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◆ Each Grosse Pointe public elementary school offers a 7 p.m. information session asking the question "is your child ready and able to meet kindergarten standards for fall 2011?" Parents can make enrollment appointments that night. Half day kindergarten programs are offered at Ferry and Richard elementaries.

◆ University of Michigan professor Theresa Tinkle discusses the book, "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus," by Christopher Marlowe, at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. For more information, call Donna Di Sante at (313) 881-2258.

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**SATURDAY, JAN. 29**

◆ USA Hockey's Bob Mancini runs the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's practice at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink, 4831 Canyon St., Detroit.

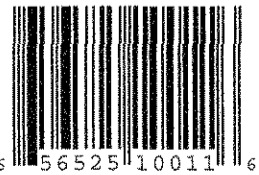
◆ Grosse Pointe's Own Antiques Road Show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The appraisal cost is \$8 per item and not more than six items can be appraised per customer.

◆ The 10th annual Winterfest is from noon to 2 p.m. at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. Events include a chili cook-off, lunch, refreshments, an inflatable slide and children's games.

◆ The seventh annual Winter Fest and Pig Roast begins at 1 p.m. in Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse

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## Green giant

Richard Marks, president of Environmental Transportation Solutions and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident talked with Monteith Elementary School third-graders about being your own boss, through a Michigan Education Department program. He explained how his electric car coincided with the state's program promoting entrepreneurship. Eight students from Laura Pelyak's class discovered how roomy the electric car was. Marks is on the left.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Above, third-grader Jackson Greilick checks out what's under the hood, which in this case it's a battery instead of an engine.

## Schroeder park building approved

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Private backers of a public building planned for construction at one of the Shores' municipal parks have raised almost all the money needed to break ground this spring.

"We've raised \$107,000 toward the total cost of \$117,500," said Lynn Galbenski, president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement

Foundation. "We feel confident we can raise the remaining \$10,000 and break ground in March as soon as the ground thaws."

Galbenski hopes dedication ceremonies coincide with the city's centennial celebration the weekend of July 8-10.

Two weeks ago, the foundation was \$17,000 short of its fundraising goal.

"We're already down to \$10,500," Galbenski said. "We're confident we

can raise it."

"That is a measure of the enthusiasm for the project," said Councilwoman Victoria Boyce.

The city council on Jan. 18, approved construction drawings for the building to be erected at the east side of the public works garage facing the sledding hill at Schroeder Park.

"It's a wonderful building," said

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## Public safety do-over

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The sine qua non of Grosse Pointe social fabric is in the crosshairs of cost-cutters this year in the City.

Public safety, the central pedestal on which the community's generally peaceful and protected lifestyle operates, takes up too much of the municipal budget to spare fiscal review.

"Given that public safety now comprises 58 percent of the city's general fund, the ongoing efforts to seek collaborative solutions with our Grosse Pointe neighbors is a major part of the upcoming budget review," said Peter Dame, city manager.

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## Chiefs added to study talks

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Hands-on know-how is being added to multi-city discussions about saving municipal costs by sharing public safety duties.

The five Grosse Pointe public safety directors met this month with the city managers to talk about sharing, consolidating and piggybacking services.

"These are tough times that require examining alternatives that may or may not be feasible," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "If you don't look at them, you're being irresponsible."

Meetings starting last fall had been among the city managers.

"We're fully evaluating all different kinds of options," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

Dame is staff coordinator for the ad hoc public safety committee of the Grosse Pointes.

"We're seriously looking at consolidation of dispatchers," he said. "Beyond that, we're still in the discussion stages. There's nothing ready to announce or nothing imminent."

### Adding up calls

"They asked the chiefs to gather data about the number of calls dispatch handles; calls for services versus normal business calls," said James Fox, the City's chief.

A call for service generates a response by the department, whether minor or major, such as an unleashed dog or a multiple-alarm fire.

"We also receive calls for the administration, city business, and garbage pickup," Fox said.

There is no deadline for final recommendations.

"We're trying to keep things moving," Dame said. "But, there's no regular sched-

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# Officials propose changes at Lake Front Park

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

There may be snow covering the pool deck, but that doesn't mean Grosse Pointe Woods officials aren't looking toward the summer season and proposing new projects for Lake Front Park.

While officials continue to evaluate park procedures and facilities, the changes are more geared toward modernizing the park and making it more family-friendly.

Improvements under discussion include a family restroom, security cameras and a scanner system for park passes.

"This is a tough budget year, but the family restroom is a necessary improvement," said Councilman Todd McConaghy, also the council's representative on the Citizens' Recreation Commission. "It will eliminate sending a child into a bathroom alone. I think the recreation commission was absolutely right on in recommending it."

The cost of remodeling a portion of the bathhouse to accommodate at least two family restrooms has not been determined, as the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements have yet to be reviewed. The council, acting as the committee of the whole, approved spending up to \$1,200 for the city's engineering consultant to draw up bid specifications based on current ADA requirements.

"ADA rules were changed in 2010, and are more stringent than in the past," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We

would need assurance that the new restroom was fully ADA compliant."

Also being discussed is installing security cameras throughout the park, including the pool deck, the bathhouse and the gate.

After surveying the pool area, officials determined six cameras should be installed; at the entrance to locker rooms and the pool deck, common areas and the gate house. No cameras will be installed in locker room or bathroom areas and signs would alert park guests to where cameras are posted.

According to Public Works Director Joe Ahee, the digital cameras can store data for up to 45 days. If needed, that data could be transferred to a DVD and kept indefinitely.

Novitke expressed concern as to who would be monitoring the cameras, and asked Ahee for assurance that only designated personnel would have access to the video.

There are currently cameras at the park's activities building, according to city administrator Skip Fincham.

"We are trying to upgrade security throughout the park," he said. "We did not have a good handle on problems at the park prior to last summer because most incidents were reported to St. Clair Shores police. But we started to track incidents and cameras will help us monitor who goes in and out of various areas of the park."

Councilman Art Bryant questioned the quality of the video.

"I'm always disappointed when I see security footage

and the quality of the video is usually poor," he said. "I'd want to make sure up front that these cameras would provide useful footage."

Councilmembers asked Ahee to investigate maintenance costs and extended warranties on the cameras, priced at \$307 each, and if one or two cameras are needed at the park gate.

McConaghy denied suggestions that cameras would become a "big brother" issue.

"We're doing this for the safety of our children," he said. "I also believe that cameras can serve as a deterrent when people know that cameras are in use."

One change Woods residents will notice almost immediately is the use of a scanner system.

"I don't think it's a perfect system," McConaghy said, "but it is an improvement. I heard that last summer park passes were being sold on eBay."

"One of the benefits of a scanner system is that it will provide us with accurate data as to park usage," said Councilwoman Vicki Granger.

The system also allows gate personnel to confiscate park passes that have been reported as lost or stolen. Based on recommendations from park personnel, the committee of the whole recommended the purchase of two hand-held scanners, at a price of \$285 each.

Council urged Ahee and Fincham to move as soon as possible on these items so that they would be in place before the pool opens in May.



## Ribbon savVy

Three friends sharing a passion for fashion have opened Oh So SavVy at 21127 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Owners Letita Miller, Zindzi Ligon and LaTrecia Leverette said they believe all women deserve to look and feel beautiful and created an atmosphere to reflect that feeling. Oh So SavVy is not just a name it is an attitude, they said. At the recent ribbon-cutting were, from left, Jennifer Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director, Woods City Administrator Al Fincham, Miller, Ligon, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Leverette and Gene Tutag, building inspector.

## BUILDING: Finished project will serve multiple groups

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Mayor James Cooper. "I love the location."

Foundation members raised \$70,000 toward construction. Other contributions are coming from the public.

Supporters see the building's 20-by-24-foot interior complementing Schroeder Park's ice skating rink, sledding hill, baseball diamond and soccer field.

"We're going to make it a nice, inviting space for children, not just for skaters and sledders," Galbenksi said. "It's also going to be for (Little League) coaches to have (team) meetings (and) pizza parties. Down the road, if the foundation wants to generate cash for things, like platform tennis or a refrigerated skating rink, it could be used for those, too."

"The baseball league also donated money for this project," said Karl Kratz, foundation member. "The soccer association also donated money."

1988 and park namesake.

Eleanor Schroeder donated \$20,000 for the building, which she characterized as a clubhouse.

"The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation has a great track record in providing the finishing touches that have made living in the village for the last 60 years or so such a wonderful experience," Eleanor Schroeder said. "So, when Lynn approached me about the new clubhouse building, it was not a hard sell."

Eleanor Schroeder considers the building a long-term investment in the city.

She said, "The much-needed amenities that the building will add to Schroeder Field fit well with what I think is the vision of our residents, both past and present, to continue to make Grosse Pointe Shores one of the best places to live. I'm very excited to assist helping fund this new project."

### Low maintenance

Although the foundation and other donors are paying for architectural drawings and construction, the city will bear maintenance costs for the brick and cinder block structure.

The spartan interior has a

concrete floor, bathrooms and a storage closet.

City Manager Brian Vick thinks it will cost the city \$200 per year to insure the structure.

"The first 5 to 10 years, we're not anticipating significant maintenance," Vick said. "Ten to 20 years down the road, when the roof needs to be re-shingled, I have a strong feeling that (the public works director) will have his employees reworking that roof, like he does with the (bathhouse at Osius Park)."

Councilman Brian Geraghty, chairman of the parks and harbor committee, endorsed the Schroeder building. Ten years ago, before taking office, Geraghty opposed placement of a much larger, year-round, taxpayer-funded activities building and exercise facility at Osius Park.

"This building is nothing even close to that," Geraghty said of the Schroeder building. "This building (has) a relatively small footprint, (is) one-story (and) low maintenance. This is a building for kids and ice skaters. A lot of kids now have to come into (city hall) to use the bathrooms. It will save the tile (in the city hall lobby) from kids walking in here wearing cleats."

Councilman Ted Kedzierski recused himself from deliberations on the clubhouse and abstained from voting on the matter. Kedzierski is treasurer of the foundation. He felt he may have a conflict of interest voting on the matter from the council.

"I have to avoid the mere appearance of impropriety," he said.

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## Library asks for input before cuts

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

What is the best feature of the Grosse Pointe Public Library?

What is the least used feature of the three branch libraries?

These are questions the public is asked to answer during a 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, meeting at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack Ave.

The library, like all other municipal services, has been hit by dramatic revenue reduction, thus the need to review library services, said library board member Jenny Whelan Nolan.

"People will come forward and let us know what services that are important to them or

not, so going forward we can figure out how to cut some costs without negatively impacting the community," she said.

"Public services are in a financial crunch. Is there anything we're doing people don't care about versus what's important to the community?"

The library's income is based on the local millage of 1.54 mills, plus county and state aid.

From 2007-08 to 2010-11, local income is down \$577,523, making it difficult to meet all obligations, including the \$1.2 million debt incurred for building construction, Nolan said.

In that same time frame, county and state aid has been reduced by \$300,000.

To compensate, Nolan said



Ewald Library at 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

the book budget for the last two years has been reduced by 34 percent; the audio visual budget by 40 percent; and the periodical budget by 47 percent.

Other cuts include:

- ◆ elimination of evening and weekend computer assistants
- ◆ reduced number of students shelving books
- ◆ reduced office supplies
- ◆ reduced printing costs
- ◆ reduced substitute budget for librarians and circulation staff.

Nolan added the libraries are busier than ever because people are borrowing material rather than buying and there is an increase in computer use as people job search and cut back on home Internet services.

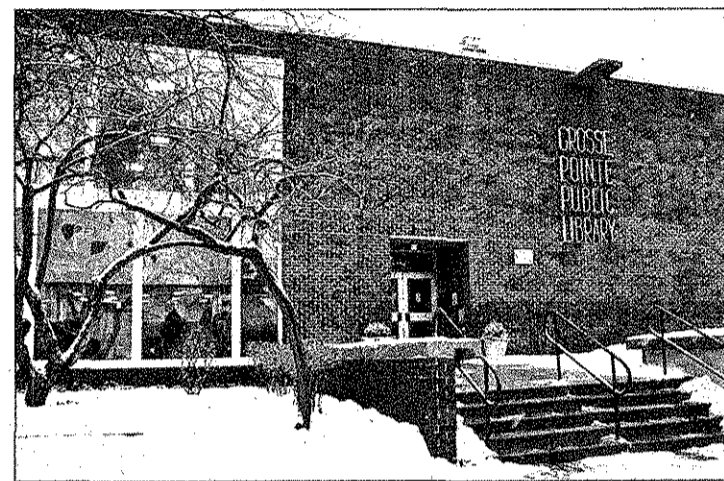
The top used services, she said, are:

- ◆ book check-out
- ◆ recorded book check-out
- ◆ DVD rental
- ◆ story time
- ◆ summer reading program

The three branches, Central, Woods and Ewald, are open 188 hours a week and offer a wide variety of magazines and newspapers, homebound services, reference librarians, computer use, inter-loan library services to obtain material not available locally, rental of tools and art work, free passes to area museums, story hours and viewing of family movies, among others.

Adult programming, bringing in authors, is popular, as well.

"That costs money and we have to cut back. Maybe we should look at hours," she said.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUITY

Central Library at 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Carjacking case sent downtown

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Three months in the Wayne County Jail could be an expiating purgatory or a stop on the way to hell for a female heroin addict's blasphemy.

"She said the first time you take heroin, it's like kissing God; it's great," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

The woman's jail sentence for receiving and concealing stolen property has a release date, unlike her Sisyphian quest to resurrect her hallowed high.

"She said she chases that

feeling forevermore, but never gets it back," Rosati said. "This is consistent with what I've heard from a whole bunch of heroin addicts I've dealt with here."

The woman, Emily Waite, 22, lately of Detroit's eastside and originally from the Algonac area, admitted taking money out of a purse stolen during the Jan. 3 carjacking of a Farms woman.

Waite pleaded no contest Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Farms municipal court and was sentenced by Judge Matthew Rumora to 93 days in jail, Rosati said.

Waite wasn't accused of the carjacking.

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## Park Chilly-Fest Feb. 5

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's annual Chilly-Fest will be twice the fun this year with festivities at both Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks. The event is noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

Not only are two-legged residents of the Park invited, but their four-legged companions as well. This is one of the few days Windmill Pointe Park is open for canine residents and a dog sitter will be provided outside of the Tompkins Center if owners want to step inside to warm up.

"This is always a fun event," said Terry Solomon, director of parks and recreation. "It's a wonderful family event with something for everyone and it gives everyone a chance to see people they haven't seen in months since the pool closed."

With the exception of refreshments at the Tompkins Center, there is no charge for any of the activities.

Windmill Pointe Park will feature snowmobile saucer rides, or try on the snowshoes that will be at the gate and snowshoe over to the pier for an ice fishing demonstration. Poles and bait will be available.

Step inside the Tompkins Center to warm up, where there is face painting and crafts for the children, all at no charge. Chili and hot dogs are available for a fee. The gym at the Lavins Center features three bouncy inflata-

bles. The horse-drawn trolley will be back this year, offering a tour of the Windmill Pointe neighborhood. Patterson Park also features winter activities for residents.

A DJ provides tunes to skate to at the ice rink and hot chocolate and cookies will be available in the warming lodge. There also is a snowman making area, a snowball target game, hockey on the tennis courts and snow golf on the putting greens. A sledding hill should have plenty of snow.

The S'more stations will be operating, and Biggy Coffee will provide free coffee. Ice carver Derek Foltz will do live demonstrations at both parks. Boy Scout Troop 86 and Cub Scout Pack 86 will provide other activities.

Once again, the horse-drawn trolley will be available at Patterson Park. Hop on and take a tour of the Patterson Park area along Essex and Bedford.

Residents will receive a packet when they enter either park. It will contain a map of the parks showing the various activities, and a coupon that can be dropped at the box at each attraction. A drawing will be held for tickets to the Okulski Theatre.

"This is the perfect place to be on Saturday, before settling in on Sunday to watch the Super Bowl," Solomon said with a laugh. "Be outside on Saturday, and there will be no guilt for staying inside on Sunday."

## Dispatchers get parachutes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The latest, and most likely last, labor contract between Grosse Pointe Shores and its public safety dispatchers includes nearly every form of farewell except a goodbye card.

None of the department's dispatchers are expected to be on the payroll when the agreement expires in two years.

Instead, in a cost-cutting move, their jobs are subject to elimination and take-over by another city or contractor.

Anticipatory terms of the tentative labor agreement, approved in December by two of the city's three full-time dispatchers and Jan. 18 by a unanimous city council, include:

- ◆ severance packages for dispatchers with seven years on the job instead of the 10 years normally required for vesting,
- ◆ continuing health care coverage three months after lay-offs,
- ◆ up to 300 hours compensation for unused sick days and
- ◆ the city's guarantee not to oppose unemployment benefits.

In return, the union promises not to take legal action or pester the city should consolidation take place.

"The contract approval in-

cluded language that specifically addresses our desire to move toward consolidation or out-sourcing," said City Manager Brian Vick. "This is one of those first steps we wanted to take care of and we can move forward."

"Since this year's adopted budget contemplated consolidation of that department with one or more of the other Grosse Pointes, it was important that we have the ability to carry that out," added Councilman Ted Kedzierski, head of the finance committee.

"The employees recognize the realities of what the city is going through and are willing to work collaboratively with them," said Councilwoman Victoria Boyce, referring to cutting personnel costs in general.

Contract negotiations affecting the city's full-time dispatchers occurred as this fiscal year's budget was balanced on the prospect of saving \$80,000 by eliminating in-house dispatchers.

Also, Shores representatives, mainly Vick and Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni, are meeting with counterparts from the other four Grosse Pointes about saving money by sharing, partnering or consolidating various municipal operations. High on the list is dispatching.

"I will not go into detail re-

garding negotiation strategy or specifics outside the tentative agreement, as we are still in negotiations with three other unions," Vick said. "I would not want to impact those proceedings."

Poloni said, "Although I'm not directly involved in the negotiation process, (dispatchers) are employees of the public safety department. Anytime contracts are settled, that's a good thing for the department."

Mayor James Cooper said, "This is a good contract for all parties and achieves the goals set in the beginning of negotiations. I remain optimistic that we will have similar results with the other three unions."

The new contract is effective retroactively to when the former one expired July 1, 2010.

### Cuts

Aside from the goodbye gifts, the contract brims with cuts.

"Given new financial realities that our region is faced with, it is important to see contract changes that would provide financial relief to the city budget in areas such as wages, employee health care, retiree health care and defined benefit pension plan," Vick said.

He referred to:

- ◆ wage reductions totaling 3 percent effective April 1,
- ◆ a reduced payout for un-

used sick days, bringing dispatchers in line with reductions already imposed on administrators and non-union employees and

- ◆ the former health care plan is replaced with a \$2,000 to \$4,000 high-deductible plan, with the city paying 50 percent of the deductible.

Retirement benefits are reduced:

- ◆ a 3.4 multiplier times years of service is implemented for active employees, but discontinuing coverage for new hires,
- ◆ the defined benefit plan is closed to new hires and shifted to a defined contribution and
- ◆ the pension multiplier is lowered to 2.0 for the first 25 years of service, then reduced to 1 1/2 for additional years after that.

"Provisions with regard to changing the defined benefit plan would be on (the) February (city council meeting) agenda," Vick said.

The year-long skittishness of Shores dispatchers to talk about their shaky employment status extends to union steward, Susan Stephens, more than a month after she signed the tentative agreement.

Stephens opted to withhold comment until everything becomes final.

Once dispatch is gone, it isn't coming back.

"It would be cost-prohibitive for us to do that," Vick said.

## Fest in City Jan. 29

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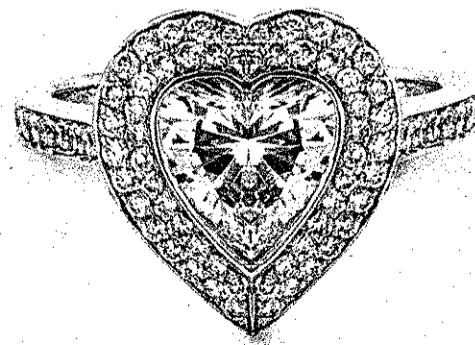


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## POINTER OF INTEREST

## Scholar travels to Kathmandu

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

For Grosse Pointe Shores resident Nic Bommarito, 27, his time spent studying in Nepal as a Fulbright Scholar is another journey in a life that's taken him to the farthest corners of the world.

"Someday I will get to London or Paris," he said with a laugh. "But for now I will be spending the next 10 months in Kathmandu."

life. He graduated with high honors in philosophy in 2005, then studied for two years at Tibet University, leaving in 2007 with certification in the Tibetan language.

He began work on a Ph.D. in philosophy at Brown in 2007 and expects to complete his studies in 2012. He also works as a teaching assistant at Brown and once he earns his doctorate, he hopes to teach philosophy at a college level.

*'I wanted to go back to where there are Tibetans.'*

NIC BOMMARITO,  
Grosse Pointe Shores

mitting letters of recommendation and an in-person interview with the Fulbright committee, which took place at Brown.

"It was that committee that decides on who to nominate," he said. "Then the application is sent to the country where the applicant wants to work. It is the Fulbright committee in that country that makes the final decision."

Established in 1946 by Sen. J. William Fulbright, the program is funded by congressional appropriations. More than 100,000 Americans have won Fulbright Scholarships.

The first leg of Bommarito's trip took him to Delhi, India, then by train to Varanasi. While there, he attended the Tengyur Translation Conference, which focuses on issues pertaining to the translation of the Tibetan language to several other languages.

Bommarito said the Tibetan language is rooted in the ancient Sanskrit, which he described as the Latin of India.

"The teachings of Buddha were written in Sanskrit and though the use of Sanskrit declined in India, it took hold in Tibet and the Tibetans became couriers of the tradition," he said.

While in Kathmandu, he continues work on an English to Tibetan online dictionary, which he describes as his "pet project."

Bommarito spent nearly two years in Tibet after graduating from U of M, as well as time in India and Nepal. His parents, Charles and Laura, and his brother, John, visited him during that time, but are not sure if they will be making the trip this year.

"We're leaving the door

open," said Charles Bommarito. "We were able to visit him when he was (previously) in Tibet and it was amazing to see him interacting with the people. He has accomplished things beyond my imagination."

"He has opened up a whole new world for us," said Laura Bommarito.

But even 7,553 miles away, Grosse Pointe remains with Bommarito.

"He'll have his notebook (computer), so we can e-mail," Laura Bommarito said. "We'll be able to stay in touch."



Nic Bommarito



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NIC BOMMARITO

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Nic Bommarito was named a Fulbright Scholar. His interest in the Tibetan people and culture led him to study in Kathmandu. Above, Bommarito, right, and a Tibetan guide stand outside of the Samye Monastery, Tibet's oldest temple.

Bommarito is taking a brief sabbatical from his graduate work in philosophy at Brown University to work on his proficiency in the Tibetan language.

"I will be living among Tibetan exiles in Kathmandu," he explained, "which will give me the opportunity to speak and write and become more proficient." He returns to Brown in the fall.

A 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, Bommarito attended the University of Michigan where he first majored in computer science. A philosophy class piqued his interest and he changed his major and the direction of his

Bommarito left for Nepal Jan. 3, not sure where he would be staying once he reached Kathmandu. But he was not overly concerned, an attitude he cultivated through his studies of both Buddhism and Tibetan culture.

"The pace of life is much slower," he said. "It takes a while to get used to, but I like it. It calms me down."

He said he hoped to return to Tibet on a Fulbright, but concerns over the unrest there prompted him to look to Kathmandu.

Bommarito is one of 8,000 recipients of an annual Fulbright grant. He explained the application process involves writing an essay, sub-

## Marina rates up 9 percent

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The cost of renting wells at Osius Park marina is going up for the first time since late last decade.

"We've held the line for three years," said Mayor James Cooper.

A rate increase approved this month totals .28 cents per square foot, or 9 percent above the previous level.

Rental fees become \$3.38 per square foot, up from \$3.10.

A portion of the increase is being reserved to buy electric golf carts that boaters can use to transport themselves and their gear from the park gate to wells.

"Because of distance and some mobility-challenged people, (the harbor committee)

thought it was a great idea," said Councilman Brian Geraghty, committee chairman.

Despite the price hike, Osius marina remains a good deal, according to Geraghty.

"Even with the increase, the option for a Grosse Pointe Shores resident would be to go to a place that's more expensive," Geraghty said. "We're priced below our neighbors."

The municipal marina was rebuilt late last decade. Amenities include floating docks, dock boxes, electrical and water services.

"It's the best in the Grosse Pointes," Geraghty said of the facility.

The deadline to reserve wells is Feb. 15. A minimum 15 percent deposit is required. The balance is due in April.

Harbor occupancy last sea-

son reached 84 percent, up from prior years when it topped out in the mid 70 percent, according to Geraghty.

"The challenge is (to) fill that marina," said Brian Vick, city manager. "Each year, we'll adjust what the rate needs to be."

A "buy a home, get a well" campaign to encourage both house sales and marina rentals is being extended into next season.

Four home buyers this year accepted the city's offer for a free boat well. Free rent lasts one season and doesn't include free electrical service. Rent isn't free in subsequent seasons.

"If those boaters come back this coming season, it will represent \$6,300 (in rental income)," Vick said.

The campaign was proposed last year by Councilman Dan Schulte.

## Councilman balks at bill

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — An elected official who voted against paying the bills in this cash-crunched community admitted it was a publicity stunt.

"I did it so it would raise a question," said Dan Schulte, in his second year on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council.

Schulte so much as admitted he voted against paying the January bills at this month's city council meeting, Jan. 18, knowing his vote wouldn't matter.

"You know as well as I, my one 'no' vote is never going to stop the bills from being paid," Schulte said.

If he hadn't lost the vote 6-1 to the mayor and five other council members, city payments totaling \$305,260 would have been held back.

January's 108 bills included insurance and health care premiums, watermain repairs on Fairford, wages for the municipal judge, utility charges, state fees, legal expenses, nuts, bolts and screws.

Bills ranged from \$97,175 for sewage disposal to \$9.99 for gloves. The bill that got Schulte's goat was \$7,560 due to a company for maintaining the city's computers.

"I'd like to see the details of the billing for this bill," he said. "I've yet to see the details."

He suspects something is being hidden from him, a charge Schulte often makes.

"If it was all good and proper, I would have thought that by now, one of my requests to see the detailed billings would have been fulfilled," he said.

Every member of the Shores city council also serves on the finance committee. Meetings

are once per month. Topics during the meetings have included eliminating the job of park director, farming out public safety dispatching to another community, reducing employee pay and benefits, shopping for lower-cost legal representation and auditing services, infrastructure costs and the monthly bills.

The main differences between finance and council meetings is the latter is televised and generally has more reporters handy.

"If I voted 'no' and it stopped all the checks, the first thing the council would do is say, 'What do you object to?'" Schulte said. "They might say, 'How about we set that single charge aside and approve the rest of the bills? Would you do that?' I would say yes. The likelihood of it stopping all the bills is almost non-existent."

## Beaumont could see zoning change

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A separate hospital zoning district is expected to be established this year in the City of Grosse Pointe, home to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

"The way things have developed over the years, (the hospital is) currently residentially zoned," said City Manager

Peter Dame. The city's master plan calls for a hospital zoning district to be created on property Beaumont owns.

"The idea would be to both help the city, neighbors and hospital understand what is and what is not allowed to build or not to build, there," Dame said.

Proper zoning would help the city with its long-term planning, he added.

"That's not to say there's any big plans to expand the hospital," Dame said. "It's more a housekeeping issue to have the zoning reflect its actual use because its clearly not residential."

—Brad Lindberg

## CASE: Couple faces multiple carjacking charges

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That charge went to her friend, Edward Kallens, 21, of Clay Township. Waite was present when Kallens allegedly strong-armed a Ford Edge from a 52-year-old woman in her driveway on Belanger above Chalfonte.

Kallens takes heroin, too, Rosati said.

"He said it was the thing to do in high school," Rosati said.

Kallens reportedly confessed to the carjacking when arrest-

ed Jan. 7 on Detroit's eastside.

A preliminary hearing Jan. 19 in Farms court ending with Kallens bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Rumora set \$100,000 bond.

Kallens was scheduled for arraignment downtown Jan. 26, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline. If guilty, he could spend up to life in prison.

"I would have bet a paycheck he would have waived the pre-trial, as most people do who've confessed to multiple crimes,"

Rosati said. "We didn't even use his confession, and we still got it bound over for trial based on the merit of the case and witness."

The couple faces at least two additional carjacking charges in Detroit.

The Farms woman bit Kallens while struggling to keep her car keys and purse.

"She got a good bite in," said Sgt. John Walko, recently promoted to detective. "I don't recommend biting a drug addict."

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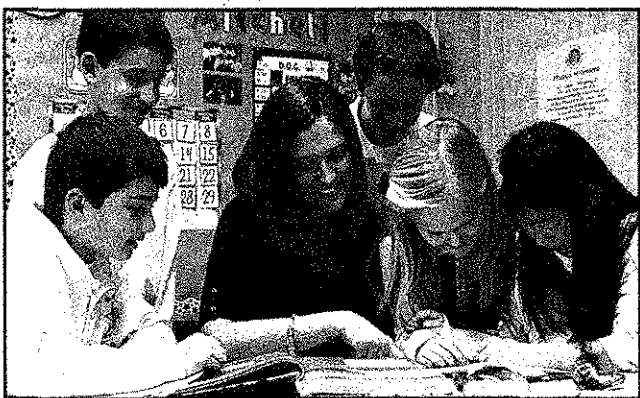
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Revoked

An officer patrolling Kercheval near Rivard shortly saw a 32-year-old male resident shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, operating a green 2010 Jeep in an alley. The officer knew the resident's driver's license was revoked.

The officer reportedly activated his cruiser's emergency lights and siren, but the man didn't pull over until arriving at his residence in the 900 block of Washington.

—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

### Toy handgun

The case of a 13-year-old Farms boy with an Airsoft toy pistol at Brownell Middle School has been referred to the Farms public safety youth officer.

A school administrator found the gun Friday, Jan. 21, in the student's backpack.

### Drunken driving

A roadside traffic investigation regarding defective equipment evolved into the arrest of a 42-year-old Warren man for drunken driving.

At 12:41 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, an officer pulled over the man on eastbound Kercheval near Country Club for operating a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer with a tinted windshield and improperly illuminated license plate.

The man appeared intoxicated, was unsteady on his feet and, when asked to chose a number between 19 and 21, answered "12," according to

police. The man reportedly told officers he was heading home from St. Clair Shores.

A Breathalyzer test revealed the man had a .142 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

### Wallet rifled

Someone between 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, stole \$130 from the wallet of a Roseville man while he played hockey on the municipal ice skating rink at Kerby Field.

The 23-year-old victim said his wallet was stored in shoes packed within a gym bag in the warming house.

After the man finished playing hockey, he realized the wallet was gone, but soon found it discarded in the parking lot.

"The money was missing," said a public safety officer. "None of the other skaters or staff reported any other larceny. They did recall two possible suspects that arrived, but did not get out on the ice."

Police described the suspects as teenage white males, tall and thin.

el, police added.

### Stolen car crash

Police from the Farms and Grosse Pointe Park teamed up early Monday, Jan. 17, to catch three 16-year-old Detroit males in a silver 1999 Dodge Neon reported stolen the day before in Sterling Heights.

At 1:09 a.m., Farms Officer Timothy Harris was patrolling westbound Mack near Fisher when he noticed the Neon had a defective taillight.

The Neon was occupied by four males and, Harris soon would learn by requesting dispatchers do a records check, had a license plate registered to a 2003 Ford Focus.

The Neon driver accelerated to an estimated 50 mph and crossed Cadieux into the Park. Harris alerted Park police and backed off pursuit near Audubon.

A few seconds later, the fleeing driver crashed near Bedford. Occupants fled into Detroit.

Harris and three other officers caught three of the suspects hiding under a rear porch in the 3400 block of Bedford.

Charges include possession of a stolen vehicle.

—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

### Third arrest

A man driving 21 mph over the limit on northbound Lakeshore was pulled over at 1:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, near Webber Place and arrested for drunken driving.

The man, 54, of Detroit, registered a .20 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

"(He) has two prior (drunken driving) arrests," officers added.

Prior arrests date back 20 years in Detroit and Grayling.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information

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

fact that they exhibited signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs."

## UDAA

A unlocked 2000 Jeep Cherokee was taken from the parking lot behind St. John Hospital and Medical Center between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. According to police, the driver of the car left the keys in a backpack inside the vehicle.

### Let it go

A Stanhope resident reported to police Monday, Jan. 17, that he was receiving harassing and threatening phone calls, texts and Facebook postings from a woman he met online and dated briefly.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 344-2400.

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Fire runs

Public safety officers were called to a house in the 1300 block of Bishop at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, on the report of smoke backing up from the fireplace. Officers extinguished the burning logs and a Positive Pressure Ventilation fan was used to clear the house of smoke.

A resident of a house in the 700 block of Pemberton heard popping noises and smelled a burning odor in the kitchen at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19. Officers determined that an under the counter light was overheated. The circuit breaker was turned off and an electrician was called.

### Leak located

On Thursday, Jan. 20, technicians from DTE Energy determined a natural gas leak was not in a building in the 1400 block of Whittier, but was coming from outside the building. It was repaired.

### Skipping


A 16-year-old loitering on Charlevoix at noon Friday, Jan. 21, was not truant from school, as police first suspected, but rather an escapee from the Wayne County Juvenile Court. Police returned him to the Wayne County Detention Center.

### Auto theft arrest

Officers observed a stolen 2010 Dodge Challenger parked in the 1200 block of Wayburn. Park police arrested two suspects, a 19-year-old male from Detroit and a 21-year-old female from Grosse Pointe Park. The same vehicle was pursued by Detroit police twice the day before in the eastern district of Detroit.

—Kathy Ryan

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


  
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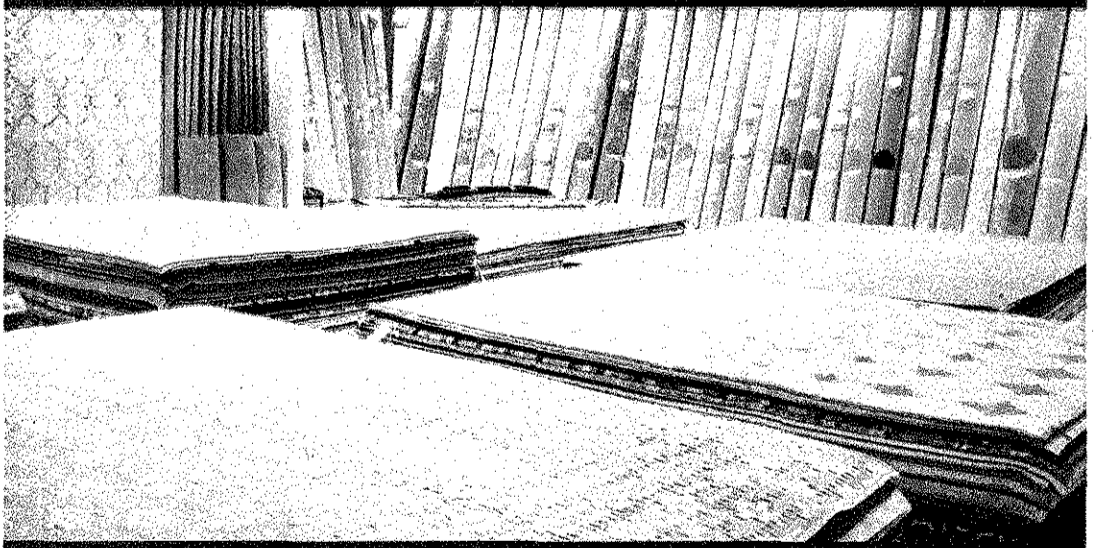
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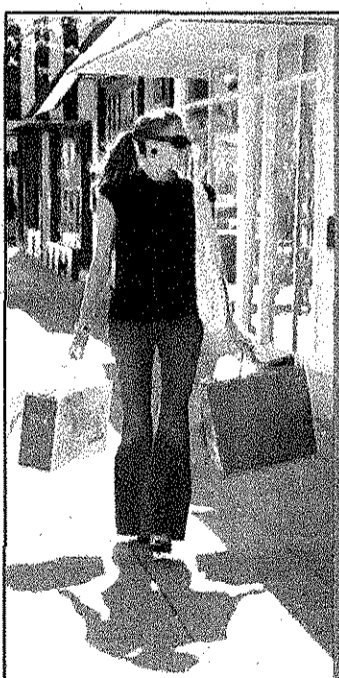
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## PUBLIC: City seeks balance in tough times

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The fiscal year ends June 30. An uphill run to draft a balanced budget by then is under way.

"Due to the projected \$400,000-plus deficit in this upcoming year's budget, which five-year projections show widening in future years, the budget is clearly the top priority this year," Dame said.

### High service, less cost

City leaders intend to maintain a high level of public safety at lower costs.

"Over the last year, we've whacked every service we can, other than public safety," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher. "We're going to have to look at public safety restructuring. It's about providing a safe, reliable level of service the residents have come to

expect."

Change is inevitable, added Councilman Christopher Walsh.

"We're going to have to bear down and make progress in correcting the structural inequity we have in our out-year budget," Walsh said.

Options do not include tapping outside aid.

Dame said, "The city will be looking for ways to structurally balance its revenues and expenditures over the long term, so its services and expenses are in line with the significantly and permanently reduced levels of revenue that will be available due to significantly decreased state financial support and reduced property values."

Walsh added, "It doesn't seem to me there's any way we're going to be able to proceed in a fiscally responsible manner without changing our

deliverables."

### Night to day

Some public safety cost-saving adjustments came with the New Year.

The annual reshuffling of personnel has resulted with Sgt. Michael Almeranti and K-9 Raleigh being switched from overnight duty to days.

Almeranti now has three roles.

"He'll be doing K-9, directed patrol and traffic," said James Fox, public safety director.

A sergeant in the detective bureau fills Almeranti's spot on midnights. Taking the sergeant's spot is a patrol officer.

"By placing the K-9 on days, and putting the officer in the detective bureau, we should be able to save a substantial amount," Fox said.

## CHIEFS: Communities face similar issues

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ule. We're working as efficiently as we can."

Although Dame said he hasn't scheduled another meeting yet, Grosse Pointe Shores officials last summer built this year's budget on future savings from, in part, consolidating or out-sourcing public safety dispatch.

"We're at the beginning steps of these talks," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "We're trying to move them along rapidly so we can try to incur savings as quickly as possible."

### Community interest

"Other communities in the Grosse Pointes have asked us to contract our dispatch with them," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager. "Three communities are interested."

He wouldn't say which ones.

"It's premature for me to say we're heading down one particular path with any particular community (or group of communities), except to say those conversations are acting and taking place on a very regular basis," Vick explained.

Skip Fincham, the city man-

ager of Grosse Pointe Woods and former public safety director in the Woods and City, favors the concept of the five Pointes having a single, centralized dispatch center.

"We are getting input from the chiefs and proceeding in the direction of seriously considering the consolidation of dispatch," Fincham said. "We're not ready to go to the cities and make any kind of recommendation."

"It's so preliminary," Jensen added, "I can't say whether it makes sense. I don't have the facts yet."

"I don't like the word consolidation," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "A more accurate portrayal is we're looking at different areas of our operations among the Grosse Pointes, whether public works or public safety, to see if there are things where it makes sense to work together."

The cities already work together on such things as buying road salt and trees.

"We're looking for other areas to leverage our resources," Reeside said. "Multi-jurisdictional dispatch is one area communities have looked at in terms of consolidation. We're doing due diligence for the

cost-benefit analysis of that so we can make an educated decision down the line."

### Governor's say

In Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State speech last week, he spoke of rewarding local jurisdictions that save money and provide better taxpayer value by consolidating services.

"We need to positively encourage our local jurisdictions, both municipal and school, to move to service consolidation and better deliver value for money," Snyder said. "To encourage not only service sharing, but best management practices, we'll ask that revenue sharing be redone with a significant positive incentive for jurisdictions that adopt best practice."

The passage registered with Vick.

"Everybody's trying to solve this same situation," Vick said. "Grosse Pointe Shores is interested in working with one or more of the Grosse Pointes in dispatching services. We can't force any of the Grosse Pointes' hands. So, we are working at the same pace as them to explore those opportunities."

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## WEEK AHEAD:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

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Pointe. There will be a petting zoo, curling, ice sculptures, a hockey shoot-out and broom ball.

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the farce, "Relatively Speaking," at 8 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$18.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30

◆ Christ the King Lutheran Church Preschool holds an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. A young

fives program is at 2:30 p.m.

Early registration is accepted.

◆ St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts an open house from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Programs for 3- and 4-year-olds are included. For more information, call (313) 885-3440 or visit [stpaulonthelake.org](http://stpaulonthelake.org).

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods hosts "Making a Successful Transition in Kindergarten" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5. For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Teen Advisory Board meets from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. To register, call P. McClary at (313) 343-2072.

◆ China is the featured country in the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Crafts from Around

the World program from 4 to 5

p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Register with Jane Marsden by calling (313) 343-2074.

◆ Ground Hog Day Meet & Peek is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pier Park Community Center, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Debbie Moffat at (313) 885-8660.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

◆ Raleigh, the police dog, greets Grosse Pointe Public Library patrons from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or an appointment, call (313) 884-5542.

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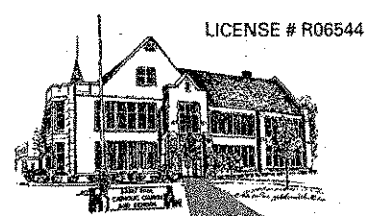
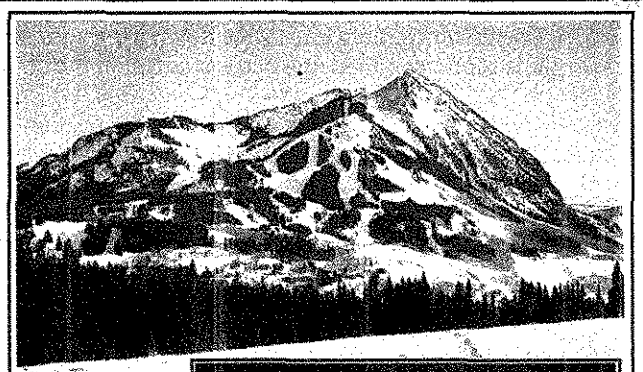
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GUEST OPINION By Tom Gantert

## Tea Party reaction to Gov. Snyder's first State of State

**T**ea Party reaction to Gov. Rick Snyder's first State of the State address was mixed. All agree there wasn't enough detail to truly see where he plans to take the state.

"I'm encouraged by what he had to say," said Ben DiPonio, a Tea Party member from Milford with the Tea Party

Patriots of West Oakland. "It's almost impossible, given this type of setting, to try to cover all of this ground and get into detail. But the details will have to show themselves when he proposes his budget. There are things I like, but there is not enough detail. We will just have to wait and see."

DiPonio said he liked that Snyder appeared to want to take away unnecessary regulations on businesses.

"My only disappointment is he didn't address any of the budget issues," DiPonio said.

Ray Hamman from Clarkston's Independent Tea Party Patriots agreed. Other than a comment right at the outset about public sector employee benefits being unsustainable, Hamman would have asked for more details regarding how the state budget and its \$1.6 billion deficit should be resolved.

"What I didn't like is basically ignoring the serious budget problems," Hamman said.

"I'm disappointed he left out the elephant in the room. The elephant is still in the room and he ignored it."

Hamman liked that Snyder was trying to make government run more like a business.

"I liked his business-like approach," he said. "I liked his focus on measurements and holding government accountable."

Joan Fabiano, of Grassroots In Michigan said she liked the dashboard idea where the government would be graded on its performance.

"I like it for the transparency and accountability," Fabiano said. "But it has to be updated frequently, otherwise it becomes another big PowerPoint presentation."

Other Tea Party members were somewhat more critical.

"Here's the deal," said Wendy Day of Common Sense In Government. "I was hoping he'd approach it as a business man and do the tough things that need to happen. The Republicans have control of the House and the Senate and have a majority in the Supreme Court. He should be talking about doing bold things to save our state. Instead he talked about economic gardening and price tags on grocery products."

Jason Gillman, a Tea Party activist from Traverse City, questioned Snyder buying into the hype on the Pure Michigan ads. Snyder said studies show for every \$1 spent on Pure Michigan, \$2 came into the state.

"If it really works \$2 for every \$1, then what the hell, let's take the whole budget and throw it at it," Gillman said.

Gillman was also disappointed Snyder talked about expanding the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and doing other incentives such as business incubators, accelerators and seed funds.

### Michigan item pricing regulations

Snyder didn't take long to let the retail business community know he's heard their concerns about over-regulation.

In his State of the State address, the Republican governor called for lawmakers to help him strike down a law that one trade organization has called one of the strictest in the country.

Snyder called the "Item Pricing Law" an undue burden on retailers. The law requires most items on store shelves being sold be individually priced. He asserted the item-pricing law costs Michigan's economy \$2 billion a year. His office didn't respond to a message left asking how they computed that \$2 billion figure.

Tom Scott, senior vice president at the Michigan Retailers Association, said Michigan has the most restrictive item pricing law in the country.

"We want the options for pricings expanded and not be reduced to a sticker," said Scott. "There is all these new tech-

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## LETTERS

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### Council meeting statement

To the Editor:

The following is the statement Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman, Brian Geraghty, read at the Jan. 18 Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting. The statement was in response to certain aspects of a letter from Dr. R. Lee, published here in the Jan. 13, letters to the editor:

Preserving the high level of service for Grosse Pointe Shores residents, while controlling costs, has been a focus of mine since I joined the council in April 2010.

I joined the Grosse Pointe Shores "committee of the whole" in April, as part of my council duties, and joined with the work that was already in process. Starting with the March 5, 2010 budget estimates issued by City Manager (Brian) Vick and his staff, the committee reviewed many proposals to overcome the shortfall to a balanced budget. The many proposals were submitted and discussed by (Grosse Pointe Shores) staff members and all the council members. In May, a list was provided by Mr. Vick, summarizing the 30 topics or actions taken and planned. The range of proposals ultimately discussed included all areas from small changes, like reduced holiday decorations, to large changes, like laying off 40 percent of the office staff. Not all proposals were agreed to, but input and proposals came from all council members.

I personally attended seven scheduled committee of the whole meetings during the April to June period. When I joined the budget process in April, the committee had already come a long way in their discussions. At the June 10, 2010 committee of the whole meeting, the committee put all the cost proposals on large sheets of paper and taped them to the walls of this room. I left the meeting at its close at 1 a.m., thinking I could put together a plan that would balance the budget by modifying some of the proposals that had been discussed. All of my proposals had been discussed, in some form, in the committee of the whole meetings and I stated that when I presented my proposal to council. At the June 15, 2010 council meeting, I presented a written proposal to council for consideration to balance the budget without raising the millage. This proposal passed and was the only written no-millage increase

proposal that was presented and no other written no-millage increase proposal was made then or since.

So, why am I reviewing this information?

Because a resident has written a letter to the Grosse Pointe News stating "... does anyone really think Mr. Geraghty would have come forth at the June council meeting with his proposals?" The writer then incorrectly gives "... primary credit..." to only two council members when the credit goes to all the council members and the (city's) staff. The result of the committee of the whole budget process was a major expense reduction of over 25 percent for those non-contract items, an excellent result with no millage increase.

I have never had a discussion with this resident. I invite anybody that wants to know what I think to meet with me at any time. I come to meetings early and stay after to make myself available. We, as the committee of the whole, have started the budget process for 2011-2012 in October and opportunities have been identified and discussed by all the council members and Grosse Pointe Shores staff.

Dialog and debate are key to a democratic process and agreement on opinions is not always possible. But making statements attributed to my motivation, that are not correct, should not occur in a rational dialog. My hope is for more "working together to make Grosse Pointe Shores better," and I continue in that hope.

BRIAN GERAGHTY  
Councilman  
Grosse Pointe Shores

### Changing climate

To the Editor:

Allow me to address Laura Paskus' column, "With feds failing, climate change action goes local," printed in the Jan. 20 Grosse Pointe News.

The column attacked millions of Americans as "industry-funded climate change deniers," who engage in histrionics to make our points.

The fact is we — myself included — are far from convinced human activity has anything at all to do with climate change. Climate is always changing, despite our efforts to address the situation.

While Ms. Paskus accuses us of engaging in histrionics, she makes no mention of the rhetoric used by former Vice President Al Gore, who has predicted a 20-foot rise in sea

levels over the next century; or Michael Mann, whose widely-touted "hockey stick" model purporting to reflect an unprecedented rise in global temperatures, due to human activity from the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, was decisively discredited upon closer scrutiny; to Gore's former mentor, Dr. James Hansen, who advocates Nuremberg-style trials for those who dare to stray from the politically-correct environmental orthodoxy.

So let's examine a few facts here:

1) Carbon dioxide comprises less than 4/100s of 1 percent of the gases in our atmosphere, making it a trace element.

2) Carbon dioxide is in no way toxic, despite what the Supreme Court ruled a while back. CO2 is a necessary part of the process of photosynthesis, which assures we have the air we need to breathe to survive.

3) CO2 levels in the atmosphere have been several times higher in Earth's past than they are now, as borne out by scientific research involving ice core samples and other methods of scientific research. And guess what? We're still here.

4) Anyone who takes the time to conduct a simple experiment can tell you carbon dioxide levels do not rise until after temperatures increase. Were Ms. Paskus, Mr. Gore and Drs. Mann and Hansen all absent in science class that day?

These and other facts surrounding the climate change debate — gee, whatever happened to global warming — have been arrived at through the deliberate, painstaking process of scientific experimentation and peer review.

I might also point out if all the international efforts at controlling the uncontrollable were implemented, the largest reduction in planetary temperatures we could expect to achieve is less than a fraction of a degree centigrade over the next century.

And the facts bear out more clearly every day for every so-called "green job" that is created, two existing jobs are destroyed. And Ms. Paskus and others expect us to wreck our economy and jeopardize our future for that? I don't think so.

At a time when federal environmental regulations — among others — are draining our economy and crippling job growth, the last thing we need is more of the same. Our economy has already been emptied of at least \$1.7 trillion per year because of this, with more hardship on the way, unless we begin to roll back the regulatory leviathan.

Gore once told us "the debate is over" regarding climate change. We say it's only just begun. And it does absolutely no good when true believers such as Paskus obfuscate and cloud the issue by engaging in their own histrionics to accuse people of good will of being paid schills of the energy industry.

Science is a never-ending

search for the truth, wherever it may lead. And it'd be nice if more people took that to heart, because once that happens, the better off we'll all be.

BRUCE FLEURY  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Crushing business in Woods

To the Editor:

As an employee of a family-owned-and-run business on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, the neon sign ordinance the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has decided to enforce, concerns me greatly.

The meeting Monday night at city hall only added to this concern, as the deafness of the council members — save one, Lisa Pinkos Howle, whose pro business/pro city motions were offered solo, except for once when Councilwoman Victoria Grainger joined her — portends great hardship for those Mack Avenue businesses being forced to comply.

I encourage all residents of this fine city to pay attention to what the council is up to. The proceedings regarding the sign ordinance were farcical at best, and treacherous at worst.

Based on audience musings during the proceedings, there is reason to hope this issue will not go away. And the majority of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will wake up to the fact Mack Avenue business, being the life of the community, needs vigorous support, not door-to-door harassment.

It will take more than "hope," to resolve this issue, so please consider learning more about it, and perhaps making your voice heard. The future of Grosse Pointe Woods — and the businesses it supports — is truly being threatened.

JUDY OLSON  
St. Clair Shores

### Lights out

To the Editor

As a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, it is hard to believe the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has not revamped the 2002 ordinance jeopardizing Grosse Pointe Woods businesses.

I certainly hope Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle leads the charge as she casts the lone enlightened vote.

Mack Avenue businesses keep our city alive with good services for all and help support the community on many levels. It seems to me, and to many others I have spoken to, this "no neon" ordinance has cast a dark shadow on our city.

Let's hope the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council "sees the light" soon.

JOYCE CUSMANO  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Neon signs

To the Editor:

It's a sad day when our city council has nothing better to

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

# Things I'd rather be doing



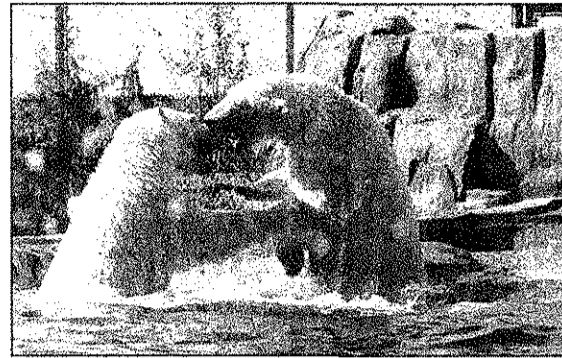
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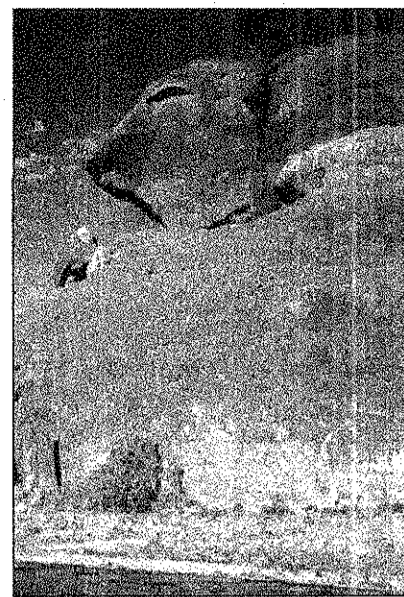
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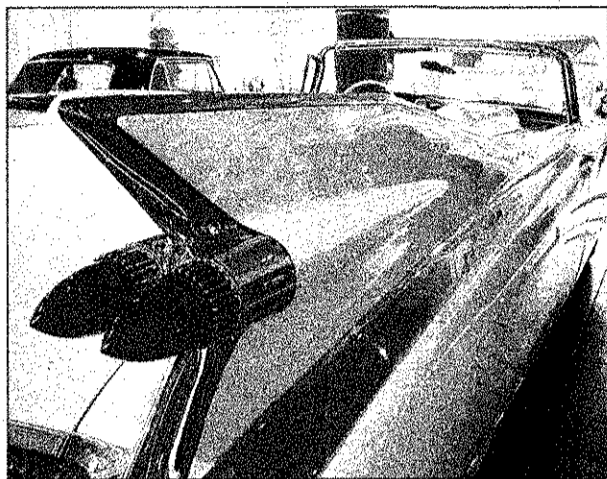
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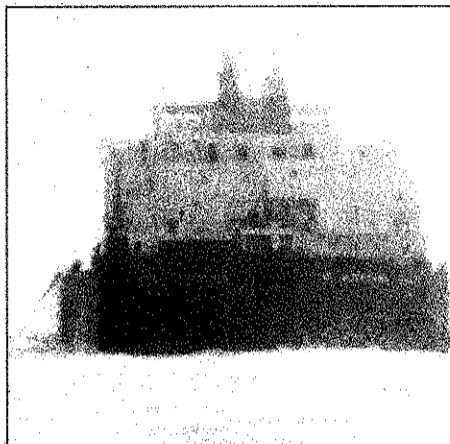
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Soaking up sun south of Moab, Utah, near a rocky outcrop that looks like the head of a bull.



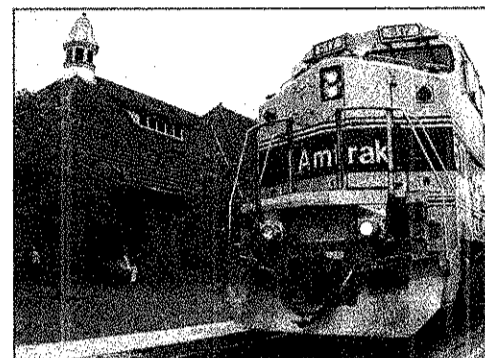
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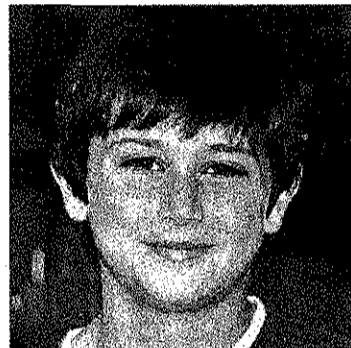


Riding Amtrak to Kalamazoo.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## Which celebrity would you like to be your babysitter?

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'Nickolas Lidstrom of the Red Wings because he's the Red Wings' captain and my favorite player.'  
WYATT SMITH  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Michael Jackson because he could teach me to dance.'  
NICOLAS VOLPE  
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'Brad Pitt because he is a great role model.'  
PETER LOCH  
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'Taylor Swift because she is a good singer and a good person.'  
ANNA MARY MOODY  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Will Smith because he could bring his son and we could hang out.'  
LOUIS ANDERSON  
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

# A nostalgic trip back through 2010



Golden Globe Lifetime Achievement Award, "Little Fockers" star Robert DeNiro remarked: "I was very, very moved and gratified when you made the announcement of this award two months ago — well before you had a chance to review "Little Fockers."

Guess I was correct in my review when even DeNiro agrees with me. My latest worst movie? Hands down it has to be "The Green Hornet."

◆ Suggesting certain words be banned from our vocabulary brought out comments from several readers who had their own additions to the list. Seems there was a groundswell to include Ashton Kutcher on the list of people who we want to "just go away."

◆ Poking fun at the number of establishments offering flu shots, such as grocery and drug stores, evidently was off target. Somehow the proliferation of flu shot availability must have worked because to date, there has not been a flu outbreak. So my apologies to all the fruit markets and oil changing stores I ridiculed for offering flu shots.

◆ Remarkable about my new hobby of erecting multiple bird feeders in our yard resulted in numerous suggestions on how to deter squirrels and attract a variety of birds. Someone suggested a heated birdbath, which I bought and installed. Guess I should have read the instructions more carefully because I failed to wrap the connection with electrical tape and

thus a circuit breaker was tripped. My wife, Mary, wonders why our feathered friends have a heated birdbath and we don't have a hot tub. Squirrels are still a problem. Any suggestions, short of using my Red Rider BB gun?

◆ Writing about the no smoking law in our state brought out waves of comments, mostly favorable to my "Smoke 'em if you got 'em, but not around me!" column. Talked to a waitress the other day about the ban and she agreed it has brought in new business and the return of fam-

## REGULATION: Item pricing law

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nologies...and we are bound by this antiquated law that says, 'You got to put a sticker on it.' It's time is way past."

The law has meant big fines in the past for chain stores.

Walgreens paid a \$550,000 fine and Wal-Mart paid a \$1.5 million fine in 2006 for violating the item-pricing law. Both store chains had not individually priced items. In the Walgreens case, the state sent out investigators to six Walgreens stores.

Then-Attorney General Mike Cox asserted in a news release Wal-Mart's \$1.5 million fine was "the largest fine in state history."

Cox, like each Michigan attorney general dating back to passage of the item pricing law in 1976, was an aggressive enforcer of the law.

"This far-reaching and innovative settlement will help assure continued item pricing

compliance by Wal-Mart," Cox said in the release. "It is my hope it will also serve as a notice to other Michigan retailers that violation of Michigan's item pricing laws will not be tolerated. Michigan's law is clear: Items on store shelves must be clearly marked with a price tag, so consumers know how much an item costs before they reach the checkout register and can verify they were not overcharged after leaving the store."

◆ Buying a new car was the subject of a column back in November. I remarked the complexity of the forms was tantamount to buying a house. We are very satisfied with our new Malibu, but we just received a notice from the insurance carrier the life insurance we agreed to buy will not cover me when I reach age 70. Would have been nice to discover this game changer when we signed the stack of papers.

◆ One particularly disturb-

ing item was my column on losing weight. Back in January 2010, despite my daily exercise routine, I weighed in at 185 and made a comment to be at 170 by my March birthday. I succeeded and actually weighed in at 165. Now I find myself at 184. So it's déjà vu all over again. So to quote the Budweiser ad one more time: "Here we go!"

◆ Making light of Missouri drivers who place their initials on the windows of their car or invest in personalized plates made me eat my words. Recently I received a license plate frame from a car dealership in Pennsylvania aptly named "Kalmar Motors." Now I, too, have a personalized li-

cence plate — or at least a personalized license plate frame. My apologies to the "Show Me State."

Well, that's a look back at 2010 and an update on just some of my rambblings.

Seems I have a lot of work to do in 2011, mainly trying to lose 14 pounds by the end of March. Wonder if the birdseed in our yard is tasty and filling enough to get me through the next three months. After all, the birds have their heated birdbath, so I'm sure they won't miss a couple pounds of suet every now and then!

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

## LETTERS: G. P. Woods ordinance

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do than aggravate existing business landmarks in our community.

The eight businesses that were cited for having neon signs are businesses the community has seen as successful landmarks for decades. The neon signs have been up for decades.

For the city to target these businesses with a forced change in their branding at this time, when businesses struggle, is a bit questionable. These businesses have proven successful to keep Grosse Pointe's Mack Avenue minimal in vacancy.

The council should be providing its time moving forward for our community by enhancing the growth and image of Mack Avenue.

A prime example is Little Tony's. This landmark has provided our city with a quaint neighborhood grill with a charming outdoor décor that enhances the image of Grosse Pointe. The subtle window decorations of neon — that have been there for decades — remain the business entity and attract regular customers throughout the year.

Really...have they nothing better to do than this negative attack on successful businesses? In today's times, we need innovative and creative leadership.

My mind questions the fact the city council gets caught up in something the neighborhood accepts as the charm of our community. Isn't there something more beneficial they could spend their time on to enhance our community rather than waste time on old thinking and limited vision?

I vote for the small established businesses of quaint Grosse Pointe.

JANET PEPPER  
Grosse Pointe Woods



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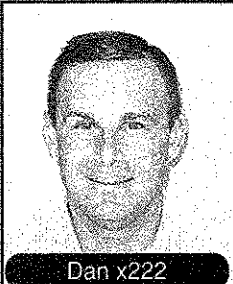
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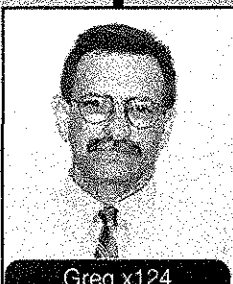
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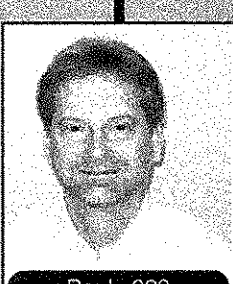
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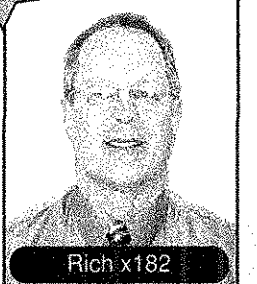
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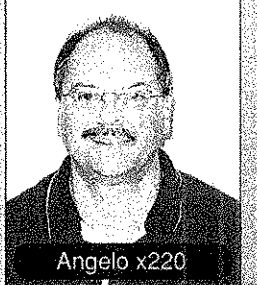
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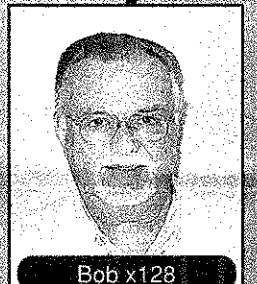
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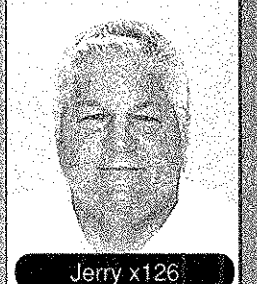
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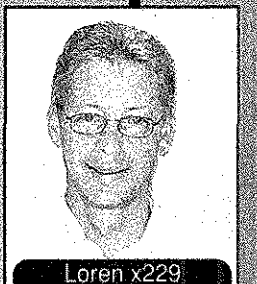
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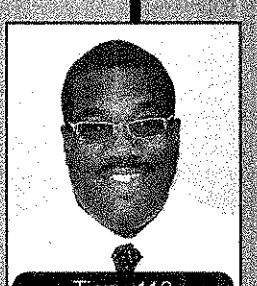
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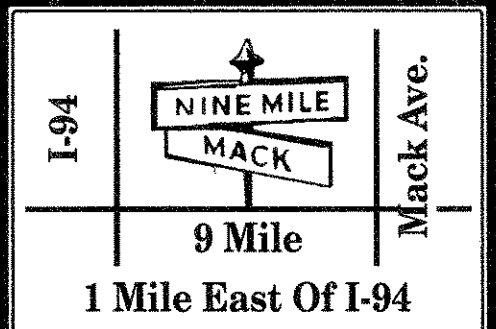
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# SPORTS

**BASKETBALL**

## Rivals clash

North and South renew their boys basketball rivalry **PAGE 2C**

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**GYMNASTICS**

# Unified team breaks school record, twice

In its best week of competition to date, the Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics team broke the school record team score last week at Troy Athens, then scored an even

higher total the next night against league-rival Fraser.

In the Tri-meet against Troy Athens and Troy, Grosse Pointe placed second with 139.100 points.

Grosse Pointe started off on the uneven bars, led by Heather Koresky's 8.575, Emma Abessinio's 8.45, Madi Kaiser's 8.175 and Ashley Krynski's 8.1.

The team then moved to the vault where the girls averaged an 8.5 for the event with an 8.55 by Kaiser and Sarah Fentin, followed by an 8.5 from Abessinio and an 8.4 from Brittany Rizzo.

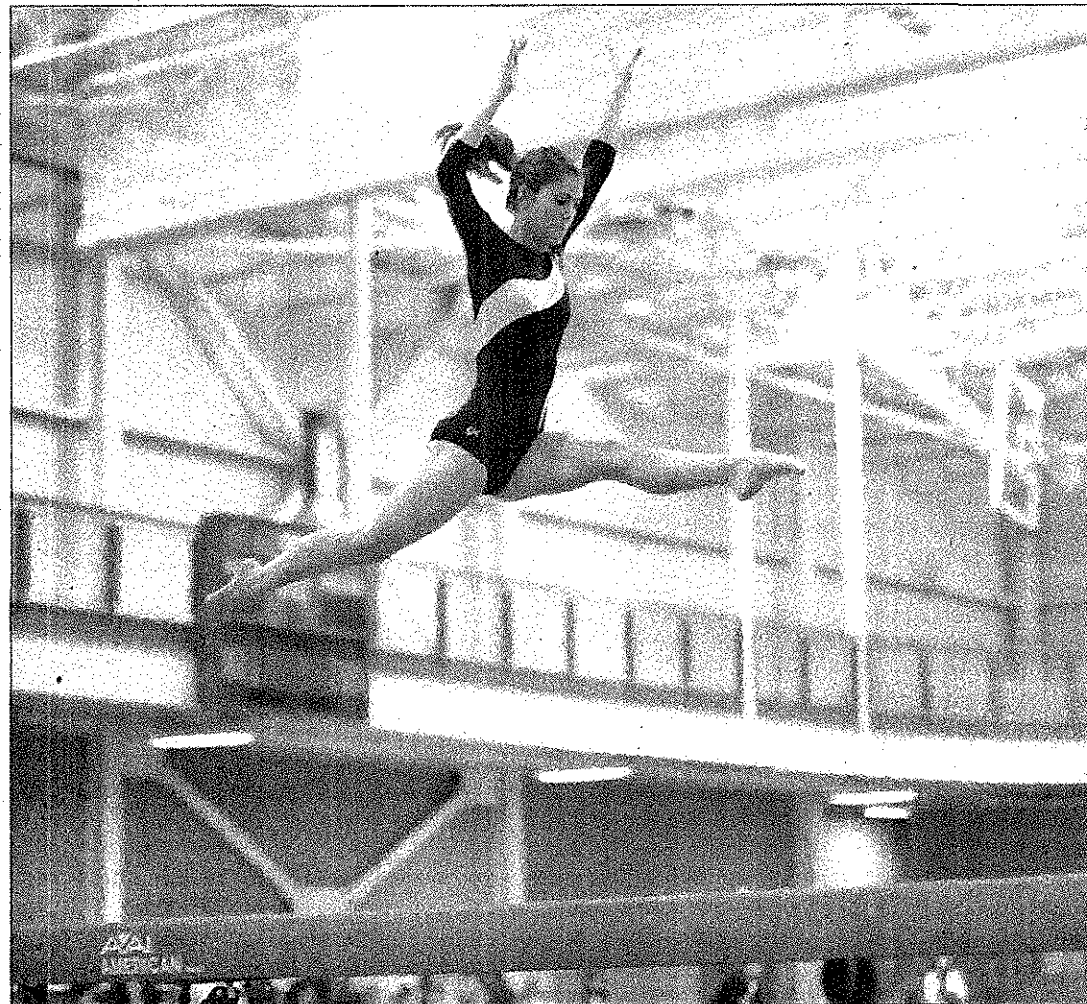
On the floor exercise event, four gymnasts notched a 9.0 or better, led by Abessinio's 9.425. She was followed by Samaroo with a 9.2, Kaiser with a 9.05 and Fentin with a 9.0.

The team concluded the meet on the balance beam where Rizzo scored an 8.65, while Fentin had a personal best 8.9. Abessinio scored a 9.05 and Kaiser, a team-high 9.2. Fran Kay and Koresky also earned regional qualifying scores on the event with a 7.7 and 7.750, respectively.

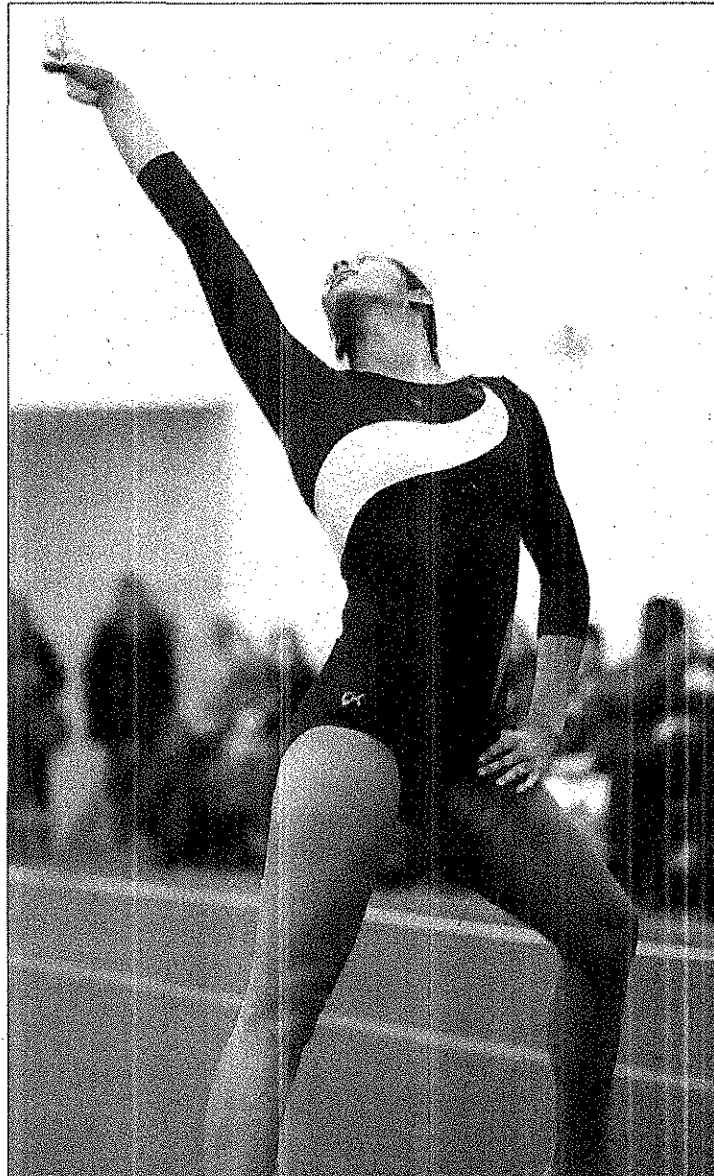
The team returned to action the very next night against Fraser and broke the school record for a second consecutive night with 139.6 points.

In addition, the meet featured 22 personal best scores from the United gymnasts.

In the vault, every United gymnast earned a regional qualifying score with personal bests by Fentin with an 8.65 and Samantha Rogers with an 8.0. Other scores on the event were 8.5 for Kaiser and Abessinio, an 8.4 for Rizzo, 8.3 for Krynski, 8.25 for Samaroo,




Madi Kaiser had another solid performance on beam, helping the Grosse Pointe team break a school record for points.



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Aubryn Samaroo set a school record on the floor exercise, scoring a 9.6 against Fraser.

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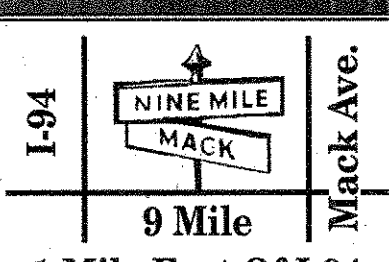
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## Boys basketball

## RIVALS

# North survives South's huge comeback

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North needed a win in the worst way last week.

The Norsemen, bringing a 1-7 mark into the game, got that victory at the expense of city rival Grosse Pointe South, 49-47.

"I'm proud of our kids," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We have been in these spots before, but haven't been able to close the door on a win.

"We had a few anxious moments down the stretch, but the guys were able to get a big win. Hopefully this gets us going in the right direction."

The visiting Norsemen came out the aggressor, leading the Blue Devils 12-6 after the first quarter and 29-12 at the half.

For South head coach Dave Grauzer, a 17-point halftime deficit was something he wouldn't have imagined since his Blue Devils have been playing solid basketball the past few games.

The Norsemen were able to

trade baskets with the Blue Devils in the third period, leading 39-24.

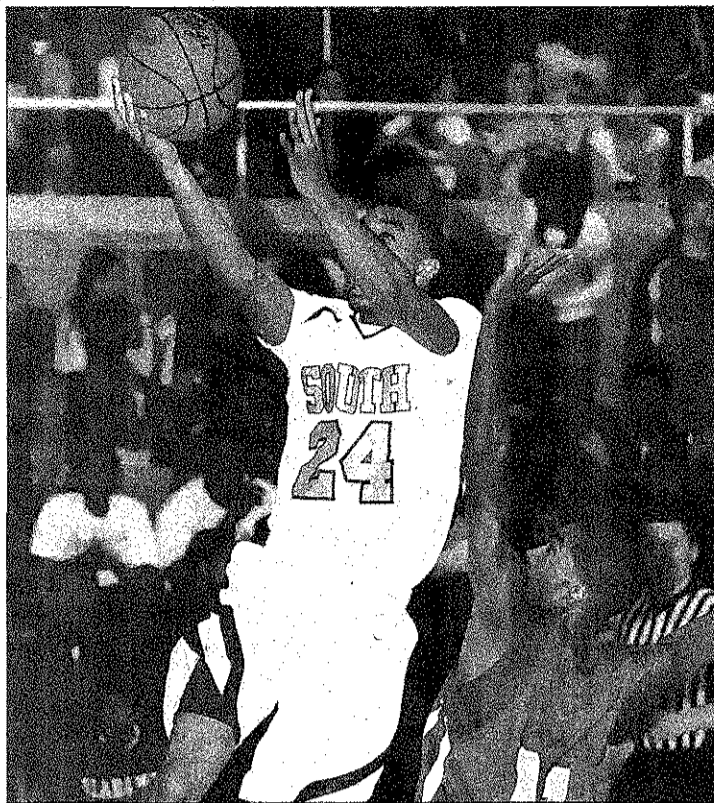
Starting with the first possession of the fourth quarter, seniors Corbet Conroy, Victor Mattison, Alex Bedan and Brandon Barkley put the Blue Devils on their shoulders.

They made big shot after big shot, created turnovers, blocked shots and rebounded to get the crowd into the game and make it a close game during crunch time.

Mattison hit back-to-back three-point baskets, cutting the deficit to 39-30 and he added a free throw to bring the home team within eight points, 39-31.

North junior Will Ritchie converted a three-point play, pushing the Norsemen lead back to double digits, 42-31, but Conroy scored consecutive baskets too and added two free throws to trim the deficit to 42-37.

Senior Chris Collins put an end to the 6-0 run with a basket, but Conroy hit a hoop and Mattison banked in a shot to



South senior Victor Mattison, left, drives to the basket to score two of his 17 points in the Blue Devils' loss to city rival Grosse Pointe North.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

really get the crowd going as the deficit suddenly was cut to three points, 44-41.

Another Barkley rebound turned into a Bedan basket that made it 44-43 with a little less than two minutes left in the game.

Junior Adam Andrzejczak made two free throws with 1:35 left and Mattison made 1-of-2 free throws to leave the Norsemen ahead 46-44. Junior Jamal Williams converted a basket and senior George Greer made a free throw to give the Norsemen a 49-44 advantage.

The visitors missed two free throws that could have put the Norsemen up seven. The Blue Devils used it to their advantage as Mattison drained a three-pointer to make it 49-47 with 18.5 seconds left.

Andrzejczak caught the inbound pass with the intent of getting fouled, but dribbled the ball off his leg, giving the ball back to the Blue Devils with 17.0 seconds left.

Bedan missed a shot and was fouled with only 3.4 seconds left. With a chance to tie, he missed the first free throw and intentionally missed the second, hoping the home team would grab the rebound.

Mattison grabbed the rebound and had a short shot attempt to tie the game, but the attempt hit both the front and back rim before bouncing out.

Game over. "We really needed this win," Lockhart said. "It got a little tense in the final few minutes, but I told Adam to get the ball

in his hands and it's unfortunate the ball bounced off his leg.

"We held on and that is what is most important."

Andrzejczak led the Norsemen with 19 points, followed by Williams and Ritchie with 10 points apiece. Collins had four points, while Greer and sophomore Alex Raicevich had two points apiece to round out the Norsemen scoring.

Mattison led the Blue Devils with 17 points, followed by Conroy with 14, Bedan with nine, senior Cooper Hartman with four, Barkley with two and junior Kevin Reck with one.

In other action last weekend, South lost another two-point game, falling 69-67 to host Warren Cousino.

For a second straight game, the Blue Devils fell behind in the first half, trailing by 11 points, 33-22, at the half, before rallying in the second half.

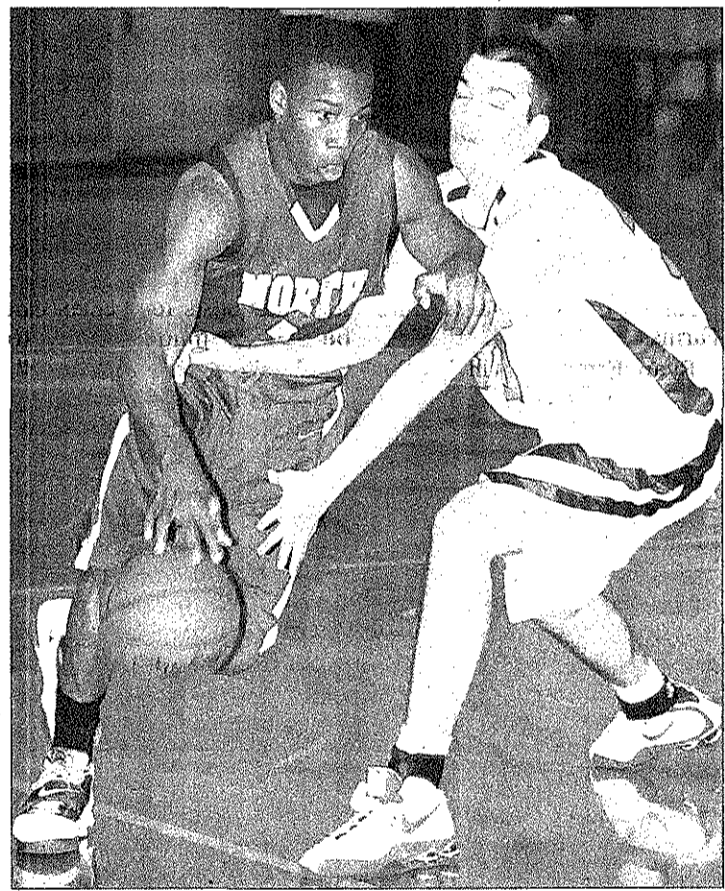
Barkley had 18 points, followed by Bedan with 12, Conroy with nine and Hartman with seven as the Blue Devils lost at the buzzer.

South dropped to 2-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-6 overall.

North played last weekend, beating host Utica Eisenhower 56-51, and hosted Roseville Monday night, losing 48-44.

For the Norsemen, it was their seventh straight tight game that could have gone either way.

Grosse Pointe North stands 1-4 in the MAC White Division and 3-8 overall.



North junior Jamal Williams, left, heads to the basket to score two of his 10 points in the Norsemen's win over city rival Grosse Pointe South.

## LIGGETT

# Ghafari's 3's lead Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Senior Carl Ghafari had his best game of the season Monday night, scoring 19 points to lead University Liggett's boys' basketball team to a 66-45 win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

"If we can get Carl's assertiveness, it opens it up for us inside," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "Carl really played well tonight at both ends of the court and he shot the ball with confidence tonight."

Ghafari hit five three-point baskets, including a huge one at the first-quarter buzzer, to break out of his scoring funk. His scoring was needed since leading scorer, sophomore Eric Ewing, was under the weather and didn't have his explosiveness on the court.

"Our depth really helped us tonight," Johnson said. "Our bigs controlled the glass and didn't allow second shots and our full-court pressure caused some turnovers and allowed us to control the tempo, especially in that third quarter."

Ghafari's buzzer-beater gave the host Knights a 17-11 lead

and it was 37-27 at the half.

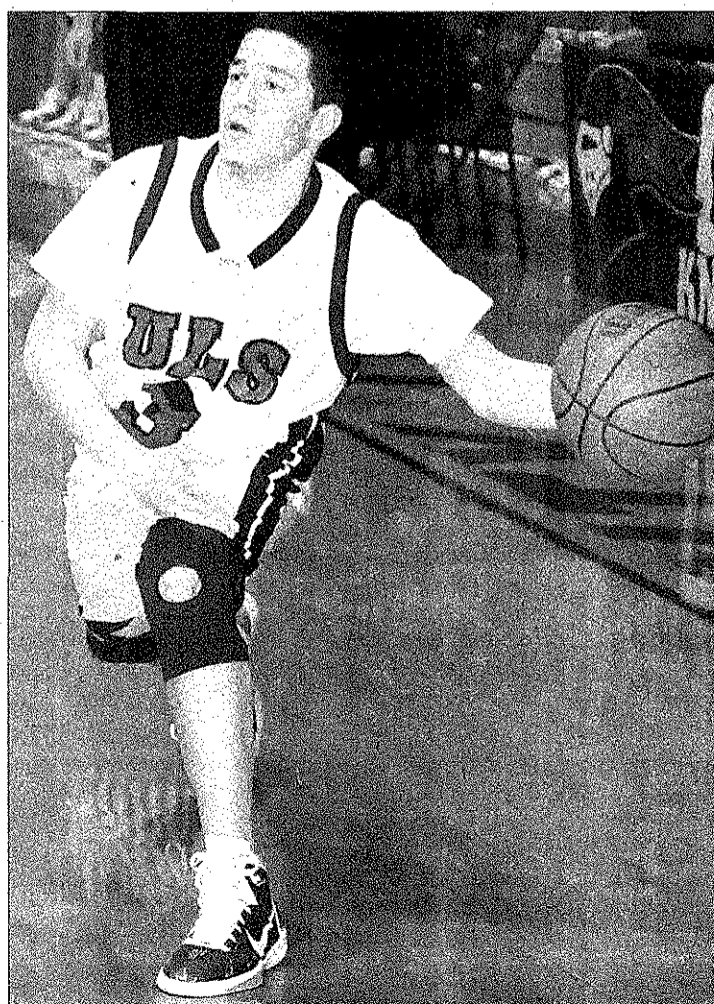
The Knights changed defense at the half and played a full-court pressing style that caused several turnovers and transition baskets by senior Dominic Jamett and sophomore KeVaughn Jackson.

When the dust settled, the Knights outscored Parkway Christian 19-3 in the third quarter, building a comfortable 56-30 advantage.

Jackson finished with 13 points, followed by Jamett with 10 points and five rebounds and sophomore Connor Fannon with 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Ewing had five points in limited action, while sophomore Stephen Benard had two points, sophomore Andrew Zinkel had three and freshman Ian Clark had two.

In other league action, Liggett used a 34-13 second-half to beat Plymouth Christian 65-38, and was outscored 29-10 in the first half of a 61-48 loss to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

"We had our ups and downs in those games," Johnson said. "We didn't play well against Oakland Christian, but the guys came back strong against



Senior Carl Ghafari, right, played his best game of the season, scoring 19 points to help Liggett's boys' basketball team past Parkway Christian.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Plymouth Christian," Johnson said.

In the victory, Fannon had 13 points, followed by Jamett with 11, Jackson with nine, Zinkel with eight, Ewing with eight

and Benard with six, and in the defeat, Ewing had 22 points with Jackson netting 10.

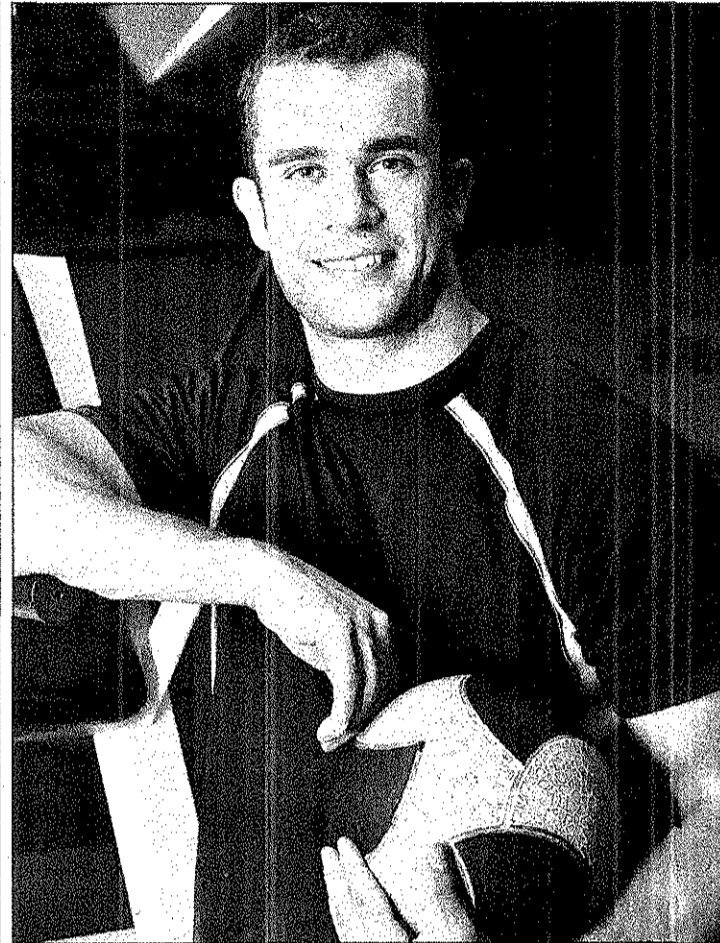
Liggett is 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-1 overall.

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

# Words of wellness

There's a central theme behind many of the questions that come my way; questions that can be answered with four simple words: Listen to your body. Not enough people pay attention to what their bodies tell them during exercise. Rather, they seek validation from outside sources to gain assurance they're following "the book" and doing the exercise the way it was intended.

Simply, this isn't the wisest approach. As an example, a gym-goer complained about having an aching hamstring during his runs. The real crazy part: He was telling me this while on the treadmill — clutching his leg!



Mike Hackett

While there are many ways to go about alleviating this pain, the first is to stop doing what causes discomfort. Yeah, it's common sense, but sometimes in the pursuit of good health, common sense goes out the window.

Pain is a mechanism to warn the body of possible injury, so pay attention when you feel it. And only once you've had adequate rest and/or trained to rehab the problem should you resume your activities.

Remember, it is possible to find other ways of exercise that can accommodate your ailment while still giving you a great workout. When doing so, look for exercises that are low-impact and/or require isolated movements.

An equally crucial reason to listen to your body is to avoid overtraining. Overtraining is a real concern, signaled by irritability, inability or poor quality of sleep, loss of appetite and headaches. Exercise is great to have in your life, but do not overdo it. Recognize these signs and ease up as needed. Don't worry: You will still be in shape.

One of the most important reasons to listen to your body is individuality. We each respond differently to exercise. While exercise goals are objectives to reach, exercise is subjective in nature. Some people just have the genetics to burn off fat and build muscle quickly while others are not so fortunate.

The regimen that your friend follows to lose 20 pounds may not be the same one you should follow to get the same results. For that matter, you shouldn't always follow what the media puts out as the single best way to get fit. There is no one right way. It should be: what is your way to better health.

With this in mind, pay attention to how your body responds and answer these questions: With your current exercise plan, have you noticed a difference in your body shape — not necessarily the numbers — but in the way your clothes fit? Have you seen an increase in your energy? Do you look forward to exercising? Do others notice a difference in your physical appearance?

If the answer is "no" to any of these questions, maybe you need to take a hard look at your approach.

Your routine should work with you, not against you. Keep trying different combinations of exercise — be it cardio, weights or yoga — to find what best suits you.

If, and when, you notice a positive change, stick with it. Exercise should be something personal. It should provide you with the results you want and this can only be accomplished by discovering what works best for you and your body.

Another facet to your individual exercise regimen is exercise intensity. A common question surrounds duration of workouts. The answer should be that length of exercise is specific to each exerciser. What are your goals, your aerobic threshold, your age, your prior experience and availability to exercise?

Yes, it prompts more questions, but the take-home message is: Exercise is less about duration and more about intensity.

If you're an exercise rookie coming from a sedentary lifestyle, your intensity level must start low and gradually increase over time. Your body needs to build a tolerance; there's nothing more discouraging than not being able to move the day after your first workout session.

On the other hand, a veteran exerciser knows how to use time to their advantage. They may pull off a 45-minute workout that is more effective than someone on the equipment for two hours. Again, it's about intensity and content of your training.

So how do you measure intensity? You can monitor things like your breathing and heart rate, but when it comes down to it, exercise is about feel. You should break a sweat. You should "feel the burn" in the specific muscle group you're working.

A quick tip that personal trainers use is the talk test: If you cannot carry on a conversation during an exercise, then your intensity may be too high...then again, if you're talking too much, maybe you should just kick it up a notch.

Finally, you should be able to answer whether you've exercised hard enough with an emphatic YES.

The next time you find yourself questioning your routines, or fear you're risking injury, take a look at how your body is responding. Usually that's where you'll find your answer. Live well.

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## Swimming

LIGGETT

## Knights back to winning ways

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team was back in the win column last week, beating host Warren Fitzgerald 93-78.

"This was a nice for the Knights," head coach Ryan Gunderson said.

The Knights started the meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay as junior Kara Zmyslowski, junior Brian Gutermuth, sophomore Connor Borrego and senior Veeral Patel won with a time of 2:01.85 and the team of senior Carolyn Charbonier, sophomore Victoria Chochla, junior Caleb Ninivaggi and sophomore Cristina Milenius placed third at 2:47.34.

In the 200-yard freestyle, senior Morgan Walker took third with a time of 2:28.03, but Borrego came back strong in the 200-yard individual medley, winning with a time of 2:25.66 and sophomore Julia

Grimm was second in the IM with a time of 3:01.08.

The Knights took second and third in the 50-yard freestyle with Gutermuth and Patel posting season-best times of 25.17 and 25.66, respectively, and Zmyslowski and Borrego took second and third in the 100-yard butterfly.

Zmyslowski had a season-best 1:09.16 and Borrego was at 1:12.73.

Patel won the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best 1:00.98 and senior Mary Nehra took fourth at 1:11.51.

Grimm and freshman Ellene Bricolas took third and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle, posting times of 7:16.41 and 7:49.02, plus the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Zmyslowski, Patel, Borrego and Gutermuth won with a time of 1:43.02.

Helping the Knights post the win was the points earned by the third-place 200-freestyle relay squad of Charbonier, Chochla, Ninivaggi and

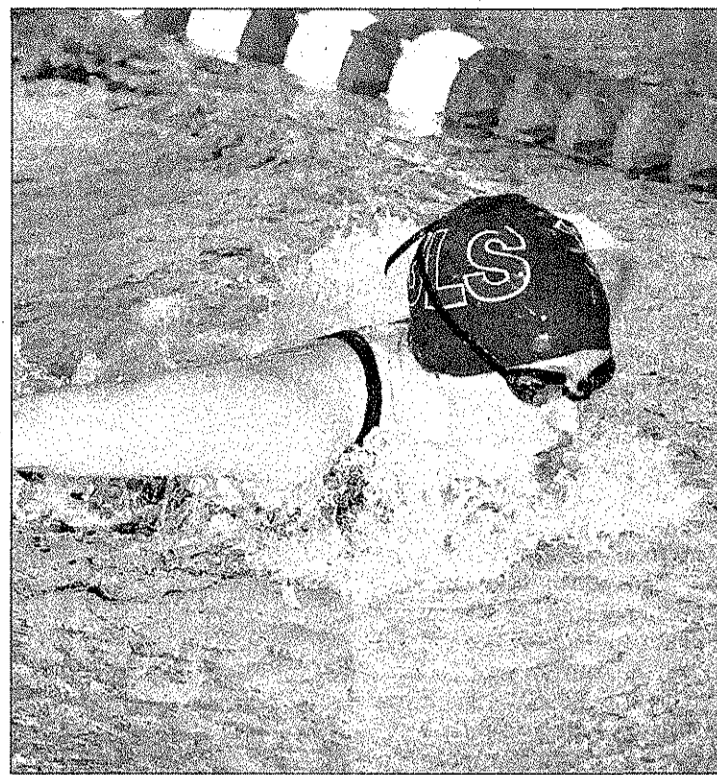


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Liggett's Kara Zmyslowski played a big part in helping the Knights beat Fitzgerald last week.

Milenius, which had a time of 23:24.16.

Zmyslowski won the 100-yard backstroke and Charbonier took third with times of 1:12.50 and 1:42.26, and Gutermuth and Walker had season-best times of 1:14.35 and 1:18.46, respective-

ly, to take first and second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

In the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Bricolas, Grimm, Nehra and Walker placed second with a time of 4:56.69.

Liggett improved to 4-3 overall.

## Wrestling

NORTH &amp; SOUTH

## Grapplers earn tourney medals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed in last weekend's Wayne County Tournament at Romulus High School.

In the team standings, Southgate was first, followed by Canton and Livonia Franklin. North and South were in the bottom third, but each had wrestlers earn medals.

For the Norsemen and head coach Bryan Lorenzo, Shawn Miller took home a fourth-place medal in the 160-pound class, while Reggie Lewis did the game in the 275-pound class for the Blue Devils and head coach Greg Snider.

In addition, Nolan Goodall earned an eighth-place medal in the 135-pound class for the Blue Devils.

"There was some very good competition at the Wayne

County Tournament and our guys did a nice job," Snider said.

Also competing for the Blue Devils were Alex Manchester, 112 pounds; Andrew Steiber, 119 pounds; Hunter Benz, 145 pounds; Josh Alexander, 145 pounds; and Ian Hapnowicz, 152 pounds.

For the Norsemen, Paul Menth, 130 pounds, competed, as did Wilson Fisher, 140 pounds; Jermaine White, 140 pounds; Andrew Lock, 145 pounds; and Ken Coleman, 215 pounds.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils traveled to Clawson for Macomb Area Conference Gold Division matches.

They lost 66-18 to the host school and 60-21 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview, falling to 0-6 in the division and 2-17 overall.

Winning both of their matches were Steiber, Goodall and Lewis.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen get best of foes

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team crushed Dearborn 121.5-64.5 last week.

Christian Mellos, Justin Rakowicz and Matt Leone were all double winners for the host Norsemen.

Mellos won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke with a state-qualifying time, while Rakowicz scored wins in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle with state-qualifying times.

In addition, Leone was No. 1 in the 50-yard freestyle and was on the winning 200-yard medley relay team. Joining Leone on the relay team were Mellos, Zach Hanna and Gordon Russell as the foursome posted a state-qualifying time.

Single winners were Hanna in the 100-yard butterfly and James McNelis in diving.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Leone, Hanna, Russell, Patrick Turnbull, Michael Rieth, Eric Reardon and John Hales in the 50-freestyle; A.J. Owens, John

Kohler, Peter Shea, Russell, Andrew Hauler, Scott Adelson, Evan Williams and Hanna in the 100-freestyle; Rakowicz and Danny MacAskill in the 200-freestyle; Rakowicz, MacAskill and Williams in the 500-freestyle; Leone and Adelson in the 100-backstroke; Mellos and Hales in the 100-breaststroke; Louis Saravolatz in the 100-butterfly; Mellos, Turnbull, Alex Fly and Rhys Williams in the 200-IM; and Mitchell Gross and Joseph Garvin in diving.

In other action last week, North defeated Warren DeLaSalle 101-85 as Mellos and Rakowicz led the way with multiple victories.

Mellos won the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke, while Rakowicz was first in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle. Each won their events with state-qualifying times.

Leone took the top spot in the 100-yard backstroke and the Norsemen's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Leone, Mellos, Hanna and Owens won with a state-qualifying



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

North's Christian Mellos enjoyed a lot of success during the Norsemen's home wins over Dearborn and DeLaSalle.

time.

Season-best times were recorded by Peter Cherry, Dan Santalucia, John Hales and Chris Schoenith in the 50-freestyle; Owens, Kohler, Shea, Russell, Matthew Toenjes, Andrew Hauler, MacAskill, Anthony Cafagna

and Bernardo Simoes in the 100-freestyle; Rakowicz in the 500-freestyle; Turnbull, Alex Fly and Hales in the 100-breaststroke; Hanna and Williams in the 100-butterfly and Mitchell Gross in diving. Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Dugout Club hosts tribute

The Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club will sponsor a fun evening of discussion among friends about Sparky Anderson Thursday, Feb. 10, at the South high school auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ryan Ermanni will be the moderator, Dan Ewald (biographer), Father Dan Worthy (personal friend) and former players Dave Bergman and Dan Petry will share their stories of Sparky.

In addition, there will be a silent auction featuring baseball memorabilia at 6 p.m. and the discussion begins at 7 p.m.

After a short break, there will be a question and answer session beginning at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students in advance and \$25 for adults and \$15 for children at the door. Requests for tickets can be made to sparkynite@gmail.com or calling (586) 243-4135.

Checks should be payable to the Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club, a 501(c)3 Corporation. The proceeds of this event will benefit Grosse Pointe South baseball and CATCH, a children's charity founded by Sparky Anderson in 1987.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Coaches offer help

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

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

Players may choose to have one or more coaches at a time and can focus on hitting, pitch-

ing, fielding, catching or any other specific element of the game.

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

All MHSAA rules regarding out of season participating will be followed.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe South baseball program.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils have no problems

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team continued its blitz through the Macomb Area Conference last week, beating Anchor Bay 130-56.

The Blue Devils opened with a flurry, taking first and second in the 200-yard medley relay as senior Craig Campbell, junior Luke Hessburg, freshman Patrick Jackson and senior Cam Johnson won with a time of 1:44.96 and senior Roby Boggs, senior Johnny Allen, freshman Nicholas Yoo and senior Sam Effinger took second at 1:51.72.

Senior Ryan Graham was second with a time of 1:59.47 and freshman Jack Martin took third at 2:02.84 in the 200-yard freestyle, and the Blue Devils swept the 200-yard individual medley as Campbell won with a time of 2:03.80, while Yoo was second at

2:19.19 and sophomore C.J. Stafford was third at 2:25.97.

Johnson and Boggs took second and third in the 50-yard freestyle, posting times of 23.24 and 24.20 and in diving, junior Ben Cornillie and freshman Eric Addy took the top spots, earning 153.50 and 151.20 points, respectively.

Junior Joe Zampardo was runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.36 and Graham was third at 1:01.13 and in the 100-yard freestyle, Jackson and Yoo placed first and second with times of 52.99 and 5.76, respectively, for the Blue Devils.

Boggs, Johnson and Allen placed first, second and third in the 500-yard freestyle, posting times of 5:24.07, 5:32.62 and 5:48.80 and in the 200-yard freestyle relay, Hessburg, Graham, Boggs and Johnson won with a time of 1:37.22.

Sophomore Jack Chase won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.35 and Campbell

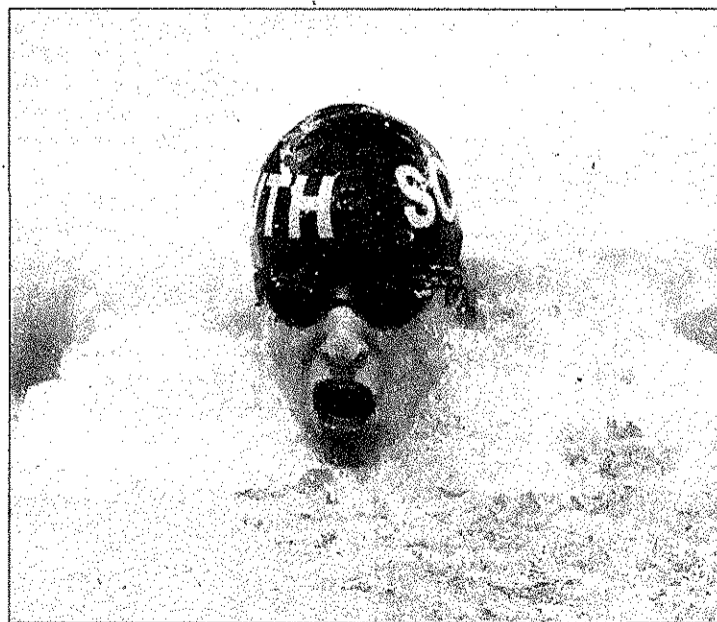


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South's Joe Zampardo has been a steady force in the pool this winter for the Blue Devils' swimming and diving team.

was victorious in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:05.64.

Yoo, Graham, Jackson and Campbell won the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, turning in a time of 3:36.85.

Head coach Eric Gunderson said season-best times were turned in by Boggs in the 200-medley relay lead and 50-freestyle; Campbell in the 200-IM and 100-breaststroke;

Chase in the 100-butterfly; senior Brandon Dunaway in the 200-freestyle; Graham in the 100-butterfly; Martin in the 200-freestyle; freshman Chad Ososki in the 50-freestyle; Stafford in the 100-backstroke; freshman Sam Wilkinson in the 50-freestyle; and Yoo in the 100-freestyle.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-0 in the MAC Red Division and 5-1 overall.

## GYMNASTS: Team earns records

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8.2 for Kay and 7.9 for Caitlin Gaitley.

On the uneven bars, the team achieved its highest score on the event this season with a meet high 8.9 for Abessinio, an 8.45 for Kaiser, an 8.4 for Koresky, an 8.25 for Fentin and an 8.15 for Krynski.

In addition, Samaroo contributed a 7.6, followed by Rizzo with a 7.5 and Kay with a 6.85. Abessinio, Fentin, Kaiser and Kay's scores were all personal bests for the season on the uneven bars.

In the balance beam event, Kaiser and Abessinio shared the meet high score of 9.35, while Kay and Koresky scored season bests of 8.35 and 8.15. Anna Brucker scored a 7.55 to earn her first regional qualifying score on the event, while freshman Angela Tibauda scored a 5.45 in her competition debut for the United team and Kelsey Newa also competed well, scoring a personal

best on the event.

The team then finished the meet on a high note on the floor exercise with six gymnasts scoring over a 9.0 in the final rotation.

Rizzo earned a 9.1, while Kay had a 9.15. Other top scorers were Fentin with a 9.25, Kaiser a 9.3, Abessinio a 9.55 and Samaroo a school-record 9.6.

Several other gymnasts also scored personal bests on the event, including Krynski with an 8.75, Koresky with an 8.6 and Meagan Curran an 8.15, which earned her first regional qualifying score on the event.

"The girls worked extremely hard in practice this week, and it really showed in the meet results," head coach Courtney Law said. "Breaking the school record twice in two days is an amazing accomplishment."

"The team showed real competitive toughness by performing even better on Friday with no letdown at all from having just competed the previous night. In addition, we are excited to have senior Heather Koresky back in the lineup on beam and floor exercise as she has worked hard to overcome a serious ankle injury from last spring."

Girls basketball

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

# Another win

University Liggett sophomore Haleigh Ristovski and her teammates posted another easy division victory last weekend, beating host Plymouth Christian Academy 56-30. The Knights improved to 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 11-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils get two more wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team tripped up Utica Eisenhower 52-39 last week, extending its winning streak to six games.

"Ike plays a crazy pace and we had to make sure we took care of the basketball and create our own tempo," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We're an up-tempo team, but we needed to take it easy tonight because we didn't want to get caught in a race up and down the court."

The host Blue Devils played the game to their tempo, forcing the Eagles to play more of a half-court defense.

The Eagles did hold a 9-7 lead in the first quarter, but the Blue Devils used a 20-4 second period to take a 27-13 halftime lead.

Junior Caitlin Moore's layup gave the home team its biggest lead of the game, 36-15, midway through the third period, but the Eagles put together a run to close the gap to nine points, 38-27, in the early moments of the fourth quarter.

It was all Blue Devils after that as the Eagles' frantic pace was shoved aside as Moore used her explosiveness off the press break to score transition baskets.

Moore led the way with 20 points, followed by senior Aisha Rodney with 15 and junior Cathy Palazzolo with seven. Sophomore Claire DeBoer had five points to go with a dozen rebounds.

Rodney put on a clinic, scoring 33 points to keep South unbeaten in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, beating host Warren Cousino 61-58 last weekend. It was also the Blue Devils' seventh straight victory.

The Blue Devils trailed 16-8 after the first quarter and 32-28 at the half. The Patriots still led after three quarters, 47-44, before the visitors outscored the home team 17-11 in the final stanza to pull out the big victory.

Moore added 17 points and DeBoer had nine as Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-0 in the MAC White and 7-3 overall.

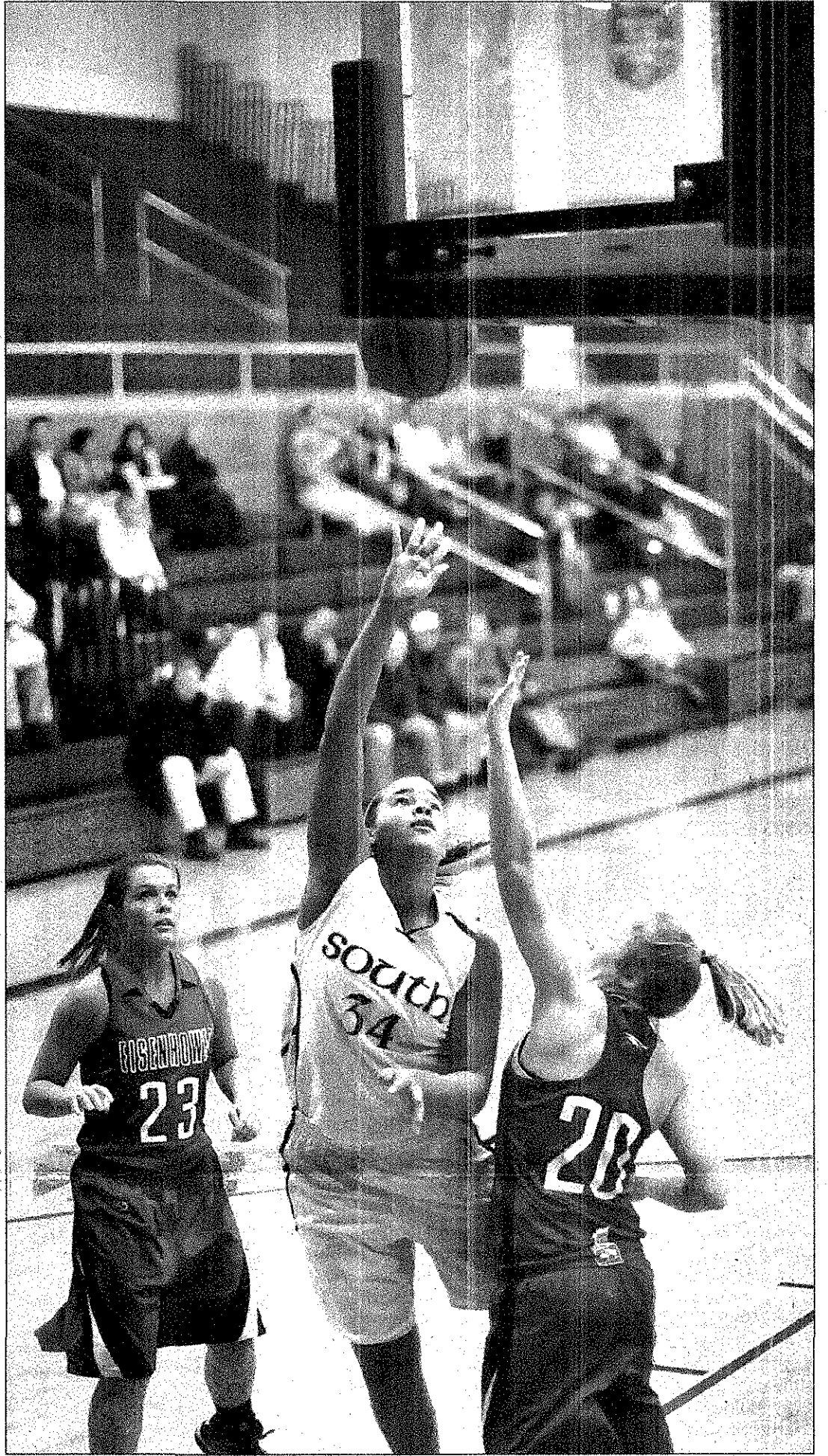


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South senior Aisha Rodney, center, goes up for two points in the Blue Devils' win over Eisenhower. She scored a combined 48 points in the Blue Devils' two games last week.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen compete, but fall short

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team is still walking on egg shells after battling through injuries once again last week.

The Norsemen had a two-game road trip to Chippewa Valley and Utica Eisenhower, losing 35-32 and 44-34, respec-

tively.

"I thought the girls did a nice job on defense," head coach Gary Bennett said of the Norsemen's tough loss to the Big Reds. Neither team could build much of a lead and in the end the host Big Reds were able to hang on to earn the Macomb Area Conference Red Division win.

For the Norsemen, senior Micaela Liddane had a career-high 21 points and senior Nicole Strickland had six. Bennett had only seven players dressed due to the injury bug.

Three nights later the Norsemen were up against the high intensity Eagles and found themselves trailing 12-4 after the initial period and 25-13 at the half. The Norsemen outscored the Eagles 21-19 in the final two quarters, but they didn't have enough offensive firepower to beat the Eagles.

Liddane once again led the Norsemen, scoring 13 points, followed by Strickland with six points and five rebounds. Senior Kia Tyus chipped in with five points and sophomore Lauren Koeppel had four. Sophomore Breann Reveley had her best game of the season, pulled down five rebounds and grabbing three steals.

"I've been very pleased with our attitude and work ethic throughout the last few weeks," Bennett said. "I have a lot of respect for my team. They work hard, care about each other and never give in. It is a pleasure going to practice

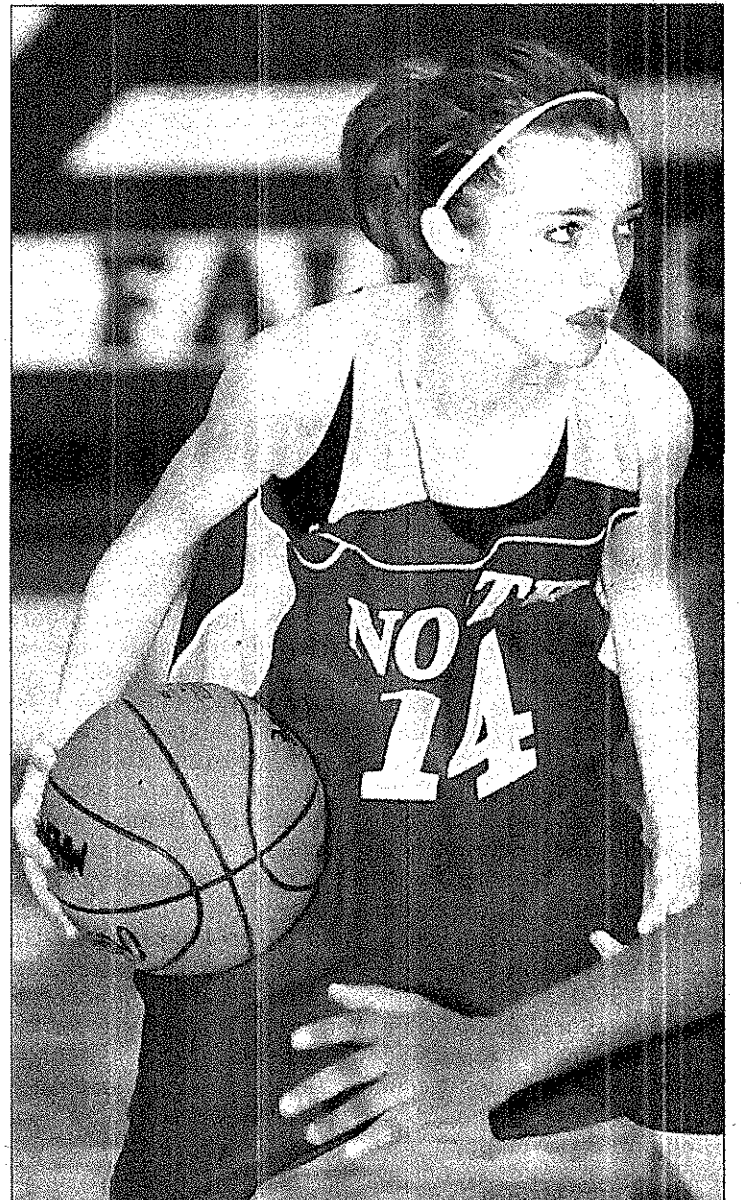


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North freshman Maria Liddane has taken positive strides this season for the Norsemen's girls' basketball team.

each day to work with them." dropped to 1-3 in the MAC Red Grosse Pointe North Division and 3-7 overall.

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## Girls hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils stretch win streak to seven

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team dominated Port Huron last week, but still had to hang on with a 1-0 win.

The host Blue Devils had a plethora of shots on Icehawks goalie Taylor Cook, tallying more than 50.

Cook held her own in net, but she was bested by Blue Devils sophomore goalie Anastasia Diamond, who posted her second 1-0 shutout of the season.

"Anastasia is a game," assistant coach Brittany Zeches said. "She has been in this position before, so she knows what she has to go to win."

Diamond made three key saves in the latter stages of the third period to preserve the home team's one goal lead.

Junior Claire Boyle scored the only goal of the game in the first 12 seconds of the second period with senior Andrea Marshall drawing an assist.

"They know they had to work hard to get good shots on net and they did that tonight," Zeches said. "They had some nice scoring chances and they did a nice job."

Head coach Joe Provenzano's forwards had constant pressure in the Icehawks' zone, including Marissa Monforton, Anne Crowley, Marshall, Elizabeth

Clem, Meghan Polack, Cary Verkuilen, Dana Davenport, Darian Dempsey, Chantal Chuba, Lorna Burns and Boyle.

Defensemen Dylan McColl, Melissa Klinger, Tenley Shield, Samantha Taylor, Christina Daudlin, Cara Monforton, Allison Daudlin and Hayley Altshuler kept the Icehawks' forwards from setting up many good scoring opportunities in front of Diamond.

South traveled to Eddie Edgar Arena the night before and blasted Farmington Hills Mercy 10-3, improving to 9-2 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## Shutouts

Grosse Pointe North's Susan Tomasi, left, and her teammates shrugged off the overtime loss to Livonia Ladywood two weeks ago and easily won the rematch with Ladywood last week, winning 5-0 at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. Senior Kailey Sickmiller had the hat trick, while other goal scorers were senior Megan Bergeron and freshman Maddie Vyletel. Junior Jennifer Cusmano had two assists, while sophomores C.J. McCarthy, Bryn Moody, Jacci Sherry, Natalie Skorupski and Sara Villani had one assist apiece. Three nights later, the visiting Norsemen crushed Bloomfield Unified 8-0, improving to 10-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 11-2 overall.

## LIGGETT

## Knights play tight games

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team suffered a tough 2-1 loss to Port Huron last week.

The host Knights outplayed the Icehawks, but couldn't get enough pucks past goalie Taylor Cook.

"We have been pretty consistent with the exception of the last game against South," head coach Laura Aiken said. "I was

happy to see the girls play a nice game and it was a tough loss because we played well enough to beat them."

The Icehawks built a 2-0 lead and could have upped the advantage to three or four goals, but senior goalkeeper Mariah Passalacqua stood her ground and made some nice saves.

After pulling Passalacqua in favor of an extra skater, the Knights scored when sophomore Aria Ganz-Waple tallied an unassisted goal with only

52.7 seconds left in the third period.

They were able to get a couple of solid shots on Cook in the final 30 seconds, but the puck never crossed the goal line and the Knights lost by a goal.

Last weekend, Liggett ended its three-game losing streak, beating Livonia Ladywood 3-2 in overtime.

Liggett improved to 6-5 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-7 overall.

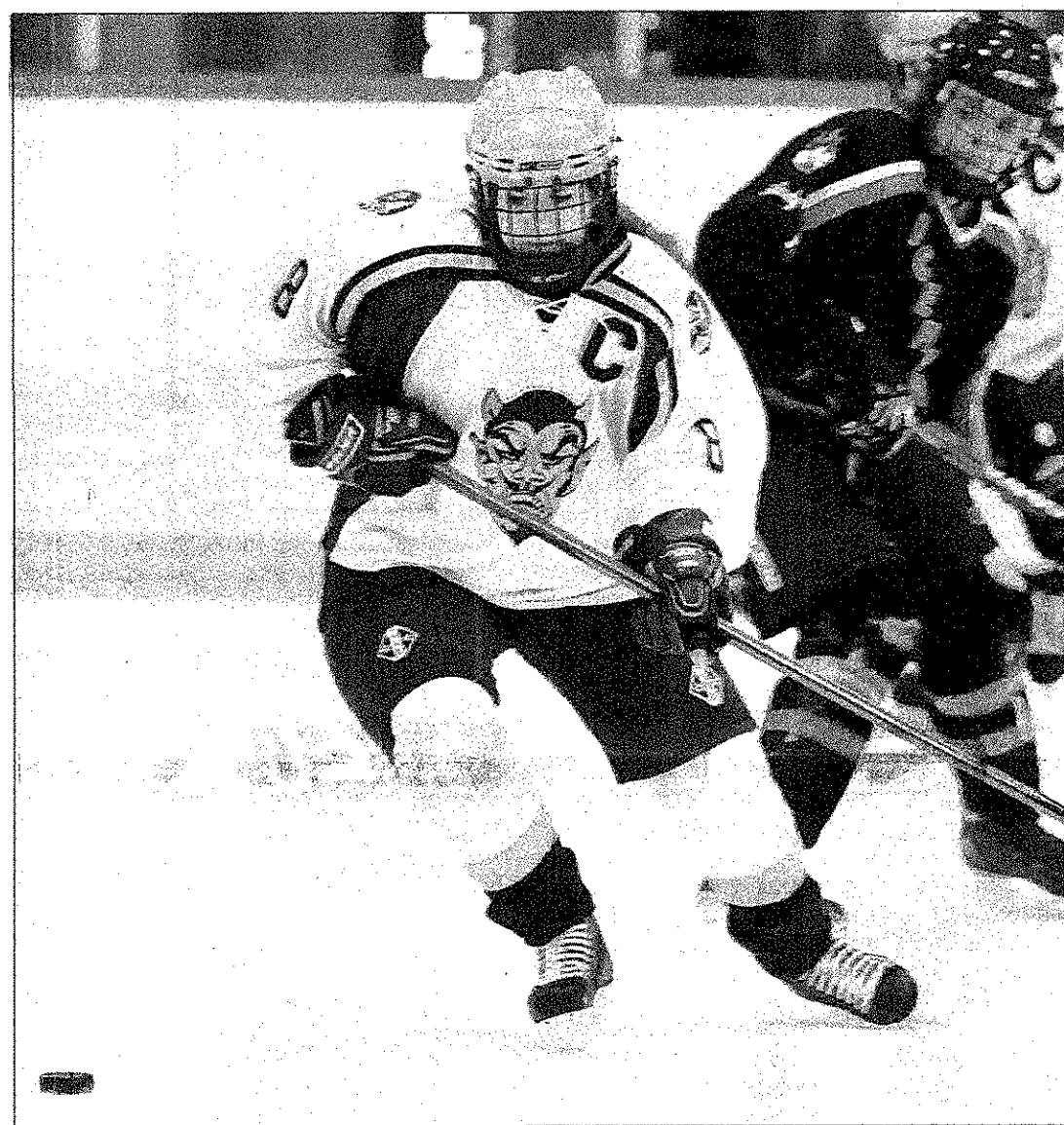


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Senior Andrea Marshall skates toward a loose puck during the Blue Devils' tough 1-0 home victory over Port Huron.

## TRAVEL HOCKEY

# Bulldogs dominate competition, win tournament

The Bantam A Grosse Pointe Bulldogs won the Pittsburgh Advanced Tournament championship, thanks to teamwork and dedication to the game.

"It was our kids' commitment to work hard as a team that won the tournament" said head coach Dan Keller.

The bulldogs started the tournament with a 5-0 victory over the hometown favorites, the Pittsburgh Vipers. Jacob Oberle posted his first shutout of the season, while Will Poplawski scored two goals, both assisted by Michael Molitor, to secure the victory. Evan Kostenko led the defense with a +4 rating for the game.

The second game was a dominating display of offense as the bulldogs triumphed over the Lorne Park Ojibwa, 7-2. The teams played even through the first period, which was tied 1-1. The Bulldogs scored the next four goals as Gram Ryan scored the game winner at the 10:13 mark of the second period with Trent Dara netting an assist.

Zach Kohut's blistering shot from the blue line gave the Bulldogs a 5-2 lead entering the third period. Goals by Matthew Burns and Riley Lenhard finished the job in the final period.

With a solid first-day performance, the Bulldogs could sense the championship was within reach, but the toughest competition was yet to come.

The Macomb Mavericks is a



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The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs travel team won a tournament championship with solid play from everyone on the roster.

familiar foe which plays a tough, quick style of play. As expected, the game was an intense affair riddled with hard hits and penalties.

Scott Maxey opened the scoring in the first period and the middle period was scoreless, but the game pace was intense. Most notable was Jamie Keller's defensive work on multiple breakaway opportunities.

The Bulldogs led until 6:11 of the third period when the Mavericks' Nicholas Kreda tied to the score 1-1.

At 4:51, the second Maverick goal was called off for a crease violation, sending the fans and coaches over the edge in frustration.

Bulldog Jared Brush quickly capitalized on the ensuing penalties by scoring the winning goal with 2:27 remaining

in the game.

The North Carolina Flames looked to be a menacing team, having a significant advantage in size with an undefeated tournament record.

However, the Bulldogs quickly dowsed the Flames with a convincing 5-2 victory. Maxey to Riley Lenhard to Matthew Burns was a solid display of quick passes that left the Flames' goalie tied in

knots and down 1-0.

The first period ended with the Bulldogs ahead 2-0 and they made it 3-0 in the second period when Matthew Burns scored.

The Bulldog defensive duo of Tommy Burke and Charlie Peck played well, helping the team maintain its lead. In addition, defenseman Evan Kostenko played well as the Flames could only muster two

shots on net in the final period.

Will Poplawski opened the third period with his fifth goal of the tournament, giving the Bulldogs a two goal lead.

The Bulldogs' undefeated tournament record and medal win was on the line in the hard-hitting Maverick rematch.

The Mavericks' Ryan Dempsey opened the scoring just two minutes into the first period and they wanted more, but Bulldogs goalie J.D. Norris made a season-high 14 first-period saves to keep the team alive.

A.J. Smith made a beautiful pass to Jared Brush, who tied the game at the 10:54 mark of the second period. Poplawski scored the go ahead goal assisted by Burns a little more than two minutes later.

This was followed by a masterful tip from Riley Lenhard on a hard shot from the point at 3:49.

The game turned physical as the Mavericks tried to overcome the two-goal deficit as the 2nd period ended. However, Kostenko, Jamie Keller, Kohut, Tommy Burke and Charlie Peck tightened the defensive tunicate, shutting the Mavericks down in the final period.

Peck put an exclamation mark on the victory, scoring an empty-net goal late in the third period.

Norris earned the most valuable player honor with 26 save performance.

## Boys hockey

LIGGETT

# Team nets close win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For the second straight game, University Liggett's boys' hockey team won a 3-2 game.

The host Knights beat St. Clair 3-2 behind junior Jeff Mott's game-winning goal with 3:26 left in the third period.

"We aren't playing solid hockey for three full periods and that has to get better," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "Sometimes the guys lose their focus. We're a little short on numbers, but that isn't an excuse. I need more consistency from the guys."



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Sophomore Manny Counsman has been on a scoring streak of late, netting a goal in several straight games.

The game with St. Clair was the Knights' fifth one-goal victory and seventh one-goal con-

test of the season.

After a scoreless opening period, sophomore Manny

Counsman scored a power play goal at the 6:28 mark of the second stanza. Sophomores Jacob Soyka and Mark Auk assisted.

Auk added a goal with only 1:13 left in the second period as junior Connor Wiggins and freshman Vicent Scarfone had the assists.

The Saints had a goal wiped off the board in the final minute of the second period when the official blew the whistle after the Knights were called for a penalty and touched the puck a split second before the Saints' player redirected it behind junior goalie Joseph Davenport.

The visitors got on the board at the 9:02 mark of the third period, but Mott's goal turned out to be bigger than expected since the Saints scored with 3:10 left to make it a one-goal game.

Last weekend, Liggett traveled to Sylvania, OH, to battle St. Francis De Sales, one of the top-ranked teams in Ohio.

Things didn't go so well for the Knights in an 8-2 loss to St. Francis de Sales.

With the split, Liggett stands 9-5 overall.



Junior Connor Wiggins and his teammates have spent many late third periods holding on to one-goal leads.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils back in win column

The Grosse Pointe South men's hockey team lost three close games in a row to open 2011, but finally got back on track during the Port Huron Northern tournament.

Captains Max Corbett and Jess Martinelli provided the fire power to get the team back in the win column.

Martinelli scored the loan goal in South's 3-1 loss to Port Huron Northern, despite a solid effort from Nolan Monforton, Eric Marshall, Marty Moesta, Ross Muniga and Andrew Addy.

The following evening, Martinelli and Corbett took over, exerting their senior leadership and paving the way to an unlikely come-from-behind overtime victory over Macomb Dakota.

Wes Cimmarrusti opened the scoring for the Blue Devil's with assists from Monforton and Martinelli. However, the

Cougars answered with two goals of their own and led for most of the game.

With only 30 seconds remaining in regulation, Martinelli drew the face-off back to defenseman Max Corbett, who ripped a slap shot past the Dakota netminder to extend the game.

The Blue Devils spent six of the first eight minutes of overtime shorthanded, but the impressive goaltending of C.J. Schebil kept their hopes alive.

Nearly eight minutes into the overtime, Martinelli completed his playmaker (3 assists) when he and Cimmarrusti broke away on an odd man rush. Martinelli's picture-perfect pass enabled Cimmarrusti to split the Dakota defenders and ring up the game winner for an elated Blue Devil squad.

Grosse Pointe South moved to 8-6-1 on the season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen drop 2

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team played shorthanded against one of the top squads in the state last weekend, Livonia Stevenson.

Head coach Scott Lock was missing several players due to injuries, including his top defenseman, Scott Dornbrock, but it didn't stop the host Norsemen from nearly pulling off an upset, losing 2-1.

The Norsemen were outshot each of the first two periods, but the game was scoreless after the first stanza.

The Spartans put two goals on the board in the second period when senior Ryan Urson scored short-handed and junior Thomas Ross tallied when both teams played with four skaters.

Lock had his players on the

top of their game in the third period, which they dominated. They carried the play nearly the entire period and made it a one-goal game when junior Anthony Saleh scored with 5:45 left in the game, assisted by juniors J.P. Lucchese and Joe Aluia.

The Norsemen had their chances to tie the game with several solid shots on Spartan sophomore goalie Connor Humitz, but he stood his ground and prevented the home team from tying things up late.

For the home team, senior Jeff Ryan was outstanding in net, stopping nearly 40 shots to keep the Norsemen close.

Earlier in the week, North hosted league foe Warren DeLaSalle, losing 8-1, falling to 2-5-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 5-8-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils' Prep team wins tournament

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils Prep hockey team won the Midwinter Classic - Steel City Tournament, beating the Hatfield Ice Dogs 4-3 in the championship game Monday, Jan. 17.

Sophomore Adam Mlynarek scored the opening goal on the power play in the first period with sophomore Jared Yinger and junior captain Zach Dettlinger drawing assists.

The Ice Dogs grabbed a 2-1 lead, but freshman Ty Demery tied it in the middle of the second period with sophomore Tommy McShane netting the assist.

With the Blue Devils trailined 3-2, Mlynarek scored his second goal of the game just seven seconds into the third period with sophomore Yinger and Dettlinger drawing assists.

Sophomore Max Crow scored the game-winning goal, short-handed, with only 4:08 left as Dettlinger drew the only assist.

Freshman goalie Trent Maghiesle was stellar in net, earning the victory.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Blue Devils smashed the Capital City Vipers 8-3.

McShane scored four goals with Yinger netting two and Mlynarek and sophomore Jeff Craig tallying one goal apiece.

Freshman Daner Hughes, Dettlinger (two), Crow, freshman Casey Livingston, sophomore Alex Newell drew assists. Next was a 4-0 loss to the Ice Dogs, which was followed by a



The Grosse Pointe Prep hockey team and coaches celebrate after winning the tournament championship in Pittsburgh.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KEITH NEWELL

1-1 tie against the Wissahickon Warriors. Sophomore Josh Gall, assisted by Crow, scored the only goal for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils rebounded from the two-game funk to blank the Nova Ice Dogs 3-0 as sophomore Will Newell posted the shutout in net.

Gall scored the first goal, assisted by Mlynarek, and sophomore Max Mager assisted on another Gall goal in the second period.

McShane scored the final goal in the third period with Crow netting the assist.

Freshman Noah Erickson, sophomore Brad Kohut,

sophomore Blake Reece and freshman Joey Boyle, Jr., also provided solid play during their shifts in the tournament played in Pittsburgh.









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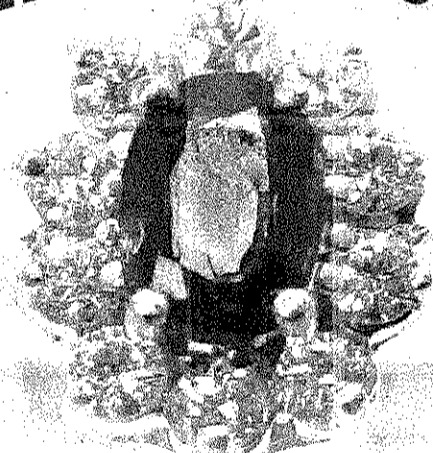
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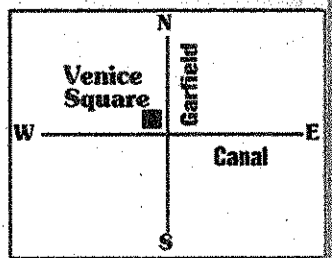


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## Warm hearts keep families utilities on

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Features Editor

Defer Elementary students are in a thaw mode, helping

Michigan families unable to pay utility bills through the Pennies for Power campaign sponsored by The Heat And Warmth Fund.

Students are collecting coins for THAW, a non-profit established in 1985, which has provided \$90 million in assistance to more than

143,000 Michigan households in danger of losing heat or lights.

The two-week drive began Jan. 6 with an assembly during which students learned how energy is created, its use and its conservation, said Defer Principal Karen Sullivan. Discussion centered around what students can do in their own houses to conserve energy and recycle.

The fundraiser serves as a lesson in helping the less fortunate, Sullivan said.

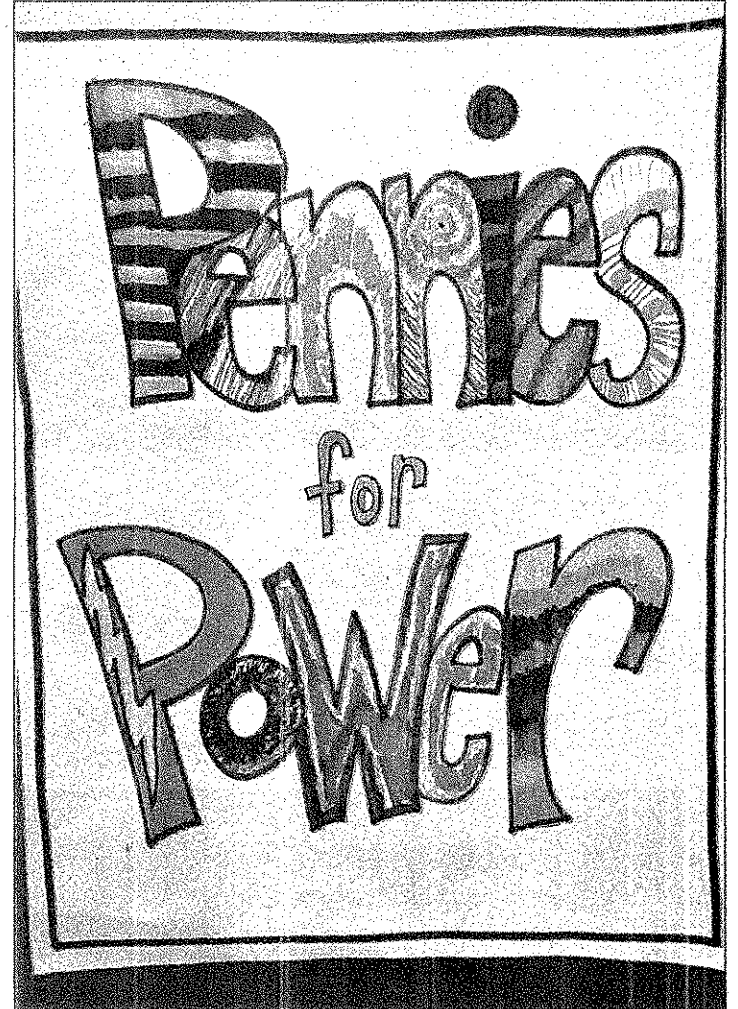
Of the 20 jugs provided by THAW, 19 were placed in classrooms and one in the main office.

The last coin was dropped in collection jugs Jan. 21. A check will be delivered to WWJ 950 staff during the 31-hour Winter Survival radiothon for THAW Jan. 28 and 29 at the Detroit Science Center.

Ten schools in the tri-county area are involved in 2010 THAW campaign, Courtney Doman, THAW's project manager, said via e-mail. The hope is to raise \$10,000 in the second year of this Pennies for Power campaign.

"We are excited to educate young people on the importance of energy conservation and to provide them with the opportunity to learn the value of money and see the big impact of their collective small contributions," Doman wrote.

"During the 2009-2010 heat-



Pennies for Power poster.

ing season, THAW distributed \$7.9 million in energy assistance to 9,204 households. Since its inception, \$90.4 million in assistance has been distributed to more than 143,000 Michigan households, includ-

ing elderly, unemployed, underemployed, disabled individuals who found themselves in temporary crisis."

Families can make a request every 12 months and receive an average of \$868.



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Second grader Katherine Bsharah drops her pennies into a jug to provide assistance to families who need emergency utility assistance.



## BINGO friends

Maire Elementary School students in Neely Barba's fourth-grade class recently visited seniors at Services for Older Citizens in the City of Grosse Pointe to share a game of BINGO. Students have been involved in the project, Partners in Time, for the last three years and have built friendships with the older generation. Nationwide studies have shown older adults interacting with children improves their health. Students are enriched when interacting with senior citizens.

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# Moore earned rank of Eagle

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Eagle Scout Kyle Thomas Moore has some advice for future and current Cub Scouts.

"Stick with it. It pays off and it's a lot of fun."

Having earned 21 merit badges as a member of Boy Scout Troop 34, he was recognized for his achievements July 20 during a Court of Honor with scouting's highest award—Eagle Scout.

Moore is also a member of The Order of Arrow.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident and freshman at University of Detroit Mercy, built an elevated garden for The Sunrise Senior Center on

Vernier in the Woods for his Eagle project.

After discussions with the center's staff on how best to help the residents, Moore and his fellow scouts built the 3-by-7-by-3-foot high wooden structure in the center's courtyard. It took nearly three months of planning before the elevated garden was completed in May.

Moore volunteered at the center for two years. Other service projects he participated in were cleaning a cemetery on Moross, making supplies for a local animal shelter, building benches for the Detroit Zoo and a fish habitat in Oakland County.

He was a member of Cub Scout Pack 290 and seven



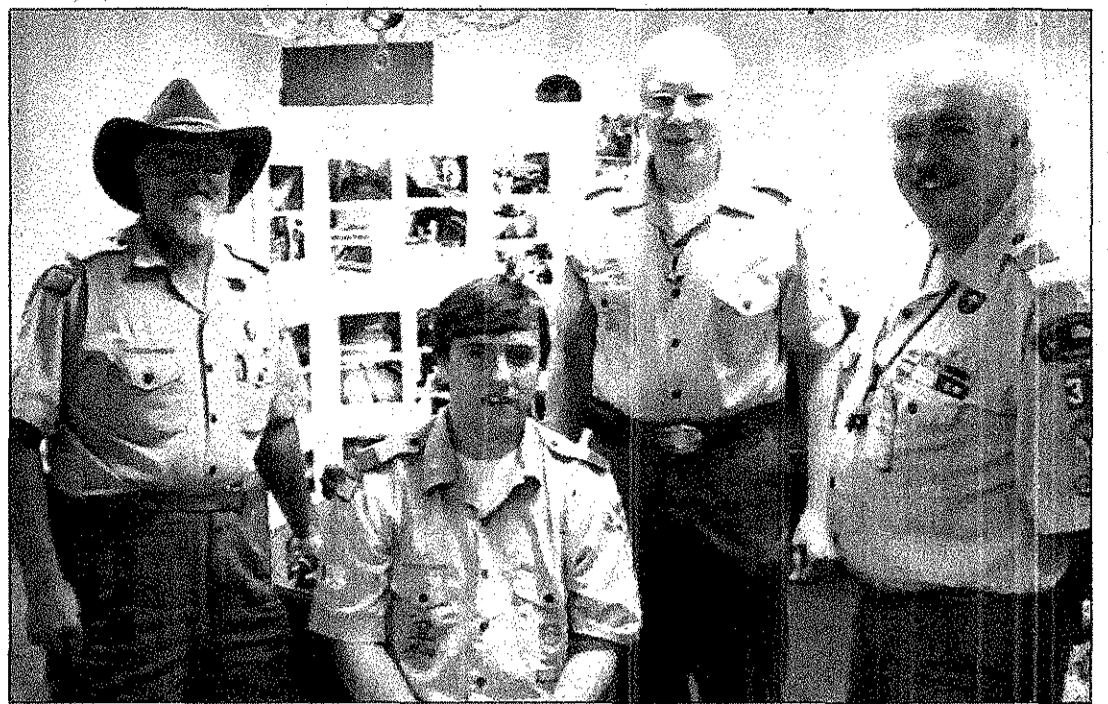
Eagle Scout  
Kyle Thomas Moore

years with Troop 34, during which he camped with his fellow scouts in the Porcupine Mountains and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Moore joined Cub Scouts because his friends did, but stayed because of its rewards.

"I joined in elementary school because my friends were in. Once they moved from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, a lot dropped out," he said. "My mom and I talked about it (remaining in scouting) and it paid off. I learned a lot about being in the outdoors. It taught me a lot about my self and being resourceful."

Having the chance to visit Philmont twice was the high-



Eagle Board of Review members, from left, John Schenbern, Kyle Moore, David Offerman and Scoutmaster Gary Pantelis.

light of his scouting experience, he said.

Moore is a 2010 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, earning a 3.12 grade

point average and two varsity letters in tennis and band. He is the 2010 recipient of a Wayne County Vision Fund Scholarship and worked as a

lifeguard at the Harper Woods Parks and Recreation Department for two years.

Moore is the son of Karen Jordan and Charles Moore.

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A second fundraiser sees Our Lady Star of the Sea going Hollywood beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5, for its annual auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The auction features four raffles, a silent and live auction featuring appraiser, auctioneer and general manager of DuMouchelles Galleries,

Robert L. DuMouchelle. Food stations inspired by Wolfgang Puck's Oscar parties are available.

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## U of M upgrade

Grosse Pointe North High School musicians Robert Bylski, Marisa Curran and Lorraine Tarpley recently performed with the University of Michigan Marching Band in front of a crowd of several thousand at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor. From left is North alumna Quinn Wulf, Bylski, Tarpley, Curran and North alumna Jenny Barger.



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Mary Ellon Driscoll

**Mary Ellon Driscoll**

Mary Ellon Driscoll, 88, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010.

She was born July 9, 1922, to Bart and Minnie Lane.

A mother of 11, Mrs. Driscoll was a homemaker, not a traveler. She never drove a car or adapted to the technology of computers, cell phones or digital video recorders. She accepted a microwave oven as a gift only reluctantly. Her children said she was "old school." She raised kids; cleaned house, cooked, washed and ironed clothes, packed thousands of school lunches and changed untold numbers of diapers.

Mrs. Driscoll took great pride in keeping a spotless house and felt that this was her job. She didn't need or want a career outside the home. She found her greatest satisfaction in caring for babies.

After her children were grown, she enjoyed reading and watching "Jeopardy" and reruns of "The Andy Griffith

Show." She was famous for her extraordinary memory, and knew the birth and anniversary dates of family, friends, neighbors and her doctor's children among others. She made a great green bean casserole and presented each new grandchild with a little stuffed animal lamb.

Mrs. Driscoll's health was severely compromised in May 2010 due to an infection following a minor ankle fracture. For six months, unable to walk, she tried valiantly to overcome the infection, and endured many painful wound treatments in the process. In late November, her right leg was amputated. She struggled to accept what had happened to her, but her tiny 96-lb. body had grown tired and weary. She knew she could not recover, and ultimately, was at peace in a hospice setting.

A devout Catholic, Mrs. Driscoll's parish home was St. Ambrose in Grosse Pointe Park. She and her husband were married there in 1941, all of her children were baptized and received sacraments there, some of her children and grandchildren were married there, and her parents, husband and son were buried from St. Ambrose. It was also the setting for her own funeral Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2010.

Mrs. Driscoll is survived by her children, Jim, Tom (the late Gerri), Nancy, Mary Sue (and Clem Stankiewicz), Dan (Marcia), Mike, Eileen (and Jeff Heymes), Bob (Shari), P.J. (Joanie) and Timothy; daughter-in-law, Kathy; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her sister, Dorothy and many loving, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Warren; son, Bill and her sister, Betty.

Donations may be made to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, 4860 15th St., Detroit, MI 48208 or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1471 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071.



John Tallerico Sr.

**John Tallerico Sr.**

Longtime Grosse Pointe and Boca Raton, Fla., resident John Tallerico Sr., 89, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011.

He was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Wyatt, W. Va. and attended Henry Ford Trade College. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1947.

A veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Tallerico was the vice president and part owner of R&R Tool and Die company in Detroit.

He enjoyed golf and playing gin and was a past gin champion at Lochmoor Club. He was a former longtime member of Lochmoor Club and a former member of both St. Clair Shores and Boca Raton country clubs, St. John Hospital Guild and American Tool & Die Association.

Mr. Tallerico is survived by Gloria, his beloved wife of 67 years; sons, John Jr. (Jan) and Randall (Siglinde); grandchildren, Nicholas, Tessa, Christoph and Claire and his brother, Joe.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 21 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

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Pauline Mikula Thomas

**Pauline Mikula Thomas**

Grosse Pointe Park resident Pauline Mikula Thomas, 88, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011.

She was born May 22, 1922, in Detroit to Russian immigrants, Michael Mikula and Polly Lazowska Mikula, and attended Detroit public schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School.

Mrs. Thomas trained as a nurse at Detroit's Grace Hospital and enlisted as a nurse in the U. S. Navy during World War II. She served at Great Lakes Naval Station and San Diego Naval Hospital. She returned to nursing in Detroit after the war, earned a bachelor's degree in nursing and taught obstetrical nursing until the birth of her first child.

Mrs. Thomas was an active supporter of Detroit and Grosse Pointe community activities, including the Grace Hospital Auxiliary, Friends of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Wayne State University Faculty Wives' Club, Women's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Windmill Pointe Garden Club. She was a long-time patron of the Michigan Opera Theater, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Hillberry Theatre.

Family was the most important part of Mrs. Thomas' life.

She will be greatly missed by her family and the many others who enjoyed her friendship.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Dr. L. Murray Thomas; children, Murray Jr. (Steve Davis), Katherine (Terry) Siebert, Geoffrey (Kelly), Gregory (Michelle), Christine (Greg) Bassett and Patricia Bekowies; 13 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. At the time of her death, Mrs. Thomas was anticipating the birth of her first great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held Jan. 16 and her ashes were interred at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Donations may be made to Wayne State University, School of Nursing Development Office, Cohn Building, Room 131, 5557 Cass, Detroit, MI 48202. In the memo portion of the check, write College of Nursing in Memory of Pauline Thomas.

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**PRIDE OF THE POINTIES**

The following Grosse Pointe residents were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Hope College: **Jillian E. Black, Gregory M. Blunden, Matthew T. Blunden, Megan M. DeBoer, John P. LoVasco, Anthony J. Mucciante, Kacey P. Murphy, Charlotte A. Park and Kaley Sheldon.**

**Anna Bickerstaff** was accepted into Albion College's Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate has an additional concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service. She also was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Patricia Bickerstaff of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate **Victoria Slater** was accepted into Albion College's Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She also was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of William and Roberta Slater of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Stephen Detwiler** was accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program at Albion College. He also was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. He is the son of George and Lynn Detwiler of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Christopher Creighton** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. He is the son of James Creighton and Lela Baugh Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Christopher Ferriole** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of James and Vanessa Ferriole of Grosse Pointe.

**Christopher W. Harrington** of Grosse Pointe Park, a May graduate of Western State Law School in Fullerton, Calif., passed the bar exam in California.

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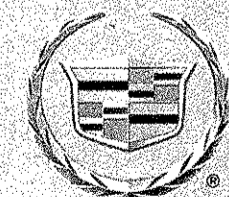
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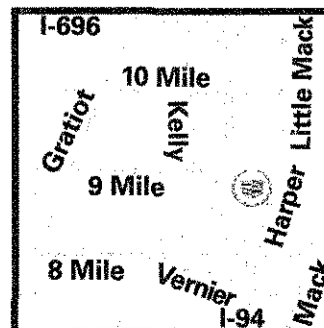
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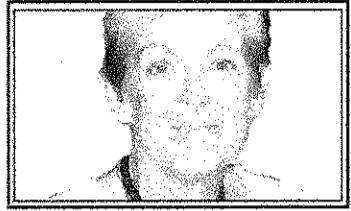


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per gallon average in highway driving. A turbo-charged 220-horsepower 2.0-liter Ecotec four is also available. The standard transmission for both engines is a six-speed automatic with driver-shifting control. A six-speed manual is offered on the turbo model. A new Interactive Drive Control System, available with the 2.0L turbo, features three driver-selectable suspension

**B**uick promised something special when it planned to revive the esteemed Regal nameplate.



PHOTO BY JENNY KING

The stylish 2011 Regal with its compact lines has onlookers guessing its maker.

And with the recent introduction of its 2011 Regal, the automaker kept its promise. The new sedan is an interesting blend of style, sophistication, comfort and economy likely to appeal to traditional Buick customers and newcomers to the General Motors

Volvo. The 2011 Regal is offered in premium CXL trim only with additional trim levels being offered in the 2012 model year. General Motors' 182-horsepower 2.4-liter direct-injected Ecotec engine is standard on the CXL. It is rated at 30 miles

settings. The CXL offers a long list of standard and available equipment. MacPherson strut front suspension and four-link independent rear suspension and four-wheel disc brakes with

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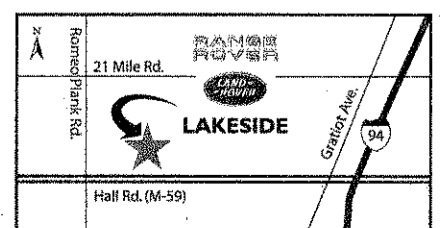
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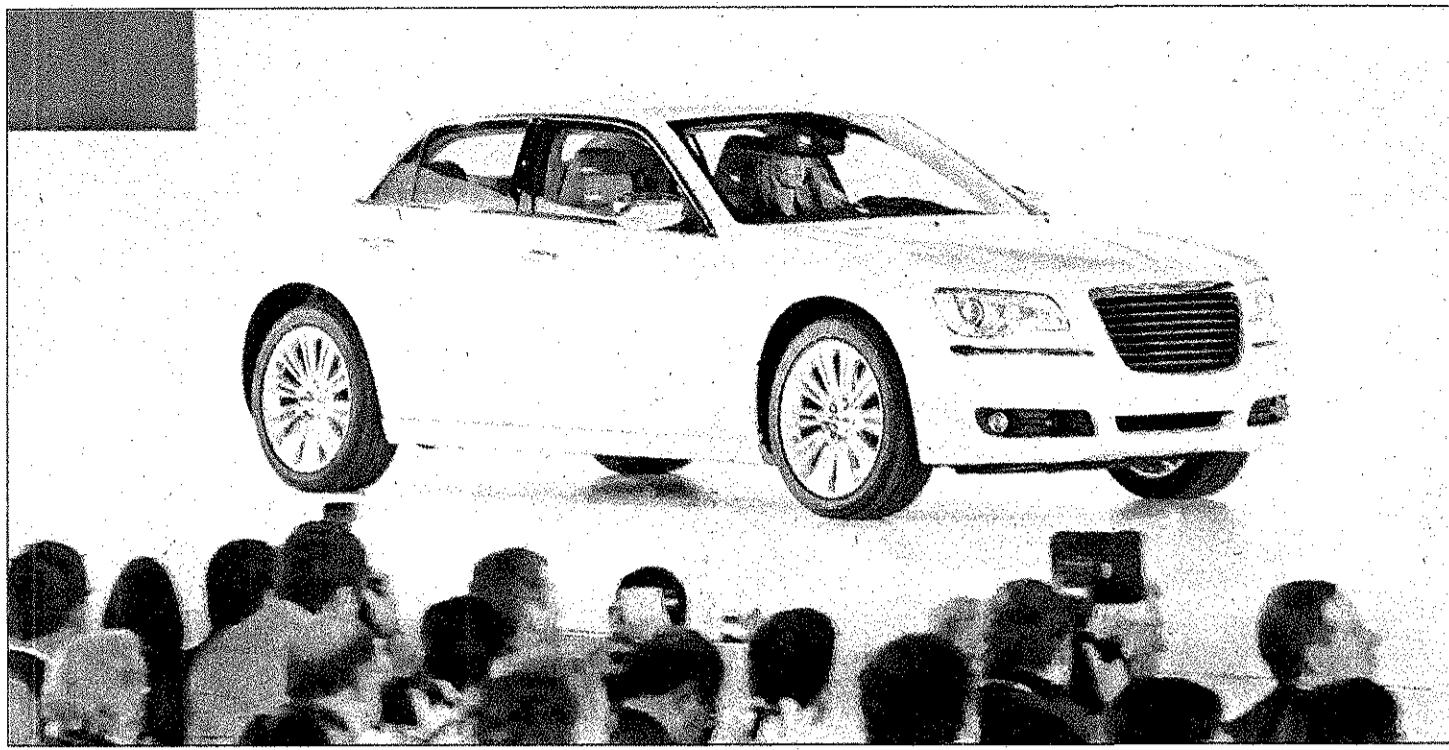


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# All-new 2011 Chrysler 300 Sedan

Chrysler Group LLC unveiled all-new Chrysler 300 at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 10. Once again redefining the American luxury sedan, Chrysler 300 series delivers distinction, innovation and premium large sedan features at a legendary value, while setting a new course for the American brand.

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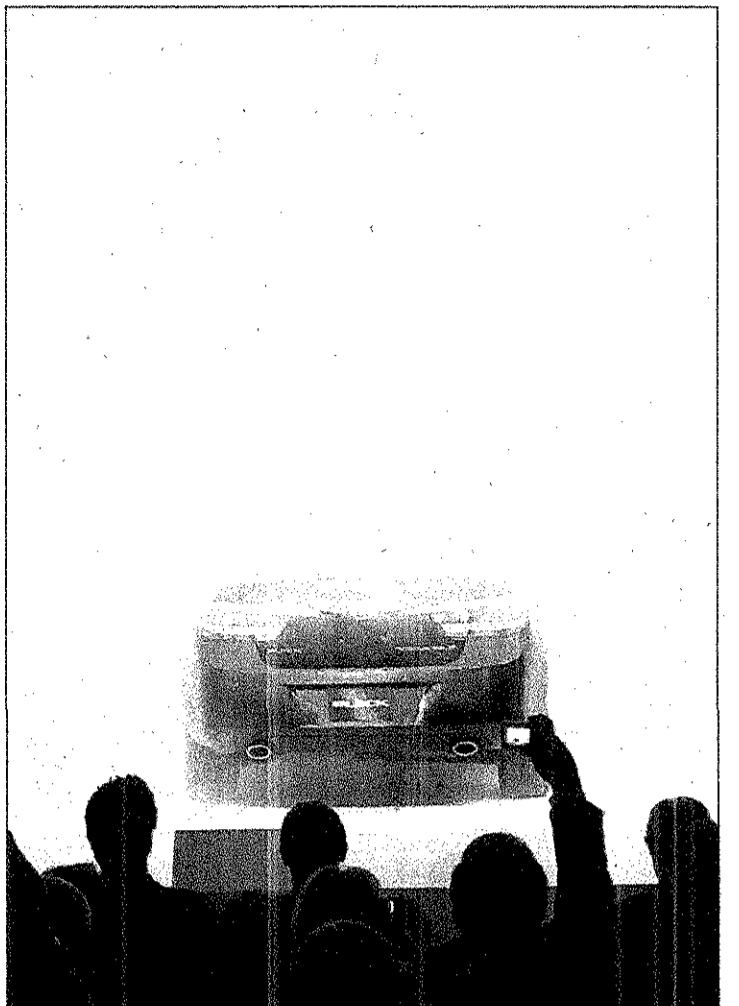
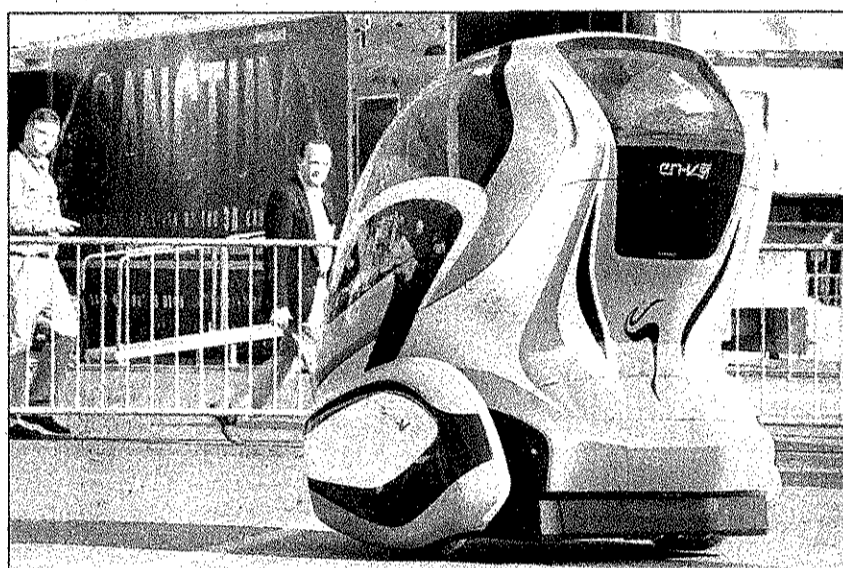
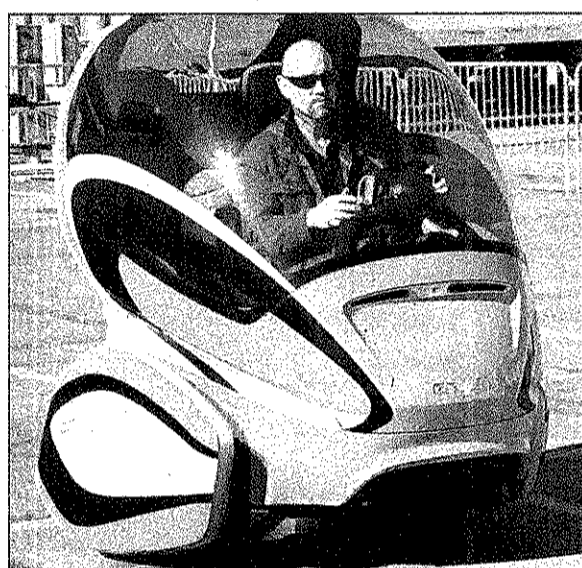


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# 2012 Buick Verano Debuts at 2011 NAIAS

The 2012 Buick Verano compact luxury sedan appears through the fog during its world debut at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 10 in Detroit. The Verano is equipped with 10 standard air bags and a next-generation radio system with OnStar-powered connectivity that enables seamless communication between the Verano and the driver's smart phone. The Verano goes on sale in the fourth quarter of 2011.



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# GM Electric Concept

A General Motors Electric Networked Vehicle concept is driven around a course set-up outside the Las Vegas Convention Center in conjunction with the recent Consumer Electronics Show. The EN-V concept represents a vision of the future of urban personal mobility, including a feature that would allow the vehicle to park itself and automatically return to the user when summoned.

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<b>2011 IMPALA LS</b> WAS \$25,295 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$24,749 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$2500 <sup>00</sup> REBATE -\$3500 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$17,749<sup>00</sup></b> 0% APR UP TO 72 MONTHS		<b>2011 ACADIA SL</b> 0% APR for 60 mos. LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$2431<sup>14</sup></b> per mo GM EMPLOYEE PRICE WAS \$32,715 <b>\$26,642<sup>24</sup></b>	
<b>2011 MALIBU LS</b> WAS \$22,945 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$22,218 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> REBATE -\$2500 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$17,718<sup>00</sup></b> 0% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS		<b>2011 ENCLAVE</b> 0% APR for 60 mos. LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$2571<sup>15</sup></b> per mo EVERYONE'S SALE PRICE WAS \$37,805 <b>\$29,243<sup>56</sup></b>	
<b>2011 EQUINOX LS</b> WAS \$23,490 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$22,762 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$250 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1,000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$21,512<sup>00</sup></b> 4.9% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS		<b>2011 HHR LS</b> WAS \$20,665 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$20,151 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> REBATE -\$3500 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$14,651<sup>00</sup></b> 0% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS	
<b>2011 SILVERADO EXT CAB LT</b> WAS \$32,095 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$30,291 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$1500 <sup>00</sup> REBATE -\$2500 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$25,291<sup>00</sup></b> 0% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS		<b>2011 LACROSSE</b> 4yr./50,000 MI. Bumper to Bumper Warranty 30 MPG LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$2091<sup>10</sup></b> per mo GM EMPLOYEE PRICE WAS \$27,245 <b>\$24,170<sup>08</sup></b>	
<b>2011 YUKON</b> 2011 LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$3220<sup>05</sup></b> per mo 2010 GM EMPLOYEE PRICE WAS \$53,088 <b>\$40,582<sup>07</sup></b>		<b>2011 TRAVERSE LS</b> WAS \$30,454 <sup>00</sup> PREFERRED \$29,425 <sup>00</sup> EVA -\$1500 <sup>00</sup> REBATE -\$2000 <sup>00</sup> GM LOYALTY -\$1000 <sup>00</sup> <b>\$24,925<sup>00</sup></b> 0% APR UP TO 36 MONTHS	
<b>2011 TERRAIN</b> 32 MPG LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$1869<sup>93</sup></b> per mo EVERYONE'S SALE PRICE WAS \$26,190 <b>\$21,470<sup>00</sup></b>		<b>2011 SIERRA EXT CAB</b> Up To \$9,250 In Rebates Or 0% To 72 Months 2011 LEASE 36 MONTHS <b>\$1619<sup>99</sup></b> per mo 2010 GM EMPLOYEE PRICE WAS \$29,298 <b>\$18,142<sup>79</sup></b>	

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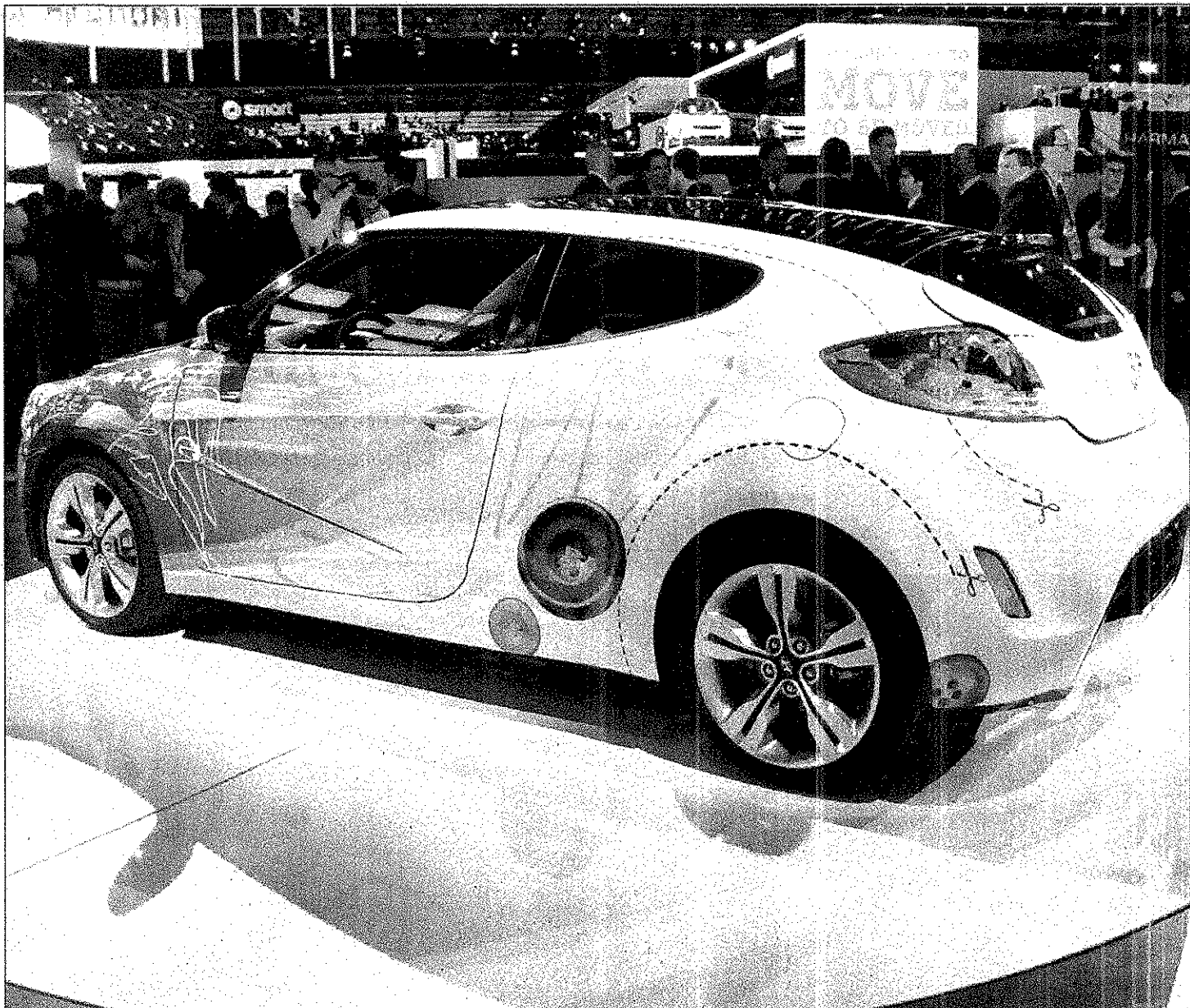
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## 2012 Veloster

Hyundai's 2012 Veloster, on sale this summer, is powered by a 1.6-liter direct-injected four-cylinder engine with standard six-speed manual transmission. It is capable of 40 miles per gallon in highway driving, Hyundai said. The three-door, four-passenger car has a base price in the \$17,000 range.

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<b>2010 Chrysler Town &amp; Country</b> <p><b>\$159*</b> per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 mo lease</li> <li>• \$2,287 due at signing</li> </ul>	<b>2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee</b> <p><b>\$249*</b> per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 mo lease</li> <li>• \$2,495 due at signing</li> </ul>
<b>2010 Jeep Wrangler 2-Door Sport</b> <p><b>\$245*</b> per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 mo lease</li> <li>• \$2,495 due at signing</li> </ul>	<b>2010 Dodge Journey</b> <p><b>\$155*</b> per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 mo lease</li> <li>• \$2,495 due at signing</li> </ul>

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<b>2010 Dodge Challenger RT</b> <p><b>\$29,900*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSRP \$37,175</li> <li>• \$0 due at signing!</li> </ul>	<b>2010 Dodge Avenger RT</b> <p><b>\$20,695*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSRP \$27,540</li> <li>• Stk#AN235379</li> </ul>

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**REGAL:  
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for space**

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four-channel anti-lock braking system, brake assist and electronic parking brake are standard. GM's StabiliTrak stability control system and full-function traction control are standard, as are side-curtain air bags and a pedal-release system.

Rear-seat thorax air bags are available. A navigation system and a Harman Kardon sound system, plus internal flash drive and hard drive, are also options.

Buyers get larger 19-inch alloy wheels when they opt for

the Interactive Drive Control. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels are standard.

The standard driver seat features 12-way power adjustment. Both front seats are leather-trimmed and heated. The Regal is equipped for wireless Bluetooth phone, XM Satellite Radio and OnStar.

Fuel economy numbers from the 2.4-liter Ecotec four-cylinder engine are 19 mpg city and 30 highway, with a combined average of 23 mpg. We're guessing once the novelty of driving this latest version of the Regal wears off, you will lighten up on the gas and get a better average than the EPA suggests.

We thought the Regal interior had a good symmetry; its instrument panel design flows nicely onto the inside front door panels. One friend com-

mented, however, the grip for closing the front door was so close to its hinges she needed a longer, stronger arm to pull the door closed.

The instrumentation was intuitive and easy to use, with the elegant appearance of more contented sport sedans without the confusion.

The rear seat had reasonable — though not excessive — leg, ankle and foot room. Driver visibility was good.

Derived from the Opel Insignia and assembled in Russelsheim, Germany, the 2011 Buick Regal CXL has a starting price of \$26,245.

The test Regal included \$4,785 in options: An eight-way power seat adjuster for the front passenger, rear parking assist, power sunroof, rear-seat mounted air bags, the audio system with navigation and a

nine-speaker system.

**New Regal GS is turbo-charged**

Powered by a high-output version of the turbo-charged Ecotec 2.0-liter engine, the recently introduced 2012 Regal GS promises 0-60 acceleration in less than seven seconds. Not bad for a handsome four-door sedan. That small engine with six-speed manual transmission develops 255 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque.

A six-speed automatic transmission with driver shift control is also available. An Interactive Drive Control System, standard on the GS, allows the driver to alter suspension settings and steering sensitivities. The three modes are standard, sport and GS.

This high-testosterone version of the new-generation

Regal went on sale late last year. It features a four-wheel independent system with HiPerStrut front suspension and four-wheel disc brakes with Brembo front calipers in case your enthusiasm gets away from good sense.

Standard wheels on the GS are 19-inch, 5-Twin Spoke alloy wheels and all-season tires; 20-inch, 5-Twin Spoke polished alloy wheels with performance tires are optional.

With a slightly lower ride height and aggressive wheels, the GS has a sportier profile than stable-mate Regal CXL. A

flat-bottom sport steering wheel and metal sport pedals enhance the boy-racer personality of the GS. Buick says the GS-specific black interior is accented with satin-finish elements on the instrument panel, steering wheel and console, while the instrument panel glows white when the driver engages the GS mode of the Interactive Drive Control System.

The 2012 Buick Regal GS begins at \$28,500.

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



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With a keen eye for space, Sylvia Burke, a member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, found a way to pack three capacious plastic bins full of food for church neighbors in the Regal trunk. Three more filled the back seat of the sedan.

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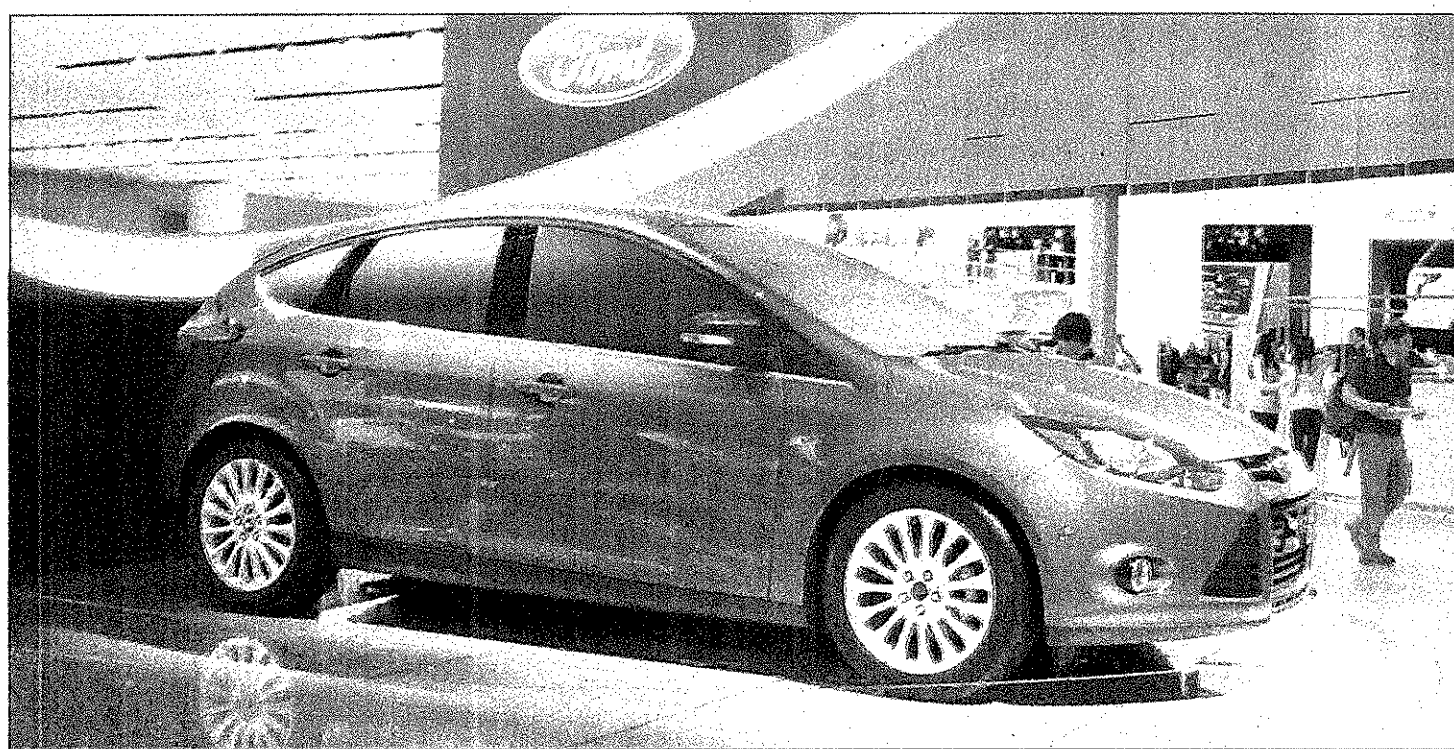
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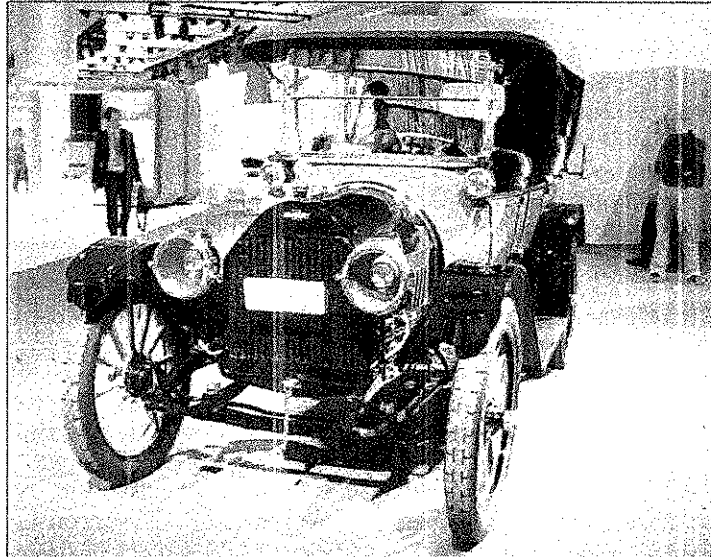


## 2012 Ford Focus

The 2012 Ford Focus is available later this year as a plug-in electric. Here is a gasoline-powered model.

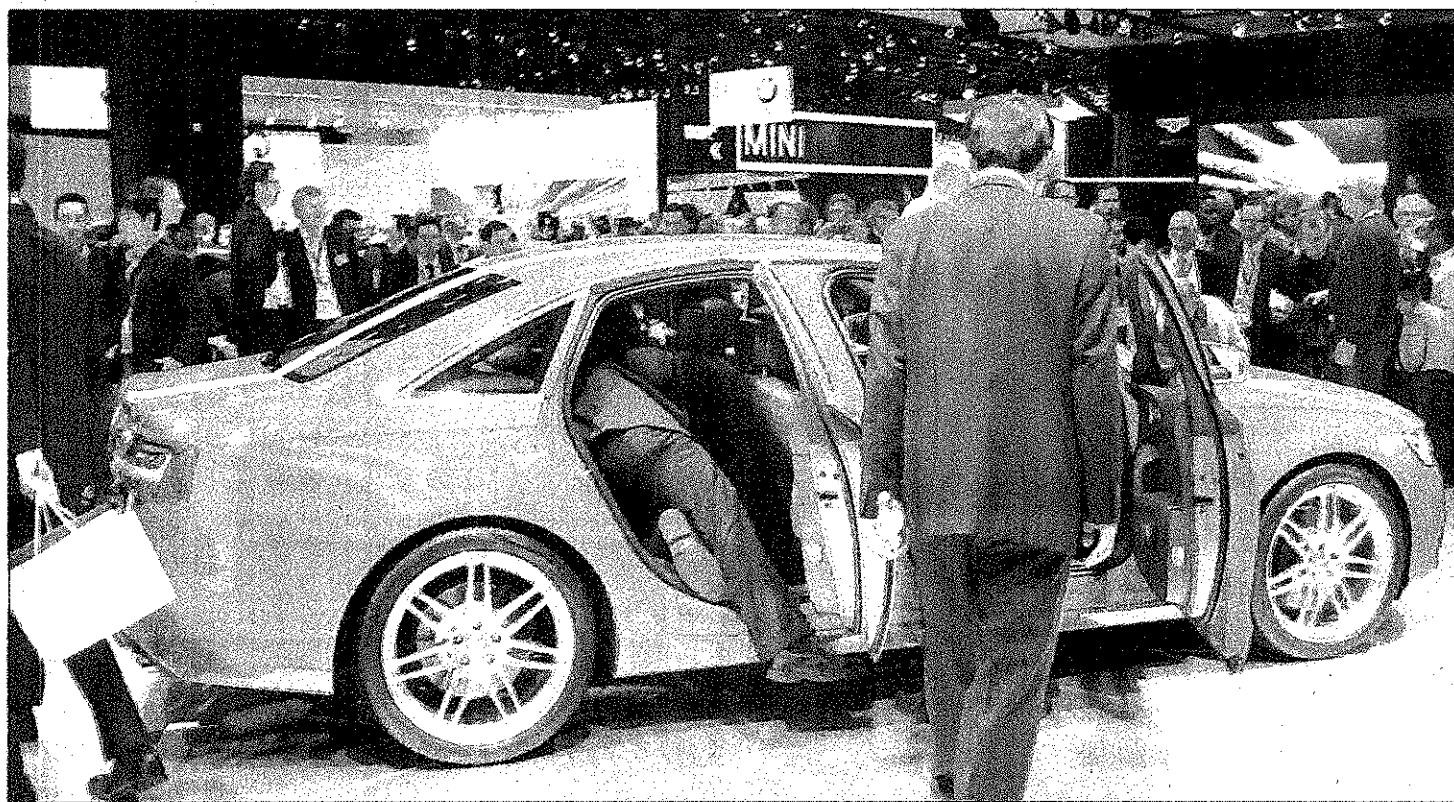
## NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

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## Chevy celebrates its centennial

This 1914 Chevrolet likely is the most charming vehicle on display at the 2011 North American International Auto Show. Chevy celebrates its centennial this year.



## All-new A6

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February is a red-letter month. Not only is Valentine's Day in it but it is also **Love Your Library month**. Check out what is available in one of the three neighborhood branches.

# Love your library

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Features Editor

- Books
- Magazines
- DVDs
- Downloadable books
- Hand tools
- Data bases
- Computers
- Job resources
- Video games
- Graphic novels
- Book clubs
- Museum passes
- Story time

Who knew the Grosse Pointe Public Library has so much to offer? More than 25,000 residents do.

It's the other 25,000 residents targeted during February's Love Your Library Month to experience the library and get a library card on the spot. There is no admission charge. The three libraries have accommodating hours, lots of parking and a staff to answer questions.

The library has the standard books and magazines. It has large-print books and read-to-me books. It has newspapers and reference materials. The library also offers a mobile service for those who are house-bound.

Going beyond what is expected from a library, Grosse Pointe has a tool lending service, with the wallpaper steamer the most popular to be checked out. It is the basis of free or low-cost entertainment.

"In these difficult economic times, make the library a regular one-stop shop for information and entertainment needs," said library director Vickey Bloom. "Almost everything is free. Feature movies are \$1 a week. We are still cheaper than Blockbuster. We have free admission to museums."

Free has always been an attention-getting word, moreso today due to the large number of unemployed Michigan residents.

Bloom is conscious of the depressed economy, not only because the library's budget has taken a drastic hit both locally and from the state, but also due to the number of residents who have lost their jobs.

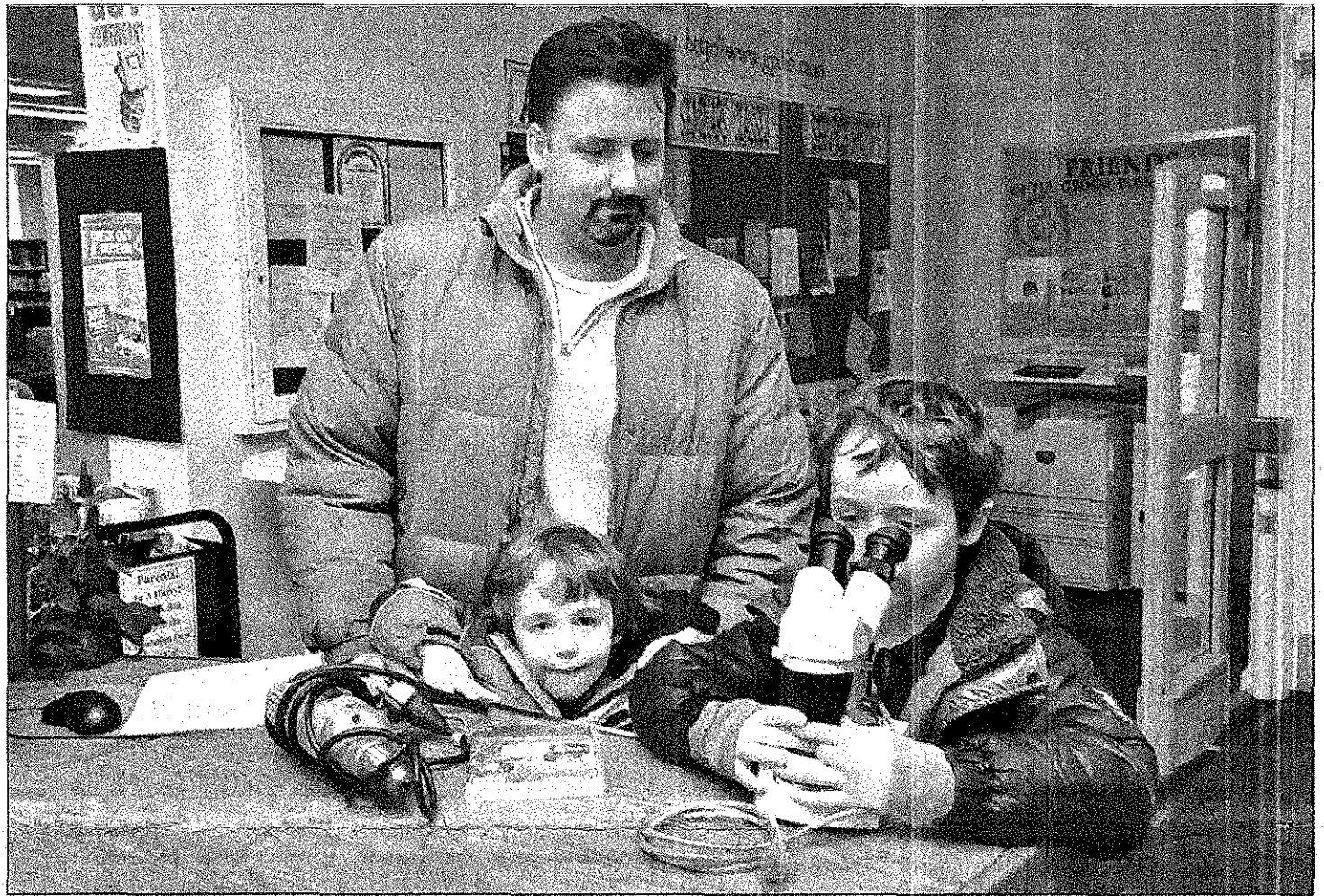
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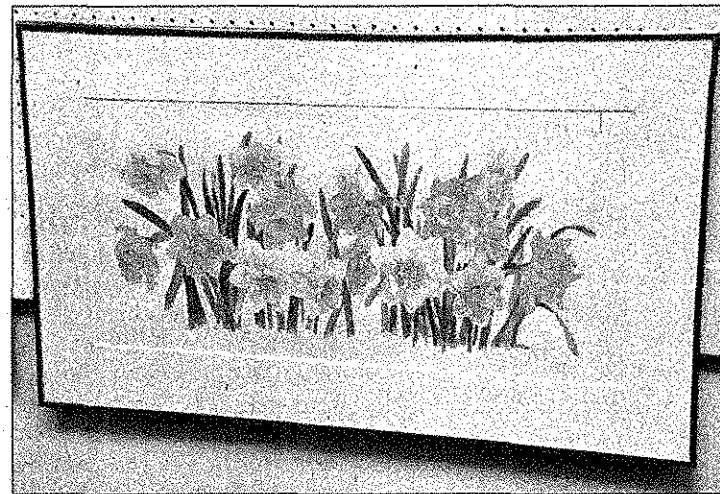
and how to apply are available on the library's computers, she said.

Databases are available on which to research a company in preparation for an interview or for investment purposes, Bloom added.

Students preparing for classes can find assistance at the library. Use of a Grosse Pointe library card accesses live on-line tutors with homework links, test prep and ca-



Greg McCarthy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, checks out a drill for a home improvement project, while his sons, Julian, and Emery, check out a movie and microscope, respectively.



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Right, Grosse Pointe Public Library Assistant Director James Moffett explains how to use the library's resources to help people find a job or change careers. The library offers help in resume writing, skill building and computer training. Above, the library has framed pieces of art which can be checked out. These are just two of the free services offered.

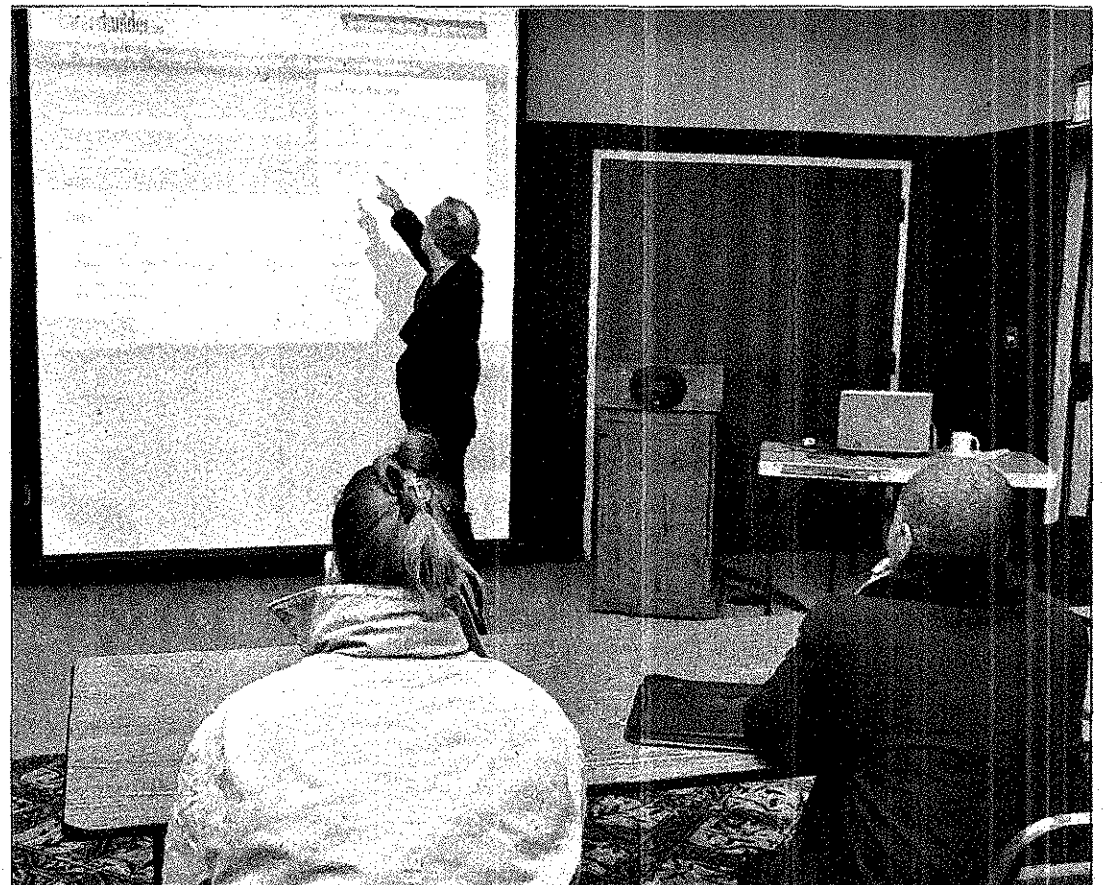
reer resources, even after hours.

The library has addressed the proverb of "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" with shelves lined with the newest movie releases. For \$1, a movie can be checked out for a week.

Also, each library has a col-

lection of video games to borrow. Again, the cost is \$1 for a week.

Weather forecasters have predicted a long-cold winter. The library has a way to beat the blues with stacks of downloadable books, as well as audio books and music on CD, all free to the card-carrying li-



brary patron. "We would love to see everyone in our community become card-carrying mem-

bers," Bloom said. During the month of February, residents of the Pointes or the portion of Harper Woods in the Grosse Pointe school district can register for a card and enter a drawing to win a Blu-ray DVD player or a laptop computer. Winners are announced in April during National Library Week.

Also, anyone who registers for a new card receives a video buck good for a free DVD or video game rental. If you already have a card, refer a neighbor or friend and your name will be entered as well.

Special February activities include story time, crafts and a visit from Raleigh, the police dog, for youth and Oscar Nite hosted by Metro Times' film critic, Corey Hall.

With all the Grosse Pointe Public Library has to offer, it has become a destination, Bloom said, and she sees libraries changing.

"Libraries won't be as quiet. It will get noisier," she said. Systems will incorporate

digital activities, Internet cafes and game rooms, yet keep the neighborhood buildings.

"People like their community library. I don't see them going away but will reorganize. There will still be reference services, but it will be in digital form. There will be virtual librarians. There may not be a reference desk, but roving staff to help. Some libraries are trying the Deweyless system."

The Dewey Decimal system is how books are organized via numbers into 10 categories.

Whether patrons run their fingers along the shelves of books to find a title or ask to have a book borrowed from another library through the state-wide lending system, the Grosse Pointe Library is a community jewel to love all year long.

For more information, check out the calendar on the library's website at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us) or call the Central Library at (313) 343-2074, Ewald branch at (313) 343-2071 or the Woods branch at (313) 343-2072.

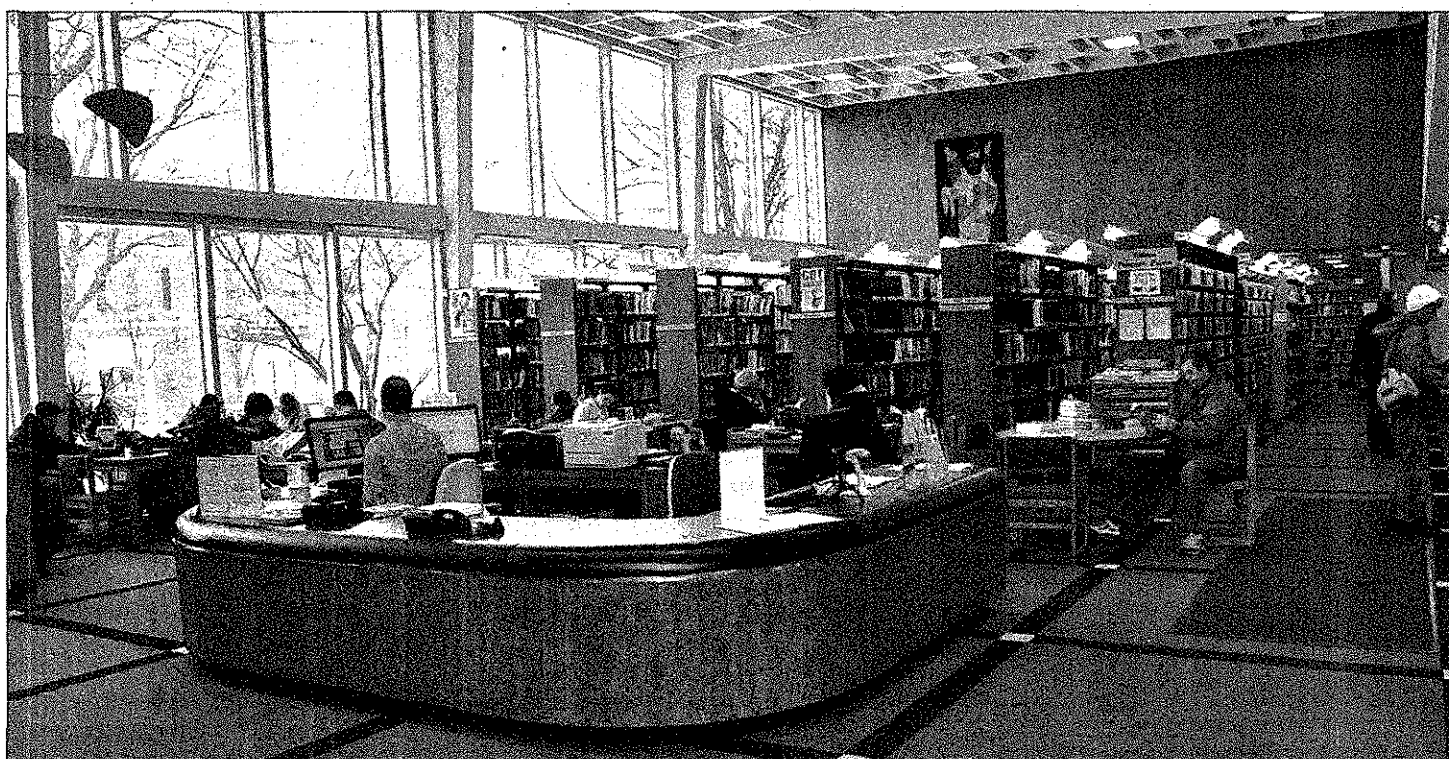


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Central Library in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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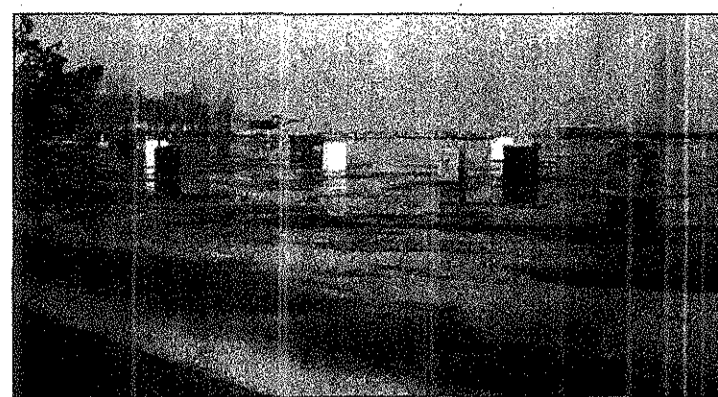
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## Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE JAN. 23, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

### 1986: Weekend thaw

The ice fishing shanties off Lakeshore near Kerby were a couple of inches under water Friday after a warming spell of temperatures in the 40s and 50s caressed the area. It was short-lived, however, and by Monday, a few more of the wooden structures sprouted on the frozen lake.

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

### 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **JUVENILE DRIVERS TARGET OF EDICT:** Letters from James H. Lincoln, Judge of Probate, Juvenile Division, were sent to all police departments in the Wayne County area, instructing authorities to take all juveniles driving without a license to the Juvenile Court Youth Home.

Judge Lincoln stated in the letters that whenever a police officer apprehends a juvenile under 17 years of age, driving without an operator's license, that the juvenile be taken to the Home. This detention should not apply if the juvenile has a license, but not on his person.

Judge Lincoln said his goal is to decrease by at least 50 percent, the number of traffic violations by juveniles during the next six months.

◆ **LONELY BOY'S FLIGHT ENDS IN POINTE:** A 16-year-old boy who almost outran three City patrol cars, several puffing policemen, and a fireman was halted before he managed to run all the way to California.

Police said the boy, from Haslett, was brought into the station by an alert Pointe boy and girl, who had picked him up as a hitchhiker. The couple noticed the boy, who carried a duffel bag, had his pockets full of clothing and surmised he was running away.

They drove him into the police station where it was thought everything was under control. Suddenly, the boy darted out the front door of the station, ran toward the back of the building and jumped a fence. Police on foot and in patrol cars gave chase. A fireman apprehended the boy at the side of the fire hall.

### 1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK PETITION DRIVE HITS HALFWAY MARK:** The firefighters in the Park are smiling again. In less than a week from when they began their petition drive to force a vote on the public safety issue, they say they've collected more than half of the signatures they need.

The firemen, who officially began their campaign the day after the city council voted to combine the police and fire departments into a public safety unit, need 1,871 signatures to put the questions before the voters at a special election.

◆ **FARMS' CONSTRUCTION VALUES DOWN:** Building activity in the Farms was down almost \$1 million in 1985. Building department reports show that while only one less structure was built, the total value of construction was down from \$4 million in 1984 to \$3 million in 1985.

The number of new residences was down from 18 to 10, the number of miscellaneous structures was up to 97 from 92 and new businesses increased from none to one.

◆ **SCHOOL SYSTEM STEPS UP CABLE TV WORK:** Grosse Pointe public schools' work in cable television took a couple of giant steps forward recently.

The Board of Education approved creation of the half-time position of coordinator for instructional television to help the system monitor, tape and use in its classrooms materials provided on M-Star on Grosse Pointe Cable Channel 21.

### 2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS OFFICER BRINGS NEWBORN TO LIFE:** The officer injured in a shooting-related incident two weeks ago in Grosse Pointe Woods is back on the front line.

On his first day at work after recovering from injuries suffered when a fleeing suspect tried to run him down, the officer sparked to life a limp and silent newborn.

The birth took place in the driveway of St. John Hospital.

◆ **GOT THEIR MAN:** A homegrown posse of Grosse Pointe Park residents last week captured a suspected car thief as he allegedly tried to break into a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Bishop. Police said the residents chased the man to the corner of Grayton and Kercheval, where they held him until authorities arrived. The man was in possession of a screwdriver and hammer.

### 2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **KERCHEVAL PLACE GIVEN CONDITIONAL OK:** It was far from an unconditional surrender, but city leaders have granted the developer of the former Jacobson's building a partial victory.

The City of Grosse Pointe council gave the developer limited site plan approval to renovate the two-story building's facade and prepare the ground floor for retail tenants.

◆ **HIT AND RUN:** The Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety is looking for an elderly woman with white curly hair in connection with a hit and run accident.

A 12-year-old boy on roller blades was taking his dog for a walk and crossing Mack at the light located at the intersection of Mack and Torrey when he was struck by a pale green 4-door Mercury Tracer or Sable

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— Compiled by Karen Fontanive



# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Palmer Woods Music

The Palmer Woods Music in Homes continues at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

Trombonist Ron Kischuk's Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band presents Mardi Gras music.

Tickets cost \$35.

For tickets and location, call (313) 891-2514 or visit palmerwoods.org.

## Villagers Ballroom

The Villagers Ballroom dance group meets Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cocktails are served at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing is from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for members and \$105 for non-members.

For more information, call Nancy Velek at (313) 884-5693.

## Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speaker Steve Lehto's topic is "Chrysler's Turbine Car."

## Sunrise Rotary

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

## Lifelong Learning

Janet Schaeffler discusses the stereotypes and myths about getting older in "Living Our Mature Years: The Best is Yet to Come" at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

For more information, call (313) 885-8063.

A freewill donation is accepted.

## Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the house of Sarah Flynn. Dorothy Guy is co-hostess.

The program is "healing art" presented by Kim Poznanski.

## Shores Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

The topic, "Flowers and Art," is presented by Suzanne Dalian Pacynski.

The hostess is Pat Tappert and co-hostesses are Georgie Richner and Marion Huegli.

RSVP to either co-hostess.

## Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For information and an appointment, call (313) 884-5542

## GardenGreen

"It's Easy to be Green" is advanced master gardener Cheryl English's topic at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, GardenGreen meeting at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

She discusses water management, energy and chemical usage. English provides ideas and tips for implementing earth-friendly and health-friendly gardening.

English explains ways to garden economically and environmentally friendly for all levels of gardeners. She also promoted the use of native plants because they require less upkeep.

"People are realizing it's not about pretty. If we are not environmentally friendly, we are not healthy, as well," she said.

Driven by the economy, more and more people are vegetable gardening, she said.

If attendees come away from the free lecture with one new idea, that is progress, she said.

For reservations, call LocalMotionGreen at (313) 881-2263.

## Woods Community Center

A special Valentine's Day event for senior citizens begins at noon Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

A hot lunch begins the day, followed by the romantic comedy, "Valentine's Day." The movie features Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Alba, Jennifer Garner, Bradley Cooper, Hector Elizondo, Shirley McLaine, Jamie Foxx, Queen Latifah, Tophér Grace, Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, Kathy Bates, Patrick Dempsey and Jessica Biel.

Reservations must be made by Feb. 7 by calling (313) 343-2408. The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 for non-residents.

The next movie is Tuesday, March 15, and is "Julie & Julia" with Meryl Streep and Amy Adams.

## Valade Healing Arts Center

The Valade Healing Arts Center offers a variety of classes and services. Call (313) 647-3320 to register for classes, held on the third floor of the Van Elslander Center on the St

John Hospital and Medical Center campus.

**Beginner tai chi** is from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2 - March 16.

**Therapeutic chair tai chi** is from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 3 - March 16. Participants must register by Monday, Jan. 31.

**Reiki I** is from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The cost is \$135.

**Aura photography** appointments are offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

The cost is \$30 for a 20-minute appointment and \$45 for 30 minutes.

## SOC

The public is invited to Services for Older Citizens to make and deliver handmade Valentines for Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

Refreshments are provided.

For more information, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

"The seniors cherish these small tokens of love," said Mary Rose Nelson, volunteer coordinator "One senior said it was the first Valentine she received in over 20 years."

SOC is located at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla hosts its annual nine-week boating skills and seamanship course from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 1 at West Marine, 10 Mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Topics covered include:

- ◆ state boating course requirements
- ◆ rules of navigation
- ◆ piloting
- ◆ boat handling
- ◆ lines and knots, equipment
- ◆ correct boat for you
- ◆ trailering

The cost is \$35, including materials. Family rates are available.

Completing the class includes a certificate to present to insurance company for a possible discount and West Marine provides a discount to those attending.

To register or for more information, call Mike Lucier at (586) 504-0054.



## Annual meeting

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center installed its 2011 officers during the Jan. 12 annual luncheon meeting. Cheryl English's topic was "It is Easy To Be Green," presenting ideas on gardening for this climate and different ways of watering to conserve water. Her presentation went along with the Garden Center's emphasis on "Going Green" and with this year's garden tour which includes three pesticide-free gardens through LocalMotionGreen. From left, Cheryl English and the club's president, Carol Sauter

## Edsel Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, host its annual Valentine's Day celebration, "Enchanted Evening," at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

The evening includes a candlelit stroll through the house, followed by a meal of filet mignon, chicken marsala, oven-roasted redskins, asparagus and chocolate mousse torte.

The cost is \$50 and includes beer and wine.

For reservations, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org.

## Detroit Concert Choir

The Detroit Concert Choir sings "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.

Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased by calling (586) 286-2222.

## Class of 1962

Grosse Pointe High School Class of 1962 seeks classmates for its 50th class reunion Sept. 22, 2012, at the Lochmoor Club

in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Contact committee chairman Jon Gandelot, 18720 Mack Ave., Suite 270, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or jbg@gandelot.com.

## Master Gardeners

Macomb MSU Extension 4-H/Horticulture program offers a four-week training class, taught by Master Gardeners, to adults and youth 16 years or older who want to garden with 5-14 year olds. Classes are 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 24 - March 17. The fee is \$50.

Participants are provided with a selection of gardening curricula, age-specific lessons and arts and crafts ideas.

To register, call Roberta at (586) 469-6431 through Feb. 17. For more information, call Anne at the same number.

## Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society's "Pet of the Year" photo contest runs through Monday, Feb. 28.

Contest participants can use MHS's online tools to create a web page, including the pet's photo and rationale on why they should be voted "Pet of the Year." For contest details, visit michiganhumane.org/photocontest.



Pictured from left are, Grosse Pointe War Memorial President Mark R. Weber, incoming chairman of the War Memorial Board of Directors William J. Giovan, Theresa Selvaggio, John M. O'Brien, Patrick A. Moran and Steven E. Hicks.

## Four join War Memorial board of directors

Steven Hicks, Patrick Moran, John O'Brien and Theresa Selvaggio are the new Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors members.

"The new members will help ensure the mission of the War Memorial continues into its second century as a community resource," said board chairman William Giovan. "They will also help the War Memorial maintain its special standing as an educational and cultural resource for the community."

"We are privileged to have these members joining us," he said. "They bring to the board a wealth of experience and professional commitment. Most have lived in and raised their families in the community for many years, invariably taking advantage of the many assets of the War Memorial. As the 100th anniversary year comes to a close, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial is well-poised for the next century because of the experience and stewardship of its leaders."

Hicks, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is president of Dongan Electric Manufacturing Company, a family held, 101-year-old Detroit based manufacturer of electrical transformers.

He is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the 29th Engineering Battalion, U.S.

Army Pacific, a cartographic mapping battalion. Moran, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is executive vice president corporate counsel for Centra, Inc. Moran is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and served as senior editor of The Wayne Law Review.

O'Brien, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is a business consultant and served as vice president of sales and marketing from Federal Screw Works for more than 30 years.

He manages the automotive division for a national trade association of metalworking manufacturers and serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards in Michigan and Ohio.

Selvaggio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a 30-year member of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

She is regional vice president of Estee Lauder and has served with numerous local organizations, including acting as event chair for the Gleaners Food Bank's Women's Power Breakfast 2007.

Current board members include Glenn R. Brown; Susan Davies; Don Joseph DeSeranno; William G. Jennings, D.D.S.; D. Mark Krueger; Lt. Col. Constantine Leon; S. Gary Spicer; Anne Ugval; Beverly Curtiss Walsh; and William W. Brownscombe, D.D.S., past chairman.

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1:00 pm The Soc Show  
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
2:00 pm The John Prost Show  
2:30 pm Legal Insider  
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
3:30 pm Art & Design  
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
5:30 pm The Soc Show  
6:00 pm Legal Insider  
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
9:00 pm Art & Design  
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture  
10:00 pm The John Prost Show  
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 pm Senior Men's Club

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# Christ Church adds new choir to the loft

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Christ Church Grosse Pointe has added yet another selection of musical presentation.

Choir director Scott Hanoian has created the Christ Church Schola comprised of men, women and children with advanced vocal training to bring a new sound to the church services and concerts.

Schola joins the men and boys and men and girls choirs. "This is just another way to bring music to the community," he said.

The choir will sing at services when the other choirs are out of town.

The 16- to 20-member choir is comprised of men, women and children who are professionals or advanced vocally, Hanoian said. Because rehearsal time is limited, this choir's experience will require less practice time before a presentation, he said.

"The unique thing is in the fact we have a lot of professional singers. All are trained in vocal and (need) very little rehearsal time," said Hanoian, who joined Christ Church in 2007.

The choir was introduced during an Oct. 24 concert with "Voices from America," featuring songs written by American composers, he said.

The choir's next performance is 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, with members performing music written by Johann Sebastian Bach. An orchestra accompanies the choir. Concert tickets cost \$15.

"This is part of our community outreach," Hanoian explained of the creation of the

Schola. "This is to enrich the community and bring music to Grosse Pointe, to keep the arts flourishing."

It's expensive to bring in name musicians, he said, adding costs range from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Music lovers come not only from out of state, but locally and the metro area to the church which seats 500 to listen to homegrown talent. Using local talent also keeps ticket prices affordable, he

said. In addition to the regular Sunday services, Christ Church offers a service featuring Celtic music the second Sunday of the month. The service, he said, is to inspire contemplation through the reflective music, Eucharist, single reading and the earthy prayers offered by the congregation.

The Men and Girls choir is featured in the 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, service, Feast of the Presentation.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Seek the importance of trees

This year, Tu B'Shevat began at sunset Wednesday, Jan. 19, and continued through sunset Jan. 20.

In Hebrew, every letter of the alphabet has a numerical value. "Tu" in Hebrew is made up of the letters tet, which has a value of nine, and vav, has a value of six. The letter "B"

means "in" and Shevat is the name of the month, so Tu B'Shevat literally means the 15th day of the month of Shevat. Remember, the Hebrew calendar runs by the cycles of the moon, rather than our usual calendar, which is based upon the sun and a solar year.

This holiday is about tithing, a mandatory contribution paid

by farmers in Israel, calculated as a percentage of the harvest. This reference is to halachah, Jewish law, and not civil law of the modern state of Israel.

One of the agricultural tithes is in the form of fruit grown on trees. As in any tax system, the tax year must be identified. For tree-born fruit, the year begins

See PASTOR, page 5B

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and the speaker, the Rev. John Talk, rector of Christ Church, Detroit, begins at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656

### Congregational Church

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Congregational Church's Battle of the Bands is from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Solo acts, as well as groups, can audition. To schedule an audition, contact Alison Scarfone at gpced@sbccglobal.net or (313) 884-3075.

The 2011 Battle of the Bands is March 19 at the church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, begins its third annual Winter

Coffee House, from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Church Social Hall.

Coffee, tea and other refreshments, and homemade desserts are served during the evening.

Performers include Grosse Pointe Park resident Mark Fikany, of the rock 'n' roll band, Purdy Good. He offers classic rock 'n' rock-a-billy-country style music and is accompanied by his drummer son.

Hot Peppers, a Detroit-based band from East English Village includes Bob O'Brien and Dan Piepszowski, with their sons, Michael and Isaac, who perform a mix of classic folk rock and new soulful tunes.

Joyce Helton and the Spirits are a group formed from the 6 p.m. Mass choir at St. Clare. Helton, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, leads the group in performing old classics.

The Thrift Shop Cowboys include Niko Eklund from Harper Woods, Warren Liverance and Maurya Kay, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Tom Kondoff, of Hamtramck. They perform acoustic versions of standards, folk tunes, and beatnick music and imitate the saloon singer-style.

An open mike is offered during the evening.

Parking is available in the church lot at the corner of Mack Avenue and Whittier. Admission or \$20 per family. Refreshments are included in admission price.

For more information, or to buy advance tickets, contact Ed Fleming at (313) 702-2404.

### Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack

Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a preschool open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the church.

Presentation of the Young Fives program is at 2:30 p.m.

Early registration is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 884-5998.

### E.T.C.

The Wellness Group of East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call the Rev. Ben VanArragon at (313) 824-3511 or e-mail ben.vanarragon@gmail.com.

### Christ Church

"Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space," a special series of services at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

A Candlemas procession is followed by Solemn Holy Eucharist celebrating the presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple, featuring Mozart's "Mass in C major, 'Orgelsolo,' K. 259" and the Men and Girls choir with an orchestra.

The men and boys choir sings during the evening service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

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Top, Carole Jennings said she would put her raffle prize, a Big Boy gift certificate, to use right away by taking friends to lunch. Above, Jackie Daniels won a necklace in a raffle. The jewelry piece was donated by Edmund T. AHEE jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods. Left, Barbara Walmsley and Bill Evans dance.



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## Christmas luncheon

Getting together is part of the holiday season. For the Grosse Pointe Woods senior citizens, it is a tradition. From left, Mary Anne Schwartz, Harold and Cynthia Chyz, Carol and John Logan, Bill and Pat Wilson and Edward Schwartz toast their 35-year friendship.

### SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# The good, the bad and the in between



There's no question the technology age has changed our lives, probably for the better, but not always.

A survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers found one in five divorces are caused by flirtatious messages and affairs arising from the use of Facebook.

American churches have experienced an increase in the theft of nativity statues. But since announcing it was attaching GPS tracking devices to its nativity statues of the baby Jesus, an official at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in New Jersey said there had been no attempts to steal.

Some surveys show certain video games can increase children's creativity and ability to reason. But there's also little question the extensive use of texting, Facebook and Twitter by young people seems to have limited their ability to learn to write well. There's news indicating the problem could worsen.

A Los Angeles Times article points out the invention of the printing press — Gutenberg's Revolution — was "rightly considered one of the signal moments in human history" because the immutability and logic of the written word fostered disciplined and complex thinking.

Today, the author points out,

many young people spend much of their time e-mailing, texting and tweeting online friends they've never met about such trivia as what they ate for lunch or what movie they saw last night. It's couched in abbreviated language often barely literate, he says.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg recently announced a new online messaging system and proclaimed e-mail is officially dead because it's so long-winded.

"Communication 2.0.," he said, must be "seamless, informal, immediate, personal, simple, minimal and short."

So there's the future, he said, adding words are abundant, but exist mainly to express the trivial and the transitory. The author says in Zuckerberg's Revolution, human beings are "all thumbs and no brains."

### Going gluten free

When I was in physical therapy, one therapist recommended the grain quinoa when I told her I'd been put on a gluten-free diet. I've never tried it because many people also consider hummus and tabbouleh delicious. I do not.

However, I read an article in the Environmental Nutrition newsletter convincing me to buy it.

Quinoa (keen-wah) was considered the "mother grain" for the past 5,000 years by the Incas and those in Bolivia, Chile and Peru, who believed it provided stamina to warriors. It was only taken up by the United States a few decades ago, but its popularity is gaining momentum.

It's grown in cold elevations like the Andes. Here, it's culti-

vated successfully in Colorado. Although considered a whole grain, quinoa is not a true grain in the botanical sense. It's closely related to beets and spinach, thus it can be included in a gluten-free diet.

Quinoa is a nutrition treasure, with a high content of complete protein supplying nine essential amino acids. In addition, quinoa is a good source of fiber, folate, manganese, magnesium, iron, copper and phosphorus. It has health-protective compounds like polyphenols, phytosterols and flavonoids and is considered a near perfect food.

With its delicate, nutty flavor and fluffy crunchy texture, quinoa is a versatile food. It's a substitute for rice, pasta or grains.

To cook quinoa, wash the seeds.

Combine with two parts liquid to one part seeds in a saucepan, cover and simmer about 15 minutes.

Toss cooked quinoa with vinaigrette and fresh vegetables in a salad, stir it into vegetable soups, mix it into a pilaf with broth and herbs, top it with pasta sauce, or boil it with nuts and dried fruit for a breakfast porridge.

Quinoa flour can be found in the baked goods department in some grocery stores or health food or specialty stores.

I've tried making baked goods with white rice flour and they are pretty tasteless and a little gritty. I also made cookies with brown rice flour and the only thing making them palatable was the sugar and cinnamon.

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## PASTOR: Tree planting holiday custom

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on the 15th of Shevat. Also, none of its fruit can be used during the first three years a tree is planted. This holiday is the cut-off date for determining the age of a tree. Even if the tree were planted on the 14th day, on the 15th of Shevat, it would be considered one year old.

During the Middle Ages, the Kabbalists, or Jewish mystics, took a cue from its description in the Talmud, a collection of

the oral tradition of Jewish law written down over several centuries of the common era, as a "Rosh Hashanah" or New Year and began to celebrate it with customs taken from the Passover feast. Hence, they had a feast of fruits, four cups of wine, and said the appropriate blessings. The famed Kabbalist Rabbi Yitzhak Luria (1534-1572) ate 15 fruits for the 15th day of Shevat.

With the formation of the modern state of Israel, many Jews used the holiday to plant trees. It is still a common custom to have a tree planted in Israel in remembrance of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

We should not forget the ecological importance of trees.

They are important for the formation of oxygen, which we need to breathe, as well as for food, fuel, medicines and other useful materials. Trees stabilize soil and prevent erosion and flooding. They are a very important part of the world he has given us to live in.

Next time you go outside, look at all the beauty of the trees in the Grosse Pointes and, as did the Kabbalists, say a blessing for their beauty and usefulness. Truly, he has given us a wonderful world. Amen and Amen.

Roger Skully, cantor, the Downtown Synagogue, 1457 Griswold, Detroit, and president, the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.




## Grannie nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Through this group, women who care for their grandchildren exchange information about child-oriented activities and nutrition. The next meeting is Friday, Feb. 4, at SOC. Grandmothers who share their ideas, include from left, Evelyn Barlow, Jean St. John, Donna Puma, Lorraine Botsford, Helen Roberts and Diane Moskaluk. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

# Communicating in an Alzheimer's world



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

For example, when the Alzheimer's patient says, "I am hungry, I'm starving" you should say OK, we will eat in a little while. Instead of telling them he or she has just eaten and can't be hungry. If the question is "long before we eat?" Say, "we will eat soon."

If you do choose to tell them they have just eaten, ask you to recount to them what they have eaten.

Be careful to tell them with a

smile on your face and in a low calm voice — not a lecture. If a bewildered look appears or he or she is confused, that is OK. Change the subject.

Don't allow them to get angry which results in a fall deeper into the black hole of the "Alzheimer's World."

And so will you. If you just listen and respond to their reality rather than correcting them, perhaps the amount of anger, stress and angst is reduced. Less stress build up across a series of situations, can lead to less anger and less crazy behavior from your loved one.

Hopefully, you will have less conflict and fewer explosions and achieve a better care giving result.

The goal in all communication with such a person should be to connecting with the patient in a positive, constructive, effective way. Instead of say-

ing, "you just ate," accept the reality they are hungry and respond in a positive proactive way.

The care giver wants to establish a positive pattern of communication. This requires developing a calm, effective response easily accepted by the patient.

By establishing positive communication patterns over a series of situations you learn how to deal with the new reality that is at the core of what is your loved one's "Alzheimer's World."

The more you practice the better results.

Before you know it, Alzheimer's World becomes another dimension in your life. You learn how to operate effectively. Instead of a sinister, confusing world, it becomes a parallel universe — the place to go when communication is necessary.

Once you learn how to do this start communicating in a way that works for both the caregiver and the patient.

While a person who suffers from Alzheimer's can't remember, they are still full of feelings and emotions.

As a caregiver, when you try to correct a patient you are likely to bring out a negative emotion in them. They don't want to be told over and over they are wrong.

In order to communicate with the patient, identify what emotion is behind the person's words. You need to learn ways to address and validate those feelings.

Your first instinct is to correct them, but you aren't listening when you do this. You cannot drag your loved one back into your world, this is unlikely to happen and it rarely, if ever, works. You want to avoid any and all situations leading to an

argument. When an argument ensues, it is likely the person suffering from Alzheimer's will get agitated, saying mean and angry things.

Instead of creating a secure, safe and calm environment, you are creating a state of agitation and angst, resulting in a deteriorating relationship.

Ask yourself, is this what I want to accomplish? Who is at fault? How can this dynamic be changed?

Use active listening and empathy. Repeat back to them what they seem to be feeling.

Try to understand what they are going through, for example, "I want to go home," means "I don't recognize anything around me."

Don't argue. Do not try to talk them out of their "reality." This can increase agitation and often will not work. You can try to distract or redirect them.

If you are caring for someone with Alzheimer's you need to go into their world.

The first steps are to start listening, to accept what is said is his or her reality.

Understanding the Alzheimer's World's reality is different, is an important and necessary in communication.

While you are at it try and remember this — they have Alzheimer's. You are the caregiver. It really is up to you to change. It is up to you to adjust. The person suffering from Alzheimer's would adjust if they could, but they can't.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Donna Tavalieri and Megan West

# Activities to prepare child for kindergarten



As pediatric physical and occupational therapists we are often asked, "What types of activities are best to prepare my child for kindergarten?"

We believe by building a good foundation of gross and fine motor skills, children are better prepared for kinder-

garten and beyond.

Good gross motor skills provide strength, balance and coordination in the body, arms and legs needed to support fine motor control, such as sitting at a desk to color or write.

Ideas to promote gross motor development include:

1. Painting or coloring with chalk on a large easel, drawing or coloring with sidewalk chalk on concrete and/or using soap crayons in the bathtub. (These activities use more whole arm movement.)
2. Digging in the dirt or sand
3. Jumping, galloping, skipping

4. Climbing, hanging, swinging, etc. on playground equipment

Fine motor coordination skills continue to become more refined as children progress through kindergarten.

Ideas to promote fine motor development include:

1. Hand/finger strengthening activities
  - ◆ Molding and cutting Play-Doh to make different imaginative objects
  - ◆ Building with resistive-type blocks, e.g. LEGOs
  - ◆ Squeezing a squirt bottle to erase the chalk drawings from the sidewalk or easel

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- ◆ Playing with resistive-type toys, e.g. Velcro toy fruits and vegetables, LEGOs
- ◆ Crumple paper and throw into a trash can target

2. Two-handed activities

- ◆ Stringing beads of different sizes big to small on pipe cleaners or shoe laces
- ◆ Hold a piece of paper with one hand and use the other to snip with child scissors.
- ◆ Pull apart toys, e.g. LEGOs
- ◆ Ripping paper to be put in the trash

3. Grasp skills

- ◆ Coloring with small pieces of chalk or crayons (break them down from their original size)
- ◆ Picking up small food items such as Cheerios, raisins, M&Ms etc. with pointer finger and thumb
- ◆ Pushing small objects into Play-Doh and then dig them out
- ◆ Lite Brite

Most importantly, explore, be creative and have fun with your child's development!

Donna Tavalieri is a licensed pediatric physical therapist. Megan West is a licensed pediatric occupational therapist.

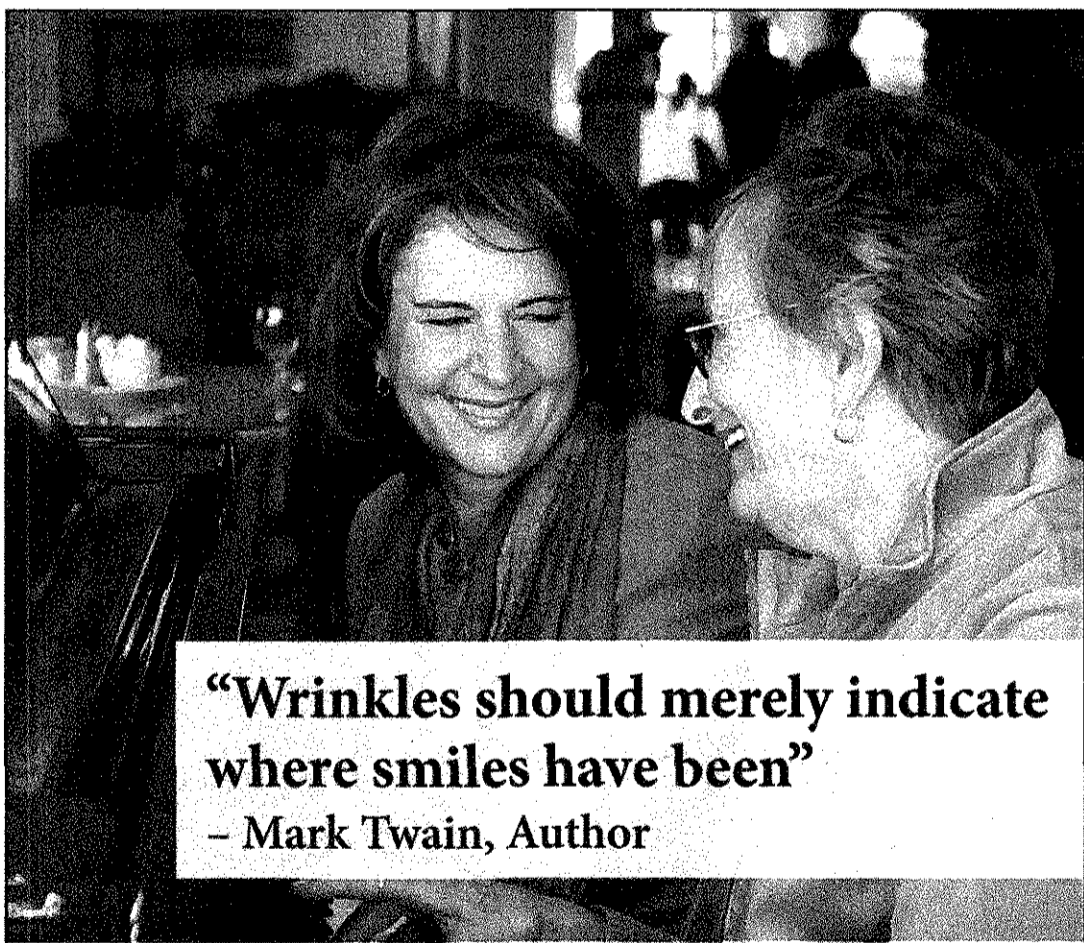
They both graduated from Wayne State University and are therapists at Pediatric Potentials, a division of The Detroit Institute for Children in St. Clair Shores.

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HEALTH POINT By William Cirocco

# There is hope for those with severe intestinal disease

After 20 years, my family and I returned to the Detroit area from Kansas City in December. I have a long association with St. John Hospital (patient in the '60s, volunteer in the '70s, medical student in the '80s), and completed my general surgery residency there in 1990, followed by colorectal residency training in Erie, Pa. I met my wife at SJH&MC, was married in the hospital's St. Edward Chapel, and our first two (of five) children were born at St. John Hospital.

It feels good to be back home. Not only do I enjoy picking up with old friendships, but I'm thrilled to be back in an area where there is a need for colorectal surgery. I'm passionate about helping people with diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, from ulcerative colitis to colorectal cancer, rectal prolapse, hemorrhoids and Crohn's disease.

The term inflammatory bowel disease is a catch-all for autoimmune disorders occurring when the intestines become inflamed, causing difficult symptoms, including abdominal cramps and pain, a severe urgency to have a bowel movement, bloody diarrhea, weight loss and anemia. These diseases can be so debilitating people don't leave home, or arrange their schedules around places they know have bathroom facilities.

Two major types of inflammatory bowel disease are ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. Ulcerative colitis causes inflammation and sores in the lining of the rectum and large intestine.

Crohn's disease can affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract from the mouth to the anus, but most commonly affects the small or large

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# Second annual Cupcake Challenge

By Ann L. Fouty

Features Editor

The second annual Cupcake Challenge is cooking. Bakers should submit their favorite recipe and a short story of how the recipe came to be to: The Family Center - Cupcake Challenge, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. The deadline is Feb. 16.

"Cupcakes are multifaceted. The families are doing something together at home. They have the opportunity to get together outside the home in a community event," said Debbie Liedel, executive director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

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Cindy Kopchak, of Warren, won first place with her chocolate cupcakes topped with buttercream frosting.



FILE PHOTO

# WEDDING

## Grow - Brock

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Grow of Palm Beach, Fla. and Harbor Springs, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Fisher Grow, to James Earl Brock III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock Jr., of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Chope, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Fisher Jr., of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Grow Jr., of Grosse Pointe. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock, of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Somes, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The June 25, 2010, ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit was followed by a dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Tara Grow Parker, of Bloomfield Hills, was matron of honor. Gene Prezocki served as best man. Clay Brock, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Richard D. Grow Jr., of New York, N.Y., were groomsmen.

The bride graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. where she earned a bachelor's degree in art history and marketing.

The groom graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, majoring in political science. He is vice president of Middleton Moldings, a Michigan-based private company, in Coldwater.

Following a honeymoon at the Les Cheneaux Island Club, the couple live in Coldwater.

A party was given in September at the Little Club for friends and family.



Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Brock III

# ANNIVERSARY

Hank and Gloria (Cherry) Burakowski, of Forestville, observe their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 11.

The couple married Feb. 11, 1961, at St. Dorothy Catholic Church in Warren and spent most of their married life in Warren and Sterling Heights.

Hank Burakowski started his teaching career at St. Peter Catholic School in Harper Woods and retired as the principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Park six years ago after 40 years in education.

Children have surrounded Gloria Burakowski for most of her married life, having been a foster mother for more than 25 years through Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

In their retirement, the couple delivers Meals on Wheels in rural Forestville, kayak, camp, cheer their favorite sports teams and visit their grandchildren.

Celebrating with the couple are their children and grandchildren, Mike and his son, Nick, of Golden Valley, Minn.; Jeff and his partner, Mathieu, of Chicago; Sue and her sons, Corey and Jason, of Long Beach, Calif.; and Jonah and Liz Burakowski, and their daughters, Theresa, Kaijala and Olivia, of Marshall, Minn.

Sons Jimmy and Matthew, died in 1998 and 2001. Cards of congratulations can be sent to the Burakowski, P.O. Box 191, Forestville, MI 48434.



Hank and Gloria Burakowski

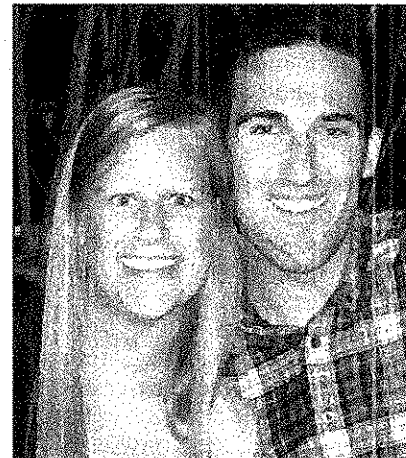
# ENGAGEMENTS

## Getz - Sheldon

Mike and Kathy Getz, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret Getz, to Oliver Ellsworth Sheldon, son of John and Margaret Sheldon, of Milton, Mass. A November wedding is planned.

Getz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University. She is an executive assistant at Stripes Group, a small private New York City equity fund.

Sheldon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown and is an investment banking associate at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in New York City.



Mary Margaret Getz and Oliver Ellsworth Sheldon

## vandenBerg - Gennari

Gary and Carol vandenBerg, of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina A. vandenBerg, to Gianluigi Gennari, son of Luigi Gennari and Lori Gennari, of Warren, and Paul Sikorski and Elaine Sikorski, of Grosse Pointe Woods. VandenBerg is the granddaughter of Irene H. Burchard, of Grosse Pointe Woods. A fall wedding is planned.

Gennari and vandenBerg attended Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School.

VandenBerg attended the University of Michigan Dearborn,



Gianluigi Gennari and Christina A. vandenBerg

concentrating in business. She is the owner of Live Well Real Estate LLC.

Gennari earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and is a specialist for Apple in Troy.

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# Chiropractic clinic opens in Farms

Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage & Pierson Clinic recently opened its Center for Integrative Medicine in the Cottage campus at 159 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, where patients can receive chiropractic care and massage therapy to relieve lower back pain and many other musculoskeletal disorders.

Board certified chiropractic sports physician, Dr. Lanny Orr, has been practicing chiropractic medicine for 21 years and is a senior staff physician with Henry Ford Health System. With a special interest in treating the aging population, as well as sports injuries in the young-to-aging athlete,

Orr's holistic approach includes education about lifestyle changes that support long-term healing.

The chiropractic care at Cottage includes a variety of treatments for chronic conditions such as arthritis, lower back pain, sciatica, knee pain, neck pain and chronic headaches.

Treatments to help relax the muscles consist of moist or infrared heat, trigger point therapy and mechanical massage, followed by gentle chiropractic manipulation.

Massage therapist Diane Urquhart, who is certified in therapeutic massage and structural body work, sees patients

at Cottage independently and also works along with Orr to loosen patients' muscles and soft tissues prior to Orr performing chiropractic manipulations.

In addition to offering therapeutic massage, Urquhart also performs neuromuscular therapy, a specialized form of manual therapy that utilizes pressure and manipulation of soft tissues (muscles, tendons and connective tissue) to balance the nervous system in an effort to relieve pain.

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## HEALTH: St. John surgeon

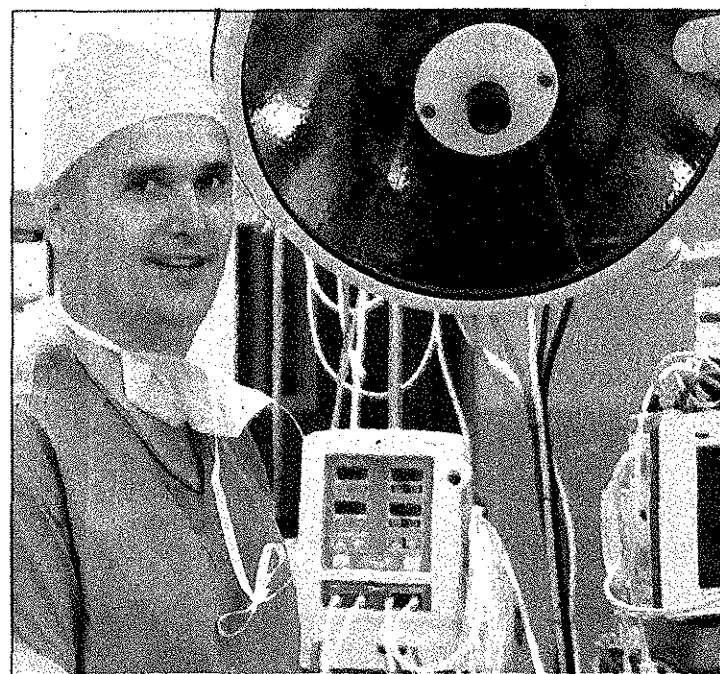
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intestine. Both diseases may manifest in active stages and flare-ups.

About 25 to 40 percent of ulcerative colitis patients eventually need surgery to remove their colon; almost 75 percent of Crohn's Disease patients also will require surgery at some point.

Some of my patients have been on long-term corticosteroids and are overwhelmed by the side effects. Others have such severe disease that steroids are no longer effective; thus, medical management fails.

When an ulcerative colitis patient needs the colon removed, I do a procedure called an ileoanal anastomosis whenever possible. This is much different than a permanent ileostomy, which requires a patient to wear a bag outside the



Dr. William Cirocco, a colorectal surgeon.

body to collect waste. This procedure is performed in two stages. Afterward, patients can defecate normally and eventually are weaned off steroids.

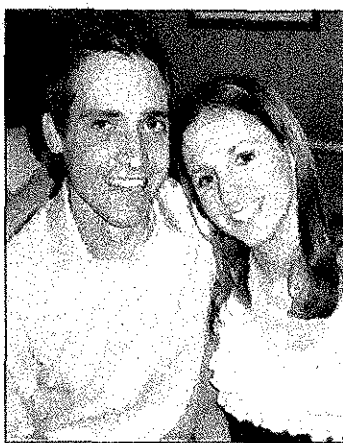
Call (313) 866-501-DOCS for a referral.

Cirocco is a colorectal surgeon at St. John Hospital & Medical Center with 20 years

experience. While in New York, he was involved in early attempts at preoperative staging and neoadjuvant chemoradiation to downstage rectal cancers.

Cirocco also has advanced techniques to care for patients with rectal prolapse and has published his research on the topic.

# ENGAGEMENTS



Micheal Jude Werich and Corie Ann D'Angelo

### D'Angelo - Werich

Paul D'Angelo, of Grosse Pointe Park, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Corie Ann D'Angelo, to Michael Jude Werich, son of Michael and Georgia Werich, of Geneva, Ill. An October wedding is planned.

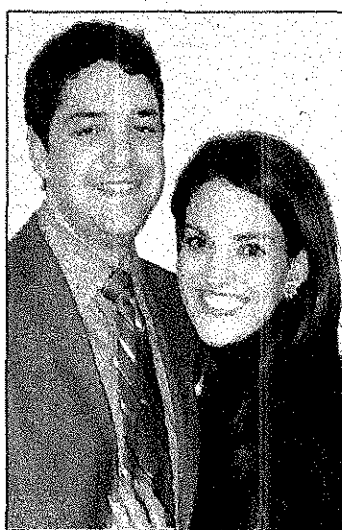
D'Angelo graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2001, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan as the William Jennings Bryan scholar. She earned her juris doctorate from U of M Law School in 2007 and practices law with the Chicago law firm of Mayer Brown LLP, focusing in securities, mergers and acquisitions.

Werich graduated from Marmion Military Academy in 2001, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Illinois as the Martha Belle Barrett scholar. He earned his juris doctorate degree from U of I College of Law in 2007 and practices law with the Chicago law firm of Bryan Cave LLP, focusing in complex commercial litigation.

### Follis - Durkin

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Scobie Follis, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne "Annie" Elizabeth Follis to Matthew Alexander Durkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Francis Durkin of Holland. An October wedding is planned.

A graduate of the University of Liggett School, Follis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and



Matthew Alexander Durkin and Anne "Annie" Elizabeth Follis

lives in Chicago where she is an account director for AOL.

Durkin is a graduate of West Ottawa High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Purdue University and is an account executive with Social Vibe, an online media company in Chicago.

### Peabody - Corbett

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Peabody, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Powell Peabody, to Maj. John Gregory Corbett, son of Dr. Julie Corbett, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and the late Dr. John V. Corbett. A spring family wedding in the Bahamas is planned.

Peabody graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and studied fashion design and business at Marymount College in Los Angeles and Regis University in Denver. She is the owner of Sole Sisters of Detroit.

Corbett graduated from Grosse Pointe South and attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Michigan and is involved in military robotics development.

The couple met while pheasant hunting.

### Lauinger - Mayk

Charles and Nancy Lauinger, of Duluth, Ga., have



Maj. John Gregory Corbett and Margaret Powell Peabody



Richard Mayk and Tressa Lauinger

announced the engagement of their daughter, Tressa Lauinger, to Richard Mayk, son of Richard and Christine Mayk, of Grosse Pointe Park. A July wedding is planned.

Lauinger holds Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy degrees from the University of Georgia. She is a CPA with Ernst & Young LLP.

Mayk earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Accountancy degree from the University of Michigan. He is a CPA with Assurant Corporation.

## Beaumont appoints new anesthesia department head

Daniel L. Hass, M.D., is the new chief of anesthesia services at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Hass is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management and a graduate of the School of Medicine at Wayne State University. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Detroit Mercy, residency in anesthesiology at State University of New York, Syracuse, N.Y., and subspecialty training in cardiac anesthesia and pain management at the University of Chicago.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Hass in this administrative leadership role," said Dr. Donna Hoban, senior vice president and physician-in-chief. "His exceptional medical knowledge and skills, coupled with his natural leadership abilities, make him the perfect choice to lead anesthesia services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe."


Hass lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife and three children.



Daniel L. Hass, M.D.

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# CUPCAKE Challenge



**ENTER TODAY!!**  
Share your original cupcake recipe along with a family & friends celebration story!  
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POSTMARKED BY: Wednesday, February 16, 2011



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Entrant Age:  Adult (18+)  Teen (13-18)  Tween (9-12)  Kid (6-9)

**RULES**  
1. Entry form and \$10 entry fee must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 16, 2011.  
2. The selection committee will choose 9 finalists from the entries submitted to compete in the Cupcake Challenge based upon recipe and story submitted. Finalists will be notified by mail.  
3. Finalists will be asked to bring 1 dozen finished cupcakes for Judging Day Event on Sunday, March 13.  
4. Cupcakes must be edible and of standard size (no mini cupcakes or jumbo cupcakes).  
5. Winners will be judged on originality, appearance and taste of cupcakes and celebration story.  
6. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finalists. Contestants must be present to win.

**INCLUDE: Recipe Name • Ingredients • Directions**  
Recipes and directions may be typed on a separate sheet attached to this  
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Please return this form with your check payable to "The Family Center".  
The Family Center - Cupcake Challenge  
20090 Morningside Dr.  
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**Thank you for your participation in the Cupcake Challenge! Questions 313-432-3832**  
Entry forms may also be downloaded from [www.familycenterweb.org](http://www.familycenterweb.org)  
The Cupcake Challenge is a CELEBRATE 10th! community event supporting The Family Center's 10th year of service.

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# Swashbuckling musical calling for actors

Auditions for the Grosse Pointe Theatre's presentation of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 and 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 in the theater's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

The musical is based on the works of Baroness Emmuska Orczy, with music by Frank Wildhorn; book and lyrics by Nan Knighton.

Scripts and audition CDs

are available for a refundable deposit of \$20 at the theater. For questions regarding the auditions or technical production matters, e-mail producer Jon Lechner at [thekid57@aol.com](mailto:thekid57@aol.com).

For more information about roles and characterizations, call director Susan Davis at (313) 882-2770.

For more information about the music, contact musical director Jay Shaheen at (313) 886-2208 or

[javshaheen@hotmail.com](mailto:javshaheen@hotmail.com).

Actors should come with personal calendars.

The performance dates are May 8, 12-15 and 18-21. The show is performed in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Actors are not paid. The theater furnishes head shots, costumes, makeup and refreshments.

The play is set amidst the French Revolution. The story-

book hero is an English lord who uses a secret identity to confront a sinister villain in an attempt to stop the excesses of the war. Actors perform sword fights, duels, dances and daring rescues.

**Sir Percival Blakeney** (lead, age 25-40), is the hero with two personalities requiring disguises and dialects: Sir Percy, an English lord, is proper, haughty, opinionated, yet likeable — versus the Scarlet Pimpernel, who is a

dling his youthful affair with Marguerite and is consumed with a desire to capture the Scarlet Pimpernel.

His audition songs are "Falcon in the Dive" and "Where's the Girl?"

**Marie Grosholtz** (age 18-30), a close friend of Marguerite, is an artist by profession.

Her audition song is "Madame Guillotine." She must be able to move well and dance.

**Armand** (age 16-25), Marguerite's younger brother. His audition song is "Madame Guillotine" and he must be able to move well and dance.

**Mercier** (any age), an aide to Chauvelin, is a comic, bungling foil to Chauvelin's intense character.

**Prince of Wales** (age 35-60), the reigning monarch, is stuffy, dignified, and easily persuaded to accept style and protocol over substance. The audition song is "Madame Guillotine" and he must be able to dance.

**Ozzy, Dewhurst, Elton, Farleigh, Hal and Ben** — The Boudiers (various ages 25-40), friends and fellow bounders of Sir Percy with distinct personalities. The actors have the opportunity to help create a unique ensemble of characters to surround Sir Percy. Audition songs are "The Creation of Man" and "Madame Guillotine." The parts require some dance and stage movement.

**RobesPierre** (age 30-50), a dark, shadowy leader of the revolution, has a small but powerful role.

**Townspiece, French guards, butlers, maids, lords and ladies**, all ages, chorus roles with some lines. The audition song is "Madame Guillotine."

Some dance and stage movement is required.

## Auditions

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Saturday, Jan. 29

4 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 30

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City of Grosse Pointe

For more information:

call director Susan Davis

(313) 882-2770

Needed:

11 men

2 women

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Revolutionary France

## What's happening

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers special events and new programs to warm hearts, sharpen minds and strengthen bodies.

To register and for more information call the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

Upcoming new programs include:

**Come Dine with Us** — Dining is offered at 6:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the War Memorial through Saturday, Jan. 29.

**Grosse Pointe's Own Antique Road Show** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Learn how much a treasured antique or family heirloom is worth as area experts from many fields provide appraisals of antiques and collectibles. Appraisals are \$8 per item, maximum of six items per person. No weapons.

**Sudoku Training** — 9:30 to

11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 29 - Feb. 19. John Prepolec leads the program. The cost is \$125.

### Sudoku

#### Warrior Training

noon to 2

p.m.

Saturdays,

Jan. 29

Feb. 19. \* \* \*

Youngsters ages 9-12 develop logic and visualization skills to help develop higher order thinking skills. John Prepolec is the instructor. The cost is \$125.

### Songs of the Great Lakes

#### Sailors

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 31 and

Wednesday, April 13. Discover

a collection of songs and stories

about voyages, Michigan,

canals and disasters as told by

the sailors who traveled the

Great Lakes in the schooner

days. Presented by author Joe

Grimm. The cost is \$24.

### Switzerland, Austria &

#### Bavaria trip information

meeting — 1 to 4 p.m.,

Tuesday, Feb. 1. Get the details

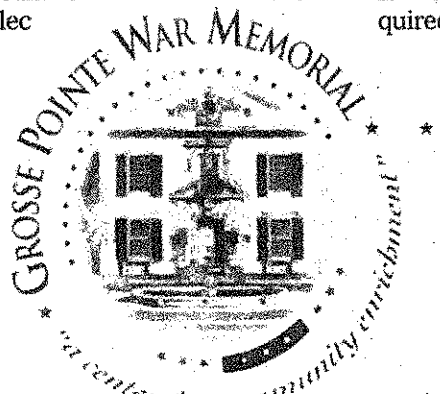
of the October tour led by the

War Memorial featuring extended

stays in Bern, Germany and

Innsbruck, Austria. An

RSVP is required.



### Old World, New World

7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Explore wine regions and

learn what distinguishes a

classic French red from a

California blend with master

sommelier Claudia Tyagi. The

cost is \$63.

### An Evening in Tuscany

7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

Explore picturesque streets,

squares and art works of the

Italian region. Presented by

Deborah Lubera Kawsy. The

cost is \$24.

### Middle School Valentine

Dance — 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4. Open to all

students in grades 6-8 who reside

in or attend school in Grosse

Pointe. Advanced tickets are

\$12 and \$14 the week of

## CUPCAKE: Bakers get ready to create

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The Family Center is one of three event sponsors, and the beneficiary of the fundraiser.

Last year, Liedel said the cupcake challenge was eye-opening because of the variety of stories.

First-place winner, Cindy Kopchak, of Warren, said baking was her therapy after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Maria Liddane and Christine Abiragi took second place with their Amicizia Cakes that celebrated their friendship.

The third-place winner, Caroline Kubek, explained how her original recipe accommodated her food allergies, including eggs and tree nuts.

From the 21 submissions, nine hopefuls were asked to bake a dozen for final judging. This year, 10 recipes will be chosen to mark the 10th birthday of The Family Center. Three winners are announced at the event's conclusion.

The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club hosts the event from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13. Returning judges are the hunt club's chef Frank Cherro, The Hill Seafood & Chop House Restaurant operation manager, Julie Lavigne, and Ann L. Fouty, Grosse Pointe News features editor.

While the cupcakes are scored on appearance, taste, presentation and originality, guests can participate in various games or ride a pony, for a nominal charge.

In addition to submitting recipes and stories, children can color a cupcake picture printed in the Grosse Pointe News. Pictures will be displayed at the Village Toy Company. They will also be judged and the creators of the top three win a prize.

The cupcake challenge came about when the The Circle of Friends, The Family Center's supporting group, sought a new idea to encourage family time and partner with local businesses.

"The cupcake challenge is popular in other states. It's trendy for non-profits," Liedel said. "It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and have fun with the family."

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# CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## Detroit Historical Museum

To honor Michigan's Vietnam veterans, the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Traveling Memorial is on display at the Detroit Historical Museum from Saturday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Feb. 13.

A screening of the film, "Our Vietnam Generation," is at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 221 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets cost \$25 and \$35. For more information or to buy tickets, call (800) 982-2787.

African American History Day is observed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. The free event includes storytelling, music and an artist.

◆ Storyteller Ivory D. Williams appears from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

◆ Caricature artist George Ingram draws from 1 to 3 p.m.

◆ Mubarak Hakim demonstrates African drum and dance from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

◆ Opera singer Sequina DuBose, a native Detroiter, performs at 3 p.m.

◆ Michigan Sports Hall of Fame member and former Detroit Piston player and head coach Ray Scott, is on hand from noon to 2 p.m. He gives a lecture and signs autographs.

Throughout the day, guests can learn how to make a quilt with the Peace Baptist Church Quilters and children can visit different arts and craft stations in the Kidz Art Zone.

Representatives from the Tuskegee Airmen, Conant Gardeners and the Black Historic Sites Committee are available to talk with guests.

Food and beverages are available and the first 50 visitors receive a voucher for a free hot dog.

Admission is free all day for the museum and the special programs. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org).

The museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. Parking in the museum's lot is \$4.

## Studio Theatre

The Studio Theatre performers present "Rhinoceros" by Eugene Ionesco at The First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass, Detroit, at 8 p.m. Feb. 3-5 and 10-12.

Ticket prices range from \$10-\$12.

For tickets and more information, call (313) 577-2972.

## The Henry Ford

George Washington Carver's accomplishments and wide-ranging interests are discussed at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in "Carver's Legacies: Food, Farming and the Future of Agriculture." The public symposium is at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

Admission is \$37 for museum members and \$45 for non-members.

For reservations, call (313) 982-6001 or visit [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org).

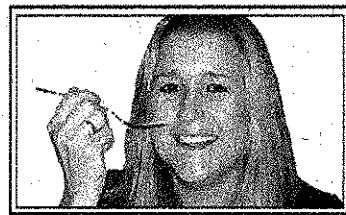
## Detroit Repertory Theatre

The Detroit Repertory Theatre Board of Trustees hosts its annual fundraiser, Red Night, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.

Tickets range in price from \$35 to \$50. For reservations, call (313) 868-1347.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Three cheeses top off potato dish



The deep freeze calls for comfort food. I brought some of my favorite tastes together in this winter potato gratin that has a surprise on the bottom, caramelized onions. A three-cheese sauce tops off the standing slices of potatoes. Yummy.

## Winter Potato Gratin with Caramelized Onions

- 2 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 lbs. Idaho potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme salt and pepper to taste
- 1 stick butter
- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups half & half
- 1 cup shredded Jack or queso adilla cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Heat olive oil in a medium saute pan over low to medium heat. Add onions. Cook and stir until onions become a

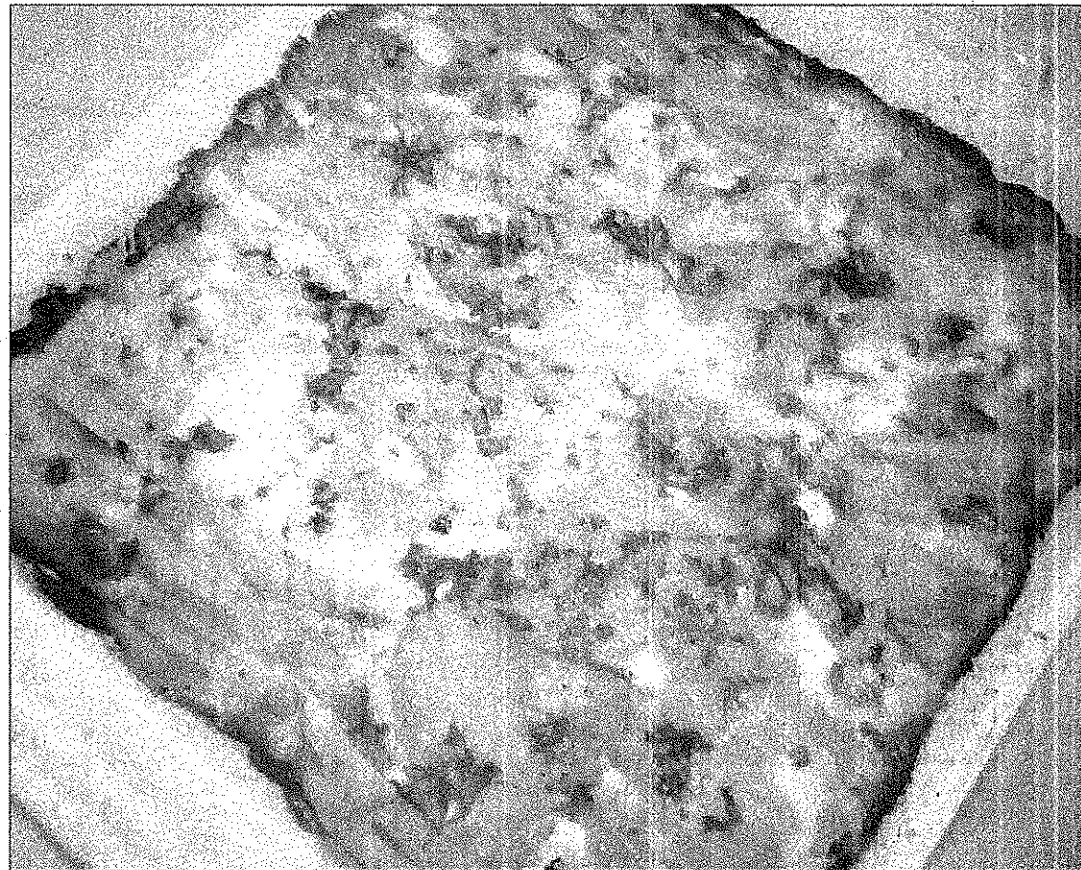


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Blustery winter weather calls for comfort food, including potatoes, onions and cheese.

caramel color, about 20 to 30 minutes. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Scatter into a greased 9-by-13 inch glass baking dish (or two smaller ones).

Place the sliced potatoes in rows (standing up) over the caramelized onions. Use your fingers to sprinkle the thyme over the potatoes. Season the potatoes lightly with salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt the butter with the cream cheese over low heat in a sauce pan. Once the cream cheese has completely melted stir in half & half, shredded Jack and grated Parmesan. Cook and stir until the mixture becomes smooth and creamy. Pour the cheese mixture evenly over the potatoes. Sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley.

Cover loosely with foil and

bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake for another 30 to 45 minutes, until golden brown and bubbly around the edges. The potatoes should be fork tender.

The cream cheese paired with the caramelized onions lend a sweetness to these creamy, cheesy potatoes. There's a lot of flavor going on here.

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