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### THURSDAY, FEB. 9

◆ Kathleen Marcaccio discusses details about Margaret Mitchell's novel, "Gone With the Wind," and Mike Trudel, director of the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Moonlight and Magnolias" talks about events leading to the shut down of the movie's filming at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, program room, 20680 Mack. Admission is free. For more information, visit [gpfriends.org](http://gpfriends.org).  
◆ Consultant Christina Pitts talks about relationships at home and work at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 432-3832.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School's show choir performs its Italian ambassadors concert and show at 7 p.m. at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.  
◆ The Junior League of Detroit's 2012 Designers'

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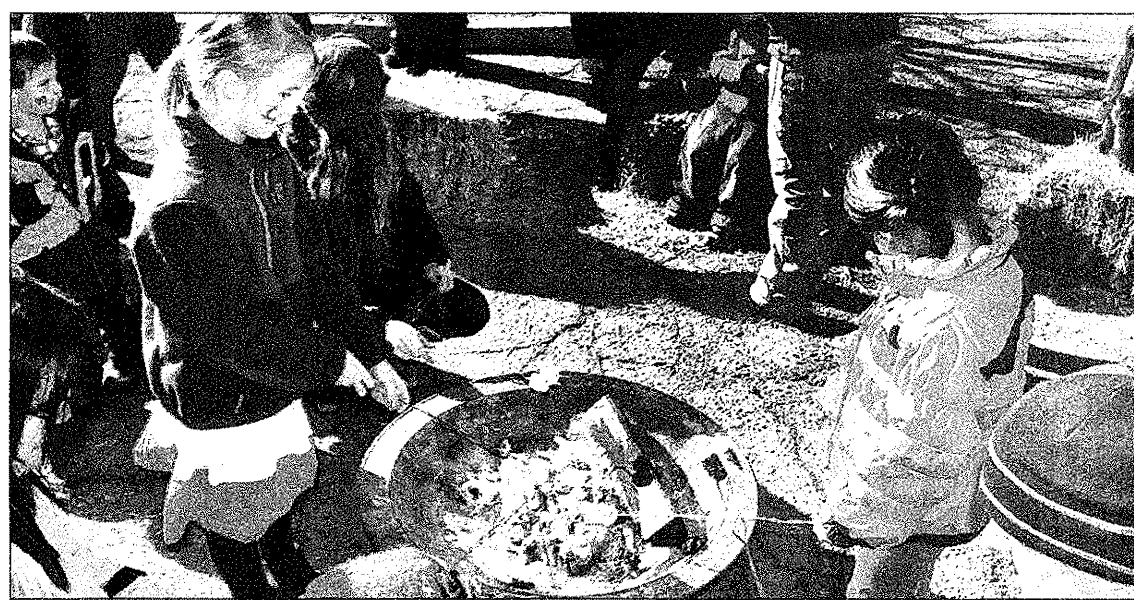
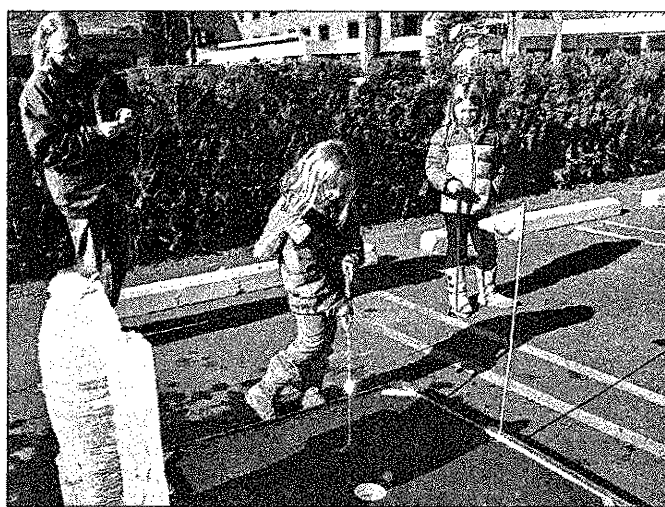


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## Warmfest

Winterfest on the Hill last weekend seemed almost a celebration of spring. Yet, warm weather didn't cool enthusiasm. Some of the 30 ice carvings unveiled for the celebration still stand along Kercheval, despite sunny skies and above-average temperatures. Above, children gathered around the fire to char marshmallows for s'mores.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, at the ice sculpture putt putt course Gary Duncan watches his daughters, Mallory and Lindsey Duncan play the course which was a bit soggy in spots from the melting ice. Sponsored by the Farms Public Safety are carvings of a police officer and a firefighter. Maria Baker poses as the police officer. Monica Baker poses as the firefighter. Moe pretends to be Raleigh.



A line around the basement of the Bologna building was rewarded with chili cook-off samples.

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## Farms: No to merger

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The mayor and council declined a written invitation from City of Grosse Pointe counterparts to combine public safety departments with the Park.

"I'm not ready to commit the Farms on a rapid move to complete consolidation," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar.

A joint, three-city emergency services operation leapfrogs a measured approach to shared services being explored by an ad hoc public safety committee with representatives from all five Pointes, according to Farms Councilman Joseph Leonard.

The committee is progressing with "a general road map" to a community-wide conclusion, Leonard said. "All of a sudden, we receive this letter from the City of Grosse Pointe? It seems contrary to the feeling of all five Grosse Pointes."

The Farms was invited recently to join the City and Park in "study of complete consolidation of our public safety departments into a joint emergency services authority," Farquhar said, citing the letter.

"Who's going to run the authority?" Farquhar asked. "Who's in charge? It's a huge concept. Right now, the ad hoc committee is going through all this."

Its pace might be slower than some people want, he said, but decisions with lasting impact must be made right the first time.

"Once you cross that bridge, how do you go back?" Farquhar said.

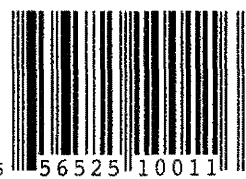
"The ad hoc committee was formed to look into such matters," Leonard said.

City officials invited the Farms last month. Farms representatives

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## Bashara says he had nothing to do with wife's murder

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — As Grosse Pointe Park police maintain an official front of "no comment" as they investigate the murder of Jane Bashara, Bob Bashara is telling reporters he was not involved in any way in the death of his wife of 26 years.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Jane Bashara, 56, was found dead in the back seat of her Mercedes-Benz SUV near Seven Mile

and Hoover roads in Detroit. She was strangled. Bob Bashara reported her missing the night before and two days later, investigators listed him as a person of interest in her death.

Attorney David Griem, who represents Bob Bashara, said he allowed his client to be interviewed by two chosen media outlets as a way to counter the rash of rumors and innuendo surrounding Bob Bashara

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Bob Bashara, flanked by his son, Robert, and his mother, Nancy, spoke briefly to the media last week. More on page 2A.

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# Delivering shared services

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND CITY** — Two longtime, family-owned businesses have a prescription to bloom by sharing costs.

Notre Dame Pharmacy and Grosse Pointe Florists are combining home delivery services.

The partnership started last month.

Starting this month, each prescription is delivered with a free flower.

"I'll include something I grow right here in our florist, probably a little daffodil or tulip," said Jim Farquhar, owner of the flower shop and

greenhouse in the Farms.

He proposed the idea of saving costs by sharing a delivery person and vehicle.

"Two Grosse Pointe family businesses working together — it's a new twist on consolidation," said Farquhar, mayor of the Farms.

"A lot of my customers are his customers," said Bill Lemanske, pharmacist and second-generation owner of Notre Dame Pharmacy in the City. "Probably 70 percent of the people we deliver to, he does, too. It helps me. It helps him."

They started talking

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# Scholarship established in Jane Bashara's name

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School has established a scholarship in honor of Jane Bashara, who was a past president of the organization.

According to Mothers' Club president Allison Baker, the award is meant to honor Bashara's memory and her dedication to South High School.

"This week has been difficult for so many of our members with the loss of our past president Jane Bashara," Baker said in an e-mail to current South families, staff and members of the alumni association.

"Those of us who knew her hope that the contributions she made both for her children and the greater good of the community are not overshadowed by the horrible way in which we lost her."

Baker said the Mothers' Club Executive Board has determined the following criteria for the scholarship award:

■ The Award will be called - 'The True Leader Award' and will be given in honor of our Past Mothers' Club President Jane Bashara.

■ It will be a yearly award presented at the Mothers' Club Scholarship Night, this year on May 23rd.

■ Each year the recipient(s) will receive a \$500 college scholarship. It will be at the discretion of the Mothers' Club Scholarship committee to determine how many awards are given each

year. ■ South staff and coaches will nominate outstanding college bound seniors who exhibit exemplary leadership skills in the classroom, extra curricular activities, and/or sports.

■ There is no minimum grade point average required for the award, so all college-bound seniors who are 'true leaders' will have an opportunity to be nominated.

The Mothers' Club Scholarship committee will vet the nominations and determine the recipient(s), and those recipients will be notified and presented the award on scholarship night.

"Jane was a humble and generous volunteer who dedicated so much of her



Jane Bashara

time to our community. She will be remembered as a diplomatic, unselfish and inspirational leader by all who had the honor of knowing her as a fellow parent, Mothers' Club member and friend," Baker said.

Contributions in Jane Bashara's name may be sent to The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

# Police: Murder wasn't random act

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This story and other updates appeared on grossepointe-news.com. Any updates in the case will be published online between print editions.*

Amid the swirl of rumors, Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety Chief David Hiller said his investigators are convinced the strangulation death of Jane Bashara was not a random act of violence.

"I can't comment on the

ongoing investigation, but as I said from the very beginning, this does not appear to be a random act," Hiller said Thursday, Feb. 2.

He declined to comment on whether his department still considers Bob Bashara, Jane's husband, a person of interest. Hiller identified him early in the investigation as the only person of interest.

Park police were holding one man who, according to media reports, walked into the Park police station at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, saying

he had information about the Bashara killing.

Hiller would not comment on whether charges would be brought against the individual. No arrests have been made as of 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

"All I will say is that we continue to investigate," he said.

Jane Bashara, 56, was found dead in the back seat of her Mercedes-Benz SUV in an alley near Seven Mile and Hoover in Detroit.

Bob Bashara, who has retained well-known criminal defense attorney

David Griem, spoke briefly with the press on Wednesday afternoon outside of the family house on Middlesex.

Accompanied by his son, Robert, and his mother, Nancy, Bashara told reporters this has been a difficult time for his family and thanked the community for its support. He also said he has and will continue to cooperate with investigators. His son also told reporters he and his sister support their father. Bob Bashara declined to answer questions from the media.

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since his wife was killed.

In interviews conducted Saturday by WDIV-TV and the Detroit Free Press, Bob Bashara said he had nothing to do with his wife's death and reports of an alleged affair are not true.

The Grosse Pointe News spoke with Bob Bashara last weekend. He said on the advice of his attorney, he was not going to speak with any other news outlets, and any requests for an interview had to be approved by Griem.

Griem said at this point in the investigation, his "media strategy" was to limit his client's contact with the media to WDIV and the Free Press.

As Bashara was being

interviewed Saturday, Feb. 4, a Grosse Pointe Park resident was released from police custody without being charged.

Joseph Gentz, who Griem said is the person he believes killed Jane Bashara, walked into Grosse Pointe Park police headquarters at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, and told police he had information about the murder. He remained at the station until Saturday, Feb. 4, but was released that afternoon without being charged.

As news of Gentz's release spread, the Bashara family called Park police and asked for police protection. According to Bob Bashara's sister, Laura Mauer, the family was told to call 911 if there was any suspicious activity and a police car was not

available to park outside the family's house.

At a 90-minute news conference at his office Friday, Feb. 3, Griem said he would be "shocked" if Gentz was not charged that day in the case (see related story, page 3A). Griem believes Gentz, who worked as a handyman for Bob Bashara on rental properties he owned, was in a dispute with Bashara over money he believed he was owed. Griem said he believes Gentz went to the Bashara house on Middlesex, confronted Jane Bashara in the garage and a struggle ensued. Griem added he had no proof this is what occurred and that it was speculation on his part. Griem said he doesn't believe his client had anything to do with the murder of Jane Bashara.

While declining to comment on the investigation into the murder, Grosse

Pointe Park police have not backed off their statement that Bob Bashara is the only person of interest in the murder of his wife and they do not believe the murder was a random incident.

In a statement released Saturday, Feb. 4, Chief of Police David Hiller said, "Regarding the Jane Bashara case: Our job as investigators is to prove facts beyond a reasonable doubt. In doing so we must conduct a thorough and complete investigation. As a result we are not going to answer any specific questions regarding the ongoing investigation. I encourage and ask anyone with information regarding this case to contact Grosse Pointe Park Police Department at (313) 822-7400."

At press time, a warrant request hasn't been presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

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# Charter due for change

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The creation of a special committee is being considered to draft amendments to the 2009 city charter.

The committee's scope of work would include amendments advocated last year in a petition drive by Councilman Dan Schulte.

One proposal addresses mid-term council vacancies.

Schulte petitioned to eliminate mid-term appointments to the city

council. Instead, mid-term vacancies would fall to the candidate with the highest losing vote total in the preceding election, and so on down the line.

Another proposal capped the property tax rate at 16 mills, unless voters approved an override.

Charter amendments require voter approval.

The petition drive never made it on the ballot.

"There were problems with the language," said Mark McInerney, Grosse

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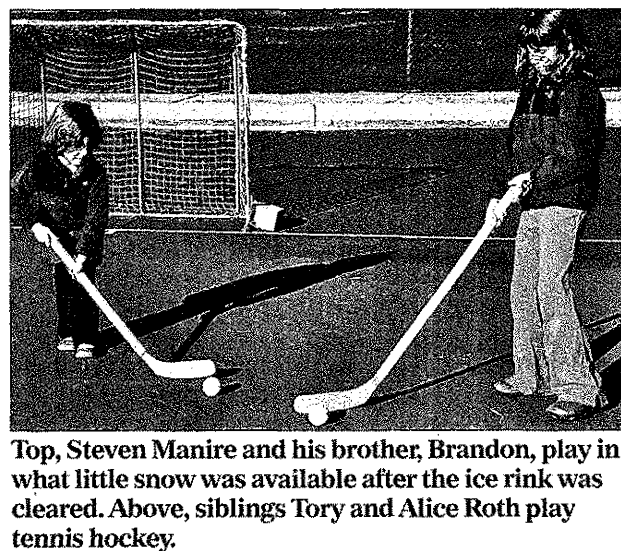
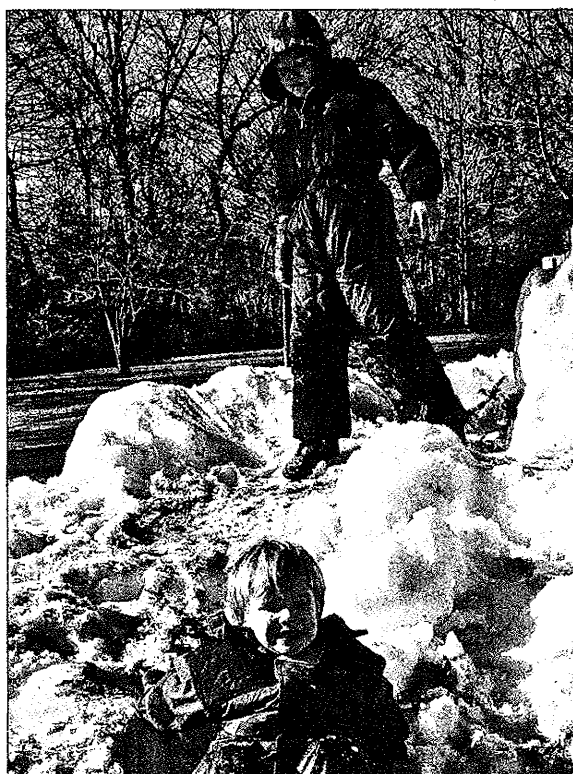


## Not too chilly



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park Chilly Fest in Patterson and Windmill Point parks Saturday, Feb. 4, invited residents to get out and enjoy a sunny winter day. Above, Dillon Sharp, Nicholas Kurta and Griffin Sharp take to the ice. Right, Jen Nihem gives the horse a chin scratch. A horse-drawn trolley transported residents between parks.



Top, Steven Manire and his brother, Brandon, play in what little snow was available after the ice rink was cleared. Above, siblings Tory and Alice Roth play tennis hockey.

## DIA campaign on streets again

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — For the second time in three years, Grosse Pointe is being courted as backdrops for some of the world's greatest works of art.

Officials of the Detroit Museum of Art are inviting the communities to host masterpieces in the "Inside|Out" campaign.

The promotion, first held in 2010 to celebrate the DIA's 125th anniversary, involves hanging framed, digital reproductions of the museum's top paintings at outdoor public locations throughout the metropolitan region.

Reproductions were displayed on the Kercheval facades of two Grosse Pointe locations — Borders Books and The Hill restaurant — during the first go-around.

"They're looking to do that again," said Brian Vick, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores. "They're suggesting putting a piece of art on the municipal building. They want me to let them know if this is something we're receptive to. We'll work on details, insurance that type of thing."

Winning sites are being announced this month, according to Pam Marcell, DIA public relations director and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We're going to announce the sponsor that came through for two years, as well," she said.

"It would have been a huge oversight not to prominently include Grosse Pointe," said Larry Baranski, DIA director of public programs, at the time of the first display in 2010.

# Pump plant work is priority project

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Improvements costing nearly \$4.4 million to the Kerby Road Pump Station are on a financial fast track.

Work on the sewage handling facility will begin without waiting for bond proceeds to pay for the bulk of it.

Money the city advances to the project will be repaid upon issuing up to \$4.5 million in tax-exempt bonds.

Bonds, payable over 20 years, can be issued in just over two months, unless 10 percent or more of the city's registered voters sign petitions requesting a referendum.

The city's AA+ bond rating is expected to allow a lower interest rate than otherwise.

"We have over \$50 million of bond capacity," said John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms controller.

The bond could cost the average homeowner \$40 the first year and \$80 annually thereafter, estimated Shane Reeside, city manager.

"We looked at, probably, a combination of a usage charge and a flat rate to even it out across households," said Councilman Louis Therios.

Upgrades are in hurry-up mode for two reasons:

- ◆ safeguard houses in the inland sewer district against sewage backups into basements during heavy rains and
- ◆ permanently replace a portable emergency

backup generator being rented since September for \$26,509 per month.

"This has been our priority, particularly since we're incurring costs of running a generator," said Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

Twice last year, in May and September, sewage backflowed into roughly 300 basements in neighborhoods mainly bordered by Chalfonte and Mack from Fisher to the Grosse Pointe Woods border.

May flooding was blamed on a rare deluge made worse by external power interruptions traced to a tree blown on to a DTE primary line.

Rains during September's flood weren't as heavy. But, a comparable round of backups developed from more power supply problems combined with plant electrical equipment that didn't quickly switch

pumps to backup power.

### Upgrades

Of \$4,368,000 capital upgrades approved this week, nearly \$250,000 is for the plant's electrical system, switchgear, pump starters, monitors and a standby generator.

Two of the plant's eight pumps will be refurbished, including shafts and motors, for another \$225,000.

Valves on all pumps are being replaced for \$525,000 combined.

Upon completion of work, an existing, 450-kilowatt generator and switch gear — which switches power from one source to another when interruptions occur — will power pumps 1 through 3.

A second generator and switch gear are to handle the remaining pumps, including Nos. 7 and 8, which only activate during big storms.

The new generator slat-

ter for purchase is "about five times the size of the current one, in terms of power," Tom Biehl, vice president of the Farms consulting engineers, Hubbell Roth & Clark.

Additional work includes installation of revised backup controls. Equipment for remote control and monitoring of pumps will be added.

While crews are at it, they'll replace the leaky roof and install energy efficient windows compatible with the nearly 90-year-old station's existing exterior.

### Historic structure

The building is designated of historical importance.

"We have to adhere to architectural features when constructed," said Councilman Joe Leonard. "We'll have to put the plans before the historical commission for approval."

The priority is getting the big generator operational, Biehl said.

"You're not going to get a generator that size off the shelf," he said.

He hopes it is bid, manufactured, installed and operational by the end of August.

"Other work is going to be scheduled based on when we operate the pump station," Biehl said. "Rebuilding pumps 5 and 6 is going to have to be cycled, so we don't impact

the station. We want to keep it operational."

Work is likely to last into fall, he said.

The same economic conditions making it hard to undertake expensive infrastructure projects also could help keep down construction costs.

"In this economy, we're hoping to get favorable pricing," Biehl said.

Upgrades would cost more if Farms employees didn't do some of the work themselves.

Items performed in-house include removing an unused boiler and related equipment, installing ventilation equipment and dewatering pumps in the wet well for the two big storm pumps.

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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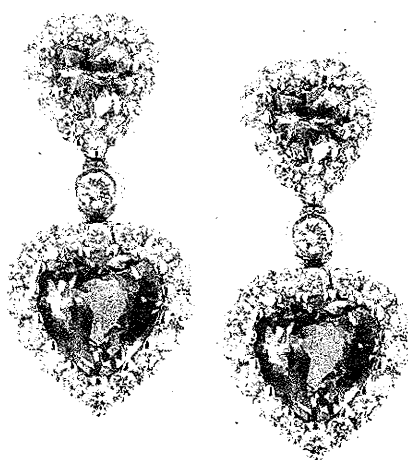
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## Editor's note

Next week's GPN: Bashara case updates, Contest winner chooses Ray Laethem dealership, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Pointers of Distinction awards and an in-depth look at the Grosse Pointe library millage, on the ballot Feb. 28.

Online, more photos of Winterfest on The Hill on Facebook.

Breaking news regarding the Bashara murder investigation at [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).



# NEWS

## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Sheila O'Hara's** love of gardening will be on display for thousands. As the new president of the Moross Greenway project, her charge is to refurbish and beautify the islands on Moross from I-94 to Mack.

# Master gardener, master plan

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Sheila O'Hara is an avid gardener who freely admits she loves to get her hands dirty working in her backyard garden, planting flowers and bushes and tending to them as they grow.

But now, as president of the Moross Greenway project, this Grosse Pointe Farms resident with the green thumb and a ready laugh is about to tackle one of the biggest "gardening" projects in the county.

"This is a huge undertaking, but the more we talked, the more people got involved," she said. "And now we're just about ready to launch."

The goal of the Moross Greenway project is to beautify the islands running down the middle of Moross Road from the I-94 freeway to Mack Avenue. The route is traveled daily by Grosse Pointe residents and others who have probably noticed the sad state of the islands.

O'Hara and her group hope to change that, with plans on the drawing board showing redesigned islands including more than 100 new trees, 500 shrubs and 9,700 perennials, all part of a sustainable green

space served by new irrigation systems. What won't be as evident as the expansive landscaping is the cooperative collaboration between local cities, churches, garden clubs and commercial enterprises that is bringing this project to fruition.

A former member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission, O'Hara said the condition of Moross was often discussed, especially when St. John Hospital initiated several landscaping projects.

"We are thankful, of course, for what St. John Hospital did to beautify the islands adjacent to their campus, but that just made the contrast even greater with the rest of Moross," she said.

Knowing that section of Moross is a county road, O'Hara, a member of Greening of Detroit, contacted Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, for his input. He met with O'Hara and other interested parties, including representatives from Greening of Detroit, the three churches on that strip of Moross and residents of Cornerstone, the Detroit neighborhood surrounding Moross and Harper Woods.

"As our group grew,

more and more people stepped up who could provide valuable services," O'Hara said. "For example, we knew we had to become our own 501(c)(3) corporation, so a lawyer volunteered to draw up those documents. Another individual, Jay Hunter, created our website, morossgreenway.org, and Tepel Brothers Printing did our brochures."

Now that the detail work is out of the way, O'Hara and her group are turning to fundraising, as the project carries a rather hefty price tag of \$600,000, and even though it is Wayne County property, the county's financial problems mean it can contribute little to the project, short of routine maintenance.

City of Grosse Pointe residents Gail and Lois Warden have offered to serve as honorary project chairs, and Moross Greenway members will be announcing fundraising efforts soon.

For now, the group is working on landscaping

plans and getting cost estimates.

"We had hoped to begin the project this fall, but it looks like we may have to wait until next spring," O'Hara said. "We want to make sure our funding is in place before we begin, because many of the projects, like irrigation, makes sense to do all at one time. Even when buying plants, it's better to have a complete list, as the more you buy, the better the price."

O'Hara's roots, no pun intended, run deep on the eastside. Born and raised in Detroit, she attended Bishop Gallagher High School. A career as a buyer for retail chains took her to Connecticut for several years. She returned 17 years ago to work for Avanti Press, where she now serves as production director.

"I moved back to the area to be with my family and it was one of those cases where somebody knew somebody who knew somebody who gave my resume to someone at Avanti," she said. "It is such a great place to

work."

After work, besides gardening, O'Hara enjoys sharing her golden retriever, Jack, with the residents of Shorepointe Nursing Center, where they both serve as volunteers.

"Jack even has his own ID tag," O'Hara says. "He's a great dog and the residents always look forward to his visits."

O'Hara, not surprisingly, loves just about anything that takes her outdoors, including occasionally turning in her trowel and gardening gloves for a nine iron and a golf glove.

"My golf partner and I are novices, but really love it," she said. "It's just one more reason to be outdoors. Also, I'm lucky enough to be the 'jib girl' on a friend's sailboat. I took sailing lessons in Mystic when I lived in Connecticut and had a small boat of my own when I lived there."

Before sailing and golf



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHEILA O'HARA

**Grosse Pointe Farms resident and Moross Greenway project president Sheila O'Hara.**

season are in full swing, O'Hara and her committee hope to have the Moross Greenway project moving from the planning stages toward the plant-ing stages.

"This is a team effort, it's not about one person," she said. "This is a wonderful organization, very focused and committed. I think we're well on our way."

## Wooing WOW in the Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**—A 20-year-old municipal ordinance forbidding peddlers from pounding the pavement is blamed for hindering competition in the cable television and Internet market.

City leaders want to open the door to increased competition while maintaining restrictions on undesirable purveyors.

Options include a short-term moratorium on restrictions, giving cable providers time to recruit enough customers to set up shop.

"You're treading in dangerous area if you take

something that is a crime in the ordinance code and say for these three weeks only, it's not a crime," Mark McInerney, city attorney, warned the council. "You're asking for trouble."

At issue is a lack of alternatives to Comcast.

A potential competitor, Wide Open West, otherwise known as WOW, won't woo the Shores while the peddling ordinance is in place.

"Door-to-door service is imperative for their marketing plan," said Brian Vick, city manager. "They don't want to be restricted."

"I don't want somebody knocking on my door every week," said Councilman Robert

Gesell.

Vick has attempted negotiations with WOW.

The company's Michigan operations are based in Madison Heights.

It serves more than 600,000 Southeast Michigan households, according to a recent company news release.

Service areas include Grosse Pointe Woods.

"WOW puts together a build-out plan a year in advance," Vick said. "You have to be on that plan for them to come in. They told councilman (Dan) Schulte and myself they won't come in or place you on that build-out plan until our ordinance is removed."

"I would be willing to give them a window to establish themselves," Schulte said. "If WOW is

going to make it impossible for us to meet in middle ground, they're hurting themselves."

Vick said he offered the company a solution.

"We'll let you hand out fliers, but it has to be by appointment," he reportedly told WOW representatives. "It's not something they're interested in."

City representatives will keep trying.

The peddlers and solicitors ordinance dates to 1992. McInerney said he wrote it.

Peddlers are classified as people selling things.

"Solicitors are asking for donations," McInerney said. "That's permitted because of First Amendment issues."

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## Correction

In the Feb. 2 story, "Chief sworn in," Bill Furtaw should have been identified as the former Grosse Pointe Park assistant public safety director.

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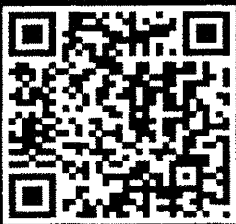
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# Bledsoe: Down with auto fee increase

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

LANSING — The Pointes' man in Lansing

wants to kick to the curb a proposal putting vehicle registration fees in over-drive. Across-the-board fee in-

creases of 67 percent would pay for road repairs, but weigh heaviest on people who drive the least, he said.

"A lot of people on fixed incomes don't drive a lot," said second-term state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, (D-City of Grosse Pointe). "Is it right to saddle those folk with a significant cost of rebuilding our roads?"

The burden is disproportionate, he said.

"If this is pushed through, the little guys will be paying more than their share of road construction," Bledsoe said.

He cited U.S. Department of Transportation data that a middle-aged man drives about four times more miles annually than a woman over age of 65. Driving increases with income, too, he said, citing the same source.

A better alternative tasks the state to better manage current resources, he said.

"I would try to find more cost savings so we don't have to raise additional revenue," Bledsoe said. "I'm not convinced we're getting good value from money we spend on roads."

If an increase is necessary, Bledsoe would tie it to road use.

"I might be willing to support an increase in the gasoline tax," Bledsoe said.

Before doing that, however, he'd need convincing that good money isn't chasing bad.

It seems to Bledsoe that Michigan roads crumble before their time.

"I'd like to find out why," he said. "If we're not getting good value on transportation dollars

we're paying now, we shouldn't be raising additional dollars."

Legislation (HB 5300) introduced last month pushes the current average fee of \$89 per year to \$149 per year.

"That's a non-starter," Bledsoe said.

A companion bill (HB 5312) lets counties raise fees even more.

Both measures are in the Committee on Transportation.

The bills mimic parts of Gov. Rick Snyder's recent State of the State speech to fix Michigan roads.

Bledsoe's early opposition reflects lessons learned last year successfully battling Snyder's school-of-choice campaign.

"When something comes along that is 100 percent bad, you have to jump on it hard and early to shout it down before it gets very far in the legislative process," Bledsoe said. "I've decided to get

in front of this proposal by Gov. Snyder to impose a 67 percent increase in our vehicle registration fees."

He's surprised there's no big, organized push against the increase.

"I've even talked to some Democrats who are not as vocal in their opposition as I think they ought to be," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe, a political science professor and the first Democrat to represent the Pointes in the House, showed early in his inaugural term a willingness to counter his party majority.

"The Grosse Pointes have a unique perspective on things that don't fit the West Michigan Republican conservatism, or the liberal Democrat approach to public policy," he said. "We have common sense political priorities. We are looking for that reasonable middle ground to do the best policy we can."

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On January 23, 2012 the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 201 (the "Ordinance"), to become immediately effective, which Ordinance provides for new Section 11-6 to the City Code to affirm the office of City Manager is to discharge the responsibility of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

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**Bledsoe's coffee hours**

State Rep. Tim Bledsoe (D-City of Grosse Pointe) invites residents to attend his community conferences and share concerns about state government.

Hours and locations for the remaining February meetings are:

- ◆ 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Grosse Pointe Public Library — Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 27, Conference Room, Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.
- ◆ 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 27, Grosse Pointe Public Library — Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

**FARMS: Too soon**

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on Monday, Feb. 6, agreed to respond with a letter of their own.

City Mayor Dale Scrase said, "It's hard to comment until I see their letter."

Farms officials last month resolved to work with the other Pointes in joint training of officers and purchases of standardized fire fighting equipment.

The Farms last year assumed Shores public safety dispatch services and assumed operation of its municipal court.

"Let's take this a step at a time," Leonard said. Besides, a public safety authority isn't without cost.

"It would need legal counsel, staffing and a payroll," Leonard said. "This is why the ad hoc committee is looking at this."

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**WEEK:**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 11**

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Show House Sneak-a-Peak is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores. Admission is \$3 and tickets are available at the door.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 12**

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's John Guinn presents a preconcert lecture at 2 p.m. at Parcels Middle School. The concert, "A Classic Valentine," begins at 3 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$15 and seniors and students pay \$12. Family tickets cost \$30. For more information, visit gpsymphony.org.
- ◆ The Junior League of Detroit's 2012 Designers' Show House Sneak-a-Peak is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores. Admission is \$3 and tickets are available at the door.

**MONDAY, FEB. 13**

- ◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers 15115 E. Jefferson.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 14**

*Valentine's Day*

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Oops

A cleaning lady, assigned by her agency to work at an unoccupied, unlocked house in the City, went to the wrong location shortly after 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, prompting a call to police about a prowler.

She mistakenly tried to enter an occupied residence on Dodge Place.

The female homeowner was sitting at her computer in the living room when the woman peered in a window and tried to open a back door.

"(The homeowner) noticed the subject run from the rear yard and enter a white Jeep," police were told. "She drove away."

Officers tracked down the suspect and determined it was an honest mistake.

—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

### Weapons charge

At about 3 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, police on Mack found a .40-caliber pistol in a 2003 Chevrolet Impala operated by a 20-year-old Detroit man.

Officers stopped the driver near Colonial Court because the car lacked an illuminated license plate.

As police approached the vehicle, they became suspicious of the man "fumbling" with something in his lap and glove box area, they said.

They became further

suspicious upon learning he wore an empty shoulder holster. He said he no longer had the gun.

"I gave it to my homey," he reportedly said.

A search found the pistol under the passenger seat, seven rounds of ammunition in the passenger seat sleeve and an empty magazine beneath the driver's seat, police said.

The man also had a folding knife in his pocket, they added.

The man was arrested for possession of a concealed weapon and violating a suspended driver's license.

### Felony drinking

A 48-year-old Detroit man faces felony drunken driving charges resulting from his arrest at 2:07 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, on eastbound Mack near Lexington.

The man has three prior drunken driving arrests and 46 driver's license suspensions, according to police.

The man refused to take a Breathalyzer test, police said.

They obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at a hospital and sent to a crime lab for testing of alcohol content.

### Bad answers

A late-night pedestrian on Lakeshore near Moross gave a crooked story to police at 12:57 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

"After a few routine questions, he seemed suspicious," said the officer. "(He) said he was walking to a friend's house in St. Clair Shores, even though he later mentioned his truck was parked around the corner."

A pat-down turned up a drug pipe and baggie of

suspected marijuana, police said.

The man, a 23-year-old St. Clair Shores resident, kept talking.

"He admitted he was heading to the beach area east of Pier Park to meet a friend," said a patrolman. "He mentioned his truck was unlocked and more marijuana was in the center console."

Police arrested the man and confiscated the pipe and 8.5 grams of marijuana.

### Lost and found

A woman, found a few minutes before 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the 200 block of Vendome, had been reported missing seven hours earlier from the 300 block of Cloverly.

A Vendome homeowner reported the woman sleeping in bushes near a carriage house, according to police. Medics suspected she was suffering from hypothermia and took her to a hospital.

### Drugs

A woman being investigated at 3:05 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, on Moross near Williams for driving a 2001 Cadillac STS with high beams, gave a fishy excuse for having approximately 30 air fresheners dangling from her turn signal lever. "She (said) she gets one after every car wash and leaves them on," said a patrolman.

The fresheners all appeared brand new. They were "very pungent," the officer added.

He asked the woman, a 25-year-old Harrison township resident, if the fresheners were intended to mask the odor of anything illegal.

"No," the woman reportedly answered.

A search of the car turned up two packets of marijuana, police said.

Officers also reported finding two functioning cell phones, two inoperable cell phones, ten bundles of \$1 bills totaling \$100, more bundles of \$1 and \$5 bills totaling \$140 and five bags of change totaling less than \$20.

A 30-year-old male passenger from Detroit gave police a false name, police said.

They presume he was trying to evade arrest on a Wayne County felony warrant for second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Officers arrested him. Charges included violation of controlled substances.

Officers let the woman go.

—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

### One-car wreck

At 1:38 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, a resident called police about a car crash at Lakeshore and Vernier.

The driver, a 25-year-old Hazel Park man, drove from the scene, but was caught in the 900 block of northbound Lakeshore.

His vehicle was smoking and had damage to the front and right side.

The man registered a 13 percent blood alcohol level, police said. Evidence at the single-vehicle accident site included a 30-foot skid mark and broken car parts.

"There was damage to the grass and curb on the east side of Lakeshore," said an officer.

### Mutual aid

Newly hired Chief John Schulte responded with three patrolmen shortly after 2:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, to a request for mutual aid at a two-alarm fire in the 1400 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shores officers deployed a fire truck and ambulance to the scene.

The officers assisted as needed with overhaul and checking for fire extensions, they 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

### Thanks for help

A public safety officer

on routine patrol at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, stopped to assist a motorist who appeared to be having car trouble at Mack and Vernier. The driver's behavior seemed a bit suspect, and when the officer asked for identification, he could not produce a valid driver's license. He was taken into custody and the car impounded.

### Retail theft

At 9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, a cashier at Kroger notified security officers in the store that a man had just left the store with a cart full of groceries he had not paid for. Officers found the man loading the groceries into the back of a 2006 Saturn. When they approached, the man jumped in the car and the driver, a woman, took off. Police stopped the car at Harper and I-94. Officers also found drug paraphernalia. The suspect, 52, and the driver, 37, were taken into custody. The car was reported stolen in St. Clair County.

—Kathy Ryan

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I SAY By A. J. Hakim

Teamwork results in champonship

Congratulations, New York Giants.  
For a second time in four years, the G-Men marched 80-plus yards down the field for a touchdown in the final minute of a Super Bowl game against the mighty New England Patriots. And for a second time in four years, it led to victory, the latest a 21-17 result in Super Bowl XLVI.

"This isn't about one person," Giants quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning told reporters afterward. He finished the game 30-of-40 for 296 yards and a touchdown. "This is about a team coming together."

Indeed it was. Much like their 2007-08 campaign, the Giants shocked fans and critics alike. A seemingly dead-in-the-water team in turmoil, they defied all odds in both instances.

In '07-'08, they won 11 straight road games, including four in the playoffs against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers and Patriots, the latter three of which defeated the Giants during the regular season. Did I mention the Patriots were a perfect 18-0 heading into the Super Bowl? That didn't stop David Tyree who, on third and five during the Giants final drive, leaped and caught a 32-yard pass against his helmet while fending off Patriot defender Rodney Harrison. It led to Manning's 13-yard touchdown completion to Plaxico Burress and a 17-14 win.

That year, the Giants not only made history, they also prevented it from happening.

*"We just fought to the very end."*  
ELI MANNING,  
New York Giants quarterback

Fast forward four years. At 7-7, amid a four-game losing streak, magnified by a loss to the lowly Washington Redskins. Afterward, Giants running back Brandon Jacobs acknowledged, "I didn't see the passion in us today. We didn't play well. We disappointed each other and our fans, and we've just got to play better. I can't tell you why."

They followed the disappointing loss with season-saving, back-to-back wins against the New York Jets and Cowboys, inching into the playoffs at 9-7.

With a wild card round romping of the Atlanta Falcons, succeeded by a 37-20 demolishing of the National Football League elite and one-loss Packers and 20-17 overtime win against the San Francisco 49ers. Then, of course, it all culminated in last Sunday's win, made possible by Mario Manningham's 38-yard sideline catch, much like Tyree's, resulting in a Giants' game-winning touchdown. Ahmad Bradshaw ran in the final score from six-yards out.

The once barely afloat now aloft and flying high as ever.

Said Manning afterward, "We just fought to the very end."

That they did, and for their efforts the Giants become the first 9-7 team to win the championship since the NFL expanded to a 17-game season. They are also the first Super Bowl winner that was outscored during the regular season, allowing 400 points to their 394.

So, congratulations, New York Giants, on a hard-fought, well-deserved championship.

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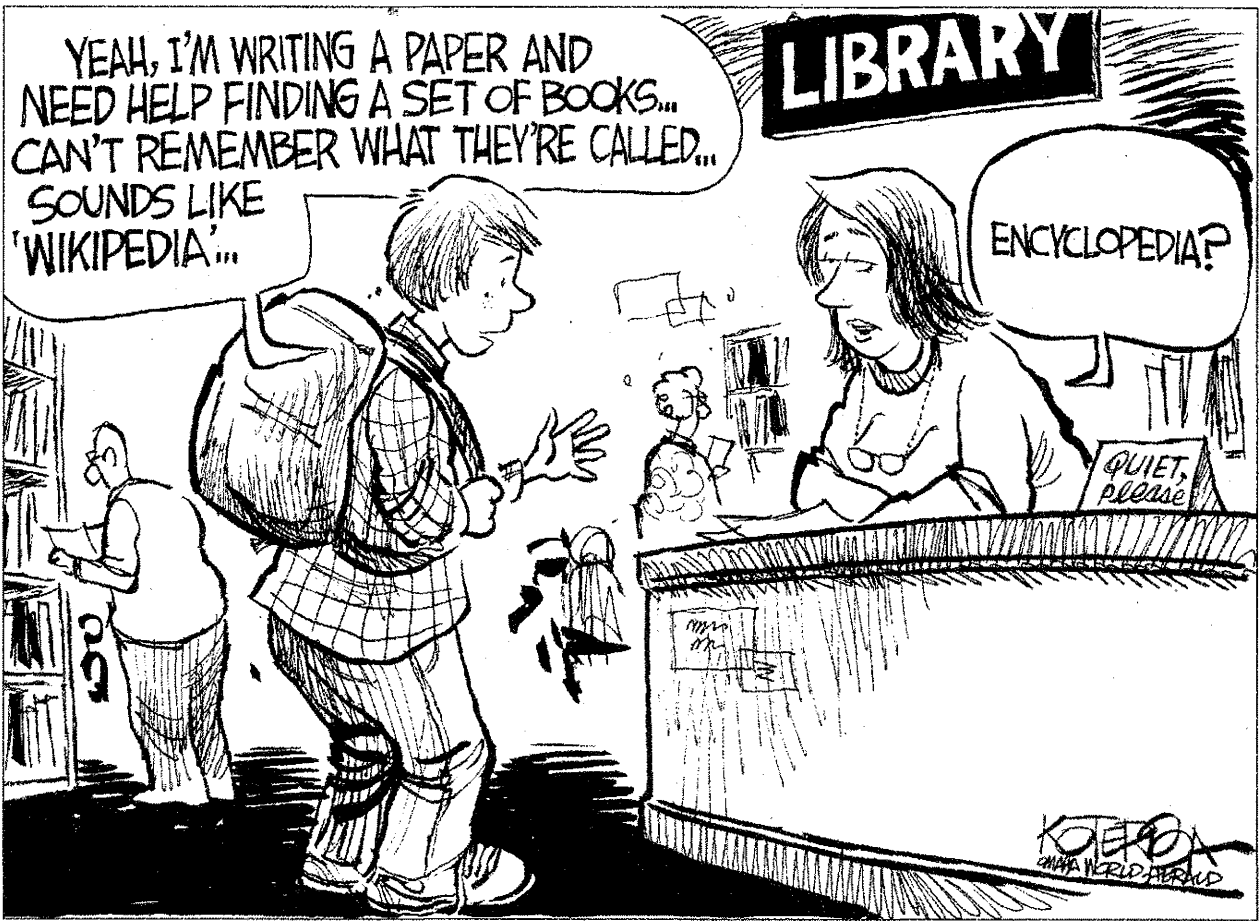
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A red herring

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Shores' residents elected a new mayor and an entirely new council three months ago for the first time in nearly a decade.

This afforded an excellent opportunity to address and dispose of much stale, old business left behind by the previous administration.

Since the beginning of this year, however, some council members and several residents have instead been obsessing over a red herring — smart meters.

Opposing a mandated switch to DTE Energy's smart meters is a waste of precious time and energy. Not only is this obsession a counterproductive diversion, it's absurd, because the matter is purely academic.

Brad Lindberg, staff writer for the Grosse Pointe News, poignantly pointed out in his Feb. 2 Grosse Pointe News article, "Smart meters called dumb idea": "The effort is largely symbolic. Opposition bears no legal standing. Municipalities must yield to the commission's jurisdiction over the regulated monopoly."

Since the effort is largely symbolic, why bother wasting precious time and energy opposing this mandated switch to DTE Energy's smart meters?

Certainly, there are far more important issues that should take precedence. For example:

- ◆ Ensure the financial solvency of the city amidst continuously falling property values and, thereby, decreasing tax revenues.
- ◆ Reduce the city's exposure to the on-going risks of burdensome legacy costs and long-term financial liabilities.
- ◆ Take measures to prevent the city from appearing on future Michigan Treasury Department Local Government Fiscal Health watch/stress lists, as has been the case in past years.
- ◆ Seek an equitable resolution to the \$500,000 water over-billing issue with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.
- ◆ Establish a working

committee to place the question of adjusting the boundaries of Wayne and Macomb counties, such that the entire city of Grosse Pointe Shores is included within only one county — preferably Macomb County — on the ballot at the next general election.

According to law: Michigan Legislature, Section 45.101, "Adjustment of county boundaries; resolution or petition; placing question on ballot," 1974, Act 160, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1974.

◆ Keep department employees from using city property and facilities to do work on their own personal, private vehicles, which is a common practice tolerated in the past.

These are merely a few of many more serious issues that take precedence over concerns regarding smart meters, even if the matter weren't so academic.

Opponents claim smart meters are "creepy," because they fear they suborn customer privacy by gathering too much detailed customer information — information that, in many cases, is already public knowledge in the "Internet Age" we live in and is quite innocuous.

Opponents also claim smart meters are nothing less than a covert effort to do an end-run around utility rate regulators, such as the Public Service Commission, to raise rates, ultimately resulting in higher utility bills. But how ridiculously paranoid can one get?

If DTE Energy wants to raise utility rates, they sure don't need smart meters — all they need to do is raise them, like they always have in the past.

Proponents of smart meters point out they use cell phone and microwave technology to broadcast electricity and natural gas consumption to DTE. Thereby eliminating any need for meter-readers to enter any customer's property, which has certainly suborned customer privacy a lot more in the past than smart meters would in the future.

One thing everyone can take to the bank is all utility rates — electricity, natural gas and water —

will be increasing in the future. Just like they always have in the past, smart meters or no smart meters, because the cost of energy and commodities will be forever increasing in the future.

One hundred years ago, the same opponents of smart meters today — who will clearly resist any form of new technology — would have been fighting the advent of the automobile, in preference to the good old horse and buggy.

GREGORY F. WALTON  
Grosse Pointe Shores

Priceless library

To the Editor:

As residents of the Grosse Pointes, we experience an exceptional quality of life due to the services and amenities we have available.

An integral piece of our quality of life is the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

I have had countless experiences with our libraries and their exceptional staff. I recall those magical years, taking my toddlers to the story times and check out books.

The library played a key role in my children's love of learning. As they grew, they continued visiting the library and participating in the summer reading program.

Now, in high school, they use our libraries on a regular basis for a quiet, distraction-less place to study and do their research. If they need assistance, staff is available and always willing to guide them to the appropriate material.

During a recent wind storm, when our Internet was knocked off line for a couple of days, it was the library that came to our rescue. Their computers were up and running and the research was not delayed.

The library became my second home when I was working on my master's degree. It didn't take long to realize I didn't necessarily have to travel to the university library. My Grosse Pointe Public Library and its fine staff were there to assist.

Through their help, I was able to obtain books that were very difficult to find at the university library, due to the number of students and the limited number of volumes. In addition, they showed me how to access numerous online resources using my library card. I was able to access countless resources from home.

If I didn't know how to access a resource, the librarians were a phone call away and always to the rescue. For that reason, the Grosse Pointe libraries and their staff were listed in my ac-

knowledge in my thesis.

Today, I use the valuable online reference resources for my business. For pleasure, I can reserve books, DVDs, or CDs online and receive a phone call or e-mail when they are ready to be picked up. Everything is easy and convenient in our libraries.

As technology changes, our librarians are ready to help us make the change.

Do you need to learn a new application or program?

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Need to borrow tools? They have them too.

When I visit our libraries, I see parents taking toddlers to story time and I fondly remember those days. When I see the seniors coming in, I think, "That will be me, one day. I will still be coming here."

A price tag cannot be placed on the services and the enhancement to our quality of life. Simply put, it is priceless.

We must continue this valuable treasure and tradition for all generations in the Grosse Pointes. I urge everyone to spread the word and go to the polls Feb. 28 to vote "Yes" for the library millage.

ANASTASIA M. PITSES  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Homicide coverage

To the Editor:

As a community, we have been in a trance for more than a week.

The story of Jane Bashara's murder is unbearable, unbelievable, unfathomable.

To cover the story objectively and carefully requires great understanding as a person and superb skill as a journalist. Your staff — writers, photographers, editors — presented the information and the interviews with both understanding and skill.

The coverage was excellent. However, the editorial was perhaps the most important piece in the issue. You honored Jane Bashara's life and were sensitive to the great sadness that has engulfed her family.

You respected the law enforcement professionals who work every day, all day to make sense out of the senseless.

You honored the profession by sharing your observations and analysis without rancor or judgment. And you gave the reader permission to break the trance and join you in the search for the truth.

ELIZABETH SOBY  
Grosse Pointe Farms



## SHARED: Deliveries a shared service

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about it about a year ago. Lemanske accepted when his delivery man retired.

Deliveries are made in one of Farquhar's trucks. Both companies share driver and fuel costs.

Farquhar's grandfather bought the florist and greenhouse in 1940, located in the spot it remains on Kerby.

"Three generations of our family has been going to Notre Dame Pharmacy," Farquhar said.

"I've known him and his parents forever," Lemanske said.

Lemanske's father operated the pharmacy beginning in the 1950s. The store was on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval in the Village, sharing the district with former retailers, such as Cunningham Drug, S.S. Kresge, Best & Co. and Jacobson's.

When Jacobson's expanded during the mid-1960s, Lemanske's father moved the pharmacy to its present location on Kercheval.

## CHARTER: Attorney researches options

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Pointe Shores city attorney, of petition wording.

"We want to go back to that and put those on the ballot," Schulte said. "We want to put a committee together to make that presentation."

Before a committee is formed, McInerney is researching ways to amend the charter.

"I'd like to see it," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "It sounds like there's a sim-

plified process."

Schulte is confident he can reconstruct the petition drive, if necessary.

"I can get the signatures in a week-end," he said.

Should the matter progress to a citizen vote, Shores officials said they'll try to save costs of a special election by holding it on top of a regularly scheduled vote.

Upcoming opportunities include the Aug. 7 Michigan primary and the Nov. 6 general election.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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An Ordinance amending Chapter 20 Environment, Article IV Erosion and Sedimentation Control, in order to Update Article IV to comply with State law and administrative rules, and to delete Section 20-131 regarding appeals of denial of permit.

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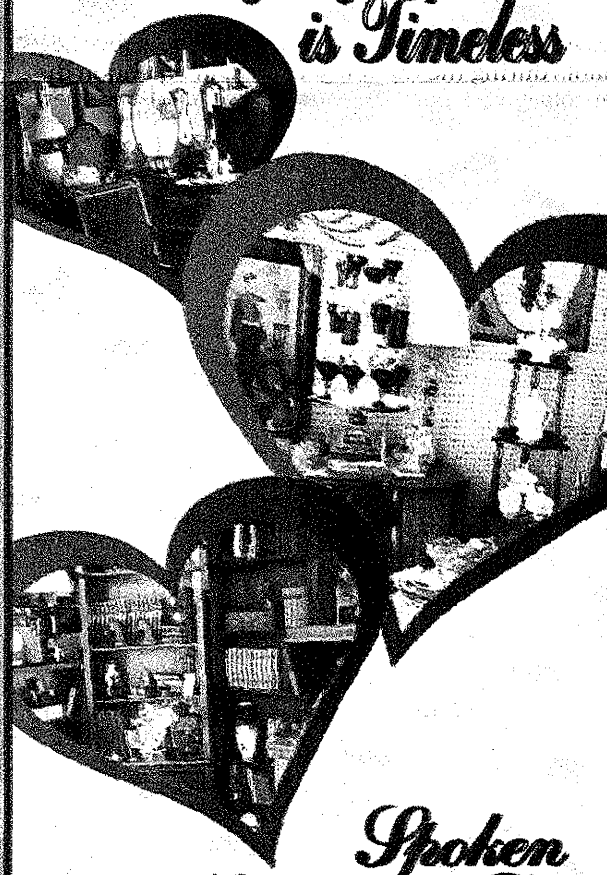
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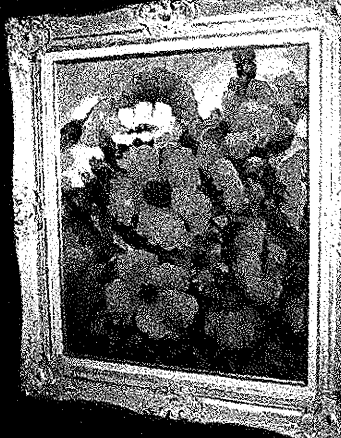
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## Brownell's business a sweet deal

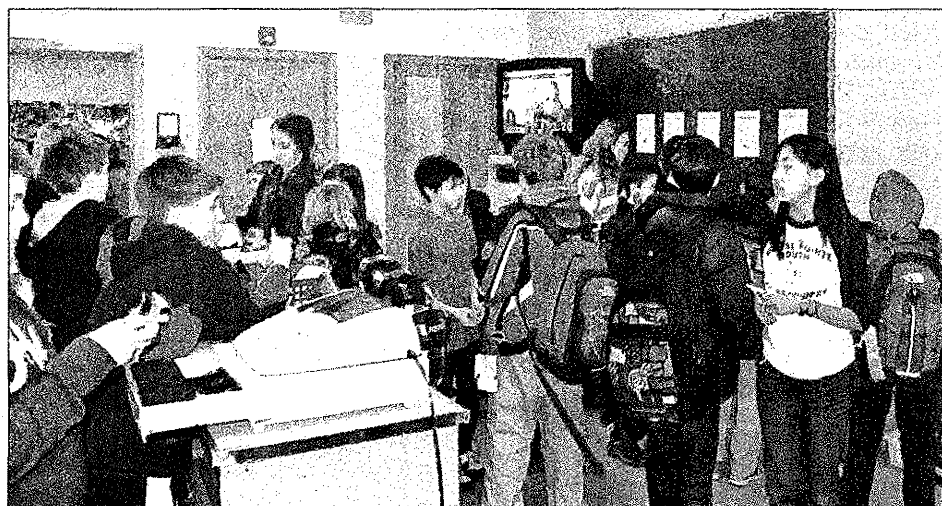
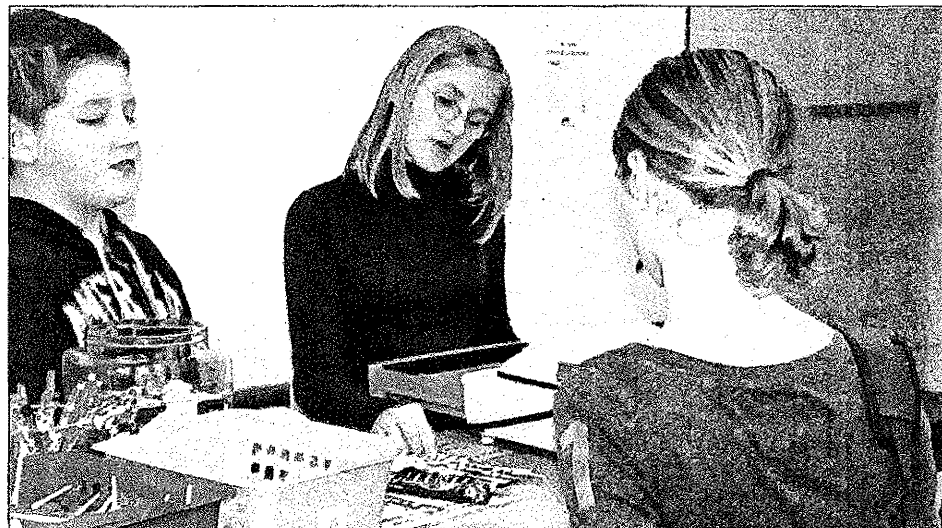
By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

Three days per week after school, students volunteering at Brownell Middle School's The Stable, a stock room turned student-run candy store, learn firsthand the intricate details of operating a business.

They run everything, from stocking and preparing the store for its Wednesday, Thursday, Friday openings, to working one of five shifts — cashier, assistant cashier, floor manager, door supervisor and popcorn salesman. And fellow students, even the occasional teacher or administrator, line up, stock up and flood the store during its 13-minute availability, from 3:17 to 3:30.

Guidance counselor, Angie Niforos, and classroom assistant, Alma Reygaert, supervise, manage the money and purchase candy, drinks, popcorn, school supplies and souvenirs.

"It's a good experience, gives you experience in kind of a job-type scenario, giving you experience for the real world," sixth-grader Cy Nardone said. "It kind of helps you learn. It's not a major job, but it's a job and you've got to do it. If you're there, it's a good thing; if you're not, it sometimes



affects what happens in here."

Since taking control this year, Niforos restructured and expanded the business to include beverages — excluding pop — and bi-monthly charity donations. Every two months The Stable sponsors a different organization and students donate spare change for the

cause. Recent charities include the Humane Society and Ronald McDonald House. Money from sales benefits the school.

"We have our own account, and what we do with that money is, we use it to help purchase things for the school, if there's a need," Niforos said. "We've kind of been

building up this year, but we want to sit down and figure out what the school needs."

In restructuring, Niforos created a shift rotation system, employing five students a day to fill each position. Each week a student works a different job, allowing him experiences of performing multiple duties. She cur-



PHOTOS BY A.J. HAKIM

Left, students flood the store, looking for their favorite candy, drinks, school supplies and souvenirs.

Above left, working the cash register, Charlotte Sellars mentally calculates the total for the order.

Above, after closing the store, Cy and Kal Nardone make final adjustments, realigning drinks in the refrigerator.

## North band earns high praise



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CLEVELAND

Left, earning superior performances for woodwind duet are, from left, Makenna Holman and Katherine MacDonald. Right, string duet, from left, Francesca Florence and Margaret Martinez.

Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental students received high praise from professional adjudicators for performances during the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Festival Jan. 28 at Rochester High School.

Adjudicators rated performances one to five based on overall execution — technique, intonation, ensemble, tone and dynamics — and quality.

The following performances received medals for their high level of artistic execution: second division medalists for excellent performances were: Roxanne Ilagan (viola solo); Francesca Florence, Margaret Martinez (string duet); Tristan Mora, Hannah Heidebrink (violin duet); Matt Stander, Will Dykstra (string duet); Michael Sacchetti, Matthew Stander, William Dykstra (string trio); Kate Freeman, Susan Hartzell (violin duet); Amy Zaranek (viola solo); Keelia Hamdan (cello solo); Carrie Rakowitz, Allison Fry (string duet); Grant Strobl, Michael Bylski (trumpet duet); Katelyn Kohler (piano so-

lo); Tess Kolp (cello solo); Alexandra Krawetz (cello solo); and James Wilhelm and Ron Ilagan (alto saxophone duet).

North students receiving first division medals for superior performances also qualified alongside the state's top instrumentalists for the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival Sunday, March 25. They include: Ryan Waggoner, Dan Kubacki (brass duet); Lakshman Mulpuri (violin solo); Emily Hoshaw (violin solo); Makenna Holman, Katherine MacDonald (woodwind duet); Conner Blaine, Pearce Reickert (brass duet); Nathan Doss, Bobby McGovern, Michael Janssen (trumpet trio); Michael Janssen, Nathan Doss, Bobby McGovern, Max Ertzbischoff, Steven Licari (brass quintet); William Coderre, Joseph Bourgoin, Michael Bakowski (percussion trio); Keelia Hamdan, Analise Guido (cello/clarinet duet); Leah Fishwick, Allison Francis (violin/clarinet duet); Sarah Schade, Brian Almeria (violin duet); Laura Hidalgo (viola solo); Maxwell Yoshida (trumpet solo); Elizabeth

Marck, Keelia Hamdan (cello duet); Laura Hidalgo, Sarah McGovern (string duet); Kayla Luteran (viola solo); Isabella Cubillejo (violin solo); Emily Hoshaw, Isabella Cubillejo (violin duet); Michael Sacchetti, Matthew Stander (violin duet); Courtney Brinker (trumpet solo); Melina Glusac (cello solo); Gabby Tatum, Karyn Schwartz, Makenna Holman (flute trio); Ryan Waggoner, Conner Blaine, Andres Hewley, Harrison Campion, Grant Strobl, Michael Bylski, Bobby McGovern, Nick Finley (brass octet); Jessie Ding (piano solo); Jordan Radke (piano solo); Karyn Schwartz (flute solo); Lauren Brush (flute solo); Ryan Waggoner (french horn solo); Analisa Guido, Kristina Kamm (woodwind duet); and Elizabeth Marck, Tess Kolp, Melina Glusac, Albert Kelly, Taylor White, Roxanne Ilagan, Kayla Luteran, Laura Hidalgo, Matthew Stander and Emily Hoshaw (string chamber choir).

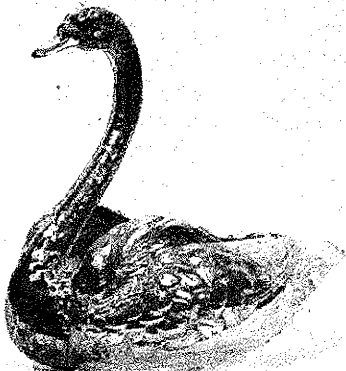
The students are members of the North Band or Orchestra program, directed by David Cleveland and Kemmer Weinhaus.

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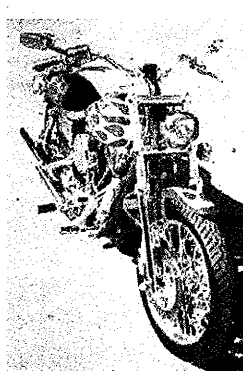
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# South athletes show off artistic side

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

Michelangelo had the Sistine Chapel and Diego Rivera, the National Palace — artists identifiable through time from their mural masterpieces.

For Grosse Pointe South juniors and art students Abby Grobbel and Nicole Keller, they're quickly painting themselves into local celebrities at the Lake Shore Public Schools Library.

The students, despite no prior experience painting murals, typically volunteer a few hours each Friday, between cross country and track seasons, to paint at the library, located inside Rodgers Elementary School in St. Clair Shores.

"I still have to convince my staff they're high school students," said Amy Hermon, Rodgers elementary's instructional resource specialist and librarian. Hermon con-



PHOTO BY A.J. HAKIM

Grosse Pointe South juniors Abby Grobbel, left, and Nicole Keller re-paint the sky of their landscape scene. The volunteer artists continually add details to their mural.

tacted South art teacher Kit Aro asking for help. Aro obliged by asking for student volunteers and Grobbel and Keller responded first. They started January of their sophomore year.

"They started and as soon as I saw the castle

go up, I was like, you're hired, go ahead and do whatever you want."

In about a year's time, Grobbel and Keller completed one wall — of a sky and tree, with the words "Reference" and "New," indicating the book sections — and a

majority of a second wall, though their vision constantly evolves.

What started as a simple castle door and windows progressed into an ever-expanding landscape, including a beach, ocean and a sailing ship. They continually add

minute details, such as a mouse in the castle window and a cat perched at the castle door.

"The first building was kind of a vision," Keller said. "Then we just kind of left the building. ... We figured we should put kind of a landscape; we should do an ocean and a boat."

Added Grobbel: "It just kind of evolved around the space. It's not your ordinary, everyday canvas."

Their work has become an I Spy-type game for Hermon's students, with the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders, before each library or computer class, scanning the walls for the latest addition to the mural.

"My students walk in here and I'm a little jealous, because the first thing they do is, they look at the walls," Hermon said. "They're not looking at the books. And the adults do it, too. We have our meetings in here and

the first thing they do is, 'Hey, what did the girls do this time?'"

While there's no timetable for the project's completion or pressure to paint every wall — Grobbel and Keller have about three walls remaining. The pair is reveling in the learning experience and the opportunity to produce art on such a massive scale.

"It's just been a great experience because we've never really done anything this big," Keller said. "When you're up really close it's something totally different than when you're far away."

Said Grobbel: "I also like dealing with the challenges, basic challenges like mapping it out, how will it look, especially with this type of material and painting on it. It's really porous, so you have to keep repainting on it. I definitely think we've learned a lot from when we first started, more efficient at it."

## St. Paul, U-D act from the HART



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTIE SWIDER

From left, Pamela and her son Cliff Roach, of Detroit, pack pills for the Haitian and African Relief Team with Grosse Pointe Farms residents, Teddy and his dad Ed Gotfredson.

A mother and son service project, a collective effort of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School and University of Detroit Jesuit High School, assisted the Haitian and African Relief Team in preparing for its March mission trip to Cameroon, Africa.

More than 75 students from U-D's class of 2013 and their mothers participated Saturday, Jan. 21, despite hazardous driving conditions resulting from minor snow accumulation the previous night. Together, they counted, packaged, labeled and packed more than 100,000 pills — aspirin, Tylenol and other over-the-counter pain medications — for HART, a non-profit outreach organization

founded by former St. Paul associate pastor Rev. Sama Muma and other parishioners.

Grosse Pointe residents Diane Yenchick (Park) and Tom Graves (Farms) are the organization's current president and medical director, respectively. They supervised the project, held in St. Paul's cafeteria. U-D student co-chairs included Michael Wroblewski, of St. Clair Shores, and Spencer Swider, of Grosse Pointe Shores. Students volunteered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and were served pizza and pop as gratitude for their services.

"This service project made me think how fortunate we are as individuals of the land of opportunity,

and it felt great coming together as a community on a common cause to help those who are less fortunate," Spencer Swider said via e-mail. "The whole experience was a learning opportunity to expand on our beliefs and learn about a way of life that is foreign to us."

Added Krystie Swider: "My hope is that by exposing our young people to service it will fill them with the drive to make a more substantial difference."

Through annual mission trips HART provides medical assistance to Haitian and African residents, delivering pain and fever medicines, antibiotics and blood pressure and cholesterol medications.



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## Touring the district

The Pierce Middle School band and orchestra visited Defer Elementary School Tuesday, Dec. 20, and performed for students. Its performance included several instrument demonstrations, isolating specific instrument sounds for students to hear.

## Star student recognized in contest

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School fourth-grader Eve Bournias placed third among fourth graders statewide in the Newspapers for Education's "Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest."

Students kindergarten to sixth grade submitted drawings of their favorite

book character, along with an explanation of why it's their favorite.

Four hundred sixty-two fourth graders entered The Detroit News and Free Press-sponsored contest, which awards the top five entries from each grade level.

Bournias' third-place submission was a crayon

drawing of Poppy, a deer mouse from author Avi's collection, "The Poppy Stories."

For her recognition, Bournias received a \$25 gift card from Barnes & Noble and a personalized certificate of excellence.

She is the daughter of Nicholas and Andra of Grosse Pointe Shores.

## Academy hosts spelling bee

C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N.

While that wasn't Grosse Pointe Academy sixth-grader Spencer Warezak's final word in the school's annual spelling bee, it was the ultimate result.

Warezak out-spelled competitors from



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From left, spelling bee moderator Lynn Patton, runner-up Jack Sheeren and champion Spencer Warezak.

grades four to eight, including eighth-grader Jack Sheeren, two-time defending champion. Sheeren was runner-up.

Other finalists include: fourth graders Harry Durno, Maria Fields, Claire Sheeren and Isabella Tomlinson; fifth graders Samantha Savage, Grant Sachs and Henry Whitaker; sixth graders Morgan Connell, Ian Hornsy, Hailey McDonald and David Scupholm; and eighth graders Alexander Minanov and Lily Patterson.

Students qualified by completing preliminary testing.

## Three students honored in history essay contest

For its American History essay contest, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution selected three Grosse Pointe public school students among the top essay winners.

Parcells Middle School eighth-grader Lakisha Pressley and Trombly Elementary School fifth-grader Mary Clare Graham earned honorable mentions in their respective grades, while Grosse Pointe North senior Amy Zaranek won the high school-aged contest.

Her essay is now in competition at the state level.

The contests were divided, with fifth- to eighth-graders separate from high school students. High schoolers wrote 800 to 1,200-word essays describing "Christopher Columbus as he was understood in

three different time periods" — 15th and 19th centuries, as well as his impact on present day.

Younger students — fifth graders in 300 to 600 words, middle schoolers, 600 to 1,000 — wrote about the War of 1812 and honoring heroes of the war, now in its 200th anniversary. Students pretended they befriended an eventually famous person who "stood up for America during that exciting but dangerous time."

"Lakisha Pressley is a polite and magnificent young lady that puts forth the highest level of effort and dedication to whatever she works on," Parcells eighth-grade social studies teacher Rodger Hunwick said via e-mail.

"However, what separates her from most other writers her age is her ability to bring forward in her written prose a genuine compassion for others. Evidence of Lakisha's

heart-felt writing style is best summarized in her concluding paragraph about honoring the American heroes of the War of 1812."

In that paragraph, Pressley writes, "those people (the War of 1812 Veterans) risked never seeing their families again for our country. They risked never being able to see their children grow up or to grow old with loved ones. Some people probably never got the chance to even raise a family because they fought for us and what our country believed in. The War of 1812 is really important to our country and the people of the United States should keep this wonderful war in their hearts."

Representing Grosse Pointe's parochial schools, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's Maddalena Boyer's essay won the sixth-grade competition.

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# Secure house gives peace of mind

Homeowners often worry about keeping their houses safe and secure for their families.

According to the U. S. Department of Justice, 70 percent of house break-ins are in the form of kick-ins to a door.

Following are easy and affordable ways to ensure a safer house:

◆ Assess the perimeter. Walk around your yard at different times of the day to judge lighting and shadows. Think about how

family members enter and exit the house from different doorways.

Sufficient exterior lighting should be installed near every entrance.

Take a look at the landscaping from an intruder's point of view. Plant some thorny or prickly shrubbery below the windows and next to entrance doors so there's no place for someone to hide in waiting.

◆ Add an alarmed lock. Most alarm systems trig-

*A computer connected to the Internet or Web-enabled cell phone can be programmed to open and close blinds, and much more.*

ger after a door has been opened. However, if you don't have an alarm system, an alarmed lock is a great alternative to instantly hear what's happening at the door. A keyed entry with built-in sensory alarm is now available.

Some can be set to sound an alert when the door has been opened and closed, when it's been tampered with and when there's been a forced entry.

◆ Safeguard the windows. Install quality window locks that keep windows in a closed position.

Manufacturers offer a variety of options to safeguard different types of windows including double-hung and casement windows.

Glass and patio doors should have at least one of the following to prevent them from being opened: a track lock, hinged door bar, insertion pin lock or metal or wood dowel inserted into the track.

A wide-angle eye viewer can be installed on entrance doors to identify

who may be at the door before opening it.

◆ Today's technologies allow people to monitor their house when they are away. A computer connected to the Internet or Web-enabled cell phone can be programmed to turn lights on and off, check the status of the door, grant entry into the house, open and close blinds, and much more.

Home security upgrades provide more protection for the household.

## Factors that might hurt real estate value

It's not always easy to sell a house for a favorable price in today's buyer's market.

A host of other things, some obvious but some not so obvious, can hurt the value of a house as well.

Here's a few:

◆ The location can be the best or worst selling point of a house. Its location goes beyond a neighborhood's reputation.

Homeowners who live in a neighborhood or development with many foreclosures might find those foreclosed properties are hurting their own home's value.

Lots of foreclosures could negatively affect a neighborhood's reputation, which might make a house within that neighborhood less attractive to prospective buyers.

◆ The appearance of the house is another obvious variable that might affect its resale value. Homeowners might want their house to reflect their own individuality, but that's not going to help when the time comes to sell the house.

If the exterior paint is out of the ordinary, it might be wise to choose a more traditional or conservative color before

putting the house up for sale. And if the interior design is especially unique, a more traditional interior decor might help the house sell faster.

◆ Consider the size and style. A house that stands out on the block might be an attention-grabber, but that's not always attractive to prospective buyers.

Most buyers aren't looking for a house that may look out of place like one considerably larger or smaller than the surrounding houses.

◆ In many ways, conformity is not considered an admirable trait. But

when selling a house, conformity could make the difference between a quick sale or one that takes months or years.

When shopping for a house, buyers often shop in certain neighborhoods and towns and might see many different houses within a given Zip code.

Houses that don't conform to others in the area might be difficult to sell.

A two bedroom house in a neighborhood filled with three bedroom houses might have a lesser value, regardless of the neighborhood or how similar its square-footage and exterior is to the sur-

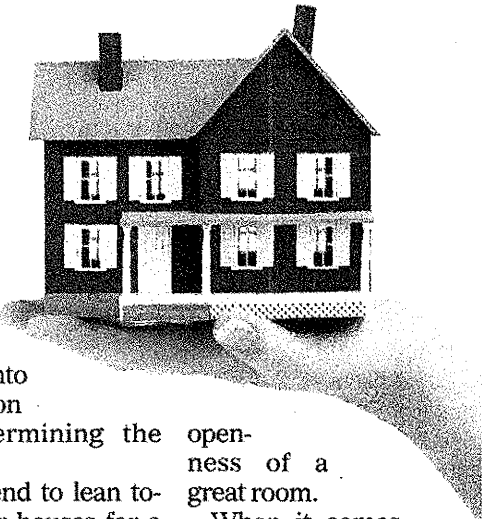
rounding houses.

◆ Older houses might have character and a sense of nostalgia, but appraisers take age into consideration when determining the value.

Buyers tend to lean toward newer houses for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the feeling newer houses have far more modern amenities, such as the

openness of a great room.

When it comes down to value, there are a host of things that could ultimately increase or even decrease the value of a house in the eyes



## Best ice melters

Most homeowners reach for rock salt to clear their driveways and sidewalks during winter.

Rock salt is economical, reliable and easily melts ice in temperatures as low as 5 degrees Fahrenheit.

But when the temperature dips lower, salt alternatives such as magnesium chloride or calcium chloride offer increased melting power.

"Both magnesium chloride and calcium chloride are fast-acting and melt ice and snow at extremely low temperatures," said Jerry Poe, technical director for North American Salt Company. "But because magnesium chloride is nontoxic, it is safer for homeowners, pets and property."

The chemical makeup of pure calcium chloride can burn skin, so it requires homeowners to wear goggles and gloves when applying it. It can also burn pets' paws and draw moisture from plant roots, effectively dehydrating vegetation.

Magnesium chloride is naturally extracted from sea water or brine, produced through solar evaporation. Its chemical makeup is gentler than calcium chloride and is safe for homeowners to handle.

"Many people believe ice melt products cause damage to concrete, but the real culprit is the freeze/thaw cycle," Poe said. "When ice melts, the resulting liquid works its way into cracks in the concrete. When the liquid refreezes, it expands and causes further cracking or spalling."

After using an ice melt product, Poe recommends removing the resulting slush and brine before it has a chance to refreeze. Opting for magnesium chloride rather than calcium chloride will further prevent concrete damage.

"A recent study at Purdue University re-

vealed concrete treated with calcium chloride deteriorated two times faster than concrete treated with magnesium chloride. The calcium chloride chemically attacks concrete, even before freeze/thaw cycles take place," Poe said.

Magnesium chloride used to be available only to ice control professionals. Today it is available to homeowners in several forms — 100 percent

magnesium chloride products or ice melt blends that contain the ingredient.

When evaluating different ice melt products, check the packaging to see if magnesium chloride is part of the product formula, and whether the product is labeled as safe for people, plants and pets.

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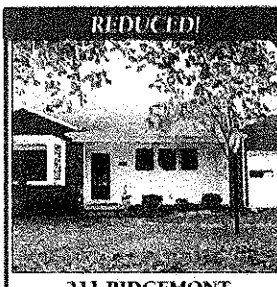
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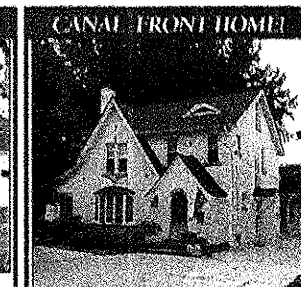
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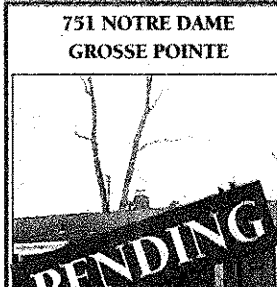
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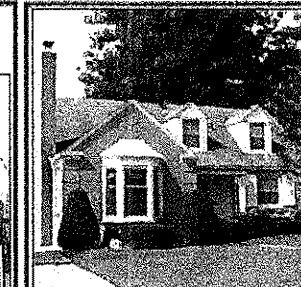
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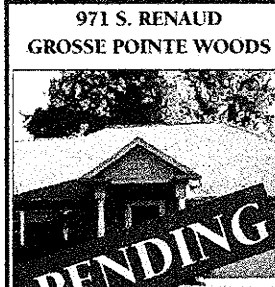
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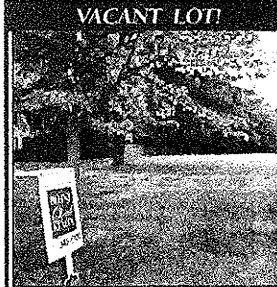
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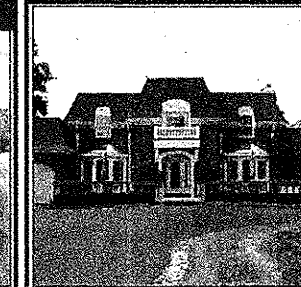
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FOR THE BIRDS By Rosann Kovalcik

# Surviving winter's cold



**T**his is the time of year resident birds are looked upon with empathy and respect — braving the cold of winter, instead of choosing a migration.

Resident birds such as cardinals, black-capped chickadees and white-breasted nuthatches, accomplish this in part by using layers of feathers

they fluff out to trap air for insulation.

The number of feathers a bird has increases in the colder months by as much as 30 percent, adding to their ability to keep out the cold. Smaller birds have more feathers per unit of body weight than larger birds.

Birds' lower legs and feet are tendinous and do not lose heat, as opposed to mammals with fleshy parts exposed. A bird's bill is made of horn similar to human fingernails which also does not suffer heat loss.

Birds use their metabo-

lism to produce heat and run a hotter engine in the winter. They produce this additional heat by consuming more food — up to 20 times more on a winter day than during warmer months.

Their choice of energy-rich foods results in a high concentration of glucose in the blood, creating a higher metabolism. When a bird finds more food than it needs during the winter, it will store the excess food in a handy cache. By design, a higher body temperature also means a higher brain temperature, which results in

better memory — to remember where the extra food was stored.

During cold winter nights, cavity-nesting birds — such as chickadees and nuthatches — will pile into a tree hollow in groups to keep each other warm. Some birds are able to lower their metabolism and body temperature at night, which saves energy. For example, a chickadee's heart rate slows from 2,000 to 500 beats per minute and body temperature drops from 108 degrees to 20 degrees lower during the night.

During daytime, a bird may shiver, with this muscular energy producing heat.

Some birds can store seeds in a crop — an enlargement of the esophagus. This food is used during the night to maintain higher metabolism, especially in finches.

But how does any of this explain the ducks and geese on Lake St. Clair ice? They have an adaptation where the arteries and veins in their feet lie next to each other. The cold returning blood of the veins was warmed by the arterial blood, resulting in

no loss of heat.

Mother Nature does a great job of giving birds the tools they need to survive winter, as long as they can find sufficient food. Stock up those feeders and utilize your strategy for warmth — a hot drink and a fire.

Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit [wbu.com/grossepointe-woods](http://wbu.com/grossepointe-woods). Send questions or comments to [RosannKovalcik@com-cast.net](mailto:RosannKovalcik@com-cast.net).

## Achieve home comfort

Winterizing the house is essential to increase its energy efficiency and comfort during the winter.

In addition to the usual quick fixes, a few tasks need to be done to prepare the interior and exterior for harsh weather:

### Outside

Winter weather can cause the creation of ice dams. Walls of ice can form at the edge of the roof when snow melts and

run down the roof, reaches the cold eaves and refreezes.

Without the proper protection, ice pushes under the shingles, causing leaks into the attic or along exterior walls, resulting in water damage that can be expensive to repair.

Keep an eye out for icicles on the roof throughout the winter. If concerned, hire a roofing contractor to inspect the roof to remove icicles or make

any repairs before problems arise.

If your roofing contractor determines a new roof is needed, use an underlayment in conjunction with high-performance shingles to help shield the house from moisture infiltration.

It's also important to maintain adequate insulation in the attic to prevent ice dams by keeping the attic at the same temperature as the outside with proper ventilation and insulation.

### Inside

In the winter, the warm moist air generated by laundry, showers and other household activities can cause moisture build-up in the house. This moist air becomes a water vapor that transfers through the ceiling into the attic. Proper ventilation helps remove the moisture while it's still a vapor and exhaust it out through the

vents located at the top of the house.

Insulation will help maintain a comfortable temperature inside the house and promote energy efficiency. It can also reduce the amount of heat loss in the house if installed according to the Department of Energy's recommendation for Southeast Michigan's region, Zone 5 — R49 to R60 for an uninsulated attic and R38 to R49 for an existing 3 to 4 inches of insulation. Excessive heat loss through the attic can contribute to ice damming, so proper ventilation and a well-insulated house are part of a healthy roof system.

Most experts agree an attic should have at least a 19 inch deep layer of insulation.

Other energy-efficient updates include caulking, weather stripping or adding an attic stairway insulator.



A home energy audit with a qualified professional ensures a thorough inspection of the roof, in-

stallation and an adequate air sealing system to protect it from the elements this winter.

### Is your roof strong enough?

Building age is a major factor in how much snow a roof can handle. Newer building codes provide better guidance.

Changes in roof elevations where snow drifts and snow falling from an upper roof can build up on the lower roof. For flat roofs, the step-down between roof sections is particularly susceptible to snow overload — especially during windy weather.

Older roofs may be corroded, which can reduce their ability to resist high snow loads.

Buildings with lightweight roofs, such as metal or built up roofs on bar joists, generally provide less protection.

The best source for determining how much snow load a building can handle is the original design plan. Most roof designs can support at least 20 pounds per square foot.

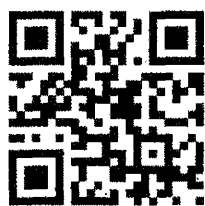
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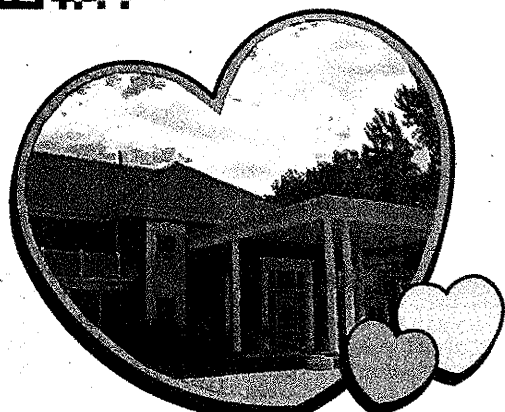
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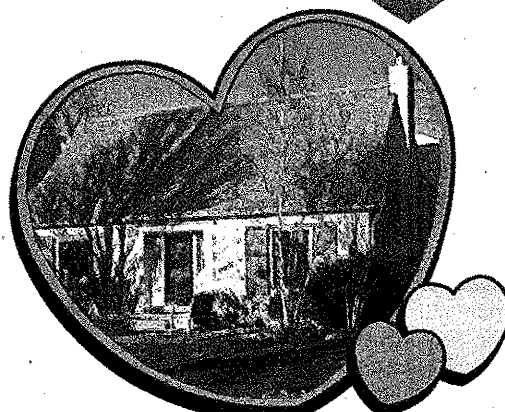


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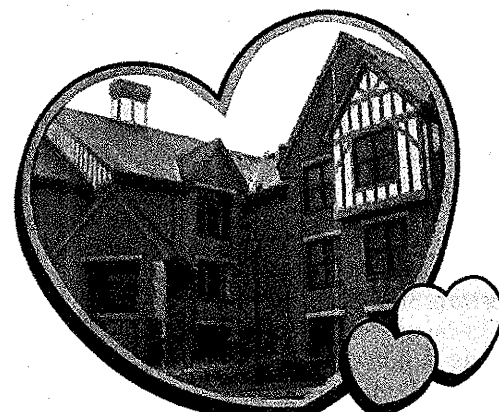
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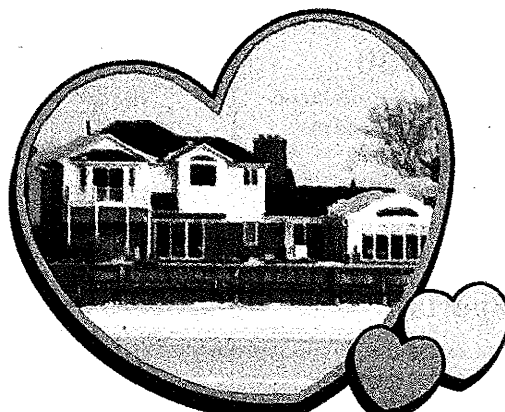
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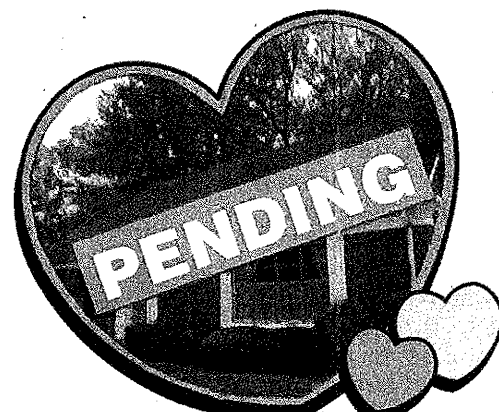
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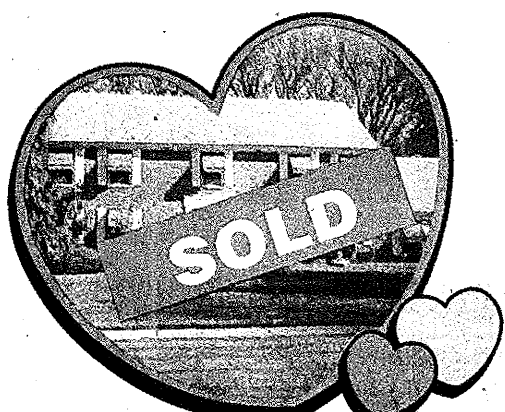
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AUTOS By Jenny King

# Hyundai 'Accents' subcompacts



**K**orean auto maker Hyundai has stoked up the fire under the subcompact market with the recent introduction of its 2012 Accent.

Looking like a preshrunk version of its compact sibling Hyundai Elantra, the redesigned Accent is likely to be a strong opponent in the competitive subcompact market.

And we figure if our few complaints include the sometimes-fussy reverse mode in the six-speed manual transmission and the too-bright Electrolyte Green paint, the 2012 Accent may fare well against its rivals.

Its pluses are legion: good fuel economy ratings, high level of equipment on the tested Accent SE model, quiet ride, great maneuverability, excellent bumper-to-bumper warranty and affordable price.

The Accent is assembled in Ulsan, Korea — 1 percent of its parts are of United States/Canada origin and 91 percent are Korean, including its 1.6-liter engine and six-speed transmissions.

The 2012 Accent is offered in three trim levels: the GLS sedan and SE and GS hatchbacks. All are powered by a 1.6-liter four. Transmissions include a six-speed manual



Hyundai prides itself on the "fluidic designs" of its latest new models. The stylish box-be-gone lines of the 2012 Accent five-door hatchback is a case in point. The trunk of the fourth-generation Accent is adequate and there's adequate room in the rear seat area for passengers.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

and six-speed automatic with overdrive lock-up torque converter. The manual transmission is standard on all models.

The sedan starts at \$12,445; the five-door hatchback starts at \$14,595. The SE hatchback we drove had a sticker price of \$15,925. Delivery charges did not appear to be included.

Fuel economy numbers for the hatchback SE with six-speed manual transmission were 30 miles per gallon average city and 40 mpg average highway.

SE hatchback is rated at 30 city/40 highway.

Hyundai's four-banger delivers 138 horsepower. The 1.6-liter engine in the Accent is Hyundai's new aluminum Gamma gasoline direct-injection engine which the company says is the first of its kind in the subcompact segment.

Hyundai explains the application of dual continuously variable valve timing on both intake and exhaust camshafts allows for increased efficiency, improved fuel economy and reduced emissions. Other ele-

ments resulting in reduced fuel consumption include an alternator management system, an offset crankshaft design, variable induction system and electronic throttle control.

For its \$14,595 suggested price, the GS five-door brings a fair amount of equipment to the table.

Standard are: power windows and door locks, four-channel/four-wheel antilock brakes with electronic brake force distribution, electronic stability control with traction control and vehicle stability management. The six-

speed manual is standard as are 14-inch wheels. So is air conditioning, remote keyless entry and six air bags. Cruise control is an option.

The GLS four-door sedan starts at \$12,445 but is spartan. For example, it is wired for radio but does not come with one as standard.

When shopping for subcompacts, take a close look at what is standard and which preferred features are optional. The lower the base price on an entry-level model, the less likely that vehicle is to include things most as-

sume are there.

Here are some comparisons between Accent and competitors Fiesta and Fit: The Accent wheelbase is some three inches longer than that of Fiesta and Fit while its overall length is the same. Accent is slightly narrower than Fiesta and its overall height is one to three inches lower. These three subcompacts as well as others in the segment weigh in the 2,400 to 2,500-pound range.

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

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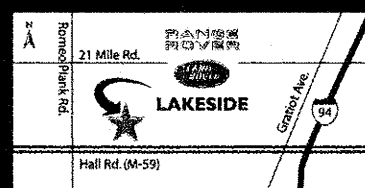
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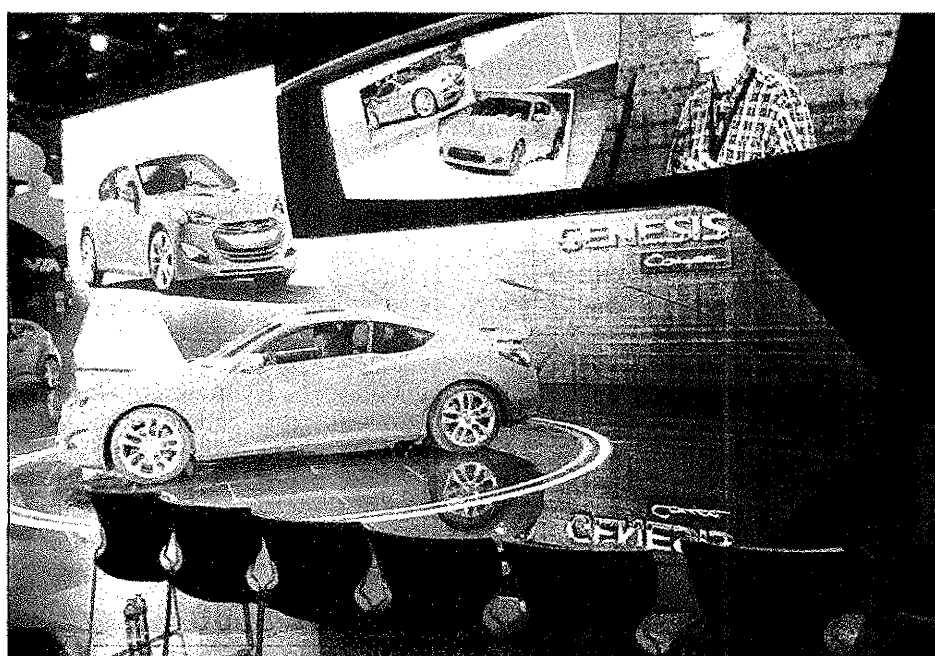


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# NALAS preshow unveiling

Concept vehicles, left to right, from Renault, Honda and the eMO, by Tata Technologies, were unveiled Jan. 8 on the Michelin Design Challenge stand outside the main show area of North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center, Detroit. The 2013 Genesis Coupe; below, was a highlight of the Hyundai stage at the 2012 NAIAS.

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# Remy-powered electric AMP GCE revealed

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The SUV combines two of Remy's road-tested HVH 250 electric motors with AMP's proprietary technology for SUVs and full-sized vehicles. The AMP GCE provides a competitive entry point for companies to add "green" vehicles to their fleet, and an attractive consumer alternative in the retail market.

"We are proud to be partnered with AMP Electric Vehicles as its long-term supplier of electric traction motors," said Kent Jones, Remy's vice president of hybrid sales. "Our electric motors and their technology are a perfect match in this growing industry. We look forward to a successful launch and many future collaborations."

"Beginning with a world-class vehicle, the Jeep Grand Cherokee, and adding AMP's electrification results in the AMP GCE which offers everything SUV customers expect: smooth powerful performance, zero emissions, up to a 100-mile range in the refined package of a proven, world class SUV," said Steve Burns, AMP founder and president. "Remy's proven, powerful electric motor completes the package and provides the

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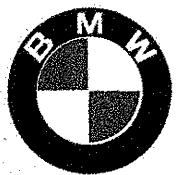
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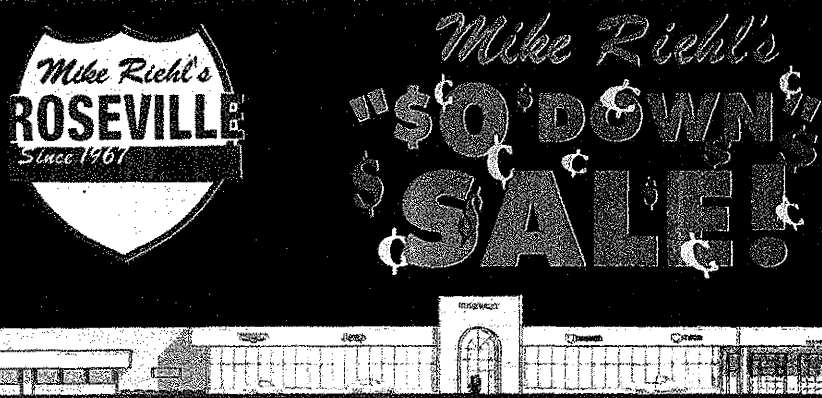
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# SPORTS

## HOCKEY

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

## North's Bennett wins No. 500

By John McTaggart  
Sports Columnist

There couldn't have been a more fitting way for Gary Bennett to capture his 500th career win last Friday night as the girls basketball head coach at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The milestone win came after his squad ousted the Macomb Area Conference Red's top team, Macomb Dakota, 43-36, in front of the home crowd.

Taryn Kiah (9 points) and Maria Liddane (12 points) led the charge in the stat book, but the entire team left every ounce of themselves and their basketball abilities out on the floor.

They jumped out to a quick lead, outscoring the Lady Cougars, 24-15, in the first half. They nearly gave up the lead in the third quarter, but battled and worked hard to secure the 43-36 win.

After the game, there were kind words spoken about Bennett's career at North. There were balloons and signs, and chants of "Ga-ry Bennett" from students, and standing ovations.

The coach was presented the game ball and received nearly as many handshakes and hugs

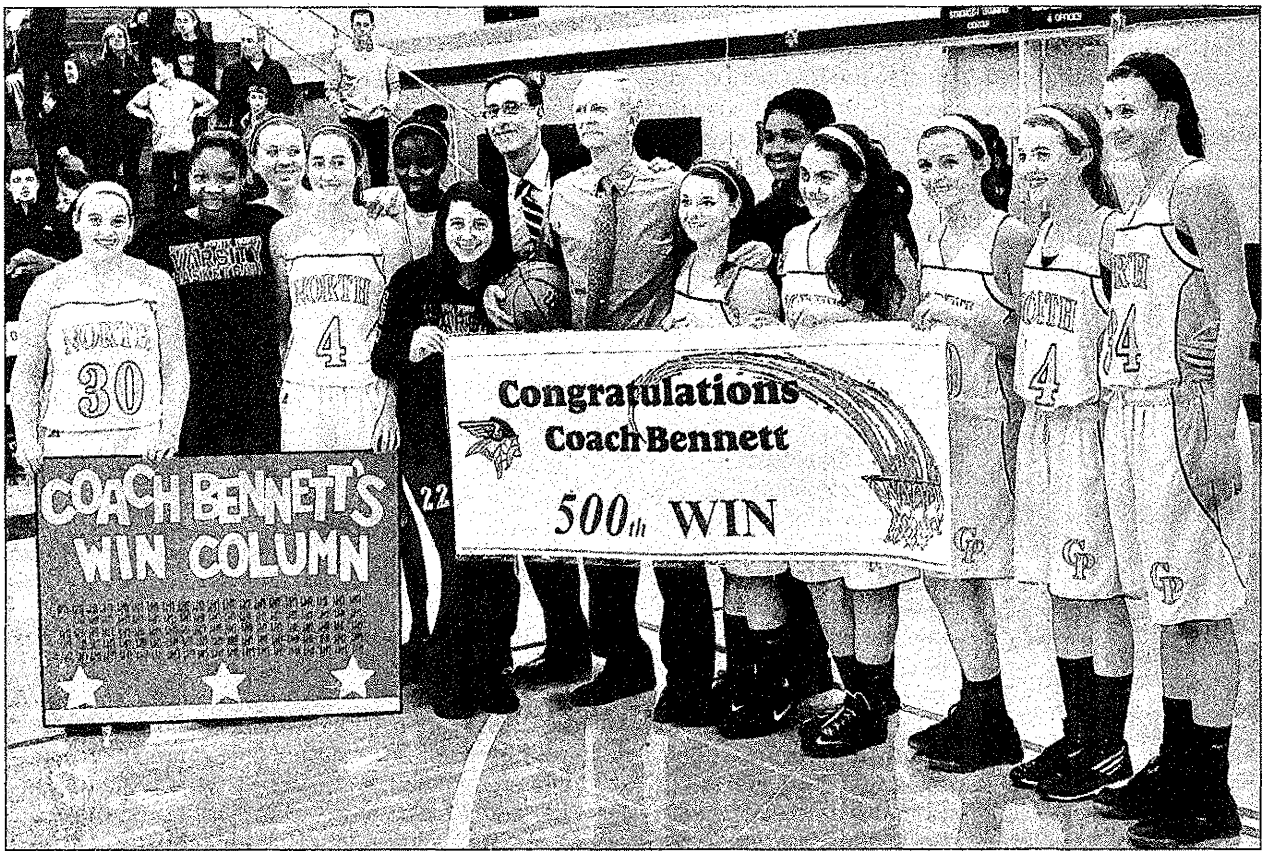


PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Head coach Gary Bennett, center, is surrounded by his players and coaches after winning his 500th career game against Dakota.

from players, colleagues and fans as victories he'd earned over the years.

It was a special evening for a very special coach.

In a profession where I am required to be unbiased, I found myself Friday night, looking through the viewfinder of my camera, jotting down notes about the game, and applauding, smiling, and

being extremely happy for a coach who deserves the recognition and celebration.

More importantly, I was happy this year's team was the one that carried Bennett to No. 500.

Admittedly, they're not the most experienced, most gifted, most successful team the longtime coach has ever directed

from the bench.

They're not tall, or fast, or athletic. And they're certainly not the team with the highest basketball instincts and natural ability.

What they are, however, is a collection of teenagers who honor their coach and his legacy with tireless effort and hard work. It is this fact that makes

them special indeed.

Bennett has never asked for anything more than that from his teams — to work hard, to give their best effort and to be satisfied with those two things, regardless of the outcome.

If only more high school coaches could adhere to this philosophy. If only more could use effort as

the standard of success, instead of wins and losses.

The game would be better for it, as would the world.

See, although Bennett has won a remarkable 500 games since the first time he was introduced as the head girls basketball coach at Grosse Pointe North, there's a more important statistic to keep in mind.

That's the number of young women the coach has influenced, impacted and helped shape into upstanding and incredible adults.

The same number of young women who learned about hard work and effort, about teamwork and confidence, about the true definition of success — about life beyond the halls of Grosse Pointe North simply by donning a Lady Norsemen jersey since Bennett's career began.

That number, in my opinion, is the most amazing statistic and most important milestone of the coach's career.

Don't get me wrong, I celebrate with you the fact that Bennett reached this mark. Heck, I would like to see the school rename the gym in his honor and inscribe his name across the floor.

## Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

## Gymnasts break school record

The Grosse Pointe varsity gymnastics team beat Birmingham United last week, 142.85-135.05, and in the process set a new school record.

The previous school record of 141.65 was set by last year's squad.

"This is such an experienced and talented group, and we all believed that we were capable of this kind of score," head coach Courtney Law said. "Even though this is the school record, and a great achievement, I actually think we still have some room to improve and score even higher, which is exciting."

Grosse Pointe started off strong on the vault with Madi Kaiser scoring a team and event high of 8.9, followed by Aubryn Samaroo at 8.8 and Emma Abessinio at 8.75.

All of Grosse Pointe's vaulters earned regional

qualifying scores, including Emily Griffith who returned to competition for the first time in almost two years.

Other Grosse Pointe scores on vault included Sarah Fentin and Ashley Krynski with 8.55, Fran Kay with 8.5, Madi Bush with 8.15, Griffith with 8.05, and Caitlin Gaitley with 8.0.

Moving to the bars, Kaiser again led the team and took second overall on the event with a personal-best score of 9.0. Also scoring a personal best on the event was Samaroo with an 8.15 and Fentin with an 8.45.

Abessinio contributed an 8.6 to the team total here and in the next rotation, she scored a 9.5 on the balance beam to win it.

Fentin had a 9.2 and Kaiser a 9.0. Kay chipped in with a season-best

8.85. Also competing well in Grosse Pointe's deep beam lineup were Emily Huguenin, Amy Olson, Megan Curran, Anna Brucker and Gaitley.

Rotating to the floor for the last rotation, the team sealed the win with solid performances from start to finish.

Brucker led off with a personal best score of 7.65 and Bush and Curran both scored 8.2's to qualify for the regional meet for the first time.

Gaitley and Krynski scored 8.35 and 8.65, and Grosse Pointe then ended the meet with five scores in the nine range including Kay (9.0), Fentin (9.1), Kaiser (9.25), Abessinio (9.35) and Samaroo with a 9.4.

"This was a total team performance tonight," Law said. "We have really strong routines through-

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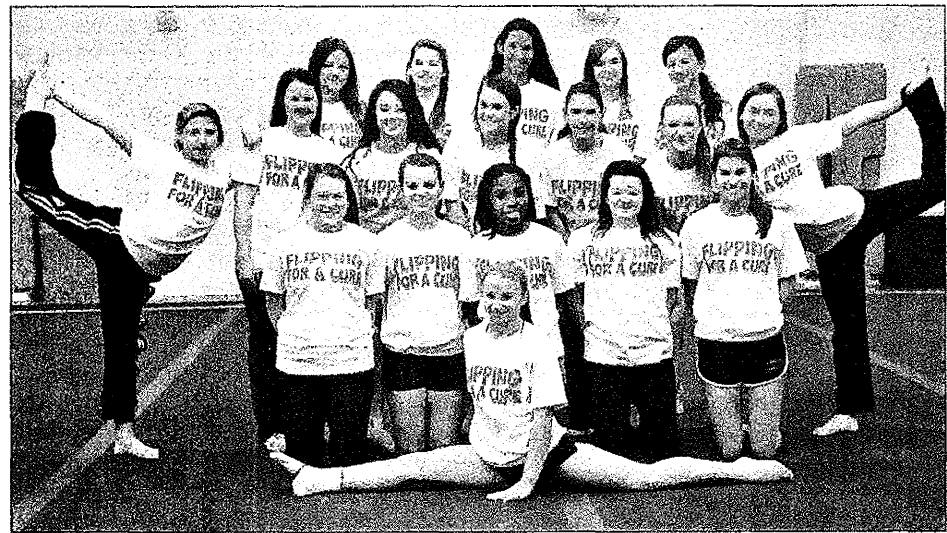


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Grosse Pointe United gymnasts don the pink shirts they will wear during the Feb. 15 tri-meet, supporting cancer research.



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## Girls hockey

## RIVALS

## Cusmano's hat trick leads North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team swept its regular season series with city rival University Liggett last week, winning 4-2 on home ice.

Two weeks prior, the Norsemen beat the Knights 6-4 at McCann.

"We're playing focused

and as a team," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We struggled in the first period and every once in a while we tend to zone out. However, we turned it around and played very well the final two periods."

North senior Jennifer Cusmano is making a serious bid to win the prestigious Miss Hockey

award. She scored another hat trick, including an insurance goal with 5:41.

She muscled her way through two Knights defenders and buried her shot top shelf to give the host Norsemen a big two-goal cushion.

The Knights played well in the first period and led 1-0 on a goal by senior Haleigh Bolton. She scored at the 10:25 mark. The Knights led 1-0, despite being outshot 12-4.

After that point, the Norsemen dominated the game. In the second and third periods, the Norsemen outshot the Knights 23-9 and put four goals past freshman goalie Jenna Pleva.

Cusmano scored at the 12:13 mark of the second period, tying it 1-1 and junior Julia Henderson tallied at the 6:51 mark, giving the Norsemen a 2-1 lead after the second stanza.

Cusmano had goal No. 2 early in the third period, making it a 3-1 game, but Bolton was credited with her second goal when her shot deflected off a Norsemen defender's skate and past senior goalie Emma Huellmantel.

North won the shot to-



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North's Jennifer Cusmano, No. 9, was a one-person wrecking crew, scoring a hat trick to help the Norsemen beat Liggett.



Liggett's Haleigh Bolton scored both the Knights' goals in a tough defeat to the Norsemen.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils blank CK

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team won the home-and-home series with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

The Blue Devils won 3-0 at Wallace Arena and returned home to City Arena and edged the Cranes 1-0.

Goalie Anastasia Diamond played a huge role in the Blue Devils sweeping the two division games and staying in contention for the top spot.

Head coach Joe Provenzano preached he wants his players to get better as the season nears

the state playoffs.

After a few bumps in the road, it looks as if the Blue Devils are in playoff mode and the victories put them in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings with 23 points, 11-3-1.

Grosse Pointe North is in first place at 14-2. However, if North loses one more game, South gets a chance to win the regular season title by beating its city rival in a game Wednesday, Feb. 29, at City Arena.

—Bob St. John



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Cara Monforton played an instrumental role in helping the Blue Devils sweep two games from Cranbrook Kingswood.

GYMNASTS:  
Ladies break record

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out the entire lineup. We have already qualified 10 girls to the regional meet and that depth is definitely going to help us there."

Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics is teaming up with Troy Athens-Avonendale and Troy High School and "Flipping For A Cure" to benefit breast cancer research with a Pink Meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grosse Pointe North.

The gymnastics teams are raising funds to donate to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. All gate admission proceeds from the meet will be donated.

Grosse Pointe gymnasts are also selling specially-designed pink T-shirts for the event for \$10, and all profits will be put towards the donation.

The team will also collect individual donations at the door.

"We are honored to host this fundraising meet, and to make a contribution in the fight against breast cancer, which unfortunately continues to impact so many families in every community," Law said.

Grosse Pointe, Athens-Avonendale, and Troy are some of the top high school teams in the state. Donations can also be sent directly to Grosse Pointe North's Athletic Office, attn: Pink Meet, and checks can be made out to either Grosse Pointe Public Schools or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

## Boys hockey

## LIGGETT

## Hat trick leads ULS

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Jake Jerome had his first varsity hat trick to help host University Liggett boys' hockey team to an 8-3 win over Marysville last week.

"We've been in this pattern for a while now," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We played two great periods and then relax in the third. We did it once again tonight, but we won."

Jerome scored his first goal, on the man advantage, at the 10:31 mark of the second period. He



PHOTO BY BRAD PETITPREN

Liggett sophomore Jake Jerome, pictured scoring a spectacular goal in a recent game against Hancock, recorded a hat trick against a very good Marysville squad.

completed the hat trick with two third-period goals at the 5:10 mark and 1:50 mark.

Sophomore William Yates assisted the first goal, while seniors David Gushee and Jake Hodges assisted on the second. Yates and Gushee had the assists on the final tally.

In the opening period, senior Austin Petitpren scored at the 12:28 mark with junior Mark Auk netting an assist.

Only 1:03 later, junior Jake Soyka lit the lamp to give the home team a 2-0 lead.

It took the home team just 17 seconds to get on

the board in the second period when Yates scored, assisted by junior Manny Counsman, and Soyka scored his second tally of the game at the 3:57 mark with Auk and Counsman netting assists.

Liggett improved to 15-2 overall.

## NORTH &amp; SOUTH

## South wins; North splits

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team continued its winning streak last weekend, beating host Midland 4-3 in overtime.

Senior Cam Gibson netted the game-winner in the extra session.

Neither team scored in the opening period, but the squads combined for five goals in the second period with the Blue Devils leading 3-2.

Midland scored the lone goal in the final stanza, sending the game to OT.

Head coach Jamie Bufalino's squad is playing with a ton of confidence. The win over Midland gave South a 13-4 overall record that includes a nine game winning streak, beginning with a 9-3 win over Cadillac Dec. 17.

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team splits its division games last week, losing 4-0 to

Orchard Lake St. Mary's and beating U-D Jesuit 3-1.

Head coach Scott Lock and the Norsemen couldn't get any of their 24 shots past Eagles' goaltender Austin Julvezan.

After a couple of tough days of practice, the Norsemen came back to beat the Cubs behind goalie Chip Wujek, who stopped 24-of-25 shots, and J.P. Lucchese, who scored two goals.

Anthony Saleh assisted the first tally and Joe Aluia and Jack Stander assisted the second.

The Cubs got on the board in the second period, but Brad Werenski's power-play goal, assisted by David Chavis and Joey Giordano, put the finishing touches on the victory.

Grosse Pointe North is 5-9 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 7-10 overall.



Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen drop two

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

It's tough for anyone to put a finger on what's happening on the basketball court at Grosse Pointe North.

The boys' basketball team can look brilliant for 16 minutes, then terrible for another 16 minutes.

Such was the case last Thursday evening against Warren Cousino. The host Norsemen looked very good in the opening half only to lose to the Patriots, 63-54, after a dismal second half performance.

"Tonight's game was rough," North senior Jamal Williams said. "We started out good then just didn't finish it. We just haven't been able to play a whole game."

Against Cousino, North jumped out to a 12-5 lead in the opening quarter before the Patriots battled back to make it 16-13 heading into the second quarter.

North continued its solid play in the second, outscoring its Macomb Area Conference White rivals, 12-9, and taking a

six-point lead into the break, 28-22.

"I thought we were playing pretty good in the first half," Williams said. "Then we just lost it."

The wheels did fall off North's wagon in the second half.

Building on a 7-1 run to open the third quarter, Cousino ripped through the second half, outscoring North by 15 points en route to the victory.

"It's simple," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We gave up 22 points in the first half, 41 points in the second. We're just not playing for a full game."

These 16-minute meltdowns have plagued North. Against both Utica and East Detroit, the team's previous two opponents and division rivals, the squad put together one solid half, and one half that was less than what the team is capable of, Lockhart said.

"We're just collapsing," Lockhart said. "We've got to figure out why that's happening. The game's 32 minutes long. The last six, seven games you can watch us and there's been one bad half. We break

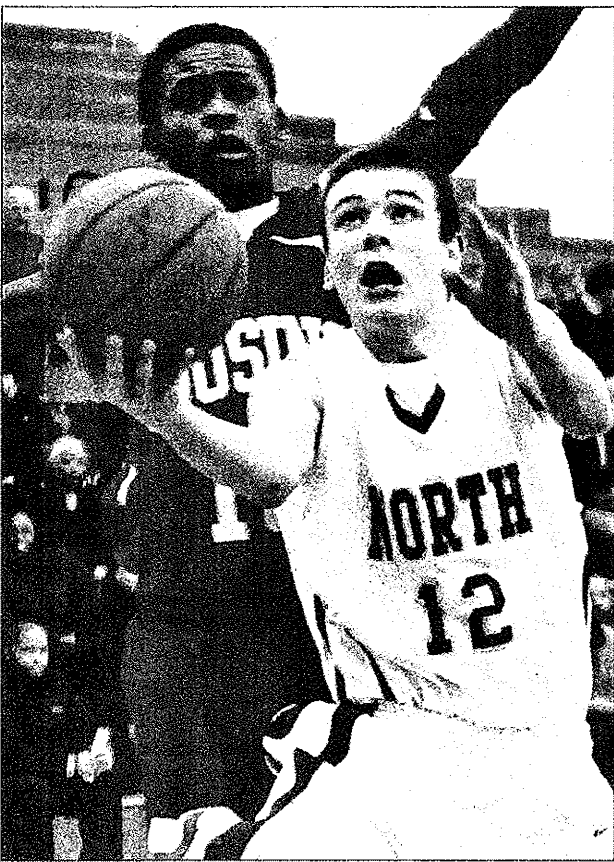


PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Clark Ditzhazy, No. 12, drives in for two points in the Norsemen's tough loss to Cousino.

down and give up layups, they (Cousino) had four of those in the fourth quarter tonight. You're never going to win doing that, especially against good teams. Never."

How does the team fix this problem?

"I think our heads just aren't in it sometimes," Williams said. "It seems like when we get down and start losing, we start to put our heads down. As a team we gotta get better. That's all. We got to be

able to push through that and start playing a whole game. It's not the coaches, or anything like that. It's us, the players. We're out there. We got get better. That's it."

Williams and fellow senior, Clark Ditzhazy, poured in 9 points for North, which fell to 7-7 overall and 4-4 in the MAC White.

Earlier in the week, Williams had 22 points in North's 68-58 loss to division co-leader Utica.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils inch closer

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team remained perfect in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last week, beating Warren Fitzgerald 48-39, and Utica, 56-22.

"Every team is going to give us their best game the second time around our division schedule," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We have some tough match-ups ahead of us and we look forward to those."

"The tougher games will make us better as the state playoffs roll around."

The host Blue Devils found themselves in a battle against Fitzgerald, tied at 35 midway through the fourth quarter.

They were able to generate a couple of huge turnovers that turned into transition layups and the tight game turned into a nine-point victory. It was the closest division game this winter for the home team.

Junior Claire DeBoer had 19 points to lead the

Blue Devils. Senior Caitlin Moore added 16 points and freshman Cierra Rice had six.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 19-4 first-quarter lead against Utica. They used a trapping defense to perfection, forcing several turnovers that helped them increase the lead from 15 points to 28 at the half, 35-7.

"We got after them in the first half and used our defensive pressure to score points in transition," Richards said.

The Blue Devils put their game in cruise control in the second half and won another division game by double digits.

Moore had a team-leading 16 points, followed by Rice with 11. Four players scored four points — DeBoer, senior Carmen Engel, senior Cathy Palazzolo and junior Gretchen Shirar. Ten players scored for the Blue Devils.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 8-0 in the MAC White Division and 14-2 overall.

Warren Cousino stayed a game behind South in the standings.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Close losses

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team needs a miracle to capture a share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division title after dropping two games last week.

The Blue Devils lost 48-43 to division co-leader Utica last weekend. They never found a rhythm until the fourth quarter.

The Chieftains led 13-7 after the first quarter and 24-14 at the half. Neither team shot the ball well in the opening half and turnovers were a problem for both teams.

The Blue Devils were fortunate to trail by only 10 points since the Chieftains created several turnovers late in the second quarter, but never turned those possessions into points.

Head coach Dave Grauzer's squad contin-

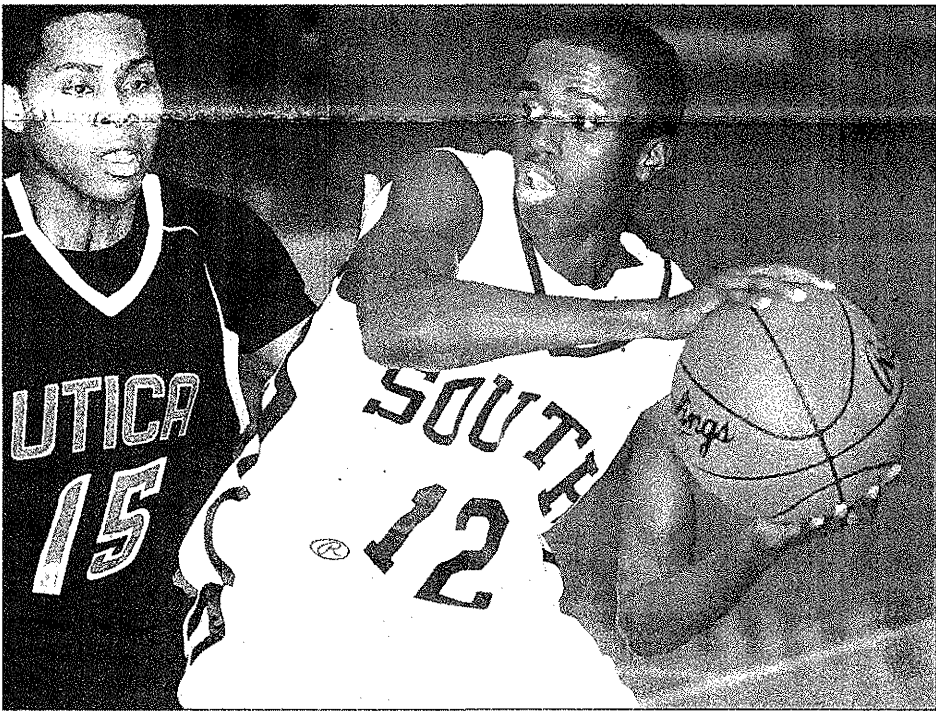


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Jabari Burton drives through the lane in the Blue Devils' division loss to Utica.

ued its offensive woes in the third stanza, scoring only nine points to fall behind 37-23.

The defense turned up the heat in the latter stages of the third quarter and into the fourth when they made a run.

At one point, the Blue Devils cut the deficit to 39-35 and had possession of

the ball. However, a couple of missed shots and turnovers allowed Utica to pull away down the stretch.

Senior Joe Srebernak led the way with 10 points, followed by senior Kevin Reck with eight, senior Matt Temrowski with seven and senior Tim Kramer with six. Six other players

scored two points apiece.

Earlier in the week, South lost 50-46 to the other division co-leader, Eastpointe East Detroit.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 2-6 in the MAC White Division and 5-9 overall. Of the Blue Devils' six division losses, five have been by five or four points.

LIGGETT

# Evangelista lifts Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' basketball team scored more points than the Detroit Pistons do in the first half of its 75-21 win over visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian last week.

The Knights scored 29 first-quarter points and added 22 in the second to put 51 points on the scoreboard in the first half.

Oakland Christian, the 2009 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference champion who did not field a varsity squad last winter, struggled to score six first-half points.

"We forced them into

turnovers and our defense was very strong and they got after them," head coach Joe LaMagno said.

Sophomore Lia Evangelista scored a career-high 18 points and senior Madison Ristovski also tallied 18 as the Knights jumped out to a 17-2 lead.

Freshman Lola Ristovski added 16 points, followed by freshman Jessica Rotzoll with eight, junior Haleigh Ristovski with seven, senior Andriana Evangelista with four and freshman Haley Neuenfeldt with four.

Last weekend, Liggett crushed visiting Southfield Christian 74-22, improving to 8-0 in the MIAC and 11-3 overall.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

# MIAC defeat

University Liggett senior Eddie Thomas, No. 22, goes up to block a shot during the Knights' 77-73 loss to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foe Southfield Christian. Junior Eric Ewing scored 34 points, but it wasn't enough as the Knights fell to 5-3 in the MIAC and 6-5 overall. Southfield Christian is in first place in the MIAC Blue Division and 9-0 overall.

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SPORTS

Swimming

South beats North, wins dual title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team continued its dominance over city rival Grosse Pointe North last week, winning 114-72. With the victory, South wrapped up the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet championship. The visiting Blue Devils won only seven of the 12 events, but winning all three relays paid huge dividends in the final point total.

In the 200-yard medley relay, South's Patrick Jackson, Luke Hessburg, Nicholas Yoo and Devlin Francis won with a time of 1:43.01 and North's foursome of Matthew Leone, Christian Mellos, Justin Rakowicz and Peter Shea was second at 1:44.10. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Blue Devils' squad of Frank Cusumano, Zachary Due, Samuel Wilkinson and John Martin had a first-place time of 1:41.51 and the Norsemen's team of Graham Eger, Michael Jansenn, A.J. Owens and

Shea had a second-place time of 1:45.13. South wrapped up the win as the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Francis, Jackson, Martin and Yoo won with a time of 3:34.37 and North's Rakowicz, Owens, Shea and Mellos placed second at 3:40.34. In the individual events, North won 5-4. Mellos won the 200-yard individual medley with a state-qualifying time of 2:03.75 and James McNelis easily won the diving competition with a score of 295.65 points. He

was nearly 95 points ahead of his nearest competitor. Rakowicz won the 100-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 49.83 and came back to capture the next event, the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:10.06. Leone was the Norsemen's final individual winner, taking the top spot in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.86. South's individual event winners were Martin in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.49;

Jackson in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.32; Yoo in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.42; and Hessburg in the 100-yard breaststroke with a state-qualifying time of 1:00.91. Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils had other solid performances. The 200-yard medley relay team of Chris Montague, Tyler Leggat, Samuel Wilkinson and C.J. Stafford took third and Due was third in the 200-yard freestyle. The Blue Devils took

second, third and fourth in the 200-yard IM with Yoo, Francis and Jonathan Griffin posting the honors. North head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Eger, Anthony Cafagna and Chris Ghanem in the 50-yard freestyle; Rakowicz and Stuart Haigh in the 100-yard freestyle; Leone and Ryhs Williams in the 100-yard backstroke; Evan Williams in the 100-yard butterfly; Michael Rieth in the 200-yard IM; and divers McNelis and Eger.

LIGGETT

Knights win 2-of-3, climb to nine wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team is 9-3 after winning two of its last three meets. The Knights beat Warren Fitzgerald and Ann Arbor Greenhills, but lost a two-point outcome to Hazel Park, despite winning 9-of-11 events. In the Greenhills meet last week, freshmen Kacie Wuthrich and Renata Szymanski recorded their first first-place finishes in

an individual event, taking the top spot in the 100-backstroke and 100-breaststroke with times of 1:23.83 and 1:33.07, respectively. Connor Borrego went a season best 4:41.76 to win the 400-freestyle, while Mallory Jamett's time of 5:02.89 in the same event was good enough for a season best. Other top performers against Greenhills were Jamett and Paul Sidhu in the 200-freestyle; Kara Zmyslowski in the 200-

IM; Borrego, Szymanski and Wuthrich in the 50-freestyle; Steven Kneiser in diving; Zmyslowski in the 100-butterfly; Billy Marx, Patrick Monahan and Caleb Ninivaggi in the 100-freestyle; Wuthrich, Sidhu and Monahan in the 100-backstroke; and Szymanski and Ninivaggi in the 100-breaststroke. The Knights' 400-freestyle relay team of Marx, Zmyslowski, Jamett and Borrego took second with a time of

4:27.01. Against Fitzgerald, Borrego and Jamett took first and second in the 200-freestyle with times of 2:04.38 and 2:08.36, while the duo of Zmyslowski and Wuthrich duplicated the feat in the next event, the 200-IM, posting times of 2:30.84 and 2:44.70, respectively. Kneiser won the diving competition with 126.30 points and Julia Grimm won the 100-butterfly with a time of 1:25.50.

The Knights took a substantial lead after taking first and second in the 200-freestyle relay. Szymanski, Ninivaggi, Kneiser and Grimm won with a time of 1:39.70 and the squad of Zmyslowski, Monahan, Jamett and Borrego took second at 1:45.53. The 400-freestyle relay foursome of Monahan, Wuthrich, Kneiser and Borrego won with a time of 4:19.81, and the trio of Borrego, Szymanski and Grimm took first, second

and third in the 100-breaststroke with times of 1:11.75, 1:25.22 and 1:32.49, respectively. In the 100-backstroke, Zmyslowski and Wuthrich placed first and second with times of 1:10.90 and 1:16.84. Jamett, Borrego and Zmyslowski won individual events in the loss to Hazel Park and the Knights won each of the three relay events. However, Hazel Park had a little more depth in the end.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

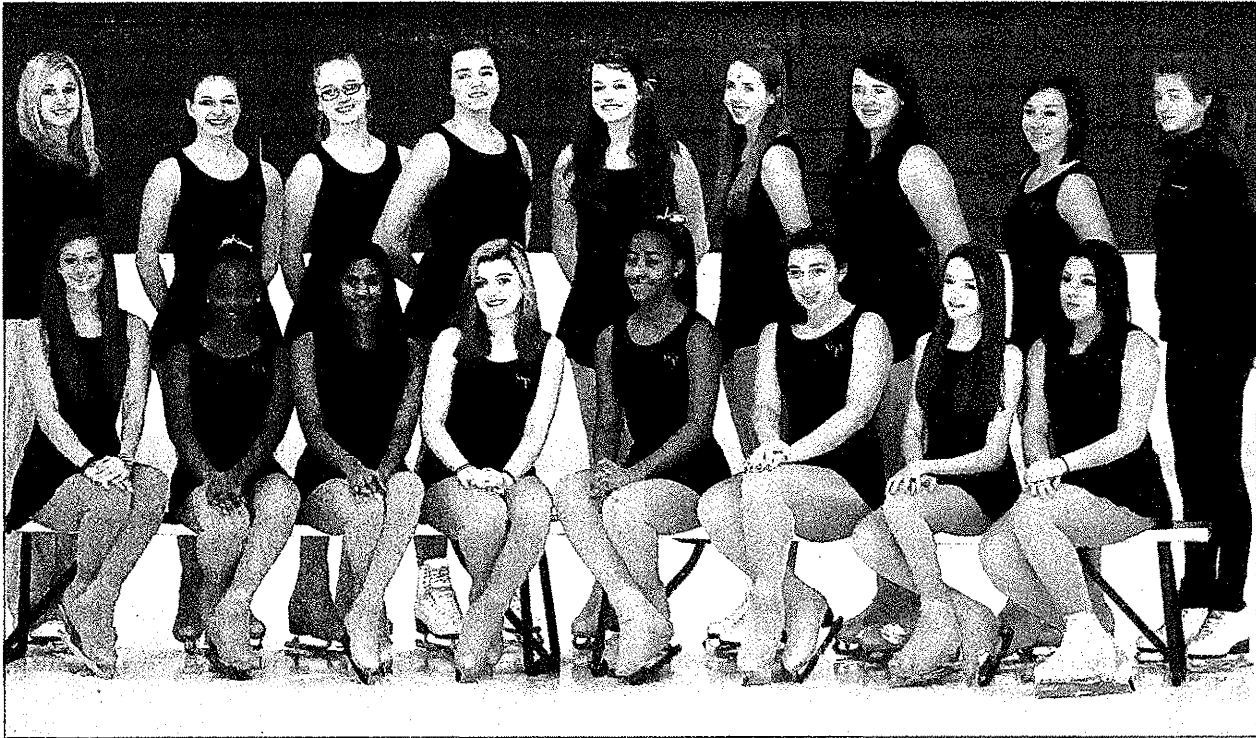


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Grosse Pointe figure skaters and coaches have done well so far this season. The regular season winds down in the next few weeks.

Grosse Pointe teams on target

The Grosse Pointe figure skating team is proof of the toughness and athleticism in the sport of figure skating. Skaters practice as a team one day each week, while each skater also maintains her own individual skating schedule, as well as additional hours of ballet and resistance training. All of the skaters also train and compete individually in United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) — sanctioned freestyle events or they may be a member of a synchronized skating team which has its own extensive practice and competition schedule. This season's team is composed of 16 skaters from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. This year, Grosse Pointe was moved to District No. 1, a highly competitive district which hosts high school teams from Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Birmingham, Christian Combined, Berkley, Royal Oak, Regina and Detroit

Country Day, Marian, Cranbrook Kingswood (CDMCK). The skating team competes at three levels — A, B and C — and skater placement within these levels is dependent on which USFSA freestyle test each skater has passed. Level A placed fifth overall in the first district competition. A strategic rearrangement of different elements combined with the team's hard work reversed this result in the second season competition. The team rose in the standings, placing second in jumps, moves, and spins, and ranking them second for the competition overall. Currently, they hold fourth place in the district, only two points out of third. The goal is to keep their competitive edge and break into the ranks of top three at the next competition. Kimberly Morawski, overall team captain, and Miranda Caruso, A team captain,

join other skaters on A Team, Shayna Whitfield, Shayla Whitfield, Paige Pringle and Mackenzie Clark. After their first competition, the Level B Team placed second in moves and first in jumps, pushing them to the top of the leader board for its level in the district. They finished fifth after their second competition and due to their high marks from the first competition, presently hold third place overall in the district and are in position to qualify for the state championship. The B Team skaters look forward to the third season competition and hope to improve or maintain their standings and advance to States. The B Team is composed of captain Stephanie Shenouda, Amanda Shenouda, Katie Butler, Jessica Gabel, Nicole Lubinski and Alexandra Kaul. The Level C Team is leading its bracket in the district after nearly dominating all events, taking first place in both district

competitions and receiving four first places and two second places in their six events. They show their strength as a team at each competition. This ranks them first overall for the district. They are in excellent position to advance to states. Captain Kaylee Dall, Kamala Kanneganti, Katrina Elsey and Samantha Houmani make up the C Team roster. "The Grosse Pointe skating team is not only committed to working hard and practicing to prepare for competitions, but they also have a great bond with each other," said head coach Michelle Rosinski. "They are very close as a team and are always encouraging their teammates to do their best. It's fun and exciting as their coach to see them progress throughout the season and put out their best at every competition." The three teams will bring their best to the final district competition of the season March 4 at the Suburban Onyx Arena.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Duo earn silver medal

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team finished sixth in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference White Division Tournament. Macomb Dakota won the title with 204 points, followed by Port Huron Northern with 119, Utica with 108.5, L'Anse Creuse North with 101, Sterling Heights Stevenson with 98.5, Grosse Pointe North with 51, Utica Eisenhower with 42 and Port Huron with 39. Head coach Eric Julien has upped the level of practice the last few weeks in anticipation of this tournament and the state playoffs. The Norsemen had four medalists, including senior Patrick Salazar and sophomore Andrew Lock. Salazar earned a silver medal in the 119-pound class, losing a 7-3 decision to Stevenson's Dominic Patrus, while Lock also took home a silver medal, losing a 12-2 major deci-

sion to Dakota's Alex Bozinovski. Other medalists were juniors Mike Bennett and Paul Menth. Bennett won the consolation final in the 125-pound class, taking a 7-3 decision over Eisenhower's John Zajac, and Menth also won his consolation final in the 140-pound class, edging Northern's Jordan McGregor 7-5. Earlier in the week, Julien had a chance to compete against his father when North battled Fraser on senior day. The Norsemen lost 58-20, falling to 4-11-1 overall. Julien said voids have been a problem all season and he had to give up 30 points to voids against the host Ramblers. Salazar, junior Damon Barbee, Menth and Lock won their matches. Losing tough matches were Bennett, freshman Mike Bowden, sophomore Adam Roach and junior Marcel Taylor.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Yglesias wins gold medal

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team placed seventh in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Gold Division Tournament. Warren Lincoln won the championship with 196 points, followed by St. Clair with 174.5, Clawson with 167, St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 73.5, Center Line with 53.5, New Haven with 47, Grosse Pointe South with 29.5 and Mount Clemens

with four. Head coach Greg Snider and the Blue Devils had one highlight. Freshman Jeshua Yglesias won a gold medal, beating St. Clair's Tucker McGinnis 4-2 in the title match of the 112-pound class. Sophomore Alex Manchester also medaled, losing his consolation title match in the 119-pound class, 5-2, to St. Clair's Marcus Hill.



# 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.

## Robert Jackson France

Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert Jackson France M.D., 64, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012.

He was born in Detroit to Charles Jackson France M.D. and Audrey Isabelle France. He graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1975 and was an internal/cardiology physician with an office in Warren.

His family said "Bo" was a sailor, healer, golfer, good friend, father, brother and son who gave to others in need without question. He was gentle, kind-hearted and humble.

Dr. France is survived by his son, Joel Jason France D.O.; daughter, Leah Marie France; sisters, Margaret France-Roa and Karen E. Unruh and brother, John M. France.

He was predeceased by his son, Brett Justin France; his parents and his brother, Charles A. France.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial gathering precedes the service beginning at 1 p.m.

## Joe Ann Hoerler

Joe Ann Hoerler passed away peacefully with her family at her side Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Hoerler was born March 23, 1924 in McPherson, Kan., the daughter of Benjamin and Ahda (nee Stewart) Champlin. She lived in Kansas until age 10 when her family moved to Fairfax, Okla. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1942 and attended Oklahoma A & M, now Oklahoma State University. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and graduated in 1946 with a degree in fashion merchandising. During her senior year, she met Lt. Walter Hoerler at a social gathering in Enid, Okla. They were engaged in 1946 and married Jan. 24, 1947, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the temperature that night was 47 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Hoerler lived, traveled, and had friends all over the United States. Between snowmobiling and her recreational vehicle, she journeyed to all parts of the country.

Her family said, as a

homemaker, she put her touch and love into many areas. She often wore clothes she made herself and cultivated beautiful roses in her garden. Her love of cooking and baking nurtured her family and has been passed down to her sons.

She was active for many years with the Kappa Alpha Theta program at Colorado State University.

Mrs. Hoerler is survived by sons, William (Kerri) of Bridgeport, Neb., and Stephen (Sydney) of Grosse Pointe Park; grandsons, Todd of North Platte, Neb., Russell of Neligh, Neb., Jacob of Marquette and Eli of Detroit and great-grandchildren, Lane and Rilee Hoerler.

She was predeceased by her husband, Walter and her parents.

A memorial service was held Feb. 4 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Timnath Presbyterian Church, 4020 Main St., Timnath, Colo. Interment will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Timnath Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 99, Timnath, CO 80547; the Alzheimer's Foundation, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or the Great Lakes Hospice Foundation, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202-3398.

## Henry A. Kingswell Jr.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Henry A. Kingswell Jr., 70, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born Dec. 5, 1941, in Detroit to Henry A. Kingswell Sr. and Phyllis R. Hecker and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he attended Wayne State University and the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr. Kingswell had a long career in journalism beginning in college when he served as editor of The South End, WSU's student newspaper and then the University of Americas Newspaper. In 1975 he authored Metro Detroit Guide. He also worked as a journalist for the Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Kingswell loved to travel and spent much of

his time in Mexico. He loved art, whether written or visual, and took tens of thousands of photographs. He created hundreds of collages, each centered on a specific theme, built from photographs, newspaper and magazine clippings and an unconventional collection of associated items. His collages were shown in multiple art shows.

His family said he was an avid storyteller with a quick wit and encyclopedia-like knowledge, but never let facts get in the way of a good story. His creativity was fueled by the esoteric and the eclectic. Despite a disabling stroke in 1987, he maintained his independent spirit and love of life.

He adored going to Torch Lake, spending his summers there since he was a child. He loved living near The Hill, and would walk up and down Kercheval almost daily in search of a good cup of coffee, a newspaper and someone with whom to sit and chat.

Mr. Kingswell is survived by his son, Brett (Keshia) and grandchildren, Mackenzie and Carter.

A memorial service was held Feb. 6 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to Services for Older Citizens, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236.

## Renato S. Roxas M.D.

Renato S. Roxas M.D., 70, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at Kindred Hospital in Henderson, Nev.

Born in Cordon, Isabela, The Philippines, to Benigno and Mercedes Roxas, he graduated from Nueva Ecija High School in 1957 and the University of the Philippines School of Medicine in 1965.

Dr. Roxas was a pediatric anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. He served as the assistant chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the hospital and as a clinical instructor and full-time affiliate at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was a delegate of the Foreign Medical Graduates of the Michigan State Medical Society and a contributing author to the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Yearbook-Medical Publishers in 1985.



Robert Jackson France

He received honors and was actively involved at the University of Philippines including being an Entrance Scholar, University Scholar, president of the pre-med association; president of the medicine class of 1965, president of the medical council, news editor of the Medics Newsletter and a member of the executive council of Mu Sigma Phi.

He also was the president of the Philippine Medical Association in Michigan from 1972 to 1973; a member of the board of directors of the International Institute, executive vice president of the Movement for a Free Philippines and was appointed by then Philippines President Corazon Aquino to serve as the honorary consul of the Philippines of Michigan.

Dr. Roxas is survived by his wife, M. Cristina Roxas; son, Renato Roxas Jr.; daughters, Tricia Twigg, Mercedita Roxas-Murray and Angela LaVigne and grandchildren, T.J., Ashley, Gabriel, Niklaus, Sophia, Grace, Jordyn and Angel. He also is survived by his brother, Venustiano Roxas.

A funeral service was held Feb. 6 in Nevada.

Donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders at doctorswithoutborders.org/donate or Veterans of Foreign Wars at vfw.org/contribute.



Joe Ann Hoerler



Renato S. Roxas M.D.

## Lynwood Jean Ryan

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Lynwood Jean Ryan, 75, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, in Santa Clara, Calif.

Known as Jean to family and friends, she was born March 30, 1936, in Detroit, to William and Lynwood Cudlip. She graduated from Stratford College in 1956 and worked as administrator at First Federal of Michigan Real Estate and then for the city of Grosse Pointe Park.

She enjoyed reading, music, playing Bingo, needlepoint, knitting, upholstery and bird watching.

Mrs. Ryan is survived by her daughter, Theresa (David) Joenks; son, John



Henry A. Kingswell Jr.



Lynwood Jean Ryan

L. Ryan; grandchildren, Angela Joenks and Candice, Joey, Brittany and Elizabeth Ryan; her brothers, Bill (Johanna) Cudlip and David (Lee) Cudlip and her dear friends, Joann and Dan Maples of Florida and Linda (Jerry) Dishman.

She was predeceased by her husband, John J.P. Ryan; son, Terrance Ryan; parents; sister, Mary Lou Jenkins and brother, Charles T. Cudlip.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. for family and from 4 to 8 p.m. for friends, Thursday, Feb. 9, at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation at 1050 Wilshire Drive, No. 302, Troy, MI 48064-1564 or at arthritis.org.

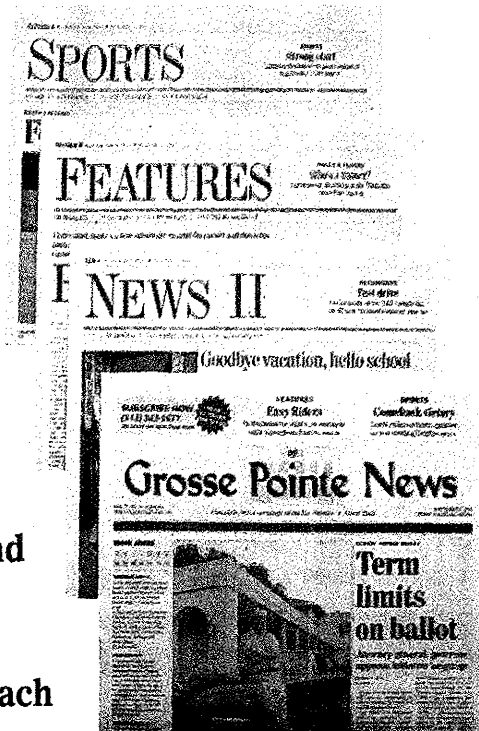
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## PRIDE OF THE POINTE

**Army Reserve Specialist Daniel J. Rader** has returned to the United States after serving a one-year deployment to Afghanistan. Rader, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is a member of the 177th Military Police Company out of Taylor. He is the son of Jeffrey and Kathleen Rader of Grosse Pointe Farms.

a Bachelor of Science degree in multiage/physical education.

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**Ellie A. Vigliotti** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Western Michigan University. A 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, she is the daughter of Tom and Maureen Vigliotti of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Hope College: **Kacey P. Murphy** and **Megan M. DeBoer**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Andrea M. Beach**,

**Jillian E. Black**, **John P. LoVasco** and **Charlotte A. Park**, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Matthew T. Blunden** of Grosse Pointe Shores and **Margaret E. Kelch**, **Mark J. Karam**, **Lauren E. Madison** and **Andrea J. Matthew**, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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**Kathryn Elizabeth Carey** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Maryland Institute College of Arts in Baltimore, Md. The 2009 graduate of Mercy High School is the daughter of Mary and Ray Carey of the City of Grosse Pointe.







<b>Merchandise</b> <b>406 ESTATE SALES</b> <b>ANOTHER</b> wonderful estate sale. This house is full! Everything must go! Newer furnace, hot water tank, all light fixtures. Nice Broyhill Prestige furniture. Lots more! February 10, 11, 10am-4pm; 12, 12-4pm; 18655 Huntington Avenue, Harper Woods, 48225. (Between Kelly & Beaconsfield, South of 8 Mile). For more information: Estate sales by Jim Tucker LLC. (586)879-4777	<b>408 FURNITURE</b> <b>CHAIRS</b> (livingroom); sofa bed, twin beds, refrigerator, stove, washer/ dryer. Good condition. (313)884-2147 <b>409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE</b> <b>RUMMAGE</b> sale-10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday: 22211 Mack (at 8 1/2), St. Clair Shores. Money to rescued animals. <b>413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS</b> <b>WANTED-</b> Guitars, banjos, mandolins and ukles. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522.	<b>415 WANTED TO BUY</b> <b>CASH</b> paid for fishing lures, reels, and fishing accessories. Call Robert, (586)774-2239 <b>CASH</b> paid for newer used paperback books & DVDs in good condition. New Horizons Book Shop, 20757 13 Mile at Little Mack. (586)296-1560 <b>COINS,</b> jewelry, guitars, gold, silver. Free appraisals. Grosse Pointe area. Steve, 313-881-2623, resident. <b>RIFLES,</b> shotguns, pistols wanted. Any condition. Grosse Pointe resident. Call Chris, (313)408-1166	<b>500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET</b> <b>GROSSE</b> Pointe Animal Adoption Society- Pets for Adoption- (313)884-1551, <a href="http://www.GPAAS.org">www.GPAAS.org</a> <b>GROSSE</b> Pointe Animal Clinic: Neutered male Labrador/ Boxer. Handsome male red Doberman. Female Dandy Dinmont Terrier mix. Older male Pomeranian. 2 female Husky mixes. (313)822-5707	<b>Animals</b> <b>505 LOST AND FOUND</b>  <b>LOST/ Missing</b> "Rosie" a 15 year old White and Red short-haired Brittanian breed. Faded red collar, hard of hearing and weak sight, frail, very friendly. Lost Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from Whittier and Essex. Grosse Pointe Park. Please call: (313)821-2619. <b>Classified Advertising an IDEA that sells!</b>	<b>505 LOST AND FOUND</b> <b>LARGE</b> Brindle dog. 1/ 25, Chandler Park Drive by Baldock Park. (313)516-4046 <b>GROSSE</b> Pointe Animal Clinic: older Golden Retriever female. Older Pudgy male. Shepherd/ Spaniel. Male Pomeranian. (313)822-5707 <b>509 PET BOARDING/SITTING</b> <b>EXPERIENCED</b> pet caregiver. Walking, house sitting, errands, overnights. Excellent references. "Jackie of All Trades". 313-333-2906, 313-882-5859 <b>Classifieds Work For You</b> <b>To place an ad call:</b> (313)882-6900 x 1	<b>Automotive</b> <b>600 AUTOMOTIVE CARS</b> <b>2005</b> Chrysler PT Cruiser 85,000 miles. Non smoker. Clean, private. \$5,000. 313-574-8395 <b>TOP</b> dollar paid for your unwanted car, truck, van, SUV. Running preferred. (586)243-9190 <b>601 AUTOMOTIVE CHRYSLER</b> <b>2005</b> Chrysler 300 Hemi C. Only 56,000 miles. Vanilla clear coat paint, luxury leather trim. Loaded. Excellent condition, all maintenance performed. \$13,999. Call 313-884-6322, Grosse Pointe Shores <b>Classified Advertising 313-882-6900 ext 1</b>	<b>605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN</b> <b>NISSAN</b> Sentra, 2008. Blue, new tires. Clean, 70,000 miles. Well maintained, runs great. \$9,200/ best. 586-530-6083. <b>613 AUTOMOTIVE WANTED TO BUY</b> <b>CASH</b> for cars or trucks. Road King Towing. Call Randy (586)222-0444.
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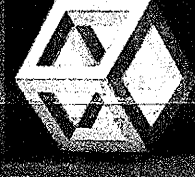
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The Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop's **2012 Bridal Fash Bash** offered yet another platform for its students to participate in a real life experience.

## On the runway

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

There they were, in the spotlight of the Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop's 2012 Bridal Fash Bash. High school students dancing and pirouetting down the runway, modeling a recent collection of donated wedding gowns and tuxedos.

They were and felt, for at least a few hours last Saturday, like everyone else, some defying their physical or developmental limitations — in illuminated vibrancy, living out the realization of a childhood dream.

"They got to really shine and own it," said Mary Fodell, Full Circle's founder. The organization helps special needs students transition into adulthood. "They were all afraid to do it, but once they got up there, you got some that wouldn't leave. The whole thing was to give them an experience that they would never have in their whole life again."

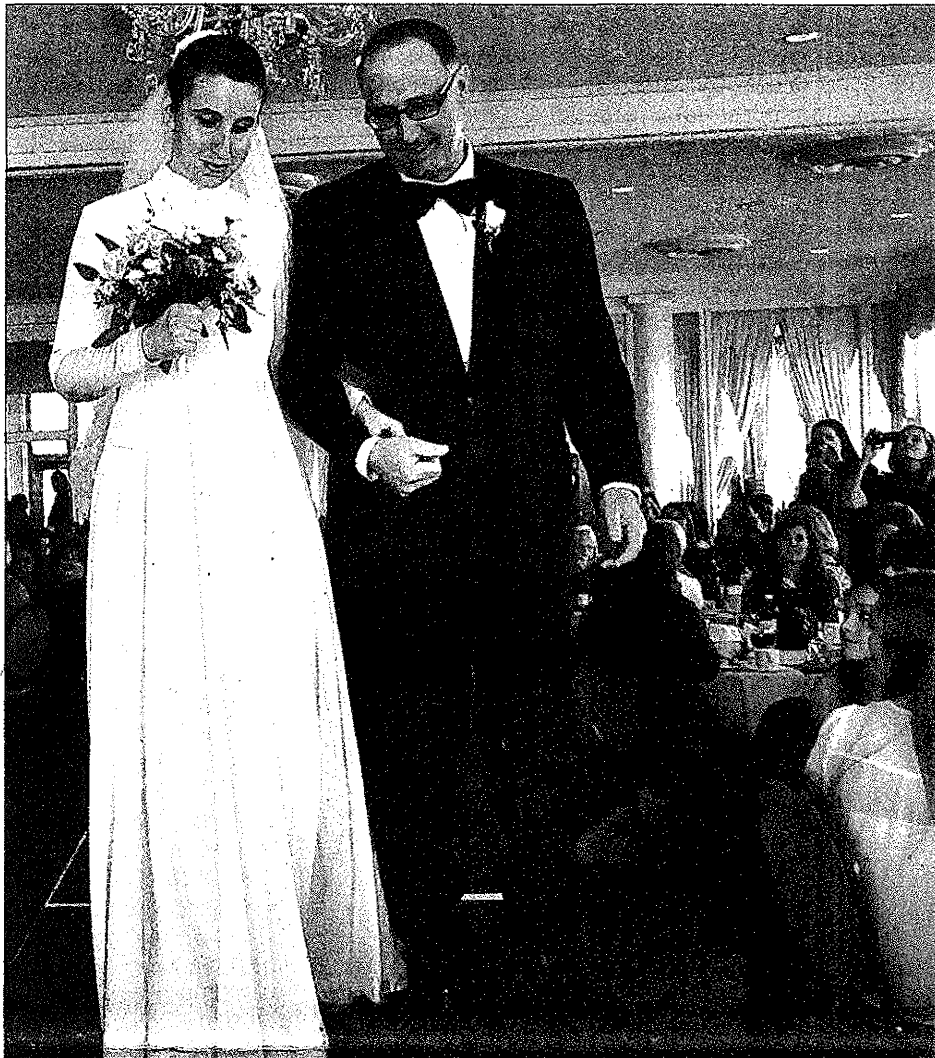
The experiences — the jobs, the opportunities, the events — are at the heart of Full Circle, said Fodell and Ann Marie Bokatzian, Grosse Pointe South special education and Full Circle on-site teacher.

"When Mary talks about the experience of the Fash Bash and the fundraisers and events, with the kids involved in giving them experiences," Bokatzian said, "that's all part of the transition to adulthood, in experiencing life. And it also helps the community members learn about disabilities and helping them be more comfortable."

From its two fundraisers, Raise the Roof and Fash Bash nearly three years ago, the organization opened its upscale resale shop, creating an outlet for students with special needs to volunteer and receive vocational training. Last December, Fodell transformed it into a nonprofit foundation, widening the organization's operations and allowing for expansion into micro-enterprising.

Money from last Saturday's sold-out event benefits that expansion, which, according to Fodell and Bokatzian, includes officially hiring and paying students for such jobs as Information Technology and website designers, work in community gardens and kitchens, extended school years and other microenterprises.

"This is our big fundraiser this year and it's to raise money to get some strong seed money to add to our foundation account," Bokatzian said. "Our goal here with the foundation is to provide jobs and experiences and opportunities for the developmentally-disabled citizens of Grosse Pointe and

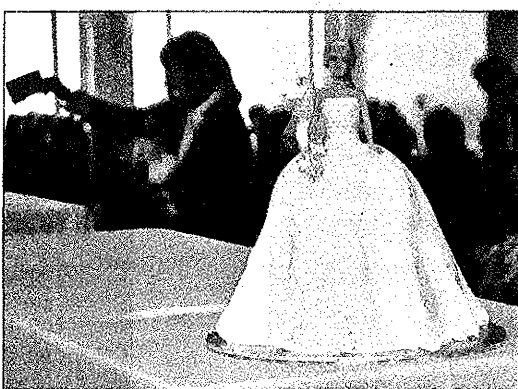


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Left, Amy Fodell, daughter of Full Circle Foundation founder, Mary Fodell, strolls the runway with her father, Joe. Above, bridesmaid dresses were also modeled.



Ty Wayne Reynolds receives assistance preparing his shirt and tie from Amber Anderson of Men's Warehouse. The company donated tuxedos for the event. Below, auctioneer Lori Stefek, pictured in the background, auctions off this Barbie cake for \$200. Bottom, a ring bearer and flower girl were part of the show.



Harper Woods — experiences that lead to jobs, whether it be through the foundation and work for and with us or expand out where it depends on the student's interests and strengths."

The Fash Bash, held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, featured about 60 students — 70 models altogether — with special needs from Grosse Pointe North and South modeling wedding gowns and tuxedos, the latter donated from Men's Warehouse. DJ'ed by master of ceremonies, Mike Trudel, the event also included a luncheon, silent auction, 50/50 raffle (1,000 tickets at \$10 apiece), tin can auction with about 20 gift baskets filled with donated items and a dessert auction, consisting of several cakes designed and donated by community residents.

"It's about the kids and the community — give them a feeling and the rest will come," Fodell said. "If your heart is in the right place in wanting to really give something of quality back to them to enrich them, you can't lose. That's how I feel."



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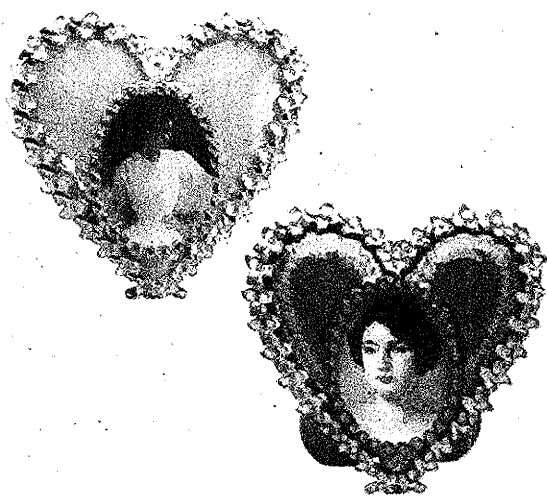


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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, for the program "Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy," presented by Mary Lamparter.

Co-hostesses are Alyssa Mertz and Carol Stephenson.

## GPT

The play, "The Exonerated," can be seen at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in the General Motors Theatre at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$17 and \$30; \$100 tickets include an opening night afterglow. For tickets, call (313) 522-8764 or Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004.

The production's cast includes those who performed it for the Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2011 run.

The drama is based on real court records and media accounts and the script for the "The Exonerated" uses the ac-



## DAR birthday

Grosse Pointe's Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution observed its 119th birthday Jan. 21 with more than 80 members, their families and regents from DAR Michigan chapters. Organized in 1893, the Louisa St. Clair chapter is the oldest chapter in Michigan of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Christopher Beck was given a community service award by Peggy Scully, the 2010-11 chapter chairwoman of the DAR's community service committee during the celebration. Beck is a Special Olympics volunteer in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

tual names and words of exonerated prisoners, judges, attorneys, friends and family members.

## Junior League

The Junior League of Detroit offers a "Sneak a Peek" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and Sunday, Feb. 12, at the undecorated 2012 Designers' Show House, 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Admission is \$3 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

This is the 19th biennial Designers' Show House.

The house opens for public tours Saturday, May 5, through Sunday, May 20.

## Center of Lifelong Learning

The life and works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart are discussed by Joe Balistreri, music director for the Archdiocese of Detroit and St.

Matthew Church, at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Center of Lifelong Learning, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The program includes stories, legends, musical examples and theory of Mozart's music.

A freewill donation is accepted.

## Rotary club

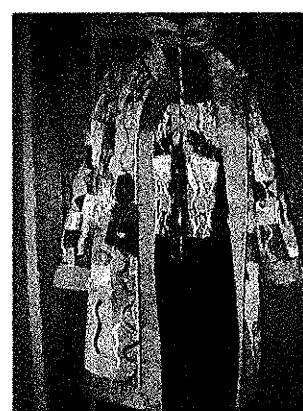
The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, Feb. 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House present Michelle Mitchell, who discusses "Tea & Textile: Quilted Clothing" from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

The discussion and trunk show are followed by a tea.

The cost is \$35. Ford House members pay \$30.



Michelle Mitchell's quilted jacket.

## Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets for an 11 a.m. lunch Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$10.

Speaker Ron Dzwonkowski of the Detroit Free Press discusses "The Heart of the Matter: Sorting out Today's Information Overload."

Men 55 years and older can attend. Men must wear sports coats.

## Woman's club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Third-grade Grosse Pointe Academy students, under the direction of Roshell Chuhrun, provide musical entertainment.

Reservations must be in by Saturday, Feb. 11, and can be made by calling Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

For more information about the organization, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

## Spirit of Women

DJ Robert Taylor provides the dancing music for the "Shall We Dance!" event from 8 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is sponsored by the Spirit of Women.

The cost is \$15. Advanced reservations can be made by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 145. Beverages are provided.

◆ The 123-minute film, "Julie and Julia," can be seen at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, also at the War Memorial.

The Spirit of Women sponsors the evening, beginning at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine.

For reservations, call (313) 881-7511. The cost is \$12.

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6:30 am Art & Design  
7:00 am Vitality Plus (Tone)  
7:30 am Musical Storytime  
8:00 am In a Heartbeat

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## What's happening?

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial observes Valentine's Day with "Shall We Dance!" a gala evening of dance and fun.

You also can shake the winter blues with a day trip filled with shopping, comedy and food. Young skiers and snowboarders can ski the slopes of Mount Holly. To register for these and other programs, call (313) 881-7511.

Here are details of more ahead:

**Practicing Self Care: Tools to Enrich the Busy**

**Lives of Women at Home and Work** — 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9. Christina Pitts offers tools and techniques to enrich family relationships, cultivate mindfulness and explore the value of being fully engaged. The program is co-sponsored with The Family Center. Admission is free.

**Coin Collecting for Fun and Profit** — 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16. Discover the worth of coins and different ways to form a collection. The program is led by Bill

Ewald. Participants can bring coins to be evaluated. The cost is \$24.

**Raja Yoga Retreat: Science of the Soul** — Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to noon. This three-hour yoga retreat is designed to help practitioners step deeper into the ancient science of Raja, or royal, yoga. Led by Roy Thibodeau, the retreat focuses on discussion of yoga philosophy, Hatha Yoga and Pranayama techniques for health, vitality and spiritual development. The cost is \$53.

**Shake the Winter Blues!** — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23.

Travel to Northville for a guided tour and seven-course lunch at Genitti's hole-in-the-wall where guests watch an Italian wedding spoof comedy. After, guests go to Cari "Cash & Cari" Cucksey's antique store. The cost is \$65.

**Ski Hi Club Mid-Winter Break Day Trip to Mount Holly** — 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. The trip is open to students who reside in Grosse Pointe or attend Grosse Pointe schools and belong to the Ski Hi Club. The cost is \$68, with ski or snowboard rental or \$49 without rental),

plus \$35 for club membership. Parent chaperones are needed.

**Ballet Performance** — 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10.

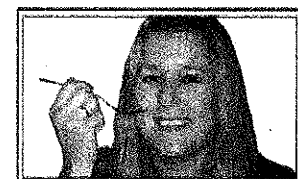
The War Memorial Corps de Ballet performs. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.



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Sue's Toffee Bark created for a special Valentine.

## Valentine treat for a special someone



**T**uesday is Valentine's Day. This year I'm making a homemade

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Remove from oven and scatter chocolate chips over crackers. Wait five minutes then use a rubber spatula to smooth melted chips over crackers, all the way to the edges.

Sprinkle toffee bits evenly over chocolate layer. Refrigerate for at least an hour.

Turn the bark onto a large, clean surface and pull back the foil. Break bark into bite-sized pieces and enjoy.

Sue's toffee bark is the perfect combination of sweet (chocolate and toffee) and salty (saltines).

Bag some up and make someone's day this Feb. 14. They'll love you for it.

## Theatre spotlights Alzheimer's Disease

Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Moonlight" is written by Michigan playwright Kim Carney and offers audiences a slice of life as seen through the eyes of Maxine, a woman with Alzheimer's Disease.

The play opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse

Pointe Shores. Tickets cost \$50 and include an afterglow. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Alzheimer's Association.

Tickets for 8 p.m. Feb. 18, 24, 25, March 2 and 3 performances and 2 p.m. performances Feb. 19 and 26 and March 4 cost \$15. For tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

The theater is partnering with the Southeast



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From left, Sal DeMercurio portrays Joe; Shawn Henry is Benita, and Sandra Martin is Maxine.

Michigan chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative to sponsor a lecture by Ami Simms at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. She is the founder and executive director of the initiative.

## ACTIVITIES: Support group, lecture

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### Vision support

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

### Classic book series

University of Michigan Prof. Gregg Crane discusses Mark Twain's "Pudd'nhead Wilson" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is \$10. Admission is free to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, which sponsors the program.

### Habitat

Habitat for Humanity Detroit culminates its 25th anniversary year by hosting a Red Carpet Bash at the Max M. Fisher Music Center and Orchestra Hall Sunday, Feb. 26.

The organization honors the "stars" of Habitat Detroit with a red carpet entrance and presentation of "HabbitsTM" that are given to key volunteers, family partners and sponsors prior to viewing the

Oscars. The evening includes a strolling dinner

Tickets cost \$75. For more information, visit [habitatdetroit.org/25](http://habitatdetroit.org/25) or [detroitssymphony.com](http://detroitssymphony.com). For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tara Franey at (313) 521-6691, ext. 129 or [tfraney@habitatdetroit.org](mailto:tfraney@habitatdetroit.org).

### Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, has new member orientation drop-in hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, and Feb. 16.

On Mondays, 10 to 11

a.m. is guided meditation; 11 a.m. to noon gentle yo-

ga; noon to 1 p.m. new member orientation; 1 to 2:30 p.m. creative arts and yarn winders.

A caregiver's support group is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.



President of Thrifty Florist David Calcaterra addressed the annual Grosse Pointe Garden Center meeting Jan. 20. His presentation was "The Ease of Flower Arranging." With Calcaterra is Garden Center president Jean Azar and Calcaterra's assistant Nicole Agbay.

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## 4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Maryl Walters, CSB

## Spiritual solutions for a healthy planet

Some may question whether prayer can have any impact on things like diseases decimating entire forests, pollution in the Great Lakes and rivers, climate change, or depletion of resources.

You might say only actions: spraying trees, stricter regulations on fac-

tories, more exploration for oil offshore, dredging to change currents and so forth, would solve these problems.

Action is important. But where do actions originate?

In thought. Prayer has a huge impact on thought, depending on your definition of prayer.

I'm not defining prayer

as asking God to do something and then waiting to see if God comes through. I'm thinking of activist prayer lifting thought out of limitations, boundaries, boxes and opening new views of divine goodness and love. What we see in the world is less a matter of the facts on the ground and more a matter of the world being a reflection of who we are and the kind of thinking — and praying — we do.

For example, Gene, a friend of mine, was a deep thinker, a chemist by

training, but his heart was in finding ways to help people in less-developed countries. He was especially interested in Central American tribes who had deforested their environments in looking for wood to make the fires to cook their food. The women in these tribes would walk for hours to gather enough wood to cook their meals for a day or two, then would have to set out again, going farther and farther afield as years went on. Their immediate environment was

denuded of trees, so there was erosion of the soil needed to grow their crops and no shade from the punishing sun.

Gene's initial solution of using native plant oil to fuel simple stoves proved culturally unacceptable as the tribes would only cook their food over an open wood fire. Discouraged, my friend turned to prayer, thinking about a statement found in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, that says:

"Divine Love always has met, and always will meet, every human need."

Gene reasoned this need for fuel to cook food was a legitimate human need. And Divine Love is God.

Gene was certain God was caring for these people and he knew if he couldn't see that care with his eyes, he needed to look deeper until he saw the spiritual reality of the situation. Prayer was opening his mental eyes,

See PLANET, page 5B

Free Christian Science Talk

## "Prayer: Powerful Resource for a Healthy Environment"



By  
Maryl Walters, C.S.B.  
of St. Louis, Missouri

**SUNDAY, FEB. 12th**  
**3:00 p.m.**

First Church of Christ, Scientist  
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## CHURCH EVENTS

### Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and Rev. Shelley Page from Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church speaks at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

All men can attend.

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

### Christ Church

Christ Church offers three Sunday morning options for adult education during the 10:10 to 11 a.m. education hour in February. Children's Sunday school classes take place at the same time with no pre-enrollment necessary and nursery care is available for children under the age of three.

Offerings include a contemporary look at Bible study, a discussion group for parents and an overview of the Episcopal

church targeted to newcomers and persons who might wish to be confirmed and are offered to adults Feb. 12, 19 and 26.

"Reading the Bible in 2012," led by the Rev. Andrew MacBeth, Christ Church's interim rector, examines the authority and relevance of crucial biblical texts for thoughtful Christians today is one option.

In another session, parents discuss the challenges of raising faithful children in "Parenting with Grace," and are led by Sarah Wheeler, direc-

tor of child and family ministries at Christ Church.

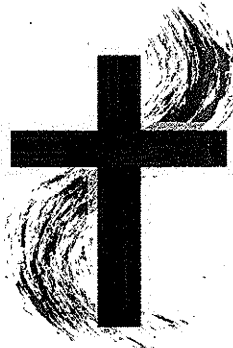
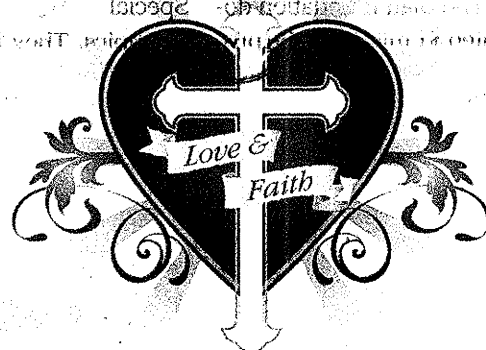
The Rev. David Dieter, associate rector, explains what is distinctive about the Episcopal way of doing and believing in "A Church Called Episcopal" in a third offering.

Classes for adults and children are offered between the two Sunday services that include a family-oriented Eucharist at 9 a.m., with the Choir of Men and Girls, and a choral Eucharist at 11:15 a.m., with the Choir of Men and Boys.

◆ Music written for and featured in the French cathedrals is performed by the Schola of Christ

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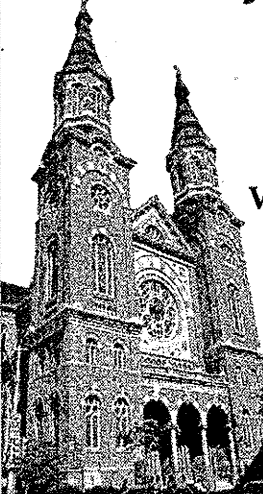
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

# Practice accident reactions



**Q.** Our 16-year-old was waiting for the light to turn green when her cell phone rang. While reaching for the phone her foot came off the brake and she hit the car in front of her. She pulled her car over to the side of the road as did the other driver. She claims he said there was only a small bit of damage and she doesn't need to worry about it because that is what insurance is for and there is no need to contact the police. She got into her car and left the scene. Later that day our daughter was being questioned by the local police because several witnesses claimed the accident she caused was horrendous and she simply left the scene of a crime. Why

## Save the Date:

9:30 a.m. to noon  
Saturday, Feb. 25  
Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte  
Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a free new driver workshop for drivers to role play accidents, discover vehicle expenses and how to have caring conversations regarding driving responsibly. The workshop concludes with youth and parents creating a covenant/contract with each other regarding driving responsibilities.  
GPCC hosts a Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer answers questions and shares experiences he has had with his teen driver.  
For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

didn't she know she should call the police to make a report?

**A.** It is important to remember when we are in these situations the first thing we do is panic. Secondly, contrary to

what we think, teens do respect adults especially when an adult is saying "don't worry about it."

There are 12 facts to remember as published by The Youth & Family Institute. One is always call the police, even if the accident is minor. A second fact they state is never leave the scene before the police arrive, even if the other driver leaves. The other facts will be presented at an upcoming workshop for new drivers.

It is important to know even with the facts, just like running fire or tornado drills, you should practice being in an accident.

I don't mean go out and create accidents to practice how you will react or respond; I mean role play an accident.

Yeager-Stiver is senior pastor of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, an ordained minister with

the United Church of Christ. Contact him at (313) 884-3075 or pastor richard@gpccong.org or visit gpccong.org.

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The musical ensemble Panache appears at First English Lutheran Church Sunday, Feb. 12.

## EVENTS: Lecture, music

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Church Grosse Pointe at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

Titled "In a French Cathedral," the concert is presented by the professional singers and advanced treble chorists of the Christ Church Choirs who comprise the Schola. The program includes Jean Langlais' "Messe Solennelle," Maurice Durufle's "Quatre Motets," Gabriel Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine," and Francis Poulenc's "Quatre motets pour un temps de penitence."

The concert is free and no tickets are required. A freewill offering in support of the church's music ministry is taken.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, visit [christchurchgp.org](http://christchurchgp.org) or by call the church office at (313) 885-4841.

## Christian Science

International Christian Science speaker Maryl Walters explores the topic, "Spiritual Solutions for the Environment?" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Christian Science Church, 282 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For 35 years, she has been a practitioner of Christian Science healing, helping people find solutions to their and world problems through Christianity found in Mary Baker Eddy's book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." The public is invited to the free event. Child care is available. For more information, visit [christian-sciencehealing.org/grosse-pointe021212.shtml](http://christian-sciencehealing.org/grosse-pointe021212.shtml).

## First English

The Open Door series

at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents Panache at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in the sanctuary. Adult tickets cost \$10 and students and seniors pay \$7. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The vocal and instrumental ensemble features music devoted to Valentine's Day.

Musicians are tenor Patrick Clappitt, soprano Nanette Sonneman, baritone Todd Galloway, violinist Joseph Deller, guitarist Tyler Vess and pianist Mary Holmes.

For more information, call (313) 8845040.

◆ The Women of the Church in Faith Circle, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church host their annual Valentine salad lunch at non Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A donation of \$8 includes a smorgasbord of salads, desserts and table prizes.

Attendees can bring a deck of cards or game to play after lunch.

For reservations, call either Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 or Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4435.

## Grace United

The Alley Teen Center at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, presents "Be Thankful for Friendship" Tuesday, Feb. 14.

This Valentine fun night is open 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. to middle school students and 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. to high school students.

Attendees can bring a friend to the free event. To make a reservation, call (313) 822-3823.

# St. John honors facility supporters

The Blatt Family Foundation and the Anthony L. Soave family were honored for donating to St. John Hospital and Medical Center's \$4 million state-of-the-art endoscopy facility.

They were recognized at a Nov. 22 event.

The new unit is to be named the Elaine E. Blatt Endoscopy Department in honor of the Blatt family's matriarch who, along with her husband L. F. (Sam) Blatt, support the hospital's project.

The Blatt foundation donated \$1 million to the project, while the Soaves donated \$500,000 and are recognized in The Anthony L. Soave Waiting Room.

The Blatt family has supported organizations that benefit children through education or health care, including schools, churches, the American Red Cross and Special Olympics. They have also supported St. John Hospital's expansion and renovation campaign and research for treatment of blood and genetic disorders.



Dr. Branka Megler, Anthony Soave and Angelique Soave.

Doug Blatt and his wife, Tracy, of Grosse Pointe Farms, were recognized at the event, along with Blatt's sister, Cheryl Blatt,

and her sons, Todd and Bill Raven.

Blatt chairs the St. John Providence Health System East Region Board.

Anthony L. Soave, of Detroit, and his daughter, Angelique, were also honored. Over the years, the Soave family has supported the Van Elslander Cancer Center, the hospital's expansion and renovation campaign, the Holley Institute and the White Christmas Ball.

Other Grosse Pointe area donors include: Ralph and Mary Wilson, Jeffrey and Cynthia Littmann, Paul and Judy Chauvin, Scott Reilly and Huang Reilly, The Guild of SJH&MC which has made a \$150,000 commitment.

A fundraising campaign is in progress for the endoscopy program with a goal of raising \$730,000. For more information, call Donna Broderick at (313) 343-4658.

The new department is to be twice as large as the current area, offer more privacy, include additional procedure rooms and new equipment.

## PLANET: Prayers answered

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so to speak, to the sustaining activity of divine love. And he was convinced he would be able to see how the sustaining activity of divine love could look humanly, for these native people in need.

As a result of his prayer, Gene noticed a 2-year-old pile of dried-out chunky roots from inedible weeds growing plentifully near these Central American people. The idea came to him to see whether these

roots burned. He tried them out and was delighted to find they burned slowly and cleanly, better than wood.

Here was the answer to his prayer.

My friend showed them how they could cultivate these weeds, grow them rather than cut them down; then, dig up the large, fleshy roots, dry them and burn them for fuel. This was culturally acceptable and provided a healthier environment because of less smoke. The punishing treks to find wood were over. Plus trees could grow around the area, providing shade and stop soil erosion without the threat of being cut down for firewood.

There were many wins in this solution.

This is an example of the power of prayer to uncover spiritual solutions for a healthy planet — prayer that is not passive, but active. It is prayer that involves a change of consciousness in dealing with the environment, an "outside-the-box" change of thinking focusing on spiritual solutions rather than material problems.

This is an excerpt of a free talk to be given by international speaker, Maryl Walters, CSB, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Christian Science Church, 282 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The public can attend.

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the same day each year to measure your children's heights. Self-adhesive growth charts come in many designs and can be easily removed.

- Make an announcement: Personalized birth announcements from an online stationery store are a nice way to share the

news with loved ones about new additions to the family. Customize the announcement with a photo and facts.

- Carry a camera: You never know when "cuteness" will strike. It can happen in line at the grocery store, on the way to school or at the doctor's

office. Parents would be wise to carry a small camera in a purse or bag at all times, just in case.

Make taking photos a monthly ritual to capture lost baby teeth, new haircuts and everything in between.

- Throw a party: Over the years, children will

give you reason to celebrate, from birthdays, graduations to religious celebration.

- Round of applause: Accomplishments such as straight A's, or making varsity deserve recognition. Let friends and family know when your children make you proud by shar-

ing the news in a family newsletter or on your Facebook page.

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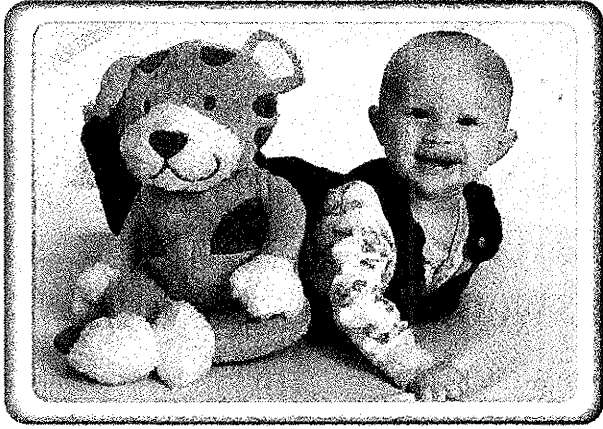
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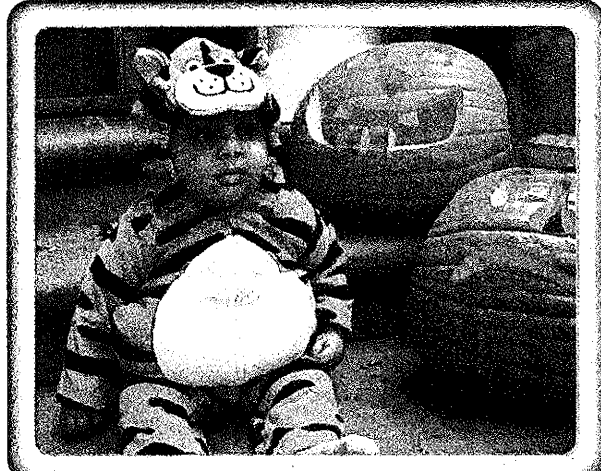
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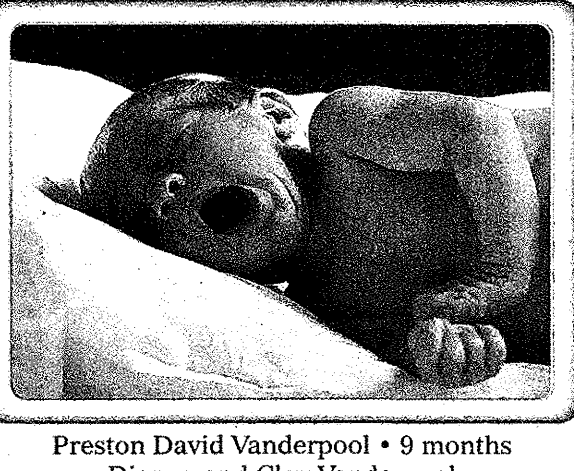
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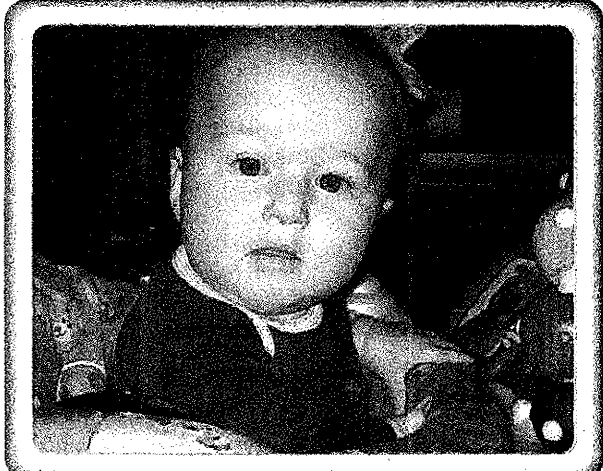
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Rick and Judy Rutan,  
Dave and Ellie Dobbins - grandparents



Fynn Bugbee  
10 months  
Megan Stooke and Marty Bugbee



Preston David Vanderpool • 9 months  
Dianna and Clay Vanderpool  
Bob and Kathy Vanderpool,  
Jan and Dave Anderson  
- grandparents



Conor Michael Magee  
May 6, 2011  
Kevin and Tracy Magee



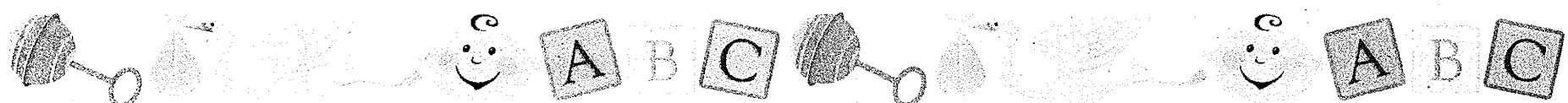
Mia Wilhelm  
August 10, 2011  
Sarah (Zukowski) and Tim Wilhelm



William Faber V  
8 months  
William Faber IV and Megan Faber



Daniel James Griesbaum  
January 9, 2011  
Jessica and Dan Griesbaum







Kasimira Kaiser Atrasz  
September 9, 2011  
Meredith and Anthony Atrasz



Alexandra (Lexie) Eden Spain  
4 months  
Marla (Cummings) and John Spain



John (JR) Robert Crandall  
6 months  
Stefanie and Rob Crandall



Nolan Hirzel  
September 29, 2011  
Autumn and Kevin Hirzel



Stella Anne Kovacs  
October 22, 2011  
Jessica (Stemer) and Kyle Kovacs



Alexis Rose Marzan  
6 months  
Cherilyn and Christian Marzan



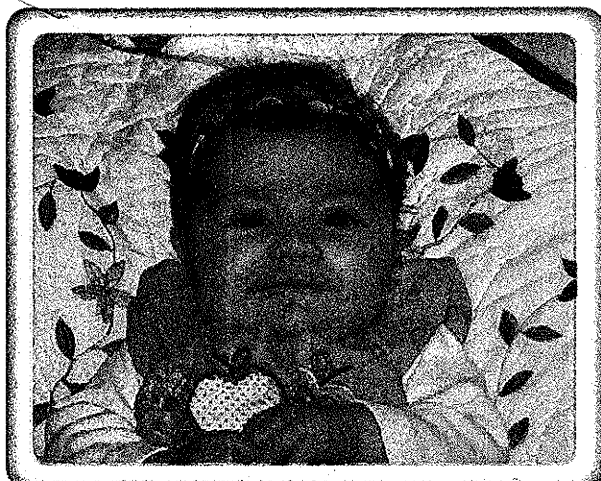
Liam Charles Hitch  
January 18, 2011  
Susan and Brian Hitch  
Rene and Bud Cornillie,  
Elaine and Chuck Hitch - grandparents



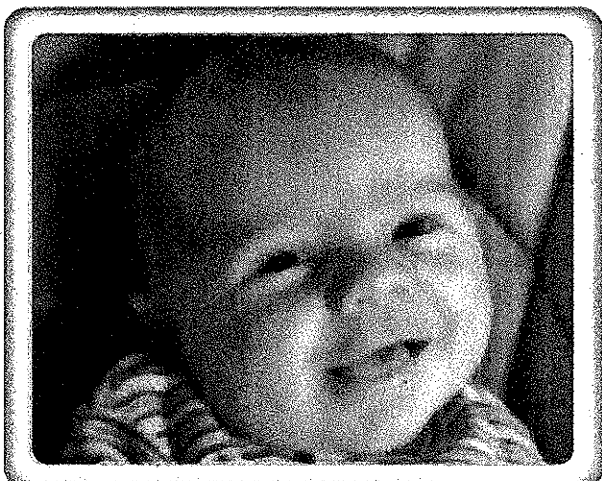
Morley Kathryn Neumann Frahm  
March 12, 2011  
Jen Neumann and Andy Frahm



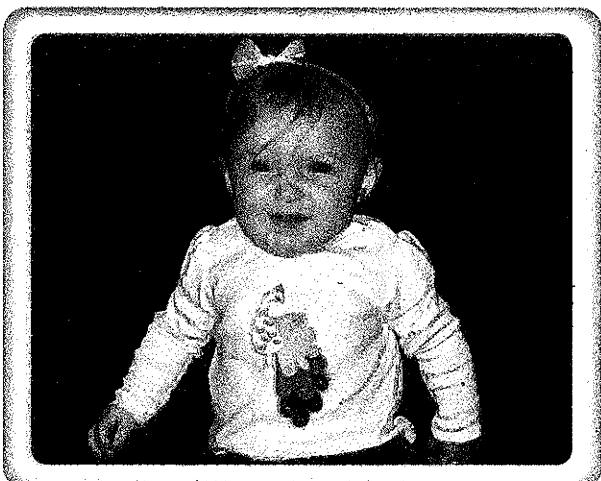
Nathan Paul-Thomas Ray  
August 8, 2011  
Roy Ray and Kathryn Soldan Ray  
Mary and Tom Soldan,  
Patty Ray Davis - grandparents



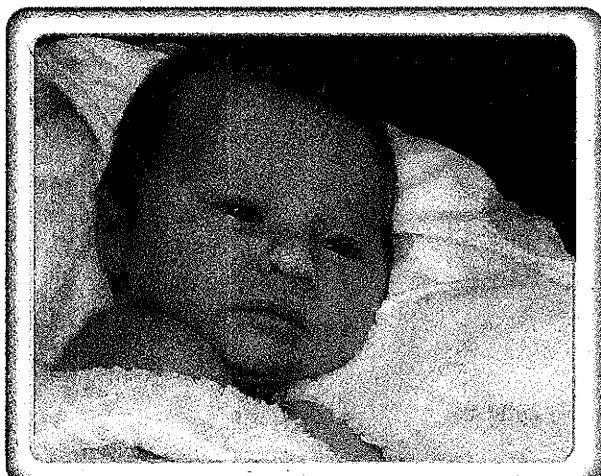
Emma Rose Deldin  
October 9, 2011  
Marc and Deanna Deldin



Michael Robert McLeod  
October 29, 2011  
Robert and Nancy McLeod



Harper Anne Dallaire  
May 6, 2011  
Laci and Rob Dallaire



David Robert Hindelang  
October 24, 2011  
Matthew and Emily Hindelang



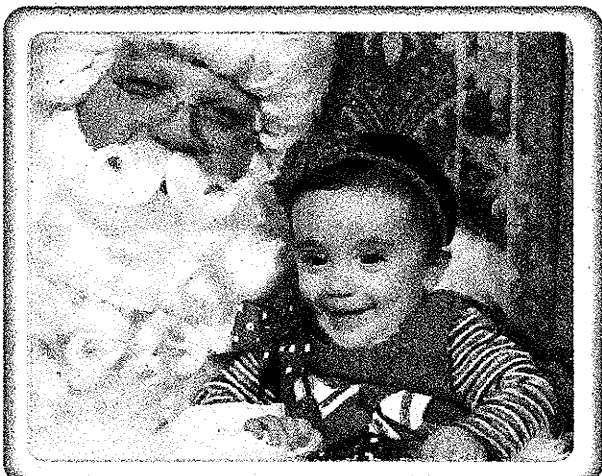
Gwyneth Elizabeth Phillips  
November 30, 2011  
Beth Wittmann and Mark Phillips



Lucas David Spacil and Jacob Michael Spacil  
November 27, 2011  
Amanda (Litchfield) and Michael Spacil



Ryleigh Eaton  
9 months  
Meghan Johnson and Ryan Eaton



Ava Gabriella Giglio  
February 11, 2011  
Frank and Lisa Giglio

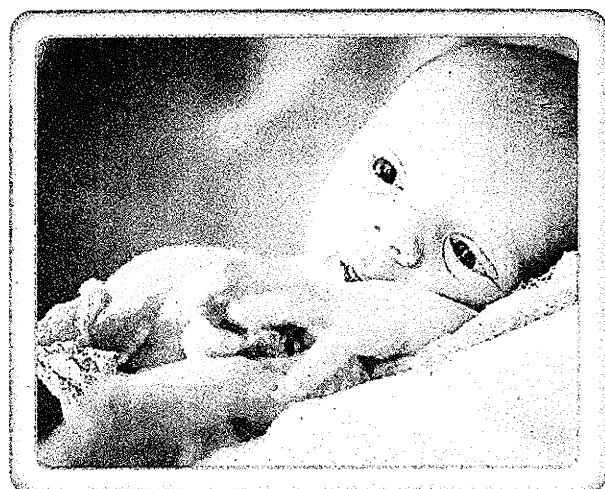


Evanthia Margaret Inempolidis  
September 5, 2011  
Demetri and Dena Inempolidis





# 8B | CUTE BABIES



Charles Alexander Johnson  
December 29, 2011  
Margaret (McCormick) and David Johnson



Alexandra Eleni Schervish  
11 months  
Charles and Melissa Schervish



Evelyn Mary Jane Pontone  
4 months  
Dan and Katie Pontone  
Tim and Debbie Scallen - grandparents



Sofia Ashley Strachan  
January 24, 2011  
Tracie and Mike Strachan  
Jim and Kathy Byron - grandparents



Graham O'Donnell Welsh  
September 28, 2011  
Bryan and Jennifer Welsh



Freya Eleanor Austin  
June 11, 2011  
Torrey (Teetaert) and Jason Austin  
Thomas and Cheryl Teetaert,  
Bob and Kate Austin - grandparents



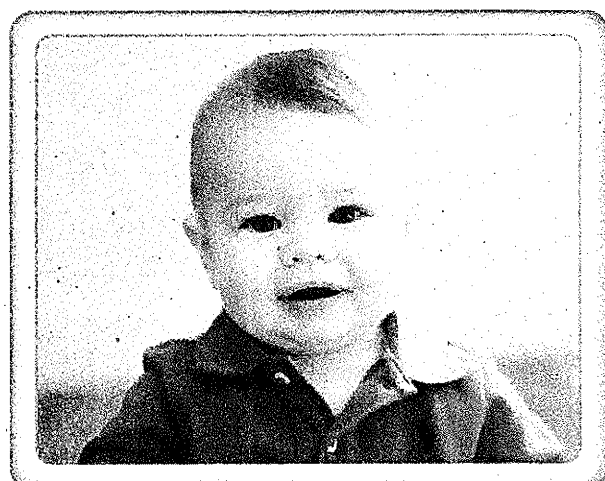
Emily Grace Roth  
9 months  
Jason and Heather Roth



John Burns  
10 months  
Adam and Grace Burns



Benjamin Ferrari McLeod  
10 months  
Derek and Kristen (Ferrari) McLeod



Anderson Douglas Bell  
9 months  
John and Allison Bell



Esther Marian Arakelian  
September 28, 2011  
Paul and Liz Arakelian



Andrew Marley Rodriguez  
May 15, 2011  
Brigit (Soby) and JR Rodriguez



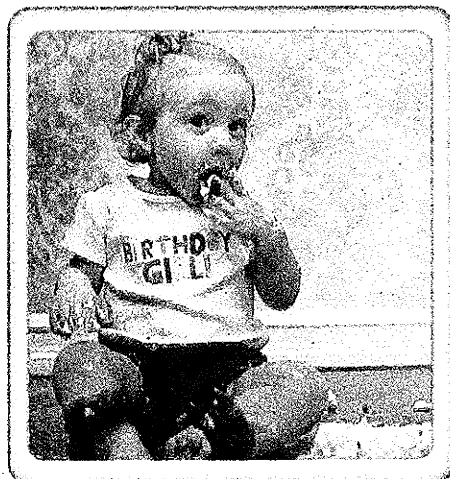
Jacob Paul Campbell  
January 24, 2011  
Brian and Amanda Campbell



Gianna Marie Lupo  
2 months  
Shannon and Dane Lupo



John Thomas Hindelang  
3 months  
Michael and Elise Hindelang



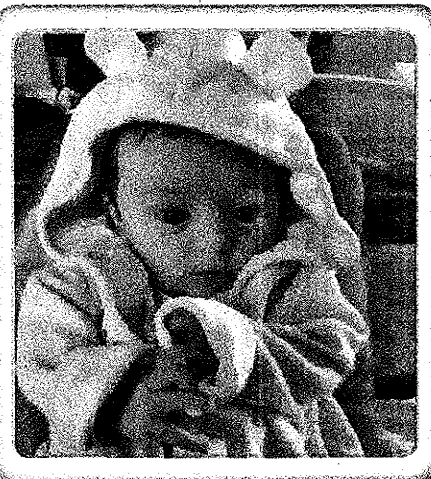
Olivia Nicole Tocco  
one year  
Michael and Jaclyn Tocco



Madeline Alice Beresniewicz  
September 13, 2011  
Erin (Schneider) and Mark Beresniewicz  
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schneider - grandparents



Lucas Dorman Meier  
May 17, 2011  
Joe and Sara Meier



Mina Grace Pohlman  
November 23, 2011  
Chrissie (Austin) and Jeremy Pohlman  
Marty Austin, Patti and Jon Austin - grandparents  
Peg and George Heidt - great grandparents

