah Noecker earned excellence awards. Junior Sarah Harness received honorable mention in feature writing and junior Paula Friedrich earned honorable mention in news writing.

Additionally, five editors were recognized individually in the Write-Off competition. Senior Rachel Neuenfeldt and Bedway were each awarded the highest rating of superior in feature and sports writing, respectively. Ewart and junior Michael Maas earned excellence awards in news editing and news writing, respectively. Senior Emily Biegas was awarded honorable mention in review writing.

Other members of the editor team are seniors Kayla Snitgen, Christina Haddad,

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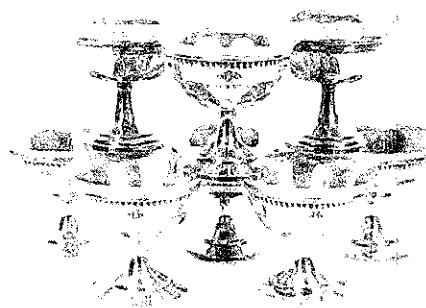
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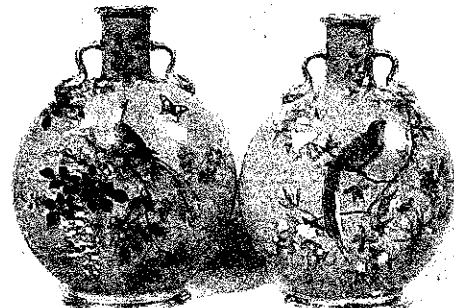
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Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: Seven.

Previous work: Havern is a registered nurse and worked in the medical intensive care unit at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. Before that, he worked as a respiratory therapist, and also went to seminary to study to become a Roman Catholic priest. Havern and his wife, married for more than 20 years, have 11 children: five girls and six boys.

Why did you become a teacher? I feel that teaching was something that I was

meant to do. Teaching is something that allows me to use all of the talents I have and lets me be who I am. I love being around kids. I look forward to being at school every day. I absolutely love my job.

What do you enjoy about teaching? I really enjoy being with a student who is struggling with a concept and who suddenly grasps the idea. You can see the "light bulb" turn on and the understanding spread across a student's face. I have always loved school. I like all subjects. Math is my favorite, although reading is a close second.

How do you feel about being nominated? I was very flattered to be nominated. I am grateful to Emma for taking the time and for thinking of me with such high regard.

Favorite book to share with students? My favorite book in fifth-grade is, "Where the Red Fern Grows." Many people say it is a sad book, but it teaches so many life lessons. I think every young person should read it. If you are an adult and haven't read it, you should give it a go.

—Amy Salvagno

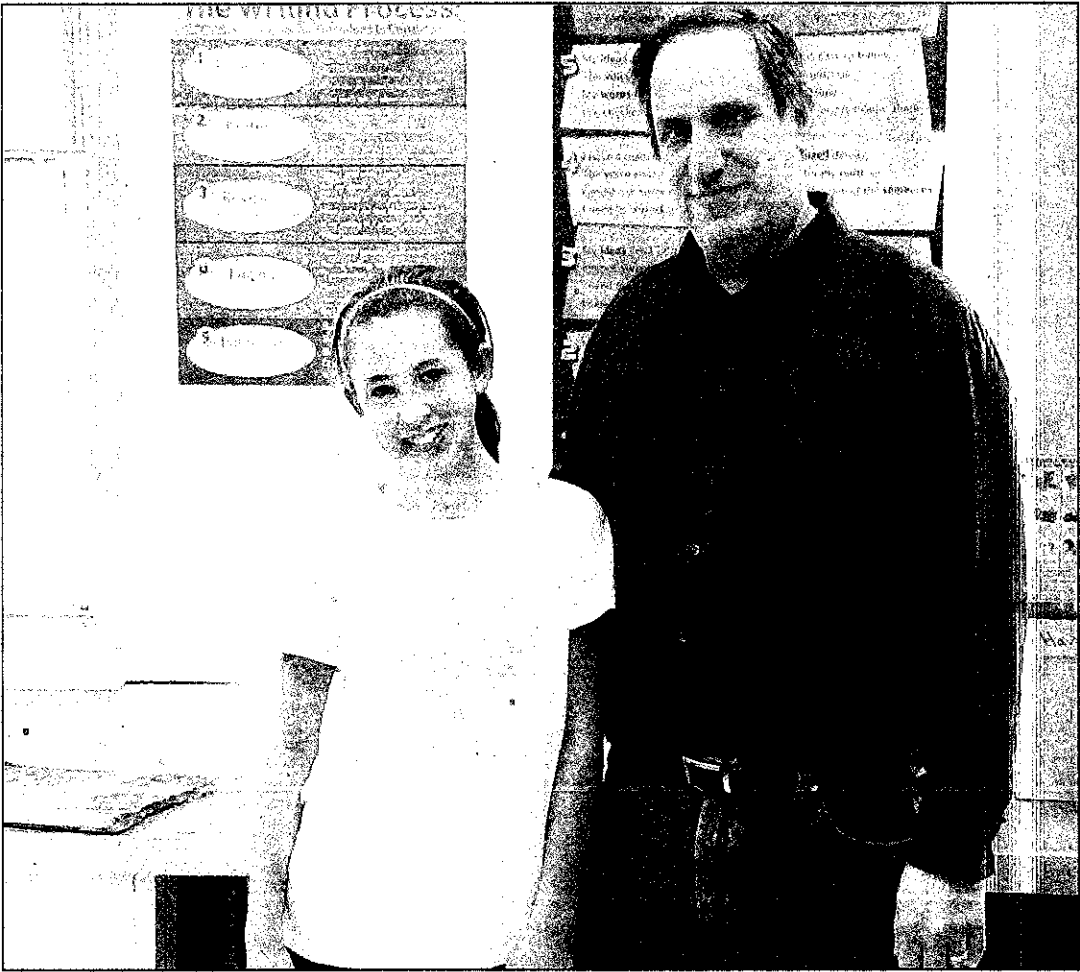


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Richard Elementary School student Emma Foy nominated fifth-grade teacher Michael Havern.

GPFPE in the giving mood

This is the season for giving and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is certainly in the spirit.

The nonprofit, which receives donations earmarked for specific school programs and district needs, including innovative technology, classroom improvement and staff and professional development, recently provided funding for several grants from school district staff.

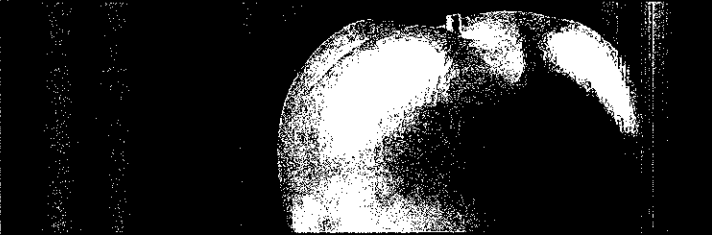
The Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved the funding — \$28,532 — at its Monday, Nov. 23, meeting.

- All second-grade classrooms will receive social studies bin supplies with a grant of \$1,532. Teachers will be able to restock and expand materials bins with additional resources used for classroom instruction and matching current curriculum.
- Grades four and five will receive a grant of \$1,696 to purchase science kits to expand current curriculum material.
- All elementary classrooms will, with funding over two years of \$17,786, receive new software and classroom materials for social studies curriculum units. The grant

allows teachers to enhance economic literacy as part of the multidisciplinary instructional approach. The Pierce Middle School National Junior Honor Society will receive a \$498 grant for its Read Across America pilot project. Funds will purchase books for NJHS students to read to elementary school students. Poupard Elementary School will receive \$480 in funding for diverse differentiated materials. Books will be purchased for the school's Literacy Library to teach reading to small groups of students at their ability level.

- Poupard will also receive a \$3,040 grant for a home reading pilot program. The funding will enable the school to purchase books to encourage students to select one or two books that interest them to read at home over a school break or vacation.
- Grosse Pointe South High School will host Challenge Day with a \$3,500 grant. The funding provides partial support for the event's expenses. To submit a donation or for more information, visit gpschools.org/foundation.

—Amy Salvagno



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Give your teacher something better than a shiny red apple

Nominate him or her for an upcoming Teacher of the Week. Students in grades K-12 can submit the name of their favorite teacher, along with a few reasons why that teacher is outstanding. Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information. Featured teachers will be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.

# Holiday Coloring Contest

The Playhouse at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is all decked out for the holidays and waiting for you to come for a visit! Kids can visit with Santa during the Nutcracker Teas, hear a Christmas story by the grand tree in the Gallery or make a Gingerbread house for the contest and display. For information on holiday Events and Tours visit [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) or call 313.884.4222.

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## A flair for flavor

Pierce Middle School students got a taste of food from around the world during the annual Ethnic Dinner Thursday, Nov. 12. Families sampled fare from Germany, India, Mexico, Poland, Hungary, Asia and the Middle East as native flags and colorful posters lined the walls in the gym and international music filled the air. Top left: Tina Burns and Janet Ventimiglia, organizers of the dinner, stand behind the Middle East table, ready to serve. Top right: Volunteer parent Danesha Saunders dishes out Indian cuisine to student Zachary Hasenbusch.

### SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## South jazz band plays

The Grosse Pointe South High School Jazz Band appears at the Music Hall Jazz Cafe, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

This is the 10th annual "Yule Be Boppin" holiday jazz concert presented by the band and its director, Dan.

White. The 20-member group is the featured ensemble. Contrary Motion, a small combo from within the jazz band, is also showcased. The program includes standards and holiday favorites with a jazzy twist.

Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students and seniors.

## Kerby hosts boutique

Kerby Elementary School, 280 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its Holiday Boutique from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. The event features crafts for children, dinner

with Santa, a children's shopping area and more than 30 vendors. Admission is free. Tickets for a raffle are \$1 or six for \$5. Entrants need not be present to win.

## Rent holiday carolers

Members of the Grosse Pointe South High School choir are on hand to bring joy to the holiday season.

A small group of choir carolers is available to sing traditional holiday hymns at any event or location between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

For a minimum donation

of \$10 for private residences and \$25 for area nursing homes or hospitals, the group will share yuletide carols at houses, hospitals, parties or other destinations within the community.

For a caroling request form or for more information, call Amy Argo at (313) 432-3638.

## Holiday shop at Defer

Defer Elementary School PTO, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, sponsors its Holiday Shopping Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the school gym. The event features more than 25 vendors selling jewelry,

housewares, beauty items and more.

Admission is free. Pizza, pop and baked goods will be available for purchase. Funds raised go toward Defer.

For more information, call Renee at (313) 821-5304.

## Parcells bazaar returns

Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

The event features a juried craft show, pottery making

(wheels and painted ornaments) and refreshments.

Tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$4 at 9 a.m. and \$3 at 10 a.m. and later.

For more information, call the school at (313) 432-4600.

## Holiday concert planned

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir presents its 2009 Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. The annual event takes place in the new student commons at South

High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or at gpsouthchoir.org.

## 'Change' concert planned

The Grosse Pointe North High School Be the Change Tutorial hosts a Concert of Change, featuring Irish Coffee and other local bands,

at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$3 at the door.

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## A walk to remember

Third-graders at the Grosse Pointe Academy embarked on a historical adventure last month, one that spanned some 6,000 years of events. Teachers Jeanette Stepanek and Debby Wolney took students on a historical walk around the academy grounds and beyond, highlighting 15 points of interest, including the Nun's Walk (top left), Grant's Castle, Joy Estate, Old Brook Lane, the Provencal-Weir House and old farm houses and summer houses. Students learned about the establishment of the state, Native American tribes, ribbon farming, the heritage of the academy and business development of the Pointes. The tour, an aspect of the social studies curriculum, concluded at St. Paul's Cemetery. Top right: Students begin their journey at the original academy building.



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## Trotting for turkey

Nearly 200 Pierce Middle School students took part in the 37th Annual Turkey Trot, Thursday, Nov. 19. The top two finishers in each of the six half-mile events were awarded a turkey for their family to enjoy Thanksgiving Day. Left: Carly Ventimiglia is cheered on by classmates. She won first place in the eighth-grade girls category. Above: Students get set to take off.

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One of the houses featured on the annual tour.

## Take a holiday walk

Kick off the holidays in style with a tour of six Grosse

Pointe houses, decked out in holiday splendor, through the Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School Holiday Walk, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

This year's tour includes:

- A 4,000-square-foot brick colonial, seasonally decorated with a Christmas tree in every room.
- A French eclectic house, originally a farmhouse on the Ford estate, moved and remodeled.
- An interior decorator's redesigned 1953 ranch house, now a transformed fieldstone and brick cape cod, filled with old world ambience.
- A 1927 family-oriented Tudor, recently remodeled with two new additions.

- A 1941 brick and stone colonial filled with family heirlooms and decorated for the holiday season in traditional Williamsburg style.

- A 1936 Tudor with a winding staircase and library, decorated for the holidays.

Area merchants have donated several items for a raffle, including two autographed Detroit Pistons' jerseys; a pearl and silver necklace from George Koueiter and Sons Jewelers; dance show tickets at Music Hall Center; a Nora Fleming cake platter from the League Shop; treats from the Chocolate Bar Cafe; and a month of yoga from the Yoga Shelter.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.00 the day of the show or by calling Chrystal Johnson at (313) 942-6602.

Tickets for the Holiday Walk are \$20 in advance, \$15 for seniors and \$25 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at the Chocolate Bar Cafe, 20737 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; Maier Werner Salon, 17904 Mack Ave., City of Grosse Pointe; the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms; Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe; Gelato, 375 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe; and at the South school store.

## PAPER: Staff takes home award

*Continued from page 1A II*

Olyvia Brown, Kamille Hamzey, Troy Seeley and Hannah Colborn; juniors Natasha Ertzbischoff, Amelia Flynn and Kara Bakowski; and sophomore Jenn Cusmano.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.  
**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 2, 2009 and the Special City Council meeting held November 9, 2009, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held November 4, 2009.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 89039 through 89177 in the amount of \$274,760.68 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Appoint Councilmember Michael Monaghan as the City's representative to the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Board and Councilmember Hugh Marshall to the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Authority Board. (3) Accept the proposal from Litho Printing in the amount of \$7,380.00 to print the 2010 calendar which is the same price as the 2009 calendar. (4) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$6,844.12 for services performed on the tax rolls. (5) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$9,189.65 for professional services during the month of October 2009 for the following projects: Danbury Lane Lot Split, #180-121; EB Harper Resurfacing, Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106; EB Harper Resurfacing, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109; 2009 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-116 and the Parking Lot Repair, #180-122.
- 2) To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Permit to Work on County Roads.
- 3) To approve the transfer of \$49,312.25 in delinquent Water and Sewer Bills, \$122,321.91 in Miscellaneous City Services and \$5,649.00 in Special Pickups and \$1,135.00 for meter replacements (total of \$178,418.16) to the 2009 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the City Treasurer.
- 4) To approve payment to Galui Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,556.28 for Progress Payment No. 19 on the 2003 - 2009 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-076/081/088/092/101/105/116.
- 5) To accept the proposal submitted by Mansell Associates and AEW for design work and bid document preparation for the Beaconsfield Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade project in the amount of \$32,936.00.
- 6) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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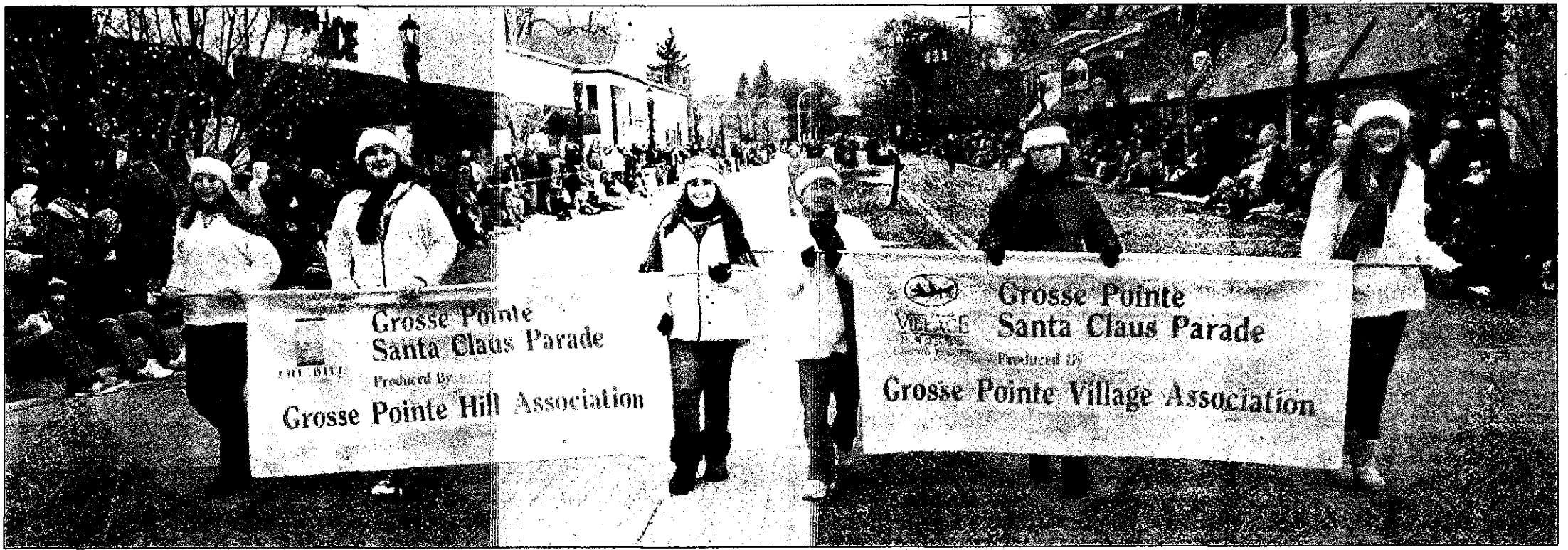
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Santa Claus arrives in the Village on his float, top, with the Friends of The Grosse Pointe Parade walking as escort. Clockwise, the Big Heads made a big hit in their Grosse Pointe parade debut. A clown from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce tosses candy to children. The clown is riding a Vespa that Farms resident Joe Ricci donated to be raffled. Proceeds will be donated to the chamber. The Vespa is displayed at Burger Pointe in the Village. The Grosse Pointe North High School marching band hit every note. The Redford Township Unicycle Club made it under the Village arch without problems. At center, Santa speechifies.







The 34th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade was produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association and the Grosse Pointe Hill Association, above. Clockwise, beginning at right, the Big Heads keep on coming. A G.P. Chamber of Commerce clown. Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan is always a parade highlight. State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe of the City of Grosse Pointe waves while walking Willie. Detroit Fire Department clowns entertained children all along the 1.5-mile parade route.



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# OBITUARIES

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

## Martin J. Carnaghi

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Martin J. Carnaghi, 64, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He had lived in St. Clair Shores for the last year.

Mr. Carnaghi was born Aug. 5, 1945, in Detroit to Joseph and Ernestine Carnaghi. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1968. He also earned his Master of Education degree in 1986 and an Education Specialist degree in 1990, both from Wayne State.

Mr. Carnaghi was a mathematics teacher for 39 years. He taught 24 years at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School in Detroit. Prior to that, he taught at Central High School, Immaculata High School and Nativity Diocesan High School in Detroit, as well as Marian High School in Birmingham. He retired from the Detroit Public Schools and spent the last two years in the CORE program at Wayne State teaching mathematics to teachers.

Mr. Carnaghi received several honors during his teaching career including the Detroit Public Schools Outstanding Educator Award from 2001 through 2006. In 2003 he was one of six Sieman's Award winners nationally in recognition of successfully teaching Advanced Placement calculus to underrepresented minority students. In 2001 he received the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation Joseph Whitehead Educator of Distinction Award.

Mr. Carnaghi was a Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed painting, making jewelry and working in stained glass. He collected art glass and was an avid reader.

He was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Detroit for 64 years. He served as parish council president, as a member of the peace and justice committee and, for more than 30 years, as a minister of service.

Mr. Carnaghi is survived by his wife, Frances Pelham Carnaghi; children, Laura Frances Carnaghi and Justin Pelham Carnaghi; sisters, Frances (Joseph) Busacca, Annaliese (the late Louis) Lamberti, Marie (the late Charles) Spezia and Andrea (Mark) Liss; brothers, Ralph (Mary) Carnaghi and Jerome (Mary) Carnaghi.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Chas Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave.,

Grosse Pointe Park. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit. Visitation begins at 5 p.m. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the church at 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213 or the Martin Carnaghi Mathematics Scholarship at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School, 3200 E. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Helen David

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Helen David, 83, passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, in Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe from complications related to cancer.

She was born in Detroit to Peter and Libby Guttas, raised in Chicago and graduated from Harrison High School in 1944. In 1946 she married Joseph P. David and moved to Detroit to begin her 63-year career as a wife, mother and grandmother.

Until recently, Mrs. David worked part time at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch and, before that, served many years as a greeter for Wood Motors in Detroit. But, her life's "work" revolved around her family and friends.

Mrs. David was nimble of feet and mind. A lifelong dancer and voracious reader who excelled at crossword puzzles, she also loved to travel with her family and had a heart that couldn't say no to any charitable cause. But, her most passionate pastime, involved caring about and loving her children and grandchildren. Her home and kitchen were always open to many generations of her extended family and her children's friends.

She is survived by her children, Joe (Linda) David of Cincinnati, Ohio, George (Gail) David of Grosse Pointe and Karen (Ned) Batchelor of Grosse Pointe; grandchildren, Michelle David, Kristen David, Joseph David, Gary David, John David and Kimberly Batchelor; brother, Fred (Sara) Guttas of Aurora, Ill.; sister, Sandra (Paul) Aubin of Orland Park, Ill.; and hundreds of loving friends and relatives.

Mrs. David was predeceased by her husband, Joseph and their infant son, Michael P. David.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Grosse Pointe Woods with interment in Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be

made to one of Mrs. David's favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at tg.stjude.org.

## Joanna Garrett

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Joanna Garrett, nee Jury, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.

She was born Aug. 4, 1940, in Jackson to Helen and Henry Jury and began her lifelong love of education at the University of Michigan where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in English. She was president of her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and was involved in many academic and social activities during her time in Ann Arbor. Following her graduation, she taught high school English in the Birmingham School district.

Joanna loved, supported and participated in the creative arts. She was a passionate reader and was co-founder of a book club which continues to meet. She was a painter and weaver, a superb cook and gracious hostess and, above all, a teacher and mentor to children, friends and family. She was an accomplished gardener who reveled in the first blossoms of spring, the last displays of fall color and even the raking of the leaves. She loved making clothes for her grandchildren on her ancient sewing machine. She enjoyed all the performing arts, especially live theatre and movies.

An avid traveler along with her husband and greatest admirer, Roger, Joanna enjoyed numerous hiking, biking and kayaking trips in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. In 2002 she completed the famous and challenging "Coast to Coast" walk across England in 15 days. She traveled to every continent except Antarctica, and always looked forward to the exciting new experiences her travels would bring.

Joanna served on the boards of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the Friends of the Detroit Public Library, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, Family Life Education Council and the Parents League of Independent Schools. She volunteered for many organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Guyton School in Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Greening of Detroit, Services for Older Citizens, Pewabic Pottery and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Joanna will be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother by her family. All who knew her will remember her enthusiasm, kindness, generosity, compassion, joyfulness, beauty and keen mind.

She is survived by her husband, Roger; children, Jeffrey (Maria) Johnston, Hillary (Dave) Grogan and Bevan (Steve) Gottlieb; grandchildren, Katherine, Michael, Benjamin, and Madeleine Johnston and Garrett, Sterling and Eleanor Gottlieb and her brother, William.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Michigan Depression Center, Rachel Upjohn Building, 250 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

## Edward A. Kotz D.D.S.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Edward Kotz, 88, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Born May 21, 1921, in Detroit, Dr. Kotz completed his undergraduate studies at the



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Joanna Garrett

University of Detroit and graduated from the Marquette University Dental School in 1945.

In 1943 he married Dorothy Lendzon, his high-school sweetheart, a union that lasted 66 years. He served as a dentist in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean conflict, an experience he found to be dynamic, and of which he was intensely proud.

During his career as a dentist, he was a consummate professional, always implementing the latest wisdom of the profession. He retired at age 58 after 30 years of practice.

An avid gardener, Dr. Kotz spent six months of the year at his beloved cottage on the shores of Lake Erie. He spent hours from dawn until dusk manicuring and nurturing his garden, always looking forward to sharing his haven with friends and family. His membership in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club was one of the highlights of his later life and the source of some of his most valued friendships.

He was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. A funeral Mass was held at the church Nov. 14.

Dr. Kotz is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children, Edward A. Jr. (Joanne), Robert C. (Peggy), James (Karen), Suzanne (Steven Tarnoff) Kotz, Nanette (Axel) Joob, Charles D. (Barbara) and Jacqueline; grandchildren, Jennifer, Edward III, Jeffrey, Carey, Julie, Katie, Gaelin, Charlie, Christopher, Willy, Andrew, Elizabeth and Emily and great-grandchildren, Holden, Annalise, Ethan, Aiden, Rowan, Reeve, Rose, Clayton, Bobby and Katie.

His family was his biggest source of pride and he instilled in his children the concepts that education, accomplishment, strong principals and building a better life for your family are the cornerstones of life. Every year, he and his wife, Dorothy, traveled, visited and spent quality time with every child, grandchild and great-grandchild. His support and love will be deeply missed.

## Mary Gage Parke

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Gage Parke, 91, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, in Springfield, Mass.

She was born May 5, 1918, to Gertrude and Alexander K. Gage of Seminole Avenue in the Indian Village section of Detroit. When her family moved to Grosse Pointe, she attended Grosse Pointe Country Day School and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She married Hervey Cushman Parke in 1943 and raised five children.

After raising her family, Mrs. Parke received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1970. She taught in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools before moving in 1981 to Leland where she continued working in the Leelanau County Schools.

She enjoyed traveling, sailing, playing tennis and golf and above all, loved sharing the company of her many friends.

Mrs. Parke was a member of Sigma Gamma Association and an honorary member of the The National Society of Colonial Dames in the state of Michigan, which exemplified her passion for the study of history.

After enjoying 20 years in Leland, she and her husband moved to Reeds Landing in Springfield, Mass. in 2002.

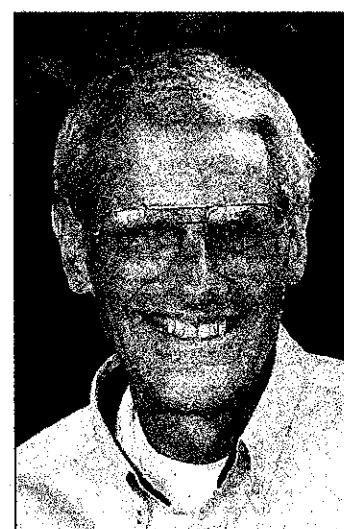
Through her years, Mrs. Parke was a Grosse Pointer at heart and maintained her close



Edward R. Kotz D.D.S.



Mary Gage Parke



Gerald C. Schroeder Jr.



Edith Drysdale Starnes

association to the community and to her friends and family there.

Mrs. Parke is survived by her sons, Hervey III (Stephanie), James (Lana), John (Sandra); daughters, Constance Waterman and Polly (Steve Gately) Parke; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Hervey Cushman Parke, in August 2009 and her brothers, Claude, Alexander and Henry Gage.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Gerald C. Schroeder Jr.

Gerald C. Schroeder Jr., 66, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, in Ann Arbor. He lived in Highland Village, Texas.

He was born July 25, 1943, in Detroit to Eleanor V. and Gerald C. Schroeder. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in applied physics from Michigan Technological University in 1970 and worked for Electronic Data Systems in Plano, Texas.

He enjoyed sailing and aerospace and was a licensed pilot. He was a member of the Society of Mackinac Island Old Goats out of Bayview Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Schroeder; daughter Christy Ann Schroeder and Kathryn Marie Schroeder; son, Gerald John Schroeder; mother, Eleanor Schroeder and brother, Robert R. Schroeder.

A visitation and service were held Nov. 24 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. An additional service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church, 6101 Morriss Road, Flower Mound, Texas.

Memorial donations may be made to University of Michigan Kalemkerian Lung Cancer Research Fund, 3003 S. State Street, Suite 9000, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1288.

## Edith Drysdale Starnes

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Edith Drysdale Starnes, affectionately called "Namie" by her family, died peacefully, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at her son's Grosse Pointe home. She was 98.

She was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Aspin, Ontario, and lived 40 years in Florida before returning to live in Grosse Pointe. She was a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Port Richey, Fla.

Mrs. Starnes worked for the J.L. Hudson Company in its downtown Detroit department store.

She worked in various departments, but especially enjoyed being a bridal consultant and, at Christmas time, helping children find presents for their family at The Christmas Children's Only Shop.

Mrs. Starnes was an avid reader and reviewed books with the Lincoln Study Club where she was past president.

She enjoyed spending summers in Grosse Pointe with family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

She will be remembered with love and affection not only by her family, but also by the many friends whose lives were touched by her hospitality and smiling face.

Mrs. Starnes is survived by her sons, Douglas (the late Patricia) and Robert (Mary Jane); nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Telfair.

A private family viewing was held Nov. 21 at Resurrection Funeral Home in Clinton Township, with burial at Grace Memorial Garden in Hudson, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to In House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033 or Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

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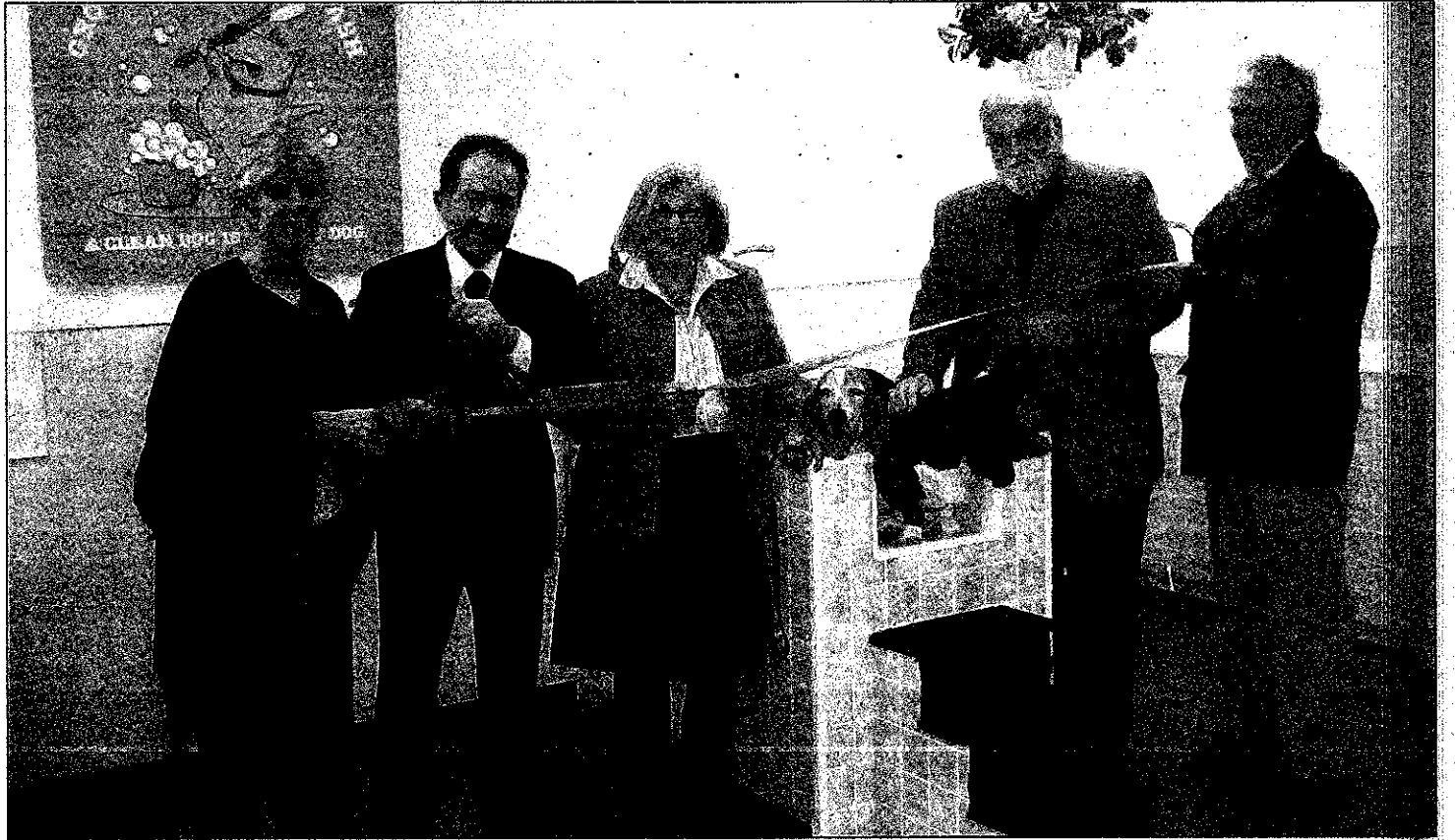




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## City swear-in

Winners of November's uncontested mayoral and city council elections in the City of Grosse Pointe were sworn in during a recent council meeting. Above, taking the oath, at left, from City Clerk Julie Arthurs is Mayor Dale Scrace, with Councilmen John Stempfle and John Stevens seated. Below, also being sworn in is, from left, first-term Councilman Christopher Boettcher and veterans Councilman Chris Walsh and Councilwoman Jean Weipert.



## Dog wash

Lois and Chuck Baker celebrated their ownership of Grosse Pointe Dog Wash, 19583 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a ribbon cutting. The event was attended by, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Mary Huebner, Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Lois Baker, Elmo, Basil, Chuck Baker and Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber. The dog wash is open six days a week and appointments are accepted. The phone number is (313) 600-1688.

## Local Realtor named as Grosse Pointe's top man

George Smale, manager of the Grosse Pointe office of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, is the Grosse Pointe Realtor of the Year.

He received the award from the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors for his "outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate in-

dustry."

Smale began his real estate career in 1979 at Schweitzer Better Homes & Gardens, became a manager in 1982, and remained in that position at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, continuing as manager when the firm became Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in 2009.

"George is an outstanding Realtor," said Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, "and this honor couldn't have gone to a more deserving individual. He has served our company, our profession and our community extremely well over the years. We're very proud that he's a member of our management team."

## Business people

Dr. Robert G. Nesom of Grosse Pointe Woods is a volunteer at the 10th annual Opening Eyes, a vision screening program for athletes competing in the Michigan Special Olympics at Central Michigan University, May 28-30.

More than 100 optometrists, Lions Club members, students from the Michigan College of Optometry, members of MFVA, Michigan Papaotometric Association members, optometric staff, spouses and friends will participate.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael R. Smith was elected a trustee to the Aquinas College Board.

## OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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### Linda S. O'Leary

Linda S. O'Leary passed away suddenly Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 in Hinsdale, Ill. from complications arising from her long struggle with diabetes.

She was a 1964 graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. and received her Master of Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago. She taught in the Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Mount Clemens and Chicago public school systems during her 40-year career in education.

Ms. O'Leary is survived by her children, Christine Lindemann of New York, N.Y., Todd Lindemann of Chelsea; Jaclyn Lindemann of Royal Oak and Kyle Lindemann of Grosse Pointe Park; siblings, Daniel (Kathy O'Leary of Utica, N.Y., Elaine E. (Frederic) Kotcher of St. Louis, Mo., Robert S. (Jacqueline) of Tallahassee, Fla. and John M. "(Jack)" (Adreinne) O'Leary of Cape Canaveral, Fla., as well as many nieces and nephews.

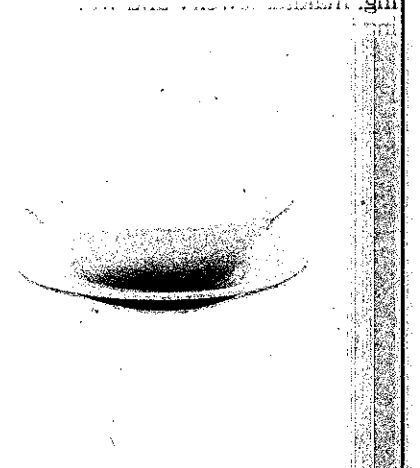
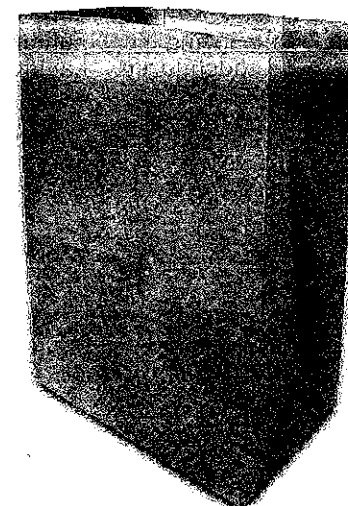
She was predeceased by her parents, Edwin D. and Mary H. O'Leary, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2 in Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Louis Center (for children and adults with special needs), 16195 W. Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 48118 or online at adolfservices.com.



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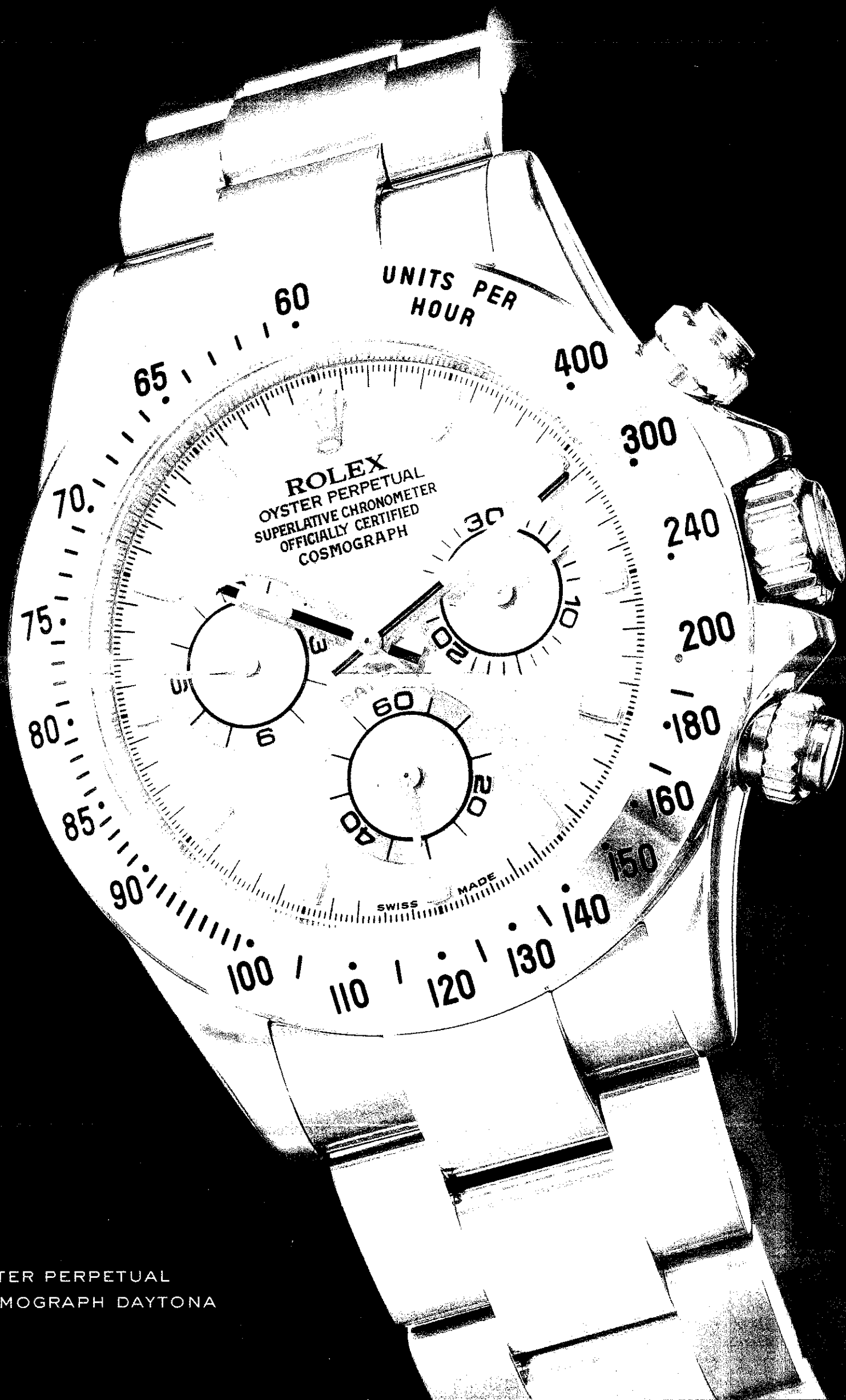
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What career path will be pursued? Pierce Middle School students learned first hand about various jobs during the annual **Career Day**.

## Exploring options



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Some of the best career props of the day were brought to Pierce Middle School by Huron-Clinton Metro Parks' naturalist Nick DiCresce, including a stuffed coyote and a live hog nose snake, who was camera shy.

### Career Day opportunities pop up at Pierce

**Writer's note:**

In order to give students a real "hands on" experience, The Grosse Pointe News offered future journalists a chance to show off their skills, with a promise of publication and the all-important byline in their local paper. Eighth-grader Alexandra Richards put on her reporter's hat and helped cover the event.

By Alexandra Richards  
Special Writer

Eighth graders at Pierce Middle School recently celebrated the annual career day presented by students' parents volunteering their time to educate the students about possible careers.

Career day is arranged so all eighth-grade students receive a unique schedule relating to online career cruising and selective forms students completed prior to Career Day, during which students attended five 20-minute sessions.

Dr. Pena-Morris, an emergency room doctor,

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

There were the proverbial doctors and lawyers and though the Indian chief was missing.

There was a U.S. Coast Guard commander, executive recruiters, computer system analysts and a media specialist.

For Pierce Middle School eighth grade students, who are already facing the dreaded, "so what are you going to be when you grow up?" question, there were ample opportunities to explore grown up options during its annual career day in November.

According to Pierce counselor Chris Cramer, this is the 16th year a career day has been held. The majority of presenters are parents of eighth graders or Pierce alumni. It was the idea of Pierce social studies teacher Brian Benz, who handed off coordination of the event to math teacher Jen Schaupter. This was the first year it was coordinated by Cramer and her fellow counselor, Andrea Bolton.

"We hope students will start thinking about their interests and strengths and how that might influence their courses and career choices in the future," Cramer explained. "Our goal is not to have them choose a specific career but

more to start them thinking about general career pathways that suit them."

There was a career for just about any interest, with 20 presenters letting students in on the best and worst of their work day.

Molly Brieden, a registered nurse, gave her students a real hands on experience, when she allowed them to practice giving injections on oranges.

"They really enjoyed that," she said.

"One of the things I tried to stress is that there is a shortage of nurses and nursing is a profession where you will always be able to find a job, especially with the population getting older."

Commander Edward Marohn did some recruiting for the U. S. Coast Guard, his employer for the past 18 years.

"They were very interested, until I told them how many times they would have to move."

"That was a turn off for some," said the veteran of nine duty assignments in his nearly two decade career."



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Newspaper reporter wannabes made for an attentive audience at Pierce Middle School's annual career day.

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### Library director earns state award

An award recognizing the preservation of cultural heritage resources was given to Grosse Pointe Public Library Director Vickey Bloom.

The Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage presented the Michigan Heritage Guardian Award to Bloom in a unanimous vote.

She was recognized for creating the Local History Archives, an online service providing access to historical materials once scattered around the community and often with limited accessibility.

Under her guidance, the library board, staff, vendors and other organizations com-



Vickey Bloom, Director of Grosse Pointe Public Library; Carol Fink, President of the Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage and Josephine Shea, treasurer of MACCH.

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## Costume parade

Grosse Pointe Prekindergarten music teacher Paul Brown joined children in a costume parade and sing-along in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church's courtyard. They also strolled through the pumpkin patch. From left are Shaun Gupte, Vincent Maffesoli, Tamaya Ruffin, Zach Clement, Charlie Gmeiner, Major Dove Medows and Olivia Bachert.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Brunner and Barbara Black, Warren is the great-grand-mother. all of Akron, Ohio, are the great-grandparents.

### David Anthony Roberts

Thomas and Sara Roberts of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, David Anthony Roberts, born June 25, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are James and Dorothy Black of Grosse Pointe Farms.

J. David and Helen Roberts of Oscoda are paternal grandparents.

Robert and Mildred

### Cecilia Ross Braun

Dr. Benjamin and Adrienne Braun of Memphis, Tenn., are the parents of a daughter, Cecilia Ross Braun, born Oct. 25, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Kurt and GERALYN Beguhn of Eastpointe.

Tony and Ross Braun of Grosse Pointe Park are the paternal grandparents.

Geraldine Beguhn of

### Christina Pauline Karcher

Alan and Deborah Karcher of City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Christina Pauline Karcher, born Sept. 14, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are David Hea of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Christine Hea.

Arnold and Pauline Karcher of Richmond are the paternal grandparents.

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1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
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2:30 pm Legal Insider  
3:00 pm Santa Claus Parade  
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
5:30 pm The SOC Show  
6:00 pm Legal Insider  
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen  
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Lukken Cookies

#### 2009 Santa Claus Parade

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Dr. Jennifer Shell, D.C. & Tim Clark  
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## CAREER: Professionals discuss jobs

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Pediatrician Dr. Fran Degnan brought some of the tools of her trade, including medical books which the students poured over.

"I also brought a stethoscope and allowed them to use a reflex hammer," she said. "There were students who were very interested, others who will probably go into a scientific career, but not necessarily medicine."

Perhaps the best "tools of the trade" for the day were brought by Nick DiCresce, an interpretive naturalist with the Huron Clinton Metro Parks.

Not content to merely bring a slide show, DiCresce toted a live snake and several other critters with which he comes in contact as part of his job.

"The kids thought the animals were a lot of fun," he said.

"But I also told them how important a strong science background is for a job like this."

According to Cramer, DiCresce gave one of the more unique "presentations" that day.

He also said that career day is not the only experience Pierce eighth graders have with the adult world of work.

"In addition to Career Day, counselors also take seventh- and eighth-graders to the computer labs one day a year where they use a program called Career Cruising to explore career pathways and develop an EDP-Educational Development Plan-as mandated by the state of Michigan," she explained. "This process is started in seventh grade and the data is electronically transferred to the high school where the process continues. Career Day is a great complement to the process."

As students moved from presenter to presenter, the realities of handling both a career and a family were evident in the hands of at least one student. Maggie Rapai apparently wasn't able to find adequate day care, so she had to bring her egg babies along with her.

An exercise in eighth-grade Life Skills classes, egg babies provide an introduction to child care.

Rapai had her hands full, with her twin egg babies, Quinn and Finn, but like most working mothers today, she handled both with a sense of humor and a deft touch.

## LIBRARY: Director recognized

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bined resources to create the conduit to historical materials in several online formats that can be viewed, downloaded and printed.

The library scanned newspapers, books, photos and film of historical value and converted them to a digitized format. The project phase, the first of which was completed Aug. 30, 2006, went public that fall. The process of digitizing books, photos, posters, etc. is ongoing and will be completed as resources or funding becomes available.

Documents are on the library's website at gp.lib.mi.us. Archive materials currently available include:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe News (1940 to the present)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Review (1930-1952)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Civic News (1923-1934)
- ◆ The Mansions of Grosse Pointe by W. Hawkins Ferry
- ◆ The Heritage Magazine (entire run)
- ◆ Various historical photographs showing the evolution of the library system
- ◆ Local area photographs and maps.



# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, with hostess Barb Malley and co-hostess Judy Appleton.

The program is "Christmas Traditions" presented by Isamay Osborne.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Speaker John Craven's topic is "Return to Vietnam — A Legacy of Hope."

## Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, for a holiday party at Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

## Nutcracker teas

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts its annual Nutcracker Teas at 4 p.m. Dec. 7, 10, 14, 15, 16; 5 p.m. Dec. 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 17; and 6 p.m. Dec. 7, 10 and 14.

Children meet Santa in the Play House and have holiday treats in the tea room.

The event costs \$15 per person. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-4222.

For more information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

## Senior Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$6.

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs Christmas songs.

## Soroptimist

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe features an etching of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on a blue Christmas ornament. This is the first in an annual series.

The 3 1/4-inch circular ornament costs \$10 and can be purchased at Flagstar banks, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Grosse Pointe Art Center, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Mack Avenue Drapery, Moehring-Woods Flowers, Posterity: A Gallery, Wild Birds Unlimited, Tresses Hair Studio, Belding Dry Cleaners, LaModa International Hair Design, artée Day Spa & Café, Chaundy Art Gallery, The League Shop, Circare, Grosse Pointe Florist, Twiddy Frances Associates and David, the Salon.

## Grand Marais Questers

A The Grand Marais chapter of Questers No. 215 meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. A short business meeting follows the lunch. The hostess is Helene Thurber.

## Dickens Christmas

Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts an open house from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday Dec. 11, in the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe South High School Choir, a piano performance by Izzy Donnelly featuring holiday music, Christmas decorations, wassail and homemade cookies are featured.

Tours of the house are available and La Belle's Country Store will be open.

This event is free.

For more information call (313) 884-7010 or visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

## AAUW Christmas

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, invites women of the community to its annual Christmas lunch at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event features a full course dinner, desserts and beverages and begins with hors d'oeuvres and piano entertainment. The barbershop quartet, "Just Friends," follows.

Seasonal decorations and table prizes are awarded.

Spouses are invited.

Reservations must be in by Monday, Dec. 7. The cost is \$38. Send a check, made out to AAUW GP, to Kyle Metry, social arrangements chairwoman, 28800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

## Christmas Walk

The Bath City Association hosts its seventh annual Mount Clemens Christmas Walk beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Buses run every 10 minutes through 8:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$12 and may be purchased from the Mount Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass, or by calling (586) 783-5898.

## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Sweet Adelines perform.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 11, by calling Marie Mainwaring at (313) 881-2441.

For more information, call Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098.

## Symphony Orchestra

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, led by music director Joe Striplin, performs a Holiday Pops Concert at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, at Parcels Middle School Auditorium, Mack Avenue at Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert features Jon



Jon Gibson

Gibson, who performs the "Glazunov Concerto for Saxophone."

The Grosse Pointe North High School Choir, led by Ben Henri, performs.

The concert features holiday favorites, including music of Leroy Anderson, selections from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" and selections from Handel's "Messiah Oratorio."

Gibson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School. He began playing the saxophone seven years ago. He has attended the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, MPulse Saxophone Institute at the University of Michigan and participated in both MSBOA and University Honors Bands.

Gibson is a member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society and studies with Joe Mallare.

Adult tickets cost \$15, seniors \$12 and free for students age 18 and under. For more information, call (313) 882-0077 or visit [gpsymphony.org](http://gpsymphony.org).

## Rotary Club

Pierce Middle School Principal Gary Buslepp thanked the club, via a letter, for its \$500 donation to the school's Kids Against Hunger program. The donation will be used locally, nationally and at a K-12 school in Kenya.

John Kronner discussed the April 24 gala and auction.

Mike Carmody reported the "Three Million Pound Challenge" has 8,691 pounds of clothing, 2,335 pounds of books and 32,155 pounds of food.

A "Chocolate and Champagne" party is Thursday, Dec. 17, at Diane and Ron Stickler's house.

The first ticket stub drawing is Monday, Dec. 7.

Members should bring fall items for the auction basket and sign up for the district conference, May 13-16 at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel.

The Rotary Club gave a \$3,000 grant to the Full Circle Resale Shop.

Purchase \$50 raffle tickets for a one in five chance of winning \$1,000 in four drawings in December. Proceeds benefit Grosse Pointe organizations. For more information, call (313) 885-1817.

## Optimists

The 19th Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe "Coats for the Cold" clothing collection is Saturday, Dec. 5.

To donate clothing, leave a message, including your

name and address, on the Optimist Hotline at (313) 359-6126 by Friday, Dec. 4. Place the bags of clothing on the front porch the morning of Dec. 5.

Or drop off clothing at 717 University Place, the City of Grosse Pointe between Wednesday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 4.

All types of clean clothing for children and adults collected is given to either the Grace Community Church's Outreach Ministry "My Father's Business" or Full Circle Resale Shop.

"We typically collect a couple rooms' worth of clothing each year," said Jeff Graham of Grosse Pointe Park and the club's president. "This serves a dual purpose: the clothing is recycled to benefit those who can use them and eastside residents can clear out their closets and receive a tax deduction."

## Roots to a Mayflower passenger

Elizabeth J. Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Park has documented her ancestry to a passenger on the Mayflower, allowing her to become a member in the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

She linked her heritage to Richard Warren, who arrived in the harbor near Plymouth, Mass., on the Mayflower Nov. 11, 1620.

Warren was one of the adult male Mayflower passengers who signed the Mayflower Compact that day.

The passengers, according to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, were settling a new land to found a new home and establishing a government to benefit themselves and their posterity.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants was

formed by lineage descendants of that band of pilgrims:

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To secure a united effort to discover and publish original matter, and to authenticate, preserve and mark historical landmarks made memorable by Pilgrim association.

For further information on the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, call Beverly Poole at (231) 821-2483, or visit [michmayflower.org](http://michmayflower.org).

## What's Ahead



Coming up at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

**Holiday Concert**, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 — Swing into the season in this program starring the 18-piece orchestra of Mel Stander and His Gentlemen of Swing, featuring Denise Stevens. The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club chorus also performs and a sing-along of Christmas melodies follows. Dan Beck is Master of Ceremonies.

**All About Wine with the Holidays**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 — Master Sommelier Claudia Tyagi shows guests over the age of 21 how select the right wine to serve with a holiday menu. Guests can sample five very different wines and snacks.

**Santa Bedtime Stories**, 7 to 7:45 p.m. Dec. 10, 14 and 16 — Santa invites children ages 4 and older to an up-close-and-personal reading of a few of his favorite Christmas stories. Children can wear pajamas and bring a blanket to sit on. After the reading, milk and cookies are served.

**Holiday Afternoon Tea**, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 — Spend an afternoon with tea, tea sandwiches, scones and sweets overlooking Lake St. Clair.

**Graham Cracker House Building**, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12 — Youngsters and grown-ups work together on this project. Taught by Joan McCray, the program is for children ages 4

and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Breakfast with Santa**, 10:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 13 — New this year is family-style service and lower prices for children's tickets. Families have their own table as they await Santa's arrival by helicopter. The reservation deadline is Thursday, Dec. 10.

**Country Christmas Dance**, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 — Helen Azelio, leader of the "Dance Line — Steps and Moves" instructs this program. Partners are not needed and participants are encouraged to bring refreshments and a hand towel.

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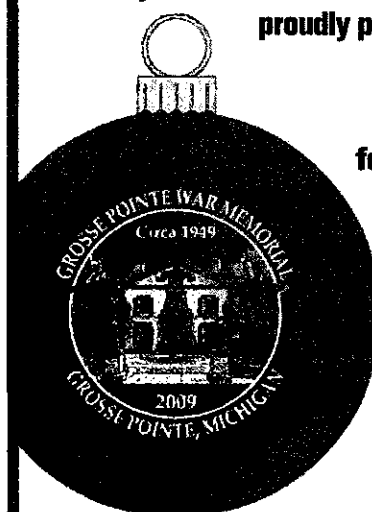
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Soroptimist website: [www.grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org)



SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Simple changes can boost brain power



Scientists have been amazed to find some people who had always performed normally on cognitive tests and were thought to be free of Alzheimer's Disease, but were not. An autopsy after their death found all brain plaques and tangles of the disease.

Scientists believe these lucky few had a mysterious capacity called neural reserve — a built-in redundancy of the machinery of the brain — allowing them to continue thinking normally, even as the disease progressed.

They are unsure whether this surplus capacity is the result of extra neurons, extra connections or some other factor.

They do know that some comes from genes.

Research suggests there are things which can be done to add to neural reserve.

They consist primarily of doing familiar things in unfamiliar ways. Scientists think disrupting routines can stimulate nerve cells, enhance blood flow and increase the production of chemicals called neurotrophins that protect those precious brain cells.

Opportunities to inject changes into everyday tasks are limited only by imagination, such as:

- ◆ Switch sides. Use the non-dominant hand for such routine tasks as brushing teeth or eating. Change the mouse to

the other side of the computer. Try buttoning one-handed.

- ◆ Change the scenery. Rearranging a room can remap the brain's visual and spatial networks. An easier way is to rearrange kitchen cabinets or dresser drawers items or take a new route to a friend's house. Even moving the wastepaper basket to a new spot can alter the brain's motor pathways.
- ◆ Do it blindfolded. Try familiar activities with eyes closed. Sort coins using the sense of touch.
- Take a bowl of blueberries and focus on the sense of smell and taste. Blueberries have compounds that bridge the communication gap between aging nerve cells. This exercise gets them talking to each other.
- ◆ Puzzles. Crosswords puzzles sharpen language skills.

Working on spatial intelligence with a jigsaw puzzle is more likely to activate new pathways. Work on it a few minutes each day.

- ◆ Try smelling. Smell is the only sense that connects directly to part of the brain called the Limbic system, which is involved in processing emotions and storing memories. Listening to music while burning a scented candle will build brain connections by combining the two senses — hearing and smell that don't ordinarily collaborate.
- ◆ Report the news. Describing things to others is an excellent way to improve your visual memory. Try each day to notice one new thing and relay it. This will help you to improve both attention and memory skills. It will also provide an opportunity to share.
- ◆ Read to another. Take

turns reading aloud. Both reading out loud and listening promote the interaction of the brain's left and right hemisphere and activate little-used pathways. Reading silently activates a much smaller part of mental real estate as does watching TV together.

- ◆ Take a walk. Older adults who have a regular walking program improve significantly on tests of high level "executive" functions such as planning, scheduling and task coordination.

Aerobic exercise raises levels of a chemical called brain-derived neurotrophic factor which protects nerve cells from the damage between neurons, promotes the formation of new capillaries in the brain, and may be involved in the construction of new neurons from adult stem cells.

Studies show combined strength training, such as lifting weights with aerobic activity, have yielded even greater improvements in cognitive function.

These are not only helpful exercises, but they also are fun.

I remember when I had two small children and my husband was out of town on a business trip. I decided it was a great time to start working on a jigsaw. I was totally immersed in it when I noticed a change in the light. It was the sunrise. I had worked all night without knowing it.

But the exercises should not be thought to replace the crucial dictates of a healthy mind: regular exercise, social interaction and a healthy diet.

Information was obtained from AARP.

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

Senior Spotlight

SOC offers trips throughout the winter

Dwayne X. Riley

Grosse Pointe Park Volunteers at SOC

Riley was the anchorman at WDIV-TV for 35 years and had the feature "Riley's World," highlighting area people and events. He won six Emmys for his work as an anchorman, one for a series of 14 half hour programs about the elderly, titled "Eyes on Aging."

Riley is using the skills he learned from his career in his volunteer life. He has written a script and narrated the DVD "Kids Talk" which is a Grosse Pointe Park Police program dealing with abused children.

He gave a presentation at Macomb Community College about the 1967 Detroit riots, which he covered for Channel 4. He said the audience's response of a standing ovation thrilled and surprised him.

Riley volunteers often at SOC where he says grace, researches history, tells jokes and discusses alerts for seniors about scams or safety. He also likes to help people with their "senior moments" of forgetfulness and created a board displaying photos with names of staff and regulars. He also writes a regular column in the SOC magazine.

"I am happy to help organizations," Riley said, "but I don't have a lot of spare time because along with my volunteer work, I am a woodworker and a handyman as well."

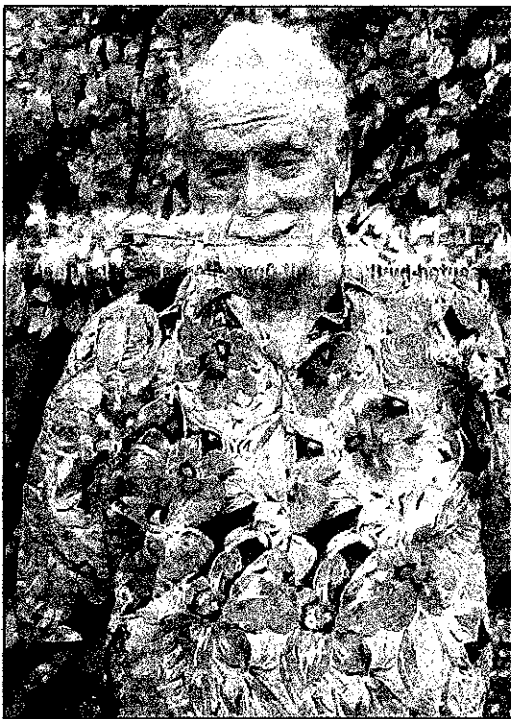


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Dwayne X. Riley uses skills from his former career to make a difference at SOC.

Don't let the chilling temperatures keep you in. Services for Older Citizens sponsors trips all winter.

**Tuesday, Dec. 8**  
The Somerset Collection  
This retail center features Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ralph Lauren and Gucci.  
Lunch is on your own with several restaurant options.  
Cost: residents — \$13 and non-residents — \$16  
Departs SOC at 10 a.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
Detroit Historical Museum  
A docent-led tour of the Detroit Historical Museum's permanent exhibits includes: Frontiers to Factories, the Motor City, and the Streets of Old Detroit. See "Fabulous 5: Detroit's Snack Food Superstars" on your own.  
Cost: residents — \$17 and non-residents — \$20  
Departs SOC at 9 a.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
Meadow Brook Holiday Walk  
Eat lunch and tour of the 1920s 110-room Tudor-revival style Meadow Brook Hall decorated with historic and holiday items. The menu includes a salad of mixed greens with cranberry orange vinaigrette, roll and butter, beef and winter root vegetable pot pie with broccoli and pecan pie with chocolate drizzle and cream for dessert.  
Cost: residents — \$50 and non-residents — \$53  
Departs SOC at 9:45 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
Royal Eagle Imperial Tea  
Travel to Russia's Imperial Tea at a monastery in Harper Woods. There will be a selection of homemade soup, finger

sandwiches, hor d'oeuvres and 30 varieties of teas.  
Cost: residents — \$35 and non-residents — \$38  
Departs SOC at 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
MGM Grand Casino  
More than 90 table games and more than 4,000 slot and video poker machines are at the MGM Grand casino. Lunch is available.  
Cost: residents — \$12 and non-residents — \$15.  
Departs SOC at 9 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 7**  
Mr. Paul's Chophouse Restaurant, 29850 Groesbeck, Roseville.  
The menu choices include salad or soup du jour, potato, a non-alcoholic beverage and dessert.  
"Business casual" dress is required.  
Cost: residents — \$37 and non-residents — \$40.  
Departs SOC at 11:15 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 14**  
Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.  
Family Buggy Restaurant, 29335 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.  
Trip participants tour the center exhibits followed by the personal account and conversation with a Holocaust survivor.  
Lunch at the Family Buggy Restaurant precedes the visit to the center.  
Lunch selections include:  
◆ Soup and sandwich  
◆ Chicken and vegetables  
◆ Broiled scrod and baked potato  
"Golf ball sundae" for dessert  
Cost: residents — \$33 and non-residents — \$36  
Departs SOC at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 21**  
North American International Auto Show  
Cobo Center, Detroit  
Visit the 22nd annual International Auto Show.  
Cost: residents — \$20 and non-residents — \$23  
Departs SOC at 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**  
Meadow Brook "Boeing-Boeing"  
Oakland University, Rochester  
Macaroni Grill, 2111 N. Squirrel, Auburn Hills  
The day begins at Macaroni Grill and ends at Meadow Brook Theatre for a performance about a playboy, Bernard Alexander, as he tries juggling three fiancées, each a stewardess on a different airline.  
Menu selections include salad and a non-alcoholic beverage and a choice of:  
◆ Layers of lasagna  
◆ Primo chicken Parmesan  
◆ Shrimp portofino  
Cost: residents — \$57 and non-residents — \$60  
Departs SOC at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 28**  
Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit  
View the Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato exhibition. Eat before attending the event.  
Cost: residents — \$34 and non-residents — \$37  
Departs SOC at 11:45 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 4**  
Ford Rouge Factory Tour, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn  
The Ford Rouge Factory Tour five-part experience includes: Legacy Theater, Art of Manufacturing Theater, Observation Deck, Dearborn Truck Plant and the Legacy Gallery. Following the tour, eat on your own at the Michigan

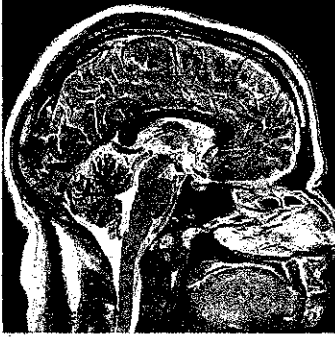
Café.  
Cost: residents — \$28 and non-residents — \$31  
Departs SOC at 8:45 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
P.F. Chang's, 17390 Hall, Clinton Township  
Menu choices are:  
◆ Shrimp with Lobster Sauce  
◆ Crispy Honey Chicken  
◆ Beef with Broccoli  
Cost: residents — \$40 and non-residents — \$43  
Departs SOC at 10:45 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
Detroit Institute of Arts, 522 Woodward, Detroit  
See "WPA Prints from the 1930s"  
In 1935, the Works Progress Administration created the Federal Art Project to provide economic relief during the Great Depression. Thousands of artworks were created by more than 5,000 artists. The exhibit offers 100 prints from this program. Lunch is on your own in the café.  
Cost: residents — \$18 and non-residents — \$21  
Departs SOC at 10 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 25**  
Lunch & a Movie  
AMC Star Gratiot 21, 35705 Gratiot, Clinton Township  
Bob Evans Restaurant, 30750 Gratiot, Roseville  
Menu choices:  
◆ Rise and shine breakfast special  
◆ Pot roast sandwich  
◆ Cranberry pecan chicken salad  
◆ A choice of a non-alcoholic beverage and a slice of pie  
Call after Feb. 15 for a list of shows.  
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Ted Kasper, MSW

# Four-step plan to develop self-control in children



**Q.** My 7 year old son constantly speaks without thinking about who is around him or where he is. He constantly interrupts others when they are busy and does not know when to be quiet or leave someone else alone. I am constantly telling him when he should be quiet and leave others alone but he does not seem to learn. Any ideas on what I can do to help him?

**A.** Whatever the reason for your son's annoying behavior, it is our job as parents to raise our child's awareness, provide limits/boundaries and teach self-control. Think of the boundary as a fence. This fence is held up by four fence-posts (one at each corner). These fence-posts are:

1-Raising the awareness level: I have found the best way to raise a child's awareness of their annoying behavior is to "Observe and Run". The parent gently reminds the child that their behavior is annoying and moves on with their business, not waiting for a comment by the child. Some examples are:

"That was the silliness I've been talking about", "You might want to think about the noise that your making with your mouth", "Do you see what effect your constant tapping has on your sister?" Crucial to Observe & Run: the parent does not belabor the point (or nag). Just one sentence suffices.

2-Teach in proactive ways: Model self-control in similar situations. Discuss your responses when you are both calm and relaxed. Less is more (less verbal is generally more effective) in this situation. Talking about his annoying behaviors also raises your son's

awareness level but seeing you model the desired behavior is often more effective. Kids need to know what doing the right thing looks like.

3-Praise Along The Way: It is the wise parent whose response to their child's annoying behavior doesn't only inform the child what is wrong, but also tells them what is right. The parent also will not wait until the child "gets it right": praise small steps towards the appropriate behavior.

4-Develop Tolerance: This fence-post is meant for us parents. Tolerance is the distance a behavior must go (eg, num-

ber of times it happens or how bad it gets) before we respond/intervene. I'm not saying to turn a blind eye to what is happening but to remember our role as a teacher and coach to our children.

**Ted Kasper is a licensed social worker in Macomb County who is employed by Macomb County Community Mental Health as Training Coordinator. In his private practice, he provides counseling to children, adolescents, adults and families. He specializes in Behavior Analysis & Interventions; Parent Coaching, Mentoring and Support and "SuperNanny**

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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

## Holiday spirit without the spirits

**D**ear Readers: For the first time, AAA's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," which promotes safety and fun with fabulous alcohol-free recipes, has gone digital. Hosts and hostesses can save recipes to their computer, print out individual recipes and email favorites to others.

Every holiday season, we select our favorite nonalcoholic drink from the guide. This year we chose a tangy and tart drink created by the Saltwater Restaurant in Detroit, which AAA has given a 4-Diamond rating.

### Pomegranate Cooler

1 oz. POM  
3/4 oz. fresh lime juice  
1/4 oz. simple syrup  
2 oz. ginger beer or ginger ale  
1 oz. tonic water

Build all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker. Lightly stir.



Roll into highball or Collins glass. Garnish with lime twist.

"The Great Pretenders Party Guide" is part of AAA's ongoing campaign to reduce deaths and injuries caused by drunk drivers. Having tasty, nonalcoholic beverages available can help hosts moderate alcohol consumption by guests. Here are a few other helpful pointers:

◆ Don't allow guests to pour their own alcoholic drinks. Hire a bartender or choose a designated bartender. Properly measure alcohol for each drink. One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of hard liquor. It's the bartender's responsibility to monitor anyone who's

over imbibing.

◆ Offer a variety of creative nonalcoholic drinks, served in festive glassware.

◆ Serve foods high in protein to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

◆ Plan games so drinking isn't the primary focus of the party. Games are great ice-breakers and make for memorable evenings. Search the Internet for ideas.

◆ Close the cocktail bar an hour before the party ends and set up a dessert and coffee bar.

◆ End the evening with a drawing for a gift. Ask everyone to put his or her car keys in a basket or bowl. Withdraw one set of keys to determine the winner. If a guest is intoxicated, this has the added benefit of providing an opportunity to discreetly offer to drive the guest home or to call a cab. As the host, you are liable for what happens when people leave your party intoxicated.

AAA asks partygoers to

"think before you drink." Even one drink can affect your judgment. It's a misconception that your blood alcohol content begins to drop as soon as you stop drinking. It takes 20 to 40 minutes for the body to absorb alcohol from a drink. If you plan to consume alcohol, designate a sober driver or travel by taxi.

To download the digital version of the AAA guide, go to [aaa.com](http://aaa.com) and search keyword "great pretenders."

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at 313-882-6921 or [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net).

## Neighborhood Club offers variety of classes

### Center for rent

The computer center at the Neighborhood Club is available for rental.

Included in the fee are use of seven PCs with Internet connection, wireless broadband, Windows XP or 2000 Professional, laser printer, DVD burner, scanner and digital projector and screen.

Make requests by e-mailing [George@neighborhoodclub.org](mailto:George@neighborhoodclub.org) or by calling (313) 885-4600, ext. 213.

### Knitting Ladies

Since 1942, the Knitting Ladies group has been meeting at the Neighborhood Club to knit afghans and other items for donation to worthy organizations.

Since April, members donated 30 afghans to the Cancer Unit at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and 27 baby blankets to Pregnancy Aid. New knitters and crocheters are needed, as well as yarn donations.

The group meets from 10:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. There is no fee or registration required and participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch.

### Management class

Learn to use Picasa, a free software download from Google, to import, manage and share digital photos in a Digital Photos Management class

from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 10 at the Bodman Computer Center.

Instructor George Guo also teaches how to crop, remove red-eye and enhance contrast and color on digital photos to e-mail or create online albums. Students can also learn to add music and create video slide shows.

The cost is \$59. Class size is limited to eight students.

Register online at [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org) or in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Breakfast with Santa Claus

Old St. Nick hosts a series of buffet-style waffle breakfasts at 8 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at the Detroit Zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

Advanced reservations are necessary by calling (248) 541-5717, ext. 3750. The cost, which includes zoo admission and parking, is \$30 for adults (ages 15 and older) and \$25 for children (ages 14 and younger). Zoological Society members pay \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets must be purchased for all children regardless of age, as seating is limited.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Using the fruit of the season

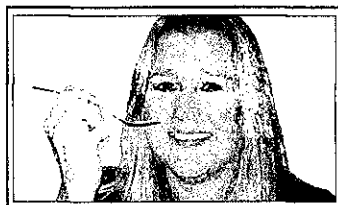
This is the time of year when I love to cook with cranberries. Whether nestled next to turkey or baked into a cake, the little red rounds pack a real flavor punch.

This week I tried my hand at cranberry muffins. A delicious, from scratch recipe that also works as a loaf cake.

## Cranberry Muffins

(Gourmet 2003)

2 cups fresh cranberries  
1 3/4 cups sugar, divided  
2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2/4 teaspoon salt  
1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature



2 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup whole milk

Place the cranberries and 1/2 cup of the sugar in a food processor and pulse several times, until coarsely chopped. Don't over pulse. Transfer the mixture to a strainer and allow to drain.

In a medium bowl sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a large bowl beat together the butter and the sugar. Beat in the eggs and



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The "star" fruit of the season pops up in Annie's recipes.

the vanilla. Slowly beat in the flour mixture alternating with the milk and finishing with the flour.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place 12 cup cake liners in a cup cake baking pan. Spray the rims in between the cups with non-stick spray. Place a heaping tablespoon of the batter into each of the paper cups. Divide the cranberry mixture over the batter, about a tablespoon each. Top with the remaining batter. The cups will be full. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or a bit more, until golden brown. Cool then carefully remove from the baking pan. (Use a knife to loosen around the edge of the muffin tops.)

To make a loaf cake, place 1/3 of the batter in a greased loaf pan. Top with 1/2 of the

cranberry mixture, another 1/3 of the batter, the remaining cranberries and finally, the remaining batter. Bake at 350 for 1 hour and 10 minutes, until golden brown. Do the clean knife test to insure the center is done. Cool for at least 30 minutes before removing from loaf pan.

I made a loaf cake and a dozen muffins. I confess, I didn't let my loaf cake cool long enough so I had difficulties removing it from the pan. My muffins on the other hand came out of the pan better. (Not perfect, but better.)

The moist, rich flavor paired with the tartness from the cranberries is all that really matters.

These muffins are yummy. So is the loaf cake!

## SANTA: Zoo is stop off for jolly elf

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and boy receives a holiday gift. The family event also features costumed characters, arts and crafts and holiday movies in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater. Photos with Santa are available at an additional cost.

After breakfast, visitors can work off their waffles with a stroll through the zoo. The Japanese macaques, or snow monkeys, can often be spotted

in their outdoor hot tub in the winter months. The tigers, wolverines, red pandas, takins, elk and bison also adapt well to colder temperatures and become more active.

Located at the intersection of Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, the Detroit Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March (closed Christmas and New Year's Day).

Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are admitted free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org).



La Belle's Country Store is open for Christmas shopping. The store's mascot, a black squirrel, sits atop a scale. The store in the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, is open 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## Historical society opens country store

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society opened La Belle's Country Store in the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Old-fashioned French jams, mustards and vinegars, honey produced by Green Toe Gardens, books and postcards relating to Grosse Pointe history, Victorian toys and games, handmade scented soaps and candles by Saipua, historical society coffee mugs and mouse pads, handcrafted works of art by Michigan artists are featured. Special Christmas ornaments filled with 10 cherry-almond tea bags and Noel Jam of chestnuts and celemintines from France, frankincense and myrrh soap and cedar/moss scented candles, calendars by Izzy Donnley and historical Grosse Pointe Christmas ornaments are available.

The shop's mascot, the black squirrel, is available as a plush toy.

The house is one of the few surviving French ribbon farmhouses and is filled with specialty food items that Pierre and Euphemia Provencal might have eaten in 1823, such as gain mustards and Herbs de Provence infused vinegar and old-fashioned apple, pear, walnut jam.

The store is named after the man who moved the house from its original location at Provencal and Lakeshore to the present site. He rang a general store and small grocery on the site.

The shop is open 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and by appointment.

House tours are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010 or stop at the Alfred B. and Ruth S. Moran Resource Center across the street.

## Historic drinking establishments discussed

The Detroit Historical Society's Author Series continues with Victoria Jennings Ross, author of "Detroit's Historic Drinking Establishments," from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Taverns, saloons, and restaurants have always played a substantial role in the development of large American cities like Detroit. The event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register, call (313) 833-1801 or visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward, Regular adult admission is \$6.

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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Fellowship Hall of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker is the Rev. Joe Herd, assistant pastor of Hope Community Church.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

## Carol-a-long

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a soup and sandwich supper at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

The evening includes crafts, games, cookie decorating, an opportunity to have a family portrait taken and a self-guided tour of Christmas trees placed throughout the church.

At 7 p.m., caroling begins. The Good News Singers and Good New Ringers, under the direction of Christina Judson, perform.

A freewill donation is accepted.

## Christ the King

Midweek Advent services are at 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

## St. Sabbas

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Homestead, Harper Woods, sponsors The Royal Eagle Fine Dining restaurant from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, with a full menu of food from around the world.

The Russian Tea House is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. The cost is \$20. For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

## Cookie walk

St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts its 10th annual Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

Buy homemade cookies for \$6 per pound. The event is sponsored by the Women's Club.

## Brunch with Santa

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School and Church, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, hosts Brunch with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 5.

Two seatings are available, 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

Adult tickets cost \$7 and children's tickets cost \$5.50. Tickets can be purchased at the school office during school hours. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the school office at (586) 775-8370.

## Fort Street Chorale

Fort Street Chorale and

Chamber Orchestra performs Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$18. Group rates and patron seating is available.

For more information, call (313) 961-4533 or visit fortstreet.org.

## Career networking

The Ecumenical Career Networking Group meets at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. The day's topic is "Tips for Successful Business Networking."

For more information, call Gina Homminga at (313) 882-3000.



## Shoebox Christmas

Children participating in PowerXpress!, an after school program, and Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church members filled 14 shoebox-size boxes for Operation Christmas Child. From left, Lauren Sancya, Barbara Dietz and Christian Marinescu packed small toys, toothpaste, toothbrushes, crayons and candy. The boxes from United Methodist were added to other boxes contributed by area churches and delivered to Warren Woods Church of the Nazarene. Boxes are shipped to children in need.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Lift the light

I read of a woman who worked as a personal assistant for an extremely wealthy gentleman. After working for him a few weeks, she observed that whenever he came across a penny on the floor or the ground he would stop, pick it up, study it and put it in his pocket before proceeding. She thought it was odd that such a rich person would even bother to notice a penny and she formed an opinion of him that he must be obsessed with money, down to the last penny.

After working for him for some time and getting com-

fortable enough in her position, she inquired about his penny picking habit. His answer was quite different from her assumption of him as a penny pincher. He explained that he really didn't care about the money, but whenever he came across a U.S. coin, he always stopped to read and think about the motto: "In God We Trust."

It was a reminder to him of God's great goodness and provision and the need to acknowledge Him as the source of all riches. This insight had served him well in acquiring his wealth and he never want-

ed to overlook even the least evidence of this bounty.

We're entering a season of great hubbub where we're being "bombed" with advertisements and sometimes overwhelming displays of adornment, which often cause pressures and burdens amid high expectations.

We can't afford to become merely cynical about materialism nor become immune to the spiritual significance of the holidays. Like the wealthy gentleman mentioned previously, we can similarly choose to look beyond the obvious to consider God's presence, power, and unconditional love for all his creation. For every exhibit of light — whether a Jewish menorah or a Christian crèche or the Star of Bethlehem or

even an illumined snowman or glowing Santa — we can pause for a moment to recall God's light of understanding coming to bless all mankind and lead us to Him. We can expect to be blessed by this choice, to be enthused with the true spirit of the season, and be more appreciative of everyone with whom we come in contact.

Building from our recent national gratitude of last week's Thanksgiving recognition, let's continue to focus our thoughts during December's holiday season on a more spiritual basis. "Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us." (Psalms 4:6)

Kent Commer is a member of the local Christian Science congregation.

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### STUDENT-ATHLETES

# Bergman gets serious about academics

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dave Bergman is putting the student front and center in what a high school student-

athlete should be. Bergman, a member of the Detroit Tigers' 1984 World Series champions, recently opened a tutorial wing to the Batterup Sports Academy in Harrison Township.

"We're serious about academics," said Bergman, 56. "My motto is, '100 percent effort on and off the field is the true definition of a student-athlete.'"

The tutor coordinator is Jessica Diskin, a Utica school teacher who has the confidence of everyone associated with the sports academy to help students who come her way.

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"It's important for student-athletes to get good grades and do well on the ACT as they attempt to get into college and possibly play college sports," Bergman said. "This academic side of the sports academy is more important than the batting cages and the other training elements we have here."

Bergman, who grew up in the Chicago area earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University. He was drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, but opted to pursue a college degree rather than sign with the hometown Cubs.

At Illinois State, he was voted the team most valuable player in 1973 and 1974, when



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe Woods' Dave Bergman, standing, is serious about academics as tutor Jessica Diskin, seated left, helps Brandon Vires with his homework at Batterup Sports Academy.

he was named an All-American outfielder by The Sporting News. Bergman ended his college career with a .366 batting average.

He was drafted by the New York Yankees and played for the Yankees, Houston Astros

and San Francisco Giants before he was traded to the Detroit Tigers late in spring training of 1984.

During that title-winning summer, Bergman had a memorable at-bat. On June 4, he came to bat in the 10th in-

ning with two men on and two outs in a game against the second-place Toronto Blue Jays in the American League East Division.

Bergman fouled off seven

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pitches to help gain a full count. Ironically, earlier in the at-bat, a 2-2 pitch was only inches outside, which could have been called a third strike, thus ending the inning.

Instead, the umpire called it a ball, bringing a 3-2 count on Bergman. On the 13th pitch of the at-bat, Bergman belted the pitch for a long three-run game-winning home run.

In his book, Bless You Boys, Detroit manager Sparky Anderson wrote, "Tonight I saw the greatest at bat in my life...Bergie fouled off seven pitches and then picked one practically off the ground and drilled it into the upper deck in right. What a battle! Bergie was up there a full seven minutes. It seemed like a full season. The house went wild."

"Even while playing professional baseball, I worked in the off-season by utilizing my college education," Bergman said. "I couldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for putting in a lot of time in the classroom."

The tutoring is not just for athletes and the classroom has computers for all to use to help with studies.

"It has to be a win-win for all involved," Bergman said. "This is an opportunity for students to use resources to improve their grades. It takes a solid effort to be a student-athlete."

"You have to hit the ball and hit the books."

The tutor program has been in the works for five years. Bergman wanted to make sure every aspect was 100 percent correct. PMV



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Students can utilize a classroom complete with computer use to aid in finishing homework before working out if they choose. Below, Dave Bergman's motto gets to the point that it is just as important to be a student as it is to be an athlete.

Technologies in Madison Heights supplied all of the IT equipment. "I had to make sure all of my

ducks were lined up and things are ready to roll," Bergman said.

Last week, Batterup Sports Academy held a grand opening for the academic wing and it was in full use shortly after the doors opened.

Bergman, who is also the director of the Grosse Pointe Red Birds summer baseball program, and his coaching staff have helped dozens of their players earn college scholarships, thanks to their balance of academics and athletics.

"I'm perfectly honest with parents and I give them a step-by-step process on what it

takes to play college athletics," Bergman said. "It's not easy, but it is an attainable goal for student-athletes."

"We have to start at the freshman level and work up to junior varsity and then varsity. Then we start to think about what level, if any, does the student-athlete fit at the college level."

Scott Johnson directs the athletic aspect of the sports academy, which offers indoor baseball or softball training that offers instruction for pitching, hitting, catching and fielding with qualified instructors.

His instructors include Mike

Powers, former U-M pitcher who was drafted by the New York Mets in the 31st round of the 2008 amateur entry draft; Milt Wilcox, played with Bergman on the 1984 World Series team; Jimmy Deliz, played college baseball at Michigan State University; Digz Edwards, played professional baseball at the minor league level; Bob Newcomb; Larry Kalich; Sean Dobson; Rachel Wiedyk; and Randy Ortiz, Jr.

For more information about the academic and athletic venue, call Johnson at (586) 465-4421 or check the Web site at batterupsports.net.



Another instructor pitcher Mike Powers, left, was a standout at St. Clair Shores South Lake before playing for the University of Michigan.

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One of the facility's professional instructors includes Digz Edwards, left, who played professional baseball.





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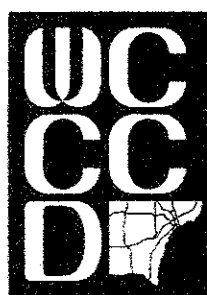
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Liggett ice hockey

BOYS

Zukas ceremony spurs Liggett to win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

A standing room only crowd was on hand to celebrate the pre-game ceremony in honor of the late Joe Zukas. Liggett Athletic Director Michelle Hicks presented Bridget Zukas and her sons, Michael and Dan, a plaque that will be placed on a wall inside McCann Ice Arena. The plaque includes a quote



Senior Jake Goldberg scored a hat trick to lead Liggett's boys hockey team past Port Huron.

detailing Zukas' dedication to the hockey program and his sons. He never missed a game and was their biggest fan. His quiet dignity and grace is what set Zukas apart from others. Zukas was the team manager for seven seasons and acted as the interim head coach a few years ago. Michael Zukas played hockey for the Knights and graduated in 2007, while Dan is a senior on the team and one of the

best players in Division 3, according to his statistics during his first three years with the program. The home team didn't disappoint the fans as they beat Port Huron 5-1, improving to 2-0-1 overall. "The guys came out flying in the first period and really played well in both ends of the ice," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "The ceremony was a nice touch and our guys responded well. "However, I wasn't too happy with our lackluster play in the final two periods, but we were able to get a win, which is the main point." McIntyre moved senior defenseman Jake Goldberg to a forward for the first time this season and it immediately paid off as he scored 58 seconds into the opening period. Senior Rory Deane and Zukas recorded assists. Zukas scored a power play goal at the 8:24 mark of the first period with Goldberg drawing an assist to make it 2-0. At the 5:23 mark of the opening stanza, Goldberg intercepted a potential clearing pass and beat the Big Reds' goalkeeper to score again, giving the Knights a commanding 3-0 lead. With 28.6 seconds left in the second period, Goldberg completed the hat trick after he blistered a slap shot by the goalkeeper on the power play with Deane and Zukas getting assists. The goalie didn't see the shot



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Accepting the plaque in honor of the late Joe Zukas was, from left, his oldest son, Michael; wife, Bridget; and youngest son, Dan.

until it was in the back of the net and the red light came on. Zukas earned his fourth point of the game early in the third period, scoring a goal that was assisted by sophomore Jake Hodges and freshman Manny Counsman. Despite the lone goal, the Knights' defensive output from seniors Tripp Damman, Mac Decker and James Palmer, plus Hodges and sophomore Jeff Mott, held the Big Reds in check.

GIRLS

Knights open season with shutout victory

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls hockey team opened its season in style last week, blanking Warren Regina 4-0. The host Knights dominated every phase of the game and they easily could have mercied the Saddlelites. "We were missing four players and it showed as I thought the team didn't play up to our potential, but we still were able to get the win," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "I can't wait to see the team with everyone in the lineup." It was also the debut of junior Mariah Passalacqua as the Knights' No. 1 goaltender and she was outstanding in net. "She played very well and I think she was pretty calm in net since she played a scrim-

mage a week ago to get the jitters out," Owczarski said. The Knights' defense, led by senior Morgan Ellis, junior Natalie Peracchio and freshman Aria Ganz-Waple, shut down the Saddlelites' offense, limiting them to only 12 shots on net. The Saddlelites had three shots in the first period, two in the second and seven in the third, including two golden opportunities to get on the board in the final two minutes, but Passalacqua slid across the crease to stop the shot before it crossed the goal line. "I felt pretty good and not too nervous," Passalacqua said. "My teammates helped out a lot tonight." The Knights scored two goals in each of the first two periods and should have had three or four more, but senior, standout Paige Counsman

elected to pass up point-blank shot opportunities to set up teammates for goal chances. Counsman scored the first goal of the season for the Knights, tallying unassisted at the 6:19 mark of the opening period. Junior Keegin Fisher scored with 51.4 seconds left in the first period with Peracchio and sophomore Haley Smith drawing assists. Senior Liz Smith scored at the 8:32 mark of the second period and Counsman, assisted by Liz Smith, tallied nearly two minutes later to account for the final goal of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game. The Knights finished with 33 shots on net compared to only 12 for the Saddlelites. Liggett is 1-0 overall and in the MMGHSHL.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Natalie Peracchio played stellar defense to help the Knights shut out Warren Regina in the season opener.



Junior Keegin Fisher, No. 12, scored a goal late in the first period to help the home team build a 2-0 lead over the Saddlelites.

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## Learning = winning

The Brownell Middle School 7th grade girls' basketball team had a successful year both in terms of learning and winning. Most of the team members had very little playing experience coming into the year, but hard work and learning the fundamentals of the game during practice paid off as they finished tied for first place in its league. They defeated every team in their league at least once, including an exciting come from behind victory in the last game of the year to stay in the top spot. League teams included the Grosse Pointe middle schools, as well as teams from St. Clair Shores and Fraser. Pictured above are, from left, Barbara Fama, Camille Gazoul, Zoraya Pavlovich, Coach Bob Zaranek, Tayler Frye, Ellie Flom, G.G. Narise, Jordan Ballard, Andie Anger, Izzy Murphy and Katherine McDonald.

## GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

## Several local players earn all-state honors

The Michigan High School Field Hockey Association released its list of All-State players for the 2009 season.

Below is a list of every player from each of the four divisions. The girls from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Liggett are highlighted.

## Division I

Birmingham Marian - Chrissy Zessin and Julie Hemphill.

Ann Arbor Pioneer - Kelsey Thompson, Emy Guttman and Grace Wilson.

Ann Arbor Huron - Melanie Askari, Ainsley McCallister and Kelsey Gradwohl.

Grosse Pointe South - Kathryn Cumpata and Shelby Stone.

University Liggett School - Paige Counsman and Camille Langston.

## Division I -

## Hon. Mention

Marian, Amy Liesveld; ULS, Natalie Boll; GPS, Maddie McMahon; Huron, Alyse Embree; and Pioneer, Allie Stein.

## Division II

Bloomfield Hills Academy of

the Sacred Heart - Ann Pearson.

Livonia Ladywood - Shea McParlene and Jamie Benaglio.

Birmingham Detroit Country Day - Kateryna Gudziak and Stephanie Gordon.

Farmington Hills Mercy - Allie Shrader and Sylvia Swersczyk.

Ann Arbor Greenhills - Miranda Dersheimer and Christine Bizgu.

Washtenaw Whipets - Casey Fry and Clara Kreutz.

## Division II -

## Hon. Mention

Sacred Heart, Katie Gresock; Ladywood, Marissa Ellsworth; Country Day, Madison VanAntwerp; Mercy, Madeline McClain; Greenhills, Maddy Kelley; and Washtenaw, Kate Brown.

## Division III

Dearborn Edsel Ford - Bailey Rice and Melissa Rice.

East Grand Rapids - Libby Mason and Caroline Erickson. Saline - Cailli Dalian and Rachel Nyberg.

Grosse Pointe North - Samantha Langer and Nicole

Strickland.

Dearborn - Kathleen Considine and Sam Wilson.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood - Nana Kikuchi and Rebecca Glasser.

## Division III -

## Hon. Mention

Edsel Ford, Lauren Johnson; East Grand Rapids, Erica Rankin; Saline, Emily Cannell; Grosse Pointe North, Katie Case; Dearborn, Erin Norwood; and Cranbrook Kingswood, Colleen Jacoby.

## Division IV

Ann Arbor Skyline - Catie Holmes and Freida Steiner.

Farmington - Brittany Massa and Kara Cox.

Warren Regina - Taylor Marchin and Amanda Amine.

Forest Hills - Sarah Koehn and Mary Flynn.

Novi - Kristia Faraon, Katlyn Shelar and Nikki Greenhalgh.

## Division IV -

## Hon. Mention

Farmington, Kathleen Sump; Skyline, Sanna Fraleigh; Regina, Michelle Kaschalk; Forest Hills, Hilary Hausch; and Novi, Katie Murphy.

## Boys ice hockey

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen net win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team opened its season in grand style last weekend, beating Muskegon Mona Shores 4-3.

"It's a big win against a senior-laden team that played in last year's state finals," head coach Scott Lock said. "The new guys got a lot of ice time and played well, and our older guys did a nice job."

The Norsemen made the long road trip to Mona Shores and once again beat one of the state's best in Division 2.

Since 2000, Mona Shores has one state championship

and lost three times in the title game, including last year, 4-2, to Trenton.

"They have a strong program and to come out with a win is nice," Lock said. "Our power play was strong, but we also gave up a couple of power play goals, so we have some work to do."

Freshman Brad Werenski scored the game-winning goal on the power play midway through the third period.

After that, the Norsemen's defense and senior goalie Mike Held were solid, helping the visitors gain a huge road win to start the season.

The Norsemen scored in the opening period to take a 1-0

lead, but Mona Shores scored the next two to grab a 2-1 lead in the second stanza.

North tied it 2-2 with a power play goal, but once again the home team tallied to take a one-goal lead, 3-2.

The visitors scored an even-strength goal to tie the game 3-3 heading into the final period.

Senior Matt Lucchese had two goals and one assist, while senior Alex Tomovski had a goal and sophomore Scott Dornbrock added two assists.

Of the Norsemen's 22 players, only seven are seniors and three are juniors.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils get first win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team earned its first win in the Jamie Bufalino era, beating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 7-1 in the consolation game of the Big Rapids Tournament last weekend.

"We proved that the system works when the boys stick together and use teamwork," Bufalino said. "We came out with a new attitude and finally kept the lines together and stayed out of the penalty box."

Senior captain Jimmy Morris scored in the opening period with sophomore Wes Cimmarusti and senior captain Miles Knight drawing assists.

Morris lit the lamp again, assisted by junior defenseman

Ross Muniga.

Senior goaltender Matt Hughes stood tall in net, stopping several shots to help the Blue Devils build a 3-0 lead after junior Jake Murphy scored, assisted by linemates Geoff Welscher and Billy Mestdagh.

Jess Martinelli scored with defenseman Max Corbett and Nick Monforton netting assists and Cimmarusti tallied consecutive goals with Knight and Morris recording assists.

In the final period, Knight was able to get a goal with Morris and Cimmarusti getting the assists. Prep broke up Hughes' shutout, scoring a goal with a little less than three minutes left in the final period.

Morris was named to the All-Tournament team with three goals and three assists in the

two games.

In the first game, the Blue Devils lost 5-2 to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, ranked No. 1 in Division 3.

The Blue Devils trailed 2-0 before Morris scored, assisted by Knight, to get right back in the game. St. Mary Catholic Central scored a controversial goal in the second period when it was credited with the tally even though one of its players interfered with sophomore goalie C.J. Schebil as the puck crossed the goal line.

Monforton scored his first high school goal off a back door rebound, but St. Mary Catholic Central was able to pad the cushion with two goals later in the stanza.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-2 overall.

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Liggett senior Paige Counsman, right, earned a spot on the All-State team for a second straight season.



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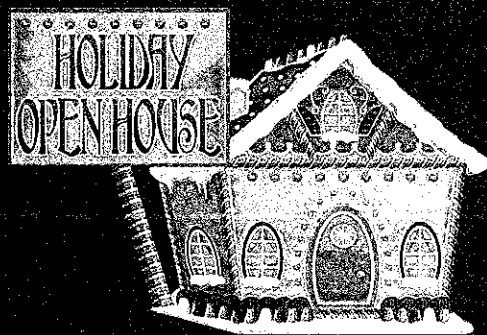
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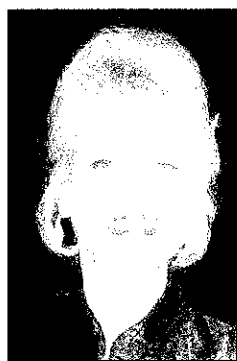
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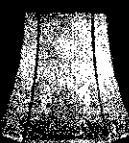
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# Surviving the gift return rush

As the holiday season gets set to hit full swing, shopping for gifts is again foremost on the minds of many.

However, some of the gifts purchased will face the inevitable fate of being returned.

As much a part of the holiday shopping tradition as long

lines and limited parking, returns often require waiting in lines even longer than those before the holiday and parking lots that are even more crowded this time around.

There are steps shoppers and those making gift returns can take to make the process

go more smoothly:

- Know the return policy. The more generous the return policy, the better the store, particularly when shopping for friends or family not seen often. Be sure the store allows ample time to return a gift or make a hassle-free exchange.

When purchasing online, know what steps must be taken for a return. Some online retailers make buyers liable for the cost of return postage. Others include a pre-posted package for anticipatory returns.

- Don't tempt fate.

Fraudulent returns cost retailers billions of dollars per year, and many retailers have begun fighting back by targeting those areas that cost them the most, such as electronics. As a result, rules are more strict for those returns.

Bigger chains might charge a restocking fee for returned big-ticket items, such as opened computers, televisions, etc. Some may also limit the time consumers can make returns, or may only offer returns on purchases made during a specific window of time, e.g. "Black Friday" through Dec. 24.

- Get a gift receipt.

Gift receipts allow a gift recipient to easily return a gift with a receipt featuring a special bar code — the cost of the items is not included on the gift receipt to maintain confidentiality.

Without a receipt, some retailers may only offer an exchange at the current mark-down rate, not the original



Malls are often as crowded the day after Christmas as they are in the weeks leading up, as people go from shoppers to returners seemingly overnight.

purchase price, greatly diminishing the value of the return.

- Don't open anything and keep it tagged. If a return is even remotely a possibility, keep the condition of the item and packaging as close as possible to what they were upon purchase. All foam, bags, tags and packing material should be in place. Anything packaged in hard plastic should not be cut open.

For clothing or fabric items, leave the tags on and try on items without wearing fragrance or makeup. If an item looks worn or ragged, a store may refuse the return.

- The chance of finding something to replace the gift being returned is greater the sooner the return is made.

Returning gifts is a holiday tradition, so others will also be looking for something good.

- Go easy on the retail staff.

Few professions have it tougher than retail staff during the holiday season. Long, exhausting and stress-filled hours make their jobs difficult, and come the end of the season they deserve a break. Be courteous and patient when making returns and keep in mind it's not the staff's fault everyone decided to make returns on the same day.

- Those planning on making a swap or a return should tell the person who bought the gift. But be courteous and wait a day or two. Don't simply open the gift and immediately deem it return-worthy.

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# New ways with holiday favorites

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## Pumpkin Caramel Rolls

Makes 24 rolls.  
Dough:  
1 envelope active dry yeast  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 cup warm orange juice (100 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit)  
6 cups all-purpose flour  
1 egg  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
Filling:  
3/4 cup butter, melted  
2 cups brown sugar  
1 cup finely chopped walnuts  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
Glaze:  
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
1/3 cup light corn syrup  
1/4 cup butter  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon orange extract

Combine yeast, 1 teaspoon sugar and warm orange juice in a large mixing bowl; let stand five minutes. Add 1/2 cup flour and mix well. Add egg, buttermilk, pumpkin and butter. Stir in sugar, salt and baking soda. Gradually add enough remaining flour to make a soft dough.

Turn dough out on a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about six to eight minutes. Shape into ball and place in a greased bowl, turning once to coat. Cover and let rise in a warm place until dough doubles in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours.

Combine filling ingredients in a medium bowl until well blended. Set aside. Punch dough down and transfer to lightly floured surface. Divide in half. Roll one half of dough into a 9- by 15-inch rectangle. Spread half of filling mixture over dough, leaving a 3/4-inch border.

Roll up dough from the long side. Slice dough into 12 equal portions. Repeat with remaining dough.

Place 12 rolls in each of two greased 13-by-9-inch baking pans. Cover and let rise for 30 minutes in a warm area.

For glaze, combine brown sugar, corn syrup and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in cream, vanilla

and orange extracts.

Bake rolls in a preheated 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and slowly drizzle glaze over top of rolls, allowing the glaze to soak in. Bake rolls an additional 10 to 15 minutes, until lightly browned.

Cool slightly and invert rolls on foil-lined plate. Then invert rolls again onto serving dish.

Pumpkin Apple Pie  
Makes eight servings.  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/3 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 egg  
1/4 cup corn syrup or light corn syrup  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1 can (5 fluid ounces) evaporated milk  
1 can (21 ounces) apple pie filling  
1 (9-inch) unbaked deep-dish pie crust

Mix sugar, salt and spices in a bowl. Add egg and beat slightly. Add corn syrup, pumpkin and evaporated milk; blend well. Spread apple pie filling in pie crust. Gently pour pumpkin filling over the apples. Bake in a preheated 425 degree oven for 15 minutes; reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for 35 to 40 minutes, or until knife inserted in pie center

comes out clean.

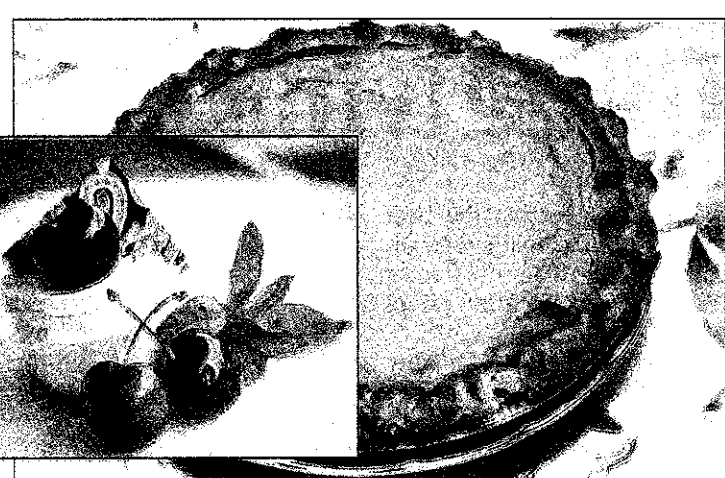
Chill a minimum of two hours before serving. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

Recipe Tip: To avoid a soggy pie crust: Line pie plate with crust and flute edges if desired. Refrigerate crust for 40 minutes or freeze for 20 minutes. Place aluminum foil on bottom of crust; weigh foil down with pie weights or dry beans. Then cover rest of pie crust with foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove from oven; cool. Unwrap crust and add filling. Bake as recipe directs.

Mini Pumpkin Cheesecakes  
Preparation time, 15 minutes.

Cook time, 30 to 35 minutes. Chill time, one hour.

Makes 18 mini cheesecakes. 18 paper baking cups (2 1/2-inch)



18 gingersnap cookies  
12 ounces cream cheese, softened  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon corn starch  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
2 eggs  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1/3 cup light syrup or light corn syrup  
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line 18 muffin cups with paper baking cups. Place 1 gingersnap in each.

Beat cream cheese, sugar, corn starch and pumpkin pie spice with an electric mixer. Add eggs and mix well. Add pumpkin and corn syrup; beat one minute.

Pour filling into liners, dividing evenly. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until just set.

Chill for 1 hour. Garnish as desired.

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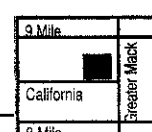
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## HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

# Gift-giving etiquette for holiday party guests

For many people, the best thing about the holiday season isn't the gifts under the tree or the extra days off from school or work.

The chance to spend quality time with family and friends is what many people find most attractive about the holiday season.

A big part of that enjoyment involves visiting family and friends for holiday gatherings. A good guest always knows what to bring to make the host or hostess' job a little easier.

When planning a holiday visit, consider the following

gift-giving tips courtesy of Bauducco foods.

- Make it yourself. Bringing a homemade gift everyone can enjoy shows the host how much you appreciate his or her throwing the party. A Panettone Cake (recipe below) with strawberry filling will take some of the cooking burden off the hosts' shoulders and won't take more than an hour to prepare.
- Make it practical. Holiday gatherings are about family, friends and food. Guests often like to catch up on the last year over a good beverage as well.

Bring a bottle of sparkling wine so everyone can sit, relax and share a few laughs.

- Make it sweet. The holidays are one of the rare occasions when nearly everyone lets their guard down and fulfills their need for sweets.

- Provide a helping hand. Rather than volunteering to bring an extra dish or bottle of wine, volunteer to come over early and help set things up or stay late and help clean once all the guests have left.

**Panettone Cake**  
Cake:

3 to 4 round slices panettone, 1-inch thick  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate, roughly chopped  
1 3/4 cup strawberry jam

Filling:

3 eggs  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
2/3 cup milk  
2/3 cup cream  
3 tablespoons kirsch

Grease 8-inch spring form pan. Remove paper from panettone and trim off bottom. Cutting panettone horizontally, slice three or four rounds 1-inch thick.

Prepare the filling. Place ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk until loosely whipped.

Place one panettone slice in bottom of prepared pan. Cover



with a layer of filling, then jam and chocolate. Repeat the process with at least three alternating layers, ending with the jam and chocolate on top.

Bake assembled cake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven. Let rest at room temperature before serving.

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## 'Scent-sational' seasonal suggestions

Although it is getting frosty outside, it can often be hard to keep your "cool" in the kitchen during the party-packed holiday months.

Make it a little easier on yourself and chill out in the frozen and refrigerated food aisles of the grocery store. That way, you can prepare for holiday events, family gatherings and unexpected guests.

Keep the children happy with finger food favorites, such as string cheese, mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers and pizza bites. For the grownups, try egg rolls, quiche, meatballs and the wide variety of cheeses.

Just throw these appetizers on a festive tray and all you have to worry about is having enough to last all night.

Frozen and refrigerated foods can complete your holiday meals with great taste and no fuss. Instead of slaving over the oven all day, consider the breads, potatoes, dips, vegeta-

bles and sauces in the cool aisles of the store.

In case you are stuck with overnight guests, stock the refrigerator with basic brunch options. Waffles, pancakes, eggs, cheese, pastries, fruits and juices will get the day started off right.

Do not forget desserts. Make sure to impress company with a big finale. Frozen pies and cakes, ice cream, puddings and cookies are sure to please. You may want to try this crowd-pleasing recipe:

### Berry Cheesecake

1 frozen Cheesecake  
Blueberries and strawberries  
Slivered almonds

Thaw cheesecake according to package directions.

Place on a special holiday dish, top with blueberries, strawberries and almonds.

Serves six.

For more recipes and ideas, visit the National Frozen and Refrigerated Foods Association's Web site at EasyHomeMeals.com.



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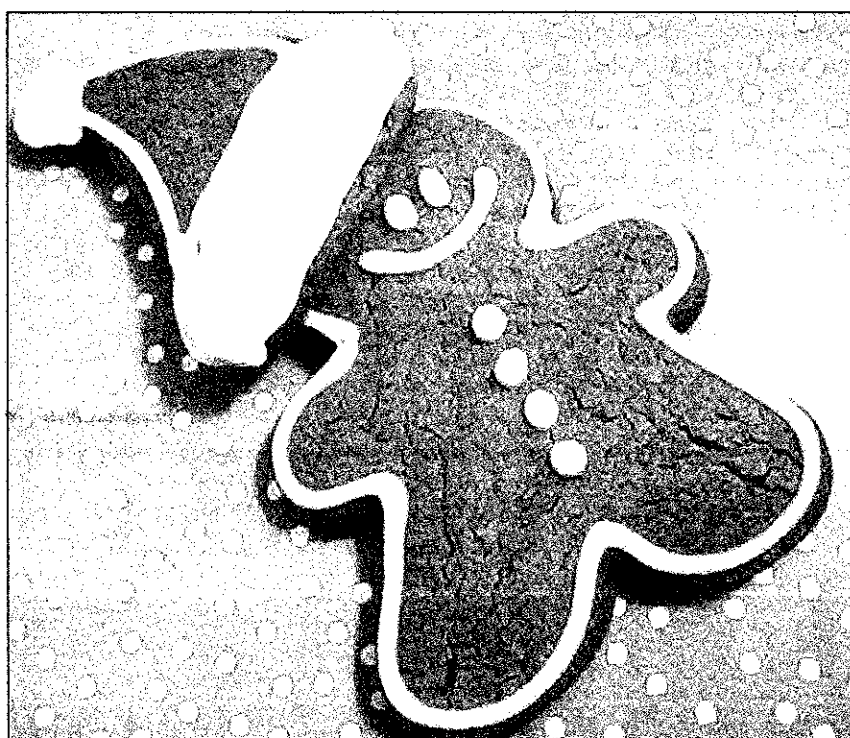


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# Gingerbread for the holidays



Baking gingerbread cookies is a holiday tradition.

Gingerbread can take the form of a thick, chewy cookie

ground allspice  
1 teaspoon ground cinna-

or one that is thin and crisp.

Try this recipe for the holidays:

Gingerbread  
Cutouts

If these cookies will be hung on a wreath or tree, make one or two holes in the top of each cookie before baking. After decorating, thread nylon fishing line or thin ribbon through the holes in each cookie for hanging.

1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup light molasses  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon

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1 teaspoon ground cloves  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, cut into chunks  
1 large egg, beaten  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
Ornamental Frosting (see step 5)

In 3-quart saucepan, heat sugar, molasses, ginger, allspice, cinnamon and cloves to boiling over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Remove saucepan from heat and stir in baking soda—mixture will foam in the pan. Stir in margarine or butter until melted. With fork, stir in egg, then flour.

On floured surface, knead dough until mixed. Divide dough in half and wrap half in plastic wrap and set aside.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. With floured rolling pin, roll remaining half of dough slightly thinner than

1/4 inch. With floured 3- to 4 inch assorted cookie cutters, cut dough into cookies; reserve trimmings. Place cookies, 1-inch apart, on ungreased cookie sheet. Reroll trimmings and cut out more cookies.

Bake cookies 12 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Move to wire racks to cool. Repeat with remaining dough.

When cookies are cool, prepare Ornamental Frosting—to decorate cookies. Set cookies aside to allow frosting to dry completely, about one hour. If not using right away, store cookies in tightly covered container.

Each cookie: About 90 calories, 3 grams total fat, 1 gram saturated; 6 milligrams cholesterol; 105 milligrams sodium; 15 grams total carbohydrate; 1 gram protein.

Ornamental Frosting

1 package (16-ounce) confectioners' sugar

3 tablespoons meringue powder

Assorted food colorings (optional)

In bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat confectioners' sugar, meringue powder and 1/3 cup warm water until blended and mixture is so stiff a knife drawn through it leaves a clean-cut path, about five minutes.

Tint frosting with food colorings as desired; keep covered with plastic wrap to prevent drying out. With small spatula, artist's paintbrushes, or decorating bags with small writing tips, decorate cookies with frosting. Frosting needs to be thinned with a little warm water to obtain the right spreading or piping consistency. Makes three cups.

Each 1 tablespoon serving: About 40 calories, 3 milligrams sodium, 10 grams total carbohydrate.

## No-cook holiday relish

Cranberry and orange relish is a holiday essential, and this no-cook recipe takes just 15 minutes to make.

It also tastes great on turkey sandwiches.

### Cranberry-Orange Relish

1 bag (12-ounce, 3 cups) cranberries  
1 medium orange, cut up  
1/2 cup seedless raisins  
1/2 cup sugar

In food processor with knife blade attached, blend all ingredients, pulsing food processor on and off until mixture is coarsely chopped. Cover and refrigerate relish until well-chilled, about two hours. Relish can be transferred to an airtight container and refrigerate up to two days.

Each serving: About 70 calories, 18 grams total carbohydrate, 1 gram protein.

### Cranberry Trivia

- Cranberries were originally called "crane berries" by early settlers because drooping cranberry flowers resembled the head of a sandhill crane. Over time, the "e" was dropped.

- Good, ripe cranberries will bounce, which is why they are nicknamed "bounceberries."

- To help neutralize the acid in cranberries, add 1/4 teaspoon of baking soda when cooking. Less sugar will be needed.

- Cranberry juice has been traditionally used to prevent and treat urinary tract infections. It is thought to help prevent bacteria from adhering to the walls of the urinary tract. Cranberry juice may also have antioxidant and anticancer properties.

- Wisconsin produces about

half of the United States' annual crop of cranberries.

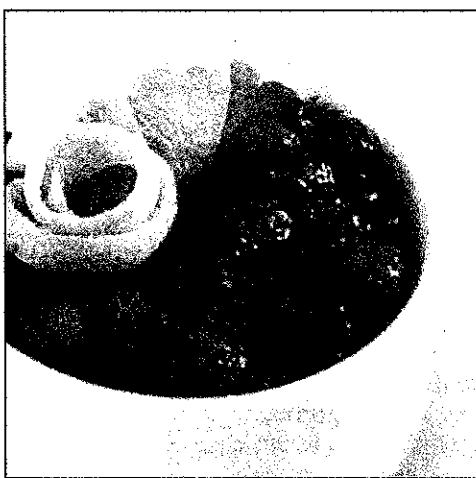
Massachusetts provides about another third. The remainder comes mostly from New Jersey, Oregon and Washington.

- Sailors used cranberries to prevent scurvy at sea.

- White cranberry juice was introduced in 2001. It is made from regular cranberries harvested about three weeks early, after they are mature, but before they turn red.

- Cranberries do not ripen after harvest.

- The cranberry is one of only a handful of commercial fruits native to North America—the Concord grape and

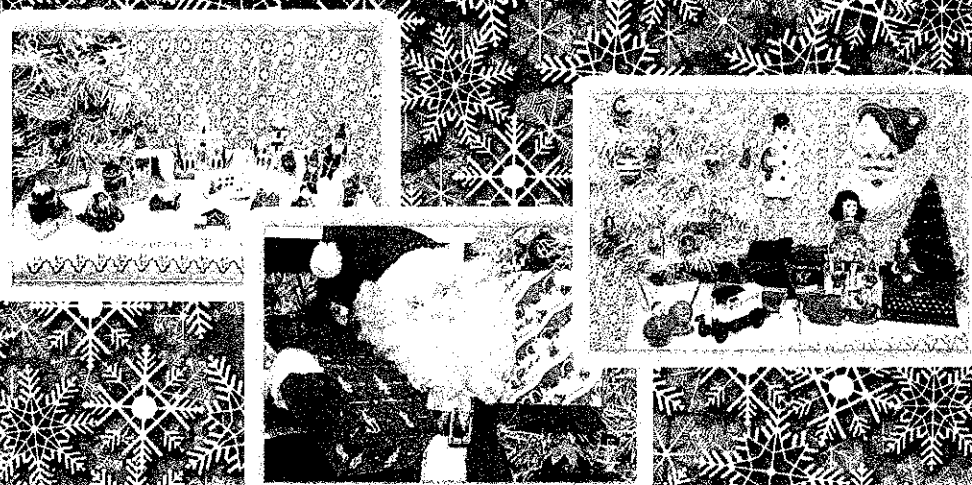


blueberry being the others.

- An undamaged cranberry vine will survive indefinitely. Some vines on Cape Cod in Massachusetts are more than 150 years old.

- The North American cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon* Aiton) is a member of the family Ericaceae, which is composed of about 1,350 species, including Scotch heather, rhododendrons and blueberries.

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# Money-saving tips for memorable holidays

The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather and share the joys of the season.

While many families are faced with the need to scale back their holiday celebrations and expectations, it's good to know memorable holidays can be frugal and festive.

By doing a little extra planning and reclaiming some of the traditions of simpler times,

it's possible to discover less really can be more.

Make the holiday season both merry and memorable with the following money-saving tips:

- Make a plan. Create a plan for holiday spending and gift giving. List possible gifts, how much is expected to pay, what can be afforded to pay and alternatives. Once it is determined how much can be afforded to spend on each gift,

stick to the plan.

Always look for sales and pay in cash or with debit cards whenever possible. Consider buying one nice gift for children rather than a lot of smaller ones.

- Timing is everything. While some of the best deals on gifts can be found after the holidays, some do go on sale in December.

- Nurture nature. Homemade decorations and

ornaments add an old-fashioned touch to the holiday season. Bring nature indoors with cornstalks, pinecones, dried flowers and pumpkins. Trees can be decked with strings of popcorn and cranberries as well as holiday cookie cutters, ribbons and bows.

Bargains on Christmas trees can be found in the days leading up to Dec. 25. Consider investing in a high-quality artificial tree, which can save mon-

ey in the long run.

- Delicious deals. Some grocery stores offer great deals during the holidays. Check the local newspaper and store fliers for deals on needed items. Use store brands when making casseroles and side dishes.

In the spirit of sharing, a potluck-style holiday dinner could be a tradition worth considering. It also relieves the host of the entire burden

of paying for and preparing the meal.

- Simple pleasures. Holiday entertainment can be as simple as a drive around town to see the lights. Bring along some blankets and hot chocolate for the ride.

Pull out the board games that haven't been played in years. Learn three new card games and two new holiday songs. Bake and decorate cookies.

## Handmade gifts bring treasured memories and savings

Holiday gift-giving can be stressful for even the most experienced shoppers.

Deciding how much to spend, which brands to choose and what size to get are enough to

frazzle those fragile holiday nerves.

This year, Brad Staggs, HGTVPro.com and DIY show producer/host and licensed contractor, has some advice for

all gift-givers: handmade gifts.

"People love receiving handmade gifts, so making gifts for your family and friends is a winning situation for everyone," said Staggs. "By making your own gifts you avoid the holiday shopping crowds, save money and get the satisfaction of knowing you are giving a little piece of yourself with each handmade gift."

Staggs offers several ideas for holiday gifts that can be made in a weekend:

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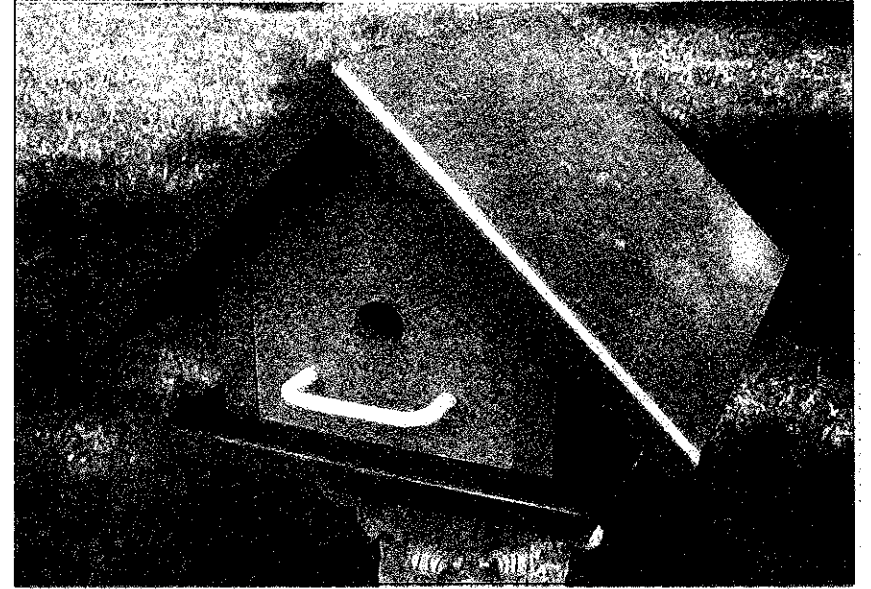
- Build an Adirondack chair so the recipient can sit outside and enjoy nature. This project can be accomplished in a week-

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# Tips for hosting painless holiday parties

Whether preparing for a casual family gathering, a fancy four-course dinner party or a high-spirited hoedown for 100, planning a holiday party is a big job.

Here are 10 tried-and-true tips for planning memorable holiday gatherings that will minimize stress and maximize fun:

- Plan early and plan often. There's nothing more frustrating than finding out the intended party guests have other plans. December weekends

tend to get booked up early, so it's a good idea to send or e-mail invitations as early as possible.

Another possibility is to schedule the gathering for a time when people tend to be less busy, such as during the week between Christmas

and New Year's, the last night of Hanukkah or New Year's Day.

- Design a realistic menu. Have a menu that includes a number of items that can be

made ahead of time and heated or plated just before guests arrive. It's best to experiment with only a few items on the menu — and leave enough time for substitutes if the results are disappointing.

- Embrace tradition. During the holiday season, many people warm to the idea of time-honored traditions, so don't be afraid to serve up a favorite Christmas pudding or an aunt's legendary potato latkes.

- Serve up festive beverages. Make sure there is a mix

of beverages for guests who don't drink or those who have had enough alcohol. A non-alcoholic punch or a pot of hot-spiced cider is popular and can be served with rum on the side for guests who want a little something extra.

- Set the scene. While some hosts like to go all out in the decorating department, others prefer a more low-key approach. Either way, make an effort to create a pleasing ambience that appeals to the senses. Put out an assortment

of candles. Put up a pot of simmering water flavored with cinnamon, cloves and allspice to fill the house with a heart-warming aroma. Play favorite holiday tunes and bask in the glow of the guests' delight.

- Keep children happy. When planning a gathering for guests of all ages, it's helpful to have activities on hand for the younger crowd. Set aside a space for children and set out a variety of toys and games that will keep them occupied and engaged.

- Get help. When hosting a large party with guests who may not know each other, it's important to be on hand to make introductions and keep the conversation flowing. Consider hiring one or more helpers to serve and clean up.

- End on a positive note. The responsibilities as a host don't end when the guests say good night. Make sure it's a good night for all by arranging for designated drivers who can make sure friends in need get home safely.



## Pick the perfect Christmas tree

Fragrance, price, longevity and sturdy branches may be at the top of one's Christmas list when it comes to picking the perfect tree.

If fragrance is important, choose a balsam or Fraser fir, said Kurt Pregitzer, a professor in Michigan Technological University's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. If price is an object, there'll probably be more cash left over for presents if a balsam is chosen over a Fraser.

The Fraser's a beautiful tree and commands a premium price, says Pregitzer.

True firs have another advantage, says Pregitzer, who raised Christmas trees for about 10 years in the 1980s and 1990s.

They generally retain their needles longer than the spruces and pines, though they all hold well if treated properly.

Douglas firs, which are not true firs but look as if they are, also smell nice and are famous for holding their needles practically until Valentine's Day.

For dense foliage and sturdy branches, spruces are hard to beat. However, their needles

are pokey compared to the firs. Both blue spruce and white spruce have foliage that can be hard to handle, Pregitzer says.

Prickly isn't necessarily a bad thing. Little children tend not to come back and handle the trees much.

"I've had some nice scotch pines and white pines," said Pregitzer. "White pines are very nice and soft and have an unusual bright green color. However, white pine branches can be quite pliable, so they could go limp under the weight of heavy ornaments. If you're a collector, this might not be the tree for you."

After choosing the Christmas tree, ask the merchant to re-bale it. Baled trees are easier to transport and much less likely to knock over furniture, lamps and small children when carried into the house.

"If you've bought your tree early, store it upright outside, out of the wind and in a cool place where it won't dehydrate," Pregitzer said. "Don't lay it on its side. If it freezes, the tree might develop a flat spot."

When it's time to decorate, set up the tree stand and cut an inch or two off the bottom of the tree. Place it in the stand immediately and fill the stand with water.

Keep the reservoir full of water, and the needles should stay on the tree and off the rug through the holiday season.

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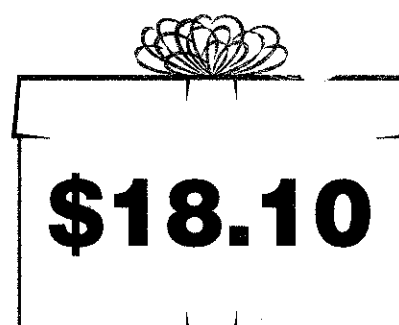
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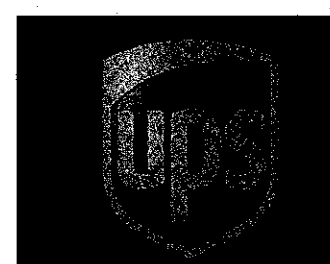
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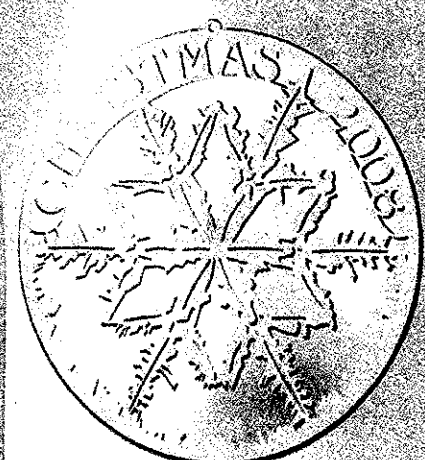
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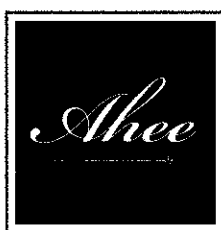
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