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◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host University of Michigan professor Gregg Crane, who discusses Theodore Dreiser's book, "Sister Carrie," at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. For more information, call Donna Di Sante at (313) 881-2258.

◆ Play Central, a place for children and their caregivers to socialize, is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$3.

◆ Neighborhood Club Executive Director John Bruce's retirement party is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

◆ Mother - son movie day is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. To register, call (313) 343-2408. The cost is \$4.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

◆ The Mother-daughter book group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. This is open to girls in fourth and fifth grades. For more information, call Kathleen Gallagher at (313) 343-2074, ext. 206.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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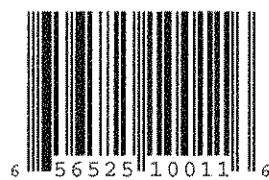
Mardi Gras

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts Booked for Fun from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Woods branch. Sixth and seventh graders can read and play games. For more information, call Jane Marsden at (313) 343-2074, ext. 218.

◆ GardenGreen presents a member of the Herb Society of America - Grosse Pointe Unit, whose topic is "Herb Gardens and Companion Planting" at 7

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Ann and Don Berschback, of Grosse Pointe Park, learned the foxtrot, with Ann Berschback saying, "I love to dance."

The dancing spirit

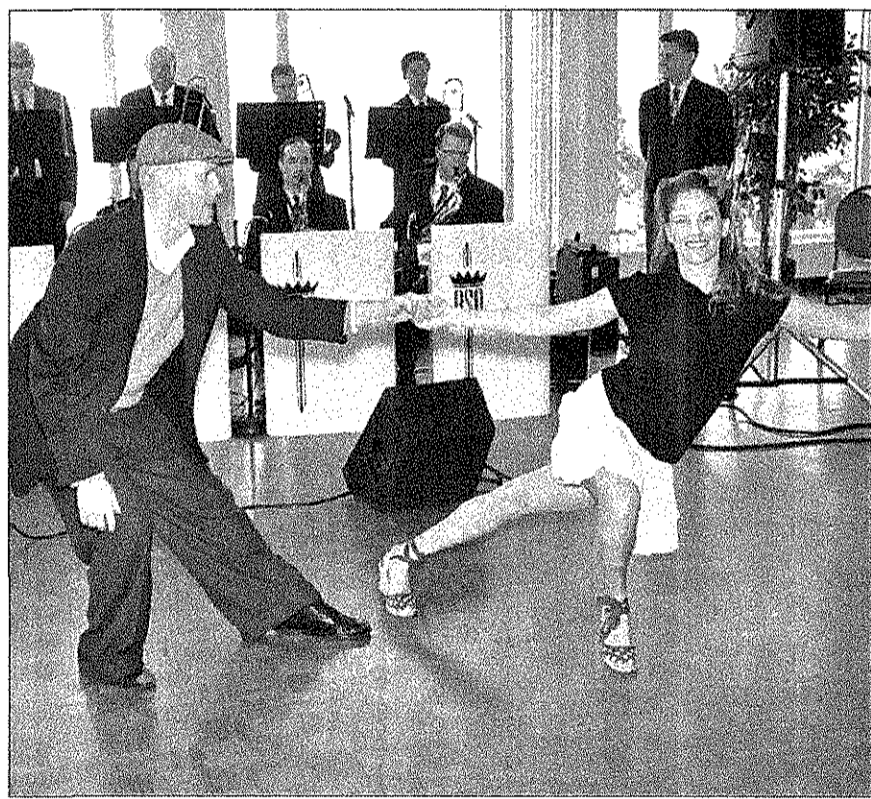
By Ann L. Fouty
 Features Editor

More than 500 women and men took to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's dance floor Feb. 26 during the Day of Dance, as part of the Spirit of Women initiative.

If attendees didn't actually trip the light fantastic at the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe-sponsored event, they tapped their toes and watched dancing exhibitions, dance performances by students from three local dance studios and dance demonstrations by professional dancers.

The first event of its kind in the Grosse Pointes celebrated women, their health and February as American Heart Month.

"This is a way to make the community aware of the difference between women and men's heart disease. The signs and symptoms are different," said Donna Hoban, senior vice president and medical director of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "This is a way to give back to the community, to learn, to participate and enjoy friends."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
 Grosse Pointe Dance Center instructor Melissa King and economics teacher Adam Vallus demonstrate swing dancing.



Young dancers from the Mary Ellen Studio of Dance in St. Clair Shores perform during the Day of Dance, sponsored by the Spirit of Women.

Until recently, men's heart health has been the center of heart studies, until it was discovered symptoms for women's heart disease and heart attacks are different, she said. A new perspective was needed because heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in women.

In addition to dancing lessons and exhibitions, tables were covered with information on various health issues. At one, three registered nurses from Beaumont, were taking blood pressure measurements.

According to the nurses, Mary Kuznie, Jan Szweczyk and Michele Gamel, when learning and understanding what blood pressure numbers mean, women can adjust their

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Council sees the neon light

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS - The neon lights are back on in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Woods city council approved the repeal of a decade-old ban on neon lighting in storefronts along Mack Avenue at its meeting Monday, Feb. 28. The vote was unanimous.

The ban on neon lights will officially be lifted March 10, though city officials have indicated they will not act to enforce the law prior to that.

The repeal comes as a petition drive among business owners was picking up steam to put the question of neon signs up to a vote of the residents in the November election. Several Mack Avenue merchants started the petition after they were cited by the city for having neon signs when the city began enforcing the ordinance last September.

"I'm very happy with the vote," said David Reed, owner of McCubbins Barber Shop, which has had a neon sign in the window for 35 years. "It's just too bad it had to come to this."

Alan Domzalski, owner of Elan Candies and organizer of the petition drive, acknowledged he was a reluctant participant in the protest.

"But I had to make a stand," he said. "They forced me into it. I spent a lot of time and money on something that never should have been an issue to begin with."

Domzalski would not say if his group will still pursue putting the question of repealing the ban up for a vote of residents in November.

"There may be a question of whether the wording of the ban was correct," he said. "We're going to be looking into it and make a decision later in the week."

Hearings set for proposed senior project

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS - Residents have the chance to be heard at a forum for a proposed senior housing development on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The planning commission holds a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. The hearing was scheduled at the request of the developers of the project, now referred to as The Rivers of Grosse Pointe. The developers told the commission enough progress has been made in the planning of the development for it to be brought forward for public review.

"We're very proud of where we are in the process," said Richard Levin, lead developer. "We have been meeting with city officials and have made substantial progress."

Representatives of The Rivers met

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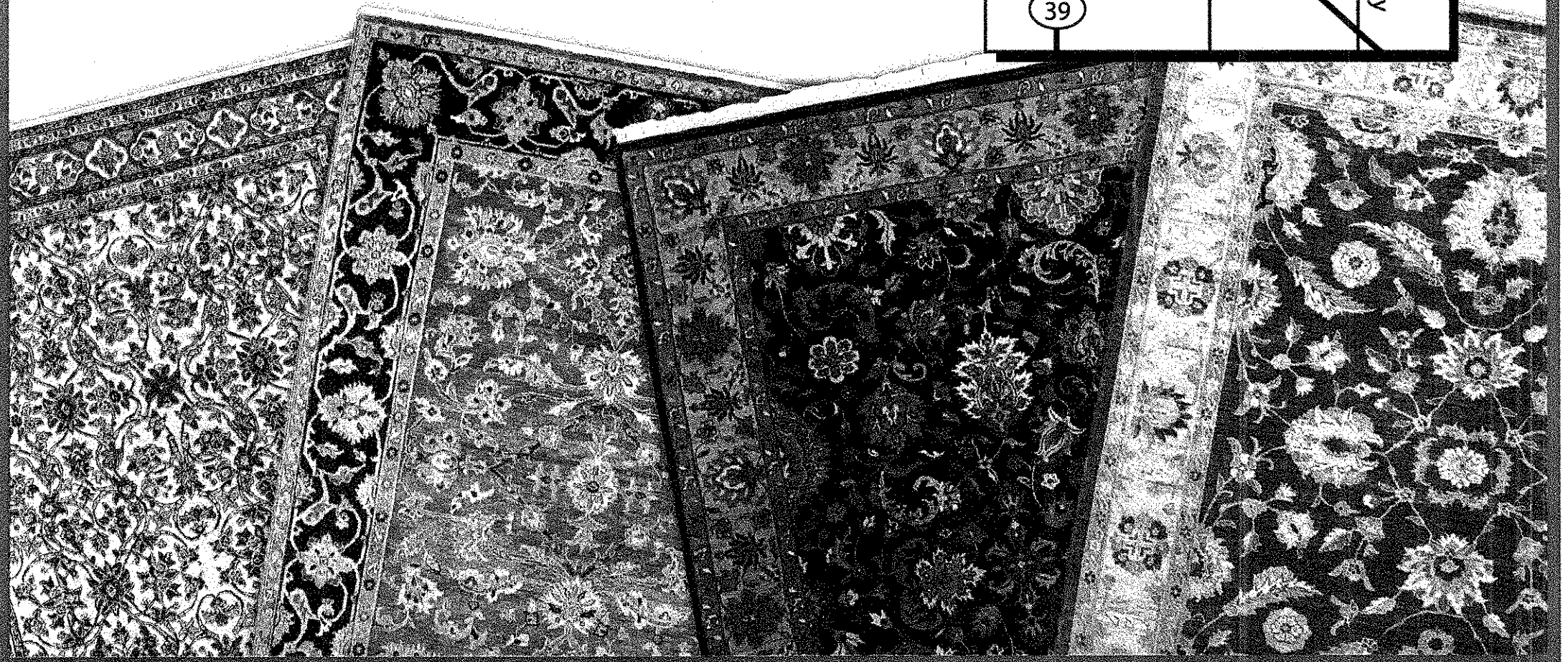
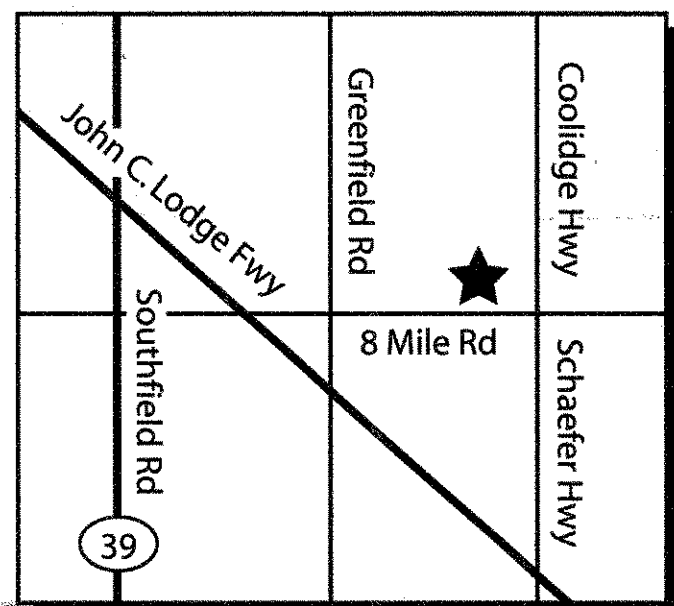
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Carving the way



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A U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker leads the way for the Norman McLeod through an icy Lake St. Clair channel past the Grosse Pointes in February. Send photos and information of local events to jwarner@grossepointenews.com

B&E, stabbing suspect one and same

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pair of golden retrievers added last week to the breed's reputation as affable house pets and feckless guard dogs.

Lucky for them, too, that they didn't appear to challenge the man suspected of breaking into their master's unoccupied house in Grosse Pointe Farms last week and stealing about \$250 in coins.

The man is accused of using violence against things that get in his way.

He's believed responsible for stabbing a 69-year-old woman twice in the neck during a burglary Feb. 23 in Macomb Township.

"He's under suspicion for homicide five or six years ago in New York," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati.

The man was arrested in New York Saturday, Feb. 26, driving a car stolen last week in one of two Farms home invasions police think he committed.

No one was home during either of the Farms incidents.

The first occurred during daylight hours Thursday, Feb. 24, — one day after the stabbing — in the 400 block of Moross.

A rear door had been kicked in, splitting the frame and

breaking loose a screw from the lock.

When police investigated the scene, two golden retrievers in the house gave no sign anything was wrong.

"The dogs are extremely friendly," said a patrolman.

"We should get a DNA swab from their tongues because they probably tried to lick the burglar to death," Rosati said.

A Sony Wii Zumba game console and power cord were gone. Two jars were empty of about \$250 in loose change.

"I lifted fingerprints from a mason jar the change was in," Rosati said. "I don't know if they're going to be workable. They could be the burglar's or someone's in the family."

Boot prints in the snow near the damaged door seemed to match those found a couple of blocks away in the 400 block of Bournemouth, where a house was burgled and a car stolen that night or the next morning.

"They're the same sized boot prints," Rosati said. "The (sole) patterns seem the same. It's a big boot print. About 12 1/2 inches."

The Bournemouth incident is believed to have happened that night after 10 p.m. or early next morning.

A neighbor at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, reported to police the garage door was open.

A beige 1999 Acura 3.2 TL normally inside was gone.

Police discovered the house's back door had been forced open and left ajar.

"A television (was) missing from a family room," said an officer. "The upstairs bedroom dresser drawers (were) open and jewelry (was) on top of the dressers."

The stolen TV is a 32-inch Sony, the victim, who was out of town, told police.

Two days later, New York State Police from Tarrytown, of Headless Horseman fame, stopped the Acura. New Jersey officers had been chasing its driver, Joseph T. Reiner, 27, of Fraser, for 50 miles.

Reiner was arrested for, among traffic infractions, breaking parole on a 2006 Macomb County home invasion.

New York troopers queried Farms police about the Acura registered in their jurisdiction.

"We said the car was stolen in a home invasion," Rosati said.

New York authorities told Farms police Reiner claimed he lived on Detroit's eastside.

"He said he was flopping at a vacant house on Troester between Hayes and Chalmers," Rosati said. "That would put him close to Grosse Pointe."

Rosati was unable Monday

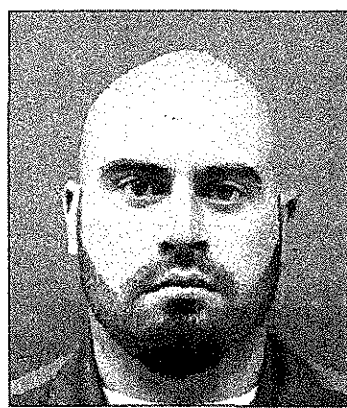


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Joseph T. Reiner

morning to pinpoint the dwelling.

"We went to a few houses we thought were possibilities," Rosati said. "None would be tenable. This guy was living like an animal."

Reiner was arraigned back East on numerous charges, including possession of marijuana and a hypodermic instrument.

He's in jail awaiting proceedings for his extradition to Michigan.

Rosati doesn't doubt Reiner committed the two Farms home invasions and car theft.

"We know in our hearts he did it," Rosati said. "But, it's a different standard when it comes to court."

Legislators support film credits

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointes' elected advocates in Lansing are at various degrees of separation with Gov. Rick Snyder's decision to cut tax credits for movie makers.

The community's first-term Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, said rescinding the previous administration's tax credits for film producers would cost Michigan money it can't afford to refuse.

"You're seeing millions of dollars sucked out of our state in planning because the movie industry is saying Michigan is closed to business as it relates

to us," Johnson said of out-of-state movie companies canceling plans to set up shop in Michigan because of Snyder's proposed changes.

"The only reason the school aid fund had a \$528 million budget balance was because of those film credits receiving sales tax revenue into the system," Johnson said.

The Michigan film tax credit program began in 2008. It gives refundable tax credits of up to 42 percent of costs to produce movies or a television series in Michigan.

Johnson spoke at last month's meeting of the Grosse

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Police: Man admits to crime at Woods business

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Kory Kordell Smith has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny in the November 2010 forced entry at Josef's French Pastry Shop on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Smith, who has an extensive criminal history, also is being charged as a habitual offender, fourth offense.

The charges stem from a late night burglary that occurred at the bakery Nov. 18. According to the police report, forced entry was made into the shop and a cash register drawer containing \$100 was removed.

A digital security camera caught the robber on tape. Woods police also processed the scene and fingerprints were found along with shoe prints. The fingerprints were processed and match those of Smith, police said.

According to police, Smith

was on parole, but faces charges of assaulting his parole officer and causing injury. He also had several outstanding warrants for his arrest, the most recent from St. Clair Shores where he is the chief suspect in several business break-ins. Smith has a criminal history dating back to 1990, with arrests for arson, felony burglary and robbery.

Woods police were notified that he turned himself in to Detroit police and was subsequently turned over to St. Clair Shores police.

It was during an interview with the St. Clair Shores police that he confessed to the Josef's robbery.

Smith was arraigned in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court Thursday, Feb. 23. He is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond. His next court date was set for Wednesday, March 2, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Correction

There was an error in the story "Let there be neon?" on page 1A of the Feb. 24 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. The Grosse Pointe Woods city council, meeting as a committee of the whole, voted 5 to 2 to repeal the long-standing, but only recently enforced, ban on neon lights. Mayor Robert Novitke and Councilwoman Vicki Granger dissented.

Refuse collection changes pending

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Refuse pick-up and recycling services are intended to be self-funding in the City of Grosse Pointe once changes in fees and services are enacted for the coming year.

The service has a separate fund that shouldn't need infusions from the general fund, according to Peter Dame, city manager.

"We have significant pressures on the general fund," he said.

As city officials work on a budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, Dame received approval from the city council to make the solid waste fund self-re-

liant.

A draft of the proposed budget is due for review at a special city council meeting Monday, May 2.

"We created a solid waste fund last year when we increased the solid waste millage," Dame said.

"Notwithstanding that fund creation, the general fund still subsidizes the solid waste fund by about \$30,000. Taking into account the decline in property tax revenues, we're expecting a shortfall of \$60,000."

The council charged him with ending the subsidy.

He proposed several ways to ensure solid waste services achieve budgetary independence:

◆ Eliminate special pickups throughout the week or charge fees for special pickups.

"We do all kinds of pickups, particularly for yard waste in summer," Dame said. "Someone calls, we go pick it. We could reduce the level of services. Eliminate rear-yard pick up and have curbside pickup."

◆ Reconfigure pickup schedules.

Instead of scheduling residential pickups three days per week and commercial service five days per week, stretch residential service over four days and tack on a commercial pickup at the end of each one.

"That could eliminate a dedi-

cated commercial truck and

driver," Dame said. Two other funds for water and municipal parking are "entirely self-sufficient," Dame said.

Yet, rates for drinking water bought from Grosse Pointe Farms are expected to increase by double digits due to continued declines in usage, Dame added.

"We will be recalculating water rates," he said.

City water customers last year weren't charged an increase.

"We will need one this year because the rate we're charged from the Farms is increasing because the cost of operating their plant is increasing," Dame said.

Wrecked City police cruiser replaced

When a drunken driver rear-ended a City of Grosse Pointe cruiser last month, he put an officer in the hospital and the cruiser out of commission.

The injured officer returned to duty last week. The cruiser is too wrecked to repair.

"The car had almost \$12,000 damage," said James Fox, director of public safety.

The crash boxed Fox into requesting the city council to authorize the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

"There were no vehicle purchases anticipated this budget year," Fox said. "But, repair costs far exceed the value of the patrol car."

A new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car costs

\$21,632.

"An additional \$5,000 is needed to strip equipment out of the old car and install it in the new car," Fox said. "Some equipment was damaged in the accident and will have to be replaced."

That brings the final cost to \$26,632.

"We are taking action

against the driver of the other vehicle," Fox said. "The City is seeing reimbursement for the car's market value through the driver's insurance company or through restitution ordered by the court, which, if received, would help offset a portion of this cost."

— Brad Lindberg

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POINTER OF INTEREST

A summer course on social change led **Katie Nowak** to help children thousands of miles away. She created a club at Grosse Pointe South High School to raise money to support an orphan in Kenya.

Helping from a continent away

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer



'I hope this continues to be a South tradition.'

KATIE NOWAK,
Grosse Pointe Park

Katie Nowak will graduate from Grosse Pointe South in a few months and leave behind a legacy that goes way beyond this community.

Little did Nowak, 17, know when she volunteered to put her French language skills to use for a project coordinated by Brownell Middle School language teacher Joanna Porvin, she and her fellow South students would be touching the lives of orphans thousands of miles away.

"Madame Porvin was going to be spending two weeks working in Kenya at the Children's Village in Meru," Nowak explained. "She was going to be teaching a conversational French class to girls and received a grant to make recordable greeting cards. She asked for volunteers to record messages in French and the students in Meru recorded a return message."

Porvin traveled to Kenya early in 2010 with a nonprofit group, Friends of Kenyan Orphans, an organization founded by Grosse Pointe Park residents Bud and Sue Ozar. She taught for two weeks at The Children's Village, an orphanage founded in 1999 by Father Francis Limo

Riwa. The village cares for more than 750 children, all abandoned by their families and many of whom have HIV or AIDS.

When Porvin returned, Nowak was anxious to hear about her experience.

"I was so moved by the pictures she brought back of the children," she said. "You could see that they were very engaged learners, and the stories



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Katie Nowak, left, and fellow Grosse Pointe South High School senior Alix Chrumka, work Grosse Pointe Youth for Kenya's first bake sale. The bake sale raised more than \$130.

Madame Porvin told made me want to do more."

After hearing Porvin's stories, the Kenyan orphans were never far from Nowak's thoughts.

When she took a course last summer on social change at Yale through Academic Study Associates, she was tasked with developing a social action program.

"I looked at local agencies, but I couldn't find one where I would have a real hands-on opportunity," she said. "Then I remembered the Kenyan orphans, and I knew I could take a direct approach and make a difference."

Nowak got in contact with both Porvin and the Ozars with the idea of starting a club at South that would provide support for the orphanage. She also approached South teacher DeEtte Nardone, who agreed to act as club sponsor.

"We formed the club, Grosse Pointe Youth for Kenya, last fall and we held our first meeting in December," Nowak said. "We determined that our goal would be to raise \$480 which would support an orphan for one year at Children's Village."

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of club members, that goal is being met through bake sales and other fundraisers.

"Since we're a new club, we don't have any funding from school sources," she said. "So it falls to club members to raise the necessary money."

Nowak put the marketing skills she learned as a member of Distribution Education Clubs of America to work in her organizing of GPYK. She won several awards at DECA conferences during her junior year at South.

A major focus for Nowak right now is to guarantee the club endures after she graduates.

"I have recruited some underclassmen for the leadership board, so I think the club will be in good hands after I graduate," Nowak said. "Calla Richie, another senior, is vice president, but a junior, Jill Schumann, is treasurer and Christina Firl, a sophomore, is secretary. When you start something, you can't cut it off, so no matter what it takes, I want to stay connected with the club and orphanage."

She would also like to visit the orphanage some day.

"I had wanted to go this summer, but I don't think I'll be able to," she said. "But I definitely will someday."

In addition to her work with Grosse Pointe Youth for Kenya, Nowak serves on the student council at South and is in the National Honor Society. She also is a member of the Varsity Club, French Club and is vice president of Grosse Pointe South Students for Life. She is involved with Interact and HAND, South's mentoring program, as well as the Gay-Straight Alliance. She lettered in cross country her freshman year. She also is an avid horsewoman and yoga enthusiast.

Nowak hopes to attend medical school after college and has already attended several

medical conferences, including three sessions of the European Society of Cardiology at meetings in Munich, Germany, her sophomore year, Barcelona, Spain, during her junior year and Stockholm, Sweden, as a senior. She also is a member of the Grosse Pointe Student Research Group with Henry Ford Hospital.

Nowak lives in Grosse Pointe Park and is the daughter of Richard and Debbie Nowak.

Like many seniors, she is still waiting to hear from the colleges to which she applied and while she hopes to go out of state, she has some mixed feelings.

"I love to go out and experience new things, so I'm looking forward to going out of state," she said. "But I know I will really miss Grosse Pointe."

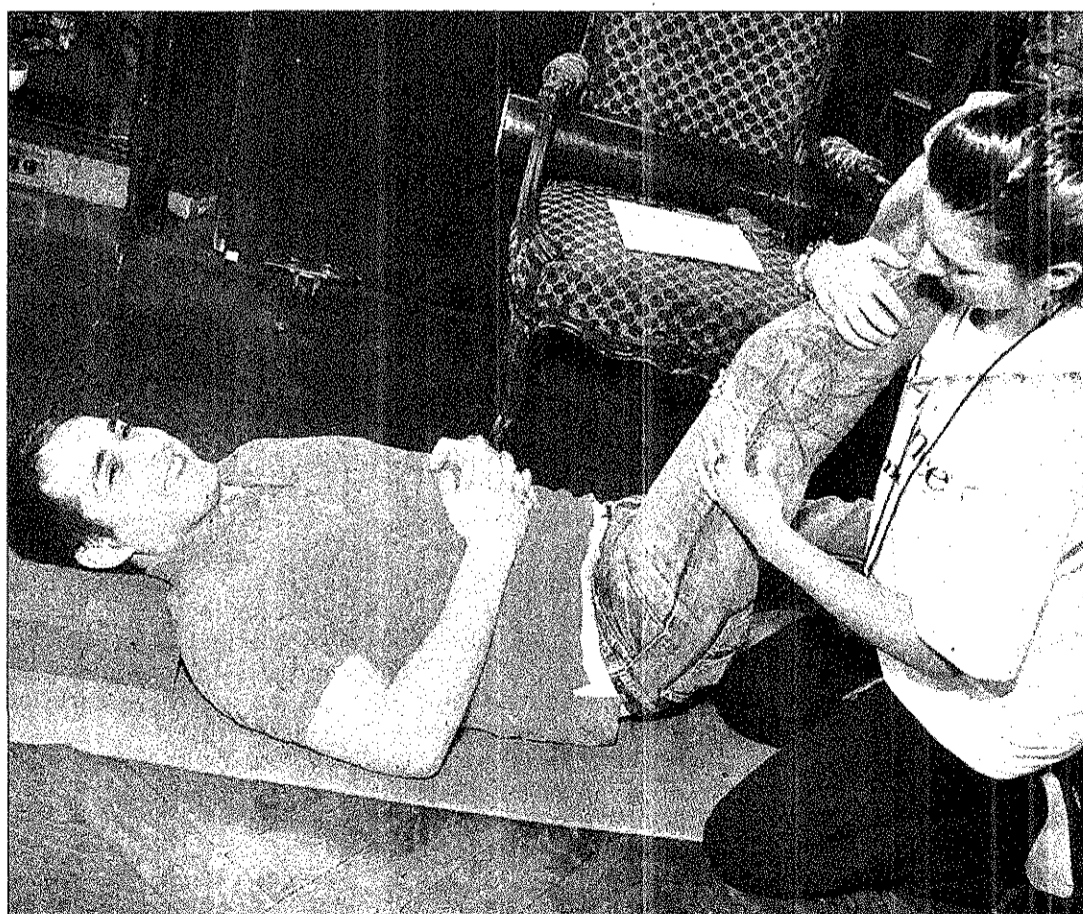


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Michael Gratson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has his hamstring length measured by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe physical therapist Christina Paniccia.

DANCING: Healthy event draws hundreds

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lifestyles, if need be, which could include adding medication and exercise and alter diet.

This bears out for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Ellen Burke who was recently diagnosed with a heart condi-

tion and has to change her diet and incorporate exercise into her daily routine.

"Change is hard and I lead a very busy life. Women need to put themselves first," she said.

Suzu Manning, of the City of Grosse Pointe, said a positive attitude and being grateful for what's already in your life are

necessary for a healthy life. The two friends came to the event together, Manning said, to enjoy the environment with women who are interested in their well-being.

"There are a lot of people in the community who want to impact women's health," she said.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 7th, 21st and 22nd 2011. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 7th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 21st from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 22nd from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Appeals made by mail must be postmarked by March 22, 2011 and received by March 25, 2011.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL
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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on

Tuesday, March 15, 2011
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST

For reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll. Appointments may be made beginning March 1, 2011 by calling (313) 822-4361 to schedule. Written appeals are accepting not later than March 22, 2011.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Stolen jewelry

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man admitted knowing last week that jewelry he wanted to sell at Coins & Stamps, 17658 Mack, was stolen.

The store owner called police when the man returned to the premises at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, having tried to sell jewelry earlier that day without having proper identification.

Officers arrested the man for possession of stolen property. Jewelry consisted of:

- ◆ an 18 karat gold tricolor bracelet valued at \$359,
- ◆ an \$11.78 sterling silver bracelet,
- ◆ a 14 karat yellow gold ring worth \$358 and
- ◆ a coin pendant of undetermined value.

—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

Fake withdrawals

Identity thieves during the last two months stole more than \$7,000 from a Farms woman.

"(Her) online checking account was fraudulently debited approximately 14 times for approximately \$7,036.02 by unknown persons," said a public safety officer.

Way over limit

A 42-year-old Detroit man

refused to complete sobriety tests last week during a roadside drunken driving investigation.

He wouldn't do a one-legged balance test, saying it was "stupid," according to police.

Police pulled the man over at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, for driving east in the west-bound lanes of Mack near Moross.

The man was arrested upon registering a .29 percent blood alcohol level, more than 3 1/2 times the state's allowable limit.

"Throughout the traffic stop, (he) was belligerent," said the arresting officer.

The man fell entering the holding cell at headquarters, cutting his lip.

Officers took the prisoner to a hospital to be checked out and a blood draw to test alcohol content.

"(He) continued to act bel-

ligerent in the emergency room," police added.

Check in mail

Shortly before 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, two former employees of Upper Mack Cleaners, near Moross, battered another female employee when told they couldn't pick up their final paychecks, according to police.

The former employees, both Highland Park women aged 23 and 35, reportedly attacked the other employee, a 33-year-old Detroit resident.

The alleged assailants kicked and scratched and pulled the other woman's hair when told the paychecks would be delivered by mail. The older suspect reportedly hit the victim in the head with a stapler.

Both suspects left the scene

in a black Cadillac, police were told.

Officers had been called to the cleaners Monday, Feb. 21, regarding the same two suspects.

The women reportedly became unruly when the proprietor criticized the younger one for not working very hard.

—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

Hits embankment

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman wasn't injured when the Chevrolet Malibu she was driving at 6:41 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, on southbound Lakeshore, went over the median near Lochmoor into oncoming lanes and hit an embankment near Renaud.

The woman reportedly told a public safety officer she was taking medication for seizures. The officer drove her home.

Night cap

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reportedly drove away from a party on Renaud in Grosse Pointe Shores last weekend in a Mercedes Benz belonging to the hostess' father.

The man is accused of crashing the car into another vehicle on Mack in the Farms, ditching it in an alley and leaving the scene.

A woman in a car the man reportedly hit was taken to St. John Hospital complaining of pain.

A Farms patrolman discovered the wreck at 5:35 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, on Mack near Colonial Court.

He found a blue 1998 Ford Explorer parked partially off the roadway. The vehicle had moderate damage to the front driver-side quarter panel, bumper and hood.

The driver, a 68-year-old Detroit woman, said her Explorer had been hit by someone driving a small, black car entering traffic from the Newberry turn-around. She said the other driver headed north on Mack onto northbound Severn.

Officers soon found a Mercedes in an alley behind the 19500 block of Mack, near Severn.

"Footprints were observed starting at the Mercedes and stopping in the alley, where a fresh set of tire tracks were located," said Farms Officer Harris.

Officers matched the Mercedes with one reported stolen during the party in the Shores.

They took the alleged driver into custody at his residence in the 1700 block of Allard.

No weapon found

Three Shores officers responded at 10:46 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, to a report of shots fired from a white 2008 Cadillac Escalade at an apartment complex in the 900 block of Vernier in neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shores Sgt. William Nicholson found the Escalade parked with its engine running in the west-side drive of

Vernier Terrace Apartments. A man stood beside the vehicle.

"As (I) activated the (scout car's) emergency lights, the driver reentered the vehicle and turned the motor off," Nicholson said.

Additional officers arrived and took the driver, a 28-year-old man from Oak Park, into custody.

"The vehicle was checked clear of weapons," Nicholson said.

74 mph

A 20-year-old female motorist that police pulled over at 2:58 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, on northbound Lakeshore near Duval for speeding 74 mph was arrested for drunken driving.

The woman, of Bloomfield Hills, had a .19 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

"She (said) she does not drink because she is in the National Guard," said the arresting officer.

During field sobriety tests, she leaned on her 2008 Dodge Charger to keep from falling over, according to police.

An officer asked her if she knew why she was stopped.

"For driving 10 mph over the speed limit," she replied, according to an officer.

Sign smashed

Police believe that a truck driven over a stop sign at the corner of southbound Lakeshore and South Deeplands belongs to a 24-year-old woman from St. Clair Shores.

The broken sign was reported at 7:36 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

A few minutes later, a patrolman spotted the truck, a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox, on Woodland Shores and ordered it towed away.

Slides into curb

During icy road conditions shortly before 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, an 80-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man lost control of his 2009 Mercury Sable and hit the Lakeshore curb south of Vernier.

The impact damaged the car's driver-side wheels, making the vehicle inoperable, according to a public safety officer.

Officers arranged for the car to be towed. They also transported the uninjured driver and his passengers to the Shores man's house.

Helping H.W.

Three public safety officers provided mutual aid shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, to Harper Woods officers responding to a house fire in the 19600 block of Roscommon.

.22 percent

Police said a 21-year-old St. Clair Shores woman registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, on Vernier near city hall.

A patrolman spotted the woman driving a 1998 Ford

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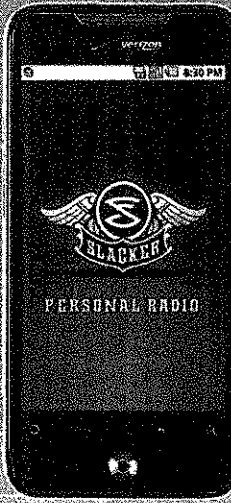
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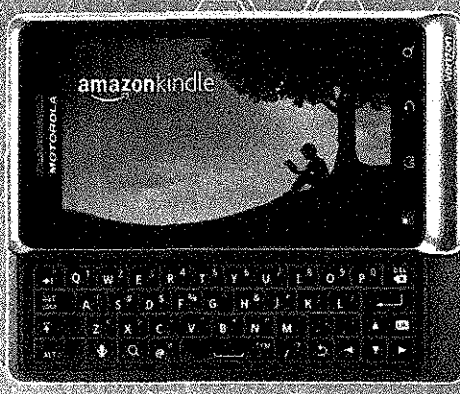
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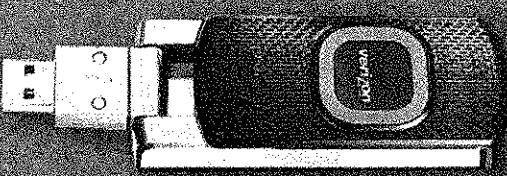
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p.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is free. Donations are accepted.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Ash Wednesday
◆ The Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, donates a portion of its

day's proceeds to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. For more information, call the center at (313) 432-3832.

◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe hosts "Simple, Enjoyable Family Dinners" at 6:30 p.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's Spirit of Women initiative hosts "Picture a Life With Less" from 7 to 8 p.m. at the hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Topics include pain management, treatment and management of arthritis and diagnosing mysterious pain symptoms. To register for the free event, call (800) 633-7377.



Woolsey Interiors

Diane Woolsey Interiors renovated a showroom and created large design studio on the Hill at 86 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The ribbon cutting event included, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President and Executive Director Jenny Boettcher holding showroom greeter Benson Kennedy, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farqhar, designers Diane Woolsey and D.J. Kennedy and showroom manager Carole Dykowski. The phone number is (313) 886-5400.

FILM: Lawmaker pushes for uniform business rate

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Pointe Democratic Club.

Second-term state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, opposes the overall concept of using tax breaks to attract business investment. Yet, he feels Snyder's recommendation goes too far.

"My expectation was we would be reducing that film tax credit from 42 percent to something similar to other states, like 30 or 35 percent," Bledsoe said. "I was somewhat taken aback by his decision to sharply curtail the film tax credit. In general, I'm on the same wavelength as him. We need to rely less on tax credits."

Johnson has seen first-hand what Tinseltown can do for Motown.

The network television crime show, "Detroit 1-8-7," is based at studios in Highland Park.

"We get revenue when people come in, live in and spend their money in our state," Johnson said. "We've invited a whole new cadre of people into this state that the governor is saying is expendable in this budget."

Snyder's proposal, contained in his overall budget recommendation for the upcoming fiscal year, requires legislative approval.

"I have a hunch we're going to see some changes in Gov. Snyder's budget proposal," Bledsoe said. "I'm hearing a lot of legislators, including Republicans, say the film industry tax credit is something we should try to preserve."

Bledsoe said the state should have a uniform tax rate for all businesses, whether prospective or existing.

"We need to grow our own businesses in Michigan," he said. "We can do that by having a reasonable tax rate for all businesses."

A September 2010 report by the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency concluded that nearly half of film spending during fiscal year 2008-2009 didn't add to the state's economic activity.

"As estimated 47.7 percent (\$46.3 million) effectively left Michigan and did not contribute to the state's economic activity," according to the report. "The state spent \$37.5 million in fiscal year 2008-2009 to generate \$21.1 million in private sector activity and will have spent \$100 million in fiscal year 2009-2010 to generate \$59.5 million in private sector activity."

On the other hand, a study by the accounting firm Ernst & Young shows film credits paying off. The study, released last month and commissioned partly by the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, included a cost-benefit analysis.

"Comparing the net cost of the film tax credit to the additional economic activity created by qualified film productions shows that each dollar of net film tax credit cost in 2009 generated an additional \$5.89 of Michigan economic output (sales at Michigan businesses). In 2010, this ratio increased to \$5.94 of higher sales for each dollar of net fill tax credit costs."

Both Pointe legislators said now's not the time to shun filmdom.

"When we put these credits together, we were trying to attract, excite and move people from another section of the country into Michigan," Johnson said. "These credits made us the most attractive state in the country."

Scenes from many movies have been shot in the Grosse Pointes since the credits began three years ago.

"If we turn our back on this now," Johnson said, "people are going to say there's no reason for you to go to Michigan from a creative standpoint; that you could get the door slammed on you, just as they're doing on us now."

"In the business world, it's all dollars and cents," Bledsoe said. "We started pretty much at zero in the film industry. It's in the embryonic stage now. We've created some jobs. It would be nice to try to sustain that, just not at the same generous level as before."

SENIOR: Developers work with city officials

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with the planning commission Feb. 22, during a commission workshop session. They presented plans that were developed after several meetings with city officials from the building department and public safety.

"We have been on site several times and the developers have worked hard to address our concerns," said Woods building official Gene Tutag.

According to Levin, The Rivers will include up to 40 condominium units that will line the north and east borders of the property, a building that will house an independent living unit, another that will house an assisted living unit and a third that will house a skilled nursing unit. These buildings would be connected

and would share several common areas, including a dining room and indoor pool.

The three main buildings of the project will be three stories, which was a concern of several Woods residents when the project was initially announced almost a year ago.

"At this point, the project falls within the height requirements set by city ordinance," Tutag said.

Developers have also completed a survey of the trees on the property and plan on keeping as many as they can.

"The trees and mature bushes provide a natural buffer and we have every intention of leaving those in place," said Levin.

He also noted the transition of the 14-acre site from the former Children's Home of Detroit to a senior retirement

community will put the large piece of property back on the city tax rolls.

Price points have not been established as of yet. The condo units would be independently owned and would be under the authority of a separate condominium board, while the other units would be offered at a monthly rate. While the total cost of the project has not been set, Levin said it would be "north" of \$10 million.

In addition to the official public hearing, developers will meet with Woods residents who live near the Cook Road property. That meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Plans for the development will be available for review at Woods city hall Monday, March 7.

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SAFETY: Crime news from the Grosse Pointes

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Taurus erratically on southbound Lakeshore. The officer pulled over the woman as she turned right onto Vernier.

She posted \$500 bond and was released at 12:52 p.m.

Rear-ended

A 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman, operating a 2005 Acura TL during snowy road conditions shortly before 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, rear-ended a 1993 Audi at the intersection of southbound Vernier and Lakeshore.

The driver of the Audi, a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man, was stopped for a red light.

There were no injuries, police added.

The road was snow-covered. "(The Park woman) attempted to stop and slid into (the Audi)," police said.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No visitors

A Vernier Road resident called police at 10:44 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, to report what she believed were gunshots fired by her boyfriend who was outside of her house.

When police arrived, the boyfriend denied having a gun in his possession and police could find no evidence that shots were fired. It appears the girlfriend may have filed a false police report because she didn't want her boyfriend to visit her that night. Police continue to investigate.

Found on Facebook

A 55-year-old resident reported to police that she has been receiving threats via her Facebook page from a former employee she fired in 1999. There were threats from the employee right after she was fired, but the woman had not heard from her in several years until the woman made contact with her via Facebook. She was advised to file a police report.

Retail theft

Three leather jackets, valued at \$600 each, were stolen from a men's clothing store on Mack at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspect found

Park police received information at noon Sunday, Feb. 27, that a 65-year-old male suspected of attacking an 86-year-old Eastpointe resident was in Grosse Pointe Park. Officers found the vehicle they were looking for in the area of Kercheval and Wayburn and pulled it over.

The suspect, Ernest William Cronney, 6 feet tall, 330 pounds, was in the passenger seat. He was arrested without incident and turned over to Eastpointe police.

The female victim was found unresponsive in her Eastpointe assisted living apartment and was rushed to the hospital. Her condition was unknown at deadline.

Warrants galore

A 28-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 2:12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, after he was stopped for panhandling and a LEIN check showed numerous warrants from Detroit and Highland Park.

Settled outside

Police were called to the parking lot of a bar on Charlevoix at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, on a report of several men fighting. None of the participants wanted to press charges.

—Kathy Ryan

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GUEST OPINION By John R. Graham

Health insurance exchanges in Michigan

Knowing many states, including Michigan, will be under Republican single-party rule in 2011 certain business interests are making unlikely arguments in favor of Obamacare exchanges.

One of Gov. Rick Snyder's 10 points to "reinvent" Michigan is to move the state to a more "patient-centered model" of delivering health care. But Michigan cannot achieve this goal unless the Patient Protection and Affordability Act is undone.

The federal health care law is unpopular, unwieldy, expensive, unconstitutional and soon to be under attack by a congressional majority committed to repeal.

The good news is Michigan can play an important role in defeating this top-heavy federal takeover of its residents' access to health care. The Obama administration expects states to do much of the law's dirty work, presuming states will establish "exchanges" to limit the health insurance choices of many of their residents.

The letter of the law prescribes states' "flexibility" in structuring exchanges and some believe it is possible to design an exchange that increases consumer choice. Two states, Massachusetts and Utah, already have exchanges. Pre-Obamacare, exchanges were suggested as a way to get around the major government failure in American health care: Congress' granting monopoly control of our pretax health dollars to our employers, which limits our choices.

Some claim the Utah Health Exchange is a consumer-friendly model that can blunt the most harmful consequences of nationalized health care. Utah's exchange, however, has been a disappointment. Although 20 businesses enrolled on the first day of operations in August 2009, only 13 remained enrolled by the end of 2009. As a result, the exchange is being re-launched with new rules in 2011.

Knowing many states, including Michigan, will be under Republican single-party rule in 2011, certain business interests are making unlikely arguments in favor of Obamacare exchanges. These interests include information technology vendors and consultants, health insurers who believe they can dominate an exchange to the detriment of smaller competitors, and brokers who hope to get paid by government to serve as "navigators" in the exchanges.

Some lobbyists claim states can drop out of Medicaid and drive all of their former dependents into exchanges, where they will enjoy budget-busting federal tax credits. Even if this were possible, simply exploiting Obamacare to transfer liabilities to the federal level hardly solves the national challenge of out-of-control health care spending. However, the perverse incentives resulting from such a "reform" would surely dissipate Michigan politicians' will to undo Obamacare.

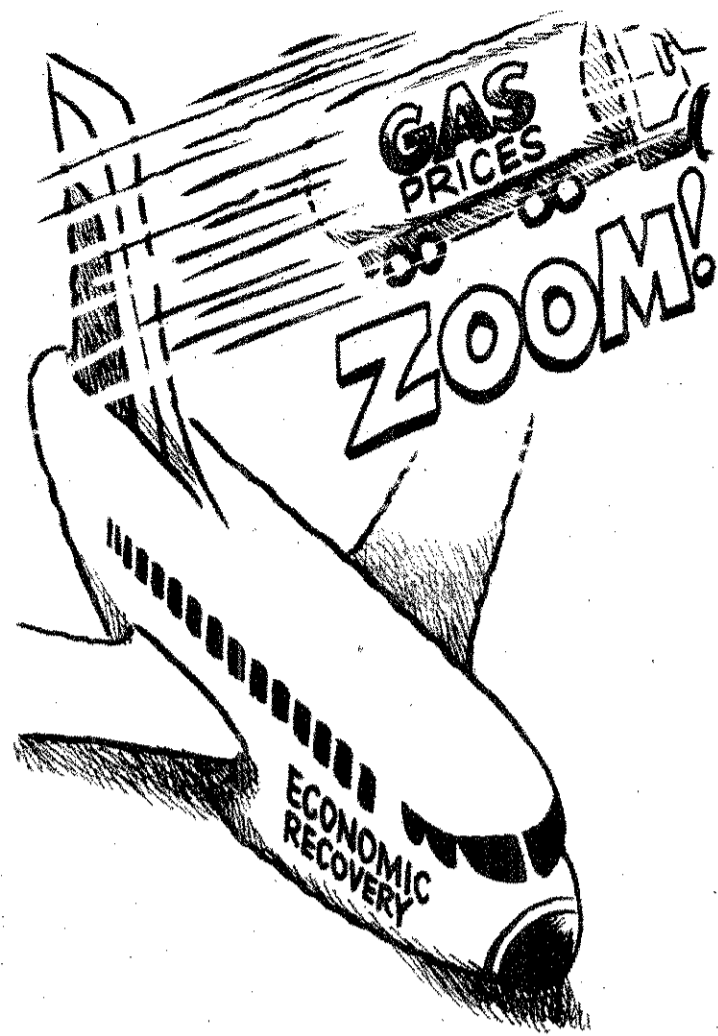
Appealing to conservative sentiments, lobbyists also warn if states don't establish their own exchanges by January 2013, the federal government will do it for them. This is highly unlikely. Kathleen Sebelius, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, has already missed many deadlines demanded by the legislation.

The greater risk is Michigan would establish an exchange it believes blunts the worst effects of the federal takeover. Given its unpopularity, Sebelius is likely to approve exchanges for the short term, making Obamacare appear less harmful than it really is. However, if advocates of repeal fail over the next two years, Sebelius will surely sweep away any "consumer-friendly" accommodations with a vengeance. President Barack Obama and Sebelius want to eliminate all private choice of health care in favor of a government monopoly. Once the exchanges are up and running, the administration can impose whatever arbitrary regulations it wants.

Michigan would also find an exchange is very expensive to operate. Massachusetts' Commonwealth Connector spent more than \$26 million on vendors and contractors in 2009 and \$3.4 million on employee compensation. This comprises fully 3.5 percent of the money that businesses and enrollees paid into the exchange.

Any state establishing an exchange is making a one-way, lose-lose bet. If Obamacare persists, exchanges will become bloated administrative nightmares. If it is defeated, states will have wasted time and energy that should have been directed toward that effort. Obamacare is the president's problem. Don't make it Michigan's, too.

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LETTERS

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Hidden assessor's records?

To the Editor:

After receiving their assessment notices, Grosse Pointers will have just a week or two to decide whether to petition the board of review for an assessment reduction.

This decision requires gathering data regarding the sales of comparable houses.

Each assessor maintains assessment records via com-

puter software licensed from BS&A Software Inc. of Bath, Mich. Visit bsasoftware.com.

Like any government records, assessment records are public records. In Grosse Pointe Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe, these records are truly public via a link to the assessor's records on the city website. Property owners use their home computer to run an "Assessing Comparables Search." With that list of comparable house

sales, they click down and get data regarding footage, room size, assessment, price, etc. They look at the data for their house and see if the assessor got it right.

The other Grosse Pointes do not give the public access to the Assessing Comparables Search. A working family on one side of Fisher Road or Cadieux is forced to spend time at their city hall during working hours to seek data using cumbersome records in the public records rooms.

A working family on the other side of the street uses their home computer on the weekend or after putting the kids to bed.

After studying the data, most people will realize the assessor has not made a mistake and will save themselves and the board of review a lot of work.

But, how can the taxpayer understand and respect the assessment if the records and

tools used by the assessor are beyond reach?

The answer is the Park, Farms and Shores should move quickly and provide the same level of public Internet access as the City and Woods.

Overall, we have excellent city governments. Our confidence is increased when the city operations are transparent. As our cities put their business operations on the Internet, the number of employees managing the paper records goes down and we can shift resources to protect services like public safety and parks.

Let's see if the Park, Farms and Shores will match the superior performance of the Woods and City by opening up Internet access to the assessment records.

CHARLES LEAHEY
Grosse Pointe Shores
Formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Michael D. LaFaive and Todd Nesbit

Cigarette taxes fuels smuggling

There is much to recommend in the proposals of the new administration of Gov. Rick Snyder, particularly on fiscal policy matters.

He campaigned on significant business tax cuts and valuable spending reform, and talked of reining in the state's industrial policy empire in favor of a fairer, across-the-board series of economic reforms. Perhaps his most important recognition is public employee benefits need be brought more in line with private-sector levels.

It is our hope the Legislature agrees with Snyder and works to avoid budgetary quick fixes — such as cigarette tax increases — that have marked previous administrations and other state legislatures. The Mackinac Center has recently updated and expanded its 2008 study of cigarette taxes and smuggling, and we have found empirical and anecdotal evidence that shows massive smuggling still exists along with other — sometimes violent — unintended consequences.

Michigan taxes its cigarettes at \$2 per pack, tied for 11th highest in the nation. Because other states have much lower taxes per pack, there exists opportunities to capture a large portion of the tax differential as profit. Smugglers can acquire cigarettes inexpensively in North Carolina, which has a tax of 45 cents per pack, and resell them in Michigan. North Carolina also does not require a tax stamp, which some states use to provide evidence taxes have been paid. This makes it easier for smugglers to affix stolen or counterfeit tax stamps from the states into which the contraband smokes are smuggled.

To estimate the degree to which smuggling occurs, we

developed a statistical model to measure the difference between legal paid cigarette sales and government survey data on smoking rates. The difference between rates of sales and smoking is our total smuggling rate. We also controlled for other important variables, such as border county population and distance to North Carolina, and divided the output by two types of smuggling: Commercial, large, long-haul shipments; and casual, which is typically cross-border shopping for personal use. There is practically a marriage between high taxes and high smuggling rates.

We found 26 percent of all the cigarettes consumed in Michigan in 2009 were smuggled into Michigan, a rate that ranks the Great Lakes State 10th among the 47 contiguous states whose smuggling rates we studied. Michigan ranks even higher, 5th, for casual smuggling at 11.6 percent of total consumption, beating out all other states save New York, 19.9 percent; Rhode Island, 18.2 percent; Washington state, 14.5 percent; and Montana, 13.2 percent.

Remarkably, Michigan's smuggling rate would have been higher had it not been for

cigarette smuggling exports — to Canada.

Despite Michigan's high cigarette tax rates, they appear to remain an appealing alternative to Canadians. An amount equal to 3.5 percent of total consumption in Michigan is smuggled into the Great White North, according to our model.

Aside from smuggling, there are plenty of other unintended consequences that follow large cigarette excise taxes. They include possible terrorist financing, property destruction, theft — including brazen semi-tractor hijackings — and violence against police and other people.

In our previous cigarette study, we told the story of Mohamad Hammoud, who with compatriots ran contraband cigarettes to Michigan. He used profits from the smuggling operation to help fund Hezbollah, sending cash and equipment to Lebanon, including night vision goggles, drilling and blasting equipment, stun guns and laser range finders. In December 2010, Hammoud asked the government to reduce his 155-year sentence to time served or no more than 15 years.

Just days after he appeared

in court to request a lighter sentence, the federal government arrested two men in North Carolina suspected of cigarette smuggling and using proceeds from their illicit activities to fund a terrorist front group in Yemen. One of those arrested has family in Michigan. The threat of prison does not seem to be a deterrent.

Smugglers are not just people from out-of-state swarming Michigan to trade in contraband cigarettes. Our 2010 study described just one Upper Peninsula smuggling team that bought or ordered more than 40 million cigarettes from a federal undercover agent.

The bottom line with cigarette tax revenue is politicians are as addicted to it as some people are to nicotine. Legislators in Michigan and elsewhere should balance budgets with cuts to spending, not by indirectly subsidizing criminal activities.

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GUEST OPINION By Julie Margetta Morgan

Training health workers

There is an undeniable allure to the idea of working in health care, whether it's the fast-paced environment of an emergency room; the opportunity to care for others; or, best of all, the access to job opportunities in a time when unemployment hovers around 9 per-

cent. For-profit colleges offer students a path into health care, but the Center for American Progress' recent report shows the path may not be the same one offered at not-for-profit institutions, such as community colleges or public and private four-year institutions.

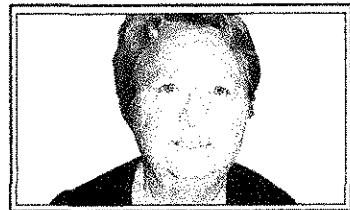
The findings of this report

are particularly important for students of color who make up a large proportion of the student body at for-profit institutions. For-profit colleges concentrate on educating students primarily for lower-paying, lower-skilled health support fields. With so many students

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Come on, governor, get 'reel'



As I write this, water is streaming down my living room wall, courtesy of both Mother Nature and several handymen-types who responded to my calls for help with, "Oh, we don't do ice dam stuff." Really?

The next time I hear how bad the economy is, I may just respond with, "Oh, I don't do sympathy stuff."

So keep in mind I'm putting out this column between emptying buckets, leaning out a

second-floor window chipping ice out of a gutter and wondering what I'm doing here.

Actually, that's not all I wondered about.

I wondered what Gov. Rick Snyder was thinking when he proposed a new budget that would slash tax credits for movie and television production companies that chose to set up shop anywhere from one week to a year in the state of Michigan.

These production companies brought talent and attention to our poor beleaguered state, but more importantly they brought jobs. In case the governor has missed it, our citizens need the work. Studios have been built, classes are being offered at local colleges in various aspects of the film industry and countless individuals have been put to work by local businesses

that have been hired in supporting roles, literally, in the multi-million dollar film industry.

I've had the fun assignment of actually being on several of the sets of movies that were filming in the Grosse Pointes, and have spoken with lots of people involved, ranging from actors and producers who just flew in from Hollywood, to the proprietors of a bakery in Grosse Pointe Park who supplied homemade baked goods for cast and crew who had early morning shooting calls.

And I routinely heard from the out-of-state crews how much they enjoyed their time in Michigan and especially in small communities like Grosse Pointe. Everyone went out of their way to make them feel welcome and could not have been more accommodating.

But it was in 2008 on the set of the Cuba Gooding Jr. movie, "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story" that I had a long conversation with the producer about the film industry bringing work to Michigan. He acknowledged it was the state's generous tax credits that brought his company to the state for several months of shooting, but he added the one thing he would like to see was production companies hiring more locals who were experienced in sound, video, lighting and technical work.

"Why aren't your community colleges offering classes in these areas," he asked. "With these tax incentives, there should be lots of work available in Michigan for a long time to come."

It's too bad Snyder wasn't privy to that conversation.

But even as water continues to run down my living room wall, a large group of Michigan citizens involved in the film industry are making sure their voices are heard. Last week about 1,000 of them met to discuss how they can make sure the governor hears what they have to say. Many of them started by sporting T-shirts that read, "Film credits are working and so am I."

Let's hope the governor can read.

And let's hope he realizes many of those citizens involved in the burgeoning film industry are young people who otherwise would have had to leave the state to find work. In case the governor hasn't noticed, I-94 has become a one-way road to Chicago for countless Michigan youth. And they're not coming back. Without jobs,

they have no reason.

But if we can keep them here, which the film industry is just starting to do, with several studios and production facilities opening, not to mention the countless support businesses, the limo companies, catering companies, hair stylists and makeup artists, the hotels and restaurants, security companies, you name it, we can begin to feel a little more secure about our future.

Not to mention it has become great fun for Michigan residents to go to see those movies or watch television series shot here and recognize the familiar landscape. It makes us feel good we can share our state with others.

And, in case you haven't noticed, governor, we haven't had too much to feel good about in this state for a long time.

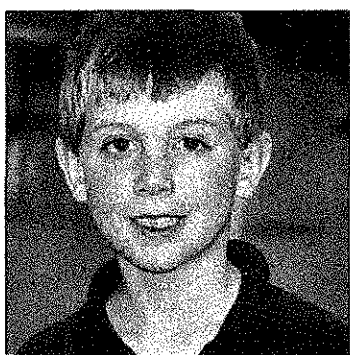
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

How can we show kindness to others?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



'By being friendly and being nice to everyone.'
NIKKI BEEMAN
Grosse Pointe Woods



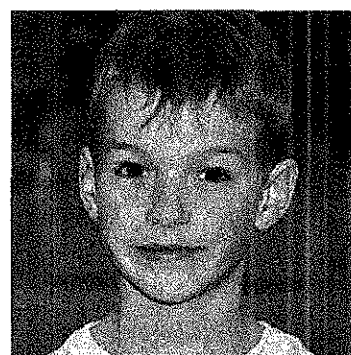
'By smiling at someone if they're sad and giving people and animals food when they're hungry.'
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Grosse Pointe Woods



'Helping people read, spend time volunteering and share your lunch.'
OLIVIA FRYE
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'If they're short and can't reach something, I would get it for them.'
KRISTIN KRIER
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Clean the house, do the dishes and cook dinner with my mom.'
CHARLIE DEVOOGHT
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Why ET won't return to Earth



Watching the local and national news telecasts recently hearkened me back to the '50s when TV news was void of theatrics and proud puffing.

Today we hear station WBUZZ was the "first to report" on the upcoming storm, or WGRIM indicates the station has the "exclusive report"

on faulty skateboard wheels. My question is, Do we really care? I think not. We just want the news reported fairly and professionally without all the pomp and circumstance.

Back in the '50s, there were no cute interactions between anchor people. Weather was presented in a manner without all the hoopla and the Doppler 5,000 predictions. When the news program was over, the anchors signed off without all the laughing and chortling. A simple, "Good night, Chet. Good night, David," Huntley/Brinkley newscast; or, "And that's the way it is," Walter Cronkite, is all we ever needed back in the old days.

There's nothing wrong with

reincarnating it. Now with 24-hour news, we are subjected to innocuous reports about a deer with a pail stuck on its head, criminals getting stuck in a chimney and a prisoner suing the warden because he was denied his favorite toothpaste.

And after we are completely mesmerized with these stories we hear on the late night news, there's a report on a recall for contaminated beef patties. In the meantime, we continue to eat dinner not knowing if our double burger is on the list or not.

Is this what responsible reporting is all about?

Then, to push us further into news overload, we are bom-

barded with a series of commercials informing us we are on the verge of personal annihilation. How else can one interpret the commercials currently airing?

And this is where ET comes into the picture:

Can you imagine ET and his friends viewing our commercials on their own satellite hookups and hearing we in America are suffering from obesity, heart problems, cancer, osteoporosis, foot aches, back aches, excess alcohol drinking, relation problems, trouser cough excess, suicidal tendencies, cigarette smoking, second-hand smoke, body odor, false teeth fallout, erectile dysfunction, urinary tract

pain and bad eye sight? Who would want to steer their spaceship to a planet with all these problems?

To top it off, space aliens can view a pet owner walking a pet and carrying a bag of excrement.

This certainly must telegraph to the aliens, on Earth the animals are the superior beings.

So is it any wonder ET and his companions have chosen other interplanetary orbs to explore. Surely we can't blame them.

There is a bulletin looming now on my TV, which certainly will occupy the news for the next couple of days. No, it's not another deer with a pail

over its head. This is something more serious. Seems the Kentucky Supreme Court has to decide on the acquittal of an accused drunken driver based on evidence a burp could skew Breathalyzer test results administered by police.

Is it any wonder if ET is hearing this report, he is steering to another planet?

David Merrick's play, which starred Anthony Newley back in the '60s, says it all:

"Stop The World I Want To Get Off!"

To ET: give me a call. I'm ready to travel with you.

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

TRAINING: For-profit institutions

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of color in their student bodies, many minority students end up in support positions such as medical assistants rather than registered nurses.

Still, for-profit institutions are training a large percentage of students of color for health care jobs. About 25 percent of health care degrees and certificates awarded at for-profit colleges in 2009 went to blacks, compared to 11 percent at not-for-profit institutions. And 24 percent of for-profit health care credentials went to Latino students compared to only 8 percent at not-for-profits. The upshot: For-profit institutions play a substantial role in training students of color for a career in health care.

Of course, it's important to point out not-for-profit schools offer a wider variety of health care education programs. And the overall number of students pursuing health care credentials at not-for-profit schools is far larger than at for-profits. Comparing percentages can obscure the fact the number of students of color educated at not-for-profit institutions is not

so different from the for-profits. For instance, for-profit colleges gave out more than 60,000 credentials in health care to blacks in 2009, whereas not-for-profit institutions gave out more than 57,000.

Even so, for-profit colleges are educating more students of color relative to their size, and not-for-profits are educating more white students. This is certainly significant, but we can't understand what it means without looking more deeply at the individual education programs these institutions offer.

Our report showed for-profit colleges primarily educate students in health care support positions, such as medical assisting, massage therapy, dental assisting and medical billing where the average salary hovers around \$30,000. In fact, more than 30 percent of degrees and certificates in health care awarded at for-profits in 2009 were in one single program — medical assisting — and another 10 percent were in massage therapy.

In many support fields, for-profit colleges are the primary providers of post-secondary training. Not-for-profit colleges, in contrast, are the primary providers of education for health care practitioners and technicians, such as nurses, doctors, physical therapists and radiology technicians. And in contrast to the \$29,000 me-

dian salary for medical assistants, registered nurses make around \$60,000.

The for-profit colleges' concentration on support programs and the diversity of its student body turns out to be an interesting combination. Since the more racially diverse for-profits concentrate almost exclusively on health care support positions and the less racially diverse not-for-profits focus on educating practitioners and technicians, the result is support occupations will be more diverse than others.

To encourage diversity at all levels of health care education, three things must happen:

◆ Not-for-profit colleges need to become more like for-profit colleges in their ability to attract a more diverse student body.

◆ For-profit colleges need to become more like not-for-profits in getting students of color into high-demand health care educational programs.

◆ We need policies that encourage students of color to pursue high-demand health care programs.

Each of these broad recommendations is a tall order in its own right. We do not know very much right now about why students choose more expensive for-profit programs over community colleges, so it's difficult to say what not-for-profit colleges need to do to at-

tract students.

The first step for not-for-profit institutions should be to stop thinking of marketing as a dirty word and consider how knowing their potential customers better can help them better serve their needs.

To encourage for-profit colleges to get more students into high-demand fields, and to encourage students to pursue these fields, we need to better understand the barriers to entry, parsing out the effects of

cost, accreditation and the academic preparation and financial ability of incoming students. To engage more students, incentivizing study in high-demand health care fields through grant and scholarship programs would be a first step.

These observations raise serious questions about the role for-profits currently play in educating students for the health care workforce. And we haven't even reached one of the most important issues:

What are students learning in these programs? The truth is we just do not know very much about the quality of the programs provided by either for-profit or not-for-profit colleges. Without safeguards of quality, we can only safely say students of color have access to college. But access to a good education? We're not sure.

Morgan is a policy analyst with the post-secondary education program at the Center for American Progress.

GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Caregiver help delayed

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act was signed in May 2010 to provide much more assistance to the caregivers of wounded post-9/11 veterans.

The program was to be fully up and running by the end of January 2011.

Included in the bill was a monthly stipend equal to the cost of home health assistance, mental health support, training, respite and health insurance for the caregiver. The goal was to keep wounded veterans at home and out of care facilities.

ties.

Now the January deadline has passed and the full program isn't in place. Two weeks after it was to be fully operational, a Department of Veterans Affairs contingent went to Congress with a plan in hand to get it going. They issued a press release that read, in part, "Many of the other significant newly enacted benefits will require the issuance of regulations. ... The law requires detailed regulations for determining eligibility, designating and approving caregivers ..."

The VA wants to approve the caregivers who have already

been doing the work, without any help; many giving up their jobs and health insurance.

There is a bit of help now: the VA's toll-free Caregiver Support Line at (855) 260-3274.

Visit caregiver.va.gov to find information on home equipment and modifications, caregiver resources and contacts. Bookmark the site to find what parts of the program have been activated and which services are available; or talk to a social worker at a VA medical center.

Freddy Groves is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.



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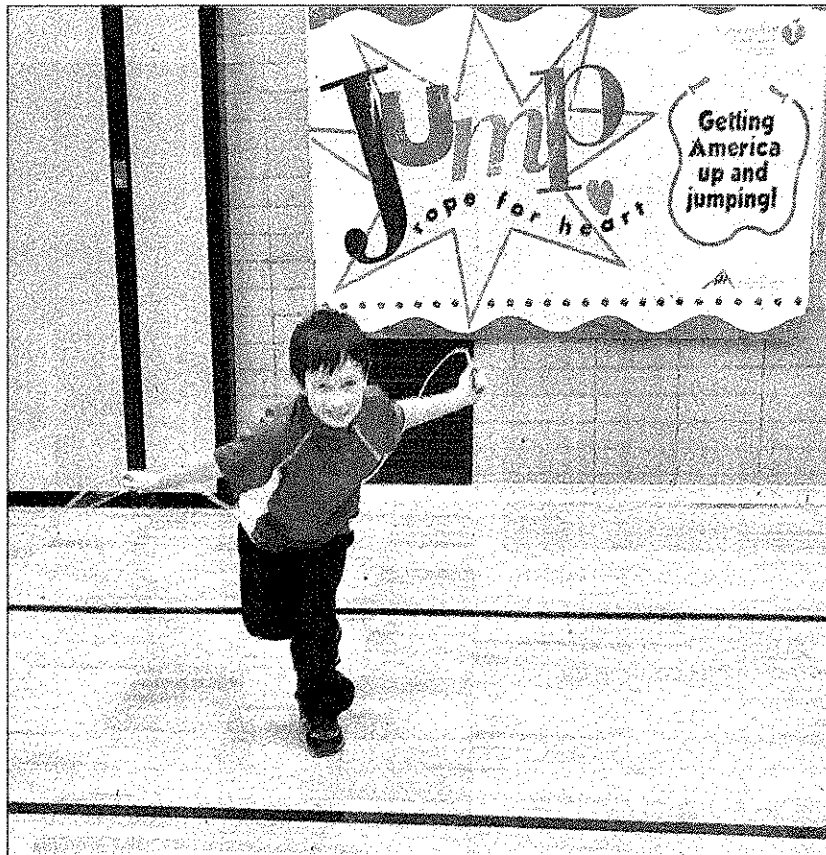
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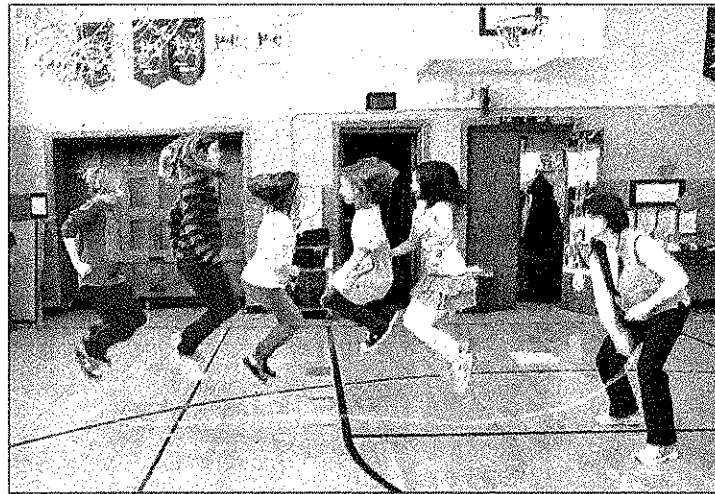
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Jump up

Defer, Mason, Monteith, Maire, Kerby, Poupard, Ferry and Trombly elementary students are jumping up and down this month during the Jump Rope for Heart event. Each year students jump rope to raise an average of \$30,000 for the American Heart Association. They can do single jump rope, a long jump rope, a Jump Stick and three kinds of Chinese jump rope. The event also promotes staying active, eating healthy, resting and daily exercise. Below, despite having an arm cast, Mason fifth-grader Chloe Redeye jumps a Chinese version of jump rope while Marina Gabriel and Alyssa McLarty secure the rope along their legs.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Five Mason students jump at one time while physical education teacher Deb Raab, at right, swings the rope with the help of another student.

Jumpin' Jacob

Jacob Dall, top left, was one of dozens of Ferry Elementary School students last week jumping rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Ferry students were joined by Defer, Mason, Monteith, Maire, Kerby, Poupard and Trombly children to raise some \$30,000. Above, Arib Chowdhury and physical education teacher Nicol Brumme watch Dall negotiate the Jump Stick.

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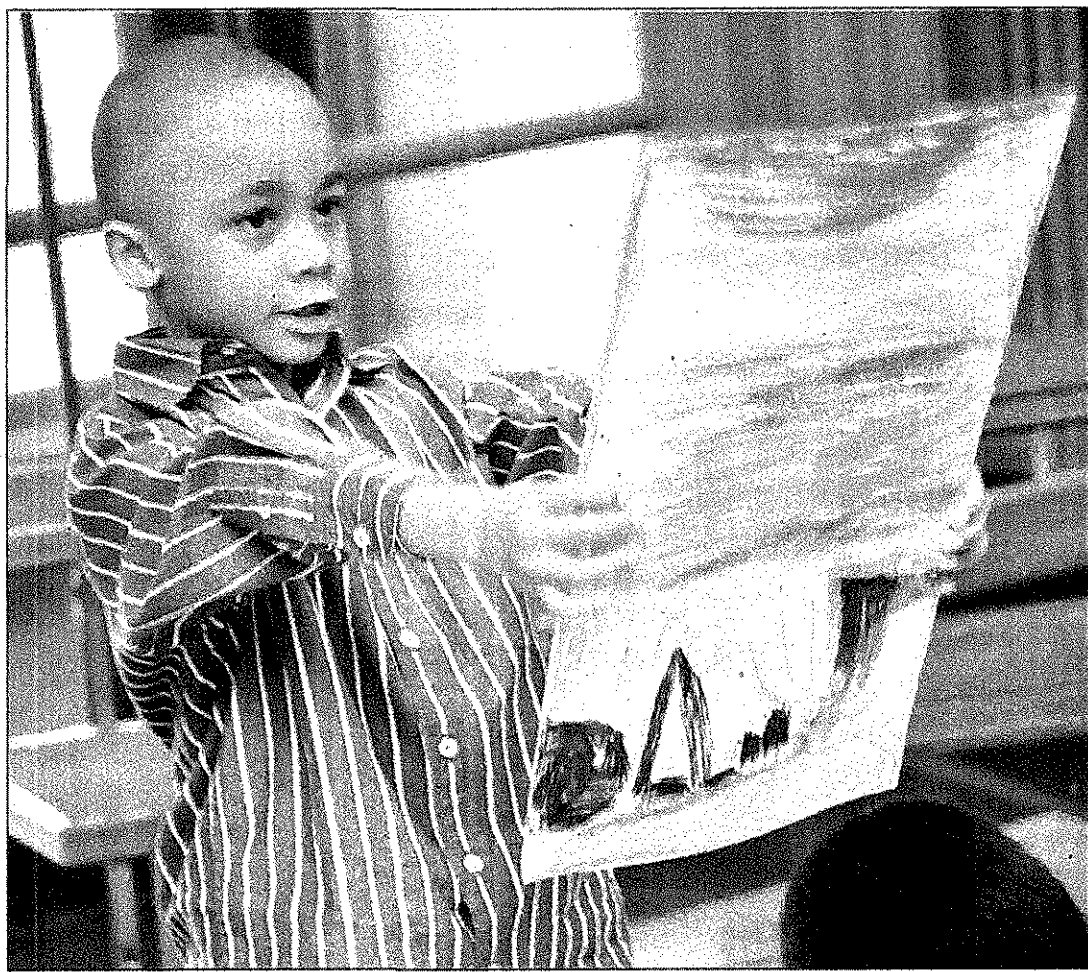


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Each student made a sign about why they are different and took turns reading and showing it to the audience. Brailen Hill holds up a sign about himself, reading, "I am different because I like to hike in the woods and go camping and that's OK." Right, students took turns holding up signs saying it is OK to do something nice for yourself.

It's OK to be different

Monteith first graders acknowledged the differences in children in a play entitled, "It's OK to be Different."

For the annual presentation, Cheri Trefeny's class sang songs, she and vocal music teacher Victoria Pascoe arranged, including "Free to be You and Me," by Stephen Lawrence, and a spiritual, "This Little Light of Mine."

The students acted in scenes where charac-

ters are excluded during recess activities.

They talked about having different friends, reading about different cultures, being a different race and wearing glasses. They also discussed feelings, being proud of oneself and enjoying individuality.

Students held up signs saying it is OK to be adopted, to have an invisible friend, to share and how it's good to be unique.



A cappella group sings at Memorial Church

The Princeton University's Nassoons, the nation's third oldest collegiate a cappella group, performs from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Grunyons, which has two former Nassoons as members, also sing.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the door.

University Liggett School graduate, Grosse Pointe Farms resident and Princeton student Chris K. Brownell is a member of the group which combines music, comedy and showmanship into its program.

Founded in 1941, the Nassoons tour domestically and internationally. The group's repertoire covers a range from 1930s jazz numbers to classical hits to contemporary music. Fourteen members comprise the group which features four-, five- and six-part harmonies.

For more information about the group, visit cbrownel@princeton.edu.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Fun night

Pierce Middle School's Family Fun Night last month offered food, games, prizes and lots of fun. Left, Pierce principal Gary Buslepp plays foosball with five students. Above, Bridget Driscoll's butterfly tattoo is to last seven days.

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Academy hosts workshops

The Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea offers two summer workshops at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

The Young Actors' Academy will consist of two sessions for students entering grades 3-12 in the fall. The workshops will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, July 25 through Aug. 5. All workshops are at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Session one of the Young Actors' Academy is for students entering grades 3-6. Session one meets from 9 a.m. to noon. Students will participate in theatre games, movement exercises, improvisation and playwriting. They will create their own play, which will be performed for family and friends on the last day of the workshop.

Students entering grades 7-12 may enroll in Session two of the Young Actors' Academy.

Session two meets from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Students will build their acting skills through monologue and scene work, as well as improvisation. Through guided acting exercises, individualized feedback, and group warm-ups, students will explore the acting process using by working professionals.

The final day of the workshop will feature a showcase performance for friends and family.

PRTC resident artists Michelle Mountain and Heidi Bennett will lead the summer program.

Mountain earned her Masters in Fine Arts in acting at the University of Wisconsin, and has taught across the country, including at the Seattle Children's Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, the University of California - San Diego and the University of Michigan, among others. She is a member of the Actors' Equity Association and the Screen Actors Guild. Bennett earned her bachelor's degree in theatre and education from Central Michigan University and has taught throughout Michigan, including at Groves High School, Waterford Kettering High School, Cranbrook Theatre School, Ann Arbor Community Education and the PRTC.

Each session of the Young Actors' Academy costs \$500 and is limited to 16 students.

To register, please call the Purple Rose administration office at (734) 433-7782. www.purplerosetheatre.org or by emailing info@purplerosetheatre.org.

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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.

John R. Nicholson Jr.

John R. Nicholson Jr., 41, of Raleigh, N.C. died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Duke Medical Center due to complications from pneumonia.

Mr. Nicholson was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he majored in history with a minor in religion and graduated from Bowdoin College, cum laude in 1991.

Upon graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work in the George H. Walker Bush White House's Thousand Points of Light program. He returned to Detroit to serve as the initial partner development director for Cornerstone Schools. He then attended law school and received his jurist doctor degree from the University of Michigan in 2000. For a number of years Mr. Nicholson was the chief operating officer of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools.

He and his wife, Kelly, moved to Raleigh in 2008. At the time of his death, he was a Merrill-Lynch financial advisor using his skills to assist clients in investments. He has the same investment curiosity and insight of his late grandfather, George A. Nicholson, Jr., father of the modern-day investment club movement.

Mr. Nicholson was an avid athlete who loved hockey, tennis, biking and simply being outdoors. A devoted father, he loved playing basketball, football and hockey with his boys and was an accomplished wood carver. He loved all things regarding history and politics and had a tender and compassionate heart.

Mr. Nicholson was active in several men's Bible study and accountable groups and gave much time and counsel to men grappling with the challenges of life, marriage and career. He loved his family and his work in investments, and most of all, his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mr. Nicholson is survived by

his dear wife, Kelly Lineweaver Nicholson; sons, John Ruthrauff Nicholson III, age 9, and William Dibblee Nicholson, age 6, all of Raleigh; his parents, John and Suzanne Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms; his twin sister, Anne Nicholson Fitzpatrick, her husband, Paul and their children, Connor, Clare, Grace, and Jack of Arlington, Va., and his sister, Katherine Birks Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A memorial service was held Feb. 24, in Raleigh.

Donations may be made to the Nicholson Educational Fund, c/o John Bell, 300 N. Greene Street, Suite 1000, Greensboro, NC 27401.

Express condolences or share a memory at brownwynneraleigh.com.

Richard M. Larson

Richard M. Larson passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2011.

Leaving the world a better place, he is survived by an adoring wife, Meria Elena Larson; son, James Mathew Larson; daughters, Janet Marie Larson and Patricia Ann Larson and six grandchildren.

Mr. Larson was born in Detroit Aug. 6, 1928. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Albion College with a degree in business. He had a 50-year career in finance and was deeply rooted as a Rotarian. He fully loved Michigan. He was a fan of Michigan football and the Detroit Tigers. Mr. Larson loved skiing, boating, and the arts. He especially loved opera and ballroom dancing.

His family said Mr. Larson coveted life-long friendships and taught love and kindness by his actions. He will live in their hearts forever.

Services were held Feb. 25. Donations may be made to Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

Express condolences or share a memory at cremation-michigan.com.

Betty G. Henrichs

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Betty G. Henrichs, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Select Specialty Hospital-Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was born July 26, 1921, in Detroit to Bernard and Gertrude Grewe and graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic High School in 1938. She worked at National Bank of Detroit before she married, Carl J. Henrichs.

Mrs. Henrichs was an accomplished pianist who was happy to entertain others with her playing. An avid reader, she enjoyed playing bridge with her friends.

During the summer months, gardening was her passion and she took great pride and joy in the beautiful results. Crossword puzzles were a daily ritual and she particularly liked the challenge of the Sunday's New York Times puzzle.

Travels with her family took Mrs. Henrichs all over the United States and Canada. Later, she and her husband took many trips to Europe, the Caribbean and Alaska.

Mrs. Henrichs was an active member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church for nearly 60 years. She was a member of the St. Clare Altar Society and a lector and Eucharistic minister.

She also was a member of the St. Joseph Auxiliary, St. Charles Sorority, Suburban Women Golfers and the St. Clare Women's Bowling League.

She volunteered at Bon Secour Hospital and for the American Red Cross and Focus: HOPE.

Mrs. Henrichs is survived by her daughters, Marianne Adams and Lisa (Jeffrey) Mager; sons, Carl Jr. (Robert) and Bernard "Tony" (Mary Ann); grandchildren, Carl III, Ellen and Joseph Henrichs, Nicholas Henrichs, Zack and Beau Adams and Alex and Max Mager and her brothers, Eugene and Bernard.

She was predeceased by her



John Nicholson



Robert M. Larson



Betty G. Henrichs

husband, Carl; sisters, Marie, Agnes and Joann and brother, David.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 28 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the church at 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

G. Paul Olson M.D.

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident G. Paul Olson M.D., 86, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011. He was living in Naples, Fla.

He was born April 4, 1924, in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada to David and Lola Olson and graduated from McGill University in Montreal. He then attended the University of Toronto for medical school. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Dr. Olson started a private medical practice in Toronto and in 1967 became head physician for Chrysler Corp. He also opened a private practice in Troy which he maintained until his retirement in 1986. Dr. Olson had medical privileges at Providence and Beaumont hospitals.

Besides a love of medicine, Dr. Olson loved his family, jazz and sports, especially hockey. He was one of the first presidents of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, coached for many years and ran a goalie school.

He was a member of the Shriners, Kappa Rho Tau and Knights of the Round Table.

Dr. Olson is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughter, Tanis Metz; sons, Keith (Sue) Olson, Len (Jill) Olson and Steve (Michelle) Olson; stepsons, Alan (Carolyn) Sauvé and Bob (Charlotte) Sauvé and grand-



G. Paul Olson M.D.



Julia Skiffington Cotter

children, Kristy, Lauren, Kara, Shelby, Marsha and Dale.

He was predeceased by his first wife, P. Bernice Olson.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Road, Naples, Fla.

Donations may be made to North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Road, Naples, FL 34109 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Julia Skiffington Cotter

Julia Skiffington Cotter, former resident of Grosse Pointe and Inverness, Fla., died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011. She was 102.

Mrs. Cotter was a descendant of pioneer French settlers of Grosse Pointe and granddaughter of Capt. James A. Skiffington, commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club in 1885.

She was a graduate of St. Anthony High School, Marygrove College and Wayne University. She was the oldest living alumna of Marygrove and was looking forward to attending her 80th

reunion this year.

After raising five children and teaching kindergarten in Detroit for 27 years, Mrs. Cotter retired and began volunteer work. She drove cancer patients for several years and volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital for 20 years.

Her pride and joy was her family and she greatly enjoyed bridge, gardening and crafts.

She was a member of Marygrove Alumni, Kappa Gamma Pi Catholic honor society, Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Bridge Club, Inverness Bridge Club, Detroit Institute of Arts and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Mrs. Cotter is survived by her children, Julia (James) Orr, Evelyn W. Dennis (Denise) and Anne (Robert) Ehresman; daughter-in-law, Kathleen; 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond R. Cotter and son, Raymond.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Sara Andary of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Northwood

University. Jenna Shier achieved a 4.0 grade point average and is a

Dean's List honoree and honor roll recipient at Michigan State University for the fall 2010 semester. She is the daughter of Steve and Diane Shier of Grosse Pointe Woods and a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North.

Patrick William Griffith was admitted to the New York State Bar Jan. 20, 2011, having graduated cum laude in May with a Juris Doctor degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and a certificate in refugees and humanitarian crises. A 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan, he is the grandson of Grosse Pointe Farms residents Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith, Sr. and the son of former Farms residents Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith, Jr.

Alexander Mager has been accepted into the Honors Institute at Michigan Technological University. He was on the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. A 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he is the son of Lisa and Jeff Mager of Grosse Pointe Park.

Alissa Tassopoulos of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated Magna Cum Laude from Hope College in December.

The following students graduated from Northern Michigan University December 2010: Michael Y.

Robinson of Grosse Pointe Farms, Christopher D. McMillan of Grosse Pointe Park and Michelle L. Karwowski and Lindsay K. Vandebroek, both of Grosse Pointe Woods. Vandebroek was also named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Northern Michigan

University: Mary C. Hudock of the City of Grosse Pointe; Michael Y. Robinson, Kyle M. Steiner and John E. Steinger, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Mary E. Klacza and Abigail B. Martin both of Grosse Pointe Park; Chloe A. Silver of Grosse Pointe Shores and Nicholas T. Ireland, Meryl K. Masserang and Kaitlyn D. Serwach, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Washington and Lee University: Kathleen Fitzgerald of Grosse Pointe Farms; Sam Mott of the City of Grosse Pointe and Stephen Peck of Grosse Pointe Park.

Robert M. Lajdziak was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Hillsdale College. A 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he is the son of Bob and Jill Lajdziak of Grosse Pointe Park.

Antoinette Bryk was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Loyola University Chicago. A member of Campus Crusade for Christ and the Kappa

Kappa Gamma sorority, she is the daughter of David and Mary Bryk of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Michael L. Dallaire graduated from Michigan State University in December and will attend law school in Chicago in the fall. The 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Anne and Bob Dallaire of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students were named to the fall semester Honors List at Central Michigan University: Allison L. O'Connor and Bruce P. Swanson, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; Jodi H. Austin, Stephanie C. Bruscha, Adriana A. Notarangelo and Kara L. Reynolds, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Laura I. Andreovich, Kara L. Mutschall, Chloe L. Peck and Danika M. Stone, all of Grosse Pointe Park; and Taylor M. Bernardi, Elissa M. Bogosian, Darnell L. Gardner Jr., Zachary Good, Melinda M. Janson and Brennan O'Leary Peacock, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students graduated from Central Michigan University in December: Alyssa Benedetti, Kristen Cole, Alexander Grabski, Michael Laciura and Ronald Lynch, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Gordon Richardson and Henry Wilson of Grosse Pointe Park; and Brandon Brown, Katherine Galeota, Kiara Gholston, Kyle Josefiak, Kriska Puckett, Edvisa Shaska and Salvatore Ventimiglia Jr., all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 19617 HARPER AVENUE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers off the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of:

Receiving comments or suggestions regarding the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate residents.

The City of Harper Woods expects to receive approximately \$97,000.

The primary objectives of the Community Development Program are to assist low to moderate income families, preserve neighborhoods, assist in replacing the urban infrastructure and to assist in meeting special needs of seniors and physically disabled wherever possible.

LOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Kelly Road Census tract 5516 Blocks	Streetscape improvements: Concrete, landscape, electrical	\$52,860
City Wide	SOC minor home repairs: Assistance to elderly and handicapped based on income	16,000
City Wide	SOC Chore Program	9,220
City Wide	Pointe Area Assisted Transit: Handicapped transportation based on income	9,220
City Wide	Administration: Program Management	9,700
TOTAL		97,000

The City of Harper Woods will apply for housing rehabilitation funds estimating the amount to be \$30,000, which will be administered by Services for Older Citizens.

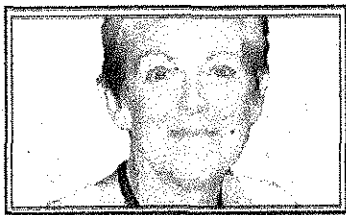
Please write or call the Office of Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225 313-843-2518.

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Posted: March 3, 2011

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

AUTOS By Jenny King

'56 Ford Sunliner wins Ridler Award



"Suncammer," a 1956 Ford Sunliner convertible conversion from Oklahoma, won the prestigious Ridler Award at this year's Autorama.

The custom car and hot rod show drew elbow-to-elbow crowds to Cobo Center last month.

Probably the happiest person there was Bruce Ricks, of Sapulpa, Okla., who with his wife, Judy, owns the Ridler-winning Suncammer — the result of a six-year project handled by Steve Cook Creations of Oklahoma City.

The Ridler Award is unique to the Detroit expo and attracts custom vehicles never shown publicly nor featured in the media.

"We submitted photos of our car as it was being worked on, plus an artist's rendering for consideration," said Ricks.

Although he has previously brought vehicles to Autorama, Ricks' "Suncammer" is his first entry in the Ridler competition. The pewter-gray convertible has red leather interior and 427-inch single overhead cam engine.

What the difference between an excellent custom and a Ridler hopeful?

"Details, details, details," said Ricks, whose bound background book for the judging included intricate drawings of the custom parts designed and built for the vehicle.

"There are 300 special nuts and handmade custom bolts, for example," Ricks said.

What appears to be chromed trim is actually nickel-plated, he added.

"There is no chrome, no billeted aluminum on this car," said Ricks, who confessed a longtime love of Ford's 1956 Sunliner.

Customizers and owners alike were quick to admire each other's vehicles. It was Johnny Martin, a professional from Alamosa, Colo., who pointed out Ricks' Ford.

Martin was at Autorama with Bruce Milyard of Grand Junction, Colo. Milyard owns a 1962 Corvette Martin built for him over the last four years. This was Milyard's first Autorama, and the Corvette was perhaps the top competitor for the Ridler.

"I love the 1962 Corvette," said Milyard, who launched the project as a 50th birthday gift for his wife. He found a '62 in Colorado Springs and with Martin turned it into a show car with artist-inspired trims and touches — dazzling in its simplicity.

Dubbed "Elegance," the Corvette consumed some 10,000 hours of work, Martin said.

Steve Grimes' composite hot rod was barely drivable but very show-able. The retired engineer from Columbus, Ohio, said each of his several automotive creations is based on which parts he has and how he sees the vehicle coming together.

Grimes brought a 1927 Ford roadster with 1948 Buick engine, front drive and rear-wheel steering to the 2011 Autorama.

"I see my cars as sculptures," Grimes said as he buffed the black one-seater with chartreuse trim.

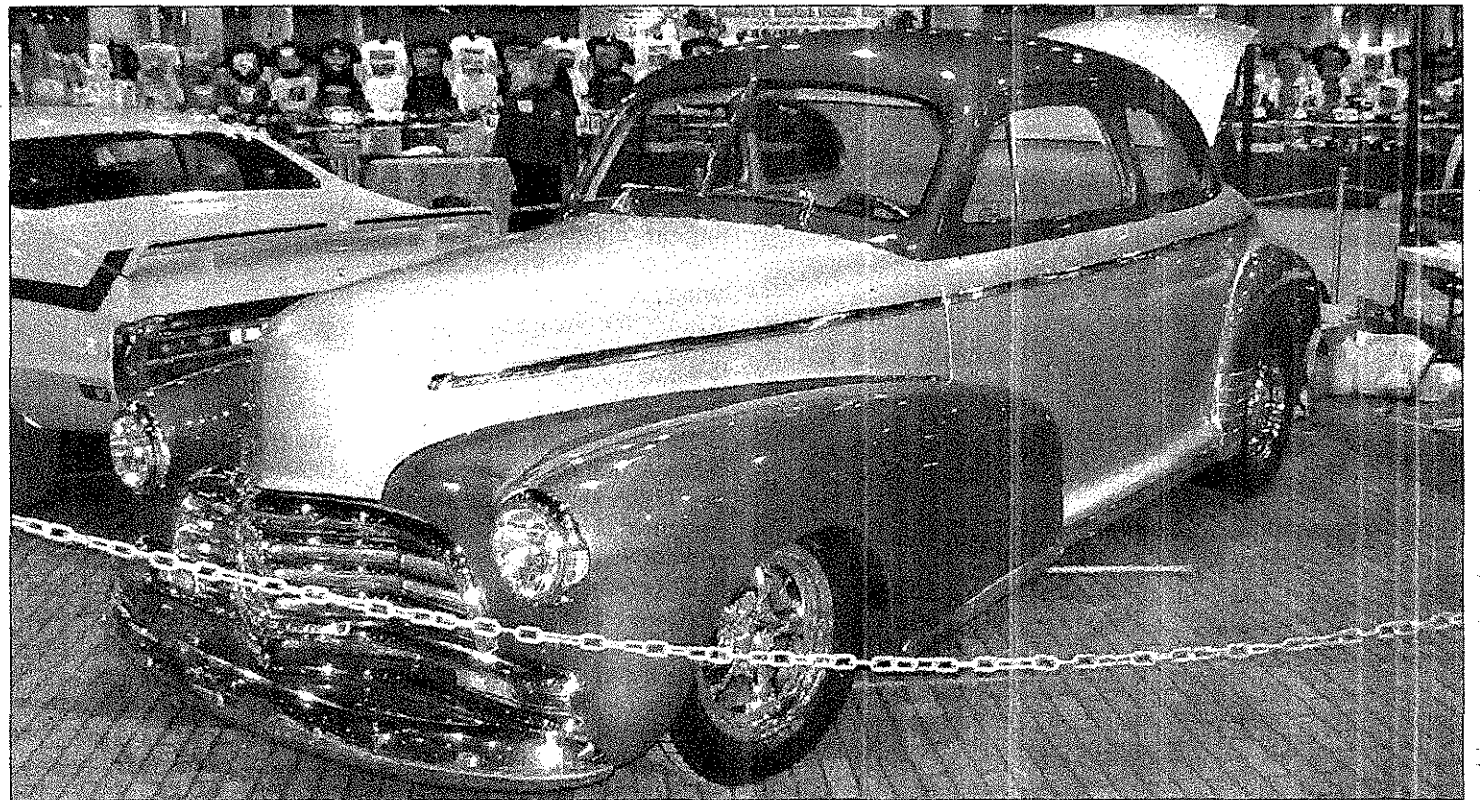
Roberta Vasilow of Flint, said she sees her 1970 Buick GSX as something to race.

"I have drag raced in this car," said Vasilow, who put a



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Bruce and Judy Ricks' 1956 Ford Sunliner "Suncammer" is powered by a 427-inch single overhead cam engine with four-barrel carburetors. The six-year restoration and modification, which features only nickel-plated rather than chromed pieces, took Ricks of Sapulpa, Okla. and his builder, Steve Cook, of Oklahoma City, six years to complete.



Karen Borton, of Flint, commissioned Ron Box, of London, Ontario, to build "The Borton" from a 1946 Chevrolet coupe. Completed in 2005, The Borton has traveled 88,000 miles on its new running gear.

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<p>2011 MALIBU LS</p> <p>WAS \$22,945⁰⁰ PREFERRED \$22,218⁰⁰ EVA -\$1000⁰⁰ REBATE -\$2500⁰⁰ GM LOYALTY -\$1000⁰⁰</p> <p>\$17,718⁰⁰</p> <p>0% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS</p>	<p>2011 TRAVERSE LT</p> <p>WAS \$33,165⁰⁰ PREFERRED \$32,026³⁵ EVA -\$1500⁰⁰ REBATE -\$2000⁰⁰ GM LOYALTY -\$1000⁰⁰</p> <p>\$27,526³⁵</p> <p>0% APR UP TO 36 MONTHS</p>	<p>2011 LUCERNE</p> <p>4yr./50,000 MI. Bumper to Bumper Warranty</p> <p>1.9% APR Available for 60 mos.</p> <p>GM EMPLOYEE SALE PRICE WAS \$30,495 \$22,308¹⁰</p> <p>4 year/50,000 Mile Bumper to Bumper Warranty</p>	<p>2011 TERRAIN</p> <p>32 MPG</p> <p>LEASE 36 MONTHS \$186⁰³ per mo</p> <p>EVERYONE'S SALE PRICE WAS \$25,190 \$21,470⁷⁵</p>
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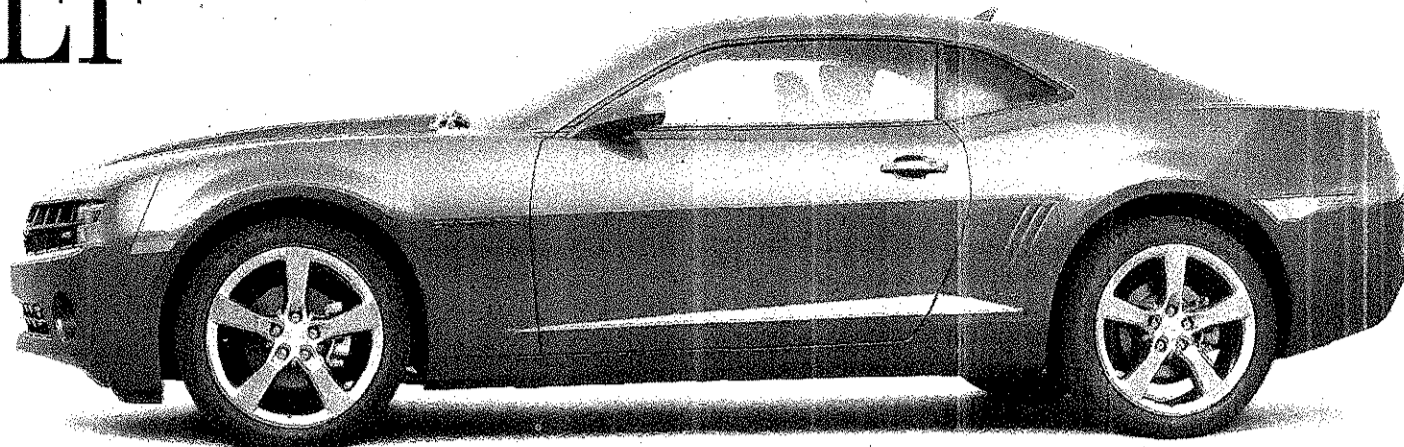
2011 Camaro LT



\$31,795 base, which comes with a 426 horsepower 6.2 liter V8 engine.

From the exterior, the four passenger Camaro LT RS looks nearly identical to its sibling SS, sans the bigger motor necessities and some badges. Still a recognizable "Pony Car" with a long hood and short rear deck design, Camaro RS is listed as a compact car by EPA — albeit a larger one.

The modern-day rear-drive Chevy Camaro is built for sporty everyday driving that most all Baby Boomers came to love back in the 1960s. Today, thanks to the popularity of 1960s muscle cars and numerous magazines and television shows, the breed is again in the spotlight.



2011 Chevrolet Camaro LT

This week, we're back in retro-land as I test drive the 2011 Chevy Camaro LT, delivered with a Rally Sport package that really improves the exterior looks — base price: \$27,225; price as tested: \$30,760.

With a V6 under the hood, Camaro LS, \$23,530 base; and LT2, \$27,225 base, are alternatives to the more powerful and way more expensive SS,

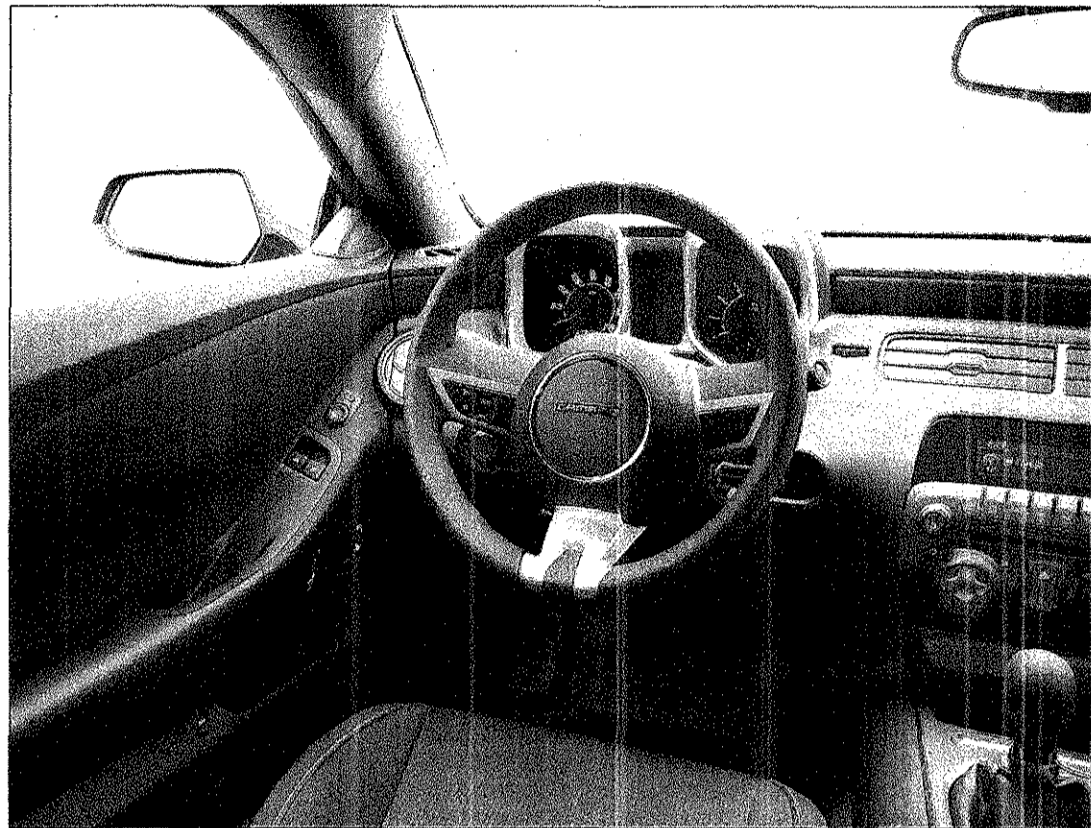
Camaro's "retro" cues are the most diverse of today's offerings, as Dodge Challenger and Ford Mustang are closer in looks to their respective Pony Car past. The new Camaro, although still recognizable, relies on a more aerodynamic, modern look.

Camaro's most notable "back to the past" features include its egg crate grille two-group taillights and interior gauges mounted on the console. As for underpinnings and brakes, there is no comparison to any of the older 67-'69 Camaros. Camaro for 2011 features a sport suspension that is both comfortable and responsive, ABS four wheel disc brakes and standard 19-inch tires and painted aluminum wheels.

However, the RS option, which costs an additional \$1,500, applies a new look to Camaro, as 20 x 8 front and 20 x 9 tires mate well to special aluminum wheels with a midnight silver finish. There is also a body-color roof ditch molding, high intensity headlamps with halo ring, rear spoiler and unique RS tail lights.

Our tester's only other option was a fine shifting 6-speed automatic transmission for \$1,185 with remote vehicle start.

The aforementioned aluminum V6 is direct fuel injected and produces 304 horses and 273 pound-feet of torque.



Chevy's forward-looking engine features variable valve timing, dual overhead cams, 24 valves and an 11.3 to 1 compression. Even with the more than 300 horses, Camaro RS produces a very impressive 29 miles per gallon highway and 18 city, which is excellent for a car of this motif. The V8 also delivers great EPA numbers, with 16 city and 24 highway if driven properly.

Not a lightweight by any means, the 2011 Camaro is built tough and offers very good safety equipment, including all air bags, StabiliTrak with traction control, theft deterrent, OnStar free for six months with Navigation, and so much more.

Notable standard features include heated leather front bucket seats, trunk pass-through rear seat, cruise and audio controls on the steering wheel, Bluetooth, USB port, all the powers, air conditioning, rear defroster and a great 245 watt AM/FM/CD Boston Acoustics 9-speaker audio system with XM Satellite/Sirius free for three months.

Inside, there's ample room up front and tight conditions in the rear, something all Pony Cars "deliver."

Our tester came with a standard "head up" front window information/speedometer display, something I've never really liked, as it bothers my concentration. However, it can be

turned down and out of sight. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.3 inches, 3,722-pound curb weight, 11.3 cubic-feet of cargo room, and a 19-gallon fuel tank for regular grade fuel.

Camaro LT offers those who don't want a 426 horse SS a less powerful option. Both the V6 and the V8 are a pleasure to drive on freeways and secondary roads, but if I had to choose one for my driveway, it would be the V8.

Likes: Camaro birthright, build quality, handling, good fuel mileage.

Dislikes: Some blind spots, head up display.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive writer.

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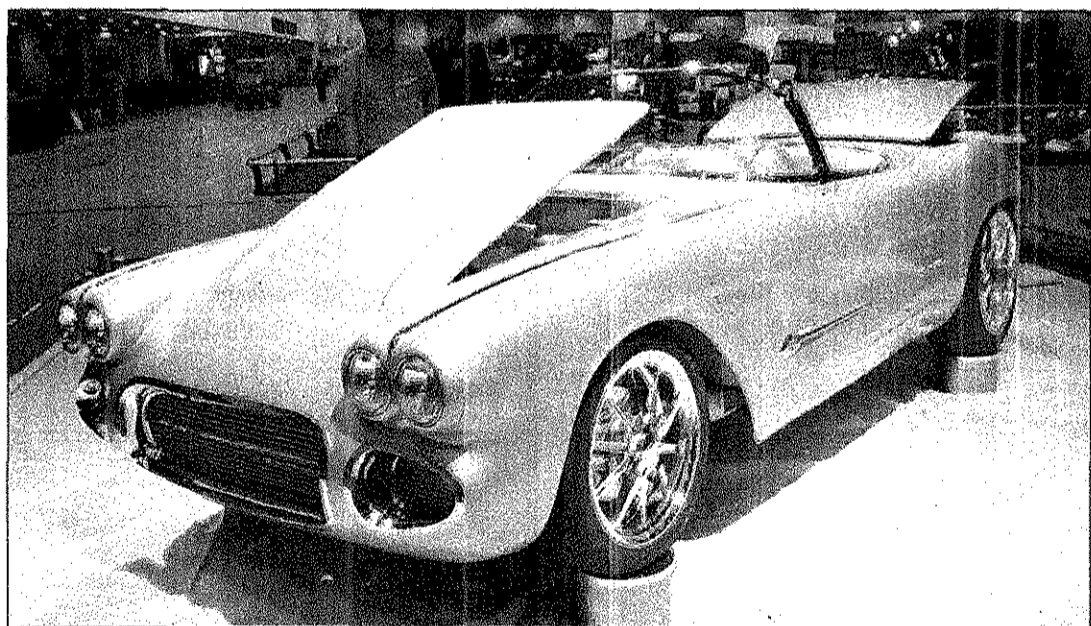
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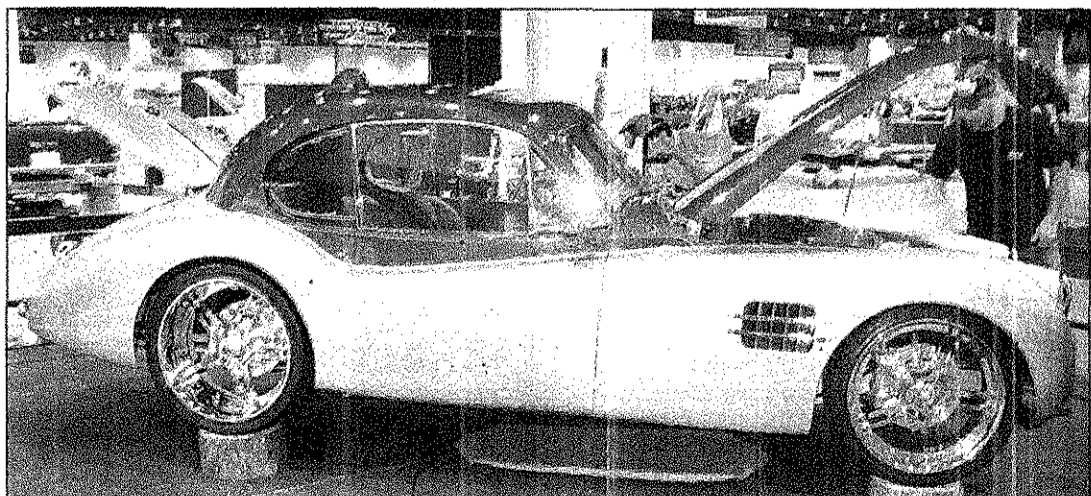
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Two years of intensive labor brought this 1955 Jaguar XK 140 from past its prime to show condition. It is owned by Fred Jaekel of Richmond Hills, Ontario.

AUTORAMA: Truck, car exhibits

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455-inch, 500-plus-horsepower engine in her yellow-and-black GSX.

A General Motors retiree and Buick specialist, Vasilov was parked in a larger stand

celebrating Flint and its automotive heritage.

Another Flint booster, Karen Borton, was showing her iridescent champagne and metallic gold 1946 Chevrolet.

Completed in 2005 by Ron Box of London, Ontario, in honor of Borton's late husband, Brady, "The Borton" has 88,000 miles on its modern engine and likely will rack up many more in 2011. Borton is active in events for auto en-

thusiasts.

"The Borton" has been in all states except Louisiana, Alabama, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska," said Borton, a first-timer at Autorama.

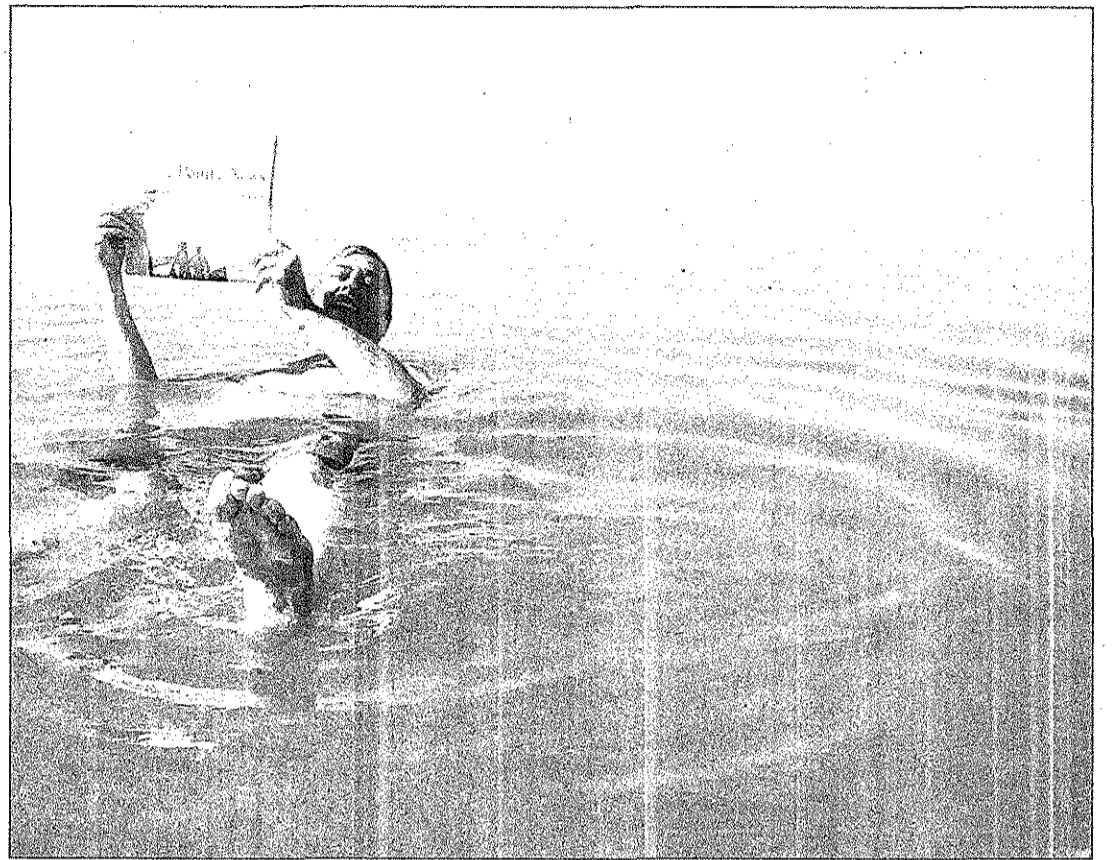
The Feb. 25-27 event featured some 1,000 exhibits of cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles from around the country. It was the 59th Detroit Autorama.

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

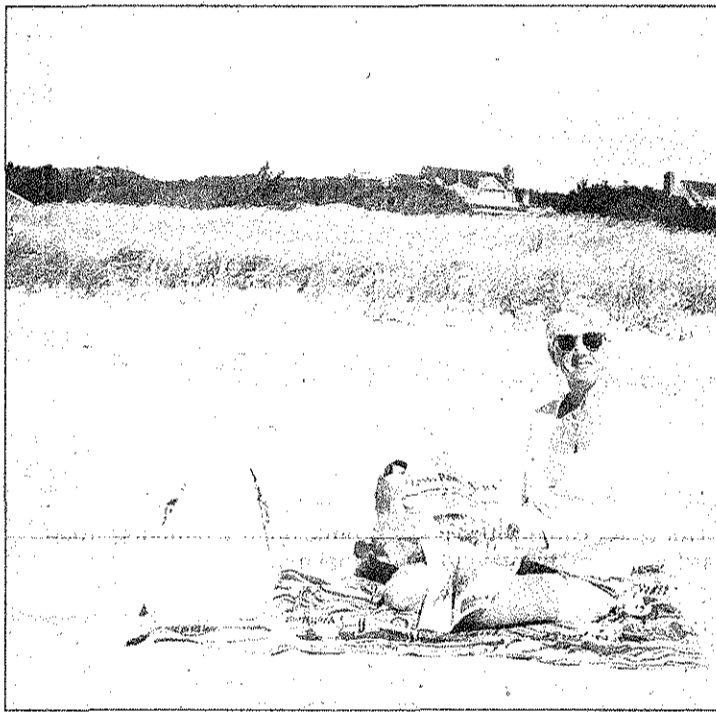
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Allison Frazer of Grosse Pointe Park at historic Heritage Square in Fayetteville, N.C. She was a junior bridesmaid in her cousin's wedding. She is pictured with her cousin, Rosemary McLean and her husband, Matt McLean



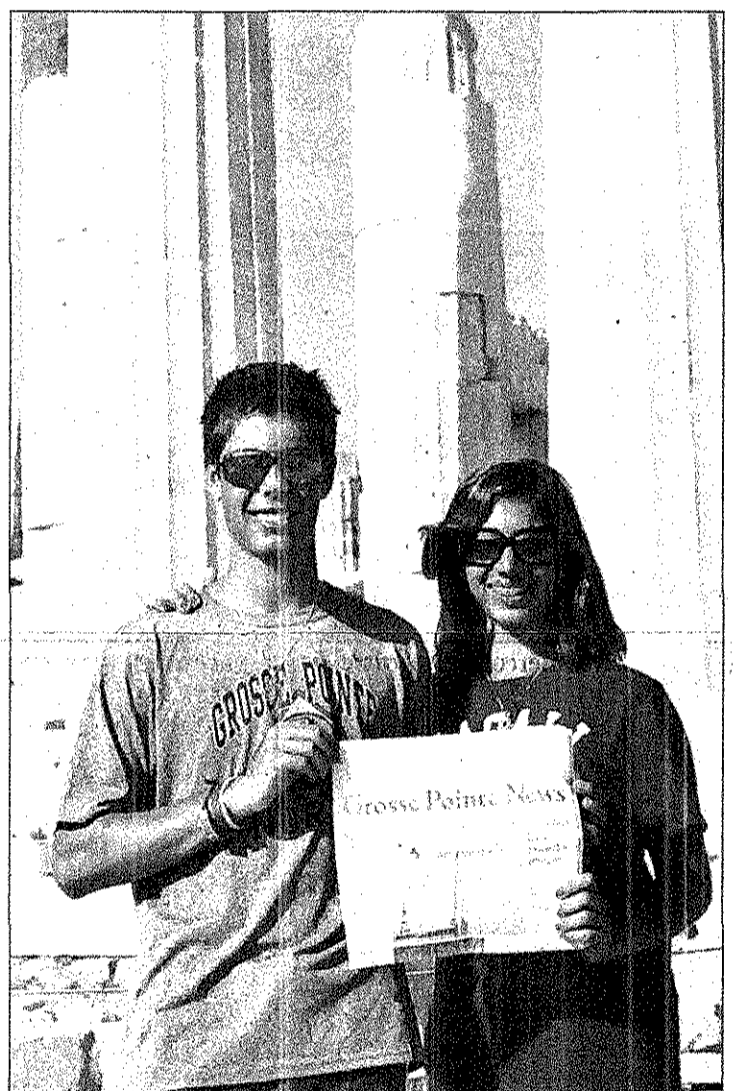
City of Grosse Pointe resident James Black floating on the Great Salt Lake in Utah.



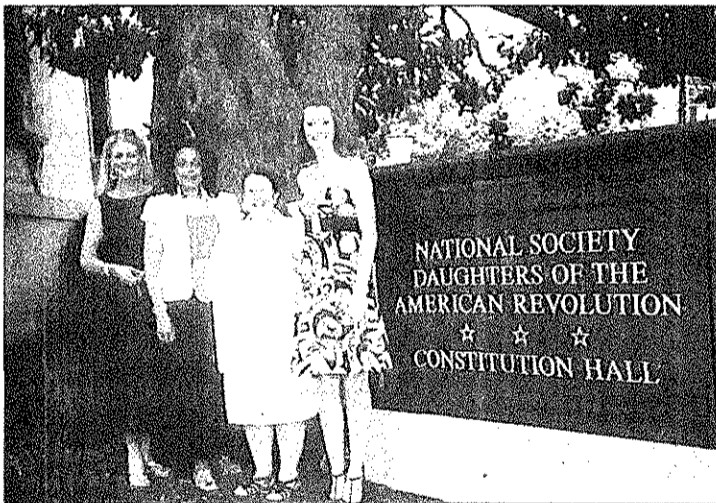
Cindy Manardo of Grosse Pointe Woods on Cape Cod, Mass.



Clay and Dianna Vanderpool of St. Clair Shores in Zermatt, Switzerland.



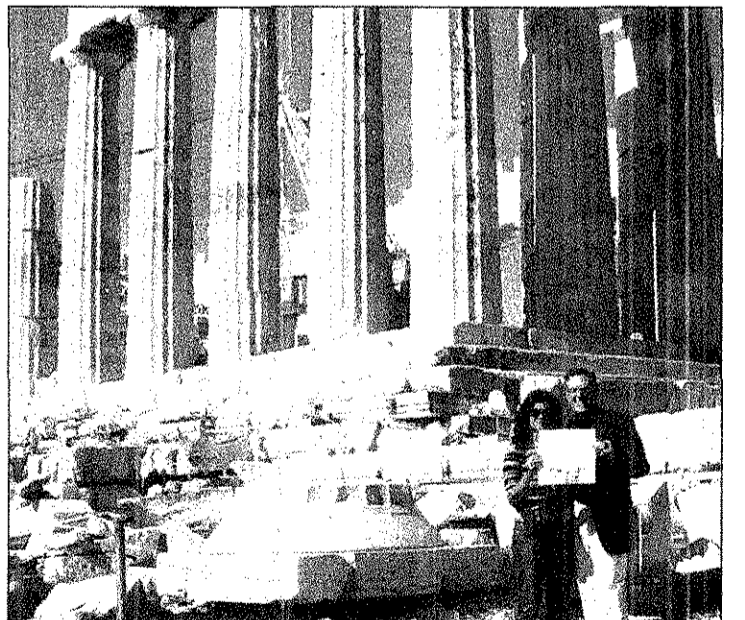
Grosse Pointe Woods residents and siblings Thomas and Samantha Bajis at the Parthenon in Greece.



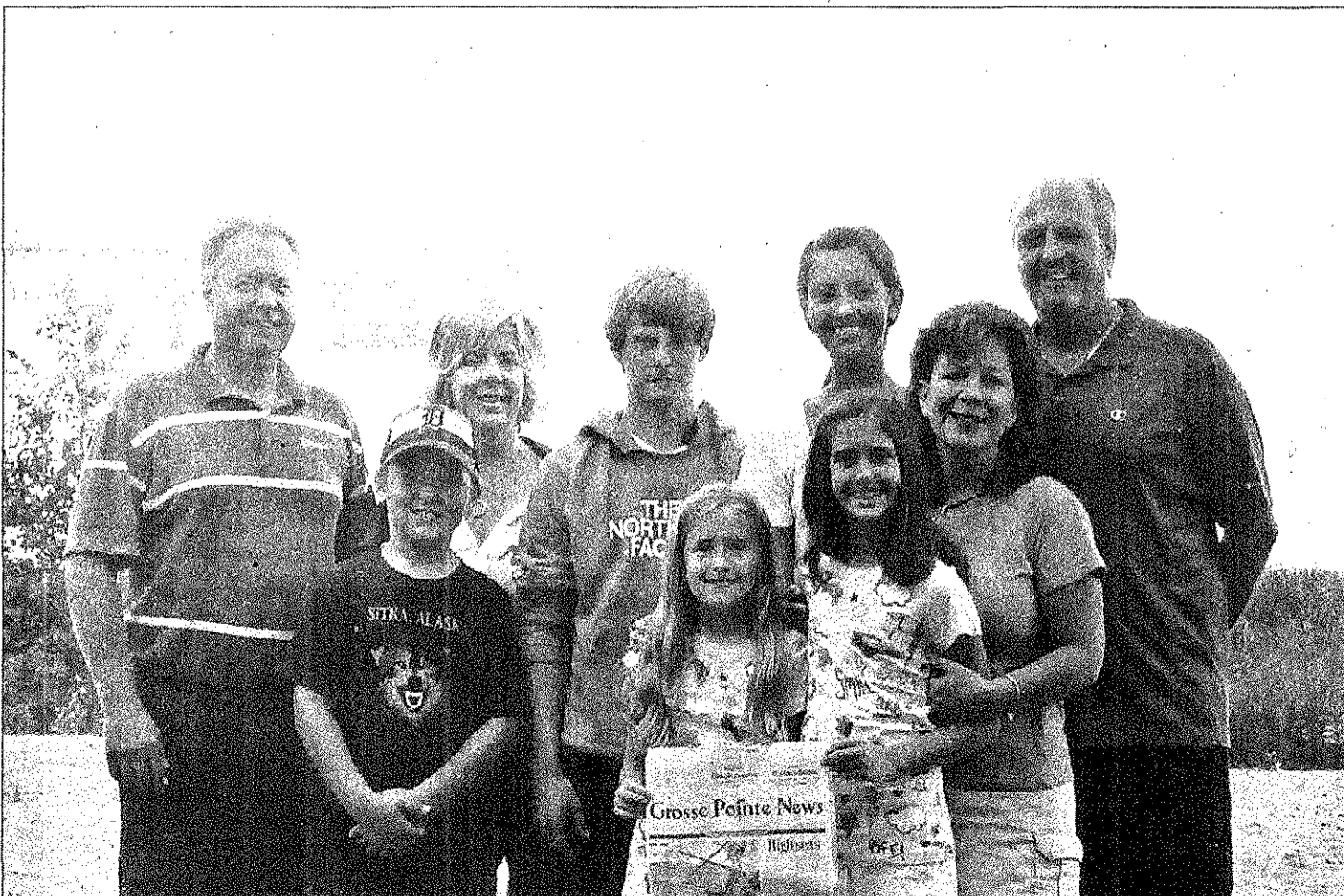
Four members of the Louisa St. Clair chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, attended the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. In front of Constitution Hall, from left, Mary Shafer of Grosse Pointe Farms, Margaret Llorens of Detroit, Shirley Hartert of Grosse Pointe Woods and Kathryn Shafer of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Christine Drummy of Grosse Pointe Woods at the Beethoven Festival in Bonn, Germany.



Grosse Pointe Farms residents Mike and Dee Hutchinson enjoying their 36th wedding anniversary at the Acropolis in Athens, Greece.



Former Grosse Pointe residents Bonnie (Bonanno) Panicia and Debbie (Conlon) Borthwick and their families in northern Michigan.



Grosse Pointe Park residents Faye Gmeiner and Marcia Cron in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

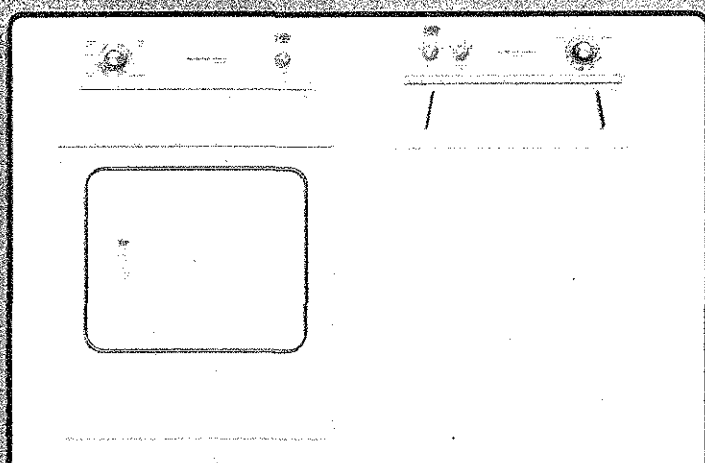


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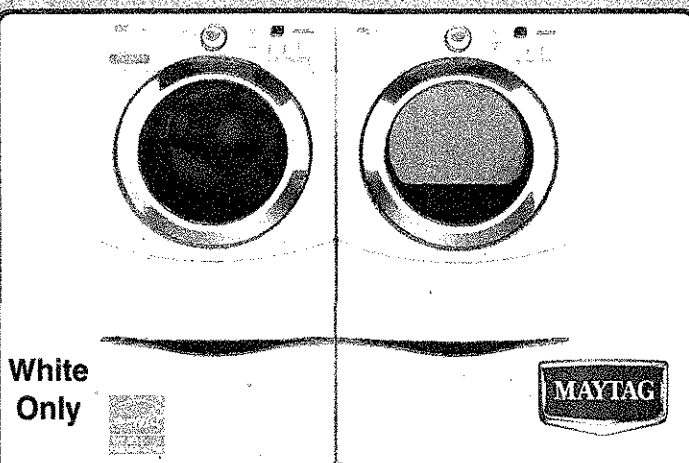


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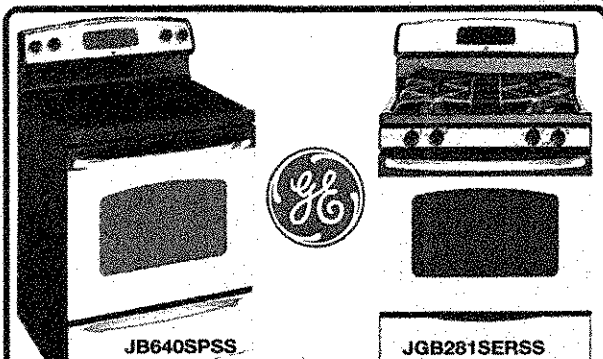
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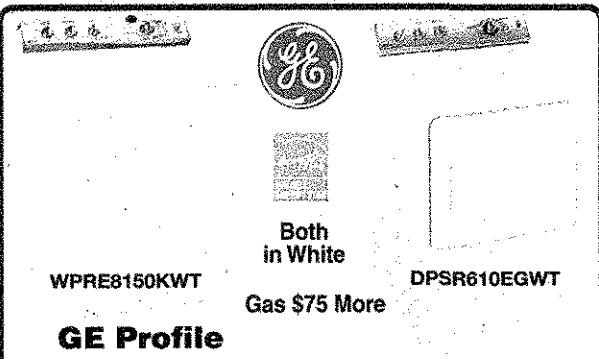
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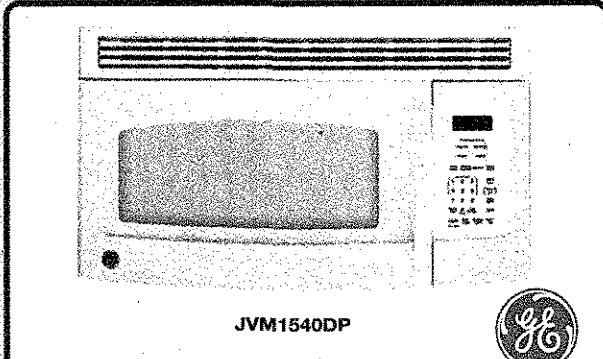
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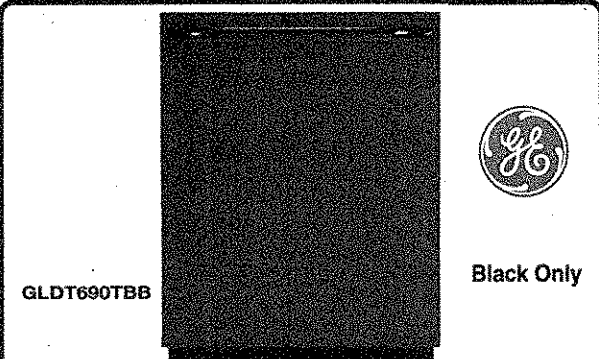
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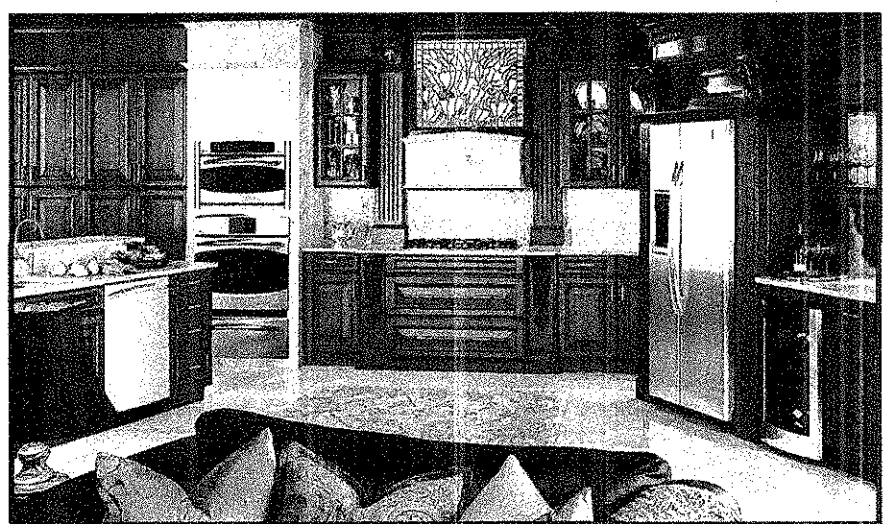


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James Biery brings new sounds to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church via his talents playing the pipe organ, musical compositions and directing the choirs.

Filled with music

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

As Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's new minister of music and organ, James Biery presents an organ concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

What listeners should understand about Biery is music fills his life and that of his wife, Marilyn, who joins him for a special organ duet, "Psalms Variation," based on Psalm 23 and written by their former professor, James Hopkins.

Biery's love of music began in elementary school, continued through high school and college, where, he trained in the traditional music genre.

"It happened so early," he said of his passion. "I took the typical piano lessons at the age of 7."

The teacher suggested her students explore other musical options. He said he wouldn't sing but the organ caught his attention.

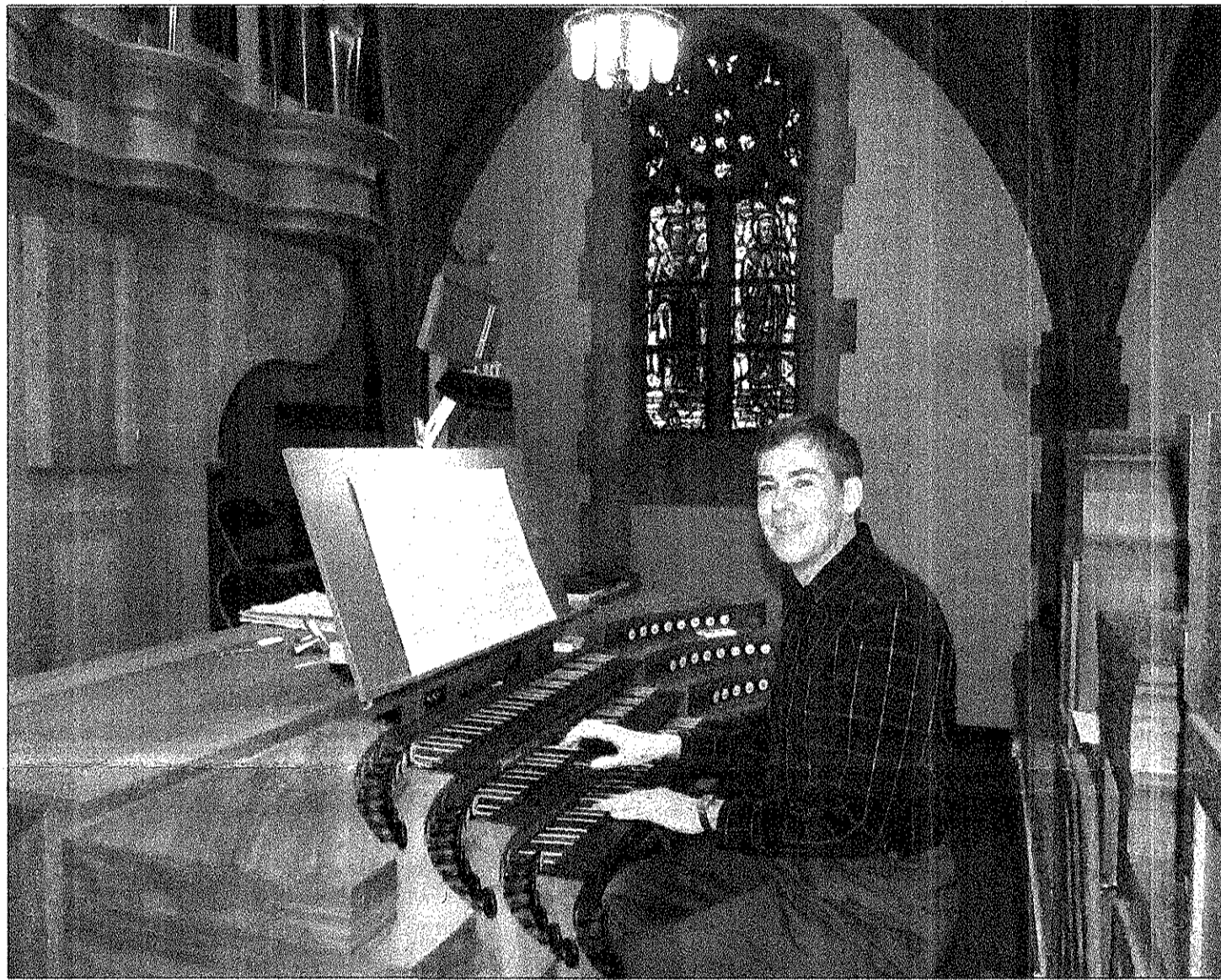
"It's a bug that never let go of me even in high school. I feel fortunate to do this craft and make a living and be able to help other people."

He heard an organist playing a pipe organ in a Congregational church in Omaha, Neb. and was hooked. "It spoke to me," he said.

Biery was educated at Northwestern University where he earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ performance. He also holds the choirmaster and fellowship certificates from the American Guild of Organists. In 1986, he was the prize winner for the highest score on the Fellow of the American Guild of Organists exam administered by AGO.

The winner of several organ competitions, he was named second prize winner in the 1980 AGO National Open Competition in organ playing and has annually since 2006 won the American Society of Composers, Authors and PublishersPlus award.

As an organist, Biery has distinguished himself by perform-



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's minister of music and organ James Biery.

ing much of the repertoire of the 19th and early 20th centuries. His organ and choral compositions are published by MorningStar, Concordia, Augsburg-Fortress, GIA and Oregon Catholic Press.

He has recorded for Afka Records and Naxos.

These accolades accompanied him from jobs in the Midwest to the East Coast back to the Midwest. Biery spent 14 years at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minn. and was previously director of music at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn., where he performed on the 140 rank Austin organ.

"My wife and I did joint music for 14 years at St. Paul's. It's

a huge building. It's busy and a public place," he said. "Tour groups are going through all the time. It had a certain public nature and I couldn't practice privately."

"Due to the size of the building, all the music had to be outsized and larger than life.

"After 14 years, it was time to turn it (the directorship) over to someone else. I was looking for more subtlety. This position became available. I was delighted with the church. It is a thriving, happy place. I'm delighted to be here."

The relocation was a positive one for his wife, as well. She moved, bought a house and got a job in a span of three days, Biery said.

Marilyn Biery is also an organist, conductor and composer. Authoring many hymn texts, he has set some to music and published as hymn anthems.

"Marilyn was trying to figure out what she wanted to do. She moved here on a Saturday in October. She went to church with me. Sunday afternoon we attended an open house and bought a house the same Sunday evening," he said.

The following day she had an interview for an interim music position at the First Methodist Church in Royal Oak and was offered the position, which she will have probably through Easter, he said.

While she has to drive to her

job, Biery can walk or ride his bike.

"We are avid walkers and I can ride my bike around Grosse Pointe. It's fairly flat and everything is within a reasonable distance," he said.

Outside walking and riding his bike, Biery said his life is consumed with music from the traditional to the 21st century styles.

"I'm a traditionalist at heart and fully trained with a traditional church background. People here are proud of their traditional church and music I will continue to do the masters — Bach, Handel. I'm fully aware of the present and future of church music. I'm excited about exploring in terms of

style and culture."

In addition to playing the 66 rank Johannes Klais organ, Biery directs the choirs.

"Coming here there is a potential to work with younger children. The church has a crop of smaller kids ready to grow into church choral music. There is the potential to grow," he said.

The church has adult and hand bell choirs. On Tuesdays, kindergartners through fifth graders participate in recreation, Bible study and a music program at the church.

He also directs the third through fifth-grade choir of 20.

"They have made amazing progress this year," he said. The choir of middle and high school students is smaller but "provides for those who have talent."

A chance to enhance young lives with music is one good reason to relocate, but Biery had a three other reasons.

"The organ is first rate," he said. "My wife's family lives in Michigan."

And the third? It's easier to watch their daughter, Laura's swim meets at the University of Chicago.

Having settled in Michigan, the Bierys are looking forward to their first community concert recognizing several 2011 anniversaries, including the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz List, a 19th century composer, who wrote virtuoso pieces for the organ.

This year also marks 25 years since the death of Parisian composer and organist Maurice Duruflé. His "Prelude and Fugue" is a tribute.

The complete program includes "Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544," by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Fantasy and Fugue on BACH," by Liszt; "Psalm Variations," "Elegy" by James Biery; and "Prelude and Fugue on the name ALAIN," by Maurice Duruflé.

The concert is free and at the church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception follows.

Longtime resident observes 100th birthday

Edna Mack Wharton, a 35-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park, observed her 100th birthday Feb. 12.

She was a driving instructor at the age of 14, later a registered nurse, a wife, mother and an artist, winning recognition and awards.

Born on Pres. Abraham Lincoln's birthday in Carlinville, Ill., Feb. 12, 1911, she was the second child of Peter F. Mack and Catherine Kelly. Both her father and brother ran for Congress in Lincoln's district.

She had seven brothers and sisters. Riley was born in 1909, Edna in 1911, Alfred in 1913, Catherine in 1914, Peter in 1916, Loretta in 1919, Paul in 1922 and Regina in 1924.

Alos, the year Wharton was born, Louis Chevrolet started Chevrolet Motor Company. Later she would marry a Chevrolet man, James E. Wharton, born Aug. 16, 1910 in St. Louis, Mo.

Wharton started working at her father's automobile dealership when she was 14. Her job was to teach people to drive — a common practice in 1925.

Wharton relates this story from 1925:

"I was driving a car back to my father's auto dealership and was going up a hill on a dirt road. I was trying to get home before the storm. But it started raining and the tires began sliding. I got stuck near the top of the hill. I went up to a farmhouse and asked the farmer to pull me out with his

tractor."

In 1925, the family took an automobile trip through southern Canada and northeastern United States. They used two cars, a Dodge Brothers open touring car and a Willys Overland sedan with a box trailer containing tents and camping gear.

"We camped the entire trip," said Wharton's brother, Paul Mack.

In 1933, Wharton entered St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Alton, Ill., graduating June 4, 1936. She became a registered nurse and the surgical supervisor at Josephine Heltkamp Hospital, St. Louis. She met her husband in 1937 while working at the hospital. They married Aug. 7, 1941.

Their first son, Jimmie Mack Wharton, was born Feb. 22, 1943.

In 1946, James Wharton took a job with Chevrolet Motor Division as a plant security guard at the St. Louis assembly plant. The family lived in a first floor flat in St. Louis and drove James Wharton to work every night because the family had one car.

In 1947, Peter was born. He became a principal in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

In 1949, daughter Susan Gail was born and Sallie Patrice followed April 25, 1954.

The family moved to Michigan in 1956, settling in Grosse Pointe Park.

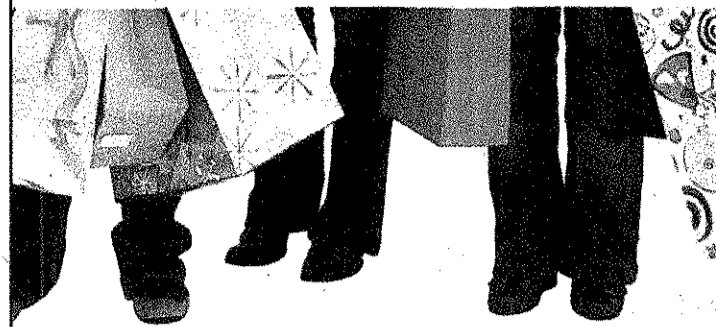


From left, Paul Mack, Edna Mack Wharton, Regina Arensmeyer and Paul Hanks, Wharton's brother-in-law.

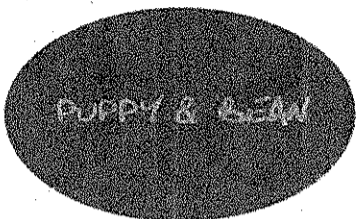
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **LIGGETT ACQUIRES POINTE SITE:** The 84-year-old Liggett School, the only independent school in the City of Detroit, has signed an agreement to purchase 10 acres of vacant land east of Vernier Road in Grosse Pointe Woods with an eventual building campaign in view.

◆ **TEENER'S KNIFING CLIMAXES QUARREL OVER STOLEN GOODS:** The knifing of a 16-year-old City boy by a Woods boy of the same age, climaxed a quarrel over a stolen radio, and led to the clearing of a number of thefts in the Pointe and other communities in which the boys were involved.

The two boys, who also implicated a 15-year-old Farms boy, admitted taking, over a period of about two or three months, at least \$600 from the store of the father of the City youth, and hubcaps, carburetors batteries and accessories from cars. They confessed to stealing 50 watch bands from a drug store; tires from gas stations; champagne from the Shettler's Drug store and wrenches and other tools from the Sears branch store, Mack and Moross.

◆ **GPHS SWIM TEAM GRABS LEAGUE TITLE:** Grosse Pointe swimmers drowned Monroe 81-24 in the home pool last Friday night and cinched their second straight Border Cities League championship.

After the Devils swim their last dual meet of the season Friday, they will swim at the state Class A meet in March in



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

1986: Going, going...

It didn't take the wreckers long to raze this house on the corner of Kercheval and Muir in the Farms. The dwelling was torn down to make room for a parking structure expected to be built jointly by Cottage Hospital and developer Peter Bologna.

East Lansing.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **MEMORIAL TRIES AGAIN FOR LIQUOR LICENSE:** Undaunted by previous failures, the War Memorial has adopted a different tack in its quest for a liquor license. Two weeks ago, the center took a \$1,000 option to buy a Class C resort license, a geographically transferable license that would still leave the city of Grosse Pointe Farms with two licenses at its disposal.

◆ **BOY CRASHES SNOWMOBILE AT FORD HOUSE:** An 11-year-old Southfield youth suffered a possible broken leg and neck injuries when he crashed a snowmobile at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunday.

The youth and his father were visiting friends in St. Clair Shores and took a snow machine out to Gaukler Point. They rode around the open area on the peninsula, then the father and the owner of the snowmobile allowed the boy to drive it by himself, according to Shores police reports.

Apparently the boy "froze" with the throttle wide open and drove full speed across

the frozen lagoon. The snowmobile jumped the broken concrete breakwall, "went airborne," crossed the Ford House main driveway and hit an elm tree head-on, according to the report.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **BUOYS WOULD WARN OF E. COLI ALONG SHORE:** A system to warn the public of deadly bacteria is being designed for the western shallows of lower Lake St. Clair.

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Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Grandmothers who are caregivers exchange ideas and information about child care.

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

Symphony orchestra

Jeffrey Zook plays Mozart's second flute concert with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"The Winds of Spring" concert opens with works by Paul Dukas and Antonin Dvorak. Following the Mozart "Flute Concerto No. 2 in D Major," the community orchestra plays Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait."

Critic, organist and music educator John Guinn gives a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m.

Zook has been a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1992. He studied at Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan.

Tickets are available at the door.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at noon Monday, March 7, in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$13.

Rich Bartoszek is the March 14 speaker and his topic is senior living issues. The March

28 speaker is United States Rep. Hansen Clarke, D - Detroit.

As of Feb. 22, 2.3 million pounds of clothing, books and food have been contributed to the Rotary's "3 million pound challenge." Items are donated to local nonprofit organizations.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 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 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in a Grosse Pointe Park house.

For more information, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Jessie at (313) 417-7944.

CARE

Community, Assessment, Referral and Education, a non-profit prevention agency, offers a free parenting series from 9 to 11 a.m. every Monday for eight weeks beginning March 21 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

"The goal of the series is to guide parents toward raising responsible and self-confident children" said Anne Nearhood, CARE community organizer.

The skill-building courses, for parents of school-aged children, provide realistic and

practical approach to raising children. The techniques focus on improving family communication, encouraging cooperation and teaching effective discipline strategies, promoting both self-esteem and mutual respect.

"I know the incredible blessing and the awesome responsibility that it is to be a parent," said the Rev. Jim Rizer. "I rejoice in this opportunity to partner with CARE in encouraging and strengthening parents for the adventure of raising and shaping children."

To register, call CARE at (586) 541-0033. Child care is free. The required book for the series can be purchased the first day of class.

Community gardening

Macomb Michigan State University Extension Community offers an introduction to community gardening with friends, neighbors, municipalities or organizations from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens. Registration fee is \$10.

The program includes:

- ◆ What to consider before the shovel hits the soil
- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Site selection and preparation
- ◆ Organizing the project
- ◆ Managing throughout the season
- ◆ Addressing common troublesome issues.

The instructor is Kristine Hahn. Registration deadline is March 8.

To register, call Mary Gerstenberger at (586) 469-6085 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Past presidents

Past presidents of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club were recognized during the organization's Feb. 16 meeting. Ten are still members of club which observed its 60th anniversary in October. Club members raise funds to award annual scholarships to a senior from both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools. Past presidents are, from left, Pam Zimmer, 2003-07 and 2009 to present; Marilyn Richardson, 2007-09; Mary Ann Schwartz, 1992-93; Fran Ahee 1991-92; Joyce Cook, 1979-81; Janet McConkey, 1990-91; and Jean Buhler, 1997-99. Not pictured are Maryhelen Feighner, 1995-97; Patricia Wilson, 1993-95; and Ann Gerow, 1985-87. For more information about the club, call membership chairwoman Peggy Hickey at (313) 881-1324 or president Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

Paw Party benefits humane society animals

Sophie Bushnell's second annual Paw Party was a howling success.

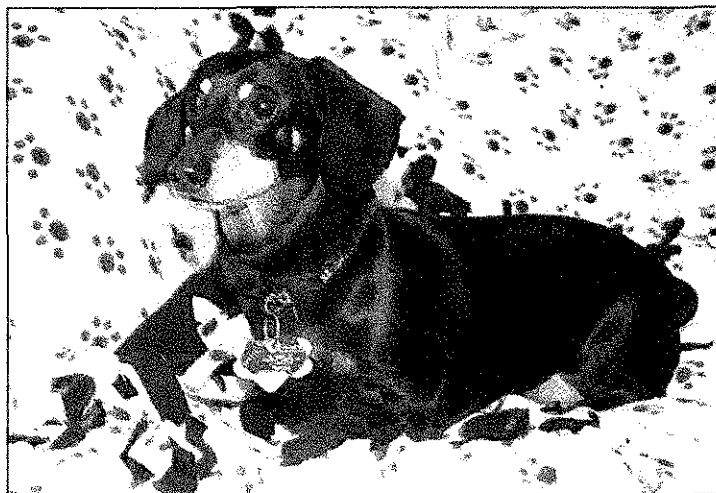
The Grosse Pointe Farms miniature Dachshund and her owner, Joan DeGro Bushnell, hosted two dozen friends Feb. 16 to help Michigan Humane Society shelter dogs by making no-sew blankets.

It has to be no-sew, Bushnell said, because neither she nor Sophie sew.

Twice the number of women gathered this year as last for a potluck supper and create paw-printed fleece blankets.

As a result of their efforts, nearly five dozen blankets were made.

Joan Bushnell said she saw the blanket pattern and instruc-



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SHRADER

Sophie Bushnell sits atop a stack of fleece blankets.

tions in the Michigan Humane Society's magazine. Helping

homeless animals by making blankets has become her mission.

Guests donate \$5 to cover the cost of the material and bring sharp shears and a measuring tape to make the blankets.

A Paw Party kit can be purchased through Sophie's website doxiesophie.com or via e-mail at doxiesophie@gmail.com.

Attending Sophie's party to make fleece blankets for dogs sheltered at the Michigan Humane Society, in back from left, Sue Milligan and Karen Oberle; in front from left, Karen Quarnstrom and Jean Doelle.



HEADLINES: A few words from the past

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Three sensor buoys that detect aspects of water quality would operate off the Grosse Pointe shoreline.

◆ **ANOTHER TITLE FOR NORTH GYMNASTS:** Winning the Great Lakes Eight Conference has become habit-forming for Grosse Pointe North.

The Norsemen won their sixth straight league meet championship last week as they posted a season-high score of 134.325.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **NEW FARMS SUBDIVISION?** Six houses standing shoulder to shoulder, each with porches and varied features crafted to a unified theme of casual and cozy living, have been proposed for what could become the next subdivision in a city that has no vacant land.

Robert Wood designed a half dozen houses for a woody side yard facing Moran his client wants to spin off an estate at 190 Ridge in the Farms. Wood's presentation to a council work session was informal. No action occurred except discussion.

◆ **EDUCATORS ADDRESS SEX ED:** A draft of the newly written adolescent health education curriculum will be presented to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Adhering to Michigan State School Code, the district formed a committee representing parents, students and the community at large to revise the curricula.

◆ **PARENTS UNHAPPY WITH SEX ED CURRICULUM:** Throw it out and start over.

This is the advice from the grassroots Grosse Pointe Cares for Kids organization about the proposed adolescent health education curriculum.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm The Soc Show
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The Soc Show
6:00 pm Legal Insider
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
9:00 pm Art & Design
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
10:00 pm The John Prost Show
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
11:30 pm Senior Men's Club

Midnight Economic Club of Detroit
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1:30 am Great Lakes Log
2:00 am The John Prost Show
2:30 am Senior Men's Club
3:00 am Art & Design
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CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER
By Michelle Basner-Ketepa

Not the stuff in your belly button

Lent. It's a word that seems to confuse a lot of people. Contrary to the belief of some children, Lent is not that stuff collecting in the pockets, gathering on the screen in the dryer, or mysteriously appearing in your belly button.

To give a basic definition, Lent (in most Christian traditions) is the 40 days leading up to Easter.

It is a time of reflection and penance in preparation for Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday and the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Traditionally, Lent is also a time for new adult converts to Christianity to prepare for baptism.

Today, Lent has come to be a time of spiritual discipline, prayer and devotion.

Often there is an aspect of personal sacrifice as we reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us.

That all sounds fine — but when I seek to find my own personal practice for Lent, it isn't always easy. With a busy calendar, finding time for that extra 15 minutes of study or devotion seems daunting.

And who really wants to sacrifice? Do I really want to give up my favorite foods? Can I stand to deprive myself of something for 40 days?

Why would that matter to

God?

The youth in our congregation are preparing for a day of fasting — a 30-Hour Famine — a common event in many churches. Students and adults agree to fast for 30 hours.

We eat lunch Friday afternoon and don't eat again until we share a meal Saturday evening.

While fasting, we fill our time with learning events, service projects, worship, study, prayer, and, of course, some fun.

This nationwide campaign is sponsored by World Vision ministries (worldvision.org) to raise awareness and funds for the poor and hungry around the world.

One slogan often appearing on the literature: "We can choose to go hungry for one day, so that others might have food."

That is a part of what Lenten sacrifice is all about. We can make small sacrifices in our lives, so that we can share God's blessing with others. My time spent in devotion draws me closer to God as I take time to reflect and center my daily activities around God's will and call.

My actions show others how God's grace makes a difference in the world. Whether it's feeding the hungry, helping

See LENT, page 5B

Udell serving First English congregation

Geraldine Udell, of Roseville, was commissioned as a licensed minister at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Rev. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor, and the Rev. Gerald Elsholz, associate pastor, performed the ceremony sanctioned by the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The two-year course for licensed minister enables a Christian to lead worship, teach catechism and Bible classes, engage in visitation for shut-ins and hospital or nursing home patients and lead worship both at one's home church and at other churches.

Some licensed minister classes offered and taught by pastors in the synod are Old and New Testament, methods of worship,

church ethics and leading worship.

After passing the courses and an interview, a candidate serves a one-year internship.

Udell applied for the program in 2007 and chose to do her internship at her home church, First English, under the supervision of Schmidt. She served in new member incorporation and training members to serve in worship as readers or communion assistants, ushers, offering counters, greeters and friendly callers, as well as continuing her leadership in parish education directing Sunday School.



From left, Rev. Jerry Elsholz, Geraldine Udell and Rev. Walter Schmidt of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Udell also manages funeral luncheons, is in Women of the Church and the choir, and is catechism coordinator.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 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, Dennis Hyduk, past president of Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Congregational church

A contemporary worship service begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Grosse

Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Music and songs, followed by a free coffee bar and snacks are included.

For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcong.org.

First English

The Lenten season at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church begins Ash Wednesday, March 9.

The first service is at 10:30 a.m. and followed by a free-will donation Lenten lunch. The 7 p.m. service is preceded by a free-will offering Lenten dinner. The schedule continues until Palm Sunday, April

17.

The season's series is "Jesus Teaching on the Way to the Cross."

The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

Christ the King

Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual spring Mom-to-Mom sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Shoppers can arrive from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for a \$2 early bird admission. Regular admission is \$1. Mothers with strollers are admitted after 10:30 a.m.

Children's clothing, furniture, toys, strollers, baby swings, Exersaucers and maternity clothes are featured.

For more information,

call Karen at ctkmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 884-5998.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Lenten program runs for five weeks from Wednesday, March 16 to April 13.

The program begins with a 6 p.m. soup and salad supper in the hall, followed by a 7 p.m. Taizé service.

Taizé is a form of Christian worship that includes candle-light, chanting, icons, scripture, silence and reflection, lasting about 30 minutes.

St. Michael's is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-4820 or visit the website stmichaelsgpw.org.

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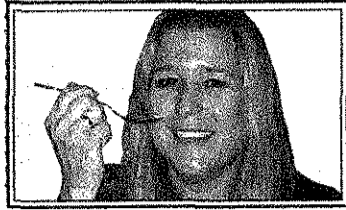
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Bring French Quarter north with jambalaya



Next Tuesday is Fat Tuesday — the finality of Mardi Gras and the last day to whoop it up before the somber season of Lent begins.

I'm having a bash next Tuesday and jambalaya will be sitting center stage. To pull this off on a weeknight, I've reconstructed the preparation of my favorite jambalaya recipe into two days so I may too enjoy Fat Tuesday.

Deconstructed Jambalaya

(serves 8 plus)

- 8 cups cooked rice (white, medium or your choice) or more
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 cups chopped onion
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 2 cups chopped bell pepper (your choice)
- 1/4 cup minced garlic (about 10 cloves)
- 2 lbs. smoked sausage, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 28-oz. cans plus 1 15-oz.

- can whole tomatoes with juice
- 1 4-oz. can tomato paste
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning plus more for cooking chicken and shrimp
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- few pinches cayenne pepper
- black pepper to taste
- 8 chicken thighs, bone-in with skin
- 1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled with tail on

Day 1

Cook rice according to package directions. (I completely cool the rice before removing the lid) Toss with chopped scallions. Store in refrigerator until ready to reheat.

In a large pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion, celery and pepper and cook for about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sausage and cook and stir for another 5 minutes or a bit longer.

Use your hand to break apart the whole tomatoes into the pot, one at a time, adding the juice from the can as well. Add the tomato paste, bay leaves, sugar, Cajun seasoning, oregano, thyme, cayenne and black pepper. Bring mixture to a boil and lower to a simmer

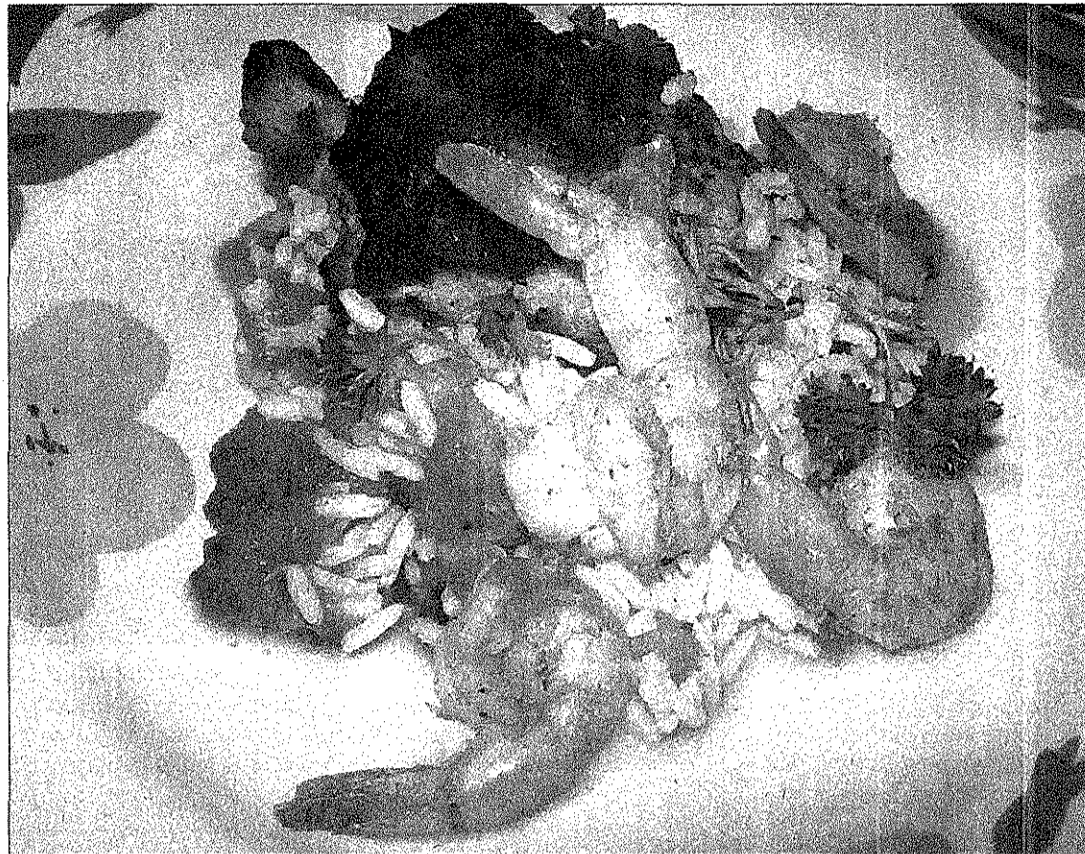


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Jambalaya gives the feeling of being in New Orleans' French Quarter.

and cook (covered) for at least an hour or two. Cook longer if possible, stirring occasionally. The longer this sauce cooks, the better. Cool sauce and store in refrigerator until ready to reheat.

Meanwhile, place chicken thighs in a plastic bag and mar-

inate lightly in Italian dressing, overnight.

Day 2

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange chicken thighs on a greased bake sheet. Sprinkle both sides of thighs

for 50 minutes to an hour. Place shrimp in a small bowl and toss with a bit of olive oil and some Cajun seasoning.

Heat a medium no-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add shrimp to hot skillet and cook and toss just until shrimp are cooked throughout, about 4 to 6 minutes.

Meanwhile, place rice in bottom of a large (casserole type) greased baking dish. Ladle jambalaya sauce over rice, covering it completely. Lower oven to 325 degrees.

Arrange chicken thighs and shrimp over sauce and rice. Cover with foil and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or longer, until rice and sauce are steaming hot.

This deconstructed jambalaya comes together as you scoop onto dinner plates. Traditionally, all of the components of jambalaya are cooked together. This tasty meal will leave you feeling like you're in the French Quarter next Tuesday. Really.

The jambalaya sauce can be frozen and become another meal.

On stage - 'The Dixie Swim Club'

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Dixie Swim Club," by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten in eight performances.

Five women, whose friendship began years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August at a beach cottage on North Carolina's outer banks. The "Dixie Swim Club" spans a period of 33 years and focuses on four of those weekends. The laughs get bigger and come faster as the story of these Southern women rolls along, weaving a comedy about long-lasting friendships.

"The Dixie Swim Club" opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Performances continue at 8 p.m. March 10-12 and March 16-19 and at 2 p.m. March 13.

This production features a "Ladies Night Out" Wednesday, March 16. A strolling reception of hors d'oeuvres and shopping is included prior to the performance. Admission is \$25. A cash bar is available.

Cast members of "The Dixie Swim Club" include Theresa Selvaggio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as Dinah, Marie Reinman, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as Vernadette and Pam Montgomery, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as Lexie. Megan Meade-Higgins, of Northville, plays Sheree, and Amy Choudhury-Martin, of Sterling Heights, plays Jeri.

The play is directed by Kathleen Conlon and produced by Carolyn Darby, both of Detroit. Technical direction is by Don Corbin, of Grosse Pointe Woods; stage manager is Vonnice Miller, of St. Clair Shores; costumes by Vicky Urbanik, of Harrison Township; designing sound and lights respectively are Chris and Diana Ruzzin, of Southfield; co-chairing prop-



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Standing, from left: Pam Montgomery, Megan Meade-Higgins and Marie Reinman. Seated, from left: Amy Choudhury-Martin and Theresa Selvaggio

erties are Phyllis Reeve, of Grosse Pointe Park and Cyndy Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods; set dressing is by Susan Davis, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and make-up is by Beverly Dickinson, of Pleasant Ridge.

Tickets for "The Dixie Swim Club" are \$18. Group rates are available. Call Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004 for tickets or purchase tickets on-line through seat yourself at GPT.org.

The final show of the Grosse Pointe Theatre season is "The Scarlet Pimpernel," based on the works by Baroness Emmuska Orczy, book and lyrics by Nan Knighton, May 8, 12-15, 18-21, set during the French Revolution.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage, featuring student actors in grades 3-8, perform the youth theater version of "Annie" with music by

Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charmin in two performances the weekend of April 10.

LENT: Sacrifice to live more fully

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someone who is lonely or afraid, or simply listening to someone dealing with grief, pain, or sorrow, my sacrifice is

small compared to what Christ was willing to give. He sacrificed his life so we may live.

May our sacrifices, however small, offer others the chance to live more fully.

Michelle Basner-Ketepa serves as Minister of Faith Formation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She has been in professional lay-ministry since 1998.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Ted Kasper

Expressing anger, frustration toward children



Q. My 6-year-old son often does things to anger me. I discipline him by yelling, taking things away (like his favorite toy or TV time), or grounding him. Lots of times I say (or did) things I later wish I hadn't. What is the best way to let him know I'm angry and upset with him?

A. It's OK to be angry or frustrated by what he did/didn't do. By expressing your anger or frustration, you're identifying for your son what the expected outcome should've been. That doesn't necessarily mean to yell at him, threaten to or actually take things away or ground him.

Always remember you are a role model and teacher. He is looking to you to teach him how to respond when HE is angry or frustrated. In expressing anger or frustration, we have two options: stuff it or express it verbally. The problems with stuffing are: 1) your son fails to learn what he did was not the best way to handle things; 2) you can only stuff for so long before you explode; 3) the inevitable explosion gives your son more reason to look at you than to look inwardly and be responsible for his behavior.

There is a way to express anger or frustration that does not teach inappropriate ways of responding. It can be done in a way that does not "wound their spirit" and allows children to maintain their dignity.

Perhaps you've heard the expression, "less is more?" When expressing anger or frustration (or both!) toward children, the LESS we verbalize the MORE effective our words. We will remain calm

and only use three sentences when expressing anger or frustration:

Sentence 1: Describe the situation. Your sentence should speak only to the situation without referring to your son.

Sentence 2: Describe how you are feeling. Use "I statements." Instead of telling him how he made you feel, say "I feel ____." Doing so is less judgmental and does not place blame on your son. It will also help reduce further conflict.

Sentence 3: Describe the outcome you want. We do not tell him what to do (only are giving him a gentle reminder).

Sentences 2 and 3 are the "teaching" parts of Good and Angry.

Using this "less is more" consistently while staying calm will communicate your anger and model for your son his future responses. It also guarantees your language shows the same amount of respect you expect from your son.

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Auxiliary raises funds for pediatric burn room

White Christmas Ball a success

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center raised more than \$95,000 at its 2010 White Christmas Ball.

All proceeds go toward establishing a pediatric burn room at the hospital.

JoAnn Miller, a past president of the Fontbonne and chairwoman of the 2010 Ball, credited its success to the influence of honorary chairwoman Joan Gehrke.

Gehrke has been a volunteer for more than 30 years, served on the Fontbonne board of directors and chaired the 2000 White Christmas Ball. She's chairwoman of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board and a member of the St. John Providence Health System Strategic Planning Committee.



From left, Aspa Raptis, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Fontbonne president; JoAnn Miller, of St. Clair Shores, White Christmas Ball chairwoman; and Joan Gehrke, of the City of Grosse Pointe, the ball's honorary chairwoman.

The ball was Friday, Dec. 10, at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn.

The "Michigan Winter Wonderland" theme was chosen by Miller and the designer was Don Jensen, who used a combination of evergreens, ice blue lights and linens and white floral arrangements to evoke a Michigan Christmas.

Raffle items included a gift basket of made-in-Michigan products. Items donated by Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and the Henry Ford Museum complemented the theme.

Entertainment for the 300 guests was furnished by Mel Ball and Colours.

For more information, contact Fontbonne coordinator Raegan Movinski at (313) 343-3675 or raegan.movinski@stjohn.org. Visit the Fontbonne website at stjohnfontbonne.org.

Don't let pain rule your life

Don't let pain rule your life. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report one in four adults admitted to a day-long bout of pain in the past month, and one in 10 say the pain lasted a year or more.

Lower back pain, migraines or severe headaches, joint pain and aching or stiffness are among the most common complaints.

"Regardless of the cause, pain can alter the way we live our lives," said Joseph Femminino, M.D., chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "Pain can be controlled in ways other than walking around in a medicated daze."

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, in partnership with Spirit of Women, is offering "Picture of Life with Less Pain" from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the hospital's Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

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To stay out of the emergency room this winter, staff doctors offer these tips.

◆ Keep children warm. Children should be monitored while playing outside.

Children should wear a hat, gloves and warm boots at all times while outside.

◆ Alcohol consumption should be in moderation, no more than one drink per hour and no more than two drinks total.

◆ Don't drink and drive.

◆ Wash hands frequently, cover the mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and stay home if sick.

◆ Be careful. Many people suffer injuries, such as fractures, sprains and strains while engaging in winter activities. Use common sense while playing winter sports, climbing ladders, shoveling snow and walking in dangerous conditions.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Knights earn three pressure victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was exactly one year ago when the University Liggett boys' basketball team was in position to win a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title.

The Knights had to play back-to-back road games against Bloomfield Hills Roper and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

They dropped both games — including one in a dramatic overtime finish — to dash the dreams, but fuel the fire for

this season.

Last week, head coach Sidney Johnson and assistant coach Alex Hurley had no problems getting their players mentally and physically prepared for back-to-back home games against Roper and Northwest with at least a share of the MIAC title on the line.

"The guys were very focused and they knew what was on the line," Johnson said. "They didn't want a repeat of last year."

The Knights nearly went into overtime against Roper, but pulled out a 43-41 victory

as sophomore Eric Ewing had 12 points, followed by sophomore KeVaughn Jackson with eight and senior Dominic Jamett with seven.

Twenty-four hours later, the Knights were pushed in the first half, leading Northwest 37-31, but a 46-point second-half put the game away in an 84-68 win.

"We got a solid effort from everyone tonight and won a big game," Johnson said. "The guys played with a lot of heart and hustle and now we're one game away from winning at least a share of the title and

maybe an outright title if (Auburn Hills) Oakland Christian can lose one of its last two division games."

Northwest stayed close by hitting several three-pointers, but in the end the Crusaders couldn't handle the Knights' low-post game or Ewing, who scored a team-high 20 points.

Junior Eddie Thomas added 18 points, mostly on baskets in the paint, and Jamett had 13 points.

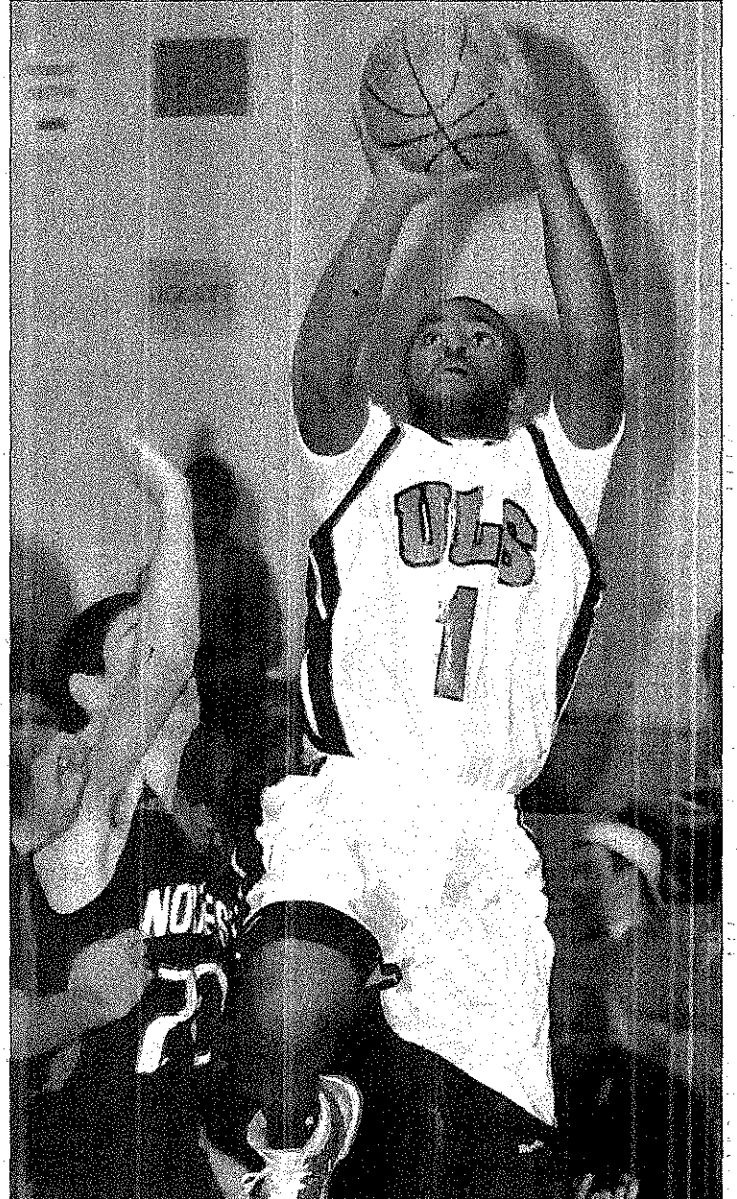
Other scorers were sophomore Stephen Benard with eight; sophomore Andrew Zinkel with seven; senior Carl Ghafari with six; sophomore Drew Jerome with five; Jackson with four; and sophomore Connor Fannon with three.

Last on the list of three games in five nights was a road trip to Lutheran Westland.

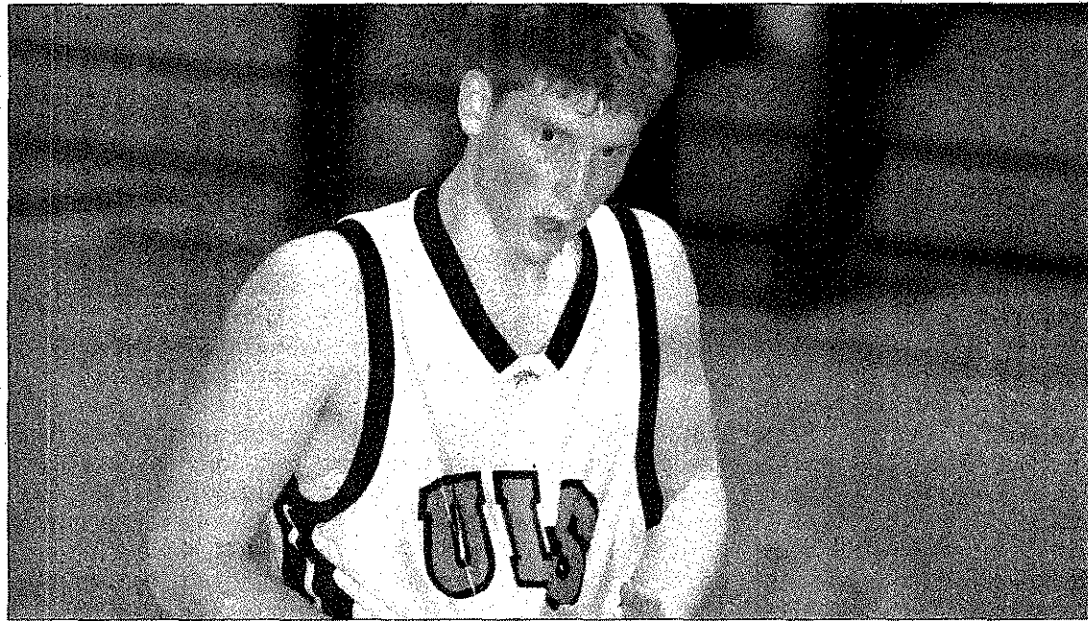
Once again the Knights were all business. They destroyed host Lutheran Westland 64-42, clinching at least a share of the MIAC title, it's first division championship since winning the Metro Conference in 1998.

Jamett led the way with 12 points, while Jackson and Ewing had 11 points apiece.

Liggett finished 13-1 in the MIAC and improved to 17-1 overall. The Knights stretched their winning streak to 12 games in a row.



Sophomore Eric Ewing, No. 1, hits a fade-away jumper during the Knights' home win over Lutheran Northwest.



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University Liggett sophomore Andrew Zinkel provides a presence in the lowpost, which paid dividends in two big home wins.

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RIVALS

South wins league meet, North is second

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team is king of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

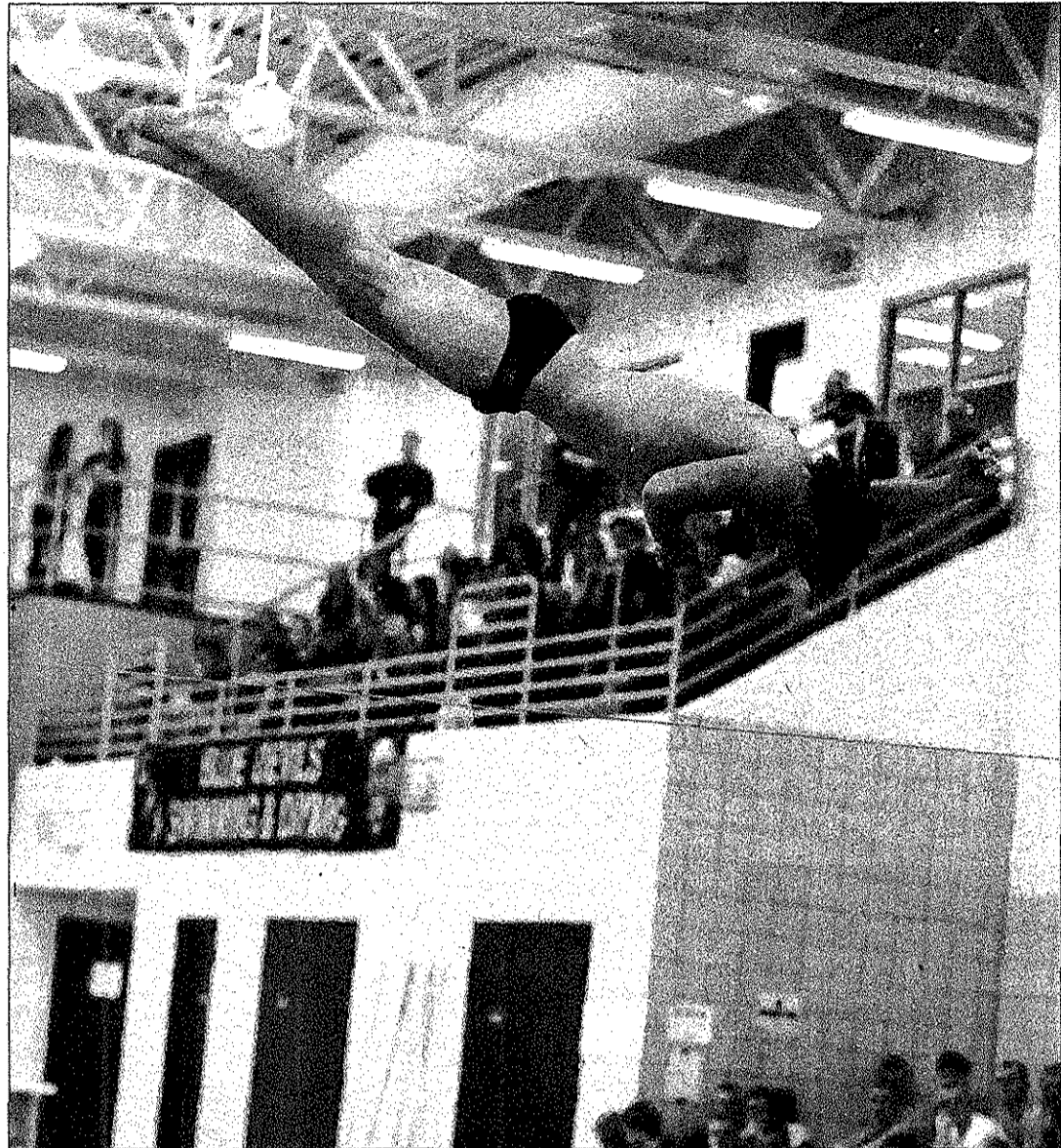
Last weekend, the host Blue Devils won the league meet with 389 points, followed by Grosse Pointe North at 256, Romeo at 207, Macomb Dakota at 204 and Anchor Bay at 153.

South head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils have made this a winter ritual and is the best team in the MAC. In addition, South senior Craig Campbell earned the meet's most valuable swimmer award.

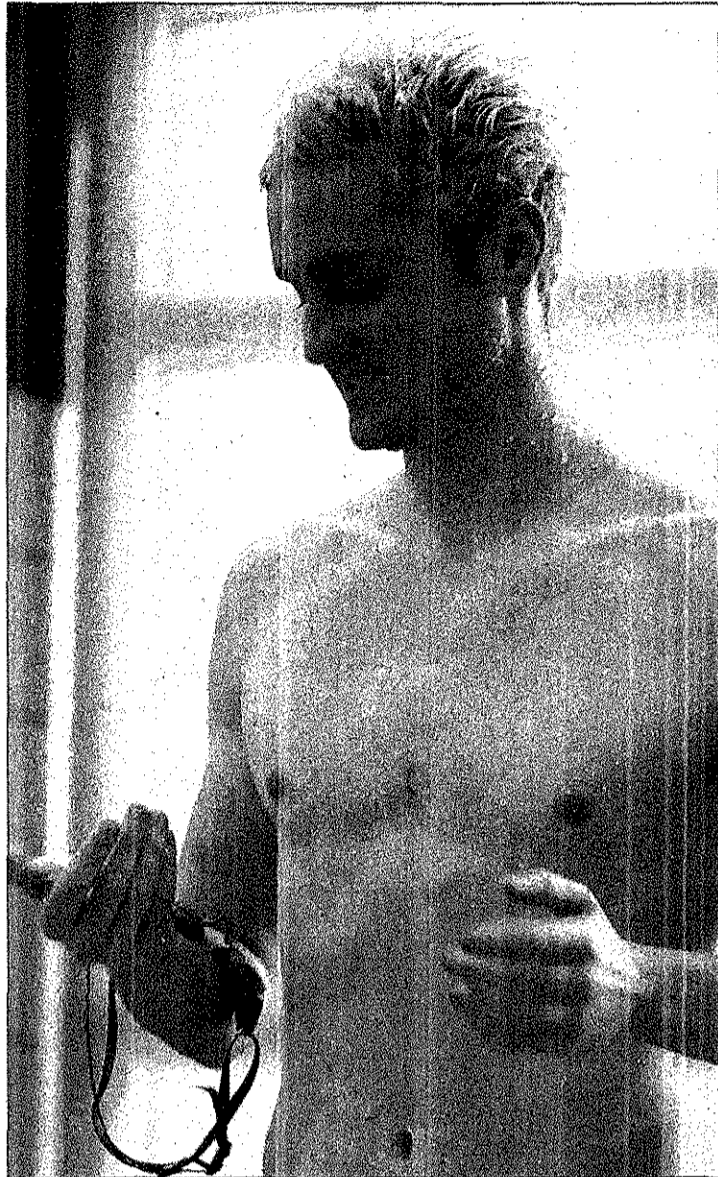
The final margin of victory was less than in the past couple of years as the Blue Devils won half of the 12 events, including all three relays, which provided a huge boost in the final point totals.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of freshman Patrick Jackson, junior Luke Hessburg, freshman Nicholas Yoo and senior Cam Johnson won with a time of 1:41.44 with the Norsemen's foursome of sophomore Matthew Leone, junior Christian Mellos, senior Zack Hanna and junior Peter Shea taking second at 1:42.83.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Campbell, senior Roby Boggs, Yoo and Johnson earned the gold medal with a time of 1:29.60. North's Hanna, freshman A.J. Owens,



North junior James McNelis had little problem diving his way to a gold medal in the MAC Red meet.



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

South senior Craig Campbell earned the MAC Red Division championship meet's most valuable competitor award.

senior Gordon Russell and junior Justin Rakowicz placed fourth at 1:34.71.

The home team completed

the relay sweep by taking first in the 400-yard freestyle as Johnson, Yoo, Jackson and Campbell easily won with a

time of 3:20.38. North's Rakowicz, senior Scott Adelson, Shea and Mellos placed fourth with a time of 3:29.70.

In individual events, Campbell won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:45.03 and Hessburg was fifth at 1:51.03.

For the Norsemen, Rakowicz was third and Shea sixth with times of 1:48.53 and 1:51.60, respectively.

Anchor Bay's Nick Victor won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:00.87, followed by Boggs for South and Mellos for North with times of 2:01.43 and 2:06.86.

The Blue Devils' Johnson and senior Sam Effinger placed first and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle, posting times of 22.57 and 23.64, while the Norsemen's Hanna was third at 23.19.

Junior James McNelis for the Norsemen had an easy time winning the diving competition, earning 435.45 points, while teammate Mitchell Gross took fourth with 285.95 points and freshman Joseph Garvin placed 10th with 233.25 points. The three combined to earn 30 team points.

McNelis' point total also qualified him for All-American consideration.

For South, freshman Eric Addy was third with 297.70 points, followed by junior Ben Cornillie at seventh with 264.10 points and freshman Josh Trempus was 12th with 192.90 points to combine for 20 team points.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Jackson and Yoo gave South a second- and third-place finish with times of 54.54 and 55.76, while Effinger was fifth at 56.55 as the home team pulled away from the field.

For North, Hanna was sixth with a time of 56.87.

Campbell won another event, the 100-yard freestyle, with Jack Martin placing fifth with times of 47.28 and 52.17. Adelson was the Norsemen's top finisher, taking fourth with a time of 51.96.

North's Rakowicz won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:49.22 and Shea was third at 5:02.51.

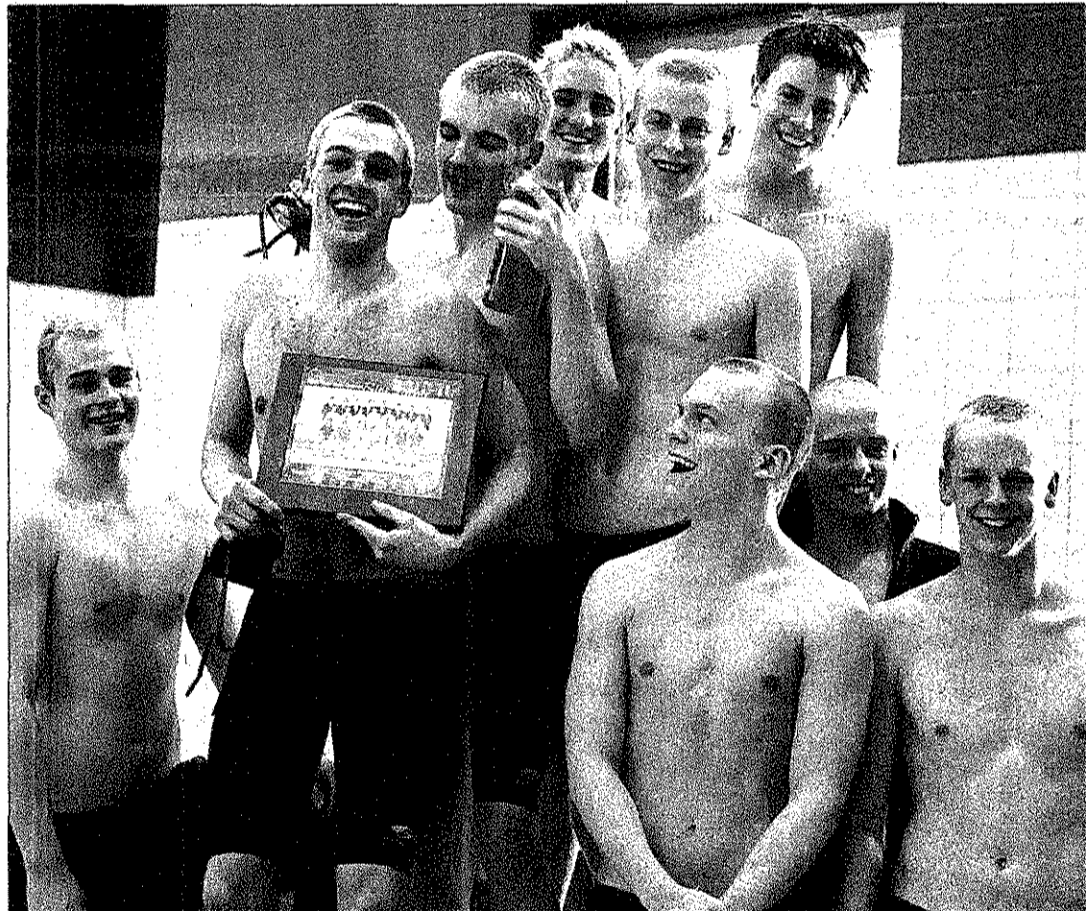
For South, sophomore C.J. Stafford and senior John Dennehy took fifth and sixth with times of 5:16.95 and 5:22.95.

The Norsemen won the final two individual events with Leone taking first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.94 and Mellos placing first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:00.60.

In the backstroke, South's Jackson and junior Joe Zampardo placed second and third with times of 58.36 and 59.09, while North's Adelson was sixth with a time of 1:01.58.

The Blue Devils took the next four slots in the breaststroke with Hessburg taking second with a time of 1:01.00, followed by Boggs at 1:02.03, Graham at 1:03.41 and senior Johnny Allen at 1:03.53.

North head coach Mike O'Connor noted season-best times were posted by Hanna, Russell and Evan Williams in the 50-freestyle; Adelson, Shea and Danny MacAskill in the 100-freestyle; Shea and MacAskill in the 200-freestyle; Shea in the 500-freestyle; Mellos, Alex Fly and John Kohler in the 100-breaststroke; Hanna and Louie Saravolatz in the 100-butterfly; Fly in the 200-IM; and McNelis, Gross and Garvin in diving.



Several members of South's team hoist the championship plaque.

LIGGETT

Knights fall in final dual meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team completed its season last week, losing 103-83 to Allen Park Cabrini.

Despite the defeat, head coach Ryan Gunderson had a successful debut at the helm after being an assistant last winter.

"We swam very well, but lost in part to our lack of depth," Gunderson said.

Winning the 200-meter medley relay was Connor Borrego, Morgan Walker, Mallory Jamett and Veeral Patel with a time of 2:16.41 and in the second event, the 200-meter freestyle, Elene Bricolas and Cristina Milenius took fourth and fifth with times of 3:03.94 and 3:18.98, respectively.

In the 200-meter individual medley, Borrego won with a time of 2:37.61 and Julia Grimm was second at 3:13.20 to earn 10 points for the Knights.

Patel and Jamett took first and second in the 50-meter freestyle, posting times of 28.08 and 29.71, while Caleb Ninivaggi placed fourth at 32.68 and in diving, Steven Kneiser was fourth with 114.05 points.

Patel continued his run of top places, winning the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:08.39. Victoria Chochla and Milenius took fourth and fifth with times of 1:19.38 and 1:24.38, respectively, to earn a combined three points in the standings.

Jamett won the 400-meter freestyle with a time of 5:00.09 and she was also part of the first-place 200-meter freestyle team, along with Borrego, Walker and Patel, that won with a time of 1:57.48.

The Knights' other 200-relay team of Bricolas, Cristina, Grimm and Ninivaggi placed fourth with a time of 2:28.81 and in the 100-meter backstroke, Borrego and Chochla took first and fifth with times of 1:16.22 and 1:41.09 to earn sev-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

The University Liggett co-ed swimming and diving team enjoyed another winning season under the tutelage of head coach Ryan Gunderson and assistant coach Mike Mullinger.

en points.

Walker came back with a victory in the 100-meter breaststroke, posting a time of

1:26.35 and Ninivaggi was fifth at 2:03.07.

In the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, Grimm,

Bricolas, Chochla and Ninivaggi took second with a time of 5:51.25 to earn four points in the final standings.

Liggett finished its dual meet slate 8-7 overall. It is the third straight season the program finished with a winning record.

Girls basketball

RIVALS

North beats South, again

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Anajai Gutierrez played heroine Monday night, scoring the winning basket in Grosse Pointe North's 40-38 overtime win over city rival Grosse Pointe South in a Class A district first-round game.

"We work hard and we were very mentally tough," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "I feel like even if we lost, the girls fought hard and played a great game."

"We had every opportunity to win this game and didn't get it done," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "I have to give North credit. They made some big plays down the stretch. So did we, but not enough to win the game."

The host Blue Devils had twice as many shot attempts as the Norsemen and badly outrebounded them, 31-15, but made only 5-of-17 free throws, while North made 8-of-15 at the charity stripe.

"I knew we had to battle defensively and the girls played very good defense, especially in the second half when we only gave up 11 points in the third and fourth quarter and only four in overtime."

"We gave up some easy baskets in the first quarter, but the girls made the adjustment and played much better."

With the score tied at 38 and less than a minute left, the Norsemen wanted to run down the clock and get the final shot attempt. Senior Micaela Liddane had the ball tipped away, but she was able to run it down and gain possession.

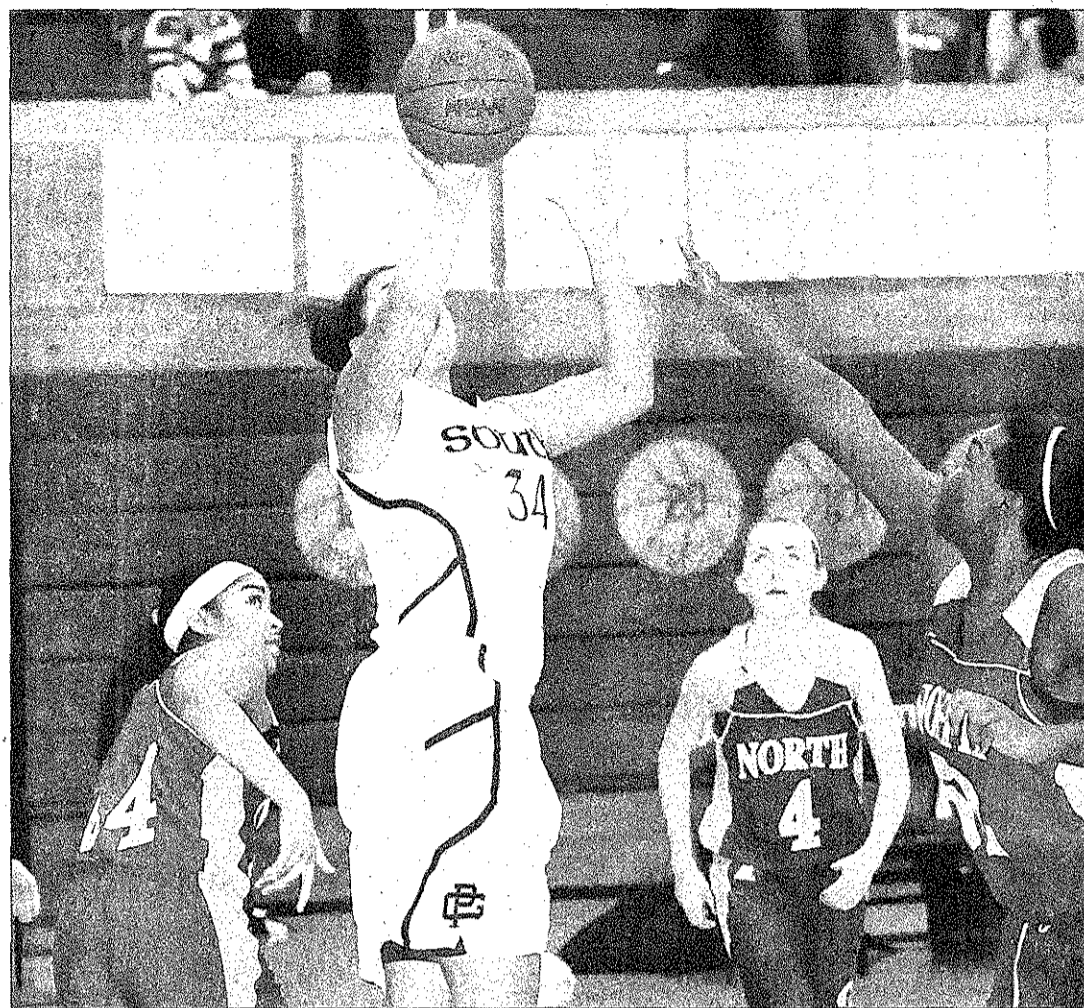


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South's Aisha Rodney, with ball, scored 16 points, but it was the defense of North's, from left, Anajai Gutierrez, Micaela Liddane and Nikki Strickland and their teammates that ultimately won the game.

With three Blue Devils trying to get possession, Liddane had a lane to dribble through and thread a perfect pass to Gutierrez who laid the ball in and was fouled.

She missed the free throw, giving the Blue Devils a shot to either tie the game or win it with a three pointer.

Junior Caitlin Moore grabbed the inbounds pass and had a good look at a game-winning three pointer, but the shot missed and Gutierrez grabbed the rebound. Game over.

"I give South a lot of credit for playing a good game," Bennett said. "We knew we had to get after them defensively because we don't rebound very well, but we play tight defense. That was the key to the win tonight."

The Blue Devils led 15-14 after the first quarter and 23-20 at the half. Moore's long three-point shot helped the home team take a 32-28 lead after

three quarters.

Behind a 6-0 run, the Norsemen were able to force overtime, outscoring the Blue Devils 6-2 in the final eight minutes.

South senior Aisha Rodney hit 1-of-2 free throws to give it a 35-34 lead, but sophomore Emily Armbruster hit her biggest basket of her career, drilling a three pointer to make it 37-35 midway through the OT.

Freshman Maria Liddane made 1-of-2 free throws to give the Norsemen a 38-35 lead, but Rodney once again split a pair of free throws and sophomore Claire DeBoer made her only bucket of the game to tie it at 38 with a little more than one minute left.

Micaela Liddane held the ball for one final shot and the rest is history.

"I'm proud of the girls," Bennett said. "This is a huge win for this team."

"Despite the loss, I'm still

proud of this team," Richards said. "They played hard and were in position to win."

Senior Nikki Strickland led the Norsemen with 13 points and five rebounds before fouling out, while sophomore Taryn Kiah added nine points and Micaela Liddane had eight.

For the Blue Devils, Rodney had 16 points and nine rebounds in her final high school game, followed by Moore with 11 and sophomore Christina Flom with six. Junior point guard Carmen Engel had only one point, but grabbed seven rebounds.

South finished its regular season with lopsided wins over St. Clair, 49-23, and Warren Mott, 54-32, while North also won its final regular season game, beating L'Anse Creuse North 45-37.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 11-10 overall; Grosse Pointe South finished its season 16-5 overall.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Conroy's hoop beats Mott

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was fitting senior Corbet Conroy hit the game-winning shot to help Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team edge Warren Mott 52-51 on senior night.

"It was nice for the seniors to win on senior night," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "We lost so many games in the final minute, so it was nice tonight to win one down the stretch."

"The guys played a good game and now we need this effort to carry over to the districts."

It was close throughout with neither team leading by more than five points. The visiting Mauraders held a 44-39 lead late in the fourth quarter before senior Victor Mattison buried a three-pointer from the corner to tie it at 44 with 2:17 left.

Mott quickly answered with a five-point run to lead 49-44 with less than two minutes left, but once again the Blue Devils stormed back.

Conroy drilled a three pointer to cut the deficit to 49-47, but the Mauraders hit a basket to score their final points of the game.

Mattison hit another triple to make it a 51-50 game. The Blue Devils quickly fouled a Mott guard, sending him to the free-throw line for a one-and-one opportunity with 24 seconds left.

He missed the first and the Blue Devils rebounded, setting up Conroy's heroics.

Conroy caught a pass, dribbled at the free-throw line and looked to make a pass with time winding down.

He couldn't find an open

man, so he faked and hit a double-clutch leaver that was all net, giving the Blue Devils the lead with 5.2 left.

The Mauraders inbounded the ball and got a three-pointer off that missed the mark. For Mott, it was another nail-biting defeat and for South, it was a big win with the state districts right around the corner.

Conroy finished with 18 points, while senior Brandon Barkley had 17 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

Mattison had 11 points and senior Alex Bedan finished with just four points, but grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Earlier in the week, South lost 43-38 to Port Huron Northern in its final Macomb Area Conference White Division game of the season.

The Blue Devils were in another tight game. They trailed 13-12 after the first quarter and tied the game at 20 at the half.

It was also tied at 32 after the third quarter, but the Blue Devils couldn't get the big baskets down the stretch.

Barkley had 15 points, followed by Conroy with eight and junior Tim Kramer with seven.

Grosse Pointe South ended its regular season 4-8 in the MAC White Division and 9-11 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a Class A district first-round game on their home court at 7 p.m. against St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Monday, March 7. If they beat the Shorians, the Blue Devils host Detroit Finney in a district semifinal Wednesday, March 9.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen hit MAC snag

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team has its total focus on gearing up for the state playoffs.

Last week, the host Norsemen played well in a 69-62 loss to Macomb Area Conference White Division champion Eastpointe East Detroit.

After leading 20-19 after the first quarter and playing nearly even second half, the home team still found a way to lose.

"The guys played hard and gave East Detroit a battle," head coach Matt Lockhart said.

The Norsemen were outscored 17-10 in the second quarter and found themselves trailing by double digits several times in the final two periods.

During a four-minute stretch of the fourth quarter, the Norsemen and Shamrocks traded baskets.

"We just couldn't cut into that deficit," Lockhart said. "They're quick and they push the ball all the time. We didn't do a good job getting back on defense, but that is what we will work on since we have a chance to play East Detroit if we can win our district opener."

Junior Adam Andrzejczak led the Norsemen with 16 points, followed by junior Jamal Williams with 15, senior Chris Collins with 11, junior Dondre Young with nine and junior Clark Ditzhazy with seven.

Ethan Blackwell led all scorers with 28 points, including 15 in the second-quarter run that put the Norsemen in a 36-30 halftime deficit.

North hosted L'Anse Creuse

North the following night, losing 51-46.

The Norsemen played well in the opening half, building a 26-19 advantage.

In the third quarter, the Crusaders outscored the Norsemen 13-8 and they won the final period 19-12 to win the non-league contest.

Williams scored 19 points to lead the Norsemen, while Collins and senior George Greer had 10 points apiece.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 2-9 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and is 4-14 overall.

Activity

PICKLEBALL

Eastside hosts clinic

Eastside Tennis and Fitness on East Warren is hosting a free pickleball clinic from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 12.

It is open to anyone and participants need only to bring a pair of gym sneakers.

Eastside's Gary Bodenmiller and Grosse Pointe Ken Gutow will demonstrate and talk about one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, pickleball.

For more information or to register, call Gutow at (313) 884-5336 or Bodenmiller at (313) 886-2944.

LIGGETT

Knights beat King before district opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team won one of the biggest games in the program's history last week, beating perennial state power Detroit Martin Luther King 54-43.

"We got after them tonight," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "This was a big win. We needed to rebound and we did and we got after them defensively. It was a nice effort and a great team we needed to play to get ready for the state playoffs."

"We achieved that." The final score wasn't indicative of exactly how much the host Knights dominated the Crusaders, winners of five Class A state championships and finishing runner-up six other times.

The Knights led by as many as 25 points in the second half when King head coach William Winfield pulled his starters and put in five bench players for the final couple of minutes of the third quarter and the entire fourth period.

It was a 20-point game with 45 seconds left. However, the Crusaders hit two three pointers and a layup in a span of 10 seconds to make the final score respectable.

For the Knights, junior Madison Ristovski showed everyone why she is one of the

best players in the state. She scored 36 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out seven assists to nearly record a triple-double.

Ristovski was a woman among girls in this game, hitting shots from everyone on the court, including two NBA-length three pointers in the first half that stunned King.

She scored 12 points in the first quarter the Knights led 12-5 and added seven in the second period in which the home team held a 23-16 advantage.

The Knights put the game away in the third period, outscoring the Crusaders 19-5 as they increased their defensive intensity.

Ristovski was joined by senior Grace Edmonds; junior Andrianna Evangelista; sophomores Haleigh Ristovski and Ariana Castillo; and freshmen Angelia Evangelista and Bre Andrews when they quickly turned a seven-point advantage into 21 when Edmonds hit a baseline jumper with seconds left in the period.

Andrews scored six points, followed by Edmonds with four, Haleigh Ristovski with two, Castillo with two, Andrianna Evangelista with two and Angelia Evangelista with two.

Liggett also beat another Detroit Public School League team earlier in the week, Detroit Southeastern, 66-33.

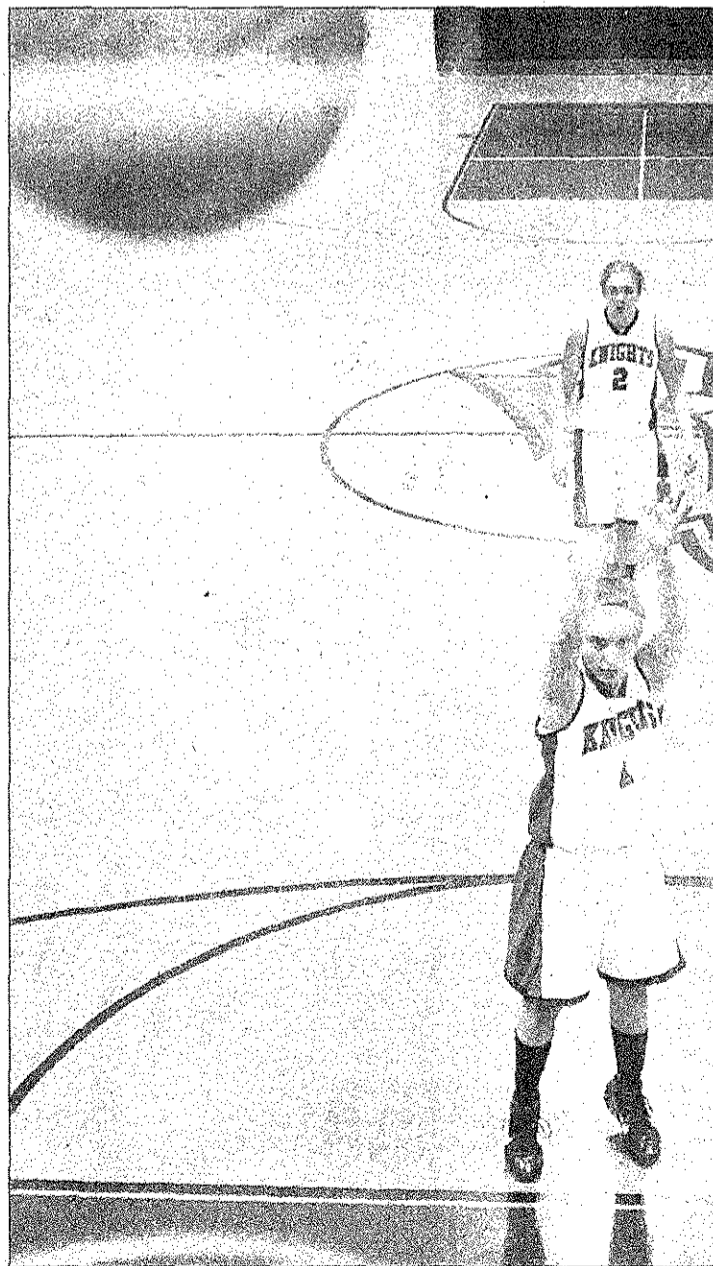


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Madison Ristovski shoots a free throw during University Liggett's Class C district semifinal win over Detroit Consortium Prep.

The Knights put the regular season in the rear-view mirror Monday night, beating Detroit Consortium Prep 66-38 in a Class C district first-round game at their home court.

Madison Ristovski had 29 points, followed by Andrews

with 17 and Andrianna Evangelista with 12.

The Knights put their game in overdrive and left the visitors with no doubt who was the better team.

Liggett improved to 20-1 overall.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Division champs

Grosse Pointe North's Susan Tomasi, shown left in a game earlier this season, and her teammates were all business during last week's make-up game against host Farmington Hills Mercy. The Norsemen took only two periods to blitz the Marlins 8-0. With the win, head coach Scott Dockett and the Norsemen won the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 regular season title and earned the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs. "The girls were very focused on coming in and playing well," Dockett said. "They're proud to get the division title and No. 1 seed." Senior Megan Bergeron scored a hat trick to lead a plethora of Norsemen who earned at least a point in the blowout. Grosse Pointe North finished its regular season 17-2-1 in the league and 18-3-1 overall.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Tough loss

Junior Haleigh Bolton, right, and her University Liggett teammates lost a tough 2-1 decision to host Northville last weekend. Senior Keegin Fisher scored the Knights' lone goal as the visitors played with an ailing Bolton and without sophomore Aria Ganz-Waple, who is nursing a shoulder injury. Liggett finished 9-11 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings and 9-13 overall. Due to the loss, the Knights face Livonia Ladywood at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Southfield Ice Arena in a must-win game to advance to the Division 1 playoffs.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils roll

By A.J. Hakim
Special Writer

As it has all season, the Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team proved resilient in its 5-4, come-from-behind, overtime victory over U-D Jesuit last Saturday as both teams celebrated senior night at City Sports Arena.

Junior forward Wes Cimmarrusti capped the comeback, scoring the game-winner, his second goal of the game, a minute-and-a-half into the overtime period. Andrew Holder assisted.

South concluded its regular season having won eight of its last 11 games, as it headed into Tuesday's districts opener against Fraser.

"Our biggest losses this year have been to lesser opponents, and we've had big wins," South head coach James Bufalino said. "Our team all year long has showed up against the bigger opponents. It's nice to see tonight that we were down by a couple of goals and to see the kids fight back. It's nice to see the kids work through it."

South bounced back late in the period, tying the game with two goals 47 seconds apart. Jess Martinelli, sandwiched

between two defenders as he drove the puck through the five-hole, scored first for South, while Andrew Holder added a second goal shortly after. Eric Marshall and Frank Welscher assisted on Holder's goal.

U-D regained its lead 18 seconds later, as it topped off the five-goal first period.

"It's senior night, a lot of emotion," Bufalino said of the slow start. "It's the first time we've played U of D in years."

Sam Hartman (assisted by Max Corbett and Marshall) and Cimmarrusti (assisted by Ryley Maher and Martinelli) each scored in the third period, the latter of which gave South a 4-3 lead, its first of the game.

Chris Schebil had 28 saves for South, which honored nine seniors. Michael Shook, Chris Flanagan, John Wendzinski, Jess Martinelli, Max Corbett, Russ Muniga, Sean Milavec, Andrew Holder and Eric Marshall all were honored both before the game and in between the first and second periods.

South also won its Michigan Metro Hockey League match-up, 4-3, against Southgate Anderson earlier in the week, finishing the regular season 14-9-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat Catholic Central

By A.J. Hakim
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team ended its regular season last Saturday at Compuware Arena, recording its biggest upset of the year, a 3-2 victory over Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League powerhouse, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, currently ranked No. 2 in the state.

A strong outing from senior goalie Jeff Ryan provided a spark for a team in need of momentum.

Ryan stonewalled a Catholic Central offense, which ranks atop the MIHL in scoring, stopping 37 of 39 shots. He allowed the opening goal, a hard bouncer scored two-and-a-half minutes into the first period, and held stiff until 12:49 in the third period, when Catholic Central scored off a rebound on its power play.

North had only 14 shots on net.

"He was awesome," North head coach Scott Lock said. "You couldn't ask for anything better. He was fantastic, the difference of the game, obviously."

"We were fortunate tonight

to have great goaltending, and it showed. If we give up two goals or less, we'll win most games, and that was proof right there."

North responded to Catholic Central's first goal with two of its own, scoring 49 seconds apart. Junior forward Julian Quinlan tied the game at 1-1 at 13:28 and junior defenseman Scott Dornbrock gave North the lead for good at 12:37. Joe Aluia and Jack Stander assisted on Dornbrock's goal.

Brad Werenski put North ahead 3-1 midway through the second period. Jeff Herron assisted.

"I think win or lose tonight, it wouldn't of mattered, as long as we came tonight, and it was our goal tonight to come to battle and go hard," Lock said.

North suffered a 6-2 defeat against Birmingham Brother Rice earlier in the week in an MIHL match-up.

Freshman forward CJ Kusch (assisted by Dornbrock) and junior forward JP Lucchese (assisted by Jeff Herron) each scored for North, both in the third period.

North is 10-10-2 and finished 6-7-1 in the MIHL.

LIGGETT

Nine-game win streak ends

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team finished its regular season last week, splitting two games.

The Knights beat host Southgate Anderson 5-3, stretching their winning streak to nine games as five different players scored goals.

"We were playing well and getting everyone involved," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "It was a good road win for us."

Juniors Connor Wiggins and Austin Petitpren, along with sophomores Manny Cousman, Jake Soyka and Cameron Marchese scored goals.

The Knights' nine-game winning streak came to a halt with a tough-luck 1-0 home loss to Rochester Adams.

"We ran into a hot goalie

who made some very tough saves," McIntyre said. "We out-shot them by a 3-1 margin, but we just couldn't get a puck by their goalie. I wasn't happy with our effort. It seemed like the guys were going through the motions even though I thought we should have won the game."

"It's time to focus on the state playoffs and we can't have this effort when every game is the possibility it could be our last this season if we don't get the effort I want."

Liggett finished the regular season 18-6 overall and heads into the Division 3 pre-regional playoffs on home ice.

If the Knights can win two pre-regional games, they would advance to a regional championship contest at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5, against most likely host Detroit Country Day at Southfield Ice Arena.

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

United team wins league meet title

The Grosse Pointe girls' varsity gymnastics team capped off its undefeated season in league competition with a convincing win at the league championship meet last Thursday at Fraser High School.

Grosse Pointe set a new school record by nearly two points with its best score of the year, tallying 141.65 points to win the meet by a wide margin.

Fraser placed second with 135.15 points and Dearborn Edsel Ford was third with 127.50.

Grosse Pointe gymnasts also shone individually, capturing a medal for 23 of their 24 routines.

Emma Abessinio took the individual all-around title, scoring a 36.20, and won both the bars with a personal best 9.0 and the floor exercise with a 9.4. Abessinio rounded out her meet by placing second on beam with a 9.3 and tied for fifth on vault with an 8.5.

Madi Kaiser placed second

all-around with a 35.45 and took the beam title with a 9.7, which set a new school record for the event. Kaiser also tied for fourth on the bars with an 8.65, placed fourth on floor exercise with an 8.7 and tied for 10th on vault with an 8.4.

Several other Grosse Pointe gymnasts earned multiple medals as well.

Brittany Rizzo placed sixth in the all-around, tied for eighth on vault with an 8.45, placed eighth on bars with an 8.4, tied for sixth on beam with an 8.65 and placed sixth on floor with an 8.65.

Sarah Fentin took ninth all-around and placed third on both vault (8.55) and floor (8.95) and finished ninth on bars (8.35). Ashley Krynski tied Fentin for third on vault and also tied for sixth on bars with a personal best 8.55, and took fifth on beam for another personal best 8.75.

Heather Koresky completed her comeback from an ankle injury last spring, placing third



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The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team members have enjoyed one of the best seasons in program history.

on bars with an 8.85, ninth on beam with an 8.5 and seventh on floor. In addition, she was voted "Senior of the Year" by the league coaches in recognition of her accomplishments during the last four years.

Aubryn Samaroo performed

well in both events that she competed for Grosse Pointe, scoring a 9.075 to place second on floor exercise and an 8.4 to tie teammate Kaiser for 10th on vault.

"This team is so strong both athletically and mentally right

now," head coach Courtney Law said. "To set a new school record by such a huge amount in a big meet like leagues is a real reflection of their ability to perform when it counts."

"Right now we are just focusing on polishing our routines

and looking forward to the regional meet this coming Saturday. We are definitely capable of great results both as a team and individually."

The regional meet is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Plymouth High School.

GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Top of the class student-athletes

From left, Grosse Pointe Academy seventh-grader Grayson Cieszkowski, eighth-grader Michael Schaller and seventh-grader Leonie Leslie were named Athletes of the Season based on their athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship. Cieszkowski was co-captain and most valuable player of the girls' varsity volleyball team. She also received awards as best server, best passer, best spiker and best digger. She is a scholar athlete, received high academic honors, and is on the citizenship and head of school honor rolls. Schaller, a four-year veteran and co-captain on the boys' tennis team, held the No. 1 singles position with a winning record and was named team bulldog. Schaller is on the honor roll at the Academy. Leslie, a second-year runner on the cross country team, was named most valuable runner, placing first in all meets but one. A scholar athlete, she received high academic honors and is on the citizenship and head of school roll.



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YOUTH HOCKEY

District champs

The St. Clair Shores Bruins hockey team, composed of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores boys, won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District No. 3 championship Feb. 14, advancing to the state finals in Livonia the weekend of March 11.

The Bruins tuned up for the districts by winning the Cleveland Rock and Roll Tournament, defeating travel teams from New York and Ohio. Pictured above in the front row from left are goalies Dustin Bramos and Jenna Pleva; second row from left, Pete Shalawylo, Riley Gardiner, Trevor Poda, Matthew Lenhardt and Max Kolinski; third row from left, Josh Piepszowski, Hunter Gollehur, Jacob Stone, Anthony Simon, Adam Savage and Tyler Quatrane; and back row from left, head coach Stewart Gardiner, Matthew Barrett, Cody McAduy, coach Dan Piepszowski, coach John Gardner, coach Ron Pleva and Jeff Kochanski.

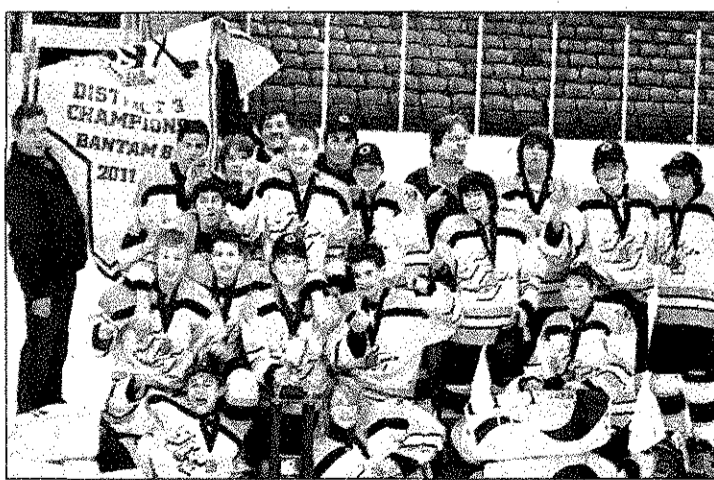


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COLLEGE NEWS

Local athletes shine bright

Bill Sessions, the son of David Sessions and Sara Sessions of the City of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North, is one of 11 student-athletes representing Albion College on its men's tennis team this spring.

Miami University senior forward Andy Miele, of Grosse Pointe Woods, has been named the RBC Financial Group CCHA Player of the Month for January, the Central Collegiate Association recently announced.

It is his first career CCHA Player of the Month award. Miele is the second Red Hawk to grab the honor this year after Carter Camper earned the accolade for October.

Miele led the nation in January with 11 assists, including four multi-assist games, while tying for the national lead with 16 points in eight games.

He was one of two players nationally during the month

to average 2.00 points per game. He also added five goals, which tied for third in the CCHA, as he scored at least one goal in half his games. Miele now leads the nation on the year in points with 49 and assists with 34.

He is currently riding a seven-game point streak, all during the past month, and has a five-game multi-point streak from Jan. 14 to Jan. 28.

He tallied three assists Jan. 14 against Bowling Green while adding two more the next night and recorded two goals Jan. 21 at Michigan State, which tied a career high.

Miami's assistant captain also had a four-point game Jan. 28 at Notre Dae, his fourth game of four or more points this year, and another three-point game Jan. 22 at Michigan State.

Three of Miele's goals came on the power play, which tied for first in the CCHA and fourth nationally, while his six

man-advantage points in January tied for second in the league. He was on the ice for 17 of Miami's 25 goals during the month and posted a +3 rating.

He also blocked five shots in eight games and climbed from 25th on Miami's career-point list with 121 all the way to 13th with 137.

Miele also garnered CCHA Offensive Player of the Week for third time this season, joining teammate Vincent LoVerde.

Grosse Pointe Woods' Joe Scott teamed with Ishan Gohil at No. 1 doubles to beat their Elmhurst College foe 8-3 to help the St. Joseph's College men's tennis team to a 5-4 victory.

He then pulled through in a third-set tiebreaker to win at No. 4 singles.

Scott is a freshman and a 2010 Grosse Pointe North graduate.

St. Joseph's improved to 6-1 overall with the victory.

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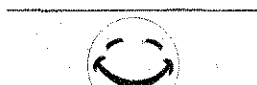
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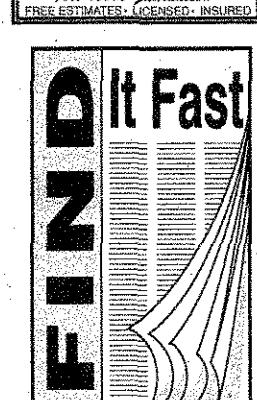
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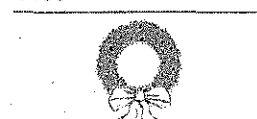
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