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◆ University of Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds an opening reception at 7 p.m. for artist Jeff Canelosi's exhibit, "Faces Never Seen." The exhibit is in the Manooagian Arts Wing. For more information, call Jim Pujdowski at (313) 884-4444, ext. 313.

MONDAY, JAN. 10

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, holds a "Meet With the Commish" from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal building, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

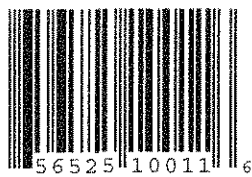
◆ LocalMotionGreen's Garden Green hosts the movie "A Chemical Reaction: A Story of a True Green Revolution" at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The movie highlights Hudson, Quebec, the first North American city to ban gardening pesticides.
◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business Before Hours at 8 a.m. at Home Instead Assisted Living, 20100 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School administrators, department chairpersons and counselors hold an informational meeting in course selection, schedule planning, pupil adjustment and building tour for parents and fall 2011 freshmen at 6:30 p.m. in North's cafeteria, 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ My Chance to Dance, a special needs dance party, begins at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption School, 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 412-8454 or visit ccplusdance.com.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Academy Parents' Coordinating Council sponsors the screening for the award-winning documentary "Race to Nowhere" at 7 p.m. in the academy's Tracy

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Politics and budgets take center stage

2010: The year in review

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Little Grosse Pointe Shores made big news during 2010.
Recall-related matters provided a discordant background to city council deliberations during the first half of the year.
Two recall targets resigned. They were replaced. Then, after the three remaining targets won their recall election, two of them waited out a recount, which con-

firmed the original results.

As for fiscal matters, the city council rejected a proposed .7-mill property tax increase, which would have followed last year's 1-mill increase that prompted the recall.

Also, a volunteer committee of residents was appointed to brainstorm ways of improving the city's financial future.

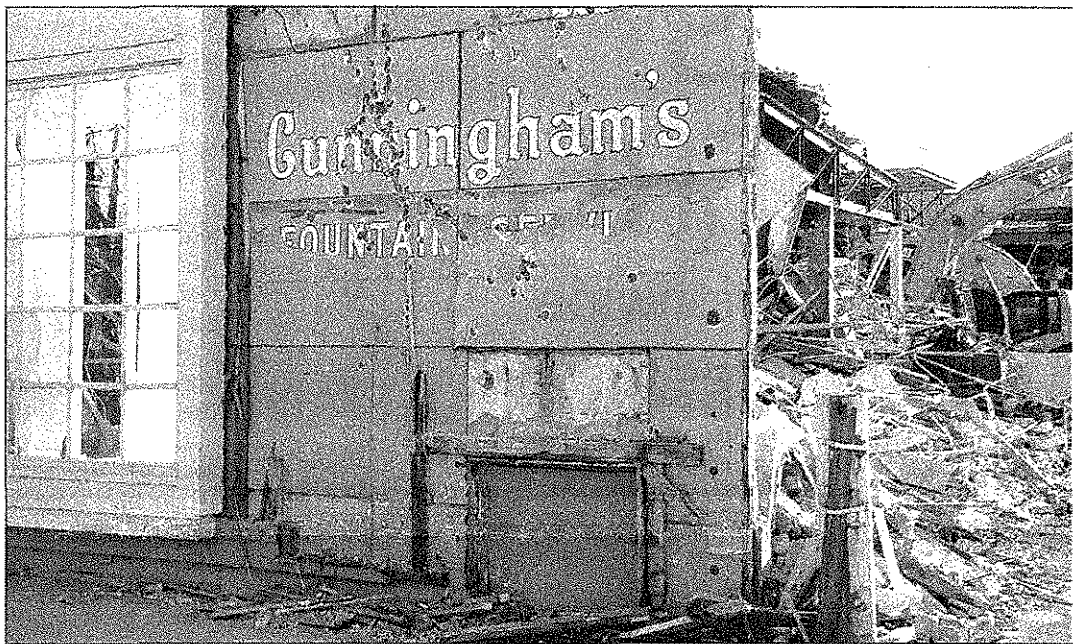
Private funding came into play toward the end of the year when the Shores

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BRAD LINDBERG

Grosse Pointe Shores Resident Vito Cusenza is at city Hall watching members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers carry out his request for a recount of votes in the May 4 recall election.



Demolition during April of the old Kroger grocery store in the Village reveals part of the old Cunningham Drug Store facade. A new Kroger opens on the same location in November, ahead of schedule. Photo by Renee Landuyt.

2010: The year in review

City makes improvements

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The long wait for a new Kroger grocery store in the Village concluded ahead of schedule during 2010 in the City.

Construction coincided with the enactment of various ordinances intended to make it easier to operate a business in the City.

Municipal leaders also took about \$1 million worth of pressure off the budget by, among many things, eliminating non-union pay raises and reducing benefits.

A 5.5 percent tax increase on property that lost an averaged 9 percent of its value resulted in most residents seeing a lower tax bill, dollar-wise.

Early in the year, a household survey of municipal priorities lays the groundwork for cost-cutting strategies that will continue into next year and, most likely, beyond.

January

◆ The New Year starts with a bang for Pat Vintevoghel of University Place, and not because of the mystery novel she's reading in bed when the ball drops on 2010. Vintevoghel is settled into the midnight serenade of distant celebratory gunfire when a .40-caliber slug shatters the skylight in the hall outside her second-floor bedroom.



A bicycle decorating contest is part of Neff Park centennial celebrations in July. Photo by Brad Lindberg.

Her husband's 911 call at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, is the first entry of the New Year in the City police blotter.

◆ Plans to replace the 70-year-old Kroger building in the Village receives municipal approval, again.

The current grocery store closes in three months. Demolition follows for a new, single-story store to reopen 14 months later.

Proposals for a two-story building and attached parking deck, approved last year, are withdrawn due to the bad economy.

◆ The city council passes an ordinance that effectively snookers the sale of medical marijuana.

The ordinance outlaws sales with-

in 1,000 feet of school property.

The city comprises only one-square-mile, yet hosts two schools and borders a third in neighboring Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 1,000-foot ban "will cover a lot of our city," said Public Safety Director James Fox.

◆ City households are asked in an informal survey to rate the importance of various municipal services within the context of a projected \$1 million structural deficit.

City leaders will use findings from the Fiscal Priorities Survey to determine which services could be

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Crime doesn't pay in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Two sets of alleged thieves learned last week what many of their criminal forebears already knew — prowling Grosse Pointe Shores for easy prey can be as fruitless as trying to snatch salmon from the mouth of a mother grizzly.

Between almost constant road patrols by public safety officers who know the habits of nearly everyone in the 1.5-square-mile town, plus keen-eyed residents hard-wired to alert headquarters of odd circumstances, it's hard for lawbreakers to get a grip on the Shores without being slapped down by lawmen or tripped up by citizens protecting themselves and the community.

Some of both resulted last week in the arrests of men and women for cruising the Shores at night breaking into parked cars.

Recovered property includes a .38 caliber pistol stolen overnight Tuesday, Dec. 28, from a Chevrolet Tahoe parked in a driveway in the 500 block of Sheldon.

"There was excellent police work by guys on the midnight shift," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director.

First

The Dec. 28 investigation began at 3:44 a.m. Patrolman Tony Spina was cruising Lakeshore when he spotted an unknown male pedestrian at Blairmoor.

"The person began to run northbound through houses," Spina reported.

Shift partners and 20-year veterans of the department, Officer John Jebrail and Sgt. William Nicholson, joined the search.

Jebrail found a 29-year-old Canton woman in a white 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix parked one block from Blairmoor in a driveway on Putnam.

She reportedly told police she was waiting for a female friend.

"(Then, she) stated she was waiting for (a man) to return," Spina said.

"(She) stated her friend was going to give her \$200 to drive him to this location and wait for him to return," added Nicholson.

A Michigan State Police tracking dog lost the man's scent in the area of Morningside and Canterbury, two blocks west in neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police say the Grand Prix had been reported stolen in Waterford.

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Recall was a major event

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Foundation proposed paying for a nearly \$100,000 multi-purpose building on park land behind city hall.

January

◆ Recall petitions for the mayor and four members of the city council are filed with the Wayne County elections office. Targeted are Mayor James Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hunt; and council members Victoria Boyce, Robert Graziani and Frederick Minturn. The recall is spearheaded by Robert E. Lee in protest of a 1-mill tax increase last year following the former village being rechartered as a city. Lee and others feel hoodwinked by the new charter, billed as a cost-saver, yet which lets the city council raise taxes beyond rates allowed by the

village. ◆ Home buyers in the Shores receive a year's free well in the municipal harbor, according to a pro-real estate promotion approved by the city council. The "buy a home, get a well" campaign proposed by Councilman Dan Schulte requires homeowners to live in the city. "The offer applies to buyer-residents only," Schulte said. "Not renters, speculators of investors." ◆ A chain-link fence keeps three coyotes from breaking into the kennel of a dog trained to shoo away geese from the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate. Hank, a border collie owned by the 65-acre lakeside estate, is beset shortly after midnight. A security guard calls three public safety officers, who arrive on scene to find the coyotes running away.

February

◆ There's less risk to reserving a boat well this summer at Osirus Park marina. A 50 percent non-refundable deposit announced this year is cut by two-thirds. The revised policy maintains the 50 percent deposit, but marks only 15 percent of a well's total annual rental fee as nonrefundable. ◆ Petitioners trying to recall the mayor and four Shores council members are one step closer to forcing the issue. A sufficient number of valid signatures appear on five recall petitions to force a recall election in May, according to the Wayne County Clerk. ◆ Two of four councilmen subject to being recalled resign. The mayor and four remaining council members will appoint replacements to fill open seats created by the resignations of Hunt and Fred Minturn. ◆ Despite a two-man reduction in public safety manpower, departmental overtime is cut more than 50 percent compared to last year, according to

the 2009 public safety annual report, released this month. Overall crime reported during 2009 remained essentially unchanged from the year before. A total of 252 incidents occurred during 2009 compared with 254 incidents during 2008.

March

◆ Signatures supporting the recall of three elected municipal leaders are certified by the Wayne County Clerk. As a result, a recall election is scheduled for May 4. Two other council members targeted for recall resigned last month. ◆ An in-house financial projection shows that matching next year's anticipated municipal expenses with revenues will take more than cutting wages of unionized employees. If union wages alone are cut next year by 5 percent, expenditures will still exceed revenues the following year by \$5,109. The gap grows to \$478,884 for 2012-2013. ◆ David Galbenski and

Brian Geraghty are chosen from 11 applicants to fill two vacated seats on the city council. Both terms run to November 2011. ◆ A Michigan Department of State investigator rejects all claims that three Shores officials interfered with the February election campaigns of two candidates. Accusations had been filed against Cooper, City Manager Brian Vick and corporate counsel Mark McInerney by council candidates Janice Pemberton, who lost her campaign for office, and Schulte, who won. "We were completely confident we had not violated any laws," said McInerney. In another matter, legal fees totaled \$1,200 to defend the city against unwarranted claims that a city council work session violated the Open Meetings Act, McInerney said. Exoneration comes from the Wayne County prosecutor based on a Michigan State Police investigation.

April

◆ A group of recall opponents urge voters to take part in next month's recall election. "The way to vote against the recall is to vote 'no' for the recall," said Harry Kurtz, a member of the Vote No Recall Committee. Kurtz is concerned that recall opponents mistakenly think the way to defeat the May 4 recall election is to boycott the vote. ◆ Shores residents aren't keen to prop-up the city budget by cutting municipal services. Only 30 percent of households responding to a city-wide, unscientific, municipal survey would opt to reduce services if it meant paying less property taxes. The survey, based on one conducted a few months ago in the City of Grosse Pointe, asked residents to rate which services they want to ensure, others they'd cut back or eliminate to save the city money during a time of fiscal pressure. ◆ The employee sick bank, which pays employees upon retirement for not taking allotted days off work due to illness, is cut in half for veteran municipal employees and eliminated for new ones. The change is made to save costs. ◆ When the Shores and Farms municipal swim teams

compete against each other this summer, it will be a home meet for Michelle Eickhorst no matter which city plays host. Eickhorst, the Farms recreation and aquatics coordinator, is hired this summer as part-time director of Shores Osirus Park. She replaces a full-time director and will reduce hours worked in the Farms. Her hiring in the Shores is another cost-saving move by both cities.

May

◆ The recall fails. Out of 1,326 votes cast, Cooper retains his seat by a 683-to-543-vote margin. "I'm happy with the results and look forward to continuing to serve Grosse Pointe Shores as its mayor," Cooper said. Also victorious are Councilwoman Boyce and Councilman Graziani in what critics of the recall hope ends political discord in the 1.5-square-mile city. ◆ Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni, a 23 1/2-year veteran of the department, cites the recall and rumors his job might be in jeopardy when announcing his resignation. Poloni accepts an offer to be public safety chief in Ecorse. "This was a job-security move," Poloni said. "With the recall, there had been talk of relieving administrators." ◆ The prospect of Poloni's absence makes the heart of Grosse Pointe Shores residents grow fonder for him to stay as their public safety director. Poloni cancels plans to quit the Shores and direct public safety in Ecorse. "I received dozens and dozens of calls from residents saying there would be a void if I left," said Poloni. "I felt the same way toward them. This has been home to me. I'm glad this worked out the way it did."

June

◆ A program of private support of public gardens is announced during celebrations by members of the Shores Beautification Commission. "People snapped up the gardens," said Helen Bai, commission chair. "Nine of 11 gardens were already sponsored at the end of Arbor Day." ◆ A recount of votes for two

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Veterans informational
meeting set Jan. 13

The Grosse Pointe Veterans Club offers information on veteran benefits and care for returning veterans at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Topics to be discussed include: ◆ Adjustment to returning veterans by Lisa Olney and association of the Veteran Affairs

Medical Center ◆ Wayne County Veteran Services by Joseph Howard, the organization's director ◆ Macomb County Veteran Services by Kermit Harris, the organization's director ◆ State of Michigan Job Works Program by John Biertusse, Veterans Employment representative For reservations, call (313) 881-7511. The free program is open to Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores residents.

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Fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The film examines the pressures faced by American children and their teachers in a system and culture obsessed with the illusion of achievement, competition and the pressure to preform. Admission is free.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

◆ The adult book discussion group talks about "The Eye of the Leopard" by Henning Mankell at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.



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Park spends the year on fiscal, political issues

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, now in his 27th year at the helm, continues to guide the city through some of the most difficult times the Pointes have seen.

Like its neighbors, the community faced difficult budget decisions in 2010, but was able to hold the line on taxes while keeping services in place for residents. But perhaps the most memorable moment in 2010 was when Heenan, a Republican's Republican, endorsed a Democrat in the 13th District Congressional race.

January

The city's forester told the city council the effort to remove trees susceptible to emerald ash disease has been successful. To date, 1,038 trees have been removed and 1,132 new trees have been planted.

February

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce brought to the city council plans to survey residents of the five Grosse Pointes asking the direction they would like to see municipalities take in the future, especially regarding consolidation of services.

March

A call by an alert resident spotting a man pushing a snowblower down the middle of the street resulted in an arrest and the recovery of items taken from a garage and a car parked on Yorkshire.

Police Chief David Hiller announced discussions regarding consolidation of services were taking place among the five directors of public safety.

The Park council weighed in on government efforts to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes by adopting a resolution asking for the immediate closure of the O'Brien and Chicago Canal locks in Illinois.

It was forwarded to officials in charge of the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

City officials honored several civilians who assisted not only police, but their fellow citizens. Honored with commendations were Bill Gaetz, Nathan Oakes, Nicholas Oakes, Lawrence Carmack, Scott Carmack and Michael Bamford.

April

The city's budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year was presented for review. Of note was the drop in the number of city employees by eight through attrition. The new budget calls for the elimination of two full-time positions. A recently modified employee health insurance plan is expected to show a \$350,000 savings.

May

Cleanup continued after a severe storm roared through the Park, causing property damage and power outages.

The city's popular West Park Farmers Market opened for its seventh season.

Park police shut down a drug operation at a house in the 1200 block of Wayburn they had been monitoring for months. Members of the Special Response team confiscated crack cocaine, cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and cash. Three suspects were arrested.

A five-year-old boy was successfully removed from a laundry chute in his house on Yorkshire. Removal of the dry-wall surrounding the chute by public safety officers was complicated by a 220-volt power line running through the chute.

Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop held its grand opening at its new location on Kercheval in the Park.

June

The city approved a new budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal

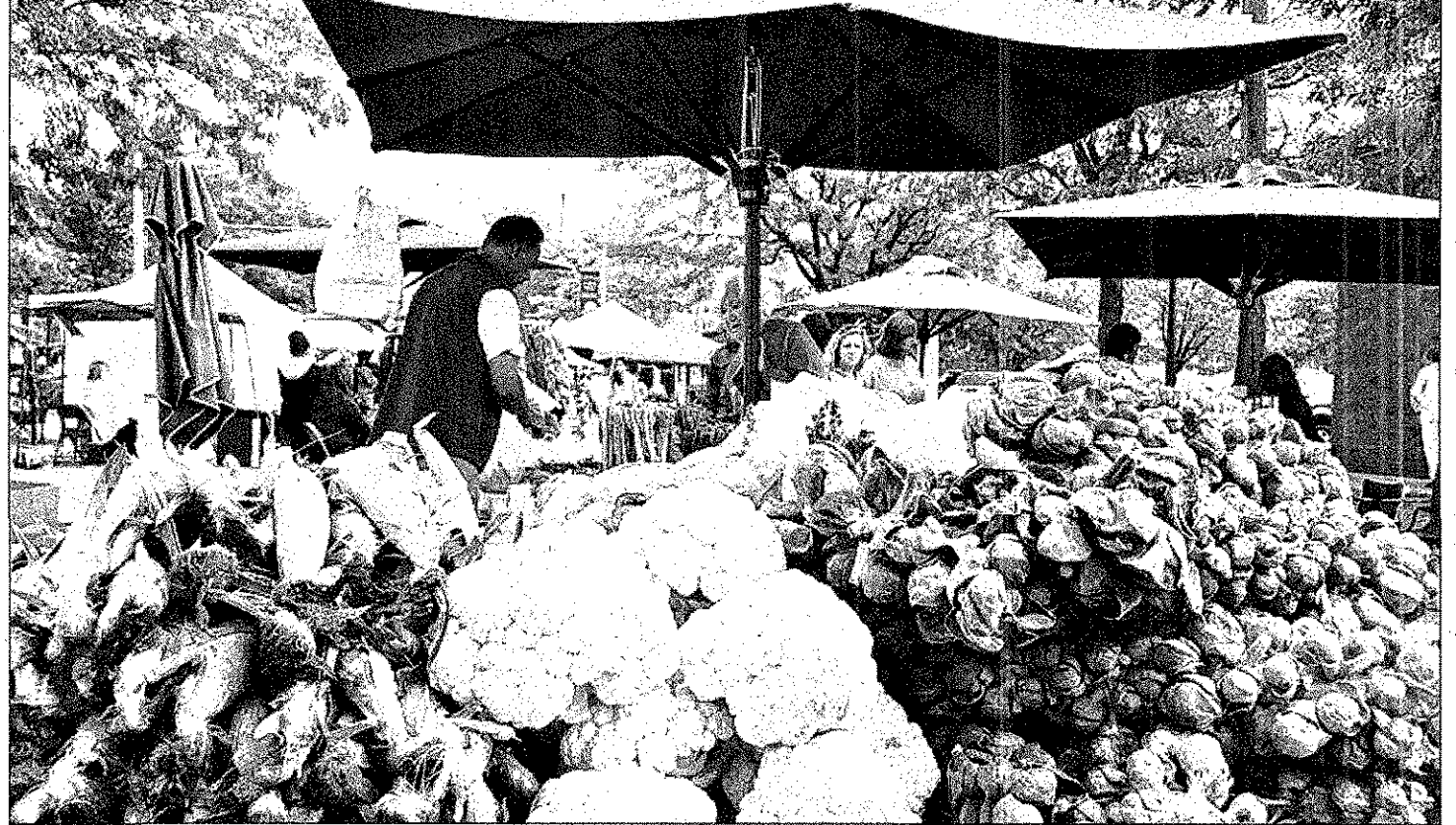


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West Park Farmers Market in Grosse Pointe Park was the place to be in late September.

year. Officials held the line on tax increases, thanks to a \$350,000 reduction in employee health care costs. Property tax revenue was down \$240,000 and state shared revenue, \$185,000. Expenditures for the new year will fall by \$48,000, a reduction of 5.5 percent from the previous year.

St. Clare of Montefalco hosted its annual alumni event, honoring longtime teacher Mary Jo Magee.

The city agreed to pay the cost of demolishing a house on Lakepointe that had been an eyesore for several years. It followed debate over whether the city should pay the \$6,400 price tag.

Mayor Palmer Heenan endorsed Hansen Clarke, a Democrat, in the upcoming primary for the U.S. House of Representative seat held by Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick. It is believed to be the first time in history that Heenan has endorsed a Democrat.

July

A home invasion on Barrington may have gone unsolved if not for the nerve of the perpetrator who tried to sell a stolen laptop computer back to its rightful owner and the quick work of Park police.

The Park hosted the Lakefront Swimming Association finals at Windmill Pointe Park. Swimmers from the five Grosse Pointes' municipal swim teams and St. Clair Shores participated. And just to add to hometown pride, the Park's team won the league championship.

August

A new gatehouse at Patterson Park, donated by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, was dedicated.

Chief of Police David Hiller warned of a confidence scam being perpetrated on

Park residents. If something involving money sounds too good to be true, it probably is, he said.

A recent rash of daytime home invasions was solved, thanks to a concerned resident and quick police response. In June and July, five daytime home invasions occurred. A resident on Audubon called police when she saw two men standing on her front porch. They fled, but she provided police with a description of the car. Police apprehended the suspects and found several stolen items in the car.

A reward was offered to help catch a trash night arsonists who has been setting fire to recycling bins.

September

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association unveiled a new sign designating the shopping area along Kercheval as "The

Park Kercheval Avenue."

West Park Farmers Market hosted its annual fall festival in conjunction with Defer Elementary's family fun festival.

October

Park officials recommended an ordinance establishing a moratorium on the sale and distribution of medical marijuana in the city.

November

The city sponsored three wellness events for seniors, featuring talks on nutrition, preventing falls and senior fitness.

December

The city hosted the annual tree lighting and gift market, with Santa Claus featured as the guest of honor.

Pointes share common issues in 2010

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE — Gov. Jennifer Granholm endorsed a drive during 2009 by Grosse Pointe's voice in the Michigan House of Representatives to advance the state budget dead-

line by three months.

Legislators, however, didn't move the effort forward, which disappointed state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe. Bledsoe co-sponsored the legislation.

A nearly year-long effort by Bledsoe paid off in the lame-

duck session when his legislation passed unanimously to let Grosse Pointe Shores voters have a say in electing their municipal judge.

Action, or lack thereof, in Lansing was among stories during 2010 having Pointe-wide import.

January

Henry Ford health System announces Cottage Hospital in the Farms will cease operating in April as a 20-bed in-patient facility.

The hospital on the Hill becomes a multi-specialty outpatient center with more than a dozen new or enhanced services planned this year.

A little meant a lot during the holiday gift buying season for one of the area's family-owned toy stores.

"Gross sales were slightly down from last year," said Rick Claggett of the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in St. Clair Shores. "But, profits were up considerably because we sold more items that we made a greater margin on."

High on this year's agenda for Bledsoe are education reform and funding, economic development and improving government ethics.

"I firmly believe that government reform is not something you do at the end of the day," said Bledsoe, beginning the second year of his first term in office. "It's where you begin to turn Michigan around."

The Grosse Pointe Public Library system is sandwiched between declining revenues — 91 percent come from taxes — and the cost of replacing two branch libraries a few years before the recession reared.

"Our (\$1.2 million) debt services alone is about 25 percent of our budget," said Ed Fredrickson, an at-large trustee and City of Grosse Pointe resident. "In 2013, our money available to operate services will be about two-thirds of what it was last year."

Joe Jennings, president of the City of Grosse Pointe

Foundation, proposes construction of a municipal activities center at Neff Park.

February

Members of the public have their costume jewelry and

children's toys tested for metal content during an event arranged by Rep. Bledsoe at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Despite federal legislation

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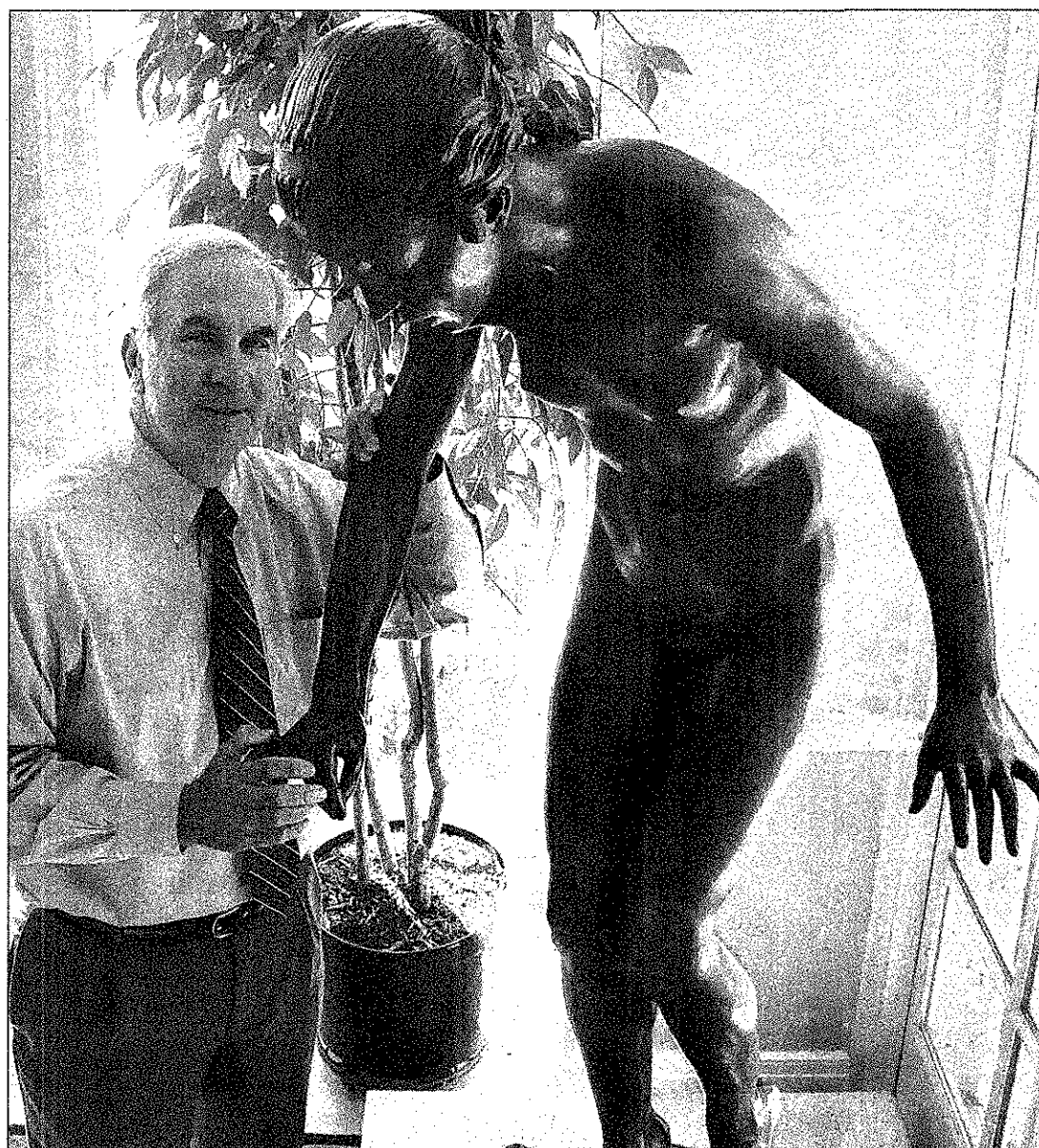


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POINTER OF INTEREST

Donald Morris has set a goal for himself. He plans to play volleyball until he is at least 84 — a short four years away.

Court master

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Donald Morris has been attacking a volleyball for nearly 60 years.

The game of spiking and serving has helped him through dark days and provided a respite from long work hours. And the 80-year-old claims it more than helped him maintain an active lifestyle.

"You've got to keep active and busy. You can't just sit down," he said from his living

room in Grosse Pointe Farms. "At first, volleyball was an outlet to be amongst people, to be a social outlet.

"When Martina (his wife) was very ill, I would get a sitter," he said.

The sitter allowed him to join the weekly games provided through the Neighborhood Club. "Playing volleyball kept my energies up and kept me going for those four years."

Martina, his wife of 53 years, needed around-the-clock care following her second stroke in

2005. She died in 2009.

"I was a good player when I was younger. As I get older I can't keep up. Nowadays I'm not good at anything. (But) it forces me to get out," he said.

At the beginning of every new session, Morris announces to the players if anyone has a problem playing with an old man, tell him. So far no one has objected and he is still getting the ball over the net.

"Every new session I make a big speech saying, 'If you don't want the old man to play, say

so.' It's very competitive. The average age of the co-ed teams is 40," he guesses.

He enjoys playing volleyball because he talks to everybody.

"It's a social thing. We get to yell at everybody, boo, hiss and kid around. It's a joyous event," he said.

During the six-month sessions, 24 players fill two courts at Parcels Middle School

"There is a waiting list because there are not enough courts to support the interest. We play six to eight games a

night," he said.

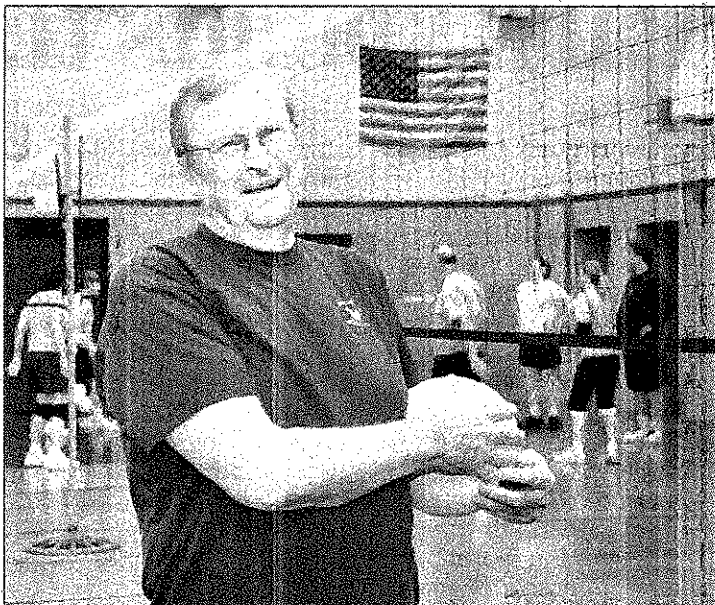
The co-ed teams are shuffled around each Monday night. According to the rules, the ball must be hit twice before returning.

"That avoids blocking and allows everybody to be more involved in the game. It's more fun that way."

The thing he likes about volleyball is he doesn't have to cover as much area as he would if he played basketball.

"I tried playing basketball but the young kids, they are too good. I played basketball in high school and in the army."

Morris was drafted in 1950, serving 18 months in the U.S. Army. He was sent to the Pacific and returned to the states for a few months before being shipped to Europe serv-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Donald Morris of Grosse Pointe Farms has been playing volleyball for nearly 60 years.

ing with S2, intelligence, in Furth, Germany, outside Munich.

"Our job was to map bridges in our sector to blow up," he said.

He also taught basic fifth grade education to his army buddies because, he said, they couldn't pass the IQ test. After work, Morris played basketball for a team that won the district championship. The honor put the team into another championship play-off in Paris against other district champs.

"There was a huge building on the side of the Versailles Palace with barracks for the king's troops and horses. Bunks were installed. That's where we stayed. We were not allowed to go into the palace."

"For young G.I.s on the loose in Paris, this was not a good idea. In Paris we all got bombed. We went three or four days early and that was a big mistake. We were up to all hours," he laughed.

Needless to say, his team lost the competition.

Once back home, Morris attended Wayne State University on the G.I. bill and graduated with a degree in business administration.

"There were offers of jobs when I graduated. I walked in to a job immediately," he said.

He and Martina married in 1956 and became parents of four children, Cynthia, Elizabeth, Donna and Carrie, and ultimately grandparents to 12 and great-grandparents to five.

"We were good partners for 56 years," he said.

Traveling was part of his job

with Federal Mogul and TRW selling engine parts to automotive shops until he bought Joubert Auto Parts in Detroit.

"The business sold new and used auto parts," he said. "We were ahead of our time. It was before recycling. For example, I would sell a new alternator or a used one and give it a lifetime warranty."

"We salvaged cars and used cars. I had 45 people working for me in Dearborn," one of two sites he had.

"The Mrs. had a stroke (in 1989) and I told the guys I had to close the place down. She was hospitalized over eight months. The staff gave up on her. But she and I didn't. I finally got her to move her limbs. She came home and moved around with a walker and I had to sell the two-story home. Then she had another stroke and that almost disabled her. It was quite a bit to take her to church."

His next business venture was Auto Catalyst Recycling on Grand River and Warren recycling catalytic converters.

"I was one of the first to collect them and separate the precious metals," Morris said.

All this time Morris was playing volleyball.

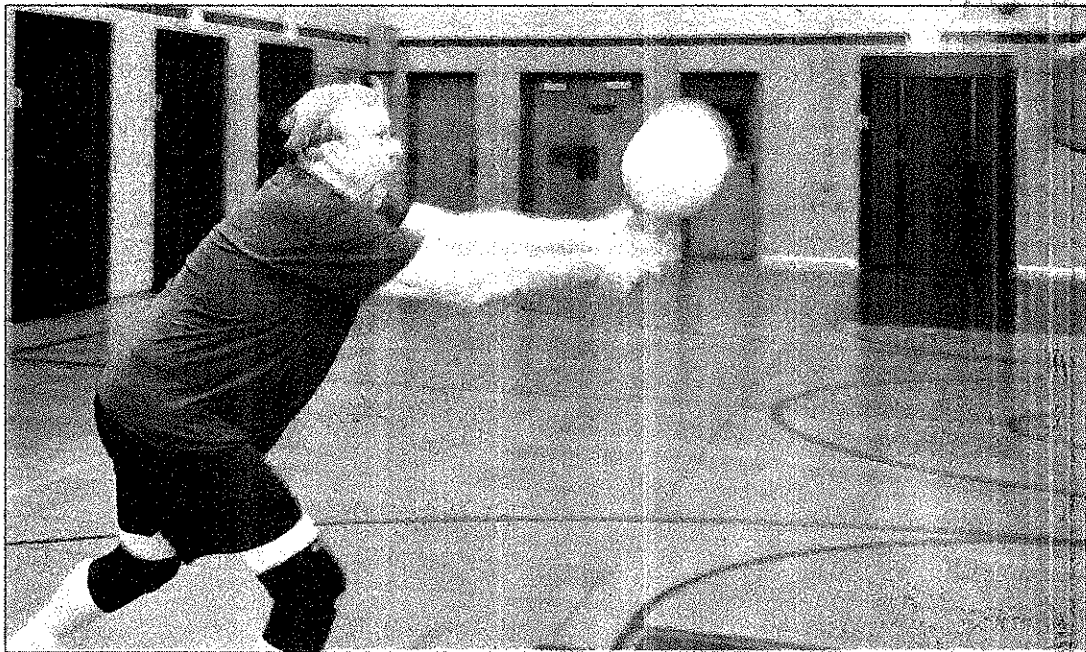
"I had a business downtown and you know it's no 40 hours a week. I put that aside to play volleyball."

"This last week a friend of mine, Bob, from Indiana came up for a visit. He told me about an 84-year-old playing (in his hometown). I'm 80. I'll be 81 in March. Now I have a goal — to go four more years."

Morris will still be attacking the net and serving up the ball.



In proper form, Donald Morris returns the ball during a game. The volleyball league is sponsored by the Neighborhood Club.



Donald Morris finds the Monday games helps him maintain an active lifestyle.

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Veterinarian Gerald Barnes portrayed Santa Claus and posed with canine friends during a Dec. 4 fundraiser at Harper Woods Veterinary Clinic. Proceeds benefited the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and One Heart Four Paws, which is a partnering non-profit that provides emergency care for injured stray animals.

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CITY: Budget gets attention

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trimmed, combined or cut to save money.

February

◆ Most households responding to a city-sponsored survey of fiscal priorities are willing to pay to pull their community through the economic downturn.

According to results of the unsolicited survey, residents will forgo cuts in property taxes, despite a 9 percent drop in property values forecasted next year, if the city maintains most municipal services.

Respondents overwhelmingly support consolidating the five Grosse Pointe public safety dispatch departments.

"I was surprised by the very high level of support for inter-governmental arrangements regarding public safety," said City Manager Peter Dame.

March

◆ Kroger grocery store in the Village closes for demolition.

A new structure scheduled to open later this year, earlier than forecast a few months ago.

April

◆ City Mayor Dale Scrace knows what he's up against when determining next year's municipal budget.

"The money situation is clear," he said.

Internal projections show the city next year having \$500,000 to \$600,000 less gen-

eral fund revenues compared to now.

The estimate represents a 10 percent drop from the current fiscal year.

◆ Demolition of Kroger in the Village reveals a portion of the facade of long-gone Cunningham's Drug Store and soda fountain at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame.

◆ Three teenage girls from the Grosse Pointes stand on a Friday night at the crosswalk on East Jefferson and Lincoln, their way blocked by a man with a pistol demanding everything they have.

"He turned to me and held the gun to my head and ripped my purse off of me," said one of the girls, 17.

◆ City Patrolman Christopher Lee is shot at while attempting a traffic stop on Mack. "I saw two quick flashes come from the vehicle," Lee said. "I was positive it was a muzzle flash. I could hear, more than see, gunshots coming from the vehicle. It sounded like handgun fire."

The suspects get away into Detroit's eastside.

May

◆ Firefighters from four Grosse Pointes respond to a series of garage fires ignited by a fallen power line in the 300 blocks of Neff and Lakeland.

High winds are believed to have snapped two power poles located about 200 yards apart along the rear fence-line between the two streets.

A four-car garage on Neff containing an exotic sports car gets the worst of it.

"Knocking down the flames took a good half hour or longer," said City Officer Lisa Monticciolo. "We had three lines on it. Plus, there were trees on fire."

◆ Members of the city council do what they've been saying they were going to do since March: raise property taxes.

A 5.5 percent property tax increase for next fiscal year means the owner of a \$250,000 house pays \$495 less in taxes,

according to Dame.

A lesser payment comes about because of a 9 percent drop in property values, according to City Manager Dame.

"With a 9 percent decline in assessments, virtually everyone in town will have a decreased overall tax bill," Dame said earlier in the year. "Even if you're one of the 10 percent whose city taxes went up, those people will still see an overall tax bill decline."

◆ Police catch and obtain a confession from the accused getaway driver in April's armed street robbery of three teenage girls.

The suspect, an 18-year-old Detroit man, has a criminal record in Detroit of car theft.

Two additional suspects are at large.

June

◆ Non-union City municipal employees take a hit to save their jobs.

Among nearly \$1 million cut from the city budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, non-union employees give up raises, some perks and benefits. They'll also have a health care plan with higher deductibles and a health savings account.

"We were able to retain all of our non-union employees and only had to eliminate positions that were open by attrition," Dame said.

July

◆ Residents and local dignitaries, such as Scrace and state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, attend the 100th anniversary celebration of Norbert Neff Memorial Park.

Participants include resident Jacqueline Glenn and her three daughters.

"It's nice to have a green space to come to," Glenn said of the lakeside park. "We love the friendships you build here."

◆ Sections of the Mack Avenue commercial district that had been limited to office use are rezoned to allow a wider array of business activity, including salons.

"A person who owns property (on Mack) has been approached by a salon to go in there," explained John Jackson, a City resident and its planning consultant.

"I hate to turn businesses away right now in terms of filling vacancies," said Councilman Chris Boettcher, during prior discussions about the proposal.

August

◆ A single-vehicle crash on Fisher shows why state lawmakers recently banned drivers from sending text messages.

A reportedly drunken, 20-year-old Farms woman admits she "wasn't paying attention" and runs into a light pole at Fisher and Maumee while typing, police said.

"(She) said she was on the phone texting an ex-boyfriend," said an officer.

September

◆ Construction of Kroger in the Village is on track, if not ahead of schedule.

◆ The City's insurance carrier reduces rates 4.4 percent due to declining claims.

"As long as we don't have a lot of accidents and claims, our rates have kept going down," Dame said.

October

◆ The City's police dog, Raleigh, lands an uncredited, supporting role on an episode of "Detroit 1-8-7," an ABC TV crime drama filmed in and around Detroit.

"Raleigh is tracking a guy who disappeared," said the dog's handler,

Sgt. Michael Almeranti. "We track through a building. We end up finding a body."

Actually, they find the show's technical advisor hiding under a tarp with one of Raleigh's toys.

◆ A part-time employee is hired to replace a retiring full-time municipal court administrator.

"We think we could be in for \$30,000 per year in savings," said Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge. "That can be substantial in a court that generates gross revenues of just over \$200,000."

◆ The female robber of Chase Bank in the Village wears the same style Oakland A's baseball cap that a man wore earlier in the day robbing a St. Clair Shores branch of the same institution.

Moreover, the cap is the same style worn last month by a man robbing Peoples Bank in Grosse Pointe Woods.

November

◆ Voting booths are returned to Maire Elementary School for the November general election.

Primary voting took place at the Neighborhood Club due to construction at the school.

◆ Kroger in the Village reopens.

◆ An estimated \$160,000 will be saved by refinancing bonds issued a decade ago to build the new municipal swimming pool and bathhouse at Neff Park.

"Savings that are realized by the city are entirely passed through to the residents," Dame said.

December

◆ A rewrite of the business license ordinance is expected to save paperwork for applicants while generating a few hundred dollars more revenue per year for the city.

The amended ordinance bases the cost of a business license on an operations gross square footage rather than its function or category of commerce performed.



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CRIME: Residents, officers work to thwart crime

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"The proper vehicle identification number had been covered," said Nicholson.

The car contained tools typical of a burglar's: 18-inch bolt cutters, two flashlights, a screwdriver, socket wrench and metal window punch. Officers also confiscated a 6-inch kitchen knife, a handful of cellular telephones, two iPods and the gun from the SUV on Sheldon.

The Sheldon larceny may have taken place at about 3 a.m., when the resident remembered hearing a dog bark.

Second

Late the next night, but still Tuesday, Dec. 28, officers caught more larceny suspects.

Investigation began a few minutes before midnight. A Putnam homeowner called police about a car cruising the block, plus two strangers walking in the area.

Less than an hour later, Sgt. Nicholson and fellow officers stopped the vehicle, a red Chevrolet Impala with loud exhaust, on southbound Lakeshore near Edgewood.

He and fellow officers questioned the car's four occupants, two male and two female teenagers.

"We observed several electronic devices (such as cell phones and global positions

systems) on the floor of the car and spilling out of two purses," Nicholson said.

The inventory consisted of Prada sunglasses with case, a Garmin GPS, Cobra radar detector, a man's Charles Raymond watch, a woman's Vivian watch, an a woman's flower ring and butterfly charm.

The property was traced to two car break-ins on Robert John in neighboring St. Clair Shores, police said.

One of the female suspects, a Roseville resident on her 18th birthday, "stated they had just stolen" the items, Nicholson said.

Other suspects caught in the car are the 18-year-old male driver from Clinton Township, a 17-year-old man from Pontiac and a 17-year-old female passenger from Roseville who possessed a small amount of marijuana, police said.

"The four subjects were interviewed separately," Nicholson said. "It was determined the two females had stolen the items. (The driver and the two Roseville residents) came to the area to look at Christmas lights. At one point, the females request (him) to pull over so they could go for a walk and look at lights."

The driver told police the women returned from their walk carrying handfuls of stolen property, according to Nicholson.

"After telling them not to steal anymore, they went to Fraser to pick up (the Pontiac man), who offered to buy gas," Nicholson said. "They returned to the Grosse Pointe area to 'cruise Jefferson' when the traffic stop occurred."

Police didn't arrest the Pontiac man.

Poloni said the alleged criminal conduct of the Canton woman and unknown man seemed more organized than the group of teenagers.

"The first (group) was involved with stolen vehicles as well as going after high-end items, such as in-dash GPS systems," Poloni said.

The four teens caught the second night seemed to be committing random crimes of opportunity, Poloni added.

Third

The arrest of the Canton woman prompted a joint investigation with police from Grosse Pointe Woods, St. Clair Shores and the anti-car theft ACTION team manned partially by an officer from Grosse Pointe Park.

"We raided a house in Detroit the same day as the arrest," Poloni said. "The house was occupied by three males. We confiscated drugs, cash and a weapon. We also recovered a stolen car at the address. That resulted from police seeing the male in the roadway at night."

Farms attorney earns honor

Grosse Pointe Farms attorney Charles "Chip" Berschback was named one of Metro Detroit's "Top Lawyers" for 2011 by DBusiness, a business journal published by Hour Magazine.

Berschback has been in pri-

ate practice for more than 26 years. His practice includes business law, wills and trusts, domestic relations, real estate, criminal law and municipal law.

He and his brother, Don, are city attorney and prosecutors

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GUEST OPINION

A call for cooperation, courage, innovation

Gov. Rick Snyder in his recent inaugural address called for a culture change in which cooperation, courage and innovation will lead the way to reinvented economy and enhanced quality of life in Michigan. Snyder made his remarks on the Capitol steps upon taking the oath of office to become Michigan's 48th governor. "It is time to stop fighting among ourselves," Snyder said. "It is time to solve our problems and create new opportunities." Snyder's commitment to bipartisanship and public service was reflected in the inaugural ceremony, in which local and state leaders of both political parties were invited to participate. Detroit Mayor Dave Bing emceed the event and Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell delivered the invocation and closing prayer. Snyder was pleased to have the legislative majority and minority leaders share the stage, which was not the case in previous inaugurations. Former Jennifer Granholm and John Engler also bridged the political gap by attending. "We need to put party and geography aside and come together as Michiganders to reinvent Michigan," Snyder said. Getting Michigan back on track will require sacrifice and a new mind-set, the governor said. "It won't be simple or easy," Snyder said. "There is no magic solution to our problems. But with most of our problems, there also comes opportunities. It will require shared sacrifice from all of us. Many have already made sacrifices. Many of us need to join those who have already contributed." Doing so will enable Michigan to achieve key goals such as becoming a globally competitive leader in innovation, creating more and better jobs and providing young people with greater opportunities and a bright future in the state. Snyder pointed out the perils facing Michigan if its leaders continue to do business as usual. "The old ways don't work and it is time to start a new era," he said. "This is our moment of opportunity to realize we have a bright future instead of a declining future." Michigan already has many building blocks for success in place, according to Gov. Snyder. Its world-class universities, unmatched natural resources and the entrepreneurial spirit of its people make Michigan unique. The inauguration showcased that theme by offering an abundance of food products grown or made in Michigan. Snyder said he looks forward to hitting the ground running with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, legislative leaders and stakeholders across the state. "I have been hired to represent all people of the state of Michigan and move us all forward together," Snyder said. "We all want to live in a state of high expectations and results. We can only achieve extraordinary things if we aspire beyond traditional thinking. The old unbelievable needs to become the new achievable. "Let today be the birth of a new chapter in Michigan's history. Let today be the birth of the era of innovation and reinvention."

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GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

A political gridlock

Voters in the United States generally recognize political gridlock is better than one-party rule — a judgment that seems lost on the ruling class. Since the founding of our country, Americans have been mistrustful of government — especially a distant centralized government dictating how they should live their lives. Liberty seems to be implanted into the genes of most Americans. We recognize a too-powerful government is a threat to liberty, and government is most powerful when it is ruled by one party. The damage that can be done to liberty by one-party rule was on national display when Democrats in Congress rammed

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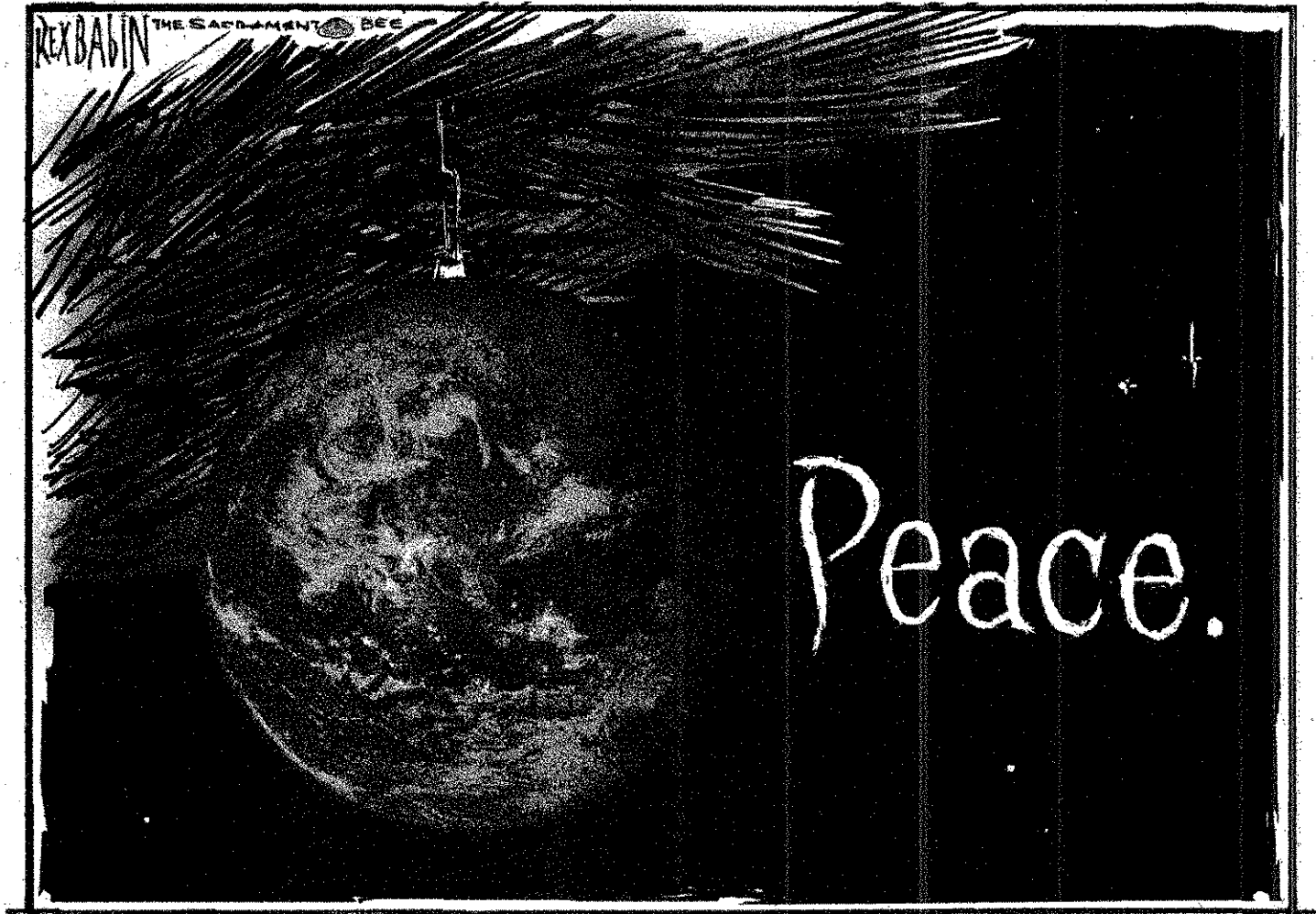
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Taxpayers pay

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Shores' residents pay property taxes to their city for the services they receive. Our taxes are not low. They provide the generous salaries, bloated pensions and unsustainable health benefits to its employees. In exchange, the taxpayers expect the city and its employees to provide services to all residents. But, now, Grosse Pointe Shores' residents are told the services of the police, fire or public works in emergency situations are not going to be available for those tax dollars. If a taxpayer requests the use of any emergency "service," they will be billed for it. Now, taxpayers have already paid for all the equipment, all the personnel, all the training and all the vehicles used in any emergency situation. This city council has now told each and every resident they must pay again! The city will

bill a resident's insurance company — an indirect payment by the resident. The city will bill the resident — a direct payment by the resident. The council will even take residents to court to obtain their double/triple taxation scheme. This new ordinance is nothing more than a tax on a tax. I ask you: What are the costs in an emergency situation? Personnel time? Paid already by tax dollars. Equipment? Paid already by tax dollars. Vehicles? Paid already by tax dollars. Trained assistance? Paid already by tax dollars. So, the only costs this city is talking about is what? The gasoline it takes to drive to the scene? Already paid by tax dollars. To say a resident who requests an ambulance or fire truck should be charged on top of their property taxes is discriminatory. And then to threaten court action for non-payment on top of this is absurd.

If this city wants to cut costs, then charge other cities that use the services we support with our taxes. If we're already "voluntarily" consolidating support services with other cities, then maybe we need to look at making that standard and move at reducing duplicate administrative staff. This city could cut costs by bringing employee salaries, pensions and health costs in line with the private sector; charge all the non-residents who use our parks and facilities; and bring personnel in line with the needs of this city. City attorney Mark McInerney, Mayor James Cooper and all those on the council who voted for this travesty, stop looking at the residents as "wallets." I hope all Grosse Pointe Shores' residents exercise their distaste for the lack of respect and trampling of their rights in this ordinance by this council in the 2011 election. DR. JANICE PEMBERTON Grosse Pointe Shores

the 1970s to support President Gerald R. Ford and Gov. William G. Milliken, both Republicans. What is different this time is I am not ready to give up on President Barack Obama. I and countless other Democrats voted for Republican Rick Snyder for Michigan governor as a reaction to Jennifer Granholm's two disastrous terms in the Michigan House. It is breathtaking how harmful her incumbency has been to our state and to our party. As we faced unprecedented economic disaster, she dithered and failed to lead, compounding the state's ills. In my estimation, she is Michigan's worst governor, notwithstanding the apologists such as First Gentleman Dan Mulhern and National Education Association union leaders who claim she is a "victim of circumstances." This defense is untrue: she is a victim of incompetence. I recall how happy Michigan Republicans were in 1961 when President John F. Kennedy appointed six-term Democratic Gov. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams to an African ambassadorship. Wouldn't it be gratifying if Obama could find something similar for former Gov. Granholm? In the meantime, I sincerely wish our new governor all success. WILLIAM D. HODGMAN Grosse Pointe Park

Democratic Tea Party 2.0

To the Editor:

Many of us Michigan Democrats defected from our party this year in the same way as conservative Republicans embraced the "Tea Party" movement. For me there was in this shifting of loyalties a sense of déjà vu, because I also defected in

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The rule of Sebelius

The text of ObamaCare is dry and legalistic, except when it summons the majesty of the King James Bible to intone imperiously, "the secretary shall ..." The secretary in question is the secretary of health and human services, Kathleen Sebelius, who "shall" and "may" do all manner of things to complete the great unfinished canvas that is ObamaCare. As George W. Bush might say, Sebelius is "the decider." In the discretion she's granted to remake American health care, she rivals Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Clinton and Oprah Winfrey as the most powerful woman in America. The New York Times recently reported HHS has created a version of the "death panels," in Sarah Palin's famous coinage, that were stripped out of the law after an uproar in 2009. Why did we bother having that fight, with all its fiery accusations, if Sebelius and her underlings could simply act at their discretion? Our civics textbooks tell us we have a system of representative government, accountable to the people, to adjudicate such intensely contested questions. The textbooks are wrong — they fail to account for the Rule of Sebelius. Her HHS decided Medicare will cover end-of-life consultations as part of ObamaCare's annual

"wellness visits." Sebelius not only gets to make this call, she gets to don the Dick Cheney Shroud of Secrecy to do it. As The New York Times notes: "Congressional supporters of the new policy, though pleased, have kept quiet. They fear provoking another furor." Ah, yes, the danger of public information: It might crimp the work of Kathleen Sebelius. Philip Klein of The American Spectator counted 700 references in ObamaCare to the secretary shall, 200 to the secretary may and 139 to the secretary "determines." Last month, HHS announced premium increases more than 10 percent next year are "unreasonable." It earlier had

warned insurers it would have "zero tolerance" for "unjustified rates increases." Why? Because Sebelius says so. The Obama administration has issued more than 100 waivers from provisions of ObamaCare, a sweeping round of exceptions. Why? Because Sebelius says so. The regulatory state isn't anything new, but the Obama administration is broadening and deepening it as a matter of philosophy and exigency. The administration has progressivism's taste for rule by self-appointed experts, and now it has little choice but to work around a Republican-held House of Representatives to pursue its goals. The EPA plans to move to limit greenhouse emissions

from power plants and oil refineries in response to Congress' resistance to passing a cap-and-trade law. As President Barack Obama put it, there's more than one way "of skinning the cat." He might have elaborated: There's the democratic way, and the administrative way. The EPA's move is more audacious than anything yet attempted by Sebelius; it's as if Congress had declined to pass ObamaCare, and Sebelius had gone ahead and begun implementing it anyway. All of this is deeply corrosive of self-government. From "we the people ..." to "the secretary may ..." is a triumph of bureaucracy over republicanism. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

GUEST OPINION By Ted O'Neil

Lighten up

The Michigan Legislature is once again considering an attack on private property rights in the form of a workplace smoking ban, according to the Associated Press. Russ Harding, director of the Center for Public Policy's Property Rights Network, addressed the issue a year ago when the Michigan House and

Senate passed separate bills but failed to reach an agreement on how intrusive to make the proposed legislation: Smoking bans may not strike most people as an obvious government property taking in the same manner as seizing someone's house to make way for a new highway, but both are an erosion of the right to use one's own private property free from government meddling.

While proponents of a ban often refer to the need to eliminate smoking in "public places," the targets of such a ban — bars and restaurants — are actually private facilities. Smoking in public places, such as city halls, libraries or courthouses, has long been banned. Ted O'Neil is a communications associate with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Shaming the family name earns column



There is one member of my immediate family who has escaped column scrutiny. Until now. Miss Priss, the West Highland white terrier known as Missy, was banned from her second pet grooming salon.

For her first several years with us, we kept her in a Westie cut — long on the sides and short on top with a “cauliflower” face and “carrot” tail. Other than going to the groomer twice a year for a trim, my husband washed her and I or one of the children would help him brush and dry her.

It was never an easy task. Missy hates to be brushed and hates the blow dryer. We were never regulars at any one groomer, so I took her where I could get her in quickest. I always explained her “sensitivities.” We’d been to several pet grooming salons in Grosse Pointe Woods without incident.

About three years ago, I took Missy to a major chain pet shop for grooming because of its convenient Sunday hours. I picked her up, she looked great, no one said a word.

When I brought her back six months later, I was informed she was a “difficult” dog.

I talked the groomers down by suggesting they leave the Westie face and tail, but shave her down. That would take care of most of the mats. They said they’d give it a try.

I picked her up and was told to not bring her back. Ever.

Shock, shame, humiliation, anger. If I’d had a tail, I left the pet shop with it between my legs.

When Missy next needed grooming, I found a new shop on Mack Avenue. I explained how Missy had been banned from the major chain pet shop. I explained she doesn’t mind the bath, hates the blow dryer and doesn’t like to be brushed. Muzzle as long as you want and shave her down.

I picked her up, she looked great. I was told she was muzzled for a while, but overall, she was fine.

I went back to this same shop six months later. Again, no problem.

Last week, when I called the Mack Avenue business very last minute, I was told to bring her in right away. While I was driving there, the business was calling home cancelling my ap-



How could this face be banned from two dog grooming salons?

pointment. I didn’t know that until I walked in the shop.

The woman who groomed Missy twice was there, but it was another woman who said she wouldn’t groom the dog. There was a warning on Missy’s “card” and the woman refused to touch her.

Shock, shame, humiliation, anger, but this time, indignation. If you are a professional groomer, aren’t you supposed to handle difficult dogs? If my dog is so difficult, shouldn’t you tell me?

(In all fairness to the Mack Avenue groomer who refused Missy service, I found out later

she had been badly bitten by another dog and was not comfortable working on a “red-card” dog.)

I returned home, invisible tail definitely between my legs. I made several phone calls to other Mack Avenue salons, but no one could take her that day. I found a most wonderful place — heaven to an exiled dog and owner — Furry Babies Boutique and Salon on Little Mack in St. Clair Shores.

I explained the situation to Robin, the owner, who made sure Missy was up-to-date on her shots. Robin said she would give it a try and if she got bit, we’d deal with it later. Reassuring, sort of.

I took Missy in; Robin put her up on the grooming table and started shaving her. Missy sat like an angel, I crossed my fingers and rushed out the door.

Robin called two hours later.

Missy was ready. I walked hesitantly into the salon and Robin put me at ease. Missy had passed! She’s welcome back! I am not a failure as a dog mom!

Robin must be Missy’s dog whisperer. She didn’t understand all the fuss. She muzzled Missy to get a knot out of the fur on her head, “but only for two minutes.”

And Robin solved the blow dryer issue — by not using it. How novel. She towel-dried Missy. “It takes longer, but if you’ve got the time...,” explained Robin. Oh yes, oh yes, I have the time!

I am vindicated! My dog is just like all the others. She can play in the same “sandbox.”

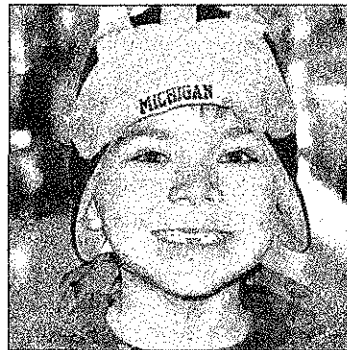
I was floating out the door when Robin reined me in and handed me a not-too-subtle Christmas gift for Missy: a dog toothbrush.

Oh well. One victory at a time.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Which cartoon character would you invite to live in your house?

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‘Sponge Bob because my mom could use him as a sponge to clean.’
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‘Scooby-Do because he could help solve mysteries with me.’
AIDEN WHEELIHAN
Grosse Pointe Woods



‘Penguins of Madagascar because they could teach me what they know.’
MICHAEL VILLENEUVE
Grosse Pointe Woods



‘Patrick from Sponge Bob because he makes me laugh.’
WILLIAM HUGHES
Grosse Pointe Woods



‘Mario Brothers because they’re fun and they play well together.’
JORDAN WILLIAMS
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Holiday aftermath



Another holiday season has come to an end. Somehow we survived Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve, but for some it wasn’t easy.

Gas prices have risen for no apparent reason. But despite the increase, more than 90 percent of travelers opted to make that trip to grandma’s house by automobile.

But if you were living in the East Coast or had travel plans to there, you didn’t travel at all. The blizzard that pelted the East Coast even curtailed rail travel.

On a positive note, retailers reportedly had their best year in quite some time. Returns were at an all-time low mainly because many people purchased gift certificates and no one returns a gift certificate — they may just never use the cards.

As I look back on the past two celebratory months, there are several thoughts that come to mind. Permit me to share just some of the reactions, thoughts and observations that boggled my mind:

- ◆ There are just too many football bowl games. And the sponsorship for these games

has run amuck. We now have the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Chick-Fil-A-Bowl, Beef ‘O’ Brady Bowl and the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl. At least we didn’t have to contend with the Poulan Weed Wacker Bowl this year. But what’s next — the Roto-Rooter Toilet Bowl? You heard it here first!

- ◆ News reports indicating during the holiday season everyone was filled with the Christmas spirit and were courteous and gracious, might have been true up to a point — the two days before Christmas when all bets were off. We experienced exasperated shoppers who taigated, pushed through department store’s doors and jostled others in line. I gave their names to Santa and he put them on the “naughty” list.
- ◆ Did you see where former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm pardoned a convicted murderer only to reverse her decision the next day when the family of the victim protested? And how about the governor of New Mexico contemplating a pardon for Billy the Kid. Not to be overshadowed, the governor of Florida just pardoned “Doors” singer Jim Morrison. Pardon me, but why are we wasting time on these miscreants?
- ◆ The holiday season saw its usual array of drunken drivers. Many of those stopped for drunken driving had multiple violations including some with a suspended license. These sots should be incarcerated for a year after the first violation.

Their remaining behind the wheel of a 2-ton steel potential killing machine does a disservice to society. I have no patience for drunken drivers.

- ◆ The day after Christmas, while in a customer service line at our local store, a lady in front of me was returning a half eaten bucket of chicken because it was “too crispy.” She also returned a fake poinsettia. The clerk was more courteous and accommodating than I would have been. My reaction would be to refund her half of the bucket and explain to her we don’t refund on seasonal items. I suspect the fake poinsettia was at her dinner table while she ate most of the chicken.
- ◆ I decided I have too many friends. With e-mails, letter writing, birthday and anniversary cards, lunches and phone calls, I have little time for myself. So I notified many of our friends I am culling the herd, so to speak, and establishing standards for being my friend in the new year. Several, when notified of my new policy, decided to take one for the team and opt out on their own. By the way, all readers of the Grosse Pointe News remain on my “Friends List for 2011” — unless someone wants to take one for the team and opt out!
- ◆ Permit me to offer my own holiday movie review. Somehow, even after reading all the critical reviews of the movie, “The Little Fockers,” we went to see this celluloid train wreck. It was the No. 1 movie for the first week but I think once word gets out, it will

quickly disappear. I recall one laugh in the whole movie. What a disaster.

- ◆ Have you ever tried shopping at Macy’s with the coupons you can clip from the newspapers? The discounts are great but the majority of the coupon is taken up with the items not eligible for the discount. It would be better if Macy’s just informed us which items are eligible which I suspect number just one or two items.
- ◆ As is typical of the holiday season, the checkout lines were horrendous. We were in a craft store where the number of people in line had to exceed 40 shoppers. A lady bypassed the line and marched to the front of the line telling the clerk she “only had two spools of thread” and wanted to pay for them ahead of everyone else. The clerk did not accommodate her, which prompted the lady to say: “Have you seen the length of the line.” My response would

have been: “Yes, now get your butt in that line.” That’s why I’m retired and don’t work in the service industry.

- ◆ Seems Hugh Hefner, the 84-year-old Playboy Bunny aficionado, is now engaged to one of his 24-year-old bunnies. Can’t he and all of his bunnies and their wretchedly excessive lifestyles just disappear into the relative obscurity they so richly deserve? Note to Hefner: Please just go away!
- ◆ Watching hours of football over the holidays reminded me I am tired of seeing Suzy Kolber and Erin Andrews and all of their female sideline reporters telling us what meal the team prefers before each game. Can’t we just have some real football reporting and not all this fluff and eye candy. If you women readers feel I am being a chauvinist, I also think the football cheerleaders with their display of pulchritude should be banned from the sidelines too.

- ◆ The “powers that be” in our community have decided we need to clog up our roads with some of those awful traffic roundabouts. You know the ones — the convoluted circles with a myriad of arrows and yield signs where you become a hamster in a cage driving around in circles until you figure out how to escape. Most drivers abhor these monstrosities, however, when has the public opinion ever been heeded by government agencies. Hope the three-to-five roundabouts up for debate in our community never see the light of day.

Well, off to see the dentist. I do have to pass through two of the circuitous roundabouts on my way so if you never see another column from me, I will be in the throes of attempting to find my way out!

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

GRIDLOCK: A politically good thing

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ObamaCare through against the will of the American people. I find the specter of one-party rule by Democrats who generally favor bigger government to be most frightening. One-party

rule by Republicans who say they favor smaller government but continue to support the growth of government is only slightly less frightening.

In America we have far more government than is needed; most of the legislation passed at the federal, state and local levels of government is not necessary for the protection of a free people.

Recognizing big-government policies, supported by many Democrats, have failed to bring

Michigan out of its economic slump, voters have given Republicans control of the machinery of state government.

As we begin a new year, let’s hope we are not once again disappointed with decisions made by the ruling class in Lansing and find ourselves pinning for the days of political gridlock.

Russ Harding is director of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy’s Property Rights Network.

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limiting lead content in consumer products, high levels of it and other cancer-causing heavy metals are turning up in inexpensive jewelry and children's toys.

◆ Gov. Granholm during her last state of the state address endorses efforts by freshmen state legislators to advance Michigan's budget deadline by three months.

"It makes me feel really good," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe is lead co-sponsor of a House resolution seeking a constitutional amendment forcing lawmakers to finish the forthcoming year's state budget by July 1.

◆ Long-term efforts to protect ash trees from emerald ash borer infestation have been or are likely to be reduced in Grosse Pointe Farms, City and Shores. In Grosse Pointe Park, City Forester Brian Colter said the battle was lost before it began.

"The epidemic is over," said Colter, who discovered the invasive, tree-killing borer in August 2002 on the eastside. "By the time it was discovered here, it had already been here for years. It was a lost cause to try to save ash trees."

◆ The governor's state budget for next year maintains the current level of K-12 school funding and reincarnates the college promise grant as a post-graduation income tax credit.

Rep. Bledsoe wants Gov. Granholm to restore 20J cuts made to the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and other higher foundation grant public school districts.

March

◆ A book by two local authors and history buffs recounts the 100-year-old Alger family estate at 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms, that heirs in 1949 donated to the community and became the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The book, "Grosse Pointe War Memorial," is co-written by Farms residents Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Aliotta.

"The intention was to celebrate the Alger house's 100th anniversary, to tell the story of the Alger family and how the house came to be our community center," Berschback said.

◆ A Pointe-wide survey to gauge how residents of all five Grosse Pointes envision the community's collective path is prepared by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

A committee consisting of the Pointes' mayors, city managers, some chamber members and a strategic planner provided at no charge by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) — a \$30,000 savings — will analyze survey results to determine five to seven key objectives.

April

◆ Richard Bodycombe, a career pilot and retired major general in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, is inducted into the Michigan Aviation Hall of fame in Kalamazoo.

Bodycombe, a 1940 graduate of Grosse Pointe (now South) High School and now a resident of Ann Arbor, had a multi-decade career that included commanding a B-24 bomber over Europe during World War II, flying in the Berlin Air Lift, being a corporate pilot and flying the Yankee Air Museum's B-17G "Yankee Lady."

◆ Rep. Bledsoe arrives in Lansing during the spring break for a schedule work session. But, fellow colleagues belonging to two House committees on oversight and education are absent.

The no-shows prompt

Bledsoe to issue a statement blasting "amateurism" in the Michigan Legislature.

"Legislative dysfunction makes reforming this place much harder," Bledsoe writes after his wasted trip to the state capitol.

May

◆ Coyote sightings become common again.

Public safety officers were thought to have driven coyotes from the community. Toward the end of winter, Farms officers shot two and a trapper in Grosse Pointe Woods caught one.

"I think we push them somewhere and they get pushed back here," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "I don't know if they're driven by humans or if it is a food source. They've been seen again."

◆ Signs of economic recovery are rippling across Lake St. Clair.

Increased freighter traffic on the Great Lakes this year signals an improved business climate.

"The news is good so far," said Glen Nekvasil, vice president of corporate communications for the Lake Carrier's Association, headquarters in Cleveland. "But, we have to be careful. It's not quite time to declare happy days are here again."

◆ The public attends a celebration of the Alger House centennial during a day-long party at the dwelling's present-day incarnation as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial community center.

June

◆ Jazz bands from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools kick off this season's Music on the Plaza series in the Village district of downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

The bands are co-conducted by instructors David Cleveland of North and South's Dan White.

◆ A unanimous Michigan

House of Representatives supports three pieces of legislation giving Shores voters the right to participate in the election of municipal judge.

Shores municipal cases currently are heard by the Grosse Pointe Woods judge, an office Shores voters don't select.

The legislation is introduced by state Rep. Bledsoe.

July

◆ "The Bronze Nymph," a 400-pound bronze statue known colloquially as "The Nude," retains her station at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The statue, stolen from the Memorial Garden Fountain in 2001, was recovered in May, 2009, by Detroit police divers training in the Detroit River off Angel Park near the foot of Alter.

Now restored, the statue is displayed in the Memorial's hallway to Fries Auditorium.

SHORES: Discussions focus on saving money

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officials in last month's failed recall confirms the results of election-day.

A recount by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers confirms original tallies of the May 4 recall election.

Canvassers again certify the victories of Mayor James Cooper and Councilwoman Victoria Boyce.

◆ A councilman's cost-cutting ideas stave off the need for a proposed, 7-mill property tax increase to close a projected \$214,870 deficit in next fiscal year's budget.

"I came up with a proposal that I believe would generate \$245,000 worth of savings," said Councilman Brian Geraghty, appointed in March to fill a mid-term vacancy.

Geraghty's plan results in a \$30,600 surplus, built partially upon \$80,00 saved by consolidating the public safety dispatch center with another Grosse Pointe.

◆ Shores officials agree to a 30-year contract to buy water from Detroit.

The decision ends seven years of discussions about breaking away from the Detroit and possibly becoming a customer of the Farms water department, partnering with the Woods to buy Detroit water or joining with communities in Macomb and Oakland counties to create a new water filtration and distribution network

August

◆ Rep. Bledsoe, a Democrat, will face first-time Republican candidate and fellow City resident Janice DuMouchelle, in the November election for state representative.

Both candidates win their respective primary elections.

Winning primaries for state Senate are Grosse Pointe Park Republican John Chouinard. He faces current State Rep. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, in November.

◆ Rear-yard rubbish collection sticks out in a survey of Grosse Pointe households as a municipal service most residents can kick to the curb.

Second on the list of taxpayer-funded services that most respondents pick for elimination is making the community pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The survey, commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, reflects in many ways results of less formal household surveys conducted recently by the City of Grosse

Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ Donations totaling more than \$31,000 are raised for the family of slain Taylor police officer Matthew Edwards during a corn roast at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park hosted by members of the Grosse Pointe Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102.

The lodge consists of officers from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"We're all here for one good reason — to support one another," said Constable Fred Brown, who attended the fundraiser from his jurisdiction as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services in Ontario, Canada.

September

◆ Rain arrives fashionably late for the Racing For Kids street fair and charity auction on the Hill.

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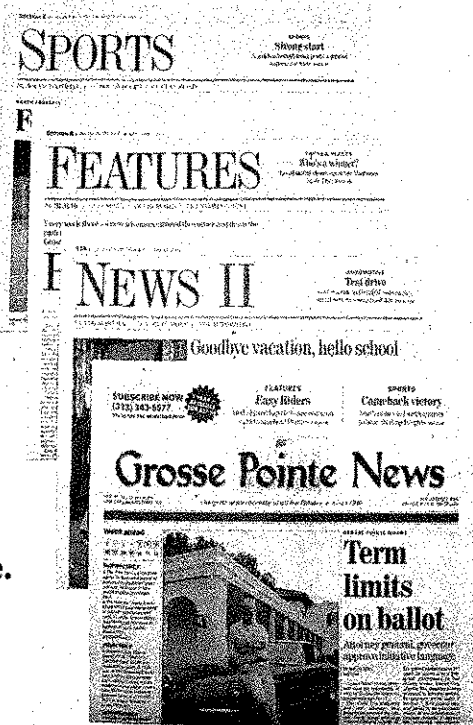
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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Robert Bensinger
Traffic Safety Section

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE FOR FILING
NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE
FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that nominating petitions for School Board Trustee for the School District of the City of Harper Woods will be available in the Harper Woods City Clerk's Office, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. until February 8, 2011. Nominating petitions may be taken out on February 8, 2011, however, all nominating petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan, by 4:00 P.M. that day.

Registered voters that reside in the School District of the City of Harper Woods are eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee for the School District of the City of Harper Woods.

The purpose of taking nominating petitions for the May 3, 2011 Election is to nominate qualified registered voters to the following: (1) four year term as School Board Trustee expiring June 30, 2015.

Persons with questions regarding the nominating process should call the City Clerk's Office at 313-343-2510.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Mickey D. Todd,
CITY CLERK

GPN: January 6, 2011

contractor.

The man is nearly buried alive when a trench caves in next to the foundation of a house on Lakeshore.

◆ Marina occupancy at Osius Park reached 83 percent during the second half of summer.

"Last year, we were in the mid-70s," said Councilman Brian Geraghty, chairman of the harbor committee.

October

◆ The county's resurfacing of Lakeshore is nearly finished.

So is comparable work on Vernier, a municipal project. Road repairs on Crestwood are finished, yet work remains on Moorland.

"We did a lot of pavement patching," said Brett Smith, director of public works.

◆ Lynn Galbenski, president of the Shores Improvement Foundation, announces plans for the organization to fund construction of a year-round, multi-purpose building at Schroeder Park behind city hall.

The city council approves a concept of the one-story building, to abut the public works garage.

The project's entire \$97,000 cost is being born by benefactors.

November

◆ A patrolman's resignation takes some pressure off the municipal payroll, but Shores officials continue searching for ways to cut operating costs.

◆ Members of the Blue Ribbon Commission are divided into three subcommittees, each charged separately with examining the city's current situation, benchmarking the Shores with comparable communities and looking to the city's future and how to achieve it.

◆ A hand-made model Chris Craft Commander missing 10 years from a display at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club turns up for sale on the Internet.

Shores Detective Scott Rohr plays the role of an interested buyer to retrieve the model for its owner, the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

December

◆ Legislation finally passes in Lansing letting Shores voters have a say in choosing their municipal judge.

Bills sponsored earlier in the year by state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, receive unanimous support from the House and Senate before being signed into law before Gov. Jennifer Granholm leaves office.

◆ An existing ordinance broadens terms under which the city can recoup the costs of providing emergency services.

◆ In Mayor Cooper's year-end address, he reminds residents that next year the Shores will be 100 years old.

A centennial birthday party is being scheduled for early July.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Admits it

Police arrested a 20-year-old male motorist from Grosse Pointe Woods at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29 on drug charges.

An officer pulled over the man on westbound Waterloo near Rivard for operating a black Jeep Cherokee with a tinted windshield.

"(The) driver stated there was approximately one gram of marijuana in the center console along with paraphernalia," said the arresting officer.

Police confiscated 1.7 grams of marijuana valued at \$65, a \$25 grinder and two one-hit pipes worth a combined \$25.

"(The man) was processed without incident and allowed to make bond," said the officer.

— 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

Queries

Police arrested one of two men found at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, walking in the roadway of northbound Moross near Moross Place.

"(They) were wearing dark clothing and were difficult to see," said a patrolman.

Both men were Detroit residents.

One, age 34, was held for Oakland County authorities on three unspecified warrants with bonds totaling nearly \$10,000.

The second man, 23, was wanted in Detroit on a \$100 warrant for entering a building without permission. Detroit authorities advised Farms police to let him go, which they did by transporting him out of the community.

Staggers

Shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, a patrolman in a cruiser at the intersection of Charlevoix and Moran saw a man exit a white Audi four-door and stagger along the sidewalk.

"(He) explained he was coming from a party where he consumed 'a couple bottles of wine,'" said the patrolman. "He stated he had been driving with a friend and pulled over to rest until sober enough to drive."

POINTES: Election offers few surprises in November

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Bad weather held off as hundreds of people attended the free daytime display of racing cars, high-performance vehicles and simulated pit stops by Indy racing League driver Justin Wilson in an Indy car co-owned by Farms native and former race driver Robbie Buhl.

Buhl is national spokesman for the 21-year-old charity, which is headquartered on the Hill and uses the popularity of motors sports to raise awareness and money for children's health care.

Money raised since 1989 totals more than \$5 million.

◆ The Detroit Institute of Arts lets it all hang out in two Grosse Pointe locations.

As part of the museum's regional publicity campaign to celebrate its 125th anniversary, two paintings reproduced from the collection are displayed in the Pointes. One hangs on the Kercheval facade of Borders Books in the Village in the City. The other is spotlighted outside The Hill Seafood & Chophouse on the Hill in the Farms.

The campaign includes

The man was arrested for drunken driving. His blood alcohol measured .23 percent, the officer said.

Alcohol & a pill

Police investigating the single-car wreck of a silver Dodge Stratus at the corner of Moross and Lakeshore at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, arrested a 31-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving.

"The vehicle was facing west with the rear wheels resting against the curb on the northeast corner," said the first officer on the scene.

The driver had a .083 percent blood alcohol level and admitted taking a Xanax pill, said police.

First of 2011

The first arrest in the Farms during 2011 came courtesy of a 23-year-old female scofflaw from Clinton Township.

It was nothing new for the woman to be arrested at 8:47 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, for violating a suspended driver's license.

"(She) is suspended four times with three prior convictions," said Lt. Andrew Rogers, who stopped the woman on westbound Lakeshore near Kerby for driving a black Chrysler Sebring with a burned out headlight.

Takes car

A black Lincoln taken without permission from its Grosse Pointe Woods owner was found at about 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, abandoned and damaged on Chalfonte east of Lexington.

"The vehicle was parked partially on the lawn of an empty lot," said a Farms officer.

The owner told police a relative took the car the day before.

— 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

New year begins

Officer Doug Fraser made the first arrest of the new year in the Shores.

At 8:40 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, Fraser took into custody a 31-year-old Highland Park woman for drunken driving and fleeing police.

Additional charges consisted of not having a driver's license, lacking having proof of insurance and operating a vehicle with an expired license plate.

Fraser pulled over the woman on northbound Lakeshore near Hampton for weaving a green 1994 Mazda lane-to-lane.

"As (I) approached the vehicle, the suspect vehicle rapidly accelerated northbound into St. Clair Shores," Fraser said.

A St. Clair Shores officer blocked the woman's escape at Nine Mile.

2010 to 2011

The same two Shores patrolmen on the midnight shift who teamed up for the last run of 2010 did so again on the department's first call for service in 2011.

Officers Ron Coste and Tony Spina ended last year by responding during the evening of Friday, Dec. 31, to a burglary alarm in the 500 block of Ballantyne. The alarm was false.

"There was a dog in the house, most likely setting the alarm off," officers said.

At 12:47 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, of the new year, another alarm sounded at a house on Sunningdale.

(The resident) stated that wind had blown her garage door open, setting off the alarm," Coste said.

Ride to shelter

A 56-year-old homeless man, who police found at 12:34 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, walking along southbound Lakeshore near the city limits, was taken by police to a shelter in Detroit.

Bad driving

Police said a 53-year-old Macomb Township woman became "extremely upset" when pulled over at 4:39 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 for driving erratically on northbound Lakeshore.

An officer pulled over the woman in the 800 block of Lakeshore for speeding a 2010 Lincoln 15 mph over the limit and stopping at a green light at Vernier.

Records showed her wanted in another Southeast Michigan county for contempt of court. Authorities in that jurisdiction wouldn't retrieve the woman, so Shores police cited her and let her go.

— 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

Auto thefts

A 1997 Plymouth minivan was stolen from the 15000 block of Kercheval the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 27.

A 1994 Chrysler Concorde was stolen from the 1100 block of Maryland the morning of Saturday, Jan. 1.

There was an attempt to steal a 2005 Jeep Liberty from the 1000 block of Wayburn on Saturday, Jan. 1.

Larceny

A 17-year-old male turned himself in after Park police found items taken from a house in the 1300 block of Wayburn at the suspect's residence. Items taken included a Sony Xbox, games and a duffle bag.

Quiet New Year's

Police report no problems during the celebration leading into the New Year.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larceny

A South Oxford Road resi-

dent reported the sunroof of his 2010 Yukon had been shattered sometime overnight Tuesday, Dec. 28. The suspect entered the car through the sunroof, ripped out the dashboard and removed the navigation system. Two iPods were also reported missing.

Liquor taken

A white male with a beard is being sought in the shoplifting of liquor from the CVS store on Mack at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

Home invasion

An unknown suspect used a brick patio paver to smash a rear window and enter a house

on Hawthorne sometime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. Upstairs bedrooms were found to be in disarray. Loose change, jewelry and a pillow case were reported missing. The area was checked for fingerprints. Detectives continue to investigate.

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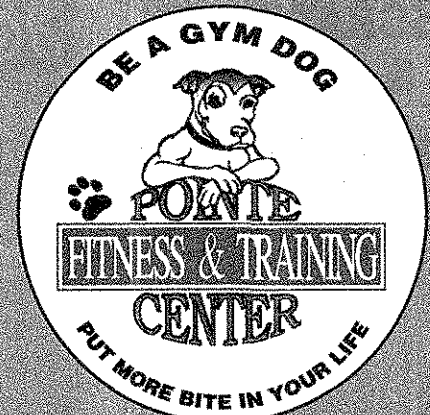
At least two cars parked in the 600 block of Hollywood the evening of Sunday, Jan. 2 were egged.

— Kathy Ryan

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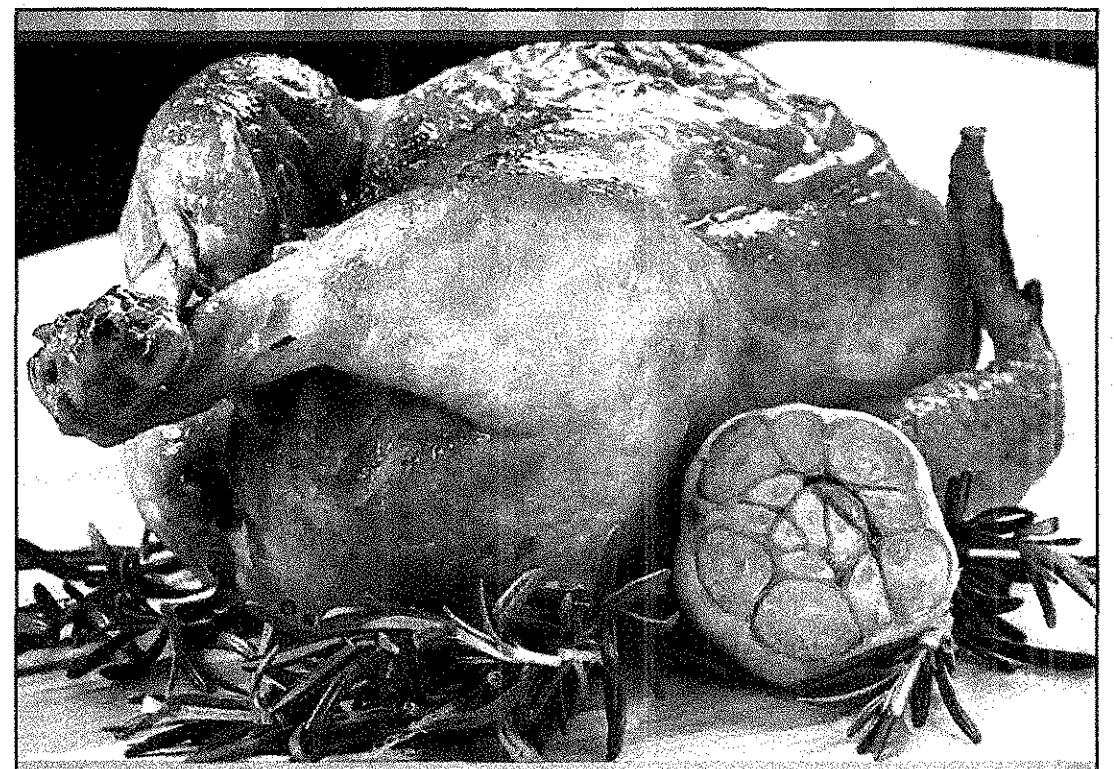
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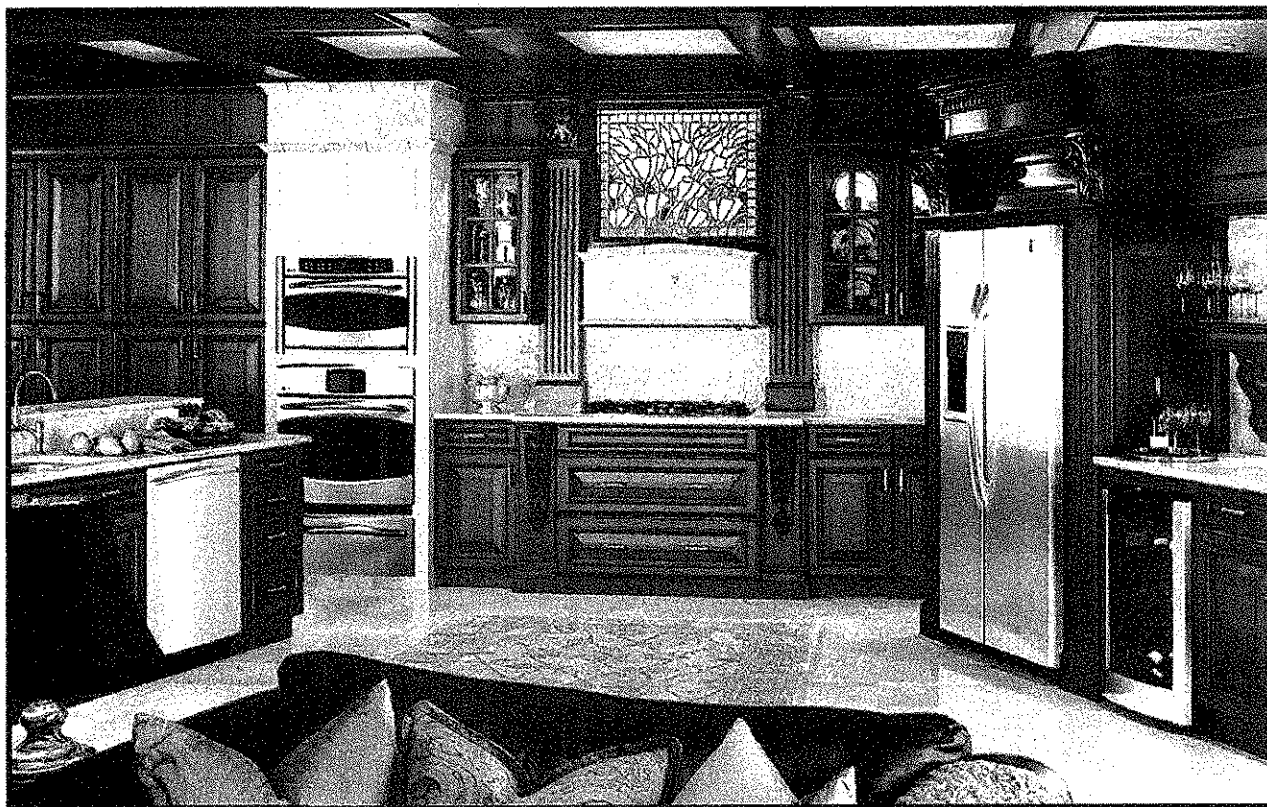
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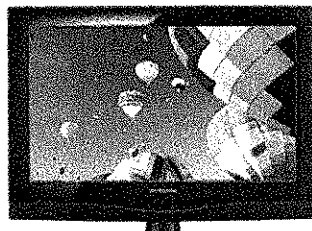
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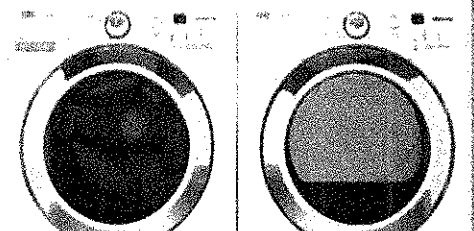
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Teacher of the Week

They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

This week, it's Grosse Pointe Academy fourth and fifth grade teacher Wendy Dimartini.

She was nominated by fourth-grader Grant Sachs: "She has breakfast club every Tuesday where we eat a really good breakfast and talk about things. She has made it the best school year ever! She is always giving us fun activities to do. She rides her bike to school with the class."

Years at the lakeshore school: 10

Previous work: I have had so many wonderful teaching opportunities. I began at the Elisabeth Morrow School in New Jersey, then went to Metairie Park Country Day School in New Orleans, on to St. Francis School in Goshen, Ky. and now here in Michigan.

Along the way, I have taught all grades, kindergarten through eighth, as well as a graduate course in reading theory at Tulane University.

Why did you become a teacher?

For some reason, I wanted to be a teacher when I was really little. I used to play school with my best friend, and together we would play "regular" school hours, which meant from 8 in the morning until after 3 in the afternoon!

Then, as I moved through the grades as a student, I was never asked to think, I was never asked to analyze, I was never asked to generate original ideas. I was told to memorize and give back exactly what I had been told.

As I entered high school, I became a part of a program tutoring underprivileged children, as they were called then. As a tutor, I realized there was a lot more to learning and a whole lot more to teaching. That is when I knew what path I would take with



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Grosse Pointe Academy teacher Wendy Dimartini was nominated by Grant Sachs.

my life. I wanted to do school better, to open doors to the amazing world of ideas.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I have been teaching for almost 40 years and I still can't wait to get to school each day. I never know what is waiting for me, what little surprise is just around the corner. Children see the best in the world. Each day I try to help them understand a bit more about that world. It may be in math, it may be a piece of literature or it may simply be knowing more about themselves.

How do you feel about being nominated?

I was totally taken by surprise when I was told of this special nomination. I feel flattered to be nominated by one of my students. It feels really good to be appreciated.

Favorite book to share with students?

There are so many wonderful, wonderful books and I love them all. When I tell my students this is my favorite, they tell me I say that about all of the books I share with them.

However, the one book that does stand out in my mind is "Bridge to Terabithia." Not only is it beautifully written, but the story connects with boys and girls, mothers and fathers. My students' parents read the book to their children and then we have a parent/child book discussion. I also share with them the seed from which the story grew, which is incredibly powerful. Experiencing this book has an everlasting effect on one's life.

—Amy Salvagno

Artist exhibits work at ULS

Local artist Jeff Cancelosi's work "Faces Never Seen" is on display through Feb. 4 in the Manoogian Arts Wing of University Liggett School.

While the artwork is of faces, Cancelosi doesn't call them portraits because they are not real people.

The exhibition features Cancelosi's ink stamp, pencil and spray drawings.

Cancelosi holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Art, Architecture and

Planning, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in radio/television with a minor in photography from Southern Methodist University.

Several well-known artists also have included Cancelosi's work in their exhibitions.

An opening reception will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, in the arts wing.

For information on the visiting artist series or the opening reception for Cancelosi, contact Jim Pujdowski at jpujdowski@uls.org or call (313) 884-4444 ext. 313.

Public school briefs

ELEMENTARY SURVEY

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is reviewing scheduling practices of certain parts of the elementary school program and is asking parents for their input.

The special and elective offerings, including art, library skills, physical education, Spanish, vocal and instrumental music are included in this review. Additionally, recess and the support classes (e.g. remedial reading, speech, some special education programs, social work, services and others) will be reviewed with the intent of making the time students spend in school as productive as possible.

The parent survey is online with a link on each school's website and the district's at gpschools.org.

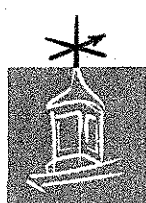
Submit one per household, by Monday, Jan. 24.

NORTH FRESHMEN MEETING

Grosse Pointe North High School's administrators, department chairpersons and counselors of Grosse Pointe North High School present information on course selection, schedule planning and pupil adjustment for parents and 2011 freshmen at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, in North's cafeteria, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Following the formal presentation, parents and students can tour the building and visit classrooms where department chairpersons, teachers and students are available to answer questions.

Registration for private and parochial school students for the 2011-2012 school year is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in North's library.



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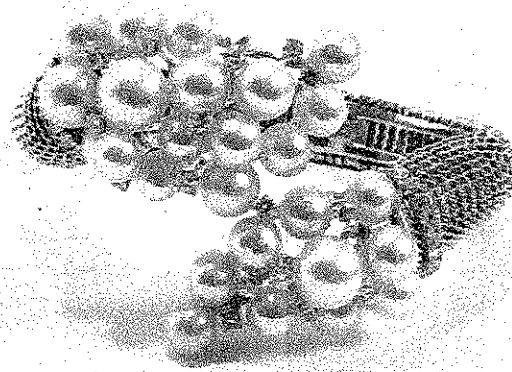
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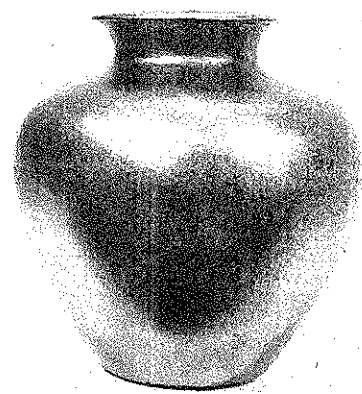
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North American International Auto Show

The North American International Auto Show opens its doors to more than 4,500 automotive journalists Monday, Jan. 10, with an anticipated 30-40 worldwide debuts from automotive manufacturers around the globe.



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"We're rapidly approaching when the door of Cobo Center will once again open to the NA-IAS and 2011 will be another banner year for media, industry and the public alike as they will be able to explore a packed show floor," said Barron Meade, chairman, 2011 NA-IAS.

"We're again bringing a wide array of exhibitors featuring the latest in environmental technologies for automotive and lifestyle into Michigan Hall with Smarter Living in Michigan sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and DTE Energy which will once again include the popular ride and drive element."

The public and media will observe debuts from exhibitors such as Audi, BMW, Chrysler, GM, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota and Volkswagen, to name a few.

Show updates

The annual Charity Preview

gala event is held Friday, Jan. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m., and will feature a concert by "The Rockets," a Detroit rock band. The annual event benefits local charities and has raised more than \$82 million since its inception in 1976, more than \$37 mil-

lion of which was raised in the last seven years. The money raised by ticket sales provides medical treatment, clothing and support services for local children. Tickets for the Charity Preview can be purchased by calling (888) 838-7500, or by visiting charitypreview.com.

The "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit, presented by the MEDC, will be comprised of two different areas: the MEDC Town Square and the adjacent Smarter Living Showcase, sponsored by DTE Energy.

Michigan Hall is transformed into an interactive display showcase, highlighting the many ways Michigan companies are building and creating eco-friendly communities and sustainable lifestyles.

The MEDC Town Square and Smarter Living display area brings the ride and drive element indoors with a test track featuring electric-drive and hybrid vehicles from lead-

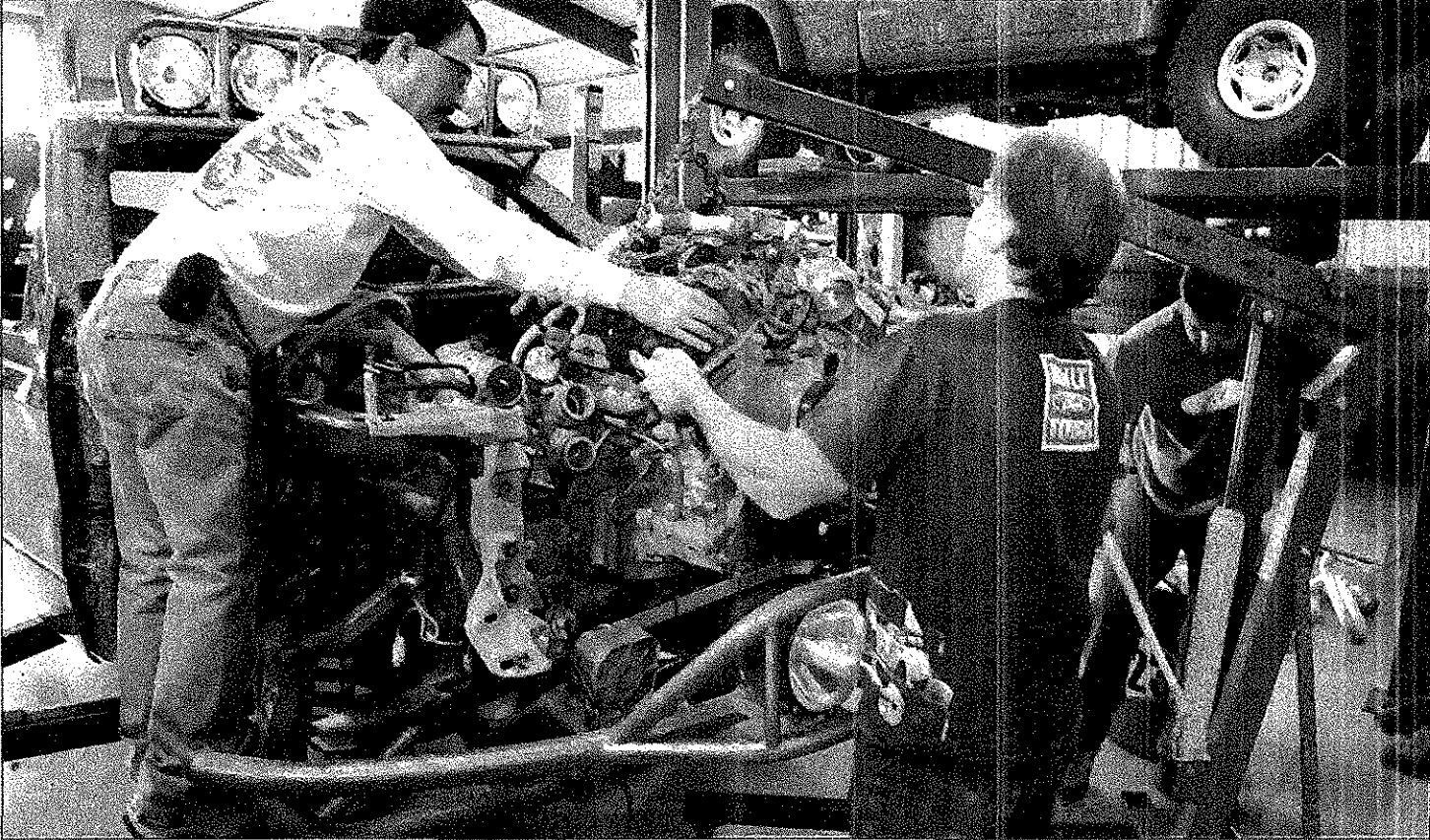


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Ford engineers will disassemble and examine the 3.5-liter EcoBoost "hero" truck engine for long-term durability in front of the public at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

ing domestic and import manufacturers. Such technologies to be featured include solar cars, charging stations, batteries, transit connect, rolling chassis and alternative energies.

In line with trends of other international automotive shows such as Geneva, Paris and Frankfurt, and to also accommodate customer demand — of both the auto manufac-

turers and the media who attend the show — the 2011 NA-IAS made game-changing moves in how it is scheduling the cadence of some of the world's most highly touted worldwide debuts. As a reflection of the "new normal" in the 2011 automotive industry and an unprecedented demand for news conference timeslots from the past two years, NA-

IAS will feature two press days.

The first press day, Jan. 10, will feature worldwide, never-before-seen products, as well as significant North American introductions which will steer the direction of the industry for years to come.

The second press day, Tuesday, Jan. 11, showcases innovative technological ad-

vancements by auto companies and suppliers while including additional key product unveilings.

Industry preview is held Wednesday through Thursday, Jan. 12 and 13.

The show is open to the public Saturday, Jan. 15, through Sunday, Jan. 23.

Source: North American International Auto Show.

Winners of 2011 top safety pick award

Sixty-six vehicles earn the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick award for 2011, including 40 cars, 25 SUVs and a minivan.

The award recognizes vehicles that do the best job of protecting people in front, side, rollover and rear crashes based on good ratings in Institute tests.

Winners also must have available electronic stability control, a crash avoidance feature that significantly reduces crash risk. The ratings help consumers pick vehicles that offer a higher level of protection than federal safety standards require.

Last year the Institute toughened criteria for top safety pick by adding a requirement that all qualifiers must earn a good rating for performance in a roof strength test to assess protection in a rollover crash. The move sharply narrowed the initial field of 2010 winners. At the beginning of the 2010 model year, only 27 vehicles qualified for the award, but the number grew to 58 as auto manufacturers reworked existing designs and introduced new models. Now another 10 vehicles join the winners' list for 2011. Two discontinued models drop off.

"In just a year, automakers have more than doubled the number of vehicles that meet the criteria for top safety pick," said Adrian Lund, IIHS president. "That gives consumers shopping for a safer new car or SUV — from economy to luxury models — plenty of choices to consider in most dealer showrooms. Every major automaker has at least one winning model this year."

Front-runners: Hyundai/Kia and Volkswagen/Audi each

have nine winners for 2011. Next in line with eight awards apiece are General Motors, Ford/Lincoln and Toyota/Lexus/Scion. Subaru is the only manufacturer with a winner in all the vehicle classes in which it competes. Subaru earns five awards for 2011.

"Safety is a priority among this crop of winners," Lund said. "From the start these manufacturers set out to design vehicles that would earn top safety pick, even though we've made it harder to win."

One of them is Ford. For 2011, the automaker is rolling out a new design for its popular Explorer midsize SUV, which until now had never earned top safety pick.

Ford also upgraded the roofs of two other midsize SUVs, the Ford Flex and Lincoln MKT, along with the Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ, two midsize cars that missed the initial round of 2010 winners because they lacked the required roof strength. The all-new Ford Fiesta rounds out Ford's winners and is the only minicar to earn top safety pick this year.

General Motors' new Chevrolet Cruze broadens the number of award-winning options for consumers looking to buy a fuel-efficient small car. GM built the Cruze, which has 10 standard air bags, including ones for the knees, to outperform the government's minimum roof strength requirements and touts the achievement as a selling point.

The redesigned Volkswagen Touareg is the only large SUV to earn top safety pick for 2011. The IIHS doesn't normally evaluate SUVs this large, but Volkswagen requested crash tests to demonstrate the Touareg's crashworthiness.

None of the small pickups the IIHS has evaluated qualified for this year's award, and large pickups haven't yet been tested.

Chrysler added torso air bags to the redesigned Jeep Grand Cherokee to bolster side crash protection and earn a good side rating. The previous design relied on head curtain air bags to cushion occupants in side crashes and only rated marginal for side protection.

Safety equipment is increasingly standard. Ninety-two percent of 2011 model cars, 94 percent of SUVs and 56 percent of pickups have standard head and torso side air bags. Electronic stability control is standard on 92 percent of cars, 100 percent of SUVs, and 72 percent of pickups.

"Automakers deserve credit for quickly rising to meet the more-challenging criteria for top safety pick," Lund said. "Several already have requested tests for new models due to ship early next year, so we expect to add even more winners to the 2011 list."

Lund advises consumers to keep in mind that size and weight influence crashworthiness. Larger, heavier vehicles generally afford better occupant protection in serious crashes than smaller, lighter ones. Even with a top safety pick, a small car isn't as crashworthy as a bigger one.

The 66 winners of the IIHS 2011 Top Safety Pick award as of this writing are:

Large cars

- ◆ Buick LaCrosse
- ◆ Buick Regal
- ◆ BMW 5 series (except 4-wheel drive and V8)

Midsize cars

- ◆ Audi A3
- ◆ Audi A4 sedan
- ◆ Chevrolet Malibu
- ◆ Chrysler 200 4-door
- ◆ Dodge Avenger
- ◆ Ford Fusion
- ◆ Hyundai Sonata
- ◆ Kia Optima
- ◆ Lincoln MKZ

- ◆ Cadillac CTS sedan
- ◆ Ford Taurus
- ◆ Hyundai Genesis
- ◆ Infiniti M37/M56 (except M56x 4-wheel drive)
- ◆ Lincoln MKS
- ◆ Mercedes E class coupe
- ◆ Mercedes E class sedan
- ◆ Toyota Avalon
- ◆ Volvo S80

Small cars

- ◆ Chevrolet Cruze
- ◆ Honda Civic 4-door models (except Si) with optional electronic stability control
- ◆ Kia Forte sedan
- ◆ Kia Soul
- ◆ Mitsubishi Lancer sedan (except 4-wheel drive)
- ◆ Nissan Cube
- ◆ Scion tC
- ◆ Scion xB
- ◆ Subaru Impreza sedan

- and hatchback (except WRX)
- ◆ Toyota Corolla
- ◆ Volkswagen Golf 4-door
- ◆ Volkswagen GTI 4-door

Minicar

- ◆ Ford Fiesta sedan and hatchback built after July 2010

Minivan

- ◆ Toyota Sienna

Large SUV

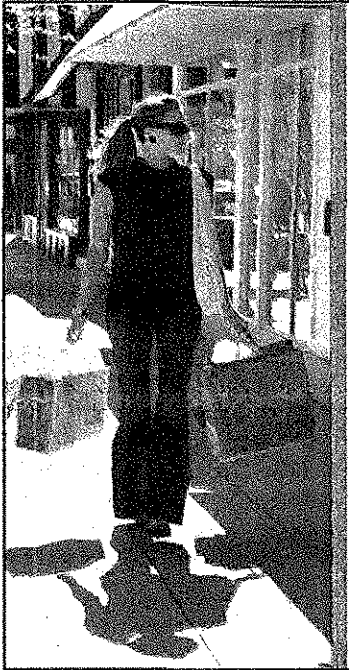
- ◆ Volkswagen Touareg

Midsize SUVs

- ◆ Audi Q5
- ◆ Cadillac SRX
- ◆ Chevrolet Equinox
- ◆ Dodge Journey
- ◆ Ford Explorer
- ◆ Ford Flex
- ◆ GMC Terrain
- ◆ Hyundai Santa Fe
- ◆ Jeep Grand Cherokee
- ◆ Kia Sorento built after March 2010
- ◆ Lexus RX
- ◆ Lincoln MKT
- ◆ Mercedes GLK
- ◆ Subaru Tribeca
- ◆ Toyota Highlander
- ◆ Toyota Venza
- ◆ Volvo XC60
- ◆ Volvo XC90

Small SUVs

- ◆ Honda Element
- ◆ Hyundai Tucson
- ◆ Jeep Patriot with optional side torso air bags
- ◆ Kia Sportage
- ◆ Subaru Forester
- ◆ Volkswagen Tiguan.



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Tattoos for the 2012 Ford Focus

The popularity of tattoos has turned body art into a fashion statement — especially among Millennials. Ford is taking the trend one step further by offering car buyers a quick and inexpensive way to express themselves with tattoos for the new 2012 Ford Focus.

OBITUARIES

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

June Marks Anderman

Grosse Pointe Farms resident June Marks Anderman, 92, passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2010.

She and her loving husband, William E. Anderman Jr., who predeceased her, were devoted to their four children, William E. Anderman III (deceased), Milton Secor, Marie Anderman Arlo and Richard Anderman; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderman's family said she will live forever in their hearts. Her kindness, grace and strength remain an inspiration to them.

Express condolences at cremationmichigan.com.

Mary H. Belanger

Mary Helen Rall Belanger died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at home with her family by her side. She was 93.

She was a life-long Grosse Pointe resident. She graduated with honors from Grosse Pointe High School in 1935 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, graduating cum laude.

Upon graduation, she was hired at the newly built Pierce Junior High School, where she taught English and drama. While working, she earned a master's degree from Wayne State University.

She married W. George Belanger M.D. in 1940, became a homemaker and raised four children.

Mrs. Belanger stayed active in her sorority, Delta Gamma, throughout her life, participating in vision screening in the elementary schools and other volunteer activities.

She enjoyed playing bridge, entertaining and singing with the Choraliers. In 1980, she joined the Theatre Arts Club of Detroit where she acted in and directed many plays.

Her family said Mrs. Belanger was an intelligent, loving and kind wife and mother. She remained cheerful and gracious throughout her life.

Mrs. Belanger is survived by her daughters, Karen (Bob) Quarnstrom, Joan (Jim) Lehl, Elizabeth Belanger, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, George; son, George and grandson, Christopher.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Theatre Arts Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Kim Czasnojc, treasurer, 240 Chocoy Ave., Clawson, MI 48014.

Edna J. Burns

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Edna J. Burns, 89, formerly of Birmingham, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, at ShorePointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores. Mrs. Burns was at ShorePointe recovering from a fall when she died suddenly.

She was born Dec. 2, 1921, in Bemidji, Minn., to Helga Peterson and Victor Jacobson. She lived in Evanston, Ill. and Roscommon during her youth. After graduating from Roscommon High School in 1940, she studied elementary education at Central Michigan University. Due to the shortage of teachers during World War II, she received her teaching certificate after two years of college and started teaching fifth grade, first in Saginaw and later in the Fitzgerald Public Schools district. She finished her college degree years later at Wayne State University.

She married John W. "Jack" Burns in 1948 and was a steadfast support for him in his many entrepreneurial activi-

ties. She became a full-time homemaker during the late 1950s, raised three children and took a keen interest in arts and crafts including sewing, decoupage and needle crafts. She also became an accomplished painter.

Mrs. Burns considered herself adventurous and had plenty of adventures when the family spent summers on their ranch in Wyoming, and then moved to Wheatland, Wyo. She later moved back to Birmingham, but maintained a residence in Wyoming at the time of her death. She loved the wide open spaces, mountains, sunsets and cloud formations seen in Wyoming.

Mrs. Burns loved history and was an accomplished world traveler who visited the Eight Wonders of the World and all seven continents. She was an avid photographer and often made her slides from a trip into a travelogue she shared with various groups.

Over the years, Mrs. Burns volunteered for several organizations, including the Pilot Club of Birmingham, Hospice of Birmingham and the Lighthouse of Oakland County.

Mrs. Burns loved spending time with her family and friends and moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in 2006 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed attending Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts, meeting friends for lunch or dinner, attending events at the Detroit Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and attending the performances and athletic events of her grandchildren.

Mrs. Burns is survived by her daughter, Kathryn (Robert Johnson) of Grosse Pointe Park; sons, John of Chugwater, Wyo., and William (Holly) of Grosse Pointe Park; grandchildren, Emily and Alex Johnson and niece and nephew, Sharon and Thomas Bomgardner.

She was predeceased by her parents; brother, George Jacobson; sister, Eva Bomgardner and her former husband, Jack Burns.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marjorie L. Chandler

Marjorie L. Chandler, 91, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010.

She was born Sept. 18, 1919, in Cleveland, the daughter of Frederick and Leona Studer and her family moved to Detroit when she was young. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1937.

That same year, she met Bob Chandler whom she married in 1941 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in Detroit.

In her early years, Mrs. Chandler worked as a secretary for the McManus, John & Adams Advertising Agency in Detroit. After she had children, she retired and became a full-time mother, wife and homemaker. In 1949, the Chandlers moved into Grosse Pointe Woods and lived there until retirement.

Mrs. Chandler was active at her church, St. Michael Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, and volunteered two days a week at the church's thrift shop. She was a good mom and good wife.

Mrs. Chandler is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Susan (Calvin) Gauss and James (Besa) Chandler; grandchildren, C.J., Mandy, Nicholas and Fani and great-grandchildren, Chance, Mason, Dominic and Matteo.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Michael Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale

Park Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Rev. Marianna Gronek will officiate. Inurnment of cremated remains will be at the Church's Memorial Garden.

Donations be made to the church at the above address or the donor's favorite charity.

Express condolences at ahpeters.com.

Allen Fullton Edwards Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Allen Edwards, 95, died Monday Jan. 3, 2011, in Lakewood, Colo., after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 8, 1915, in Detroit to Allen F. Sr. and Christine Russel Edwards and lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for much of his life.

He attended Detroit Country Day School, Fessenden Prep School and graduated from the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn., in 1934. He graduated from Yale University Sheffield Scientific School in 1938, where he was in Naval ROTC. As a member of the Naval Reserve, he was assigned to active duty with the Army-Navy Munitions Board in 1941. A lieutenant commander, he was captain of a mine sweeper during World War II from 1942 to 1944 and production coordinator at the Naval Aircraft Factory from 1944 to 1945.

An accomplished licensed pilot since 1931, Mr. Edwards wrote many aviation articles and was active both locally and nationally in aeronautical affairs. He was a past president of the National Pilots Association under the National Aeronautical Association and a founding member of the Community Aviation Council in Detroit. He also was a member of the Quiet Birdmen and a 65-year member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Following World War II and a brief period at Federal Mogul Corp., Mr. Edwards joined Universal Products Co., a Dearborn manufacturer of automobile drive shafts and universal joints. He became director of the government products division and a director and secretary of the company. Upon sale of the company to Chrysler in 1958, he worked as an independent investment manager.

Mr. Edwards was an avid downhill skier until age 86 and enjoyed weekly winter trips to Boyne Mountain and annual visits to ski areas throughout the western United States. He was one of the early members of the Wolverine Ski Club, which later became the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord.

Mr. Edwards flew his private plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, to every state in the lower 48, plus Canada and the Bahamas. Sailing his sloop on Lake St. Clair was a favorite summer sport.

He was a lifetime member of the Grosse Pointe Club and Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, and a former member of the Huron Mountain Club, Wings Field Aviation Country Club in Philadelphia, Experimental Aircraft Association and Clinton River Ski Club.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife of 48 years, Theresa "Terry" Des Rivières Edwards; daughters, Tracy (Patrick) Murtagh, Susan (Gregory) Walker and Mimi (Gerard) Michaud; son, Allen F. Edwards III; step-daughter, Leslie (Palle) Filbert; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

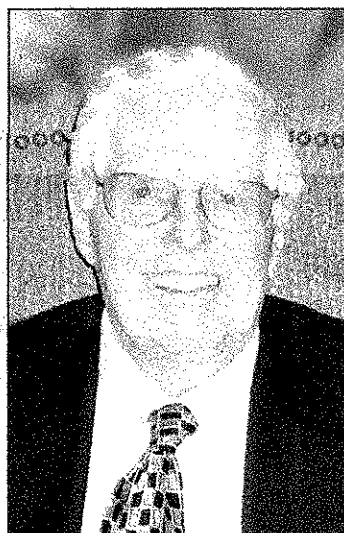
He was predeceased by his sisters, Christine Edwards, Elizabeth Ledyard, Helen Thomas and Margaret Gram.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

The funeral service will be at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial



June Marks Anderman



Allen Fullton Edwards Jr.

Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan, Development Office, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201 or The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Ann Robertson

Barbara Ann (nee Kinder) Robertson, 42, of Grosse Pointe and Drummond Island, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, from complications of breast cancer.

Born June 22, 1968, in Detroit, she graduated from Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township and attended several colleges in Michigan. She was employed in medical and pharmaceutical sales, eventually becoming director of telesales for a local pharmaceutical manufacturer. She stopped working when her cancer became too complicated.

She met her future husband, J. Alan Robertson M.D., on his birthday in 2003. She was diagnosed with breast cancer Oct. 26, 2004.

During the summer of 2005, Mrs. Robertson and her team participated in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day for the Cure walk.

On Aug. 13, 2005, Mrs. Robertson had her dream wedding — a traditional outdoor Scottish wedding at the Chapel in the Woods at the Woodmore Club on Drummond Island, where she and her husband planned to retire. During the wedding, in Scottish custom, Mrs. Robertson was openly accepted into the Clan Donnachaidh by the approval of her husband's children and the ceremonial placing of the Robertson Tartan over her right shoulder.

The couple's honeymoon was delayed until the autumn of 2006, when they spent three weeks in the Greek Islands and Paris.

Always an optimistic person, her family said Mrs. Robertson saw the good in everyone, never spoke poorly of anyone and always gave freely of herself to help those in need. She held a special place in her heart for displaced pets and children in need.

Mrs. Robertson is survived by her husband, Alan; mother and stepfather, Barbara and Ralph Hayden of Macomb; father, Leeland Kinder of Ferndale; brother, Jeff Kinder and nephew, Edmond Studzinsky of Macomb; sister, Karen Phelps of Alabama; her husband's children, J. Wesley Robertson II of Grosse Pointe and Marlowe Whitney Robertson of Burbank, Calif. and many dear friends.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Robertson's ashes will be spread at her home on Drummond Island overlooking



Mary H. Belanger



Barbara Robertson

the North Channel of Lake Huron.

Before her death, Mrs. Robertson indicated donations be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at komen.org.

William Muir Taliaferro

William Muir Taliaferro, 95, passed away at McKee Hospital in Loveland, Colo., Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010.

The second of five children, he was born July 23, 1915, in Grand Rapids to Mary Littlepage Williams Taliaferro and Harry Monroe Taliaferro. Following graduation from Asheville School in Asheville, N.C., he attended Grand Rapids Junior College and graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in business.

Mr. Taliaferro completed a year of post-graduate work at University of Chicago and began his business career just prior to World War II as a salesman for a building products company. He proudly retired from that same company as a district manager 45 years later.

At the time he joined the company, it would not allow salesmen to be married, so he and Anne Watkins delayed their marriage until June 1940, after the rules were changed. The couple subsequently lived in Des Moines, Iowa, Minneapolis, Seattle, Washington, and Pittsburgh.

In 1953, Mr. Taliaferro and his wife settled in Grosse Pointe, where they raised two daughters. He was an active member of Rotary Club of Detroit and Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Taliaferro and his family spent time each summer at Crystal Lake in northwestern Michigan, a place he loved. There he was able to relax, read, sail, boat, water ski and spend time with family and friends.

After retiring in 1985 from the job he loved, Mr. Taliaferro fulfilled his dream of building a summer home at the lake and spent several months at the cottage each year, often visited by children and grandchildren.

In 2001, he and his wife moved to Loveland, Colo., to be closer to family.

Mr. Taliaferro is survived by his daughters, Cee (John) Ward of Muskogee, Okla., and Page (Bud) Frick of Fort Collins, Colo.; grandchildren, Ed (Pam) Palmquist, Ginger (Rod) Atencio, Dianna Frick, Lauren (Dave) Tremblay and Kyla (Mike) Waldron; seven great-grandchildren and his brothers, Gardner Taliaferro and Monroe Taliaferro.

He was predeceased by Anne, his wife of 62 years; parents and sisters, Frances "Tollie" Frey and Jane Weathers.

A funeral service will be held Dec. 30, in Loveland.

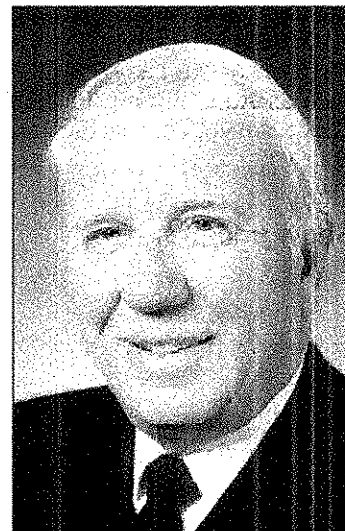
Donations may be made to Project Self-Sufficiency, 375 W. 37th Street, No. 150, Loveland, CO 80538.



Edna J. Burns



William Muir Taliaferro



Robert E. Thoreson

Robert E. Thoreson

Robert E. Thoreson, 77, died peacefully at home Monday, Dec. 27, 2010.

Born June 14, 1933, in Mount Gilead, Ohio, to Rita and Reider Thoreson, the family moved to Michigan in 1935.

Mr. Thoreson graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1951, and General Motors Institute in 1953, 1956 and 1957 with management and engineering degrees.

He was employed by Chevrolet Motor Division until 1964 when he joined Thoreson - McCosh, Inc. as co-owner and president until retiring in 2000.

Mr. Thoreson grew up boating with his family at the Detroit Yacht Club and his love of boating continued throughout his life. He was an avid sailor with a loyal crew and a successful sailing record on his Valkyries, becoming an Old Goat in 1987.

He also was an enthusiastic skier and was on the national ski patrol for many years.

Mr. Thoreson was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, serving as commodore in 1995. He was also a member of Bayview Yacht Club, The Old Club, Country Club of Detroit and Mackinac Island Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jacqueline; son, Robert Jr. (Judy); daughters, Lynne (Rod) Brown, Jan (Kern) Serota and Kristin (Erich) Woerner; grandchildren, Robert III, Keely T. Carpenter, Thor and Sara Serota, Fritz and Katie Woerner and great-grandchildren, Sierra Thoreson and Finley Carpenter.

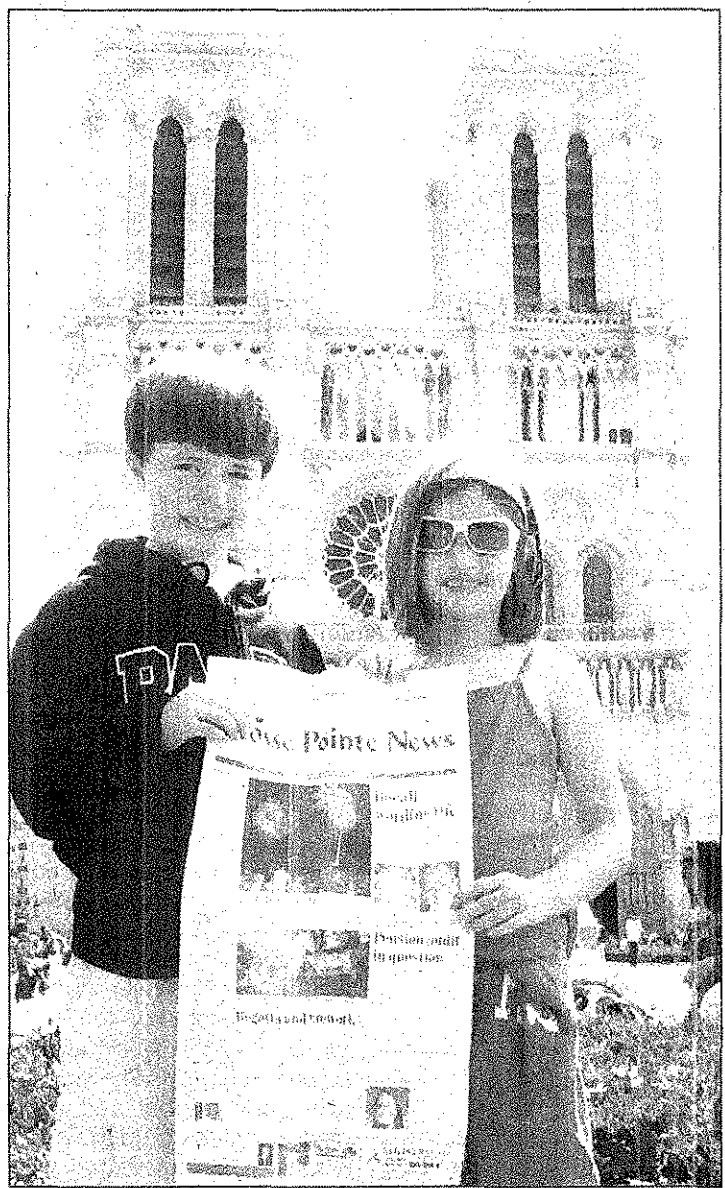
A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312; Junior Sailing Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215; Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore Road, Grosse

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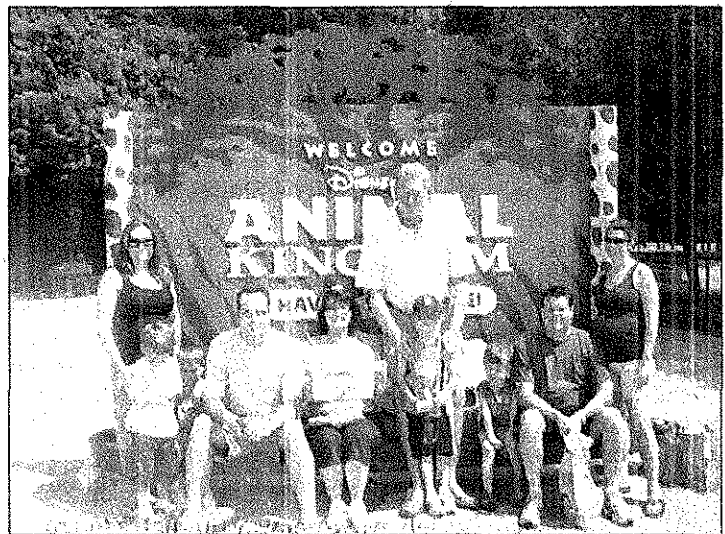
Members of Our Lady Star of the Sea's graduating class of 1971 got together in Charleston, S.C. Pictured are: Mary Moran, Beth Klüber, Sue Snethcamp, Patty Adam, Ginny Hodder, Jill Pardo, Gail Schmid, Kathy Clapp, Pat Shields, Marilyn Opdyke, Laura Lizza, Kabby Brown, Theresa Black and Cheryl Lynch.



The Bowe Family of Grosse Pointe Park in Paris with Notre Dame Cathedral in the background.



Attending the 60th International Convention of Questers in Phoenix, Ariz., are members of the Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 Grosse Pointe: Sharon Amluxen, Theresa Bertolini, Kay VanDeGraaf, Liberta Licata, Lillian Licata and Kay Fulgenzi.



Thomas and Rosalie Youngblood of the City of Grosse Pointe celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Disney World with their sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Andrea and James and Nicole and their grandsons, Anthony, Joey, Jonathon and Nicholas.

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Anne M. Beever

Former Harper Woods resident Anne M. Beever, 91, passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, in Sugar Land, Texas.

She was the beloved wife of the late Donald and is survived by her children, Sally Brassow and Steve, Scott and Bruce Beever. She also is survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Beever's family would like to thank the staff at Silverado Senior Living and Hospice in Sugar Land for their loving care.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at the funeral home, followed by interment in Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Duane Clifford Stone

Former local business owner Duane Clifford Stone, 67, passed away at his family home in Los Osos, Calif., Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, after battling cancer for more than five years.

Mr. Stone was a decorated Vietnam veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of Los Osos; son, Alex and grandson, Ian of Michigan; son, Duane, and his wife, Emily of Nevada; and his sister, MaryBeth and nieces, Sher and Hall of California.

He was predeceased by his parents, Duane and Mary Stone and brothers, Mike and Charles.

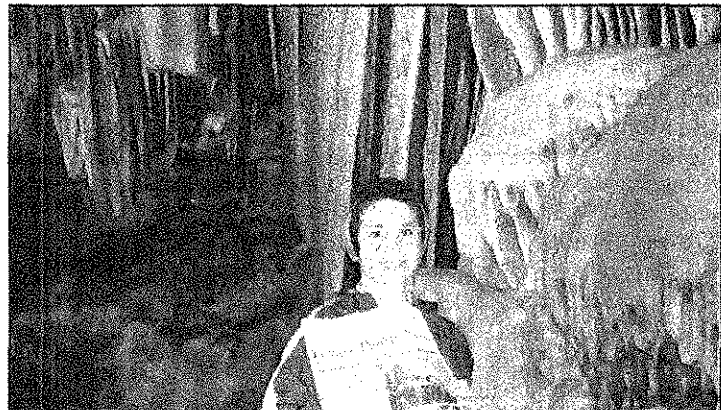
Mr. Stone requested that no service be held but prayers said for those families touched by cancer.



Left to right, Susan Schmidt of the City of Grosse Pointe, Carol Backman of Grosse Pointe Farms, former Farms resident Linda Pankhurst and Rosemary Messacar and Cindy Hill, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, in Asheville, N.C.



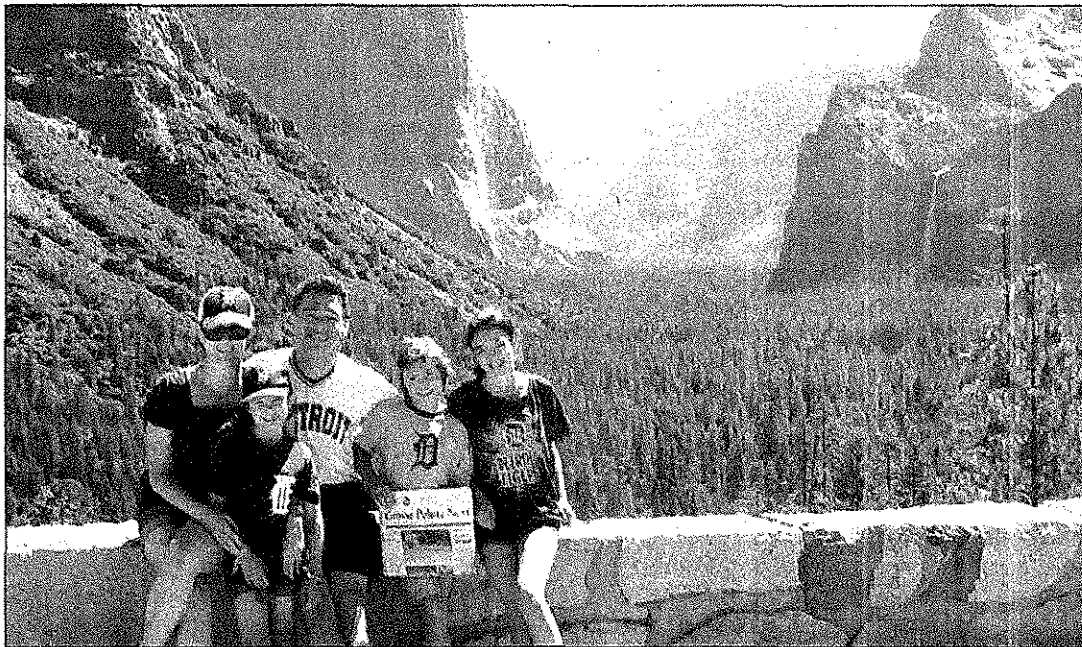
Grosse Pointe North High School senior and Shores resident Gordon Russell III in Jamaica with children from a local orphanage.



Tim Johnson of Grosse Pointe Woods in the Luray Caverns in Virginia.



Adam Hess, a 1999 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, and his bride Julia, at their wedding at Muenchhausen Castle in Hameln, Germany. Pictured with the couple are Lutz Wannagat, Adam Duggins, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Derek Latka, South graduates Brandon Hess, Michael Kaselitz, Nicholas Hess and Blair Hess, and the groom's parents, Doug and Kathy Hess of the City of Grosse Pointe.



Linda, Elaina, Perry, Gino and Bianca Calisi of Grosse Pointe Park at Yosemite National Park.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights earn wins at Roundball Classic

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team took its game to a new level during the holi-

day break.

Head coach Wayne Gigante and the Knights competed in the annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day School.

"This was an opportunity for us to play some bigger, tougher schools with Holt and Cody," Gigante said. "We had a nice couple of days."

The Knights won both games, blasting Detroit Cody 53-38 and edging Holt 56-51 in overtime.

"We played well at times today (against Cody), but I think the girls were a little wore out after the tough overtime game the day before," Gigante said. "We had to play some solid basketball to get the wins."

The Knights never trailed against the Lady Comets of Cody, leading 17-8 at one point in the first quarter and used a 20-7 second period to grab a 37-20 halftime advantage.

Sophomore Haleigh Ristovski hit four straight three-point baskets in that second quarter to help the Knights build the double-digit lead.

Junior Madison Ristovski went to work in the third quarter, scoring 10 of her 17 points as the team continued to cruise, leading 50-32.

"We had solid contributions and used a couple of runs to get out to a nice lead," Gigante said.

Haleigh Ristovski led the Knights with 21 points, blocked two shots and grabbed seven rebounds, while freshman Bre'Nae Andrews chipped in with eight

points and sophomore Julia DeRoo had just three points, but grabbed seven rebounds.

Gigante also had solid minutes out of junior Andrianna Evangelista, sophomore Ariana Castillo and freshman Angela Evangelista.

Liggett had to come back and play less than 24 hours after earning a tough overtime win over Class A Holt.

The Knights trailed by 14 points in the first half before turning on the defensive pressure in the final two quarters. They eventually pulled even and the final few minutes were nip and tuck.

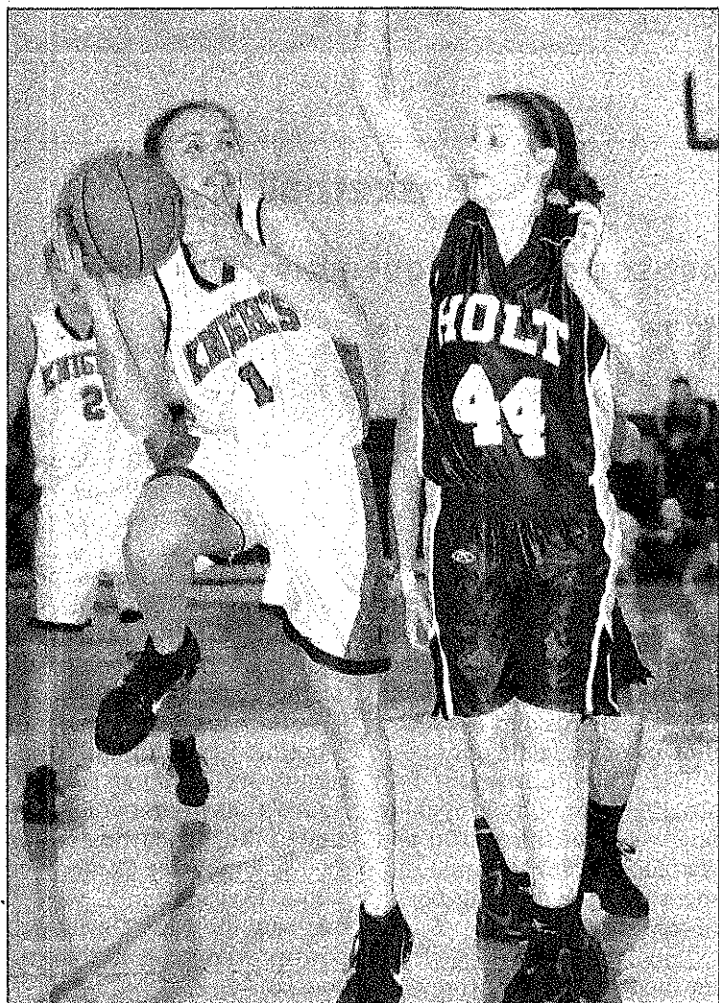
The Knights trailed by a point in the final seconds when Madison Ristovski was fouled. She made the first free throw to tie the game, but missed the second, sending the contest to OT.

It was all Knights in the extra session as they outscored Holt 6-1 to win.

Andrews led the way with 22 points, while Madison Ristovski had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"It was a nice game against a big school with some tall kids," Gigante said. "The girls played well."

Liggett improved to 6-1 overall and heads into the new year with a 7 p.m. home game Friday, Jan. 7, against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

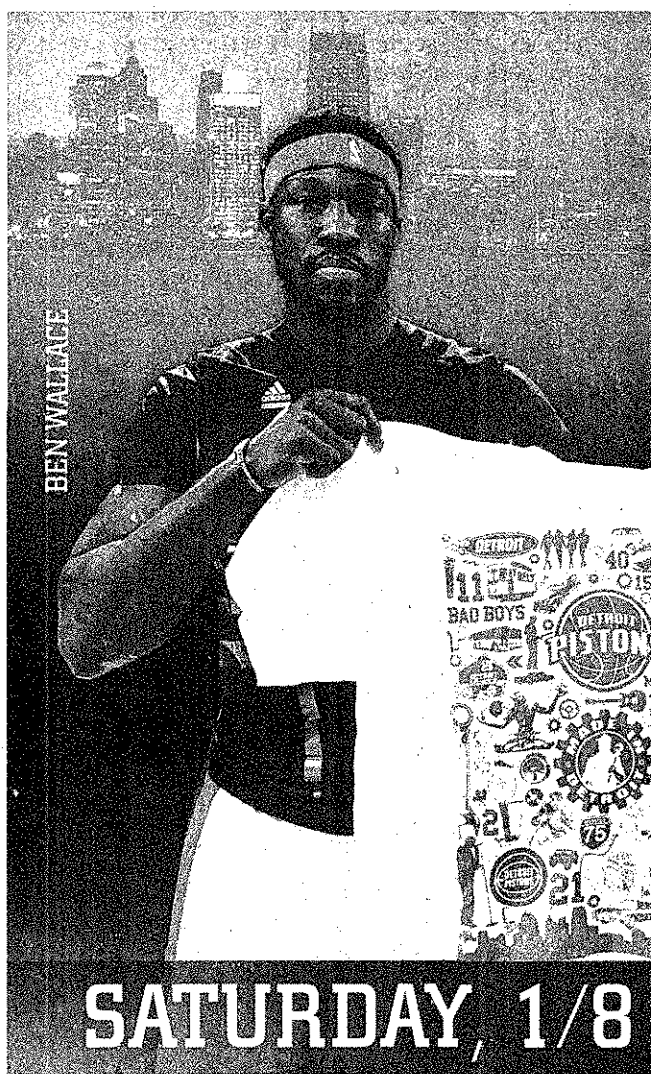



Junior Madison Ristovski, left, wove her way through a tough Holt defense to score 20 points.



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Freshman Bre'Nae Andrews scored 30 points in the Knights' two wins over Holt and Detroit Cody.

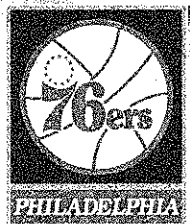




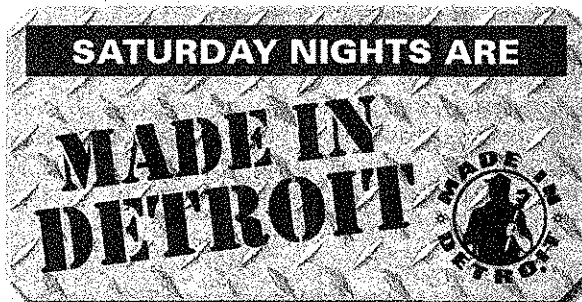
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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Tourney champs

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team, pictured right in a game played against Liggett, won the Blue Line Tournament in Alpena last week, blanking the host squad 4-0 in the championship game.

Head coach Jamie Bufalino, far right, had a little less than a week to get his players ready for the two-day tournament after the Blue Devils lost 11-3 to division-leading Brownstown Woodhaven. In the title game, seniors Eric Marshall and Jess Martinelli scored first-period goals to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead. In the second stanza, junior Nolan Monforton tallied and he added a short-handed goal in the final period to round out the Blue Devils' scoring.

Senior goalkeeper C.J. Schebil earned the shutout, helping South improve to 7-3-1 overall. In the semifinals, South blanked Petoskey 6-0 and Alpena beat Milford 4-1.



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Girls hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

North, South, ULS ready for challenge

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

As the calendar turns to 2011, the Michigan Metro Girls High School League resumes its schedule.

Every team plays a full slate from here on out and as the girls took a couple of weeks off for the holidays. Here is what is happening.

In Division 1, Grosse Pointe North leads with 12 points, winning each of its six games under the tutelage of head coach Scott Dockett.

The Norsemen blanked Warren Regina 6-0 before the break with Dylan Trout earning the shutout in net, giving starting goaltender Emma Huellmantel a break.

Megan Bergeron scored the Norsemen's first three goals and Jennifer Cusmano tallied the other three to give the home team two hat tricks.

They scored two goals in each period to get the win, pushing its record to 6-0 in the league and 7-1 overall.

Sitting two points behind is Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at 5-0 in the league and 7-0 overall.

Sydney Sakwa and Caley Chelios are two of the top scorers in the league, netting 11 and 10 points, respectively. Sakwa has six goals and five assists, while Chelios has seven goals and three assists.

Amanda Schimpke has six points, scoring one goal and adding five assists for the

Cranes.

It doesn't hurt that head coach Terry Brooks has the best goalkeeper in the league, Colleen Jacoby. She allowed only one goal in league games and three overall as the Cranes won their first seven contests.

Port Huron and Ann Arbor sit in a tie for third place with eight points. Both played low-scoring games against other Division 1 foes.

Lon Grantham's Pioneers' are led by two-way players Julia Franceschi and Rachel Freeman with 11 and nine points, respectively. Franceschi has three goals and eight assists, while Freeman has five goals and four assists.

Veteran Emy Guttman has seven points with three goals and four assists and Claire Kelley tallied five points with one goal and four assists. So far, each of Grantham's skaters has scored at least one goal.

For Ron Cook and his Lady Icehawks, forward Morgan Thompson had three goals and five assists for a team-leading eight points. Hayley Cox had five points on three goals and two assists.

The Lady Icehawks have played some tough low-scoring games. They have the talent to stay in the race for the Division 1 crown, as well as good goaltending with Taylor Cook.

Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett head into January with six points apiece, 3-2 in the league.

Head coach Joe Provenzano



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North senior Kailey Sickmiller and the Norsemen are a true division and state title contender this season.

and the Blue Devils won a tough 1-0 decision over Northville before the break on a third-period goal by Marissa Monforton with Tenley Shield and Darian Dempsey drawing assists.

Two of the team's top players, Claire Boyle and Andrea Marshall, missed the game due to injuries.

"We're battling every night and more girls are getting playing time with our injuries," Provenzano said. "We played well in a tough loss to stay in the race for the Division 1 crown, as well as good goaltending with Taylor Cook."

Anastasia Diamond played well in net, stopping a breakaway in the second period.

Liggett is hanging tough as head coach Laura Aiken has been patient with her youthful squad.

Haleigh Bolton is one of the league's top scorers on the season and lately she has received a boost from the play of Aria Ganz-Waple, Medea Shanidze

and Natalie Peracchio.

Mariah Passalacqua might lead the league in shots faced and saves. She has been busy during the first month of the season and is playing with a lot of heart.

Head coach Bruce Peck and the Livonia Ladywood Blazers sit in seventh place with a 2-4 mark, good for four points. This is another team that relies on a few veterans to step up.

Captains Hannah Pereira and Jenny Rohn lead the team in scoring with 10 and nine points, respectively. Pereira has four goals and six assists, while Rohn has five goals and four assists. Rana Freij has one goal and four assists for five points and Lane Kolpacke has two goals and five assists for seven points.

Northville has one win on the season, but played better than its record. Head coach Bill Holden has seen his Mustangs played some tough games, including that 1-0 loss to Grosse Pointe South.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Victory in hand

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A 21-4 lead for Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team after the first quarter Dec. 28 against Detroit Southeastern was far more significant to head coach Kevin Richards and his squad than most would imagine.

The talented team had struggled through the opening few weeks of the season and was looking for that one moment when everything began to come together.

"Finally," Richards said, after the team's 56-21 trouncing of Southeastern. "We started to come together. We've still got a long way to go, believe me. But we needed this win."

What the Blue Devils might have also needed was some actual game experience. The squad had only played three games heading into the contest with the Jungaleers.

"We needed to play some more games," Richards said. "We had been practicing so much, and we needed to get out there and play. I think that was part of the problem. I really do. We just didn't play enough games."

Playing at game-speed is important to the development of any team, particularly one with as much talent as South,

and it also helps to develop depth – something the Blue Devils had been searching for since day one.

"We got great contributions off our bench," the coach explained. "Emily Satterfield and Grace Bingol, in particular, played really well."

Satterfield (four points, four rebounds) and Bingol (four points, six rebounds) joined South's starters (which are among the top starting five in the Macomb Area Conference White Division) in a victory that saw the Blue Devils pull down a whopping 49 total rebounds.

"We knew Southeastern would come in and be really quick, and they were," Richards said. "I think our guards did a pretty good job against their pressure and quickness. But to see us rebound like that; that was really nice to see."

Sophomore Claire DeBoer paced the squad with 17 rebounds to go along with 12 points. Junior Caitlin Moore added 15 points and six assists in the contest.

"We needed this," Richards said. "I think it's going to help us energize our batteries a little bit, too. We got a lot of games left against some very tough teams."

South is 1-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen lose

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The new year can't come fast enough for Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team.

The Norsemen's tough non-league schedule continued during the holiday break with a 58-46 loss to Detroit Denby in the PSL Holiday Tournament at Cass Tech.

"We played good basketball for about 10 to 12 minutes and that isn't going to get it done against a nice team like Denby," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "Our inexperience showed a bit, but in the end it was a game in which our kids got a chance to play a very skilled opponent and hopefully they learned a few things before we begin our division schedule."

The Norsemen struggled offensively in the first three

quarters, scoring only 24 points.

They came out with more energy in the fourth quarter, netting 22 points to make the final score closer than what it was after three periods were in the book.


"We have to play more consistent basketball, plain and simple," Lockhart said. "We have to practice hard and get ready for what will be some very competitive division games."

Jamal Williams led the Norsemen with 11 points, followed by Derrick Morris with nine and Adam Andrzejczak with seven.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 0-4 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is their Macomb Area Conference White Division opener Thursday, Jan. 6, at Utica.

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With the help of **LocalMotionGreen**, Grosse Pointers can keep their 2011 resolutions to be more environmentally conscious.

Greening of the Grosse Pointes

What can I do to help?

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

LocalMotionGreen is branching out after sinking deep roots in the community. Originally named LocalMotion, the organization has sponsored lectures explaining the links between environmental toxins and cancer in an effort to influence personal behavior to promote improved health. Last year the name changed to LocalMotionGreen focusing on community-wide pesticide-free gardening, said the organization's executive director Robin Heller, of Grosse Pointe Farms. "LocalMotion started with a lecture series to create a foundation," she said. "We're not just crying 'wolf.' There was a scientific foundation. The lecture series was wonderful. Now that you've been told, (the follow-up questions is) 'what can I do?'"

LocalMotionGreen provides



Top, Leslie Ellis, an Earthworks Urban Farm volunteer shows 6-year-old Fiona Flynn a honeycomb made bees living in farm hives. Above, Grant and Jacob Sacks stop by the Belle Isle Nature Center booth to learn about the emerald ash borer, spiders and invasive plants during LocalMotionGreen's 2010 Earth Day celebration.

answers by tapping into local experts and resources to dispense ideas for area-wide changes in a positive manner. "That's what's so great about this area, there are so many wonderful resources. We are promoting a different way to approach gardening," Heller said. "We deliver a message in a more empowering way at this point."

The goal of LocalMotionGreen is to have a boarder impact in the Grosse Pointes beginning with a series of winter programs for a green lifestyle implementation. The seven 2011 programs inform residents they choice they can adopt.

From January through April, LocalMotionGreen through its newest branch — GardenGreen, launched in August — hosts a variety of

lawn and garden experts discussing green solutions, to inform people about alternative methods to chemical usage. And GardenGreen will act as a support group.

The first session, and one Heller calls inspiring, is the movie "A Chemical Reaction: A Story of a True Green Revolution."

The film documents how Hudson, Quebec, became pesticide free.

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ROBIN HELLER
Grosse Pointe Farms

the Supreme Court and lost. Other sessions highlight lawns and herb gardens' solutions.

In the mid-1980s, dermatologist June Irwin noticed her patient issues were related to chemical pesticides. Her persistence resulted in the town banning the use of all chemical pesticides and herbicides. Chemical companies fought the case through the Supreme Court and lost.

Why present these warm weather-related topics in the winter?

It's a reaction to what residents are experiencing now and to arm them with information on alternatives, she said.

"People, in the late winter, see lawn contracts," Heller said. "We are alerting them to use an alternative to the regular service and ask questions, 'What is it about this service that is less toxic?' There are providers out there using less harmful methods."

The sessions are set up to:

No. 1 — Teach residents what questions to ask and how to assess the answers.

No. 2 — Remind residents the Michigan pesticide notification deadline is Feb. 1. A medical doctor's written statement of a medical condition enhanced prior to notification.

No. 3. — People are planning their gardens.

"We can give them ideas for lawns and gardens," she said. "First you adopt one or two (changes) and find it is painless."

"It can take more time in the beginning to wean a lawn off chemicals, just as a drug addict's system must be cleansed.

"If you squirt the fertilizer it damages the foundation of the lawn. The chemicals kill off the good stuff plants need to be healthy. It creates a cycle. Applying pesticide doesn't allow the grass to have a deep root system and it doesn't have the natural ability to fight off diseases.

"Plants need more natural nutrients and need aeration. The first two to three years can be difficult. The good news you have created a tran-

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GardenGreen programs

All begin at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 — "A Chemical Reaction: A Story of a True Green Revolution"

Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Monday, Jan. 24 — Green Lawns
Location to be announced

Tuesday, Feb. 8 — It's Easy to Be Green in the Garden
ULS, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods

Monday, Feb. 21 — Urban Vegetable Gardens
Location to be announced

Tuesday, March 8 — Herb Gardens and Companion Planting
ULS, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods

Monday, March 21 — Healthy Gardens for Children and Pets
Location to be announced

Tuesday, April 12 — Green Solutions for Garden Problems
ULS, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods

sition.

"We do have case studies in the area from GardenGreen," Heller said.

Due to LocalMotionGreen's information, two pesticide-free gardens have been added to the annual June Grosse Pointe garden tour.

Residents using pesticide-free methods is one forward step. A second is both Grosse Pointe Academy and University Liggett School have adopted similar environmentally-friendly methods.

"Soon we will be calling on businesses and municipalities asking where they stand on a pesticide-free policy. It is difficult to change habits."

Heller is heartened, because, she said she has seen a move locally by both residents and a few lawn care services to move away from pesticide use.

"It's on the upswing to be pesticide free. More products are offered. Companies are responding to customer demand," she said.

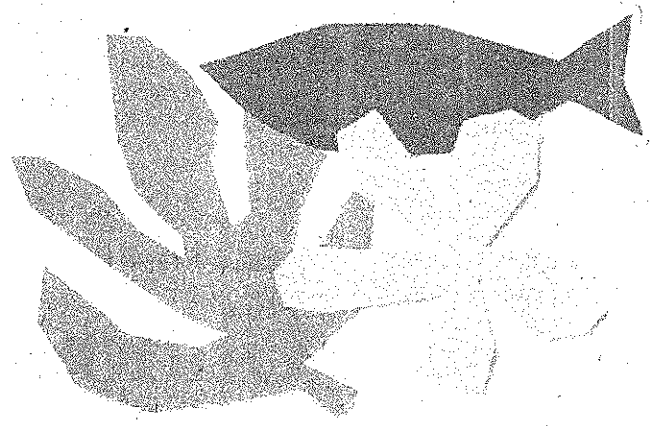
LocalMotionGreen was inspired by lifelong Grosse Pointer Elizabeth Cadwell Dance's 1989 diagnosis of malignant melanoma and her subsequent 1993 lung cancer death, Heller said.

Dance discovered the connection between environmental toxics and cancer through library research and talking with doctors and established LocalMotion in 1999.

"She wanted more people to know about her discoveries, that was the impetus to raise awareness."

"These lives, diagnosis and deaths encouraged Elizabeth Ellen Dance to treat the well-documented possibility that environmental toxins can cause cancer with respect because her hometown, Grosse Pointe, She created LocalMotionGreen because while research into a cure for cancer is making strides, it has been, to date, unsuccessful," Heller said.

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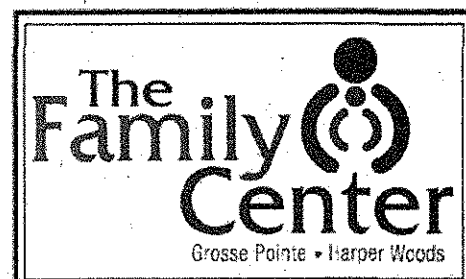
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Moran

Skills for a successful kindergarten experience



Q. What skills does my child need for a successful kindergarten experience?

A. It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with experiences to help him/her gain skills and build a foundation for school. But, does my child really need to identify colors, shapes, letters and numbers before entering kindergarten? The answer is yes.

Kindergarten is no longer just play time. It is now like first grade used to be and our children need to be prepared. It is often a difficult task because the kids want to have play time and as parents, we want to be sure our children are prepared for kindergarten. Expectations include first grade skills. There are now state guidelines on what a child needs to know as a kindergarten student.

Save The Date

Making a Successful Transition into Kindergarten presented by The Family Center Tuesday, Feb. 1

7 to 9 p.m. Panel presentation followed by Q&A session

Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Fee \$5 per family

This annual winter school transition program will feature a panel of experts followed by an open Q & A panel discussion. Beth Moran will be one the panelists for this special Ask the Experts presentation that will be offered to help preschoolers prepare for kindergarten.

Register online at familycenterweb.org or contact The Family Center, (313) 432-3832.

The big question is, "How can I teach my child the academic skills and still make it fun?" Parents will often say that every time they get out the flash cards, their child runs or cries because they don't want to do them. There are so many ways to teach academics and make it fun. Join us for an evening of hands-on activities that are enjoyable and cover the basics needed before kindergarten.

At what age should my child be able to

perform certain skills?

For 2 1/2 to 3 year olds

- Names colors
- Uses words to request
- Points to three basic shapes (circle, triangle, square)
- Repeats a simple sentence (I want a cracker)
- Names pictures in a book
- Listens to a short story
- Knows parents names
- Knows first and last name
- Compares sizes (big and little)

For 3 to 4 year olds

- Names colors
- Names four basic shapes
- Counts by rote
- Learns and repeats songs and finger plays
- Identifies animals and the sounds they make
- Matches, compares familiar objects as to color, form, and size (put all the red blocks in the red container)
- Hears likenesses and differences in sounds
- Describes pictures and tells actions

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SPIRIT OF WOMEN By Chaim Colen, M.D.

When to seek medical attention for a headache

It's the most frequently asked question I hear as a neurosurgeon," says Chaim Colen, M.D., director of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's epilepsy program. "When is a headache more than just a headache?"

Here are some telltale signs that you should seek medical care:

- It's the "worst headache of your life" and is different than a usual headache.
- It starts suddenly or is aggravated by physical movement.
- There is nausea and vomiting, a fever, stiff neck or seizures.
- It's a headache resulting from traumatic injury.
- It's associated with changes in vision, speech, behavior or with weakness.
- It's getting worse and/or is disabling.

A headache is defined as pain located anywhere in the upper neck or head. There are many different causes and three major categories of headaches:

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- Primary headaches include tension, migraine and cluster headaches.
- Secondary headaches are those due to underlying causes, such as bleeding in the brain, tumors, meningitis or encephalitis.
- A third type of headaches involves nerve and facial pain, usually caused by inflammation of the nerves in the head and neck.

Tension headaches are the most common type of primary headache and are more common in women than men. Symptoms of a tension headache include pain, often described as "tightness," beginning in the back of the head and upper neck.

It is usually mild in intensity, bilateral and not associated with vomiting or sensitivity to light. Migraine headaches are also more common in women than men. They are associated with unilateral headache, nausea,

vomiting and sensitivity to light.

Cluster headaches are rare and occur more commonly in men than women. Cluster headache symptoms include unilateral pain in the face and head that is sharp and very short in duration. The pain is usually excruciating and the eyes and nose may become watery.

Secondary headaches are usually caused by head and neck trauma, blood vessel problems (such as ruptured brain aneurysms) in the head and neck, non-blood vessel problems in the brain, medications, infection, changes in the body's normal environment, problems with the structures of the head and psychiatric disorders.

Nerve and facial pain headaches are commonly caused by conditions that irritate the trigeminal nerve, a sensory nerve that provides sensation to facial skin. Trigeminal neuralgia, a shooting pain thought to be caused by a blood vessel pounding on a nerve, may require brain

surgery to separate the blood vessel from the nerve if the pain cannot be controlled with medication.

Headache treatments vary depending on the type, cause and nature of the headache.

"Any headache that involves neurological deficits and is different than your usual type of headache requires medical attention," Colen said. "There could be a serious underlying cause, or it could be associated with a worsening condition, so it's important to get yourself checked out."

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is a member of Spirit of Women, a national network of leading hospitals dedicated to improving women's lives with innovative health and community programs. Spirit of Women enables participating hospitals to focus on community needs while providing the strength of national support. For more information about Spirit of Women, or to become a member, visit beaumont.hospitals.com/spirit-of-women.

HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Choosing an interventionist

Dear Jeff and Debra:

My husband has had a drinking problem for a very long time, but lately it's gotten much worse. He's semi-retired,

working 20 hours a week. With so much extra time on his hands, he's drinking to intoxication almost every day. Christmas was a disaster. He



pect of his plan to do this on his own. He hasn't had a drink since Christmas, but I know the other shoe will drop. I want to be ready for it this time.

My question to you is, do you think I should do an intervention when he begins drinking again? If so, should it be after his first drink or should I wait until he really ties one on? And, if I do an intervention, can you give me guidance on how to choose an interventionist?

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Dear Enough:

When your husband falls off the wagon, he'll be a perfect candidate for an intervention. You could intervene after the first drink, but since he denies his alcoholism, it would be more effective if you wait until after his first drunk. Otherwise, he might say, "It was only one drink. I've got it under control."

His alcoholism caused a major family upheaval on a very important holiday. The shame

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promised me he wouldn't have more than one drink on Christmas eve, but ended up drunk and picking a fight with our son-in-law. My daughter was in tears. They left early and refused to come back the next day for Christmas dinner. It meant we also missed seeing our grandchildren on Christmas day.

My husband, to his credit, felt a great deal of remorse over the incident. He promised me he would quit drinking entirely. But I've heard that before. I suggested it's time for him to get treatment, and I asked him to call Brighton Hospital. He threw a fit. He told me, in no uncertain terms he is not an alcoholic and can walk away from alcohol anytime he wants. I know he's an alcoholic, and I am very sus-



Musical donation

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League members donated items to Toys for Tots at the league's fourth annual Louise Lee Memorial Christmas lunch at the Little Club Dec. 2. Helping gather toys, front row from left, Mado Lie, Kathie Smith and Sandy Magreta; back row from left, Catherine Tocco, Mary Ellen Tyszka, Madeleine Phillips, Karen Kolp and Pam Bawden. The club's goal is to provide scholarships to local musically-talented high school students. For more information about the league, call Bawden, membership chairwoman, at (313) 318-8836.



Garden clubs' donation

Some 450 Grosse Pointe Garden Club members and guests attending the September fundraiser at Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle helped raise \$39,000 to repair the conservatory steps. Twenty local garden clubs were involved in the fundraiser. In attendance were from left, Maggie Adlhoeh, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Sarah Ollison, of Grosse Pointe Park; Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Jan Ellison, event co-chairwoman; and Catherine McCuish, of Grosse Pointe Park.



Rededication

Members of the Louisa St. Clair chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution rededicated its "Real Daughter," Marion Thatcher Holley's, grave marker at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac Oct. 16. Members of the Lydia Barnes Potter chapter in Waterford and the John Paul Jones and Elias Cady Societies NSCAR also participated in the ceremony. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets from Pontiac High School served as the color guard for the service. From left are Grace Smith, of Harrison Township; Stephanie Throne, of Metamora; Barbara Nickles, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Peggy Scully, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Elizabeth Hardwick, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Jean Stroster, of St. Clair Shores; Julie Martin, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Carol Pokladek, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Chamber concert

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, in the Crystal Ballroom, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features the White Falcon Saxophone Quartet from Wayne State University. Their program is a classical repertoire for saxophone quartet from the 20th and 21st centuries. Tickets at the door cost \$12. For more information, call (586) 771-4387, or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com



Steve Tobocman

Remaining concerts are Feb. 20, March 20, April 3, May 1, June 5.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise observes La Fête des Rois, King's Day, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event is geared toward family fun and features a French film, with English subtitles, and refreshments.

Tickets cost \$7 and available by calling Christiane Stein at (586) 777-4602 or by e-mail at cstein44@comcast.net.

French classes are offered at the Assumption Cultural Center, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Beginner classes are at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10; intermediate classes at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; and advanced classes are 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13.

Classes are taught by certified French instructors and are \$80 for a 10-week session.

For more information, contact Stein at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Points for Peace

Steve Tobocman, former state representative from southwest Detroit and Michigan House floor leader, speaks at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Pointes for Peace at the Grosse Pointe Public Library,

Ewald branch, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

He was commissioned by New Economy Initiative, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Skillman Foundation to study the impacts of immigration and global connectedness for metro Detroit.

His conclusions are in a 220-page report which looks at how southeastern Michigan can use foreign-born talent and global connections to expand the economy.

Tobocman graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and holds a master's degree in public policy from the U of M Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about Pointes for peace, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

Community chorus

Rehearsals for the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus' 59th annual spring concert are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 11, in the choral room at Grosse Pointe North High School. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Dues are \$35. No auditions are necessary and new members are accepted through Jan. 25.

Under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo, the chorus sings Broadway, classics and madrigals.

The concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in Parcels

Middle School auditorium. For more information, call (313) 882-2482.

Dance party

C.C. Plus Dance Fun Fitness, Inc. holds a "My Chance to Dance," a special needs dance part at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Assumption School, 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores.

The dance is for children and adults with physical or developmental disabilities. No dance experience is necessary. Walkers and wheelchairs are welcome. Parents and caregivers are invited.

For more information, call Kathy at (586) 412-8454 or visit ccplusdance.com.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center holds its annual meets Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15 p.m.

The annual meeting and swearing in of new board members is at 1 p.m. followed by the 1:30 p.m. program with speaker Cheryl English whose topic is "It is Easy To Be Green."

The cost is \$24 for members and \$26 for non-members.

For reservations, call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206 or visit gp-gardenctr@warmemorial.org.

La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at a Grosse Pointe Park site.

For more information, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Jessie at (313) 417-1944.

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2:30 pm Legal Insider
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5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Begin year with vegetarian chili



I don't know about anyone else but this holiday season has left me exhausted. Whenever I'm this tired, cooking be-

comes a chore. Time to break out the slow cooker.

Time to put something healthy into the crockpot as I start to detox from the rich food and drink I've enjoyed over the past few weeks.

I found this recipe for slow cooked vegetarian chili and it had simple written all over it. With just a bit of chopping you'll have a big pot of wholesome goodness to serve to your

family in the new year.

Slow Cooker Vegetarian Chili

(adapted from Better Homes & Gardens)

2 medium zucchini, halved and sliced to 1/2 inch thickness

1 green pepper, chopped
1 medium to large onion, chopped

1 cup thinly sliced celery
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons dried oregano
2 28-oz. cans diced tomato with juice

2 15-oz. cans black beans, drained and rinsed

1 12-oz. package frozen corn

2 cups prepared fresh salsa
shredded cheddar cheese
and sour cream for garnish
Combine the zucchini, pep-



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Break out the crock pot for a healthy home cooked meal of vegetarian chili.

per, onion and celery in a seven-quart greased crock pot. Add the chili powder, oregano and cumin and toss well. Add the diced tomatoes, black beans, corn and salsa.

Gently stir and toss until all of the ingredients are well combined.

Set the crock on high for 4 to 5 hours or low for 8 to 10 hours.

Taste and season with a bit

of salt and pepper if necessary. Serve hot topped with shredded cheddar and a dollop of sour cream.

The flavors from the fresh vegetables really shine through in this good-for-you crock of chili.

If you care to turn up the heat add a few drops of your favorite hot sauce.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Francis Frangipane

Life is a unique commodity in universe

Life. It is the most unique commodity in the universe and inconceivably rare. As far as we can verify, in a cosmic sea of vast, immeasurable emptiness, Earth alone is blessed with life.

But what is life?

The answer I seek is more profound than a mere catalog of what life contains; it is more fundamental than identifying the joys and sorrows of earthly existence. I am asking, what is the substance we call life?

We are so completely ingested into life itself that we

cannot appreciate its actual substance; we do not esteem the singular glory found in this teardrop from the eye of God.

Some will argue that life is plentiful on planets throughout the universe.

I ask you, what planets? For all the interesting possibilities science fiction has put before us, these imaginative writers have done us a disservice.

They have convinced us we are just one of many civilizations in a universe brimming with alien societies. Yes, there are speculations within our imaginations, but they have also caused us to devalue the spectacular rarity of life in our own world.

And life is rare.

We imagined it could be found on Venus.

But, according to NASA, the temperature of Venus is more than 800 degrees, hot enough to melt lead. The equatorial winds on Venus blow a constant 220 mph and its atmospheric pressure is 90 times that of Earth. We expected to find life on Mars. But Mars has almost no atmosphere.

Its temperature drops to a frigid minus 130 degrees at night. It is a barren, lifeless planet.

Of the 1,000 stars nearest Earth, not one has an orbiting planet, much less life itself. In the farther reaches of space,

NASA has found 421 stars with a combined total of 500 planets. Yet, earth like plants, zero.

(planetquest.jpl.nasa.gov.) Astronomers have scrutinized the celestial heavens, peering at stars thousands of light years away. A light year is the distance light travels in a year speeding at 186,000 miles per second, or six trillion miles a year. They've searched from points above and beneath the equator in every direction, but no planet with the capacity to support life has been found.

My point is this substance we call life, while plentiful on Earth, is utterly rare in the cosmos.

By way of perspective, imagine planet Earth at the center of a huge circular orb tens of trillions miles in diameter.

The area inside the orb represents the reach of scientific exploration through the use of satellites, optical and radio telescopes.

The only place of verifiable life within that immense realm is the Earth. From the planet outward in every direction all that exists is the incomprehensibly vastness of blazing stars and lifeless space.

There may indeed be extra terrestrials, but to reach us they will have had to discover a different means of space travel, one that is not linear.

Otherwise, they will have had to travel thousands of years through space to find our tiny world.

The fact is, at least within the sphere of our explored universe, we remain starkly alone, one tiny bluish dot of life in a vacuum of deep darkness and unfathomable emptiness.

A view from space

In 1968 a unique opportunity was granted humanity. For the first time we were given a chance to step outside our world and look at life from the universe. The day was Christmas Eve. It was the first lunar voyage of the Apollo 8 crew. From the moon's surface they gazed upon the earth. The following is NASA's account:

"First, they showed the half Earth across a stark lunar landscape.

"Then, from the other unfogged window, they tracked the bleak surface of the Moon. 'The vast loneliness is awe-inspiring and it makes you realize just what you have back there on Earth,'" said astronaut Frank Lovell.

The pictures aroused great wonder, with an estimated half billion people vicariously exploring what no man had ever seen.

"For all the people on Earth," said astronaut William Anders, "the crew of Apollo 8 has a message we would like

to send you."

He paused a moment and began reading, "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth."

After four verses of Genesis, James Lovell took up the reading, "And God called the light day and the darkness he called night."

At the end of the eighth verse, astronaut Frank Borman picked up the familiar words.

"And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place and let the dry land appear; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gather together of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good."

So here we are on the good Earth, each summoned to most exquisite adventure; we are alive.

How shall we spend our precious days?

Watching television?

Or living in fear or anger?

Let us not squander our wondrous opportunity.

Finally, allow me to answer my initial question: What is life?

To all on Planet Earth it is a gift from God to be cherished and protected; it is the first of his many miracles.

What we make of it is our gift to him.

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church conducts a seven week series "Catholics Returning Home" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at the church, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Information sharing and an update on the Catholic faith will be included.

For more information, call (313) 885-8855.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Pete Waldmeir, long time newspaper columnist.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus has an 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Jan. 9, in recognition of Jesus' baptism and to pray for world peace. Doors open at 10 a.m.

The church located on St. Aubin and Canfield, Detroit.

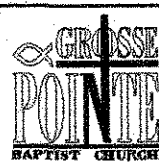
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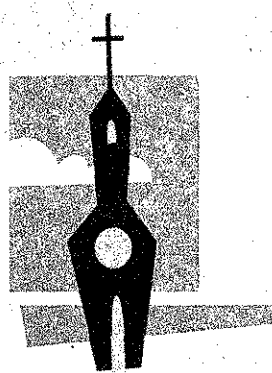
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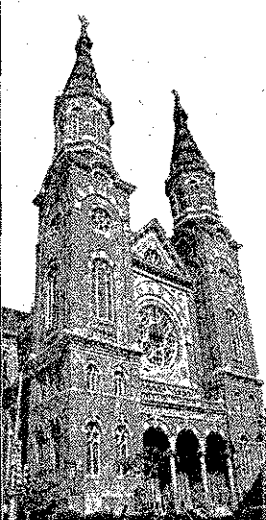
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN

PUSHED: Pointe police are continuing their campaign in instructing Pointe residents on what precautionary measures to take in forestalling possible crimes in their communities.

◆ DOG HELPS BURGLAR

ESCAPE: A burglar, who looted at least three homes in the Farms was nearly captured by two alert Farms patrolmen who remembered seeing the intruder's car at other locations while they were cruising in their



FROM THE JAN. 5, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: Hill directory

Merchants and other businessmen and women of the Kercheval-on-the-Hill shopping center have shared the expense of placing a big sign in the municipal parking area on the west side of Kercheval between McMillan and Muir roads. Permission to locate the sign was granted by the Farms council.

scout car.

When officers approached the burglar's vehicle a German shepherd dog that was in the car with the robber, jumped out of the vehicle at the command of the thief and snapped and growled at the officers, hindering their pursuit of the burglar.

The burglar fled on foot and officers recovered more than \$2,000 in rifles, table silver, furs and other items.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ HYPOTHERMIA KILLS

FARMS WOMAN: A Grosse Pointe Farms resident jumped a curb and ran along Lakeshore Road about 130 feet before entering the lake. Divers arrived on the scene about 30 minutes after the accident. Weather conditions kept public safety officers from entering

the water before divers arrived. The 67-year-old woman was pulled from the vehicle about 15 minutes later. Hospital staff were able to initiate a heart-beat, but never able to raise her body temperature.

◆ FARMS ORDERS NEW

POLICE CARS: As part of the regular two-year rotation of police vehicles, the Farms council approved the purchase of nine new Ford Crown Victorias for patrol and administrative use.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ MAN CRASHES CAR

OUTSIDE HOSPITAL: A Detroit man was admitted to Bon Secours Hospital after he crashed his 1994 Cadillac into a tree on Cadieux between Maumee and Jefferson — just yards from the hospital.

◆ BROTHER DID IT: A 22-

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ TRUCK DAMAGED: At

the same time City of Grosse Pointe police learned of an incident of egg throwing in the Village, a Troy man driving on Lakeland toward Beaupre heard an unknown object hit the passenger door of his 2005 Dodge Durango.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

JAY: Professional intervention

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he experienced afterward broke through his denial system, thus his promise to quit drinking. But he is minimizing how difficult it is to quit drinking long-term without a program of recovery. This sets him up for eventual relapse.

Alcoholics can successfully remain dry for varying lengths of time employing "white-knuckle sobriety." In other words, your husband believes he can stay away from the booze using willpower alone. Alcoholism, however, dismantles the will. Most alcoholics eventually have another drink, which triggers their loss-of-control.

Prepare before the crisis. Call local treatment centers for referrals to intervention professionals. There are three types of interventionists: clinical, non-clinical and lay.

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Clinical interventionists are experienced clinicians who have a history of working with alcoholics and addicts in treatment settings. Preferably, you want to work with a clinical interventionist who has extensive experience working in inpatient and outpatient alcohol and drug treatment centers.

Non-clinical interventionists do not have a professional background working as a counselor or therapist. They are typically people who are recovering themselves and might have obtained some continuing education credits that qualify them for certification through various intervention associations.

They are not prepared to take on more complex cases. You should also expect a reduced fee for services as compared with clinical interventionists.

Lay interventionists are individuals who help families do interventions at no cost. This might be an individual recovering in Alcoholics Anonymous, a clergy person or a retired al-

cohol and drug counselor who is doing interventions as volunteer work.

Be prepared to ask questions when speaking to an interventionist. Get a clear understanding of the scope of their abilities.

If you cannot afford professional services, look for someone who will act as a lay interventionist. If they've never done an intervention before (such as your minister, priest or rabbi), ask if they will join the family in learning how to intervene properly. You can use the book "Love First" as a guide. It's available at the Grosse Pointe Public Library or local booksellers.

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

FAMILY CENTER:

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◆ Knows age

For 4 to 5 year olds

- ◆ Names colors
- ◆ Names four basic shapes
- ◆ Shows interest in learning letters and numbers
- ◆ Recognizes upper case letters
- ◆ Recognizes lower case letters
- ◆ Recognizes the numerals 1 to 10
- ◆ Counts by rote
- ◆ Identifies the various sounds the letters represent
- ◆ Counts the correct number of items in a row
- ◆ Matches a numeral with that number of items
- ◆ Hears likenesses and differences in sounds
- ◆ Sees likenesses and differences in pictures

ences in pictures

- ◆ Speaks clearly
- ◆ Copies specific printed shapes or designs
- ◆ Knows address
- ◆ Knows telephone number
- ◆ Prints first name without copying

◆ Uses imagination and creativity in play

◆ Problem solves

Children learn at different rates, but it is useful to have some benchmarks to help you, the parent, be involved in the teaching process. Educating a child is a team process that involves everyone in that child's life.

Moran is an ECP teacher at Barnes Early Childhood Center and can be reached at (313) 432-3803. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree plus 40 credits, in special education, from WSU, as well as her ZA endorsement. She taught kindergarten, first and third

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The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals.

The Family Center is a non-profit organization founded to promote a deeper understanding of the role of parents and others in supporting our youth to become competent, caring and responsible community members.

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