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◆ State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a 7 p.m. town hall meeting to inform residents about the dangers of toxic chemicals in children's toys at Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 254-5291.

◆ A screening of the film "You Are Here" begins at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Park resident Lizzy Chamberlain, who appears in the film, and the film's writer and director, Tim Jeffrey, will be at the free event. Alzheimer's disease is the film's focus.

◆ A ninth-grade orientation for Parcels Middle School eighth graders is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High School cafeteria, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. ◆ "Stealing Buddha's Dinner" by Bich Minh Nguyen is the topic of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's adult book discussion group at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch program room, 20680 Mack. Peter Axe is the presenter. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores mayor's office hours are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in city hall, 795 Lakeshore. Call (313) 881-6565 for an appointment.

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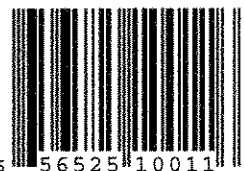
◆ Winterfest is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Hill, Grosse Pointe Farms. To enter the chili cook-off or for more information, call (313) 343-2405.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
◆ All state and federal offices are closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe offices are closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park offices are closed.
◆ Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-2nd Congressional District, is the speaker at the 13th annual Republican District's fundrais-

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Winterfest adds a new twist

Festival moves to the streets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There's a new twist to Winterfest, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Kercheval is going to be closed from Hall Place to McMillan," said Dick Huhn, Farms recreation director.

Organizers learned from the success of last fall's Racing For Kids street fair and are expanding this year's Winterfest from crowded sidewalks onto the roadway.

"It gives us more room," Huhn said. "There's a lot of foot traffic on sidewalks because of ice carvings. We'll have children and adult games in the street, a hockey puck shooting contest and an Olympic ring toss."

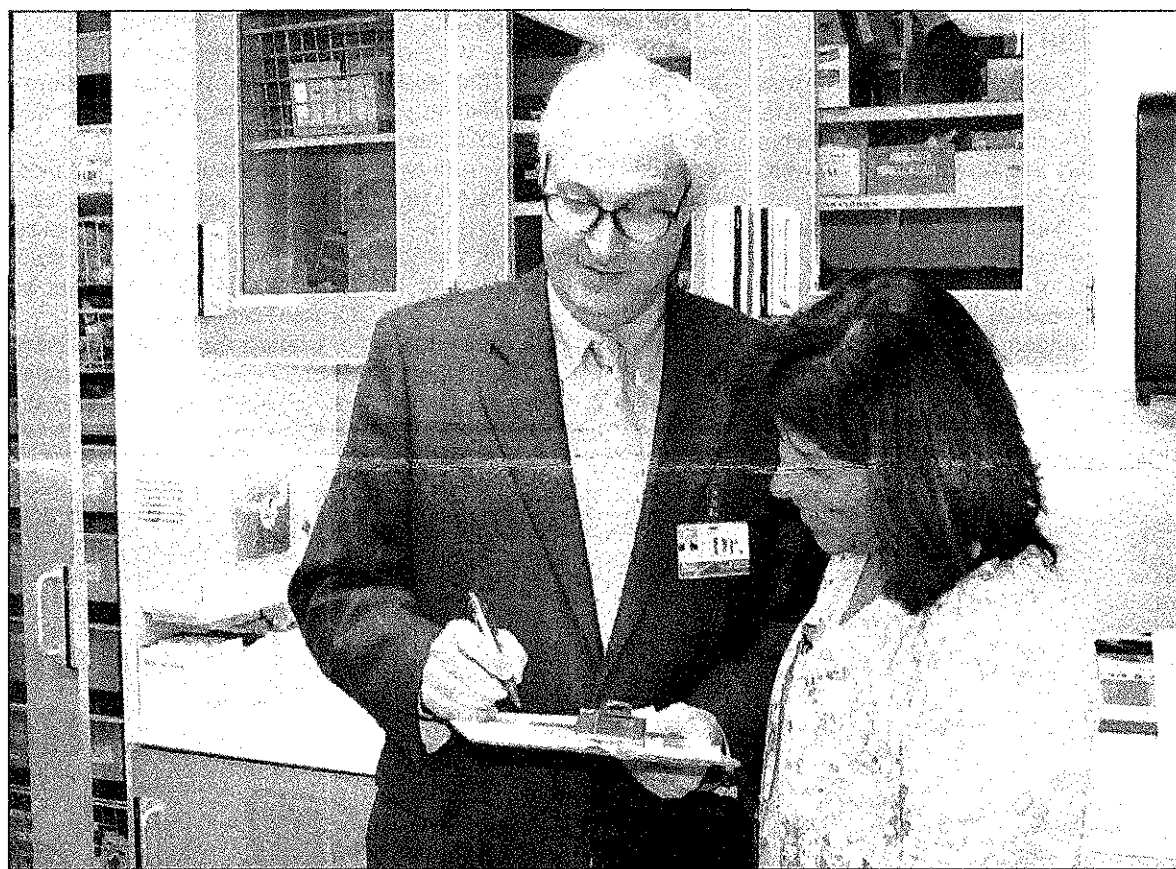
At least 30 pre-carved ice carvings are expected to be displayed throughout the district. Many carvings will hint at the

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Plenty of activities await the entire family at the fourth annual Winterfest on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

FILE PHOTO



Dr. John Boccaccio and Barbara Babb, manager of surgical services for Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Cottage switches gears

Major changes coming to Farms facility

By Joe Warner
Editor

Henry Ford Health System announced a new strategic plan for Cottage Hospital with changes reflecting the increase in demand for outpatient health care and help meet the needs of the area.

Health system administrators detailed the changes in a conference call with the media Tuesday, Jan. 12. Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, located on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, will cease operating as a 20-bed inpatient facility April 3. It will become a multi-specialty outpatient center with more than a dozen new or enhanced services planned for this year.

"We are significantly enhancing the ambulatory programs at Henry Ford Cottage, including initiating a center for seniors and expanding our women's health and athletic medicine programs," said Robert Riney, chief operating officer of HFHS.



The Women's Diagnostic center of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, from left, patient (standing), Melody Pitts and Donna Prince, M.D.

The 20-bed medical-surgical unit, as well as the inpatient rehabilitation and psychiatric units will be closed and patients relocated to other Henry Ford campuses on or before April 3.

Riney said the community will be informed well before the last patient are admitted to the facility. As part of the transition to an

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Woods chooses next chief

Former City director of public safety gets the nod

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Alfred "Skip" Fincham is the new public safety director for Grosse Pointe Woods.

Fincham, 58, is currently assistant city manager in the City of Grosse Pointe, where he also served as that city's director of public safety for 10 years. He replaces Michael Makowski, who retired in December.

"I'm honored to have been selected and am very excited to begin work," Fincham said. "I have spent my entire career in public service and I'm looking forward to continuing."

Fincham joined the former City of Grosse Pointe fire department in 1973 and the City's public safety department in 1978. He was appointed director in 1997.

In 2006, he pulled double duty, serving as both public safety director and acting city manager. He became assistant city manager in 2007.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in public safety administration, Fincham also holds a master's degree in information technology/public administration. He has an associates degree in fire science and attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and the School of Police Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan. He is a certified fire officer.

"When I retired from the (City of Grosse Pointe) public safety department in 2007, I knew that I would someday be back in the public safety arena," he said. "But I never dreamed it would be in another Grosse Pointe community. When I learned of the opening in Grosse Pointe Woods, I talked it over with my wife and I knew it was just what I wanted to do."

Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Mark Wollenweber's recommendation to hire Fincham is expected to be approved by the Woods city council at its Monday, Jan. 18, meeting. If so, Fincham starts in mid-February.

"I have no agenda right now," Fincham said. "I want to sit down with the staff and the officers and the union representatives and get a feel for how the department is run and hear what they think. We are fortunate to live in such a unique area, where public

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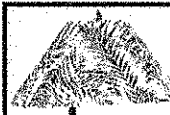
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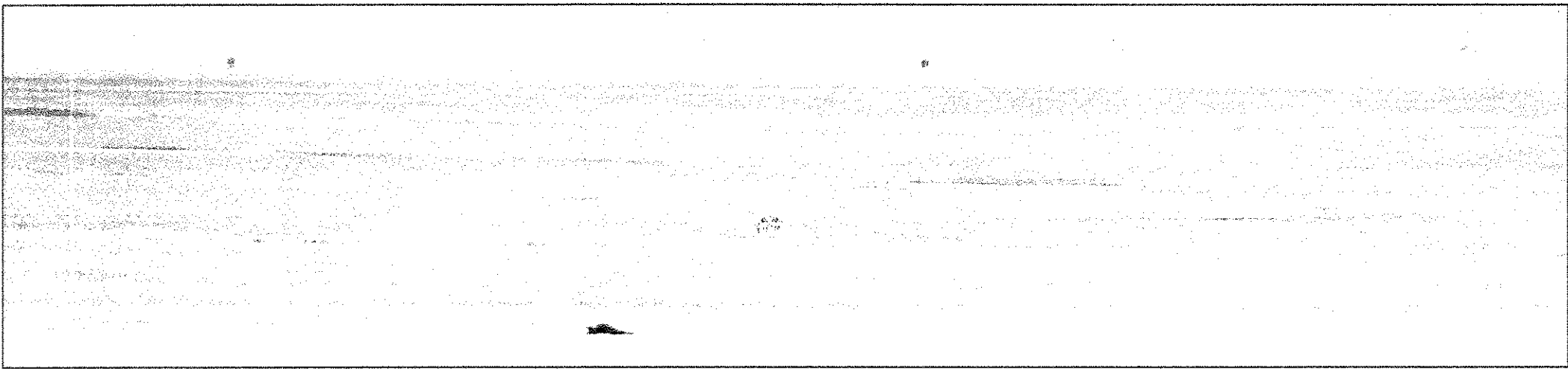


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A dead coyote blends with the ice covered landscape off Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Ice

Second coyote killed in Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

With one shot from a sniper rifle, and then a second just to make sure, police marksman Frank Zielinski last Saturday morning turned a coyote into carrion on the ice of Lake St. Clair.

It was the second coyote Grosse Pointe Farms police have killed in a month.

"Outstanding," said Janet Smith, a Farms resident tired of coyotes sauntering up and down her street. "I love animals, but I don't want to live in a place where animals are killing my pets or where they are potentially harmful to small children."

The coyote Zielinski shot lay dead on its side the rest of the day a few feet from open water, 140-yards off Tonnancour in the Farms.

Motorists on Lakeshore passed by without noticing the body. The dark lump was so small and far away it could have been driftwood or a speck of dirt on the outside of a car window.

Zielinski's footprints in five inches of snow, and the spot he cleared on the breakwall to sit and shoot, could have been made by anyone trading sub-freezing temperatures for a quiet spot overlooking the bitter contrast of white ice against blue water under cloudless winter skies.

The shot

Zielinski, a member of the Pointe-wide special response team, was in his squad car patrolling westbound Lakeshore approaching Tonnancour when, at 8:15 a.m., he noticed sitting on the ice what he thought might be a dog or coyote.

"I looked through a pair of binoculars to make sure it was a coyote," Zielinski said.

Having on hand only a pistol, shotgun and non-tele-scoped AR-15 rifle, Zielinski drove to headquarters for a range finder and a Hekler & Koch 416 assault rifle with 1.3-power scope.

Shift commander Lt. Brian Bilinski accompanied Zielinski back lakeside. When

they started taking up positions, the coyote rose and started trotting toward Grosse Pointe Shores.

"One way to stop a coyote from running is to bark like another coyote," said Bilinski, who last month shot and killed one of an estimated three or four coyotes living in woods at the County Club of Detroit. "I let out a yelp. He stopped."

"I took a shot and it went down," Zielinski said.

Bilinski wouldn't demonstrate coyote talk.

"It's embarrassing," he said.

The reason

Coyotes entered the Grosse Pointes a few winters ago, presumably across frozen Anchor Bay and down the lake's western shoreline.

Police who have consulted coyote hunters speculate 20 to 30 of the typically nocturnal predators live on the eastside, wedged between the I-94 expressway in Detroit and the lake.

The animals' once quaint sightings in the suburbs have

become threatening intrusions, documented increasingly by residents reporting them attacking and killing pet cats and small dogs.

Pets have been mauled and taken recently in Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Shores and Woods.

"We're not out there because we like to kill things," Zielinski said. "Coyotes are causing a problem."

Smith said her husband was taking out garbage before sunup Monday Jan. 11, when a coyote appeared on their street near the country club.

"The coyote was heading toward the lakeshore, walking down the middle of the street glancing back periodically," Smith said. "He didn't seem spooked. When I saw one two weeks ago, it had a dead rabbit."

Coyotes range from Florida to Alaska and adapt well to suburbia.

"Unfortunately, we don't have room for them here," Bilinski said. "They are posing a threat. They become so desensitized to humans that they

become dangerous."

Claims are false that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources forbids police to kill coyotes because the wild animals are in their natural territory.

"The Michigan 2009 Hunting Guide, a state publication, says if coyotes are about to do damage on private property, they can be taken year-round," said Bilinski.

Even so, police aren't bound by hunting rules when ensuring public safety.

"We're acting because coyotes pose a danger to residents' animals," Bilinski said. "Coyotes are now a possible danger to residents themselves. We're acting under authority of law."

The morning Zielinski killed the coyote, another of the animals was evading officers about two miles downstream in the 900 block of Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I heard three calls the Park dispatcher received for separate coyote incidents," Bilinski said.

Two nights earlier, Thursday,

Jan. 7, a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman saw a coyote in the area of St. Paul and Washington.

"He tracked it for a while in the snow," said James Fox, City police chief. "After a while, he lost the track."

Resident frustration about coyotes capped a letter a Farms woman wrote police recently thanking them for all they do. The letter accompanied snacks for the midnight shift.

The woman lives near the country club. Her letter ended with a P.S.: "Now kill those coyotes. I'm so freaked when they howl."

Bilinski, a hunter, speculated the coyote killed Saturday may have been on the ice for a couple of reasons.

"They're scavenging," Bilinski said. "They look for anything dead that's floated onto the ice. They also like to breed in open areas. They don't want anybody coming upon them without being noticed."

January and February is coyote breeding season. Litters number five or six pups.



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Innovation, humor cue NAIAS previews

By Jenny King
Special Writer

The press preview days for the North American International Auto Show were trimmed from three to two this year. But those two were jam-packed with how the major automakers plan to meet the future.

Early last Monday, GMC unveiled its small, blocklike utility concept, Granite, "a tool for urban living in an industrial case," according to Buick GMC designer Dave Lyon. Buick showed a Regal GS sport concept. With a 255-horsepower high output 2.0-liter turbocharged engine and six-speed transmission, the GS signals Buick's intent to regain its performance reputation.

NAIAS opens

The North American International Auto Show 2010 is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, through Saturday, Jan. 23, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Cobo Center, One Washington Boulevard, Detroit.

Adult tickets are \$12; group tickets, \$8 with a purchase of 25 tickets or more; seniors age 65 or older, \$6; children age 7 to 12, \$6; and age 6 and under free with a parent or guardian.

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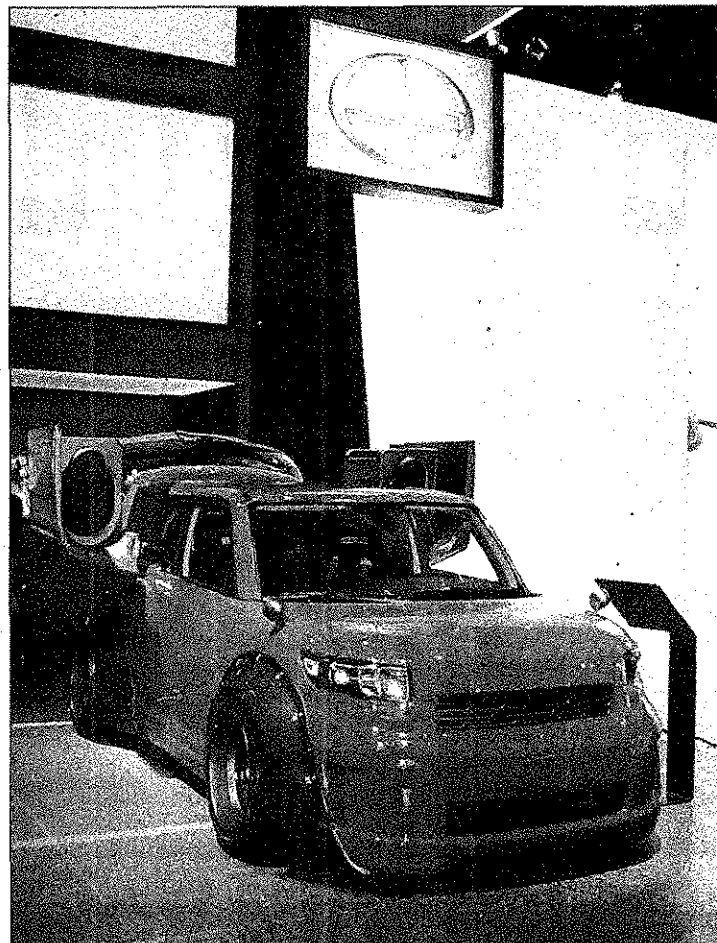
Mercedes-Benz delighted reporters with its E-class cabrio, which will be available by May. The latest addition to the E-class will be available as an E 350 or E 550. A Mercedes spokesman said the soft top convertible will add about \$10,000 to the price of the E-class coupe.

The German automaker also teased its audience with what looked like a shrink-wrapped Batmobile. The very sleek, low vehicle will bow as a production car later this calendar year.

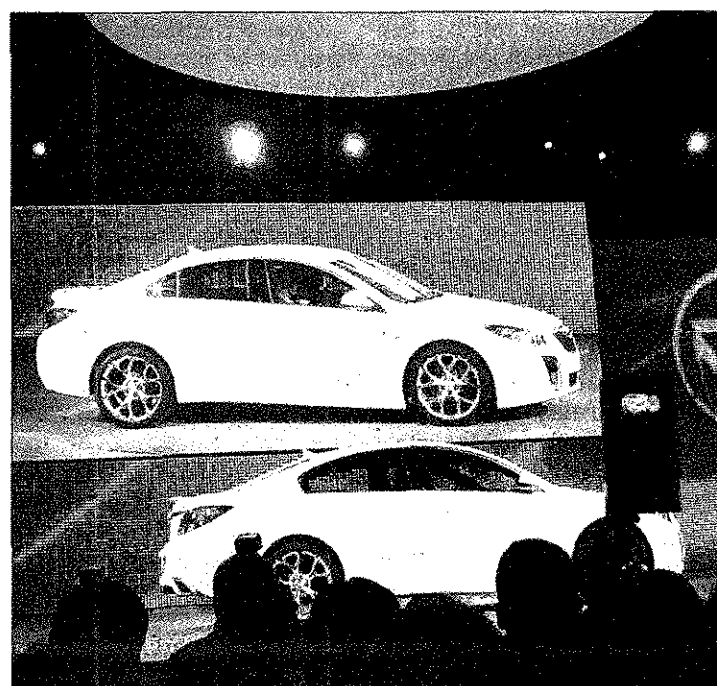
California-based electric car maker Tesla occupied a stand closer to the show entrance this year.

It placed a well-traveled, unwashed Tesla Roadster up front. This proud two-seater, which is already in production, traveled 3,600 miles across the U.S. en route to the NAIAS. It featured its itinerary plus the signatures of its 18 various drivers along the sides of the sports car.

Later in the day the BMW Mini introduced its Beachcomber concept car — one that could be driven with-



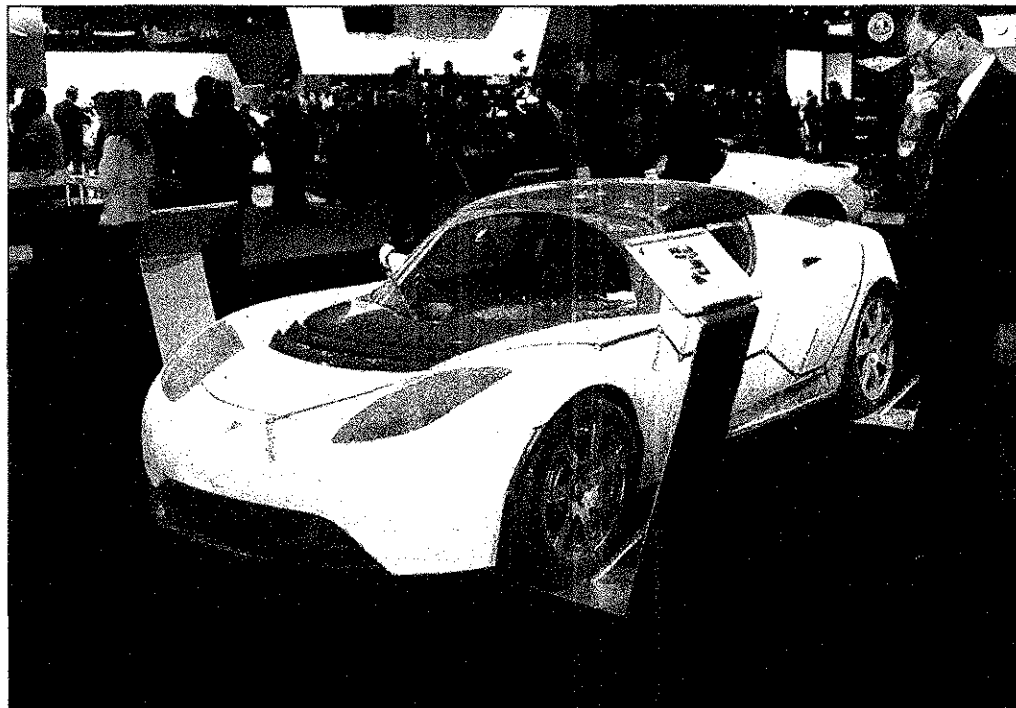
You probably won't want to get stuck in traffic behind this Scion xB DJ, tricked up with enormous speakers and all kinds of disc jockey equipment.



The Regal GS concept symbolizes Buick's plans to recapture its reputation as a performance car.

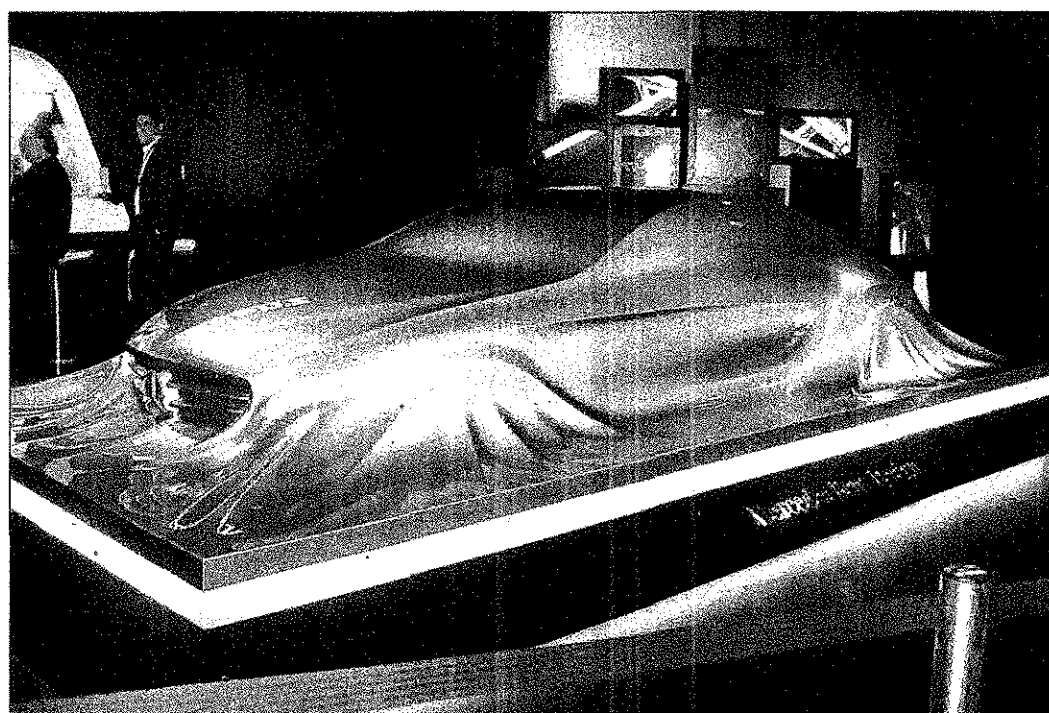


Ram trucks sat quietly out of the limelight, but still drew attention with conversions like this EBY dump truck built on a Ram 5500 Heavy Duty.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Tesla proved its electric Roadster is a true road warrior by having employees take turns driving the two-seater 3,600 miles across the country.



Mercedes' concept car was never actually revealed; it stayed beneath its tight-fitting silvery cover.



Mazda plans to bring its 2011 Mazda 2 to market later this year.

out doors or roof. A Mini designer said doors and top are made of textile and can be rolled up and stored, or brought out in case

of heavy weather.

In keeping with the ocean theme of the little car, this Beachcomber sported a shark wearing a pin-striped suit and chomping on a Coke can cigar in the passenger's seat. Mini did not explain if this

toothy fish is an extra-cost option. If so, it's doubtful the "take rate" by customers will be very high.

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

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

New Kroger approved, again

Store's footprint increases, parking spaces widened

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In three months, Kroger in the Village will close for demolition.

In 3 1/2 months, demolition begins.

In four months, construction of a new store starts on the same site.

In 14 months, the new store opens.

"We're going to be moving quick," said Adam Crane, Kroger project manager.

"This is an extremely aggressive schedule," said Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe and an architect.

The new, one-story grocery store at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame will have a footprint 1,000 square feet larger than the current one.

The existing parking lot, which has the narrowest spaces in the Village at seven feet wide, will be remarked with spaces eight feet wide.

Interior details are being worked out.

"It will be a more upscale store," said Chris Rogers, Kroger real estate manager.

"It will be consistent with the store on Mack (in Grosse Pointe Woods)," Crane said. "It will have upscale features throughout."

City officials on Monday approved the much-anticipated design contingent upon Kroger officials submitting a detailed construction plan. The plan, which store representatives agreed to present, will show how construction materials and equipment will be delivered to and stored on the property.

Store officials already have agreed to provide a crossing guard for children crossing the rear alley during construction. The alley borders Maire Elementary School.

Kroger has been on the city agenda for more than a year. The council in early 2009 approved plans for a two-story building and attached parking garage. Store officials last month withdrew the proposal, citing the bad economy.

"It's nice to see Kroger coming to fruition after talking about it almost the entire time I've been on the council," said Councilman Donald Parthum Jr., elected November 2007.

"The old store is outdated," added Councilman John Stempfle.

When the new incarnation opens in March 2011, the structure will have a lower facade of cast limestone, middle-to-upper portions of concrete scored and painted to resemble reddish brick, metal copings and a mansard roof.

Each of the building's three sides have been designed with large windows — some of which will be used as display boxes to promote holidays and special

events, not store products — fabric awnings and gooseneck light fixtures.

A nine-foot expansion of the building toward Notre Dame, plus a few feet of outdoor space allotted for sidewalk seating — but no outdoor food service — will reduce the sidewalk width to five feet during warmer months.

An outdoor display area has been approved along a portion of the Kercheval sidewalk.

Store expansion, coupled with wider parking spots, a wider alley and a 10-foot pedestrian walkway between the store and alley, combine to reduce the size of the parking lot.

The current lot's 77 spaces will drop to 72. Overall, the new store will be deficient 12 parking spots, based on zoning regulations.

In response, Kroger agreed to pay the city \$9,000 per deficiency, a total of \$108,000.

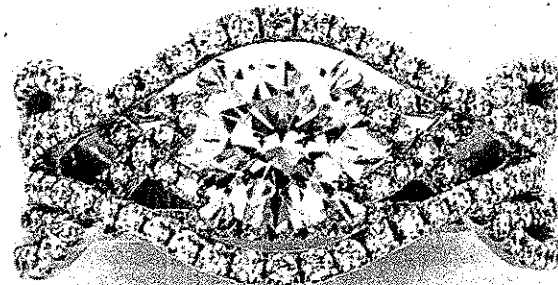
Payment is needed before the city will issue a building permit. The money will be reserved to increase municipal parking capacity.

"It does not require that the city immediately build new parking," said Peter Dame, city manager. "It has to be used to provide more parking in the future."

Semi-truck deliveries are prohibited during normal school hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Emma Kruse has a basis for her career choice, broadcasting, having been on stage in Grosse Pointe Theatre productions since 2003.

Stage lights capture her talents

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

"To understand her amazing talents, you must see her on stage," said Theresa Selvaggio of actress Emma Kruse. "Her stage presence, amazing voice and acting abilities are a true gift. Luckily she lives in our community and lucky for GPT (Grosse Pointe Theatre) that she has chosen our group to share her talents with."

Longtime supporter of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, Selvaggio has watched Kruse grow up the past six years, earning roles spotlighting her soprano singing voice.

Kruse, 17, of the City of Grosse Pointe, was initiated into the theater world in 2003 with the lead in "Annie."

"I don't remember why I au-

ditioned," Kruse said of capturing the role of the little orphan girl. "There were 200 children plus their mothers. Annie is every little girl's dream to play. It was a cool thing."

From there she completed two stints at the Masonic Temple Theatre, capturing roles in the chorus of both "Annie" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."

"It was a wonderful experience," she said of the Masonic performances. "It was very, very cool. It was very fast pace. I got the part the same day as the audition. Rehearsals were in four days. It was structured. "During 'Joseph' the mic went out on a big song. The stage manager is crawling out and handed me the mic, I walked out to the spotlight and gave him (the actor) a hand mic. He put his arm around me and called me

'Grosse Pointe Theatre is a great group of people. It's awesome.'

EMMA KRUSE,
City of Grosse Pointe

his little helper."

Despite the thrill of acting at the Masonic, she returned to performing on the familiar GPT stage.

Wrapping up her local theater experience, Kruse, a senior at Lutheran High School North in Macomb, is playing the part of Sally Brown in the GPT's January production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

"I'm excited about this," she said. "I'm on stage every three minutes. I'm not even kidding. The dancing is awesome. Sally is a great part. I have mini tantrums. It's the smallest cast I have been in and we still have to fill up the stage."

The play is written for adults,



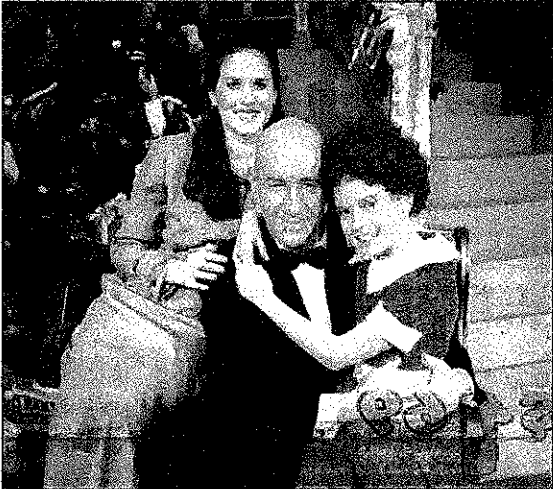
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Emma Kruse, sixth from left, was one of the wives in the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The King and I."



PHOTO BY ANN FOUTY

Emma Kruse, a senior at Lutheran High School North, portrays Sally in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."



Emma Kruse was cast as Annie in November 2003. She is photographed with Annie Reinholz, left, who played Grace Farrell and Dennis B. Martell who performed the part of Warbucks.

yet actors must skip around the stage and act in a childish manner.

While her latest role has her reverting to childhood, Kruse has progressed from children's roles to portraying adult characters.

Her list of roles is extensive. Beginning in August 2000, she landed the role of Tessie in "Annie" at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. When the family moved to Grosse Pointe nine years ago, Kruse was the lead in "Annie." She has won roles in plays at Lutheran North and the First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. She performed as Marta in "The Sound of Music" when she was nine in November 2002 and Royal Wife No. 2 in "The King and I," performed in November both with GPT.

In her sophomore year, Kruse was in the GPT's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," portraying the role of an Egyptian wife. She was Emma Boone in the Talking Headstones, a collaboration between GPT and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

"I had a good time. I was al-

ways on stage. It was cool. It was my first adult role," she said about her part in "Joseph."

Stage performance is a platform for a possible career in broadcasting because it emphasizes public speaking and being articulate, she said. Kruse is realistic about a career path — acting, many times, does not afford a steady income.

"I love the theater. It's not a realistic path. It's not a good way to make a living. I love current events and politics. Broadcast is more relevant. I've been accepted at the University of Missouri."

"Broadcasting is a performance in a way. You are treated like a personality, being a talent in the theater is comparable to broadcast. I would love to be (the next) Katie Couric."

A broadcasting career is in the forefront for Kruse, but she has a backup plan — to major in English. She admits being an English major would mean staying in college longer to obtain a master's degree; while a bachelor's degree from one of the colleges, University of Missouri, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, New York University, Brown University and Hillsdale College, to which she has been accepted, would work just fine in the field of broadcasting.

Her mother, Elizabeth, says her daughter is on the road to success.

"She has always been driven and capable. I expect a lot of the children (including sons, William and Charles) but don't drive them. We (she and her husband, Tim) guide. I want her to pursue what she wants to pursue and to be worthwhile."

Before making her way to college and a career, Kruse is preparing for the Advanced Placement literature test by reading books from a list of 300.

"I have a list of books I must read before I leave high school. I have read between 50 and 60 on the list. I really like Jane Austen a lot," she said. "I love to read. I'm reading 'Wuthering Heights' because it is the No. 1 book on the AP lit test (from which questions are derived)."

But Kruse also enjoyed "The Count of Monte Cristo,"

"Huckleberry Finn," and "Lovely Bones."

"I read everything. I read on weekends. It calms me down," she said.

Playing the piano, which she has done for 11 years, is another way Kruse unwinds.

"I like Chopin. I really like his stuff. I play an hour a day. If I have a headache I play the piano — that's the way to get rid of a headache," she said.

Keeping up with Kruse is a task.

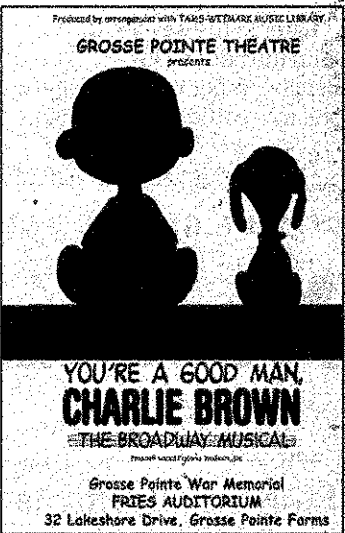
She is on her school's newspaper editorial staff, president of the Key Club, a member of the National Honor Society, the Mock Trial Team, the school's Crusaders Choir and its Praise Team. She is a mentor of Young Life, a middle school nondenominational organization.

"We talk about integrity, cheating on tests. It's less Bible stories but how to apply the Bible teachings to real life," she said.

"Right now she is busy," Elizabeth Kruse said. "We spend time together when the boys go to bed. We have to squeak in time whenever we can."

Kruse said she loves the pace.

"I wouldn't do as much as I do unless I loved it. Grosse Pointe Theatre is a great group of people. It's awesome," she said.



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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2010

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 December 21, 2009, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on December 17, 2009.

2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 89496 through 89603 in the amount of \$241,796.11 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of \$9,160.00 for fall maintenance in various areas of the city, including the community center, DPW and the parks.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
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Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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HOLIDAY BUYING

Toy sales down, profits up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A little meant a lot to the bottom line of one of the area's family-owned toy stores during the holiday sales period.

"People were buying, just not as much," said Wendy Bacon, of the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in St. Clair Shores.

"Gross sales were slightly down from last year," added Bacon's brother, Rick Claggett. "But, profits were up considerably because we sold more items that we make a greater margin on."

Likewise, sales of lower-to-medium-priced hands-on toys and games out-paced electronic gadgets and would-be trend-setters.

"People were looking for classic things: Tinkertoy, puzzles, Playmobile, card games and erector sets," said Bacon.

She generally stocks the store with products having an educational bent or intended to engage a customer's whole family.

Her brother deals more with model trains and kits made of plastic or wood.

They both favor you-built-it items that let youngsters use their imaginations to make something out of nothing, then take it apart and assemble something new.

"LEGO was the big winner all year long, hands down," Claggett said. "A few days before Christmas, we were hearing from everybody that they couldn't find LEGO anywhere. It was cleaned out."

LEGO is popular with store owners and customers for the same reason: One sale leads to

more.

"LEGO is the kind of thing you can buy for a kid who has some, but who can always use more," Claggett said.

Many customers tapped into crafts for Christmas.

"There's more play value involved with getting children something they have to put together, paint and play with," Claggett said.

The Whistle Stop has been in business 40 years. The owners have learned not to overstock their shelves during a down economy.

"Last year (2008), the way things shifted right before Christmas, we panicked and dumped a lot of stuff at cost," Claggett said. "This year, we planned our buying appropriately."

Proven sellers ruled the season.

"We weren't picking up a lot of new companies, as we would have in the past," Bacon said. "We stuck with what sold."

Customers, too, seemed more deliberate.

"They weren't just grabbing anything," Claggett said. "People put a lot more thought into their gifts, into what the recipient could get out of the gift and how to get more mileage from the gifts."

"Even on Christmas Eve, I didn't see a crazy rush for anything that was available," Bacon said. "Customers thought it out."

"Things sold across the board," Claggett said. "It was just a more thoughtful Christmas. More thoughtful on our end for ordering, and more thoughtful for what customers bought."

Winterfest schedule

- Grosse Pointe Farms' fourth annual Winterfest is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16.
- Activities, locations and times are:
- ◆ Free chili dogs and refreshments, Richard Elementary School parking lot tent, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - ◆ Chili cook-off, Bologna Building, 131 Kercheval, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Must preregister by calling (313) 343-2405 by noon Friday, Jan. 15.
 - ◆ Live music, Richard parking lot tent, 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
 - ◆ Ice carvings, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch and Richard Park Gazebo, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Face painting: Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and 131 Kercheval, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - ◆ S'mores, Kercheval, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Business drawing contest, Bologna Building, 131 Kercheval, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - ◆ Merry Music Maker children's show, Richard parking lot tent, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.
 - ◆ Broom ball hockey game, Grosse Pointe South High School softball field, 12:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Hockey puck shooting contest, near The League Shop, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.
 - ◆ Olympic ring toss, near The League Shop, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.
 - ◆ Grand prize drawing, Richard parking lot tent, 2:30 p.m.

Chili deadline Friday

Contestants in the Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest chili cook-off must register by noon Friday, Jan. 15, by calling the municipal recreation office at (313) 343-2405.

The contest is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Bologna Building, 131 Kercheval.

Chefs must precook a minimum one gallon of chili and present it in the contest heated in a crock pot.

A list of ingredients must accompany the entry form.

This year's winner will be the people's choice. No judges; just tasters. Chefs serve their own chili.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Buying out of a parking jam

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Commercial developers can buy their way out of a parking jam in the City of Grosse Pointe.

In lieu of providing parking spaces deemed necessary to accommodate a proposed development, backers can pay the city \$9,000 per space instead.

The money will go into a municipal fund to build new parking capacity.

"It gives us flexibility that we didn't have before," said Peter Dame, city manager. "If

(a developer) didn't have parking, we would either have had to say, sorry, you can't come; or be short of parking."

The city last year passed an ordinance letting developers pay in lieu of providing parking.

The \$9,000-per-spot rate was set this week in time to make Kroger pay \$108,000 in exchange for being short 12 parking spaces for an expanded store in the Village.

Municipal officials expect

In order to expand the parking system, we have two options.'

PETER DAME,
City of Grosse Pointe Manager

the policy to promote commercial investment.

"It creates an alternative for development without a requirement right now for parking," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

Existing buildings are grandfathered, Dame said.

The price is about half the cost-per-space of expanding parking capacity.

"In order to expand the

parking system, we have two options," Dame said. "One would be to build a parking structure on an existing surface parking lot. The cost per space for a parking structure is, if we're lucky, \$18,000 per space."

The second option would be to buy property, such as a

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upcoming Vancouver Olympic winter games.

"One carving is supposed to be of a bobsled or luge on which people can have their pictures taken," Huhn said.

Also scheduled are three separate ice carving demonstrations in front of Central Branch

library, near Richard Park gazebo and in front of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

This is the fourth year the Farms and Hill Business Association have sponsored Winterfest.

"The last two years were total opposites in terms of weather," Huhn said. "Two years ago, it was sunny and about 40 degrees. Ice carvings melted as people walked down the street. Last year, it was very much the winter theme."

Six inches of snow on the ground last year and more falling all the time made for a "perfect ambiance," Huhn said. "Ice carvings lasted quite a long time. It worked out well."

This year, Huhn hopes for chilly temperatures and a slight overcast to help carvings maintain a gleam.

"The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is providing free s'mores over a raised fire pit," Huhn said.

More than a dozen businesses are holding individual prize drawings. Entry forms are available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at participating businesses.

"Every time someone enters for a prize, they will be eligible for grand prize drawings," Huhn said. "One is for a high-definition television."

A broom ball game from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. on the Grosse Pointe South High School softball field pits rivals members from the Hill Association against municipal employees.

"We're going to get revenge for humiliation last year," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "Pete Birkner (Grosse Pointe News advertising manager and association member) brought in some ringers, we think. We're going to reciprocate this year."

"There weren't any ringers," Birkner said. "They were family members. It's not my fault that my two sons are 6-foot-2 and 6-foot-5."

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

New ordinance says no to medical marijuana

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe officials are having a hard time catching coyotes, but they may have outfoxed a state law allowing marijuana sales.

A new ordinance nearly boxes out the sale of medical marijuana in the city.

Although state statute allows such transactions, an ordinance passed unanimously Monday, Jan. 11, by the city council outlaws them within 1,000 feet of school property.

"This is preemptive," said Mayor Dale Scrase.

The city, only one-mile square, hosts two schools and borders a third:

- ◆ Maire Elementary School on Cadieux,
- ◆ a nursery school at the Neighborhood Club on the north edge of the Village and
- ◆ Grosse Pointe South

'The policy behind it is we would not want a medical marijuana dispensary.'

CHARLES KENNEDY III,
City of Grosse Pointe attorney

High School on Fisher in neighboring Grosse Pointe Farms.

In addition, Grosse Pointe public school headquarters are south of the Village on St. Clair.

The 1,000-foot ban "will cover a lot of our city," said James Fox, public safety director.

"Why don't we prohibit it in the whole city?" asked Councilman John Stevens.

"If I could find a way to make (the ordinance) stronger, I would," said City Manager Peter Dame.

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, enacted in November 2008, allows qualified caregivers to dispense and sell medical marijuana.


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house next to an existing parking lot.

"You can get about 19 spaces on a standard house lot," Dame said.

"Divide that by how much a house costs, how much it costs to tear it down, construct a new surface lot with landscaping, and the cost is about \$18,000 per space as well."

The city is required to use the payments to expand parking.

"It will be up to the city to accumulate these payments in lieu of parking," Dame said.

"When an opportunity arises or when the need is essential, that's when these funds need to be used."

Big issues coming down from Lansing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Some issues are coming down Michigan's legislative pike that, if unsettled, could send the state farther down the drain.

"There's so much we need to do in Lansing," said Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

High on his 2010 agenda are education reform and funding, economic development and improving government ethics.

"Some people disdain the emphasis I've had on government reform," Bledsoe said. "I firmly believe that government reform is not something you do at the end of the day if there's time left over. It's where you begin to turn Michigan around."

He also wants to improve the state's school and business climates.

"We need to get good value from educational dollars," Bledsoe said. "We have to bring in more businesses and jobs to Michigan. That's critical. We're not only shedding jobs, we're shedding residents. I know people moving out of state, especially young people."

One of the first things Bledsoe did last year upon winning a first term in office was announce a package of ethics legislation.

His bill to close the revolving door on lawmakers-turned lobbyists passed the House. So did a bill he sponsored requiring financial disclosure by elected state officials.

Both measures were half successful. They passed the House, but weren't taken up in the Senate.

His proposal to extend term limits to 14 years has won broad support.

"We have a dysfunctional government in Lansing,"

Bledsoe said. "A big part of that dysfunction has to do with term limits. If we can reduce the churning of politicians, we can make Lansing work better in a variety of ways."

He hopes voters in the August election will have a chance to vote on a constitutional amendment revising term limits.

Some matters facing the state are out of Lansing's direct reach.

Michigan, despite being entrenched in a severe recession, remains a donor state. It still sends more tax dollars to Washington than are received in federal spending.

"We used to be a wealthy state that was a net contributor to the federal system," Bledsoe said.

"We're no longer a wealthy state. We shouldn't be a net contributor to the federal government."

Part of the problem is

Michigan's lack of big military bases, he said.

"We get relatively little military spending," Bledsoe said. "That's where the southern states do well. You'd think with (Sen.) Carl Levin being in charge of the armed services committee, that's something we might be able to make progress on."

Another threat to the state is potential invasion of the Great Lakes by Asian carp. The fish have made their way up the Mississippi River into Illinois waterways and are just outside Lake Michigan.

"If those things get loose in the Great Lakes, it can be catastrophic," Bledsoe said. "That is in Illinois, so we can't directly do anything about it. (Attorney General) Mike Cox has talked about filing suit against the federal government and meeting with the Obama administration (to keep the fish out of the lakes)."

SAY NO: Council outfoxes state

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"A qualified primary caregiver has a specific certification from the state that they are able to grow up to 60 marijuana plants and to dispense it up to five people (12 plants per person)," said Charles Kennedy, III, city attorney.

City officials capitalized on a federal "safe school" laws prohibiting marijuana sales within 1,000 feet of school property to pass their ordinance.

"The policy behind it is we would not want a medical marijuana dispensary," Kennedy said.

The ordinance goes into effect 10 days after publication in a local newspaper.

A violator will be declared a nuisance.

CHIEF: Familiar face fills vacancy

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safety is our No. 1 priority."

Wollenweber said 10 people applied for the position posted both internally and through advertisement. Two applicants did not meet minimal requirements. The remainder were asked to respond in writing to three questions regarding issues facing a public safety director, including labor negotiations, budgeting and a general

administrative question.

Interviews were held last week before a panel including Wollenweber, Woods treasurer Dee Ann Irby, Huntington Woods Public Safety Director Steve Fairman, and retired St. Clair Shores retired police chief Frank Troester.

Fincham was offered the job last Saturday.

Lieutenant John Ross, acting public safety director and candidate for the position, said he will work with Fincham to guarantee a smooth transition.

"I'll be offering Skip all the help I can," he said.

"We need to focus on what is best for the community and the residents."

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er at 5:30 p.m. at They Say Restaurant, 267 Joseph Campau, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 417-0244.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores committee of the whole meets at 6

p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore. A council meeting follows at 7 p.m.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts author Toby Barlow at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, corner of Vernier and Mack. Register for the free program by calling (313) 343-2072, ext. 205, or visiting gp.lib.mi.us.

◆ Master gardener Mil Hurley presents "Do You Know Me? Acer griseum to Verbascum" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Gardeners learn about trees, shrubs and perennials. The cost is \$27. To register, call (313) 881-7511.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Joe Warner

We were too comfortable

Did the attempted bombing of an airliner over U.S. airspace Christmas Day really surprise anyone? How about the reaction? President Barack Obama surprised me, as I felt he downplayed the threat from his Hawaiian vacation hideaway. How soon he forgot what it's like to fly coach.

The heroes here weren't the folks in the government, like Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, who said, "Once this incident occurred, everything went according to clockwork." Followed by "... the traveling public is safe."

What? Did you say that out loud?

It reminded me of GWB's praise of former FEMA director Mike Brown when he botched the agency's reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

Look around. Think. Speak.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab shouldn't have been on a flight here in the first place. His visa had expired as a student in Yemen. He stayed there illegally for two months and should've been stopped at the airport. Some airport, any airport.

Of course, it's tough to rail Yemen security when those guarding our president allow uninvited guests to attend a state dinner.

Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job.

Invasion of the body scanners

Counterterrorism efforts, while successful in many cases, failed here. This young man had an explosive concoction in his underwear.

The first reaction was "we need more rules," which happened rather quickly. Passengers weren't allowed a bathroom pass in the final 30 minutes of their flight and couldn't have anything over their lap, etc.

Talk also fired up over body scanners, an expensive, time-consuming and somewhat invasive way of checking for bombs.

So what.

The goal here is for people not to die. Who cares how long it takes. The process of scanning a person takes approximately 30 seconds. With the cost of the scanner, personnel and everything that goes along with it, maybe we can randomly scan more often.

I can already hear the screams of profiling, but hear me out for a second.

Until a 93-year-old woman or a 4-year-old boy tries to blow up a plane, maybe we can just settle with them removing their shoes and going through metal detectors.

Why should we worry about the feelings of people when the goal is the same for all of the non-bomb-toting public? We want to be safe. Pre-9/11 I'm pretty sure I got on flights without ever showing my identification. Now, it's two or three hours at the airport before a flight. Who cares what it takes? Isn't safety and security all that matters?

Let's not pretend there isn't profiling. Everybody does it every day.

I don't think we need to over-react. We got comfortable again and this is a reminder of how vulnerable we are. We have some good systems in place, but they have to work every minute of every day.

The fact the United States identified this man in-flight as a potential threat and wanted to question him when the plane landed means we're too slow to react. Lists need to be updated. Everything needs to work. We're not good enough, because this guy wanted to kill close to 300 people on the plane and who knows how many on the ground.

It's a wake-up call again because we were on vacation when it came to security; not all of us in Hawaii.

You have the right ...

This is my last point. Why does Abdulmutallab enjoy the same rights and freedoms as I would if I got popped for simple assault? This guy tried to kill 300-plus people and himself.

Why is there just a prison sentence? Why not death?

That's what he was aiming for, so why not give it to him?

And are we really going to spend millions and millions to try, defend, convict and house this piece of human garbage? Send a message to other terrorists-wannabes. Strap another bomb to his underwear and light it.

Maybe it could even take out a coyote or two.

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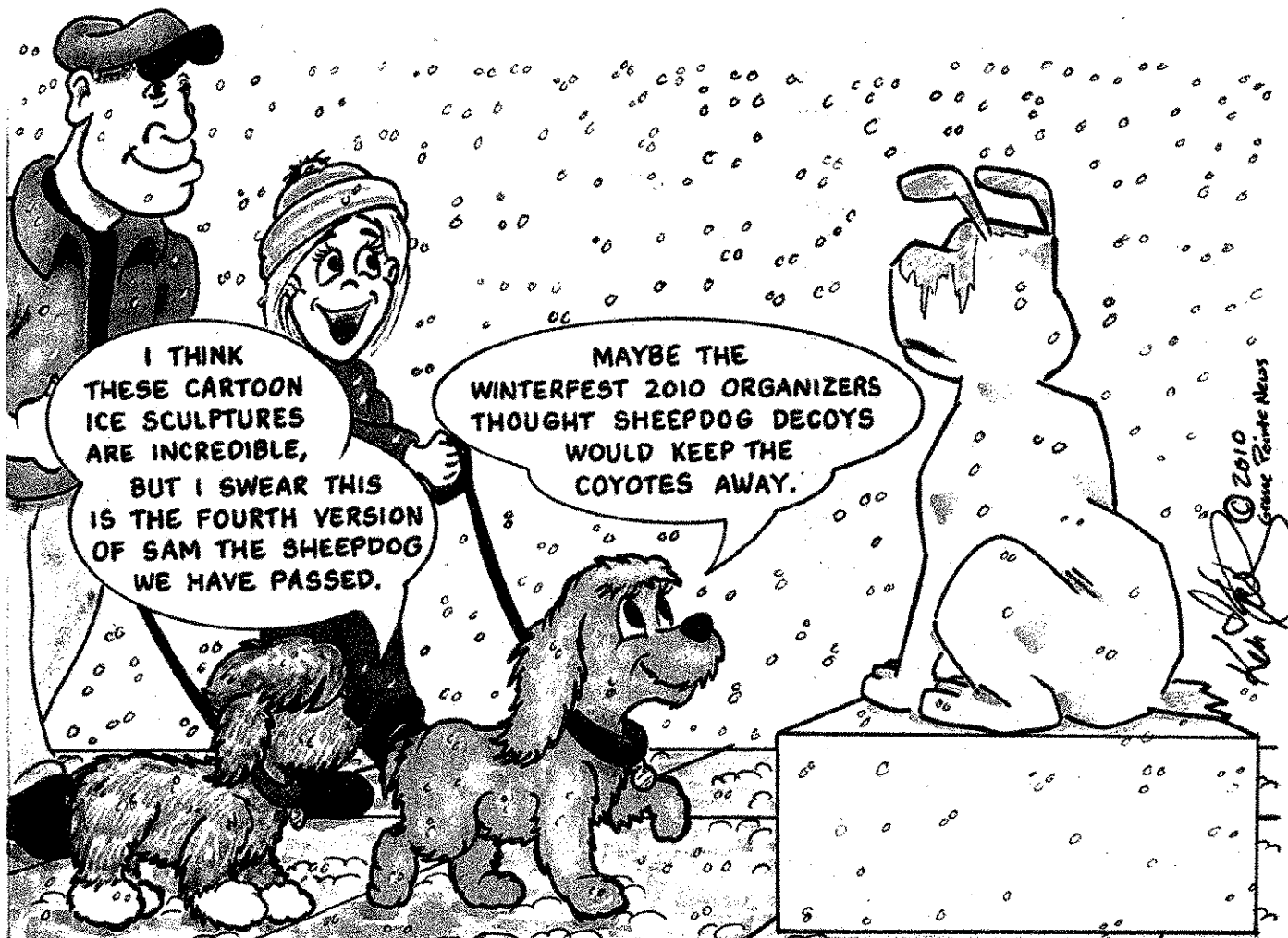
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Recall equals no confidence vote

To the Editor:

The time to sign all five of the recall petitions is now.

There is absolutely nothing wrong or undemocratic or even un-Grosse Pointe about signing the five recall petitions.

The recall petition signature drive is both necessary and timely because the normal election cycle is too far into the future to allow time for the village to change the way it conducts business in response to an extreme change of economic circumstances.

A recall is in no way similar to a vote for impeachment. An impeachment vote would imply some acts or omissions involving some degree of moral turpitude or illegality.

A recall is something altogether different. None of our elected council members have performed in any way other than what they believe is in the best interests of the residents.

What the recall effort is and should be limited to, is a request for a public continuing confidence vote either for or against the manner in which the council majority, as represented by the council members named in the recall application, chooses to conduct the business of the village.

I support a vote of no confidence in the majority of the council because after more than four months of negative but accurate press coverage of

the village's deteriorating financial condition plus heavy lobbying by many residents at public council committee and full village meetings, this majority of council members has yet to respond with any votes or even serious discussion to change its custom of allowing the village to spend in excess of its revenues.

Residents of Grosse Pointe Shores and council members, please listen. Because our city has exhausted its reserve general fund, no more money is on hand to offset the month after month negative operating cash flow.

And, with the village credit rating in tatters, the only alternative to close this funding gap is a very steep increase in millage for 2010, an increase which will be out of sync with the surrounding communities, all of whose tax rates will be lower.

In 18 months, if nothing changes except taxes, the village will max-out permitted millage increases and face the financial Armageddon of a state takeover and probable forced consolidation with one or more neighboring Wayne County communities willing to assume our net liabilities.

It must also be noted Grosse Pointe Farms, which holds several million dollars in banked reserve funds earning interest, has absolutely no business reason to weaken its balance sheet by spending its resident's tax money on a Shores bailout.

If the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores do not take immediate action to prevent this meltdown, we run the very serious risk of seeing the Shores erased from the map of Michigan.

In fact, the No. 1 reason for holding a recall election sooner rather than later is that in 18 to 24 months there may no longer be a village of Grosse Pointe Shores in which to hold any elections.

JOHN L. BOOTH, II
Grosse Pointe Shores

Coyotes

To the Editor:

Our new neighbors — formerly of Michigan — subscribe to the Grosse Pointe News and occasionally share articles on Grosse Pointe's "wild neighbors" — coyotes, squirrels.

As a wildlife advocate and volunteer at Southwest Wildlife Rehabilitation and Educational Foundation, I feel compelled to respond to staff writer Brad Lindberg's articles on coyotes, and "Coyote still at large," in Dec. 17 Grosse Pointe News.

Ignorance seems to breed as much fear in your "neck of the woods" as in mine. Grosse Pointe police are fighting futile battles and will not win the war.

Education, not guns, is the answer to coexistence with wildlife. Coyotes are highly intelligent, hence thriving against all odds. There are documented reports of coyote sightings/encounters in downtown New York City and Chicago's Michigan Avenue, in broad daylight.

Predators are needed for checks and balances. People move to Arizona from around the country and world, unfamiliar with the Sonora Desert's abundant fauna and flora. They build homes amid wildlife habitat, yet some choose to wall out their wild neighbors.

It doesn't matter these ani-

mals lived here long before their arrival or that, with a little respect and consideration, they could live here for centuries to come.

Some residents are irrationally afraid of native predators, demanding they be trapped, removed or poisoned. Others feed cute, less threatening species like bunnies and quail.

They may mean well, but they are upsetting nature's food chain and are creating an artificial dependence among species that have been self-sufficient for many generations. Mother Nature is a good provider and can care for her own.

As far as coyotes attacking pets, coyotes don't see dogs, with the exception of small rabbit-size dogs, as prey. Coyotes will become more defensive of their territory during breeding season and when they have pups.

Dogs will kill coyotes and especially coyote pups, so coyotes see dogs as a threat.

Cutting to the chase: Anyone who feels the need to get rid of coyotes and other wildlife, should go live somewhere else.

As development continues to cut inexorably into wildlife habitat, the only "protection" is education. The more we learn about our wild neighbors, the better our relationship will be:

◆ Coyotes, and other wildlife, should never be fed and/or encouraged, for a fed coyote is a dead coyote.

◆ Pets should be kept on leashes and never left unattended in backyards.

◆ A wall or fence offers no protection.

◆ Pets should be kept indoors and supervised when outside.

◆ And humans should discourage coyotes by making loud noises, throwing gravel or spraying them with the garden hose.

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

No rear view mirrors!



The more I talk to people still in the workforce and hear their stories of incompetent managers, ambiguous directions from supervisors, secret meetings, December dismissal and other mind-numbing workplace activities, I'm thinking the past column I wrote, "Retired and lovin' it" should be updated to read, "Retired ... and really, truly lovin' it."

Seems the current work-

and finding another job is difficult. But given the choice of working in a dysfunctional work environment or changing careers and looking elsewhere, seems to be a better choice.

A recent survey published in AARP The Magazine illustrated 71 percent of people who were laid off or whose business closed, found a new job. And here is a statistic that should hasten one's trip out the door of a dysfunctional company — those people who quit were among the 89 percent who found a job either in an alternative career path or in the same line of work.

To further illustrate why changing jobs may be the path to take, 91 percent of people who changed jobs stated they

enjoyed working in the new company. In their previous company, their satisfaction rate was only 79 percent.

When's the best time to look for a new job? Most people agree looking for a job while one has a job is the optimum situation. And the best way to find that ideal position is by networking. Talk to friends in the business world and find out where there may be openings.

Research companies that are announcing new products or services and then make some inroads with people you may know who work there. And once you land that new position, never look back.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

First-person history



Nearly five years of getting creamed and two A-bombs made post-World War II Japanese a docile bunch.

"We didn't have a problem with any of them," said Carlton Chopp.

Chopp, nicknamed Bud, wanted to be a fighter pilot in the war. He liked the idea of flying a P-38 Lightning; twin engines, six machine guns in the nose. He wound up a G.I. in the Eighth Army assigned to occupy Japan after its surrender.

There wasn't much soldiering to do.

Chopp occupied time playing on his outfit's football

team, the Chicks.

He doesn't know the odd-ball name's why or wherefore.

"They were looking for volunteer players," Chopp said. "I told my buddy, Bill Koptis, who had been captain of the Miami of Ohio football team and now lives in Cleveland, that I'd go with him if he'd try out."

They drove a Jeep to the practice field.

"I was standing on the sidelines when the coach looked at me and said, 'Hey, get in here.'"

"Who?" Chopp said.

"You: Get in."

"I just came along."

"GET IN."

The coach put him at right guard in a single wing offense.

"We played about eight games during the season,"

Chopp said. "I tell people I

was in eight engagements in Japan; in Tokyo, Fukouka, Kobe and other cities."

A game in Yokohama took

place at a bomb-damaged baseball stadium where Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig played during a prewar goodwill tour of the Far East.

"A plaque said Babe Ruth hit the longest home run in that stadium," Chopp said.

The army football league's best team represented the 11th Airborne.

"They beat us 62-6," Chopp said. "Their coach was an assistant coach from West Point. They played the T formation. We'd never seen it. One guy handed the ball off to another guy, and he was through the line before we knew what happened."

During the war, the Japanese always tried to sucker the American navy into a climatic and decisive battle. It never worked. Not at Midway, the Marianas, Leyte Gulf, anywhere.

Chopp said the decisive engagement of his football career came with a victory in the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Chopp and the airplane he helped restore.

Jan. 1, 1946 Rice Bowl in front of 100,000 fans in Tokyo.

"At the end of the season, an all-star team from our league played the 10th Corps of Korea all-star team," Chopp said.

He never got to fly a fighter plane. But its stories like his that put a face on history.

Chopp lives in Allegan and volunteers as a docent at the Kalamazoo Aviation Museum. He helped restore the wooden left wing of the museum's Fairchild PT-23 trainer.

"I want people to sense that aviation is one of the most magnificent inventions in the world," Chopp said. "Consider

that the Wright Brothers flew in 1903, just a little more than 100 years ago. Now, we have things going to outer space."

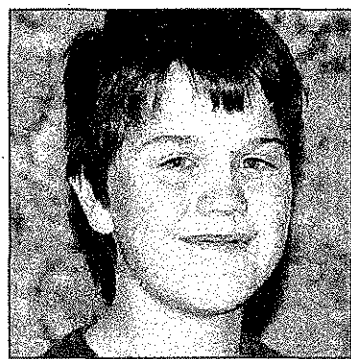
Standing in the museum amid the airplane collection, Chopp spread his arms as wide as they could go:

"Put feathers on me so I can go up and fly with the birds."

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

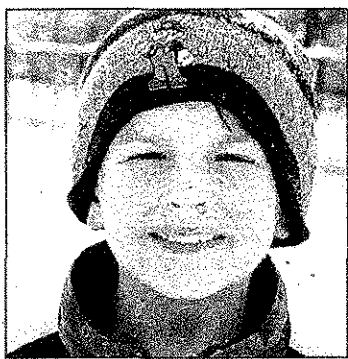
If you were invisible where would you go?

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



'I would go to the Superbowl and sit in a skybox.'

MICHAEL LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would go to Hollywood and play tricks on the movie sets.'

JUDE WALSH
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would board the Red Wings plane when they go to an away game.'

JACK GLOVER
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would taste all the flavors at TCBY and watch the employees try to figure out how the spoon was moving by itself.'

LEAH GLOVER
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would go into the Red Wings locker room after a game and listen to them being interviewed.'

NICK BSHARAH
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Transportation in the Pointes



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

Sightseeing cars, buses

"Chamber sightseeing buses leave from all leading Detroit hotels and railroad stations at 4:30 p.m. daily, effective June 15, to Sept. 15. A lecturer explains all the different points of interest.

"This sightseeing tour leads along Jefferson Ave. and beautiful Lakeshore Drive on Lake St. Clair, passing through Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores, with its many beautiful homes and spacious grounds which rank among the finest in America. This sightseeing trip is a three hour drive, covers a distance of 40 miles, and also includes a trip to beautiful Belle Isle. The rate of fare is \$2 per passenger.

"Special rates given to conventions. This company operates Yellow Coaches, Pageols, A.C.F., and Reo buses, with individual chair seats, capacity 20 to 30 passengers. The above buses are operated by Chambers Sightseeing Tours (established in 1916), office located at 468 Drexel Avenue, Detroit, MI, telephone Randolph 4695. Night calls, Lenox 4023.

"Royal Palm Tours operate sightseeing buses from May 1 to Oct. 1, leaving Grand Circus Park, Detroit at 4 p.m. daily for Belle Isle and Grosse Pointe; fare \$2 round trip. A lecturer explains all the different points of interest."

Transportation

"No surface cars are operated on its streets or avenues, nor is any part of this territory served by a railroad. Detroit is the nearest railroad station. There are no boat lines, either passenger or freight, with docks on the lakefront.

"Grosse Pointe Buses pick up through passengers at Grand Circus Park in downtown Detroit and also connect with local buses at the city limits on Jefferson Avenue East. The Mack Avenue bus line, op-

erated by the City of Detroit, serves passenger traffic on the north.

"The Grosse Pointe Bus line is operated by a privately owned company under a franchise with the Grosse Pointe Villages and the City of Detroit."

Interurban transit

"Operated by Lake Shore Coach Lines, Inc. Main offices and garage is located at 999 Beaconsfield Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI, telephone number is Lenox 9576. Pick up through passengers at Grand Circus Park Detroit, and travel via Woodward and Jefferson Avenue East and connect with local buses at the city limits."

Bus lines

"Bus lines, distance to center of city (Detroit) connections. The distance from the westerly end of Grosse Pointe Park, at Jefferson and Wayburn Avenues, via, Jefferson Avenue East and Woodward Avenue, to Grand Circus Park, Detroit, is 6 miles. Buses make only local connections."

Arrivals and Departures

"Lake Shore Jefferson

Beach line buses arrive and depart from Grand Circus Park, Detroit. The mileage from Grand Circus Park, Detroit to Lakeshore Drive and Macomb County Line is 15 miles. Fare is 15 cents. Charlevoix line buses arrive and depart from Grand Circus Park, Detroit to Mack and Moran Avenues, Grosse Pointe Farms is 11 miles, fare is 10 cents."

Buses

"Lake Shore Coach Lines Inc. operates 30 buses consisting of seven, 29-passenger Yellow Coaches purchased in 1934; one 33-passenger Yellow Coach purchased in 1935; four, 23-passenger Yellow Coaches purchased in 1932; one 21-passenger Yellow Coach purchased in 1932; one 21 passenger Ford Bus purchased in 1932; and 16 25-passenger 5th Avenue Coaches purchased in 1932."

Local transportation

"Also operated by the Lake Shore Coach Lines Inc. Charlevoix line, eastbound to

Mack and Moran Avenues, Grosse Pointe Farms, via Maryland, St. Paul, Wayburn, Charlevoix, Fisher, Mack and Moran. Buses leave terminal at Jefferson Avenue, east and Wayburn Avenue. Mileage from Jefferson Avenue east and Wayburn Avenue to Mack and Moran Venue, Grosse Pointe Farms, 4 miles; fare 10 cents.

"Lake Shore line: eastbound to Lake Shore Drive and Wayne Macomb County Line, Grosse Pointe Shores, via Jefferson, Fisher, Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Provencal and Lakeshore Drive. Buses leave terminal at Jefferson and Wayburn Avenue. Mileage from Jefferson and Wayne Macomb County Line, 8 miles. Kercheval line, east bound to Mack Avenue and Wayne Macomb County line, Lochmoor, via Maryland, St. Paul Wayburn, Kercheval, Seven Mile Road, and Mack Avenue leave terminal at Jefferson and Wayburn Ave. Mileage from Jefferson and Wayburn to Mack Avenue and Wayne, Macomb County line,

Lochmoor, 7 miles; fare 15 cents."

School transportation

"Lake Shore Coach Lines Inc. buses, operates approximately 200 miles daily to and from the public and parochial schools in the township of Grosse Pointe as follows:

Grosse Pointe High School, Defer, Trombley, Kerby, Cadieux, Mason, Gabriel Richard, St. Paul, Sacred Heart Convent, St. Clair and St. Ambrose Schools.

Pupil fare anywhere in Grosse Pointe Township is 5 cents. Mack Ave. Bus line, operated by the City of Detroit, extends from the city limits on Mack Avenue to Seven Mile Road. For rate of fare and schedule, see City of Detroit Dept. of Street Railway and Buses."

Taxis

"Check Cab Company of Detroit has a station located on Jefferson Avenue East, at the city limits. Cabs may be hired to any point in Grosse Pointe Township at regular Detroit rates."

JOBS: Still working same job

Continued from page 8A

eral years ago about always looking forward — "No rear view mirrors," was emblazoned in the office of a career consultant. I think it says it all and rings true for everyday life.

Now you say, "Sure Bill, you are retired and don't understand why changing jobs is not an easy task."

Let me say this: I worked for

30 years at a local bank and enjoyed steadily increasing responsibilities and titles. When we learned that a merger was imminent with another bank, I knew the drill — there would be layoffs and dismissals. As such, I started my search for another position and found one within two months.

I then spent 10 years working with Gov. John Engler and it was a most rewarding experience.

Then, in 2003, the administration changed and I retired again. And now I am living a life of fun, excitement and fulfillment.

Am I glad to be out of the rat race? In some aspects, yes.

There are a lot of jerks in the workplace but there are also numerous true colleagues and friends, many of whom I am still in contact.

If you do not enjoy what you are doing, move on. Life is too short to be miserable.

And just as an aside — I want to thank all of you who are still working and supporting me on social security and Medicare. Keep in mind that I am spending your money judiciously!

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

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Drummy Dogs proud to be part of the community

One business is a lot of work, but John Drummy and his brother Brad Drummy are at it again, opening a new Coney Island café on Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Drummy Dogs is popular with students across the street at Grosse Pointe South High School. A line often makes it to the door and beyond during the two quick lunch hours at the school.

"It gets a little crazy at lunch time," admitted Brad Drummy, "but it's for a short time each day."

Drummy Dogs is much more than loaded up chili dogs. Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch and dinner are served until 8 p.m. those days and Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Breakfast ranges from eggs,

bacon, sausage, pancakes and breakfast sandwiches to omelettes and hashbrowns.

The lunch and dinner menu includes sandwiches, from chicken to burgers, tuna melts to clubs.

Sides include varieties of fries, wings, onion rings and chili. There are several salads, combo meals and specialty hot dogs. One is named for the neighbors, the GPS Blue Devil, which features melted cheese, jalapenos, salsa and Red Hot.

"It's great to offer the variety we do," said John Drummy, who with Brad also owns and operates Gelato Café next door to Drummy Dogs, 371 Fisher. "We appreciate the support of the area. It's what we try to do too. Everything we buy, we try to get locally."

Darin Dobbins is general manager of both businesses. He said they are able to cater events in the community and at schools.

"I've known Brad for 24 years, so this was an easy decision," Dobbins said of joining the two businesses. "This location is very good for the school, the businesses on The Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods. It's easy to ride bike or walk here."

Menu items are reasonably



priced and "the food is good," John Drummy said. "We have a friendly staff and we employ several North and South students. We want to work hard and leave help serve the community."

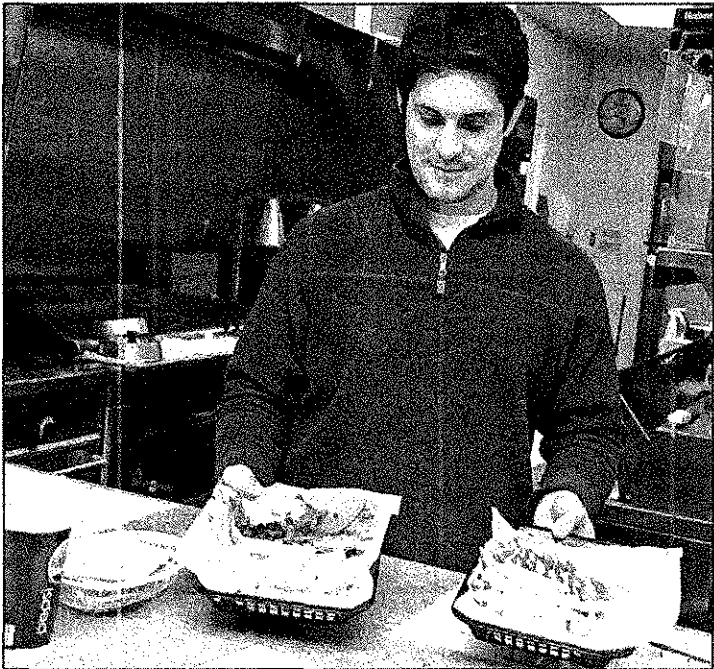
Brad Drummy said the busi-

nesses Wi-Fi ready. An ATM is located on site and credit cards are accepted.

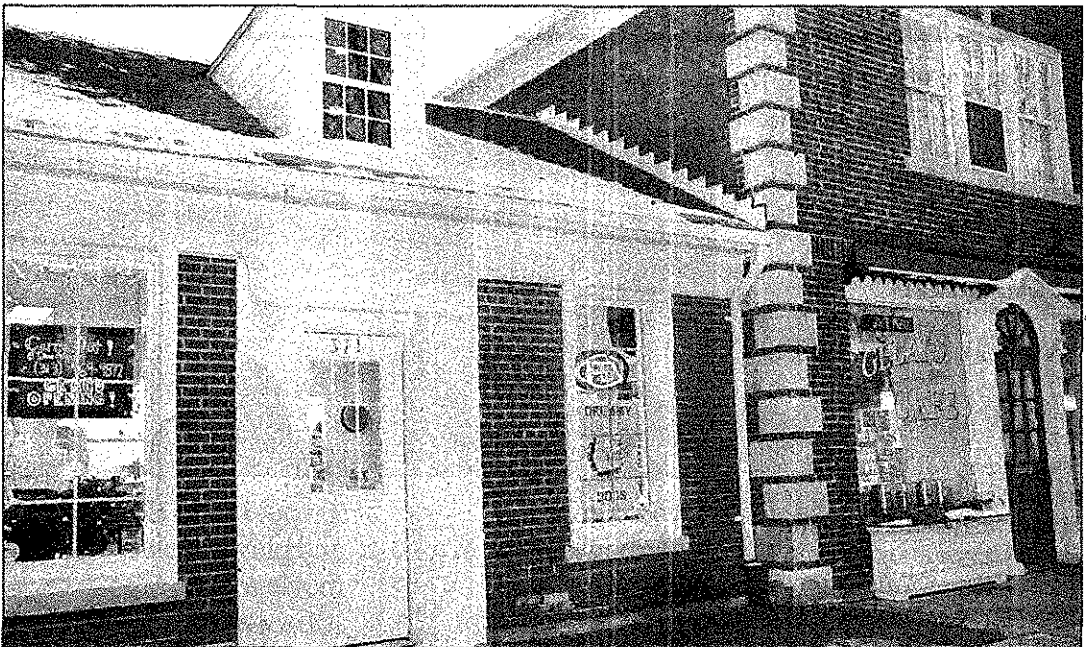
"We're proud to be here," Brad Drummy said. "We're members of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and we plan to work hard and en-

joy the business. The best part is meeting the new customers. Orders may be called in at (313) 469-9872 or faxed to (313) 469-9879. Follow faxed orders with a call to make sure it was received.

- Joe Warner



Brad Drummy, co-owner of Drummy Dogs with his brother, John, shows a couple combination lunch options.



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Drummy Dogs and Gelato Cafe stand side-by-side on Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Ford Flex offers great space, comfort

By Jenny King

You can probably squeeze as many items as you like into the 2010 Ford Flex. And when it's packed up, there still is room for a few adult passengers.

Before detailing any pack-and-go travel adventures, let's look under the hood. Our seven-passenger crossover was powered by Ford's 3.5-liter six with Eco-boost. This comprises twin-turbocharging of the V-6 to crank out a whopping 355 horsepower. Ford says it brings V-8 attributes to a smaller engine.

Fuel economy numbers are 16 miles per gallon city and 22 mpg highway with the standard six-speed automatic transmission and AWD components.

Ford explains its pressurized direct injection system enables a higher compression ratio, while twin turbochargers work in tandem to reduce lag associated with earlier turbocharged engines. There was little doubt the Flex — family vehicle — could become a speed demon when so prompted on a tight freeway merge or highway passing situation. It did startle once with an unexpected leap forward following a stop. No harm done.

The base Flex engine is a 262 horsepower version of the 3.5-liter V-6. And the base Flex comes with front-wheel drive. When powered by the EcoBoost V-6, Flex is equipped with a six-speed SelectShift Automatic transmission with the option of manual control via steering wheel-mounted paddles and the all-wheel drive.

Our test vehicle, with the

EcoBoost V-6 and all-wheel drive, had a starting price of \$36,115. Options including an upgraded all-wheel drive system, additional speakers, 20-inch wheels and a "convenience package" added \$3,895, bringing the total to around \$40,000.

The Flex SEL had the most accommodating entrance to its third-row seating we've encountered. A push of a button on the third pillar of the car quickly folded and flipped the more narrow second-row seat, making way for a graceful entrance/exit from the spacious, two-person third row.

The roofline is carved out above that third row, allowing excellent headroom for most riding. And each has a deep beverage depression and small covered pouch above the wheel well for storing refreshments or whatever.

Putting the flipped second row seat back in place had us temporarily stumped. It wouldn't unfold or stay down until we discovered it needed to fasten to two metal latches on the floor. Thereafter it was perfectly cooperative.

In addition to good people room, the Flex truly struts its cargo capacity.

The test 2010 Flex SEL model with all-wheel drive included independent front and rear suspension and a reverse sensing system that beeps ever more frequently as you back toward an immovable object. A nice feature we missed finding among the buttons and dials was heated seats up front. As for the privacy glass, it does fulfill that function as well as keeping rear passengers more comfortable on sunny days.

But it, along with the variety of headrests and support pillars, restricts driver visibility in everyday instances like backing after dark from one's house onto the street.

Ford offers other interesting and useful options for the Flex. Active Park Assist, available on the Limited model, uses sensors on the front and rear of the vehicle to guide you into a parking space.

Pull-Drift Compensation is a software-based technology that helps drivers offset vehicle pulling or drifting that can occur in steady crosswinds or on uneven roads, says Ford. It is standard on EcoBoost models.

And talk about creative comforts: a refrigerated console, mounted between second-row captain's chairs, is available on the Limited model. Standard on the Limited is a reverse camera system which shows the area behind the Flex either in the rear-view mirror or on the navigation screen, if the car is equipped with the latter.

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



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With third-row seats and partial second-row seats folded flat, the Ford Flex has plenty of room.



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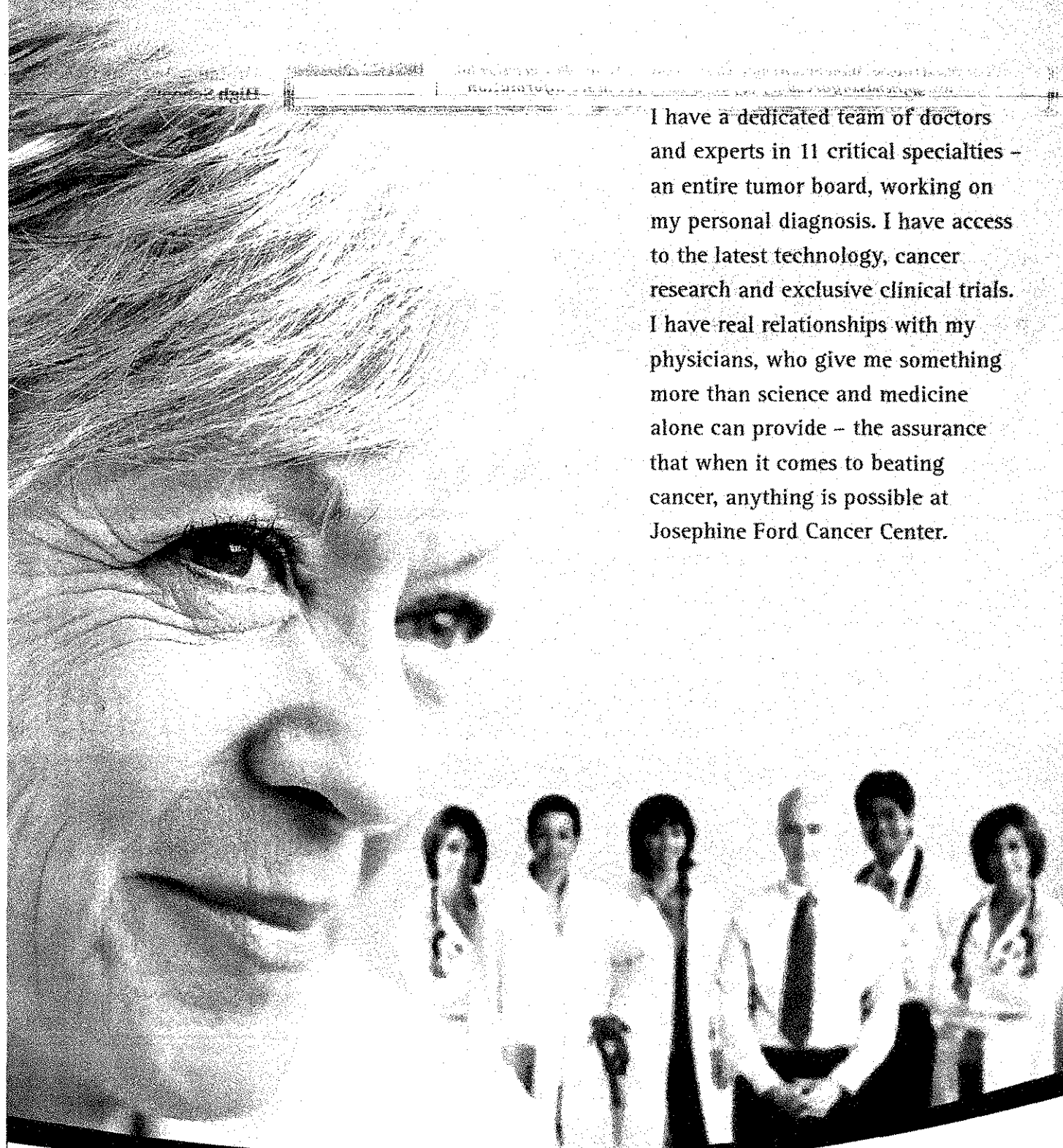
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Farms Beautification Awards

The annual Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Awards were handed out Nov. 16. The winners were (not in order of the photo above) Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kirchner, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morawski, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fett, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zintsmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Buchanan. Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Flanz were given the Legacy Award. Lew Wood was awarded the Citizen Contribution Award. Kenneth Beaupre received the Employee Contribution Award. Also attending the ceremony were Mayor James Farquhar, City Councilmen Louis Theros, Peter Waldmeier and Joseph Leonard and Assistant City Manager Matt Tepper. Karen Shea chairs the beautification commission. The commission takes in all aspects of maintaining the Farms, offering upgrade recommendations and making sure the community is observed and enjoyed by all in the best possible light.

Suspicious fire on Mack Avenue

Arson is suspected in a Mack Avenue office fire an hour before sunup Monday, Jan. 11. The two-alarm fire near Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe took 45 minutes to extinguish with mutual aid from Grosse

Pointe Farms. The alarm came in at about 6:10 a.m. "When our firefighters went into the scene, they definitely smelled an odor associated with gasoline," said City Chief James Fox. "Our fire investigator determined a fire accelerant was used." There were no injuries. The office is used by an attorney. The building wasn't in foreclosure, Fox said. He suspected more about the fire's

cause than he let on. "Were sending samples to the Michigan State Police crime lab," Fox said. "It usually takes three to four weeks to get them back." The fire was the fourth City officers have fought in three weeks. "Two were in the city," Fox said. "That makes up for last year, when we didn't have any."

—Brad Lindberg

HOSPITAL: Strategic plan set up

Continued from page 1A

ambulatory care center, Henry Ford Medical Center – Pierson Clinic will relocate to the Cottage campus within the next two years. With the presence of St. John Hospital and Medical Center and Beaumont, Grosse Pointe in the area, Riney said it wasn't a matter of losing market share, but not being equipped to compete in the first place. "Volume on the inpatient side has not developed the way we hoped it would," Riney said. "The outpatient side has trended positively. A 20-bed hospital can survive in a rural area. Not here."

Riney said the facility has not met financial projections, but the changes will make it a force in the future. He anticipates job elimination and transfers for those who work on the inpatient side, but said the transition, overall, will be good for Grosse Pointe. "This is exciting news for the Grosse Pointe community and for The Hill," Riney said. "If I had a business on The Hill, this will mean more traffic. It's very positive."

The center will be modeled after Henry Ford's successful Fairlane medical center in Dearborn, which sees more than 350,000 outpatient visits a year. Riney said Cottage will succeed on a smaller scale, but the hospital will remain viable. New or enhanced services include:

- ◆ Specialty Center for Seniors, including a frail elderly one-day assessment clinic; falls clinic (balance, dizziness); a memory clinic; and a wide range of other senior programs.
- ◆ Center for Women's Health, including a comprehensive breast care center; urology/gynecology; menopause transition clinic; and bone loss prevention program.
- ◆ Athletic Medicine Center, including conditioning and injury prevention and same-day injury assessment.

Remaining services include Center for Radiation Oncology; Emergency Care; Physical and Occupational Therapy; Ambulatory Surgery; Cardiology; Infusion Services; Sleep Center; Wound Care; and Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. More than 30 additional physicians will be recruited to Cottage to provide the specialty services. "We are looking forward and are committed to continuing to partner and work side-by-side the private practice physicians who will play an integral role in the long-term success of Cottage," said Dr. Mark Kelley, CEO of Henry Ford Medical Group. The hospital employs 450 people.

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ROBERT RINEY, Chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System

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COYOTES

Is trapping the solution? And if not, what is?

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

"The coyote is a living, breathing allegory of Want. He is always hungry. He is always poor, out of luck, and friendless." ~ Mark Twain

And if public safety officials have their way, the coyotes that have taken up residence in and around the five Grosse Pointes will soon be homeless as well.

"In light of a family pet being killed last week, we have hired a trapper," said Lt. John Ross, Grosse Pointe Woods' acting director of public safety. "We know there is a coyote at the Lochmoor Club and we know it was involved in the killing of a small dog on Renaud and attacked another on South Oxford. We tracked it back to Lochmoor, but lost it there. We decided to bring in a trapper. We want it gone."

Sightings of coyotes have increased dramatically in the past few years. Now there are reports of attacks on small dogs and cats from throughout the Pointes.

In the past two months, a dog was killed on Dodge Place in the City, another survived an attack on Belle Meade in the Shores and at least two dogs



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Danielle Lubinski, 6, and her sister Erinne, 10, are delighted to have the family pet, Daisy, safe and sound after the 18-pound Bichon was attacked Dec. 27 by a coyote in their South Oxford back yard, Grosse Pointe Woods. Daisy had just been let out on a tie-out chain when the family heard her yelping. "It wasn't a bark, it was a yelp and we knew something was wrong," Erinne said, who was the first to the door and witnessed the coyote standing over the dog. "I screamed and it ran away," she said. "But it looked like a wolf and had a yellow belly. I was pretty sure it was a coyote." Daisy suffered broken ribs and puncture wounds.

have been killed in the Woods, with others being attacked. Only Grosse Pointe Park has not registered an attack, nor any confirmed sightings, other than a recent report of a coyote on the ice about 150 yards off-shore of the city's marina.

These attacks have left residents and city officials trying to determine the best way to deal with the problem and what precautions to take.

Grosse Pointe Farms police shot and killed a coyote at the Country Club of Detroit in late December and at least one Farms resident whose house backs up to the CCD golf course has noticed a difference.

"I haven't heard or seen a coyote since," Linda Carstens said. "We would always hear them and would see them around dusk but ever since the one was killed, we haven't

Advice

FROM DEBBIE REED, GROSSE POINTE WOODS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

1. Never feed coyotes.
2. Remove coyote food sources such as trash, fruit and pet food from the environment.
3. Never leave young children unattended in yards or parks.
4. Harass coyotes with loud noises, clapping hands, yelling, throwing rocks at them and waving arms to create fear.
5. Call the local law enforcement agency if coyotes attack humans, become too aggressive by approaching humans and by showing lack of fear of humans or if they attack small pets.

seen or heard anything. It's rather eerie."

Carstens and her family have seen and heard coyotes for several years and believe the animals are responsible for the disappearance of the family cat, Thomas, in 2007. Like several

her neighbors, Carsten has taken precautions, such as putting out trash the morning of collection day and always checking before she walks outside.

"I find myself looking over my shoulder when I'm working in the garden," she said. "The other thing that I have noticed is that they have a very distinct odor and you can smell them when they have been around. They smell like the worst dirty wet dog you can


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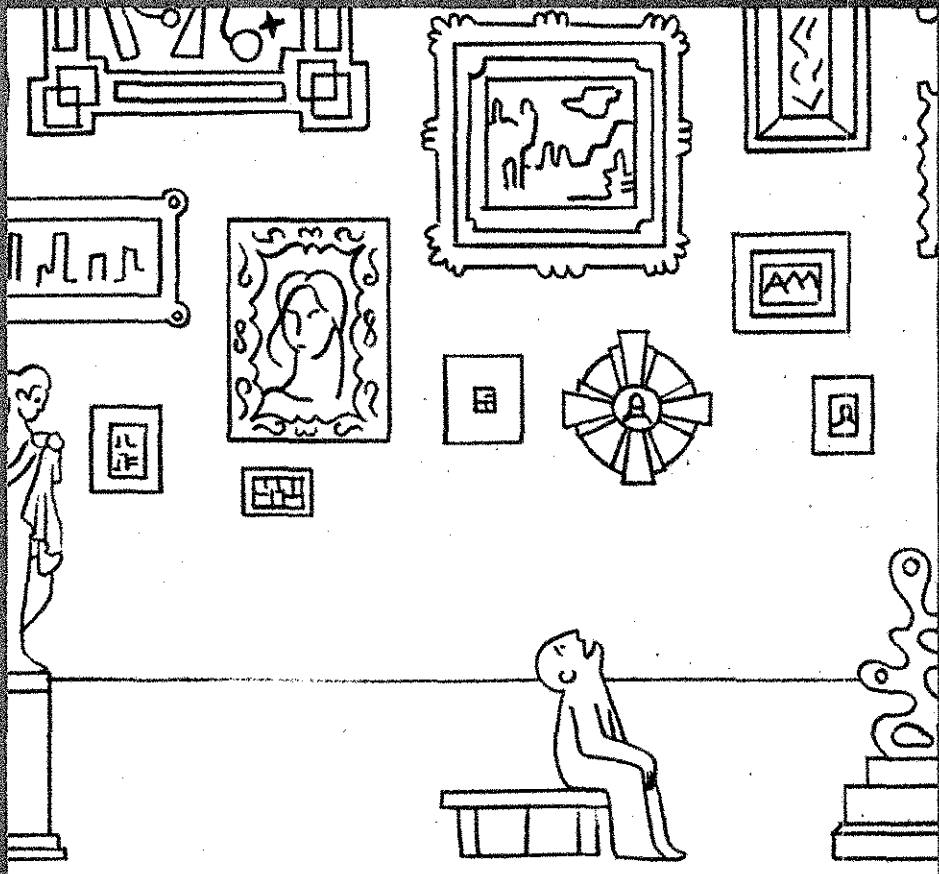
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♦ PARK TO ELIMINATE

FIRE BOXES: The familiar fire alarm boxes on the corners throughout the Park will be taken down in about two weeks. Authorization to remove the 110 Gamewell Emergency and Alarm boxes and do away with the system entirely was granted by the Park council. City Manager Robert Slone said that the telephone has replaced the fire alarm boxes. He said people tend to call the fire department by phone rather than run outside and pull the lever of the box.

♦ PARK BURGLAR AR-

RESTED IN L.A.: Extradition proceedings have been started by Park authorities for the return of a daring daytime burglar who was arrested by California State Police in Los Angeles in early January.

The thief is wanted for the burglary of a home on Audubon last August. Articles stolen from the home were traced to a pawnshop in Detroit. The thief was identified by fingerprints on the pawn card, which is required of all persons pawning any valuable article.

Once the thief's identity was known, a nation-wide pick-up request was teletyped to all police departments.

♦ NEWS ANNOUNCES

PRICE CHANGES: The price of the Grosse Pointe News is being raised to \$4 per year for

local subscriptions and \$5 for out-county ones. The newsstand price is being raised to 7 cents per copy.

1985

25 years ago this week

♦ ASSESSMENTS ON THE

RISE: Homeowners in the Farms and City may see slightly higher property values this year, while Park residents may see a slight decline and Woods and Shores homeowners will see little or no change, according to local assessors.

Their predictions are based on preliminary results of 24-month sales studies by the Wayne County assessor's office. Changes this year will only be plus-or-minus 2 percent.

♦ PARK GROUP PLANS

YEAR-ROUND FACILITY: A \$200,000 campaign is under way in the Park to raise money to convert the bathhouse at Windmill Pointe Park to a year-round facility.

Plans call for the building, which now houses the food concession, to be renovated. Included will be a new kitchen, restrooms and a glass-walled recreation room that overlooks Lake St. Clair.

♦ \$2,500 THEFT REPORT-

ED: Woods police are investigating the theft of 16 pairs of expensive eyeglass frames from a shop on Mack.

The theft occurred after a salesperson received a phone call from a woman who asked if the store carried Cartier frames. The woman, accompanied by two men, came in the store in the afternoon and

asked to see the frames. When she wanted to know the price of one pair, the salesperson went to the back to find the invoice. At this time, one of the men left. The woman and other man stayed in the store for about 45 minutes.

The theft of the box of frames plus four frames of the same make from the window display was not discovered until the next day.

2000

10 years ago this week

♦ 3-ALARM HOUSE FIRE

IN WOODS: An electrical fire with a mind of its own proved hard to extinguish in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The stubborn attic fire took firefighters from three Pointe communities about an hour to put under control. No one was injured in the fire, which gutted the attic and much of the second floor of the house in the 800 block of Moorland.

♦ FARMS COUNCIL PON-

DERERS FATE OF THE HILL:

After hearing consultant Robert Gibbs' Jan. 4 report, Grosse Pointe Farms city council members say now it's time to get on with the business of deciding what to do with all the information collected by their consultant.

♦ APPLIANCES TAKEN:

Residents of a halfway house in Grosse Pointe Woods are suspected of stealing the home's laundry equipment before being remanded to a drug treatment program.

A 39-year old man had been evicted from the house on

Huntington. His departure coincided with the home's \$1,200 washer and dryer being taken.

2005

Five years ago this week

♦ WOODS, SHORES CON-

SIDER BUYING WATER FROM FARMS: Grosse Pointe Farms may be likely to take on two more customers for its water services in the future.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will likely approve its participation in a feasibility study to become a customer of the Farms water system. The Shores council will consider the water study proposal at its Jan. 18 meeting. The Shores is also participating in a study with the Water System Feasibility Study Steering Committee, a group of 23 cities, most in Macomb County, that is considering building its own water system.

♦ EWALD BRANCH NEW

CHAPTER FOR LIBRARIES: With quiet and gracious fanfare befitting a library, the Grosse Pointe Public Library held the dedication ceremony of the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch in Grosse Pointe Park.

Area residents, local officials and library supporters joined Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and



FROM THE JAN. 13, 2000 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

2000: 3-alarm fire

A three-alarm fire in a home on Moorland in the Woods proved difficult to suppress by firefighters. The fire gutted the home's attic and second floor. Electrical wiring was the cause.

her family as they celebrated

the creation of the 15,000-square-foot facility to which they donated \$1 million.

♦ VIOLENT MUGGINGS

AT MACK AND MOROSS: A couple of violent muggings occurred in a parking lot behind stores on Mack near Moross in

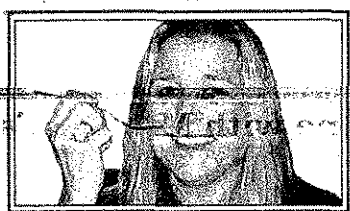
Grosse Pointe Farms.

There were no serious injuries, but in separate incidents one woman faced a drawn pistol while another was knocked to the ground and beaten.

Compiled by K. Fontanive

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Baked spinach as a side dish



I love to stock up on frozen vegetables when the price dips down to a buck. I turned to frozen spinach to create a fancy side dish, baked creamed spinach. Easy and tasty. Really.

Baked Creamed Spinach

- 2 - 12 oz. packages frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
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- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
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Baked creamed spinach makes a good side dish or a meal for vegetarians.

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350 degrees. Place the squeezed spinach in a medium bowl.

Stir in the beaten eggs followed by the onion, Parmesan, half & half and salt and pepper. Turn the mixture into a small, greased baking dish (1 1/2 to 2 quart). Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until heated throughout and beginning to bubble around the edge.

Serve hot with steak, chicken or fish. Vegetarians can make a meal out of this not too creamy baked spinach.

With just the right amount of onion and just enough half & half to balance the Parmesan, my baked cream spinach packs a flavor punch and costs about \$3 to make.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Based on the comic strip, Peanuts, by Charles M. Schulz, the show performed by the Grosse Pointe Theatre continues at 8 p.m. Jan. 21-23; 2 p.m. Jan. 24; and 8 p.m. Jan. 27-30.

Characters sing and dance their way through the whimsical world of Charlie Brown, from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from cheerfulness to misery. The action is strung together on a single day, intertwining the antics of the Peanuts gang.

After Charlie Brown is swept up by his friends in a rousing tribute of doubtful praise, he is left dreaming of his true love, the "Little Red-Haired Girl." Meanwhile, Lucy bulldozes her way through Schroeder's sensitive, six-year-old musician's heart. The audience also meets Linus, who is thoughtful about many things, but passionate about his blanket; the sweet and innocent Peppermint Patty; and Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy, who often dreams of being something else.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is directed by Jerry Haines of Berkely. The cast includes Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren as Charlie Brown, Lauren Wilson of Oak Park as Lucy Van Pelt, Emma Kruse of Grosse Pointe as Sally Brown, Eric Henrickson of Ferndale as Linus Van Pelt, Scott Davis of Birmingham as Schroeder, Brian Welch of Monroe as



ORIGINAL PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

Lauren Wilson of Oak Park plays Lucy and Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren plays Charlie Brown in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," Jan. 17 - 30 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Snoopy, Rinderknecht of Grosse Pointe Woods as the Little Red-Haired Girl, Allison McClelland of Grosse Pointe Park as Woodstock and Deanna Saputo of Clinton Township as Peppermint Patty. John Casey of Grosse Pointe Woods is producer.

Tickets are \$22 and group rates are available by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting gpt.org. Students may purchase discounted tickets at the

Fries Auditorium one half hour before show times.

A family deal of four tickets for \$70 is offered along with Wednesday and Thursday night performances being "Charlie Brown Nights," when anyone named Charlie or Brown can buy two tickets for the price of one.

Buffet dinners are also offered in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Crystal Ballroom.

Call (313) 881-7511.

Neighborhood Club classes

The Neighborhood Club offers a number of classes.

Pottery for adults is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 - March 11, in Room 120 at Grosse Pointe South High School. The cost is \$144. Class size is limited.

Participants must have their own basic tools and pay a \$35 materials fee at the first class.

Microsoft Word Step-by-Step is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 20 and 21, in the Bodman Computer Club.

Class size is limited. The cost is \$65.

Belly dancing for adults is from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 25 - April 1 in the Neighborhood Club gym. The cost is \$60.

Belly dancing for children is from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Saturdays, March 20 - May 8 in the Neighborhood Club gym.

The cost is \$60.

Tai chi is 4 to 5 p.m. Sundays, beginning Jan. 17 for seven weeks.

The cost is \$69. This is Sun-style tai chi.

Managing your finances in uncertain times is offered by

the Hantz Group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the Neighborhood Club. The instructor discusses investing money and being proactive about retirement investing. The cost is \$10.

Estate planning basics is offered by the Hantz Group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Monday, Feb. 22 or Wed., March 24, (sign up for one) at the Neighborhood Club. The cost is \$10.

Learn how to avoid probate and common mistakes and ensure family and financial goals have been met.

Making sense of taxes is offered by the Hantz Group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Neighborhood Club. The cost is \$10.

Registration for any of the aforementioned classes may be done online at or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit the club's website, neighborhoodclub.org.

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Jardinieres

The La Societe des Jardinieres holds its bi-annual treasurers and trinkets fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Carol Nault's house. Dinner is served and the auction follows.

Helena Thurder serves as auctioneer.

War Memorial

Writer and producer Harvey Ovshinsky teaches a workshop series, "How to Complete Your First Movie Script in Six Months," from 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 18 through June 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$325. Registration is due by Friday, Jan. 15, by calling (313) 881-7511.

Harvey wrote "The Keyman," and "PJ and the Dragon."

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

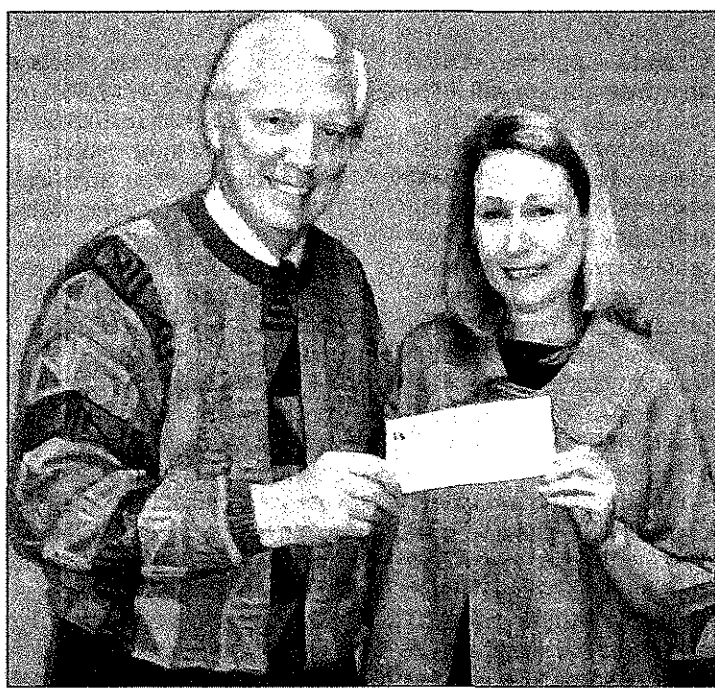
Margaret Williamson speaks on "Pro Literacy Detroit."

Drop off nonperishable food, clothing and books between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Jan. 16, and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Area Rotary clubs are collecting a million pounds of food, clothing and books each to be distributed both locally and overseas.

Pointes for Peace

"Grown in Detroit," a film on Detroit's Catherine Ferguson Academy, which helps pregnant teens complete their high school education, is shown at the Pointes for Peace public forum at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Ewald Branch of the



Thespians fight hunger

Grosse Pointe Theatre member Harry Burkey, left, presented a \$1,000 check to Sharon Maier of Services for Older Citizens to benefit the Meals on Wheels program. Also, a \$2,000 check was given to Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The program is free and open to the public.

The award-winning documentary, produced by Mascha and Manfred Poppenk of the Netherlands, premiered on public television in September.

Asenath Andrews, academy principal, answers questions about the academy, one of a handful of schools in the U.S. for pregnant and parenting teens and their children. The school has a 90 percent graduation rate compared to reported rates as low as 25 percent for the city of Detroit as a whole.

In 2004, the academy was one of eight schools in the nation named a Breakthrough High School by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The film's focus is the school's urban gardening program. The academy also offers a nursery, on-site medical clinics and Women, Infant and Children's services.

Pointes for Peace meets weekly at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread on Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Membership is free.

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Professional face reader Lin Klassen is the speaker.

Members should bring a small mirror for observations.

Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Jan. 16, by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081.

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You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: Jan. 17-30, the classic musical starring Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" characters is presented by the Grosse Pointe Theatre. Visit GPT.com for tickets and details.

Family Brunch: Sunday, Jan. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious brunch in The Fries Ballroom overlooking Lake St. Clair.

The cost is \$15.95 or 8-and-under \$7.95.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre member Patricia Ellis Strowger, center, and her husband, Richard Strowger, right, give a \$1,000 check to Salvation Army's Major John Turner, left. The thespians also gave \$1,000 to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter. Donations were made possible by proceeds from the theater members' annual Christmas card campaign. Members also donated toiletries and treats to U.S. armed forces in Afghanistan.

Detroit Artist Market

Custom shoemaker and Grosse Pointe Park resident Tom Carbone displays 10 new pair of women's heels from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays through Feb. 13, at the Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward, Detroit. His collection is subtitled "not for wall flowers."

Farms boat club

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club general meeting and bingo begins at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, in the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park boathouse, 350 Lakeshore.

Social time and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m.

Farms residents may join. For new member informa-

tion, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

Wine Winter Wonderland

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club co-sponsors its second annual Winter Wine Wonderland from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Farms Boathouse, 350 Lakeshore.

More than 60 wines from around the world can be tasted.

Advance tickets for members cost \$20, and \$25 for non-members. Tickets at the door cost \$30.

The price includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, beer and other food.

Space is limited. Call Tanya Naumenko Bartoszewicz at (313) 506-8447 for reserva-

tions.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club takes a winter break. Its next meeting is at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Alger House, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Race for the Cure

The 2010 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is from 7 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park. Participants can complete a 5K run/walk or a one-mile walk.

To register a team or individual or make a donation, visit karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure.

For more information, visit karmanos.org.

Bicycle tour

The 10th annual Michigan Winter Bicycle Tour is July 17-23.

Proceeds benefit the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance in its efforts to establish a statewide system of trails.

The tour includes the North Central State Trail, Little Traverse Wheelway and the Mackinaw to Petoskey Trail. Participants average 45 miles per day of riding along traffic-free trails and get overnight camping accommodations, two meals per day and support service and rest stops along the way.

The event offers a two-day tour, July 17-18; a six-day tour, July 18-23; and a seven-day tour, July 17-23. All routes are circle tours.

To register, visit michigantrails.org/michigander.

What's ahead

Here's what's coming up at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To register for the programs, and for more information on these and other classes and events, call (313) 881-7511.

Girl Power Fun: Monday, Jan. 18, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Girls ages 6-9 discover history and create a personalized picture frame, while they build confidence and self-esteem.

Screenwriting Workshop: Complete Your First Movie Script in Six Months, Jan. 18 - June 21, third Monday each month, 7 to 10 p.m. — Students receive direction, motivation and personal attention from screenwriter Harvey Ovshinsky and each other as they share their works-in-progress with each other and complete the first draft of a film script.

Do You Know Me?, Jan. 19, Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — Learn about hard and easy-to-grow trees, shrubs and perennials and how they can add to your garden.

Understanding Twitter for Business: Jan. 21 (also March 11), Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — Get the inside scoop on social media, an online community linking millions of people, businesses and organizations.

Hustle and Nightclub Two Step: Jan. 21 — Feb. 25, Thursdays, 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Learn two easy, versatile and fun dances, one ideal for the disco and the other for romantic ballads.

Superhero Cartoon: Jan. 21 — Feb. 11, Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. — Artists ages 6-9 will learn how to draw their

own comic book and superhero.

Mantra Meditation for Stress Reduction and Good Health: Jan. 20 and 27 and March 24 and 31, Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. — Learn a simple meditation system to improve health and well-being.

Amusement Park Tycoon: Jan. 23 - Feb. 13, Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. — Designers ages 9-12 will learn



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1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

New Year's resolutions are not enough



Dear Jeff and Debra:

I'm a chain smoker. I began smoking when I was 15 and am now I'm 55. I've averaged two packs a day for the last 35 years.

I cough and gasp. Walking up a flight of stairs is like climbing Mount Everest. According to my husband and kids, if I knew how bad I smelled, I'd never touch another cigarette. I'm relegated to my home office to smoke, so I isolate from my family to keep a cigarette going. When everyone is in the kitchen talking

and laughing, I'm sneaking off for a puff.

My kids and husband launched an intervention after Christmas. My 20-year-old daughter cried so hard she couldn't speak. My oldest son told me he's come to terms with the fact that he'll prematurely lose me to cancer or heart disease. My husband told me he feels like cigarettes take priority over our marriage.

I resolved to quit on New Year's Day. What better way to start the new decade?

Well, by Jan. 2, I snuck two cigarettes.

To be perfectly honest, I do choose cigarettes over my husband, my kids and my health. Even admitting this, I want to smoke. In this moment, as I write this, I'm having a killer

craving and nothing matters more than lighting up. Everything I know and understand matters not a wit. I just want one long drag. Then life will be good.

So, I'm in trouble. I've already broken my resolution. I don't want to break my family's heart. What do I do? I need a quick lifesaver plan because my ship is sinking.

-RULED BY
NICOTINE

Dear Ruled:

When it comes to addiction, simple resolutions to quit are rarely enough. According to the American Cancer Society, attempting to quit without help yields a success rate of 4 to 7 percent. A better resolution is: "I resolve to work with my doc-

tor and a support group to set up a program that will help me successfully quit smoking."

Talk to your doctor about nicotine replacement therapy, medications to curb cravings and drugs that act as deterrents. Explore anti-depressants, drugs that reduce the pleasurable effects of smoking and medications that minimize withdrawal symptoms. As with any medication, discuss possible side effects before making a decision.

Find a support group and connect with others who are quitting. Ask someone to be your buddy and call them when you're having a craving or withdrawal symptoms. A simple phone call is a powerful tool for avoiding a slip.

The 12-step support group,

Nicotine Anonymous, meets at St. John's Hospital at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (313) 882-6921 for more information.

Approach quitting holistically through healthy living. Get plenty of rest to reduce stress. Take a five-minute walk after each meal and practice deep breathing. Consider taking a yoga class.

Eat fresh fruits and vegetables and drink eight glasses of water every day. Keep crunchy snacks available, such as carrots, celery sticks and apples. Avoid hunger by eating three healthy meals a day. Stay away from fatty foods, coffee and alcohol. Don't overeat or indulge in heavy desserts. Don't linger at the table and brush your teeth after each meal to reduce cravings.

Most importantly, take it one day or one hour at a time. Cravings usually don't last more than five minutes, so create a plan to get through that short episode without smoking. Have an arsenal of ideas ready to implement and learn which ones work best for you. Remember, a craving won't kill you, but a cigarette will. For more ideas, visit cancer.org.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are professional interventionists, co-authors of "Love First," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They can be reached at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish

Getting a job is easier for those with disabilities



People with developmental disabilities looking for skills assessment, vocational training and eventually a local job now have

more help.

The Foundation for Exceptional Children is collaborating with Judson Center to create the Grosse Pointe Supported Employment program, the first of its kind in the community.

"Judson Center has a long-standing commitment to children and adults with developmental disabilities and partnering with them in order to main-

tain the mission of the foundation to improve the quality of lives for people with developmental disabilities was a blessing," program director Debbie Moffat said.

A foundation employee since 1993, Moffat reached out to longtime friends of the organization and garnered enough support to continue this valuable community service and was instrumental in this new partnership.

Currently, four women come to Judson Center's Grosse Pointe Supported Employment site to improve their vocational skill building and assessments.

"We are assessing their interests and skills and will look to match the individual with a pay

or volunteer job," Moffat said. "There are openings for additional clients."

The foundation's FRIENDS group, which provides social and recreational activities for teens and adults with disabilities, also continues under this collaboration with Judson Center. Managed by recreational therapist Kyle Middleton, FRIENDS is open to adults and teens wishing to participate in community activities, but need some assistance and supervision.

"We try to provide different opportunities, from concerts to sporting events, visits to restaurants and one weekend trip per year," Middleton said. "We also have two dances, at

Halloween and Valentine's Day, which are always a big hit."

The Arc Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods stepped in and assisted in keeping the program going before the transition to Judson Center was finalized.

Plans are under way for an updated version of summer day camp for children and teens with special needs.

"Summer camp has been a tradition for more than 40 years," Moffat said, adding she volunteered at the foundation's summer camp in 1973. The experience, she said, encouraged her to pursue her degree in special education.

Judson Center has a long

history of providing services to children and families, including those touched by a developmental disability. Other agency services include Autism Connections program, foster care, adoption and respite care.

For information on the Grosse Pointe Supported Employment program, contact Moffat at (313) 885-8660 or visit judsoncenter.org.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragile.org). Send questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.

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E EXPERTS By Lisa Domas

Maximizing child's language development



The best way to prepare your child for school is to provide him with as many language experiences as possible. A child's ultimate resource for learning to read and write is his spoken

language, according to Marie M. Clay, developer of Reading Recovery. There are many things parents can do to develop their child's language skills.

For example:

- ◆ Talk and listen to your child. Have a conversation about his day. He should be doing most of the talking.
- ◆ Talk about everything you experience with your child in detail. Talk about where you are and what you see. Do not forget to talk about what you see and places you are passing while driving. Have your child retell events of the day.
- ◆ Encourage your child to talk to adults. Have him order at restaurants, greet people and acknowledge people ap-

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appropriately when he is in public.

- ◆ Expect your child to speak in complete sentences. Do not accept one-word answers.
- ◆ Be specific when you speak and expect the same

from your child. Do not talk in non-specific terms. Avoid words like stuff, thing, things, that one, one place, over there. Do not let your child speak in non-specific terms either.

- ◆ Play language games. Play category games, describing games, and/or board games.
- ◆ Read to your child every day. Show enthusiasm for books. Discuss the pictures, plot and meaning of the books. Relate the books to personal experiences. Ask questions and have your child ask questions.
- ◆ Limit "screen time." Research shows there is a relationship between increased amounts of "screen time" (time spent on the computer, watching TV and playing video games) and lower academic achievement scores.
- ◆ Give your child a variety of hands-on experiences that encourage imagination. Have your child play in the sand/dirt, build with old boxes, cook, explore and play make-believe.
- ◆ Establish a consistent routine. Be consistent with family dinners, family prayer, reading time and bedtime.

The above activities will help build the necessary neural connections for the preschool years. These connections are vital for the foundation of a confident and academically successful child.

Domas is a speech-language pathologist at Barnes Early Childhood Center and can be reached at (313) 432-5537.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Cantor Roger Skully

Need for prayer is universal

Many Americans claim that they believe in God, while nine out of 10 claim they pray on a regular basis. That, to me, is a staggering number of humans who are trying to reach out to the "source." The 13th century philosopher, Jehudah Ha Levy says, "prayer nourishes the soul just as food benefits the body."

The need for prayer is universal.

In fact, the Talmud criticizes a person who looks upon prayer as a burden, because he fails to understand

that it is beneficial to him.

Rabbi, Moshe Feinstein says, "the essence of belief in God is that only He can ultimately guarantee our livelihood or cure our sicknesses. And when a person does not trust in God and does not pray, it is as if he is denying belief in God."

In many religions, including Judaism, there is a requirement to pray every day.

Why should God care? Does he need more praise?

In simple terms, God wants us to enjoy the world he created for us and wants to bestow only goodness upon us. He requires us to pray because

prayer benefits the human being.

Prayer helps us realize God is the source of life and existence. Asking for health, wealth and dignity forces us to contemplate how we will use these gifts.

Prayer increases the awareness that ultimately everything is in his hands.

In Hebrew the word for pray is "hitpalel." The root word, palel, means to judge and the grammar of the word prayer makes it a reflexive — we judge ourselves. That is the correct translation.

Rabbi Samson Hirsch describes prayer as a way to

step out of our active lives in order to grant new judgement to oneself, that is about our ego and relationship to the world. It strives to infuse mind and heart with the power of such judgement as will direct both anew to achieve a life which is purified, sublimated and strengthened.

As always, we wish health to all and hope that this Hebrew perspective on prayer aids you in your own spiritual lives.

Skully is resident Grosse Pointe Minister's Association and Cantor Beth Tephilath Moses.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical breakfast

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

The Rev. J. Kevin Butcher of Hope Community Church is the speaker.

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

Career networking group

The Ecumenical Career Networking Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. The topic is "Managing Money on a Tight Budget."

For more information, call Sarah Sharp at (313) 822-2814.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out Bible Study resumes Friday, Jan. 15, at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, with supper at 6 p.m.

The topic is "Living Beyond Yourself" by Beth Moore with a DVD-based program on the "Fruit of the Spirit" and what it looks like in the day-to-day challenges of life.

Instructor Kris Allen may be called at (586) 489-6829.

Empty bowls

Decorate a bowl for Empty Bowls fundraiser for Gleaners Community Food Bank from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. A pizza dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

To decorate a bowl for the event, visit emptybowls.net. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 22, by calling (586) 779-6111 or visiting bmellos@hotmail.com.

All bowls and paint are provided. The decorated bowls are used for the Sunday, Feb. 28, fundraiser.

Jazz

The Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, hosts Paul Keller and his jazz ensemble at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in the church's sanctuary.

The program is entitled "Swingin' The Praise." The concert includes hymns and spirituals in jazz context. Admission is \$10.

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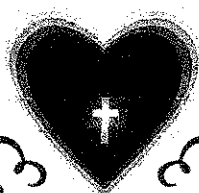
The Thrift Shop at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, will not accept any more donations.

Locks of Love

Ava Russano had 15 inches of her hair cut off by David Cockell of Salon David and donated it to Locks of Love. The Grosse Pointe Park resident heard her mother, a nurse, explain children lose their hair as a chemotherapy side effect, said Russano's aunt, Susie Farrell. Russano is a fourth grader at St. Paul's Catholic School.



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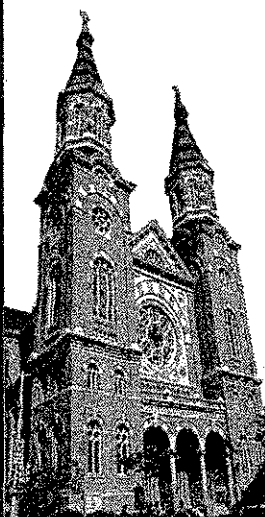
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COYOTE:
Unwelcome
visitors

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ever imagine. I haven't noticed that smell since the one was shot at CCD. It does make you wonder if they have moved on."

But that doesn't mean they have gone very far. According to Carstens, her daughter saw one recently walking up the driveway of the Children's Home of Detroit property on Cook Road.

Nick Di Cresce, an interpretive naturalist with the Huron Clinton Metroparks is not surprised they are still around.

"They seldom go far," he said. "And they have been in the area for a very long time." A Grosse Pointe Park resident, Di Cresce recalls seeing coy-

otes for years in Balduck Park across Mack in Detroit. A jogger and bicyclist, he oftentimes sees a coyote as he takes an early morning daily run or ride up Lakeshore.

"If people recall, there was a rat problem a few years ago on the Grosse Pointe Woods St. Clair Shores border. That's probably when the coyotes moved into the Grosse Pointes, and they wouldn't stay without a food source," he said.

This is what concerns residents, with what appears to be an uptick in coyote attacks on family pets.

"It's not that the coyotes have suddenly started attacking family pets because they have become more aggressive," Di Cresce explained. "They have become more comfortable with residential settings. They are not hunting cats or dogs, it's just that they are what we call opportunistic hunters. They will eat anything. When they see a dog or

a cat, they see the same thing they see when they see a rat or a squirrel. To them, it's just a meal."

Di Cresce offered a cautionary note for pet owners.

"I would advise pet owners to not leave their pets outside unattended, and don't think a fenced yard is a deterrent. Coyotes can easily jump 7 or 8 foot barriers. If the pet is there, they will go for it."

He also addressed what has become the "elephant in the room" in any discussion of coyotes and that is how likely it is that a coyote would attack a human.

"It is very rare for a coyote to attack a human being but that is not to say it doesn't happen and I think we need to tell parents not to leave small children outside alone," he said.

He tells of being at a preserve for coyotes and wolves in the Algonquin National Park and watching the behavior of the animals enclosed in large

fenced areas.

"When an adult would approach the fence, the coyotes would retreat to the back of the enclosure and stay there," he recalled. "But when a small child approached the fence, the coyotes would first retreat to the back but would slowly make their way back toward the child."

"They wouldn't necessarily go right up to the child, but there was a definite difference as to how they reacted to a child as opposed to an adult."

One of the problems with trapping or even finding coyotes, Di Cresce said, is that they are an extremely smart animal.

"They are extremely adaptable. They keep their own population in check. If there is a shortage of food, they stop breeding. The female won't go into heat if an area becomes overpopulated or if the food sources decline."

That's why city officials are

urging residents to never feed a coyote and make sure that pet food is not left out, trash is in an enclosed container and to clean up fruit that may fall to the ground.

Debbie Reed, the animal control officer for Grosse Pointe Woods, also advises residents not to feed pets outside and stop using bird feeders until the coyote problem has been eliminated.

"The best defense against a coyote is a human," she said. "If you see one, clap your hands, yell or throw rocks or sticks at it. Never approach one. We're not trying to alarm people, but we are urging people to be more pro-active in helping to control them. The more people know, the fewer the problems."

In the meantime, residents should be aware that coyote mating season is Jan. 15 - March 15, with five to seven pups in a litter, born in late spring. As an aside, coyote

hunting season in Michigan runs from July 15 through April 15.

Reminder — It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within city limits.

Grosse Pointe Woods officials are sharing the cost of the trapper with Grosse Pointe Shores, and if caught, the coyotes will be relocated to an unpopulated area.

Di Cresce wonders if relocation couldn't be turned into a research project.

"If the funds were there," he said, "I would like to see the coyotes outfitted with a tracking device so we could follow where they go. It could prove to be very interesting."

That doesn't necessarily mean Di Cresce agrees with the relocation.

"I firmly believe that nature takes care of itself," he said. "They wouldn't be here if they were not needed. We have to remember that we share the Earth with all creatures."

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GYMNASTICS

Unified team breaks point total mark

Gymnasts return with gusto

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team set a school record for points in last weekend's Fraser Invitational, earning 136.70.

"The girls were extremely enthused, motivated and focused today and it really paid off," head coach Cathy Hubmeier said. "We had a great meet and everyone on the team contributed a lot today."

"We are so proud of them for performing so well, having such a positive attitude and being such great team players."

Plymouth took second with 130.50 points. The rest of the field included Dearborn Edsel Ford, Tecumseh and host Fraser.

The team started the meet on beam and Fran Kay performed well enough to earn a regional spot with a 7.95. Five of the girls placed on the top 10 on beam with Sarah Fentin tying for ninth with an 8.3.

Madi Kaiser won the event

with a 9.25, while Lauren Krieger was second with a 9.15. Heather Koresky was fourth with a score of 8.65 and Emma Abessinio was seventh with an 8.55.

On the floor exercise, Krieger won with a 9.25, even though she had to finish her routine after her music failed to play.

Abessinio was second with a 9.0, followed by Kaiser, who was fourth an 8.9; Koresky was fifth with an 8.8; Aubryn Samaroo was sixth with an 8.6 and Fentin was seventh with an 8.55.

The team's third event was the floor exercise and everyone gained a regional qualifying score with Abessinio earning an 8.4 and Samaroo and Kaiser getting an 8.45.

The girls finished the invitational with the bars and once again all of the competitors made the regional's.

Brittany Rizzo was third with an 8.1 to lead the team. She was followed by Kaiser, who was fourth with an 8.0; Fentin, sixth with a 7.9; Abessinio, seventh with a 7.8; and Ashley Krynski, tied for eighth with a 7.7.

In the all-around score, Kaiser was second with a

34.60, followed by Abessinio and Fentin, who finished third and fourth with a 33.75 and 33.05, respectively.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe was second in the Troy Athens Quad meet, earning a score of 136.10. The host school, one of the top in the state, won with a 140.0.

Troy and Edsel Ford also competed, taking third and fourth.

On vault, Koresky and Samaroo tied for fourth with an 8.5. Other top scorers were Abessinio, fifth with an 8.45; Fentin and Kaiser with an 8.3; and Rizzo with an 8.15.

Krieger won the beam with a 9.2 and Kaiser was second with a 9.15. Rizzo had a 7.5, followed by Abessinio with an 8.35, Koresky with a 6.9 and Fentin with a 7.85.

On the floor exercise, Abessinio and Kaiser scored an 8.95, followed by Krieger with an 8.6, Fentin with an 8.55, Samaroo with an 8.25 and Kay with an 8.15.

Coming up for the gymnastics team is the Farmington Gymnastics Invitational Saturday, Jan. 16, followed by home meets Monday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 27.

—Bob St. John

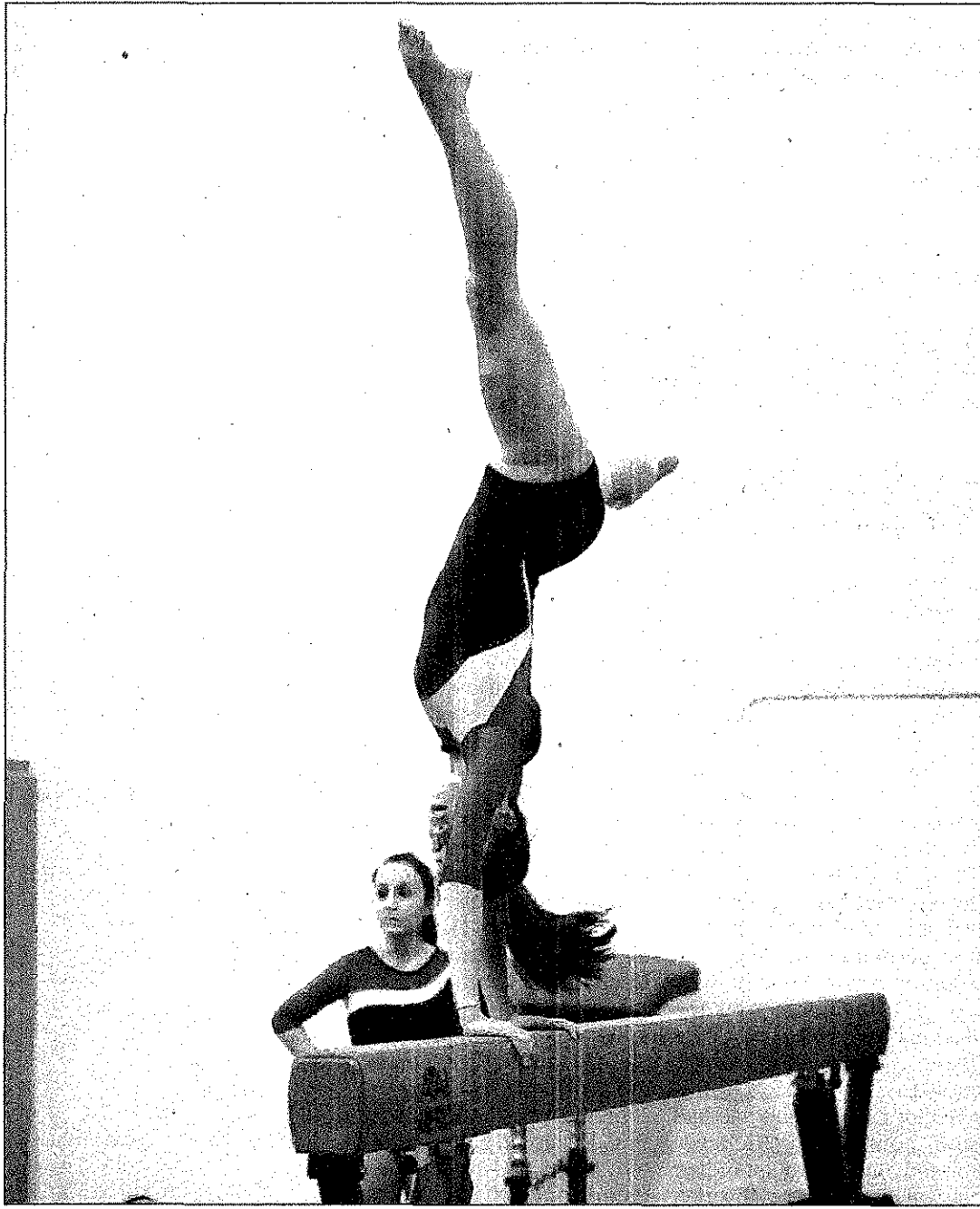


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Sophomore Madi Kaiser was first on the beam in the Fraser Invitational, helping the Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team win the meet.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

School to retire Getz's No. 11 jersey

The Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club announces an exciting night for baseball fans coming up later in January.

Chris Getz, a current member of the Kansas City Royals and Grosse Pointe South's first-ever Major League Baseball player, will return home to have his No. 11 uniform retired during a ceremony at halftime of the Jan. 22 varsity boys basketball game against city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Getz was a member of both the 1995 Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League and the 2001 Grosse Pointe South state championship teams.

He was a three-time All-State selection at South and left as the career leader in batting average, doubles, walks and saves.

Getz starred at the University of Michigan where he was a two-time All-Big Ten player and finished as the Big Ten's all-time single season hits leader. He was selected in the fourth round of the 2005 draft by the Chicago White Sox and worked his way up through the organization's minor league system before getting called up to the parent club in August 2008.

He made the White Sox as the starting second baseman coming out of spring training last spring and was named to the Topps All-Rookie All-Star team. Getz was traded to Kansas City in November and is expected to be the everyday second baseman.

Getz will also do a "meet and greet" before the game to visit with friends of the baseball program and sign autographs. He will give a short talk and sign baseballs or other items brought.

The "meet and greet" reception takes place from 6 to 7:15



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South graduate Chris Getz, making a play last summer as a member of the Chicago White Sox, will have his jersey retired during a ceremony Friday, Jan. 22.

p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Grosse Pointe South's Cleminson Hall. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

One lucky attendee will walk away with an autographed Kansas City Royals Jersey. There will be additional door prizes including autographed No. 11 Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball uniforms.

All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe South baseball program.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

First-half blitz leads Norsemen to wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team to round into shape.

Despite not playing a game for three weeks, the Norsemen looked like a well-oiled machine in its two games last week — a 49-39 win over host Macomb Dakota and a 48-31 victory over host Chippewa

Valley.

"We didn't have very good practices during the holiday break, but they came out and played very well in both games," head coach Gary Bennett said. "The girls are having fun playing basketball."

The Norsemen blitzed the Cougars in the first half, building a 35-8 halftime lead. The advantage was a staggering 28 points, 47-19, late in the third

quarter.

The senior duo of Ariel Braker and Kayla Womack combined for 34 points with the former netting 20 and the latter adding 14. Braker also had eight rebounds, six blocks, five assists and five steals, while Womack chipped in with five assists and four steals.

Two nights later, the Norsemen traveled to Chippewa Valley for the first

game of their Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener.

It was no contest as the Big Reds had no answer for Braker, who dominated the paint by scoring 28 points, grabbing 15 rebounds and netting six steals. By the end of the third quarter, Braker had outscored the entire Big Reds' team, 26-21.

The Norsemen used their

tough pressing defense to get easy baskets in transition. The easy baskets helped the visitors lead 13-5 in the opening quarter and 28-13 at the half.

The Big Reds used an 8-2 run early in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 30-21, but Braker scored back-to-back baskets and the Norsemen never looked back.

Womack had seven points and six rebounds, while fresh-

man Taryn Kiah had seven points and junior Micaela Liddane had six assists.

"The girls are getting more comfortable with their roles on the court," Bennett said.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and 6-1 overall. The Norsemen have won six straight games since opening the season with a loss to Birmingham Marian.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win 2-of-3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team battled Dearborn Divine Child last weekend, losing 48-46.

"We buried ourselves in the first half with careless turnovers and didn't get back in transition," head coach Kevin Richards said. "Despite the poor first half, the girls battled back and had a shot to send the game to overtime."

Junior Aisha Rodney, who scored 18 points to lead the visiting Blue Devils, had a contested jump shot which missed.

Senior Chloe Srebernak had nine points and Richards pointed out the outstanding play of sophomore Carmen Engel.

"This was our third game of the week and we are trying to simulate what we hope it will be like in our district tournament," Richards said. "The girls were gassed down the stretch, but they fought hard against a very good team."

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils blasted Utica Ford 52-29 and Anchor Bay 60-18 in the first game of the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division slate.

Against host Ford, the Blue

Devils used a 17-6 second quarter to open a 25-9 halftime advantage.

Both squads scored 11 points in the third quarter and the visitors opened up the huge advantage after outscoring the Falcons 16-9 in the final stanza.

Srebernak had 13 points, while Rodney added eight points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Senior Katie Hamm had eight points with freshman Cristina Flom and junior Taru Madekivi netting six points apiece. Freshman Claire DeBoer added five points in the nonleague victory.

In the division opener, the Blue Devils led 25-11 at the intermission and really put the game out of reach after outscoring the Tars 20-2 in the third period, taking a commanding 25-13 lead.

Rodney and DeBoer had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds and 10 points and 10 rebounds, respectively. Sophomore Caitlin Moore had nine points, followed by Srebernak with eight, sophomore Catherine Palazzolo with six and senior Theresa Zettner with five.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 6-2 overall.

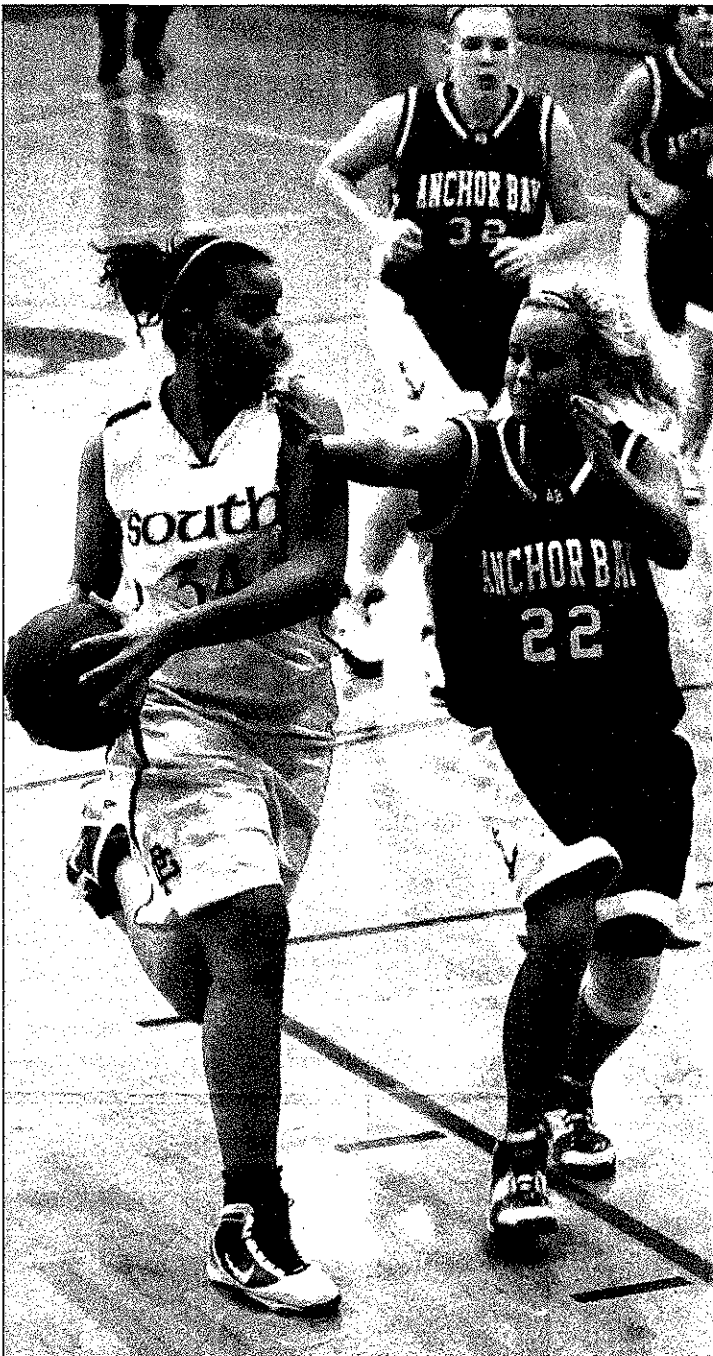


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Junior Aisha Rodney, left, had a solid week for the Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Grapplers get wins

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team beat New Haven and Mount Clemens last week, improving to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils were Reggie Lewis and Sergio Rodriguez, who were double winners.

The duo also finished 5-0 to capture gold medals in last weekend's L'Anse Creuse

Tournament.

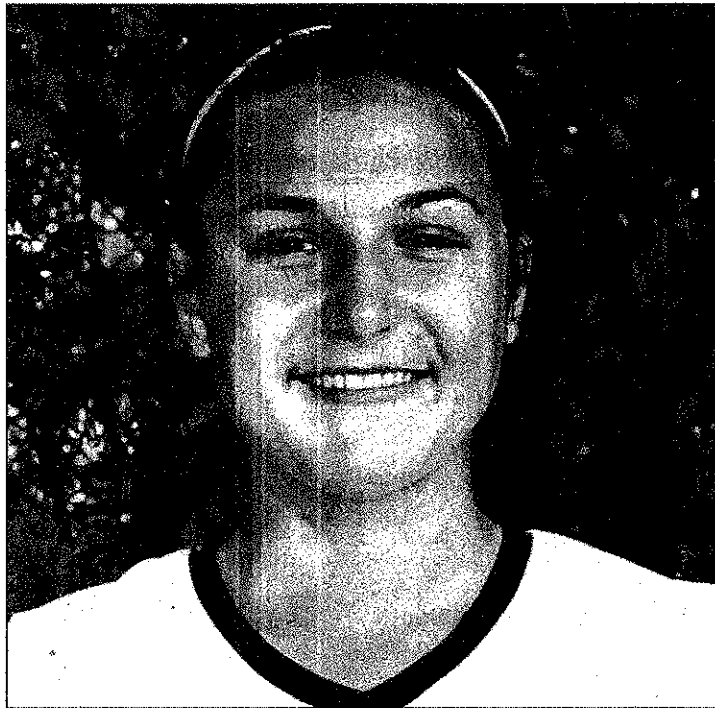
Other standouts, according to assistant coach Scott Cairo, were Nolan Goodall, who wrestled up two weights at the 140-weight class and went 3-2, and Alex Romer, who had a gutsy come-from-behind double-overtime win against a Livonia Stevenson wrestler.

Head coach Pat O'Donnell and the grapplers improved to 3-8 overall.

Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

All-State selections



Kathryn Cumpata

Grosse Pointe South field hockey players Kathryn Cumpata and Shelby Stone were mistakenly not included from the list of First Team All-State selections from the school's year in review.

Cumpata, a senior, is a four-year varsity starter and was a team captain this fall. She played midfield and center defense and earned Academic All-State honors this season, as well as team most valuable player.

She is undecided on what college to attend, but has made it clear she wants to play field hockey at the collegiate level.

Stone, a junior, is a three-year varsity starter at center defense and midfield. This is her second straight First Team

All-State selection and competed in the National Field Hockey Thanksgiving weekend. This tournament is a major college recruiting event.

She earned the Blue Devil of the Year honor this fall.

Another Blue Devil who earned field hockey post-season honors was junior Maddie McMahon, Division I All-State Honorable Mention at midfield.

Other local field hockey players to make First Team All-State were Liggett's Camille Langston and Paige Counsman and Grosse Pointe North's Samantha Langer and Nicole Strickland.

Honorable mention were awarded to Liggett's Natalie Boll and North's Katie Case.

LIGGETT

Knights pass 1st test with Roeper

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time this season, Liggett's girls' basketball team was pushed in the second half.

In their first five games, the Knights won by an average of 41 points, but last weekend they beat Bloomfield Hills Roeper by only 13, 66-53.

"It was good to get pushed and watch the girls have to make good decisions with the ball in clutch situations," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "I liked what I saw from the girls, but we still have things to work on because we are a young team still learning the game."

The host Knights came out on fire in the opening quarter, building a 25-13 lead, thanks to forcing nine turnovers and freshman Haleigh Ristovski's three three-point baskets.

The Rough Riders used the trio of Lauren Reilly, Ashli Pearson and Alia Raheem to claw back into it, cutting the deficit to single digits at the break, 40-31.

Every time the Knights would open up a comfortable lead in the third quarter, the Rough Riders would come right back, hitting several clutch baskets in the paint or off three-pointers by Kiara Canales or Britany Hamilton.

Canales hit a triple to cut the deficit to 51-45, but then Ristovski hit a couple of three-pointers to help the home team score nine straight points to open a 60-45 advantage.

Down the stretch, sophomore Madison Ristovski was



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshmen Haleigh Ristovski, right, and Julia DeRoo, far left, head up court in transition during the Knights' blowout victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

unstoppable and the Knights had big baskets by senior Hannah Baird, freshman Ariana Catillo and junior Grace Edmonds.

"All of the girls really played tough tonight and they learned some things," Gigante said. "This was a great learning experience for the girls and it will make us a better team down the road."

Madison Ristovski led the Knights with 28 points and 13 assists, while Haleigh Ristovski had 18 points on six

three-pointers, including two from NBA range.

"Haleigh had the hot hand tonight and the girls were getting her the ball," Gigante said. "This was a nice effort by all of our girls. It was a fun game to coach."

Baird and Castillo each had six points, followed by Edmonds with four, freshman Julia DeRoo with two and freshman Courtney Slagaugh with two.

Earlier in the week, Liggett blasted Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook Kingswood 63-19 as everyone chipped in against the team that physically outmanned them a year ago.

This game wasn't even close as the host Knights dominated from the opening tip to improve to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Coming up for the Knights is their toughest test of the season, an away game against one of the top teams in Class C or Class D, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.



Shelby Stone

Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights beat foes, remain undefeated

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A four-week hiatus wasn't enough to stop Liggett's boys' hockey team from crushing visiting Lincoln Park last week.

The last game the Knights played was Dec. 9. Four weeks later, the winning streak stretched to five with an 8-0 win.

The host Knights ended the game by mercy when senior Rory Deane scored at the 9:11 mark of the third period. Seniors Jake Goldberg and Dan Zukas drew assists.

Deane had a hat trick with freshman Jacob Soyka chipping in with two goals. Sophomore Austin Petitpren,

freshman Mark Auk and Zukas also scored goals in the first two periods.

The Knights scored three goals in the opening period and blew it open with a four-goal second stanza.

Sophomore defenseman Jake Hodges had a big game, netting four assists, as did Zukas and Goldberg. Deane, senior Chris Ralstrom and Soyka had one assist apiece.

Last weekend, Liggett faced Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at historic Yost Ice Arena on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Once again, the Knights came out flying, scoring three quick goals to build a comfortable lead.

The home team took advan-

tage of some sloppy play to score a goal and stay in the game, but the unbeaten Knights were able to weather the storm and score an insurance goal in the final period to win.

"We were on our way to another big game, but I think the guys got a little too comfortable and they didn't play with the intensity I expect," head coach Robb McIntyre said.

"The guys have to play three solid periods, not two. However, we did get the win, which is the important thing."

Senior Tripp Damman, Hodges, Goldberg and Deane scored for the visitors.

Liggett, off to one of the best starts in more than a decade, improved to 7-0-1 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Sophomore Jake Hodges played well in Liggett's first game back after a month-long hiatus, netting four assists in an 8-0 win over Lincoln Park.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Players rally, beat Lakers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team kicked off 2010 with a 3-0 win over host St. Clair Shores Unified.

The win snapped a five-game losing streak and gave the Norsemen some confidence heading into their rematch with U-D Jesuit.

Before the holiday break, the Norsemen were blanked 4-0 by the Cubs on their home ice.

The Lakers, boasting a 9-1 record heading into the game with North, were no match for the faster, hungrier Norsemen.

Despite a scoreless opening period, it was evident the Norsemen were prepared and a step ahead.

Early in the second period, senior tri-captain Matt Lucchese scored a power play goal with senior tri-captain Mitchell Capp and senior Dylan Welke drawing assists.

Eight minutes later, junior Shawn Miele scored another power play goal as sophomore Joe Aluia and senior tri-captain Steve Herron netting assists.

The Lakers had a golden opportunity to get right back in the game as they had a two-man advantage for nearly a full minute early in the third period.

Lock called a timeout to rally his crew. The pep talk worked to perfection as it was the Norsemen which dominated the 3-on-5.

Sophomore goalie Chip Wujek held his ground, posting the shutout in net as the defense in front of him was out-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Senior Alex Tomovski had a solid week for Grosse Pointe North in its games against St. Clair Shores and U-D Jesuit.

standing.

"Wujek was on top of his game," head coach Scott Lock said. "He was aggressive and made some big saves. It was a nice game for us and a needed win."

Herron completed the scoring in the final period as the Norsemen once again beat the best team the Macomb Area Conference has to offer.

The Norsemen dominated every phase of the game, which they needed coming off that winless streak.

In the rematch with U-D, the Norsemen played better, but still came up on the losing end, 4-2, dropping to 0-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

"I give them a lot of credit for outplaying us and they're a good team, but we still had chances to win the game, hitting a couple of posts, too," Lock said. "We're juggling the

lines a bit, but we hope to be back at full strength soon and then it will be nice to be able to roll the lines."

Senior Mitch Capp scored to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead with sophomore Scott Dornbrock and Welke assisting.

In the latter moments of the second period, Steve Herron tallied with Lucchese and Miele drawing assists. That gave the Norsemen a 2-1 lead.

The Cubs tied it with a goal in the final minute of the second period and added two more tallies in the third stanza to win.

The win over SCS gave North a 3-7 overall mark. Each of the seven losses came to state-ranked teams.

"We're a better team than our record indicates," Lock said. "The guys are playing hard against good competition."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

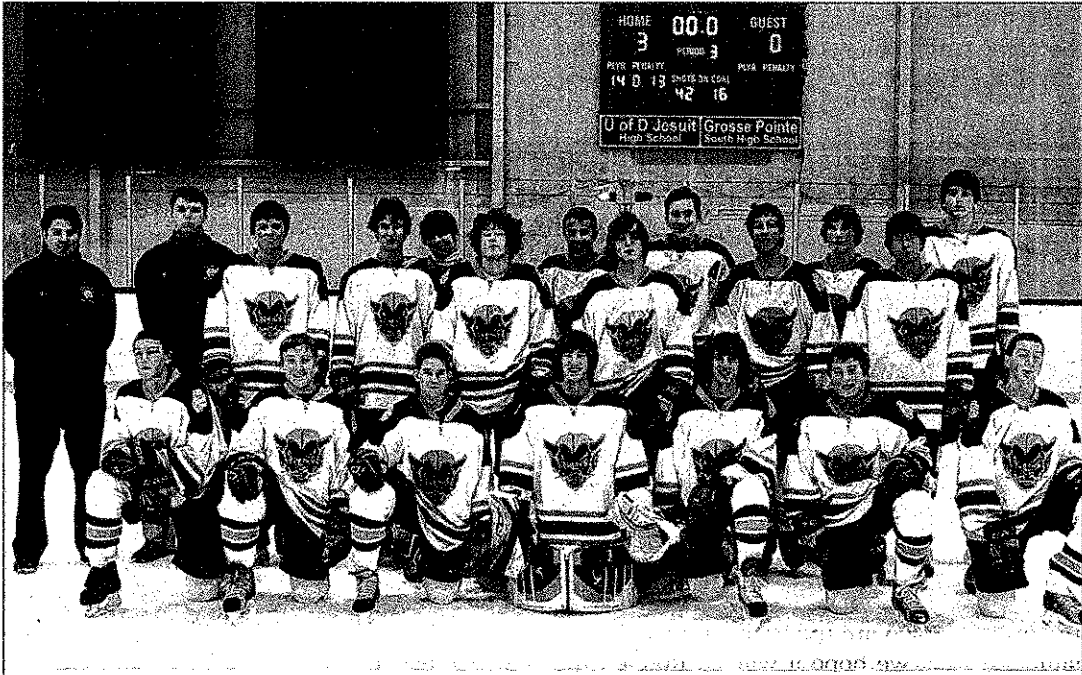


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On a roll

The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils Prep Hockey Team, above, is running on all cylinders, posting a 13-4-1 record through the end of the year. In the 18 games, the Blue Devils have given up one goal six times and posted five shutouts. In addition, they have outscored their foes 71-30. The team is made up of nine freshmen, five sophomores and four juniors from Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils are currently one point out of second place with six more games on their regular season schedule. So far, they played Bloomfield United, Jackson, Grosse Pointe North, Southgate, Ann Arbor Dexter and South Lyon. The three wins catapulted the Blue Devils from third place to first place, two points ahead of South Lyon. As of Monday, Jan. 11, they have three regular season remaining before the playoffs. Pictured above are, front row from left, freshman Max Warren, freshman Adam Mlynarek, freshman Jeff Craig, freshman Keith Newell, freshman Alex Newell, freshman Jared Yinger and freshman Max Crow; second row from left, freshman Max Mager, sophomore Shane Richardson, sophomore Andrew Addy, sophomore Zach Dettlinger, sophomore Trei Cools and freshman Brad Kohut; and back row from left, Head Coach Dave Pulis, Assistant Coach Greg LaTour, junior Mark Dulchavsky, junior Connor Flaska, junior Charlie Weipert, junior Jordan Teets and sophomore Marty Moesta.

YOUTH HOCKEY



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK HELLWARTH

Penguins rock

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association recently held its annual Snowball Tournament which consisted of a series of round-robin games played between the three GPHA squirt teams, the Bruins, Wildcats and Penguins. The two teams with the highest points from the round-robin advanced to a final game played Dec. 23, at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. The Penguins took 8.5 of the possible 10 points in the round-robin to advance to the final game. In the final, the Penguins defeated the Wildcats 6-1. As the winner of the Snowball Tournament, the Penguins will represent GPHA in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 3 playoffs. The Penguins' first two district games are Jan. 25 and Jan. 30. Members of the Penguins, sponsored by Yates Cylinders, are, back row from left, Pat Carron, assistant coach; Deb Fish, assistant coach; Jeff Allor, head coach; Jim Ryszewski, assistant coach; Mark Hellwarth, manager; and Bill Asimakis, assistant coach; middle row from left, Olivia Yates; Mack Carron; Chris Lorelli; Cameron Sine; Jack Murphy; Mario Lorelli; Brad Thompson; Thomas Sine; Turner Sine; and Joey Hellwarth; and front row from left, Max Bryson; Solana Bryson; Natalia Asimakis; Meghan Ryszewski; Cailey Pauli; and J.D. Allor. Sophia Elrick is not pictured.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Playing tough

Grosse Pointe South's Wes Cimmarusti, No. 5, scored a goal in a tough one-goal loss to highly ranked Warren DeLaSalle. Goalie C.J. Schebil made 35 saves and had an assist on Jimmy Morris' goal. Nolan Monforton also scored. Three nights later, the visiting Blue Devils scored in the final minute to force a 3-3 tie with Saline. Head coach Jamie Bufalino and the South boys' hockey team stand 1-2-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 4-6-1 overall.



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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils crunch Huron, Brother Rice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team returned the holiday break with a whopping 141-44 win over Utica Eisenhower.

The host Blue Devils won 10 events, including the opening 200-yard medley relay with Mike Shook, Cam Laney, Joe Hessburg and Matt Mandel turning in a time of 1:43.53.

They also nailed down a second-place finish with Matt Schmidt, Ryan Graham, Joe Zampardo and Joe Henrichs swimming a time of 1:52.32.

The Blue Devils also won the other two relays as Cam Johnson, Mac Day, Mitch Vermet and Mandel posting a time of 1:37.47 and the second-place team of Frank Cusmano, Wayne Brackett, Pete Basile and Henry Fildes had a 1:45.07.

In the 400-freestyle relay, Craig Campbell, Johnson, Hessburg and Shook won with a time of 3:42.00.

For the third relay in a row, the home team took second as Day, Luke Hessburg, Graham

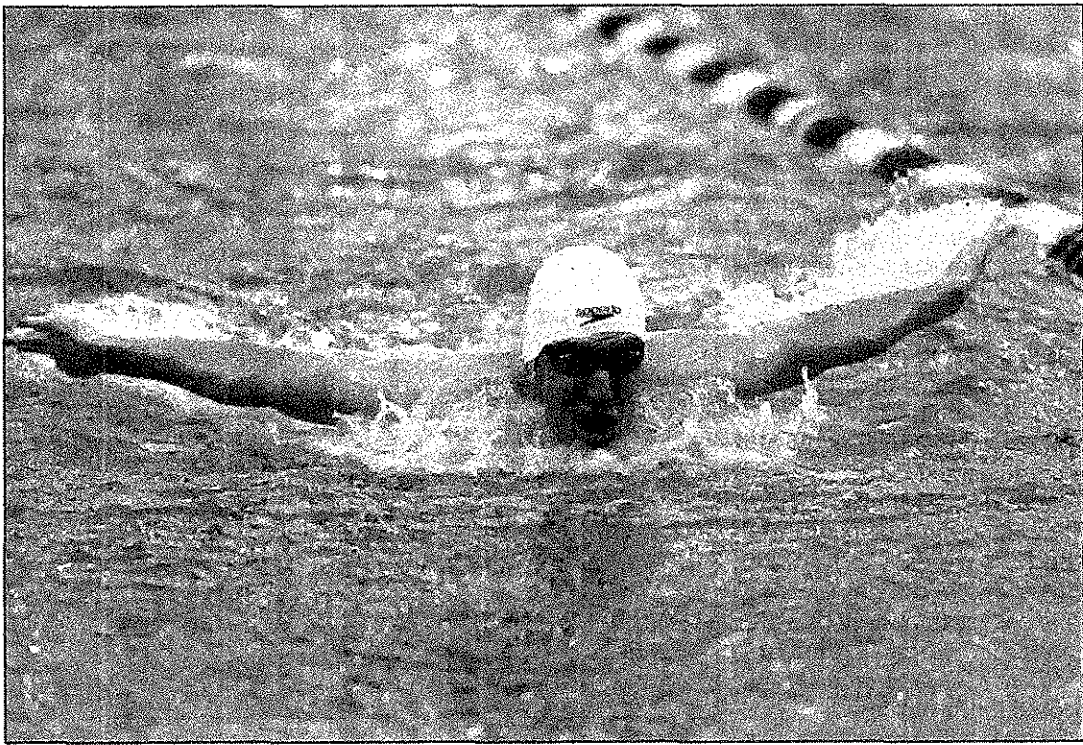


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Mike Shook earned points in several events, helping Grosse Pointe South post an easy win over Utica Eisenhower.

and Schmidt had a time of 3:58.50.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched his swimmers each win individual events, too, as Luke Hessburg won the 200-

yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.97 and Campbell take first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:04.92.

Mandel won the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.34 and Kyle

Eschenberg had a solid showing in the diving competition, winning with 226.85 points. Pat Mulier and Daniel Fisher also dove, finishing with 170.45 and 153 points, respec-

tively.

Joe Hessburg was first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.04 and Campbell won his second individual event, the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:57.26.

The rest of the first-place finishers were Shook and Roby Boggs in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 56.88 and 1:05.04, respectively.

The Blue Devils qualified for the state finals and MISCA meet in several events.

Last weekend, South and Birmingham Brother Rice traveled to Ann Arbor Huron for a nonleague meet.

Gunderson and the Blue Devils had a happy trip home after beating host Huron 103-83 and Brother Rice 114-72, improving to 4-0 overall.

They won the opening event, the 200-medley relay, and never looked back. Schmidt, Laney, Brackett and Joe Hessburg won with a time of 1:43.74 and they took the first two spots in the 200-freestyle with Shook and Campbell cruising with times of 1:49.59 and 1:49.96, respec-

tively.

Mandel and Joe Hessburg finished first and third in the 50-freestyle, posting times of 22.43 and 23.35 and Brackett was second in the 100-butterfly with a time of 57.43, which was less than a half-second behind the winner, Ben Kirsch, of Huron, who had a time of 57.26.

Mandel and Campbell finished first and second in the 100-freestyle with times of 48.47 and 49.84 and Shook was an easy winner in the 500-freestyle, posting a time of 4:52.77, which was 10 seconds ahead of second-place Michael Toner of Huron.

South's Joe Hessburg, Campbell, Shook and Mandel won the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:31.23 and the 400-freestyle relay with a time of 3:20.82.

For good measure, the Blue Devils finished with three of the top four spots in the 100-breaststroke. Laney won with a time of 1:02.87, while Luke Hessburg and Graham took third and fourth with times of 1:04.10 and 1:07.60, respectively.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

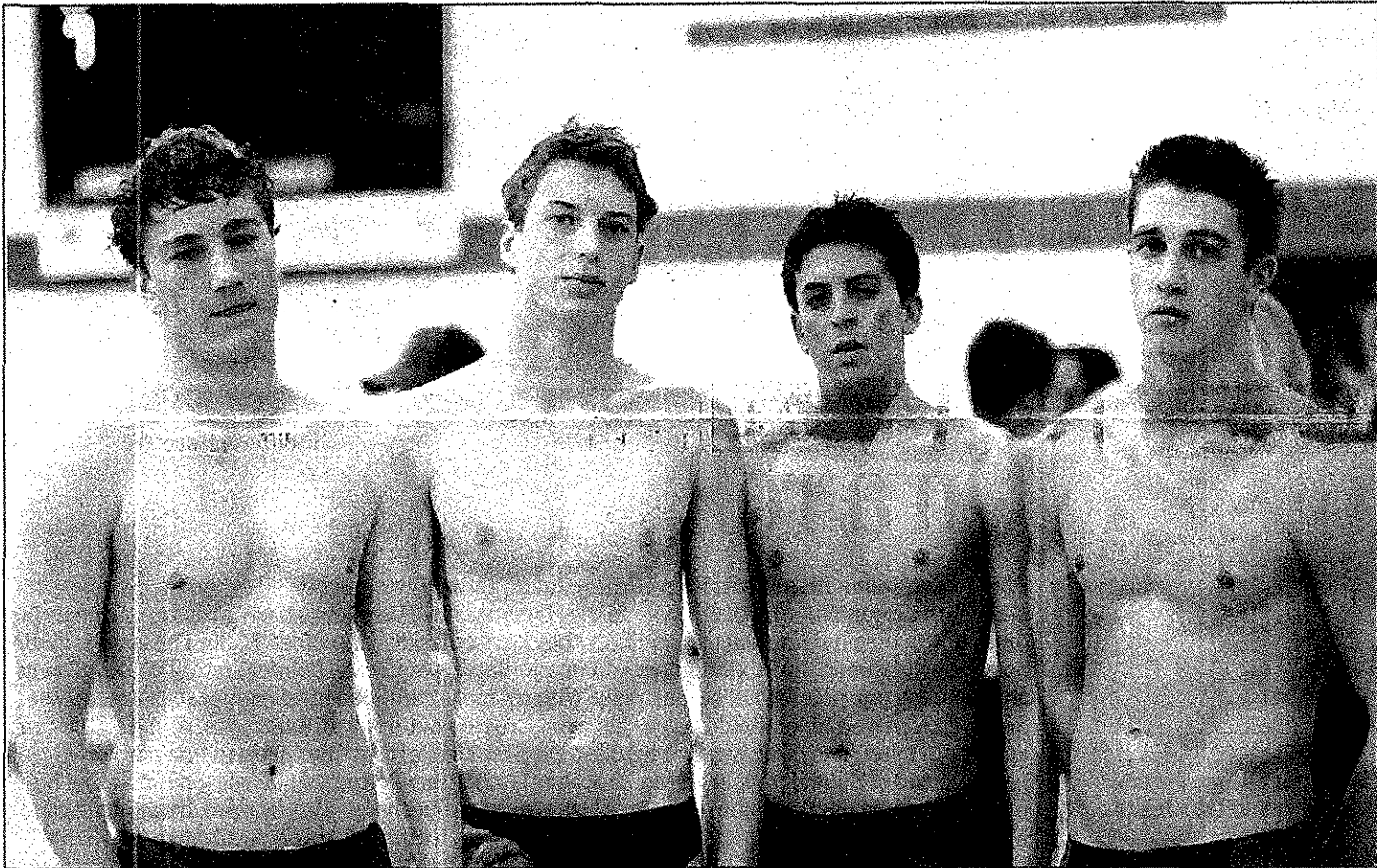


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Grosse Pointe North's, from left, senior Robert Tripp, sophomore Christian Mellos, junior Zack Hanna and senior Matt Peyser helped the team win its division opener.

Norsemen beat Romeo

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team began its division slate last week with an impressive 117-51 win over Romeo.

The Norsemen were led by the trio of Justin Rakowicz, Christian Mellos and Robert Tripp, who were each double winners.

Rakowicz won the 200- and 500-freestyles with times of 1:54.46 and 4:59.76, while Mellos took the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 2:09.13 and 1:02.13.

Each posted state-qualifying times in the 500-free, 200-IM and 100-breaststroke, plus Mellos' time in the breaststroke broke a Romeo pool record.

Tripp's first-place finishes

came in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.90 and 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.91, and Matt Peyser was first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.61.

The Norsemen were able to pull away from the Bulldogs by winning each of the three relay events.

Head coach Mike O'Connor noted season-best times were posted by Ryan Seago, Mike Seago and Steve Schoenith in the 50-freestyle; Peyser, Ryan Seago, Mike Seago and Evan Williams in the 100-freestyle; Connor Yeager in the 100-backstroke; Zack Hanna in the 100-butterfly; and Mitchell Gross in diving.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-0 overall and is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

LIGGETT

Knights cruise by Willow Run

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's co-ed swim team crushed host Willow Run 109-36 last week, improving to 2-1 overall.

The Knights took first in most of the events, led by Mallory Jamett who won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:09.42 and Ben Gellman was second at 2:36.36.

In the 200-individual medley,

Mary Nehra won with a time of 3:14.46 and Veeral Patel won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.35. Nick Valice and Alvaro Martinez finished second and third in the 50-freestyle, posting times of 28.48 and 29.92.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Kara Zmyslowski won with a time of 1:11.74 and Brian Gutermuth was second in the 100-yard freestyle at 59.47.

Jamett also won the 500-

yard freestyle with a time of 5:33.16 with Gellman taking second with a season-best time of 7:19.

Head coach Mike Mullinger watched the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Patel, Valice, Gutermuth and Jamett win with a time of 1:49.81 and the same four won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:33.02.

The final individual events, the 100-yard backstroke and

100-yard breaststroke, were won by Zmyslowski and Gutermuth, respectively, with times of 1:11.59 and 1:19.52.

Last weekend, Liggett finished fourth in the six-team Lake Shore Relays. Lake Shore won with 100 points, followed by Marysville with 96, Sterling Heights with 92, Liggett with 90, Eastpointe East Detroit with 70 and Clawson with 60.

Coming up for the Knights is a meet Saturday, Jan. 16.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Hard work

Grosse Pointe South senior Kelsey Flynn signed a national letter of intent to row at Northeastern University in Boston next year. Showing their support and pride are, from left, mother, Kathy Flynn; Kelsey Flynn; brother, Victor Flynn; and father, Chris Flynn. The Northeastern Huskies finished 9-4 in 2009, sixth in the Eastern Sprints, and were the Colonial Athletic Association Champions. For more information about Northeastern University, visit northeastern.edu. For more information about rowing opportunities for students, men and women of all ages, visit detroitboatclubcrew.com.

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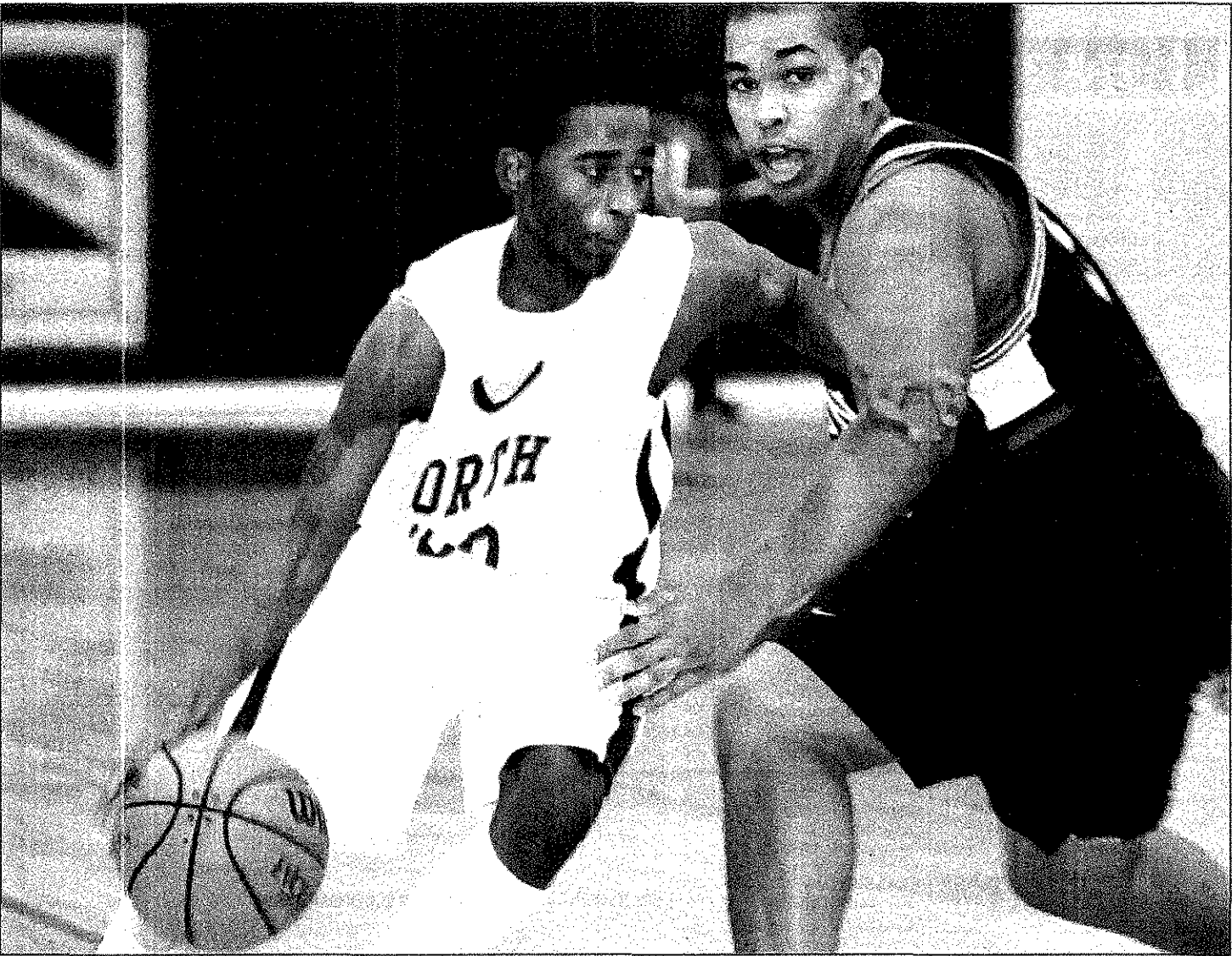


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Victory

Grosse Pointe North junior George Greer, left, and his teammates played their best basketball of the season last week, beating Port Huron Northern 69-66 in double-overtime on the road and Sterling Heights Stevenson 53-38 in front of the home fans. Head coach Matt Lockhart's patience paid off as his Norsemen improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-5 overall.

LIGGETT

Buzzer-beater sinks Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

All eyes were on the ball as it floated ever so slowly toward the basket as the final seconds ticked off the clock in Liggett's boys' basketball game last weekend.

Moments before, Knights' senior guard Mark Ghafari was whistled for a charging call, giving visiting Bloomfield Hills Roeper possession with 10 seconds left and the score tied 50-50.

Roeper senior Ryan Zinser hit the floater as time expired, sending Liggett to a 52-50 defeat.

"We had a chance to win the game and I'm glad Mark was aggressive going to the basket," head coach Sidney Johnson said "The guys felt bad after the game. It's nice to see the guys feel so passionate about winning and losing."

Twice the Knights had a nine-point lead, 41-32 and 43-

34, early in the fourth quarter, but the Rough Riders forced some crucial turnovers and converted those into baskets to complete the comeback.

In the furious final couple of minutes, senior Joey Shannon scored his only two points on free throws, giving the Knights a 50-48 lead with 1:01 left.

Zinser came back to tie the game at 50.

The Knights led 12-10 after the first quarter, but trailed 26-24 at the half. They battled back to outscore the Rough Riders 14-6 in the third quarter to build a 38-32 lead.

Sophomore Eddie Thomas paced the Knights with 19 points and Ghafari had 16. Freshman Eric Ewing chipped in with seven points and junior Dominic Jamett had six to round out the scoring.

Earlier in the week, the Knights beat visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 52-41 as they stand 3-1 overall and in the MIAC.

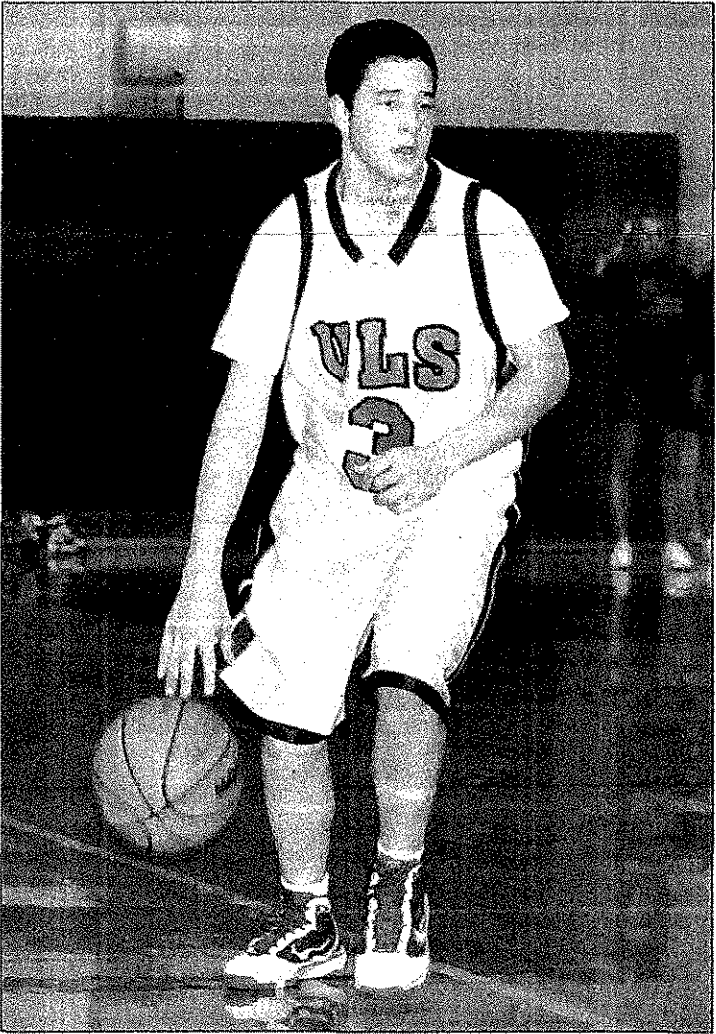


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Junior Carl Ghafari has seen an increase in playing time, thanks to his experience on the varsity squad a year ago.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Team battles Cousino

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team opened its division slate last week with a 62-53 loss to Warren Cousino.

The Patriots roared to a 13-2 lead, but the Blue Devils battled back to eventually grab the lead in the second quarter before trailing 28-27 at the half.

The Blue Devils couldn't recover from a late third-quarter Cousino run.

Junior Corbet Conroy led the Blue Devils with 22 points and four rebounds, while junior Alex Bedan had 16 points and eight rebounds.

The loss dropped South to 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 1-4 overall.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South's Alex Bedan, center, goes strong to the hoop in the Blue Devils' division opener against Warren Cousino.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ladies have no problem with foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team remained undefeated after two easy victories last week.

"The girls played well and everyone had a chance to get ice time," head coach Bill Fox said.

The Blue Devils blasted Livonia Ladywood 7-0 behind a stellar defensive effort and a six-save performance by freshman goalie Anastasia Diamond.

The Blazers never registered an official shot in the opening period and could only manage six in the next two periods against the Blue Devils' stout defense of junior Dylanah McColl, sophomore Melissa Klinger, junior Andrea Marshall, junior Sam Taylor, junior Christine Daudlin, sophomore Cara Monforton, sophomore Carly Verkuilen, freshman Allision Daudlin, junior Dana

Davenport and junior Chantal Chuba.

Offensively, senior Julia Solecki scored two goals, including one on the power play, to lead the team.

Other goal scorers were junior Elizabeth Clem, senior Shannon Gianino, sophomore Claire Boyle, senior Emma Hull and Marshall.

Senior Rae Sklarski had three assists and senior Ana Harris had two. Clem, Gianino and Boyle had an assist apiece.

Last weekend, it took the Blue Devils one period to score eight goals against winless Bloomfield. The game ended after two periods with the Blue Devils ahead 8-0.

"We played our younger girls quite a bit and they did a nice job," Fox said.

South improved to 7-0 and remains in sole possession of first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings.

LIGGETT

Knights blast Country Day

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Morgan Ellis' five points led Liggett's girls' hockey team to a dominating 6-0 win over Birmingham Detroit Country Day early last week.

"Morgan had a monster game tonight," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "All of the girls played well. We haven't played a game in three weeks, but the girls still skated well."

Ellis had a least one point in each period, netting an assist in the first period, one goal and one assist in the second stanza and two assists in the final period. In addition, she played solid defense that helped hold the Yellowjackets to only five shots on goalkeeper Maria Passalacqua.

The host Knights scored two goals in each period and had

six different scorers, Ellis, senior Liz Smith, sophomore Haleigh Bolton, junior Medea Shanidze, junior Keegin Fisher and senior Paige Counsman.

Owczarski watched her Knights totally dominate an improved Yellowjackets team, thanks to an offense that fired 52 shots on Country Day goalkeeper Alex Nadhir.

"The girls skated well tonight and we need this kind of effort through the remainder of our season," Owczarski said. "Our schedule gets tough, so this is how the girls have to play."

Liggett improved to 4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 4-3 overall.

Coming up for the Knights is a big road game Thursday, Jan. 14, against two-time defending state champ and city rival, Grosse Pointe South.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Defense helps stifle Mercy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team returned to action last week with a 4-2 win over Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We played a great first period, then a not so great second period," head coach Scott Dockett said. "The girls played better in the third period and won another game that was a little tighter than it should have been."

The host Norsemen stormed out of the gate, scoring three first-period goals.

Freshman Bryn Moody scored at the 10:06 mark with junior Megan Bergeron netting the assist.

A little more than two minutes later, sophomore Jennifer Cusmano tallied with Moody and freshman Natalie Skorupski getting assists.

In the final few minutes, freshman Jaccelynn Sherry scored with freshman Sara

Villani drawing the lone assist.

It looked as if the game would be a blowout, but head coach Pat Gregory got his Mercy players refocused and they were able to creep closer when senior Jessie Buckley scored.

Bergeron gave the Norsemen an insurance goal early in the final period with Moody netting the assist, giving her three points in the game.

The Marlins scored late in the game, but it was too little, too late as the Norsemen were able to get the win, improving to 5-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-3 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a game against second-place Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood Saturday, Jan. 16.

North lost a close one-goal game to Cranbrook Kingswood in the ULS Holiday Tournament a month ago.

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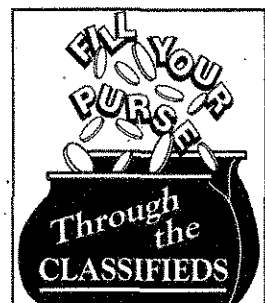
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DEFER ELEMENTARY



PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

Coming in from the cold

Four friends from Defer Elementary School, from left, Avery Westfall, Ailey Kinsley, Lilly Weekley, and her little sister Maddie from Trombly Elementary School spent a Saturday afternoon at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. The girls hopped atop sleds to slide down what was finally enough snow to play in. They headed inside the warming hut for some hot chocolate before lacing up their skates and heading to the ice rink.

School happenings

Preschool open house

Christ the King Lutheran Church hosts an open house to showcase its preschool program for upcoming school year from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Parents can bring their children and learn about the program for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and young 5's. A special

presentation about the Young Fives program is at 2:30 p.m. Registration is offered at the open house.

Public registration is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1. All registrations received on or before Feb. 1 receive a discount. For more information, call (313) 884-5998 or visit christthekinggp.org.

Registration held for nursery school

Registration for the 2010-11 school year at Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center is from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Morning developmental classes are offered for preschoolers (ages 3 to 4), transition (ages 2 to 3 years), toddler (ages 1 to 2 years) and full or half day kindergarten.

Full day child care is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Afternoon classes, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., are offered for 3- and 4-year-olds and young 5-year-olds (kindergarten-age students who need a growth

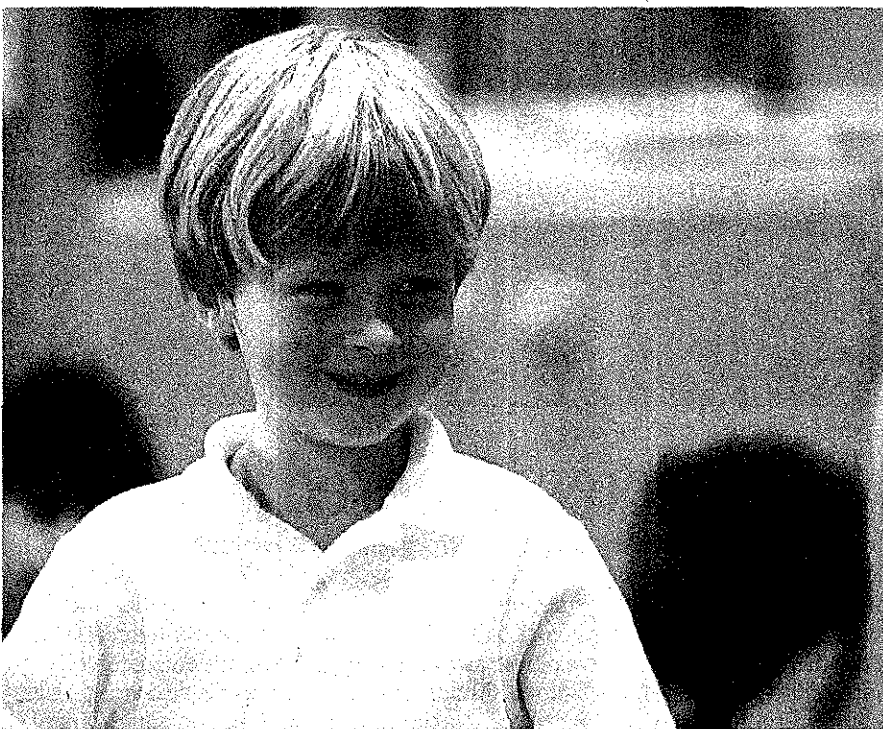
year).

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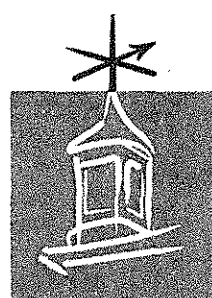
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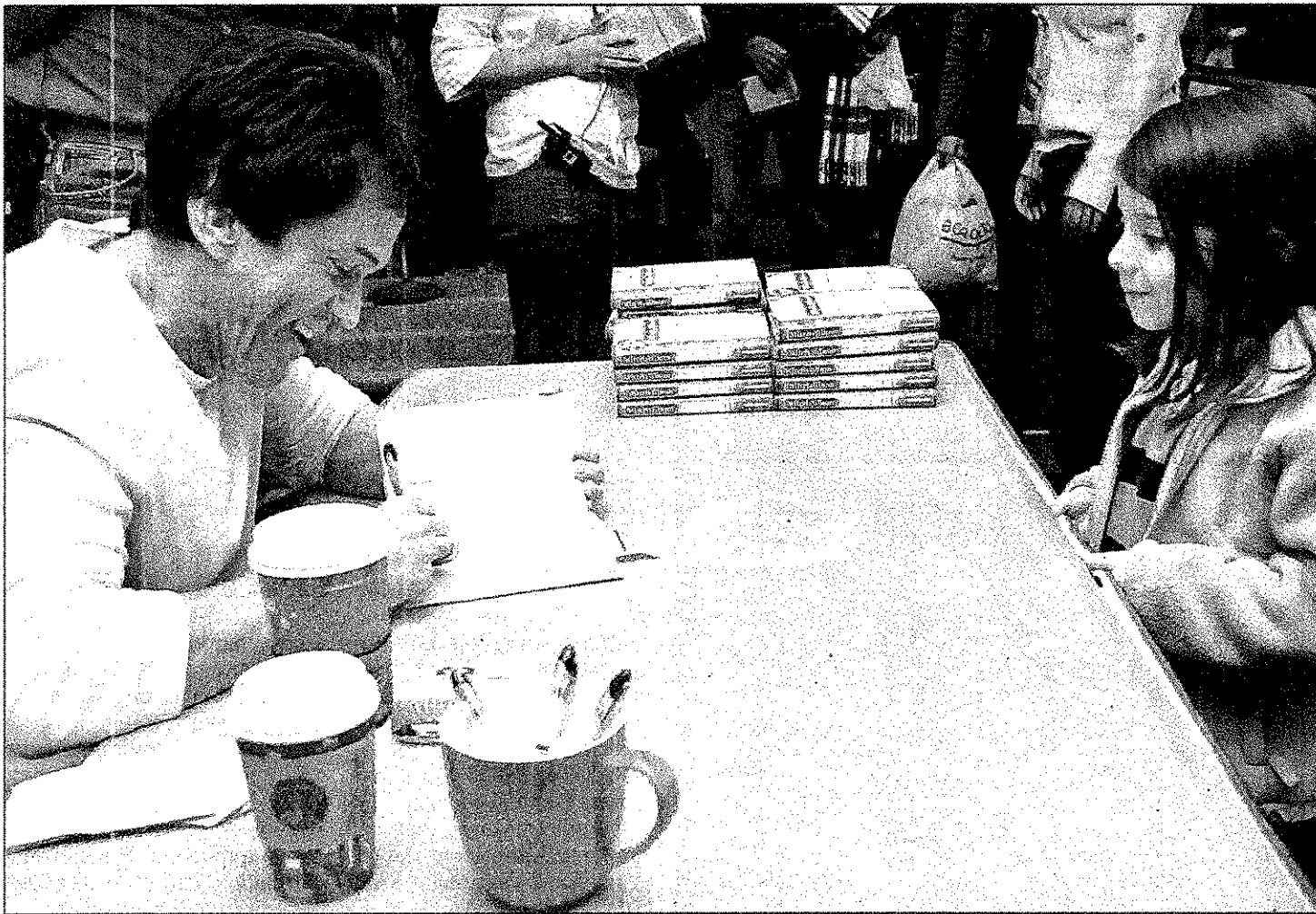


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Memorable

Defer Elementary School student Kate Ennis stepped up to the table to meet Mitch Albom, who appeared last month at Borders Books in the Village of Grosse Pointe for a book signing. The author and news columnist asked the 6-year-old if she any other signed books. Her reply, "No, this is my first signed book and I have a lot of books, but I don't know how to read yet." When Albom signed her copy of his first nonfiction book, "Have a Little Faith," he wrote, "Always remember your first signed book."

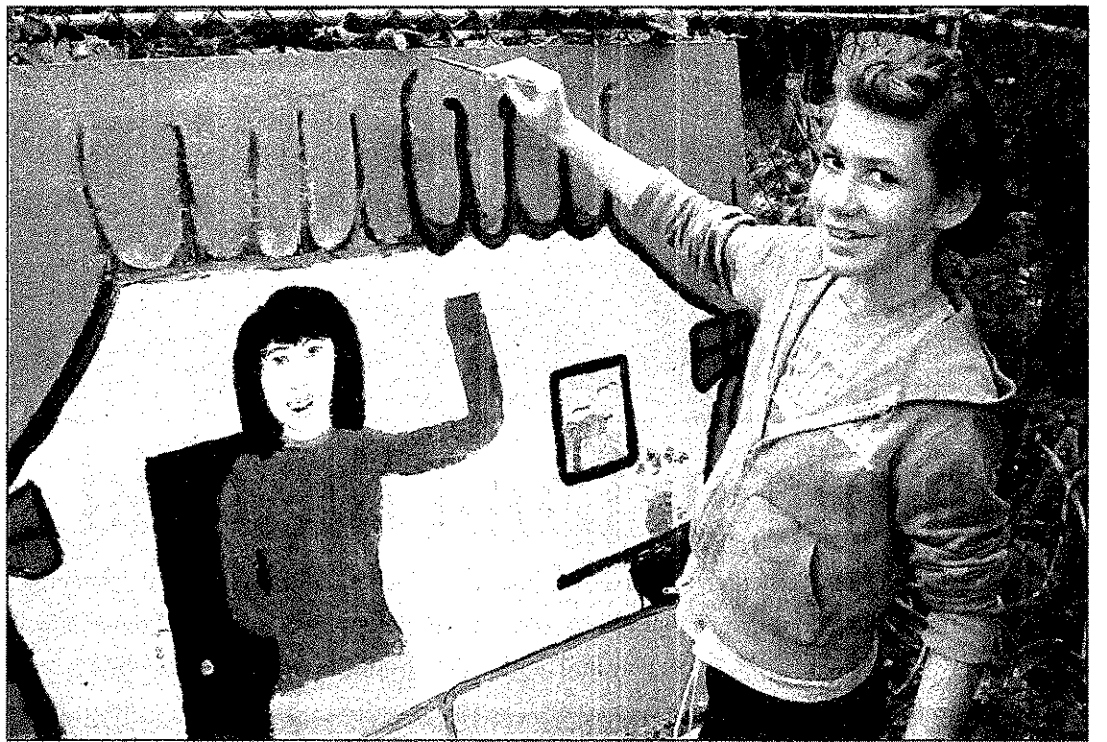
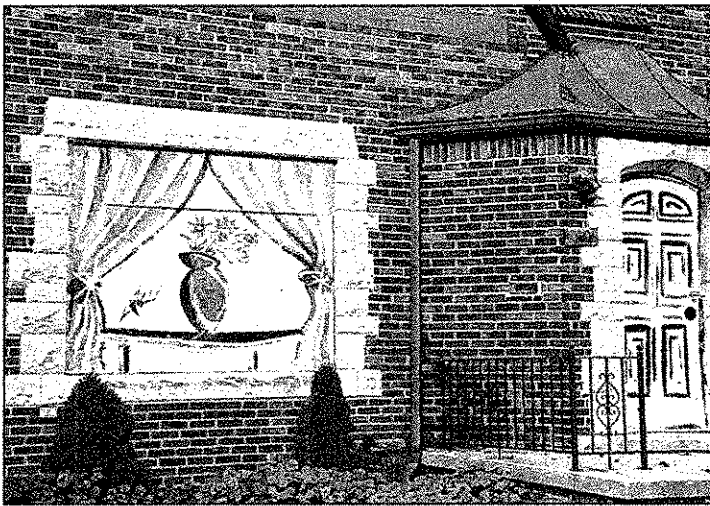
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Aspirations
in art

In October, seventh- and eighth-graders from St. Clare of Montefalco School joined volunteers to design and paint murals on plywood for the Morningside Mural Project.

The endeavor, one aspect of the Detroit Vacancy Property Campaign, focuses on the growing problem of blight in a community burdened by a record number of foreclosures. The project was organized by longtime Morningside resident, Susan Newell. The students' work was attached to the doors and windows of houses already boarded up. Artists were asked to portray what they would want to see inside if those houses were still occupied.

One of the empty houses gets a faux bay window. Eighth-grader Alana Hubbell, right, works on her mural.

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GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY



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Fall athletes honored

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth graders, from left, Wade Penman, Kara French, Kate Krueger and Gordon Fisher, were named Athletes of the Season for the 2009 fall season. Each was chosen for this honor based on his or her athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship. Penman was co-captain of the boys' varsity soccer team and was the co-recipient of the most valuable defensive player award. He is a scholar athlete, received high academic honors, and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He is also vice president of the Student Council. French, a second-year player and co-captain on the undefeated varsity volleyball team (29-0), was named best spiker with 195 kills, a new all-time record, and co-best passer with 279 passes to the setter, also a new school record. She also had the most kills at 29. A scholar athlete with perfect attendance, French received high academic honors, is on the citizenship and head of school list and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Krueger too was a second-year player on the volleyball squad and co-captain of the team. She was named best server with a school-record 388 points and had the most aces, 37, and highest spike percentage at 96.59 percent. She was named co-best passer and co-best setter and received an award for perfect attendance. A scholar athlete, she received academic honors, is on the citizenship and head of school list, and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Fisher was the team co-captain and MVP of the academy's tennis team, playing No. 1 singles and had a 10-3 record. A scholar athlete, he received high academic honors and is on the citizenship and head of school list. He is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

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Teacher of the Week



Lynn Konczal, left, with Natalia Szura.

This week, its Defer Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, Lynn Konczal.

She was nominated by student Natalia Szura: "Mrs. Konczal is a great teacher. She's naturally fun. Mrs. Konczal is always on the right track and knows what to do."

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My last seven years of teaching have been at Poupard Elementary School.

I also attended Poupard, as did my oldest son, Drew. My youngest son, Matthew, is currently a fifth-grader at Poupard.

Why did you become a teacher?

Many of my greatest

achievements or accomplishments in my life are due to the inspiration and motivation of some very wonderful teachers. I chose the teaching profession with the hope that I too could inspire students to be their personal best.

I also attempt to make learning fun and enjoyable so that it becomes a lifelong habit.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

"What I really enjoy about teaching is having the opportunity to inspire and motivate students to enjoy learning and to realize their individual gifts and talents."

How do you feel about being nominated?

I am truly honored to be nominated as a Teacher of the Week. I teach with some pretty amazing teachers in the Grosse Pointe district so that makes the nomination even more special.

Favorite book to share with students?

"My favorite book to share with children is the picture book 'You Are Special,' written by Max Lucado. It has a very important message for children and people of all ages."

—Amy Salvagno

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Douglas C. Beaupre

Grosse Pointe Park resident Douglas C. Beaupre, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born in Detroit and attended St. Philip Neri High School in Detroit.

Mr. Beaupre was a past partner in Beaupre Studio, a furniture repair, refinishing and upholstery business in Grosse Pointe Park.

He enjoyed woodworking and was a carpenter and master cabinetmaker, as well as an upholsterer and electrician. He enjoyed working with his hands and used his mastery of many trades to restore a house built in 1889 in the Woodbridge area of Detroit.

Mr. Beaupre had many interests including golfing and flying. He earned his pilot's license and owned his own airplane. He was also a cigar connoisseur. His friend's referred to him as a "diamond in the rough."

Mr. Beaupre is survived by his wife, Gerry Beaupre; daughter, Lori (Rick) DuBro; sons, Christopher (Connie) Beaupre and Randall (Frances) Beaupre; stepsons, Kenneth Peterson and Michael Peterson and five grandchildren.

He also is survived by his sister, Shirley Beaupre and brother, Kenneth Beaupre.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Nativity of Our Lord Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213 or Hospice Compassus, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 105, Southfield, MI 48075.

Virginia A. Gudsen

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Virginia A. Gudsen, 84, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010.

Mrs. Gudsen and her husband, Thaddeus, were married 54 years. She was a devoted wife and mother. She encouraged her husband in his hobbies and his music, including his membership in the Grosse Pointe Symphony and several string quartet groups over the years.

Together, they raised three children, putting them through school and college.

Mrs. Gudsen was an artist and illustrator who worked for Detroit newspapers in her youth. After raising her family, she fulfilled a life-long dream by obtaining her college degree. In 1985, she graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Lakeside Palette Club.

Mrs. Gudsen enjoyed gardening and flowers. Additionally, she enjoyed singing. Once a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church choir, she loved to sing, especially when called upon to solo.

Mrs. Gudsen is survived by her beloved husband, Thaddeus; devoted children, Patti Gudsen, Neil (Betsy) Gudsen and Beth (Chris) Graham; granddaughter, Grace; brother, Robert (Teri) Stieber and sister-in-law, Gena Stieber.

She was predeceased by her brother, Alexander Stieber.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 12 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rose Kathryn McMahon

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rose Kathryn McMahon, 85, of Naples, Fla., passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010.

She was born Nov. 26, 1924, in Farrell, Pa., to Frank and Mary (nee Oyasun) Vatauvuk.

She enjoyed a passion for music as a singer and dancer of a national performing Croatian dance group.

As an executive secretary, she worked for Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. and Packard Motor Car Co., later working as a secretary at the Warren Tennis Club.

Mrs. McMahon became a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods in 1964 where she was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and Choir, Grosse Pointe Community Choir and made many friends in the tennis community.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. McMahon is survived by her loving daughters, Cathy Hadden and Beth Loiacano; cherished grandsons, Justin Hadden, Nicholas Loiacano and Spencer Loiacano and caring sons-in-law, Timothy Hadden and Philip Loiacano.

Edward J. Olsen

Grosse Pointe Park resident Edward J. Olsen, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born Oct. 19, 1932, in Mineola, N.Y. to Peter and Jane Cunningham Olsen and served in the U.S. Air Force as an Airman 1st Class.

He graduated from The Ohio State University and was a manager for General Motors Acceptance Corp. in New York and Detroit.

Mr. Olsen enjoyed sailing and golf. He was a member and past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association and the Commodores Club, as well as member and past president of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

Mr. Olsen is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Kathleen (John) Sullivan and Laurie Olsen; son, Steven (Sally) Olsen; grandchildren, Megan and Kelly Sullivan and Ryan Olsen; sisters, Jane Ann Ehlers, Carol Bongiorno and Sue Olsen and brother, Richard Olsen.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Peter Olsen.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 11 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrangements were handled by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Sumner Gage Whittier

Former Grosse Pointe resident Sumner Gage Whittier, 98, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010. He was the former head of Michigan Medical Service, Blue Shield.

He was born July 1, 1911, in Everett, Mass., to Edgar and Eva St. Clair MacNeil Whittier. He graduated from Everett High School and, in 1935, Boston University where he studied English, history and journalism. He worked for the Eagle Times Gazette in Lawrence, Mass., and had a number of radio programs.

Mr. Whittier had a long and distinguished career as a statesman and public servant. He was a city councilor and alderman in Everett and represented Everett in the Massachusetts House of

Representatives. He then was elected to the State Senate.

Shortly after his election, World War II began. Mr. Whittier entered the U.S. Navy. On Christmas night 1943, in his Navy uniform, he married Jessie Johnston. They were an incredible team for 38 years until she lost her battle with cancer in 1981. He published a book of poems to her, "Sonnets to a Saint," when he was 95.

In his war absence, his wife ran and won his Senate reelection campaign. Upon returning to the Senate, he won equal pay for female and male teachers and the establishment of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

Competent, honest, fair government for all citizens was his lifelong passion. He mesmerized audiences with his fiery oratory. Handsome, charismatic and exceedingly warm, he was famous for meeting 75 folks as he entered a room and for calling each by name as he left.

He served two terms as lieutenant governor of Massachusetts where he fought for civil service reform and aided untold immigrants in bringing family members to American soil.

Pres. Dwight Eisenhower appointed Whittier to head the Veterans Administration insurance program and, in December 1957, promoted him to administrator of Veterans' Affairs, with 200,000 employees and the nation's largest hospital system. In 2009 the VA honored Mr. Whittier for his service. The chairman of the VA budget congressional committee called Mr. Whittier the "ablest administrator ever."

After Pres. John F. Kennedy was elected, Pres. Eisenhower requested all cabinet members to resign, which Whittier did.

Mr. Whittier went on to head Michigan Medical Service (Blue Shield) in 1961 and then Easter Seals.

Subsequently, he returned to the Washington and Baltimore area. At the Social Security Administration he organized and implemented the Supplemental Security Income Program. He remained at Social Security until he was 80 years old.

Mr. Whittier met every U.S. president in his lifetime, save Pres. Barack Obama, visited every U.S. state and every continent, including Antarctica, and was known to read the encyclopedia for his leisure. He became an avid photographer.

Mr. Whittier was a moderate Republican. For decades he belonged to Republican organizations, including the Inner Circle, the President's Club, as well as many others. The Republican members of the U.S. Senate bestowed on him a Freedom medal.

He was immersed in his church wherever he lived. During his time in Grosse Pointe, he was a member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

He was intensely proud of his three daughters and five grandchildren and seemed thrilled to meet his only great-grandchild last June.

He enjoyed his cottage by the sea in Scarborough, Maine, where he rowed, swam and picked blueberries by the hour.

At 92, Mr. Whittier won a gold medal for Ping-Pong, both from Maryland and at the National Senior Olympics.

At 95, he still cared for his gardens and walked a mile to the local senior center to play Ping-Pong.

Mr. Whittier is survived by his children, Jaye Whittier and son-in-law, Alexander H. Sands III, Janis Whittier, and Jill Kelly, formerly of Bloomfield Hills; his sister, Mona Jeane Somerville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Robert Whittier.



Douglas C. Beaupre



Edward J. Olsen

A memorial service will be held in Everett, Mass. Visit robinsonfuneralhome.com for funeral service information and to share a memory with the family.

Arthur Cummings Bodeau

Former Grosse Pointe resident Arthur Cummings Bodeau, 92, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Bodeau graduated from Purdue University in 1939. While there he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was a captain of the cross country team and a member of the track and field team, where his record for the indoor 880 remained unbroken for more than 20 years.

He worked for Chrysler Corp. as an engineer before moving to Ford Motor Co., where he worked for more than 30 years.

Mr. Bodeau was an avid and passionate golfer who achieved his lifetime goal of playing in all 50 states, England, Scotland, and Ireland. He loved the sport and was always willing to help others with their game.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Woodworkers Club.

Mr. Bodeau also gave his time and talents to the community. He was a volunteer and board member of Services for Older Citizens. He was an active member and Eucharistic minister at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He especially loved his family and enjoyed traveling to visit his children.

Mr. Bodeau is survived by his daughters, Kathy (Keith C.) Boerner and Maureen "Pinky" (Mac) McPherson; sons, J. Michael (Margaret) Bodeau and William Bodeau; seven grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jane Oyler Bodeau and his son, A. Scott Bodeau.

A memorial Mass will be held at noon Friday, Jan. 15, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation will take place in the gathering room at the rear of the church one hour before the service.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org; the Coalition to Salute American Heroes at saluteheroes.org; or to the First Tee Detroit at thefirstteedetroit.org, an organization dedicated to impacting the character development and life-enhancing values of young people through the game of golf.

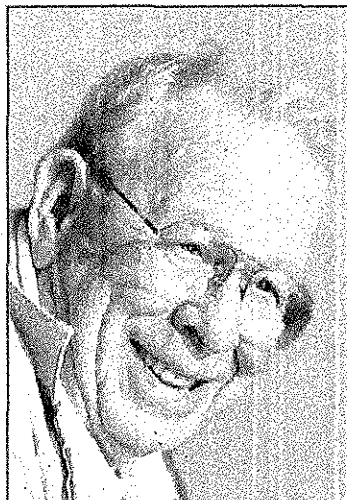
Messages of condolence may be shared at hurstfuneralhome.com.



Virginia A. Gudsen



Sumner Gage Whittier



Daniel W. McKinley D.O.

Daniel William McKinley D.O.

Daniel William McKinley D.O., 93, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009. He had celebrated Christmas surrounded by his family.

Born Dec. 19, 1916, Dr. McKinley married the love of his life, Helen Kern, June 1, 1940. In 1941, he graduated from the Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa, with a Degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. He completed his internship at both Cadieux General Hospital and Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and served his residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. McKinley maintained a private practice from 1943 to 1987 while raising his five children with his wife, Helen. During this time, he also served the medical community in various capacities. He was a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and was its president in 1953. He also served on the association's development committee, which established The Osteopathic College of Medicine in Michigan, and was chairman of the association's legislative committee.

Additionally, he was secretary of the Wayne County Osteopathic Association from 1946 to 1947; health officer for the City of East Detroit from 1947 to 1951; president of the Macomb County Osteopathic Association from 1951 to 1952; member of the board of directors at Bi-County Community Hospital from 1966 to 1970 and member of the board of directors of Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corporation/Horizon Health Systems.

On Oct. 27, 2007, Dr. McKinley was honored at the Detroit Medical Center for his lifetime of dedicated patient care and osteopathic leadership.

His family said while he enjoyed his professional successes, nothing brought him more joy than being with his family. Until the end, his humor helped define him. Perhaps it was his humor that helped him enjoy "hunting" and "fishing."

He was a former member of the Detroit Yacht Club and a



Rose Kathryn McMahon



Arthur Cummings Bodeau



Francine Harriet Dossin

member of the Grayling Game Club in Grayling.

Dr. McKinley is survived by his children, Patricia (the late Douglas) Gmeiner, Peggy (Marty) Gulewicz, Polly (Michael) Abandon, Dan Jr. (Julie) and Pamela Bylen; grandchildren, Marty (Jeanne) Gulewicz, Kim (Jim) Ryszewski, Amy (Mike) Cowan, Sara Bylen, Johnny Bylen and Daniel "Teo" McKinley; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. McKinley was predeceased by his wife, Helen; brother, H. John McKinley, and sister, Veronica Werner.

Interment is in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

A scholarship in Dr. McKinley's name is being established at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Donations in his memory may be made to Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Development Office, A-310 East Free Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1316.

Francine Harriet Dossin

Former Grosse Pointe resident Francine Harriet Dossin, 77, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, in South Pasadena, Fla.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Dossin moved to Florida in 1979 from Grosse Pointe.

She worked as a secretary for the Chrysler Corp., was past president of the Detroit Northeast Lions Club women's division and was a former member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Mrs. Dossin is survived by her beloved husband, Robert "Bob"; loving daughters, Denise Dossin and Diane (Delbert) Ruth and cherished grandchildren, Brady, Ryan, Philip (Becky) and Nicole.

Services and burial were in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral arrangements were handled by David C. Gross Funeral Homes in St. Petersburg. Share a memory with the family at davidgross.com.

Ford shows off expanded NAIAS stand

By Jenny King
Special Writer

With 54,000 square feet of space to fill, Ford is promising visitors to the 2010 North American International Auto Show two dozen new interactive displays.

Participants can expand their automotive knowledge, play games, sit in a Ford Taurus "theater" or experience

the company's new Active Park Assist technology.

Hate to parallel park? Active Park tucks you neatly into a space "with the touch of a button and without ever laying a hand on the steering wheel," Ford says.

Vehicles powered by gas-electric hybrid systems are driven in battery-only mode so visitors can experience the ride, not just examine a static

car or truck.

The Ford display also includes two tall, orange, dinosaur-like robots, "Eco" and "Boost," which demonstrate how engines are assembled at the company's Cleveland Engine Plant. Ford says the presenters at the robot stand will explain the process.

Ford spokespersons recently discussed the nine new or significantly upgraded engines and six new transmissions it will introduce in various vehicles this calendar year in North America.

Barb Samardzich, Ford vice president, powertrain engineering, described it as "a once-in-a-career launch" for members of the powertrain engineering staff.

The Ford F-series Super Duty will get an Eco-Boost engine and a 6.7-liter diesel based on new architecture.

Mustang intenders can look forward later this year to the



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Overview photo of Ford Motor Co. stand being prepared for the North American International Auto Show.

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

Continued from page 4A II

Andrea F. Becker

Andrea F. Becker, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident, died peacefully in her sleep Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009.

Mrs. Becker taught in the business program at Grosse Pointe South High School and was also co-op coordinator for many years. She was dedicated to her students and took special individual interest in them, teaching the skills needed to be successful in the business world.

She retired from South in 1996 and was gratified to see so many of her students become accomplished in their chosen professions. She kept in touch with many of her students until her death.

Mrs. Becker had a great zeal for life and loved preparing and eating good food, the theatre, "Mama Mia!" was her favorite, the company of friends, animals and music.

Mrs. Becker was predeceased by her beloved husband, Hans.

She is survived by Dusty, her cherished-airedale, "the girls"

who were like daughters to her, and the many dear and treasured friends who returned to her the joy and happiness she gave so easily to others.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Mariners Inn, 445 Ledyard, Detroit, MI 48201 or the Michigan Airedale Terrier Rescue Society, 1123 Vesper, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

A private memorial service will be held.

Gloria Gelders

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gloria Gelders, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

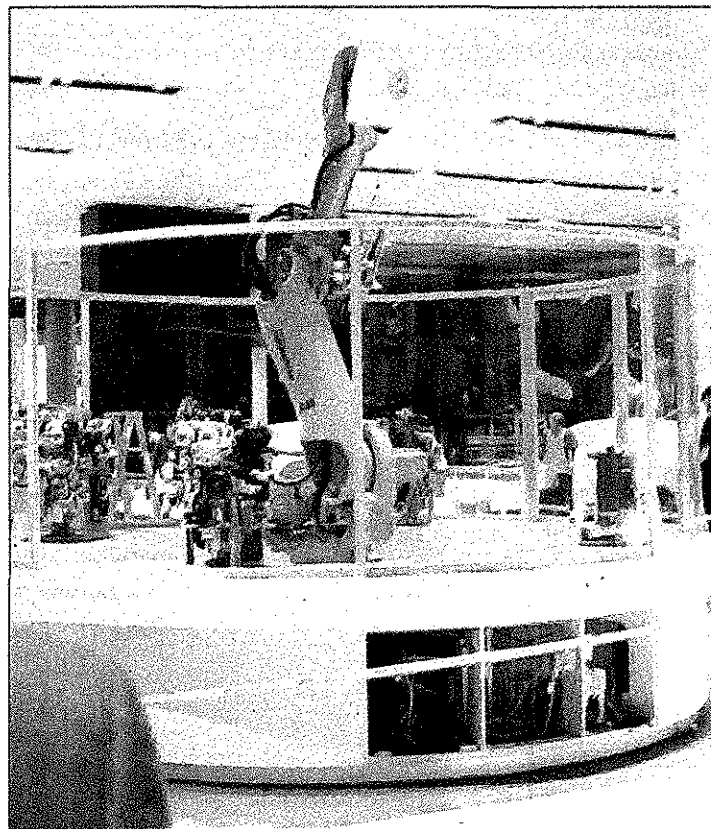
She was born Aug. 4, 1921, in Detroit to Carl and Mae Catlin. She was a homemaker who was predeceased by her husband, Henri.

Mrs. Gelders is survived by her daughter, Pat Gelders and sons, Dwight (Sue) and Douglas (Patricia).

A private service was held and interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

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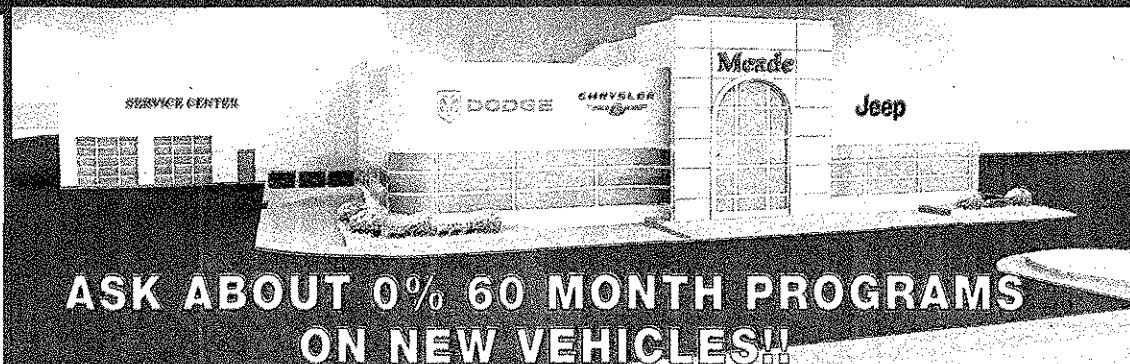
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Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.



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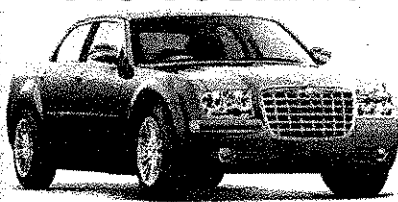
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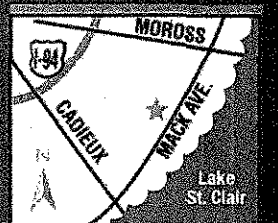
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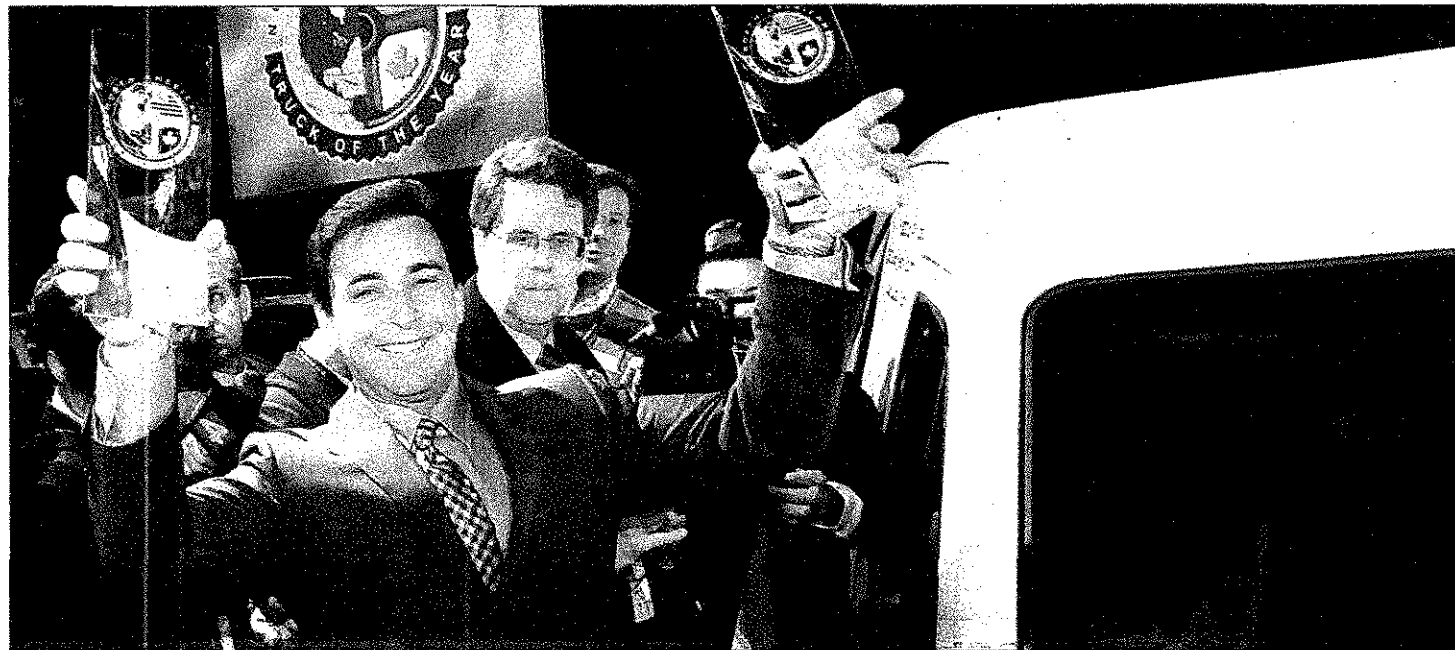
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Mark Fields, below, president, The Americas, Ford Motor Co., raises the trophies for the North American Car and Truck of the Year.



A black and white photograph of a man standing in front of a large display of vintage movie posters. The man is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark trousers. He is smiling and has his hands in his pockets. The posters behind him are arranged in a grid-like fashion. Visible titles include 'The Great Escape' (top left), 'The Longest Day' (top right), 'The Battle of Britain' (middle left), 'The Battle of Midway' (middle right), 'The Battle of the Bulge' (bottom left), and 'The Battle of the Sea' (bottom right). The posters feature various scenes from the movies, including soldiers, ships, and aircraft. The man is positioned in the center of the frame, between the 'The Battle of the Bulge' and 'The Battle of the Sea' posters.

The Michelin stand at the NAIAS features scale models of winning designs plus renderings that include the work of the CCS students.



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Car vandalized

A Grosse Pointe Park man said the passenger side window of his Chevrolet sedan was smashed sometime between 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, while parked on St. Clair south of Kercheval.

—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

Four in one

Four Grosse Pointe boys in their early teens were caught and turned over to their parents last week regarding a drug investigation.

"All juveniles are suspected to have smoked marijuana just prior to (my) contact with them," said the arresting officer.

The officer spotted the 15

and 16-year-olds at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, in a black 2002 Ford Taurus parked at St. Paul Catholic Church on Lakeshore.

"As (I) approached the vehicle, the front seat passenger (age 15, of the Park) appeared to be stuffing something down in front of him," said the officer. "A heavy odor of cologne was coming from the vehicle. The driver (age 16, of the Park) stated there was nothing inside the vehicle that (I) should be concerned about."

Nearly 10 grams of suspected marijuana was found in a backpack at the feet of the front-seat passenger.

"(The passenger) admitted to the marijuana being his" and said another passenger "might have some more," said the officer.

A search of the other passenger, a 15-year-old Park resident, turned up a glass pipe, lighter and marijuana residue, 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.

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

A faulty light fixture was the cause of a house fire on Yorkshire at 2:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4. The fire was quickly extinguished and the smoke cleared.

Larceny

A snow blower was taken from a rear porch on Lakepointe during the daytime hours Sunday, Jan. 10.

Car theft

A 2008 GMC Yukon was taken between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, from the municipal lot on Somerset and Mack.

Anniversaries

Dispatcher Jodi Kurko, 10 years; PSO Jessica Worrall, six years.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nyuck nyuck

A plumbing problem reminiscent of a Three Stooges episode was discovered during the morning of Saturday, Jan. 9, in an unoccupied house on Hawthorne.

A real estate agent asked police to investigate.

"(I) noted water coming through the first floor ceiling and light fixtures," said a patrolman. "Officers utilized the main water shut off valve in the flooded basement."

Asks for it

A 59-year-old St. Clair Shores woman learned last weekend that weaving a car without headlights from Lakeshore to northbound Vernier is a good way to get pulled over by a Shores patrolman.

The traffic stop at 9:40 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8, resulted in the woman being charged with drunken driving. She reportedly registered a .08 percent blood alcohol level.

Snow blowing

A commercial crew of snow removers was told to cool it last week on Regal Place.

Police addressed the snow-blowing complaint at 11:58 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7.

An ordinance limits the use of such machinery to between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"(The workers) stated they would comply," said a patrolman sent to the scene.

Water leak

An officer patrolling Woodland Shore noticed short-

ly after 10 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 6, water draining from a house onto the sidewalk.

The problem was a broken spigot. The officer shut off the water and arranged for a public works crew to melt ice on the sidewalk with salt.

Pipe broken

Water service to more than 10 houses on Oxford was disrupted during the morning of Friday, Jan. 8, while a repair crew tended one of the dwelling's water lines.

A public safety officer called to the scene reported finding a "substantial amount of water entering the house with sand."

Flood

A Clairview resident arrived home at about 5:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, to find a broken water pipe flooding the first-floor laundry room.

—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

Bike found

A Van K resident told police Sunday, Jan. 10, a red bicycle

had been left in her driveway. She first checked with several neighbors and no one claimed the bike.

Fishy check

The owner of a fish store on Mack reported to police a customer used a fraudulent check to purchase \$197.48 worth of items Saturday, Jan. 9.

Car impounded

When police tell a driver with three arrest warrants on his record they are impounding the car he's driving, they mean it.

Stopped for disobeying a no right on red sign, the 48-year-old Harper Woods resident was found to have a number of license suspensions, three arrest warrants and a repeat offender plate confiscation order.

The car he was driving, a 2000 Lincoln, belonged to his 47-year-old girlfriend who became irate after learning her vehicle was about to be impounded. Shortly after, the car was removed.

The Harper Woods man was arrested and released on \$1,000 bond.

—Kathy Ryan

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

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Drunk driver wrecks near school

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

Child endangerment charges are pending against a Grosse Pointe Farms man arrested last week for driving drunk and crashing his car with two children aboard two blocks from an elementary school.

"That spells it out right there," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Farms detective unit.

The 46-year-old man had more than three times the state's maximum allowable blood alcohol level when, shortly before 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, police said he careened his black Audi down Charlevoix from Kerby.

The man reportedly drove off one side of Charlevoix, then jumped the opposite curb and smashed into a house on Vendome Court.

Two children were in the backseat unhurt.

"The accident took place during the release of Kerby Elementary School and Brownell Middle School," said arresting officer Edward Wierszewski. "The area of the accident (has) heavy pedestrian travel exiting Kerby school."

The man was cited for drunken driving and two counts of child endangerment, all misdemeanors, police said.

"The car is forfeited, too," Rosati said. "He'll be able to buy it back for \$900. (His)

court appearance is probably next Wednesday."

The man reportedly registered a .261 percent blood alcohol level.

The state's legal limit is .08 percent.

The man doesn't have prior drunken driving convictions, police said.

"What surprised me is he seemed to know the routine when it came to cars being impounded and forfeited," Rosati said. "Maybe he's smart that way and dumb by way of being drunk while picking up his kids from school."

A 911 call summoned police to the scene.

Wierszewski said he arrived to find the man and a resident of the house he hit standing near the damaged car. Two "small children," one 10 and the other of unlisted age, sat inside the car, according to Wierszewski.

"(I) could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from (the man) as he spoke," Wierszewski said. "(He) denied consuming any alcohol (on) this date."

Tracks in the snow showed the car "drove over the grass median to the south of Charlevoix just east of Hamilton, then veered back to the south side of Charlevoix, hitting and driving over the curb, nearly striking a DTE (Energy) light pole," Wierszewski said.

He said the car then jumped

the north curb, hit a light pole and ran over landscaping blocks before "coming to final rest striking the south brick wall of 252 Vendome Court."

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

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget as shown below:

2010/11 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget	
1. Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$7,790
a. SOC Minor Home Repair	\$58,220
b. SOC Countywide Housing Rehab	\$30,000
2. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	\$7,790
3. Administration	\$6,200
Total	\$112,000

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Mark Wollenweber,
City Administrator

GROSSE POINTE-CLINTON REFUSE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 12, 2010	6:30 p.m.	City of Harper Woods Held at: Harper Woods Public Library 19601 Harper Avenue Harper Woods, MI 48225 (313) 343-2575
March 9, 2010	6:30 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Farms 90 Kerby Road Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 (313) 885-6600
May 11, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Clinton Township Civic Center 40700 Romeo Plank Road Clinton Township, MI 48036 (586) 286-9313
July 13, 2010	6:30 p.m.	City of Mount Clemens One Crocker Blvd. Mount Clemens, MI 48053 (586) 469-6803
September 14, 2010	6:30 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 (313) 343-2440
November 9, 2010	6:30 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Park 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313) 882-6200

For further information, please contact our General Counsel:

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The School District of the City of Harper Woods Attention: Technology Companies

The School District of the City of Harper Woods is requesting proposals for Technology Equipment with installation. The technology equipment bid specifications can be picked at the board office of the School District of Harper Woods starting Friday, January 8, 2010.

Technology Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

The School District of the City of Harper Woods
20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225

The School District of the City of Harper Woods Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Secondary Community Room located in the Harper Woods High School building at 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 2:30 p.m. on January 25, 2010. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the School District of the City of Harper Woods and be clearly marked: Technology Equipment Proposal.

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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on January 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2005 Chrysler 300	2C3JA53G05H131136
1997 Chevrolet Cavalier	1G1JF5245V7150547
1998 Dodge Caravan	1B4GP44G3WB762970
1992 Ford Taurus	1FALP54Y5NA218190
1991 Plymouth Acclaim	1P3XA46KXMF704771
1993 Pontiac Grand Prix	1G2WH54T5PF7313688
1993 Chevrolet Van	2GDHG31K2P4511234
1994 Pontiac Grand Am	1G2NW15M3RC814598
1994 Buick LeSabre	1G4HR52L2RH434346
1992 Cadillac Seville	1G6KS53B5NU838346
1994 Ford Escort	1FARP15J1RW169874
1997 Ford Crown Victoria	2FALP71W4VX170185
2000 Chrysler Cirrus	1C3EJ46X9YN246868
1996 Ford Taurus	1FALP52U3TG132046
1998 Ford F150 Pick-up	2FTDF15Y1KC856838
1995 Chevrolet Lumina	2G1WL52M8S1181458
1998 Buick Regal	2G4WF5210W1532255
1989 Chevrolet Van	1GBEG25H5K7149837
1996 Dodge Neon	1B3ES27CXTD716205
1993 Cadillac Deville	1G6CD53B2P4252334
2000 Ford Explorer	1FMYU70EXYU65384
1977 Ford LTD	7H32H246303
1992 Mercury Marquis	2MECM74W8NX617761

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

**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
Notice of Availability
of Library Board Trustee Positions**

Four vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of June 30, 2010 at the end of the regular term of office of those trustees representing Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods and the At Large Representative which can come from any of the Pointes or Harper Woods but is appointed by Harper Woods. Each position is for a four (4) year term (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2014). Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Letters of Interest should be sent to the following:
City of Grosse Pointe representative: Attn: City Clerk at City Hall, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe MI 48230.
City of Harper Woods (portion of Harper Woods that is in the Grosse Pointe School District.): Submit letters of interest to the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Secretary of the Library Board, Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236.

At Large Representative: can be from any of the Pointes and the portion of Harper Woods that is in the Grosse Pointe School District. Send letters to the Grosse Pointe Public Library. See address above.

Grosse Pointe Farms: Attn: City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236.
Deadline is Feb. 1, 2010

Letters of interest (excluding Grosse Pointe Farms) must be submitted no later than **February 26, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.**

An application for Harper Woods and the At Large Representative are available at the library's web site: www.gp.lib.mi.us under Library Board.

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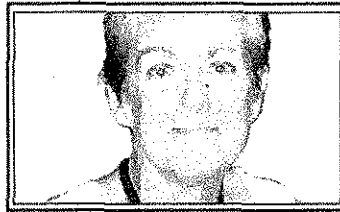
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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2010 Buick LaCrosse was one of three finalists nominated for the 2010 North American Car of the Year award.

Buick LaCrosse approaches perfection



Someone has been listening to the wailing in the desert — the team who put together the 2010 Buick LaCrosse has responded with solutions to criticisms of earlier products. A simple example: The

dard equipment. It had a base price of slightly more than \$33,000. A touring package option with 19-inch wheels and an upgraded suspension was another \$800. An audio system with navigation and backup camera added another \$1,995.

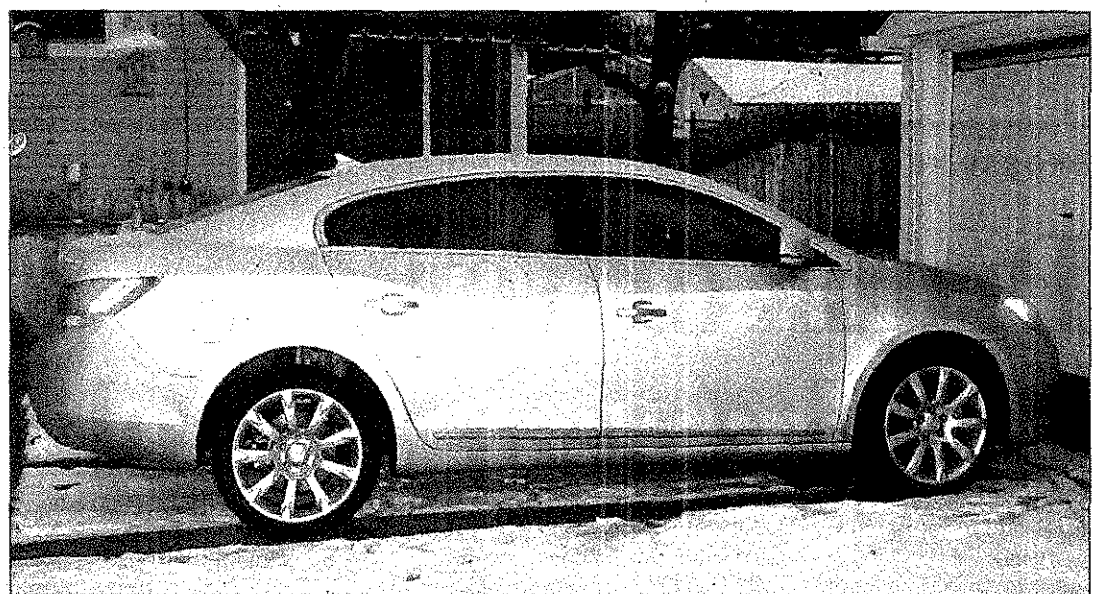
Ultrasonic Rear Park assist is standard on the CXS. It sends beeps as the rear bumper approaches an immovable object. That object apparently must be of a certain height to be detected. There were no beeps as we

els feature a six-speed Hydra-Matic automatic transmission.

In terms of fuel economy, the 2.4-liter four is champ, with an average 20 miles per gallon city and 30 mpg highway.

The all-wheel drive LaCrosse with 3.0-liter V-6 was the thirstiest: 16 miles per gallon city and 25 miles per gallon highway. It's the heaviest, with a curb weight of 4,199 pounds to haul around.

Standard equipment on all



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

With its famous portholes atop the hood of the sedan, the 2010 Buick LaCrosse combines its legendary comfort and quality with 21st century styling.

smart key fob that allows the driver to start the car without putting an actual key in the ignition, now prompts several toots on the horn if the car is turned off, the driver's door closed and the fob left unattended.

That, alas, is a mistake we made more than once, having been reared with cars that had ignition keys easier to pocket than to

abandon on the front passenger's seat. Or worse, between the seats.

And check out the navigation system. This one is so well-informed it delineates approaching freeway exits and notes the distance to each.

The reverse camera makes average or even failed parallel parkers absolute pros. This system goes into action when the transmission is put in reverse.

On your information screen you will see a fairly wide field behind the LaCrosse.

You also will see a clever red-line diagram that shows your car. It turns as you turn the wheel, it bends, and with any luck, you will ease into a curb parking place with no scratches, few delays and little sweat.

A word of caution: If the rear window is obscured by snow or ice or is fogged over, the camera will not give a clear picture, though it will continue to outline the car.

The camera's projected image won't always tell all. We managed to rather neatly back up over a low curb in a parking area with walks or grassy areas in place of a wide-open entry. Snow-covered, it was not obviously a chunk of cement.

The test LaCrosse was a 2010 CXS, a top-of-the-line model with a 280-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 plus copious stan-



A blue ambient light sweeps across the instrument panel and also subtly lights door handles and window controls throughout the new LaCrosse.

glided up and over the low curb mentioned above.

We have long wondered why the majority of test vehicles have been among the most expensive models marketed by the various manufacturers.

The obvious reason has little to do with how the test driver might actually order such a car or truck.

It's more likely a rolling showcase for the various improved driving systems, luxury comfort levels and the latest in safety and convenience equipment.

So while we're not keen on navigation systems — primarily because we think we know better ways to get where we want to go, even when we're not really sure where that might be — we were impressed with all the information the one in the 2010 LaCrosse provided.

The 2010 LaCrosse family includes CX, CXL and CSX models.

The CX comes with a standard 182-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine and has a starting price of \$27,835. The CXL features the larger 3.0-liter V-6, which develops 255 horsepower — a little less with the all-wheel drive option — and has a base price of \$30,395 (\$32,570 with all-wheel drive).

The \$33,765 CXS is equipped with a 3.6-liter V-6 — 280-horsepower. All mod-

els is impressive and includes heated outside rearview mirrors, XM Radio capability, stability and traction control, the six-speed automatic transmission and some very subtle and attractive blue ambient lighting.

The interior lighting also marks door handles and power window switches and relieves a lot of guesswork on these long, dark winter nights.

Options on the mid-range CXL comprise heated leather-trimmed seats, remote start and dual-zone air conditioning.

The CXS has much the same choice plus a premium sound.

The 2010 Buick LaCrosse is assembled at the Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kan.

Buick says chief competitors include the Acura TL, Toyota Avalon, Lincoln MKZ, Toyota Camry and Lexus ES350.

One last kudo for the LaCrosse:

Rear-seat passengers will be treated to an amazing amount of room — perhaps more than for those perched up front.

There is excellent access to the rear seat and enough leg room to accommodate a buffalo lap robe. You won't need it.

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