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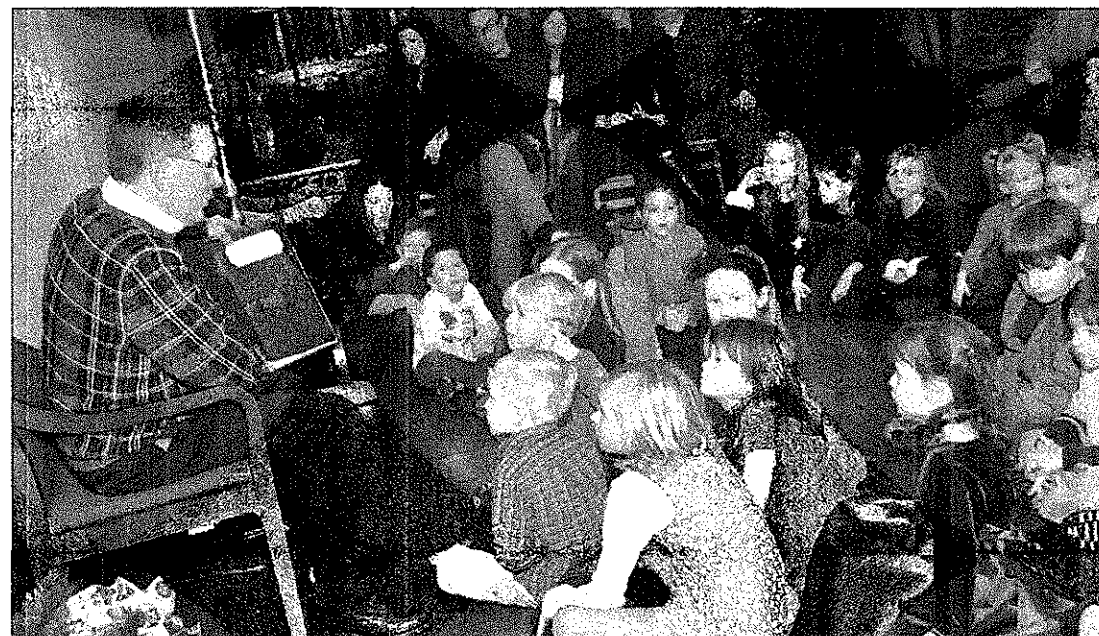
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Alice Popek, of Grosse Pointe Park, looks up at Santa at a story time event at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. At right, Santa slips some gifts around the tree.



Terry Niggeman reads a story to the children before they greet Santa Claus. Below, 3-year-old Leo LePage, of St. Clair Shores, ran to Santa to give him a hug.

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Santa's Story time



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Drugs suspected in Farms car flip

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Adam Paul Reinhard, 26, of Harper Woods, has a chance in court, Jan. 4, to explain why the car he was driving flipped upside down last week on rain-covered Fisher in front of Grosse Pointe South High School.

His statements at the scene said it all as far as first-responders were concerned.

"He admitted to drinking vodka and smoking marijuana this date," said Officer Matthew Hurner, one of many officers and medics converging on the wreck at 5:56 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. "(He) showed unsteady balance, poor coordination and the inability to follow simple instructions. His eyes were bloodshot and droopy."

Reinhard and his male passenger were uninjured.

Officers arrested Reinhard for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Whether the charge stands depends, in part, on an analysis of Reinhard's blood sample taken that evening and sent to the Michigan State Police

crime lab.

"Standard procedure is to send a blood sample to the lab and wait to see what, and how much, is in his system," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati.

The presence of a suspected marijuana pipe in Reinhard's overturned car qualified for an additional charge of possessing narcotics paraphernalia.

"The pipe shows residue and ash," Hurner said.

Reinhard's .048 percent blood alcohol level was within legal limits, police said.

Reinhard spent the night in the Farms lockup. He posted \$500 bond the next morning and was let go.

Detective John Walko, leading the investigation, said he wouldn't be surprised if the court hearing is delayed until late January.

"I doubt we'll get the blood test results back in such short time, especially with the holidays," Walko said.

When officers arrived at the wreck, Reinhard and the passenger were strapped inside his overturned white, 2001 Acura 3.2TL.

The car rested on the front edge of its roof and tip of the hood.

Reinhard got out on his own.

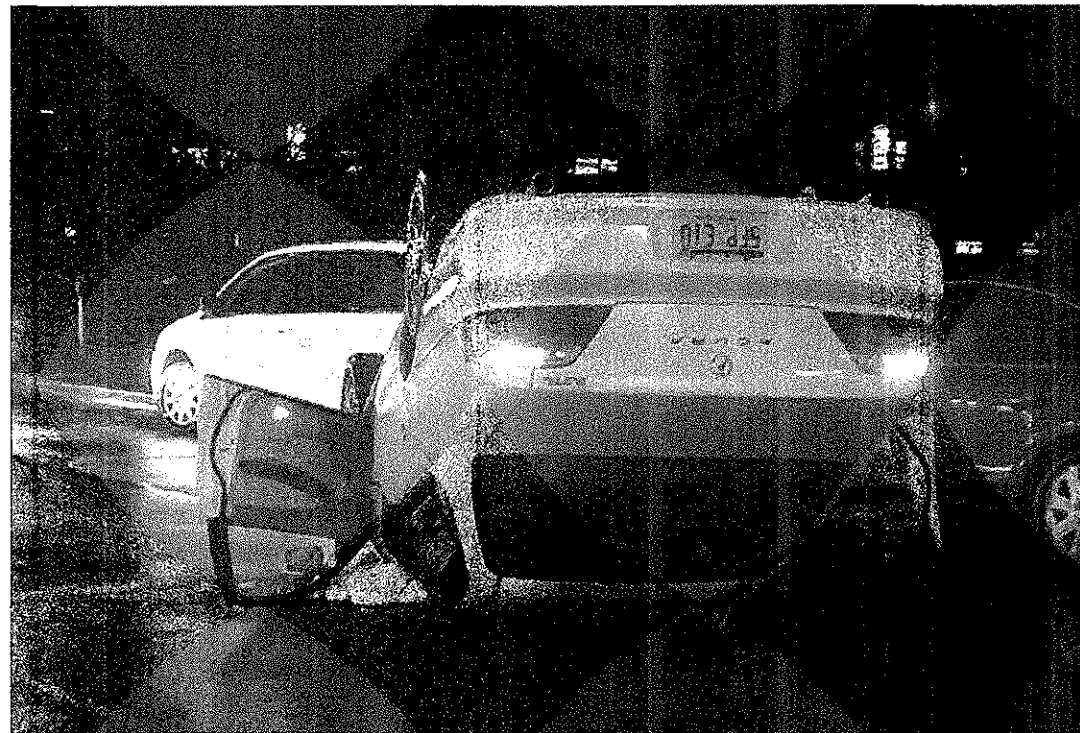


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Something's not on the up-and-up on Fisher.

"He denied any injuries," Hurner said. "The passenger was assisted out of the vehicle by medics and denied any injury."

Reinhard's account helped police reconstruct the wreck.

"He stated he turned off Grosse Pointe Boulevard onto

Fisher, slid and collided into a parked car," Hurner said.

The parked car was in a metered spot on northbound Fisher. It had little visible damage other than a skewed left rear wheel.

"What's odd about it is you don't see a huge amount of

damage to the car that was parked at the curb," Walko said. "I think the Acura's front tire caught the rear wheel of the parked car, and its tire rolled up the (parked car's) wheel."

"He must have been going at a pretty good clip," Rosati said.

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NEWS

Scholar award winners

The College Board's list of 2011 Advanced Placement Scholar Award winners includes 100 Grosse Pointe North and 176 Grosse Pointe South students.

About 18 percent of more than 1.9 million AP students worldwide performed sufficiently to garner one of 10 achievement awards, only five of which pertain to the United States.

Awards include AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, State AP Scholar and National AP Scholar. They are calculated by a student's average score on all exams, along with scores — based on 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being highest score — on those exams counted toward the various awards. Of the 34 college-level courses and AP exams, Calculus AB, Music Theory aural and Music Theory nonaural subscores don't count toward scoring.

Grosse Pointe offers 25 AP programs.

At North, two students — Stephen Morrison (currently attending Harvard University) and Minna Song (Georgetown University) — qualified as National AP Scholars. The College Board's highest achievement, granted to students receiving an average score of at least 4 on all exams, and scoring 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

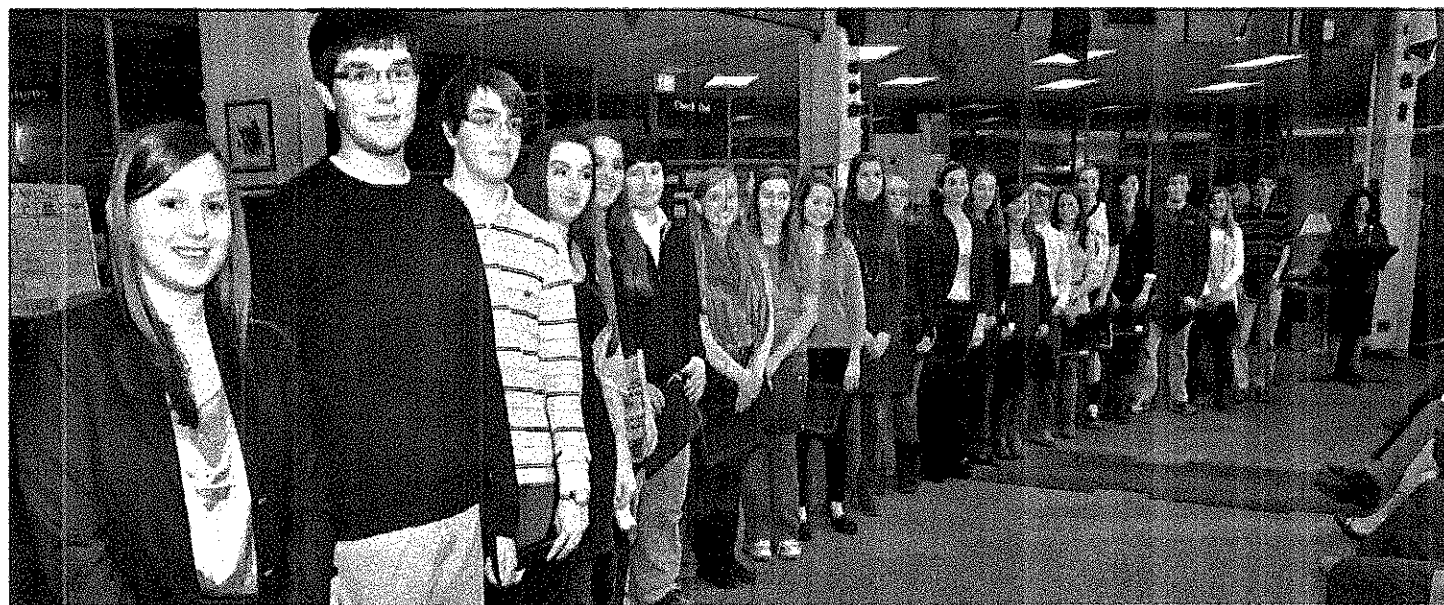
Ten students qualified from South. They include: Katherine Barbour, Joseph Biglin, Craig Campbell, Jacob Carolan, Alana Dickson, Dan Dou, Alexander Gamero, Eric Huebner, Ryan Soheim and Natalie Sohn.

Only 324 students in Michigan earned this award.

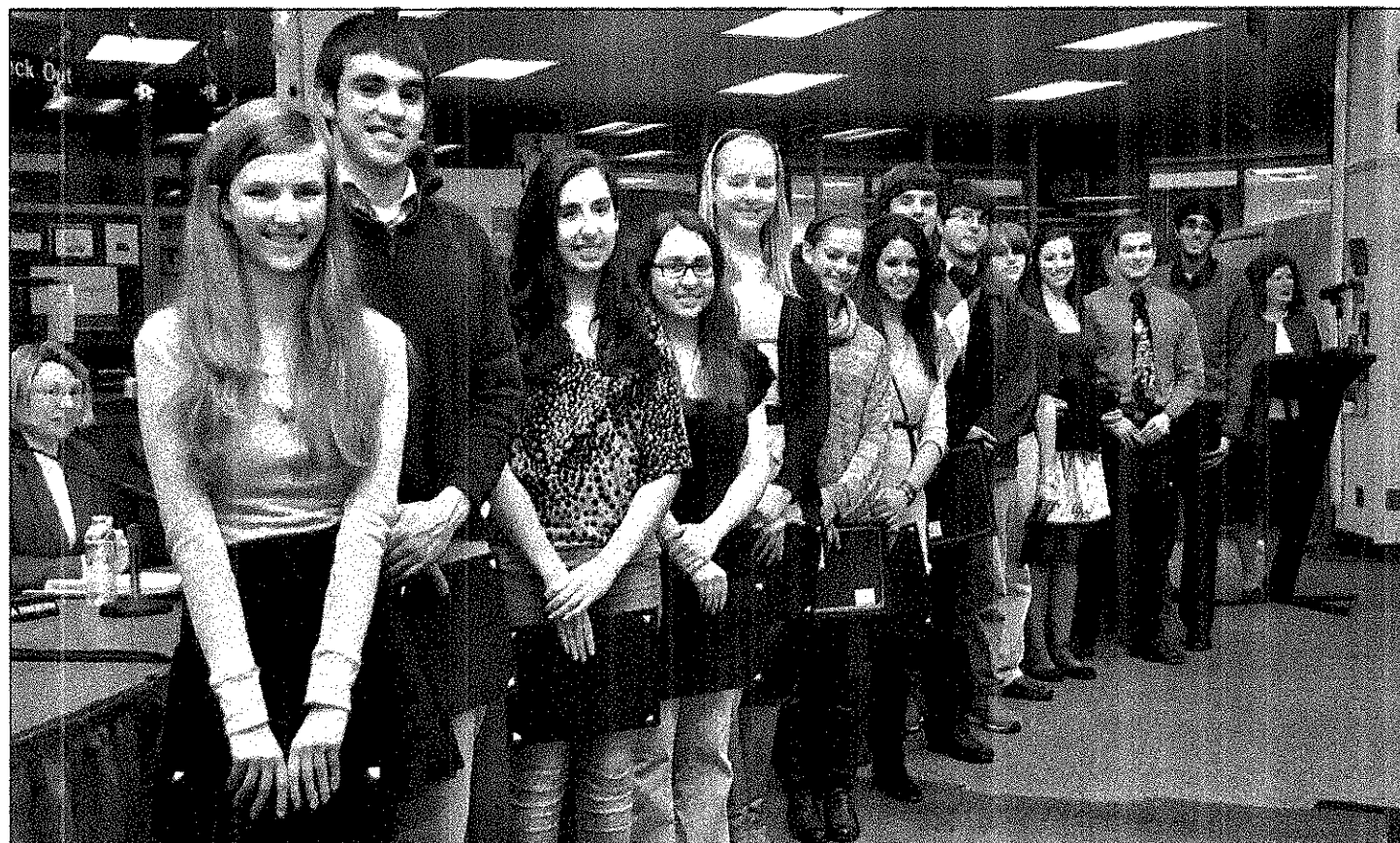
Thirty-three North students earned an AP Scholar with Distinction award, for students receiving an average score of at least 3.5 or higher on all ex-

ams, and scoring 3 or higher on five or more exams. They include: Feven Berhane, Jennifer Berry, Rachel Brock, Christina Bruno, Jacob Centala, Alexis Cobau, Kirk Dettloff, Daniel Dhondt, Amelia Flynn, Roxanne Illagan, Kevin Kain, Paige Kozak, Alexandra Krawetz, Katherine Lazar, Mark Linington, Evan Lock, Andrea Matthew, Tristan Mora, Morrison, David Pawlak, Andrew Remenar, Peter Romanelli, Courtney Rusch, Mackenzie Seaman, Song, Bridget Surmont, Edward Surmont, Jordan Ulmer, Jessica Vandenboom, Kathryn VanEgmond, Nathan Vengalil, Sarah Warnez and Lara Willmarth.

Sixty-seven South students also earned the award. They are: Barbour, Matthew Barnes, Madeline Berschback, Biglin, Lily Bommarito, Rebecca Brewster, Somers Brush, Craig Campbell, Carolan, Joel Carr, Alexandria Chrumka, Carolyn Condino, Elise Corden, Peter Cornillie, Joshua Davey, Kellen Degnan, John Dennehy, Dickson, Charlotte Dossin, Dou, Mark Dulchavsky, Samuel Effinger, Stephen J. Fox, Paula Friedrich, Gamero, Ryan Graham, Paige Hackenberger, Brian Hall, Ellen Harness, Marcus Hedenberg, Teresa Hedges Kelsey Horn, Michaela Houff, Huebner, Clarke Hughes, Charlotte Klein, Madeline Landuyt, Jack Lang, Emma Maniere, Sean McGuire, Hannah Muller, Henry Muller, Kathryn Nowak, Nicholas Pangori, Alexandra Peck, David Pingree, Andrew Pytel, Connor Ray, William Reeves, Katherine Riddle, Andrew Safran, Raya Saksouk, Veronica Schacht, Karen Schumann, Evan Schwartz, James Shepard, Soheim, Sohn, Charles Sorge, Maja



During its monthly meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education recognizes some of Grosse Pointe South's Advanced Placement scholars.



A group of Grosse Pointe North's AP scholars.

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Stamenkovska, Christina Swanson, Nayan Telang, Devin Voiles, Charles Weipert, Caroline Wilkinson, John

Willard and Taylor Wizner.

Eighteen North students earned an AP Scholar with Honor award, granted to students receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all exams, and scoring 3 or higher on four or more exams. They include: Thomas Bajis, Michael Bowles, Michelle Burns, Alexandra DeCraene, Natasha Eklund, Natasha Ertzbischoff, Jaclyn Gabel, Michael Gerlach, Zachary Jatkowski, Mary Krusz, Christian Mellos, Kimberly Morawski, Rachel Premack, Matthew Przybysz, Justin Rakowicz, Brett Slajus, Andrew Visser and Hannah White.

Forty-seven South students also earned the award. They are: Jessica Aboukasm, Christopher Arnett, Marion Berger, Edward Berkowski, Carolina Blohm, Adam Bolton, Megan Brooks, Conor Buckley, Sydney Burke, Meredith Bury, Zoe Carter, Mackenzie Corbin, Alexa Cornwall, Elisha Deogracias, Connor Dixon, Daniel Dusina, Ryan Ennis, Elizabeth Fry, Daniel Garberding, Anna Gough, David Harris, Luke Hessburg, Kyle Huitsing, Brendan Kaiser, Mathew Keane, Madelyn Kerby, Charlotte Koelsch, Margaret Lang, Taylor Leamon, Margaret Levasseur, Chelsea Macgriff, Colleen

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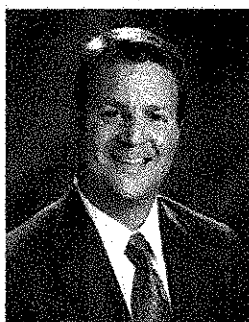
Forty-seven students received an AP scholar award, for students receiving scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams. They include: William Austin, John Balle, Kevin Bennett, Kathryn Carlsen, Joseph Carron, Elizabeth Colding, Amy Cooper, Cullen Faber, Alexander Fly, Nicole Fricke, Diana Gabriel, Sean Gallagher, Gregory Hicks, Christina Jaenisch, Christopher Janson, John Koppy, Joseph Kulka, Jeffrey Latour, Marco Leggett, Michael Maas, Allison Maggart, Kiera Maloney, George Mattingly, Megann McCuen, Kelly McGraw, James McNelis, Carly Mellos, Haley Monaghan, Kyle O'Donnell, Angela Panagos, Elizabeth Richter, Nolan Rozich, Louis Saravolatz, Callen Schaible, Spencer Schott, Daniel Schrage, Claire Schreiber, Sean Seaman, Stacy Sharon, Stephanie Shenouda, Kaylee Simon, Lorraine Tarpley, Ian Thompson, Stamatia Tsakos, Christian

Vervaeke, Suzanne Vyletel and Ryan Waggoner.

Sixty-two South students also received the award. They are: Saad Alobaidi, Hayley Altshuler, Simone Arora, Kaitlyn Auty, Andrea Beach, Lindsey Berg, Clare Brennan, Melissa Bryan, Mitchell Burke, Jilian Calcaterra, Emily Cirocco, Margarette Clevenger, Dana Davenport, Emily Dawson, Alexis Debrunner, Michael Dziuba, James Elsey, Nathaniel Erickson, Emily Flom, John Fordon, Alexandria Fowler, Katherine Halso, Caroline Hartman, Ellen Henrichs, Nicholas Henrichs, William Hess, Tyler Hoffman, Mary Kramer, Anna Kucharski, Elaine Kussurelis, John Laciura, Elise Lowell, Mary Magee, Stuart McKay, Mary Mecke, Savannah Melcher, Tyler Mogk, Edward Mollison, Caitlin Moore, Natalie Murphy, Ryan Newa, Leah Noecker, Kathryn Peabody, Patrick Rennell, Sergio Rodriguez, Jordan Salley, Jack Schulte, Sarah Schulte, Jill Schumann, Adam Smith, Margaret Stafford, Abigail Stapleton, Harriet Steinke, Carolyn Sullivan, Daniel Sullivan, Johnathan Sullivan, Konrad Tech, Jonathan Teets, Leah Turner, Sarah Ventimiglia, Mitchell Vermet and Alison Zoltowski.

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. of Grosse Pointe Farms recently welcomed a new addition to the firm. Charlie DuCharme, formerly a Financial Advisor at Lucido-Morris Wealth Management in Bingham Farms, joined Oppenheimer in November. Charlie has eight years of experience in comprehensive financial strategies and brings his unique style of risk management and wealth advising to the Pointes. A native of Grosse Pointe Park, Charlie currently lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with his two sons and is glad to be working in the community where he was raised. If you would like to contact Charlie, you can email him at charlesb.ducharme@opco.com or call (313) 886-1200.

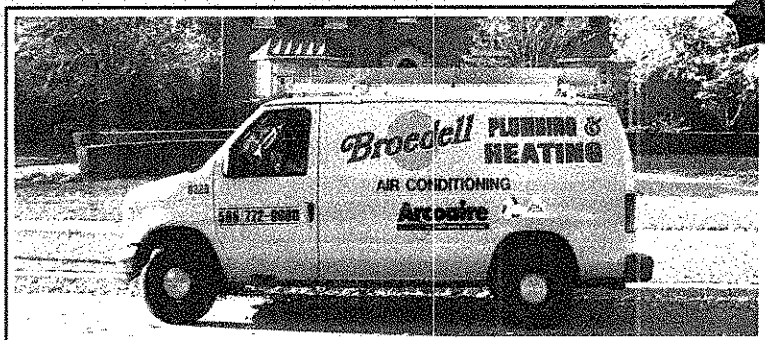
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More than a cookie exchange



At top, the women line up to collect cookies. Above, they slowly make their way around the cookie-laden table. At right, Mia Tedesco's first year at the cookie exchange began with sampling cinnamon cookies.



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Ten years ago, Tammy Tedesco started a cookie exchange with her sister and six friends in her Grosse Pointe Park kitchen. Three years later, the group grew to 25. Today, the group has grown to number 50. Following a catered dinner, the women circle the table to take as many cookies as they bring. The first time around, they each take two of each cookie. On the third turn, they take three and so on until the plates are clean.

The original cookie exchange women, are from left, Karen Ryan, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Joanne Xenakis, of Grosse Pointe Park; Kim Givens, of Detroit; Martie Stott, of Detroit; Gail Brown of Detroit; Liz Bakunovich, of Grosse Pointe Woods; Tedesco; Julianne Pruden, of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Tambre Tedesco, of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Parolee sent back to jail

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Mark Fragel, a onetime Mid American Conference football hopeful, has fumbled a pass to freedom.

His latest mug shot in state corrections department documents attends his return to prison Dec. 14 for allegedly violating parole.

Fragel, a 28-year-old, 6-foot-5, 240-pound, former Miami of Ohio recruit, is accused of beating up his brother and swatting his father early this month in their Grosse Pointe Farms house.

The father fled upstairs and called 911.

"(The father) stated his son, Mark, assaulted him and his

other son, Brett, and was last seen running north through yards wearing a red Ohio State sweatshirt," according to an initial incident report by PSO James McMahon.

Farms police arrested Fragel for domestic violence and misdemeanor assault.

Both alleged crimes violated terms of his parole.

He'd been released after serving 13 months of a five-year sentence for two counts each of larceny and assaulting police in Washtenaw County during the summer of 2010.

Fragel, with a record of drug possession, is incarcerated at the Charles Egeler Reception & Guidance Center, a first-degree security facility in Jackson.

The center "was carved out

of the old State Prison of Southern Michigan," according to its website.

"If his family goes to the parole board hearing and indicates elements of the crime he reportedly committed, he could be thrown back into prison to serve the rest of his term, and maybe more for violating parole," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "If they don't, he just goes to a holding facility for 45 days for violating parole, but no other charge."

Prosecution of the Farms cases "will have to wait," Rosati added.

The attacks were reported shortly before 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

Fragel's probation officer had just left the house in the

100 block of Ridge.

"While Brett was sitting in the love seat in the kitchen, Mark picked up a large nutcracker and threw (it) at his brother, Brett, striking Brett in the left hairline, causing a large bump and bloody mark to the skin," McMahon reported.

Fragel punched his brother repeatedly, the father reportedly told police.

"Mark then looked at (his father) and struck (him) with a backhand blow to the mouth," McMahon was told.

"One prosecutor thought it had elements of felonious assault," Rosati added. "I mean, a foot-long nutcracker. It's a weapon."

Fragel has been sentenced

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Tree walk

The Christmas Tree Walk, featuring 45 decorated Christmas trees, can be seen during a self-guided walk from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Following the tour, tea sandwiches and desserts are served. A freewill donation is accepted. For reservations, call (313) 884-5040.

Farms man gets 1-year sentence

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A man police consider to be a bad penny is out of circulation through most of next year.

Timothy Lynch, 56, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was sentenced this week to five years probation, with the first 12 months in the Wayne County Jail, for stealing a motorcycle and breaking into a house.

Due to 111 days credit for time incarcerated during prosecution, Lynch is scheduled for release next August.

"There is to be no early release," said Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daniel P. Ryan at the sentencing hearing Monday, Dec. 19.

"Most importantly, 3 1/2 to 10 years is hanging over your head," Ryan added, referring to penalties for violating probation.

Lynch pleaded guilty to the crimes and to being a habitual offender.

Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati believes Lynch's name will turn up again on the crime blotter.

"He has a criminal history dating to 1979, and he keeps adding to it," Rosati said.

Lynch has been sentenced nine times prior for larceny (twice), uttering and publishing (three times), breaking and entering (twice), writing bad

checks and cocaine possession.

"We're supposed to believe or hope, somehow, he'll be rehabilitated?" Rosati said. "This time is no different than the last time."

For a while last summer, no matter which direction Farms officers turned leaving headquarters on Kerby, they chanced coming across Lynch breaking the law.

He stole the motorcycle in August at a house on Mirabeau Place, located about 1/4-mile north of the station.

Three weeks later, wearing an electronic tracking tether as a condition of being released from county jail — due to overcrowding — prior to trial, he committed the break-in at a house on Fair Acres, about 1/4-mile south of headquarters.

The sentence Ryan imposed includes in-jail treatment for mental health and substance abuse.

"The defendant has a long history of substance abuse and mental health issues," Ryan said.

Lynch also must pay a \$130 crime victim fee, \$600 court costs and \$68 state costs. He can avoid paying costs and fees by performing 150 hours of community service.

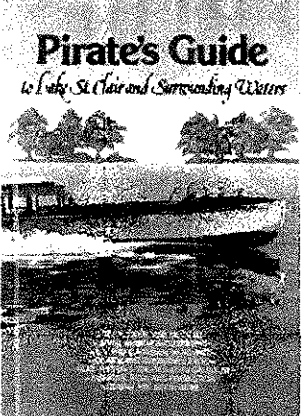
Rosati figures Lynch and his attorney's mental health defense constituted a performance of its own.

"Lynch now has a ready-made defense for when it hap-

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Taking the business paperless

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Like so many businessmen today, Gary Provenzano was awash in a sea of paper. Not only was the actual amount of paper and paper products a problem, but he found his paper costs were spiraling out of control.

As owner of Supreme Heating and Cooling in Detroit, Provenzano dealt with customer receipts and product manuals for years, and it all began adding up, taking space and time to sort through.

"I knew there had to be a better way," he said.

So he sat down at the computer and began to tinker with ways to computerize records and create software that could handle myriad items piled on his desk and in his office and service trucks.

"I knew what I wanted, but I was having trouble implementing it. I then came across a software developer in Mount Clemens, XFX Studio, that worked with me and completely customized all of our paperwork."

Now, instead of carrying reams of paper and countless service manuals, Provenzano's office staff and service technicians simply carry an iPad.

"Everything is computerized," he said. "Customer call records, service manuals, work orders, everything. It was a long process, and what made it even more difficult

was that so much of it had to be done after work hours."

Provenzano explained that all service technicians were issued an iPad, which they take home every night. Instead of coming into Supreme's headquarters each morning to pick up service runs, technicians check their iPads at home and head out directly from there, saving gas, time and money.

And how did Provenzano handle the usual employee resistance to change?

"We were all nervous at first about the change," he said. "I'm from the school that says if it's not broken, let's not fix it. But when I saw the possibilities, I knew it was something that needed to be done."

The problem, according to Provenzano, was computerizing his business records while still running the business.

"It was an overwhelming job, as I needed to do most of the work outside of business hours, meaning from 5 to 10 p.m. almost every night. It took me close to six months. But now that it's done, we couldn't be happier. This has worked for us on so many levels. My wife, Carrie, who runs our office, was always telling me we needed to lower our costs, which is something all businesses are constantly aware of. Not only did we slash our cost on paperwork, but our fuel costs as well."

But, while in the middle of it, he admits with a laugh, "I thought I was going to lose my mind."

Provenzano estimates he is saving \$750 in fuel costs per week, and has already saved \$5,000 in paper costs.

"The system that was developed has already paid for itself."

And most importantly, it has freed up time Provenzano can now spend with his family, including his wife and three children, Anthony, a first year medical student at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Annalisa, a pre-med student at the University of Michigan, and Adante, a student at University Liggett School. The family lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. Provenzano has lived in the Woods for more than 40 years, graduating from Bishop Gallagher High School.

"When I'm not working, I just want to spend time with my kids," he said. "I'll even take my daughter shopping at Somerset or Partridge Creek."

He also likes to play golf and has been active in fundraising activities at Liggett, which all of his children attended. Provenzano also serves on the board of Special Kids Inc., and is an overseer for the now-closed Bishop Gallagher school property.

"We're looking at some senior housing options for the building," he said.

He runs Supreme, founded by his father in 1947, with his brother, Al, of Grosse Pointe Shores, who oversees the sales and engineering side of the business, while he runs the service side and Carrie runs the financial side.

Going high tech was a natural leap for a heating and cooling business, Provenzano explained.

"The business itself is very technical, and every brand has its own specs for wiring both furnaces and air conditioning systems. Our service people had to carry 50 to 70 catalogs around, sometimes up to 1,000 pages apiece. Now, each one of those is on his iPad. That's all they need to have. The whole process has received a phenomenal reception by my technicians."

And the techs put the iPad's camera to good use, as well.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Gary and Carrie Provenzano with one of the iPads used to store service manuals and customer records. Operating nearly "paperless" has helped their company reduce expenses and increase efficiency.

"If they find themselves stuck on a problem, they can take a photograph and send it out to all the techs in the field. Everyone can see the problem and can give instant feedback."

And customer feedback has been just as good.

"When a tech goes to a cus-

tomers house, he has all the service records on his iPad. He knows exactly what was done and when. Plus, all receipts can now be e-mailed to the customer so they can store their records online. If a customer prefers, a receipt can be printed by the tech, as they each

carry a printer."

But even there, Provezano was considering the environment and his goal of making file cabinets a thing of the past.

"Each tech carries a four-inch non-ink thermal printer that prints the receipt on biodegradable paper."



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Winners of the 23rd annual Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission awards were announced this month during a ceremony at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall. Winners, selected by the Farms Beautification Advisory Commission, are:

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City of Grosse Pointe

Car entered

A woman's black purse and other items were stolen from her Saturn, parked overnight Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the driveway of a house in the 800 block of Rivard.

"(The) vehicle was locked, but (a) window was left down," said a public safety officer.

Also reported taken were an iPod and gym bag.

Plate taken

A license plate was stolen off a white 1992 Mercury Marquis parked the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe lot.

The vehicle's owner didn't know of the theft until a patrolman monitoring traffic on Cadieux near Mack pulled him over shortly after 11:30 p.m.

Car B&E

A woman playing platform tennis at Elworthy Field didn't know that the sound of glass shattering at about 6:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, was someone breaking into her car, parked on Waterloo near St. Clair.

She discovered the crime upon returning to her Nissan Rogue at 7:40 p.m. Her purse was missing from the passenger seat.

All for nothing

County prosecutors denied charges against a 54-year-old homeless man, arrested last week for fleecing a cashier \$10 in the Village, according to City police.

The man, last known to re-

side in Detroit, was characterized by City authorities as a "short change artist."

Officers caught him at 4:34 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the area of Kercheval and Notre Dame.

"I only got about \$5," the man reportedly complained to officers during questioning at headquarters. "I can't believe you are keeping me for this."

Medics took him to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe for treatment of alleged chest pains.

"Approximately 10 minutes later, Beaumont security notified this department that the subject left the hospital without being discharged and was at Cadieux and Jefferson," said an officer.

Grosse Pointe Farms police found the man on the hospital's upper parking deck.

He was wanted by 36th District Court on two counts of failing to face charges of disorderly conduct, according to police. Officers said the man also is on probation for an undetermined crime in Isabella County.

—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

Card fakery

As credit card transactions increase during the gift-buying season, a handful of fraud cases were reported last week, including:

♦ A Farms woman learned that someone charged two, unauthorized \$200 purchases at Home Depot to her credit

card.

♦ A Farms man learned that his Citibank credit card was being co-opted by someone in Poland obtaining hotel lodging totaling \$3,000.

Hits I-94 wall

A 45-year-old Farms man with an .11 percent blood alcohol level sideswiped the center wall of westbound I-94 at the Eight Mile curve shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, according to police.

A witness called police, who spotted the man at Mack and Moross driving a silver Jeep. Both driver-side tires were shredded.

"Bare rims were making contact with the roadway," said an officer.

The man was arrested in the area of Mack and East Warren.

Cars damaged

The windshields of a 2001 Ford Sable and 2004 Chrysler Sebring, parked at the same address on Willow Lane, were scratched last week.

The damage is believed caused between 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and 1 p.m. the next afternoon.

Answers charge

A 19-year-old Farms man, wanted in Kalamazoo on a \$150 warrant for failing to appear in court on a charge of possessing liquor, turned himself in to Farms police at 2:10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.

He posted \$150 bond and was released.

—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

Flue closed

Shortly after 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, three public safety officers helped vent the house of a Regal Place resident who lighted a fire in the fireplace without opening the flue.

"(The) dwelling was filling up with smoke," said an officer.

Repo man

A patrolman assumed the roll of peace officer during the repossession of a vehicle at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, on Colonial.

Having an officer present is routine during such actions.

—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

Home invasion

An unknown suspect ransacked several rooms of a house on Blairmoor in the early evening hours of Friday, Dec. 16. Few items were reported missing.

The intruder entered through an attached garage and left through a patio door wall. A St. Bernard locked in a second floor bedroom was not disturbed. Police continue to investigate.

Purse taken

A teacher at Parcels Middle School reported her purse was

taken the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Package gone

A Briarcliff resident took a small package containing a mechanical toothbrush from her mailbox and placed it on the porch before taking her dog for a walk at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. When she returned, the package was gone.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Hot converters

One catalytic converter was

stolen and two thefts were recently attempted in the city.

Between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, a catalytic converter was removed from a 1998 Chevrolet parked in the 15000 block of Jefferson.

At 5 p.m. the same day, police received a report of an attempted catalytic converter theft in progress from a 2004 Oldsmobile at Mack and Lakepointe. Responding officers gave chase, but the suspects escaped.

Sometime overnight Sunday, Dec. 11, an unknown person cut the exhaust pipe off a 2002 Chevrolet parked in the 800 block of Barrington.

MDP

Between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, a BMW parked in the lot at Windmill Pointe Park was damaged by an unknown person who scratched both sides of the car.

—Kathy Ryan

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

JAIL: Suspect sentenced 12 times

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community.

"Sure enough, there was some stealing," Rosati said.

Police started staking out the house at night.

"In the surveillance, we made contact with him twice in wee hours of the morning," Rosati said. "He was supposed to be on curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m."

Police reported the instances to Fragel's parole agent. The agent ordered him fitted with an electronic tether to track his whereabouts.

"As soon as they put a tether on him, no more larcenies from autos in his neighborhood," Rosati said,

12 times since 2007 for drug possession, assaulting police, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, larceny from a motor vehicle and driving while impaired.

As a member of the Grosse Pointe South High School Blue Devils football team, Fragel showed enough talent to play college ball.


He's known by Farms police for overnight break-ins of cars parked within easy walking distance of his parents' house.

Officers were leery of Fragel's reformation upon his parole July 20 and return to the

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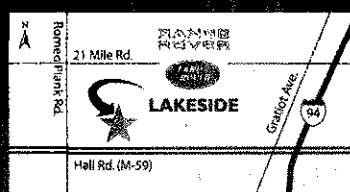
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RANGE ROVER

Carrying on the tradition

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While proud parents watched

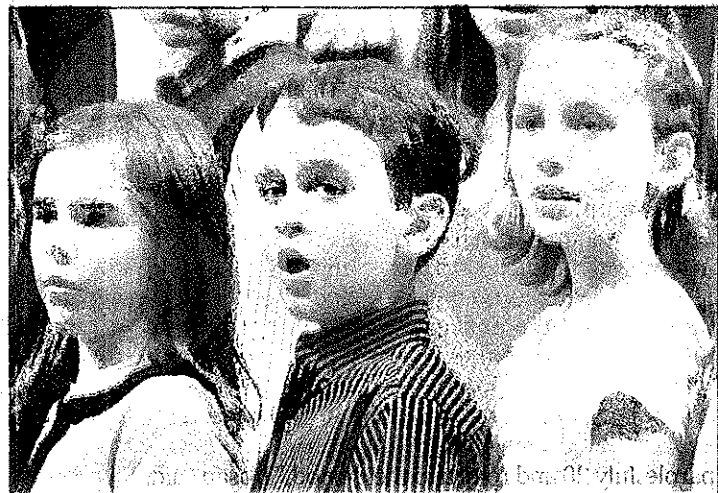
their son being sworn in last week as the city's newest public safety officer, the department director was delighted to tap a first-rate recruit.



Perfect harmony

Kindergarten to fifth-graders, under first-time director Jennifer Lindquist, performed during Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School's annual Christmas concert. Above, an enthusiastic Lorenzo Cavaliere makes sure the entire audience hears his Christmas cheer. At left, first-grader George Safadi sings alongside classmates. Fourth-graders, from left, Sydney Agius, Evan Berger and Meg Pangborn.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA RUSCH



"He finished at the top in three of the five Grosse Pointes," said Dan Jensen, head of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department, referring to the results of employment interviews. "We're lucky to get this kid before someone else snatched him."

The department added to the ranks Richard Rosati, 23. If the name is familiar, it's because his father of the same name heads the detective bureau.

"I can't tell you the immense pride I feel," said his father, Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "It's nice to carry on the tradition."

"When I was very young, I knew this is what I wanted to do," said Officer Rosati. "I visited this station when I was a little kid. Now, I'm working here."

"In our profession, it's a time-honored tradition to follow a relative into service," Jensen said.

Officer Rosati was assigned

to the midnight shift.

"I can't wait," he said.

He exceeds the city's minimum hiring standards, according to Jensen.

Rosati, the son, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University. He also graduated from the school's police academy and the Macomb County Fire Academy.

His ready-made fire training saves the city from paying for it, plus paying overtime for officers to cover his shift during schooling, Jensen said.

The savings is about \$20,000, he said.

"I'm excited to use my training," Officer Rosati said.

Farms officers swear to the "relentless prosecution of criminals."

"I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith," Officer Rosati said in the oath. "I accept that as a public trust."

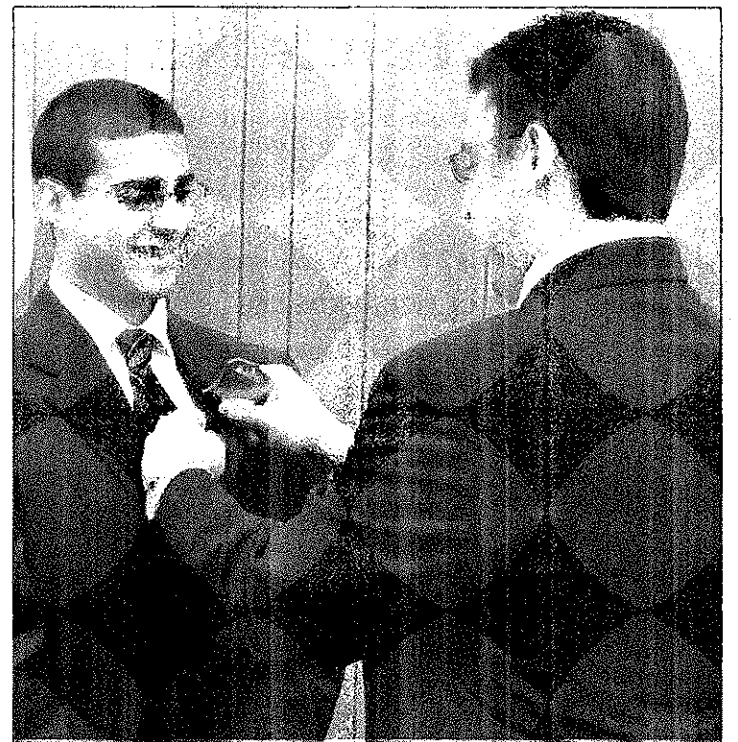


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Lt. Detective Richard Rosati pins a public safety badge on his son and newest Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer, Richard Rosati.

His father concluded the ceremony by pinning a badge on his son's chest.

"I hope to pin it on my grand-

son some day," Lt. Rosati said.

"I thank God for this beautiful moment," said Phyllis Rosati, the rookie's mother.

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Yes, Virginia,
there is a
Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to Francis P. Church, veteran editor of The New York Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897:

"Is there a Santa Claus?"

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon
"115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Merry Christmas!



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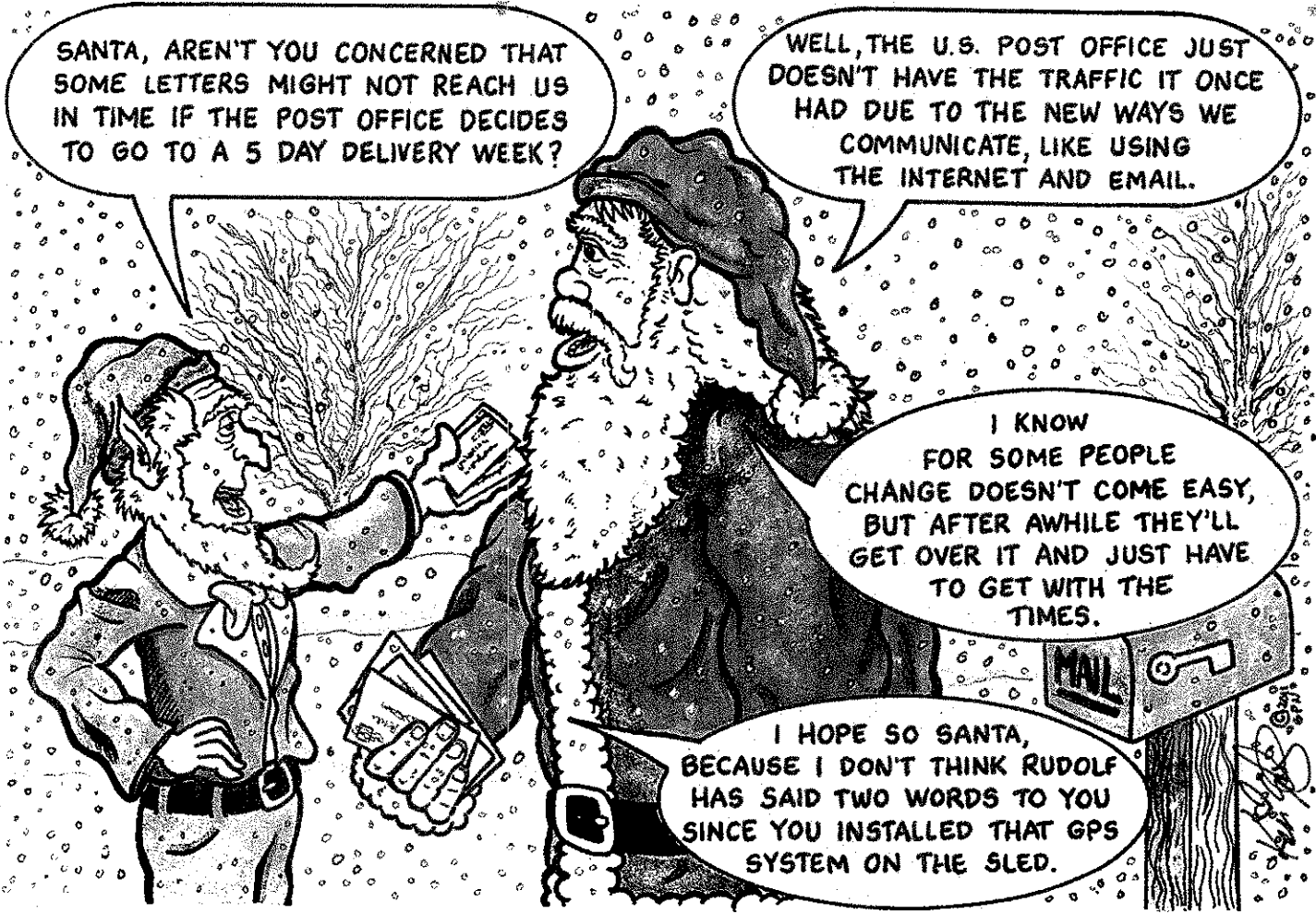
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Women in combat

To the Editor:

The United States military should end its exclusion of women in combat.

Women have served this country's military since the Revolutionary War and in roles much more challenging than cooks, laundresses and proverbial camp followers.

Participation was not formalized until 1942 when separate female non-combat services were established. Approximately 150,000 women served the U.S. Army during World War II, mainly in support roles, such as medics and logistical or transport personnel.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's

Armed Forces Integration Act which imposed a ceiling in rank and limited participation to 2 percent of total military forces. Women continued to serve in support roles in Vietnam with only the Nurse Corps seeing front line action.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps units and military service academies were closed to women until the 1970s.

Not until the 1990s were women permitted to fly combat aircraft and serve on combat ships. Now the exclusion policy only pertains to certain ground and special services units and only a long-standing Department of Defense policy — last updated in 1994 — stands in the way.

In 2010, Congress authorized a commission of current

and retired military officers to study ethnic, gender and cultural issues hindering career advancement.

In February, the Military Leadership Diversity Commission found the Armed Forces "have not succeeded in developing leaders as diverse as the nation they serve," concluding careers for women in the military are "stalled" because of a lack of combat experience.

The commission further rejected arguments, such as inferior strength, lack of stamina, negative effects on morale, readiness and the anticipated public outrage at female casualties. Calling it an "unnecessary barrier," the commission recommended ending the exclusion policy.

Concurrently, the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act required the Department of Defense to review its policies to "determine whether changes are needed to ensure that female service members have an equal opportunity to compete and excel in the Armed Forces."

A report was due to Congress April 15; Congress is still waiting.

Racial segregation in the

U.S. military ended in 1948. This year, Congress rejected "Don't Ask Don't Tell" permitting gays and lesbians to serve openly.

Women currently constitute more than 14 percent of our Armed Forces. Since 2001, more than 255,000 women have been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq where more than 120 were killed and 700 wounded.

Women have earned combat awards for valor, including the Silver Star. The simple reality is women are killing the enemy and, when called upon, are engaged in offensive ground combat.

Recent statistics indicate 80 percent of general military officers come from career fields closed to women. For women who wait to serve in combat and can succeed the rigors of training and service, it only stands to reason they should have every opportunity for advancement.

Its time for the Department of Defense to open the ranks of the U.S. military to women in combat, without limitation, and issue its report to Congress ending the exclusion policy.

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I SAY By A.J. Hakim

Wayne State University Warriors



They defied the odds, in the university's first football postseason, surviving four road games, advancing through the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football Tournament despite being the sixth seed, considered among the weakest.

They bested snowy conditions in defeating three-seed St. Cloud State University; outperformed two-seeded University of Nebraska at Kearney; knocked off the defending national champions and fourth-seeded University

of Minnesota Duluth; and survived against top-seeded and undefeated Winston-Salem State.

They did it all en route to the national championship game.

But last Saturday afternoon, amid the national spotlight and crowd of 7,276 at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala., Cinderella never showed.

The Wayne State University Warriors' improbable playoff run ended in defeat, with Pittsburgh State, after a 35-21 victory, celebrating at mid-field, hoisting the school's second national championship.

"It's been a great run," Warrior quarterback Mickey Mohner said afterward. "No one thought we should be in the playoffs. No one thought we could win in the playoffs. We came in and won four tough games on the road."

By all accounts, the

Warriors should never have had the chance at a championship. At 8-3, 7-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Warriors weren't even the best team in their division, an honor bestowed upon Hillsdale College.

But they made the best of an opportunity, one that nearly resulted in a national championship.

Senior Josh Renel opened the game with a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the third kickoff returned for a touchdown in Division II championship game history.

The Warriors later in the first half drove 85 yards on 11 plays, capped by sophomore running back Toney Davis' 1-yard touchdown plunge, recapturing the lead at 14-10.

And that's when the momentum shifted.

During the Warriors' next

possession, after a Pittsburgh State field goal trimmed the score to 14-13, the Gorillas blocked sophomore kicker Stefan Terleckyj's 22-yard field goal and returned it 80 yards for a touchdown. The Gorillas scored again on its ensuing possession, jumping out to a 27-14 halftime lead.

Despite their persistence and perseverance, the Warriors mustered only one more touchdown, another 1-yard run from Davis late in the final quarter, and succumbed to defeat.

But not before capturing the hearts and attention of a national audience and inspiring a small, local university, united in its team's resiliency and unnerving spirit.

Said Renel, "It didn't end the way we wanted ... but we couldn't have asked for a better journey."

Neither could we.

GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

Motorists paying for bike paths

Where I live outside of Lansing, there are new bike paths sporting shiny asphalt, but the roads are crumbling.

Motorists might be surprised to learn of the 18.4 cents per gallon of federal gas

Snyder and legislators should strongly advocate the feds get out of the transportation business by devolving that function back to the states where it rightly belongs.

tax they pay at the pump, only about 11 cents goes to maintain highways and bridges.

According to federal law, about 10 percent of federal highway funds must be used

for projects such as highway beautification and transportation museums. According to a new National Center for Policy Analysis report, "Paying for Pet Projects at the Pump," the Federal Highway Administration also allocates

GUEST OPINION By Lawrence W. Reed

A trillion wrongs don't make a right

The failed attempt of the federal government to spend its way out of recession may say more about the country that swallows it than it does about the politicians who passed it.

If Americans can be suckered into shackling themselves and future generations with trillions of dollars in new debt, shame on us.

This is a sign of neither

Few of the 50 governors resisted the "come and get it" mentality and many, now that the federal well has run dry, are finally having second thoughts.

strong character nor a sustainable economy. It reeks of the same moral cowardice and fiscal insanity that doomed great civilizations of the past. Where are the men and women of courage and integrity who will

keep their hands in their own pockets?

Three years ago, even state governments that once jealously guarded their financial independence were hearing dinner bells. Few of the 50 gov-

ernors resisted the "come and get it" mentality and many, now that the federal well has run dry, are finally having second thoughts.

Consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 of the 85th General Assembly of the State of Indiana, passed by that state's House and Senate in January 1947. Written in the quaint, commonsense vernacular of the day, its sentiments probably couldn't muster more than a handful of votes in the state legislatures of 2011.

It begins as follows:

"Indiana needs no guardian and intends to have none. We Hoosiers — like the people of

our sister states — were fooled for quite a spell with the magician's trick that a dollar taxed out of our pockets and sent to Washington will be bigger when it comes back to us. We have taken a good look at said dollar. We find that it lost weight in its journey to Washington and back. The political brokerage of the bureaucrats has been deducted. We have decided there is no such thing as 'federal' aid. We know that there is no wealth to tax that is not already within the boundaries of the 48 states.

"So we propose henceforward to tax ourselves and take care of ourselves. We are fed up with subsidies, doles and

paternalism.

"We are no one's stepchild. We have grown up. We serve notice that we will resist Washington, D.C. adopting us."

The resolution urged the legislatures and citizens of all the states to "restore the American Republic and our 48 states to the foundations built by our fathers."

If we had listened to the Indiana legislature in 1947, we might be several trillion dollars freer today.

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ROADS: Transportation business

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gas tax revenues to projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities and mass transit. Gas tax dollars have funded projects as diverse as a driving simulator at the National Corvette Museum, an amphibian crossing in Vermont and a turtle crossing in Florida.

Gov. Rick Snyder has lamented Michigan is not taking in enough money to maintain highways and bridges. Rather than considering new taxes or changing the funding mechanism for roads and bridges, Snyder and legislators should strongly advocate the feds get out of the transportation business by devolving that function back to the states where it rightly belongs.

In addition, Michigan should join 30 other states that mandate state gas taxes must be spent on roads and bridges.

Our elected leaders should ensure the gas tax dollars Michigan motorists are paying are being used to fix Michigan's crumbling infrastructure.

There is little wonder new onlv

Americans increasingly distrust government when tax dollars go to politically favored projects rather than the purpose for which they were intended.

Are the feds giving up on Detroit?

Maybe something good has come out of Detroit's impending bankruptcy.

Reportedly, the feds have pulled the plug on the city's proposed light-rail project that would run along Woodward Avenue between downtown and 8 Mile Road.

Taxpayers can breathe a sigh of relief their hard-earned tax dollars will not be wasted on a decision bound to be another financial drain on the city. Such projects all around the country have a history of being money losers in all but the densest urban corridors along the East Coast.

Instead of light-rail, a system of rapid transit buses utilizing dedicated traffic lanes running from downtown through the suburbs will be pursued. It remains to be seen if such a plan will be successful, but the concept makes more sense than a light-rail that runs to nowhere.

Anyone who regularly drives in the metro Detroit area recognizes the major traffic patterns are not on Woodward

Avenue to downtown, but rather between suburbs where most people live and work. A bus system, as opposed to light rail, has the ability to transport people where they actually need to go.

Underlying the announcement — a rare victory for common sense — was a foreboding message from U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. He informed Detroit Mayor Dave Bing that he didn't think Detroit could afford to pay operating costs for the project long term.

Such an overwhelming lack of confidence in Detroit and Michigan is startling, especially from a top Obama administration official who has been pushing light-rail projects around the country, including California which has a higher unemployment rate than Michigan.

Judging by LaHood's comments, it sounds like even the spendthrift federal government has given up on Detroit.

It is imperative city and state officials take whatever action is necessary to right Detroit's financial ship before others follow suit.

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FlashPointe

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at FlashPointe Photography opened the photo studio and fine art gallery at 20927 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Attending the event, were, from left, Jennifer Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director; Mike Bloor, owner and photographer; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; owner and graphic designer Matana Drucker; Matthew Bloor; Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Al Fincham; and MaryJo Harris, Grosse Pointe Chamber director of administration.

War Memorial president creates endowed fund

In recognition of 30 years service as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Mark R. Weber donated \$10,000 to create a designated, endowed fund with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The Mark R. Weber President's Fund helps the War Memorial continue its mission to honor military service members, veterans and the War Memorial's work as a community resource.

"The new fund will generate income so the War Memorial continues its mission and good

works into the future," Weber said. "The organization is more than a static reminder of our community's place in history. The War Memorial stands as a dynamic agent for positive change. We are proud to do so by serving one visitor at a time."

Those interested in making a contribution can contact the community foundation.

In addition to federal tax credits, gifts made to the foundation in 2011 are eligible for a State of Michigan tax credit. The deduction is available on gifts given through Dec. 31.



Grosse Pointe War Memorial President Mark Weber and Mariam Noland from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.



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Getting down to business

Lev Wood, left, elected Nov. 8, to an inaugural, four-year term on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council, takes his seat for the first time after being sworn in Monday, Nov. 14. To the right are Councilman Martin West, Councilwoman Therese Joseph, Mayor James Farquhar and City Manager Shane Reeside. The first vote of Wood's electoral career was for Councilman Joe Leonard as mayor pro tem. The choice was unanimous. Leonard and Joseph were reelected to four-year terms. West was appointed to complete the term of the late Councilman Terry Davis. Farquhar won another two-year term.

"We have a great council," Farquhar said. "I look forward to the next two years as mayor. We work together to keep our city the best city possible."

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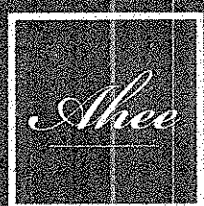
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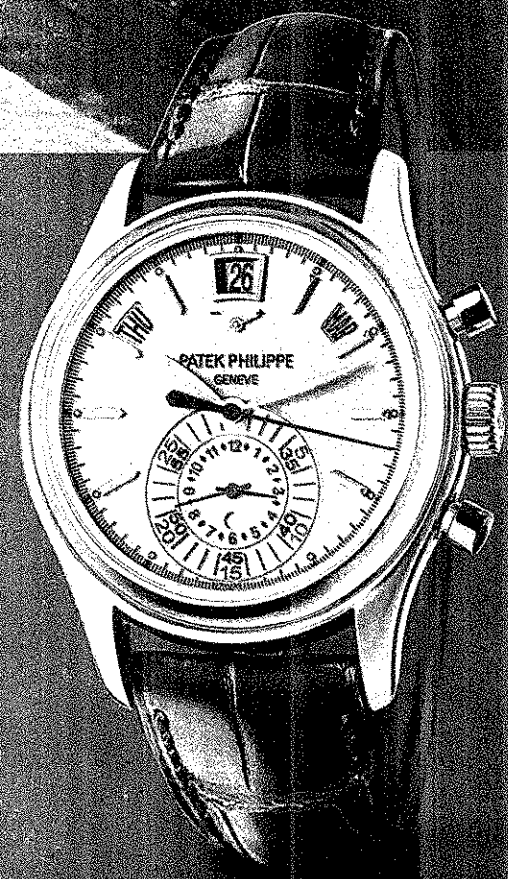
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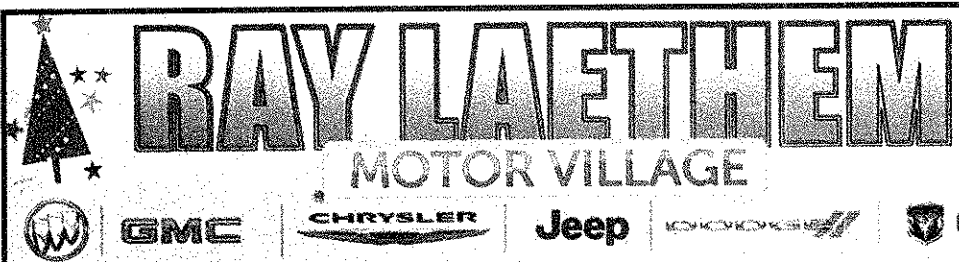


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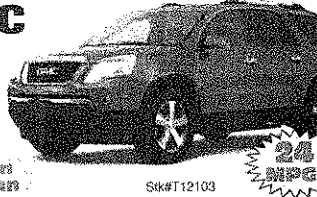


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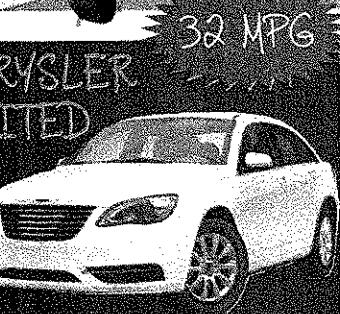
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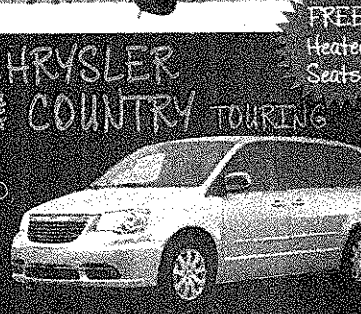
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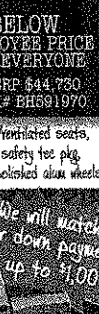
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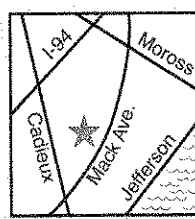
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Paying it forward

While maintaining its "kids helping kids in the community" mentality, the Trombly Elementary School community outreach program is focusing on a single, local organization — the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital Detroit.

"We wanted to focus on one organization and get kids fired up," program chair Nancy Nihem said of the decision to help one organization for the year rather than the previous one per fundraiser. The program typically hosts

four fundraisers.

"Kids want to do fun things for kids, and a spokesman from the organization came to an assembly and talked to them about the families. The organization is really kind of hurting this year."

Nihem's goal is "for our kids to do something for their kids" by applying community service to "every possible thing" and teaching students "you can make a difference in someone's life."

Through school-wide participation in the fundraisers

— pancake dinner with Santa, school auction in February, spring cleaning supply drive and fun run, in conjunction with the school's field day — Nihem hopes the program raises enough money to purchase several gaming systems for the house. The systems provide some entertainment for families otherwise without it.

The program is off to a positive start, raising nearly \$400 during its first fundraiser, a pancake dinner with Santa.

— A.J. Hakim

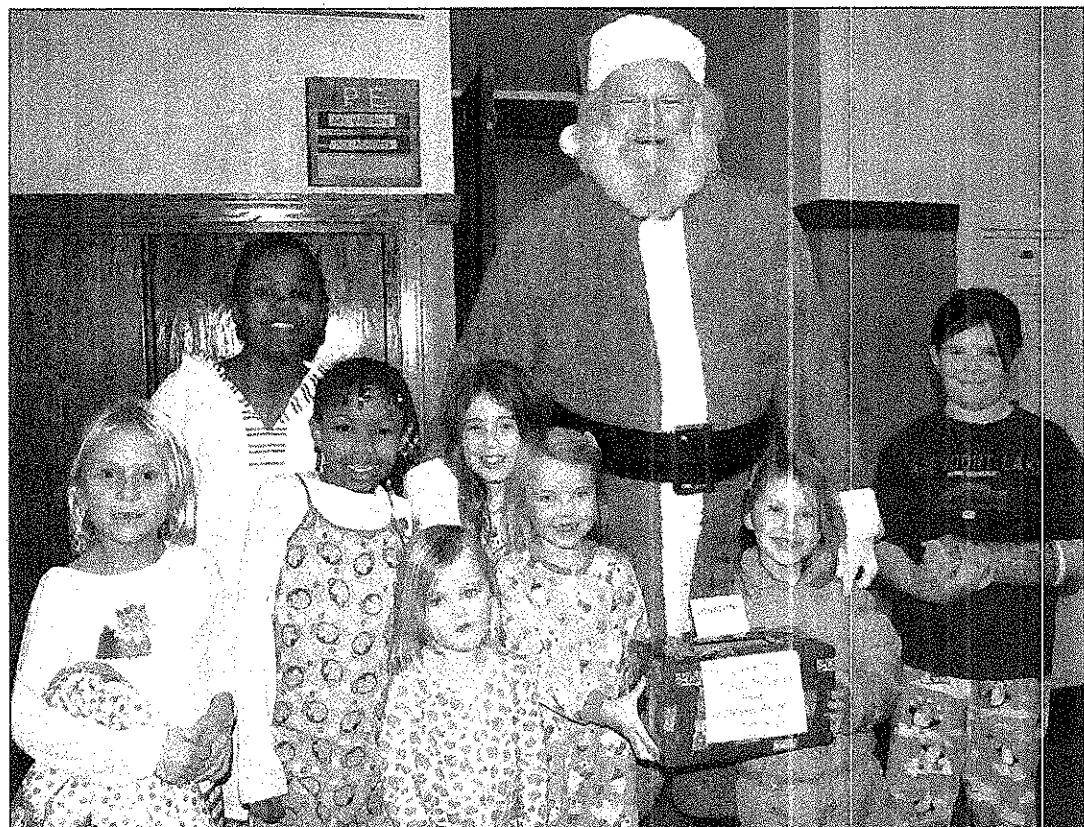


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Trombly Elementary School students spend time with Santa during the outreach program's pancake dinner with Santa.



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The Monteith Elementary School student council, along with the Grosse Pointe South sophomore class, collected and donated mittens, scarves and hats to children and adults at the VanElslander Cancer Center.



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Mason Elementary School's student council participated in International Brown Bag Lunches of Love's "Keep the Change" campaign, raising \$443 from students donating their loose change during the past two months.

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(Strategic) planning for the future

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Evident in the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's December meeting, notably during discussion on approving district goals, is the impact of recent legislation on education.

From the still-possible schools of choice legislation to the recently signed bill uncapping charter schools, now more than ever, the board majority feels a necessity to improve the district's marketability. Which is why, during the meeting, the motion approving district goals failed 3-2.

Treasurer Brendan Walsh, secretary Judy Gafa and trustee Tom Jakubiec voted against, while president John Steininger and vice president

Joan Dindoffer supported. Trustees Fred Minturn and Cynthia Pangborn were absent.

"We need to get very serious right now about continuous improvement of methodology, because at some point, people are going to ask, 'why should we pay more?' and we better have a good answer to that," Walsh said. "I think we've got a great value proposition, but I think we need to really sharpen our practices for a means of identifying ways we can get better and be able to articulate that way we will get better."

Established within the district's strategic plan — a published collection of the district mission, vision, board and district goals and school responsibility goals — the board assesses the district goals annually and, if necessary, revises them accordingly.

District goals, which specify improvement areas and the district's intent to achieve improvement, data plans and other specific benchmarks, are the culmination of months of planning and the product of the school improvement and accreditation process.

Education Programs Leadership Council initiatives and partnerships with parents and community members, along with educational marketing group Banach, Banach and Cassidy.

Once the board approves district goals, work progresses onto more specific, detailed objectives in conjunction with the revised goals.

"I really believe that this district will continue on and is

something that, when supported properly by the board, the staff and the community, will continue on to be a draw for the community because we won't scale back and cut out all the extracurriculars," Jakubiec said.

"And we won't scale back and go right to the three R's that some of these charter academies focus in on.

"I also think there's room for improvement on some of these goals and objectives. I do firmly believe we need a good strategic plan just for these reasons. Whether it be minor changes ... there's some work that needs to be done."

Board briefs

•The board opened its meeting with several recognitions,

including Steininger and Minturn for their years servicing the district as board members. Neither opted for re-election and their term officially ends Dec. 31.

Also recognized: Grosse Pointe North's Advanced Placement scholars; Grosse Pointe South journalism students and thespian festival winners; North physics teacher Gary Abud, honored with the Michigan Science Teachers Association's 2012 Science Teacher of Promise; and the 14 photographers who volunteered their efforts for the "A Day in the Life of the Grosse Pointe Schools" commemorative photo book.

•The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education provided the district \$16,170 in grants for mid-

dle school cyber-bullying (\$2,100); the high school Gearheads Robotics Team (\$5,000); additional Smart Response XE Clickers for South (\$2,849); materials for the district's reading pilot program, FUNdamental Applications for Successful Teaching (\$4,250); Poupard Elementary School's one school, one book program (\$760); and expansion of the Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop (\$1,211).

The Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation also donated \$30,000 toward the FAST reading program.

•The board approved the Strategies for Reading and Writing pilot course at South, as well as acknowledged superintendent Suzanne Klein's retirement, effective Dec. 31.

Committee reviews anti-bullying policy

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The next step for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, after Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a statewide anti-bullying bill, is determining whether its current policy complies with new state provisions.

The bill requires all districts to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying at school and grants school boards six months from the bill's effective date to implement it. Districts, such as Grosse Pointe, with a policy already in place, have 60 days from the effective date, Dec. 6, to submit their policy, with any necessary revisions, to the State Department of Education.

The district policy committee, along with district attorneys, is tasked with revising the policy, if needed.

"Board Policy 5517.01 takes a firm stance against bullying and other forms of aggressive behavior," committee member Leo Warras said via e-mail. "It expressly states that bullying shall not be tolerated and charges the district's administration to implement the policy.

"There is a grace period be-

fore the law goes into effect and any provisions that are part of the state law not contained in policy will be addressed."

According to the bill, a district's policy must include the following statements and provisions: prohibiting bullying of a student; prohibiting retaliation or false accusation against victim, witness or person with reliable information about an act of bullying; an indication all students are protected by the policy; identifying job titles of school officials responsible for policy implementation; a description of how policy is publicized; a procedure for notifying parents or legal guardian of both victim and bully; a procedure for prompt investigation and identifying either principal or principal's designate as responsible persons; and a procedure for documenting reported prohibited incidents, resulting consequences — disciplines or referrals — to the school board on an annual basis.

The bill also encourages additional policies, such as forming task forces, programs and initiatives; annual administrative and employee training;

and other education programs for students and parents.

According to Warras, Grosse Pointe schools already has several initiatives and district-sponsored events and programs targeting bullying. He cited as examples the high schools' Challenge Day and other activities; the middle schools' no bullying allowed initiative, which focuses on cyber-bullying; and the elementary schools' "DeBugging" system, which helps students solve problems peacefully.

In addition, according to Warras, positive behavior system activities exist at all elementary and middle schools. The activities support character education, with a focus toward valuing respect and responsibility for students' appropriate behavior.

"No matter how many procedures and policies are in place, constant vigilance is required to maintain a safe environment for students," Warras said. "Our administrators do not ignore reports on bullying, even though bullying behavior is often done in ways that cannot be easily detected by the outside observer or happens outside of school."

Star history teacher nominated for award

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School seventh-grade teacher Paul Ignagni was nominated for The Gilder Lehman Institute of American History in New York's 2012 National History Teacher of the Year award.

The award recognizes teachers, middle to high school with at least three years classroom teaching experience, who demonstrate a commitment to American history with creativity and imagination in school, while effectively using documents, artifacts, historic sites, oral histories and other engaging resources for students.

Students, parents, colleagues, principals or other administrators may nominate a teacher for the state award, which offers a \$1,000 prize, along with a collection of classroom resources and an invitation to the institute's summer seminar.

All state winners then advance as national award finalists. A panel of judges — comprised of former national winners, renowned historians, professors and teachers — reviews materials and selects the winner, who receives \$10,000 and a trip to the national award ceremony, along with two students.

State winners are announced in May, the national winner in fall.

District's commemorative book available soon

"A Day in the Life of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools," a photo book collection commemorating the district's 90th anniversary, is scheduled to ship within the next few weeks.

The book represents the collective efforts and contributions of the district's community relations specialist Rebecca Fannon, Scott Advertising, 14 volunteer photographers, along with administrators, teachers, students, community and school groups and parent volunteers. Together, they captured the essence of public school life, from the day-to-day classroom grind, to community support, to fall season football Fridays.

Photographers include: Christine Crossley, Gary Duncan, John Greilick, Maryann Ismail, Dana Kaiser, Renee Landuyt, John F. Martin, Bill and Mary Scott, Sheila Springsteen, Cat Ruffner, Lisa Vreede, Brian Widdis and Kathy Widdis. Bob Schomer assisted, providing a cherry picker to capture the North and South football game.

"This is more a creation of this community's school district and what it provides each day for its students," said superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The book is \$30 and can be purchased online at gpfe.org or at the administrative building. Copies are limited.



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Holiday performances

Pierce Middle School sixth-graders, from left, Donovan Dunham, Mathieu Fickany, Brandon Carey, William Perkins and Eion Meldrum, practice backstage prior to the school's winter instrumental concert.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top and above, the Grosse Pointe North High School choir performs during its vocal holiday concert. The two-night show was held at First English Lutheran.

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.

Thomas Vincent Giblin

Thomas Vincent Giblin, 93, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, after a brief illness in hospice care at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe Woods from Huntington, N.Y., when they retired 30 years ago. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Elinor. He is survived by his son, Paul; granddaughter, Kathryn; daughter-in-law, Wilhelmina; former daughter-in-law, Freda Giblin; step-grandchildren, Danielle Jennings and Kelly Morin; and three nieces and three nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward, and four sisters-in-law, Elizabeth, Katherine, Mildred and Josephine.

Mr. Giblin worked 37 years for Texaco Oil Co., beginning as a stenographer and ending as a manager of commercial sales. His family said that like many of his generation, his service in the U.S. army during World War II was a critical element of his life affirming his commitment to national service and providing him the means to complete a college education through the GI Bill. He graduated from New York University in 1949.

According to his family, Mr. Giblin wore a white shirt and tie every day of his working life and had a crew cut to save grooming time. When he retired, he let his hair grow out, since he now had time to comb it.

When the weather permitted, after work and dinner, Mr. Giblin would tend his yard until the light failed, doing nothing that was readily apparent to others.

He read voraciously 20th Century European histories and mysteries and would complete the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle in pen. He loved the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose games he had attended when his parish was given tickets for the altar boys, and the movie cowboy, Tom Mix and his pony, Tony.

Mr. Giblin was devoted to his wife for whom he provided home care the eight years she survived after a debilitating stroke. He will be interred in the Great Lakes Military Cemetery, alongside his wife.

Alexander Kelly M.D.

Alexander Kelly M.D., 89, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, after a brief illness, surrounded by his family.

Son of an army surgeon, Dr. Kelly was born in Fort Riley, Kan., spending parts of his childhood in Panama and Haiti. He served his country as a doctor in both World War II and the Korean War. He spent 18 months as a surgeon at a semi-mobile evacuation hospital near Pyongyang, Korea.

Dr. Kelly attended the University of Maryland Medical School. He practiced in Baltimore and Chicago before coming to the Detroit area. He spent the majority of his career at Henry Ford Hospital, where, in 1952, he formed the division of plastic surgery with another doctor. He became the head of the division in 1958.

Dr. Kelly ran the plastic surgery residency program at Henry Ford Hospital until 1981, mentoring many younger surgeons, including his longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Donald Ditmars Jr. In a note informing the Henry Ford Hospital staff of Dr. Kelly's death, Dr. Ditmars characterized his friend this way, "He will be remembered for his laid back, pipe smoking, quick wit, immense medical knowledge, photographic memory and broad intellectual interests, including bridge."

According to his family, Dr. Kelly met the love of his life, Betty Ann Nugent, at

Baltimore General Hospital. "Bet and Kel" were married 35 years until her death in 1986. In addition to their five children, they also fed, nurtured and occasionally sheltered their children's many friends. His grandchildren were a source of great joy to him.

Dr. Kelly traveled extensively including trips to Russia, China and Cuba. He attended the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving at 73, its oldest participant. He remained active and independent, enjoying pipe smoke, scotch and red meat.

Dr. Kelly is survived by his children, Pamela (Edward) Durrschmidt, Susan Kelly, Stephen (Tressa) Kelly and Alix (Polo) Hauser; grandchildren, Lauren and Alexandra Kelly and Lee and Max Hauser and sister, Sally Clancy.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his son, Mark Kelly and sister, Mary Elizabeth Thornton.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public Library at gplib.mi.us or the Beaumont Foundation at foundation.beaumont.edu/memorials-tributes.

Sara Elizabeth Love

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sara Elizabeth "Betty" Love died peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, in Chevy Chase, Md.

Born Nov. 5, 1914, in Detroit, to Gustav J. and Florence M. (nee Keller) Scherling, she graduated from the University of Michigan in 1936, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and recipient of an honorary award in French studies from the French government.

In 1960, Mrs. Love helped found the Detroit Society of Contributors to the Archives of American Art, now part of the Smithsonian Institution. She served as chairman of the volunteer committee of the Detroit Museum of Art from 1958 to 1960, president of the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from 1956 to 1958, and president of the Grosse Pointe Women's Republican Club from 1952 to 1954.

In 1977 she and her husband, Harold, moved to Tucson, Ariz., where they worked to restore the historic O.K. Corral, Schieffelin Hall, and Crystal Palace Saloon in Tombstone, Arizona. Mrs. Love also helped found the Tombstone Office of Tourism. She served as president of the Tombstone Historama

Corporation and publisher of The Tombstone Epitaph newspaper from 1986 to 2006. A member of Tucson's Skyline Country Club, she was an avid bridge player, golfer, traveler, and patron of the arts.

Mrs. Love is survived by her daughter, Barbara L. Love, of Healdsburg, Calif.; son, Robert E. Love and his wife, Ardith Bausenbach, and her grandson, Evans, of Chevy Chase, Md.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Harold O. Love, whom she married June 12, 1937; her parents and her brother, Richard E. Scherling, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Donations may be made to a journalism scholarship in Mrs. Love's and her husband's name at the University of Arizona. Checks may be made out to UA Foundation/Love Scholarship Endowment and mailed to c/o Jennifer Rascon, University of Arizona, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Douglass 200W, P.O. Box 210028, Tucson, AZ 85721-0028.

Gerald Duane Moore

Gerald "Jerry" Duane Moore, 54, of Harper Woods, passed away suddenly Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born July 21, 1957, in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1975. He recently celebrated 35 years of service with Kroger; 33 years at the Kercheval store in the Village and two-plus years at the Mack Avenue store in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Moore had numerous friends, among them fellow employees, loyal customers and church friends. He was an active member of St. Hilda's Episcopal Church in River Rouge, serving as a vestry member and on the fellowship committee and altar guild. He also served as a representative from St. Hilda's on the Dream Cluster Council.

His family said he was an accomplished chef and baker and enjoyed creating meals and desserts for others. He was a compassionate, caring and loving man who enjoyed doing thoughtful things for others — cooking a meal, giving the perfect Christmas ornament or sharing a meaningful poem or story.

Mr. Moore is survived by his life partner, Donald Douglas; brother, David (Gina) Moore and canine friends, Chase and Suzette.



Thomas Vincent Giblin



Alexander Kelly M.D.



Sara Elizabeth Love

He was predeceased by his parents, Leslie and June Moore and beloved grandmother, Sylvia Youngman.

A funeral service was held Dec. 16.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

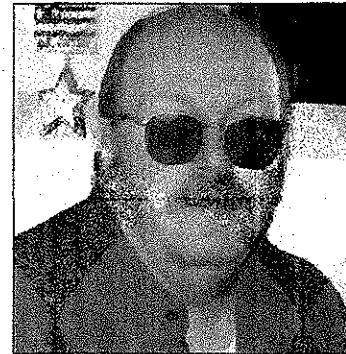
Donations may be made to Paws with a Cause, 4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49438.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Dolores Proven

Dolores Proven, 80, passed away peacefully in her Grosse Pointe Woods home Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, after a long fight with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure.

She was born April 25, 1931, and was a life-long resident of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods. She was a special education teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Poupard Elementary School for many years. A graduate of



Gerald Duane Moore

Grosse Pointe High School, Mrs. Proven earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Michigan State University, and a master's degree in special education from Wayne State University. While at Michigan State, she met her future husband, Gilbert Proven. After marrying, the couple lived briefly in East Lansing, before establishing households first in Detroit, and later in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Proven took great pride and joy in her relations with her family. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mrs. Proven was beloved wife of Gilbert Proven; cher-

ished mother of Geoff (Marcia), Greg (Debbie), and Martha (Paul) Jatkowski; loving grandmother of Doris (Yossi) Ross, Bryan Proven, Kristin Jatkowski, Karen Jatkowski and Zak Jatkowski and proud great-grandmother of Avigayil, Moshe, Nechama, and Avraham Ross. She also is survived by her loving brothers, Eric (Sidsel) Ansohutz and Robert (Jan) Ansohuetz.

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Obituary for Barbara J. Bentley

City of Grosse Pointe resident Barbara J. Bentley passed away peacefully at home on August 31 following a courageous battle with cancer.

Barbara was born and raised in Stoke-On-Trent, England. Born June 16, 1934, she survived the German air raids during World War II, graduated with honors from St. Dominic's High School in 1950, and married Airman First Class Raymond Trudel, of Detroit, at St. Augustine's Church in Stoke-on-Trent on November 1, 1952. Her son Michael was born in August of 1953, and Barbara and Michael immigrated to the United States in February, 1954. They lived in Cape Cod, Massachusetts before settling in Detroit upon Raymond's honorable discharge from the United States Air Force in 1956.

Unlike many women in the 1950s, Barbara was never much interested in being a full-time, stay-at-home housewife, preferring to share in providing income for the family by working as an executive secretary. In 1962 the family left Detroit and bought a new home in the growing east-side suburb of Fraser. It was shortly after they settled in Macomb County that Barbara discovered local community theater. She was cast in a production with the St. Clair Shores Players, where she made connections that led her to the Grosse Pointe Theatre and the beginning of a brilliant 48-year relationship.

From the start Barbara was a theatrical natural. She was cast in the first GPT show she auditioned for, 1963's *Teahouse of the August Moon*, as Lotus Blossom, the beautiful geisha. It was the first of 18 memorable comedic, dramatic and musical roles she had over the years. Of particular note, she was unforgettable as the blind woman, Suzy Hendrix, in *Wait Until Dark*, and she loved being in the ensemble of *Annie* that included both Michael and Elizabeth, the first GPT production to feature three generations of one family in the cast.

Although accomplished on stage, it turns out her true gift to theater was the ability to envision, cast and bring a production to fruition onstage as a director. Her first GPT directorial assignment was 1977's *Catch Me if You Can*, a well-crafted comedy, but the first glimpse of her amazing vision was her second effort, the 1980 dramatic tour de force, *Equus*, for which Barbara was awarded GPT's highest honor, a Clarence Award for Best Director, the first of nine she would receive. Her work on *A Chorus Line*, *Amadeus*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Broadway Bound*, *Me and My Girl*, *Communicating Doors* and *Sweeney Todd* were all rewarded by the membership. She directed her 12th and final show for GPT earlier this year, the charming English comedy, *Relatively Speaking*.

In the midst of her involvement with GPT, Barbara decided to pursue a college education. While Michael was in high school, Barbara began taking classes at Macomb County Community College, eventually transferring to Oakland University, where she attained a BA degree in History and graduated Cum Laude in 1975. During her time at OU she also began working at several law firms as a legal secretary. It was a few years after her graduation that she decided to "raise the bar" on her legal career and enrolled in Wayne State University's Law School. Working as a paralegal during the day and taking classes at night, she received her Law Degree in 1984 and passed the Bar in 1985. For the next 25+ years she maintained a very successful independent legal practice, focusing on personal legal issues for friends and family, and accepting assignments from Wayne County Probate and Juvenile Court.

Creative. Brilliant. Inspirational. Dedicated. Driven. Compassionate. These are but a few of the many words of tribute and love that were spoken at Barbara Bentley's Memorial Celebration that took place on September 17 at The Ark at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Almost 200 family, friends, work associates and Grosse Pointe Theatre members affectionately remembered Barbara at an event filled with song, stories and beloved memories. It was a perfect night for a lovely lady.

She is survived by her sister Avril Pritchard and her nephew Steve Pritchard, of England, and her only child, Michael Trudel, daughter-in-law Leslie, and two grandchildren, David and Elizabeth, of Grosse Pointe Park. The family requests that contributions in memory of Barbara Bentley can be made to the Grosse Pointe Theatre Memorial Fund.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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William M. Caloia

William M. Caloia, 65, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. He was the owner of Caloia Plumbing and Heating and Dairy Maid in Fraser.

Mr. Caloia was the beloved husband of Sandra, nee DeBacker; loving father of Bradley and Michelle (Karl) Bissell; dear grandfather of Karl and William Bissell and brother of Richard (Janice) and Raymond (Karen).

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at St. Joan of Arc Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Fraser First Boosters Club at Fraserfirst.com.

Express condolences or share a memory at vanfuneral.com.

Maria Consuelo Gorski

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Maria Consuelo Gorski, nee Chavez, died peacefully Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. She was 90.

Known as "Connie" to family and friends, she was born April 9, 1921, and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

She was a U.S. Navy ensign during World War II, serving as a registered nurse, providing comfort and consolation to wounded soldiers and sailors overseas. After marrying Lt. Cmdr. Norbert C. Gorski D.D.S. in Hawaii and moving to Grosse Pointe Farms, she devoted her life to her seven children.

Mrs. Gorski enjoyed bowling with the Star of the Sea ladies league and hosted the inaugural Star of the Sea Altar Society meeting at her house in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Gorski is survived by her children, Christina Olofsson, Margaret ("Skip" M.D.) Wilkis, Patricia (Patrick) Corcoran, Robert (Lucy) Gorski D.D.S., Suzanne (Harvie) Ferguson, John (Karen) Gorski and Joseph (Teri) Gorski; three brothers; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends, many of whom affectionately referred to her as "Grandma Connie."

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Norbert; her parents, Nicolasa and Fabian Chavez and six siblings.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Franciscan Missionaries at franciscanmissionaries.com.

Frederick L. Prudden

Frederick L. Prudden, 85, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at Medilodge in Sterling Heights. He was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Kansas City, Mo., to Dr. Victor and Hilda Prudden.

Mr. Prudden entered the U.S. Navy July 15, 1944, during World War II, and was stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. During his time served, he held the position of an aviation electrician's mate, 3rd class and flew a Piper Cub during these years. He was honorably discharged July 8, 1946.

Mr. Prudden attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His first job was with City Bond and Mortgage.



William M. Caloia

After that, he became a claims adjuster and then a claims manager for Continental Insurance Co.

In 1963, he was transferred to Detroit. His family was happy in Michigan, so when the time came to be transferred again, he left Continental Insurance Co. and accepted a job at Kmart in Troy. Fred continued to work at Kmart into the 2000s.

Mr. Prudden was involved in numerous organizations and activities throughout the Grosse Pointe community. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Grosse Pointe Kiwanis and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He participated in a bowling league with the Senior Men's Club, winning several trophies. He also enjoyed boating and playing golf, as well as traveling.

Mr. Prudden was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His family said he will be remembered for his sly wit and will be sadly missed by Elizabeth, his wife of 63 years. He leaves behind his children, Elizabeth Ann Prudden and Stephanie (Bill) Voigt; daughter-in-law, Robin Prudden; siblings, Thomas V. (Roberta) Prudden and Betty J. (the late Jim) Johnson; grandchildren, Nicole Arter, Shannon (Shawn) Berthiaume, Tim (Melissa) Prudden, Tom (Sandra) Prudden and Sgt. Douglas



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(Brittney) Voigt and great-grandchildren, Tim Prudden, Chevy Prudden, Kirsten Tyler, Faith Arter, Malia Voigt, Kali Voigt, Alexandria Peterson and Angela Peterson.

He was predeceased by his son, Richard Frederick Prudden.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. The Rev. James Rizer Jr. will officiate.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-9976.

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Foundation hosts reception

The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation hosted a cocktail reception recently to highlight its current projects and launch a membership drive to ensure future projects.

The event, held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, brought together civic leaders and city officials and raised money for the foundation.

Founded in 2008, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is a non-profit corporation established to financially assist new civic projects designed to enhance and enrich the lives of those who work and live in the Woods. Projects include improvements to community

landmarks and beautification projects in the business district.

In addition to foundation president Mark Fossee, board members include Peter Ahee, Kevin Hendrick, Liz Rader, Dennis Hyduk, Beline Obeid, Ed Vermet and Lillian Metry.

The foundation's signature project, the new clock and gardens on the grounds of city hall, was dedicated in 2010. The foundation is adding brick pavers to the site, which can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$100.

For more information about the foundation, call (313) 343-0700 or visit gpwffoundation.org.



From left, Tony Obeid, and Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation board members Peter Ahee and Liz Rader and Bob Rader.



From left, Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation supporters Annie and Tom Warnez with foundation board member Beline Obeid.

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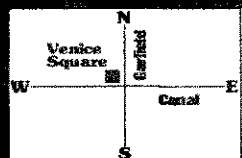


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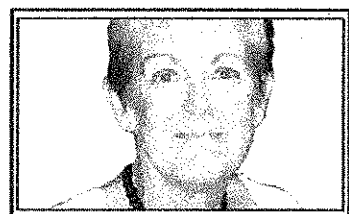
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Small Versa takes giant step



Nissan started fresh for the second generation Versa with its new global "V" platform replacing the earlier "B."

The V uses some 20 percent fewer platform components, Nissan says, and weighs around 150 pounds less. Even so, the 2012 Versa has the same wheelbase and width as the earlier sedan; it's just a little lower in height. Trunk space increased, due to a more compact engine/transmission design, Nissan reports.

Models for 2012 include Versa sedan 1.6 S, 1.6 SV and 1.6 SL. Prices start at \$10,990 for the 1.6 S and run up to \$15,560.

The S can be ordered with a factory-installed \$350 Cruise Control package; the SV offers a \$350 convenience package, and the SL can be had with a \$700 tech package.

A long list of port-installed accessories are priced individually and a new 1.6-liter four rated at 109 horsepower is available.

Fuel economy is estimated at 30 miles per gallon in the city and 38 highway with the Continuously Variable Transmission. The numbers are lower with the five-speed manual — 27 city, 36 highway and a combined 30 mpg. The manual transmission is only available on the base Versa S model.

Nissan says the CVT features a transmission ratio of 7.3:1, broader than conven-

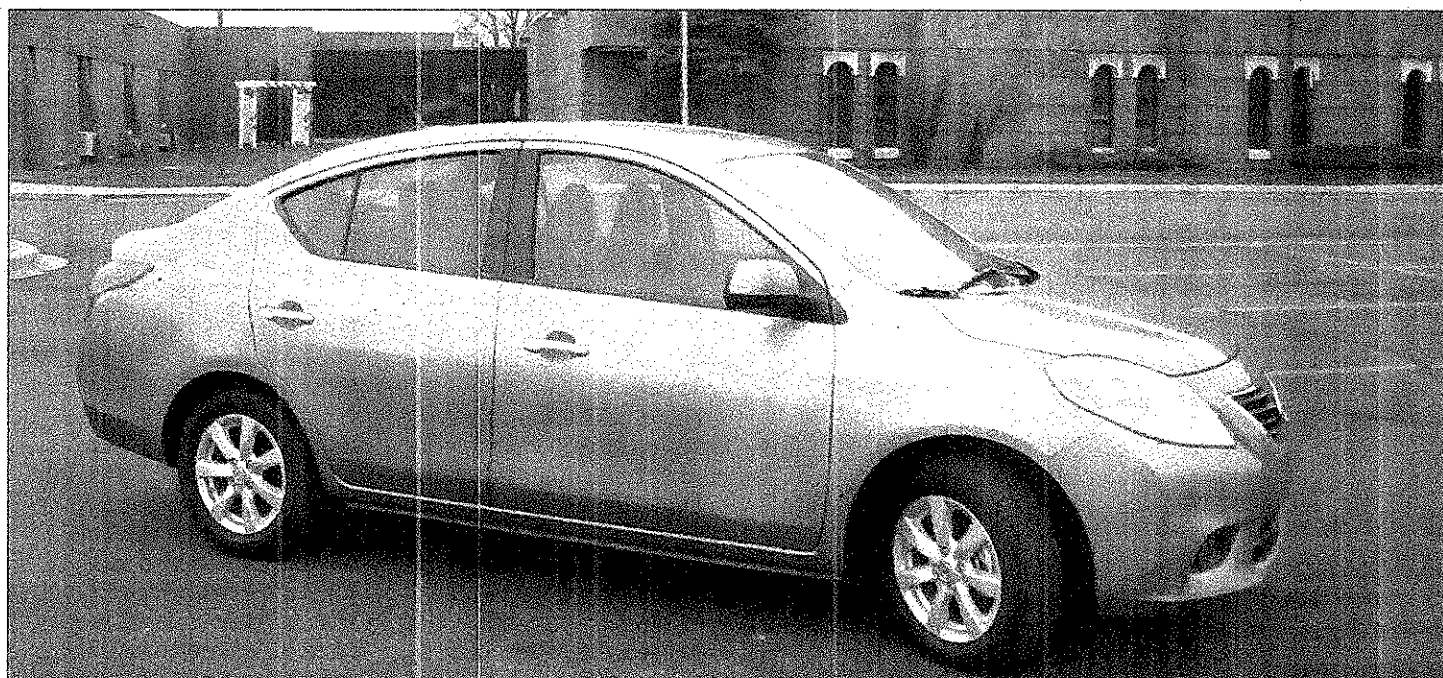


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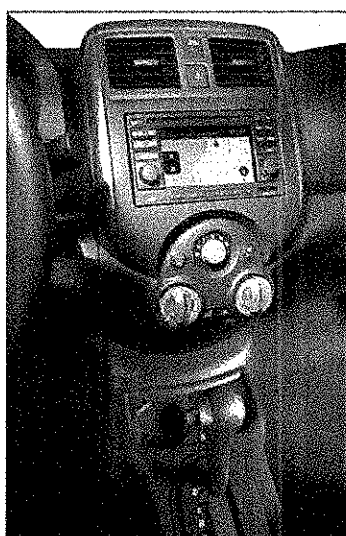


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The Versa presents controls in an easy-to-use, straightforward manner on the center of the instrument panel, with some duplication available on the steering wheel.

tional CVTs and even typical seven-speed automatic transmissions. Friction is reduced by about 30 percent, weight by about 13 percent and overall size by about 10 percent

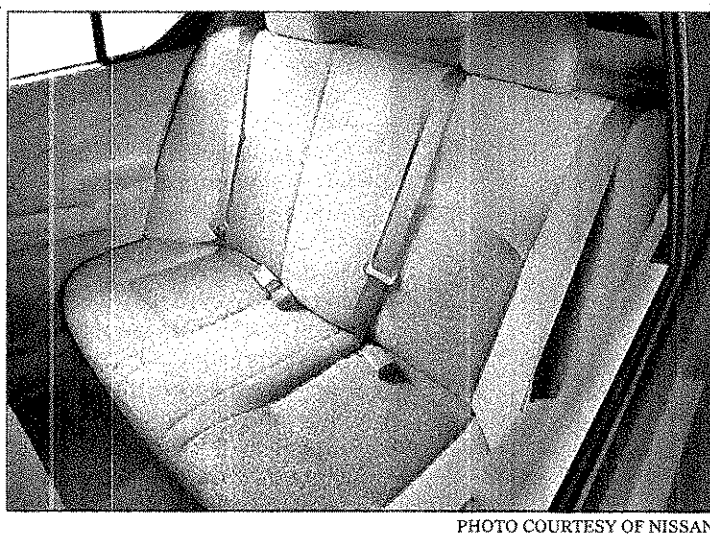


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There is plenty of room in the five-passenger Nissan Versa for 2012.

versus the previous model.

Nissan says vehicles like the Versa are primarily "work horses" used for commuting and errand running. The company made the car comfortable, roomy and pleasant. Available features include Bluetooth, navigation system with five-inch touch-screen display, satellite radio and an

iPod/USB interface.

Versa offers optional P185/65R15 all-season tires with available 15-inch aluminum-alloy wheels.

Safety not an option

All 2012 Versas feature an independent MacPherson strut front suspension and torsion beam rear suspension,

Nissan redesigned its compact Versa sedan for 2012, putting it on a new global "V" platform.

with front and rear stabilizer bars. Standard equipment includes weight-saving electric power steering. Brakes are front discs and rear drums and power-assisted front disc/rear drum brakes. Antilock braking with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist are also standard.

This is the first Nissan model in the United States with the Puredrive designation. Puredrive is designed to promote eco-friendly driving and lower CO2 emissions.

Standard safety features include an advanced air bag system with dual-stage front sup-

plemental air bags, seat-mounted driver and front passenger side-impact supplemental air bags and roof-mounted curtain side-impact air bags for front and rear outboard occupant head protection.

Our critical comments are as economical as the car: The new CVT transmission seems to wander and though it gets the job done, it doesn't inspire confidence. There is noticeable engine and road noise in the cabin and the new styling is uninspiring.

Versa hatchback returns

The Versa hatchback is offered in 1.8 S and 1.8 SL models. A 122-horsepower 1.8-liter four is standard. The hatchback S is available with a 6-speed manual or 4-speed automatic, while the hatchback 1.8 SL is offered only with Nissan's Xtronic CVT.

Refinements include the addition of the previous premium package content as standard equipment on the SL model; intelligent key, leather-wrapped steering wheel, Bluetooth Hands-free phone system and 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels. There are four new packages for the S model ranging from a convenience package to a navigation package. Also, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, aluminum appearance kickplates and illuminated visor vanity mirrors are now standard on SL models, and Vehicle Dynamic Control is standard on all models.

Both the Versa sedan and hatchback are manufactured at Nissan's Aguascalientes, Mexico assembly plant.

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

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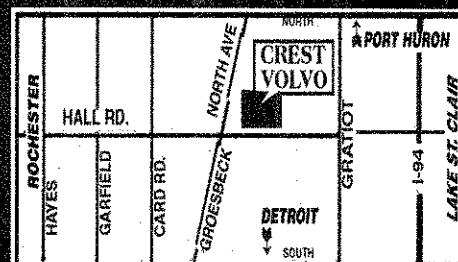
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Test Drive's '10 Best' from 2011



As we usher out the year, here's our "Test Drive 10 Best" of the 2011 model cars we've driven.

These vehicles are selected based on overall value, performance, build quality and fuel mileage and listed in no particular order.

1) Ford Mustang GT: Perhaps the surprise of the year, Ford's pony car is better than ever, with a new 302 engine that delivers 412 horses and generates 17 city and 26 highway EPA. The GT Coupe starts at \$29,310 and for even more power, check the Boss 302.

2) Cadillac CTS-V: With 556 horses at your disposal, Cadillac's CTS-V is in a class where supercars from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Infiniti, Lexus and Acura play. This "Test Drive" supercar of the year starts at \$62,000, and is way less expensive than its competitors.

3) Volvo S60: Built in Belgium, the new S60 comes standard with All Wheel Drive and is the lone S60 offered in the United States. Notable is a 2012 T5 S60 model, a front drive 5-cylinder turbo with a base of \$31,450. Volvo builds great, safe cars.

4) Chevy Cruze Eco: Cruze Eco receives a "Best Buy" recommendation and in many ways is a better value than the Chevy Volt we test drove. Cruze Eco delivers great fuel economy — 28/42 — at \$20,000 less than Volt and over-delivers in return on in-



2011 Chevy Cruze Eco

vestment. The Cruze base model starts at \$16,720, while a 2011 Eco base is \$18,250.

5) Hyundai Sonata: This new generation mid-size Sonata is more powerful, lighter, better looking, more economical and comes with a 100,000-mile warranty and starts at \$19,915. In my opinion, it's the best looking Hyundai ever built. Corporate sibling Kia Optima is a mechanical clone, starting at \$18,995.

6) Toyota Prius: Toyota's gas stingy Prius continues to improve year to year and is the best Hybrid built. This third generation Prius starts at \$23,520 and delivers a solid 51 city and 48 highway EPA numbers. Notable is a new 5-door wagon for 2012 with way more storage space.

7) BMW 535i Sedan: A new generation for 2011, BMW's 5 Series is an excellent, road-worthy machine. Featuring a longer wheelbase — 3.2 inches — than the previous generation, the design makes for a comfortable ride and better creature comfort dimensions.

The 535i is a great touring machine with a base of \$49,600. This German corporation has come a long way since introducing the 1959 Isetta 300, which sold for \$1,048 and featured a BMW motorcycle style 1-cylinder, 13

horse engine.

8) Infiniti G: We drove several Infiniti G models in 2011 and recommend both G37 coupe and G25 sedan versions. Starting at \$32,700 for the sedan, Infiniti G's are classic examples of luxury combined with sporty performance. All Wheel Drive is available as an option, and the coupe is a "Consumer Reports" overall road test score winner.

9) Mazda 2: One of Mazda's new models for 2011, the small "2" assures Mazda's "zoom zoom" fun to drive package with great reliability. There's little not to like when the "2" comes in at a base of \$16,235 for a Touring model with an automatic transmission. Starting at \$14,370, Mazda 2 offers an aerodynamic exterior, comfortable interior and great fuel mileage.

10) Ford Fiesta: The all-new sub-compact from Ford starts at \$13,200 for those in need of quality transportation at a low price. With lots of standard features, including air, base Fiesta delivers 40 miles per gallon with an optional automatic and comes with a "Test Drive" high recommendation.

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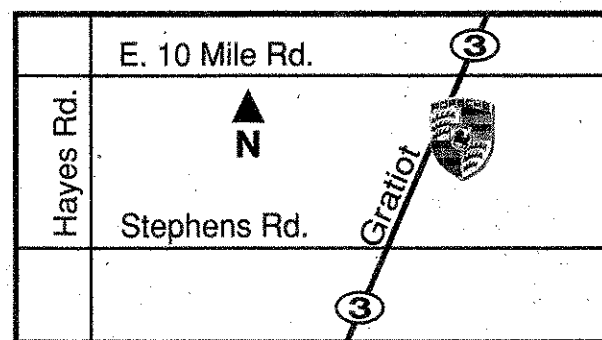
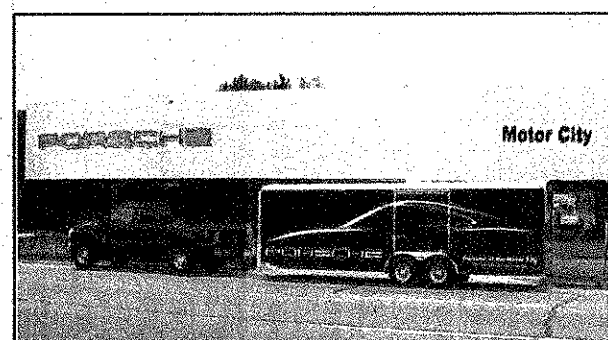
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Infiniti IPL G Coupe

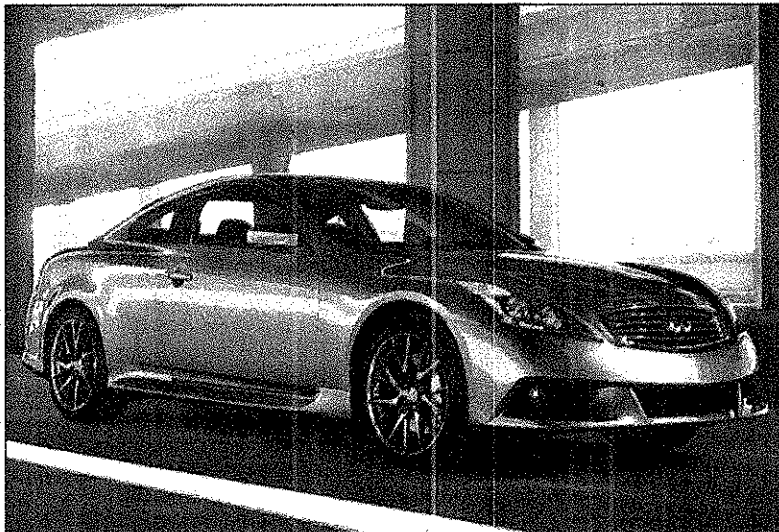


We recently drove Infiniti's 2011 IPL G37 Coupe, the "IPL" designating "Infiniti Performance Line" — base price: \$49,850; price as tested: \$51,095.

This performance-bred "G" is rear drive format only and carries a bevy of performance enhancements.

Mechanically, all standard "G" models receive a powerful 330-horsepower V6, but the IPL entertains with a 348-horse 3.7-liter V6. With 275 pound-feet of torque meshing with a "Drive Sport" mode 7-speed automatic transmission, IPL is potent.

Infiniti IPL offers its "rev matching" paddle control downshift or upshift 7-speed transmission as standard. If you like a clutch, a short



Check out the 2011 Infiniti IPL G Coupe holiday rebates and incentives while they last.

throw close-ratio 6-speed manual is available, but the EPA drops to 17/25 versus 19/27 for the automatic.

The standard fare list is excellent, as our tester came with a Premium Bose Audio System featuring a 9.3-gig Music Box, 11 speakers and a driver "Audio Box." Also standard are rear sonar backup system, power moonroof, seat memory with lumbar assist and power tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel, intelligent

cruise control, navigation system, Studio On Wheels, Silk-Obi aluminum trim, advanced climate control, XM Satellite and much more.

The standard navigation features a touch screen system with DVD, streaming audio via Bluetooth, 3D graphics with Birdview, XM real time traffic and weather.

Additional attributes include 19-inch performance W-rated summer tires, IPL red stitching on bucket seats, alu-

minum pedals, IPL zero lift front and rear aerodynamics, 7-spoke graphite alloy wheels, bi-functional HD headlamps, fog lamps, chrome grille, specially tuned sport suspension and sport tuned steering.

As for safety, Infiniti's advanced safety system includes all air bags plus roof-mounted side impact air bags, 4-wheel ABS disc brakes, electronic brakeforce, vehicle dynamic control, traction control and an Infiniti security and vehicle

immobilizer system.

Inside, rear passengers are snug at best. As for front pas-

sengers, comfortable yet firm seating and all the amenities await. The trunk is small, as just 7.4 cubic feet before folding down the rear seats.

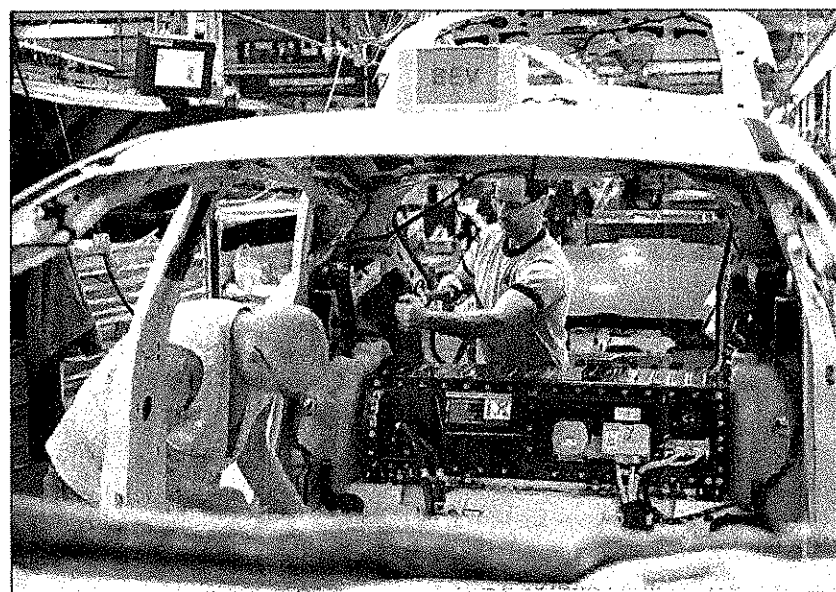
Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.2 inches, 3,769-pound curb weight and 20-gallon fuel tank.

For those wanting a G37 without enhancements, the base starts at \$37,600 and a sedan starting at \$32,400.

Likes: Suspension, handling, looks, brakes, quality, interior, EPA numbers.

Dislikes: Shift paddles not connected to steering wheel, horsepower only 18 more than base G37, back seat room.

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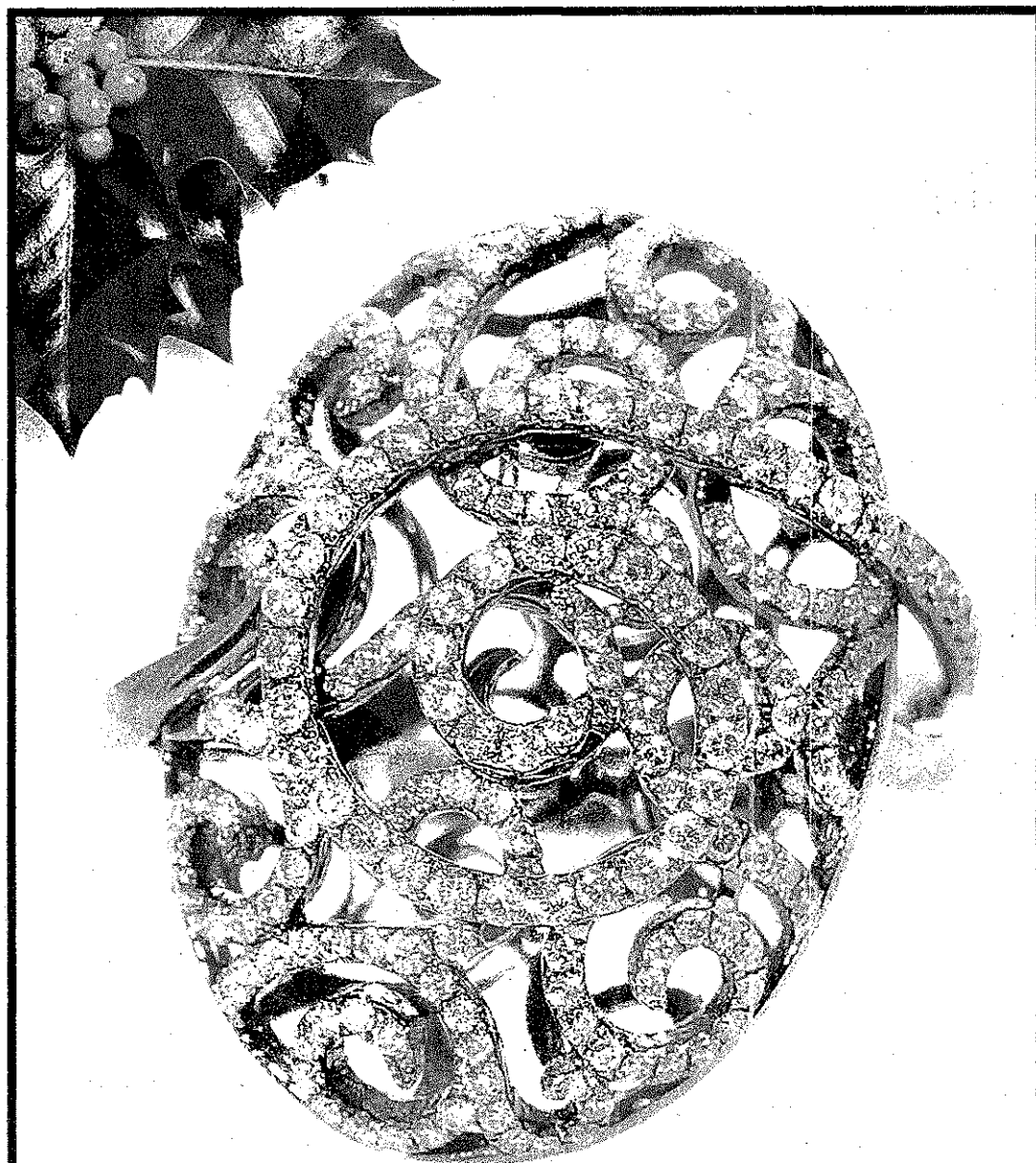
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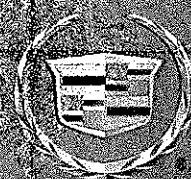
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Ring in Christmas

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The cheerful and distinct pealing of bells announce royal weddings, weekly church services, the beginning of a new school day, the end of a boxing round or the arrival of Santa's sleigh.

The resonant notes are also embedded in religious Christmas sounds. Their multi-octave vibrations herald the season of memories, goodwill and surprises.

St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms hand bell choir, consisting of six women and four men, provides a different perspective to familiar hymns to the congregation and sounds of the season.

Playing three of the four octaves of brass bells owned by the church, the hand bell choir is playing three selections: Christmas Eve — "Savior of the Nations Come," "In Quiet Joy," and "Oh, Come

All Ye Faithful." "Once a week we rehearse about an hour for once a month services and Christmas Eve services," said Kurt Heyer, the church's minister



bell choir is in the balcony," he said.

A bell choir is unusual for churches to include in their ministries, yet joining is an easy way to get involved in music without having a musical background, Heyer continued.

"You don't have to have taken music lessons. It's a low pressure way to serve the church. For some people it is less

of music. "We are learning a dozen pieces a year. We do three pieces Christmas Eve and pull out more pieces for the special service (Christmas Even) because people expect more music. People like the sound of them. They (hand bell choirs) are interesting to watch, but at St. James, the

intimidating than a vocal choir and it's easier to do than a violin or trumpet. Any time members are doing something to service the church is a ministry. I tell my ringers we are leading people in worship," he said.

Many of Heyer's worship

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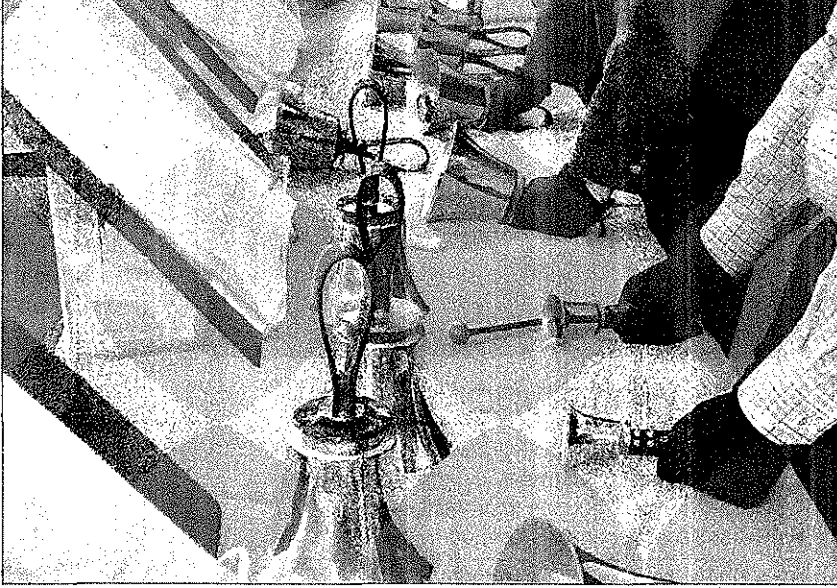
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Left, Barbara Radtke rings one bell and damps her second bell by gently pressing it onto her padded collar.

Right, hand bell ringers wear gloves to guard against leaving oil from their hands on the brass.

Below right, Fred Whitehouse and Mark Wilson.



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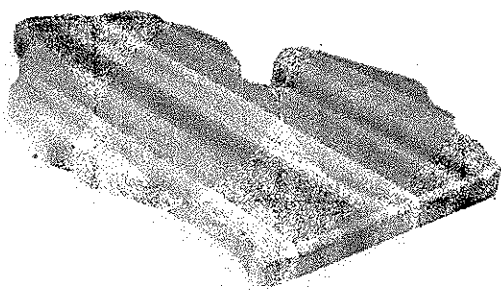


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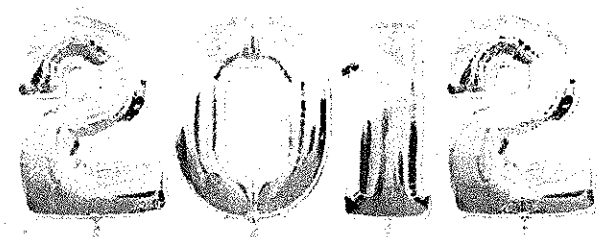


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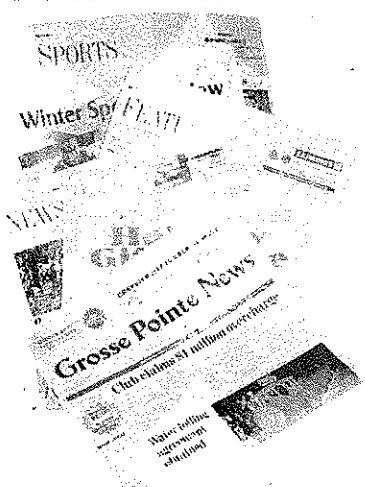


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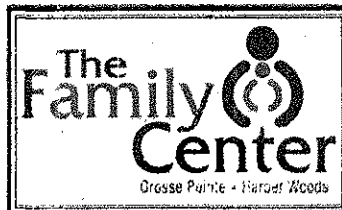
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla K. Ruhana

Living a more stress-free life



Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series.

Q How does one set limits and distance ones self without hurting others?

A Our perception in situations — and changing our reactions, no matter who the relationship is with — can alleviate unnecessary stress. What's most challenging is forcing yourself to do what is uncomfortable, to change your reactions and to lose the fear of losing a relationship.

Often the fear is a distortion, as it is unlikely we will lose the relationship.

In fact, the dynamics may

drastically improve as the other person gains respect for us and we engage in self-care. This is also imperative in terms of raising children — you can show them how they can take better care of themselves as adults.

One may choose to see a therapist for additional help. Seeking assistance from a mental health practitioner does not have the same stigma as it did in the past.

We live in a world in which most realistically understand life can be challenging and it doesn't mean there is something "wrong with you" for seeking help.

Other ways to cope with stress is to get adequate sleep, eat healthy meals, exercise for 30 minutes daily, utilize healthy support in your life (family, friends, church) and seek those whom you respect and admire and observe how

they manage stress.

Relying on your faith can also be a valuable way to alleviate stress. Quitting smoking and omitting consumption of alcohol helps, too.

An annual physical is also beneficial to reduce stress related to any health concerns.

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The Lake House

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◆ Guided medication sessions begin at 10 a.m. and gentle yoga is offered from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays.

◆ Paper craft and knitting and crocheting classes are from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Mondays.

◆ Tai chi is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28.

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

For more information, call (586) 777-7761 or visit MiLakeHouse.org.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts a January tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Singer and guitarist Robert Guskovick performs songs made famous by Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Roy Rogers.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

Spirit of Women

Spirit of Women hosts three movie nights beginning at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The movie begins at 7 p.m.

The first movie, "The Help," is shown Wednesday, Jan. 18; the second, "Julie and Julia," is Wednesday, Feb. 15; and the final film, "Calendar Girls," is Wednesday, March 21.

The cost is \$12. Registration is required and can be done by calling (313) 881-7511.

The Spirit of Women's Shall We Dance! event is from 8 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, also at the War Memorial.

The cost is \$15.

SOC offers senior yoga class

Services for Older Citizens offers Senior Yoga with certified Hatha yoga instructor Indira Murray at 10 a.m. Mondays and Fridays.

The class' goal is to incorporate self-awareness by conceiving a deeper knowledge of one's body through breathing, meditation, alignment and posture in a precise verbalized manner.

The hour-long class promotes strength, endurance, stability, mobility, flexibility and postural challenges by yoking the mind, breath and body.

Classes are designed at each individual's level. Within a group environment, instructions are tailored to a person's capability.

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◆ **Alignment:** Balances the body's skeletal structure.

Classes cost \$4 and are at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The first class is free.

Bring a yoga mat.

ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions held for GPT's 'Hairspray'

Grosse Pointe Theatre holds dance workshops for those interested in auditioning for "Hairspray" from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17 and 24, at Grosse Pointe Theatre's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Auditions are from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the rehearsal studio. Scripts and music cuts are available by calling the theater at (313) 886-8901 or producer Chris Kaiser at (313) 881-8040.

Performance dates are May 6, 9-13, and 17-20, in Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are available by calling (313) 881-4004.

"Hairspray" characters are:

Tracy Turnblad: (lead) Pleasantly plump teenager with a big heart who dreams of being a dancing star. Must have acting, vocal and dancing stamina. Audition songs are "Good Morning Baltimore" and "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Edna Turnblad: (lead) Tracy's kind and shy, plus-sized mother. Requires a strong, comic male performer who must play a compassionate mother and wife, not a man pretending to be a woman. Audition songs are "You're Timeless to Me" and "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Penny Pingleton: (support) Tracy's slightly dorky, yet lovable best friend, who is often by her side.

Audition song is "Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now."

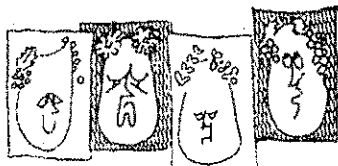
Velma Von Tussle: (support) Amber's attractive but overbearing mother who pushes her daughter to seek stardom. Controlling, bossy and bigoted. Audition song is "Miss Baltimore Crabs."

Amber Von Tussle: (support) Bratty, selfish resident princess of The Corny Collins Show. Her mother's daughter through and through. Audition song is "Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now."

Corny Collins: (support) Exciting and confident dancing and singing host of his own TV dance show. Smooth, dashing, suave TV personality. In favor of Tracy and racial integration. Audition song is "Nicest Kids in Town."

Link Larkin: (support) Heartthrob, aspiring crooner and lead dancer on The Corny Collins Show. The love interest of both Tracy and Amber. Has the boy-next-door looks, sexy and masculine. Audition song is "It Takes Two."

Motormouth Maybelle: (support) The sassy but sweet



Corny Collins: "Negro Day" DJ. Owner of a record store and a mother-figure to all. Wise from experience and yearns for change. Plus-sized, she helps Edna find pride in herself. Audition song is "I Know Where I've Been."

Wilbur Turnblad: (support) Tracy's goofy father, childish yet caring, who owns the Har-Dee-Har Hut joke shop. Still madly in love with his wife, Edna. Wants only what is best for his family and encourages Tracy to follow her dreams. Audition song is "You're Timeless to Me."

Little Inez: (featured) Seaweed's younger sister, bustling with sass, soul and dance. Tries to audition for The Corny Collins Show but is turned away by Velma because she is black. Audition song is "Run and Tell That."

The Dynamites: (featured) Judine, Kamilah and Shayna, a girl-group of the 1960s, a la The Supremes with soul, sequins and style. Must be able to sing in tight three part harmony. Audition song is "Welcome to the '60s."

Female authority figure: (featured) Performs the roles of Penny's uptight prudish mother, Prudy Pingleton, a

sadistic gym teacher and a sardonic prison matron. Audition song is "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Male authority figure: (featured) Performs the roles of Ultra Clutch president Harriman F. Spritzer, a high-blood pressure principal, the flamboyant Mr. Pinky, a bigoted cop and a corrupt jail guard. Audition song is "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Council members: (non-featured) Tammy, Brad, Fender, Brenda, Sketch, Shelley and Lou Ann. They are dancers and singers on The Corny Collins Show. Roles require strong dancers with vocal stamina and focus of musical numbers. Must have the look of a high school teenager. Audition song is "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Students ensemble: (non-featured) Gilbert, Duane, Lorraine, Stooie, Thad, Cindy and Watkins. Students enjoy and frequently visit Motor-mouth Maybelle's record shop. Roles require strong dancers with vocal stamina and focus of musical numbers. Must have the look of a high school teenager. Audition song is "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Denizens of Baltimore: (non-featured) Residents of Baltimore play various adult roles. Audition song is "You Can't Stop the Beat."

Rehearsals are 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE DEC. 21, 1961, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: Greetings

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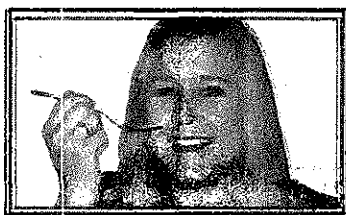
1961

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A I.A. ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Stellar holiday entree



Everyone should have an elegant dinner at least once during the holiday season, something you wouldn't attempt without a special reason. Give yourself a reason.

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Brie Stuffed Chicken with Prosciutto

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1 to 2 garlic cloves, minced
fresh ground black pepper to taste
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1 4-oz. wheel (or wedge) brie cheese
8 thin slices prosciutto
1 cup dry white wine
1 sprig fresh thyme
1 bay leaf
salt to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small bowl, whisk together two tablespoons olive oil with balsamic vinegar, honey, thyme, garlic and pepper.

Set aside.

Using a sharp paring knife, cut a pocket into the deep side of each chicken breast. Divide brie into pockets. Generously brush both sides of each chicken breast with olive oil mixture. Wrap two slices of prosciutto around each breast, securing around the cheese pocket.

Heat remaining olive oil, plus any olive oil mixture that might be left, in a large ovenproof skillet. Add chicken breasts and cook for about five minutes or so. Turn breasts over and add white wine, thyme and bay leaf to skillet. Bring to a boil and place in a 400 degree oven for 20 minutes, until the chicken is thoroughly cooked. Transfer breasts to a serving platter and cover with foil. Place hot skillet over a medium-high burner and bring liquid in the skillet to a boil, scraping any drippings. Strain sauce, taste and season with salt and pepper, if desired.

For a fancy presentation, slice each breast before plating. Ladle with pan sauce. Yummy.

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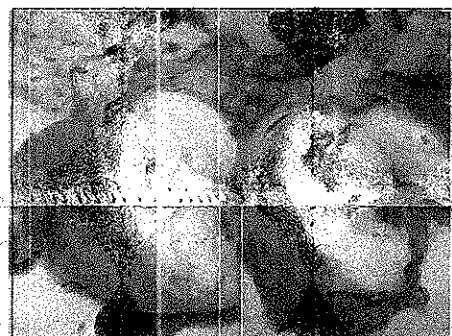


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First English

Three candlelight services are offered Saturday, Dec. 24, at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The 5 p.m. service is for children.

Special seasonal music is performed at 7:15 p.m. as an introduction to the 7:30 p.m. service. Likewise, special music at 10:45 p.m. leads into the 11 p.m. service, which offers holy communion.

A service is offered at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 1.

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Digging Deeper

Digging Deeper, a support group exploring emotional and spiritual issues related to job transition, meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at First Christian Reform Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Ben Van Arragon is the facilitator.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church conducts a series called "Catholics Returning Home" on seven consecutive Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., beginning Jan. 6.

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Christ Church

The Christ Church Spirituality Center offers a prayer workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Janene Ternes, a commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion, facilitates the workshop. Building on the Epiphany themes, Ternes explores prayer as the journey between darkness and light. The retreat builds on simple movements, scripture, guided meditation, journaling and music.

Participants do not have to make any uncomfortable movements or those beyond one's physical limits.

The public can attend. The cost is \$45 or \$40 without lunch.

To register by Monday, Jan. 23, call (313) 885-4841, ext. 113. For more information, visit christchurchgp.org/spirituality.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Two holidays begin with Winter Solstice

Hanukkah and Christmas have one common feature: They both celebrate the Winter Solstice. From there, they move in different directions; one affirming Jewish identity and the other, the birth of Jesus and the breaking away of the new religion from its Jewish mother.

Hanukkah is known as the "festival of lights" and is celebrated for eight days. The lights are held in an eight-branched candlestick called a Menorah. One candle is lit for each day of the holiday until all eight are aglow.

The holiday also celebrates the military victory of the Maccabees over their Syrian rulers who desecrated the temple with Greek idols, attempting to Hellenize the Jewish popula-

tion.

An army under Judas Maccabee was victorious; the temple was cleansed and rededicated. A story is told that a pot of oil, good for one day, was found. But, by a miracle, it stayed lit for eight days, thus creating an eight-day holiday.

In the beginning, the celebration was called the Succot (harvest) Feast of the month of Kislev. Since Succot was an eight-day holiday, so was the new feast. Later, it became Hanukkah, meaning rededication, because the temple's altar was rededicated after its defilement by the Greek gods.

Had the Maccabees not rescued the temple and Judaism, it is unlikely a man named Jesus would begin a new faith. The

Hasmonean (Maccabean) dynasty lasted about one century and the country became a part of the Roman Empire. The outcome was the triumph of rabbinic, pharisaic Judaism.

Incidentally, Jesus taught out of the tradition of the Pharisees. It is indeed odd they are treated so poorly in the Gospels. The holiday became popular with the people, and so we have the winter festival of Hanukkah. This year it begins Dec. 20.

We wish the whole community a happy holiday season.

Amen, and Amen.

Skully is cantor of the Downtown Synagogue and president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

BELLS: Sounds of the season

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selections are tunes known by the congregation. He chooses them based on difficulty, the church season and familiarity.

"There is a lot of music written for bells. Most of what we ring are hymn tunes the congregation knows and what the congregation will sing. We do seasonal music, two to five minutes in length," he said.

A couple times a year, music publishers send sample CDs featuring hand bell music. Heyer pops a CD in his car and listens to the selections on his commute from his house in Ypsilanti to Grosse Pointe Farms. In the fall, when the choir re-

turns after summer break, Heyer introduces easier melodies and works his way into more challenging pieces as the year progresses.

Each choir member has three or four bells to ring. Heyer highlights each ringer's notes for easier participation.

Wearing gloves, women generally ring smaller bells and men the larger bells. The assignments are due to the bells' weights which range from a few ounces to several pounds.

"They do wear gloves," he said, "so they don't touch the surface because the oil from the hand mars the surface of the bell. The

brass is not lacquered."

The brass clapper's cylindrical end is surrounded by a hard rubber circle to produce the vibration when striking the bell. Each bell has three settings which affects the brightness of the sound — soft, medium and hard. Heyer's choirs' bells are on the medium setting.

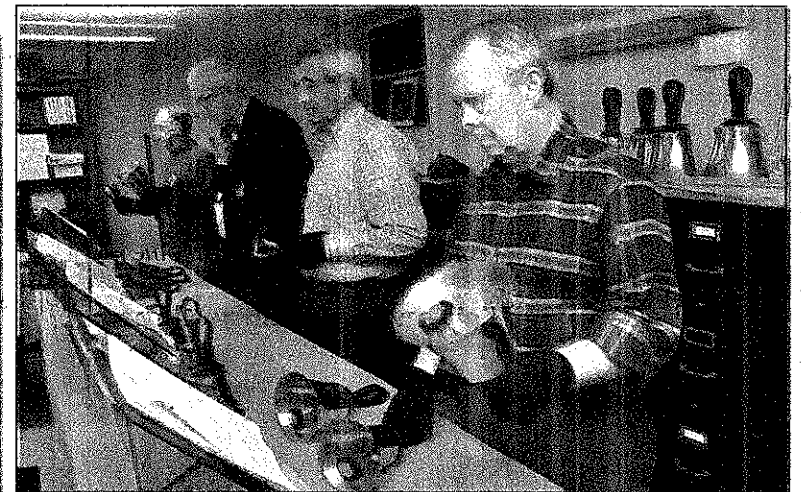
Heyer draws an analogy of how to ring a bell to that of a locomotive's wheel arm, making a circular motion.

"It looks pretty. It makes it easier to ring. The sound wave goes out of the lip of the bell, going out to the listener, out and up. Coming back (to near the shoulder) to stop the vibration," he said.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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I through how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
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And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
The pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."
Till, ringing singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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From left, St. James' hand bell choir has 10 ringers, including, from left, Barbara Radtke, Iris Whitehouse, Marcia Wilson, Kris Kellett and Emily Moellering. From left, Ray Radtke, Jim Lingscheit, Fred Whitehouse and Mark Wilson play the heavier bells.

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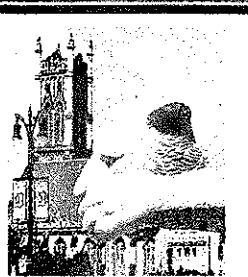
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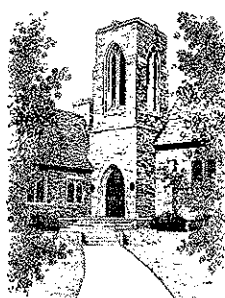
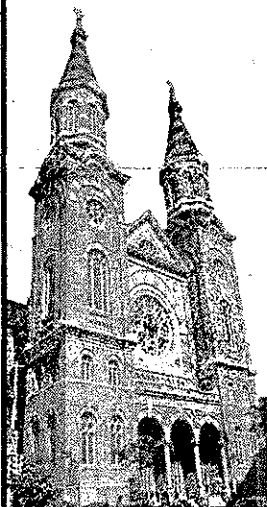
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

South goes OT, finally defeats North

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

It's almost expected now. Whenever the girls basketball squads from Grosse Pointe North and South get together to play, a tension-filled classic is almost expected.

This year's installment didn't disappoint those who packed the bleachers at South last Tuesday evening.

"It's a great rivalry no matter when we play," South standout Claire DeBoer said. "And this one was a great game from both teams."

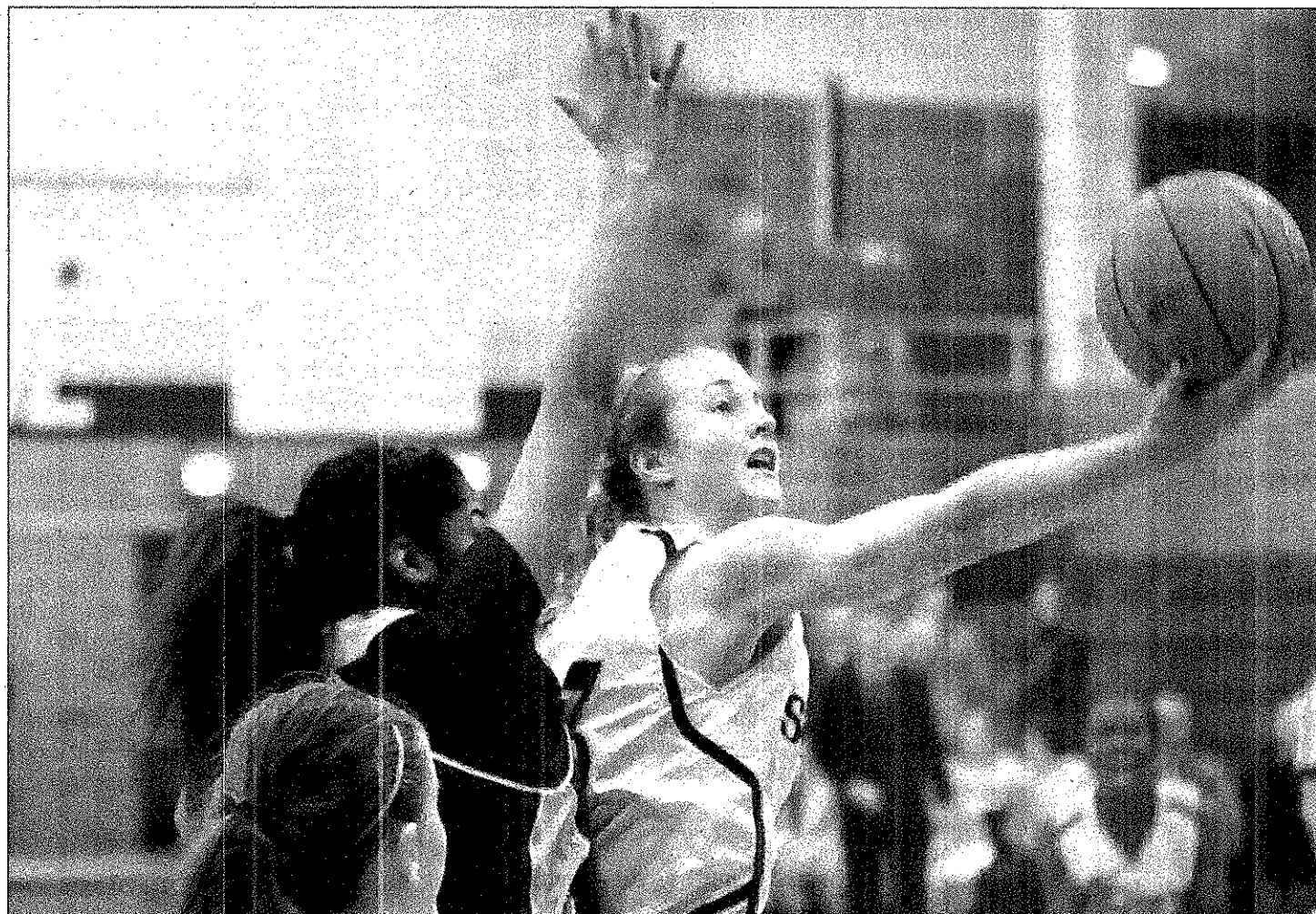
DeBoer led her Blue Devils to victory, 41-38, needing overtime to get past the Lady Norsemen.

"It was a great game," South head coach Kevin Richards explained. "It was a typical North-South game. Both teams battled. I really have to give credit to Gary (Bennett) and his team though. Every time we seemed to make a run, they responded."

The game was the back-and-forth slugfest most would expect from two top-notch programs.

North jumped out to a 5-1 lead to start the game; South goes on a 9-4 run to end the opening quarter up, 10-9.

South wraps up the third quarter with a run to take a 25-19 lead into the closing eight minutes of play, only to see North outscore the host



South junior Claire DeBoer drives by North junior Anajai Gutierrez during the Blue Devils' overtime win over the Norsemen.

school by six in the final quarter of regulation and force the game into overtime, 36-36.

Solid defense and timely baskets in the bonus frame helped the Lady Blue Devils to victory.

That said, Bennett wasn't

disappointed with the outcome.

"I'm very pleased because we're really inexperienced," the Lady Norsemen coach said. "And we always have somebody on the floor that's inexperienced. It only takes

one person to break down, then no matter how hard the other four are playing, you have issues there."

The response holds true to the North way of thinking under Bennett — that competing is far more important than the

outcome of the game.

"My goal in this game was to compete," Bennett said. "We could've come in here tonight and rolled over and lost by 20. That's a very, very good basketball team. But we competed. We made a ton of

mistakes, but we never stopped competing. You can't ask more than that. I'm very pleased with what we got tonight. Very pleased."

The loss was a valuable teaching tool for the Lady Norsemen, but for South, it was a much-needed win over a rival and, Richards hopes, the first step in a season of high points from a team with a ton of potential — a team with a goal of playing at The Breslin Center come March.

"Obviously we have to get better in some points," Richards said. "We hope that we will continue to roll, but at the same time, I think we can do a lot of things better."

DeBoer, who finished the contest with 14 points, agreed with the coach.

"We have a lot of room for improvement," the South junior explained. "But I'm really happy to get this win tonight. I haven't beaten them yet in my career and this feels good."

North junior Tayrn Kiah led all scorers with 18 points, while sophomore Maria Liddane poured in nine for the Lady Norsemen.

Senior Caitlin Moore added 11 points for South and senior Carmen Engel pulled down eight boards in the win.

South played a second game last week, losing 60-56 to Romulus, one of the top-ranked teams in Class A.

South is 2-1 overall, while North dropped to 1-3.

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Hockey

LIGGETT, SOUTH BOYS

Liggett beats South, Ike to win tourney

By Bob St. John and A.J. Hakim
Staff Writers

In a battle of city rivals, host University Liggett used a late third-period goal to beat Grosse Pointe South 3-2 in the University Liggett School Holiday Invitational last weekend.

Utica Eisenhower beat Cadillac 2-1 in the opening game and fans were treated to another nail-biter as Knights junior Jake Soyka scored the game-winning goal with only 50.7 seconds left in the third period.

Junior Manny Counsman assisted.

"I thought we were lucky to win this game because we didn't play smart and had no flow," Liggett head coach Robb McIntyre said. "It was a track meet and we didn't want to get into that kind of game, but somehow our guys did just that and didn't listen."

It was nip-and-tuck throughout.

It was tied 1-1 after the first period. Counsman scored at the 11:54 mark on a wrist shot that beat South senior goalie C.J. Schebil. Soyka and sophomore Vincent Scarfone assisted.

Senior Andrew Addy tallied for the Blue Devils at the 4:14 with juniors Jake Corden and

Shane Sparkman assisting.

The Knights scored the only second period goal with Counsman netting his second. He is making it common-place to score two goals in a game, but he can't get the hat trick. He had opportunities in each game.

The Blue Devils had a golden chance to tie it late in the second period, but freshman goalie Luke Soyka made a glove save with the puck heading into the upper corner.

South head coach Jamie Bufalino watched his team tie it 2-2 at the 8:10 mark of the third period. Junior Max Corden had the tying goal that ricocheted off Knights sophomore William Yates' skate and past Luke Soyka.

The Blue Devils kept the pressure in the Knights' zone and Luke Soyka turned in a spectacular performance, earning the No. 1 star of the game.

He made three huge saves in the third period, including poking the puck away from a Blue Devil on a break-away.

Luke Soyka gave the Knights the chance to earn the big win over a city rival and his older brother made sure it happened.

Liggett rebounded from a third-period lapse in the championship game of its holiday invitational, salvaging a 4-3

overtime victory against Utica Eisenhower.

Senior forward Jeff Mott scored the winning goal 27 seconds into overtime.

"You like the way they kind of gutted it out to make sure they win the game, but it's kind of unfortunate to even get ourselves in that position," McIntyre said.

A combination of fatigue from penalties incurred during the second and third periods and the strength of Eisenhower's squad, ranked No. 6 in Division 1, resulted in Liggett surrendering three goals in the third period. The last goal, with 46.6 seconds remaining, tied the score at 3-3 and forced overtime.

"I thought we got a little nonchalant, typical power play sloppiness that happens; we just picked a bad time to do it," McIntyre said of the team's five penalties during the second and third periods, several of which resulted in multiple 5-on-3 opportunities for Eisenhower.

"I think we tired ourselves out in the second with the penalties, got a little undisciplined. I thought for the most part we were OK, but you get sloppy a couple times and you pay."

For the most part, Liggett maintained control for a majority of the game, using its speed to easily work the puck through the defensive and neutral zones. It led 2-0 after senior forward Austin Pettipren's power-play goal at 12:12 into the first period and Counsman's short-handed score 14 seconds into the second.

Sophomore Lordanthony Grissom and freshman Josh Soyka assisted on Pettipren's goal, and Jake Soyka assisted on Counsman's.

Junior Mark Auk put Liggett ahead 3-0, 3:15 into the third period, before Eisenhower's eventual comeback.

Liggett's senior goalie Joe Davenport recorded 29 saves on 32 shots.

In the consolation game, Grosse Pointe South defeated Cadillac 9-3.

"Mentally you know you're team, and I think it was so tough on them mentally and physically yesterday from having such a hard battle that I didn't think they were ready," Bufalino said. "It's nice to get up a couple goals, but those were a couple fluke goals."



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett players and coaches celebrate after winning its holiday tournament last weekend, beating Utica Eisenhower in overtime in the title game.

Those aren't going to happen against a Brother Rice or a Grosse Pointe North."

South jumped out to a 4-0 lead late in the first period, following a three-goal outburst, all scored within 1:12. Senior forward Wes Cimmarusti opened the scoring with a power-play goal 8:47 into the first. Minutes later, Frank Welsher, Addy and sophomore Andrew Bigham each scored.

Goalie Andrew Wright assisted on Cimmarusti's goal; Cam Gibson on Welsher's; and Addy and Shane Sparkman on Bigham's. Addy's goal was unassisted.

Cimmarusti finished with four goals and an assist.

"Wes, this season hasn't been shooting as much," Bufalino said. "We've been harping on him to shoot more. He's been trying be more of a playmaker; he's playing with some better kids this year to where he doesn't have to just take the puck and fire it."

"Now he's been too much of a playmaker, but today he was a little more selfish. His line mates got him the puck, got him open and he took the puck and fired it."

Despite South's quick start, Cadillac was within two goals, 5-3, heading into the third period, resulting in an adjustment from Bufalino. Feeling his team hit a lull during the second, Bufalino changed goalies, subbing in Schebil for Wright, who finished with 12 saves on 15 shots. Schebil saved all 15 shots in the third period.

"To wake the kids up, again, I didn't think they were men-

tally there today, to wake them up we put in C.J. Schebil," Bufalino said. "C.J. came in and did great, made a couple key saves and that kind of sparked the team. That was what had to be done to let the kids know how serious we were about getting the win and waking them up."

The team responded, with Bigham adding another goal

(unassisted), Sparkman scoring (Cimmarusti and Sam Hartman assisted) on a power play and Cimmarusti adding two more goals (Welsher and Nolan Monforton assisted on the first, Welsher and Ryley Maher on the second), as the team outscored Cadillac 4-0 in the final period.

Liggett improved to 5-2 overall; South is 5-4.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett freshman goalie Luke Soyka, background, searches for the puck with Jake Hodges trying to clear out South's forward.



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Grosse Pointe South's Wes Cimmarusti, No. 5, was held in check by Liggett, but exploded for four goals against Cadillac.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Wujek, defense stops DLS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Chip Wujek stopped 31 shots to lead Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team to a 1-0 win last week over Warren DeLaSalle.

The win stopped the Norsemen's mini two-game slide and earned two points in the tough Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings.

"We had a lot of opportunities to add to the lead, but couldn't convert," head coach Scott Lock said. "Both goal-tenders played well."

Wujek made the play of the game, stopping a penalty shot in the late stages of the third period.

The host Norsemen used a first-period goal by senior Anthony Saleh and stellar defense to beat the Pilots.

Junior Jack Stander and senior J.P. Lucchese assisted on the game-winning goal.

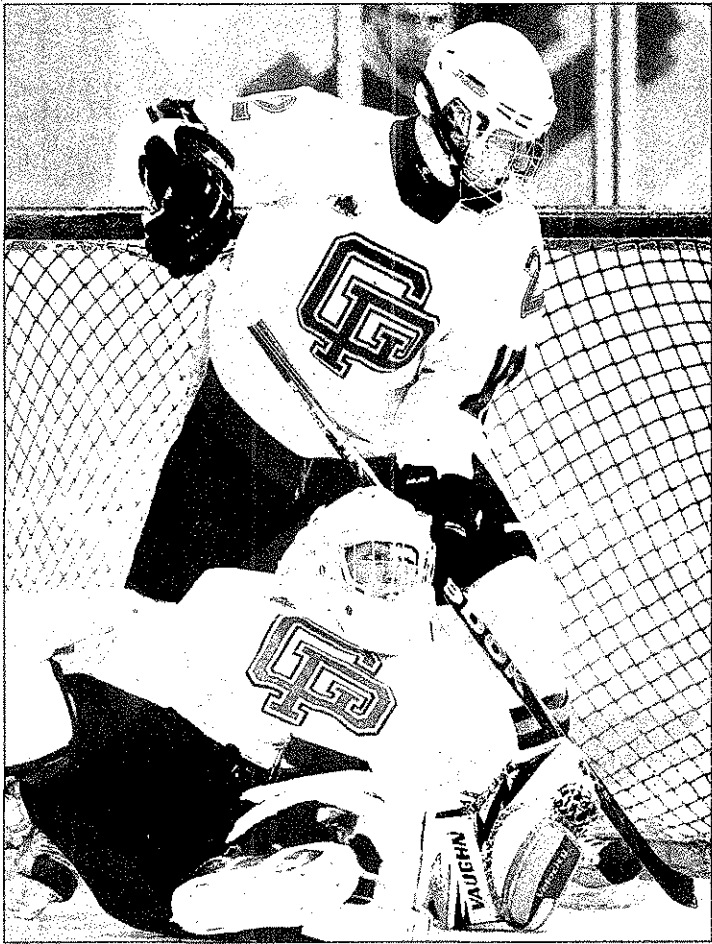


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North goalie Chip Wujek stopped this shot, one of 31, to shutout DeLaSalle. He had plenty of help from defenseman Luke Schomer, No. 2.

Three nights later, North lost 5-3 to an improved Port Huron Northern squad, dropping to 2-4 in the MIHL and 3-4 overall.

"We had 49 shots on net, giving us 89 total in the two games, but once again we didn't score enough."

The Norsemen trailed 3-0, but tied it in the third period on goals by senior Luke Schomer, Lucchese and sophomore C.J. Kusch.

Sophomore Ryan Babcock chipped in with two assists, while Lucchese had one.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Offense comes through

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Jennifer Cusmano's hat trick led Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team to a 7-2 win over Ann Arbor last week.

These teams have played some tough one-goal and overtime battles in recent years, but this time the home Norsemen made sure it wouldn't come down to the end.

The Pioneers scored first, tallying at the 10:44 mark of the opening period, but North junior Katie Bowles countered with a goal at the 5:12 mark. Both goals came on the power play.

Cusmano scored at the 3:00 mark to give the Norsemen a 2-1 lead, but the Pioneers scored a short-handed tally midway through the second period to tie it 2-2.

After that, it was all North. The home team scored three goals in a 47-second span late in the second period to blow open a tight affair.

Junior Sara Villani began the scoring barrage at the 2:52



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Jennifer Cusmano scored three goals to help the host Norsemen beat Ann Arbor in convincing fashion.

mark and Cusmano scored at the 2:10 mark. Five seconds later, junior Julia Henderson finished off the trio of goals to give the Norsemen a 5-2 lead heading into the second intermission.

Senior goalie Emma Huellmantel came up with a couple of big saves early in the third period to keep it a three-goal advantage.

The lead grew to four goals with junior Bryn Moody scor-

ing at the 10:11 mark and Cusmano finished off her hat trick with a goal at the 8:50 mark.

The Norsemen peppered Pioneer sophomore goalkeeper Paulina Arsenault with more than 30 shots.

Head coach Joe Lucchese watched his North squad improve to 3-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 4-3 overall.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl ready to roll

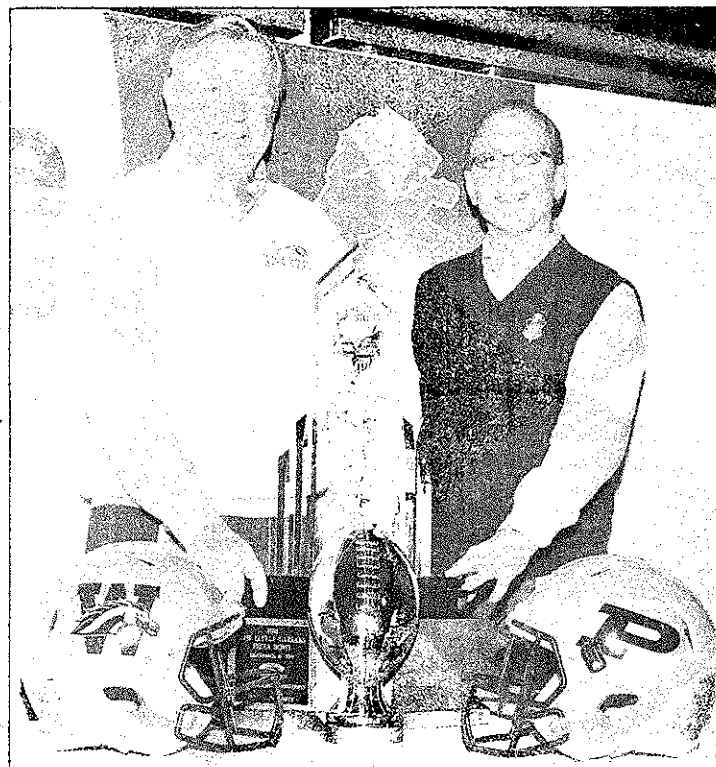


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Two people highly involved in the success of the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl are Grosse Pointe resident Greg Hacias, left, and Bowl Executive Director Ken Hoffman.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Several Grosse Pointers are preparing to play host to more than 60,000 fans attending the 2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl at Ford Field.

The game features the Purdue Boilermakers against the Western Michigan Broncos in what should be a high scoring affair.

"We're really looking forward to this match-up of two teams closer to the area, including the home-state Broncos," said Grosse Pointer Greg Hacias, a Bowl representative. "I hope we can sell this game out. It would be great for the area."

Ford Field holds 65,000 and there is a chance the Pizza Bowl will be sold out. Purdue, located in West Lafayette, Ind, is only 281 miles from the Detroit area and Kalamazoo is a short 140 miles to Ford Field. Both schools will bring a lot

of fans to the game as more than 30,000 tickets were asked for by university officials of Purdue and Western Michigan.

Purdue is a slight favorite. The Boilermakers finished 6-6 overall and 4-4 in the Big Ten Leaders Division.

They beat Middle Tennessee State 27-24, Southeast Missouri State 59-0, Minnesota 45-17, Illinois 21-14, Ohio State 26-23 and Indiana 33-25, and lost to Rice 24-22, Notre Dame 38-10, Penn State 23-18, Michigan 36-14, Wisconsin 62-17 and Iowa 31-21.

Statistical leaders are quarterback Caleb TerBush, who completed 61.7 percent of his passes for 1,804 yards with 12 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Running back Ralph Bolden carried the ball 148 times for 674 yards and six touchdowns, while wide receiver Antavian Edison caught 43 passes for

561 yards and three scores.

Purdue is 8-7 in its bowl history. Western Michigan finished 7-5 overall and 5-3 in the MAC West Division.

They beat Nicholls State 38-7, Central Michigan 44-14, Connecticut 38-31, Bowling Green 45-21, Ball State 45-35, Miami (Ohio) 24-21 and Akron 68-19, plus lost 34-10 to Michigan, 23-20 to Illinois, 51-22 to Northern Illinois, 14-10 to Eastern Michigan and 66-63 to Toledo.

The Broncos have the better offense with quarterback Alex Carder completing 67.2 percent of his passes with 3,434 yards. He threw for 28 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Running back Tevin Drake gained 570 yards on 102 attempts and four touchdowns. The marquee player in the game is wide receiver Jordan White, who leads the nation with 127 receptions for 1,646 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Western Michigan is 0-4 in bowl history.

The big question is can Purdue, which is 37th in the nation in pass defense at 202.8 yards per game, slow down Western Michigan's eighth-ranked passing offense at 328.8 yards per game and can Western's run defense, ranked 103rd giving up 215.9 yards per game, contain Purdue's rushing offense, ranked 39th at 174.7 yards per game?

Look for a high scoring game with the team getting the ball last having the chance to pull out the win.

"The game is generating a lot of interest and it will bring in about \$14 million to the area," Hacias said. "We can't wait to put on a good show for the fans."

To order tickets, call the Ford Field ticket office at (313) 262-2000. The ticket office is located outside of Gate G. Tickets can also be purchased online from Ticketmaster.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Senior Kevin Reck elevates for a dunk that spurred the Blue Devils to a road victory over St. Clair Shores South Lake.

Defense 'on' in road win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A slow start didn't deter Grosse Pointe South from winning its second straight road game last week, 47-34, over St. Clair Shores South Lake.

"We missed too many shots around the basket and didn't have any flow with our offense early on, but once we forced the tempo a little bit, we played much better," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "We had a size advantage and we used it to get some easy baskets."

The Blue Devils actually trailed 10-8 after the first quarter, but used a half-court trapping defense to score the first

nine points of the second stanza, leading 17-10.

The Cavaliers trailed 22-15 at the half and cut it to 22-20 early in the third quarter, but thanks once again to the trapping defense, Kevin Reck was able to score five straight points and the Blue Devils never looked back.

They built a 31-22 lead after three periods and Joe Srebernak poured in nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Blue Devils built a 20-point lead.

Reck also finished with 14 points, while Tim Kramer, Matt Reno and Joe Becker scored four points apiece in the victory.

South improved to 2-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH & SOUTH

Mixed results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and South wrestling teams competed in last weekend's annual Macomb County Tournament at Chippewa Valley.

Richmond easily won the title, earning 295 points, while Macomb Dakota was second with 178 and Anchor Bay third with 164.

North finished tied for 23rd with Utica with 53 points and South was 34th with 18.

"We had some kids perform well at a tough Macomb County Tournament," North head coach Eric Julien said. "They're making progress and it's nice to see."

For the Norsemen, Patrick Salazar earned a bronze medal in the 119-pound class, winning a 5-1 decision over Warren Woods-Tower's Donald Janice.

Andrew Lock, 145-pound class, and Mike Bowden, 160 pounds, came one match away from placing.

South, under head coach Greg Snider, is still feeling the effects of a less-than full lineup and inexperienced grapplers.

"The guys wrestled hard and learned a lot this weekend," he said.

Jeshua Yglesias finished 3-2 in the 112-pound class, and Alex Manchester was 1-2 at 125 pounds.

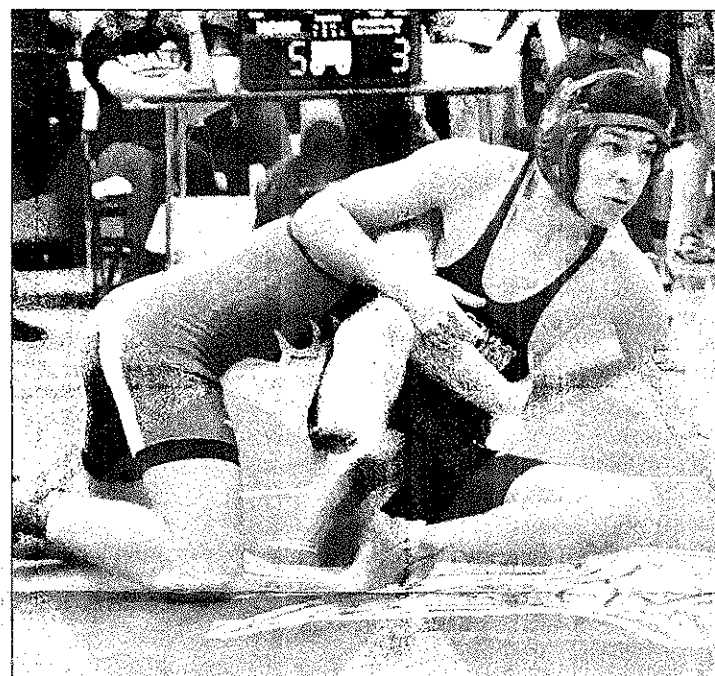


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Grosse Pointe North's Patrick Salazar, right, earned a medal with a third-place finish in the 119-pound class.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

United team crushes opposition

The Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics team opened its season last week with a win over visiting Tecumseh, 136.35-117.8.

Madi Kaiser's all-around score of 34.3 was best in the meet. Her top score of 8.9 came on her balance beam routine.

Close behind was Emma Abessinio, who scored a 34.2 all-around and won the balance beam with a 9.15, and

Sarah Fentin placed third in the all-around with a 33.9, plus won the uneven bars with an 8.25 and placed third on beam with an 8.45.

Kaiser and Abessinio took second and third on uneven bars, while Kaiser, Fran Kay and Ashley Krynski tied for first on vault with an 8.55.

Aubryn Samaroo won the final event, floor exercise, with a 9.1, followed by Fentin with an 8.9 and Kaiser and Abessinio

tied for third with 8.75.

Madi Bush earned regional qualifying scores in both of her events, vault and floor, in her first meet. Caitlin Gaitley also achieved qualifying scores on the vault, balance beam and floor exercise.

Other Grosse Pointe gymnasts who earned regional qualifying scores in the first meet included Fentin, Samaroo and Abessinio on vault; Kay, Samaroo and Krynski on bars; Kay, Samaroo and Krynski on balance beam; and Kay, Krynski, and Emily Griffith on floor exercise.

"I was really happy with this team score for early in the season, especially where many of the girls were trying new routines and skills for the first time in competition," said head coach Courtney Law. "I definitely expect that we will get more consistent and our team score will start to climb as the season goes on. The results of the first meet are a good indication that we will have another great season this year."

Grosse Pointe is 1-0 overall and its next meet is the Fraser Invitational Jan. 7.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Opening victory

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team kicked off the 2011-12 season last week with a 94-86 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Christian Mellos and Justin Rakowicz were double winners to lead the Norsemen. Mellos won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard

breaststroke with state-qualifying times, while Rakowicz took first in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle.

His 500-freestyle was a state-qualifying time.

Other event winners were Peter Shea in the 200-yard freestyle and Duncan MacAskill in diving. North is 1-0 overall.

LIGGETT GIRLS

Knights beat DC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team played in front of another packed gymnasium last weekend.

The Knights traveled one of the top-ranked teams in Class B, Dearborn Divine Child, and won 45-37.

They jumped out to a 9-0 lead and built a 31-18 halftime advantage.

"We defended so well," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "We rebounded very well and this was one of the best re-

bounding games the team played since I've been head coach.

"The place was full and our girls really wanted this win after they thought they should have won at Goodrich the week before."

The Falcons scored two quick buckets to open the third quarter, but never got closer.

Senior Madison Ristovski scored 19 points to lead the Knights, while sophomore Bre Andrews had 11 and freshman Lola Ristovski had 10.

Liggett improved to 2-1 overall.

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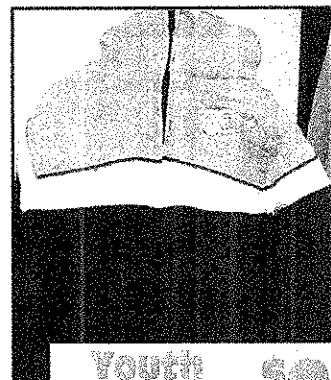
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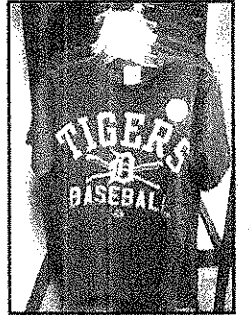
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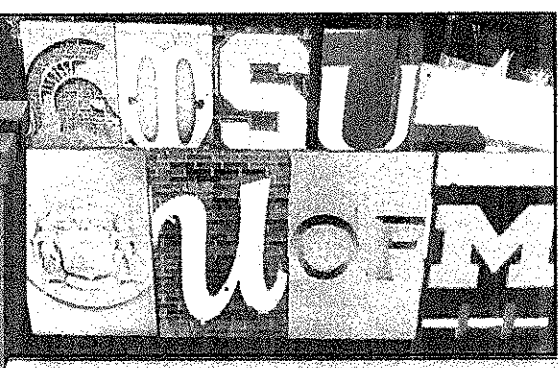
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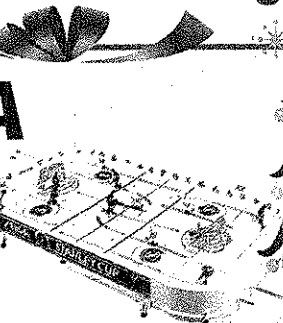
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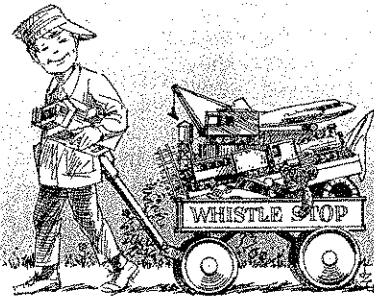
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