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THURSDAY, DEC. 30

- ◆ Services for Older Citizens is closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city offices are closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods are rubbish on schedule.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

- New Year's Eve*
- ◆ The 41st annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk begins with a children's one mile fun run/walk at 3:30 p.m. on Belle Isle. The 5km race walk and 5km run begins at 4 p.m. To register, visit BelleIsleFundRun.com. Registration fee is \$30.
 - ◆ City of Grosse Pointe municipal building is closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building is closed.
 - ◆ No rubbish pick up in Grosse Pointe Shores.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city hall is closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city hall is closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe News office is closed.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city offices closed.
 - ◆ Lake Front Park closes at 4 p.m.
 - ◆ Many U.S. Postal Service offices close at 3 p.m.
 - ◆ Fort Street post office is open until 5 p.m.
 - ◆ All Grosse Pointe Public Libraries close at 5 p.m.
 - ◆ Services for Older Citizens closed.

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Happy New Year

MONDAY, JAN. 3

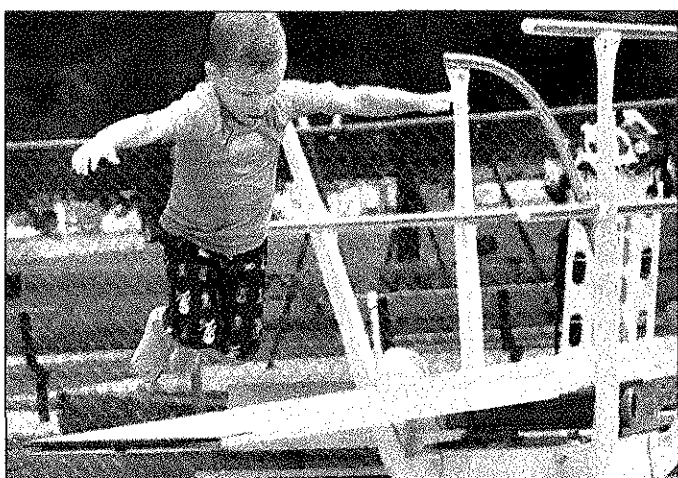
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city hall is closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public Schools resume.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

- ◆ The book, "Home," by Marilynne Robinson is the topic of the 1st Tuesday Book Discussion Group at 2:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 209.
- ◆ A sing-a-long is from noon to 1 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Bring on 2011



Projects galore for Woods in new year

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A new city administrator took over in Grosse Pointe Woods, and his first order of business was to contain costs while keeping city services at a level residents have come to expect. Several projects that took shape in 2010 will carry over into 2011, including a proposed senior housing development on Cook Road and an enforced ban on neon lighting for businesses on Mack.

January

- Albert "Skip" Fincham was named the new director of public safety, replacing Mike Makowski who retired in December. Fincham had previously been with the City of Grosse Pointe.
- The 14-acre site that once was the Childrens Home of Detroit has been put on the market by its current owner, Starr Commonwealth of Albion. A price has not been established, but will be determined with the buyer, but will be fair market value, according to Starr's spokesman. The property at 900 Cook Road has been vacant since the Childrens Home closed in November 2008.
- Coyotes continued to be a problem, with several small dogs being attacked.
- A husband and wife burglary team was arrested and charged with a home invasion on Bournemouthe. Police believe the couple is responsible for several home invasions in Macomb County in the past four to



In July, a new clock and landscaping project in front of city hall was unveiled. The work was the first major project for the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Foundation.

five months.

- The Woods city council agreed to approve a \$2 million water reservoir project at the Public Works yard on Parkway. The money for the project, including a 500,000 gallon water tank, a pumping station and site work, will come from the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund.
- Ted Metry was sworn in as the new municipal court judge.

February

- The family of missing Woods resident Joann Matouk Romain urged anyone with information to contact police. Romain disappeared Jan. 12 from in front of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The family has hired a private investigator to help with the search.
- The stop sign removal program ended, with 38 signs at 23 intersections being removed. The final sign to

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Dispatch talks under way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Discussions about how to cut municipal costs by sharing public safety dispatch duties is on the agenda of the five Grosse Pointes, although the rumored elimination next month of the Shores dispatch department is unfounded.

Scuttlebutt is the Shores dispatch center at city hall would shut down Jan. 1.

Yet, the prospect of the Shores reducing expenses by doling out its dispatch duties to another municipality has been discussed for months by the city council.

"The city council has given me direction, based on the budget passed, to work toward dispatch consolidation or purchasing dispatch services from another Grosse Pointe," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

The annual municipal budget Vick referred to was balanced months ago on the prospect of future cost savings and service reductions, including the consolidation of dispatcher duties.

"We're working towards that," Vick said. "There's no official agreement with any single or collective group right now."

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Shores' year packed with action

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In his mayoral address during the last city council meeting of 2010, James Cooper summarized the ending year in Grosse Pointe Shores and previewed some things to come.

"The effects of our national and state economy continue to place tremendous pressure on all local communities," Cooper said during December's council meeting. "Grosse Pointe Shores is not immune. Issues brought on by declining home values influence our ability to maintain a stable revenue stream."

How to provide essential municipal services while property values and, consequently, property tax revenues continue to drop will be discussed at city hall throughout the months to come, Cooper added.

Fallout from the recession dominated municipal business from start to finish in 2010.

The acme of hometown political battles, however, came with a recall campaign against the mayor and four members of the city council.

Cooper plus Council members

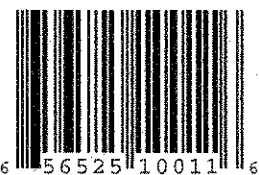
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A look back

Students at Mair Elementary School held a week-long coin drive in February, collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in a 5-gallon jug to donate to UNICEF for relief efforts in Haiti. The students raised more than \$1,000 for earthquake victims, which they took to a Coin Star machine at Kroger in the Village of Grosse Pointe. See page 1A II for a look back at 2010 in the schools.



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The year in review

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come down was at Sunningdale and Morningside.

■ Woods police are dealing with a rash of thefts from unlocked cars. Police believe only one person is responsible. Items taken range from cash to clothes to navigation systems.

■ The Grosse Pointe Historical Commission accepted a grant of \$2,400 from Grosse Pointe Questers, with funds earmarked to restore the floor of the Cook School House.

■ A coyote was trapped at Lochmoor Club in a snare trap set by the Varmint Police. The professional trapper was hired as a joint effort between Woods and Shores officials to curb the coyote population.

■ A program to install new water meters in homes and businesses could begin in July as part of an overhaul of the city's water system infrastructure.

March

■ The body of missing Woods resident Joann Matouk Romain was found in Canadian waters near Boblo Island. Romain was last seen Jan. 12 near St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

■ There has been no more coyote activity at Lochmoor Club since a coyote was trapped there in February. Evidence suggests that the pack of coyotes that had been there have pulled up stakes and moved on.

■ Mayor Robert Novitke participated in the annual Mayors for Meals initiative sponsored by the national Meals on Wheels program.

April

■ Mark Wollenweber, city administrator for the past six years, announced his retirement, effective June 30.

■ Plans for a \$36 million senior housing development on Cook Road were presented to the Woods Planning Commission. The plans call for 40 single-story detached condos, a three-story independent living facility, a three-story assisted living facility and a three-story nursing home, all to be built on the 14-acre site that once was the Children's Home of Detroit.

■ Woods officials announced major changes in retiree health care benefits, a move that could save the city \$70,000 per year.

■ The city's director of public safety asked for residents' help in reducing crimes of opportunity, especially car break-ins when valuables are left in clear sight.

May

■ The city's Assessor's Office will be downsized, and the city's assessor will be re-



City administrator Mark Wollenweber announced his retirement after six years at the helm.

placed with a contract employee.

■ Three stolen cars, seven juveniles, two guys named Smiley and Tilo and one high-speed chase made for a wild night for public safety officers from the Shores and the Woods. Several juveniles were taken into custody.

■ Police warned residents to be on the look out for missing storm drain covers. Nine were

reported missing, causing danger to bike riders and joggers who could trip and fall as the result of an open catch basin. New grates, at a cost of \$129, are being installed as soon as possible.

June

■ Three Public Safety officers were honored for saving the life of a 24-year-old who had gone into cardiac arrest. Officers Walter Galat, James Quincy Lefurgey and James Arthur received written commendations from PSO director Al Fincham.

July

■ Officials are meeting to discuss mutual aid pacts after Harper Woods requested Woods and Farms officers function as first responders if they lay off fire personnel as scheduled. Woods officials believe it goes beyond the idea of a mutual aid pact.

■ A clock, the first project from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Foundation, was dedicated July 18. The clock, a

flower garden and decorative benches are in front of the city hall complex on Mack.

■ With unpaid fines totaling nearly \$600,000, Woods officials have announced they will be hiring a collection agency to go after those who have not paid fines and other court ordered payments.

■ A suspect in a carjacking on Mack was arrested. Vincenzo Perry, 31, was arraigned in 39th District Court in Roseville on similar charges.

August

■ New security measures are being put in place at Lake Front Park after a 7-year-old is the victim of an adult male exposing himself in a park locker room.

■ Angry residents told the Woods Planning Commission exactly what they thought about a proposed cell phone tower being built at the city's DPW yard on Parkway. Citing health issues and declining property values, the residents urged the commission to deny

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Emergency billing passes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A new ordinance raising the bar on recovering the costs of providing municipal emergency services goes beyond general property taxes and taps individual users of police and fire protection.

"I've looked through a number of city ordinances in Michigan," said Mark McInerney, corporate counsel for Grosse Pointe Shores. "This new proposed ordinance may be one of the more aggressive ones."

The ordinance passed a nearly unanimous Shores city council this month.

The 6-1 vote, with Councilman Dan Schulte against, capped a year during which declining property values and municipal revenue were part of almost every decision, including a recall effort against the mayor and four council members prompted the year before by a 1-mill tax increase.

"Given the challenges we face, its time to be more aggressive on these things," McInerney said.

Cost recovery ordinance No. 254 builds upon existing municipal regulations letting the Shores bill for the prosecution of drunken drivers, enforcement of personal protection orders and clean up hazardous material spills.

"(This) ordinance will somewhat broaden the area in which we will be able to pursue recovery of costs: basically emergency responses that require police, fire or public works to respond to emergency situations," McInerney said. "We will reserve the right to attempt to be reimbursed for the cost of those services."

An "emergency response" is defined in the ordinance as "the provision/utilization of environmental removal and/or cleanup, fire fighting, emergency medical, crowd control, investigatory or rescue services ... including resuscitator and emergency extrication services, to the scene of a fire, accident, utility emergency, hazardous material release, arson, or other emergency situation."

"There are circumstances that were not covered in the previous ordinance," said City Manager Brian Vick. "This is purely to address those types of situations."

Neither Vick, McInerney nor Mayor James Cooper foresee residents being billed directly for such things as public safety officers putting out a house fire.

"In the past, when a house caught fire or an ambulance run took place, the resident has not been back-charged for that," Vick said.

"That person's homeowners insurance would probably cov-

er it," McInerney said. "Our practice has been not to go to our residents for the uncovered portion," McInerney said.

"I don't think this new ordinance changes any of the ways we do business currently with our residents," said Mayor James Cooper.

Still, the ordinance breaks new ground.

"There's not a lot of case law out there saying what we can and can't do," McInerney said. "There are a number of times we have traffic accidents and our police have incurred costs to deal with those. We would like to go after those responsible and/or their insurance companies to reimburse our costs."

The ordinance also targets utility companies.

"If a power line goes down, we don't fix the power line, but we often have to protect the scene until Edison shows up and fixes it," McInerney said. "That's a cost we will attempt to pass on to Edison."

Nonpayment is a civil infraction.

"It allows us to go to court to try to enforce our rights," McInerney said.

"I think it's unjust," said Schulte, the lone dissenter. "It's totally unfair to residents. I have always looked at Grosse Pointe Shores as a place where maybe we paid higher taxes, but it was a 'pay one price ride all day' policy."

Billing residents a separate price for individual services violates precedent, according to Schulte.

He said, "We didn't want to get into an a la cart type pricing for rubbish pickup, where people who want door-side service have to pay extra because that's not the way thing go here. Yet, that's exactly what this ordinance does."

Councilman Ted Kedzierski, head of the finance committee and mayor pro tem, supported the ordinance with certain reservations.

He'd like the measure amended to let parties being billed beyond \$2,500 appeal to the city council.

"Suing someone involves a lot of discretion," said Kedzierski.

"My concern is we're putting all that discretion in the hands of one person, the city manager."

"In most of these circumstances, we'd rather not (go) after our own residents for some of these costs," McInerney said. "We spend a lot of costs in this community. It would be good if we could share those costs with those responsible."

Kedzierski, an attorney, said the ordinance must be enforced even-handed, resident or not.

"The ordinance can't be applied in an arbitrary or capricious basis or it needs to be removed," he said.

Michigan's brain drain

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's unlikely anyone knows who was the first person to bail out of Michigan during the first decade of the new millennium, but its a safe bet Jennifer Stocking was one of the last.

Stocking, a 26-year-old MBA holder with a modicum of temporary accounting experience, was discouraged about not finding a meaningful career path in Michigan. So, she left her parents' home a few months ago in Grosse Pointe Woods for a cold-turkey job hunt in Denver.

Now, 1,300 miles away, two time zones west and one mile up, Stocking's employed in her

field of choice.

She's also emblematic of Michigan's population drop and brain drain during the state's lost decade as revealed in the 2010 Census.

Michigan is the only state in the union to lose population during the last 10 years.

"People are going to where the jobs are," said Andrew Richner, a University of Michigan regent and resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "Public universities in Michigan are highly regarded world-wide. We get really smart people come to Michigan to be educated. What's frustrating is even those from Michigan look for greener pastures elsewhere."

The population loss speaks poorly about Michigan's ability to retain talent.

"We've had a tough time in Michigan in the past 10 years or more," said Timothy Bledsoe, taking time off for teaching at Wayne State University while serving a second term as the Pointes' Democrat voice in the state House of Representatives. "The auto industry has gone through a tremendous working out.

"The question is whether we'll start doing the things to bounce back and pull ourselves to prosperity."

"We need to encourage more economic activity in the state to create job opportunities for

our graduates," said Richner, the Pointes' three-term Republican state representative during the late 1990s and early 2000s.

"I'm hearing things from the governor-elect that are encouraging," Bledsoe said. "I think we've hit bottom and are on our way back."

Bledsoe, known in Lansing for working with members of both political parties, said Governor-elect Rick Snyder seems to be surrounding himself with good people.

"I'm eager to be a part of how things unfold," Bledsoe said. "I'm the kind of moderate Democrat who will be able to work with a moderate Republican like Rick Snyder."

Census now, redistricting comes next

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michigan's legislative map will be redrawn to conform with population changes documented in the recent national census.

The size of state and federal districts must be adjusted to equalize their numbers of constituents in keeping with democratic principles, including one man, one vote.

"As a result of general population growth throughout the country, the average size of a Congressional district is going to go from about 670,000 to about 710,000," said state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

For the second decade in a row, census results mean that Michigan must give up one of its Congressional seats. The number of Michigan congressmen drops to 14 due to the state losing 54,804 residents since 2000, according to the 2010 Census released last week.

"As our state population de-

clines, it will be a matter of splitting our state population by one fewer seat," Bledsoe said.

Redistricting is done by members of the state Senate and House, both of which are ruled by Republicans come 2011.

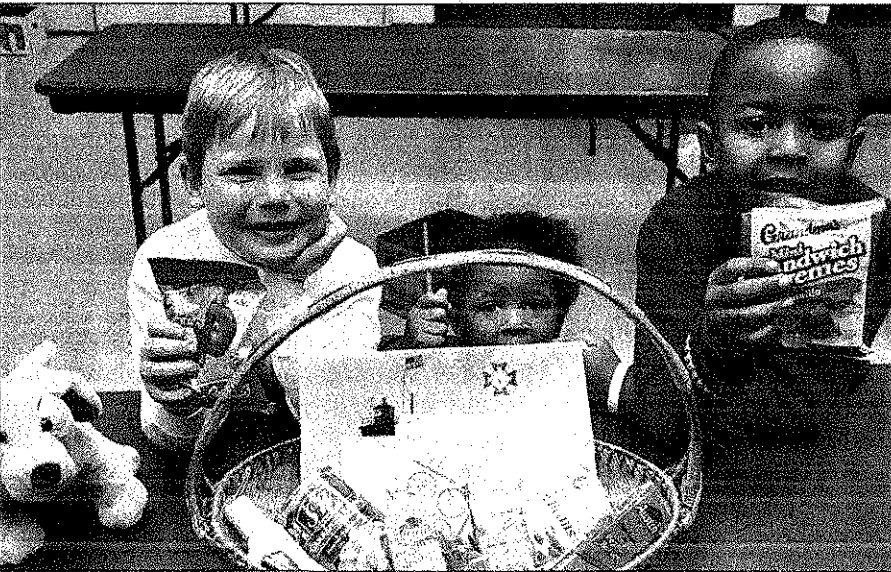
"When it comes to redistricting, it is strictly partisan politics," Bledsoe said. "No sentimentality at all. It's the way the system works."

"There are fundamental principles that need attention when redistricting," said Andrew Richner, the Pointes' Republican state representative during reapportionment resulting from the 2000 Census.

Richner headed the Republican policy committee on redistricting. He sponsored the redistricting bill, a copy of which signed by Gov. John Engler hangs in his downtown Detroit law office.

"State laws require districts to be contained within jurisdiction."

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Christmas baskets

At top right, German interns Miriam Hardeweg and Patrick Henkel were among the volunteers at Services for Older Citizens assembling more than 300 baskets to be delivered to senior citizens. At right, Brownie Troop 74770 from Ferry and Trombly elementary schools took time to fill small baskets. From left, Sydney Brumme, Ashley Sexton, Abby Wilson, Katelin Gloster, Mariah Loper, Paige Irrer, Jenna Buckman, Dylan Cardinale, Maggie Dollar and Zoe Craig. Above, Paul Wilson, Lauren Loper and Gabriel Loper fill baskets with goldfish crackers, cookies and a pencil.



TALKS: Rumors fly before meeting of chiefs and managers

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Some Shores dispatchers have gotten wind their duties are about to be contracted to Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We had talks early on with the Shores about combining their dispatch services with ours and physically locating them here in the Woods," said Skip Fincham, Woods public safety director and city administrator. "Those talks have discontinued. We haven't talked to them in months about that."

Fincham believes the best cost-saving scenario for the entire community is for all five Pointes to centralize dispatch centers into one unit.

"In a perfect world, we all should be one consolidated dispatch center," Fincham said. "The problem is: where is it going to be located; how do we address walk-in reports; how do we address prisoners?"

Those and other questions may be answered next month when Pointe city managers and public safety chiefs meet on the subject.

"I was told the city managers want to talk to us," said Dave Hiller, Park public safety director.

Hiller heard on the jungle telegraph that Shores dispatch is combining with the Farms, not the Woods.

No, said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. He heard the Shores is partnering with the Park, not the Farms nor Woods.

Jensen has concerns about consolidating services.

"Bigger is not always better," he said. "You will lose personal

touches that our residents have grown accustomed to and even expect. But, given tough times, we'd be foolish not to look at every available option out there. That's something the city managers would be doing."

In the City of Grosse Pointe, Chief James Fox looks forward to meeting with city managers.

"They're supposedly going to present something to us," Fox said.

"Then," added Jensen, "we'd advise them how it could be done."

Michigan wins biggest loser

Michigan had the only population loss during the last decade, but it isn't the only state losing a Congressional seat.

Other states losing one voice in Congress are Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, according to the 2010 Census.

New York and Ohio lose two seats each.

"We're the only state to lose population, but here are several other states losing delegates to the U.S. House of Representatives," said state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

"The upper Midwest and Northeast states are steadily losing population to states in the South," Bledsoe added. "To a lesser degree, the West is growing by leaps and bounds."

Total U.S. population in-

creased 9.7 percent during the 10-year census period to 308,745,538, more than double the national total in 1950.

Michigan's .6 percent population decline translates into one less person per square mile, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce media web site.

Texas gains four seats in Congress due to a nearly 4.3 million population increase, the most of any state during the decade covered by the census.

Nevada gained the most people, percentage-wise, up 35.1 percent.

California became the most populous state (37,253,956), Vermont the least (625,741), New Jersey the densest, (1,195.5 per square mile) and Alaska the least (1.2).

—Brad Lindberg

ACTION: From a failed recall to an upcoming centennial celebration

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Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani survived a recall election, prompted by opposition the year before to a 1-mill property tax increase.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hunt and Councilman Fred Minturn, who headed the municipal finance committee, resigned prior to the recall.

Appointed to fill their seats were David Galbenski and Brian Geraghty.

Councilman Ted Kedzierski, elected last year with another newcomer, Dan Schulte, became mayor pro tem and finance committee chairman.

"We worked through a recall, approved (this fiscal year's) budget without raising the tax rate, and made significant strides in our general fund balance," Cooper said.

Done

Municipal business completed this year included:

- ◆ resurfacing Vernier, Moorland and Crestwood; while the county's renovation

of Lakeshore from Vernier to Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms went smoothly,

- ◆ months of wrangling over whether to break away from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department ended with signing a long-term contract with the department at rates deemed better than buying drinking water from Grosse Pointe Farms,
- ◆ legal, auditing and insurance contracts were out for bid, resulting in hiring three new firms,
- ◆ the harbor committee, chaired by Geraghty, was expanded to include matters relating to the park system as a whole,
- ◆ the employee sick bank policy was curtailed as a cost-saving move,
- ◆ a "blue ribbon" committee of resident volunteers, with Galbenski serving as council liaison, was formed and tasked with advising city leaders on specific matters relating to saving operating costs.

"I'm thankful residents continue to volunteer their time and talents when asked,"

Cooper said.

A December actuarial report revealed new assumptions in non-union employee benefits enacted by the council resulted in the city making a lower pension contribution, according to Cooper.

"Our pension consultant's executive summary shows that for the past two-, three- and five-year periods, our total pension fund results were well ahead of expectations," Cooper said.

A nearly year-long lobbying effort in Lansing paid off with legislation signed into law during the lame-duck session allowing Shores voters to participate in the election of their municipal judge. The seat is shared with Grosse Pointe Woods.

The legislative package, introduced by state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, received full backing in both chambers of the Capitol.

"Unanimous support by both the Senate and the House was an early Christmas gift and a nice way to finish 2010 on high

note," Cooper said.

To do

Year 2011 starts in a couple days.

"2011 will be a very special year in many ways," Cooper said.

The Shores centennial celebration is scheduled for July 8-10.

"Details of events and activities commemorating our 100-year birthday will be forthcoming," Cooper said. "It's going to be a lot of fun. We want everyone to participate."

Next year is an election year.

"This time, terms of office will change to four years for mayor and the top-three council positions, with the next three council positions remaining a two-year term," Cooper said. "In 2013, those three council positions will be up again. The top three vote-getters will be elected to four-year terms."

Thereafter, regularly-scheduled elections are held every two years for half of the council. All seats will carry four-year terms.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Peter Donaldson M.D. served as team doctor for the U.S. men's sled hockey team at the 2010 Paralympic Games. Attending every practice and game, he was there for the team's gold medal performance.

Mending and minding the team



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER DONALDSON

Grosse Pointe Park resident Peter Donaldson M.D. served as a team physician for the gold-medal winning men's sled hockey team at the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Games. For two weeks, Donaldson immersed himself with the team in his volunteer capacity.

By Karen Fontanive
Staff writer

Aside from professional athletes, few people are able to make a living based on their childhood sports passion.

However, that is exactly what Peter Donaldson did.

The Grosse Pointe Park physician, who played hockey as a child and still plays in a local men's league, served as team physician for the gold-medal winning U.S. sled hockey team at the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver last March.

"Theirs are inspirational stories. All (of the athletes) overcame something major and it's inspiring," said Donaldson.

Donaldson's path to the Paralympic games started in Grosse Pointe.

The Grosse Pointe Farms native attended the Grosse Pointe Academy, Cranbrook Schools, Boston College and Wayne State University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Emory University in Atlanta, then served as assistant chief of emergency medicine at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine.

A sports medicine fellowship at Providence Hospital led to his current position as a staff member at the Michigan Orthopaedic Institute where he specializes in sports-related injuries for athletes and other active individuals.

In addition to his patients, Donaldson has experience working with athletes at Oakland University, Madonna University and as the team physician for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. Currently, he serves as the team physician for both the football and hockey teams at

University Liggett School.

"I always had an interest in the Olympics," said Donaldson, who cites the 1980 Olympic gold-medal winning USA hockey team as a major influence. "That was a big deal for me."

To parlay that interest into serving as a team physician for an Olympic sport has taken time and commitment.

"I had to apply, then probably didn't hear for two years," said Donaldson, of the process to become an Olympic physician.

When he was accepted, he was assigned to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. For two weeks, he worked with Olympic athletes preparing for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"When you first come out and work, you are assessed by staff and coaches for your medical abilities as well as your ability to communicate with athletes and coaches and work under pressure," Donaldson said.

While it was too late to work at the Beijing Olympics, he was included in a pool of physicians able to serve as team doctors for future Olympic games and associated activities.

Two years later, Donaldson was tapped to be the team doctor for the U.S. sled hockey team at the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Games.

Sled hockey players use a single-blade sled. All of the players have some type of lower extremity issue.

One player was a talented well-body player who incurred a back injury being checked in to the boards. While he is able to walk, he cannot skate and his gait is different due to the injury. Other players are amputees.

"It's long hours, a lot of work,

"Theirs are inspirational stories. All overcame something major and it's inspiring."

PETER DONALDSON, M.D.
Grosse Pointe Park

but it's the Olympics and the Paralympic games are one of the most inspiring events," Donaldson said. "These athletes overcame a lot of obstacles. It's a neat thing to be a part of. You want all these guys to win the gold. Whatever it takes to help them achieve that."

Donaldson attended every team practice and game. He truly was embedded with the team staying in the same facilities and eating meals with athletes and staff. And after rink duty was done, he was in the medical clinic in the Olympic village and always on call.

"Rib fracture, sprains, strains, contusions — no one was seriously injured," Donaldson said.

This past summer Donaldson spent two weeks at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., again focusing on hockey.

While Donaldson enjoys working with the Olympics, he admits it puts extra demands on his wife, Laurie; children, Kobe, Kingsley and Lexie; and patients, when he leaves for Olympic duty.

Will he continue to work with Olympians?

There's a gleam in his eye saying this is something extra special. A dream come true for the boy mesmerized by that 1980 Olympic hockey team.

"I'll evaluate each opportunity as it comes," he admits coyly.



Donaldson enjoys his rinkside view. As team physician for the men's sled hockey team he attended every practice and game. The team won the gold medal. His responsibilities also included serving in the Olympic Village clinic and serving as an on-call physician.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Ambulance hit

A 25-year-old Harper Woods man faces multiple charges for his alleged hit-and-run of a Beaumont Hospital ambulance at 2:39 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, on East Jefferson near Washington.

The man, arrested by Harper Woods police at his house in the 20200 block of Anita, also is accused of hitting a tree on Edgemere in the Farms.

"(He) admitted he had been at a party drinking, that he was driving the vehicle and that he knew he had an accident with another vehicle," said a Harper Woods patrolman.

City officers recovered broken pieces of the man's blue 2002 Honda Accord from the nearly head-on wreck on East Jefferson. Farms police found more car parts littering Edgemere.

Harper Woods authorities investigated the man upon receiving a 5:20 a.m. report of the Accord parked for more than an hour on Anita with its lights on and a door open.

—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

Cars B&E'd

Two vehicles parked in the rear lot of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church were broken into between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24. Unknown thieves broke into the vehicles by smashing side

windows.

The owners of one vehicle reported the theft of a wireless Blackberry Storm and factory-installed radio navigation system worth a combined \$2,400.

Nothing was missing from the second vehicle.

Account tapped

A Farms man last week closed his checking account and canceled credit cards upon learning someone had fraudulently withdrawn \$9,900 from his bank account.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

False alarm

Firefighters halted their run at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, to a house in the 1000 block of Lakeshore upon learning there wasn't an emergency.

"(The resident) stated she was baking a pie that had run over and burned inside the oven," said a public safety officer.

Gas leak

Shortly before 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, public safety dispatchers received several complaints of a strong odor of natural gas in the area of Lakeshore and Fontana Lane.

MichCon and DTE Energy emergency repair crews were contacted to make repairs.

Main breaks

The public works department was informed shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, of a water main break on Fairford.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire runs

On Monday, Dec. 20, at 10:45 p.m. a house fire was reported in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield. On arrival, officers found the southeast corner of the first and second floors fully engulfed. A second and third alarm were called. There was extensive fire and smoke damage to the house. The cause of the fire was a pot left on the stove in the kitchen.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 9:30 a.m., a fire was reported in the second-floor bedroom in a house in the 1000 block of Bishop. The homeowner was able to extinguish the fire which was confined to a mattress. Children playing with fire caused the alarm.

Copper theft

For the second time time in less than a month, a vacant house in the 1300 block of Balfour was entered and copper piping removed. The theft took place sometime between Dec. 11 and Dec. 20. It appears a key was used to enter the house, as there were no signs of forced entry in either instance.

Christmas cheer

Several 911 calls alerted police to a large disturbance taking place in the 1000 block of Maryland at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25. Upon arrival, officers found a large group of people fighting and otherwise being disorderly. Two people were arrested, one for felonious assault with a baseball bat, one for assaulting a police officer. A vehicle that left the scene was later impounded for not being properly licensed or registered.

Arrests

Park police assisted an A.C.T.I.O.N. unit at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the arrest of two Detroit residents who were under surveillance for driving a stolen car. When Park police arrived to assist, the car took off from Mack and Buckingham and was pursued by police to Gratiot and Harper where the stolen vehicle lost control and struck two other vehicles. Three suspects fled on foot and police were able to apprehend two. The third suspect has been identified and efforts are being made to arrest

him. The suspects admitted they were in the area to steal another vehicle.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Flour power

An ongoing dispute between two business owners in the 21000 block of Mack led to one of the owners being arrested at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, for disturbing the peace. According to police, one owner tried to return a bag of flour he had borrowed several weeks ago and when he entered the other business, he was told to leave. Before he left, he threw the bag of flour to the floor, and, according to the report, "the force from the flour thrown down caused the flour to mushroom cloud effect resulting in the east section of the shop to be covered in flour." Both proprietors were advised to cease contact with each other and were advised that any business owner or employee who sets foot in the other's establishment will be arrested for trespassing.

Scrambled

Two cars parked at a house on Torrey Road at 8:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, were egged by an unknown person. One car suffered paint damage, the other scratches.

Christmas cheer

A Blaimoor Court resident reported to police at 2:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, that a rock was thrown through her kitchen window. Just prior, a resident of the house said the doorbell had rung three different times, and each time no one was at the door. Then they heard a loud crash, and found a large rock had been thrown through the window. Police found footprints in the snow from a Nike brand shoe, and a neighbor reported seeing a white van in the area.

Items removed

The rear door of a house on Aline was forced open and several items were removed on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

—Kathy Ryan

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

WOODS: The year in review

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AT&T's request to build the 100 foot tower.

■ Woods officials rehired the parking meter enforcement officer they had laid off earlier in the year after registering a significant decline in revenue. Residents are advised to keep parking meter change handy.

■ The city will now allow alcohol to be served at private events held at the Community Center.

Boddy resigned from the council. She will be moving with her family to China where her husband will serve as Business Development director for Lear Corporation.

■ Skip Fincham was officially named city administrator. He will also serve as director of Public Safety.

■ An electrical problem in the kitchen is suspected as the cause of a four-alarm fire at a house on Thorn Tree Drive.

October

■ The Woods city council amended a zoning ordinance, clearing the way for a senior housing development on the Cook Road property once occupied by the Children's Home of Detroit.

September

■ A bomb threat forced the evacuation of the Kroger store on Mack at 2:30 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. A bomb-sniffing dog was brought in, and after a thorough search, the store reopened at 5:20 p.m.

■ Council member Gabriella

November

■ Grosse Pointe Woods police believe that the man who robbed the Bank of America branch on Mack on Friday, Nov. 26 is also responsible for similar robberies at banks in St. Clair Shores.

December

■ The city will begin enforcing a 10-year-old ban on neon lighting for businesses on Mack Avenue. Seven businesses have appealed the city's order to remove their neon signs, and their appeal will be heard by the city council in January.

■ The city has authorized the purchase of seven new police cars.

The Crown Victorias will be ordered before production of the model shuts down in March, 2011.

NEXT: Changes coming to representation

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tional lines, when possible, such as local government boundaries lines, cities, villages, townships and counties," Richner said. "An effort will be made to assure districts comply with federal principles articulated by federal courts making sure they don't discriminate against certain classes of minorities and abide by the principles of equal protection."

The 2000 reapportionment conformed to the loss of one Congressional seat, from 16 to 15.

State legislators achieved the cutback by melding districts represented by Congress members John Dingell and Lynn Rivers. Both officeholders had to battle each other to represent the new district.

"My guess is we'll see something like that happen again," Bledsoe said. "Current speculation centers on Sander Levin and Gary Peters being matched against one another. The Michigan Republican Party will manage this to ensure Candice Miller is in a good position for reelection along with other Republican Congress persons across the state."

Population loss in Detroit means the city will lose representation at both federal and state levels.

"Detroit Congressional seats likely will be changed quite a bit," Bledsoe said. "They'll have to be expanded to bring more people into them."

"A district could be drawn that includes the Grosse Pointes and crosses county lines, but it would have to be viewed within the context of the overall plan," Richner said. "If the plan being pushed has more boundary splits than a competing plan, you run the risk of it being challenged in court."

ANNUAL Winterfest CHILI COOKOFF

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The Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, January 15th as part of the annual Winterfest on The Hill.

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Pizza ribbon cutting

From left, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Al Fincham, Papa Romano's President Janet Kappaz, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Palms Boettcher cut the ribbon at Papa Romano's. The business is located at 19437 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.



Directors

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Board of Directors was recently sworn in. From left are, Scott Adlhoeh of Adlhoeh & Associates, Mario Como of Realty Execs Select, board president Randy Repicky of Johnstone & Johnstone, Mike Bojalad of Century 21 Town & Country, president-elect Chace Wakefield of Bolton-Johnston Associates, Pat Chasteen of Sine & Monaghan Realtors, secretary Judy Barker of Adlhoeh & Associates, Beverly Tannian of Higbie Maxon Agney and behind Judge Matt Rumora is vice president Lewis Gazouli of Sine & Monaghan Realtors. Sandy Nelson is the treasurer.

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GUEST OPINION By Greg Zyla

The saga of young Joe

With holiday parties here and festive travel at its peak, it's time for our yearly column about the dangers of drinking and driving. It's the story of young Joe, a fun loving 20-year-old who is full of life, has lots of friends and is a good person. He also has a great collector car, a 1968 Chevelle SS 396.

Joe could be your neighbor, schoolmate, fellow worker, sibling, parent or husband. He's been having a great time at a holiday party, joining in on all the fun. He's overdone the eating and drinking, something many of us do each year.

Now it's 1 a.m., and time to head home. Joe knows he's had one too many of the alcoholic beverages, but it doesn't stop him from driving. Thank goodness he's alone in his Chevelle.

Joe isn't aware that on this night, he'll become one of the near 10,000 drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 who die in car accidents each year. Most, 45 percent, die from calamities involving speeding, while 35 percent die from accidents involving other violations. The other 20 percent are killed in mishaps that involve turn signal violations or right of way mistakes.

Joe will also join the statistic that involves alcohol related deaths. According to the National Highway Safety Administration, in 2009 some 10,839 of a total 33,808 people who died in car wrecks were alcohol related. Although this death rate is declining, it's been pretty bad for the last 15 years.

Joe's age group is more than twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash. NHTSA studies found in 2009, more than 5,000 15-to-20-year-olds were killed, and the "under 25-year-old" group is still the leading violator of speeding citations.

"This continuing decline in highway deaths is encouraging, but our work is far from over," said National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator David Strickland. "We want to see those numbers drop further. We will not stop as long as there are still lives lost on our nation's highways. We must continue our efforts to ensure seat belts are always used and stay focused on reducing distracted and impaired driving."

Back to Joe.

Joe is not aware he is speeding at 65 mph, and approaching a curve in the highway that should be taken at 35 mph. His reactions are slow, and he misses the curve by quite a bit. He is not wearing his seat belt, and before he even knows what is happening, his car is off the dark country road and headed directly toward a huge tree. His collector car Chevelle also doesn't have air bags.

There is no correcting. Joe's car hits the tree with a resounding crunch.

At 1/10th of a second, the car's front bumper and grillwork collapse.

At 2/10ths of a second, the hood crumbles, rises and smashes into the windshield. The grillwork now disintegrates.

At 3/10ths of a second Joe is sprung upright from his seat. His legs are immediately broken and his knees crash against the dashboard. The steering wheel bends under his grip.

At 4/10ths of a second, the front of the car is completely destroyed and is now dead still. However, the rear end of the car is still traveling at 55 mph, and the 850-pound engine and accessories are crunched into the tree.

At 5/10ths of a second, the impact rips Joe's shoes clean off his feet. The chassis bends in the middle, and Joe's head is slammed into the windshield. The car's rear-end begins its downward fall as its spinning wheels churn into the ground.

At 6/10ths of a second, the entire body of the car is twisted out of shape. The front seat continues to ram forward.

At 7/10ths of a second, Joe's chest is pinned against the steering wheel shaft. His internal organs crash against his rib cage as his older vehicle is not equipped with air bags.

At 8/10ths of a second, Joe is dead. He's now a statistic.

Remember, it's not just young drivers like Joe who die on our nation's highways. Many experienced adult drivers will also become statistics. They, too, will make mistakes behind the wheel, many alcohol related. They'll come from every walk of life, from laborer to politician.

Plan your travel carefully this holiday season. Don't be in a hurry. And if the roads turn nasty, pull off safely at a roadside rest stop or stop and have a coffee at a restaurant.

If you pull off the road, don't just pull off on the side of a road — it's dangerous sitting there as the percentage of being struck by an oncoming vehicle rises greatly. If you are late, and miss the big "gathering," so be it.

More deaths per mile traveled will occur during holiday season. Finally, if you drink, don't drive, and have a safe holiday and have a fun time New Year's eve.

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KEN SCHOP

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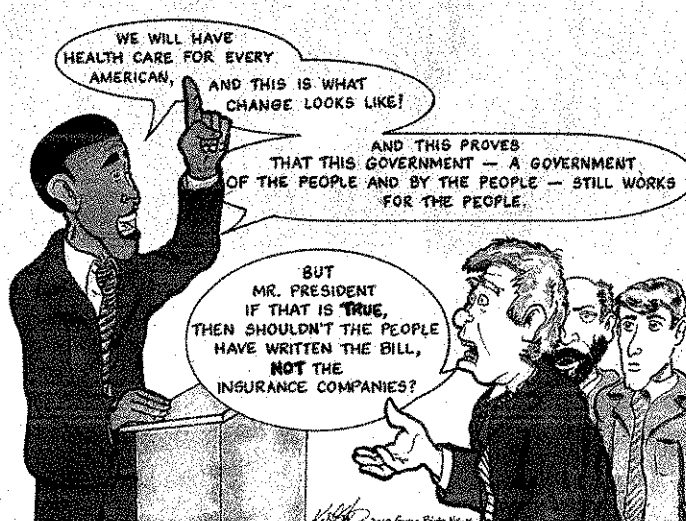


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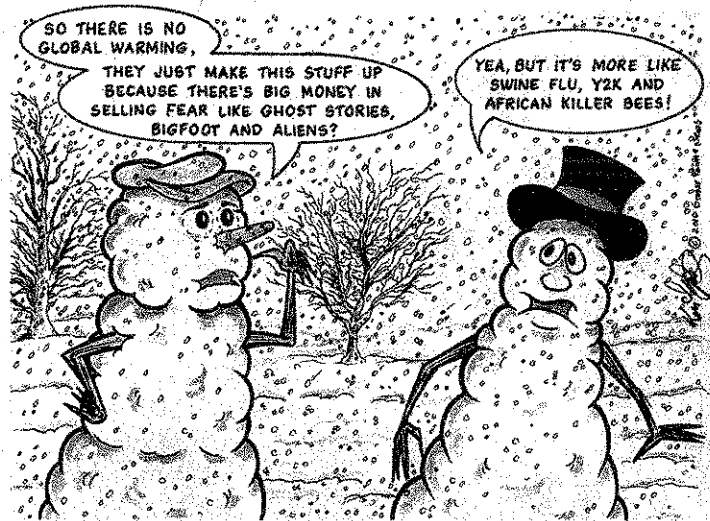
I actually saw this happen with the ice sculpture in front of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe at the 2010 Winterfest on the Hill. Each year at the event a gentleman plays tunes on his harmonica.

— Ken Schop



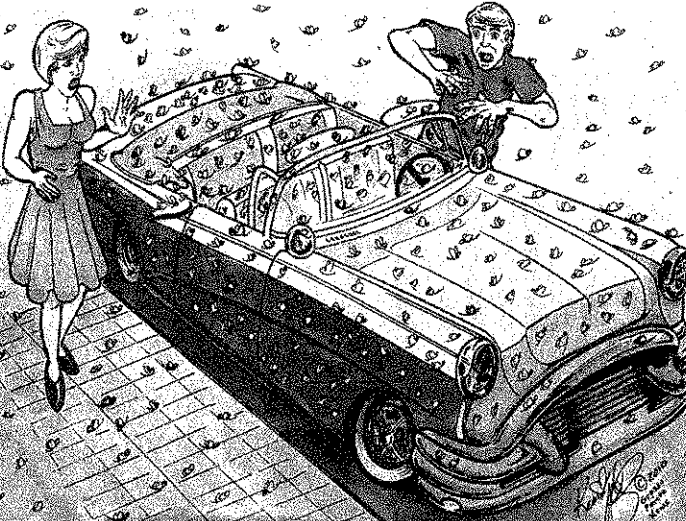
This says it all, politics as usual. How long are we going to let mega corporations make all the rules so things remain in their best interest.

— Ken Schop



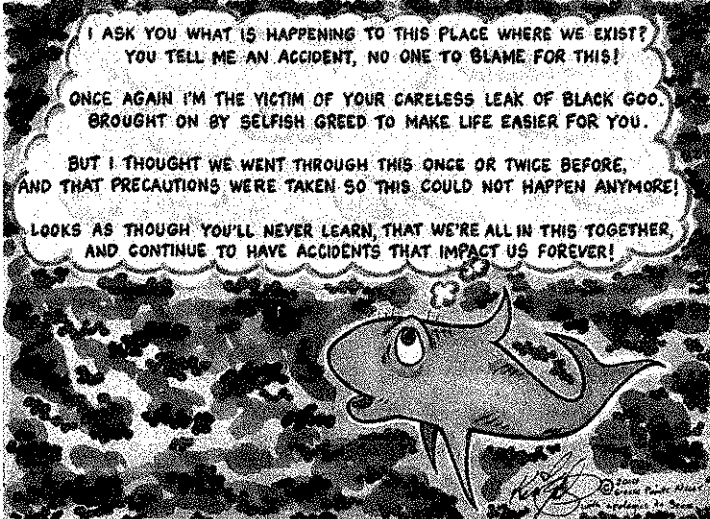
This is definitely the biggest con-job of the world, just ask the Canadians and Europeans or Google Lord Christopher Monckton if you want to know what's really going on.

— Ken Schop



When it comes to getting an idea for a cartoon about fishflies, every year in June without fail I am inspired by a real situation I witness in the Pointes as I am making my way to work.

— Ken Schop



My favorite cartoon this year utilizing the Dr. Seuss method to make a point. It was harder than it looks, it took me longer to create the poem than it did to draw the illustration.

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This story almost flew under my radar but was right up my alley being I personally don't like cell phones. Thanks to all the people who sent me the kind e-mails of appreciation.

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Santa parade

To the Editor:
The Christmas spirit certainly came to Grosse Pointe

this year, beginning with the arrival of Santa on Thanksgiving weekend in his custom built sleigh.

A big thanks to John Stevens and the "Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade." A newly unveiled Rudolph led the way and the "Toys for Tots" caboose quickly overflowed with toys. Special thanks to Rob Ermanni for coordinating the Toys for Tots drive with enthusiasm and heart; Chris Walsh and the office of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney who made sure Grosse Pointers could enjoy the big Wizard of Oz float; and Sean Moran who rounded up 30 fun "Big Heads" for the parade. The Grosse Pointe Clown

Corps can always put a smile on your face and the Clydesdale horses were impressive. The Grosse Pointe Santa Parade is a heartwarming community event that is supported by many. Special thanks to parade director Terri Berschback and her team of volunteers who make it seamless. I have enjoyed seeing the parade grow and sparkle and I thank the Grosse Pointe community for again showing their Christmas Spirit!

ELLEN DURAND
Grosse Pointe Village Association

I SAY By Ann Fouty

Comfort from head to toe, inside to out



Oh goodie. It's winter. It's the time of year to bundle up from head to toe and from the inside out.

We seek warmth from donning heavy socks and insulated boots to the triple layer of clothing. On top of a feather-down vest is a heavy, long coat topped off with colorful scarf, hat and mittens.

It's the season of hat hair, caps with ear flaps and red runny noses. It's the time of year when we agree on de-

scriptive weather words: "it stings the nose and bites the toes."

It takes 10 minutes from the time outerwear dressing begins to when the car door handle is tugged open because it's such an intricate process to layer up. Gloves are so thick it takes extra time to push the hand through the briefcase handle, grasp the door knob and turn it, recreating a mime's routine.

We were lucky this year to have an extended fall because coats stayed in the closet into November. Alas, that is now just a memory and Michigan residents are seeking warmth, which extends to comfort food.

I'm not suggesting we don't find comfort food in the summer on top of barbecues and in bowls of mouth-watering

Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables. Really, food is comforting year round. But it is winter when we bring out the real comfort food — macaroni and cheese, tomato soup with oyster crackers afloat or anything with chocolate.

Chefs dress up beef or chicken to roast. They create cream soups and sauces. Even the desserts are richer and heavier because extra calories are needed to schuss down the slopes or swing the snow shovel.

Doing sit spins, passing pucks across the ice and rolling out the Snow family are better done on a stomach filled with extra carbs.

Everybody has a special comfort food.

A quick survey of the office came up with foods of the car-

bohydrate nature.

Both Melanie and Autumn voiced pasta as their favored foods. While Melanie liked pasta of any kind, Autumn had to have homemade macaroni and cheese. Penny agreed with Autumn — it had to be homemade mac and cheese. Her runner up was pizza.

Basta, butter and lots of Parmesan cheese is Sally's comfort food — not pasta but basta. Obviously, a pet word at her house.

Bridget and Crystal's comfort food is chili. Crystal said her bowl of chili would be vegetarian.

Ken and Mary like bread. Ken desires a slice of bread or a bagel, Mary prefers bread pudding.

Warm pumpkin pie is Carol's choice of comfort food.

Joe's comfort foods are roasts and potatoes slowly cooked in the crock pot, made even better with mushrooms and carrots. Close behind that winter menu are baked pasta dishes. Both, he said, warms the house and the heart.

"Grandma Dodie's casserole" made with noodles, cream cheese, sour cream, cottage cheese, tomato sauce and scallions is Kathy's winter comfort food. Winter never started until she made it for her family. Meatloaf, a perennial favorite, is also on her list of preferences.

Peter's list was short. He liked to boil red skin potatoes, slice them open and add a little sour cream before devouring them.

Diane finds her comfort food at breakfast for she said she

enjoys a bowl of oatmeal or cream of wheat.

Anything forbidden, Renee said. She favors hot tea with honey, mashed potatoes and Thai food.

Julie said her comfort food was cheap and filling — a bowl of Cincinnati chili with dark red kidney beans piled with onions and finely shaved cheese.

Lasagna was Karen's one word answer to the question of "What is your winter comfort food?"

Don't deduce anything from the list. My advice is select a favorite and enjoy it while watching the snow land on a tree branch or on the East Coast.

And my comfort food? I'm a mashed potato devotee. A close second is chocolate pudding cake.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What do you wish for the world for the new year?

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



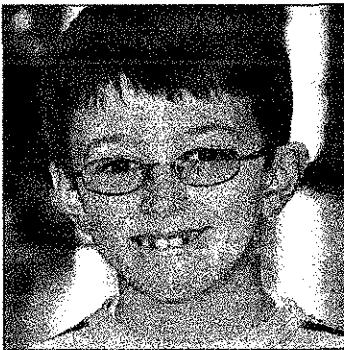
'For no one to get in trouble and for my Papa to have someone to help him get to dinner.'

MEGAN CONNOR
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'I wish for everyone to be happy and if a person falls off a boat for them to be rescued.'

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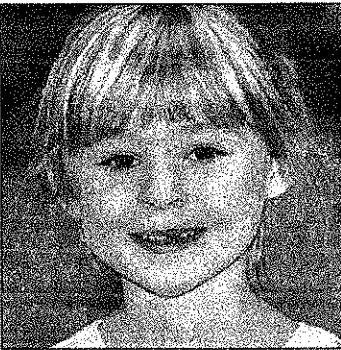
'For people to share more, for all people to be fed and for no more earthquakes in Haiti.'

MICHAEL FOX
Grosse Pointe Woods



'For people to help animals by feeding and loving them and giving them a home.'

KATIE PUPPOS
Grosse Pointe Woods



'For people to have food and a home and for me to adopt a dog and give him a home.'

STEPHANIE WESTRICK
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

New Year's resolutions for everyone except me



I'm perfect so there's no need to change. Now that I have your undivided attention, let me explain:

As a retired senior citizen, I no longer have to make any New Year's resolutions because changes to my lifestyle at this juncture could be injurious to my health, well being and mental acuity.

So for me to make any personal resolutions would be a waste of time and thus I am making them for others in our society. I know you will understand and if not, just chalk it off to my reaching an age of senility.

So for 2011 here is what I am proposing:

- ◆ I resolve that all wait staff in restaurants pay attention to me while taking my order and quit looking around to view other activities that may be going on in the restaurant. If I am not the center of attention, then perhaps my waiter should extract the tip for my meal from the people he or she is so attracted to. Is it too much to ask the wait staff at least appear to be focused and interested in providing me with exceptional customer service?
- ◆ I resolve that all establishments serving food leave the hot water valve on in the restrooms. How many times have you encountered a restroom sink that only has cold water? I have a confession to make in that regard. On a regular basis when I discover a lack of hot water, I instinctively reach under the sink and turn on the hot water valve, which inexplicably has been turned off. On some occasions, I have even used my handy Swiss Army knife to override the system.

How the wait staff washes their hands with cold water is beyond me. So next time you visit a restroom and the water is hot, you have me to thank.

- ◆ I resolve that all phone calls I make in 2011 do not contain the message: "For quality purposes this call may be recorded or monitored by a supervisor." Do we really believe someone is hired specifically to listen to phone calls all day? At one point in my career I managed a customer service telephone area and we found it just as effective practicing "management by walking around" and overhearing the representatives rather than listening to reams of recorded messages at day-end.
- If there is to be a phone message I recommend it be: "For truth of disclosure purposes, this call is not being monitored because we're tired of deceiving you to make you think it is."
- ◆ I resolve that when executives are released from an organization, the words "leaving to devote more time to other activities and family" be fully explained. What are those other activities and what does his or her family have to say about the executive's sudden arrival on the home scene? Is the family happy and content or would they rather the executive just focus on those "other activities."
- Here is a reason for departing the current job that I think says it all: "Leaving so I can function in a jerk-free environment."
- ◆ I resolve that the words "merger of equals" and "synergy" be banned from business jargon forever. We all know there is no such thing as a merger of equals. In a merger there is always one dominant party and thus "synergy" means "we will look for ways to combine our processes, but ultimately we bought your company so our processes will be used." Now if that sounds cynical on my part, I think it is also realistic.

I, along with many of you, have been through mergers and frankly none have been pleasant. So for 2011 let's substitute the words "full-court press, take-no-prisoners buy-out" for "merger of equals."

- ◆ I resolve that when organizations release staff because of the company's desire to "go in a different direction," that new "direction" or strategy should be spelled out to the remaining staff and the shareholders. What if the new direction is contrary to the expectations of those who will now have to implement it?
- ◆ I resolve that all doctor and dentist appointments take patients at the time of their scheduled appointment. Yes, I realize it is called a "waiting room" but let's be reasonable. Waiting longer than 20 minutes past the scheduled appointment time means there will be no charge.
- ◆ I resolve that all establishments that imprint a survey request on receipts provide me with on the spot reimbursement for completing the survey. Over the years I have completed surveys for every department store, coffee shop, bagel store and sundry other establishments without benefit of a thank you. Sure the receipt indicates I have been entered into a drawing for \$5,000 but I doubt it.
- Just the other day I asked the barista at a local coffee shop if he was aware of anyone who had ever won a cash prize by completing a survey and of course the answer was a resounding "No." So from now on I want a free coffee or bagel for completing the form.
- ◆ I resolve that there be no more so-called "TV reality shows." Do we care what the Kardashians are doing in their everyday shallow lives? And aren't we all glad the Hasselhoff reality show was canceled after the first episode. Seems the Hasselhoff finally got hassled!
- Well, those are just some of the resolutions for all of you

and others for 2011. And if I sound like the fictional deranged character Howard Beale from the movie "Network" when he said, "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore," so be it. At my age I think I've earned it. And, yes, I am feeling a bit deranged from service expectations not being to

I n 1981, Francois Mitterrand swept to power in France in a watershed election. He united the left and fired the imagination of the country's youth, who danced in the streets on election night in a frenzy of revolutionary anticipation.

Mitterrand embarked on a stimulus program that would have satisfied Paul Krugman. He increased the wages of government workers, and hired more of them. He boosted the minimum wage and reduced working hours. He tripled the budget deficit. In a year, he nationalized no fewer than 36 banks, along with the country's largest industrial corporations.

The late historian Tony Judt wrote in his book "Postwar" the nationalizations were meant "to symbolize the anti-capitalist intent of the new regime; to confirm that the elections of 1981 had really changed something more than just the personnel of government." This was "change we could believe in," taken to Gallic extremes.

Then, the unraveling. With inflation and unemployment at double digits, with the business community terrified and

my liking especially when it comes to hot tap water in restrooms.

Just so you don't think I have completely gone bonkers, I do want to make one resolution of my own. I resolve that 2011 be your best year ever and you are always surrounded by family and friends and lots of laughter!

with currency and people fleeing the country, Mitterrand's "revolution" foundered on the shoals of economic and social reality. As a matter of sheer survival, he announced a "U-turn" and embraced a program of austerity, or "La Rigueur," reversing course on nearly everything.

President Barack Obama's "U-turn" is upon us. It is much more muted. He wasn't as explicitly left-wing in his campaign or in his initial burst of activism as Mitterrand, and he'll never go as far in his reversal as the flamboyantly cynical Frenchman. There was nonetheless a whiff of Mitterrand in the air when Obama marked the extension of all the Bush tax cuts at a White House signing ceremony with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell present, but not House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Like Mitterrand's supporters, Obama's boosters overinterpreted his election as the dawn of a new age, and his youthful fans invested him with unrealizable millennial expectations. His economic program hasn't collapsed, but it has badly underperformed and opened up an unsettling vista on a future debt crisis.

If some of my resolutions have left you perplexed and troubled, just keep in mind the words of comedian Joey Adams when he uttered: "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

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

Even Obama acknowledges his facile assurances of "show-el-ready" stimulus projects were misbegotten. In a remarkable turnabout, his economic team sold the extension of the Bush tax rates as protection against a double-dip recession.

It's not economic fundamentals that are breaking Obama's leftward momentum so much as political ones. A center-right country can only take so much hope-and-change. Prior to the arrival of any tea parties, Harry Reid's Senate couldn't pass a \$1.1 trillion business-as-usual spending bill, and Nancy Pelosi's House ratified the Bush tax cuts in a bipartisan vote. Obama is adjusting to this new political reality rather than raging against it.

Obama is in a long game. If he's to succeed on his own terms as a pragmatic ideologue, Obama will be as wily and flexible as it takes to get re-elected, then protect as much of his state aggrandizement as feasible. Francois Mitterrand would understand, even if Obama's disappointed acolytes don't.

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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

President Obama's Mitterrand moment

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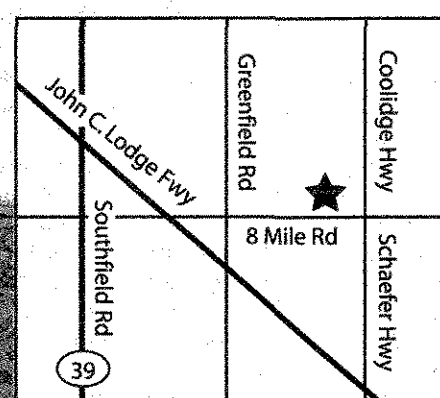
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A year's worth of memorable moments

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Students throughout Grosse Pointe stole the spotlight this year, providing a welcome distraction from budget woes and the economic troubles that trickled down from Lansing.

They embraced service projects and community outreach opportunities; excelled in the classroom, on standardized tests and through after-school clubs; treated audiences with performances brimming with harmonious voices, melodic instruments and talented acting; and celebrated milestones and annual traditions.

Here's a look back at 2010 — through the school districts' eyes.

JANUARY

◆ Impact Club members at Grosse Pointe North High School served the community with a simple gesture. Some 70 students met in the school cafeteria to put together 5,000 packages for Crossroads of Michigan Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

◆ Children's Hospital of Michigan devoted a mosaic to Maire Elementary School and its students, who raised \$1,000 in the spring of 2009 with the performance of "How Jackson Saved the Sea." The original play, written by Maire mom Sara Fischer Hodges, was performed by 30 students and professionally recorded. It later aired at the Detroit facility.

◆ Superintendent Suzanne Klein administered the Oath of Office to three newly elected board of education trustees: Incumbent Joan Dindoff and Tom Jakubiec to four-year terms and Cindy Pangborn to a three-year term.



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Carmen Engel prepares to walk the runway, coating her eye-lashes with mascara for Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club annual spring luncheon and fashion show in late April. The event raises funds to support classroom enrichment, college scholarship and historic preservation projects.

At the Jan. 25 organizational meeting, John Steininger was nominated to serve as board president, while Dindoff took the position of vice president. Brendan Walsh was elected treasurer and Judy Gafa, secretary.

◆ North's Assistant Principal Matt Outlaw earned his doctorate degree in education from Wayne State University.

FEBRUARY

◆ North earned the highest designation from Michigan Green Schools in its second year in the program. Teachers, administrators, building engineers and custodians, along with student clubs, classes and extracurricular groups, helped North reach

"evergreen" status for 2009-10. The school was rewarded for engaging in 20 out of 20 Earth-friendly efforts, including adopting an endangered species through the Detroit Zoo and establishing an energy saving program throughout the building.

◆ The school board approved a proposal to implement tuition-free all-day kindergarten beginning in the 2010-11 school year.

In January, the district posted a survey on its website to gauge interest for ADK. More than 830 residents responded: 65 percent in favor of the full-day format and 32 percent who preferred the half-day option.

◆ The earthquake that rocked Haiti in January inspired many Grosse



FILE PHOTO

At Camp Invention, the wheels are always turning. The enrichment day camp, held for a week in July at Parcels Middle School, included activities that emphasize problem solving and critical thinking. Friends Olivia Mikesell and Sarah Scott disassemble a VCR and a computer to use the parts from each electronic to build something new.

Pointe children to hold fundraisers. They spent days drumming up loose change for coin drives, hosting bake sales, hat days and a benefit concert.

◆ More than 66 Grosse Pointe South High School students, along with parents, chaperones, staff and members of South's jazz band, toured Greece for eight days. Students performed as part of the cultural series at the University of Crete, sang and marched in the City of Athens' Carnival Parade and entertained the audience at the Rethymon Stadium in Crete at the invitation of the mayor.

The show choir also participated in recitals in Athens at a public performing arts school, a private school and at the Mikis Theodorakis Theatre as

part of a fundraising concert for the Special Needs Vocational Training Center.

MARCH

◆ The 55-member cast of Grosse Pointe North presented the musical "Crazy for You," directed by Marty Bufalini.

◆ Students and staff celebrated the 85th birthday of Defer Elementary School, the oldest building in the district. Families and alumni took part in festivities, from consuming Coney dogs, chips and baked goods at The Dragon's Breath Cafe to dancing in The Dragon's Lair nightclub to tasting

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chili cook-off entries.

◆ The Michigan Department of Education released scores from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and again, the district's elementary students garnered consistently high results, some among the best in the state. Most improved areas were math and reading.

◆ A community-wide survey yielded high marks for the Grosse Pointe school district. Calls were made to 377 randomly selected households Jan. 5-19 as part of a district goal to garner feedback from community members, staff and parents about the learning environment.

Eighty-four percent of respondents gave the school system a grade of A or B, a score 33 percent higher than the grade given to local public schools in a national survey.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education presented the district with \$7,919 to help fund several programs — Struggling Learners Transition Camp, Music in Math and Cross Curricular Art Connections — and to elementary grade level leaders to sup-

port teacher training.

◆ Brownell Middle School presented the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show featured a cast of 88 students.

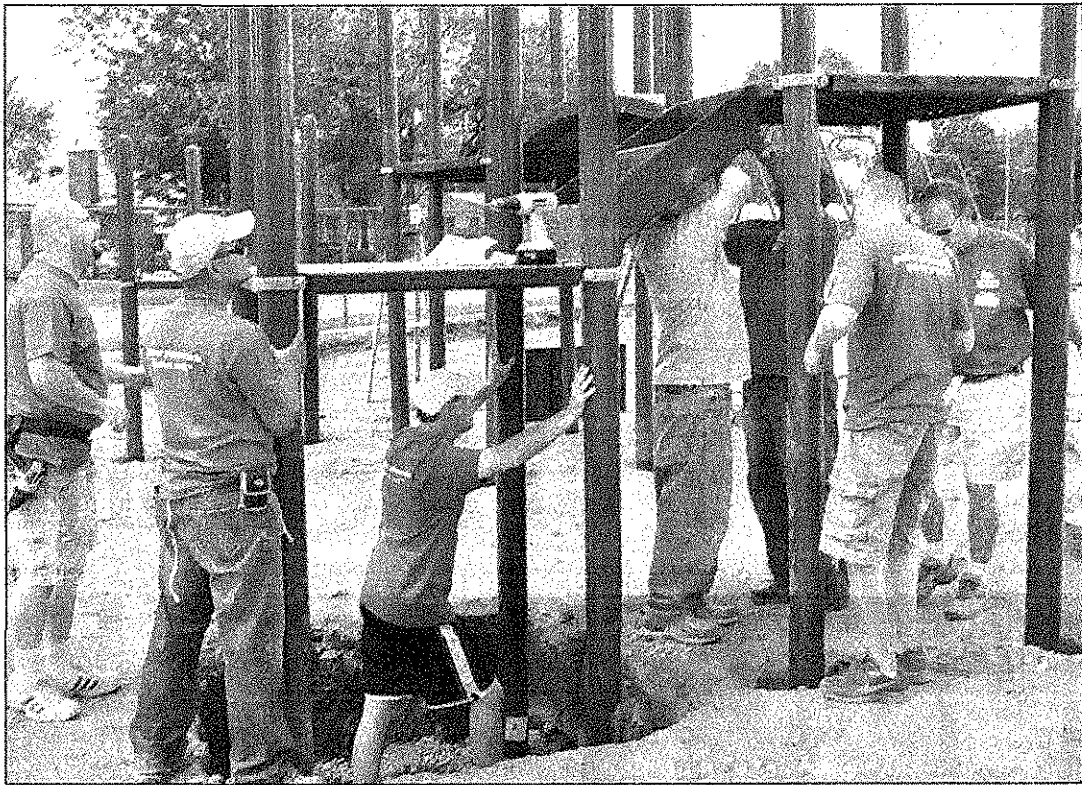
◆ North Pointe, Grosse Pointe North's student-run newspaper, earned the Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. The honor follows a Pacemaker Award handed out last fall from the National Scholastic Press Association. Just two high school newspapers earned both awards in 2010 year, the highest given nationally.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education hosted an inaugural gala to launch its largest initiative: a community-wide fundraising campaign to support advanced instructional technology and associated teacher training for classrooms throughout the school district. At the event, John and Marlene Boll of Grosse Pointe Shores announced a matching gift of \$500,000 and challenged the community to raise an additional \$250,000.

APRIL

◆ The Parcels Middle School student council spent a week raising money for childhood cancer.

The group gave a \$400 check to a nonprofit helping families shoulder the costs of fighting



FILE PHOTO

A new playground, years in the making, grew up out of the hands of 80 parent-volunteers at Poupard Elementary School in August, replacing old, out-of-code equipment with playscapes made from recycled materials.

childhood cancer.

◆ South High School performing arts students presented, "Pippin," with two casts under the direction of Melissa Johnson-Smith.

◆ Forced up against a wall by a \$7.3 million budget shortfall, the board of education approved the layoffs of about 81 positions: 29 teachers, eight custodians, 12 clerical and secretarial personnel, 22 teacher and classroom assistants, 3.6 full-time equivalent paraprofessional staff and 6.2 full-time equivalent non-instructional supervisors.

MAY

◆ Following eight months of negotiations, an agreement was reached between the board of education and the Grosse Pointe Education Association. Both groups met in more than 20 sessions since contracts expired Aug. 31, 2009, with sticking points ranging from health insurance contributions to caps on salary

increases.

◆ Longtime Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Susan Allan announced her retirement, effective June 30. During her tenure, Allan championed differentiated instruction and improvements in curriculum, test scores and writing.

◆ Two projects of six Brownell Middle School students were named national winner and regional runner-up in NASA's Kids in Micro-g Challenge, created to give budding scientists a hands-on opportunity to design an experiment or simple demonstration that could be performed both in the classroom and aboard the International Space Station.

JUNE

◆ Three video segments began airing at Grosse Pointe Park's Okulski Theatre, each created by a group of South students in advanced TV courses. The videos, which play before each film, convey messages about the concession stand selections, theater etiquette and general information about the community's amenities.

◆ Husband-wife music teachers James and Carolyn Gross were selected for state musical accolades. James, director of South High School and Pierce Middle School orchestras, was named District 16 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Teacher of the Year.

Carolyn, Brownell's vocal music director, was elected Middle School State Honors Choir Director by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

◆ The district named Monique Beels its new superintendent for curriculum and instruction. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident came from the Novi School District after four years as its assistant superintendent for academic services.

Beels also spent four years as curriculum director for Warren Woods Public Schools. She worked in the Lakeview school district as a physics, chemistry and math teacher.

◆ Despite a tumultuous year of setbacks, cutbacks, layoffs and late-into-the-night meetings, the board of education approved a balanced \$99.7 million budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year. GPPSS officials struggled for months with a \$7.2 million shortfall due to declining enrollment and increased employee health care and retirement costs.

JULY

◆ Scores released to the district revealed third- through eighth-graders earned all A's on the Michigan Department of Education's EducationYES! report cards for the second consecutive year. Additionally, each of the schools achieved Adequate Yearly Progress of the No Child Left Behind Act.

◆ The school board extended its relationship with food service company, Sodexo, Inc. for one year. The contract includes food cost, labor, benefits, an on-site manager, administrative costs, management fees and non-food costs. The company is guaranteeing a \$35,000 return to the district next year.

◆ Classrooms were outfitted with new technology, completing the elementary school phase of the district's master plan to equip all classrooms with 21st century instructional technology.

A majority of the purchases are a result of financial gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

AUGUST

◆ Grosse Pointe high school students scored above state averages in all academic areas on the Michigan Merit Exam.

At Grosse Pointe North, 63.6 percent of juniors met or exceeded state standards in math. Students garnered a score of 73.9 percent in read-

ing. Scores in science were 66.2 percent and social studies was 88.1. In writing, students earned a score of 58.2 percent.

South saw increases in scores from last year in all but two areas: social studies, down from 95 percent to 93.4, and science, which dipped from 82.9 percent to 81.4.

In math, 81.7 percent of juniors met or exceeded standards. In reading, scores jumped to 89 percent. And in writing, scores increased from 74.3 percent to 75.

◆ The 2010-11 school year gives educators from Trombly to Mason a scheduled 45 minutes extra each Monday. The extra time allows teachers to meet, either as grade groups or other groups, to work on curriculum or review test scores.

◆ South was the two-week site for Hollywood actors and film crews. "LOL: Laughing Out Loud" brought actress Miley Cyrus to town — and crowds of adoring teenagers. Crews rented nine specific areas of South for the movie and even left a mural used in a garage band scene in the school's basement.

SEPTEMBER

◆ Defer Elementary School welcomed Principal Karen Sullivan. The former fifth-grade teacher spent more than two decades at Ferry Elementary School and within the last few years, served as the district's K-12 science specialist. She began teaching elementary math and science in Detroit Public Schools and with the Archdiocese of Detroit at St. Clare of Montefalco School.

◆ North's fall production, "All My Sons," was performed by a 10-member cast.

OCTOBER

◆ The Pointe Singers and Advanced Women from South and North's Pointe Chorale and Choraliers each performed with Caledon, Scotland's Tenors.

◆ State Superintendent Mike Flanagan visited the district for a four-building tour. He observed a new all-day kindergarten program at Poupard Elementary, an impromptu reading session with at-risk students in the school's Title 1 classroom and a SMARTboard lesson in action in a fifth grade classroom.

At North, he stopped in on Andy Montague's Advanced Placement literature class, visited the assist program for struggling learners and peeked in on Dan Quinn's American government class.

A lunch reception at South was prepared by the commercial foods class.

A visit to Brownell included a tour of updated science labs.

◆ Grosse Pointe Academy Head of School Phil Demartini announced his retirement, effective June 2011, after 10 years there. Demartini contends he isn't retiring, but would be open to another headship on an interim basis or to take on consulting work for schools.

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NOVEMBER

◆ Incumbent Brendan Walsh bested contender Diane Karabetos for a four-year seat on the board of education. The current board treasurer won with 10,464 total votes over his challengers 7,864 total votes.

◆ A new district program designed to connect volunteers, K-12, with outreach openings locally and around the world was launched. Students Electing to Respond to Volunteerism through Education lists service opportunities on a district webpage for students, teachers, classrooms and families throughout the Pointes.

◆ Students, staff and families at Monteith Elementary School raised more than \$27,000 for a new playground within a matter of months. The additional playscape was put together by 25 parent volunteers and includes a swing set, 13-foot rope climb, tire swing, monkey bars and a lookout tower with two slides.

◆ The Pointe Players, Grosse Pointe South High School's theater group, put on the farce "Inspecting Carol."

DECEMBER

◆ Pierce's young actors and singers performed "A Christmas Carol: The Musical."

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OBITUARIES

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Walter E. Auch

Former Grosse Pointe resident Walter E. Auch, 89, died of cancer Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at his home in Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Known as Wally to family and friends, Mr. Auch was born April 12, 1921, in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe by his parents, Beatrice and Fred.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Albion College, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He served as a commissioned officer and navigator with the U.S. Army Air Force from 1941 to 1945, rising to the rank of captain.

In 1946, Mr. Auch entered the financial services business with his father-in-law's firm, William C. Roney and Co. in Detroit. Later he joined Bache & Co. where he became that firm's largest producer, was promoted to manage the Detroit office and made a partner of the firm.

He served concurrently as the chairman of the Michigan Group Association of Stock Exchange Member Firms.

Mr. Auch was appointed to the board of directors of the Bohn Aluminum & Brass Company. In 1960, he was asked by Harold Bache to move to New York to become a senior partner of the firm.

He also was the former chairman of the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

Mr. Auch's community involvement included serving as a director of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, as the financial district chairman of the United Fund Drive and chairman of the St. Paul School gymnasium building committee and trustee of Bon Secours Hospital.

Mr. Auch is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia (nee Hogan) Auch; sons, Walter Jr., Timothy and Terrence; daughters-in-law, Lynne Bryner Auch and Kathleen Auch; grandchildren, Walter III and Catherine and five stepchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Betty Parr. Mr. Auch was formerly married to the late Cynthia Murphy Auch of Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 21, at Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 East McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Donations may be made in Mr. Auch's name to Hillsdale College at hillsdale.edu or Albion College at albion.edu.

Marie Frances Bayer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marie Frances Bayer, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010.

She graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Lawrence Avenue, attended Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill., and graduated from the University of Detroit. She was a longtime member of the Bon Secours Assistance League and the Junior League of Detroit.

Mrs. Bayer is survived by her beloved husband, Charles, to whom she was married 58 years. She also is survived by her children, Anne (John) Burke, Charles Jr. (Joan) and Katherine (James) Greiwe; grandchildren, Erin and Patrick Burke, Kelly, Charles III and Colin Bayer and Clayton and Alexandra Greiwe; brother, Bernard A. Clark and sister, Gertrude LaFerte.

She was predeceased by her brother, William P. Clark and sister, Mary Josephine Clark.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 21 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to The Children of Mary, in care of the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Peter J. Cubba

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Peter J. Cubba, 78, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2010.

He was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Detroit to Giovanni and Rose Cubba and graduated from Wilbur Wright High School and the University of Detroit.

He developed, owned and operated his own business, Michigan Condo Corp.

Mr. Cubba was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served during the Korean War. He enjoyed traveling, attending Broadway shows and spending time with his family.

Mr. Cubba is survived by his wife, June; daughter, Jill; sons, Peter (Lindy) and Stephan (Kara) and grandchildren, Isabella, Alexis, Shane, Emmanuelle and Luke.

He also is survived by his sisters, Mary Schultz and Josephine Buck and brothers, Joseph and Michael.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Elizabeth Anne Kost

Elizabeth Anne Kost, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010.

She was the beloved mother of Richard (Stephanie) and Norman J. Kost, loving grandmother of Elizabeth Anne (Jeff), Robert (Lori), Patricia S., Stephen (Beth) and Thomas M. (Debra), great-grandmother of Samantha, Zoe, Charles and McKenna and dear sister of Marie.

She also is survived by her nieces and nephews, Nancy (Cody) Trotter, William and James.

Mrs. Kost was predeceased by her brothers, John and Edward Czarnecki. A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 23 at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to St. Philomena Catholic Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit, MI 48224 or the charity of the donor's choice.

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James E. LaPratt

James E. LaPratt, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010.

Born June 22, 1931, in Sebewaing, he was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Park Police department. He retired as a detective sergeant after 35 years of service.

Mr. LaPratt was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Navy and received a Purple Heart during the Korean War.

He was a past president of the Fraternal Order of Police and a member of Detroit Elks No. 34 B.P.O.E.

Mr. LaPratt loved spending time with his grandchildren, traveling, hunting, fishing and relaxing at his cabin in Fairview.

He and his wife enjoyed antiquing together. Buying and selling antiques became an enjoyable pastime.

Mr. LaPratt is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (nee Walter); children, Kathleen (James) Brus, Jeffrey (Madeline) La Pratt, Michele,

Gerianne (Robert) Perreault, Gregory and Renee (Jeffrey) Jaczkowski; grandchildren, Matthew, Kimberly, Amanda, Nicole, Jeffrey, Catherine, Joann, Lauren, Anna, Dylan, Connor, Mary, Jillian, and Abigail and great-grandchild, Colin.

He also is survived by two sisters and one brother.

Mr. LaPratt was predeceased by his son, James P. LaPratt, who died Sept. 5, 2001.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 22 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to als-mds.org.

Helen Stoepel McGraw

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Helen Stoepel McGraw died peacefully at her home Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010.

She attended the Grosse Pointe Country Day School and graduated from the Madeira School and Smith College. She was a member of the Sigma Gamma Association, the Garden Club of Michigan and the Colony Club in New York.

Mrs. McGraw is survived by her husband, Theodore A. McGraw; daughter, Kathryn (Charles) Berry; son, Theodore A. McGraw Jr. (Christy) and grandchildren, Samuel and Nicholas Berry and Palmer McGraw.

She also is survived by her sister, Suzanne Whittemore.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the Garden Club of Michigan, 515 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

Arthur W. Miller

Grosse Pointe Park resident Arthur W. Miller, 68, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born Oct. 23, 1942, and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He practiced law for more than 40 years.

Mr. Miller was an active member at the Detroit Golf Club and also loved being on his boat fishing.

He most enjoyed being with his family and friends who will always remember and admire his strength and courage.

Mr. Miller is survived by Susan, his wife of 44 years and daughter, Debbie and son, Tim, and their families.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

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

Nelly S. Rashid

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Nelly S. Rashid, 79, died suddenly Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

She was born April 8, 1931, in Lebanon and graduated from St. Famille High School in Beirut. After graduation in 1947, she married Carl E. Rashid and immigrated to the United States, settling in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mrs. Rashid was the ultimate homemaker. She was a gourmet cook who enjoyed knitting, crocheting and traveling.

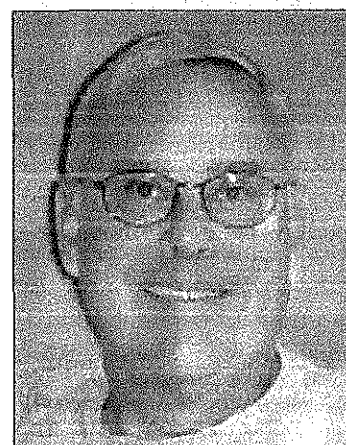
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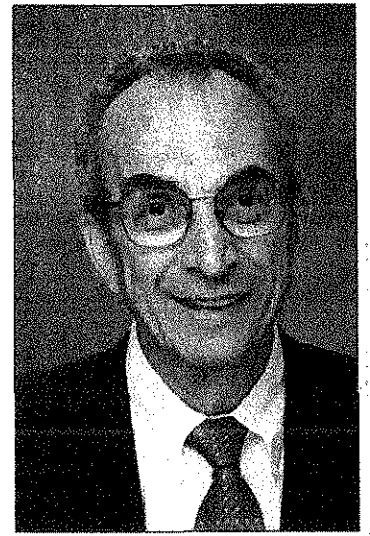
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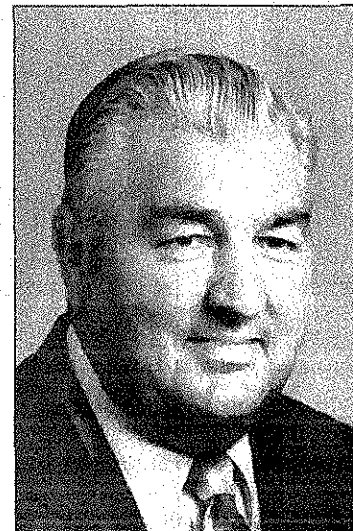
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woman, she was fluent in French, Arabic and English. She stressed the importance of education to all her children making sure they each received a college education.

She believed the greatest education of all was exposing her children to other cultures and countries and traveled abroad with them on the S.S. Constitution.

Her family said she entertained frequently and was a most elegant hostess. She was known to cook all of the food for many large birthday and graduation parties, as well as more intimate dinner parties with friends and family.

She even planned and cooked for dignitaries and socialites her daughter, Joan, hosted while serving in the Reagan administration in Washington, D.C.

Family and friends recalled years later the many delicious meals and baked goods prepared by Mrs. Rashid.

Mrs. Rashid was selfless and concerned about others. She often prepared meals and pastries for others during times of need. When she traveled to Lebanon, she first visited those who were ill or had lost a loved one since her previous visit.

After her children were grown and her beloved husband passed away, Mrs. Rashid co-owned Travel with Sharon, a Grosse Pointe Woods travel agency, with her daughter, Sharon.

A devout Catholic, Mrs. Rashid was active in the St. Clare of Montefalco Altar Society while a member of the church and a member of the Women's Club at her current church, Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church in Warren.

She also volunteered with numerous organizations over the years including the Austin High School Mother's Club and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parents Club.

Her priority in life was her love for her family and how proud she was of each of her six children, grandchildren and especially, her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rashid is survived by her children, Carl (Grace), Robert (Nancy), Sharon, Joan, Renee and Alice Rashid Hasan; grandchildren, Carl T. (Elizabeth), Lauren (Benjamin) McLaughlin, Christina (Paul) Dwaihy, Paul

and Alisa Hasan and great-grandchildren, Benjamin A. McLaughlin and Gabrielle Dwaihy.

She also is survived by her sister, Lyma Haddad.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents, Elie and Alice Saab and her brothers, Georges (Joy) and Mickey.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Our Lady of Redemption.

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Faye Frances Varner

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Faye Frances Varner, 91, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010, at Shorepointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

She was born Oct. 10, 1919, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada to Elisa Martin-Bianco and Massimo Bastianon and graduated from Patterson Collegiate in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in 1937.

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MyLincoln Touch debuts in 2011 MDX



Lincoln chose its handsome 2011 Lincoln MDX five-passenger luxury crossover to debut the brand's MyLincoln Touch, the configurable communication/entertainment system comes standard on the new MDX.

Lincoln says MyLincoln complements Lincoln SYNC, the voice-activated infotainment system developed by Ford and Microsoft that integrates Bluetooth-enabled mobile phones and digital media players into the vehicle. In the new MKX, the latest generation SYNC features traffic updates, turn-by-turn directions and information including business listings, news, sports and weather.

The crossover MDX, with standard front-wheel drive and optional all-wheel drive, comes with an impressive 305-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 mated to a six-speed automatic with the SelectShift feature for those who like to have a say on acceleration and braking.

Lincoln updated the MDX inside and out for the new model year. Rick Strasz, who keeps close track of cars new and old at the Blue Pointe Restaurant in Detroit, was quick to see differences between the 2011 MDX and its predecessor: Body-side brightwork and treatments for tail-lamps and exhaust tips among them. We Motor City offspring do know our vehicles and spot even modest changes in them. "Looks good," he said.

The MyLincoln is a component of Ford Motor Company's



MyTouch technology. It controls heating and cooling, cell phone and some other functions. A recent report in Automotive News said Ford would post instructional videos on ford.com/technology "to help drivers learn MyTouch functions." We found information on Ford's SYNC site, where the video informed us that one could do everything from scanning the Internet — through some cellphones — to watching a video of your dog at the doggie play yard. Do we really want to do all these things in our cars? How distracting is this? We say very.

This driver found the new tech difficult: Buttons for important things such as front and rear window defrosting plus temperature settings for driver and front-seat passenger were microscopic. Several attempts to change the passenger-side heat setting resulted in an unwanted radio station. The tiny buttons for the radio are above the temperature setting.

This touch-sensitive technology also operates the volume and fan controls, which

Lincoln says is exclusive to Lincoln.

Users can swipe their fingers along a silvery slider to adjust the volume. The slider features 10 distinct touchpoints; three full swipes bring the system to maximum volume. Customers also can touch anywhere along the slider to get a corresponding increase or decrease in volume. We failed to understand and use this feature.

The fan for climate control is operated in a similar fashion, with an art-deco bar in the middle of the center-mounted instrumentation.

The new MyTouch package features voice command control or an 8-inch touch screen in the center console. There are joystick-like buttons — tiny — in clusters of five on both sides of the steering wheel allowing the driver access a ton of vehicle information.

It's no secret the MyLincoln Touch was not enthusiastically embraced in this household, where a close, personal relationship with a car and access to a stream of communication



Lincoln freshened the interior and exterior of its crossover MDX for model year 2011. Twenty-inch wheels are available. The double moonroof panels on the Lincoln MDX bring in extra light on dark winter days.



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The touch-sensitive buttons and bars on the center portion of the instrument panel multiply choices for the driver. The new MyLincoln Touch is standard on the 2011 Lincoln MDX.

from the sides when a driver is backing out of parking spots. It might be very helpful in congested parking areas surrounding busy shopping centers and office buildings or in dimly lit, packed parking structures.

Available on the MDX, MyKey is designed to allow parents to encourage teenagers to drive safely, more fuel efficiently and increase seat belt usage. The standard MyKey feature allows owners to designate keys that can limit the vehicle's top speed and audio volume.

The 2011 MKX with all-wheel drive is priced at \$40,995. A front-drive MKX starts at \$39,145. The price difference tempts one to consider the heavier all-wheel drive model. The latter is rated at 17 miles per gallon city and 23 on the highway. We averaged but 18.1 miles per gallon during the test period.

The front-drive MKX does somewhat better in fuel economy: 19 mpg city and 26 highway for a combined 21 mpg.

The test MDX came with a \$7,500 option package that included special interior lighting, a rearview camera, adaptive headlights, a voice-activated navigation system, Ford's interesting blind-spot monitoring flashes lights on the outside mirrors if you are about to be passed on either side, and monster 20-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheels. Eighteen-inch wheels are standard equipment.

The 2011 Lincoln MDX is assembled at Ford's Oakville, Ontario plant. The latest model had no front/side crash safety ratings on its window sticker; it did earn four out of five stars in a government rollover test.

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

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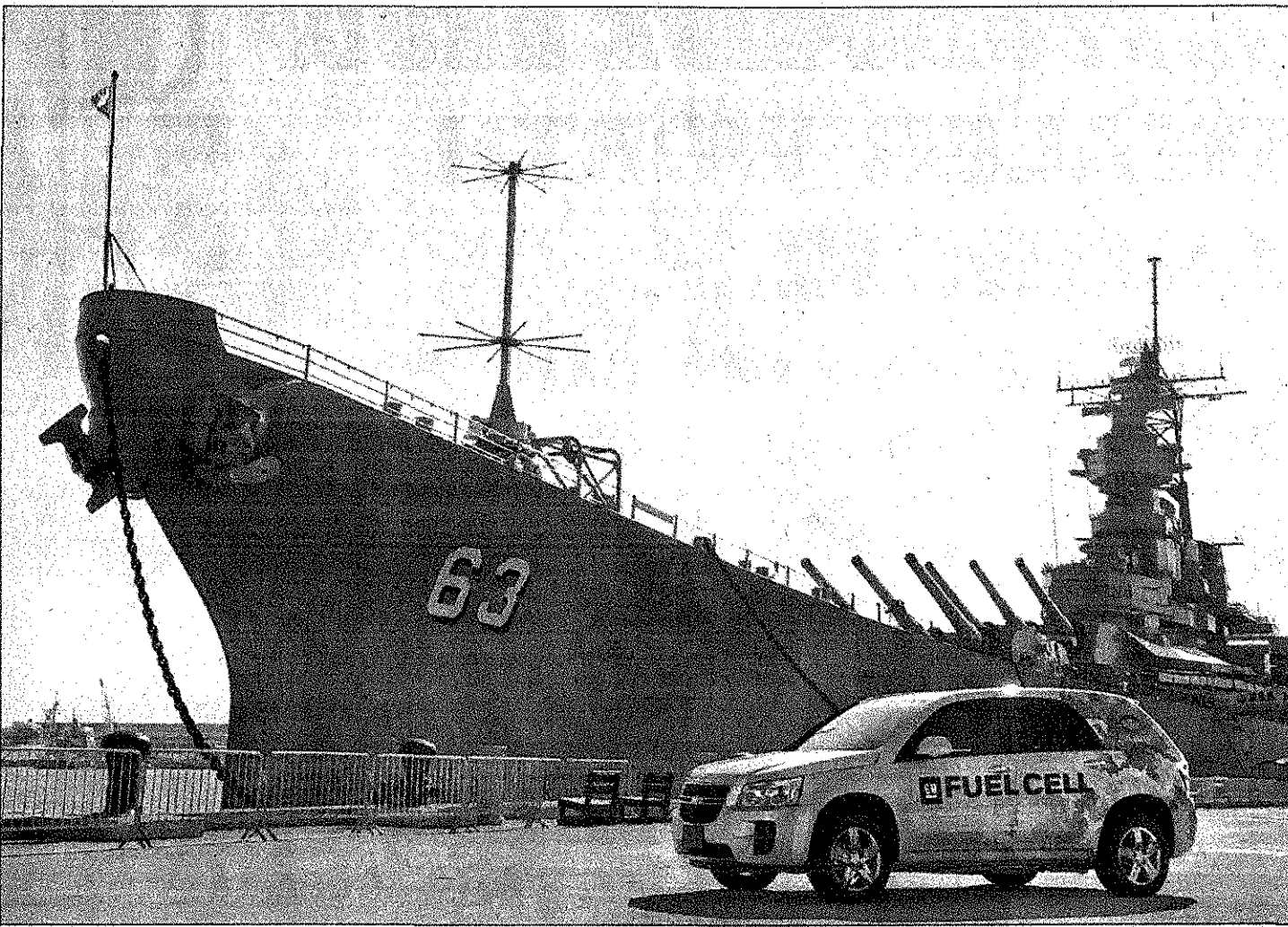


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Navy takes delivery of GM fuel cell vehicle

A General Motors fuel cell vehicle pulls up to the U.S.S. Missouri in Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, Dec. 8, 2010. The U.S. Navy is among the first customers to take delivery of a GM fuel cell vehicle. The U.S. Marines, Army and Air Force have also received fuel cell vehicles. GM and 11 companies, agencies and universities — including the military — are partnering to make hydrogen-powered vehicles and a fueling infrastructure a reality in Hawaii by 2015.



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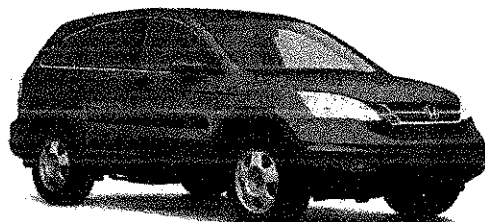
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The skinny on resolutions

Life's big changes should be gradual because they don't come easy

By Joe Warner
Editor

It's hardly a surprise that getting fit is among the top resolutions for 2011. Just as it was last year and every year sans Y2K, when many gathered as much water, duct tape, food and booze they could in case the world ended.

The No. 1 resolution coming into 2000 was to keep breathing. The bar was high.

Now, it appears, it's cool to say, "I have no resolutions." When asked, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie told The Associated Press he's had "varying degrees of success" in his near-yearly pledge to lose weight. The story said it was his resolution "about 35 times" in his 48 years.

So why do we set ourselves up for failure? Why not pick something easier? About.com listed its top 10 as:

1. Spending more time with family and friends.
2. Getting fit
3. Losing weight
4. Quit smoking
5. Enjoy life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of debt
8. Learn something new

9. Help others
10. Get organized

For some, nothing short of an exorcism would allow for that list to be accomplished.

Some of the items on their top 10 aren't easy to handle. Being dependent on alcohol, cigarettes or drugs often combines with other issues such as depression or other addictive behaviors.

"Sixty percent of people who have a problem with the use of any substance have a corresponding health issue," said Dr. Pat O'Brien, a licensed psychologist from Grosse Pointe Park and the access services manager for Macomb County Community Mental Health. "Mood disorders and depression often go

hand-in-hand with substance use."

O'Brien suggests seeking the advice of a physician before quitting a substance cold turkey.

"It may require treatment," she said. "Sometimes it's not the best option to go at it alone."

O'Brien said support for the changes can come from all directions, including medical treatments, counseling, 12-step programs or the support of friends and family.

"Let them know what you're doing so they can help support your effort," O'Brien said. "Change is difficult. Most people only make a change when it's more difficult to stay the way you are. Any person will get help only when they want help."

O'Brien said some slip as they are trying to quit a substance.

"It's hard to do, but my advice is to never quit quitting," she said. "Nobody is perfect. It's important if there is a fall to



Working out with a friend or spouse can be a key to a successful resolution, or in this case, good music brings a smile, too.

year is a popular choice because there's a tendency to eat in excess at holiday gatherings.

Again, changing everything just because the calendar says Jan. 1 may not be the best idea.

"It's important to gradually make changes in your diet," said Donna Morrison, director of nutrition services at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "Pick one or two things to start. Eat more fruits and vegetables, avoid sweets or eat more fiber. By choosing one or two changes, you have a better chance at success."

Morrison said the body adjusts to the improved diet in about three weeks.

"But a lot of people try to change too much," she said. "They do well at first and then go back to the old eating habits because they feel deprived. It's better to go three weeks and then add something to it. The success gives you re-enforcement."

Morrison also had a couple simple suggestions for a better diet.

"Use smaller plates; studies have shown that people eat less when they use smaller plates," she said. "And don't stand by the food table. You'll eat more."

People who eat healthy are likely to sleep better and have a stronger immune system, Morrison said.

"Combine healthy eating with exercise and you'll have more energy," she said. "It's OK to go off it for something planned, like a holiday party."

The key, she said, is getting right back to the regimen of the healthy diet.

On the workout side, the same rings true about starting slowly and building into a fitness routine.

Melissa Boguslawski, a fitness coach with Beaumont's Sola Life & Fitness, earned a bachelor's degree in exercise and health science and a master's of public health degree. She played college softball and joined Beaumont six weeks ago.

"You should start simple with small goals and then make modifications as you go," Boguslawski said. "If you're

not into exercise on a treadmill, find a biking or walking path. Do something you enjoy or you won't continue to exercise."

The first step, as is true with other resolutions, should be a visit to the doctor.

"It's very important to have a check up before you start," Boguslawski said. "Make sure your overall health is fine before you start. You'll have a good baseline for where you're at and where you need to be as far as blood pressure, body fat and muscular strength. The first step is seeing your doctor and then have an assessment to look at goals."

She also suggests teaming up with a friend or a spouse for support, especially when exercising in the winter months.

"It makes it more fun," she said. "And if you have to stay inside to exercise, there are several great exercise videos. Wii Fit or the Wii Just Dance games are also options to get a

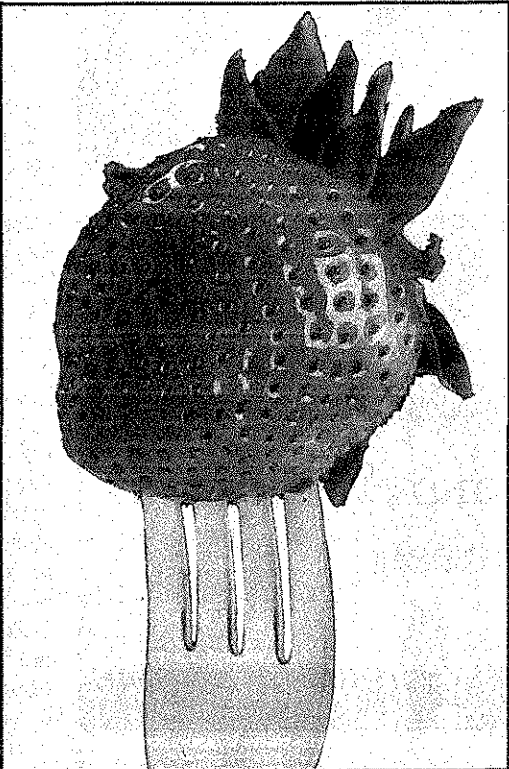
good workout. Or you can work out at work by taking your tennis shoes and getting a 10 or 15 minute walk in during the day. It will get the heart rate going. There are plenty of ways to exercise."

A common mistake before starting a workout that often leads to injury, Boguslawski said, is stretching cold muscles.

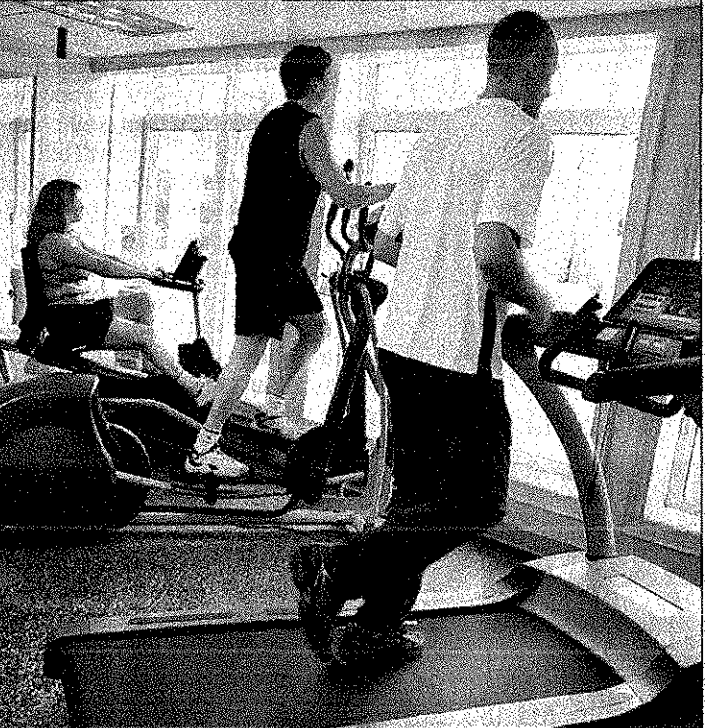
"Always do a bit of a warmup before doing any stretching. It's important to get the muscles going first," she said. "And it's important to stretch at the end of a workout. The muscles are already warm."

Whatever people give up Jan. 1, the experts agree it's important to start out slow and allow the body to catch up.

"The success rate will be much higher," Morrison said.



Fruits and vegetables should be a daily dietary staple.



Treadmills and bikes are great workout options, especially during the winter months when it's not fun to walk or run and downright dangerous to ride a bike.

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Another Christmas season is upon us and another year is coming to an end, so, I am taking this opportunity to thank you, my readers and advertisers, for patronizing this column. My prayer for you is, you would find the joy and rest of returning to a child-like heart that receives the fullness of the season's blessings. Wishing you the warmth of family and friends around you as you celebrate. Joyous Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Sally A. Schuman

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Julie Bellovich

The perfect gift of learning



Q. I am searching for that perfect gift of learning for a child?

A. Whether you are the parent of a young child or someone who loves a young child give him or her the gift of a lifetime — foster the love of books and create an environment immersed with language, reading and writing activities.

Whether a child is at home or in an early childhood education setting, he/she can and should learn the foundational skills needed for later school achievement. Early language and literacy development is critical to the development of later conventional literacy skills, such as decoding, oral reading, fluency, reading comprehension, writing and spelling. There are two components to early language and literacy development: verbal language which incorporates listening, speaking and vocabulary; and literacy which is the act of extracting meaning from printed symbols including literature and the writing process. Combined, these early learning skills are precursors to creating successful readers, writers and spellers in elementary

school.

The intention of this article is not to impress that you must teach your child to read, but rather quite the opposite. As your child's first and most important teacher you have the ability to immerse him/her in an atmosphere that is saturated with opportunities to build oral language, create a love of reading and become "print aware" all while having fun. Later reading success depends on us as parents and early educators to lay the groundwork of emergent literacy.

Where does one begin?

◆ Be a model of reading: read to your child, read to yourself, make reading materials readily available, build a home library, go to the library, set aside family time for reading, read predictable books and let your child fill in the ending.

◆ Be a language detective with your child: be a good listener, ask open-ended questions, label your environment, talk about your environment, discover new and interesting words, talk about your experiences together.

◆ Play language games: sing songs, sing the ABCs, create rhyming games that help your child pay attention to sounds in words, have your child fill in the rhyming word to finish your sentence.

◆ Create a print rich environment: label familiar toys or items in your child's bedroom

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or playroom with the written word (door, books, bed, window, etc.) Empower your child with a sense of reading success by finding how many words he/she can already read in the community (the stop sign, Cheerios, Crest, peanut butter, McDonald's — you will be amazed.)

◆ Create opportunities where your child is encouraged to write and draw. Reading and writing support one another and when you write down your child's words or let him/her "write/draw" a letter he/she can begin to make the connection that writing is the spoken word on paper.

When a child is exposed to reading and language rich experiences at a young age, he or

she is more easily able to make the symbol/language connection necessary for reading success. As stated so eloquently by Gabriela Mistral "Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are formed, his mind developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow, his name is today!"

Bellovich, M.Ed., has been teaching since 1987; nine years in Detroit and the rest in Grosse Pointe as a resource room teacher, a special education preschool teacher and an early intervention specialist. She is a product of the Grosse Pointe schools; holds a Michigan State University - bachelor's degree, a Wayne State University master's and Marygrove College post-master's. Bellovich is an early intervention specialist at Barnes Early Childhood Center and can be reached at (313) 432-3871.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain



Thank heaven 2010 is almost over

It is with great relief we bid 2010 farewell in hopes that 2011 will be better. It probably will, but only by comparison.

There are, however, some positive signs for a better year.

◆ Nearly all companies plan to award employees raises next year, with increases averaging around 3 percent. Also, most employers that eliminated 401(k) matching payments during the recession plan to restore all or part of the match by next summer. That was reported by CNNmoney.com.

◆ Retail sales showed a gain in October. Sales rose 6.3 percent in the three months from August through October, compared with the same period last year.

Black Friday, the retail sales day after Thanksgiving, was the best showing since 2004. An estimated 212 million people hit malls, Main Street stores and websites during the long Thanksgiving weekend. This compares to 195 million shoppers in 2009. The average shopper spent about \$365, 6 percent more than last year. Online sales rose 9 percent the day after Thanksgiving to \$648 million.

Retailers know this pace will not keep up, so plan to see continued discounts, good news for all shoppers.

◆ The average interest rate on a 30-year mortgage fell to 4.32 percent last week, tying a record low for 30-year home loans. The rate was 4.9 percent a year ago, according to Freddie Mac. Good news for first-time home buyers, and for the sellers of homes.

◆ Banks are sitting on billions of dollars waiting for demand to increase for products and services, which could happen next year. Time will tell.

◆ There's also good news for our stress levels. In December, Congress passed the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, forbidding TV advertisers from abruptly raising the volume to startling levels during commercial breaks.

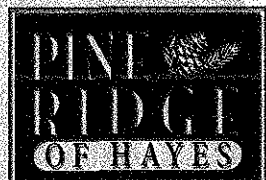
The year 2010 was not a bad year for the wealthy. Wall Street bonuses are set to rise 15 percent higher this year from 2009. Demand for chartered jets rose 52 percent last month during November 2009. Reasons cited for the increase are economic recovery and the "hassle factor" of airport security.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1960

50 years ago this week

♦ MEN'S SUITS STOLEN:

A men's clothing store in the Farms was broken into by burglars during the early morning hours of Dec. 24, and a number of suits and a leather jacket were stolen.

Entered was the Harry Suffrin-Hughes and Hatcher Store on Mack where 70 to 80 men's suits and a black leather jacket were discovered missing by the store manager.

♦ POTATO CHIPS START FIRE:

A bag of potato chips left near an electric grill in the kitchen of a home on Harvard ignited the bag and caused a fire that gutted the kitchen. The home's occupants were not injured.

♦ NO PARKING SIGNS REMOVED:

The "No Parking" signs recently installed on the west side of Hillcrest between Ridge and Chalfonte, have

been removed by police order.

The chief told the city manager that if the signs are installed again, they will be placed on the hydrant side of the street.

1985

25 years ago this week

♦ THREE HOMES

ROBBED: A rash of daytime burglaries hit two streets in the Farms. It is not known if they were connected. The robberies occurred on Allard, Bournemouth and Bournemouth Circle.

♦ CLERICAL EMPLOYEES GET HELP WITH UNIFORM:

Clerical workers in the Farms received an across-the-board salary increase of 5 percent by council.

One of the unusual fringe benefits in the clerical department is a \$150 allotment for clothing. Five years ago, the women working behind the two front desks on the main floor of city hall decided to adopt a uniform appearance for work. The uniform consists of a navy blazer worn with ei-

ther green or yellow in the spring and camel or gray in the winter.

The stipend for each worker is intended to help defray the cost of the uniform clothing.

♦ CAR CRASH INJURES TWO:

A three-car accident in the Shores sent two people to the hospital with serious injuries.

A Woods man was traveling on Lakeshore when he lost control of his car, crossed the median island and hit an oncoming car head-on.

A third car traveling behind was unable to stop and broad-sided the second vehicle.

2000

10 years ago this week

♦ POINTE PARKS FACE

TAX PERIL: A recent statement issued by the State Tax Commission declaring municipalities that have resident-only parks have to tax those parks has the potential to affect how all the Grosse Pointe communities allocate funding for local parks.

♦ WOODS JOINS COUN-



FROM THE DEC. 29, 2005 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

2005: Razed

60 Lakeshore joins other lakeside houses in Grosse Pointe Farms that disappeared into history.

TY EMERGENCY PLAN: The eastside is now united in a nearly county-wide version of the Grosse Pointes' decades-old mutual aid agreement. With only a few stragglers remaining, the county's Emergency Management Program is nearly complete. Unification throughout

Wayne County moved one step closer last week with the signing-on of Grosse Pointe Woods, the last of the county's eastside cities to do so.

♦ KERBY SCHOOL CURB

CUT: Based on advice from traffic experts, Kerby school officials are seeking permission to go ahead with a plan proposed last October to build a curb cut along Kerby for dropping off and picking up stu-

dents.

2005

Five years ago this week

♦ 60 LAKESHORE RAZED: Historic good intentions could not save 60 Lakeshore from the wrecking ball.

Under an agreement between the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, plans for a lakeside condominium project approved by a super-majority vote of the Farms council may now move forward.

♦ RECYCLING EXTENDED: All of the Grosse Pointes except Grosse Pointe Woods have renewed a curbside recycling program at the same price as last year.

♦ LAKESIDE FENCED IN: A Grosse Pointe Farms homeowner on Lakeshore at Warner has fenced-in her lakeside property located across Lakeshore bordering Lake St. Clair.

She didn't need city permission to cordon off the area with a short, wrought-iron style fence.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive



Family tradition

Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage & Pierson Clinic recently hosted the annual Fink family tree lighting event in honor of former Cottage Hospital board members Elise Fink and her son, Peter Fink. Long after the deaths of both Elise and Peter Fink, family members continue to gather annually as younger family members "throw the switch" lighting the evergreen tree at the corner of Kercheval and Muir roads. From left, former Cottage board member and Fink family friend, Bill Rands, and Fink family members, Jake Jones, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Lexie Donaldson, of Grosse Pointe Park, Reese Jones, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Kobe and Kingsley Donaldson, of Grosse Pointe Park.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A new twist on derby's mint julep



fresh mint for garnish

In a small sauce pan bring the water, sugar and orange peel to a boil. Add 1 cup cranberries and boil for 3 to 4 minutes, until the berries begin to pop open. Stir well then remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Chill in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Cranberry Juleps

(Good Housekeeping)
1 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
2 3-inch strips orange peel
1 cup fresh cranberries plus more for garnish
1 cup Maker's Mark bourbon



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Welcome the new year with a new twist on an old drink.

♦ Syrup can be made up to one week before using. Strain the chilled syrup just before using.

To make the juleps place ice cubes in stemmed glasses combining equal parts syrup and bourbon in a small pitcher and stir well. Pour the mixture

into the iced glasses and garnish with a cranberry loaded pick and a sprig (or two) of fresh mint.

This potent cocktail is packed with flavor from the orange-cranberry combination and the Maker's Mark bourbon. Happy New Year. Enjoy and drink responsibly.

CAIN: Benefits need adjustment

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2008 nearly 3,000 households reporting income of \$1 million or more claimed income from unemployment benefits. They got a total of \$18.6 million in aid. Unemployment benefits are available to anyone suffering a job loss, regardless of income.

Once the economy gets moving again and tax returns are considerably increased, we will

have to look at ways to cut government expenditures, especially entitlement programs.

I wish someone would explain to me whether Social Security is an entitlement program, that is, financed by the federal government.

My understanding is Social Security doesn't use government funds to pay SS benefits. The money comes entirely from the amounts deducted each month from employees' wages, with a matching amount provided by employers. These monies go into the Social Security Trust Fund from which all payments are made.

If that is true, then Social

Security's future financial problems could be solved by raising the present cap requiring employees to pay into the SS system only on the first \$106,000 of income. Raising that cap substantially would provide billions of dollars to pay for benefits well into the future without the need to make changes or adjustments to the system. Social Security does not add in any way to the nation's debt.

Please correct me if I'm wrong. If I'm not, then why not write letters or e-mails to your elected officials urging a higher cap.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Michelle Basner-Ketepa

Are you using the Herod mentality?

"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he

gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and

under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi."

Matthew 2:16

It's not a pretty part of the story and we often like to forget about it. Herod, in a desperate attempt to hold on to his power sends people out to slaughter infants and toddlers.

We don't often read the story in worship. Observed by many churches on Dec. 28 or 29, the Feast of the Holy Innocents is a day recognizing these children as the first to die for the gospel — the first Christian martyrs.

This year, for some reason, I

find the story makes me pause and think.

Who are the innocents now? How many innocents are sacrificed in an effort to maintain control in our world today? How often do each of us have a little bit of "Herod" mentality that causes us to harm someone else in order to maintain our own status? We live in a world that is more and more divided into the haves and the have-nots. Those who have — wealth, power, status — are often blind to those who struggle for even the most modest improvements to their lives.

We are quick to label people based on their skin color, how they dress, their political

views or what they do for a living. We all make assumptions about those we do not know.

We write people off as failures while they struggle to pull themselves up in a system that finds reasons to keep people down.

Fighting the things dividing us involves a risk.

It requires us to step outside what we know. To see people as individuals and not the labels we would put on them. To recognize another human being as our equal. To acknowledge every person is a loved child of God — even those we don't agree with or particularly like.

One could argue that, like

Herod, we are afraid — afraid by allowing someone else to have our same rights and privileges, we somehow lose our own. As we enter a new year, may we all take a moment to stop and think, "What am I afraid of?" and then step outside our comfort zone in order to build someone else up.

May we all take a risk to help another human being gain in dignity. It takes a little bit of humility and a bit more courage, but what kind of difference can we make?

Basner-Ketepa serves as Minister of Faith Formation for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Exhibit features scientist

The Henry Ford's newest exhibit, George Washington Carver, runs through Feb. 27.

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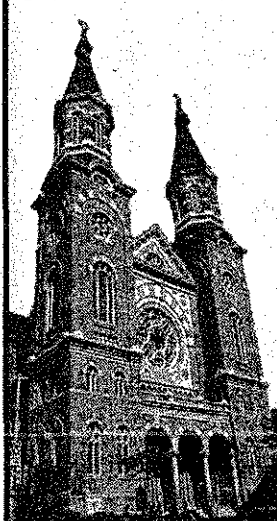
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WEDDINGS

Gruner - Long

Rachel Gruner, daughter of Judy Gruner, of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Matthew Long, son of Chris and Maureen Long, of St. Louis, Mo., May 16, 2010, in the outdoor courtyard of Lovett Hall in Dearborn.

The Rev. Gerald Hunter officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by an indoor reception.

The bride wore a strapless, diamond-white taffeta gown with a sweetheart bust line embroidered with crystals, a criss-cross-draped midriff and a full A-line skirt with pick-ups and a chapel length train. She carried a clutch bouquet of large white calla lilies and dendrobium orchids with lily grass loops and tied with white satin and pearls.

The maid of honor was Sharon Gruner, the bride's sister.

Bridesmaids were Diana Scott, of Denver, Colo.; Stephanie Humpula, of Marquette; Morgan Wyer, of Kalamazoo; and Elizabeth Lange, of Milwaukee, Wis., the groom's sister.

Attendants wore sage green matte satin, strapless, just-below-the-knee length dresses and carried clutch bouquets of white calla lilies.

The groom's nieces, Julia and Kristen Lange, were flower girls. They wore white sleeveless tea-length dresses and carried a single calla lily tied with a white ribbon.

The best men were Jeff Dunavant, of Kansas City, Mo., and Blake Siegel, of Atlanta, Ga.

Groomsmen were Zach Nelson, of Arvada, Colo.; Brian Ebner, of Detroit; and James Lange, of Milwaukee, the groom's brother-in-law.

Ushers were Keith Long, the groom's cousin; Francis Do, the groom's friend; and Ryan Gleesing, the bride's friend.

The bride's mother wore a caramel chiffon floor-length dress with a portrait-shirred neckline and shirred bodice with an amber rhinestone pin.

The groom's mother wore a cobalt blue chiffon floor-length dress with a sweetheart neckline, sheer sleeves and a silver applique.

Both mothers wore white calla lily wrist corsages.

Kathleen Riopelle, of Grand Haven, and Rachel Berent, of Fenton, the bride's friends, read from Scripture. Music was performed by Euphony Strings.

The bride is a fourth year medical student at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The groom is pursuing a Master of Business Association degree from Regis University and works in finance.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and live in Ferndale.

Hepler - Worrell

Erin Marie Hepler, daughter of Dr. Bradford R. and Carol Marie Hepler, of Grosse Pointe Park, married Patrick James Worrell Jr., son of Patrick and Mary Alice Worrell, of Grosse Pointe Park, July 24, 2010, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Very Rev. Dr. David Dieter performed the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

The bride wore a princess A-line silhouette gown accented with champagne satin bands at the neckline and along the hemline. The waist was embellished with a beaded band of Swarovski crystals. Buttons decorated the train's back. The bride carried a bouquet of white calla lilies.

The bride's college roommate and friend, Lynda DeLaronde, of Grafton, Mass., served as matron of honor.

Attendants were the bride's sister-in-law, Katie Hepler, of Plymouth; and the groom's sisters, Allison, Amy and Meghan Worrell, all of Chicago.

They wore J.Crew lavender silk chiffon sun dresses and

carried a single white calla lily.

Greg Weeks, of Berkley, served as best man for his friend and college roommate.

Groomsmen were college friends; Akil Jackson, of Los Angeles; Dave Vangel, of Dearborn Heights; Kurt Roelofs, of Royal Oak; and the bride's brother, Jason Hepler, of Plymouth.

The organist was Richard Newman and oboe soloist was the groom's aunt, Nancy Ambrose King, professor of music at University of Michigan, who performed "Arioso" by J. H. Fiocco. Scripture readers were the bride's brother, Jason Hepler, and groom's sister Amy Worrell. Acolyte was the groom's cousin, Trevor King.

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1996, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, Mass. and a post baccalaureate certificate in forensic investigation from Wayne State University. She is a medical legal death investigator in Cleveland, Ohio.

The groom graduated from South in 1996, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and management from Albion College and is a loan officer with Huntington Bank in Avon Lake, Ohio.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and live in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Schmitt - Rashid

Elizabeth Schmitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Schmitt III, of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Carl Thomas Rashid, of Grosse Pointe Farms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rashid Jr., of Grosse Pointe Woods, Oct. 16, 2010, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. John Wynnicky officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory, strapless, soft-sweetheart, full A-line gown with a draped wrapped bodice and a swirling, frothy, draped skirt with symmetrical layers and a crystal sash.

She carried an ivory stemmed hand-tied bouquet of hydrangeas, pink cymbidium orchids, pink roses and looped leaves.

The matron of honor was her twin sister, Allison LaFranca, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants were the bride's sister, Katie Horst, of Howell; the bride's sister-in-law, Hillary Schmitt, of Grosse Pointe Farms; the groom's sister, Lauren McLaughlin, of Chicago; the groom's cousin, Christine Dwaiby, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and the bride's friends, Meghan Robson, of New York; and Katherine Kotz, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

They wore pewter, crinkle chiffon full-length strapless gowns and carried hand-tied bouquets of white hydrangeas and pink cymbidium orchids.

Paul Rashid, of Chicago, was his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Joseph Schmitt IV, of Grosse Pointe Farms; the bride's brothers-in-law, Geoffrey Horst, of Howell; and James LaFranca, of Grosse Pointe Woods; the groom's brother-in-law, Benjamin McLaughlin, of Chicago; groom's cousin-in-law, Paul Dwaiby, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and the groom's friends, Brendan Thomas, of Chicago; Michael Howe, of Birmingham; and Thomas Stroble, of Troy.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is with Neiman Marcus.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from MSU and a juris doctorate degree from MSU College of Law. He is with Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti and Sherbrook, P.C.

The couple honeymooned in



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Long

Lana'i, Hawaii, and reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Keating - Kumpf

Regan Elizabeth Keating, of Chicago, daughter of James and JoAnne Keating, of Grosse Pointe Park, married Ryan Robert Kumpf, of Chicago, son of Gary and Diane Kumpf, of Mount Prospect, Ill., Sept. 5, 2010, in Grand Haven.

The Rev. Julia Dempz offici-



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick James Worrell Jr.

ated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Harbourfront Great Hall.

The bride chose a J.Crew champagne silk gown and carried a bouquet of mango calla lilies.

Jean O'Brien, of Chicago, served as her childhood friend's maid of honor.

Attendants were the bride's childhood friends, Quinn Getz and Tracy Gehlert, both of Denver, Colo.; Alicia Dempz, of Chicago; and college friends



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas Rashid

Katie Moray, of Ann Arbor; and Melinda Malek, of Portland, Ore.

They wore chocolate brown dresses, in a style of their choosing.

Best man was the groom's childhood friend from Chicago, Jonathan Kubow.

Groomsmen were Ben Miller, a childhood friend from Chicago; Paul Filary, a college friend, from Chicago; Sean Grady, a childhood friend, from Arlington Heights, Ill.; a college



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Robert Kumpf

friend, Josh Cass, of Chicago; and the bride's brother, Matthew Keating, of Tampa, Fla.

Ushers were Donovan Eckhardt and Tim Sullivan, both of Chicago, and the groom's childhood friends.

The groom's nephew, Preston Waldron, of Lake Zurich, Ill., was ring bearer.

Readers were Meryl Pankhurst, of Chicago, and Sean Waldron, of Lake Zurich.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University and is a human resources specialist.

The groom is a MSU graduate and is president of Blue Thumb Chicago.

The couple will honeymoon in Costa Rico in February and live in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENTS

Anderson - Poirier

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Anderson, to Nicholas R. Poirier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Poirier, of Downers Grove, Ill. A June wedding is planned.

Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical and biomedical engineering from Michigan State University. She is attending DePaul University pursuing a master's degree in education.

Poirier earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is pursuing a master's degree in education at DePaul and is an English teacher at Lane Tech College Prep High School in Chicago.

Lowden - Halberg

Sandra and Steven Lowden, of Savannah, Ga., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, have an-

nounced the engagement of their daughter, Jameson Lowden, to Andy Halberg, son of Karen and Rick Halberg, of Farmington Hills. An April wedding is planned.

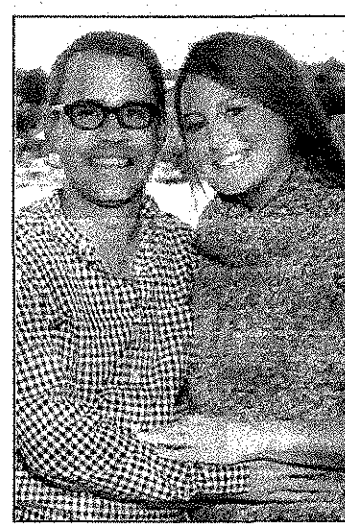
Lowden earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Social Work from U of M. She is in clinical social work.

Halberg earned a Bachelor of Science degree from U of M and a Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. He is a family practice resident at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix.

Safran - George

Mr. and Mrs. James Safran, of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Noelle Safran, to Matthew Joseph George, son of Dr. and Mrs. Tobias George, of Farmington Hills. A March wedding is planned.

Safran earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering

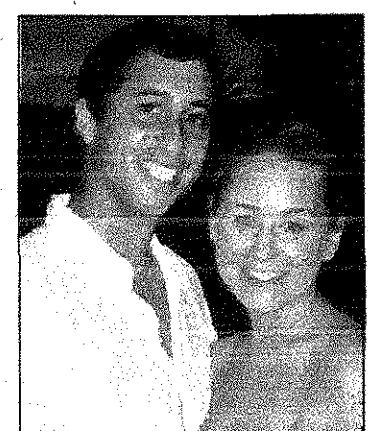


Nicholas R. Poirier and Kathryn Anderson

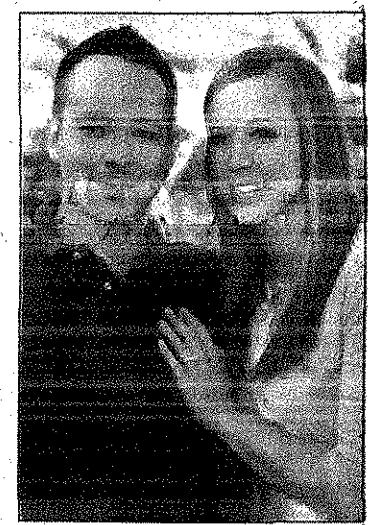
from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science degree in the physician assistant program from the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at George Washington University. She is a physician assistant at a family medicine and urgent care practice in Virginia.

George earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in film and video and political science from U of M.

He is pursuing a master's degree in security policy studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at GWU. He is the director of media at a consulting firm in Virginia.



Andy Halberg and Jameson Lowden



Lauren Noelle Safran and Matthew Joseph George

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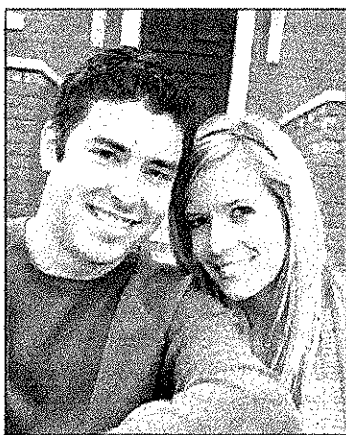
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Seago - Zeldes

Dr. and Mrs. John Seago, of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Seago, to Daniel Zeldes, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Zeldes, of Farmington Hills. A June wedding is planned.

Seago graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2003 and Michigan State University in 2007 with a degree in advertising. She is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Wayne State University. Seago is an advertising account executive at Universal McCann in Birmingham.

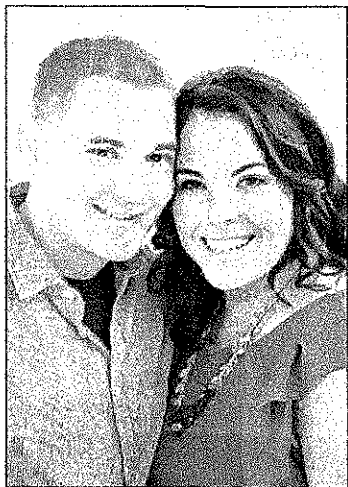
Zeldes is a 2002 graduate of North Farmington High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a fourth year medical student at WSU and is to graduate in May. He plans to pursue a career in anesthesiology.



Daniel Zeldes and Meghan Seago

Wemhoff - Foote

Paul and Mary Jo Wemhoff, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Wemhoff, to Anderson Foote, son of Gary and Carolyn Foote, of Grand Rapids. An August

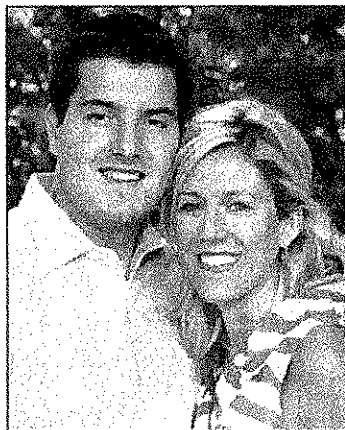


Anderson Foote and Stephanie Wemhoff

wedding is planned.

Wemhoff graduated from Michigan State University in 2004, earning a marketing degree from the Eli Broad School of Business. She is a human resources professional with the Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas.

Foote earned a business degree from Northwood University in 2001. He is the assistant executive, rooms division, Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio.



Robert Charles Thiel and Elizabeth Donnelly Warren

Warren - Thiel

Anne Widlak and John and Anna Warren, of Metamora, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Donnelly Warren, to Robert Charles Thiel, son of Chuck and Nancy Thiel, of the City of Grosse Pointe. Warren is also the daughter of the late David Widlak. A June wedding is planned.

Warren earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan

State University and is pursuing a Master of Education degree at DePaul University in Chicago.

Thiel earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree from Lake Forest College.

He is the director of Midwest sales with Pandora Internet radio.



Newcomers alumni

Some 125 Grosse Pointe Newcomers alumni and their guests were entertained by Noteworthy, a Grosse Pointe female vocal jazz group, Dec. 5 at the Little Club. The Christmas gathering was chaired by Don and JoEllen Ulrich, center and right, who are with John and Lucy Prost, co-chairs of the organization.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils still looking for right formula

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team remained winless on the season, losing 45-37 to Birmingham Marian last week. The host Blue Devils played

a good first half, but poor shooting allowed the Mustangs to pull away in the second half.

Head coach Kevin Richards has been scratching his head, waiting for that explosive team to show up for an entire four quarters.

"We did a better job of pro-

tecting the ball, but we're not doing the little things it takes to win games," Richards said. "We're playing hard, but not playing up to our expectations and that has to change."

After a 10-10 opening quarter, Marian outscored South 15-12 in the second period and

12-6 in the third to push the advantage to 37-28.

The deficit grew to double digits early in the fourth quarter, but sophomore Claire DeBoer hit a couple of three pointers and junior Catherine Palazzolo's six points kept the home team within shouting distance in the final four minutes.

Unfortunately for Richards, his players had one of those games in which the ball just wouldn't go through the basket. Senior Aisha Rodney had several good looks in the paint, as did junior Caitlin Moore, but the shots refused to go in.

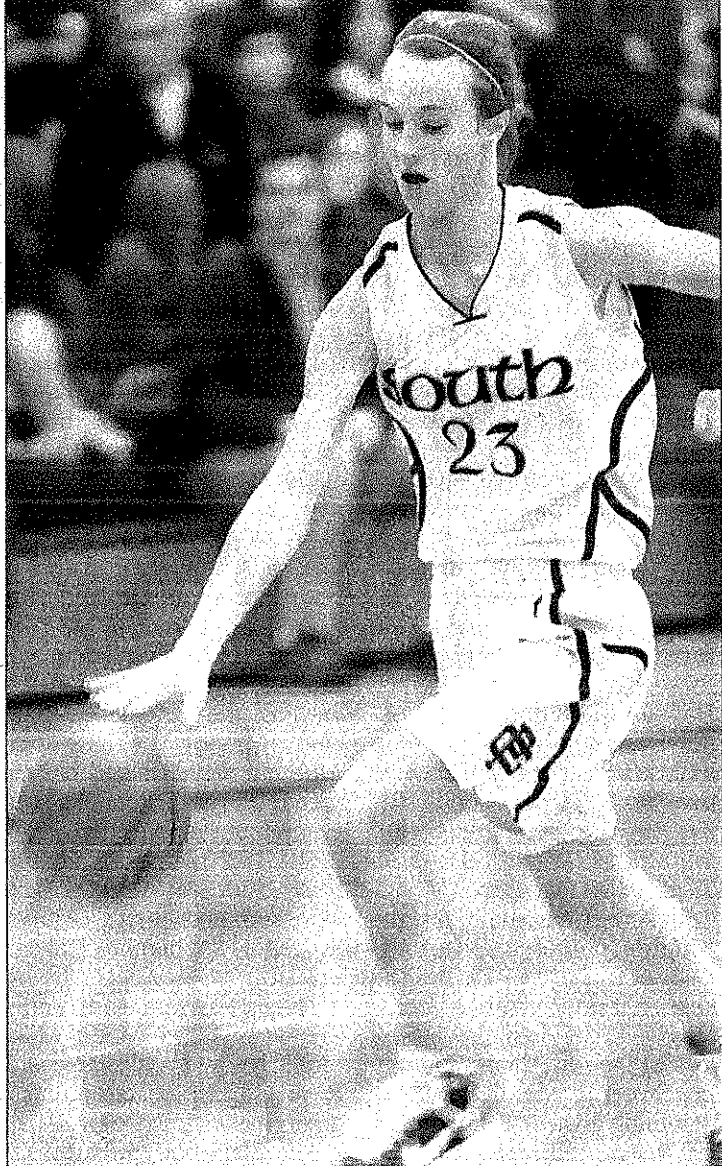
Rodney finished with 11 points, followed by Moore and DeBoer with 10 points apiece. Palazzolo rounded out the scoring, netting six points.

For the Mustangs, senior standout Mara Mulroy had the hot hand, scoring in the paint, as well as on short jumpers.

"We needed to do a better job of defending Mulroy," Richards said. "She hit too many open jumpers, which means we didn't do a good job defending."

South dropped to 0-3 overall, averaging only 37 points per game.

"We have to get that explosiveness back," Richards said. "We're frustrated right now, but I'm confident with some hard work in practice we will be a better team."



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South sophomore Claire DeBoer had 10 points, including two three-pointers in the second half to keep the Blue Devils close.


YOUTH SOCCER




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Champions

Grosse Pointe South freshmen Gretchen Dettlinger, left, and Dee Dee Burns, future Blue Devil soccer players, played an instrumental part to help the U14 Vardar girls team win a very close championship game, 1-0, over the Michigan Hawks at the Ultimate Soccer Arena. They both currently play on the back line and helped to shut out all their opponents in the state cup run, 23-0.




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University Liggett year in review

Fans had lots to cheer about in 2010

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett fans had many chances to cheer during 2010.

Students packed the gyms for basketball and volleyball matches, as well as the sidelines and stands for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and football games.

Through it all, several teams enjoyed a lot of success and it was the year of the underclassmen who showed the future of Knights' athletics is bright.

Last winter, the girls' basketball team, under first-year head coach Wayne Gigante, not only put together one of its best seasons in a decade, but one of the best in program history.

The Knights opened the season winning its first seven games before losing 46-42 to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

More victories were on the schedule until running into Oakland Christian once again and losing another division contest.

Led by All-State forward/guard Madison Ristovski, senior forward Hannah Baird and several underclassmen, the Knights won a Class C district title with wins over host Harper Woods, 61-34, in the semifinals and Warren Michigan Collegiate, 72-45, in the title game.

In a regional semifinal, the Knights pounded Riverview Gabriel Richard 63-37, but the season ended with a hard-fought 42-38 double-overtime loss to Detroit Allen Academy in a Sweet 16 game.

Joining Ristovski and Baird on the squad were Haleigh Ristovski, Ariana Castillo, Grace Edmonds, Courtney Slabaugh, Blair Blackwell, Ellen Farber, Shatara Cleveland, Julia DeRoo, Andriana Evangelista and Amber Baldwin.

Liggett's boys' hockey team, under head coach Robb McIntyre, took a 25-0-1 record into its Division 3 regional championship game against host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

However, they lost 6-2 to the Cranes, ending the best seasons since the 1990 state title team.

Team leaders were seniors James Palmer, Mac Decker, Patrick Gushee, Jake Goldberg, Rory Deane, Dan Zukas, Tripp Damman and goalie David McIntyre.

Fans also flocked to see the boys basketball team run circles around most of its foes last winter.

Head coach Sidney Johnson enjoyed one of his most successful seasons with a 16-6 record.

Behind senior All-State guard Mark Ghafari, fellow graduate Joey Shannon and a host of underclassmen, the Knights cruised into a district championship game against heavily favored Detroit City.

After a battle, the Knights lost 67-64, but put themselves on the basketball map in the tri-county area.

Head coach Laura Aiken (Owczarski) and the girls' hockey team put together a nice season, finishing 10-13.

They stunned Ann Arbor 4-1 in a state quarterfinal game before losing 8-1 to city rival Grosse Pointe South in a Final Four game at Detroit City Arena.

Senior Paige Counsman was rewarded for her hard work, earning the prestigious Miss Hockey honor. The three-sport All-State player ended her career as one of the school's best-ever female athletes.

She had plenty of support from graduates Morgan Ellis, Liz Smith and Janaya Gripper, as well as sophomore Haleigh Bolton.

The co-ed swim team, under first-year head coach Mike Mullinger and assistant coach Ryan Gunderson, also had a great season, finishing 7-2.

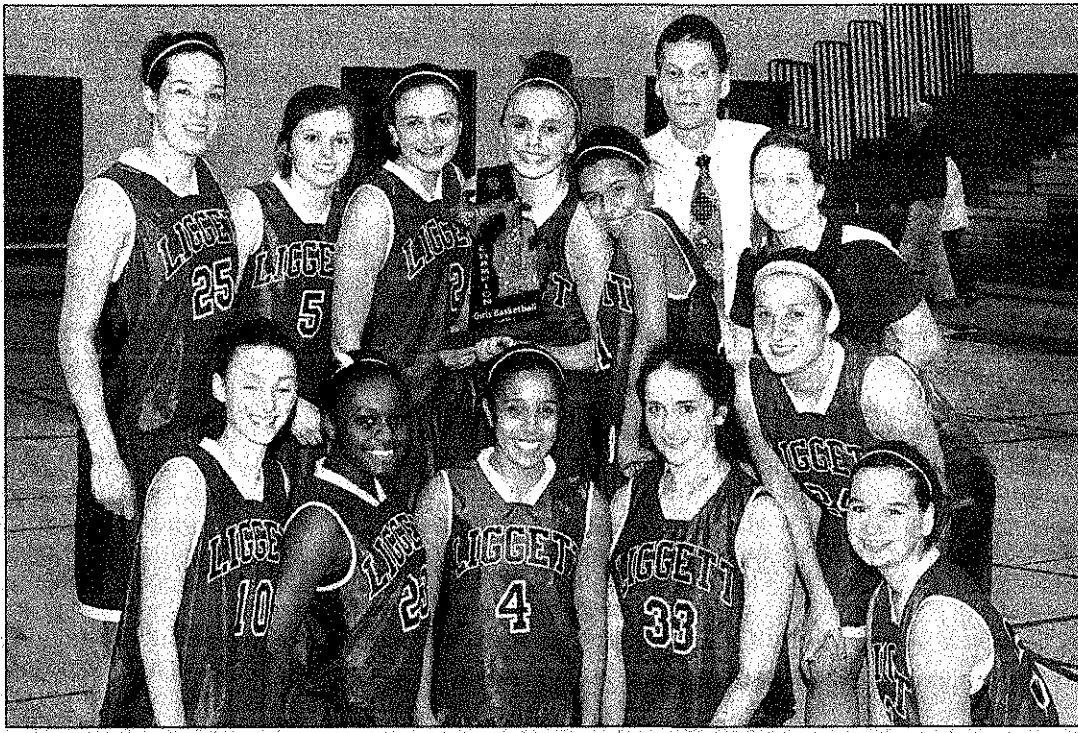
The Knights' only losses came to Ann Arbor Greenhills and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

They finished third out of four teams in its league meet.

The coaches switched positions this season and Gunderson's goal is to qualify several of his swimmers in the Division 3 state championship meet.

Last year's leading swimmer was 2010 graduate Chris Brownell.

The success kept coming in the spring as head coach Dan Cimini's baseball team won a district title en route to a 25-9



FILE PHOTO

University Liggett's girls' basketball team, under head coach Wayne Gigante, standing far right, won more than 20 games last winter and provided fans with a ton of excitement in 2010.

record.

The Knights beat Royal Oak Shrine 5-2 in the exciting district final and demolished Southfield Christian 11-1 in a regional semifinal before losing 5-4 in eight innings to nemesis Lutheran Westland in a Sweet 16 game.

The Knights' seniors were Joey Shannon, Skippy Faber, Mark Ghafari, Jake Goldberg and Chris Ralstrom. Some of the biggest hits were delivered by All-State junior catcher Dominic Jamett, as well as freshman Connor Fannon, who has a flair for the dramatics.

Head coach Ted Alpert and the girls' softball team stood 1-2 after the first two weeks of the season, but put its game into overdrive, winning 14 consecutive games to stand one win away from capturing a district championship.

Having won a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference division crown, the Knights had its sights set on moving on in the state playoffs.

Unfortunately, the dream season ended with a 6-1 loss to Shrine in the district title game.

Alpert's lineup of underclassmen, Kinaya Smith, Emma Bandos, Elizabeth Stallings, Susan Stefani, Courtney Slabaugh, Tess Bandos, Dominique Garrison,

Colleen Klimek, Rosemary O'Meara, Carrie Chouinard, Julie DeRoo, Sloane Klene, Amber Baldwin and Amanda Walencewicz overwhelmed a majority of their foes to finish 15-3.

Look out this spring because the Knights will be better.

Head coach Cathy Hackenberger and the girls' tennis team finished the regular season 5-4-1, but captured the moment by tying for second in a Division IV regional tournament and advancing to the state finals.

Leading the charge were singles players Paige Counsman, Medea Shanidze, Sophie Mair and Morgan Ellis, as well as doubles players Emily Broder, Madeline Mair, Sarah Pollick, Jasmine Policherla, Carolyn Charbonier, Mary Nehra, Nimet Williams and Meghan Berkery.

The girls' soccer team, under head coach David Dwaihy, enjoyed a successful spring, finishing 10-6-1.

The Knights played a very tough schedule, which helped when it came time for the state playoffs. They beat Royal Oak Shrine 2-0 in the district semifinals before falling 6-0 to state power Madison Heights Bishop Foley in the title contest.

The boys' lacrosse team, under head coach John Bartoy,

finished 6-8, but struggled during the second half, including a season-ending 8-6 loss to Grosse Pointe North in the state playoffs.

Dan Sullivan and a very young golf team finished 3-6 in a competitive MIAC and the girls' lacrosse team improved throughout the season under head coach Tamara Fobare, but ended the spring 2-13, losing 11-9 to Warren Regina in the state playoffs.

This fall, the rage was the football team. Head coach Dan Cimini pulled off the impossible from second-year program, making the state playoffs with a 6-3 mark.

The Knights gained momentum week after week, thanks to an offense that put tons of points on the board with a good quarterback, Nate Gaggin, and great receivers Eric Ewing, Drew Jerome and KeVaughn Jackson.

Gaggin's offensive line gave him time to throw and rack up huge passing yards and touchdowns.

Other members of the play-off team were Jacob Jerome, Darryl Lewis, Chandler Wahl, Anthony Simon, Vernell Keith Johnson, Evan Sendi, Eddie Thomas, Manny Counsman, Jake Hodges, Thomas Fair, Richard Ferrara, Daniel Baird, Joseph Maniaci, Patrick Monahan, Stavros Bricolas,

Alejandro Blake, Antoine Crews, Joshua Dickens, Eric Streebing, Matthew White, Kelton Verble, Antonio Malkoun, Nicholas Kassab, Mitch Gatzke, Chris Stroh, Rahsaan Trice, Lordanthony Grissom and John George.

The season ended with a loss to Warren Michigan Collegiate in the first round of the state playoffs.

The girls' volleyball team, under head coach Dan Sullivan, earned a MIAC Division title before losing a tough five-set district title match to Bishop Foley. The Knights finished 18-10-3 behind the play of league MVP Tori Wuthrich and teammates Kinaya Smith, Sarah Altimore, Ilexis Mustafaa, Haley Smith, Colleen Klimek, Carrie Chouinard, Courtney Slabaugh, Anne Flick, Grace Edmonds, Morgan Hutson and Ashley Rahi.

Head coach Chuck Wright and the boys' tennis team once again finished in the top 10 in the state finals this fall.

The Knights finished 5-5-1 and took third in the regional tournament to get to the finals.

Team members were seniors Alejandro Blake, George Park, Ian Quinlan and Garrett Redding; juniors Boris Canzano, Chris Monsour, Anthony Palleschi, Austin Petitpren, Robert Stanley and Patrick Thomas; and sophomores Garrett Mallires and Alec Petitpren.

The girls' cross country team had a solid run this fall, making the state championship meet in just its second year as a varsity sport.

Head coach Trey Cassidy guided the team to an 18th-place finish in the Division IV finals behind the running of freshman Danielle Lorient, junior Katarina Goitz, freshman Bre'Nae Andrews, sophomore Haleigh Ristovski, senior Tess Bandos, junior Ye Jin and freshman Fanusen Dijulio.

The boys' cross country team took a step forward this season under Cassidy and should be even better next fall.

Head coach Tamara Fobare and the girls' field hockey team finished 4-10-1, while the boys' soccer team, under head coach David Backhurst, ended its season 2-17 to round out the fall athletic squads.

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Hodges provides leadership to siblings

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett junior Jake Hodges and his younger sister, freshman Hannah Hodges, have the perfect role model — oldest sister Morgan.

The 19-year-old Regina graduate is in her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington, living the dream as a true student-athlete.

She plays for the college's club hockey team and is the only female on the squad. Amazingly, she picked up the sport not as a child, but as a freshman at Regina.

"I thought I would give hockey a try," Hodges said. "It looked fun and I would get a chance to play with some friends."

She played on the junior varsity team a couple of seasons, learning the ropes before moving to the varsity squad her junior and senior years.

It didn't take long for Hodges to become one of the Saddlelites' best players. She excelled competing against the state's best teams, Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Her senior season Hodges played for a new head coach, Katie Juliano.

"She is a good coach," Hodges said. "She knows the game and she will improve your program."

She graduated in the sum-

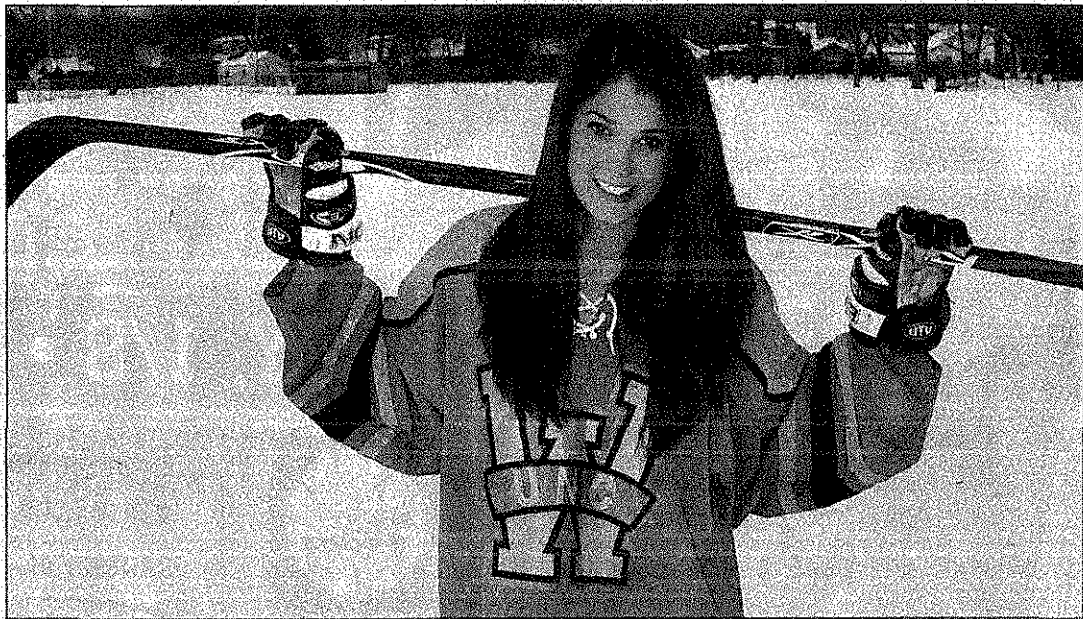


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Morgan Hodges, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington, is a great role model for her younger brother and sister, who play hockey at University Liggett.

mer of 2009 and turned her attention to UNCW.

"Ever since I was a kid I wanted to go to school in North Carolina," she said. "We have family in Raleigh and when I had a chance to visit the campus, I instantly fell in love with it."

Hodges decided to try out for UNCW's club team, which is composed of all men. Her brother Jake said if she made the team, he would pay her ice bill her freshman year.

She made it and the head coach, Bryan Hapeman, asked her if she was serious about playing on the team. There is full checking since the Seahawks play in the men's

league of the Carolina Division.

Jake paid the ice bill.

"I thought it would be fun to play and continue my hockey career," Hodges said. "I knew I wouldn't play in every game, but it's been a wonderful experience and there aren't many girls playing ice hockey around UNCW."

She has adapted to the high level of play and dished out her share of bone-jarring checks.

"Checking is part of the game and I'm not going to shy away from the contact," Hodges said.

She has to be in tip-top shape and has increased her skills.

Her teammates are Dareck Bargerstock, Steven Bielec,

Blair Bigwood, Kevin Cox, Bond Danku, Luke Defeis, Ben Dorrier, captain, Chris Edwards, Grayson Fanelli, Brendan Hayes, Michael Kane, Andy Koerber, Peter Koerber, Tim McKeag, assistant captain, Ryan Meluch, Alex Merry, Joe Perone, Marty Previtte, Jake Rennert, Garrett Riley, Alec Doberson, Pamela Rosoff, Samian Roy, Ethan Tausz, Greg Taylor, assistant captain, Brad Wilson and Brandon Woodard.

As a freshman, Hodges helped the Seahawks finished 9-10-1 overall and 7-3 in their division.

Unfortunately, going to school and playing hockey 14 hours from home doesn't bode

well for having her parents, Craig and Bettyanne, in the stands. She is on her own.

"Craig and I were very nervous about her being so far away," Bettyanne Hodges said. "We explained that she will be on her own. My sister lives two hours from Morgan in Raleigh if there is an emergency."

"The part I really didn't like is the thought of her staying there permanently. Since she was 5, she said she was moving to North Carolina when she graduates and she did."

"As for boys hockey, I asked Jake what he thought and he said it is NC hockey, not Michigan, so she should be fine. She is very strong physically and has had to work hard to be in very good shape and skate hard and play smarter. The bonus is she has 20 brothers down there looking out for her."

For the record, Wilmington, N.C., is nearly 900 miles from Harper Woods, Hodges' hometown.

Her adaptation to every aspect of college, academics, athletics and socializing, has been smooth as the first ice of the winter.

She earned a 3.85 grade point average at Regina, mixing a tough curriculum while competing in ice hockey, track and field, soccer, powder puff and basketball her freshman year.

Her early years of education were spent as a home-schooled student under the close watch

of her mother and father. Both parents were athletic growing up in Warren and New Hudson, respectively, so it was just a matter of time before Morgan began playing competitively.

"Going from being home-schooled to Regina for high school took a little getting used to, but it wasn't a bad experience," Hodges said. "When I played sports, I played to win. It didn't matter what sport I played, I wanted to win and my attitude hasn't changed."

She has shone with confidence since she was a child. The confidence only gets brighter as her future unfolds.

Despite not playing every game, Hodges is still enjoying her experience as a member of the hockey team and she loves the nice weather and the fact that the ocean is just a short drive away.

"I'm really enjoying college life," Hodges said. "I go to a great school, I met some great friends (including boyfriend Kacey, a senior at UNCW) and I'm doing my best in hockey and school."

Her major was originally marine biology, but with jobs scarce, it changed to teaching mathematics. Her grade point average at UNCW is 3.10, which has increased since she missed a lot of time early last year due to having mono.

She spent the holidays with her family and watched Jake and Hannah play hockey games for Liggett. Both are following in her footsteps.

Grosse Pointe South year in review

South's 2010 a year for the record books

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

What a year it was for Grosse Pointe South's athletic teams.

The year 2010 might be one of the most successful in the school's long history, even dating back to the early years when there was only one Grosse Pointe high school.

It started last winter when the Blue Devils posted a state championship in boys' swimming, a runner-up team finish at the pool, as well as another state runner-up finish on the ice.

The state championship in the 200-yard freestyle relay went to Craig Campbell, Cam Johnson, Joe Hessburg and Matt Mandel posting a time of 1:25.05, 22 seconds faster than Birmingham Seaholm's four-some.

Other All-State performers were Michael Shook, Cam Laney, Hessburg and Johnson with a sixth-place time of 1:38.22 in the 200-yard medley relay; Campbell, third-place time of 1:42.58 in the 200-yard freestyle; Shook, sixth-place time of 1:44.58 in the 200-yard freestyle; Hessburg, seventh in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.02; Kyle Eschenburg, eighth in diving with 357.65 points; Mandel, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.66; Campbell, eighth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 47.18; Shook, fourth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:41.41; Laney, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.04; Luke Hessburg, sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:00.37; and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Campbell, Shook, Joe Hessburg and Mandel who placed third with a time of 3:10.08.

Other top finishers in the state championship meet were Roby Boggs, ninth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:00.32; Ryan Graham, 24th in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:04.69; Johnson, ninth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.98; Matt Schmidt, 12th in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:51.90; Schmidt, 22nd in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.14; and Boggs, 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.71.

Head coach Eric Gunderson guided the South boys' swim team to a second-place finish with 248.5 points. Birmingham Groves won the title with 331 points.

The last time this program placed so high was when Grosse Pointe High School won the 1968 state championship under head coach Carl Schoessel and the 1963 squad was runner-up to Seaholm.

The 1960 Grosse Pointe team won the state title under head coach Paul Wheeler, too.

The Blue Devils' other second-place team was the girls' hockey squad under legendary head coach Bill Fox.

Fox helped create the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and has the best winning percentage, and most state titles and division championships in league history.

His Blue Devils took a 21-0 record into the state championship game against rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

However, the Blue Devils lost 2-1 in double-overtime, ending the bid to win three straight state championships and finish the season undefeated.

Leading the team were seniors Jessica Snella, Julia Solecki, Emma Hull, Shannon Gianino, Ana Harris, Rae Sklarski and Maggie Miller; juniors Dylanah McColl, Andrea Marshall, Sam Taylor, Christine Daudlin, Elizabeth Clem, Dana Davenport and Lorna Burns; sophomores Marissa Monforton, Melissa Klinger, Cara Monforton, Carly Verkuilen and Claire Boyle; and freshmen Baylee McColl, Meghan Polack, Allison Daudlin, Gabby



Head coach Eric Gunderson, background left, guided the Grosse Pointe South boys' swim team to a runner-up finish in the 2010 state finals.

Hartman and Anastasia Diamond.

Another star-studded winter team was Kevin Richards' girls' basketball squad.

The Blue Devils finished 17-6 overall, winning a share of the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

The squad also advanced to a district championship game, but lost a tough 40-34 decision to city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Richards has transformed the Blue Devils' program from a less-than-average to very solid one in his short time at the helm.

Former head coach Jim Twigg led the boys' basketball team to an 11-11 record, which included an eight-game winning streak during the final five weeks of the season.

First-year head coach Jamie Bufalino led the boys' hockey team to a 10-14-1 record. Inconsistency led to many tough losses, but the transition in year No. 2 has been good.

Another former head coach, Pat O'Donnell, led the wrestling team to a solid finish overall and in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division at 5-2.

After the winter programs created a sizzle, the spring teams kept the oil bubbling hot, thanks to another state champion and some razzle-dazzle on the athletic fields.

Head coach Steve Zaranek and the girls' track and field team blitzed every foe on its schedule, easily winning a MAC White Division dual meet and league meet title.

They cruised to first place in the regional meet and took the momentum to the state finals, placing tied for fourth with Ann Arbor Pioneer with 33 points. Rochester won with 65 points, followed by Rockford with 58 and East Kentwood with 46.50.

The state champ was then freshman Hannah Meier, earning the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a state-record time of 2:08.83.

Other All-State performances were turned in by the 3,200-meter relay team with a second-place time of 9:09.85; Veronica Schacht with a fourth-place time of 15.31 in the 100-meter high hurdles; Haley Meier with a second-place time of 4:53.85 in the 1,600-meter run; and the 400-meter relay team with a seventh-place time of 49.11.

Other state finals competitors were Caitlin Moore in the 100-meter dash, Christina Firl and Haley Meier in the 3,200-meter run, Aubryn Samaroo in the high jump, Sydney Burke and Madi Kaiser in the pole vault, Aisha Rodney in the shot put and Emily Jackman in the

discus.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and the Blue Devils girls' tennis team had a banner season, winning a MAC Red Division dual meet and league meet championship, as well as a Division 1 regional title.

In the state finals, they placed eighth, making it another season with a top-10 finish.

Team members who competed in the finals were Julie Wittwer, Emma Hyde, Emily Lynch, E.A. Kennedy, Carla Schmidt, Cecelie Uldbjerg, Alana Dickson, Kiki Fox, Amelia Boccaccio, Courtney Nestor, Carrie Lynch and Clare Brennan.

The boys' lacrosse team under Don Wolford finished 12-8, but got hot when it counted the most, in the state playoffs.

The Blue Devils beat Madison Heights Bishop Foley 15-0 and Grosse Pointe North 15-7 to advance to the Elite Eight (regional championship game) against East Grand Rapids. That turned into a 13-1 defeat, but it didn't dampen what turned out to be a great playoff run.

Rob McIntyre and the South boys' golf team made the head coach's first year a memorable one, winning a MAC Red Division dual meet and division championship.

They also finished third in a district tournament to advance to the regionals and placed third to make the state finals.

The Blue Devils finished 14th in the state finals with a two-day total of 619. Detroit Catholic Central won the state title with a 569.

Competing for the team were Tommy Pandy with a 152, Mat Temrowski with a 152, Konrad Tech and Matt Taflinger with a 157, Geoff Welsher with a 158 and Evan Inger with a 162.

Head coach Dan Griesbaum and the baseball team performed well on the diamond, earning a share of the tough MAC Red Division title and blasting its way to another district championship.

They beat Roseville 13-1 in a pre-district game, Grosse Pointe North 7-4 in a district semifinal and Eastpointe East Detroit 13-3 in the district title game.

The season came to a halt with a loss to Warren DeLaSalle in a regional semifinal game. The Blue Devils' final record was 24-14.

Leaving their mark on the program were 2010 graduates Bobby Peltz, Bill Mestdagh, Andrew Lajdziak, Andrew Vanderschaaf, Stephen Walworth, Ryan Miller, Alex Koski, Charlie Getz, Anthony Riashi, Karl Brecht, Patrick

Kennedy, Chris Shirar and Brad Remillet.

South's girls' soccer team, under Gene Harkins, finished 8-7-7, losing to Troy 1-0 in a regional semifinal game, while the girls' softball team, under head coach Nicole Crane, struggled to find consistency with a roster loaded with underclassmen.

Head coach Lauren Germaine and the girls' lacrosse team finished 10-12, losing 12-5 to Rockford in a state semifinal. The team got hot in the state playoffs, beating Birmingham 7-6 and Troy 15-6 before the tough Final Four defeat.

In addition, Werner Schienke and the Blue Devils boys' track and field team did not win a league meet, but Victor Mattinson competed in the state finals, placing 19th in the 400-meter dash and Stan Scott took 18th in the shot put.

This fall provided even more fireworks.

The boys' football team led the way with a Final Four appearance in the Division 2 state playoffs.

The Blue Devils barely earned a playoff spot with a 5-4 regular season mark, but played well in its three playoff wins, 17-14 over Detroit Cody, 37-21 over Detroit Martin Luther King and 44-42 over Temperance Bedford in the regional championship game.

Head coach Tim Brandon and the players accomplished their three goals set during the pre-season practices: beat Grosse Pointe North, win another division title and go further in the state playoffs than last fall.

The season ended with a loss to eventual state champion Farmington Hills Harrison in the semifinals.

Head coach Steve Zaranek and the girls' cross-country team led the way with a sixth-place finish in the Division 1 state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Hannah Meier was third overall to earn Dream Team and All-State honors. Joining her as an All-State runner were Haley Meier, seventh, and Christina Firl, 20th.

Other runners who ran in the finals were Natalie Gay, Kelly Langton and Margaret Levasseur.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and the girls' swim team had another extraordinary season, easily winning the MAC Red Division dual meet and league meet titles.

Gunderson had more than a dozen girls compete in the state finals with Ali DeLoof and Gabby DeLoof earning All-State honors with a second and third place finish in the

100-yard backstroke.

Other All-Staters were Megan Brooks, Anne Crowley, Cassandra Morse and Ellen Henrichs.

The remaining state finalists were Katie Graham, Kate Van Pelt, Caroline Wilkinson, Jessi Kaminski, Ellen Neveux, Allyson O'Connell, Laurel Johnson and Madi Kaiser.

The girls' golf team, under head coach Peter Kingsley, enjoyed another successful fall.

The girls won a MAC Red Division dual meet and league tournament championship, as well as placed in the regional tournament to advance to the state finals.

Behind junior co-captain Ella Pandy, who earned All-State honors with her fourth place score of 155, the Blue Devils captured fourth in the Division 1 state finals.

The Blue Devils' other scorers were junior Claire Boyle with a 168, freshman Lily Pandy with a 176, freshman Tenley Shield with a 180 and sophomore Hannah Buzolits with a 197.

Tom Berschback ended his long-time tenure as boys tennis head coach with a seventh-place finish in the Division 1 state finals.

Next fall, he will remain on as a co-head coach, but John Willard will handle most of the duties.

Leading the team were senior captains Matt Keane, John Willard and Charlie Miller. Other team members were junior Matt Clune, senior Will Quinn, junior David Harris, senior Alex Padilla,

freshman Colden Gosselin, junior Daniel Garberding, junior Alex Gosselin, junior Ted Berkowski and junior Henry Brophy.

The girls' field hockey team, under head coach Millie Tompkins, shook off a mediocre regular season and shone during the state playoffs, beating Dearborn Edsel Ford and Livonia Ladywood before losing 1-0 in overtime to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the state semifinal. The team finished 10-6-1 behind senior All-State performers Shelby Stone, Julie Wittwer and Maddie McMahon.

Head coach Ryan Welser and the girls' volleyball team finished a strong season 34-11-5.

The Blue Devils put together a strong run this fall, finishing second in the MAC Blue Division and second in its district, losing to city rival Grosse Pointe North in the championship match.

The boys' soccer team, under head coach Stefan Harris, had its fortunes this fall, but came up short in its division and districts.

The boys' cross country team, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, had a solid run this fall, finishing in the top three in the tough MAC Red Division and making it to the state championship meet.

The runners were junior Austin Montgomery, senior Connor Dixon, senior Patrick Mulier, freshman Jacob Knuth, sophomore Bradley Sanford, sophomore Matt Geist and junior Cameron Davies.

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Grosse Pointe North year in review

North girls' hoops, hockey highlight 2010

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's 2010 sports year came in like a lion and ended with a whimper.

It started last winter with the girls' basketball team making another long run in the state playoffs under head coach Gary Bennett.

The Norsemen won the 2008 Class A state championship and carried that momentum to the next two years, making it to the state quarterfinals both seasons.

Unfortunately, each quarterfinal game turned into a loss to Detroit Renaissance, but the memories last a lifetime.

Between a season-opening loss to Birmingham Marian and the defeat to Renaissance was a 24-game winning streak.

During the winning streak, the Norsemen, behind seniors Ariel Braker, Kayla Womack, Christine Bedway, Kamille Hamzey and Sarah Bigham; juniors Micaela Liddane, Kia Tyus, Nicole Strickland and Ariel Golden; sophomore Gabriela Causley; and freshmen Taryn Kiah and Emily Armbruster, blitzed most of their opponents.

They won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division title with another perfect 10-0 mark, as well as another district championship with a close 40-34 victory over city rival Grosse Pointe South.

In the regionals, the Norsemen crushed Sterling Heights by 20 points and Macomb Dakota by 12. Both final scores were closer than the game really was as the Norsemen jumped out to huge halftime leads.

During her four-year varsity career, Braker never lost a division, district or regional basketball game. She is currently a freshman on the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team.

North's second championship-caliber team was the girls' hockey squad under head coach Scott Dockett.

The Norsemen finished 14-8, but advanced to the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state semifinal game after beating Northville 4-2 in the quarterfinals.

Dockett's squad did not roster a single senior, so it was up to the underclassmen to get the job done, including 12 freshmen.

After some early-season struggles, the Norsemen got into a groove and prepared for the state playoffs with a big 2-1 overtime win over nemesis Ann Arbor.

Unfortunately, the run to the finals ended a game early, a 3-0 loss to eventual state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Kingswood in the semifinals. During the season, the Norsemen lost to the Cranes 4-3, 3-2 in overtime, 5-4 in overtime and 3-0.

The ladies on that team were Emma Huellmantel, Natalie Skorupski, Megan Bergeron, Jennifer Cusmano, Dylan Trout, C.J. McCarthy, Taylor Moody, Kailey Sickmiller, Julia Henderson, Sara Villani, Melissa Mermiges, Katie Bowles, Melanie Mermiges, Ellen Brown, Bryn Moody, Jaccelynn Sherry, Paige Micks and Sarah Richardson.

They're all back this winter, ready to make a serious run at the state championship.

Grosse Pointe also has a unified gymnastics team with girls from North and Grosse Pointe South on the squad.

The team, under head coach Cathy Hubmeier, won all seven dual meets and a division title. The squad also finished second in the Troy Quad, first in the Fraser Invitational, sixth in the Farmington Invitational and third in the Troy Athens Invitational before the regionals.

Several gymnasts made the state finals, but the team was edged out of the top three spots in its bid to make the championship meet.

Making the state finals were Lauren Krieger, Heather Koresky, Madi Kaiser, Aubryn Samaroo and Emma Abbesinio.

Other winter sports teams had decent seasons, including the wrestling squad under Bryan Lorenzo that won a district title. The Norsemen's season ended with a 51-23 loss to L'Anse Creuse in a regional semifinal.

Graduate Alex Doetsch earned a spot in the individual finals, competing in the 171-pound division.

The boys' basketball team, under Matt Lockhart, finished with a winning record, 11-10, but lost to Grosse Pointe South in the first round of the state tournament.

The boys' hockey team, under Scott Lock, struggled with a relatively youthful roster and finished 10-15-1, losing to Warren DeLaSalle in a Division 2 pre-regional title game.

The boys' swim team, under head coach Mike O'Connor, finished .500, but had several make the state finals — Robert Tripp, Christian Mellos, Zack Hanna, Matt Peyser, Justin Rakowicz, Tommy Milne and Peter Shea.

In the spring, the boys' baseball team, under long-time head coach Frank Sumner, had the most success, finishing 23-12. Its season ended with a 7-4 loss to Grosse Pointe South in a district semifinal game.



FILE PHOTOS

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team under the guidance of head coach Gary Bennett, kneeling. The Norsemen were on the up-and-up in 2010, winning league, district and regional titles.

The Norsemen were led by seniors Mark Palazzolo, Teddie Williams, Tony Casano, Nate Lewis, Brandon D'Agnes, Kirk Gowen, Mitchell Capp, Mike Held and Josh Richardson.

The girls' softball team, under head coach Bill Taylor, had a young roster and took its lumps, finishing 8-15 overall, while the girls' soccer team, under the tutelage of Jen Nadeau, suffered the same fate, ending the campaign 5-14-1, falling 2-1 to arch rival Grosse Pointe South in a district title game.

Graduate Nikki Capizzo was the Norsemen's top player and is now one of the top freshmen on Savannah College of Art and Design's women's soccer team. Capizzo earned All-The Sun Conference Women's Soccer Second Team, scoring two goals for a team that recorded nine shutouts and limited its opponents to just 0.84 goals per match.

Head coach Dan Preston and the Norsemen boys' lacrosse team finished above .500 at 11-7, but ended the season with another loss to city rival Grosse Pointe South, 15-7 in a regional semifinal game.

The girls' lacrosse team also put together an impressive season, finishing 11-5-1 under legendary head coach Bill Seaman. Its season ended with a 14-9 loss to Troy in a regional semifinal game.

The boys' golf team finished 5-3 and fourth in a district tournament, ending its season earlier than expected.

However, Jon Freismuth competed as an individual in the Division 1 state championship tournament, firing a two-day total of 152.

Head coach Matt Eszes and the Norsemen girls' tennis team struggled during the regular season, winning only one match, but the ladies pulled together to win a regional championship and make the state finals.

Seniors Kim Woods and Emily Biegas, as well as fellow captain, junior Maura Bresser, rallied their teammates, who played solid tennis during the regional tournament.

Other team members were freshmen Ali Scoggin and Blake Moncur; sophomores Holly Gilezan, Alyse Victor, Kelsey Richards and Erin McCarthy; juniors Sarah Warnez, Kiera Maloney and Natalie Rusinow; and senior Lydia Fuller.

The Norsemen's boys and girls track and field team struggled in their second season in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The boys finished 1-4 under head coach Frank Tymrak and the girls 3-2 under head coach Charles Buhagiar.

The Norsemen who made the state finals were Danny Ciaravino in the 1,600-meter

run, JeJuan Henderson in the 110-meter hurdles, Desmond Johnson in the high jump, Delrico Gibson in the long jump, the boys' 3,200-meter relay team, Krystal Bush in the 300-meter hurdles, girls' 1,600-meter relay team, girls' 3,200-meter relay team, Kayla Womack in the shot put, and Anajai Gutierrez in the discus.

This fall, North's athletic teams suffered through a drought.

The football team finished 2-7 under long-time head coach Frank Sumner. Despite the losing record, the Norsemen were in position to win three other games and were close in another.

The shining star was head coach Kim Lockhart and the girls' volleyball team that won another district title.

They crunched city rival Grosse Pointe South once again to win a district championship.

Once again, the Norsemen beat the Blue Devils 23-25, 25-22, 25-16, 25-22. The Norsemen's winning streak over the Blue Devils has reached more than 20 straight matches.

The Norsemen fielded a very

young and inexperienced team and struggled with consistency early in the season, but found its winning ways toward the latter part of the regular season.

The season ended with a regional semifinal loss to Fraser, leaving the Norsemen 27-20-4 overall.

The team was led by seniors Andrea Matthew, Jennifer Czerniawski and Micaela Liddane, as well as sophomore hitter Breann Reveley. Others to watch for next season are juniors Liv Champney, Melissa McCabe and Liz Rozema, and sophomore Julia Guest.

Mike O'Connor's girls' swimming team finished .500 in dual meets. Senior Emily Turnbull, freshman Katelyn Kohler, junior Carly Mellos and sophomore Emma Mathews made it to the state championship meet.

The boys' soccer team struggled through a tough regular season under second-year head coach Chris Alston, but caught fire in the district playoffs, beating Roseville and upsetting Grosse Pointe South to make the finals.

The season ended with a district final loss to Warren

DeLaSalle.

Melissa Carron guided the girls' field hockey team for her first head-coaching job. The team finished below .500, but gained confidence during a nice second-half run.

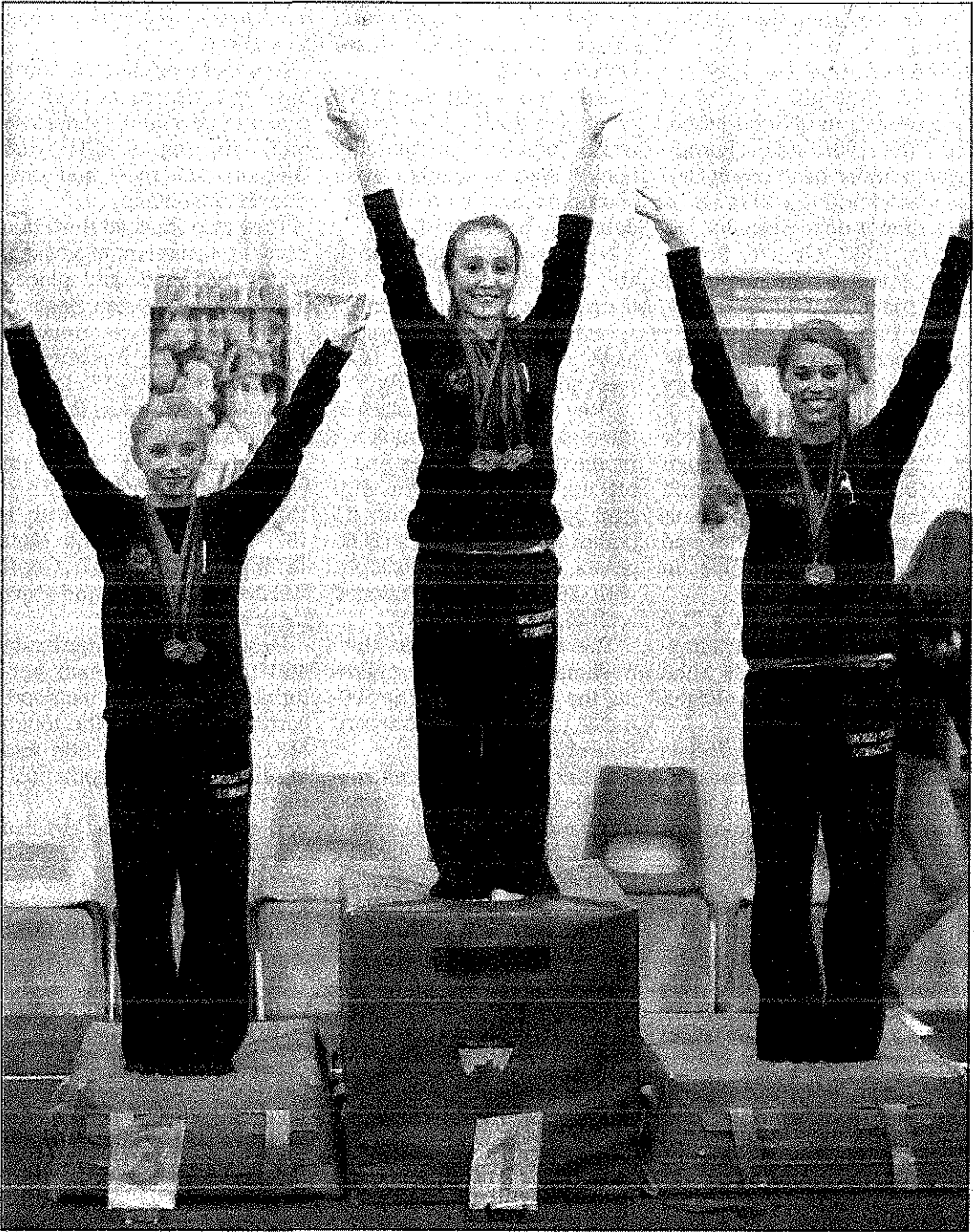
The boys' tennis team, under head coach Drew Mascarin, was at the break-even mark, despite fielding a squad of underclassmen and inexperienced varsity players.

They should be a force next fall.

Spencer Schott and Nick Finley competed in the boys' cross-country state championship meet to lead the team, which suffered through an injury-plagued season under first-year head coach Diane Montgomery.

Head coach Scott Cooper and his girls' cross-country team made the state finals and finished 26th. Leading the way were Kailey Sickmiller, Allison Francis, Katy VanEgmond, Natalie Schaefer, Kelsey Richards, Laura O'Brien and Cristina Bruno.

The girls' golf team made some strides under head coach Brian Stackpoole and should be better next fall. The team finished under .500.



The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team enjoyed one of its best seasons in history in 2010, thanks to a team effort and from all-league performers, from left, Emma Abbesinio, Lauren Krieger and Madi Kaiser.

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TRAVEL SOFTBALL



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Tourney champs

University Liggett sixth-grader Emma St. John and Pierce Middle School sixth-grader Alexis Kohut helped the 12U Team Michigan squad win a holiday tournament Dec. 18 and 19 at the Genesee Fieldhouse, beating the Ann Arbor Gold 5-2 in the championship game. St. John was 1-for-3 with an RBI single in Team Michigan's four-run first inning and Corbin Hison earned the win on the mound, giving up two earned runs on six hits and five strikeouts. In pool play, Team Michigan beat the Devils 8-0, the Stealth 11-1 and the Oakland Cobras 4-0. St. John earned two wins, pitching a one-hitter in each game with 16 combined strikeouts. Against the Devils, St. John, Sydney Auito, Hison, Lauren McLean and Kohut had key hits. In the blowout win over the Stealth, St. John had a home run and single, while Sydney Jascoe, Hison and Lauren McLean had two hits apiece. Morgan Gardner had two walks and a ground out in her three plate appearances. Others with one hit were Sydney Auito, Jessica Friedland, Shelby Mastrovito and Kohut. Team Michigan scored its four runs against the Cobras in the first three innings and let a solid defensive effort do the rest. Victoria Giardina, McLean and Mastrovito had RBI hits, while Gardner manufactured a first-inning run. She led-off with a walk, advanced to second after Hison was hit by a pitch, stole third and came home on Jascoe's sacrifice fly. Team Michigan improved to 17-1 overall. Celebrating after winning the tournament championship are Team Michigan members, front row from left, Julia Salisbury, Jess Friedland, Morgan Gardner, Sydney Jascoe, Emma St. John, Victoria Giardina and Jenna Crowe; and back row from left, co-head coach Cindy Hison, assistant coach Kevin Reese, Shelby Mastrovito, Hailey Reese, Lauren McLean, Alexis Kohut, Sydney Auito, Corbin Hison, co-head coach Kory Hison and assistant coach Gary Giardina.

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Holiday spirit

University Liggett held a toy drive Thursday, Dec. 16, with the purpose of giving to children who aren't as fortunate this holiday season. Parents and students from Liggett and Grosse Pointe North collected more than 80 toys and 77 new books to give to the Children's Center of Detroit. "It was very special to have such a wonderful turnout and it meant a lot to give the toys and books to the Children's Center for the boys and girls who will receive a gift on Christmas," Liggett athletic director Michelle Hicks said. Some hockey players who helped with the drive were, from left, Aria Ganz-Waple, Hannah Mason, Chandler Warren, Annie Grech, Catherine McCarthy, Medea Shanidze, Emma Huellmantel, Hannah Hodges, Julia Henderson, Katie Bowles, Danielle Lorant and Melanie Mermiges.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for scrap book fun

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team is hosting a scrap madness crop from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Grosse Pointe South High School cafeteria.

The cost is \$50 and due by Jan. 22. Check or cash is accepted and walk-ups are ac-

cepted.

Coordinator Kara Richards says there is plenty of cropping space for participants and a continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as desserts, snacks and beverages are included.

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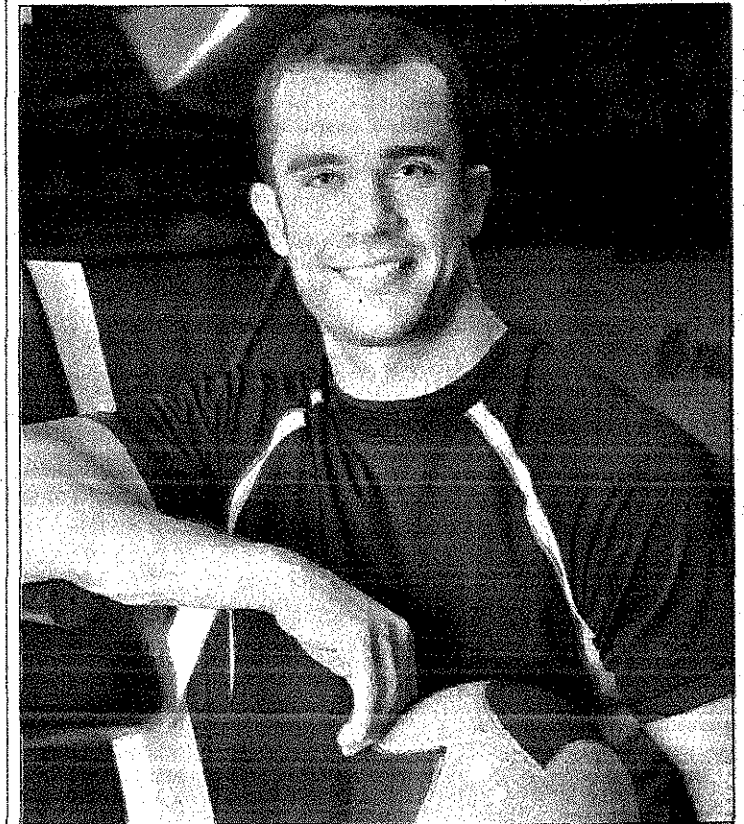
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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Words of wellness

Improving health and getting into better shape usually tops the list of many New Year's resolutions. It's an admirable goal and one that, with the right steps, should be easier to reach. Attaining and maintaining, these goals is the challenge. The key to success is having a plan and keeping it simple. Well-being doesn't always come from strict diets and hours of exercise; complete health comes from different sources, all which promote a more productive lifestyle.

Here are eight tips that can help you greet 2011 as a healthier you:



Mike Hackett

Visit your doctor

Many avoid the doctor's office, well, like the plague and only see them when they're ill. Regular visits are about prevention. Your doc can alert you to early-onset conditions, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other health issues that can be combated with proper steps. How can you become healthier if you don't know what to work on? Health often goes beyond the numbers of your pant size and your physician can help you see warning signs.

Set measureable goals

You say you want to get in better shape, but this is a general statement. Being "in shape" varies from person to person. Define what being in shape means to you and you'll have a better idea how to get there. Measureable goals can be to be active 30 minutes a day, or lose a pound a week for the next three months. Have clear-cut goals in mind and you will stay on task.

Join a gym

Without trying to sound too biased, join a gym. It takes a driven individual to maintain a workout regimen at home. The investment in a gym membership will help you stay focused. Even the best intentions can succumb to the lure of television, phone calls, chores, Internet or other at-home distractions. Going to a gym means you're there to workout. Here you'll find all the resources you need for a complete routine: weights, cardio, classes and staff members to help you exercise correctly.

Prepare your own meals

Time is precious for everyone, but time often controls our diets. Pressed for time, you might opt for an easy, greasy fast food, but habits like these will derail a resolution for better health. Instead, prepare meals at home. Keep the refrigerator and cupboard stocked with vegetables, fruits, whole grains and lean meats. If you can control what ingredients go into your meals, you're more likely to make healthier choices. Meals enjoyed away from home put you at the mercy of the cook, and it's unlikely (though becoming more common) you'll find nutritional labels on the menu. If a busy schedule forces you to choose the quick, convenient options, make meals the night before. Healthy snacks, salads and sandwiches can be easily prepared and packed for dining away from home.

Don't eat distracted

We all do it. Most mornings begin with breakfast in one hand, the paper in the other. How many dinners revolve around a game on TV? Break that habit. If you eat while distracted you'll likely over eat. Slow down. Put down the fork between bites. Enjoy the food and welcome the dinner-table company.

Stay organized

This may sound strange, but it's effective. To have organization and control over the clutter in your life can lower your stress. This can be as simple as sorting out a messy closet, or targeting a filing cabinet. Get rid of things you don't need. Organize and update your schedules often. Keeping things neat will give you peace of mind and allow you to be more attentive to the other demands of life.

Stay mentally active

The adage, "use it or lose it" goes for your brain, too. Tackle a crossword or Sudoku. Daily reading, a lost art, is a great way to keep wheels turning. Perhaps you can join a euchre or chess club? The idea is to challenge your mind and continue to learn.

Plan rest time

You are not a perpetual motion machine. You can't run on all cylinders all the time. Yes, it's great to have ambition, but beware of burnout! It is imperative to set time aside for yourself. This is your time to decompress and unwind. Hit the pause button and take quiet time to do something you love. The chaos swirling about most days demands relief. Take it.

That's it. Eight simple steps to a happy 2011...and beyond! Make this coming resolution a lifestyle improvement and you can't go wrong. Stay focused, work hard and live well.

Hackett holds a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science and is an American Council on Exercise's certified personal trainer. He is the manager of Pointe Fitness and Training Center. He can be reached at (313) 407-6656 or e-mail Hack1913@hotmail.com. E-mail Hackett with health questions or topics you'd like to read about in future articles.

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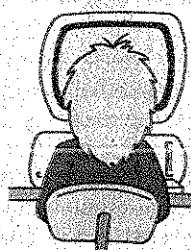
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H-1 Thursday 12-30-10

DIRECTIONS:
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M-1SOLUTION 12-23-10

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ACROSS

1 Massachusetts cape
4 Eager
8 React in horror
12 Lawyers' org.
13 Baseball team
14 Church section
15 Part of H.R.H., at times
16 "The Clue in the Crossword Cipher" solver
18 Asian leader who inspired a jacket style
20 Small barrel
21 "Oh, woe!"
24 Antitoxin
28 Tapped
32 Ripped
33 Tatter
34 Binge
36 Past
37 Bit for Fermi
39 Patron of Scotland
41 Foundation
43 Not pizzicato
44 Slight application
46 Friars Club honor
50 "The Price Is

DOWN

1 Songwriter
2 Theater trophy
3 Morse's T
4 Ring
5 By way of
6 Hostel
7 Ship's floor
8 Thingie
9 Springtime abbr.
10 Away from NNW
11 Church perch
17 "Absolutely"
19 Uncooked
22 iPhone downloads
23 In a way, slangily
25 Bellow
26 Incite
27 Cat call
28 Hardly colorful
29 -tat-tat
30 Hollywood
31 Approach
35 Put into code
38 Carnival area
40 Scooby-
42 Pouch
45 Cry loudly
47 Touch
48 Obi or cummerbund
49 Yon folks
50 Insult
51 Tier
52 reek vowel
53 "Flying own to -"
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