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### 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.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 4

◆ St. Paul Catholic Church School's annual auction, "Red Carpet Gala," begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Advanced tickets cost \$90 or \$100 at the door. For more information, visit [auction.stpaulonthelake.com](http://auction.stpaulonthelake.com).

### SATURDAY, FEB. 5

◆ A public meeting to discuss cost containment and library services begins at 2:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack Ave.  
◆ The free Chilly-Fest is from noon to 4 p.m. in Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks. There will be ice skating, snowman building, snowman target throw, ice fishing, horse-drawn trolley rides and a S'mores station.

### MONDAY, FEB. 7

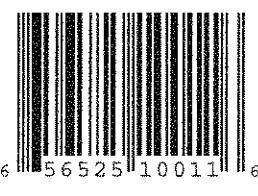
◆ The Mother-Daughter Book Group is from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. To register, call Kathleen Gallagher at (313) 343-2074.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours begins at 8:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Public School System administration office, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.  
◆ Advanced master gardener Cheryl English's topic is "It's Easy to Be Green in the Garden" at 7 p.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. The free event is hosted by GardenGreen, a branch of LocalMotionGreen. Donations

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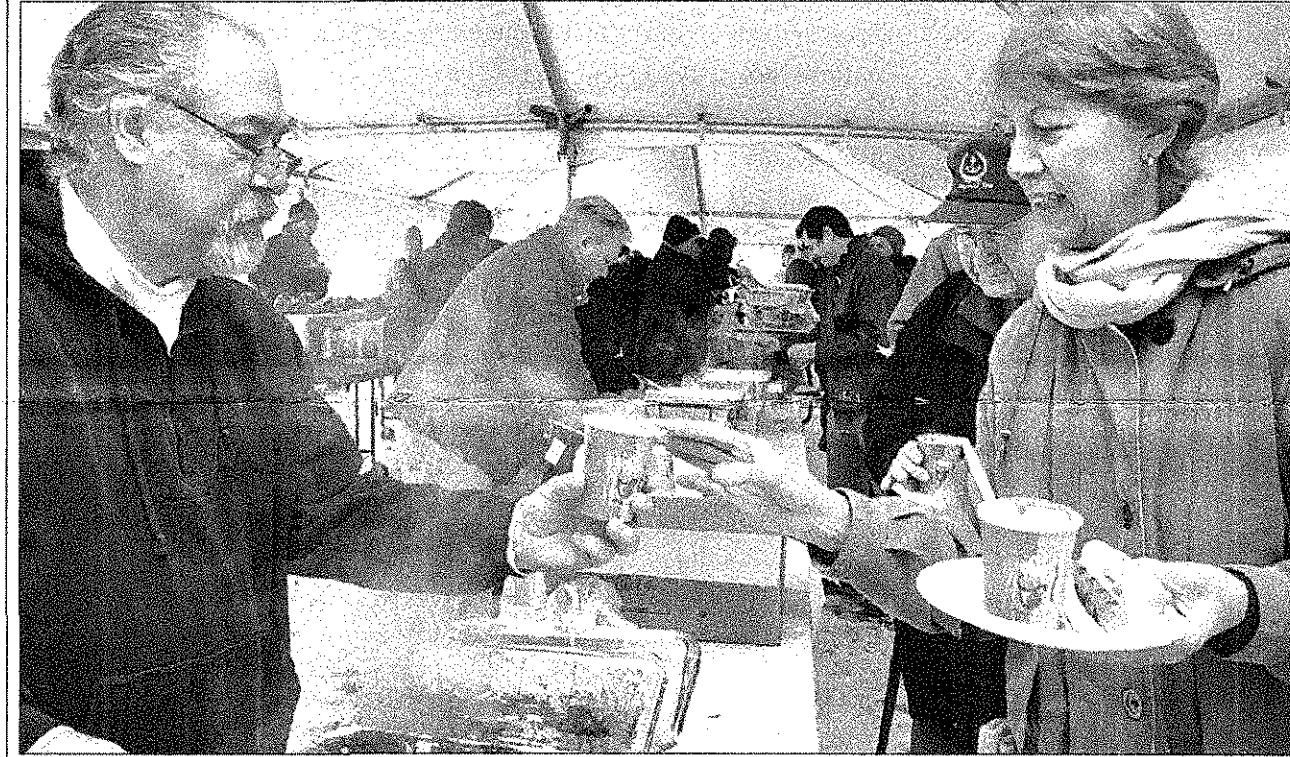
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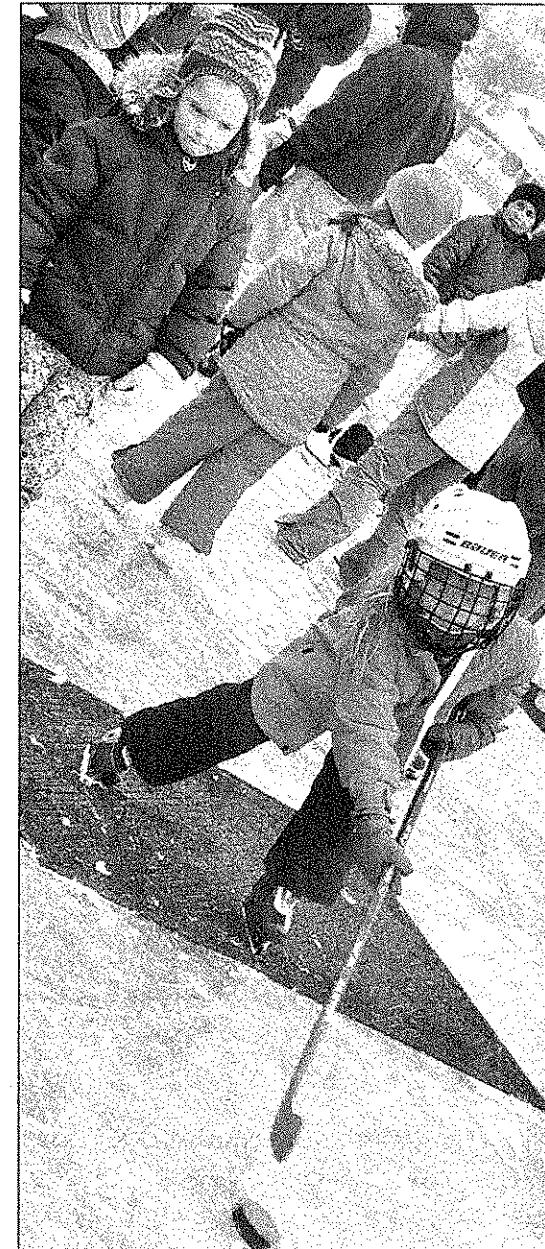
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## Woods Winter Warm-up

The ninth annual Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest warmed up participants with chili and a cookie contests Saturday, Jan. 29. At right, Deagan Barr tempered the cold day with a cup of hot cocoa. Below, Ben D'Angleo hands Pat Radnick a cup of his "Pretentious Texas Chili."



Top, Grosse Pointe Woods' new public safety director Andrew Puzachowski pulls his two children, Andrew, 3, and Ella, 5, across the ice on a wooden sled. Lyssie Moody tried her hand at hitting the puck through a small hole in the Score-O contest. Natalie Babcock looks on. Above, from left, Mark Miller, Tom Jerger and Nick Rennpage cook up hot dogs for those who braved the cold Jan. 29 afternoon.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Merchants seek neon vote by residents

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE WOODS —

They took their case to the city council and lost, now they're turning to the citizenry and hoping for a win.

Several business owners along Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods ordered to turn off their neon signs are starting a petition drive to force a November ballot referendum asking residents to repeal a portion of the city's current sign ordinance.

The targeted section bans "any neon or neon-type signs as defined in section 32-3" of the ordinance. The petition is expected to be circulating by Feb. 9. The group has 21 days to secure the required signatures.

"We want to spare the taxpayers the cost of a lawsuit," said Alan Domzalski, owner

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## Grants for SOC and sidewalks

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE —

Federal block grants are being disbursed in a familiar pattern this year in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Allocations are essentially the same as last year," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Grants for 2011 are expected to total \$89,000. Prospective receipts are being divided between sidewalk ramp improvements and Services for Older Citizens.

Sidewalk ramps at intersections are an ongoing project. Pedestrian ramps complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act are halfway to being installed throughout the city.

"Last year's monies went to a couple of intersections," Dame said. "We did Kercheval and Notre Dame in the Village by Starbucks. Kroger paid for doing its

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## Start the presses

The Grosse Pointe News went to press early Tuesday to beat the blizzard forecasted for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coverage of the storm can be found at [grossepoinenews.com](http://grossepoinenews.com) with updates posted to Facebook and our website daily.

Readers are invited to send photos and stories of the blizzard to [jwarner@grossepoinenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepoinenews.com) or call (313) 343-5590 with a story idea.

Full coverage will follow in the next edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

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# Police given cruiser

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Even men in blue need a white knight once in a while.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, aid is coming in the form of a free police car.

"A family in Grosse Pointe Shores, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated a 2010 Crown Victoria interceptor for the public safety department," said Stephen Poloni, department director.

The gift takes \$21,000 of pressure off the budget and comes at the right time.

"It will replace a vehicle that has about 126,000 on it, which is extremely high for a police vehicle," Poloni said.

Shores officials have been putting off replacing cruisers.

"We have forgone the purchase of vehicles for the past two years due to budgetary constraints," Poloni said.

"We are fortunate to have residents whose love for our community is so strong," said Mayor James Cooper. "I am overwhelmed by the enormity and depth of their generosity. On behalf of our council, residents, employees, and especially our public safety department, thank you for your gift."

This isn't the first time the family has helped the public safety department, Poloni said.

"It's hard to put into words the gratitude we have for this couple," Poloni said. "They said they understand the economic conditions, appreciate the public safety department and wanted to do something to ease both the budget con-

straints we have and help keep the same service levels we have. So, they purchased the vehicle."

Delivery is expected this month.

"We will transfer equipment from the current vehicle to the new one, including the teddy bears in the trunk," Poloni said.

Patrolmen pack stuffed animals among emergency gear as gifts to calm frightened children at emergency scenes.

The department doesn't solicit donations.

"In years past, another anonymous donor bought (protective) vests for police officers," Poloni said. "The same person does that every five years. That's the lifespan of a vest. He and his wife love the police department. They worry about our officers out there."

# Taking away parking meters

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** —

The odds of getting a parking ticket in the Village are slated to go down this summer when two municipal lots are stripped of coin-operated meters.

If things go as planned, meters will be replaced with gated systems, as in the district's city-owned parking structure.

Gates also outfox drivers who park at metered spots without paying.

Work intended for parking lots in a two-block stretch north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and Neff — be-

hind such businesses as Caribou Coffee and Ace Hardware — could begin mid-summer.

The lots are designated Lot 2 and Lot 3, respectively.

Converting Lot 2, between Notre Dame and St. Clair behind Caribou, conforms with the city's master plan for parking in the central commercial district.

"The intent would be to try to fund the extension of the Kercheval streetscape treatment down St. Clair and Notre Dame along the parking lots at the same time," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Lot 3, behind Ace, is due for

reconfiguration resulting from an adjacent development.

A partnership exists between the Neighborhood Club and Beaumont Hospital to construct a new facility at Waterloo and St. Clair, located at Lot 3's northern border.

"They're still looking for additional financing at this point, but they expect a project of some sort will move forward this year," Dame said. "Because part of the facility will be built on what is currently a city parking lot, the city has been planning a reconfiguration of the lot. Last year, the city council awarded a contract for redesigning that lot. That will happen in July."

The elimination of parking meters had been requested by Village stakeholders, including business representatives and property owners.

"Stakeholders felt that meter tickets were the most significant issue for their customers when it came to issues about the parking lot, a problem which could be alleviated by the gates system," Dame said.

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are accepted.

♦ A multi-school vocal concert is from 7 to 8 p.m. at Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

♦ The rescheduled "Making a Successful Transition into Kindergarten," presented by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, is from 7 to 9 p.m. at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5. To register, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 343-3832.

♦ The Herb Society of America - Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lynn Pettit discusses herbs and flower arranging. The entrance is off the parking lot in the back of the church.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

♦ The Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Club members discuss the human trafficking awareness campaign and a housing grant for Positive Images. For more information, call Marya at (313) 881-3113 or visit grossepointhesoroptimist.org.

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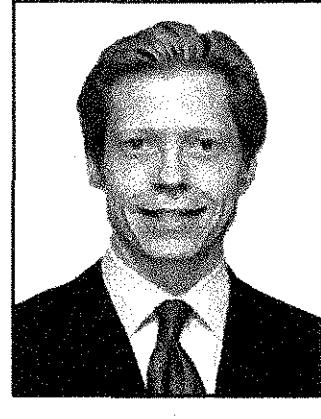
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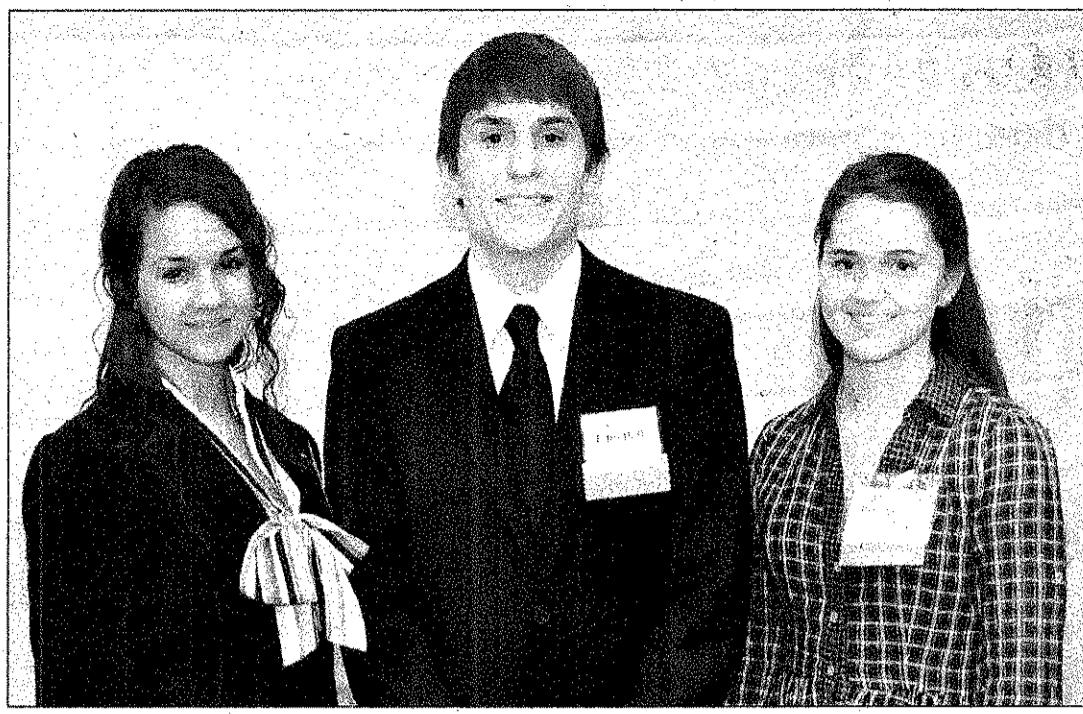


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Youth leadership winners, from left, Simone Arora of Grosse Pointe South High School, John Balle of Grosse Pointe North High School and Maddie Berschback of Grosse Pointe South High School.



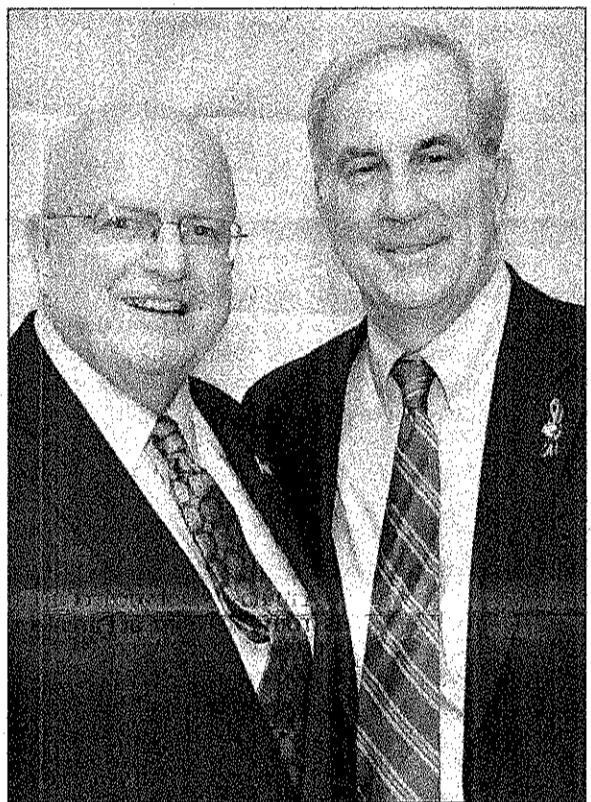
The reception before the dinner and awards ceremony at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.



John Denomme of the Village Association and Ellen Durand of Village Toy Company.



John Martin of John F Martin Photography was presented the award in the business category.



John Prost and Mark Weber were presented the Community Service Pointer of Distinction Awards.



Betsy Enders of Small Favors, Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala of Grosse Pointe Urgent Care and Kasey Malley of Small Favors received the new business Pointer of Distinction Awards.

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Wayne Wegner of Wegner & Associates, Marian Battersby of Home Instead Senior Care and Chuck Huebner of Pointe Capital Management.



John Stefek, Jeanine-White Haith of ShowHouse Interiors, Lori Stefek of Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Alan Marschke of Marschke Oriental Rug Gallery and Ed Russell of Russell Development.



Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, chamber executive director Jennifer Boettcher and City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Chris Boettcher.

## Mack main and design due

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE —

Improved water service and a better looking streetscape are expected to result from this summer's replacement of a watermain on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The project will increase water pressure and, ultimately, be part of a looped, large main once the project's final legs down Washington are complet-

ed," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Installation of larger pipes is being paid for from the municipal water and sewer fund.

"(It) is one of the bigger projects the city had tackled in recent years," Dame said.

Streetscape improvement is a separate project.

"In December, the city received word from the Michigan Department of Transportation that approximately \$600,000 in enhance-

ment grant funds could be used for improvements to the streetscape, instead of replacing it as it was," Dame said. "However, there is roughly a one-third matching requirement the city must come up with before the state will commit to awarding these monies."

The district's property owners and commercial representatives are being consulted about the streetscape design and how the city will come up with its grant obligation.

"The city is working with the business district to develop a matching plan, in part to be funded by a special assessment district on Mack property owners, as well as city funds from sources yet to be identified," Dame said.

Watermain plans were completed last year.

"(They) are ready to bid as soon as the streetscape plan is completed," Dame said.

## Annual Relay for Life kicks off Feb. 16

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe Kick-off Party is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Refreshments and desserts are served. Reservations are appreciated at (248) 663-3418.

Relay For Life is a team approach to raising funds and culminates in a 24-hour celebration event. Teams create names and personalities and

raise funds during the months preceding the relay which is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 15, at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

Fundraising efforts are as individualized as the teams and have included bake sales, bowling tournaments and online donation solicitation through a special relay website, [relayforlife.org/grossepoinitemi](http://relayforlife.org/grossepoinitemi).

In addition, teams raise funds by selling luminaria bags decorated and named in honor

or memory of special people who have faced cancer. As part of the ceremony, the candles are lit, illuminating the relay path throughout the night reminding participants of the relay's purpose.

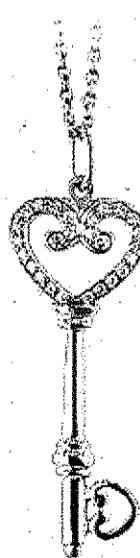
All funds raised by the American Cancer Society Relay For Life teams support education, advocacy, research and services to cancer patients and their families.

For more information, contact volunteer chairwoman Julie Borushko at [relayforlife663@juno.com](mailto:relayforlife663@juno.com)

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Russ Chavey** climbed Mount Kilimanjaro while raising money for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. He texted and blogged so students could follow his mountain activities.

# One off the bucket list, lots to go

By Karen Fontanive  
Staffwriter

Climbing to the top of a mountain is one item Grosse Pointe Farms resident Russ Chavey can check off his bucket list.

The family practice physician climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in December, and more than just a few family and friends knew about it.

His quest was publicly documented as part of a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Grosse Pointe public school children, as well as anyone who logged onto the GPFPE website, could follow Chavey throughout his six-day ascent and descent of the mountain.

His goal, to raise \$1 for every foot he climbed, was easily met. With a two for one matching grant, more than \$60,000 was raised to outfit classrooms with SMART Boards and other technology-based equipment.

The trail to the top of the mountain began several years ago. While always an active, outdoor-oriented person, over the years Chavey gained weight.

"I went for my annual check-up and my doctor said something that sounded familiar," Chavey said of sentiments he's often expressed to his own patients. "I commonly see guys who put on three to four pounds a year. It's not dramatic, you don't have to change clothes." My doctor said, "Russ, you put on five pounds this year and three pounds the year before."

"I always thought of myself as weighing 170 pounds and I was 207 pounds, and I thought 'Wow, I never thought I hit 200.'"

The admitted somewhat obsessive personality began running to lose weight and get in shape. "I don't just do something a little bit. When I started running, I started running 30 miles a week — although not at first," he said.

That running turned into

participating in a marathon. Chavey joined Team in Training with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for his first marathon. Through emails and a sign posted in his office, he raised several thousand dollars.

After 10 marathons, including New York and Boston, Chavey decided it was time to climb a mountain.

Asked why, Chavey responds, "Yeah, there's no real good answer to that. I was just intrigued. I love challenges. I love trying something that might be hard to do."

And while the adventurous Chavey wanted to climb the mountain, he didn't want to make his wife or children spend a vacation waiting for him to do so. After planning an African safari with his wife, three daughters, son-in-law and his son-in-law's parents, Chavey went a week ahead of the group for his climb.

"Kilimanjaro is the biggest mountain I would climb because I don't do technical climbing" with picks, crampons and other tools.

It was Chavey's wife, Dr. Christy Winder, who suggested he climb for charity. Their support of public education and friendships with people closely involved in the GPFPE led to its selection.

Chavey explains climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is unlike climbing other mountains. It is located in Africa, 200 miles south of the equator.

"Because you're 200 miles south of the equator and you're starting at 3,000 feet, you're surrounded by banana trees and tropical plants. Then when you get through the gates into the national park it's dominated by camphor trees that are 180 feet tall covered in Spanish moss and it's very, very dark in there. But by the time you get to the first camp, the trees are 12 1/2 feet and then you get to the second camp, it's just a little grass."

Added Chavey, "We would usually add or subtract clothes four or five times a day. When you're in an area where the



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Russ Chavey

wind is blocked and the sun is hitting you, even at elevation, and it's 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we'd be in shorts. An hour later it'd be 28 degrees and you'd have to put on layers. You have to carry a lot of clothes and every time we stopped for lunch we'd have to put on a wool hat and wool gloves because when you're sitting still you'd get cold."

While Chavey did the hard work — climbing — the foundation gathered interest and financial support for the climb. Various classrooms throughout the school system used Chavey's climb for educational purposes. One first grade class made a Flat Stanley for him to take on his travels and other classes studied weather patterns, plant life and rock composition. Chavey would blog, text and e-mail throughout his climb and these communications were posted on the foundation's website.

Chavey has other adventures planned, other bucket list items to check off, that won't be publicly documented like his climb. In March, he is cross country skiing across the Rockies, "because I've always wanted to do that," he said. "In August we're going to Alaska. We're not doing the cruise thing. I'm going to Wrangell-St. Elias which is



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In addition to guide Freddie, five porters accompanied Chavey up Mount Kilimanjaro. The porters carry food, water and other essentials. The backpack Chavey carried included water, clothes, pillow, camera, binoculars and various other necessities. He took with him to the top of the mountain a copy of the Grosse Pointe News, newspapers from both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools and a Flat Stanley made by a first-grade class.

this huge national park covered with high mountains and glaciers. We're going to backpack in the mountains. The plan is to bring the whole family.

"In April 2012, we're going to raft the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon."

Chavey's adventurous nature goes back to childhood.

"When I was a young kid I

was living on a lake and everybody was water skiing, I decided to try barefoot water skiing. Nobody made me do it, I just wanted to do it, so I just did it," he said. "The lake was six miles north to south and one mile west to east and a couple of people swam across the lake, but I decided I would do the long way, so I swam the length of the lake. Some of my

friends were riding their bikes over to Boyne and back which was like a 20 minute ride, so I decided I'd ride my bike to the Mackinac Bridge and back. I would do it because people would say you can't do that."

"Now, I'm 57. I'm starting to think, hey, I better do it."

To view a photo montage and read texts from Chavey's trip, visit [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org).



While Chavey was the only person in his particular tour, there were many other climbers on the mountain at the same time. He met people from all over the world and, coincidentally, a college student from Grosse Pointe Farms.

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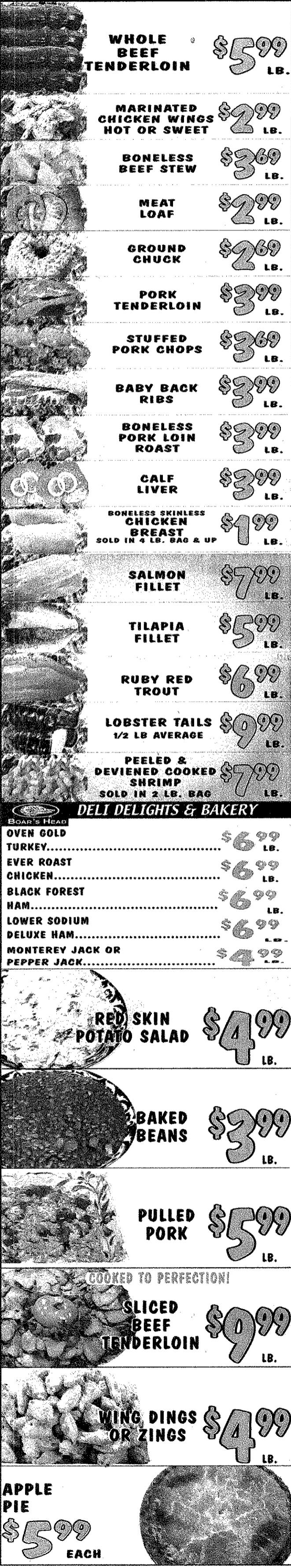
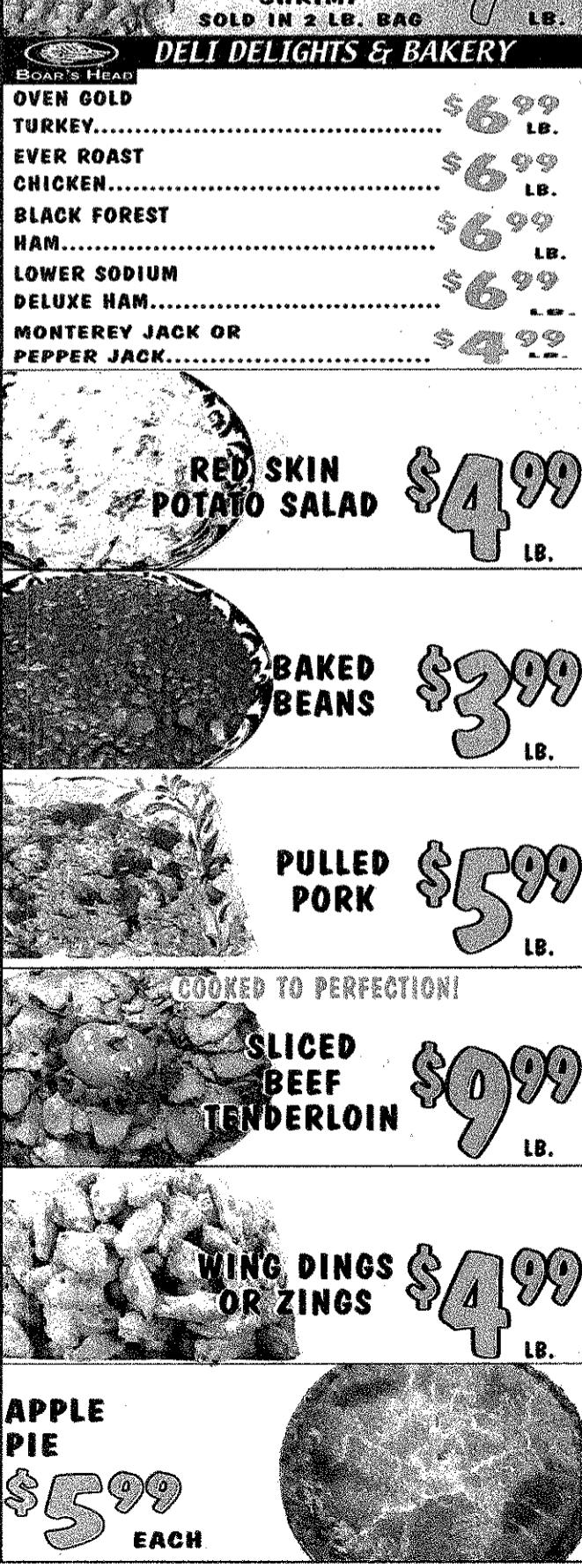
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Coins pocketed

### City of Grosse Pointe

#### Shoplifting

A 64-year-old Detroit woman with a criminal history dating back decades was arrested last week in the Village for stealing a purse and shoplifting, according to police.

Three public safety officers responded at 12:16 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, to a report of the woman taking the purse of a Coldwater Creek employee out of a room off-limits to customers.

The purse's owner pursued the suspect onto the Kercheval sidewalk.

"The perpetrator initially denied having (the purse), then gave it back," the victim reportedly told Sgt. Michael Almeranti.

The suspect also was investigated for allegedly discarding items in a sidewalk trash receptacle.

"Inside the trash, (I) found two women's tops from (Boutique) Bellissima's totaling \$303.98," Almeranti said.

Officers searching the woman found 15 pieces of unpaid jewelry totaling \$187.85 from the Village Toy Company.

Representatives of Bellissima and the toy store said the woman recently had been on their premises.

#### Coin pocketed

The owner of a store in the 17600 block of Mack was ready when an 18-year-old male entered at about noon Monday, Jan. 17.

The owner activated a security video intended to document the teenager stealing valuable coins.

Public safety officers responded when the suspect reportedly pocketed 10 Morgan silver dollars worth a combined \$350.

"The victim stated the offender has been in the store before doing the same thing," said Officer Joseph Adams.

The suspect was accompanied by his brother, who was let go, but banned from the property.

A 21-year-old woman of unspecified address was investigated for waiting nearby in a blue van. Officers turned her over to Harper Woods police on a \$350 warrant for shoplifting.

—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

#### Never drinks

A 40-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman registered a

.172 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 12:39 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, on Mack near LaBelle.

The woman reportedly told police she'd been at a bar in Grosse Pointe Park.

"The driver appeared disoriented," said the arresting officer. "(She) stated she had three beers and never drinks."

#### Major theft

A woman who recently quit a housekeeping job in the Farms is suspected of stealing nearly \$370,000 worth of her former employer's jewelry and cash.

The suspect, of Sterling Heights, reportedly left the Farms' family's employment in December.

The employer thinks the thefts began last May, according to police.

Police said missing items include a combined \$1,000 cash missing in at least two incidents from the employer's purse.

Missing jewelry consists of a:

- ◆ 30-inch strand of white pearls valued at \$30,000,

- ◆ 30-inch strand with silver beads with black onyx valued at \$20,000,

- ◆ large gold necklace with a 3-carat heart-shaped diamond in gold worth \$45,000,

- ◆ women's large, \$50,000 Rolex gold watch with diamonds around the face,

- ◆ platinum teardrop 5-karat ring encased with diamond baguettes with a total value of \$150,000 and

- ◆ gold ring with a 3 1/2-carat diamond surrounded by 1/2-carat diamonds with a total value of \$70,000.

The meeting was spurred by the city council's denial of a request by at least seven merchants to keep their neon signs.

City officials recently began enforcing a 10-year-old city ordinance banning the use of neon in store windows.

According to city officials, some 50 merchants were told

"Some of the items had (the victim's) husband's name engraved on them, such as 'Love, George,'" said a public safety officer. "One item had 'NOVA' engraved on it."

The woman's driver's license had been suspended twice.

#### Nabbed driving

Shortly after determining that driving privileges had been suspended for the owner of a white 1994 Cadillac found parked shortly before 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, blocking the sidewalk on Beaupre near Kerby, a patrolman spotted a man matching a description of the suspect operating the car on Ridgemont near Chalfonte.

The officer arrested the man, a 21-year-old Harrison Township resident. The suspect also was wanted

in Harper Woods and Harrison Township for failing to appear in court on unspecified charges, according to police.

—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

#### Safe than sorry

Public safety officers responding to a residential carbon monoxide alarm during the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 24, on Blairmoor Court determined there was no emergency and all was in order.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## VOTE: Attorney: 'litigation is not off the table.'

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of Elan Candies, during an organizational meeting with merchants affected by the ordinance.

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle, who voted in favor of the merchants, attended the meeting, identified herself as a concerned citizen and did not speak.

Also in attendance was Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. When asked if the chamber would take a stand on the issue, she said she was merely gathering information. The board will decide whether to take a position.

The meeting was spurred by business owners in attendance said they did not think securing enough petition signatures to secure the ballot question would be an issue.

"I talk to people and they

can't believe the city is doing this," said Carol Alfonsi, owner of Little Tony's. "I don't think we'll have any problem getting the signatures."

Gary M. Wilson, an attorney representing Merit Woods Pharmacy and Little Tony's, said a ballot question is preferred in attempting to overturn the ban.

"This is the best way to go," he said. "It is very expensive to file a lawsuit, and I have spoken with my clients and they agree that this is the best option for now."

He did not, however, rule out future court action.

"Litigation is not off the table," he said.

Acting on the advice of counsel, city officials declined comment.

#### City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council at the City Municipal Office, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, for review of Community Development Block Grant.

The following activities are proposed for programming of 2011 funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Sewer Repairs   | \$41,900  |
| Senior Services (SOC)                                 | 19,000    |
| Joint Grosse Pointe Senior Housing Rehabilitation-SOC | 30,000    |
| Administration  | 10,100    |
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## Beline Obeid Realty

Beline Obeid Realty, 19846 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, opened in November with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by, from left, Al Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator; Tony Obeid; Frank Lorbach; Beline Obeid; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Mark Manardo; office manager Judi Arnold; Woods business official Gene Tutag; Al LaHood; Jennifer Boettcher, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; and Gregory LaHood. Obeid has more than 22 years experience in the Grosse Pointe real estate market. The website is [beline@beline.com](mailto:beline@beline.com) and telephone number is (313) 343-0100.

## GRANTS: City chips away at projects

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side."

Dame added, "At some point, we're going to tackle all corners in the Village. It is more expensive than the standard project because it involves (sidewalk) pavers."

This year's anticipated sidewalk allocation totals \$41,890.

Money expected for SOC totals \$41,210. Most of that — \$30,000 — goes to SOC's mi-

nor home repair program.

The city is retaining \$5,900 of grant money to administer designated projects.

Block grants come from tax money funneled by the federal government through county government.

"Final programming amounts are subject to approval of Wayne County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," Dame said.

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Each driver has been equipped head to toe with jackets, shirts, pants, boots and hats for winter protection, as well as attire for the coming year.

Carhartt also has agreed to equip any new drivers brought into the Forgotten Harvest family.

Drivers are picking up fresh food daily from 455 food donors and delivering it to 158 emergency food providers in Metro Detroit.

"These drivers are the heart and soul of the organization," said Mark Valade, CEO of Carhartt. "This is a wonderful opportunity to donate our product to men and women

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### GUEST OPINION By Seth Hanlon

## The mortgage interest deduction

**T**he mortgage interest deduction is by far the nation's largest housing program. This tax break, the country's third largest, is expected to provide homeowners subsidies totaling about \$105 billion this year, more than double the entire budget for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

And yet this special tax provision, like many tax expenditures, receives far less scrutiny than direct spending programs that serve similar purposes.

The following are a few commonly raised questions:

♦ What is the mortgage interest deduction?

If you take out a loan to buy a house, the interest you pay on the mortgage is tax deductible.

To see how this works, consider two families with equal incomes of \$100,000. One family owns its house and pays \$2,000 in interest on its mortgage each month, or \$24,000 annually. The other pays \$2,000 a month to rent an apartment. The family who owns their house can deduct \$24,000 from its taxable income and pay taxes as if they only earned \$76,000. The renter family is taxed on all \$100,000 of its income. (This example ignores other exemptions or deductions that would be available to both taxpayers, lowering their taxable income.) The homeowners pay about \$6,000 less in taxes a year.

On its face, that's a powerful incentive to borrow money and buy a house. Or a second house. Mortgage interest is deductible not only on primary residences but on second houses, including vacation houses, on total debt up to \$1.1 million. (The \$1.1 million limit is the combined limit for "home acquisition" debt, \$1 million; and "home equity debt," \$100,000. The IRS has ruled these two limits may be combined for a single mortgage loan, making the limit effectively \$1.1 million. Visit [irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/r2-2010-25.pdf](http://irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/r2-2010-25.pdf).)

♦ Why is it a "tax expenditure"?

The mortgage interest deduction is written into the tax code. It is an exception from the general rule that you can't deduct personal expenses — for example, interest on your credit card or the cost of a new television set isn't deductible, and neither is one's rent. Such special provisions are considered "tax expenditures" if they cost the federal government revenue.

Economists use the word "expenditure" in this context because these tax breaks are essentially the same as spending programs. If the government wrote checks to homeowners to help them cover their mortgage payments instead of giving them a tax break, the effect on both the taxpayers and the federal treasury would be the same.

♦ Is the mortgage interest deduction effective at promoting homeownership?

The mortgage interest deduction helps millions of middle-class homeowners. (Homeownership may not have been the deduction's original purpose, but it is clear Congress has preserved it because of its connection to homeownership.) But it helps wealthy families much more.

If the purpose of the deduction is to encourage homeownership, one way to gauge its effectiveness is to see how well it targets the so-called marginal homebuyer, for whom a tax subsidy could mean the difference between being able or unable to afford a house purchase.

It turns out the mortgage interest deduction is poorly targeted according to this criterion. Households with incomes between \$40,000 and \$75,000 receive, on average, \$523 from the mortgage interest deduction. Households with incomes above \$250,000 receive \$5,459, or more than 10 times as much. Visit [real.wharton.upenn.edu/~sinai/papers/Poterba-Sinai-2008-ASSA-final.pdf](http://real.wharton.upenn.edu/~sinai/papers/Poterba-Sinai-2008-ASSA-final.pdf).

This "upside-down effect" happens for two main reasons:

— Wealthier individuals naturally tend to have more expensive houses and bigger mortgages, and therefore more deductible interest.

— Tax deductions confer a bigger benefit on taxpayers in the highest income brackets. For a family in the 35 percent tax bracket, a \$100 deduction is \$35 less he owes the IRS at year's end. That same \$100 deduction is worth only \$10 to the family in the lowest 10 percent bracket.

In addition, the mortgage interest deduction is an "itemized" deduction. Most taxpayers, including most homeowners, claim the standard deduction instead because it is worth more to them. For millions of taxpayers, therefore, the mortgage interest deduction provides no added incentive to buy a house.

It helps the wealthy more. But does this tax break lead to overall higher levels of homeownership?

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### Council not listening

#### To the Editor:

Roughly 500 petitions signed by Grosse Pointe Woods residents were submitted by businesses requesting exceptions to the neon sign ordinance.

Each of these petitions clearly indicated the residents — taxpayers — have no issue with the neon signs that exist, or did exist, on Mack Avenue.

No one on council indicated any of the signs in question were offensive in any way, and there was general agreement that there has never been any public outcry against these signs. Still, they denied each of our requests.

I attended the Jan. 17 Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, to make a request for an exception to the neon sign ordinance as it applied to Elan Candies. The ordinance was established in 2002, and while it originally had grandfathering provisions for businesses with existing neon at that time, the grandfathering expired, and 58 businesses were notified to remove their signs in October.

Fifty of the businesses who were notified have since removed their signs, and eight owners, including Elan's, exercised their rights to appeal as per the provisions in the ordinance.

It was clear from our first visit with the planning commission there was no consideration given to our appeals. Instead, there seemed to be a pervasive atmosphere of fear for the slippery slope it would create if an exception were granted.

At the meeting on Monday night, the council — with the exception of Lisa Pinkos Howle, who courageously stood up for the business community — held a long charade with these businesses, and said on numerous occasions "how could we grant one if not all?" Fair enough, but if that were the case, why did they accept our \$150 "appeal fees" if they

had no intention of granting any?

I recently counted vacant businesses on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. There are 25 today, and I suspect that number is growing. When we took our space in 1996, we had three locations to choose from. I think our government could find better ways to deploy our resources than making it harder for businesses to operate.

Finally, at the end of Monday night, the council appointed a replacement for the vacant council seat. Sixteen applications were submitted, and 16 resumes were supplied — including mine, a 25-year resident and 15-year business owner in Grosse Pointe Woods and a certified public accountant with a master's degree.

No interviews were conducted. (Mine or any of the other well-qualified candidates). It seems a fait accompli, much like the sign appeals.

ALAN DOMZALSKI

Grosse Pointe Woods

### Voting

#### To the Editor:

Last week the Grosse Pointe News ran a story claiming my "No" vote on paying a bill was for publicity, and I admitted as much.

That is untrue. The vote had nothing to do with publicity. I never said it did.

I vote in the best interest of the residents — and I always will.

It's a shame some people are brainwashed into believing voting unanimously is a good thing.

If a city council or any body of elected representatives all vote the same way, they are no longer necessary. A dictator can accomplish that.

DAN SCHULTE

Councilman

Grosse Pointe Shores

### For the Pointes

#### To the Editor:

Friends in community:

### GUEST OPINION By Michael D. LaFaive

## Four cheers for Gov. Snyder

**T**he first three weeks of Gov. Rick Snyder's administration has provided plenty to cheer about especially fiscal policy issues.

Cheer No. 1: Candidate

Snyder said, more than once,

the extraordinary cost of providing expensive and generous benefits to public employees would need to be reduced.

He then repeated this as Governor-elect Snyder in a Washington Post article. In his first State of the State speech he courageously brought up

the state's massive unfunded post-retirement employee benefits liabilities and costs, which theoretically exceed \$50 billion.

Our new governor appears to be ready to address these fiscal policy problems openly and directly.

Cheer No. 2: As in his cam-

paign, Snyder has promised to replace the hated Michigan Business Tax with a flat corporate income tax of 6 percent, which if successful, could mean a \$1.5 billion business tax cut. This may have a profound, pos-

itive effect.

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cle, "Beaumont could see zoning change," Jan. 27 Grosse Pointe News, which revealed Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe — formerly Bon Secour — is currently and has been for years, zoned residential.

That the City of Grosse Pointe has allowed continuous expansion — destruction of residential structures; the commercialization of our neighborhood; additional light pollution, via the expanded parking lot signage; etc. — by the hospital, over the many objections of the neighbors, has always been a sore point with me.

To find out now they have done all this in a residentially zoned neighborhood is not only appalling, but, quite frankly, at best it seems the epitome of incompetence, and at worst, a clear example of criminal negligence.

Thank you, Grosse Pointe News, for reporting this. It proves what I've long suspected, which is the City of Grosse Pointe simply doesn't care what the hospital neighbors think; none of the decision-makers live near it.

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City of Grosse Pointe

### New school paper

#### To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Grosse Pointe News for your generous donation of 20 back issues of your newspaper for our investigation of newspaper writing and production.

We are in the process of creating a class newspaper and have found it useful to analyze and model our paper after the Grosse Pointe News.

We plan on recognizing your donation in our first issue.

We have enjoyed dissecting your articles, examining your interviewing techniques, analyzing editorials to see the differences between fact and opinion, locating the "5 W's" of good newspaper writing and checking out your general layout.

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

# Memorabilia brings home to mind



**T**aking a brass sunburst clock, circa 1950, to the repair shop, the clerk said, this style is highly sought after today. "You're kidding? This is worth something?" I asked.

The brass clock hung in my parents' living room forever. The sweep hand always got stuck on the numeral one and I would have to lift it up, tighten the nut and let it tick for a few more hours until the nut came loose again.

I rescued the clock when the house was sold. My brother indicated he wanted the clock because it reminded him of the wallpapered living room of our youth.

"Where are you going to put it," I asked.

"In the living room," he said.

"No, it's not hanging in there," his wife said.

"In the garage," he consented.

Bless my sister-in-law. We agreed on the clock's placement.

Yet advice-givers say household items meaning home and were really used are objects to be saved and passed on.

Also suggested are objects of significant occasions, i.e. the program handed out when John Mayer appeared in a tiny

Ann Arbor night club, pre-celebrity status; an embarrassing photo; a heirloom or an average piece of clothing. My husband's leisure suit would fit this category. It is in the "You wore that in public?" column.

My daughter's memories surround my blue fleece jacket purchased when fleece was just coming into popularity.

"I really need to replace this coat," I told my daughter a few years ago.

"You can't." She was adamant. "You wore that to all my soccer games. That's the way I remember you."

She's right. I probably wore that jacket to 300 of her 500 soccer games, the other 200 I wore a winter coat or no coat. It was a weather-related jacket.

The button-up jacket was my soccer-mom staple. The large patch pockets held facial tissues, Band-Aids, extra elastic pony tail elastic holders, earrings, rings and watches that couldn't be worn on the field, sunglasses case, prewrap and receipts for hot chocolate, juice boxes and oranges.

Christmas 2010, both children received a piece of artwork, which to date has yet to find a place of honor on their bedroom walls.

In my best Mom tone, I said, each would be hauling those 11-inch-by-17-inch pieces of work, that took me three years to embroider, to nearly every abode in which they will reside for the rest of their long lives.

The framed pieces are not what they would have chosen

to remember their dear mother because they have chosen some other sentimental item, which today is interwoven in the life they remember as home; a container which says, "I remember when Mom used

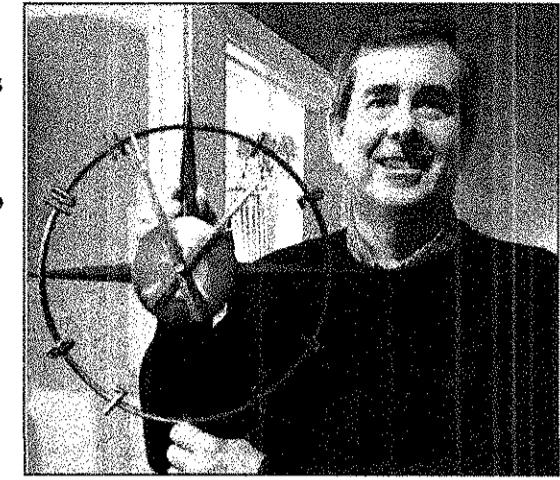


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this for ...."

It's not for me to say what they should want; it's for each to chose a memory, whether it's the coat or clock, vase, Christmas ornaments or a piece of heirloom jewelry.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt



## What do you like best about the library?

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Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

# Pondering the imponderables

**A**s a retiree, at times I find myself relaxing in my favorite home-office chair while I cogitate on the events of the day.

Actually, before I drift off into never-never land, I occupy part of my day by completing a crossword puzzle, thus the reason the word "cogitate" is in this column.

As I sat doing so recently, I started to ponder several items in the news of late. So here is what was running through my mind on a frigid, gloomy day in late January:

♦ Now that two teams have been christened to play in the Super Bowl — Packers versus Steelers — we will be inundated with stories about the "Big Game." Notice I said Big Game, because, for whatever reason, the NFL has a copyright on the words "Super Bowl" and thus that name cannot be used in commercials, ads or contests without the "express written consent of the League." Now I am not a copyright lawyer, but where does this madness end? Is the World Series copyrighted? Or how about World Wrestling? Ponder that if you will.

♦ Speaking of the Super Bowl, have you seen the price of tickets? Back when the first

Super Bowl was played or as it was called, "The AFL-NFL World Championship Game," tickets had a face-value of \$10. For this year's Super Bowl in Dallas, face-value ranges from \$600 to \$1,200. Having said that, cogitate — there's that word again — on this for a while: A private suite on the 40-yard line that can accommodate 25 fans has a price of \$609,000.

If that is not within your budget, you can sit outside the stadium on the grass while you watch the game on huge screens. The cost? Only \$200, but you have to purchase four tickets. As a perk, you get free parking, four programs and each of you gets a scarf.

And if you thought that was ridiculous, how about a parking spot at the Jack In The Box restaurant across the street from Cowboys Stadium for \$990! Wonder if it comes with all the "Ultimate Cheeseburgers" you can eat along with a visit from Jack the Clown. I'm pondered out!

♦ Ponder this the next time you attend a sporting event: As reported recently in the Wall Street Journal, it is estimated 8 percent of fans who exit the stadium are legally drunk. Sure makes that drive home trying to dodge all the sots on the

street ponderous.

♦ I'm pondering why we are still depleting our corn crop to manufacture E85 gasoline, which to the best of my knowledge, no one is buying. Heck, my new car doesn't even take the corn gas. Everything made with corn has skyrocketed in price, and yet there are few stations that even sell the corn nublet turned into fuel.

♦ Ponder this, if you will: Stacy's Pita Chips sold at Costco are so thick you need teeth of steel to break through the treat. The same chips sold at Sam's Club are thin and easily digested. I called the company and evidently there are two distinct snacks made — one thick and one thin. Guess the people who frequent Costco have better teeth.

♦ You men out there who are pondering what to buy your better-half for Valentine's Day, should cogitate on this: If you lived in Iran you could save a lot of money, because Valentine's Day gifts such as cards, boxes, with the symbols of hearts and red roses have been banned. Iran considers Valentine's Day a spread of Western culture. Even unmarried couples are not allowed to mingle.

So to experience a debt-free Valentine's Day, just travel to

Iran. Keep in mind when you depart your flight you will be in the 16th century.

♦ I was in a restaurant the other day and noticed a wall of small lockers containing wine along with the owners' names inscribed on gold plates. Is this the height of ostentatiousness or what? Some of the names were of professional sports players. One that caught my eye was a fellow's name along with his "significant other."

Guess each time he brings a new date for dinner, he can explain it is her name on the plate.

♦ Just the other day I was pondering the number of so-called Mafia members arrested. What was particularly interesting was the names of these scum bags: Tony Bagels, Junior Lollipops, Vinny Carwash, The Claw, Meatball and Jimmy Gooch. Most of the names on the list ended in a vowel, except for John Hartmann and Christopher Reynolds. Just like

in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," where each time a bell rings an angel gets its wings, maybe each time a body washes ashore, these two guys will get a name ending in a vowel — "forget about it."

♦ Living in the country as we do, there are a multitude of roads in disrepair and there seems to be a plethora — another good crossword puzzle word — of signs heralding, "Bump." With the time and effort it takes to prepare and install these signs, don't you think it would be easier to just remove the bump? I ponder this every day when my teeth are jarred by navigating the roads out here.

♦ This is worth pondering. Saw a "Letter to the Editor" the other day from a war veteran. He indicated he and his cohorts fought and died for our freedom. As such, he now concludes he should be able to smoke in restaurants and other

buildings where smoking has been banned. He feels his being a veteran entitles him to freedom in whatever he wants to do.

That's fine, but just don't infringe on my right to be free of smoke that causes various diseases and cancer. And all along I thought our brave soldiers fought for freedom from the Japanese and the Germans — didn't know some were fighting for the right to smoke. But heck, that's just me.

♦ In a previous column I mentioned I am not a fan of "Alvin and The Chipmunks." After a load of comments from readers who took exception to that stance, I am pondering another group for my "Please just go away" list. So here goes: It's over for the Smurfs. So ponder that!

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

## CHEERS: To Gov. Snyder

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itive impact on job growth in Michigan. Not only is Snyder prepared to take less money from business owners, he wants to make their burdens easier to manage, too.

Cheer No. 3: Snyder surprised his State of the State speech audience with the proposal to repeal wholesale Michigan's archaic item pricing law. Even former Attorney General Frank Kelley — who made a career of enforcing it — endorsed its repeal.

This regulatory change will lower the cost of doing business for countless job

providers in Michigan, freeing up resources they can use to invest in existing or new businesses.

This was a deft maneuver and one we hope to see more of in matters of regulation.

Cheer No. 4: Snyder has promised to no longer count unverifiable estimates of "spin-off" jobs allegedly created when the Michigan Economic Development Corp. grants special favors to particular firms.

While eliminating the agency's discriminatory tax breaks and subsidies would be better, more honest accounting is a giant step forward in transparency and accountability for an agency that has had little of either in the past decade.

New Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Mike Finney has directed his staff not to report alleged spin-off

jobs in its press releases.

Snyder seems to be off to a good fiscal policy start on balance. Let's hope it continues.

Granholm leaves state to find work

It's recently the 5th anniversary of former Gov. Jennifer Granholm's promise Michigan residents would be "blown away" by the gobs of jobs her latest economic development program would create.

How ironic she, of all people, would flee the state to find work.

She is certainly not the first former governor to do so, but her failed promise of economic nirvana — timed to coincide after she had safely left office — is one that should not be forgotten by those left behind.

Michael D. LaFaive is director of the Mackinac Center's Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative.

## MORTGAGE: Homeowners' deductions

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The evidence here is mixed. Several studies have found a lack of evidence the deduction increases overall homeowner rates. Anticipated tax savings from the deduction might be built into the prices of houses, especially in high-cost areas. Those higher house prices could be preventing marginal and first-time homebuyers from taking the plunge.

♦ Is encouraging people to take out house loans always a good idea?

The mortgage interest deduction has been criticized for encouraging household debt. It applies to up to \$100,000 in home equity loans in addition to mortgages. (Interest on home equity debt that exceeds the house's fair market value cannot be deducted, even if it is within the \$100,000 cap.) That encourages people to reduce the equity they have in their houses.

The recent recession under-

scored the dangers involved in excessive debt and leverage. In the wake of recent housing price declines, 22.5 percent of homeowners are "underwater" — they owe more than their houses are worth.

♦ How might the mortgage interest deduction be reformed?

There have been many proposals to reform or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction, from eliminating it for second homes to limiting it to lower mortgage amounts. These and other proposals would help right the deduction's "upside-down" effect.

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform recently proposed to transform the deduction into a nonrefundable tax credit equal to 12 percent of mortgage interest paid. That would give homeowners in all brackets the same tax savings a household in the 12 percent bracket would receive from the current mortgage interest deduction.

(Twelve percent is the lowest tax bracket under the commission's plan.) The commission also proposed to lower the debt cap for the deduction from its current level of \$1.1 million to \$500,000.

Under the commission's plan, there would be no credit for interest on home equity lines of credit or second-home mortgages.

But reform is difficult. Eliminating the subsidy abruptly would be very harsh on homeowners who determined how big a mortgage they could afford with the assumption they would receive this tax break. In addition, the deduction has probably driven up house prices. Eliminating it would lower house values to the detriment of current homeowners — although future owners could see lower prices. Particularly right now, when falling house prices have hurt the overall economy, this could have an adverse affect on economic growth.

The mortgage interest deduction is closely associated with homeownership and, by extension, the "American Dream." But as a \$100 billion government spending program, it deserves as much scrutiny as any program of similar magnitude.

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**BOYS HOCKEY**

## Liggett, North ice top-ranked opposition

Knights beat  
Toledo  
St. Francis

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

University Liggett's boys' hockey team won one of its biggest games in years last week, beating Toledo St. Francis de Sales 4-3.

The school of 750 boys brought a record of 28-3-1 and a top-ranking in Ohio into the game. In addition, de Sales flattened Liggett 8-2 a week earlier.

"We finally had a full lineup and it was evident because our guys were fresher and played much better and beat a very good hockey team tonight," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "It was nice to see the guys play a solid game after a few not-so-swell outings. This was a nice game for our team."

The host Knights were tied 1-1 after the first period as junior Connor Wiggins scored with sophomore Jacob Soyka netting an assist.

De Sales went up 2-1, but sophomore Mark Auk scored a power play goal at the 8:50 mark to once again tie the

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PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETTI

Liggett sophomore Mark Auk scored two goals, including the game winner, in the Knights' win over one of Ohio's top prep teams, St. Francis de Sales.

Norsemen net big win over No. 1 CK

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team beat the No. 1-ranked team in Division 3, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 3-2 in overtime last weekend.

"They're a really good team and it was an even game statistically, but we found a way to win," head coach Scott Lock said. "We're banged up and missing some of our top players, but that meant our other guys stepped up and played very well. We had good goaltending and beat a quality division team."

Junior Joe Aluia scored the game-winning goal after the Norsemen carried the play in the extra session, including hitting a couple of posts.

Junior Chip Wujek earned the win in net, giving the Norsemen three straight solid goaltending performances.

Junior Joe Giordano and sophomore Jeff Herron scored in regulation for the Norsemen.

After regulation, each team

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North's Joe Aluia had two goals and two assists in the Norsemen's victory over Port Huron Northern and the winner over Cranbrook Kingswood.

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## Bragging rights

North girls' hockey team battles city rival University Liggett PAGE 2C

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## RIVALS

## Girls hockey

# Quick start leads North past Liggett

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North used a quick start to beat city rival University Liggett 5-2 last week.

When the two teams played earlier in the season, the

Norsemen used a dominating first period to beat the Knights.

"Getting the early lead helped a lot," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "We played pretty well tonight, but not our best. We have the potential to be a very good team."

"We just stood around too

much in the first period and let them take it to us," Liggett head coach Laura Aiken said. "After the poor first period, we played an even game with North."

The host Norsemen were in total control in the opening period, scoring three times and holding the Knights to only two shots on net.

Sophomore C.J. McCarthy, who made the switch from defense to forward, scored at the 11:34 mark with senior Kaily Sickmiller and sophomore Bryn Moody getting assists.

At the 7:54 mark, senior Taylor Moody blasted a slapshot past senior netminder Mariah Passalacqua as senior Megan Bergeron and sophomore Julia Henderson had the assists. McCarthy scored again at the 4:32 mark, poking in a rebound. Taylor Moody and junior Jennifer Cusmano drew assists.

It was an even game after that point, as both teams scored two goals.

The Knights got on the board when junior Haleigh Bolton scored an unassisted goal, but the Norsemen regained their three-goal lead when Bergeron tallied with sophomore Sara Villani had an assist.

It was a 5-1 game when Sickmiller scored. Villani and Cusmano had the assists.

Junior Haley Smith rounded out the scoring, tallying a goal at the 7:27 mark with Bolton drawing the lone assist.

Liggett hosted Farmington



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Grosse Pointe North's C.J. McCarthy, left, battles Liggett's Aria Ganz-Waple for position in front of the Knights' net during the Norsemen's victory.

Hills Mercy the night before, shutting out the Marlins 7-0 behind Bolton's hat trick.

"The girls did a nice job and it was nice for Mariah to get the shutout," Aiken said. "It was close at the end when Mercy had a couple of nice

shots on net, but Mariah held her ground and made some big saves to keep the shutout."

Haley Smith, freshman Danielle Lorant and seniors Keegin Fisher and Natalie Peracchio also scored goals. Senior Kinaya Smith, sophomore Aria Ganz-Waple and freshman Caroline Eckrich had assists.

North improved to 12-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 13-1 overall; Liggett stands 7-6 in league play and 7-8 overall.

Grosse Pointe North's Megan Bergeron, left, had a goal as did Liggett's Haleigh Bolton, right.

## LIGGETT: 3rd period tally wins it

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game. Wiggins had an assist.

The visitors seemed to gain all of the momentum heading into the second intermission, thanks to scoring a goal with a two-man advantage with only 14.6 seconds left in the second period.

The Knights caught lightning in a bottle seconds later when freshman Lord Anthony Grissom gained possession of the puck after the face-off and muscled his way through two defenders to score an unassisted short-handed goal with only 7.1 seconds remaining. It was a huge goal for the home team.

"Lord Anthony was determined to score that goal and boy was it a big goal for us," McIntyre said. "It gave us new

life heading into the third period."

Midway through the final period, Auk scored the game-winning goal on the power play. Juniors Jeff Mott and David Gushee had the assists.

After taking the lead, the Knights buckled down defensively as Mott, junior Jake Hodges, Grissom and Auk smothered De Sales forwards coming into the zone. Junior goaltender Joseph Davenport came up with a few timely saves to preserve the huge victory for the Knights.

Earlier in the week, Liggett blasted visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 5-2 as Soyka and Wiggins had two goals apiece and Mott added a tally.

"We're getting everyone back and that makes us a deeper team," McIntyre said. "I've had to move guys around and switch some guys from offense to defense to balance the lineup."

Liggett improved to 12-5 overall after a 9-2 win over Dexter last weekend.



Celebrating after scoring a ULS goal are, from left, Connor Wiggins, Lord Anthony Grissom, Jake Hodges and Mark Auk.

## NORTH: Team plays solid hockey

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had 28 shots on net and were whistled for only two penalties.

Earlier in the week, North hosted Port Huron Northern and won 4-1 behind Aluia's four-point effort. He had two goals and two assists and senior Jeff Ryan earned the win in net.

Junior Anthony Saleh scored 25 seconds into the opening period with Aluia and junior J.P. Lucchese netting assists. The Huskies tied the game, but after that it was all North.

Aluia scored the game-winning goal 18 seconds into the second period with Lucchese and sophomore Anthony Allemon drawing assists and Lucchese made it a 3-1 game with a tally later in the second period. Senior Brad Herron and Aluia had assists.

Saleh and Lucchese assisted on Aluia's third-period goal that came just 20 seconds into the final frame.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-5-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 7-8-2 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY PETER MARSHALL

## Tough loss

South's Nate Erickson, shown at right against Port Huron Northern in a recent game, and his teammates outshot Ann Arbor Pioneer 33-10, but lost 4-1. Max Corbett scored the lone goal with Wes Cimarrusti and Ryley Maher netting assists. The Blue Devils dropped to 8-7-1 overall.

LIGGETT

## Knights destroy MIAC opponent

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Since losing its first game of the season Jan. 18, University Liggett's boys' basketball team has been on a mission.

Last week, the Knights crushed visiting Lutheran Westland 84-47 as sophomore Connor Fannon posted his first-ever triple-double, scoring 13 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and blocking 10 shots.

"Our defensive movement is what we're looking for and tonight it was very good," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "The guys did a great job of contesting shots, creating turnovers, rebounding and dominating the paint."

Fannon did his damage off the bench, coming in at the 2:08 mark of the first quarter after senior Dominic Jamett was called for his second foul of the game.

Fannon scored three points in the second quarter, six in the third and four in the fourth. At one point in the third quarter, Fannon blocked four shots on four straight Westland possessions.

The Knights were on fire from the get-go, scoring more than 20 points in each of the first three quarters and managing 17 points in the final

quarter when the game was out of reach.

"We did everything right tonight," Johnson said. "Our guys did a nice job holding them to one shot per possession and then grabbing the rebound, getting a quick outlet pass and heading up the court for a high percentage shot."

The Warriors were never in the game as the Knights won the opening quarter 23-9 and the second 22-14, taking a 45-23 halftime lead.

The Knights put 22 points on the board in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 67-38.

Sophomore KeVaughn Jackson also had 13 points, followed by senior Carl Ghafari with 10, sophomore Eric Ewing with nine, Jamett with eight, junior Eddie Thomas with eight, sophomore Drew Jerome with seven, sophomore Andrew Zinkel with six, sophomore Stephen Benard with six, sophomore Andrew Heaney with two and freshman Ian Clark with one.

The Knights forced 17 turnovers, blocked 12 shots and pulled down 35 rebounds. Earlier in the week, Liggett crunched Bloomfield Hills Rooper 66-45, improving to 6-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 9-1 overall.

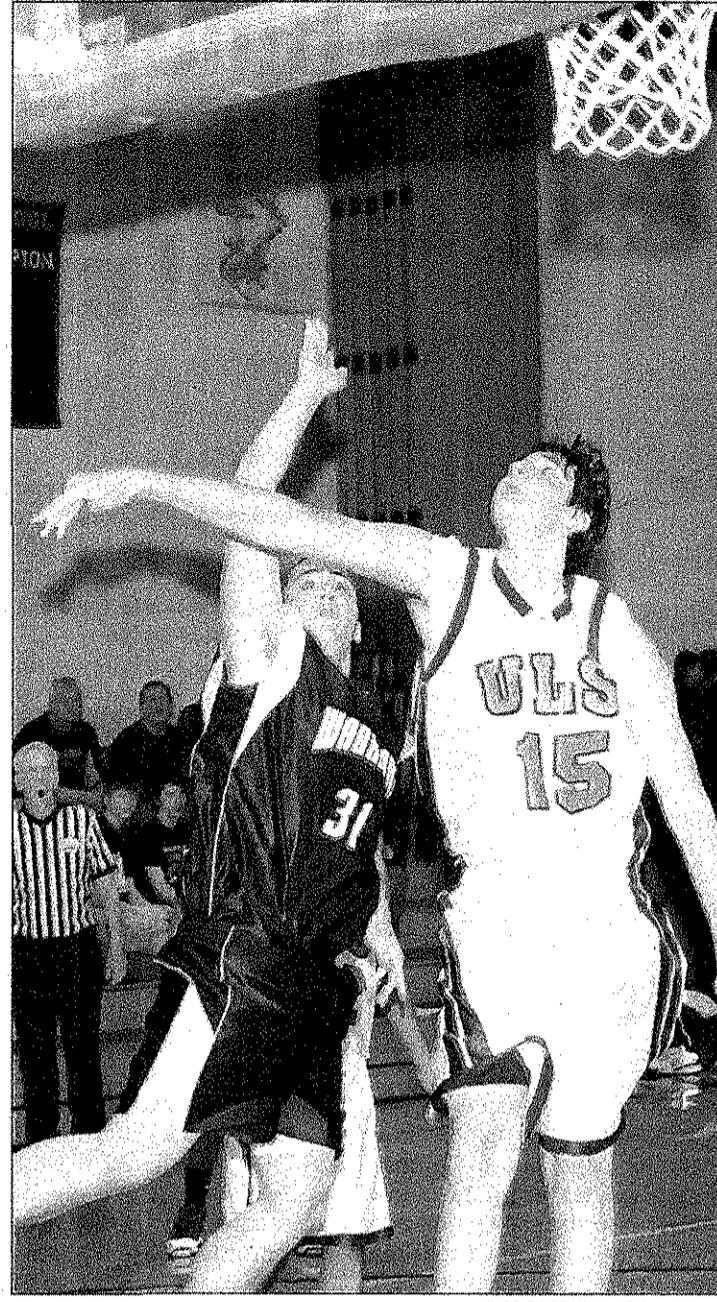


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Liggett sophomore Connor Fannon, right, gets one of his 10 blocked shots during the Knights' lopsided win over Lutheran Westland.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

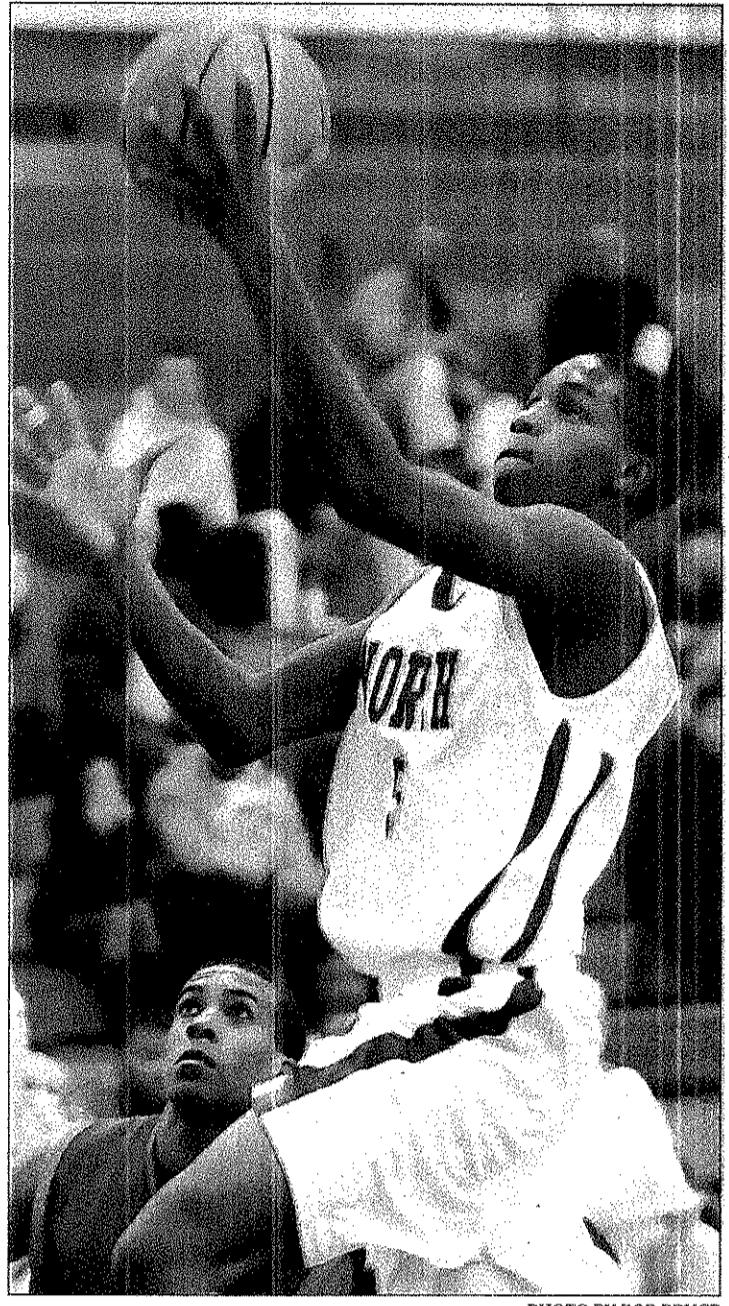


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## Battling the undefeated

Grosse Pointe North senior Chris Collins, No. 5, shown above against Grosse Pointe South, and his teammates took on host and undefeated Eastpointe East Detroit last weekend. Once again, head coach Matt Lockhart had the Norsemen playing well, but in the end it wasn't well enough to keep the Shamrocks from staying undefeated. Collins scored 10 points, while junior Clark Ditzhazy had 11 as the Norsemen lost 64-56, dropping to 1-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-9 overall.

## PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



PHOTO BY JEFF GARLAND

## Pierce rocks

The Pierce Middle School eighth-grade boys' basketball team finished the season with an 11-1 record. The team was led in scoring by Robert Durand and Sam Blanzy, who averaged seven points per game, while Jordan Maxwell and Brian Blanzy averaged six points per game. Pierce beat South Lake 51-25 and 59-32, Parcells 44-21 and 46-32, Kennedy 42-15 and 42-22, Jefferson 43-26 and 32-26, and Brownell 45-35 and 43-41. Pierce split its two games with Detroit Merit Academy, losing 50-44 and winning 50-37.

Pictured above are, front row from left, Joe Mays, Zack Thalgott, Jalen Cook, Adam Morris and Jujuan Cooper; middle row from left, James Fishback, Robert Durand, Chris Torlone, Sam Blanzy and Justin Carrier; and back row from left, Andrew Fabry, Brian Blanzy, Brandon Ten Hoopen, Josh Bielak, coach Andre Williams, Jaylen Barrett, Jordan Maxwell and Dallian Burnett.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils beat Big Reds

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team broke its modest two-game losing streak last week, blasting Chippewa Valley 65-50.

"We had a great shooting night," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "They played a zone against us and we were able to hit 10 three pointers against that before they changed to man-to-man."

The visiting Blue Devils jumped out to a 24-7 first-quarter lead and maintained the advantage at the half, up 33-27.

"The guys played very well against a MAC Red team," Grauzer said.

Senior Brandon Barkley had

23 points and 10 rebounds, while senior Victor Mattison chipped in with 15 points. Senior Corbet Conroy had nine points with senior Nick Diehl and junior Alex Bedan had five points apiece.

Three nights later, South lost another tough Macomb Area Conference White Division game, 52-50 at Port Huron Northern.

"This is the third straight league game we lost by two points," Grauzer said. "We had a chance to win it, but just couldn't finish. That has been the case in each of those games we lost the past couple weeks."

The Blue Devils hit a three-point basket to cut the deficit to a point, but once again free throws sealed the deal for the Huskies.

Barkley had his third straight big game, scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, and Mattison had 12 points.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-7 overall and 2-4 in the MAC White after the first go-around through the division.



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**SPORTS****Girls basketball****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Blue Devils roll by foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team took firm control of the Macomb Area Conference White Division race last week.

The Blue Devils took to the road and beat St. Clair 51-40, improving to 6-0 after the first round of division games. They hold a two-game lead over Warren Fitzgerald.

"They couldn't handle our pressure and we jumped out to a 42-20 lead early in the third quarter," head coach Kevin Richards said. "I have to give St. Clair credit because they never gave up and they battled back to cut it to eight before we got the game under control."

"This was a nice road win for us."

The Blue Devils led 27-12 at halftime and used their full-court pressure to bump the advantage to more than 20.

"I think we got a little complacent after building the big lead," Richards said. "It was

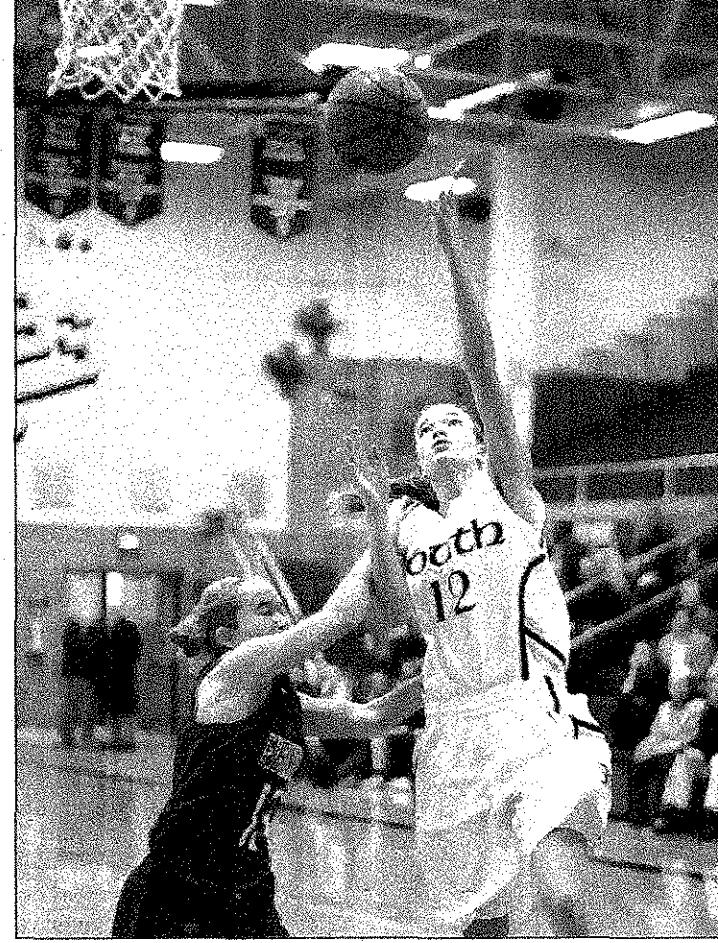


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**Junior Caitlin Moore, shown above in a game a couple of weeks ago, scored in double figures in both the Blue Devils' wins last week.**

nice to see the girls finish strong."

Senior Aisha Rodney and junior Caitlin Moore scored 20 points apiece to lead the Blue Devils.

Earlier in the week, South blitzed host Chippewa Valley 56-35 as sophomore Claire DeBoer posted a double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Rodney added 14 points, eight rebounds, four assists

and four steals, while Moore chipped in with 10 points.

Junior point guard Carmen Engel had her best game of the season, scoring eight points.

"Carmen is the toughest kid on our team," Richards said. "She drives through the lane and takes a beating, but keeps on getting up and is ready for more."

Grosse Pointe South, winners of nine games in a row, improved to 9-3 overall.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Blue Devils beat Dakota, win MAC Red Division dual meet championship

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

by Hessburg at 2:12.93, Nicholas Yoo at 2:15.81 and Johnny Allen at 2:16.80.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Boggs, Effinger and Jack Martin finished second, third and fourth with times of 24.39, 24.81 and 24.93, respectively.

In diving, Ben Cornillie and Eric Addy finished first and second with 183.30 and 176.10 points, respectively.

Johnson and Jackson took second and third in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 52.19 and 53.88, while in the 500-yard freestyle, Campbell won with a time of 4:56.04,

while Hessburg and John Dennehy took second and third with times of 5:17.89 and 5:22.38, respectively.

In the final two individual events, Joe Zampardo won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.97 and Allen was second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.76 to lead the Blue Devils.

Gunderson said season-best times were turned in by Cornillie in diving, Frank Cusmano in the 100-butterfly,

Graham in 100-backstroke, Jonathan Griffin in 500-

freestyle, Hessburg in 200-IM, Jackson in 200-freestyle,

Johnson in 200-IM, Alex Lagrou in 50-freestyle and 400-

relay lead off, Nick Leto in diving, Jack Martin in 100-breaststroke, Chad Ososki in 50-

freestyle and 100-breaststroke, C.J. Stafford in 200-freestyle

relay lead off, Yoo in 200-IM and Zampardo in 200-free.

Two nights later, South split a double dual meet, beating Ann Arbor Skyline 127-59 and lost 118-68 to Dexter.

The team of Campbell, Hessburg, Jackson and Johnson took second in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:42.77 and Campbell was runner-up in the 200-free with a time of 1:48.70.

Boggs came through to win the 200-IM with a time of 2:05.47, while Cornillie and Addy took second and third in diving with 173.25 and 164.20 points.

Zampardo was second in the 100-butterfly with a time of 56.53 and Campbell was second in the 100-free with a time of 49.04.

The Blue Devils bounced back to finish second in the 200-free relay as Johnson, Boggs, Hessburg and Campbell had a time of 1:32.90 and Jackson was able to secure third place in the 100-backstroke at 1:00.49.

The team's best finish came in the 100-breaststroke with Hessburg and Boggs taking first and second with times of 1:03.71 and 1:05.05 and the 400-free relay placed third as Jackson, Boggs, Graham and Yoo had a time of 1:47.10.

Grosse Pointe South finished 4-0 in the MAC Red and stands 7-2 overall.

**LIGGETT**

# Knights blast MIAC foe

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Another league game and another blowout for University Liggett's girls' basketball team.

The Knights took their undefeated Michigan Independent Athletic Conference record to Lutheran Westland last weekend as the second half of the league schedule began.

Head coach Wayne Gigante, adjusting his rotation after the loss of sophomore Julia DeRoo for the rest of the season, had four players score in double figures as the Knights won 64-21.

Junior Madison Ristovski had 28 points, followed by sophomores Haleigh Ristovski and Ariana Castillo with 12 points apiece, and freshman Angelia Evangelista with 11.

"Julia is a big loss for us," Gigante said. "She has been coming on strong and really understanding the game. Thankfully she will be back with us in the summer and she has been on our bench, cheering on the girls."

The Knights improved to 7-0 in the MIAC, winning each game by an average of 39.5 points per game, and 12-1 overall.

**LIGGETT**

# Knights double Clawson

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Zmyslowski and Connor Borrego won with a time of 2:08.15.

Senior captain Morgan Walker earned her first ever first place last week to help University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team beat Clawson 103-52.

Walker won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:23.47 and teammate Mary Nehra was second at 2:25.37.

The visiting Knights, under head coach Ryan Gunderson, earned several first- and second-place finishes to cruise by the Trojans.

Mallory Jamett and Kara Zmyslowski took second and third in the 200-yard individual medley with times of 2:28.43 and 2:31.86, while the 200-yard medley relay foursome of Jamett, Julia Grimm,

Later last week, the Norsemen finished the first half of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule, losing 45-37 to visiting Romeo.

The Norsemen struggled offensively in the first half, trailing 20-9. They outscored the Bulldogs 14-8 in the third quarter and cut the deficit to 33-31 midway through the fourth quarter.

"With only seven players, we ran out of gas and Romeo finished the game stronger than we did," Bennett said.

Kiah had 14 points and four steals, while Micaela Liddane added eight points and five assists. Gutierrez chipped in with five points and six rebounds as North dropped to 2-4 in the MAC Red Division and 4-8 overall.

Strickland also tipped a few balls to teammates when she couldn't get a firm grasp on the rebound.

Senior Micaela Liddane had 15 points, six steals and four assists, and her sister, Maria Liddane, had one point and three assists. Koeppel finished with four points before leaving with an ankle injury and Reveley had two points.

Sophomore Anajai Gutierrez had three points and played strong defense and senior Kia Tyus was strong on the defensive end of the court, helping to limit the Titans' explosive offense to only 30 points.

The Norsemen led 9-7 after

the first quarter and extended the lead to 18-13 at the half. The Titans closed to within three points, 20-17, early in the third quarter, but the Norsemen put together an impressive 9-0 run that took the air out of the Titans.

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**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# Norsemen earn two wins

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team defeated Anchor Bay 130-56 last week.

Justin Rakowicz and Matt Leone were double winners. Rakowicz took the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle, while Leone won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

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**Gymnastics****GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED**

# Team is on fire

The Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics team took third place at the 2011 Troy Athens Snowfest Invitational last Saturday.

Grosse Pointe scored 137.15, finishing behind host Troy Athens-Avondale and Livonia Blue.

The team began on the uneven bars where Emma Abessinio scored an 8.55 to place fourth and Madi Kaiser was close behind with an 8.5 to finish fifth.

Other team members performing well on the event were Sarah Fentin with a 9.25, Brittany Rizzo with a 7.9, Ashley Krynski with a 7.8 and Aubrey Samaroo with a 7.3.

Moving to the beam, the team was led by Kaiser's 9.05, which was good for third place, and Abessinio's 8.85, which placed her fifth. Rizzo contributed a 7.95, Fran Kay a 7.75, Fentin a 7.6 and Krynski a 7.1.

The team had a very strong floor rotation with three United gymnasts earning awards. Samaroo earned a 9.2 for third place for her routine, which included a difficult full-twisting layout tumbling pass for the first time.

Abessinio scored a 9.1 to finish sixth, while Kaiser scored an 8.9 for ninth. Fentin finished just out of the medals with an 8.85 for a strong routine landing all of her tumbling passes.

Rizzo scored an 8.55 and Kay an 8.35 on the floor.

The team concluded the meet on the vault and was led by Abessinio with a season-high score of 8.7.

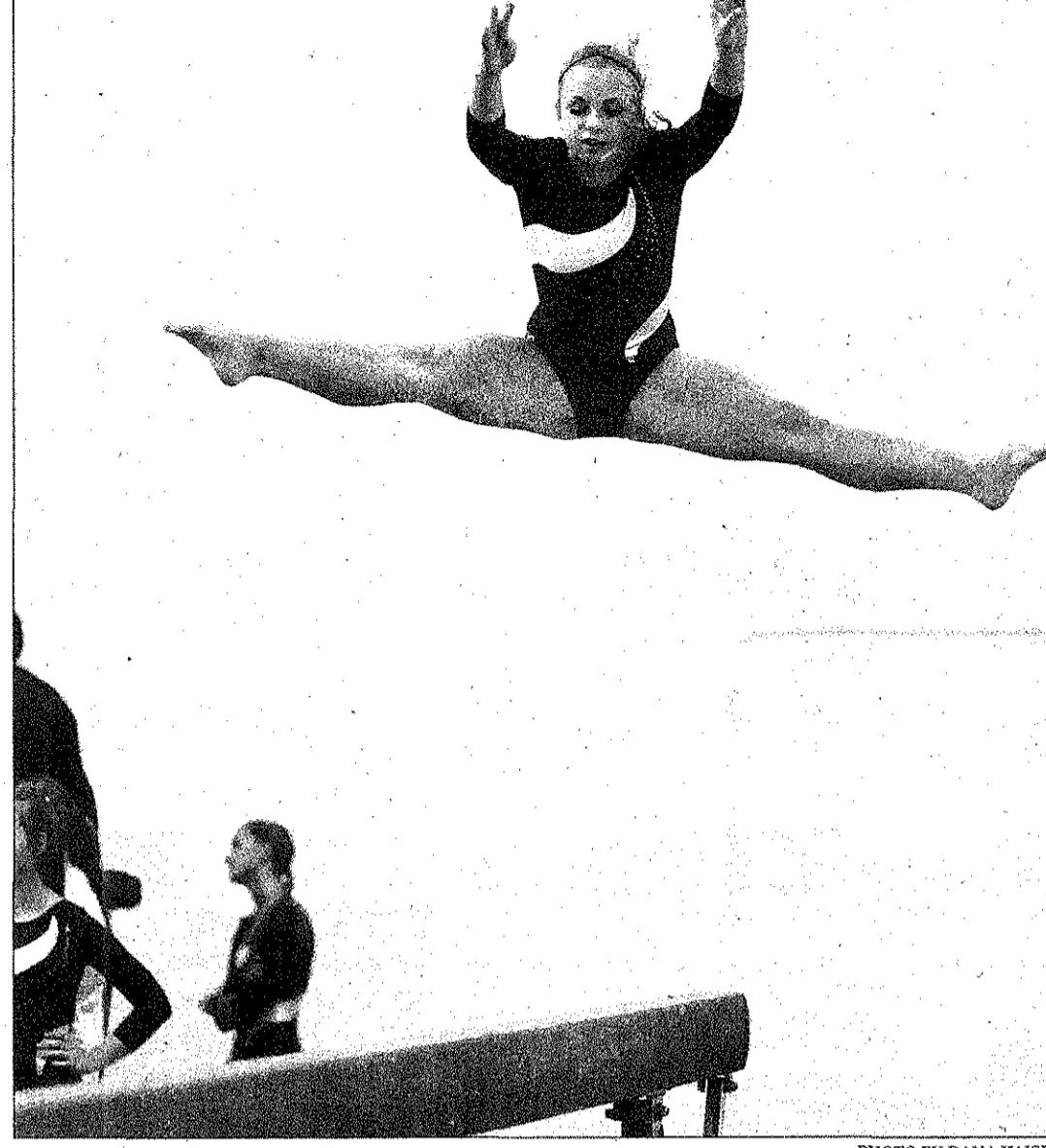


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Emma Abessinio has been in a groove since returning from the holiday break.

Kaiser scored an 8.65, followed by Rizzo with an 8.55 that included a newly upgraded vault. Other scorers were Samaroo with an 8.4, Fentin with an 8.3 and Krynski with an 8.25.

Both Abessinio and Kaiser also placed in the all-around results with Abessinio taking third and Kaiser fourth in a strong field.

In other action last week, Grosse Pointe beat host Fraser 137.65-134.9.

On the vault, all of the United gymnasts performed well to earn regional qualifying scores with Samantha Rogers scoring a 7.95, followed by Caitlin Gaitley with an 8.05, Krynski

**Rowing****DETROIT BOAT CLUB CREW**

# Local rowers prep for 2011

Grosse Pointe teens will take to the water for the 173rd year as the Detroit Boat Club Crew rowing team begins the 2011 campaign Saturday, Feb. 5, at its annual Motown Madness Indoor Rowing Competition at the boathouse on Belle Isle.

The 2011 crew includes students from Grosse Pointe South and North high schools, Brownell Middle School, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Farmington Hills Mercy High School, Detroit Country Day and Birmingham Seaholm.

This season, DBCC looks to

veteran leadership from team captains Alix Chrumka and Laine Maher for the women and Zach Jatkowski, Trevor Duncan and Elijah Dillard for the men.

Head coach Dick Bell is in his fourth decade of leading the internationally respected program under which he rowed.

"We are really looking forward to the spring season," Bell said. "We are returning with varsity crew that has been to the national championships the last several years and we are expecting them to lead their teammates as we

move toward the championships in Tennessee in 2011."

The Detroit Boat Club Crew is defending its title as 2010 Women's Youth Double National Champions which Grosse Pointer's Alix Chrumka and Allison DeClercq won last spring.

That DBCC double was joined at the Youth Nationals by the Men's Youth Double, the Men's Youth Lightweight Eight and the Women's Youth Lightweight Eight, which all had medaled at the Midwest Championships to qualify. Many of these rowers are the leaders of this year's crew.

After it hosts Motown Madness, the team heads south to compete in the Cincinnati Indoor Rowing Championships, which are a feeder for the Crash B Sprints National Regatta.

The indoor season ends with a quick trip downriver to Grosse Isle for The Island Sprints Indoor Regatta.

After the Island Sprints, the team will take the next four weeks to prepare for the outdoor competition in some of the most well-known regattas in the country.

The first stop of the on-the-water season will be The Golden Bear Invitational in Columbus April 2.

The next weekend the club hosts its own regatta in the waters of the Detroit River off Belle Isle.

Teams from the Detroit area and Ohio are expected to compete in the Dossin Invitational which is a match race held on the Canadian side of the island which finishes right in front of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

While their friends are off

any high school athletes interested in getting on the water and joining this select sports program can visit the Detroit Boat Club Crew website at [detroitboatclubcrew.com/regattas.htm](http://detroitboatclubcrew.com/regattas.htm) or e-mail the coaches at: [info@DetroitBoatClubCrew.com](mailto:info@DetroitBoatClubCrew.com).

sunning themselves in South Padre, Ft. Lauderdale or Cancun, the rowers will spend their spring break in Harsha Lake, Ohio in Spring training.

The first stop is The Hoover Invitational in the Columbus suburb of Westerville, followed by a week of intense training on Harsha Lake outside of Cincinnati as they gear up for the Midwest National Championships in Cincinnati and the National Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"This is always a game-changing event for us," Bell noted. "We head into spring training after a rigorous season of erging and strength training but little if any water time."

"We come out honed, focused and, if everyone did their jobs correctly, winning medals. Needless to say, we look forward to another successful season."

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North students are eligible to receive their varsity letters for rowing in the spring. For Detroit Country Day students, rowing on the DBCC crew is now one of the qualified means of attaining blue points because of the elite level of national competition.

Any high school athletes interested in getting on the water and joining this select sports program can visit the Detroit Boat Club Crew website at [detroitboatclubcrew.com/regattas.htm](http://detroitboatclubcrew.com/regattas.htm) or e-mail the coaches at: [info@DetroitBoatClubCrew.com](mailto:info@DetroitBoatClubCrew.com).

— Stephen Palffy  
Special Writer

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

Ryan Ermanni is the moderator, Dan Ewald (biographer), Father Dan Worthy (personal friend) and former players Dave Bergman and Dan Petry 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

**Wrestling****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Blue Devils net division wins

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Head coach Greg Snider was all smiles after the Grosse Pointe South wrestling team earned two division dual meet victories last week, beating Madison Heights Madison 49-6 and Mount Clemens 60-6.

The host Blue Devils took advantage of three voids to build a quick 18-6 lead over Madison. After each team ran through its voids, the real wrestling began.

Zack Donatiello ran into a buzzsaw in his 215-pound match and was pinned in the third period. He fought off several potential pin opportunities, but finally was taken down for the last time.

His solid effort ran over to his teammates as Andrew Steiber won a 12-1 major decision at 125 pounds and Frankie Pangborn earned a first-period pin.

The Blue Devils captured 42 points in voids to easily win the dual meet.

Grosse Pointe South finished its dual meet schedule 2-6 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division and improved to 4-17 overall.

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# Short lineup hurts in defeat

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Other winners by decision were Jadon Cook, 189 pound; and Patrick Salazar, 119 pounds. Shawn Miller won a four-point major decision at 160 pounds to round out the Norsemen's scoring.

Evan Lock and Ken Coleman lost tough decisions at 215 and 275 pounds, respectively, while Zach Kaiser, 135 pounds; Wilson Fisher, 140 pounds; Jermaine White, 145 pounds; and Andrew Lock, 152 pounds, lost by pin.

North finished its Macomb Area Conference White Division dual meet mark at 1-6 and dropped to 4-15 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is the MAC White Division tournament Saturday, Feb. 5, at Macomb Dakota.

The team district is Thursday, Feb. 10. North hosts Eastpointe East Detroit, Roseville and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

The individual district tournament is Saturday, Feb. 12, at Beverly Hills Groves.

The top four in each weight class advanced to the regionals the following weekend.

**Youth assistance****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Lacrosse girls offer clinic

The 2011 Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse players offer a preseason clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, in South's main gym and stadium field.

The clinic is for all girls in third through eighth grade. The clinic is run by members of the 2011 team under the direction of varsity coach Lauren Germaine.

For more information, call Kathleen Harness at (313) 655-7932 or e-mail [Kbharness33@aol.com](mailto:Kbharness33@aol.com) to receive a registration form.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

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October 6 full run - Reach every home in the Grosse Pointes

October 13 business cards - Your business card: quick and affordable advertising

November 3 party & wedding guide - Information for your special day

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November 17 vacation guide winter - Plan your winter vacation

November 17 winter sports preview - Local high school winter sports preview

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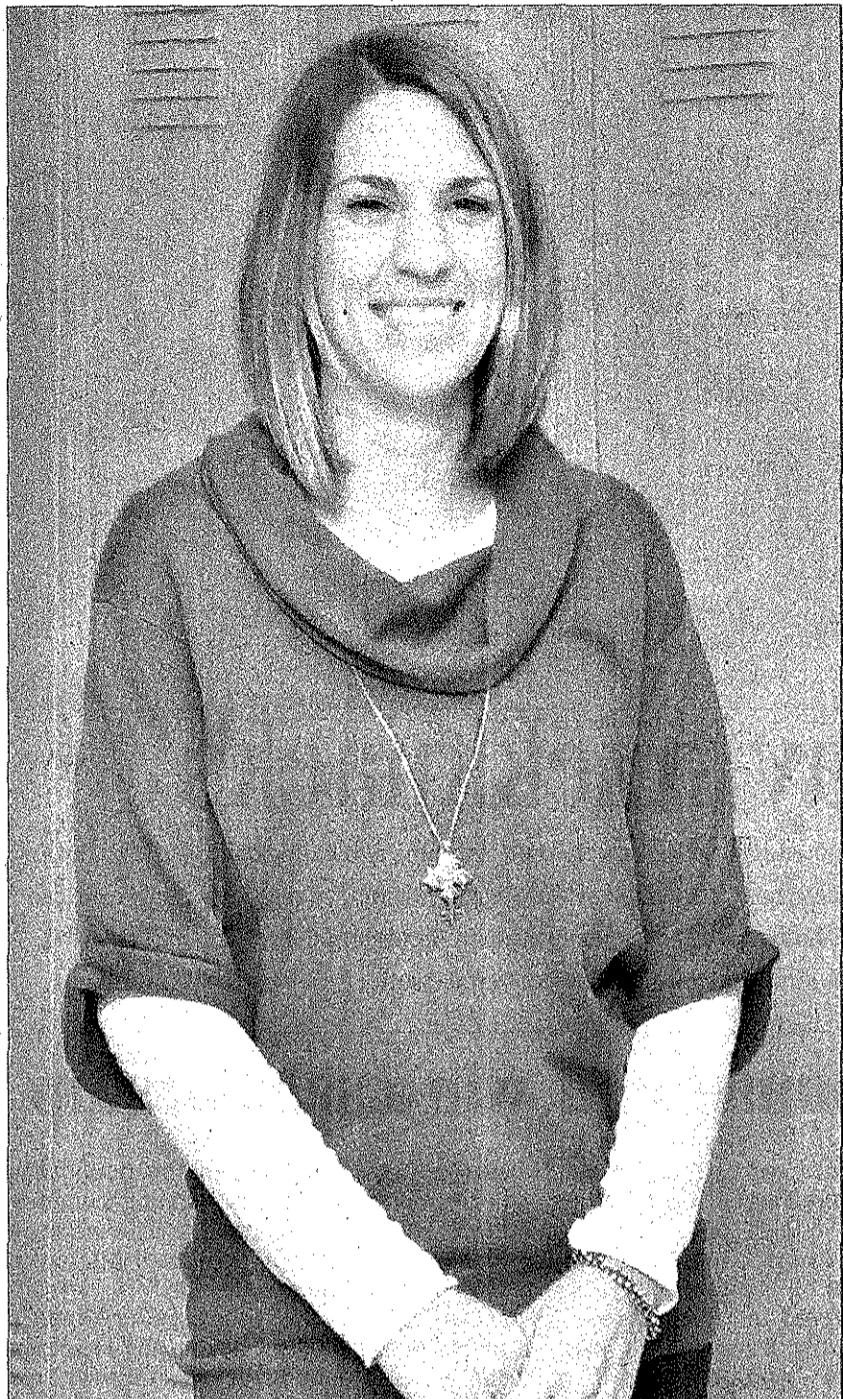


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Brownell Middle School teacher Tara Wycoff.

## Teacher of the Week

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

This week, it's Brownell Middle School sixth grade math teacher Tara Wycoff.

She was nominated by Maddie Thompson: "Well, where do I begin? Ms. Radcliffe is the best new teacher. Wait, Mrs. Wycoff is the best teacher. Period. Whether it's prime factorization, perimeter and area, or even simple long division, Mrs. Wycoff is always there to help."

"If you think about it, most people don't like math or new teachers. Neither do I. But with Mrs. Wycoff by my side, I'm a whiz at math and have a bucket-load of fun. Mrs. Wycoff means so much to me and I know she means so much to the students and staff at Brownell."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school:** One.

**Previous work:** I worked as a business consultant with Accenture for eight years before I switched careers and became a teacher. After becoming a teacher, I taught math and engineering at a middle school in Kansas for two

years, then I came to Brownell.

### Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher because I love working with kids and because teaching is a profession that allows me to give back to the community.

### What do you enjoy about teaching?

I love interacting with children and I love seeing the excitement in their eyes when something new clicks with them. I really enjoy teaching at the middle school level because it's a very interesting time in a child's life. My students are sweet and funny and always have something quirky to tell me about.

### How do you feel about being nominated?

I am thrilled to be nominated! It is such a good feeling to know that you're connecting with your students. It lets me know that I'm really making a difference.

**Favorite math tip to share with students?**  
Always double-check your work!

—Amy Salvagno

## ULS student takes top math honors

University Liggett School sophomore Joe Renzi took first place in the Kettering Math Olympics, earning a full-ride scholarship to Kettering University and a \$1,000 Best Buy gift card.

The Mathematics Olympiad is a state-wide competition for high school students who have an interest in math ability.

The competition consists of six problems solved within four hours.

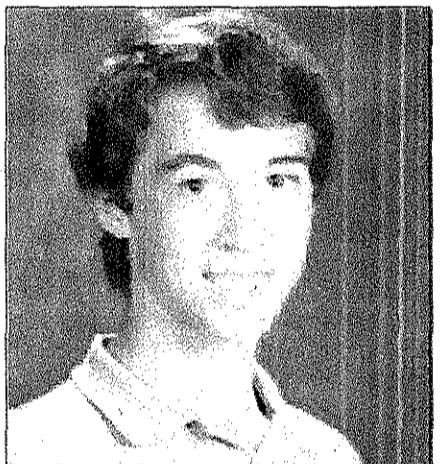
The problems range from those requiring little math skills to problems requiring geometry, trigonometry

and beginning calculus. Students are not permitted to use calculators.

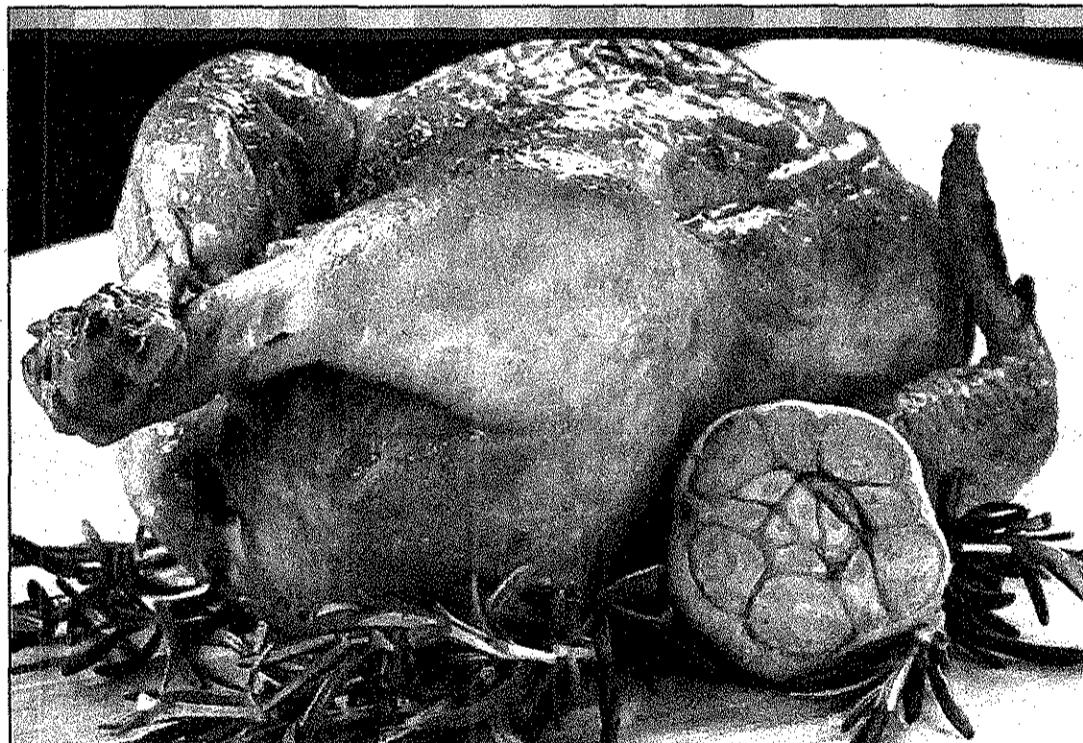
Last year, Renzi, of Clinton Township, took 14th in the Michigan Math Prize Competition and was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

Following the math competition, Renzi said he is always challenging himself when it comes to math, learning new things and exploring new concepts rather than just memorizing them.

"I see math as a way of talking to God. Everything in the universe can be expressed in numbers," Renzi said.



**ULS sophomore Joe Renzi won first place in the Kettering Math Olympics.**



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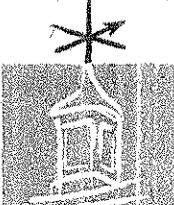
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Pre-Kindergarten Preview  
February 8, 8:30 a.m.  
RSVP to Denise Deane, 313-884-4444, ext. 407

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods  
313-884-4444 and [www.ulss.org](http://www.ulss.org)



# Liggett updates

## Band awards

Four University Liggett School students earned high marks in the Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra Association solo and ensemble festival Jan. 29.

Eighth-graders August Bonacci and Max Yoshida, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, received Division I ranking for their solo trumpet performances.

Eighth-grader Hannah Sword, of Highland Park, and seventh-grader Anthony Galea earned Division II marks, the second highest possible. Sword played the piano and Galea played trumpet.

## Safety patrol

Michael Grady, a Liggett sixth-grader, was recognized in the January 2011 issue of "Boys' Life," the national Boy Scout magazine, for saving lives at a crosswalk.

In 2009, Grady, of Grosse Pointe Park, was a safety officer helping students cross an intersection near Kercheval. He saw a car driving toward children.

"I thought the car would stop when it saw the kids, but it didn't slow down," Grady said.

He stepped in front of the students as they walked out onto the road, spreading his arms and prevented them from stepping in the car's path.

The car drove on, the driver seemingly unaware of the children who came so close to being hit.

"The moms were really thankful," Grady said.

His actions were noted in the magazine and earned him a trip to Washington D.C., to receive the 2010 AAA Safety Service Lifesaving Award. Along with about 15 other Boy Scouts from across the country, he toured Washington D.C., and received a certificate ac-



**Michael Grady**

knowledging his actions.

Grady is still involved with the Boy Scouts and plans to be for awhile.

"I like that we get to go camping and do a lot of fun activities," Grady said.

## Speaker

University Liggett School Upper School students learned even an inch can make a difference in rebuilding Detroit.

During a Monday, Jan. 10, assembly, Jerry Paffendorf, co-founder and artistic director of the Imagination Station and Loveland Detroit, told the students that through an "inchvestment," they could help Detroit's revitalization.

For \$1, Loveland offers purchasers a square-inch of property in Detroit's undeveloped, run-down areas. Owners can log in to see their micro-neighbors through the Loveland website. The money helps revitalize the area.

Through the Imagination Station, artists and other creative-types are renovating burned out houses and land near the old Michigan Central Station in the Corktown area of Detroit.

Specifically, the group is

cleaning up 2230 and 2236 14th Street.

Using art, the group is transforming the space to provide a media center, living quarters for two technologists-in-residence, public art space and three vacant lots repurposed to fit the vision of Imagination Station.

By selling watts of electricity at \$25 each through the Imagination Station website, the group hopes to fund the project. Once completed, the area it is expected to generate revenue.

Students learned of the project not only to let them know what is being done to transform the city, but to encourage them to get involved. While something, such as an inch of land, may seem small and insignificant, it can make a big impact, Paffendorf said.

Paffendorf's talk is part of a weekly series of speakers brought in to connect Liggett Upper School students with people and ideas making a difference in southeast Michigan.

## Day camp

University Liggett School's annual Summer Day Camp will not be held until the summer 2013 due to renovations scheduled to the Lower School areas of the Cook Road campus.

Due to the substantial demolition and construction work, scheduled to begin in June, the school will not have space or facilities to hold day camp. The safety of the children is paramount and the need to move expeditiously on the construction necessitates this decision, school officials said. The school continues the usual summer sports camps on the north side of Cook Road.

While the school prepares to reopen Day Camp in 2013, it is working with a number of advisors on the structure and scope of its future programs.



# Holiday knickknacks

Maire Elementary School students enjoyed a Saturday morning of building holiday crafts. The annual workshop, set up and run by parent volunteers, included items ranging from candy cane candle holders and Santa Claus aprons to ornaments made from recycled felt squares and birch log reindeer. Pictured are Audrey Smihal and Elizabeth Kempa work on their carton candy houses.

## Film a commercial, win a scholarship

High school students can win scholarships by creating commercials warning middle school students of the dangers of underage alcohol use.

The program is offered in partnership with Michigan's Secretary of State and Courageous Persuaders. The entry deadline is Feb. 10.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/sos or coura-

geouspersuaders.com.

Courageous Persuaders plans to award more than \$17,000 in scholarships to winners this year.

Courageous Persuaders is a program in which high school students create commercials addressing under-age drinking.

Michigan Secretary of State offices provide informational

brochures to the public and broadcasts winning commercials on the digital TV network aired in more than 100 branch offices statewide.

The program, created in 2000 by advertising executive John Barczyk and former Troy District Court Judge Michael Martone, now involves 1,196 students from 383 schools in 45 states.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2011

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 20, 2010, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held November 18, 2010.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

### RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 92662 through 92758 in the amount of \$478,941.71 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,603.75 for assistance with leaf pickup and fall maintenance in various areas of the city, including the community center, DPW, Kelly Road and the parks. (3) Approve payment to J & J Fleet and Fire Truck Service in the amount of \$5,914.50 for the transmission repair of Engine 1. (4) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$9,344.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of November 2010.

**Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor**

**Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk**

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## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2010

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Councilwoman Cheryl A. Costantino.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Councilwoman Cheryl A. Costantino from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 6, 2010.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

### RESOLUTION PASSED

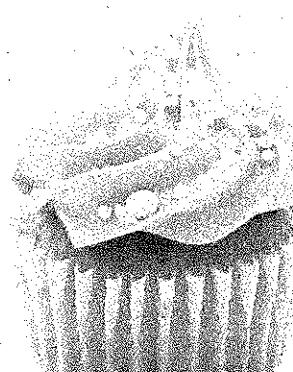
- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 92555 through 92661 in the amount of \$522,518.79 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$17,510.55 for professional services during the month of November 2010 for the following projects: Traffic Signal Updates, #180-124; Handicap Ramp Upgrades, #180-126; 2010 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-129; EB Harper, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109 and the 2008 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing, #180-108. (3) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2011.
- Approve the year end budget adjustments to the 2010 Budget as attached submitted by the Finance Director and the City Manager.
- To accept the proposal dated December 2, 2010 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$39,270 for 2010 and \$39,270 for the 2011 audit.
- To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Permit to Work on County Roads.
- To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Annual Permit to Work on State Highways.

**Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor**

**Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk**

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## The Family Center CIRCLE OF FRIENDS **CUPCAKE Challenge**



### ENTER TODAY!!

Share your original cupcake recipe along with a family & friends celebration story!

10 finalists will be selected to bake their recipes for the judging day event.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finalists.

Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 16, 2011. \$10 entry fee

### JOIN US!!

CUPCAKE CHALLENGE Finalists Judging Day Event

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011 1:30pm to 3:30pm

All are welcome to see the Top 10 Cupcake Challenge Finalists.

Grosse Pointe News "Kids Cupcake Coloring Contest" Winners. Pony rides & activities for children!

### GROSSE POINTE HUNT CLUB

655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods

All Welcome: \$5/person \$10/family, refreshments will be served

Noon - 3pm Lunch available for purchase in the Hunt Club Dining Room

### ENTRY FORM

Entry Forms Available At [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) Or Picked Up At Village Toy Company  
POSTMARKED BY: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Entrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant Age:  Adult (18+)  Teen (13-18)  Tween (9-12)  Kid (6-9)

#### RULES

- Entry form and \$10 entry fee must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 16, 2011.
- 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.
- Finalists will be asked to bring 1 dozen finished cupcakes for Judging Day Event on Sunday, March 13.
- Cupcakes must be edible and of standard size (no mini cupcakes or jumbo cupcakes).
- Winners will be judged on originality, appearance and taste of cupcakes and celebration story.
- 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

Celebration Story: Include your special (250 word maximum) typed story on a separate page.

Please return this form with your check payable to "The Family Center".

The Family Center - Cupcake Challenge

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Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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 10!! community event supporting The Family Center's 10th year of service.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Donald A. Carter Sr.

Donald A. Carter Sr., 82, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011.

He is survived by his children, Donald Jr. (Janet), Sheilah (Dr. Brian) Kelly, Mark (Laura) and Christine (Brian) Sweeney and son-in-law, Michael Coleman. Proud grandpa of 16 grandchildren. Beloved brother of Charles and Carol (Bob) Van Buren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Anne, who died in 2008; his daughter, Kathleen Coleman and his brother, Albert.

Born Aug. 13, 1928, Mr. Carter was raised on Detroit's east side. In his youth, he was known as one of the "Berry Boys," because he frequently played at Berry Park on Detroit's east side where many major league baseball scouts scoured for talent and Detroit Tiger players honed their skills.

While attending Detroit's DeLaSalle High School, Mr. Carter received nine varsity letters in baseball, football and basketball. He was named to the "All Catholic" league team in all three sports and named to the "All State" team in football as a senior. Awarded an athletic scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, Mr. Carter played on national championship football teams in 1946 and 1947. He left Notre Dame and signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers where he played in the minor leagues.

In 1976, Mr. Carter was selected as one of the 50 best athletes in the first 50 years of the Catholic League by the Detroit Free Press. He was elected to the DeLaSalle Collegiate Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Mr. Carter joined his father and brother, Bert, on the Detroit Police Department in 1951. He rose to the rank of detective sergeant in the homicide bureau. Upon his retirement from the DPD, he joined Ford Motor Co. to work at world headquarters as an investigator for 17 years.

He enjoyed golf and attending his grandchildren's many sporting events.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Mission, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Peter Hale Gushée

Peter Hale Gushée, 48, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, with his family at his side. He was heroic, fighting for years the complications from diabetes and kidney disease.

Peter attended University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Woods, and graduated from Avon Old Farms School, Avon, Conn. and Albion College.

Peter's passion for sports began at a young age playing hockey, football, baseball and lacrosse while enjoying skiing as a pastime. This passion is being carried on by his children and their love of sports. Peter has always been an active part of all of their sports teams, filling the role of head coach, assistant coach and No. 1 spectator, even at his daughter's horse shows.

Peter is survived by his wife, Mary (nee Belfus) Gushée; children, Patrick, David, Matthew and Virginia; mother, Marilyn Gushée and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Richard Gushée and sister, Jacqueline Gushée.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3,

at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to University Liggett School Peter Gushée Athletic Scholarship Fund, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; The Gift of Life Foundation, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at gpaas.org.

A celebration of life was held Jan. 29 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Patrick Joseph Keating

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Patrick Joseph Keating, 83, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, with his family by his side. He was born Sept. 23, 1927, in Petoskey, to Francis Louis and Bertha (nee McGarey) Keating.

Mr. Keating graduated in 1945 from Petoskey High School where he was president of his senior class. After high school, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy. After completing active duty, he used the G.I. bill to pursue an undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia and a law degree at the University of Detroit School of Law, graduating in 1953.

Mr. Keating spent his legal career in private practice until his retirement as a senior partner with Clark Hill PLC. In addition, he was the 47th president of the State Bar of Michigan and served 10 years on the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners in numerous leadership positions of various other state bar committees. He also was a member of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, the State Bar Foundation and the American and Detroit bar associations.

He was one of the two founders of the real property law section of the Michigan State Bar.

Mr. Keating, known as Pat to family and friends, had an innate ability to command a room when he spoke. Whether it was discussing the law with colleagues or simply passing the time with friends and family, everyone was listening. He will best be remembered by his sense of humor, his quick wit and a kind word for everyone.

Mr. Keating was a faithful follower of the Catholic Church and volunteered as a Eucharistic minister, Catechist, RCIA sponsor, altar server and lector at several local parishes. He was a 25-year retreat participant at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House with the Detroit Area Catholic Lawyers and served on Manresa's board of directors.

Mr. Keating enjoyed many outdoor activities including cross country skiing, sailing and golf. He was a devoted fan of the Detroit Tigers and enjoyed taking trips to Napa Valley and an annual hiking trip with friends to southern California.

Mr. Keating was proud of his Irish heritage and was a loyal Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan, a member of the Irish American Lawyers Association and the Gaelic League. He enjoyed spending time with his family, including coaching many sports teams for his children and taking yearly family trips to Northern Michigan and Cedar Point. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

After retirement, he volunteered his time and legal services to Focus: Hope.

Mr. Keating is survived by his children, Patrick (Roxann) Keating, Connie (David) Leannais, Victoria (Chris Brady) Keating, Krystin McIntyre, Brendan (Christine) Keating, Sheridan Keating and Alison (Sharon Spooner) Keating; grandchildren, Kaileigh, Kerry, Katie, J.P. and R.J.; his sister, Mary Wright and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Harlow, Ed, Robert and Waldo.

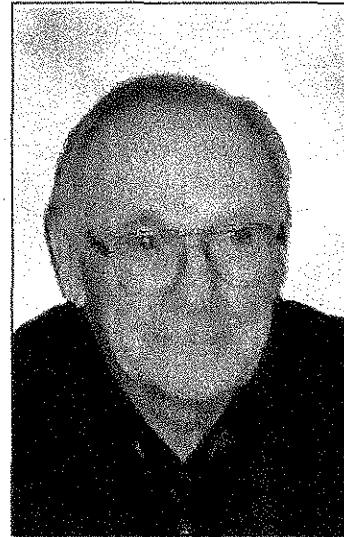
A funeral service was held Jan. 24 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Focus: Hope, 1300 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238.

Mr. Hollenbeck is survived

by his wife, Susan; brothers, the Rev. Jon Hollenbeck and Vincent Hollenbeck and many nieces and nephews.

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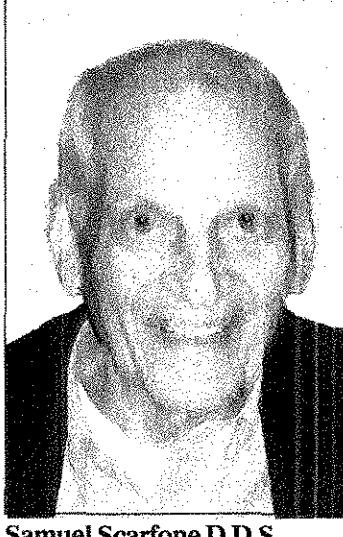
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Samuel Scarfone D.D.S.

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She was a keen bridge player, an avid golfer, an outstanding sportswoman, and she delighted in using her East Hampton shellfish permit for clamping and crabbing in Gardiners Bay and Georgica Pond.

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Mrs. Rentschler was a member of the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, N.Y., The Colony Club in New York City, where she was a longtime member of the flower committee, and The City Gardens Club, where she was initiated as the youngest member in the club's history.

Formerly married to George A. Rentschler, she is survived by her daughters, Farley

Mitchell Rentschler of Delray Beach, Fla., and Mary Montgomery Rentschler of New York City.

In addition, she is survived by her brother, Nelson and his wife, Becky Schlaff of Grosse Pointe Farms; sisters; Mary Shepley of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Suzy and her husband, Gordon Kerr of Fairlee, Vt., as well as her longtime friend, Jerry B. Campbell of East Hampton.

A man full of hope and the family sage, Dr. Scarfone cherished his wife, each of his six children, their spouses, and his 24 grandchildren. A champion sprinter and football player, proud of his historic roots in Reggio Calabria, Italy, and raised in Canada, he infused his children and grandchildren with a sense of adventure and the idea all of life is a quest for joy. He taught them to strive for all that is possible beyond the immediate moment, but also to live in the potential beauty of the moment.

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Dr. Scarfone is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; children, Richard (Mary), Suzanne (Joseph Longo), Robert (Patricia), Patricia (Samuel) Sherer, Mary Catherine (William) Nesom and William (Kris); 24 grandchildren and brothers, Joseph (Margaret) and Francis (Anne).

He was predeceased by his siblings, Anthony (Sally), Carmella (Antonio) Gerace, Delina (Carl) Carere and Delia (Orville) Arel and a sister-in-law, Joan Scarfone.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by an inurnment service at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America at bgca.org or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Frederica S. Rentschler

Frederica S. Rentschler, 70, of East Hampton, N.Y., passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, after fighting a spirited and courageous 22-month battle against lung cancer.

"Freddie," as she was known to her friends, was born Jan. 2, 1941, in Grosse Pointe Farms as Frederica Price Schlaff to Nelson W. and Mary F. Schlaff.

She attended The Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1959. Trained as a medical assistant, she worked

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A funeral Mass will be celebrated Feb. 1 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan at childrensdmc.org.

Express condolences or share memories at ahpeters.com.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

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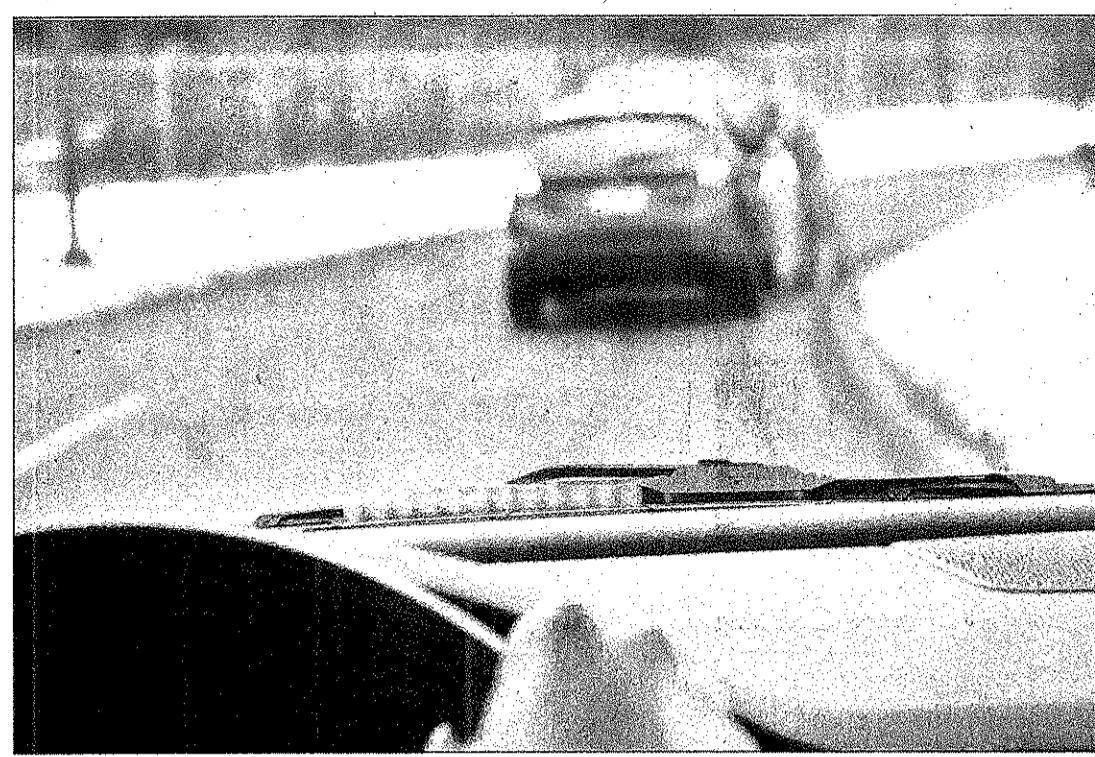


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# Ford intelligent vehicles

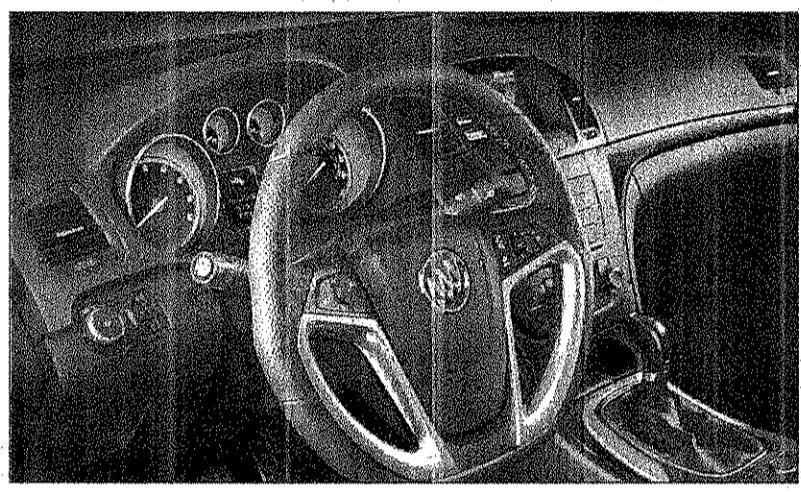
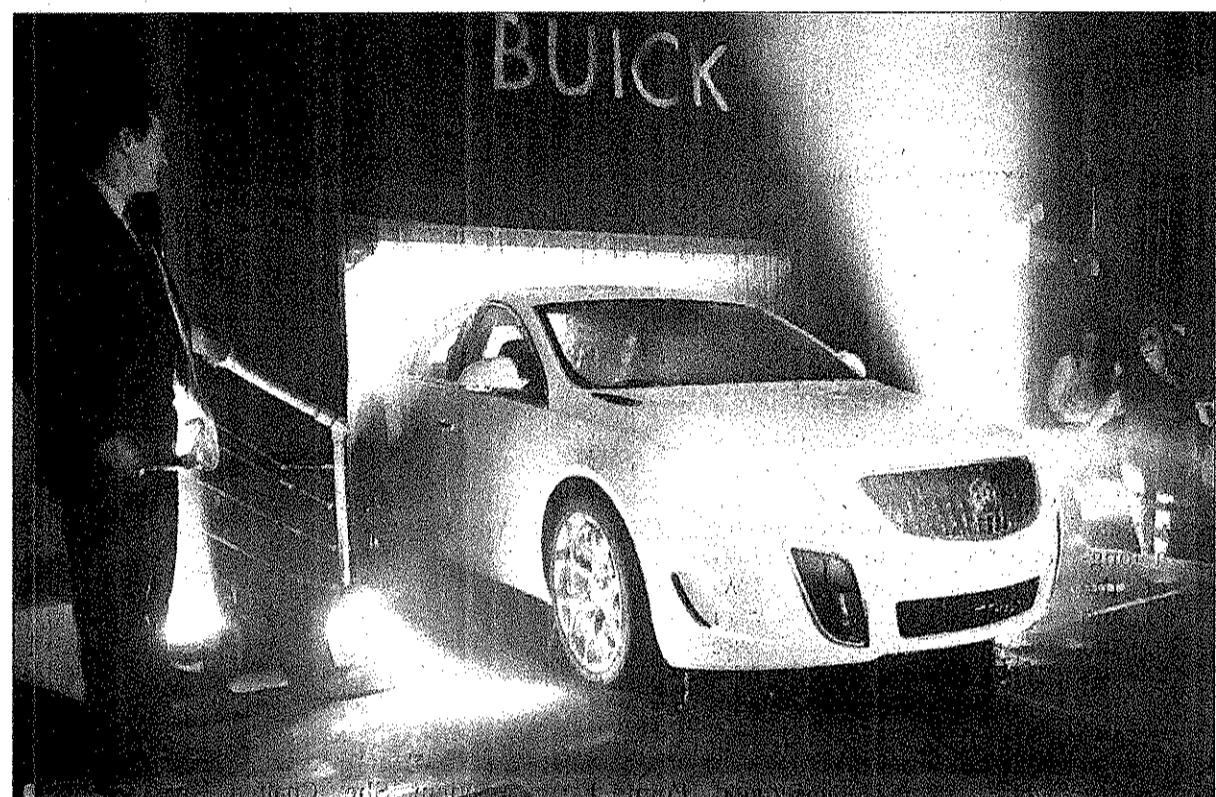
Ford Motor Co. has developed a vehicle communications technology that allows cars to "talk" to each other wirelessly using a short-range dedicated communications network. This technology could help reduce crashes in a variety of ways, including alerting drivers to a change in traffic.



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# Bob Munson and the CTS

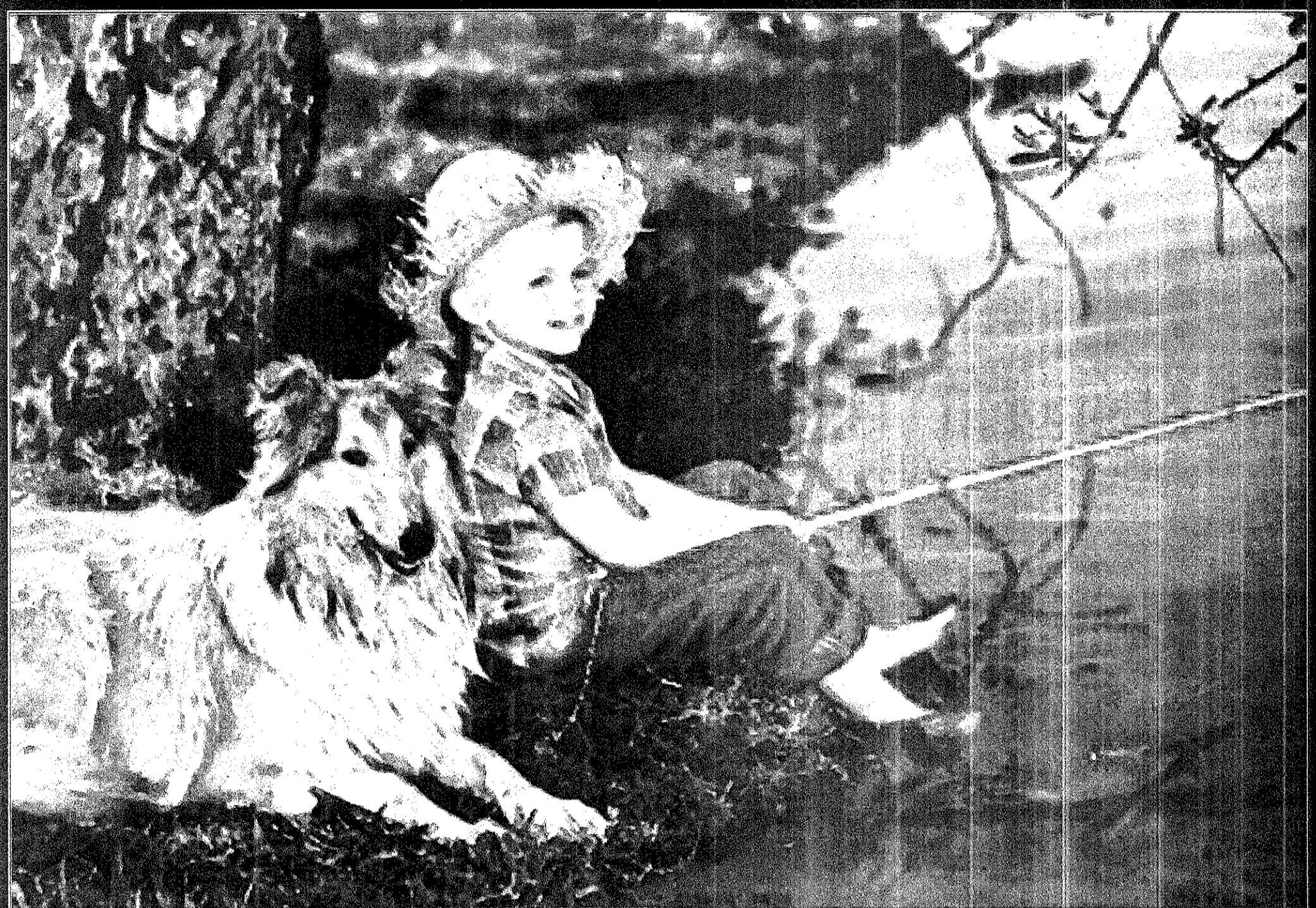
Bob Munson, design manager for the Cadillac CTS, stands with a 2011 CTS Coupe in the Cadillac design studio. Munson first sketched the design for the CTS Coupe as part of an exercise to describe the Cadillac showroom of the future.



# 2012 Buick Regal GS

The production version of the 2012 Buick Regal GS was recently unveiled in Miami, Fla. The midsize sport sedan with 0-60 mph performance in less than seven seconds, is powered by an exclusive GS-only high-output version of the Ecotec 2.0L turbo engine with 255 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque. The Regal GS goes on sale in the second half of 2011. Pricing has not been announced.

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By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

John Bruce still remembers the first time, 60 years ago, he walked through the doors of the Neighborhood Club.

"I was 7 years old and my mother signed me up for day camp," he said. "And, in a way, I have been here ever since."

During those six decades, Bruce went from camper to counselor to coach to executive

director and is now reflecting back on those years as he prepares to retire just as the club is preparing to launch a new partnership with Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

"People have been asking me, 'why now?' and I respond this is really the perfect time, as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. We're already looking to the next 100," he said. "And it just makes sense the new director will be in place to

oversee the development of the new facility."

Since its founding in 1911 in a small house on Oak Street in Grosse Pointe Farms, the Neighborhood Club has been committed to enhancing health and recreation activities for residents and especially children. It comes as no surprise Bruce has embodied that commitment, as well.

"As a kid, I participated in many of the sports programs

the Neighborhood Club had to offer and when I was in high school, I started working for the club and continued through college and even after I graduated and started teaching."

Bruce grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, attended St. Clare of Montefalco School and Austin High School before graduating in 1965 from the University of Detroit with a degree in psychology.

He taught at St. Lucy's Catholic School while attending graduate school at U of D. He earned a master's degree in teaching and guidance counseling, teaching in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"I loved teaching," he said, simply. "I thought I would teach for the rest of my life."

It was a lay-off notice in 1971 that changed the course of his job.

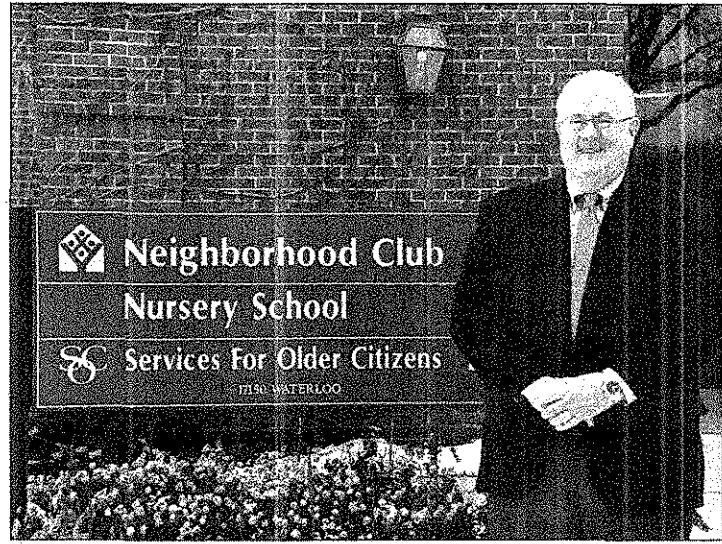
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## Bruce's neighborhood



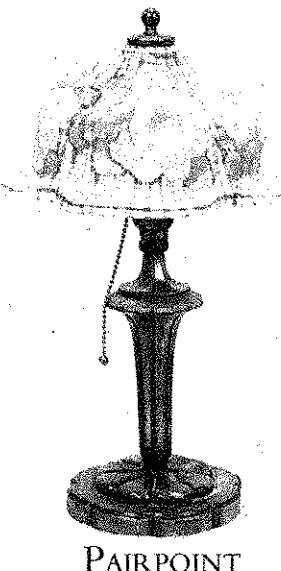
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Left, John Bruce and Lucas Bower complete a high-five before Bower leaves the nursery school for the day. Above, Bruce stands by the Neighborhood Club sign, a place with which he has been involved with for 60 years.

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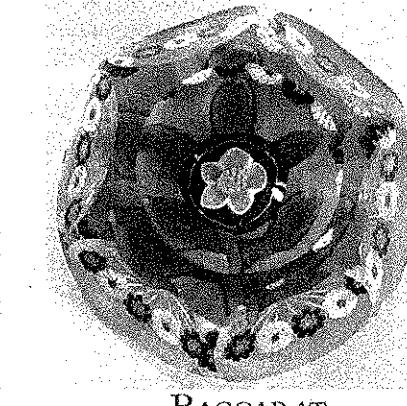
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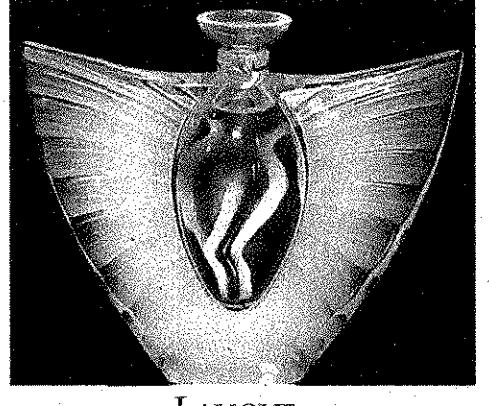
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by Sally



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## Yesterday's Headlines

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

### 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ CHURCH STARTING BIG ADDITION: Ground breaking ceremonies will be held Sunday at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Included in the new building will be a Memorial chapel and new rooms for children, including a baby-fold, as well as a music room and new library. The present church house will be remodeled to provide much needed office space, cloak rooms and a youth room.

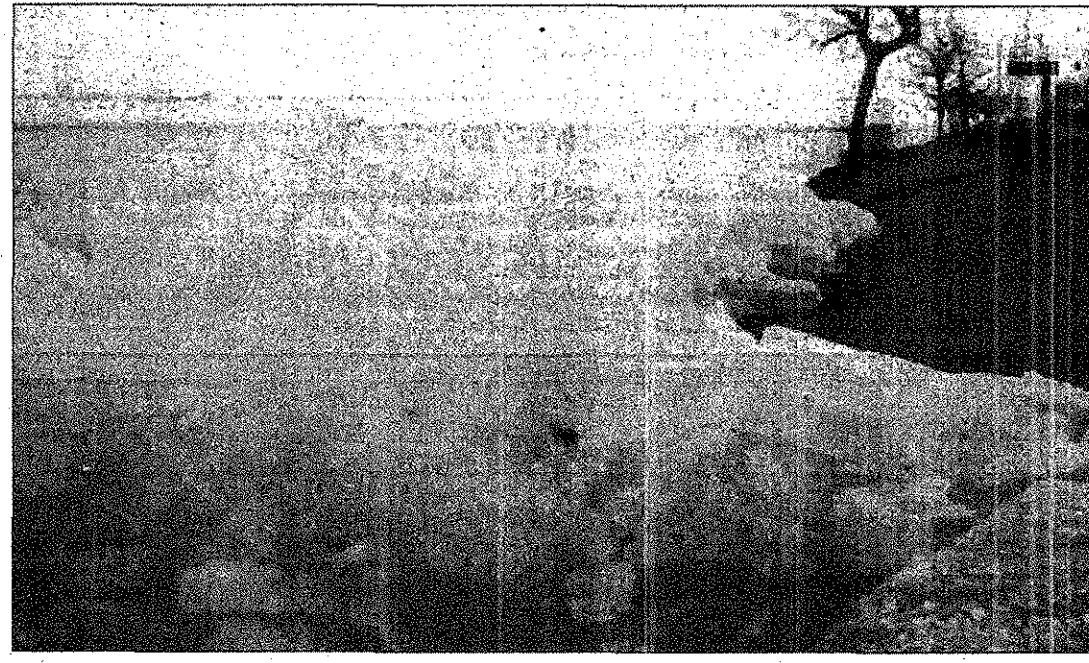
◆ WILD CHASE TERMINATED BY CRACKUP: Police of four Pointes and Detroit took part in an 85-mile an hour chase of a motorist in a stolen car that ended in a crackup on the east side of Detroit.

The chase began in the Shores when an officer attempted to pull the car over and it sped off. The officer radioed ahead to the Farms, City, Park and Detroit police departments for assistance and took up the chase. The fleeing driver lost control of the car and crashed into a parked car.

◆ THIEF GETS \$80 TO \$100 IN GROCERY: Park police are investigating an attempted burglary of a drug store and the breaking and entering of a grocery store in the 1000 block of Maryland. The attempted burglary was discovered by patrolmen James LaPratt and Don DelPlace while they were checking doors of business places on their beat.

The officers found evidence that someone, who was apparently frightened away as the policemen approached, tried to pry open the rear door.

The burglar accessed the grocery store by completely removing a 24-by-26-inch glass



FROM THE JAN. 30, 1986 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

### 1986: Ice water

Successive freezes and thaws have thrown up large stacks of broken ice along the lakefront in Grosse Pointe. This pile is at the foot of Moran in front of the Grosse Pointe Academy. The ice piles up shore when the thaw breaks the cover on the lake and an east wind forces the chunks up onto the ground. An examination of the ice shows it was six- to eight-inches thick on the lake before the last thaw.

from the front door of the store and turned the inside door lock to get in. The thief took from \$80 to \$100 in change from a box under the grocery store counter and about 15 packages of cigarettes.

1979 allowed for payment of property taxes collected by municipalities for schools twice monthly, within 10 business days of the first and 15 of each month. Some of the local municipalities follow that payment method and don't forward the interest they earn on the short-term investment of the school dollars to the school system.

The appeals court affirmed a lower court's ruling that interest earned from the investment of the money belonged to the school system.

◆ REDEVELOPMENT: The Woods council last week hired an architectural company to prepare a redevelopment plan for two of the city's four parks. The city will ask voters on the November ballot to fund the work to be outlined in the plan.

◆ NCAA RULE HAS LITTLE IMPACT ON POINTE

ATHLETES: A controversial NCAA rule requiring freshman athletes at Class I schools to achieve a minimum grade point average hasn't had Grosse Pointe's senior athletes hitting the books any harder than usual.

Rule 48 requires incoming freshman at Division I colleges to compile at least a "C" average in high school and score at least 700 out of 1,600 on their SAT tests.

A Grosse Pointe school system official says that while SAT results for Grosse Pointe's senior athletes are not available, it is believed that they are well above the required averages.

### 2001

10 years ago this week

◆ CITY HIRES NEW MANAGER: After 35 years under the tutelage of Tom Kressbach, who is retiring, the City of Grosse Pointe council hired Michael Overton as its city manager.

◆ PARK REPAIRS: City of Grosse Pointe residents will be asked to approve a bond proposal that will raise money for a new pool and other improvements to Neff Park.

◆ CHLORINE SYSTEM UPGRADED: The Grosse Pointe Farms water system's chlorination system will undergo a \$51,000 upgrade in the late spring. The Farms council approved spending the money in order to replace black iron pipes first installed 37 years ago.

The type of pipe in question is listed as having a work life of 30 years, so the pipes need replacing. In a report to the council, the city manager stated the pipes are "deteriorating with iron scale flaking off inside the pipe and then fouling the chlorine feeders."

### 2006

Five years ago this week

◆ SUCCESS: With all the excitement of a Hollywood premier, the new Woods Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library opened with rave reviews from local residents who attended the dedication ceremony.

◆ IDEA: The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce had its Super Bowl last week as more than 220 people attended its inaugural dinner at the War Memorial.

◆ FIRE HALTS WORK: A smoke-free restaurant planned for the Village became a fire scene the morning of Jan. 22.

City Kitchen, a locally owned restaurant being outfitted in a storefront on Kercheval near Cadieux, caught fire shortly after 10 p.m.

Fire fighters from three Pointe departments contained flames to portions of the ceiling. Smoke forced temporary closure of adjoining businesses.

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at a Grosse Pointe Park house.

For more information, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399, Maria at (313) 885-3709, Letitia at (313) 641-8328 or Jessie (313) 417-1944.

### Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center offers round-trip transportation to the Motor City Casino Thursday, Feb. 24. The motor coach leaves at 11 a.m. and returns to the community center, 20025 Mack Plaza, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Woods residents and \$7 for non-residents. Participants receive \$30 in slot play.

Lunch is not included.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, Feb. 17, by calling (313) 343-2408.

### Wayne County

Wayne County Parks' fourth annual photography contest deadline is Feb. 12.

E-mail photos must be captured at a Wayne County Parks' property or event. The winner is eligible for a cash prize and the winning photo is featured on the parks' website.



## New Lions

The Lions Club of Grosse Pointe inducted eight new members in late 2010. Club pins and certificates were presented by, from left, President Rob Lyles to new members Andy Bayster, Sean Spence, Bill Listman, Matt Kitchen, Tom Matthews, Tim Duffy, Brad Elvige and Dr. Kevin Hanlon.

### War Memorial

### Old World, New World — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

For contest rules and regulations, visit [waynecountyparks.org](http://waynecountyparks.org) or call (734) 261-1990.

Master sommelier Claudia Tyagi talks about the world's great wine regions and what distinguishes a classic French red from a California blend. The cost is \$63.

**Middle School Valentine's Dance** — Students in grades sixth through eighth who live

in or attend a Grosse Pointe school may attend. The advanced cost is \$12 with a War Memorial ID or \$14 the week of the dance.

**Introduction to the World of Tea** — 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. Learn why tea is the world's most affordable luxury and

most popular beverage, after water, from certified tea specialist Nicholas Nahat. The cost is \$33.

**Valentine's Day Dance** — 8 to 11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Dance to the music provided by DJ Robert Taylor. The cost is \$15.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To register, call (313) 881-7511.

### Power Squadron

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron offers its eight-week America's Boating Course, beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, in the Grosse Pointe North High School cafeteria, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The course is for both new and experienced boaters and covers the fundamentals of safe boating operation, use of VHF radio, knots, GPS and charts.

The cost is \$60 for the book, discs and class work.

To register, call (313) 418-5911 or via e-mail at [gpps-d9.org](mailto:gpps-d9.org).



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

It's always about the children, says long-time Neighborhood Club Executive Director John Bruce, back right. He joins the morning song in the nursery school with teacher Sue Sullivan.

## BRUCE: Community leader

Continued from page 1B

But stay at the Neighborhood Club he did. For many years he managed to also maintain the connection to teaching, working as the freshman basketball coach at Grosse Pointe South High School for 25 years.

Bruce also served on several community boards, including the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board, roles giving him a different perspective, especially when he reflects on his teaching days.

"The first year I was teaching, the teachers went on strike," he said. "Then here I was, eight years later, as a member of the school board, sitting on the other side of the table. It gave me a whole different perspective."

Bruce was elected to the school board in 1974 when he was 31 years old.

"The Neighborhood Club, the school board, the library board, all gave me an unusual opportunity to meet people at various stages of my life and theirs, and to watch people in different capacities," he said.

And while he moved among community leaders, his first love has always been Grosse Pointe's children.

"Kids have always been a core part of my life," he said. "Just imagine the thousands of children that have moved through the Neighborhood Club and the thousands of volunteer coaches. As word has gotten out that I was leaving, I have started hearing from some of them. I had no idea we were touching as many lives as we did. It's fun to listen to them talk about the great memories they have of the sports and oth-

er programs they participated in here."

One of Bruce's proudest accomplishments was the inclusion of sports programs for individuals with special needs. He spoke with high praise for Al and Geri Maci, who have worked with the Neighborhood Club to ensure athletic opportunities are available for all.

"I know it sounds trite, but it has been a privilege for me to work with so many people, from kids to parents to community leaders, and all of us have been part of that village that it takes to raise a child," Bruce said. "You have people like the Macis or people like Stu Dow, who has been a soccer coach with us for years. It has been such a privilege for me to work with these people."

While Bruce does not see the mission of the Neighborhood Club changing as it begins its next 100 years of service to the community under the hand of a new director, he does see the manner in which those services are delivered adapting to changing times and changing needs.

"We know there is going to be a focus on fitness," he said. "We see it now with the programs to combat obesity because it is a health problem with a huge cost in terms of how it affects an individual's health. Fitness has become a health issue, but there is obviously a limited amount of money. While cities have built recreation facilities, they are the first items cut when money is tight. That's why a facility like the Neighborhood Club is so im-

portant. "And now with our partnership with Beaumont, we will be able to meet the needs of the community as we move into our next 100 years," he said.

The partnership with Beaumont includes the construction of a new complex where the club stands. It features physical rehabilitation services, an Integrated Development Center for children with special

needs, a warm water pool for both adults and children, a therapeutic pool and a gymnasium. The Neighborhood Club Nursery School will occupy space on the building's second floor. The popular Thrift Store is moving, possibly to nearby retail space.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, with completion scheduled for the fall of 2012.

Bruce has guided the club

this far and now begins working on a transition leadership.

A nationwide search has been conducted for this successor, and the application deadline was Jan. 28. While Bruce isn't sure exactly when his last day will be, he and his wife, Linda, have begun making plans for his retirement, which will definitely include spending time with their 10 grandchildren, ages 3 to 10.

"We'll definitely be traveling," he said. "We love to visit Arizona, especially for spring training. We're looking forward to driving and taking out time and visiting places along the way."

But his thoughts will be in Grosse Pointe.

"It has been such a pleasure serving as director of this organization," he said. "I can't believe how blessed and how lucky my life has been."

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# CHURCH EVENTS

## Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Ruth Azar, executive director of Second Mile Center. For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.



## Auction

A condo in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico is one of the auction items being offered at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church Auction and Dinner Dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the ARK, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. More than 70 items are offered, including a house on Cape Cod, a condo in Saugatuck and a Victorian wicker doll. Committee members gathered at the home of auction chairs Jan and Bob Ramsey to show some of the items. Tickets cost \$30 and include dinner and dancing. For more information, call the church at (313) 822-2814.

## Grace United

The book of Daniel is the topic of the Friday Ladies' Night Out Bible Study Friday, Feb. 4, at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

The event begins with a 6 p.m. supper.

For more information, call Kris Allen at (586) 489-6829.

## St. James

The youth of St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, offer chili and two kinds of homemade soup and are accepting non-perishable food items and monetary donations as part of Souper Bowl of Caring, from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

Donations are given to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter.

When delivering canned goods, use the McMillan driveway and a volunteer will unload the donation.

Soup and chili are offered in individual take-out servings.

For more information, call Sandi Smith at (313) 884-0511.

## First English Lutheran

◆ First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial present "The Nuts and Bolts Approach to Money," a seminar to help families organize finances, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, in The Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is free. Dinner and nursery services are provided.

The basics of debt and credit card bill payment, retirement income management and handling family finances are explained during the year-long series.

Meetings are led by experienced financial advisors from

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For reservations, call Wayne Nabors at (586) 773-7982 or Mark Berkesch at (313) 886-4866.

◆ The Women of the Church in Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church presents its annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and Card Party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 15, in The Luther Center.

Donation is \$8 for a smorgasbord of salads and table prizes. Bring playing cards or game of your choice.

For reservations, call co-chair Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 or Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4436.

**PASTOR'S CORNER** By Rev. Jim Rizer

## Jesus offers to quench thirst

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The woman, an outcast in her community, comes to draw water in the heat of the day when no one else will be there. She comes to satisfy her physical thirst when she discovers Jesus at the well. As the conversation develops, Jesus offers her "living water" that will allow her to "never thirst again." (John 6:10-14)

He acknowledges she will be physically thirsty, as he points to the thirst that marks her soul. She thirsts for acceptance. She longs to be more than the sum of her mistakes and bad choices. She thirsts for wholeness. She longs for

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Jesus, knowing the fullness of her brokenness and the stunted or damaged areas of her soul, offers her living water to satisfy her thirst and restore her soul.

Are you thirsty? Jesus invites you, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Rizer is minister at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

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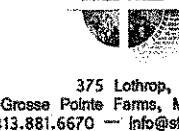
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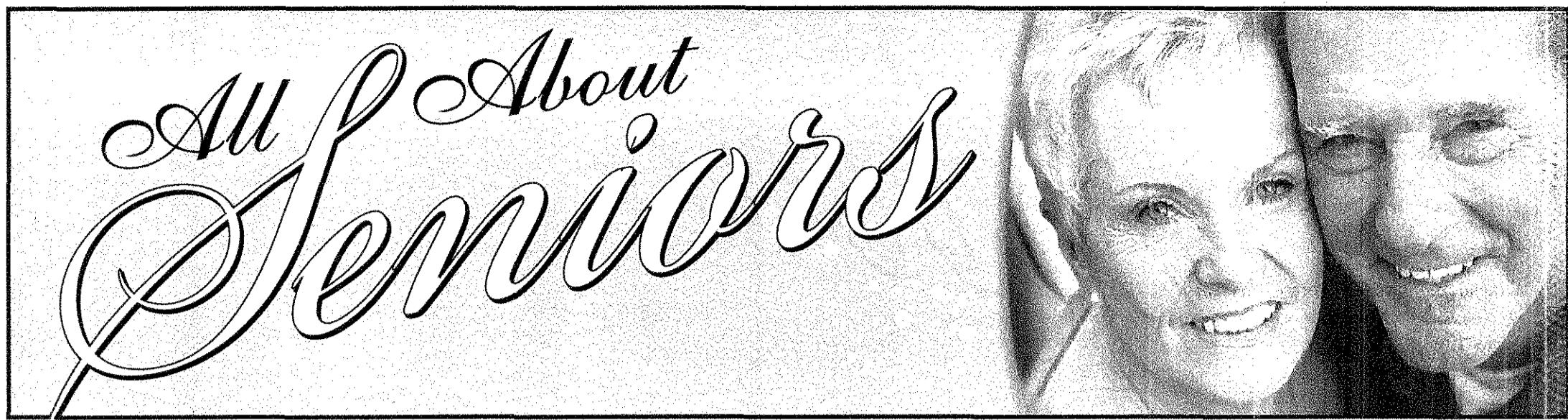
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One in every 10 Americans has hearing loss. Yet research indicates most wait up to 10 years before seeking help.

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Often neglected due to the stigma associated with the condition, hearing loss can create social and emotional barriers for the individuals living with it, or the families of those it affects.

When left untreated, hearing loss can lead to reduced earning power, disruptions in family life and can cause a wide range of psychological problems.

If experiencing hearing loss, speak to a local hearing health professional who can do a full hearing screening and walk the patient through available solutions.

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When deciding what hearing aid is best, it is important to consider the degree of hearing loss, the shape of the ear canals, personal needs, taste and budget. A local hearing health professional or ENT doctor can help answer these questions.

- Step No. 3: Using the new hearing aids.

Like glasses or contact lenses, a hearing aid can feel strange at first. This will change. Give a little time to get used to it. The best use of the hearing aid will be learned and enjoyed for all the benefits it has to offer. However, if any problems or pain is experienced, contact the local hearing health professional.

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Social Security numbers were first issued to identify those who were getting benefits. Now it's become a national ID number, and far too many people have access to it.

Theft of Social Security numbers is big business. With that little number, plus your name and address, thieves can steal your identity and take your money or run up debt in your name. At the very least, it can mean spending untold hours straightening out the mess when your credit report has errors.

With that number, someone can get medical services in your name, and at your expense, or refinance your mortgage and take the profits. For those who've put together a nice nest egg, it can mean losing everything you've worked for over the years.

McAfee, a computer security company, put together a list of the Top 10 places where Social Security numbers are most likely to be stolen. Starting with the riskiest places, they are: Universities and colleges, banks and financial institutions, hospitals, state governments, local governments, federal governments, medical businesses that provide equipment or billing services, non-profit organizations, technology companies, medical insurance and medical offices.

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# All About Seniors



## Know your financial personality

More than 90 percent of people aged 44 to 75 feel the United States is facing a retirement crisis.

Most people have a limited understanding of how much money they'll need and fear they'll outlive their income, according to a 2010 survey from Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America.

Understanding one's financial personality can help them

take the appropriate steps to start building a better financial future:

- Overwhelmed. The overwhelmed personality is unsure when, or if, they'll be able to retire. And when they do, they expect to significantly reduce their living expenses and possibly to continue working.

This type of personality should get control of their spending. Looking at their ex-

penses over the next month will show them how extra spending begins to add up.

They also need to reduce debt. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling recommends paying at least double the minimum required credit card payment.

The National Endowment for Financial Education recommends saving money for an emergency fund, money for short-term purchases, and money for long-term goals, such as retirement.

- Resilient. The resilient personality tends to be in their late 50s and is worried the U.S. is entering a major economic depression. They know they need to invest for retirement, but might not have time to save enough.

This type of personality should reduce spending. Look at what they're spending, particularly on bigger ticket items.

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They should also delay Social Security benefits. If benefits are received before full retirement age, the benefits will be reduced. Benefits can be calculated at ssa.gov.

Invest now. Consulting with a financial planner is a good

way to navigate the options and figure out a solid investment strategy.

- Distracted. This group is the youngest — 40s to 50s.

They generally count on re-

ceiving full Social Security benefits and relying on 401(k)s more than any other group. While they are worried their savings won't be adequate for the future, they are content to live for today.

This type of personality should evaluate their retire-

ment plans. Visit [choosetosave.org](http://choosetosave.org) to see if your retirement plans fit your budget, or if the plans need to be adjusted.

Investments should be reexamined. Look at all the investments and make sure they are growing. If not, it may be time for a change.

Make changes to secure retirement income. Protecting assets and guarding against outliving them needs to be a priority. An annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company. In exchange for the purchase payment, the insurance company provides one income, either immediately or sometime in the future. To find out more about annuities and whether they are a good fit, visit [allianzlife.com](http://allianzlife.com).

Whatever the age or financial personality, it's time to give your retirement plans a checkup and take action to secure a nest egg.

Some retirement resources are: "Retirement Nest Egg Calculator," [aarp.org](http://aarp.org); "Guidebook to Help Late Savers Prepare for Retirement" — National Endowment for Financial Education, [smartaboutmoney.org](http://smartaboutmoney.org); "Saving on a Tight Budget," [americasaves.org](http://americasaves.org); and "Advice on Getting Out of Debt" — National Foundation for Credit Counseling, [debtadvice.org](http://debtadvice.org).

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# All About Seniors

## Skin-care benefits overall health for seniors

Taking care of one's skin has its cosmetic benefits, but more significantly, it also plays a large role in overall health — particularly for seniors.

When there is dry skin, discoloration, wounds, rashes, bruises or other injuries, people are immediately aware something is wrong on the outside and maybe even on the inside.

Keeping aging skin healthy allows it to offer protection from environmental harms and infections and produce important vitamins.

"Age brings a number of changes that can compromise the skin's ability to protect us," said Cynthia Fleck, registered nurse and vice president of clinical marketing for advanced skin and wound care at Medline.

These changes stem from

the inability to retain water, sun damage, smoking, reduced collagen, some medicines and illnesses. Any or all of these factors can lead to skin deterioration.

"When skin ages, it becomes thinner and less resilient," Fleck said. "The layers of skin can easily separate, tearing the paper-like upper-most area called the epidermis. The skin cells do not 'turn over,' or replenish themselves as quickly as when we are young. Therefore, the old skin cells become clumped and do not function as efficiently as young, healthy skin cells do."

In addition, as age increases, people are more prone to dry and/or itchy skin, bruises in odd places, wrinkles, age spots, skin tags and abnormal moles. While aging cannot be reversed, maintaining proper

care equals healthy skin and more importantly, healthy people.

Fleck offers the following advice on how to care for aging skin:

- Avoid a daily shower or bath, which can contribute to dry skin. Instead, opt for gentle cleansing with moisturizing soap and detergent-free cleansers that do not need to be rinsed. These cleansers do the job of removing dirt and natural oils, but do not impact the natural acid balance of mature skin.

- Moisturizing on a daily basis is essential, especially since older skin fails to retain moisture as well as younger skin.

Look for advanced skin care products that actually nourish the skin from the outside in, delivering amino acids (proteins), vitamins, antioxidants

and ingredients that are gentle and soothing, making the skin more resilient and strengthening it.

- Take care to avoid injuries that can tear the skin or caustic substances that can disrupt the skin's ability to protect. If the skin is broken, small wounds can be covered with adhesive bandages designed to be gentle to skin. Immobile seniors who must use incontinence products should have special care taken to keep them clean and free of irritants. Barrier products that contain protectants such as dimethicone and other silicones, as well as zinc oxide, can help protect the skin from these issues.

- Protect skin from the sun. Since melanocytes, the skin cells that protect us from the sun, do not work as well when we age, older skin burns easily.

care in protecting their skin, especially on extremities.

- Avoid strong antibacterial soaps that may have high pH level, which can dry aging skin. Astringents and products that contain alcohol can also be too harsh and damaging for older skin. Moisturizing hands after using a sanitizer or soap becomes especially important for these cases.

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Ischemia is a term used to describe the restriction of oxygen-rich blood to an area of the body. Cardiac ischemia occurs when the blood cannot reach the heart.

Generally cardiac ischemia causes pain in the chest, known as angina. However, in some cases there is no warning pain and the condition is called silent ischemia.

Silent ischemia affects roughly 3 to 4 million Americans every year. Individuals who have had a previous heart attack are at higher risk for silent ischemia than others. But there are many other risk factors:

- Diabetes
- Coronary artery disease
- Hypertension
- Coronary artery anomalies
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Cardiomyopathy

If ischemia lasts too long or is especially severe, it may cause a heart attack. It can also affect the natural rhythm of the heart and its pumping ability, which can cause fainting, and sudden cardiac arrest.

Silent ischemia has no symptoms. However, if a person has had previous episodes of chest pain, there's a likeli-

hood he or she could also be experiencing silent ischemia and not know it. Doctors may use an exercise stress test to determine silent ischemia. Also, a special monitor called a Holter monitor will record the heart rate and rhythm over the course of a day and determine if ischemia occurred.

The main ways to treat silent ischemia is to reduce certain behaviors that increase risk. This includes quitting smoking, avoiding alcohol and maintaining a healthy weight and diet.

In most cases this is all that is needed to fix the situation. For those not responding to treatment, they may need a

percutaneous coronary intervention, such as balloon angioplasty, coronary artery bypass surgery or a similar procedure.

Silent ischemia is a potentially dangerous heart condition that's difficult to detect and can result in cardiac arrest.



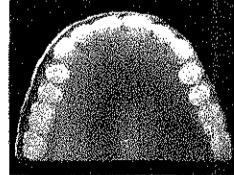
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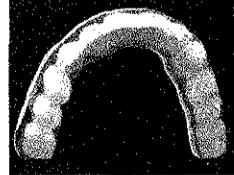
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# Recognizing signs of unhealthy relationships



**Q.** My sophomore daughter has been dating a junior for six months. She is with him all the time. When they aren't together, he is constantly texting her or calling. She no longer sees her friends and the relationship seems very exclusive.

When I try to talk about it, she defends him and says that it shows how much he loves her. She doesn't seem as light-hearted as she used to be. What can I do?

**A.** You are wise to be concerned about the changes in your daughter. Teenagers are the fastest growing population at risk for

dating abuse. Abuse can be defined as a consistent pattern of behavior in which one person exerts control and power over another. This can be physical, sexual, verbal or emotional.

Today's rules for dating are often shaped by the media and can be confusing. Young men still get the message, "Real men take charge; Real men are strong and dominant." Teen girls with low self-esteem are vulnerable to someone controlling their life in the name of "love."

Regardless of gender, inexperience is a relevant factor, as teens without much dating experience may not know what is and is not acceptable behavior.

Some signs of an unhealthy relationship are: being jealous of friends and family; no boundaries around frequency of contact, constant checking

## SAVE THE DATE

### Matters of Choice: Recognizing Signs of Unhealthy Relationships

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15  
Sean Hogan-Downey  
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up when apart and changes in mood.

Like so many social issues for teens, advice is not as important as connection to an adult who will listen and discuss how to help the teen explore possibilities.

- ◆ Be behavioral — it keeps you non-judgmental.
- ◆ State what you observe as changes in your daughter.
- ◆ Hold off on any criticism

or judgment toward her boyfriend.

- ◆ Be factual.
- ◆ Educate her about possible issues in unhealthy relationships — such as criticism, controlling and isolation from friends and family.

◆ Talk about jealousy and how the need to feel loved can prevent her from being assertive and recognizing the right to say "no."

- ◆ Be available.
- ◆ Reassure her you will be there to listen and support her

without criticism.

- ◆ Be sure to attend "Matters of Choice: Recognizing Signs of Unhealthy Relationships" Feb. 15. This presentation, offered by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, addresses the warning signs of abusive relationships and how parents and friends can help.

Sean Hogan-Downey, LM-SW, LMFT is a licensed master social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist.

She has been in clinical practice for more than 30 years and has worked at the Grosse Pointe Academy as staff consultant and school counselor for more than 10 years. She can be reached at (586) 774-7779.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org; call (313) 432-3832 or write to 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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If this sounds familiar, it may be time to consider a family medicine doctor — a physician who cares for your entire family — you, your spouse, your children or an aging parent. Instead of finding a specialist for each of your health issues, see one physician for most of your health care, then specialize when it becomes necessary.

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"Scheduling an appointment



James Rosbott, M.D., medical director, Beaumont Family Medicine, St. Clair Shores, watches family medicine resident, Azrael Paderes, M.D., examine Devon LaBara, as mom, Billie-Jo, looks on.

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# Solutions bad affiliation

"Recognizing the Signs of Unhealthy Relationships" is the topic of Sean Hogan-Downey's lecture beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 15, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Yeoman Hall, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

She addresses:

- ◆ Toxic Relationships: Warning Signs
- ◆ Power and Control in Teen Dating Relationships
- ◆ The Cycle of Unhealthy Relationships: 3 Stages

- ◆ Establishing Healthy Relationships

- ◆ How Can Parents and Friends Help

Hogan-Downey is a licensed master social worker and a licensed marriage and family therapist. She has been in clinical practice for more than 30 years. For more than 10 years, she has worked with The Grosse Pointe Academy as staff consultant and school counselor.

"Regardless of gender, inexperience is a relevant factor, since teens without much dating experience may not know what is and is not acceptable behavior in a dating relationship," Hogan-Downey said. "Some of the signs of unhealthy relationship are being jealous of friends and family, no boundaries around frequency of contact, constant checking

up when apart and changes in mood. Like so many social issues for teens, advice is not as important as connection to an adult who will listen and discuss how to help the teen explore possibilities."

The event is presented in partnership with St. Michael's, Community, Assessment, Referral & Education, George R. & Elise M. Fink Foundation, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, HP Foundation, Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Pure and simple meal with Thai food



**T**hai food has settled into America like a well-fit glove. My husband likes Thai food so much he bought me a cookbook so I could prepare his favorite Thai dishes at home.

The book, "Thai Pure & Simple" is written by Sandy Arapachinda, founder of the Bangkok Cuisine restaurants in the metro Detroit area.

I'm starting with kow pad, otherwise known as Thai fried rice. This easy, delicious and economical recipe feeds a family of four and can be on the dinner table in less than a half hour, if you cook the rice ahead of time.

## Kow Pad with Chicken

(Thai fried rice, adapted from "Thai Pure & Simple")

8 cups cooked rice  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into thin bite-sized pieces  
1/2 cup diced carrots  
1 medium onion, halved



Annie's Thai recipe is quick and economical.

and sliced, about 1 cup  
1/2 cup sliced scallions  
1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed  
3 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup fish sauce\*  
2 tablespoons sugar  
sliced tomato and cucumber for garnish

Begin by prepping the chicken and all of the vegetables. Heat the oil in a wok-style skillet over medium-high heat. (A flat skillet will also work.) Add the chicken and cook until almost done, about 5 to 7 minutes.

utes. Add carrots, onion, scallops and peas and cook for a minute or two.

Add the egg and cook for a few more minutes, stirring often. Add the cooked rice and toss and stir until well combined with the chicken and vegetables.

Combine the fish sauce with the sugar and pour over the rice, tossing well. Cook until the fried rice is heated throughout. Transfer to a serving platter or bowl and garnish with slices of fresh tomato and cucumber.

The sugar brings a slight sweet taste to this fried rice, making it appealing to a broad range of palates. This is the most basic of fried rice recipes. There are many variations of kow pad.

Different combinations of meat, seafood, vegetables, herbs and spices make up the Thai tradition of fried rice.

\* Found in the Asian section of the grocery store.

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## CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## Gem Theatre

The Gem Theatre presents "Catechism 3: 'Till Death Do Us Part" through March 6. Call for performance times.

Tickets range in price from \$29.50 to \$34.50 and can be purchased by calling the Gem's box office at (313) 963-9800; or Ticketmaster at 800-982-2787 or visiting Ticketmaster.com.

The theater is located at 333 Madison Ave., Detroit.

## Henry Ford Museum

Each February weekend, Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, recognizes African American visionaries during "Celebrate Black History!"

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and include these special performances:

♦ Feb. 5-6: Pre-emancipation — The North Star Gospel Chorale, 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m.; dramatic presentation of "Ain't I a Woman: Meet Sojourner Truth" at 12:15, 2 and 3:15 p.m.; and presentation of "A Valiant Soldier" by Yulanda Burgess at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

♦ Feb. 12-13: Northern Migration — musical performer Robert Jones at 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m.; and dramatic presentation of "Elijah: The Real McCoy" at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

♦ Feb. 19-20: Civil Rights Movement — The 30-minute interactive and dramatic program, Minds on Freedom, at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

♦ Feb. 26-27: Contemporary Times — Musical performance by The Hamilton Family at 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. and Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit's Mosaic Singers at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

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