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### SATURDAY, DEC. 3

◆ Weather sirens are tested at 1 p.m.  
◆ Parcels Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$3. No strollers are permitted.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 4

◆ The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School hosts the 2011 Holiday Walk & Shopping Extravaganza from noon to 5 p.m. in South's Cleminson Hall. Presale tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased by visiting [mothersclubgps.com](http://mothersclubgps.com). Tickets cost \$25 at the door.

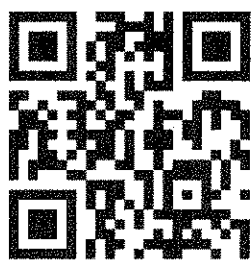
### MONDAY, DEC. 5

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

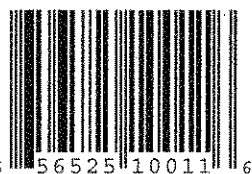
### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

◆ The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South and the Parents Club of Grosse Pointe North host a holiday concert at 1 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center at North High School. Admission is free and the public can attend.

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## New fire response in works

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A beefed-up mutual aid strategy is being considered to kill potentially large fires in their infancy.

The strategy, called automatic aid, involves firefighters from more than one city responding to potentially big emergencies without waiting for multiple alarms.

"Automatic aid takes mutual aid to the next level," said Skip Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator and former public safety director of the Woods and City of Grosse Pointe. "It eliminates the need for the first officer on the scene to size up the fire and request additional resources. With automatic aid, they're automatically on the way."

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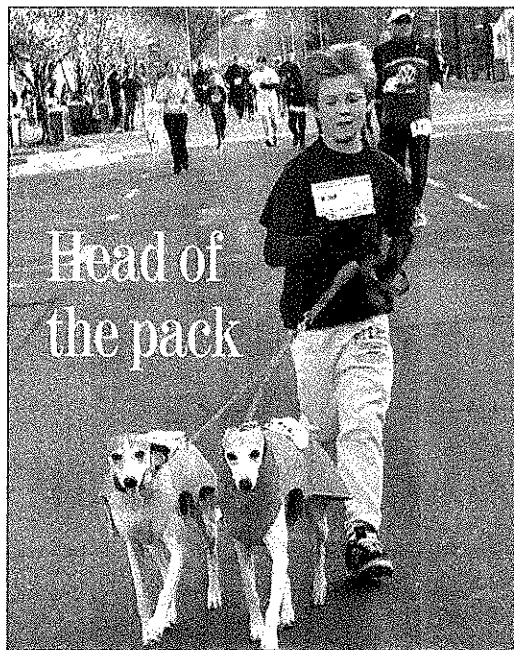


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Eric Romer, a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, and his two whippets participate in the Grosse Pointe Lions Club's 14th annual Happy Holidays Jingle Bell Walk/Run prior to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Friday, Nov. 25. Top racers for the men were Trey Cassidy (12:56), Justin Graves (12:59) and Austin Montgomery (13:08). For the women, first was Lindsay Dougherty (14:53), followed by Taylor Wickey (14:58) and Veronica Alatorre (15:54).

## Welcome Santa

Good weather and a great lineup combined for the greatest Grosse Pointe Santa Claus turnout in years. "I think it was the most ever," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. The 37th annual parade lasted well over an hour, culminating with Santa stepping down from his sleigh to receive a key to the hearts of all children in the Grosse Pointes. The parade was sponsored by Pentastar Aviation and produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association in cooperation with the Hill Association. Below, Allison Auld wears a clown nose to the big event. Below middle, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce clowns walk the route. Below right, the Grosse Pointe North marching band in the holiday spirit. For more parade photos, see page 10A. For complete video coverage of this year's parade, go to [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).

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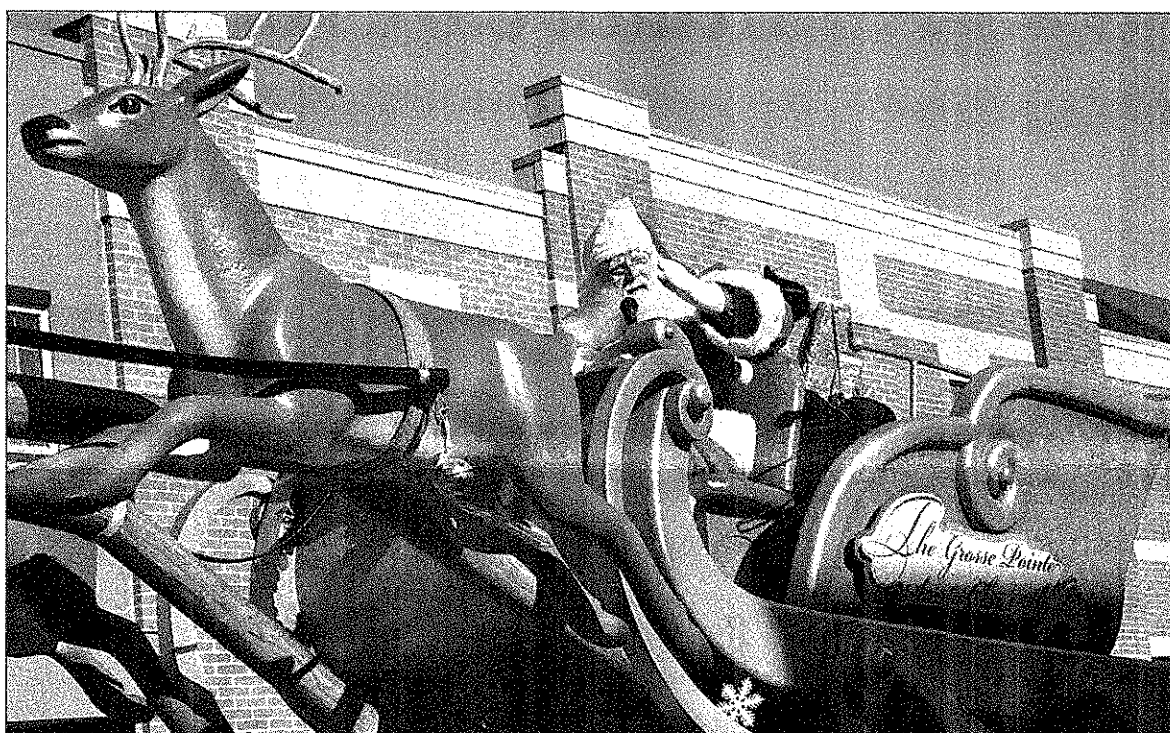


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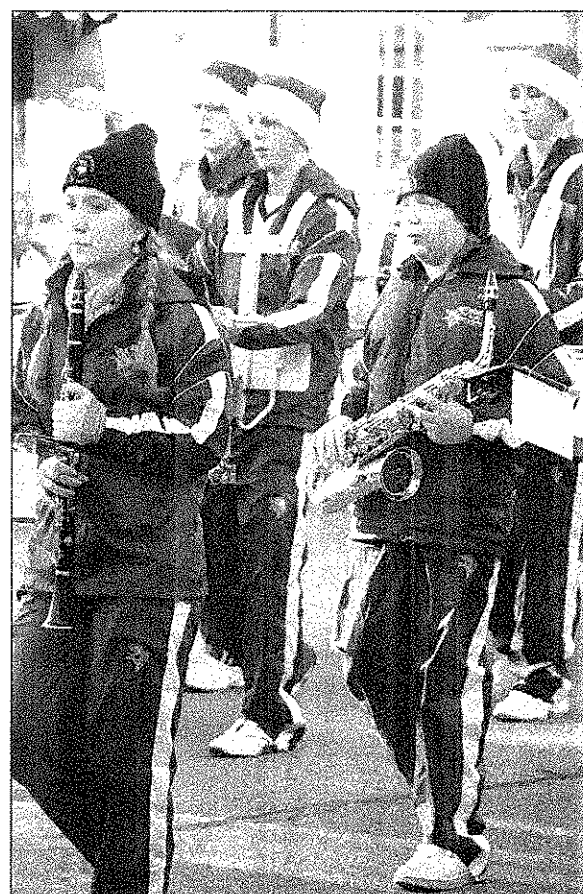


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## Woods does well in audit, looks to increase revenue

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

If grades were given for audits, Grosse Pointe Woods would take home an A-plus, according to the accountants from Plante & Moran, who recently completed the annual

audit of the city's books.

"You did very well," Mark Hurst, a partner at Plante & Moran, told city officials at a committee of the whole meeting Monday night. "We have no concerns."

Hurst and his associate, Kari Shea, said the city was among

about 10 percent of Michigan cities able to add money to its reserve fund, something becoming more difficult as cities' property tax revenues decline.

Woods treasurer Dee Ann Irby told council members the increase in reserves was due to several factors, not the least of

which were the strict cost containment steps taken by city department heads, as well as a partial refund from a property tax case brought on behalf of the city's Lakefront Park.

The city's reserve funds stand at \$4.9 million, up from \$4.1 million in 2010.

But city officials barely had time to relish the good news from 2010 before turning their attention to budget forecasts for the next five years or so, and the news here is not good.

With property tax values ex-

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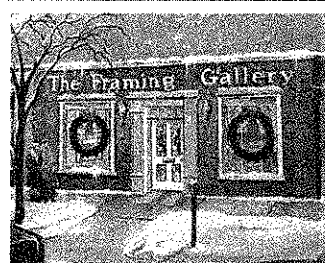
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# Grant could fund joint dispatch

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A state grant could help the five Grosse Pointes totally consolidate public safety dispatch centers and prisoner lock-ups. Potential funding is enough to let the cities overcome financial obstacles, limiting joint operations to piecemeal deals between individual communities. Although the Shores earlier this year contracted dispatching to the Farms, the three other Pointes still operate separate dispatch centers. A joint call center and lock-up for the five Pointes are among cost-saving methods sought by municipal leaders serving on the Ad Hoc Grosse Pointe Public Safety Committee.

"The costs to build a center large enough to handle all of the dispatch calls and prisoner holding cells for all the Grosse Pointes was an impediment to the short-term implementation of an all-Grosse Pointe dispatch center," according to Peter Dame, committee chairman and manager of the City of Grosse Pointe, in a news release. A single call center and lock-up remains the committee's long-term goal. "Where that would be located is a question I don't have an answer to," said Skip Fincham, city administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods. "Originally, when the five Grosse Pointes were meeting on how to create efficiencies, we put off the idea of having a unified dispatch be-

cause we didn't have money to build something." Grants totaling \$5 million could fix that. Funds are available through Michigan's Economic Vitality Incentive Program. The program replaces statutory revenue sharing and rewards cities for, in part, consolidating services. "It's not \$5 million just for the Grosse Pointes," Fincham said. "It's for the whole state. That's why we have to move fast." Up to \$1 million already may have been awarded to other communities, he added. The Pointes' application has been submitted, he said. "The application was submitted on behalf of the five Grosse Pointes for a unified

dispatch and prisoner holding center," Fincham said. Committee members also recommend joint training for officers and shared equipment purchases. Some unified training already takes place. "Our director coordinated with the Farms and completed some training sessions," Fincham said. Joint purchases of equipment could include interchangeable fire fighting gear and breathing apparatus. Interchangeability extends to operational procedures. "We want consistent guidelines and uniform equipment that we can utilize," Fincham said. "We want to improve our efficiencies. This is a good first step."

# Dispatch offer still on table

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK AND CITY** — A proposal is on the table to consolidate public safety dispatching in Grosse Pointe Park and City. The offer came from the Park. "Clearly, we have to consider it," said Councilman John Stempfle of the City of Grosse Pointe. Consolidation is seen as a way to eliminate redundant services and reduce operating costs during times of reduced municipal revenue. "Taxable values will be going down until 2016," Stempfle said. "Only at that point will they be going up a little, and that's being optimistic." Stempfle has one criteria above others. "If it's in the best interest of the city, we have to go forward," he said. Park officials made the pro-

posal in November, according to Palmer Heenan, Park mayor. "Both cities would save quite a bit of money," he said. Park dispatchers would handle calls to the City public safety department. The City would save money by laying off dispatchers and paying the Park about \$80,000 per year. A comparable arrangement recently got under way with Grosse Pointe Farms dispatchers taking over operations for Shores public safety. As with the Farms-Shores deal, Heenan's offer doesn't include housing the City's prisoners. "We'd be willing to discuss that," Heenan said. The City's manager, Peter Dame, recently completed a financial forecast predicting a \$1 million budget shortfall in two years unless municipal operations undergo structural change. "It's going to have to go beyond dispatch," Dame said.

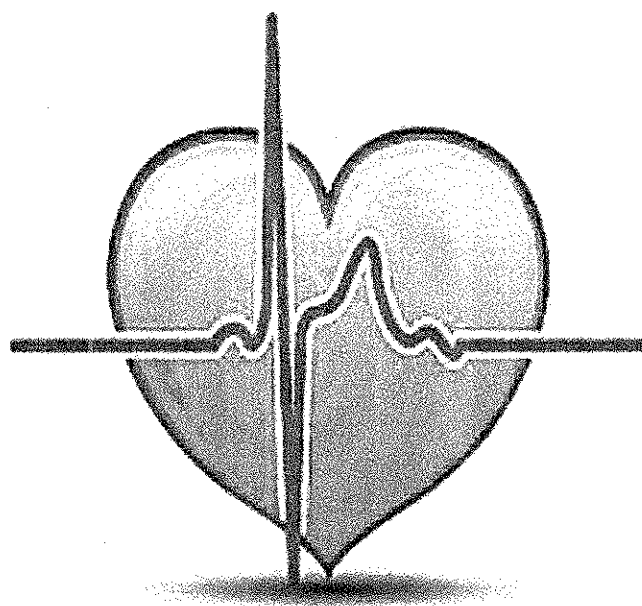
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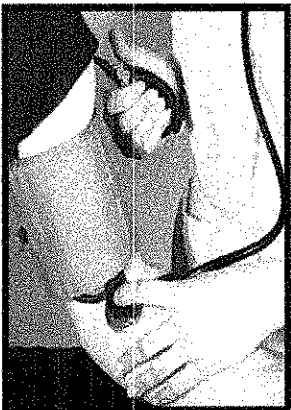
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## Woods seeks planning commission candidates

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission has put out the "help wanted" sign. A recent resignation has created a vacancy on the city commission charged with approving building plans and zoning ordinances for the city and making recommendations to the city council. Interested citizens should forward a biographical sketch and a statement of interest to

the Woods city clerk, Lisa Hathaway, by Wednesday, Feb. 29. Applicants will be interviewed by members of the city council in March. The appointment is made by the mayor based on a recommendation from the city council. The commission typically meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. Applicants are urged to attend commission meetings in January and February. Additional information can be found on the city's website, [gpw.mi.us](http://gpw.mi.us).

## Editor's note:

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## Winners displayed

Winners in the "Kids Ornament Coloring Contest" were chosen by the Grosse Pointe News. Winners are displayed at the Village Toy Store in the Village, City of Grosse Pointe. Each of the 18 winners will receive four tickets to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Tickets for the winners are available for pick-up at Village Toy.

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# Commerce begets art

## Rembrandt's Jesus at DIA

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — Don't burst the bubble of Occupy Wall Street types by teaching them the artistic glory of the Dutch Golden Age depended on a bunch of One Percenters.

Life, however, is full of little conciliations. And what one doesn't know, one may learn, if willing.

"The Dutch became the wealthiest country in Europe, probably in the world, in the 17th century," said George Keyes, retired chief curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

They did it through international trade, banking and a stock exchange.

"People making most of this money found expression by collecting art," Keyes said. "As a result, the Dutch uniquely generated an enormous number of extremely sophisticated artists."

Such as Rembrandt. He faced competition when establishing an art enterprise in Amsterdam during the 1630s.

"Most artists specialized — portraits, landscapes, scenes from everyday life," Keyes said. "The greatest exception was Rembrandt. Rembrandt exceeded in every category he touched. Rembrandt was the most sought-after artist of the Dutch Republic."

### Face of Jesus

Keyes came out of retirement to curate "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus," at the DIA through Feb. 12.

The exhibition consists of Jesus portraits and related figures.

"This is an exhibition of significance," said Graham Beal, museum director. "We are expecting it to be very highly attended."

Sixty-four works — including 52 paintings, prints and drawings — are segmented by theme in seven rooms of a second-floor gallery.

Works come from more than 30 sources, including the National Gallery of Art, The Metropolitan Museum and the National Gallery in London.

"The installation of this show is designed to help visitors make comparisons and closely recognize style approaches to representing Jesus," said Swarupa Anila, DIA head of interpretation.

The approach is intended to "meet the DIA's larger mission, which is to help each visitor find meaning and connection with the art they seek," Beal said.

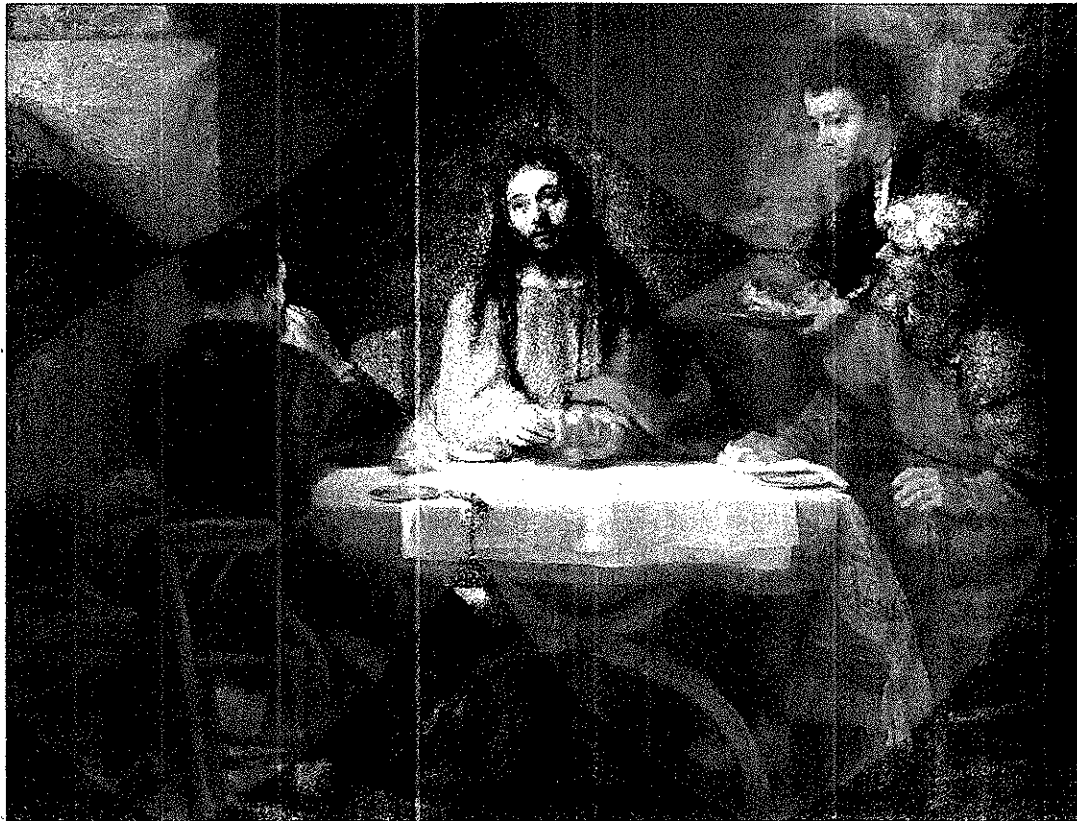
A centerpiece of the show is the DIA's "Head of Jesus."

It is displayed in a sub-gallery next to "The Supper at Emmaus," on loan from the Louvre. Walls of the shadowy sub-gallery are lined with spotlight portraits of Jesus.

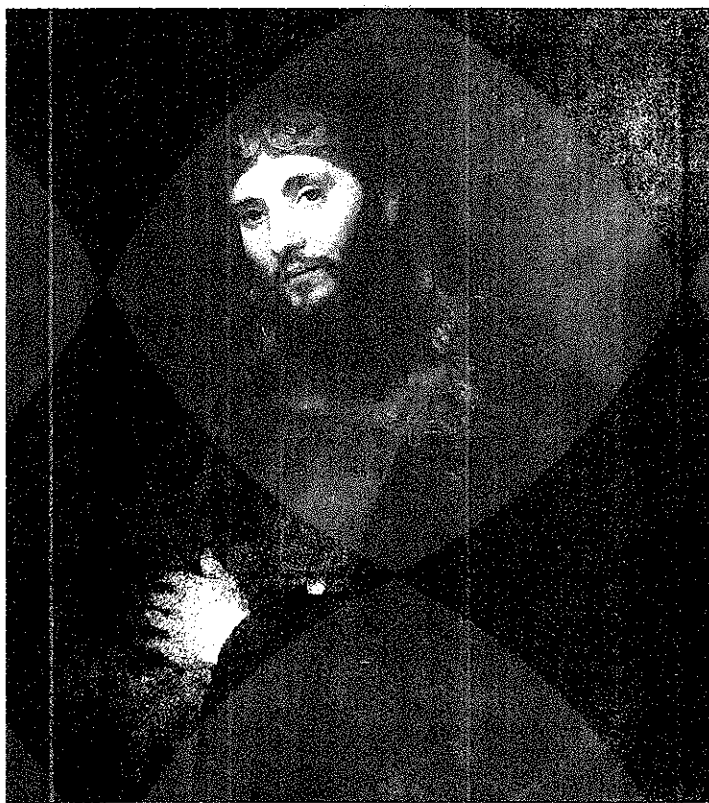
All renderings capture Jesus with jet-black hair, dark brown eyes and tanned skin.

"Rembrandt modeled his image of Jesus on a young male Jew from Amsterdam," Keyes said. "The Jewish quarter of Amsterdam was where many artists had their studios."

Other rooms contain works chosen for the artist's use of



**The Supper at Emmaus, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1648, oil on mahogany panel. Musée du Louvre, Paris. At right, Christ with Arms Folded, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1657-61, oil on canvas. The Hyde Collection.**



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

light and dark, depictions of faith and people's reaction to the Resurrection.

### Introspection

Rembrandt's early images represent an exuberant Jesus, "almost like an orchestra conductor who is dramatically controlling the situation," Keyes said.

"These works are characterized by grand gestures that imply dramatic results," Keyes added.

Beginning in the late 1640s, Rembrandt became more introspective. His painting became more meditative.

Keyes attributes this to the deaths of Rembrandt's wife and all but one of their children.

"This meditative strain in Rembrandt's art represents a profound searching to understand the true depth of meaning in these Biblical subjects," Keyes said.

"Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus" is at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Feb. 12. Tickets are timed and include museum admission and a multimedia tour. Advance tickets cost \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth ages 6 to 17, and \$12 per person in groups of 15 or more. There is no charge for DIA members.

General museum admission costs \$8 for adults, \$6 for se-

niors, \$4 for ages 6 to 17 and free for DIA members. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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## Search for chief

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — About 25 people applied for the job of Grosse Pointe Shores public safety director. The deadline was Tuesday, Nov. 15.

"One (applicant) is internal, the rest are from outside," said Brian Vick, city manager.

The "vast majority" of applicants are retired and receiving pensions, Vick added.

Hiring a retiree would save the Shores from spending additional legacy costs.

"You want to explore those options," Vick told the city council last week.

He intends to establish a committee to review the candidates.

"Time is of the essence," he

said.

The Shores current chief, Stephen Poloni, announced his retirement in October, plus acceptance of another job. He was sworn in last week as public safety director of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A 25-year veteran of the Shores, Poloni is doing double duty in both communities until Shores officials hire a successor.

"We are very fortunate the chief is available to us during this transition," Vick said.

Prospective chiefs are likely to be discussed at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, meeting of the committee of the whole, Vick said.

— Brad Lindberg

## Gloomy forecast

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Lacking a crystal ball, Peter Dame gazes into his city's financial future by conjuring up five-year financial forecasts.

"It comes in handy trying to prioritize financial decisions beyond a single year," said Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

His latest projection is clearly dark.

He sees expenditures exceeding revenues this fiscal year by approximately \$450,000. The gap more than doubles next year to \$1 million.

That is, "if we change nothing, if we do nothing," Dame said.

Shortfalls aren't a surprise. Last summer, when the city council adopted the current fiscal year budget, Dame predicted he'd start next fiscal year in the hole.

Declining revenues reflect continued expected declines in property tax assessments.

Increased expenditures, however, are due to current obligations to retirees.

"Almost all the cost increase is related to retiree health care," Dame said.

The projected \$1 million deficit in two years compares with this year's \$6 million general fund budget.

"That's a big challenge," Dame said. "It will require significant structural changes."

A stopgap could mean dipping into the general fund.

Dame said he has two options: Significantly reduce expenditures or raise revenues.

Being caught between

higher costs and lower revenues is enough to mix metaphors.

Dame is reminded of Sisyphus' endless futility of rolling a boulder up a hill, yet also identifies with someone trying to climb out of an ever-deepening tunnel.

"I wish I knew when the end of the tunnel would come," he said. "That would help us know when things would level out."

Forecasting is supposed to shed light.

"We knew, when starting a few years ago, there was a significant structural change in how the city would have to operate," Dame said. "So, we started looking several years down the line to take necessary steps to address the financial challenges."

The effort appears to be helping.

"The budget we're currently in was balanced entirely through expenditure reductions," Dame said.

### Good audit

Auditors this month reported the city ended last fiscal year, June 30, with a \$100,000 surplus across all funds.

"That means we spent less than we projected," Dame said.

Cuts can only be trimmed so much without being felt.

"We've been cutting things for the last four years," Dame said. "This current year's budget was balanced entirely on expenditure reductions. There isn't a whole lot to cut without significantly changing our services."

The general fund balance

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## NEWS

## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Tom Coles** has long been interested in fitness and living a healthy lifestyle. He has logged many miles raising funds for mental illness research.

# 19 X 26.2 = fitness and funds

By Karen Fontanive  
Staff writer

Tom Coles M.D. did something this year no one else his age did. He completed the Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon.

Coles, 80, was the only person 80 or older to complete the marathon.

"There were 50 males behind me who finished and they were all younger," he said.

The health-conscious Coles didn't run the marathon for health reasons alone. He did it to raise awareness and funds for mental illness research. A family member was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1977.

## Interest in fitness

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident's interest in fitness began in earnest in the 1960s after learning about aerobic exercise. He ran his first mile at age 34 at the YMCA in Detroit. He ran in the 1978 Free Press Marathon only intending to run about 15 of the 26.2-mile race. The course went through Grosse Pointe and Coles lived in the City.

"The marathon had been on Belle Isle, then for a number of years it came through Grosse

Pointe," Coles explained. "My longest training run was six miles. I did not intend to finish that marathon. I said if I could get to my street, that would be it. So I made it that far and I was very tired. But then knowing I could go 15 miles on six miles of training, I trained more and did the next six Detroit marathons."

He completed his first marathon in 1979, at age 48, and, at 50, his fastest race. After the sixth marathon, he thought he was done.

## Running for a cause

In 1986, Coles became involved in the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a support, education and advocacy group for families of those suffering from mental illness. The following year, NAMI helped create the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, a charity to raise money for research on mental illnesses. NARSAD was recently renamed the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation.

Coles served 22 years as president of the NAMI eastside affiliate and two six-year terms on the board of NARSAD — and began running marathons



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM COLES

Tom Coles during this year's Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon, above, at the 8-mile mark, above right, at the 13-mile mark and below right, at 22-plus miles. Coles admitted, "I wasn't always smiling during the 26.2 miles."

again to raise awareness and funds for research.

He has completed 13 marathons for NARSAD. He doesn't ask for pledges, but hopes by making others aware of his cause and commitment to it, people might donate to the charity. He also has participated in five century bike rides (100 miles in a day) for NARSAD.

"I want to make people aware of these organizations so that people can attend a support meeting and get the help a support meeting can offer families going through these crises," he said.

"In the 1940s, I had an aunt with breast cancer. The family never talked about breast cancer. There was no good treatment for it. It had the same

kind of stigma then that mental illness has," Coles said. "Research will help make the future better for those who become ill with the mental illnesses, too."

"Education is important. With less stigma, people will go for earlier treatment, and earlier treatment for any illness helps the outcome. Delay treatment for any illness, and the results are poor."

It isn't easy to research mental illness. "You can easily take a breast cancer biopsy out, look at it under a microscope and see the cancer cells. You can't do that with the brain for the mental illnesses at this time," he said.

## Roadmap to 100

Coles isn't sure when he will




do his next marathon, but continues to stay fit and promote his cause. He jokes that the marathon might have created the 80 and over category this year to accommodate his advancing years.

He recently read the book, "Roadmap to 100," by Walter Bortz M.D., which discusses healthy lifestyle choices to improve longevity and quality of

life. There may be a new category at the marathon for Coles in another 20 years.

Information about NAMI can be found at [nami.org](http://nami.org)

Donations may be made to the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation at [bbrfoundation.org/events/TomColes](http://bbrfoundation.org/events/TomColes).



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# New mayor makes changes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Time's up for the three-minute rule.

One of the first actions of newly sworn-in Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedziarski was to eliminate a three-minute per person time limit on public comment during city council meetings.

"I'm waiving the three-minute rule," Kedziarski said.

He also restructured meeting agendas to allow public com-

ment as action items arise.

Such changes to prior policies were supported by all successful candidates in the Nov. 8 municipal election.

Kedziarski and the six-member council were sworn in at the Tuesday, Nov. 15, meeting.

"I was impressed with the interest our election generated," Kedziarski told the audience. "I'm honored to serve as your mayor. During my campaign, I promised we can do better. As your mayor, I pledge that we will do better."

Another likely change concerns the finance committee.

The formerly three-member committee — designated the committee of the whole when expanded in late 2009 to comprise the mayor and all six council members — may be put back the way it was.

Kedziarski chaired the committee and, along with some others, found it unwieldy.

"I'm thinking it may suit us

well for the city to go back to a three-person committee," he said.

His main goals as mayor concern municipal finances.

"I'm beginning the process of meeting with our manager and department leadership," Kedziarski said. "We will begin a thorough review of our expenses and begin the process of doing a rolling three-year budget, which will better prepare us for the future."

He intends to review the ranks of appointed commissions and committees.

"I encourage any interested neighbors to apply for any commission or committee appointments that may interest them," Kedziarski said. "He'll move forward on a tactic he proposed during the campaign to boost house sales."

"I plan to form an action committee comprised of interested residents and local Realtors to provide insight, guidance and a plan to attract new families to our community," he said.

Kedziarski said he'll meet with leaders of the Shores Improvement Foundation to "work on new ideas and plans to expand their role in improving our parks and facilities."

The foundation is a private

fundraising organization that provides numerous civic improvements, most recently Schroeder Field House.

"We will work hand-in-hand with them to ensure all of our facilities are the best they can be and meet standards we all expect," Kedziarski said.

Additional objectives are associated with campaign promises of transparent government.

He wants to improve the municipal website and video recordings of monthly council meetings.

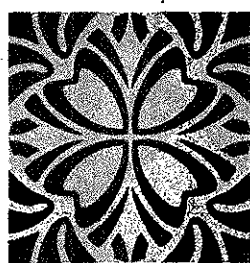
"We will work to schedule town hall meetings starting early next year," he said. "Residents can come to discuss whatever concerns they may have with me or a council member."

Kedziarski will continue the practice established by his predecessor, Mayor James Cooper, of blocking off a few hours each month to meet with residents at city hall.

Council members are encouraged to do the same, Kedziarski said.

"We have much work to do," he said. "Even though we all live busy lives, I foresee many of our residents taking the time to work with us to meet the challenges that lie ahead."

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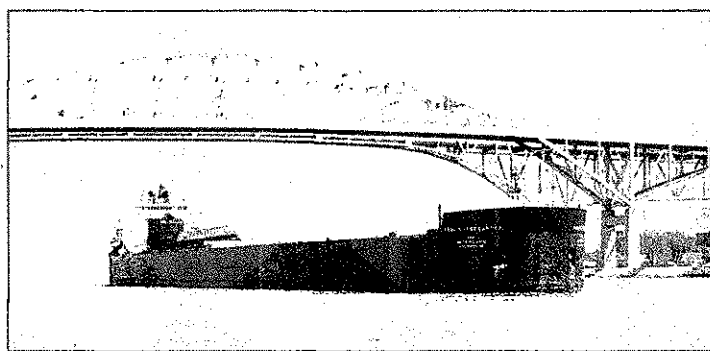


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## Freighter raffle correction

In the Nov. 24, I Say column, "Ride the lakes' largest freighter," contact information to buy raffle tickets for a trip on the 1,013.5-foot Paul R. Tregurtha, shown downbound under the Blue Water Bridge, should have been: Download an order form from [freightertrip.com](http://freightertrip.com) (click under "current raffle," "ISMA Port Huron Lodge 2 freighter raffle 2012"), or mail payment (\$10 per ticket) to: ISMA — Lodge #2, P.O. Box 611634, Port Huron, MI 48061-1634.



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# No longer clerk

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The city manager has been separated from his role as city clerk.

The job goes to a resident, appointed this month to serve without pay until the first city council meeting of 2012.

At that time, the council will reaffirm the appointment or chose someone else.

Either way, the role of Grosse Pointe Shores clerk reverts closer to what it was before voters in 2009 approved a new city charter eliminating the job from being an elected position.

"Everything is up for review," said newly-elected Mayor Ted

Kedzierski. "I view the clerk as an appointment we'll have to make."

The new clerk is Bruce Nichols.

Nichols is an attorney specializing in real estate, estate planning and business law with offices in Grosse Pointe Farms. His qualifications include serving during the 1980s as vice chairman of the Detroit zoning board of appeals.

"Then, I was on the board of review in Grosse Pointe Woods for 10 or 12 years," Nichols said.

He moved to the Shores about 10 years ago, he said.

"I would be willing and honored to serve," he said.

The appointment came at the Tuesday, Nov. 15, city coun-

cil meeting. It was the first meeting of the mayor, five city council challengers and reform-minded incumbent Councilman Dan Schulte since winning the Nov. 8 election.

"Why don't we elect our clerk?" Schulte asked, introducing the proposal. "We did for 98 years."

Under the new charter, adopted two years ago when the Shores reorganized as a city, City Manager Brian Vick had been doing triple duty as clerk and chairman of the election commission.

"Our charter does not allow us, at this point, to elect a clerk, but we could appoint a resident," Schulte said.

Earlier this year, Schulte circulated a petition for voters to revise the charter and revert the clerk to an elected position. The question didn't make it on the ballot.

At the council meeting, Schulte cited among his reasons for the change a recommendation by the city auditor to separate duties among the small administrative staff.

"Auditors said we weren't exercising separation of powers," Schulte said.

"The charter contemplates but does not require the same person to be manager and clerk," Kedzierski said.

Schulte nominated Nichols.

"I'm not exactly sure what the responsibilities are," Nichols said in response.

"The charter says the city clerk shall be the clerical officer of the council and keep a journal of the council's proceedings (and) other duties required by law, charter, ordinances or resolution of the council or city manager," said Mark McInerney, city attorney.

Nichols won appointment unanimously. He also chairs the election commission.

He'll remain clerk on an interim basis until "we can decide whether we want to elect or appoint our clerk," Schulte said.



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## Santa lights Shores tree

Santa Claus and Christmas Carol helped light up Grosse Pointe Shores for the holidays. At top, Bret Logan is almost as excited to see Santa as his 2-year-old daughter, Alison. Above, Star of the Sea fifth-graders sing Christmas carols inside city hall because it was raining outside. Below, Santa greets newly-elected Mayor Ted Kedzierski.



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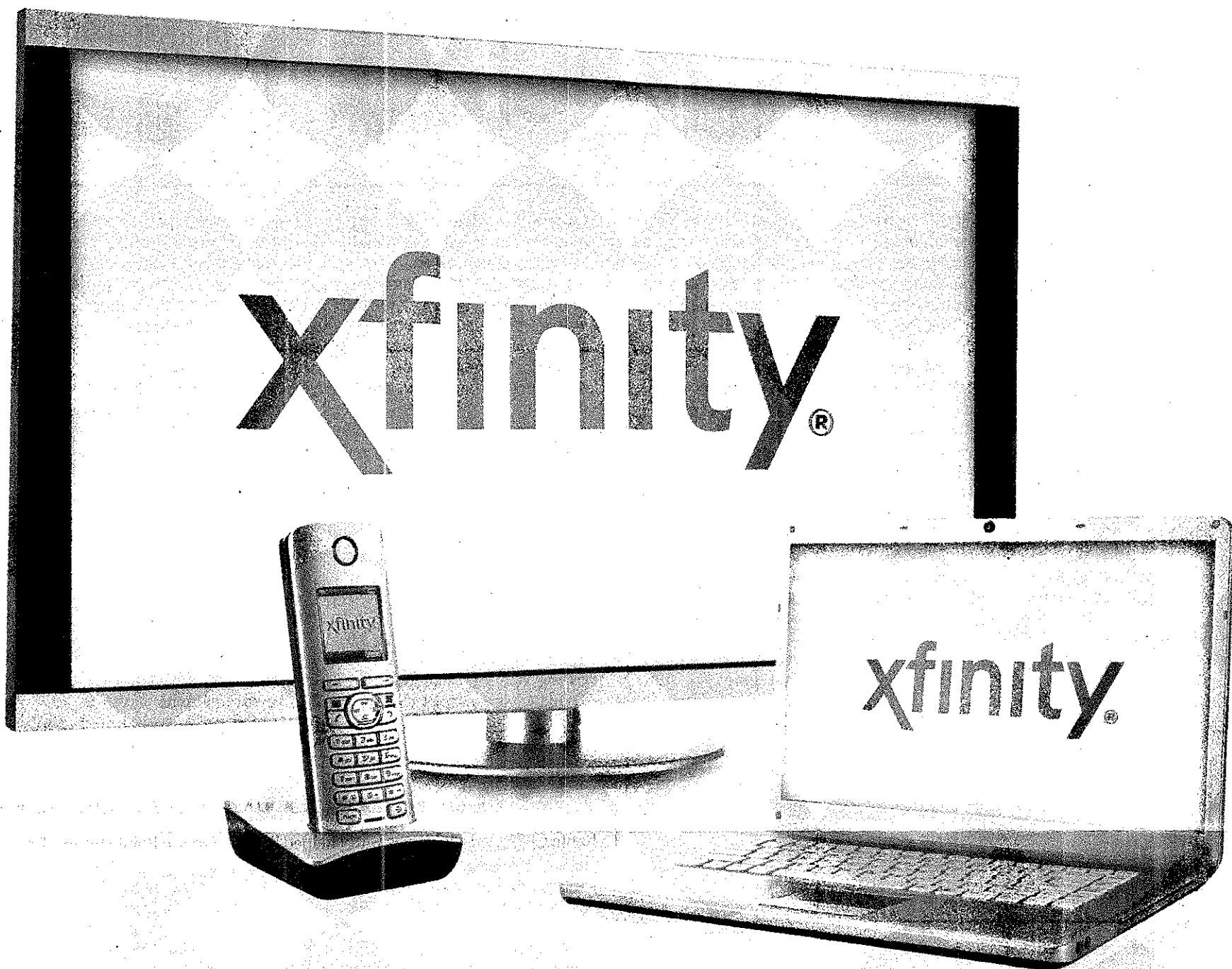
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### Shores marina

To the Editor:

I commend the Grosse Pointe News for using the Freedom of Information Act to access critical information the Cooper administration attempted to keep from the public eye.

After reading Brad Lindberg's article, "Club claims \$1 million overcharge," Nov. 24 Grosse Pointe News, I am shocked at how blatantly Mayor James Cooper and City Manager Brian Vick abused the public trust.

From the information in your story, the shady deal to keep the billing problem a secret was signed shortly after the Wayne County Clerk certified the recall petitions in 2010, at which time both Mayor Cooper and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club realized there would be a recall election.

It has to be more than coincidence that this secrecy agreement spanned the specific time period between the May 4, 2010 recall election and the Nov. 8, 2011 city election.

After fighting your paper's FOIA request just prior to the November election, City Attorney Mark McInerney now has the audacity to do an about-face and declare the tolling agreement was never a privileged document in the first place. What gives here? It also appears the actions of Cooper, Vick and McInerney were taken without the knowledge or direction of the city council.

While the Grosse Pointe News reports that the initial agreement was inked in March 2010, Cooper has publicly stated the council was not informed until months later.

This begs the question: In whose interests were McInerney, Cooper and Vick acting when they swept this issue under the rug?

It is very clear how Cooper benefited from these shady undertakings, but is it not the job of both our city manager and attorney to safeguard the interests of all the citizens?

Even if their actions in crafting the tolling agreement were legal, did Vick and McInerney act ethically and meet their obligation to serve the Shores council as a whole?

I hope our new city council takes speedy action to review how these two city employees acted. In light of how flagrantly the public trust was violated, and how the council was intentionally left out of the key decision making on a critical issue of this magnitude, a prompt judgment needs to be made as to whether it is appropriate for our city to continue to retain the services of our current city manager and city attorney.

The public has already let Cooper know how they feel about his leadership by virtue of the definitive outcome of the November election. But just

how much stronger would the voters' message have been if the electorate had all of the facts before going to the polls?

I also found it disturbing to learn from your report the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is trying to use this unfortunate situation to shanghai portions of both the Shores' parkland and the city marina. If I am not mistaken, the bottomlands for the marina, and the filled land in Osius Park were conveyed to the Shores by the state of Michigan for the intended recreational benefit of the residents. Any efforts to circumvent this intent cannot be tolerated by our new city government, nor would it likely be tolerated by the state.

You can be sure Grosse Pointe Shores residents will stand together to ensure no part of our city park or marina is taken away under the nefarious motive of providing compensation for alleged overbilling, or for any other reason.

The state of Michigan specifically designated our city park and marina for the use and enjoyment of our residents — not as a marketable commodity that can be deeded over to a private club.

DR. ROBERT E. LEE  
Grosse Pointe Shores

### Yacht Club taxes

To the Editor:

After reading Grosse Pointe Shores may have overcharged the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for water, "Club claims \$1 million overcharge," Nov. 24 Grosse Pointe News, I began to wonder if the Shores might also be overcharging GPYC for property taxes.

To my surprise, I discovered GPYC has an assessed value of roughly \$2.5 million.

There are private estates with considerably smaller structures on considerably smaller parcels of land in the Shores, paying considerably more in taxes than GPYC pays.

How does a commercial operation with larger buildings on a larger piece of land, manage to get away with paying less in taxes than a smaller private home on a much smaller piece of property?

GLORIA ANTON  
Grosse Pointe Shores

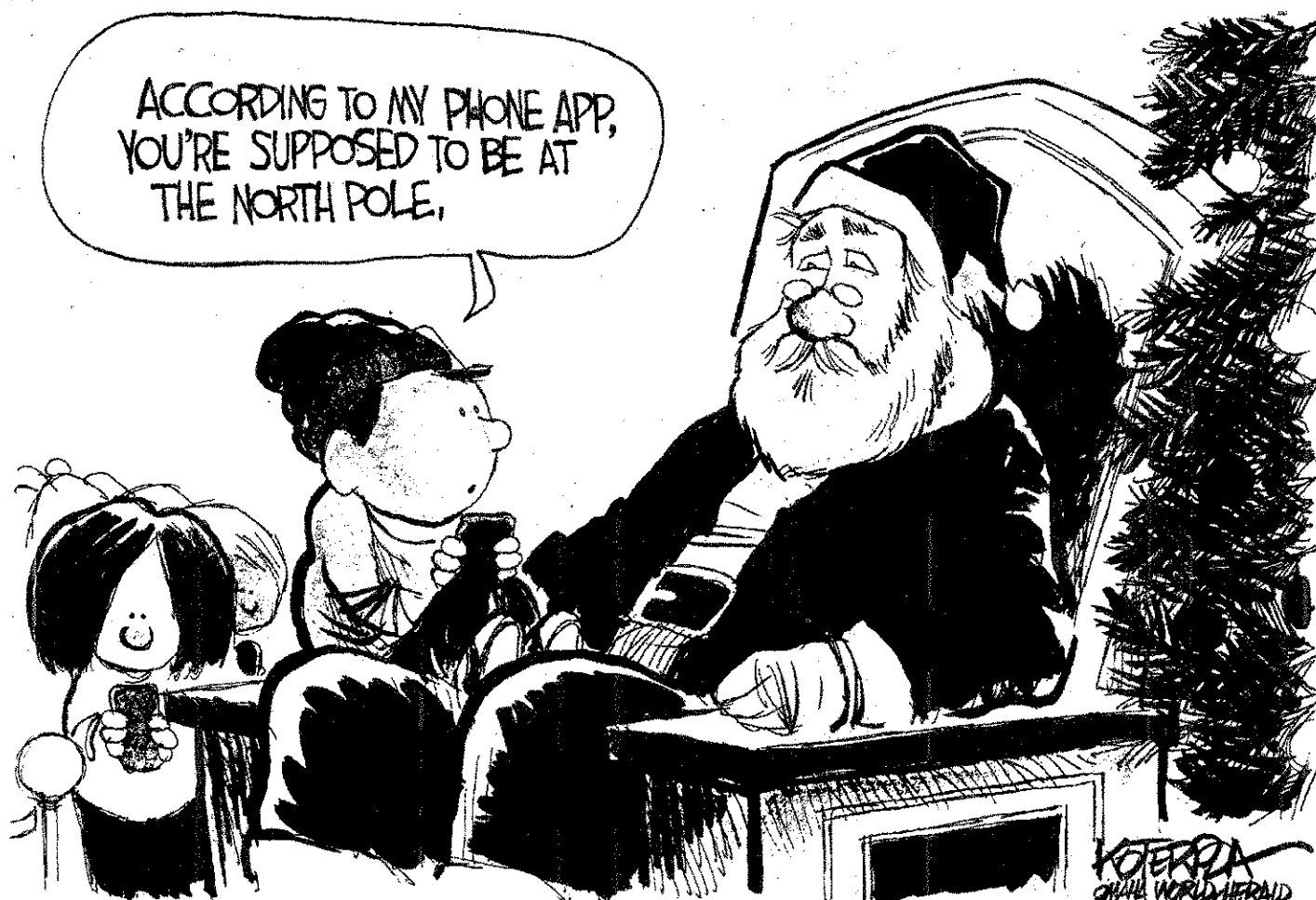
### Thanks many

To the Editor:

On behalf of The Grosse Pointe Academy, we would like to thank the following Grosse Pointe Village Merchants for an evening of shopping and fun on Nov. 17 to benefit Action Auction:

Village Toy Company, Village Palm, La Jolie Rose and Hannah Bear Boutique, Pretty Things, Boutique Bellissima, Skye Salon & Spa and City Kitchen.

Academy parents, grandparents and friends took advantage



of the opportunity to do some pre-holiday shopping, while supporting the school and local merchants at the same time. It was fun to see so many familiar faces walking the streets of the Village together.

In addition to benefiting the Academy, shoppers were able to purchase items for the waiting rooms of the new Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, at Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage & Pierson Clinic of Grosse Pointe.

The Academy Action Auction is pleased to partner with Presenting Sponsor Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage & Pierson Clinic and will give back 10 percent of Action Auction item proceeds to benefit the new center.

The evening of shopping was a kick-off event to the 45th annual Action Auction, scheduled for May 9 and 12, 2012. Again, we thank all of the stores and shoppers who took part in this event to benefit the outstanding programs of the Academy.

ALISON ARKISON  
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### Left Wing

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter, "Right Wing Machinations," published in the Nov. 24 Grosse Pointe News.

Presidential candidate Rep. Michelle Bachmann, R-Minn., believes it is permissible to water board terrorists to protect United States citizens and save American lives. I agree with her.

Increasing tax rates would further sink the U.S. economy and encourage class envy. In a free society, there is always inequality. Solution: Cut tax rates across the board.

A right to carry law has made life safer everywhere it has been tried. Both Stalin and Hitler banned private firearms. They presided over the bloodiest century in history. Attorney

General Eric Holder's gun-running plan rates with the stupidest plan ever conceived.

I fought in WWII and the Korean police action, and am too old to leave my country. I shall continue to believe in a small government, a strong national defense and free enterprise.

For those who really want to understand the Left, I recommend the book "Witness," by Whittaker Chambers published in 1952.

CHARLES H. LAPO  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Serve the poor

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Once again, we were totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas.

On Nov. 20, 1,032 men, women and children enjoyed a turkey dinner and all the trimmings because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

We are also pleased to offer a special thanks to Grosse Pointe's own Terry Valerio who coordinated the donations of our dinner's coffee, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pies. Another big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter to the editor requesting donations.

Based on this year's response, the Grosse Pointe News' readership numbers are very healthy.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997, and many of the volunteers and supporters involved in this project have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome some new friends to the ranks, as well.

Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys; help collect food; offer storage space; donate to defray costs; provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen; show up in the early morning to prepare the meal; stand for hours in our kitchen serving the food and washing dishes; and, as always, treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations has increased significantly over the past few years.

The economic situation is still serious all over the country, but Detroit was hit especially hard. Real unemployment there is above 30 percent, more than half of the children under age 18 live in poverty. And, right now, among the poor, food is still in dangerously short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are full every day with people who are struggling to survive and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request.

The coming winter will bring with it the promise of even greater misery for those with inadequate clothing, food and shelter. For the homeless, frostbite is a cruel and constant threat. And, for those on meager incomes heat, lights and water are, too often, luxuries.

With this in mind, it was an inspiration to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in this dinner.

We wish all of our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas. And, please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, please consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene

products or a few volunteer hours.

We are honored to have had an opportunity to work with all of those who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLIE  
TURNER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### A parade of thanks

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade are thankful for the contribution by the sponsors in the unveiling of the Grosse Pointe Wellness Express and the participation in the 2011 Santa Claus Parade.

I express my appreciation to Beaumont Health Systems, the lead sponsor of the Wellness Express; and the Grosse Pointe News, the lead sponsor of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Sleigh and Rudolph.

In addition, I recognize Talmer Bank and Trust, Northern Trust and the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation as event sponsors. I appreciate the Fruehauf, Stevens, Burton and Ermanni families for their sponsorship of the coaches.

Many thanks go to the supporters and contributors, Graymatters, Giorgio Vintage Wines, Trader Joe's, Biggby Coffee and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. And many thanks go to our many volunteers, Mayor Palmer Heenan, Father Rich Bartoszek, Dr. Donna Hoban, Ryan Ermanni, Dick Ruzzini, Tracy Lyon, Bill Demeter, Steve and Marcia Sholtz, Jack and Nancy Addison, Mark Lorkowski, Rich Pozniak, Don Parthum, Carolyn Keller, John Danaher and Chris Walsh.

I thank the Village and Hill Associations for allowing the Friends to participate and contribute to this annual Grosse Pointe tradition.

G. JOHN STEVENS  
President of the Friends of the  
Grosse Pointe Parade

I SAY By Ann Fouty

## When one story leads to another



Whenever families get together there are topics causing controversy, sadness, anger and mirth. There was much radio chatter this year about which topics to avoid — politics and global warming — during Thanksgiving gatherings.

I poo-pooed it because the Fouty gathering is a chance to catch up with the 21 in attendance. And everyone prefers the stories ending in laughter. One story always leads to another more amusing anecdote.

A sampling of what I heard: One brother-in-law was told when he walked into a classroom that every weekend the teacher lets a 3-foot, friendly

boa constrictor loose to catch the mice. Undaunted, every Monday morning students look in probable snake hidey holes. This particular day, as my brother-in-law watched, students found, on the third try, the snake, happy as a clam and ready to go back into its home until the following Friday.

He followed that snake story with this one:

A student carried a "dark skinned" garter snake in a paper sack to school. The teacher let it slither through the classroom to take care of the mice problem. Obviously, it was working and the snake was satisfied because there was a bulge along its spine when picked up and deposited into its cage.

Several weeks later, students noticed a mouse running across the floor. They captured the mouse and held it up to the snake who was skinny again. The snake lunged, extracted its fangs and stunned the mouse. End of story for the mouse but

not the classroom and teacher. Garter snakes don't have fangs but Michigan rattlers do.

This was followed by a mouse in the house story by another brother-in-law.

Finding evidence of a mouse, he baited and set the trap behind the couch.

He checked the next day. No mouse.

A second day. No mouse.

The third day, he found the trap sprung but no mouse.

He moved the couch. Ah ha. There was a dead mouse.

Upon inspection he noticed the tail was black and part of it missing. He looked harder.

The mouse had sprung the trap and apparently jumped back. Its straight tail shot into the electrical outlet. Thus the mouse escaped a trap but ended up dead anyway.

Memo to mouse, keep the tail close and think ahead before trying to get the cheese without a consequence.

The final tale is told. A mouse ran across the

classroom floor while my sister-in-law was reading one of the Ralph Mouse collection books. She thought a student was being funny interrupting and loudly exclaiming a mouse came out to listen to the story. When the entire class confirmed its presence, she saw the mouse.

EEK! That just wouldn't do. It was past time to rid their world of the vermin.

She dispatched it quickly following the school day. When students inquired about the whereabouts of "Ralph," my sister-in-law explained "Ralph" had been promoted to a higher grade: the trash bin outside the seventh grade classroom.

We moved on to different topics, including the story about the St. Ignace mothers' cheerleading squad, which led to how our nephew's Tekonsha's football team lost in the first round of playoffs which led to football conditioning which led to .....

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# Incumbent made mayor pro tem

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The rookie city council jumped the gun last week on designating its second in command.

Following a swearing-in ceremony at their first meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 15, since winning election the week before, the new Grosse Pointe Shores mayor and council took seats designated with nameplates.

The nameplate of leading council

vote-getter, Dan Schulte, listed him as, "mayor-pro tem."

"I know he was the leading vote-getter, but it's not automatic," said Mark McInerney, city attorney. "It's done by the council."

Mayor pro tem is typically given to the council's most senior member. If members have equal seniority, the title is given to the member receiving more votes in the most recent election.

"The last time, I was highest vote-getter and became mayor pro tem," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "Dan Schulte is the highest vote-getter."

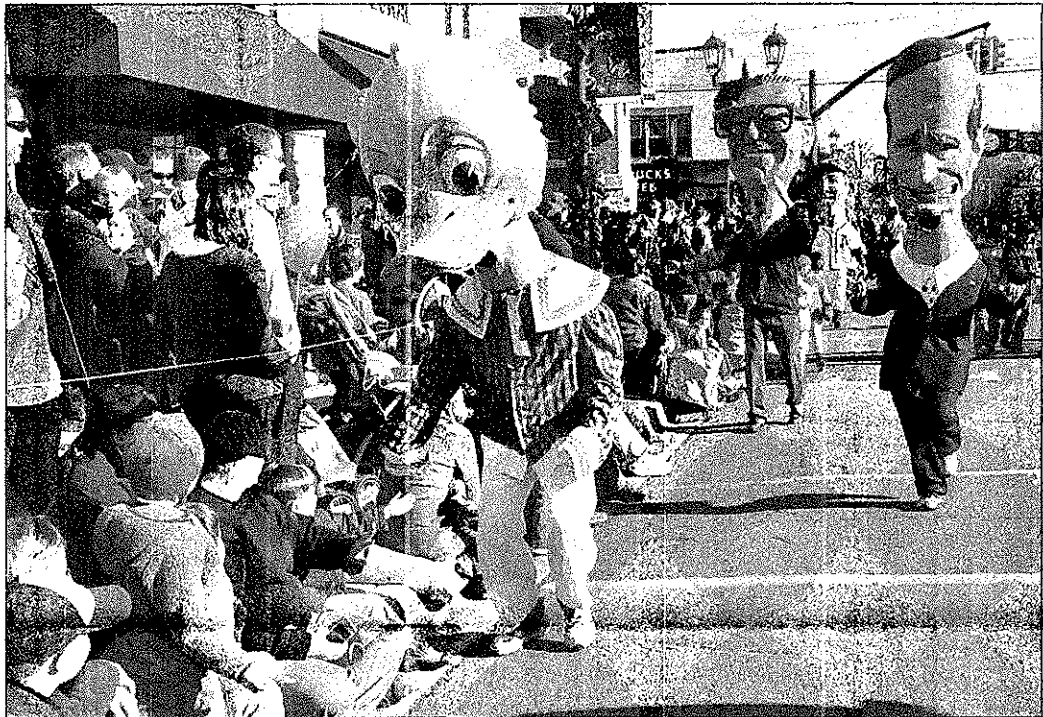
Schulte, the only council incumbent to win re-election, also has seniority.

The council unanimously chose Schulte as mayor pro tem.

—Brad Lindberg



Above, the Grosse Pointe Wellness Express in its first appearance in the Grosse Pointe parade. At right, the Big Heads are always a popular parade entry. Below, from left, Farms Mayor James Farquhar, Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, Santa, City Mayor Dale Scrace, Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter.



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# GLOOMY: City on track with goals

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remains at 20 percent, as last year, which is what auditors recommend.

"We've been able to maintain our goal, notwithstanding the reduction in revenues," Dame said. "We haven't had to dip into general fund balance revenues to deal with our financial

issues yet."

Auditors gave the city's books an unqualified opinion, the highest possible. Auditors also praised the city for having no adjustments to its accounts.

"That means not only were our books accurate at the end of the fiscal year, but also through the year our books are kept accurately," Dame said.

# FIRE: Proponents see savings

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Automatic aid is intended to build upon, but not replace, mutual aid.

Enhanced response applies to pre-designated, high-risk or hard-to-access structures, such as schools, hospitals or nursing homes, where the prospect of fire comes with high loads or greater threat to life.

"Under automatic aid, we have other communities responding at the same time we are leaving our station," Fincham said. "It's better to have additional resources, because you can always turn them back rather than to hold off and have something get out of control."

Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms public safety director, is concerned that automatically sharing manpower may lead to fewer officers patrolling the streets.

"There's been some reductions in manpower around town," Jensen said. "I hope the Farms doesn't follow suit. If automatic aid's not implemented properly, it's going to affect the mutual aid pact."

Automatic aid requires city council approval. Proponents eye it as a way to save operating costs by sharing public safety resources, yet not reduce services.

"The chiefs will look at their respective communities and select locations they want under an automatic aid agreement," Fincham said.

Committee members also recommend the departments combine training and equipment purchases.

"I'm glad the cities are starting to take hold and address the problem of how we can bring the same or better services for the same price, or less," said Park Mayor Palmer Heenan. "We expect to save money."

"If there was any decrease in service, we'd oppose it," Poloni said. "At this time, it doesn't appear that might be an issue."

Dale Scrace, mayor of the City, called automatic aid "a great next step."

"I think it will help all of the communities in the long run," Scrace said. "There will be times when our fire trucks might be closer to an incident than the Park's are. The same with the Farms."

## Sharing resources

Enhanced response is proposed by the Ad Hoc Grosse Pointe Public Safety Committee. Membership consists of administrators and elected officials from each of the five Grosse Pointes.

The committee is being helped by Ray Riggs, a consultant from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Riggs is former assistant fire chief of West Bloomfield Township. He previously recommended the Pointes reduce its fleet of fire trucks, saying the combined communities had more apparatus than needed.

"The automatic aid agreement we're looking at would not reduce the amount of fire trucks," said Stephen Poloni, doing double duty temporarily as the new director of City of Grosse Pointe public safety before retiring as director in Grosse Pointe Shores. "That's a separate issue in the future, as to whether we would need to replace older trucks or move things around. That's all still in the discussion stage."

Most Grosse Pointe officials don't want to be cited on the issue, but they're leery of counterparts using automatic aid as an excuse to cut public safety ranks, then siphon emergency manpower from better-heeled departments.

"We're fortunate in the Farms," said Lt. Jack Patterson, a 28-year veteran in charge of the department's fire division and special operations. "We roll to fires with six officers."

The team consists of an incident commander, engineer to operate a fire truck, two officers to launch an internal attack and two as backup.

"It costs us a little more money, but we provide a safer environment for our employees and residents," Patterson said.

If manpower is reduced under automatic aid, service will, too, he said.

"The way SEMCOG has suggested automatic aid is going to over-complicate things," Patterson said. "We have a very good mutual aid system right now. It's almost like we have automatic aid without a formal agreement."



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Refreshments are served.

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public Schools' high schools are in session in the morning.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Concert Band holds a holiday concert

at 8 p.m. in Parcels Middle School auditorium. A freewill donation is accepted. Refreshments are served.

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Holiday Social is from noon to 4 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Residents pay \$23 and guests pay \$30. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.
- ◆ Services for Older Citizens holds a Christmas tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools system are closed.

## Editor's note:

The Dec. 8 issue of the Grosse Pointe News will go to all residents of the Grosse Pointes.

The edition will feature several special stories, including an in-depth look at U.S. Senate candidate and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Clark Durant. The issue also will feature dozens of local advertisers with pre-holiday specials to help find the perfect gift, locally.



# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Denies drinking

Police arrested a 41-year-old Detroit man at 12:34 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, for driving drunk on Lakeshore.

An officer spotted the man behind the wheel of a 1995 Cadillac standing still at a green light on southbound Fisher at Lakeshore. The man eventually turned right and hit the curb before being stopped near Island Lane, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police said the man denied drinking, yet registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level.

### 78 suspensions

Police think they may have set a department record with the arrest of a 41-year-old Detroit man for violating 78 driving suspensions.

An officer pulled him over at 2:48 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, on southbound Cadieux near Mack. The man was operating a 1999 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with an expired license plate.

He was wanted on 18 warrants, 17 from Detroit.

### Van stolen

A man living in the 17000 block of Waterloo told police his blue 2002 Dodge Caravan was stolen sometime during the night of Sunday, Nov. 20.

There were no signs of forced entry, such as broken glass, in the area the vehicle had been parked.

—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

### Gets his wish

"I want to get arrested," a 54-year-old Detroit man told a public safety officer a few minutes before 1 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, in the area of Mack and Moross.

The officer complied. The man was wanted in Madison Heights for retail fraud.

### Meth

Officers conducting a traffic investigation at 5:31 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, in the 100 block of Hall Place found methamphetamine hidden in a 1995 BMW operated by a 25-year-old Farms man.

The man was found slumped over the car's steering wheel, police said.

"The keys were in the ignition with the vehicle running," said a patrolman.

A search of the car's gear shift boot, glove box, cigarette lighter compartment and ash tray turned up three narcotics pipes, a narcotic straw and a substance that tested positive for methamphetamine, police said.

Prior to the investigation, the driver had been reported nearly running another motorist off of Lakeshore. The motorist tailed the BMW to Hall Place and called police, they said.

### Wheels taken

During the night of Thursday, Nov. 24, someone stole the wheels off a 2011 Buick Lacrosse parked in the first block of Moross.

The owner found the car the next morning propped on two large landscaping rocks taken from near the foot of the driveway.

—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

### Picks wrong target

An 80-year-old Detroit man was suspected at 6:59 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, of trying to break into a public safety officer's Dodge Ram pickup truck parked behind headquarters.

Police determined the man became confused looking for his Ford Fusion, parked in the same lot.

Officers called the man's wife to the scene. She took him home.

### Flat drunk

A 34-year-old Southfield man in a 2004 Cadillac parked on Hawthorne near Lakeshore was arrested for drunken driving at 12:53 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The man had a .084 percent blood alcohol level and admitted drinking, according to police.

The car had two flat right tires and smoke coming from the engine compartment. Officers said the vehicle smelled of marijuana and contained prescription drug bottles that didn't belong to the driver.

The man claimed to have a medical marijuana card, but couldn't prove it, police said.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### A special place

On Sunday, Nov. 27, a 2002 Dodge Caravan belonging to a nun was taken from the parking lot at St. John Hospital. The van also contained \$180 in Christmas presents she had purchased earlier in the day.

### Boys will be boys

Two employees of a restaurant on Mack were "horsing around" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, when one felt it got a little out of hand and asked police to charge the other employee with assault. According to police, the two employees were wrestling when one put the other in a headlock causing damage to an ear and an earring. According to the owner, roughhousing occurs all the time among employees, but this is the first time anyone was hurt. Police continue to investigate.

### Valuable valves

Security personnel at St. John Hospital and Medical Center report a number of

thefts involving plumbing valves from several sites within the complex. The most recent occurred sometime during the day on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Woods police are reviewing security videotapes.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Snowblower taken

A snowblower was taken overnight Tuesday, Nov. 22, from a garage in the 600 block of Barrington.

### Larceny from autos

Overnight Sunday, Nov. 20, an iPod was taken from an unlocked car parked in the rear yard of a house in the 1200 block of Bishop.

Overnight Tuesday, Nov. 22, the right hand mirror was removed from a vehicle parked in the 1300 block of Nottingham. No other damage was reported.

Overnight Sunday, Nov. 27, \$250 cash was removed from the console of an unlocked car parked in a driveway in the 1300 block of Balfour.

### Speeding-plus

A 29-year-old St. Clair Shores resident was arrested at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 after she was stopped for speeding and it was discovered that she was driving with a suspended license. A routine search also revealed that she was in possession of marijuana.


—Kathy Ryan  
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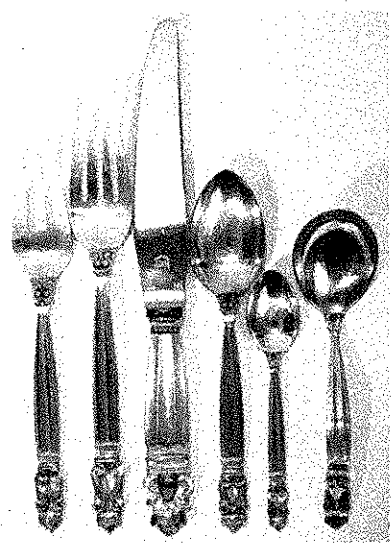
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## WOODS: Override on ballot next year

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pected to decline nearly 12 percent in the next year, the city will be faced with withdrawing about \$500,000 from reserves to fund several projects.

"We will have to rely on the general fund to fill in revenue gaps," Irby told the council. "We have no money allotted for construction or for capital equipment. We're not replacing roads or city vehicles, and we are going to have to do that eventually."

One of the issues is that several city funds are tied to millages, such as the city's ambulance service and drain projects, which are facing declines in revenues due to lower property taxes.

"We will have to make up those losses from fund balance," Irby said.

It's the concern over lack of funds for capital improvements, especially street repairs and funding retiree health care, that brought the council to discuss options, including a possible vote by residents on the option of a Headlee Amendment override that could raise property taxes from the current 14.04 mills to the maximum allowed of 20 mills.

By law, residents would have to approve any override of the

millage limitations placed on cities by the state's Headlee Amendment.

Councilman Michael Koester questioned if the city would benefit from a current proposal by Gov. Rick Snyder to increase funds for road repairs and if the city could take advantage of those funds to reduce the burden on residents.

"It would have to be a significant amount of money," Irby said.

"We have learned never to build a budget on promises of revenue sharing," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger, chair of the city's construction committee, urged the council to act quickly on approving placing the question of a Headlee override before the voters.

"A street that is allowed to continually deteriorate will cost twice as much to fix," she said. "We need to get funds in place as soon as possible."

Council members unanimously agreed to place the Headlee override question on the ballot in 2012.

"I don't think we have a choice," said councilman Todd McConaghy. "Either you bring in money through a Headlee override or you restructure the city into something you don't recognize."



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## School project evolves into community affair

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

The community's overwhelming response evolved Molly Collins' care package collection from a small, student council project into the biggest undertaking in her three years as Defer Elementary School's student council advisor.

"It's emotional that so many people have gotten involved," said Collins, also a third-grade teacher.

Caribou Coffee, parent volunteers and others participated in the project, which Collins started after Defer parent, Amanda Davis, mentioned her husband, Jason, would deploy to Afghanistan from September through the holidays; The family's first holiday apart.

Jason Davis pilots an A10 Warthog Attack Plane for the 107th Red Devils Fighter Squadron out of Selfridge Air Force Base.

"I had their daughter for second and third grade and got to know them pretty well," Collins said of teaching the Davis' older daughter, Blaire (fourth grade), who's in the student council. Their younger daughter, Brooke (second grade), also attends Defer.

"So, I kind of thought about it over the summer and asked (Amanda) if we could do something through the student council just to send care packages."

Caribou offered a two-day discount on coffee and donated 10 percent of proceeds —

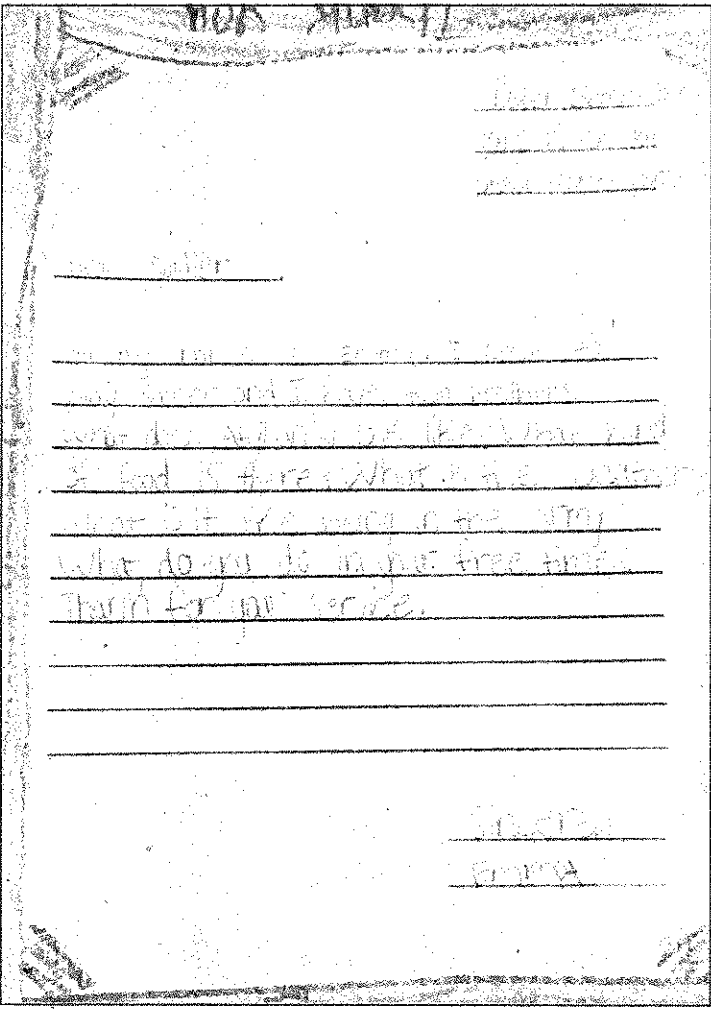


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Defer Elementary School students, from left, Maya Petropoulos, Savannah Srebernak, Lizzie High, Paul Zuniga, Genevieve Palazzolo, Matthew Fabry and Atticus Henry arrived at 7:45 a.m. to pack boxes of jerky, coffee, hard candy and hand-written letters.

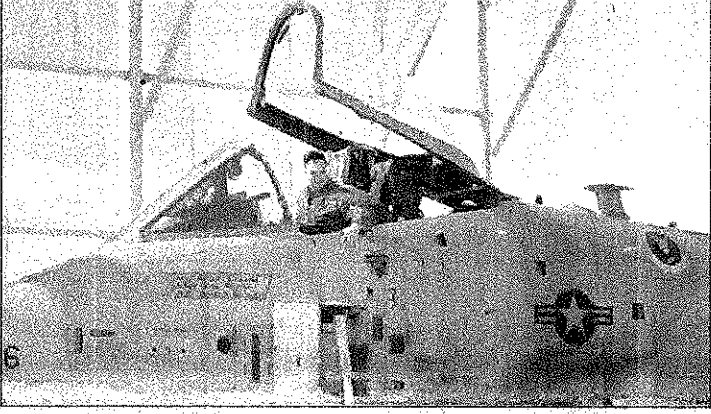
which equaled \$500 after community members purchased 90 pounds of coffee — as well as packs of its Reindeer blend. The school also held a coin drive for two weeks and raised \$500, enough to account for shipping the care packages consisting of items uncommon in military bases — student-written letters and holiday cards, 80 pounds of coffee, 50 pounds of jerky and 60 pounds of hard candy. The packages served more than

250 squadron members. "Strangers came in, once they heard about our coin drive, and were putting coins in the jug. They didn't even have kids (at Defer)," Collins said. "It's a nice show of generosity for people, show of support for our troops and people away from their families. "Now that we know we can do it, it'll be something good for the future. The kids were really into it too."



Above, An example of the letters each student wrote and sent to the 107th Red Devils Fighter Squadron currently deployed in Afghanistan.

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Left, Jason Davis boards an A10 Warthog Attack Plane. He's a pilot for the 107th Red Devils Fighter Squadron based in Selfridge. The squadron was recently deployed to Afghanistan.



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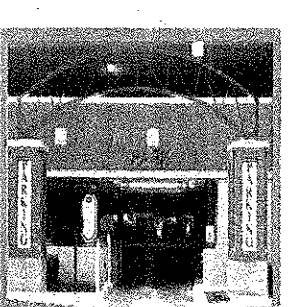
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# Students, employees celebrated at board meeting

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

From nationally-recognized students to distinguished employees and departing board members, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's meeting was a celebration of services and accomplishments.

"This is what we're all about," superintendent Suzanne Klein said.

The board opened by recognizing Advanced Placement scholars from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, South's girls' cross country state championship-winning team and the district's distinguished employees, those who continually provide service

above and beyond their daily responsibilities.

The meeting ended with trustee Fred Minturn who, after five years serving the board, completed his term and final board meeting. A business meeting prevents him from attending the December meeting. President John Steininger's term also ends next month.

"This is a suprisingly bitter-sweet moment," Minturn said. "I won't say sad, but I'll say somber. I see all this planning for next year and feel I should be a part of that."

Minturn thanked students, administrators, the community and board members for their continued commitment and support.

"Everybody on the board today, and anybody I've ever served with, have always had the best interest of this community at heart," he said. "I didn't always agree with all of them, but certainly they are quality people who meant the very best for the community."

Board members also thanked and congratulated Minturn for his time served and commitment to the community.

"Your contributions to the district have been numerous and invaluable," secretary Judy Gafa said.

Added treasurer Brendan Walsh: "Fred brought with him a vision and discipline in terms of how to approach the financial challenges of the district

that were most remarkable, not for the financial acumen, but for Fred's unwavering commitment in bringing about what was best for the students and the community.

"There have been and will be very few people that will ever sit on this board that will have the kind of positive impact that Fred Minturn had on the Grosse Pointe Public School System and this community."

With Minturn and Steininger departing, remaining board members, along with the newly-elected Dan Roeske and Lois Valente, must realign and decide officer positions at its January meeting. Members may declare interest in positions at the December

meeting.

"My advice to Dan and Lois," Minturn said, "is dig in, find your area where you're going to make your contribution, and make that contribution and have some fun along the way. Because I always did."

## Board briefs

Amid the celebration, the board received an "unqualified opinion" in its independent financial audit and federal grant reports from Plante Moran. This is the highest form of assurance from an auditor.

Coinciding with the audit report, Walsh presented a snapshot of the district's financial picture, from 2004 to 2010, as well as future predictions.

According to the human re-

sources report, the board hired a special education teacher at South, as well as several classroom assistants resulting from PA 18 funding, revenue generated for special education.

For its December meeting, the board is considering piloting a course at South. Strategies for reading and writing is designed to target and enhance reading and writing skills for incoming freshmen who score within the 26th to 50th percentile on the Northwest Evaluation Association test.

It's also considering board policy and bylaw revisions recommended by NEOLA, which provides districts a service for developing and updating policies and bylaws.

## Employees honored



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The board of education honored 10 distinguished employees at its November meeting. The 10 individuals provide service above and beyond their daily responsibilities.

For providing service above and beyond their daily responsibilities, 10 district employees were recognized with the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's fourth annual Distinguished Employee Service Award.

Recipients include: Jonathan Byrne, Grosse Pointe North's National Academic Quiz Team coach and American Literature and Advanced Placement Language and Composition teacher; Cheryl Gawel, Poupard Elementary School

physical education teacher; Tudi Harwood, secretary to Grosse Pointe South principal; Helen Landuyt, district psychologist; Stefani Makowski, Defer Elementary School art teacher; Cynthia Manetta, transitions coordinator for students with special needs; Deborah Raab, Defer and Mason elementary schools' physical education teacher; Alma Reygaert, Brownell Middle School's autism spectrum disorder classroom assistant; Michael Spears, instructional technology coordinator; and Janet Truance, superintendent's executive assistant.

Staff and community members nominated potential recipients, and committee chairs Judy Gafa and Cynthia Pangborn determined honorees, who received a decorative world globe. They selected from among 16 to 18 nominations.

"It's designed to be symbolic of what happens in our schools," Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein said of the globe. "The world in which our students start their life is the world of their family and their neighborhood. It expands to school, and our job, along with parents, community, organizations and many other people whose lives touch our students, is getting them ready to be citizens of the world."

"And that responsibility is one we take very seriously, hence, this very special award is designed to honor those who are preparing their students to become successful citizens of the world."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Tower adviser Jeff Nardone, recipient of the National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award, was honored at the board of education's November meeting.

## Student newspaper receives top award

Among its awards and recognitions at this year's National Scholastic Press Association national high school journalism conven-

tion, the Grosse Pointe South High School The Tower student newspaper won its first Pacemaker Award since 1989.

It's also the newspaper's first Pacemaker under adviser Jeff Nardone. Considered the Pulitzer Prize for student journalism, the award is all-encompassing, accounting for coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, layout and design and photography, art and graphics.

Additionally, The Tower placed sixth nationally in the Best of Show category, second to Grosse Pointe North High School's North Pointe (fourth place); Paula Friedrich earned honorable mention in the Design of the Year category for her full-page layout in the paper's Jan. 20 features section; and five students, the most of any newspaper statewide, received awards in the write-off competition. Winners include: Jackie Francis, honorable mention in commentary writing; Emily Cervone, honorable mention in editorial writing; Meghan Flanagan, excellent in feature writing; Margaret Fikany, excellent in review writing; and Alex Knuth, excellent in sports writing.

Nardone was honored with the Pioneer Award, the press association's highest award for journalism educators. It recognizes individuals who make substantial contributions to high school publications and journalism programs outside their primary employment.

He is one of eight Michigan educators to receive the honor.

## Congressman visits cub scouts



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At the Monteith Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 85's annual Cake Bake pack meeting, United States Congressman Hansen Clarke visited with and spoke to the district's brownies and boys, girls and cub scouts groups.

Clarke, D—Detroit, talked of his childhood in Detroit and how a growing interest in public service inspired his political aspirations; his responsibilities as a Congressman and when he met President Barack Obama, at the time Illinois' senator, and snuck him into an event. He also fielded questions from children and was named a Pack 85 honorary member.

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For more information or to nominate a teacher, contact A.J. Hakim at (313) 343-5592 or via e-mail at ajhakim@grossepointenews.com.



# North hosts fall fashion extravaganza

A deviation from past shows, this year's Grosse Pointe North annual fall fashion fundraiser showcased students strutting on the runway, rather than the typical professional models.

Themed "I'm Dreaming of a Pink Christmas," students — both male and female, upper and lowerclassmen — modeled fall and winter casual and formal outfits from Girlie Girl,

Men's Warehouse and Village Shoe Inn.

More than 170 guests attended the show, held at Lochmoor Country Club. It also featured a raffle, silent auction and dinner.



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Hair stylists prepare Maddy Vyletel, left, and Jessica Gabel for the runway.



Samantha Smith and Doug Annas model the latest fashion.



Michelle Burns and Danny Schrage




Sydney Colbert



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## A Thanksgiving feast

For Thanksgiving, Grosse Pointe Academy students from Kate Kingsley's three-day program and Margaret Varty's kindergarten class dressed as Native Americans and Pilgrims. Students shared a Thanksgiving feast.



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# OBITUARIES

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

## Ruth Cain

Ruth Cain, longtime Grosse Pointe resident and columnist at the Grosse Pointe News, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, of heart failure at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, surrounded by her family. She was 87.

During her years at the Grosse Pointe News, she covered a wide variety of topics from senior health issues to social security concerns. Just two days before she died, she was working on her next column.

Mrs. Cain, born Ruth Edstrom, fell in love with journalism through her brother, Ed Edstrom, a reporter for Hearst Newspapers in Washington, D.C. She completed college at Wayne State University at age 19, so she could join the Associated Press before the end of World War II, believing that once the war ended, they wouldn't hire a woman.

It was at the Associated Press she met her future husband, Charles C. Cain III. It was ink running through the veins the couple shared and brought them together at the Associated Press in the 1940s. Charlie Cain, a newspaper man whose family owned the Attleboro, Mass. Sun News, had returned from active duty in the U.S. Army and joined the Associated Press. He was transferred to help run the news service's Detroit bureau. They were married 41 years before Mr. Cain's death. Six of their seven children went into communications.

Besides the Associated Press and the Grosse Pointe News, Mrs. Cain wrote for the Detroit Free Press, Business Week, The Macomb Daily and Oakland Press. She also worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in the media relations department for 22 years.

When Mrs. Cain retired from Blue Cross, she was honored by then-Gov. John Engler and others including the Detroit Chapter Society of Professional Journalists who proclaimed her "the mother of all communicators."

Mrs. Cain served two years as president of the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications and won its Headliner of the Year award in 1984 for "distinguished achievements in communications."

Many baby boomer women remember her as a trailblazer in the journalism and communications fields for proving women could have a career and raise a family.

Mrs. Cain spent time in her later years working as a mentor and helping young people learn to read. She was involved in the community through initiatives like Meals on Wheels for seniors and other programs.

Mrs. Cain is survived by her

children, Nancy (Dave Posavetz) Cain, Brad Cain, Chris Cain, Carol Cain, Laura (Rob Kozloff) Cain and Janice Cain and grandchildren, Kelly Cain, Katie Cain, Nick Posavetz, Charles Cain, Amanda Cain and Robert Cain.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Charlie Cain, who died in July; her parents, Lydia and Emil Edstrom; sister, Virginia Hetmanski and brother, Ed Edstrom.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Nov. 25 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to the Wayne State University Journalism Program, 902 W. Warren Ave., Room 557, Detroit, MI 48201.

## S. Sidney Newhouse

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident S. Sidney Newhouse, 96, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011.

He was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Clyde, Ohio, to Edgar Eddie Newhouse and Hazel Belle Russell Newhouse and grew up on the family farm near there. He graduated valedictorian of Ostrander High School in 1933.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1938 and a master's degree in 1939 both in social administration from The Ohio State University, where he lived in the scholarship stadium dorms.

Mr. Newhouse met his future wife, Dorothy Anne Jones, at a Presbyterian young adult group in Philadelphia. They had a two-year engagement while he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enlisted in the Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he was in communications coding and decoding highly sensitive material. He also served in Melbourne, Australia, before being transferred to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Brisbane, Australia.

On Dec. 21, 1944, a month after his return from the war, he married Dot and completed his naval career at the Naval Mine Depot in Yorktown, Va.

Mr. Newhouse's career was in social work administration, specifically in the United Way movement with positions in Philadelphia, Fort Wayne and South Bend, Ind. and, in 1959, Detroit. He retired Dec. 31, 1980, after 21 years with United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit.

After retirement he enjoyed worldwide travel with his wife. His favorite trips were to

Australia and New Zealand, India and Nepal, and Hawaii and Fiji.

Mr. Newhouse's family said his commitment to volunteerism and giving back to his community were a core part of his being. He leaves a legacy of strong Christian values, patriotism, commitment and integrity.

He belonged to Detroit Rotary Club for more than 50 years, where he developed a monthly scholarship program for Detroit high school students who balanced high grades with volunteerism. He was on the board of the Detroit Area Camp Fire organization, was president of the Men's Association of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and was a member of the Detroit Executive Service Corps, the Local Church Development Department of the Detroit Presbytery, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Economic Club.

Mr. Newhouse was a deacon, elder and clerk of session at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. He learned to play the carillon in retirement and was a carillonneur until age 93 when climbing the stairs to the carillon became difficult for him.

His interests included music and the arts, playing the piano and carillon, reading, playing bridge and euchre, ballroom dancing and crossword puzzles.

Mr. Newhouse is survived by his children, Nancy (Tom) Trimmer, Phil (Cindy) and David (Denise); grandchildren, Tom (Lisa) Trimmer Jr., Michelle (Scott) Baby, Juliana (Shaun) Kerschen, Andrew, Meredith (Terry) Griffin and Megan (George) Kounnas; great-grandchildren, Brooke, Courtney and William Baby and Hazel Kerschen and his sister, Frances King.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Dorothy.

A funeral service was held Nov. 27 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Interment will be in the Newhouse Cemetery in Ostrander, Ohio.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or United Way for Southeastern Michigan, 660 Woodward, Suite 300, Detroit, MI 48226.

## Ruth B. Arbaugh

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ruth B. Arbaugh, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

She was born in Highland Park to John Isaac and Winifred (Dagen) Buckingham. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Michigan State University.

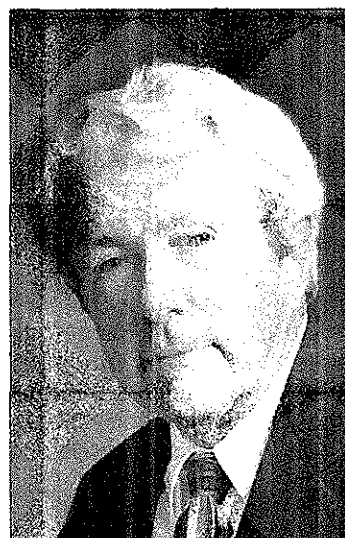
Mrs. Arbaugh taught kinder-



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George B. Catlin

garten through 12th grades in Lansing, South Lake Schools in St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Detroit Public Schools before retiring in 1996.

She loved gardening and jazz and swing music. She was an avid supporter of community service organizations including the American Red Cross and Gleaners Food Bank.

Mrs. Arbaugh is survived by her sons, Steven of Ann Arbor and Robert (Denise) of St. Clair Shores; grandchildren, Jean, Blair, Emilie, Ethan, Jonathan, Lydia-Rose and Claire-Marie and her brother, John W. Buckingham of Florida.

She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, William in 2003; son, David in 1999 and her sisters, Nancy Damberg of Grosse Pointe Park and Mary Carlson of Montgomery, Ala.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross at redcross.org and Gleaners Food Bank at gcfb.org.

## George B. Catlin

Former Grosse Pointe Woods city attorney George B. Catlin, 80, died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

Mr. Catlin was born June 7, 1931, in Detroit. He attended night classes and received his law degree from the University of Detroit in 1956, graduating president of his class.

In addition to serving Grosse Pointe Woods for 35 years, he maintained a private practice.

Mr. Catlin was a member of the U.S. Navy Reserves, retiring in 1991 as commander. He loved sailing his boat the "Legal-ease" for more than 30 years on Lake St. Clair and in the Caribbean.

Mr. Catlin is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Lois; dear children, David (Ann), Gary (Linda), Steven and Elaine and grandchildren, Jake Parsons and Greg Bassett.

Memorial services were held at Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

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## Lucille Martilotta

Lucille Martilotta, nee LaHood, passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011. She was 81.

Born in Bridgeport, Ohio, she moved with her family to Detroit in 1939 where she attended and graduated from St. Charles High School. On June 14, 1952, she married Louis Martilotta at St. Louis the King Catholic Church.

Mrs. Martilotta was a secretary at Gray Wilson Co. and Wayne State University. She was also a past president of the Altar Society at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harper Woods, and was a Cub Scout den mother for four years.

She loved to golf, bowl, dance and go out to dinner and a movie.

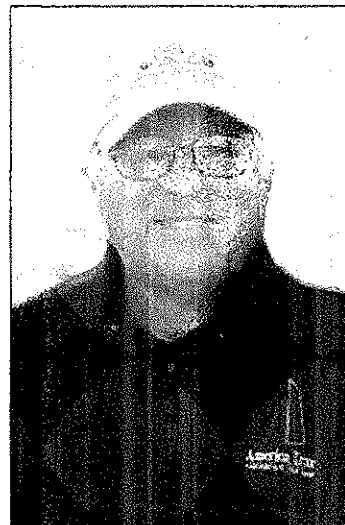
Mrs. Martilotta is survived by her loving husband, Louis; sons, Louis P. "Chip" (Debbie) and Robert (Suzy); grandchildren, Kathryn, Freddy and twins Elisabeth and Emily. She also is survived by her sisters, Alice (Carl) Lundgren, Lillian Ayotte and Louise (Charles) Saad.

She was predeceased by her sister, Florence LaHood.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 30 at Our Lady Queen of Peace.



Lucille Martilotta



John S. Barbour

Donations may be made to the hospice program at Church of Christ Care Center, 23575 Fifteen Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035.

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## John S. Barbour

John S. Barbour, a Grosse Pointe attorney who was known for his enthusiasm and competitiveness as a sailboat racer as well as his passion for musical and theatrical performances, died Wednesday, November 23, 2011, of pancreatic cancer at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was 64.

Mr. Barbour was a member of Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit since 1969, serving on numerous committees and chairing many regattas and other activities. He was the club's commodore in 1989 and handled its legal affairs for the last 25 years, taking great pride of the club's rich sailing heritage and traditions. He was also named Bayview's member of the year in 2000 and 2004. On November 20, 2011, Bayview named its small-boat sailing center in Mr. Barbour's honor.

His sailing pedigree began at the age of six after his family purchased a 22-foot catboat. His mother, Marion, a former ladies' champion on Lake Erie, taught Mr. Barbour and his older brother, Sloane, how to sail and instilled a life-long dedication to the sport.

In 1965, Mr. Barbour sailed in his first Port Huron-to-Mackinac race at the age of 17. Since then, he participated in every Port Huron-to-Mackinac race over the last 46 years, first as a crew member and later as skipper of his own boat, except during the one year he was Bayview's commodore.

His two greatest sailing accomplishments were in 1993, when he skipped his North American 40 one-design sloop Velero VI and won an overall division title in a record-setting time in the 256-mile Port Huron-to-Mackinac race, and then in 2008, when his North American 40 Velero VII finished first overall in the cruising-division in the 100th anniversary of the 333-mile Chicago-to-Mackinac race.

Mr. Barbour also was instrumental in Bayview Yacht Club's participation in the prestigious Canada's Cup international match-race competition, pitting one sailboat representing the United States against one boat from Canada, which first began in 1896. He was a crewman aboard Bayview's challenger or defender in the Canada's Cup matches in 1972, 1975 and 1978, and eventually became chairman of Bayview's Canada's Cup activities for more than 10 years beginning in 1998.

Mr. Barbour received a bachelor's degree in 1970 and a master's degree in 1971, both in business administration, from Eastern Michigan University. He earned a juris

doctor degree in 1977 from the University of Detroit. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1978 and began a private-practice firm in Detroit. The following year, in 1979, he was licensed to practice law in the State of Florida. He specialized in taxation, estate planning and business law.

He also spent a decade as a faculty member and later chaired the Business Department at Marygrove College in Detroit while teaching business law and marketing.

It was at the University of Detroit Law School where he met his wife, Monica, in 1977 when they were fellow students. They were married in 1983 and had three children.

His appreciation of both classical and Broadway music was manifested in all three Barbour children, who each took private piano and violin lessons. To add further encouragement, Mr. Barbour installed a seven-foot German-made Bechstein grand piano in the family's living room. He also encouraged his children to participate in their school choir and orchestra, and he eventually became active with the Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra Boosters organization as its vice president and treasurer since 2009.

In addition to his exuberance for sailing, Mr. Barbour enjoyed vacationing with his family, either on cruise ships or ski trips, and taking them to see various live theatrical and musical performances.

Mr. Barbour was born on September 7, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio, to Sloane R. Barbour Sr. and Marion Tallman Barbour, who preceded him in death in 1970 and 2003, respectively. He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Walter S. Clark, in 2001. After his family moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in 1951, he attended Monteith Elementary School and Brownell Middle School before graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1965.

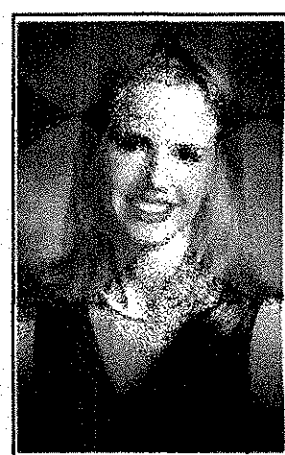
He is survived by his wife, Monica; three children, John Samuel "Sammy" Jr., Katie Leigh and Kimberly; brother, Sloane R. (Cheryl) Barbour Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods; stepbrother, Walter S. "Skip" Clark Jr. of Naples, Fla.; nephew, Sloane R. Barbour III of New York, eight nieces and nine other nephews.

Visitation and a prayer service was held on November 30 at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 1, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailors, Inc., 100 Clairpointe St., Detroit, MI 48215, or the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Development Office, 651 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

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## THE OBITUARY OF ALLISON M. BODENMILLER



Allison Marie Bodenmiller entered this world on March 7th, 1985 and left it on November 17th at the tender age of 26. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and attained an Associate's Degree in Medical Technology at Everest Institute. She was named School Ambassador, was on the Dean's List and President's List. Allison had an abiding interest in science and medicine. She served many years as a volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital and as an aide for SOC Meals on Wheels. Allison was a passionate fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Allison was active in sports and assisted her parents in managing the Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club. She earned four varsity letters in high school golf and competed locally in USTA tennis tournaments.

Allison's life was short but intense and she lived it fully. We can all learn a lot from the way Allison lived and we will forever hold the cherished memories that she left in our hearts. Allison overcame any obstacle to strive to be her best, and in so doing she brought out the best in all of us. She will be missed for the beauty that she brought to the world and will be remembered for her openness, honesty and innocence.

She is survived by her parents, Janet and Gary Bodenmiller who are the recipients of Allison's eternal love. She was especially close to her Aunt, Dr. Shirley Faust and Grandmother, Marie Faust and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and friends who knew and loved her.

Donations can be made to Youth Frontiers, a charity that touched Allison's heart.

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## OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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### Daniel Francis Berdenski

Daniel Francis Berdenski, 58, died suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011. A former resident of Grosse Pointe Park, he was born in Detroit Dec. 22, 1952, to Patricia and Walter Berdenski. He graduated from Aquinas High School in Southgate in 1971. He studied under Russell Keeter at the Center for Creative Studies, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

A commercial as well as a fine artist, Mr. Berdenski did drawings, paintings, mixed media and collage; his art was often imbued with an edgy playfulness, sometimes incor-

porating whimsical words and phrases. His work was exhibited throughout Michigan and can be found in numerous public and private collections, including the Sunrise Sunset Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park.

A longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Mr. Berdenski often exhibited his work at GPAA's Annual Exhibitions, winning numerous awards, including Best of Show in 1999. He was a member of several critique groups in Grosse Pointe, where his observations on composition were valued and his oft-stated advice was to not forget the importance of shadow. He will be greatly missed by his sister, Nancy and many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Mary.

A memorial retrospective of Mr. Berdenski's art work and sketchbooks will be held Jan. 20 through Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Like most artists,

Mr. Berdenski incorporated his heart and soul into his creative efforts; it will be a celebration of his life to view his work.

### William H. Race

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident William Heath "Bill" Race, 86, died suddenly, but peacefully, at home, Saturday, Nov. 19.

He was born Aug. 28, 1925, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Helen and Lucius Race and graduated from the University of Michigan, the College of Architecture and Design, with a degree in architecture.

Mr. Race was a World War II army veteran. His various careers were architect, interior decorator and manufacturer's representative. He had a long career as a manufacturer's rep. until he closed his business a year ago.

Mr. Race enjoyed playing bridge and was involved in various bridge groups. He also was a part of the Woodworker's and Witenagemote organizations

and looked forward to the various gatherings of these two groups. He planned the WIT social events for more than 15 years.

He also enjoyed travel, theater, flower arranging, dancing, socializing and his garden and yard. His family said he was a people person who loved to entertain in his home. He was organized in his business and social lives.

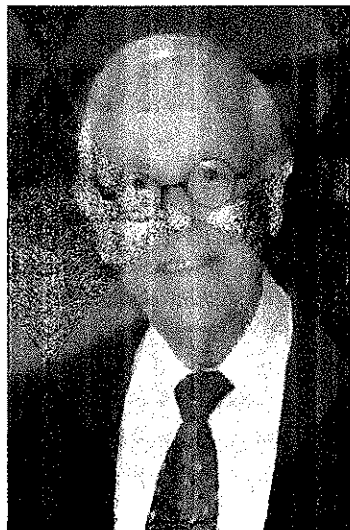
Mr. Race is survived by his wife, Jan; daughters, Elizabeth "Tish" Renz, Mimi Race and Amy Massey; son, William Heath Race Jr.; grandchildren, Samantha, Justin, Crystal and Spencer and his sister, Marjorie Weible.

A private funeral service was held Nov. 25 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

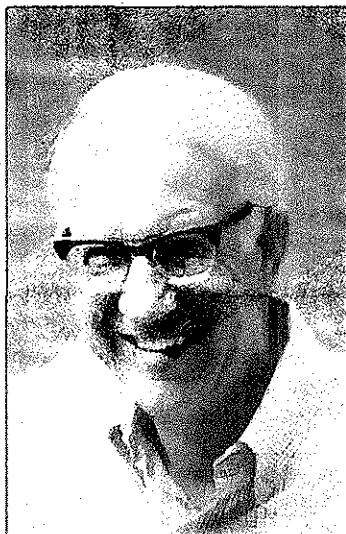
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Daniel Francis Berdenski



William H. Race



Fred A. Prince Jr.



Helen Florence Williamson

### Fred A. Prince Jr.

Fred A. Prince Jr., 86, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011.

He was the beloved son of Frederick and Ruth Prince, who predeceased him, and dearest companion and friend of Melita and Delphine.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, Mr. Prince spent a year in the military, then attended the University of Michigan where he obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology. He also earned a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School at Harvard University.

Mr. Prince's life-long passion was reforestation and he planted many trees in Michigan's upper peninsula and northern lower peninsula.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the D.S. Temrowski and Sons Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Road, Warren.

Express condolences or share a memory at [temrowski.com](http://temrowski.com).

### Helen Florence Williamson

City of Grosse Pointe resident Helen Florence Williamson, 83, died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Stanislaw Klimuska and Michaelena Poliwoda and graduated in 1945 from Hanover Township High School in Hanover, Pa.

In addition to being a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she worked as a hostess at Jacobson's and as a saleswoman at Judith Ann and Jane Woodbury clothing stores.

She was an active member of St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit.

Mrs. Williamson is survived by her brother, John Klimuska; sons, Michael (Renata) and John (Biz) and grandchildren, Kathryn, Alice, Rose, Kristin, Johnny, Adam and Ivona.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert; parents and siblings, Stella Bujnowski, Jenny Klimuska, Regina Klimuska, Florence Wisniewski, Tony Klimuska, Edward Klimuska and Stanley Klimuska.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at St. Philomena Catholic Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit.

Donations may be made to The Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, Development Office, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Video system upgrades

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The new city council approved buying video equipment to broadcast monthly meetings with better resolution.

"I'm hopeful it will be installed by the December meeting," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Dan Schulte.

A low-bid contract of \$3,710 was \$1,200 greater than when submitted by the supplier last spring, according to Schulte.

"Their original quote from April 15 has to change because the price they have to pay for software has gone up," Schulte said.

The supplier also wanted compensation for time spent last summer trying to install video components and related software at city hall.

"They had problems with our equipment," Schulte said. "We had a lightning strike that

damaged our computer and had compatibility issues. But, that's been ironed out."

The purchase consists of a \$397 camera and \$3,310 worth of automatic playback software.

Council meetings are broadcast at noon and 6:30 p.m. daily on community access Cable Channel 12.

"The video quality of the broadcasts will not improve until after the Dec. 20 council meeting because all meetings to date have been recorded on a low-resolution camera," Schulte said. "A new camera will be in place for the Dec. 20 meeting. Thereon, the video quality should be significantly better."

Until the new software is installed, broadcasts are activated by public safety dispatchers or other employees. When the full-time dispatch center closed due to the job being contracted to Grosse Pointe Farms, an automated playback system be-

came necessary.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday, Nov. 15, to buy the new system at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Competing bids were in the "tens of thousands of dollars," Schulte said. "This (winning) company is still way lower than anybody else."

The next step could be on-demand streaming of council meetings on the municipal website.

"That's quite a big additional cost," Schulte said. "We'll have to see."

Schulte, the only incumbent council member to retain a seat in the Nov. 8 election was frustrated during most of his first, two-year term by an inability to resolve the video purchase.

"It's been a long time, two years," he said.

He praised the new council, which he said "is strongly in favor of televising meetings. It's not what we had in the past."

## Who's crossing the line?

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

East side, west side, this side or that side of Eight Mile, up river and down river — all are invisible lines dividing metro Detroit, erecting images and suppositions.

From those thoughts, the WDET news staff created "Crossing Lines."

Forums are held in various cities to open a dialogue with residents exploring attitudes, behaviors and language codes which draw the lines of metro Detroit and bias, said Ron Jones, WDET's program direc-

tor.

It's an introduction of what is good about metro Detroit communities that may not be known or understood, including Grosse Pointe.

In its fourth stop in the "Crossing Lines" series Nov. 16, Grosse Pointers explained to WDET's staff why the Pointes are a great place to live.

For instance, Harry Burke of Grosse Pointe Woods talked about Services for Older Citizens and the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

"We wanted to make this a community conversation. We ask, 'what do you want metro

Detroit to know about your community' and 'how engaged are you in the community?' We get to the issues that unite and divide us with a wider range of voices," Jones said.

The first conversation was with residents living in Detroit's Redford and Brightmoor community.

"It's pretty run down. There are a lot of vacated houses. There is crime and high unemployment.

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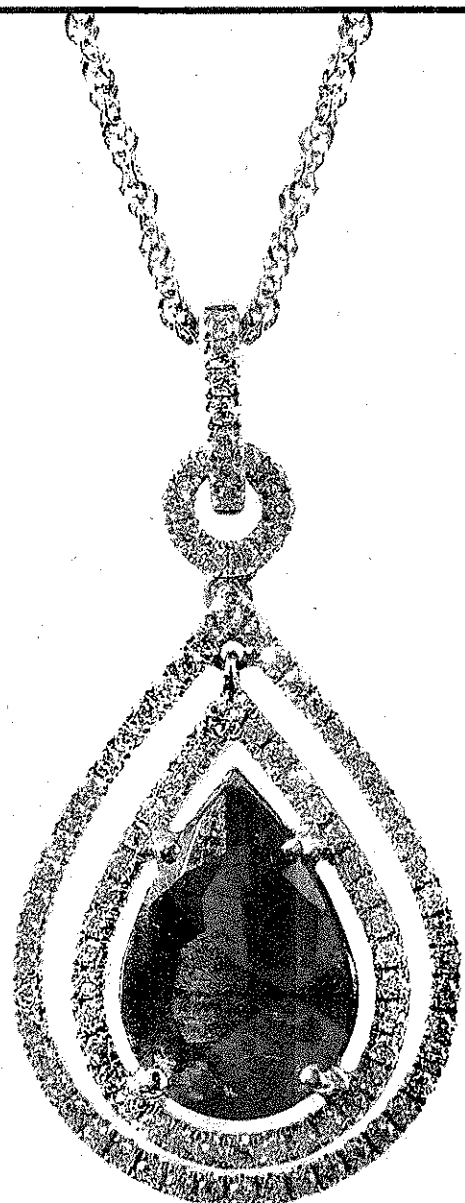
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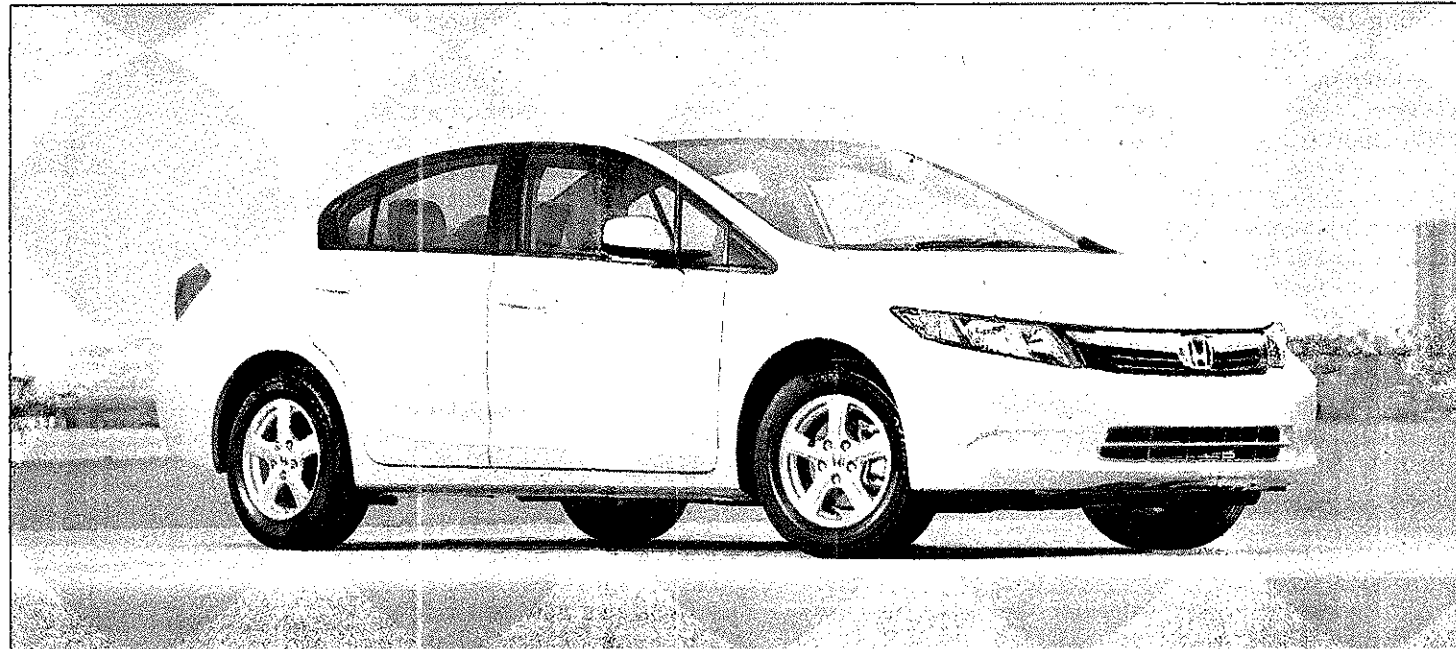
## AUTOMOTIVE

# Honda Civic Natural Gas awarded 'Green'

Green Car Journal recently announced the Honda Civic Natural Gas as the 2012 Green Car of the Year winner during the Los Angeles Auto Show's press days.

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2012 Honda Civic Natural Gas

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almost exclusively domestically sourced and typically priced about 30 percent less than gasoline.

"There is no other vehicle like the Civic Natural Gas on American highways, and this recognition has been a long time coming for Honda," said Ron Cogan, editor and publisher of Green Car Journal. "The new-generation Civic Natural Gas features greater fuel efficiency, a handsome and roomier new design and tailpipe emissions levels untouchable by any other internal combustion production vehicle."

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The Green Car of the Year jury, comprised of six environmental and automotive experts along with Green Car Journal

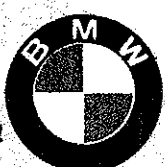
editors, selected the 2012 Honda Civic Natural Gas from a field of five finalists that also included the Ford Focus Electric, Mitsubishi i, Toyota Prius v and Volkswagen Passat TDI.

Green Car of the Year honors are reserved for exemplary vehicles that forward environmental performance in meaningful and quantifiable ways, with all nominees on sale by Jan. 1 of the award year.

"This year's Green Car of the Year finalists underscore there is no single solution to our transportation challenges," Cogan said. "Virtually every automotive manufacturer is exploring green technology in several forms. The Honda Civic Natural Gas, is a prime example of an alternative fuel that is viable, efficient and practical, making it worthy of the 2012 Green Car of the Year award."

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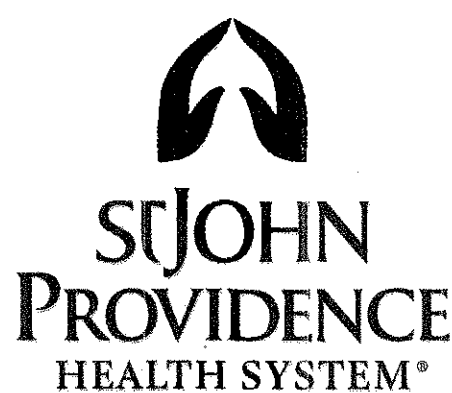
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Translating old world themes of bronze and iron into today's decorations for a holiday in South's **Cleminson Hall**.

## Holidays salvaged

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

In the mother's club basement closet at Grosse Pointe South, submerged under waters leveled knee-high, lay the unsalvageable remains of holidays past.

All the decorations used in previous years for furnishing Cleminson Hall were destroyed in a mid-summer flood after a pipe in the closet burst overnight.

And with the holidays three months away, club president Allison Baker and decorating committee chair Amy Graham were forced to decide quickly how to replace the damaged decor.

"I was on my summer vacation down South and I got the phone call, 'Allison, are you sitting down,'" Baker said. "So, I had to call Amy. I had asked her to decorate the hall last year about this time ... I had to call her and say, 'about those decorations, we're going to have to turn it up a notch.' She was such a trooper. She'd actually been planning some changes already, so it actually worked out really well."

A student at Wayne State University, Graham was inspired in her World Civilization to 1500 class and sought to translate themes from professor Hans Hummer's lectures to the holiday decorations, while also celebrating Cleminson Hall's history. What emerged was an "Age of Bronze and Iron," a correlation to painter Edgar Louis Yeager's three murals located around Cleminson Hall's front entrance.

"We decided the tradition of having a tree in Cleminson Hall was an important tradition here at Grosse Pointe South, but that maybe we needed to re-evaluate what specifically was on the tree and how it could relate to the historical setting of Cleminson Hall and to the students," Graham said. "So, that's why we chose this theme, 'Ages of Bronze and Iron.'"

According to Graham, the specific time frame represents the development of themes and ideologies relevant to present-day education, from philosophy, medicine and mathematics to the evolution and advancements of universal world religions, such as Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism.



PHOTOS BY A.J. HAKIM

The 17-foot "Age of Bronze and Iron" tree represents the development of themes and ideologies relevant to present-day education, while celebrating the history of Grosse Pointe South's Cleminson Hall.

Use of copper, bronze and iron — chief materials used to manufacture weapons — also characterize the period and serve as primary colors for the ribbons, garlands and hand-crafted ornaments adorning the 17-foot tree and garnishing the room. A group of mothers and students from Pierce, Brownell, Defer and other district schools designed and decorated a majority of the ornaments, which range from copper and gold-glittered letters, to small scrolls with sacred

writings of the universal religions.

The mother's club purchased other decorations, including the globe set atop the tree which embodies Graham's theme.

"The globe at the top replaces traditional Christian symbolism of a star; The globe representing the whole history of the world and how we, as members of humanity, especially during this time of year, can learn and respect each other," Graham said.



From left, Hans Hummer, Wayne State University associate professor of history; Amy Graham, Cleminson Hall decorating committee chairwomen; Allison Baker, mother's club president; Kimberlee Tripp, chairwomen of the Holiday Walk; and Jim Triano, decorating committee member.

To showcase the newly-decorated room, the mother's club added Cleminson Hall to its bi-annual Holiday Walk and

Shopping Extravaganza, its second largest fundraiser.

Cleminson Hall is the fundraiser's hub and features 15 local vendors for shopping and a raffle in excess of 25 prizes. The walk also highlights five houses — three in Grosse Pointe Park, one in the City of Grosse Pointe and one in Grosse Pointe Farms — specially decorated for the occasion. Attendees walk through each house, viewing decorations.

"This year, since we have these new phenomenal decorations, we've decided to make this the centerpiece of our Holiday Walk," Baker said. "So people of the community will be able to come in and see the tree and see everything."

The Holiday Walk and Shopping Extravaganza is from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for senior citizens and \$20 for others and are available at Posterity: A Gallery, Chocolate Bar Café, South's store and online at mothersclubgps.com. Tickets are \$25 the day of the event.

## Spirit of Community

Celebrating the "spirit" of women, Beaumont Community Health Coalition's first Spirit of Community Awards went to Rachael Harrison, Diane Strickler, Jennifer Buszka-McMann and Suzanne Klein.

Harrison earned the Young Person Role Model title. She volunteers at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, serving as a volunteer patient escort for two summers. She discusses the benefits of volunteering with other teens and has been a tutor for five years in the program, Bound Together Detroit.

Harrison initiated a high school movie night with proceeds benefiting Bound



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From left, Diane Strickler, Jen Buszka-McMann, Rachael Harrison, Suzanne Klein and Dr. Donna Hoban, senior vice president and medical director Beaumont Grosse Pointe.

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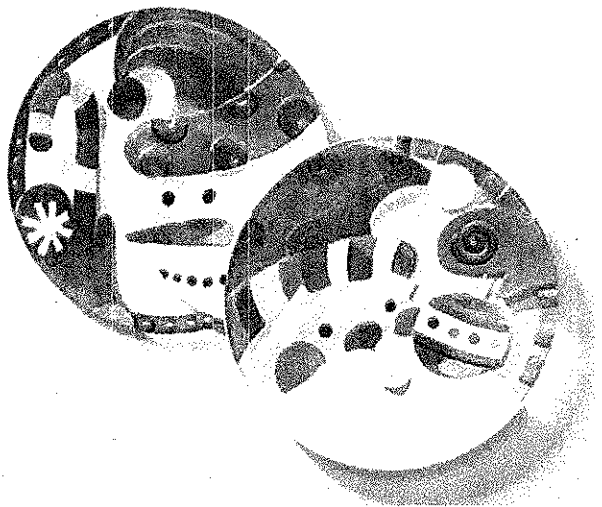
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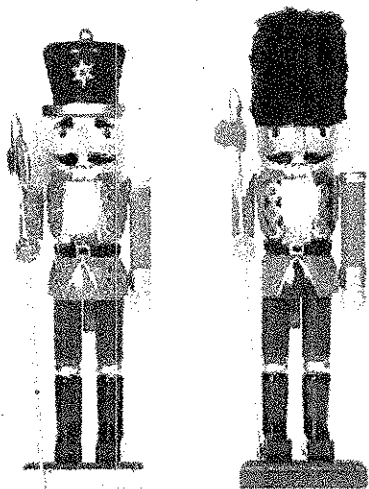
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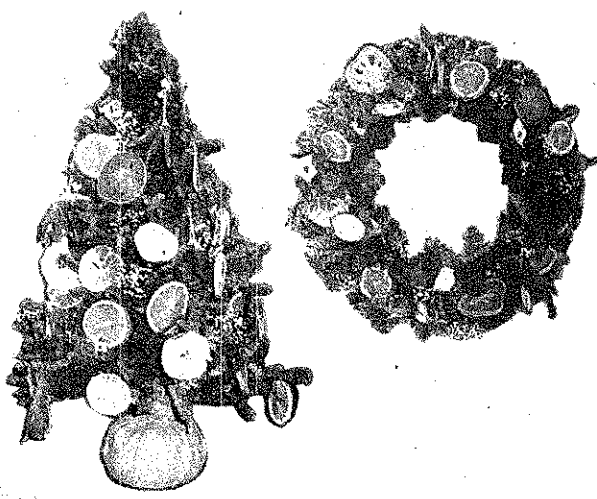
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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Services for Older Citizens, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, third floor, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Group members exchange babysitting ideas.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

## Assumption Nursery

Assumption Nursery School hosts Family Art Day from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For reservations, call (586) 772-4477.

The public can attend.

## Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, Dec. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch costs \$13 and the public can attend.

## Friends of Vision

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, for a Christmas party at The

## Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology

15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

## Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe for a subscription holiday lunch. Joan Micou presents the program; holiday center pieces.

## Mother's Club

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and the Parents' Club of Grosse Pointe North host their annual Holiday Concert and Tea at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The event features the choirs of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South accompanied by an orchestra from both schools.

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## Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds orientations at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5; 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7; and 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

The organization helps people live quality lives during their cancer journeys.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761.

## Women's Connection

The Women's Connection meets at Ardmore Park Place Restaurant, 26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, Thursday, Dec. 8. Social half hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker, Michele Marine, discusses Detroit waterfront improvements.

For reservations and more information, call Nancy Neat at (9313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

## La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breastfeeding information and support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in a Grosse Pointe Park house. For more information, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Maria at (313) 885-3709.

## Grosse Pointe Theatre

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre production, "Moonglow," are from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Scripts are available at the theater.

For more information, call (313) 881-4004. For a PDF copy, call Harry Burkey at (313) 885-1393 or (313) 407-6225.

## Play synopses

The comic drama by Michigan playwright Kim Carney tells the story of Diane, who is moving her mother, Maxine, into an assisted living facility. A tough-as-nails spitfire determined not to be quietly, Maxine causes a ruckus, finds a jitterbugging partner and teaches her daughter a valuable lesson.

## Rehearsals, show dates

Rehearsals begin Dec. 13 at the theater. Show dates are Feb. 17-19 and 24-26, with possible additional performances March 2-4, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center.

## Characters:

**BENITA:** 30s — Supervisor of the alzheimer's facility. Capable, warm and possessing the humor and understanding that is essential in her job.

**DIANE:** 40s — A divorced mother overwhelmed and frustrated by her mother's condition.

**YOUNG GIRL:** 18-20s — A lively teenage bobby-soxer who speaks in '40s slang and loves to jitterbug.

**MAXINE:** — A bitter, cantankerous elderly woman, capable of physical violence.

Underneath she is extremely frightened and confused by her condition.

**JOE:** 70s - 80s — A vital, easy-going man with a wicked sense of humor and proud spirit.

**GREG:** 40-50s — Joe's son, the divorced father of two teenage girls. Uptight and angry, he has a strong sense of family obligation and is continually frustrated by the old man's refusal to be dependent on him.

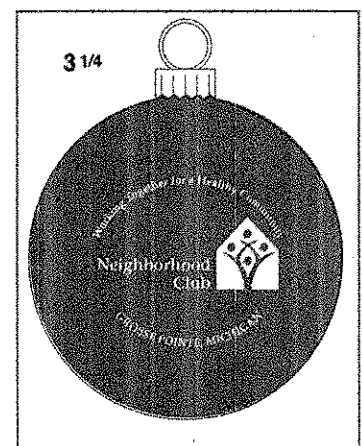
**THE SAILOR:** 20s — A handsome and cheerful man, he wears a white World War II era uniform and loves to dance.

## Soroptimist

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## Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods sponsors the film, "The Race to Nowhere The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Following the 85-minute documentary, a question and answer session is facilitated by Mary Beth Garvey, Sean Hogan Downey and Maureen McKinley.

Seating is limited. To register, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. The cost is \$5.

## Lake St. Clair Symphony

The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra performs "A Celebration of Christmas" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Choirs from Lake Shore Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church of Eastpointe sing.

Music of Vivaldi, Berlin, Anderson, and John Williams are played.

Adult admission is \$15, seniors pay \$10 and students pay \$5.

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## ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Vernon

## Keeping children active in winter



**Q** Do you have any suggestions of things to do with my young children in the fall/winter months?

**A** As stay-at-home parents and caregivers of young children can attest, when winter arrives, a bit of panic sets in.

Play Central, a drop-in open play group run by The Family Center at Barnes school gym, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, is an option for play time. The program is open through April from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$3 per

family visit.

The center provides the space and the toys, the children and their parent/caregiver provide the fun. It's the perfect opportunity for children to run, crawl, ride, throw, skip, hop and jump off energy while the adults socialize with other adults.

Parents/caregivers can also accompany their children to Play Central Plus from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at no extra charge.

This more structured format play group is led by a Barnes Preschool teacher and offers circle time and various activities based on that week's theme.

The program also introduces children to the preschool experience while maintaining the comfort of the parent/caregiver's support.

Paula Doak of the Merry Music Makers holds music classes for children attending Play Central.

Like Play Central Plus, parents/caregivers bring their children to the classes. Times vary, with 20-minute time slots available during both sessions on a first come, first served basis.

Participation in Play Central benefits children socially and improves relationships. We've met children shy around other children that, by April, were running in the pack and friendships form between children and adults.

Vernon serves as The Family Center's assistant to the director and afternoon Play Central coordinator. She can be reached at The Family Center, (313) 432-3832.

The Family Center, a non-profit organization, offers information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

E-mail questions to [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org). To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 432-3832.

## SPIRIT: Three winners

Continued from page 1B

Together Detroit and is involved in Interact, National Honor Society and sings in her church choir.

Strickler received the Community Hero award. She served as board president for an inner city mission of five neighborhood houses, founded The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods and is a member of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

Buszka-McMann received the Healthcare Hero award. She works with new parents in Beaumont, Grosse Pointe's parenting program, a free, one-stop resource for anyone delivering a

baby at Beaumont. The program offers phone calls, individual contact and parent groups to assist first-time parents in caring for their newborn. She also works with new mothers and coordinates programs for women suffering from depression after child birth and preventive services.

Klein was given the Spirit of Community Leadership Award. The retiring superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public School System began as a special education teacher at Monteith Elementary School, working her way up to become the district's longest-serving superintendent.

During her tenure, she fostered partnerships between school and community. She is a member of Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

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## 4B | ENTERTAINMENT

## What's happening

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers a holiday series of family-centered special events and programs.

Advance registration is required for most events and recommended for all. Call (313) 881-7511.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** — 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Bring an apron and get hands-on experience creating holiday cookies from around the world. Instructor Pam Gustairs prepares cookie classics from the United States, Italy, Poland, Mexico and more. Each student takes home a box filled with treats. The cost is \$45.

**Breakfast with Santa** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sundays, Dec. 4 and 11 and Saturday,

Dec. 10. Santa visits with each table during this family-style breakfast. Following breakfast, the Merry Music Maker performs. The cost is \$16.

**Bedtime Stories with Santa** — 7 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6; Monday, Dec. 12; Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Alter House reception room. Children ages 4 and up can hear Christmas stories read by Santa. Youngsters can wear pajamas and bring a blanket. Milk and cookies are served. The cost is \$10 per child. Adults are admitted free.

**Holiday Luncheon** — noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. Lunch is served in the Alger House where a gift boutique is set up and door prizes awarded.

ed. The cost is \$25.

**All About Wine with the Holidays** — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7. Master Sommelier Claudia Tyagi provides expertise on which wine to serve with holiday menus. Age 21 and over. The cost is \$65.

**The All Night Strut Holiday Show!** — 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8. Travel to The Gem Theatre to see the show featuring jazz, blues, bebop and classic songs. The cost is \$75 and includes lunch, show ticket and bus transportation.

**Holiday Ball Middle School Dance** — 7:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9. Attire is dressy. Open to students in grades 6-8 residing in or attending school in Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$14. Students must have a War Memorial ID card. No tickets are sold at the door.

**A Victorian Christmas** —

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## Yesterday's Headlines

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

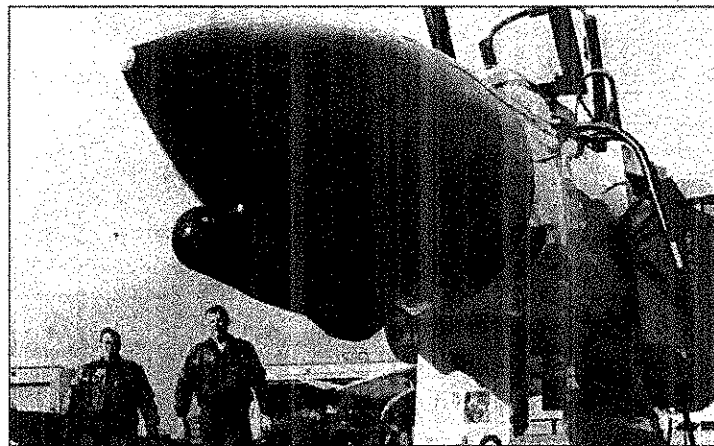
# 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS KILLS APARTMENT PLANS:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, following a public hearing, denied Woodrow W. Woody permission to build a multiple dwelling on Vernier near Mack Ave.

Mr. Woody was seeking to have the zoning ordinance amended in order to erect a two-story cooperative apartment with 40 units. He is present owner of the property in question, which is zoned residentially, and by the 5 to 2 majority vote of the council, remains so zoned.

Mr. Wood's proposal had been before the planning commission on several occasions during the past two years.



FROM THE NOV. 27, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1986: Alert!

Maj. Douglas R. Barbier of Grosse Pointe Woods and Lt. Col. Bob Olson of Grosse Pointe Farms head for one of 23 F-4 phantom fighters of the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group, a unit of Michigan's Air National Guard, located at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

# 1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **BOARD TO TRY AGAIN ON SMOKING POLICY:** The Grosse Pointe school board will make another stab at establishing a no-smoking policy

in the two high school campuses. But past discussions indicate that the decision won't be an easy one. The board is unanimous in believing that students shouldn't smoke. But the board is divided over whether to implement a non-smoking policy.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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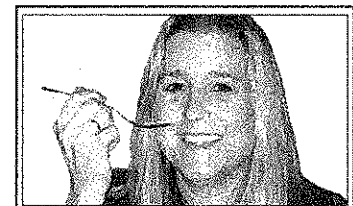
## Church cookbook yields cherry scones



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Scones make for a delightful Christmas morning breakfast.

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tion. Nativity of Our Lord Church in Detroit is celebrating its 100th year anniversary with a cookbook chocked full of recipes from parish members past and present as well as family and friends. I chose a recipe for scones with dried cherries. A treat to greet your family on Christmas morning.

## Dried Cherry Buttermilk Scones

2 cups flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 1/3 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
6 tablespoons chilled butter, cut into small cubes  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 large egg  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
2/3 cup dried cherries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda in a food processor and pulse a few times to combine. Add chilled butter and pulse several times until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Turn mixture into a large bowl.

In a small bowl whisk buttermilk together with egg and vanilla. Add to the flour mixture and stir to combine. (Be patient, it will take a bit of kneading to bring dough together.)

Add cherries and form dough into a 5- to 6-inch diameter circle. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Cut dough into eight equal wedges and separate slightly from one another. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until scones are a golden brown.

These moist crumbly cakes are only slightly sweet with a perfect bite of tart from the cherries.

Serve them hot with butter and honey on the side for a real Christmas present. Yummy.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Judy Mary

## It is for your life

The founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, wrote a letter in which he said, "Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is for your life; there is no other way ... Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow."

The phrase "It is for your life" is powerful ... for your life!

Read and pray daily? At this time of the year? Shopping and baking and decorating and wrapping and entertaining and writing the Christmas letter leaving you breathless? Read and pray daily? Really?

Rather than seeing the four weeks of Advent as an opportunity for spiritual growth, many are thinking about the in-laws visiting, the uncle who shows up late for dinner, will it be turkey or ham this year. "Do justice for your own soul; give it time and means to grow."

If we spend eight hours a day sleeping, that leaves 16 waking hours. Let's say we take one-tenth of that for justice for your own soul, that's 1.6 hours. What might we do with that time? We could watch a reality show, surf the Internet, chase after the Martha Stewart ideal of the perfect Christmas — or search the scriptures and our hearts for God's timeless message of hope, peace, joy and love.

Focus on each of these four words ... one for each week of Advent. Let the word settle in to your thoughts and soak into your life. Let it spread across your imagination.

What does each word teach about the character of God? What does it tell about the child whose birth we celebrate? What does this word mean for our lives today?

Live with an Advent word, these or those of your own choosing, and seek to embody that word, letting it lead you to the word embodied, Emmanuel... "The Word became flesh and lived among us. (John 1:14).

May is the reverend at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

## CHURCH EVENTS

## Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 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 speaker, Chaplain Major Kurt Taylor, Michigan Air National Guard and minister at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Boston.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m. For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

## Grace United

Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts Jan Dolland who teaches how to make Christmas ornaments from wood shavings at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

The cost is \$6 and covers lunch and a kit for making six ornaments.

For reservations, call (313) 822-3823.

## Star of the Sea

Brian Foos, music director at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, and the school's music teacher, Jennifer Lindquist, perform a concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the church, 575 Ballantyne, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Among the works performed are selections from Bach, Rutter, Guilman, Cook, Matthais, Vierne, Ranck and Sweelinck.

Admission is free. Freewill offerings are accepted.

## Fort Street Chorale

The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present their 33rd annual performances of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

## St. Margaret's

St. Margaret Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, holds a Christmas cookie walk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3.

The cost is \$6 per pound. All cookies are homemade.

## Christ Church

An Advent procession is led by the Men and Boys Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

## First English

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church holds its third annual free carol-a-long beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. The event includes crafts, supper and a self-guided tour of the 45 decorated Christmas trees displayed in the church.

Participants sing sacred and secular seasonal songs originating on the Broadway stage or in movies.

The Good News Singers and Good News Ringers, under the direction of Christina Judson, attend.

◆ The Good News Singers and instrumentalists perform several sacred classics from the Christmas and Advent seasons at the 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, service.

The music includes a mix of old and new musical celebrations including choral works by Praetorius, Rutter and Rouse. The public can attend. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

## St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts The Cantata Academy Chorale and Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

The performance includes Bach's "Magnificat" and Handel's "Organ Concerto" with organist Dave Wagner playing the pipe organ.

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## Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a living nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

Performances are every 45 minutes and children can sign up to play a part in the event. A light lunch is served in the church. The event is free.

EVENTS: Ski trip *Continued from page 4B*

9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13. Visit the Gov. Fred Warner's Victorian Italianate house in Farmington, built in 1867 and furnished in late Victorian style. The cost is \$52 and includes lunch, tour and bus transportation. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

**Ski Hi Club mandatory meeting** — 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19. Grosse Pointe students in grades 6-10 can take ski trips to Pine Knob Friday nights. Both parent and student must be present. Bring 2-inch photo for ID.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Norsemen stay the course, beat South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North won its first meeting of the season against city rival Grosse Pointe South, 4-2, in the consolation game of the Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tourmanet last weekend at Wallace Ice Arena.

"We showed glimpses of being really, really good and glimpses of being really bad today," North head coach Scott Lock said. "I give South credit for outworking us early in the first period, but we regrouped and dominated the second period."

"We have a lot of work to do, but I'm happy with our start to the season."

"We took too many costly penalties and didn't capitalize on our opportunities," South head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "We have the ability to compete against the tough teams, but we have to play better than we did today."

The Norsemen scored the only goal in the first period when Joe Aluia tallied on the power play with 3:44 left. Brad Werenski and David Chavis drew assists.

In the opening period, the Norsemen outshot the Blue Devils 7-5 and were whistled for two penalties to five for South.

It was all Norsemen in the second period, but the Blue Devils were able to hang around, thanks to quick strikes on their power-play opportuni-



Grosse Pointe South's Ian Corbett drives through Livonia Stevenson's zone during a 4-1 defeat.

ties.

Joe Giordano scored at the 12:45 mark to make it a 2-0 game as Chavis and Anthony Allemon had assists.

South's Jake Corden scored with the extra man advantage at the 8:30 mark with Wes Cimmarrusti and Andrew Hyde netting assists. It took the

Blue Devils only 12 seconds to score with the man advantage.

Less than two minutes later, Jack Guest poked the puck past South goalie Andrew Wright to once again give the Norsemen a two-goal advantage. Anthony Saleh and Jeff Herron had the assists.

And once again the Blue

Devils cut it to a one-goal deficit when Max Corden scored 17 seconds into a power play. Jake Corden and Hyde assisted.

The Norsemen turned a two-on-one break into their final goal when Werenski scored with 4:37 left in the second stanza. Saleh and Brendan Keelan had assists.

The Norsemen outshot the Blue Devils 15-6 in the period and 10-9 in the third to win the battle of shots on goal, 32-20.

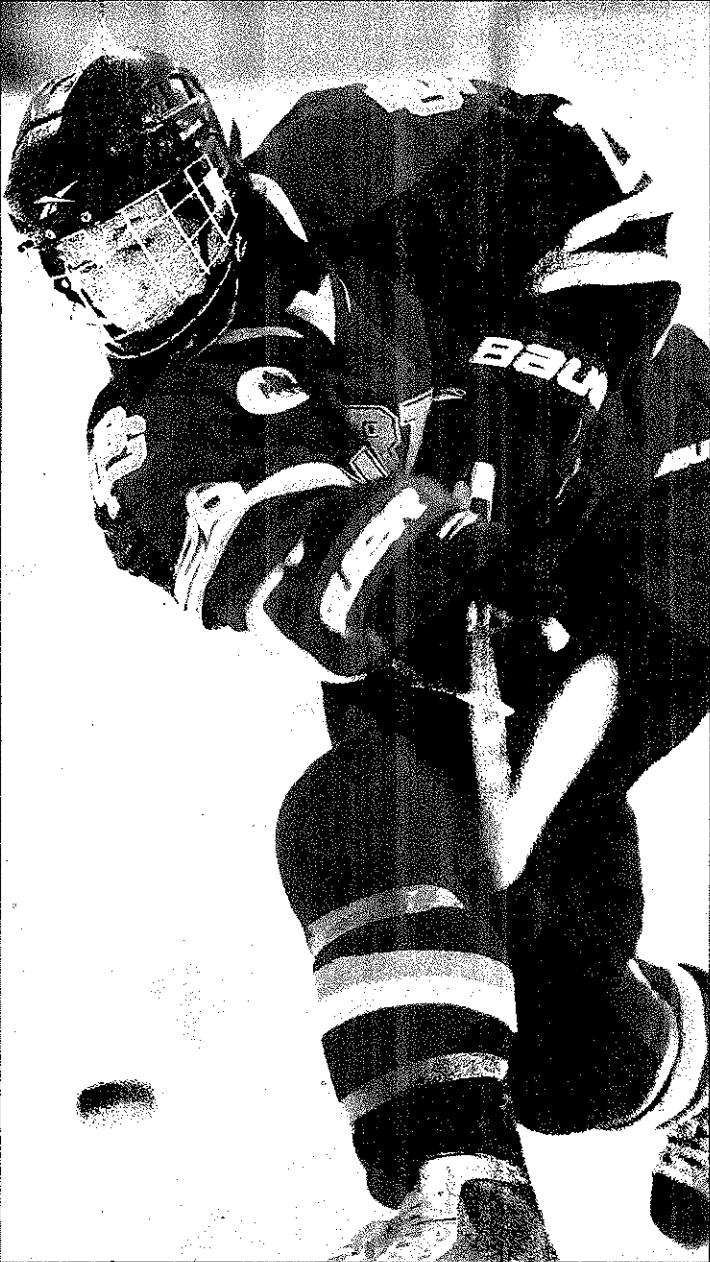
Each team had a two-man advantage in the latter stages of the third period. The Blue Devils had a full two minutes with the two-man edge, but only had two shots on goalie Kyle Cousins.

The Norsemen used their two-man advantage to run out the clock on the victory.

In the tournament semifinals, North lost 2-1 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in a game that counts in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings, and South lost 4-1 to Livonia Stevenson.

"It was a great hockey game and too bad we lost because our guys played well in our season opener," Lock said. "The win is great, but I wish we would have won against Cranbrook because our guys played better in that loss than in our win."

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the MIHL; Grosse Pointe South dipped to 1-3 overall.



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Grosse Pointe North's Anthony Allemon rips a slap shot during the Norsemen's tough loss to Cranbrook Kingswood.

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SPORTS

LIGGETT

Tough defeat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' hockey team dropped a tough 2-1 game to visiting Port Huron last week.

Freshman goalie Jenna Pleva was the No. 1 star, despite taking the loss. She stopped more than three-dozen shots as the Icehawks' offense was on its game.

Pleva's counterpart, Taylor Cook, faced far less shots, but came up with a couple of tough saves in the third period to lift the league-leaders.

After a scoreless opening period, the Knights drew first blood when sophomore Danielle Lorant scored an unassisted goal at the 14:01 mark of the second stanza.

Pleva's steady presence between the pipes allowed the Knights to maintain the one-goal advantage until the 3:37

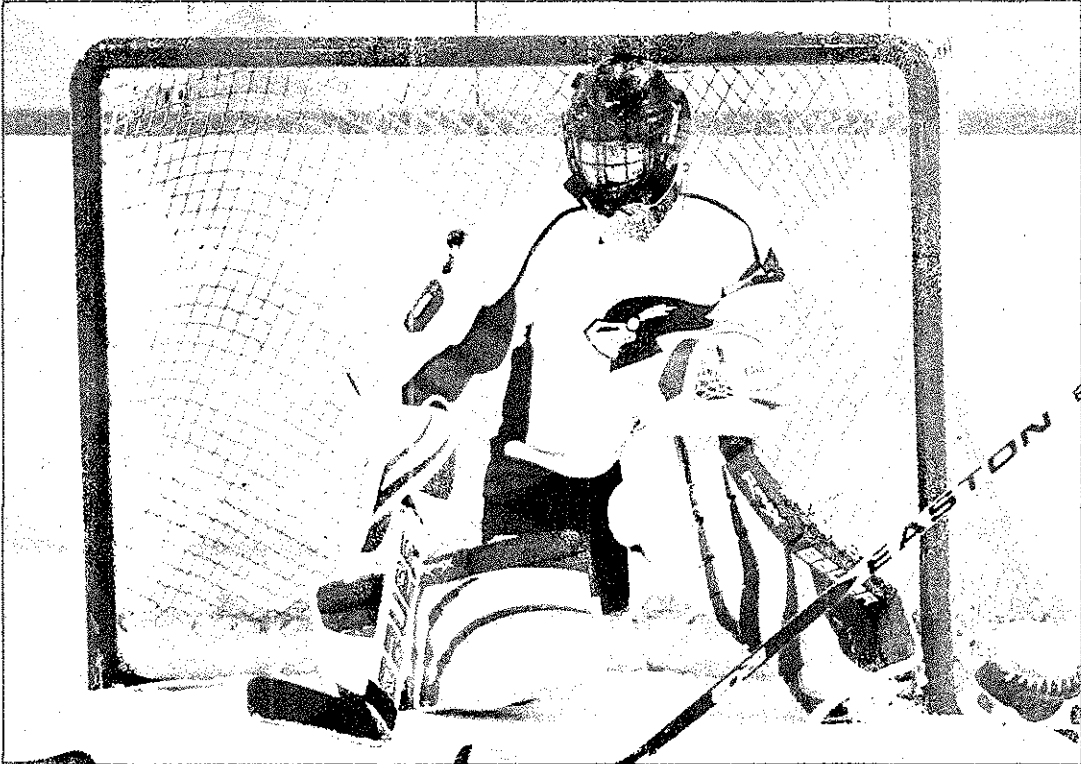


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Freshman goalie Jenna Pleva made several outstanding saves to keep the Knights close to Port Huron.

mark when Icehawks forward Morgan Thompson tallied with Kayla McIntyre and Alyssa Ayers drawing assists.

Haley Cox scored the game-winning goal at the 10:45 mark of the third period with

Thompson and Andrea Rumley netting the assists.

Still, the Knights had their chances with senior Haleigh Bolton, junior Aria Ganz-Waple and Lorant leading the charge, but they couldn't get

the tying goal by Cook.

With the loss, Liggett, under first-year head coach Cassie Jaekle, dropped to 1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 0-1 against Division 1 opponents.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net first win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team made it a truly thankful Thanksgiving last week for head coach Joe Lucchese.

The Norsemen traveled to Walled Lake and whipped the home team 8-1 behind junior Sara Villani's six-point game. She had four goals and two assists.

The Norsemen led 2-0 after the opening period and broke the game open with a four-goal second period. They led 7-0 before Walled Lake scored. Senior Emma Huellmantel earned the win and took a seat on the bench in the third period. Junior Dylan Trout saw some playing time between the pipes, too.

"We came out with a lot of energy like we needed to," Lucchese said. "The girls

played with a lot of intensity and they earned that first win of the season. It was nice to get the day before Thanksgiving."

Senior Jennifer Cusmano also had a hat trick and added two assists, while junior Bryn Moody had the other goal and drew three assists.

Freshman Karina Lucchese had two assists, while junior Natalie Skorupski, senior Melissa Mermiges and freshman Nicole Haggerty had an assist apiece as Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a 5 p.m. tournament semifinal game Friday, Dec. 2, against host University Liggett. Cranbrook Kingswood faces Northville at 7 p.m. The winners play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and the consolation contest starts at 11:30 a.m.

LIGGETT

Knights open season winning one of three

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team earned its first win of the season last weekend, pummeling Gibraltar Carlson 8-0 in the consolation game of the Allen Park Tournament.

"It was nice to get a less taxing game and get a needed win after a couple of tough openers," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We had a few guys scratched from the lineup, which really left us with a short bench."

The game ended after two periods as juniors Jake Soyka and Manny Counsman had two goals apiece to lead the Knights.

Other goal scorers with one apiece were senior Austin Petitpren, freshman Josh Soyka, senior David Gushee and junior Mark Auk.

In its first tournament game, Liggett outshot Brownstown Woodhaven by a 3-to-1 margin, but lost 4-3 in overtime.

"We were shorthanded already and lost a player on a tough hit midway through the game," McIntyre said. "It was a good game and our guys

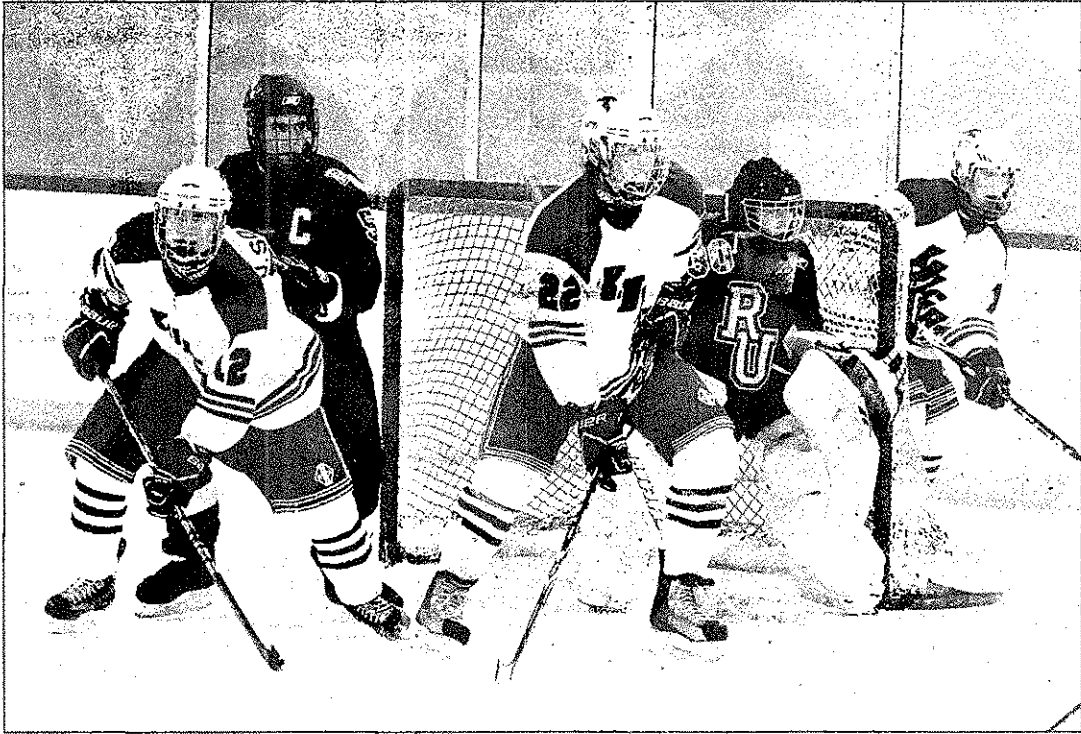


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett forwards, from left, Josh Soyka, Austin Petitpren and Manny Counsman, create traffic in front of Rochester United's goalie.

played well enough to win, but they just couldn't find the back of the net against a very good Woodhaven goalie."

Counsman, Gushee and Auk scored for the Knights.

Earlier in the week, Liggett hosted Rochester United in its season opener, losing 3-2.

Despite outshooting the opposition by a 3-to-1 margin, the Knights couldn't get into a rhythm in front of the home fans.

"It was an ugly loss," McIntyre said. "We outshot them by a ton and still found a way to lose the game."

Jake Soyka scored a power-play goal at the 10:15 mark of the opening period with Auk netting an assist.

It looked like it would be smooth sailing for the Knights, who kept constant pressure in Rochester's defensive zone.

However, it was Rochester who tied the game when the puck slid under senior goalie Joey Davenport's glove a little more than a minute later.

Rochester grabbed a 2-1 lead with a power-play goal at the 4:52 mark of the second period and stunned the home team when it added another power-play tally at the 9:51 mark of the third period, taking a 3-1 lead.

The Knights got one back when sophomore Vincent Scarfone scored at the 8:21 mark. Jake Soyka and sophomore Lordanthony Grissom had the assists.

McIntyre's squad continued to put shots on net, but it never scored the equalizer, despite having a two-man advantage in the final two minutes of the third period.

Liggett is 1-2 overall.

Charity game

University Liggett and Michigan Sled Dogs are at it again, squaring off for a charity game at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at McCann Arena.

They are, for the second year, promoting the sport of sled hockey and provide awareness for the different types of disabilities.

Sled hockey is a sport for athletes who cannot play stand-up hockey.

Players sit on an aluminum sled with two blades under their bucket. Two sticks with picks in the end allow players to propel themselves around the ice and shoot with both hands.

Last year was a success as the Sled Dogs went to Liggett and talked to the students about what it is like to live with a disability and how sports play a big part in their lives.

Students were able to come away with an appreciation for the men and women with different types of disabilities who can do everything an able-bodied person can do.

The event is free to the public. Donations are being accepted to help the Michigan Sled Dogs defray the costs of travel and ice costs.

The organization is a certified 501(C)(3) non-profit organization; so contributions may be tax deductible.

For more information about the Michigan Sled Dogs, log onto misleddogs.com or like them on Facebook.com/MichiganSledDogs.

TRAVEL HOCKEY

'97 Ice Hawks win tourney

The Grosse Pointe-based 1997 Michigan Ice Hawks won the Major Bantam AAA division of the Bauer Invitational Hockey Tournament held in Chicago, Nov. 4 to 6.

The Ice Hawks won all seven games they played, outscoring their opponents 30-6.

The Bauer Invitational is the nation's premier AAA and Elite AAA tournament of the year with 40 teams from 12 states from around the United States, Russia and Canada competing in the Major Bantam AAA division.

The Ice Hawks round-robin victories were 4-0 over Littleton, Co.; 5-1 over the AAA Alliance Bulldogs from Texas; 3-0 over the Southpointe, Pa. Rinkrats; and 8-0 over the Dundee, Ill. Leafs.

The Ice Hawks defeated the AAA Lambton, Sarnia Sting 3-2 in the quarterfinals and beat the AAA Team: Seattle 4-0 in the semifinals.

The championship pitted the Ice Hawks against the AAA Atlanta Fire. In a back and forth game, the Ice Hawks prevailed, 4-3.

In addition to winning the Bauer Invitational, the Ice Hawks were champions of the Belle Tire South "Back to School Classic" and finalist in the AAA Border City Cup in Sarnia.

The Ice Hawks are currently 28-2 and have been ranked No. 1 in the nation for the seventh week in a row.



PHOTO BY PATTI THEROS

The Ice Hawks are, front row from left, goalies Tyler Parsons and Nick Salliotte; kneeling from left, Brent Jones, Austin Levering, Mitchell Visbara, Antonio Tijerina, Alex Potter, Marko DerManulian, Liam Walker and Alexander Minanov; and standing from left, coach Mike Hamilton, Ramone Kammo (tournament MVP), Kyle Schultz, Austin Koleski, Jason Sommerville, Bobby Kaiser, Richie Filippelli, Keenan Sabatini, William Walker, Jake Smith, Steven Frederick, coach Greg Cheesewright and coach Craig Furstenuau.



## College signings

LIGGETT



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## Hoopin' at U-M

University Liggett senior Madison Ristovski, right, signed a letter-of-intent to play women's college basketball at the University of Michigan for head coach Kevin Borseth. Joining Ristovski during the ceremony were family, friends, teammates and Liggett Athletic Director, Michelle Hicks, left. Borseth announced Ristovski's signing, along with Symone Denham of Columbus, Ohio; Rebecca Lyttle of Hollywood, Fla.; and Kelsey Mitchell of Inkster. The Wolverines finished 17-13 overall and 10-6 in the Big Ten last winter.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Pitching for Wayne State

Grosse Pointe North senior Amy Zaranek, seated center, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play women's softball for Wayne State University. Joining in the ceremony in the high school student center were, standing from left, mother, Betty Zaranek, and father, Robert Zaranek; and seated from left, Athletic Director Ben Bandfield, and varsity softball head coach, Amanda Pata. Wayne State's softball team, under head coach Gary Bryce, starts its 2012 season Friday, Feb. 17, against University of West Georgia in Decatur, Ala.

## Field hockey

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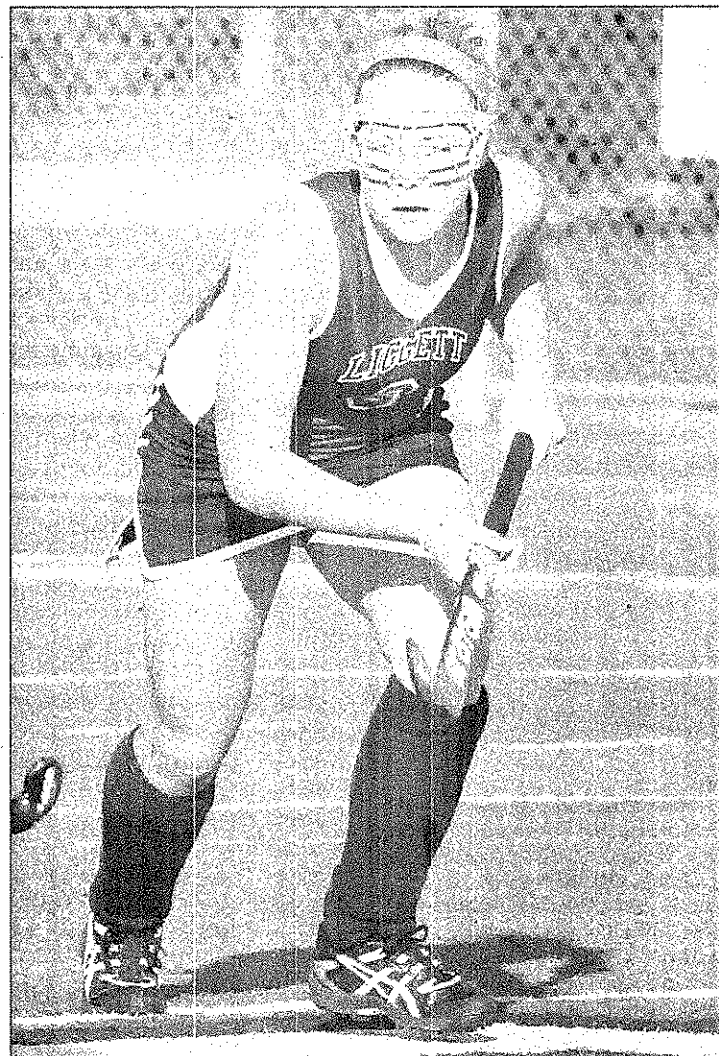


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## Honored

University Liggett seniors Elizabeth Drake and Abby Belcrest, left, earned All-Academic Athlete awards this season in field hockey. Belcrest and sophomore Jacqueline Diggs also earned First Team Division 2 honors, while senior Meghan Berkery made the Honorable Mention Division 2 team.

## Honors

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Tech earns spot in showcase

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Christy Tech was recently selected to compete in the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North at Kent State University Jan. 7 and 8.

The QDSN, in its 18th season, is part of the Queen of Diamonds Showcase events which are the largest fastpitch softball showcases of its kind in the United States.

This event continues to attract athletes from more than 30 states and two Canadian provinces. The Queen of Diamonds South, in its fifth season, has more than 3,000 applicants in which 264 are selected.

This showcase is unique as athletes have to apply to participate and they are selected on criteria ranging from ability, potential, academics, graduation year, coaches requests and referrals.



Christy Tech

Tech plays shortstop on Grosse Pointe South's varsity softball team and plays travel softball for the Vengeance 16U Black squad.

## COLLEGE NEWS

## Peck honored

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference recently released its all-conference football team and Washington and Lee was well represented as senior quarterback Charlie Westfal (New Canaan, Conn./New Canaan) received J. Stokeley Fulton Offensive Player of the Year honors and junior running back Brett Murray (Lookout Mountain, Tenn./Baylor) was named the ODAC/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Both Westfal and Murray were first team selections as well, and they were joined on the first team by senior offensive lineman John Fitzgibbons (Martinsville, Va./Martinsville), senior linebacker Rob Look (Dallas, Texas/Hillcrest) and junior defensive back Jake Pelton (Charlottesville, Va./Monticello).

Senior linebacker John Kavanagh (Cos Cob, Conn./Greenwich), senior defensive back Mike Hartford (Pittsburgh, Pa./Fox Chapel), senior punter Spencer Richards (Kensington, Md./Georgetown Prep), junior

running back Luke Heinsohn (Charlottesville, Va./Covenant), sophomore tight end Alex Evans (Ashburn, Va./Broad Run) and sophomore offensive lineman Connor Hollenbeck (Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta) were all named to the second team.

Additionally, senior place-kicker Peter Alston (Norfolk, Va./Norfolk Collegiate), junior linebacker Stephen Peck (Grosse Pointe/Cranbrook-Kingswood) and sophomore offensive lineman Bobby Jones (Lynchburg, Va./Heritage) were all selected to the third team.

Peck started all 10 games at linebacker and defensive line in earning his first career post-season award. He was second in the conference with 6.0 sacks and notched 46 total tackles.

Washington and Lee completed the 2011 season with an 8-2 overall record and a 5-1 mark in ODAC play. It was the program's first back-to-back seasons with at least eight wins since three straight from 1960-62.

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## Unbeaten

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association's Breakers '00 White team, coached by Mirnes Biscevic and managed by Norm Bird, finished the 2011 fall season as co-champions of the MYSL Under-12 Major Gold Division with a 7-0-3 record, allowing only five goals in the 10 contests. The Breakers successful season continued a winning streak covering the last two years in which the team has captured four season championships while losing only one game in its last 27 league matches. Pictured above are, front row from left, Delaney Bandos, Morgan Connell, Olivia Yates, Sophie Leslie and Lauren Sommerville; and back row from left, Kate Wozniak, Samantha Karwicz, Katherine Bird, Hannah Voytowich, Catherine Troost, Annelies Ondersma and coach Mirnes Biscevic. Elizabeth Murphy is not pictured.

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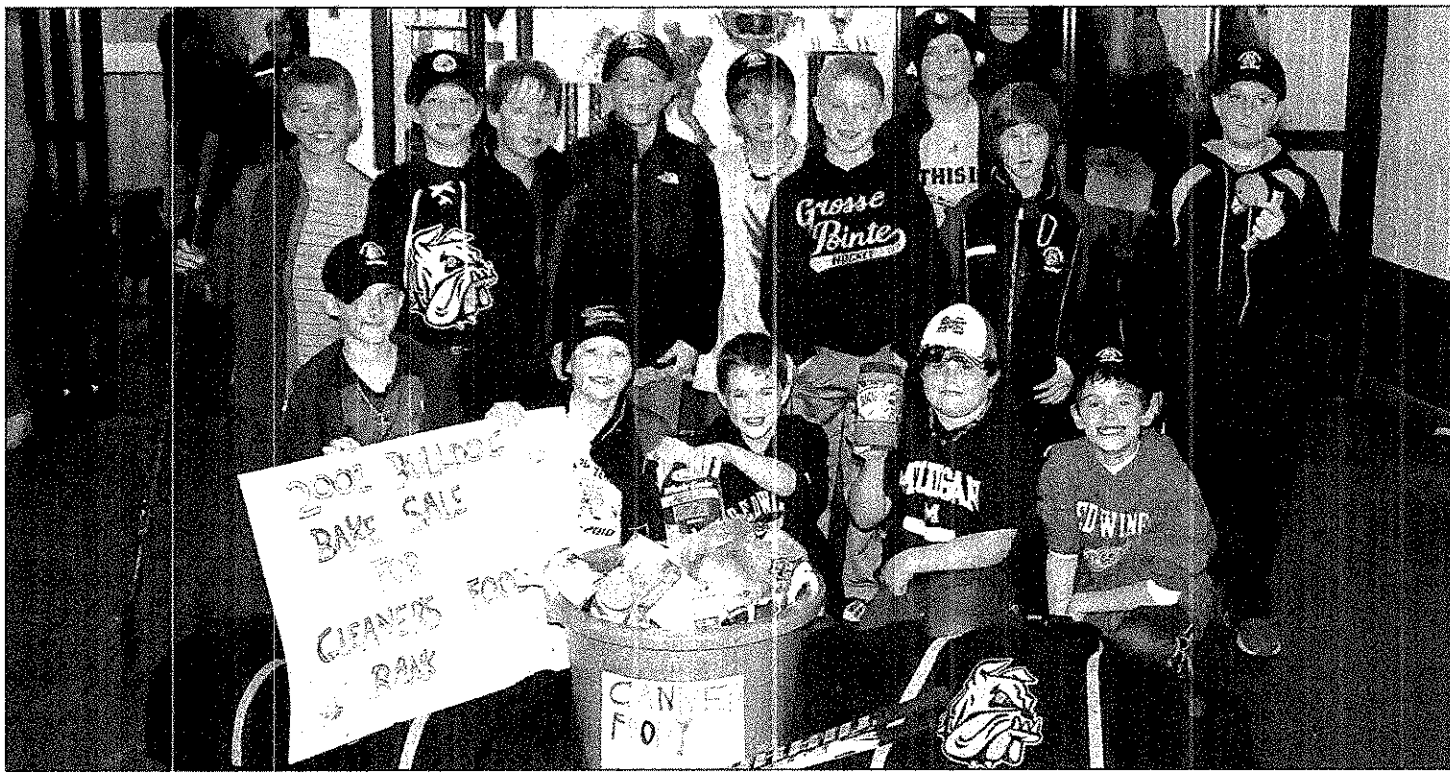


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## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Register for instruction & holiday clinic

Baseball players of any age can now receive personal instruction on all aspects of the game from Grosse Pointe South's baseball coaches.

South coaches are available for inside or outside instruction throughout the year.

Players may choose to have one or more coaches at a time, and can focus on hitting, pitching, fielding, catching or any specific element of the game they prefer.

"We will continue to run the camps we have for years at South in December, January and March, and at Defer in June," said South's long-time varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum. "Now, we are responding to the demand for private instruction throughout the year by offering instruction to individual players, a group of players or teams as a whole."

For details, call Matt Reno at (313) 999-3487.

All MHSAA rules regarding out of season participation will be followed. A portion of the proceeds benefit the

Grosse Pointe South baseball program.

## Holiday camp

The Dan Griesbaum Baseball School has a holiday hitting camp Thursday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Grosse Pointe South.

The cost is \$60 per session or \$100 if registered for both days. The objective is to provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere.

The camp is open to second through sixth graders in the Grosse Pointe Public School District and second through eighth graders if outside the Grosse Pointes. This is due to Michigan High School Athletic Association rules.

For further questions, contact camp director Dan Griesbaum at dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org. The enrollment form can be found on the Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park Little League websites, as well as the South baseball website, gpsouthbaseball.com.

Interested parties can call Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or (313) 886-5537.

Make checks payable to Dan Griesbaum Baseball School, 1318 Edmunton, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Giving back

The 2001 Squirt AA Grosse Pointe Bulldogs collected canned goods Saturday, Nov. 19, at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. The food items were donated to Gleaners Food Bank. The boys pictured are, back row from left, Charlie Ramsdell, Alex Miciuda, Luke Zinn, Sammy Tucker, Weston Brundage, Jack Hall, John Cullen, Michael Kambouris and Connor Albrecht; and front row from left, Frankie Lucido, Zach Wollenzin, Michael Burns, Connor Paull and Peter Martin.

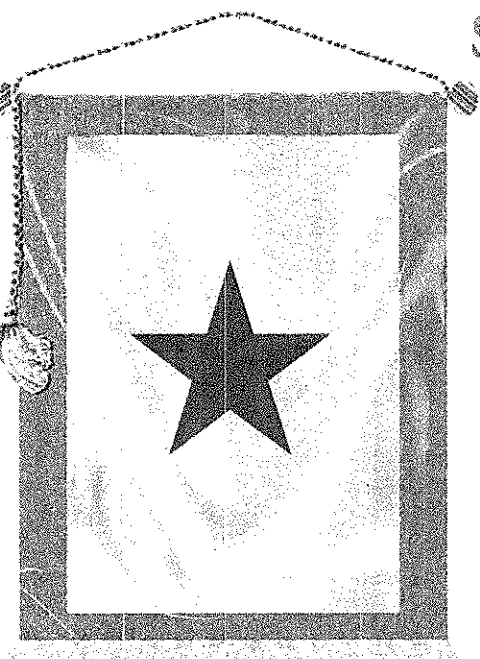
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## BASKETBALL

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"It is our goal to make sure your son or daughter enjoys basketball and learns the proper progression of fundamentals," co-director Kevin Richards said.

There is a fundamental instruction session running Dec. 3 to Jan. 14 and another Feb. 4 to March 3. Each session is 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Participants learn the importance of listening, working on body control, what the triple threat position is and when and why to use it, gaining strength and confidence in ball handling, learning and practicing proper shooting mechanics, learning different types of passes and when to execute them and focusing on team concepts.

The cost of the program is \$139 for each player, which includes a basketball and T-shirt. To register or for further questions, contact Richards at (313) 244-1523 or e-mail at kevin@mwabasketball.com or co-director Stephen Benard at (313) 580-0351 or e-mail at steve@mwabasketball.com.

The league is held at Basketball City, 14600 Eastland Street, Roseville, MI 48066.

Eastland is located off Groesbeck, between 12 Mile and Common Road.

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review convenes on the Tuesday after the second Monday in December for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact.

Ginger Soles  
City Assessor

G.P.N.: 12/01/2011

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE

### AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on December 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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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.

A copy of this notice can be viewed on [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) under Public Notices.

POSTED: November 28, 2011  
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Sgt. Robert Bensinger  
Traffic Safety Section

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING 19617 HARPER HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a second public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers located at 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225, for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from American Community Developers to use residentially zoned property adjacent to 20250 Harper for an off street parking area as provided for in Section 10-149(11), of the Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance. Said parking area is to be used in conjunction with the existing building at 20250 Harper.

Plans for the proposed rezoning are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Notice of this hearing has been sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the area in question. Residents, property owners and other interested persons who are unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office prior to December 5, 2011.

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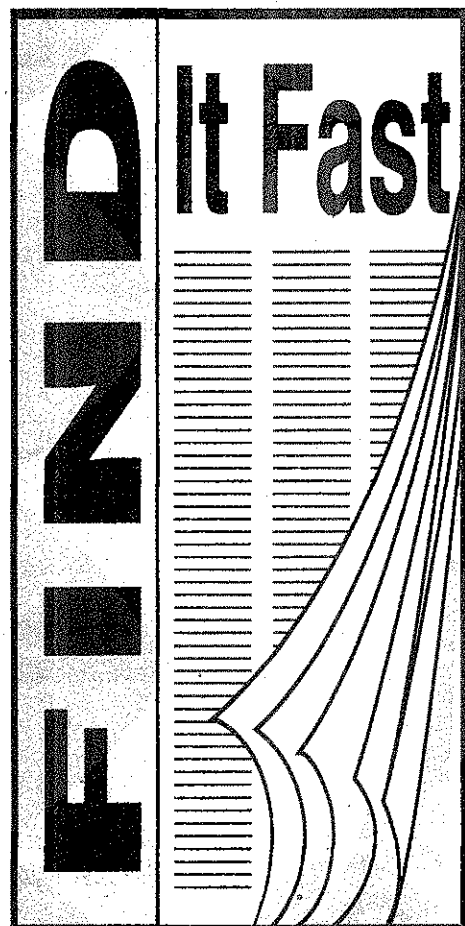
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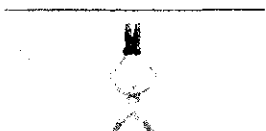
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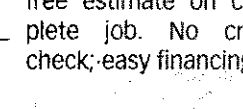
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**ACROSS**

1	Aries animal
4	Mariner's venue
7	Dutch cheese
11	Notion
13	Peculiar
14	Loosen
15	Witty poet Ogden
16	Zero
17	React in horror
18	Southern speech
20	Neap, for one
22	Charged particle
24	Looseleaf notebook
28	Green-eyed
32	Paris river
33	Eager, and then some
34	Spigot
36	Contemporary of Virgil
37	Whom Jason jilted
39	Transport to Oz
41	Tangles
43	Trouble
44	Mr. Gingrich
46	Broomstick passenger
50	Apple's center
53	Noah's boat
55	Traditional tales
56	Renders speechless
57	Regret
58	Ogler's look
59	Charlotte's creations
60	"Family Guy" daughter
61	Newcomer to society
5	Tend texts
6	Wing it
7	12-Down playwright
8	"CSI" evidence
9	Billboards
10	Swab the deck
12	Comedy that debuted on Broadway in 1933
19	Privy
21	Affront (Sl.)
23	Kook
25	Prima donna
26	Oklahoma city
27	Start over
28	Gets stuck
29	Divisible by two
30	Verdi opera
31	Perched
35	"Wham!"
38	Hearty brew
40	Tier
42	Honey bunch?
45	Verifiable
47	— the line (behaved)
48	Saskatchewan tribe
49	KFC additive
50	Crow's cry
51	Have debts
52	CSA soldier
54	Small barrel

**DOWN**

1	Peel
2	Hebrew month
3	Small plateau
4	Bart, to Homer

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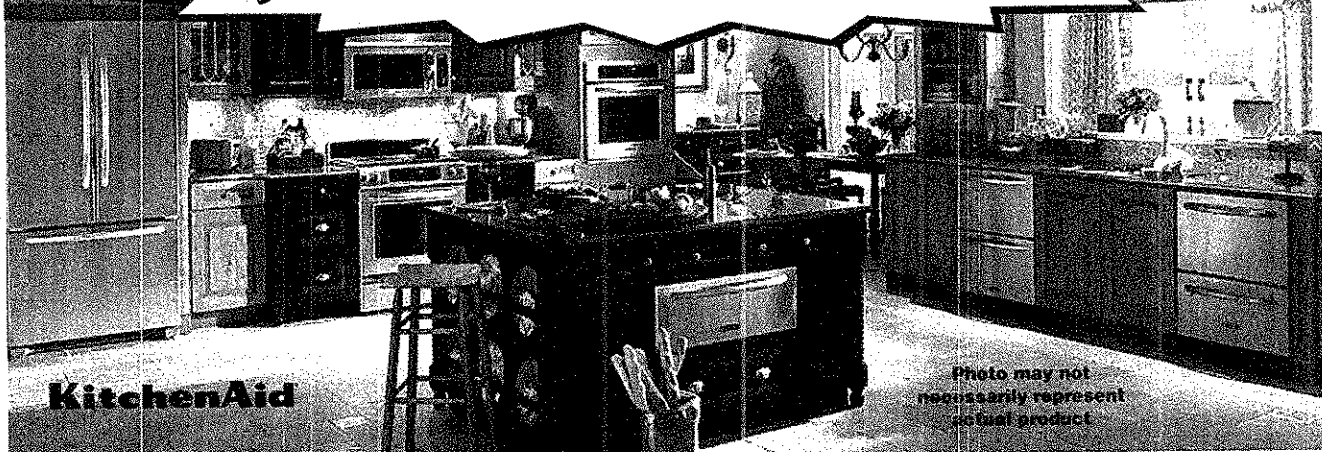
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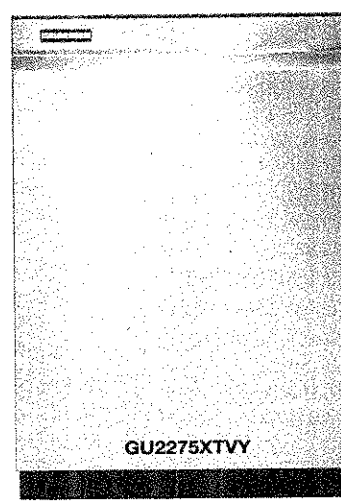
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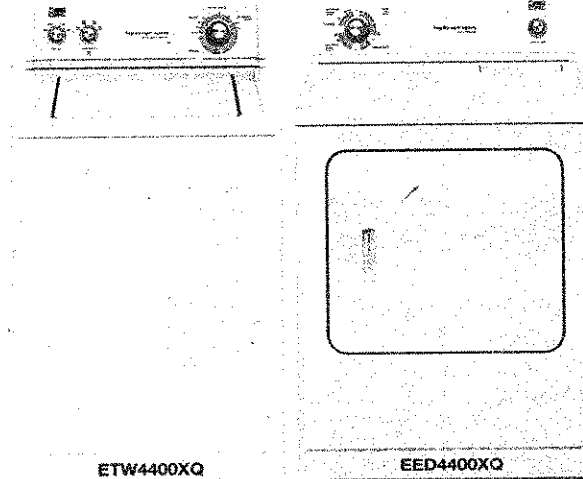
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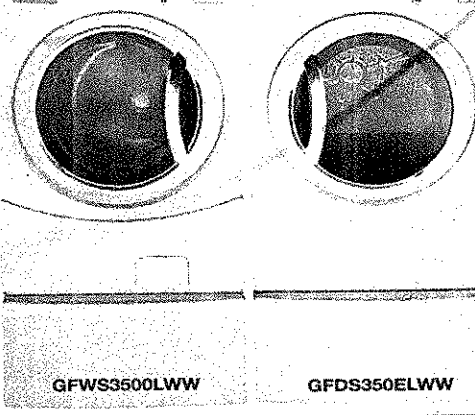
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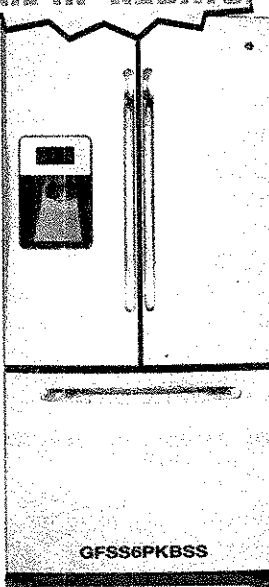
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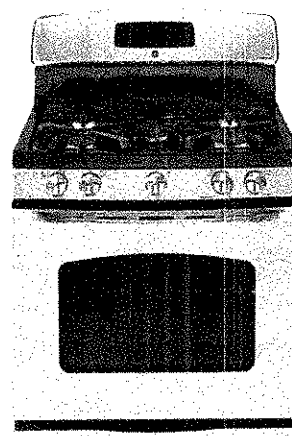
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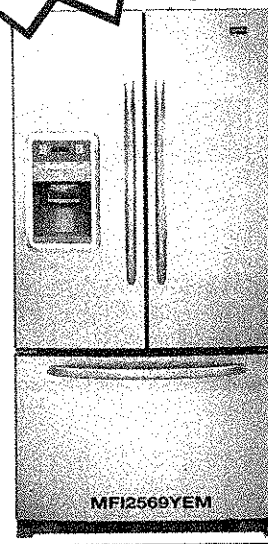


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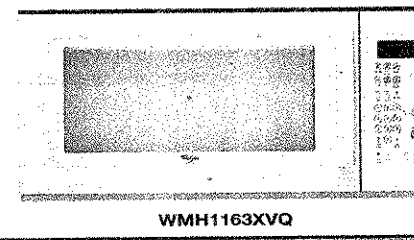
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