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## Week ahead

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### THURSDAY, FEB. 5

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School and the Pierce and Brownell middle school choirs present The Pointe Connection at the Pierce auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 6

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club meets at 7 p.m. in Farms Pier Park boathouse. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. Bingo will be played following the meeting. For more information, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 7

◆ "Gifted Hands," the story of pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson, M.D., starring Cuba Gooding Jr. will be shown at 8 p.m. on TNT. A major portion of the movie was filmed along Windmill Pointe Drive in Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Chilly Fest is from noon to 3 p.m. A horse-drawn trolley will shuttle residents between ice skating and a snowboarding demonstration at Patterson Park and lunch and ice sculpting at Windmill Pointe Park.

◆ Cardiac screening for Grosse Pointe North and South High School athletes will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Rehabilitation Services, second floor, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Pick up a screening questionnaire from the school office prior to the appointment. Preregister by calling (313) 640-2500.

### MONDAY, FEB. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

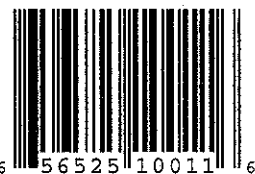
### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

◆ Sunshine Street Cooperative Preschool has an open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 886-8208.

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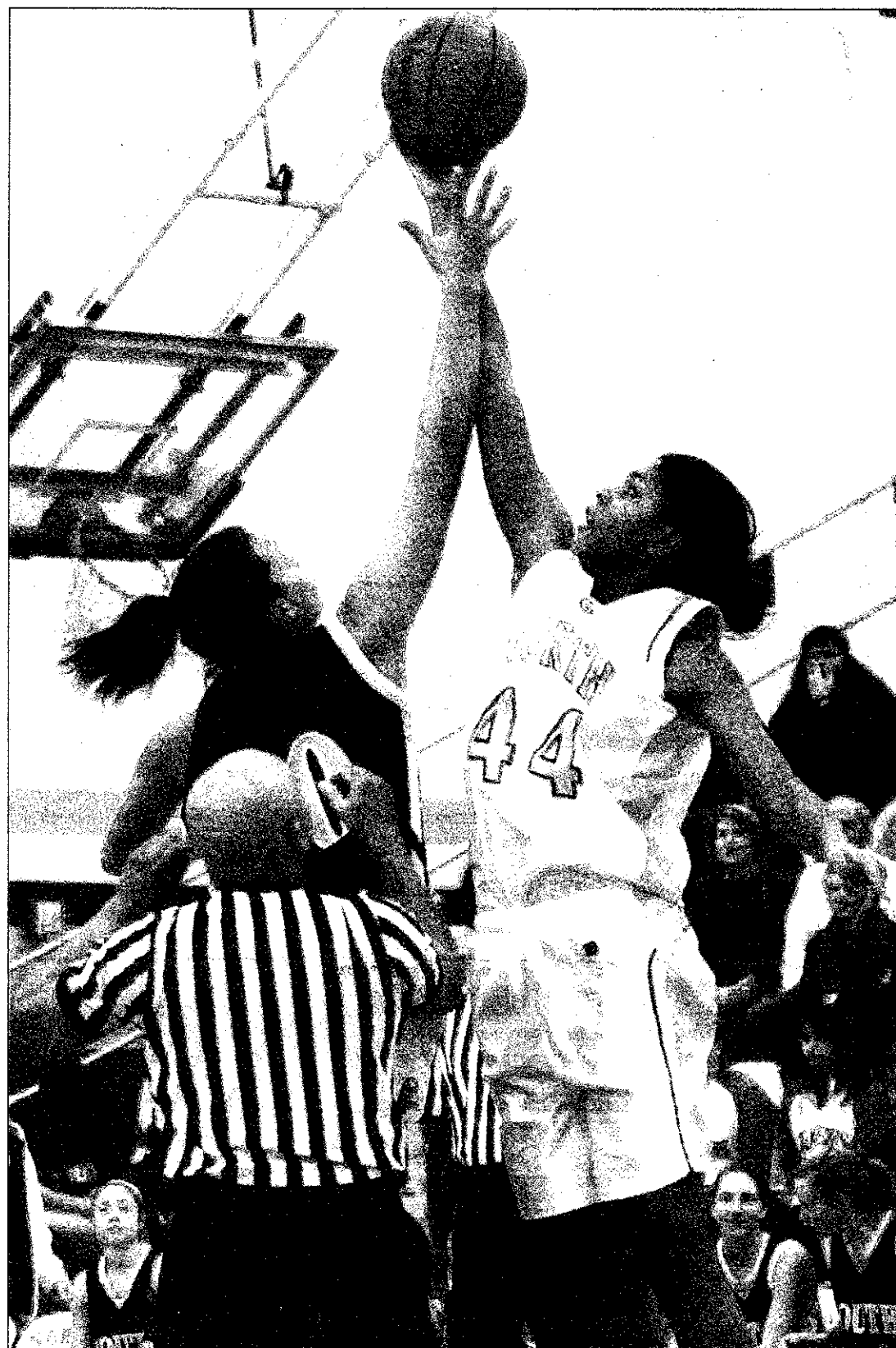


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## Game on

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South renewed its girls basketball rivalry last week. North "Dream Team" forward Ariel Braker, right, and South standout Aisha Rodney get the game going with the jump ball at center court. For complete results, see page 1C.

## Starr Commonwealth takes over CHD campus

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Starr Commonwealth, a provider of residential and community-based mental health programs for troubled children and their families, takes over the Children's Home of Detroit campus in Grosse Pointe Woods Feb. 6.

Based in Albion, Starr Commonwealth operates several community-based and residential treatment programs in Michigan and Ohio.

It was founded by Floyd Starr in 1913 as a home for troubled boys.

According to Dana Jacob, communication director for Starr, an agreement has been reached to transfer CHD assets to Starr Commonwealth. While the agreement is expected to be signed this week, when Starr will begin operating at the site is not known.

"Starr will continue the legacy and mission of the Children's Home of Detroit," said Jacob, who isn't authorized to discuss programs Starr intends to offer at the 13-acre Cook Road site.

Under its current layout, the facility can accommodate 85 children in a residential set-

ting. It also houses the Barnard Center, a school operated by the Grosse Pointe Public School System for students better suited for a non-public school setting.

Jacob said Bill Steele, administrator of the Trauma and Loss Institute still operating at the site, will stay on in that capacity.

He will also hold a position with Starr, but Jacob could not elaborate.

The Children's Home of Detroit closed last November, citing a low occupancy rate and a downturn in the state's economy.

## Moving forward

### War Memorial seeks amended use of condo property

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Weeks after the Michigan Supreme Court upheld a ruling that lakefront property owned by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial could not be used for a condominium development, the future of the property in question remains unresolved.

According to War Memorial President Mark Weber, the high court's ruling was discussed by the organization's board of directors at its Jan. 27 meeting, but no decision was made as to the disposition of two lakefront lots known as 50 and 60 Lakeshore.

"We realize that the court's decision restricts the use of the properties in question to single

family residences," Weber said. "The board will stay within the parameters of that ruling and will move forward. But as of yet, there has not been a decision made as to what our next step will be."

On Dec. 23, 2008, the Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear a motion brought by the War Memorial to reconsider a previous order upholding a Court of Appeals ruling that validated deed restrictions on the two pieces of property. Those deed restrictions, first recorded in 1941, specify that any development on the properties must be single-family residences. The decision by the court was the result of a lawsuit brought against the War Memorial by several Grosse Pointe residents in June, 2006.

The War Memorial had purchased the two properties in

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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## Water tower bids to be let

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The pace has quickened in developing a new water system to serve Grosse Pointe Woods.

A request for bids to build a water tower will be going out within the next few days. The project is expected to be completed this summer.

The city council, acting as the committee of the whole, approved the bid requests at its Monday, Feb. 2 meeting after hearing a presentation by city engineer Scott Lockwood.

"There will be three components to the project and we rec-

ommend each be bid separately," Lockwood said. "There will be the pump station, the reservoir and site preparation."

To have the project completed by this summer, Lockwood recommended using prefabricated units for both the pump station and the reservoir. Site preparation should be coordinated with the date of delivery of the pump station and reservoir and should include a water main, site grading and drainage, he said.

According to Lockwood, project specifications have

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

'Take advantage of every ounce of education.'

## Gilbert Finger



Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 63

Family: Wife, Linda; son, Geoffrey; daughter, Kimberly Kinsley; 7 grandchildren

Claim to fame: Volunteer at Defer Elementary School

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS PARK WORTH \$500,000:** Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, located in St. Clair Shores, has increased more than eight times in value over the original purchase price, according to a recent report presented to the Woods council by the city comptroller.

The land cost \$60,000 in 1948. Nearly \$300,000 in improvements have since been made. The increased valuation adds about \$3,000 in taxes to the city of St. Clair Shores.

◆ **CURIOUS CALLERS JAM POLICE LINES:** The police and fire departments of the five Grosse Pointe communities urged residents to only call their departments in an emergency.

The statement alludes to a recent incident when a jet plane from Selfridge Air National Guard Base broke the sound barrier, causing a loud explosion which shook homes and rattled windows throughout the area. For more than an hour telephone lines were jammed from people calling to find out the cause of the noise.

◆ **WINTER PUTS BITE ON CITIES' CASH:** The severe winter that has hit most of the nation since last November has taken a deep bite into appropriations set aside in city budgets for snow removal. The five Pointes were no exception, as their costs for snow removal, rock salt, labor and other expenditures nearly doubled from the prior year.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **HOSPITAL MAY ASK FOR ZONING CHANGE:** Less than two weeks after Grosse Pointe Park passed its controversial zoning ordinance insuring a continued residential flavor for the community, Bon Secours Hospital and the

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology may ask for a variance to build a \$5 million outpatient medical building at the corner of Nottingham and Jefferson.

◆ **GROUPS FACE OFF OVER SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** The Committee for Neighborhood Elementary Schools-Recall proceeded with its campaign to gather 6,700 signatures on petitions to force three school board members out of office. Meanwhile, Citizens Against the Recall Effort circulated literature refuting what it claims is false information being spread by the recall committee.

The recall was inspired by the board of education's vote last fall to close Barnes Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods and transfer sixth graders to the middle school.

◆ **FEDS TELL STATE TO REEVALUATE BRIDGE WORK:** The state may end up doing an environmental impact study of the proposed Old Eight Mile bridge project after all, but not as a result of a court order.

The Federal Highway Administration asked the state department of transportation to reevaluate the project which would double the number of lanes across I-94. Grosse Pointe Woods filed suit in both Wayne County Circuit and U.S. District courts to seek a temporary restraining order against the start of construction.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **CONTAMINATED SOIL REMOVED IN FARMS:** Grosse Pointe Farms spent \$32,000 to investigate and haul away contaminated soil discovered after one of three underground storage tanks was unearthed on city property.

Tests confirmed that a layer of granular soil, sandwiched between clay five to six feet below a section of the city's department of public works facility at Chalfonte and Kerby, was laced with gasoline and diesel



FROM THE FEB. 5, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Cub Scouts promo play

In anticipation of the forthcoming production of the MSU Players, "Utah Trail," Den 4 of Pack 74 at Richard Elementary School came to their meeting prepared to publicize the true tale of pioneers and Indians. Pictured from left are, Dick Plopa, Tom McClure, Steve Mihalik, Bill Chope, Britt Kaler and John Stearns.

fuel. The petroleum products apparently leaked from a nearby underground tank removed six years ago.

◆ **LAWSUIT A FEDERAL CASE:** The legal battle over a proposal to expand the harbor shared by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Village of Grosse Pointe Shores has escalated to federal court.

Defendants in a recent lawsuit seeking an injunction in Wayne County Circuit Court to halt harbor expansion talks had the case moved to the U.S. District Court.

Shores attorneys said they requested the move to federal

court because the suit concerns navigable waters which are historically the province of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

◆ **DOG ON ICE:** City of Grosse Pointe police received calls about a dog stranded on the ice of Lake St. Clair. Police were unable to rescue the animal because it was too far out, according to reports. Later that day, Grosse Pointe Shores police received calls about a dog running loose on the ice of Lake St. Clair. Several attempts were made to call the dog back to land with negative results. About two hours later, helicopters from a local television

station and the Detroit police arrived to help retrieve the animal.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOLS MAKE HONOR ROLL:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System received admirable grades on its report card from the state board of education. All the schools in the district received A's or B's.

◆ **HIGH PRAISE FOR MAIRE TEACHER:** Maire

Elementary School fifth-grade social studies teacher Barbara Davis was named as the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

◆ **WOODS REVIEWS DISCRETIONARY RAISES:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council's Compensation and Evaluation Committee put two city employees' raises on hold for 30 days. The action was in response to a letter signed by 25 city employees sent to the city council claiming the additional responsibilities and raises given to the two employees were "unjustified."

— Karen Fontanive

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## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Outpatient infusion service expands

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Patty Kinney, a registered nurse, sometimes arrives at work so far ahead of her assigned shift that she forgets to punch in and risks being docked pay.

"I like to come in, get my ducks lined up and get organized," said Kinney, a member of the hand-picked staff at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe's infusion services department. "If I'm prepared for the day, I can give the patient the best possible care."

Beaumont's outpatient infusion unit in the City of Grosse Pointe has more than quadrupled in size, yet its mission of personal service remains the same.

"Patients are our emphasis," said Josie Garnoc, department director. "We're flexible in meeting their needs."

"We're working toward one goal: To make patients comfortable and well," added Judi Zrebiec, one of nearly a half-dozen registered nurses and office staff Garnoc selected to operate the unit.

Infusion therapy describes almost everything from blood transfusions to chemotherapy and large doses of antibiotics.

"The nice thing about this job is you're always learning something new," said Tammy Simmons, a registered nurse with a background in critical care. "No two days are the same."

Treatments had been handled in one room. Four patients could be handled at once, with overflow handled as needed.

## Elbow room

Last week, the department celebrated its expansion into a seven-room wing used formerly for critical care.

Up to seven infusion patients now can be treated at one time. Currently demand is 22 patients. Some patients need infusions twice per day, the first before sunup, the second after regular business hours.

"If there's the need, we come in early and stay late," Garnoc said.

Patient amenities include chairs that transform into beds for increased comfort during treatments that can last all day. Each room has individual temperature controls and adjustable lighting. Patients can receive complementary meals delivered from the hospital cafeteria.

"This bigger area allows us to care for more patients and



Registered Nurse Patty Kinney infuses a patient with antibiotics.

have early discharge from the hospital," Garnoc said. "It allows patients to come to a comfortable healing environment."

"Josie's vision was to make the department roomy and cozy for patients," Kinney said. "Some patients are here eight hours. We want them to feel at home. We know it's not fun for patients to come here every day, but if we can make it better by providing them a comfortable chair, a dim environment and a meal, it makes it easier for the patient."

Without the outpatient service, many infusion patients would have remained hospitalized, an often costly and inconvenient alternative.

"The fact that patients can be out of the hospital is good for them, their families and whomever is paying for (treatments), such as insurance companies or Medicare," said Dr. Ralph Cushing, the unit's co-medical director along with Dr. Bishr Al-Ujayli.

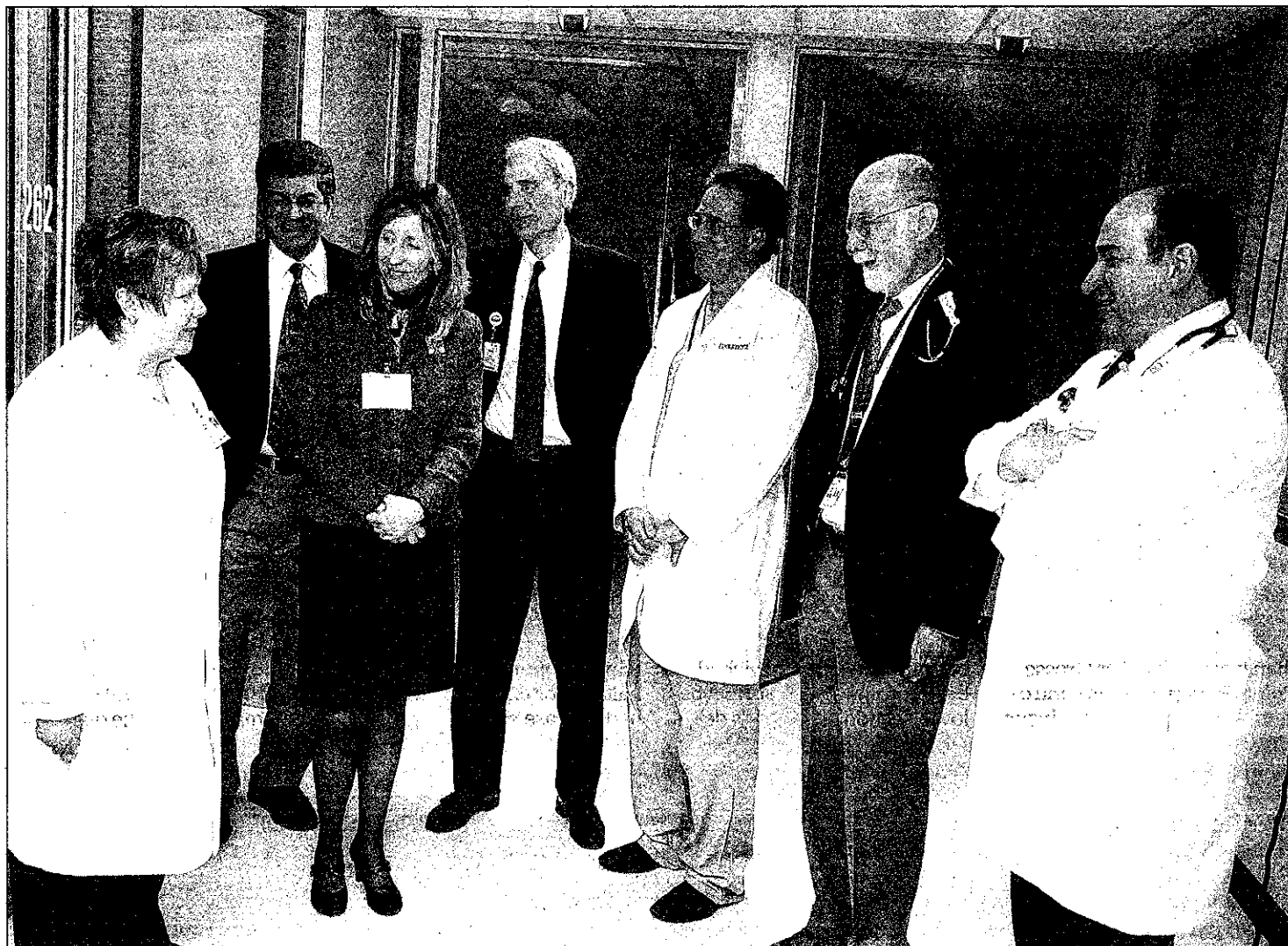
Patients completing their treatments are said to graduate.

"We hate to see them leave after we have them for so long, because we've developed a rapport," said Karen Like, a registered nurse and critical care specialist for 25 years. "But we're happy that they graduate. On their last day, they get a happy dance."

## Teamwork

For all of the staff's individual expertise, teamwork is key.

Kelly Livingston, the unit's nurse extender, a kind of office manager and insurance specialist, credits Garnoc.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Josie Garnoc, director of infusion services at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, conducts a tour of new infusion rooms to Victor Abiragi, cardiologist; Christine Stesney-Ridenour, vice president of operations; Rick Swaine, senior vice president and hospital director; Thomas Barbieri, radiologist; Dr. Ralph Cushing MD of infectious diseases and Dr. Bishr Al-Ujayli, co-directors of the department, during the grand opening. Top, members of the infusion services staff include, but are not limited to, front row: Josie Garnoc, director; Patty Kinney, RN; back row: Kelly Livingston, nurse extender, Al-Ujayli and Cushing, co-medical directors of the department, and Judi Zrebiec, RN.

"Josie is a strong leader," Livingston said. "She's very goal oriented. She leads the right way as far as compassion and teaching."

Garnoc and her team is pur-

suing ongoing education or additional certifications. Garnoc is working toward a master's degree in nursing with a teaching certificate.

Kinney is enrolled in a basic

arrhythmia class and this month will start studying advanced cardiac life support.

Zrebiec is studying advanced cardiac life support.

Simmons and Like last week completed a class in bio-therapy and chemotherapy.

Livingston is rounding out her college career at night.

# Auction features movie items

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The perfect Valentine gift may be found at a silent auction sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish at its annual Valentine's Day dinner dance, Saturday, Feb. 14.

More than 125 items have been donated and range from children's items to baskets of cheer, a condominium in Saugatuck, a cottage on the Massachusetts coast, antiques and several original art pieces.

"We're even offering the use of a time-share anywhere in the world," said Bob Ramsey, who, along with his wife, Jan, is chairing the auction. "We couldn't be happier with the response. Most of the items have been donated by individual parishioners. This event is the culmination of the incredible energy we see within the parish."

Many items have been donated, including a set of 24 Irish porcelain Christmas ornaments, each with a scene of Ireland, handmade jewelry boxes by local artist Stephanie Ruttinger, Mexican and Italian dinners served by parishioners, and sports tickets and memorabilia.

And lest anyone forget that St. Ambrose played a starring



The St. Ambrose Catholic Church auction committee members include Maurice and Betty Greenia, Grant and Stephenie Ruttinger, Mary Oberly, Carol Deuben, Colette Gilewicz, Beth Kurta, Arinda Mele, George Bush and Bernice Pickard.

role in the recently released Clint Eastwood movie, "Gran Torino," props from the movie set will be up for bid, including several signed items.

"For people who saw the movie, it opens with a funeral, set in the church. We actually have the mass cards that were used in the movie and will be auctioning those," said Ramsey.

This is the first year a silent

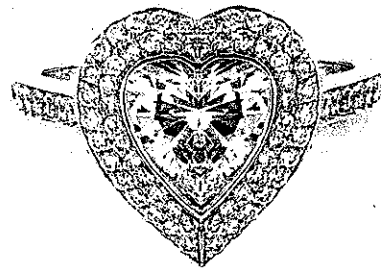
auction has been part of the annual Valentine's Day dinner dance, according to Ramsey. Proceeds go to the parish's "Save our Stone" campaign, which raises funds for the tuck-pointing work the church recently had completed in the final stage of a major restoration project begun in 2002.

The silent auction comes with an eBay-type twist. A preview of items up for bid will be

staged at the ARK at St. Ambrose Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8. A "buy it now" option will be available.

The Valentine's Dinner dance begins at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and dinner to be served at 6 p.m. with dancing after dinner in the ARK. Tickets are \$25 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the parish office at (313) 822-2814.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Gil Finger** is known as Grandpa Finger to dozens of students he tutors at Defer Elementary School.

# Passionate about education

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Two years ago, a question was posed to Gilbert Finger of Grosse Pointe Park by one of his seven grandchildren.

"Papa don't you like us here at Defer?"

With that simple question Finger, 63, moved from Trombly Elementary School to Defer Elementary as a volunteer. Four days a week, he helps first through fourth-graders with Chicago Math and the vocabulary enhancement program, Wordly Wise, sitting with a child for about 15 minutes of tutoring.

"I do whatever the teacher wants, help with math facts or edit their writing," he said, while pouring tea into china cups from England. "I've even been in the classroom. I enjoy the classroom activity."

However, it is the children who give him the greatest pleasure.

"Now children are my passion. Working with kids, I'm seeing the light (of understanding) go on. It gives me great pleasure. And I get to see my grandkids every day," he said.

He admits that his grandson has to help him understand Chicago math. Finger finds the correct answer using his "old math," not the Chicago method.

"I can do the old method. I primarily use flash cards with the second and third-graders and some fourth graders," Finger said.

He's looking forward to February when his kindergarten-aged granddaughter will begin to learn to read and they can sit together reading simple books.

Ten fourth graders and 10 third graders and "Grandpa Finger," as the children call him, study a monthly word list.

"It's a great way to increase vocabulary and understanding of the language. They are do-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Volunteer Gil Finger helps Olivia Mlynarek, Carastin Carswell, Oliver Ward and Collin McQueen. Shown in the inset are extra books, flashcards and puzzles he takes to his volunteer job at Defer Elementary School. His passion is to help children better understand math and reading.

ing what I did in the service," he said.

At the age of 18, he and a friend joined the armed forces after graduating from South East High School in Detroit. He spent two years in the U.S. Navy and two years in the Marine Corps.

"I had to go through boot camp twice," he laughed. "It was soft duty in the navy. The Marine Corps was brutal. We had to go into the field with field packs, medical bag and a

.45 sidearm. I trained as a hospital corpsman in Panama," he said.

He trained young medics to serve in Vietnam.

"I had great duty. I was on the USS Fletcher-DD 445," he said.

Finger and the crew traveled to Hong Kong, the Philippines and Japan.

"I transferred to the hospital corpsman training in San Diego. I received the Outstanding Military Order of

World Wars Award," he said.

His next stint was on Long Island, serving at St. Albans Hospital.

"It was hard duty," Finger said.

Forty years later it is still difficult for him to remember. He pauses, blinks back tears and swallows.

"I saw them coming back from Vietnam in their fatigues. They were critical, on the verge of death. I could smell the mold and mildew on their clothes.

They were burned by flamethrowers. I was in the plastic surgery ward.

"I'm sorry. I didn't think it would affect me..."

The memories of the wounded remain fresh as do the lessons he learned from a lieutenant who befriended him.

Finger said he didn't work as hard as he should have in high school and was impressed with the lieutenant's vocabulary and command of the language during his early years in the Navy. At Finger's request, the lieutenant put together a word list and Finger wrote an essay using the words to get a grasp of each word's intent and usage, similar to Wordly Wise.

He mustered out in 1967 and went on to earn a marketing degree from the Detroit School of Business. Finger owned a dental maintenance organization, a health maintenance organization. He sold to major groups such as the Ritz-Carlton and Great Lakes Steel. And he was an avid tennis player.

"I played a minimum of five times a week," he said.

A no-show for a business meeting at Eastside Tennis Club resulted in his being a volunteer at Defer.

A client didn't show on that

cold morning. Taking advantage of the court time, Finger hit some balls without proper warm-up and injured his back. Being the good sport he is, Finger picked up the balls and went home to bed. The following day, Saturday, he couldn't disappoint his doubles partner and played in a tournament, still in pain.

Four failed surgeries to correct his back problems has left him retired and on a morphine pump to control the constant pain. It also left him free to pick up the guitar again, learn Spanish, purchase a 1667 home in Yorkshire, England, renovate it, travel with his wife, Linda, and friends, Paula and Buzz Morris, visit his mother in Roseville and be a volunteer to elementary children.

Now he revels in children perking up and saying, "Oh, I get that."

"This has got to be the coolest to help little folks, to progress and grow in life."

Finger said he admires teachers because of their level of dedication. "They take every student home with them every night. They are constantly thinking of the student. They work 10 to 14 hours a day. I'm so impressed with them, I wanted to help."

Finger's assistance stretches beyond Defer. Once a week, except Friday, one grandchild comes home with him. The two put their heads together and dive into his box of learning materials, flashcards and books for help with homework. This is followed by dinner.

"They love coming here," he said.

The intergenerational mix is important, he said, not only what he provides for his seven grandchildren, but the image he projects at Defer.

"My being a grandpa is important. I don't see many men volunteering. It's usually the young moms volunteering. They (the children) respect me. I hope that I build their sights, make them good citizens," he said.

While helping children with their vocabulary and math, he is giving his advice to this young generation — education is important.

"Take advantage of every ounce of education. Reading is so important. If I will have helped, who knows what has happened," Grandpa Finger said.

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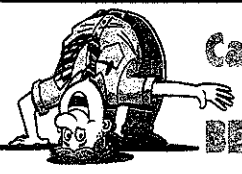
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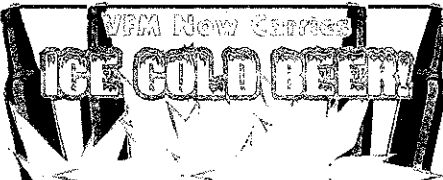
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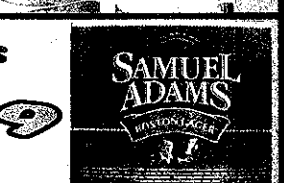
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# Audit: Woods in solid financial shape

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2008 for Grosse Pointe Woods is 119 pages long, but the figures on page 15 are the ones to focus on, according to the auditors from Plante and Moran.

"Your general fund balance is your measure of liquidity," said Mark Hurst, a partner with Plante & Moran, as he reviewed the audit with members of the Woods city council. "You have \$3 million in your general fund balance. Bond raters usually look to a fund balance of 10 to 15 percent of your total budget. Your balance is nearly 25 percent.

You're in a very healthy position."

However, that healthy position came with a qualifier. "You will probably be looking at a significant decrease in property values," he warned the council. "Taxable values are down, from 5 to 7 percent, which could result in a \$500,000 to \$700,000 decrease in income ..."

Even with the probable decrease in property tax revenue, Mayor Robert Novitke noted the city's general fund is even stronger than the audit might indicate. "Let's not forget our cable

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MARK HURST,  
Plante & Moran partner

fund, which amounts to \$1.6 million, and that money could be moved to the general fund if needed," he said. "We also have the water and sewer fund, which is at \$1.6 million. I think it's laudable that we have the reserves we do. We have done a lot of things right

in the past few years, so we have a surplus."

But Councilman Joe Sucher voiced concern over some of the numbers. "I'm heartened by seeing a strong fund balance," he said. "But the figure is \$690,000 less than last year. We need to put together a plan for cost containment. We need an analysis of every department in the city, and we should look at how much of a reduction we could achieve by looking outside of the city for some services."

Novitke reminded the council that while money was taken from the general fund this past year, it was used in conjunction with several grants which greatly reduced the cost of sev-

eral road projects and saved money.

"We paid a fraction of the actual costs," Novitke said. "We also paid off bond anticipation notes and decided not to seek a recreation bond. I think we've done a good job here."

"I don't disagree," said Sucher. "But there are flags. We need to be very cautious with tax revenues going down."

Hurst also reminded the council of a change in accounting procedures that will require the city to recognize the cost of retiree health care, and recommended the city develop a strategy to incorporate that sum into future budgets.

The city received an unequal-

ified opinion, the highest an auditor can give.

## TOWER: Disconnect from Detroit

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been sent to a handful of firms. He expects bids from "at least a dozen" companies on the site preparation work.

The city previously approved selling \$2 million in bonds to pay for the project planned for the Department of Public Works site on Parkway. Initial plans call for a 30-foot high 500,000 gallon water tank with the possibility of a second one if the city separates from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and connects with Grosse Pointe Farms' system. Talks continue with Grosse Pointe Shores over a possible joint water system.

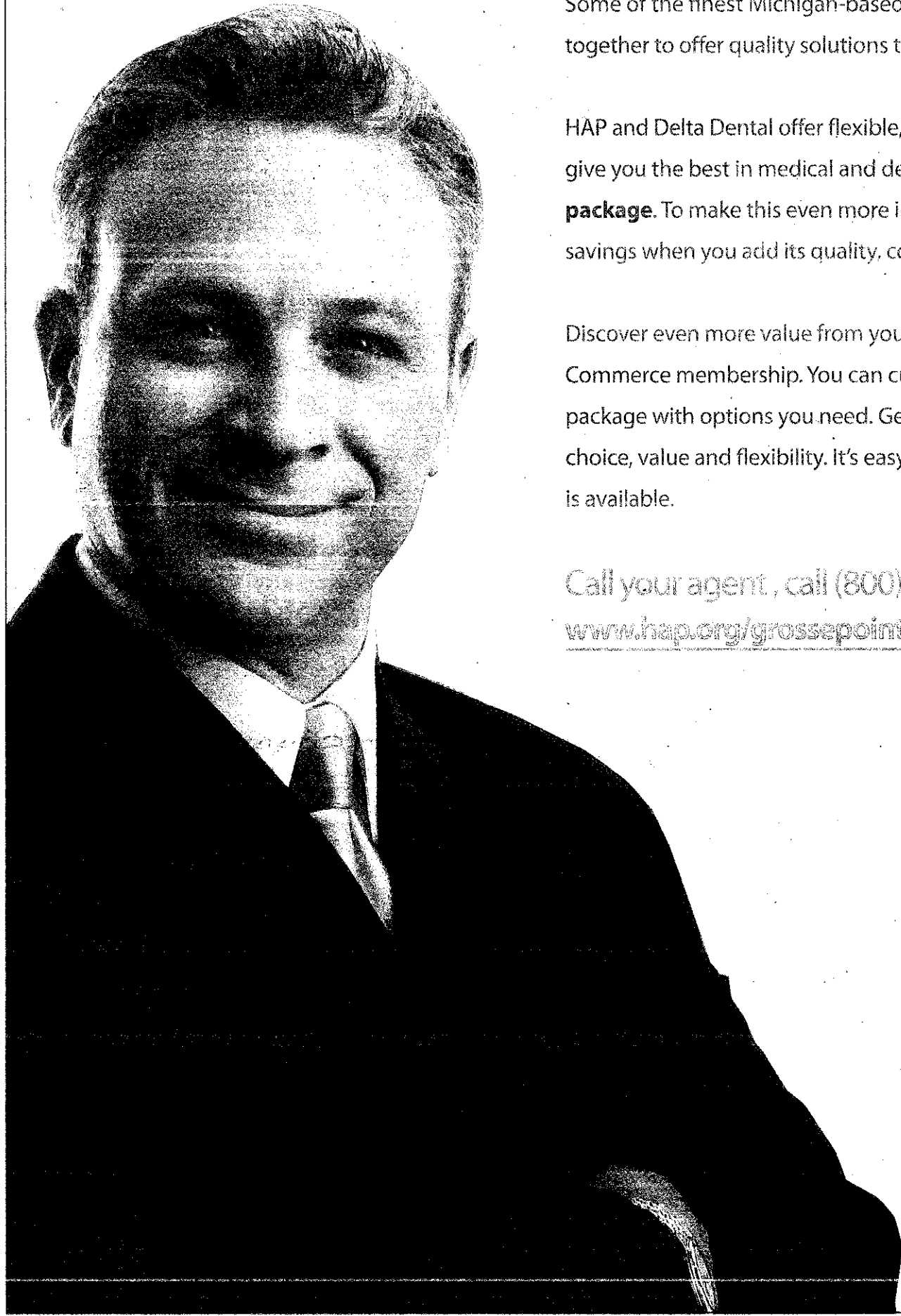
The new water tank will store water for use during high demand times and allow the city to negotiate for lower costs from Detroit by implementing water conservation plans, such as odd/even watering days and limiting the watering of city-owned property.

Mayor Robert Novitke requested city officials meet with representatives from Grosse Pointe Farms to discuss merging water systems and report back March 9.

The council is expected to review bids and approve contractors for the pump station and the reservoir at its March 16 meeting.



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THURSDAY, FEB. 12

◆ University of Michigan professor Ralph Williams discusses Shakespeare's sonnets at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10 and free for Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, teachers and students with ID. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

◆ Local Business Networks, Grosse Pointe chapter, meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. in the AAA Michigan office, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.

## CONDO: To be continued

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question in 2002 and 2003 for approximately \$10 million. It had previously purchased the property at 40 Lakeshore for \$1.2 million in 1990. Plans called for that property to be used to expand its community facility. A lawsuit was brought by neighbors to halt the project and the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in the neighbors' favor.

"We will continue to explore the properties and we will move forward," said Weber.





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## Winter fun

Above, Bob Frank of the City of Grosse Pointe Parks and Recreation Department puts a pair of snow shoes on Christine Semmler. Center, a happy duck was one of the many ice sculptures made during the City of Grosse Pointe's Winterfest.

Right, Mary Panagos and Allison Nosedá had enough layers on that sitting in a snow bank while enjoying hot chocolate didn't phase them.



## Speed dating popular with seniors

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Speed dating is the rage, no matter the age, which is why Services for Older Citizens is looking for mature men and women for a fun, get-acquainted evening.

SOC's first speed dating night begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe for singles aged 50 and up. There is no charge, but reservations are required and can be made by calling SOC at (313) 882-9600.

"We've been thinking about doing this since we heard about the successful speed dating events held in some

Macomb County communities," said Sharon Maier, SOC's executive director. "We thought it would be fun to offer it here and to invite people who are not our normal clients. You just have to be 'mature,' not necessarily a 'senior.'"

A sense of humor is recommended, though not mandatory, Maier advised.

Speed dating has been popularized in television shows ranging from "Sex and the City" to "The Simpsons" and movies like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," but is usually geared toward younger people.

Maier said speed dating has been found to be extremely popular with people aged 50 and up in St. Clair Shores and

Clinton Township.

"Senior centers there now hold speed dating nights at least quarterly," she said. "They are very well attended and it's something everyone looks forward to."

Speed dating offers the opportunity to meet someone in a non-stressful, non-committal atmosphere, said Maier. People move about the room, visiting with someone of the opposite sex for a brief time before moving on to someone else. It operates on the premise that first impressions are valid, so if someone is found likeable within a few minutes of meeting, chances are good that future encounters will be pleasant as well.

At the end of the session,

participants supply organizers with the names of people they would like to get to know better. If that person agrees, information is exchanged. If not, information is not shared.

"No stress, no commitment," said Maier. "It's a safe, fun way to meet someone, whether you're 25 or 50 or 70. It's not about commitments, it's about making friends, finding someone to go to a movie with or out to dinner. It makes meeting people fun, and having fun what this is all about. Come alone, or come with friends. We're looking forward to a really fun night, and we hope it's just the first of many."

Refreshments will be served and participants can mingle after the event.

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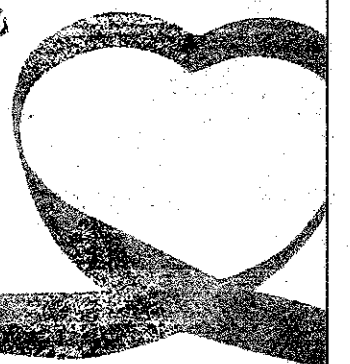


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GUEST EDITORIAL By Olivia Ferguson

A frightening step in wrong direction

For 232 years, "America" has been synonymous with "freedom." This country has built itself on the idea that every man, woman and child is free: Free to worship however they desire; free to work for their own living in whatever trade they prefer; free to pursue an education, to create the kind of life they want for themselves and their families; free to pursue happiness.

This promise of freedom is what has led so many to take refuge here during the last two centuries, and what has allowed us to become the world power we are today.

But today I am concerned because many of my fellow Americans seem to be equating "freedom" with "comfort."

Freedom brings with it responsibility. When no government is requiring its people to live a certain way, we are responsible for building our own life.

But for many years Americans have been growing comfortable. We have demanded of our government things we think we deserve, "rights" that it should provide for us because we are free — health care, jobs, college educations, and funding for our scientific, artistic and philanthropic endeavors.

But what we have failed to recognize is the instant we become dependent on our government for something, we are no longer free in that area. A pet canary in a cage does not need to dig for its own worms, but no one would call it "free."

Recently, I noticed a startling example of how the American people are becoming more and more like a comfortable, caged canary as our dependence on government threatens to restrict our freedoms.

Last week U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., issued a frightening statement. Responding to queries about why the federal government was planning to include hundreds of millions of dollars to support contraception and family planning as part of the stimulus package, she said the following:

"Well, the family planning services reduce cost. They reduce cost. The states are in terrible fiscal budget crises now and part of what we do for children's health, education and some of those elements are to help the states meet their financial needs. One of those — one of the initiatives you mentioned, the contraception, will reduce costs to the states and to the federal government."

In case you missed that, she said contraception will reduce costs to the states and to the federal government.

I hope I'm not the only one disturbed by this.

We are on the edge of a very scary, slippery precipice. The contraception and family planning support have since been removed from the proposed package, recently passed by the House of Representatives.

But the frightening fact remains our leading politicians have made a connection between contraception, children and costs to the government, and they feel no qualms about making use of it.

During the past few decades, the American people have become so dependent on our government it is entwining itself into parts of our lives in which it has no business.

The government that supports us is now asking for something in return: It feels empowered to suggest we have fewer children, because children are a burden on its budget.

Granted, this is nowhere near setting a legal limit, mandating how many or few children a family can have, as they do in China. Nor did Pelosi suggest a limit. This is merely the tiniest baby step, a nudge in the direction the government would like us to go.

"It's our money," government officials seem to say, "and we'd prefer not to spend it on more children, if that's all right with you."

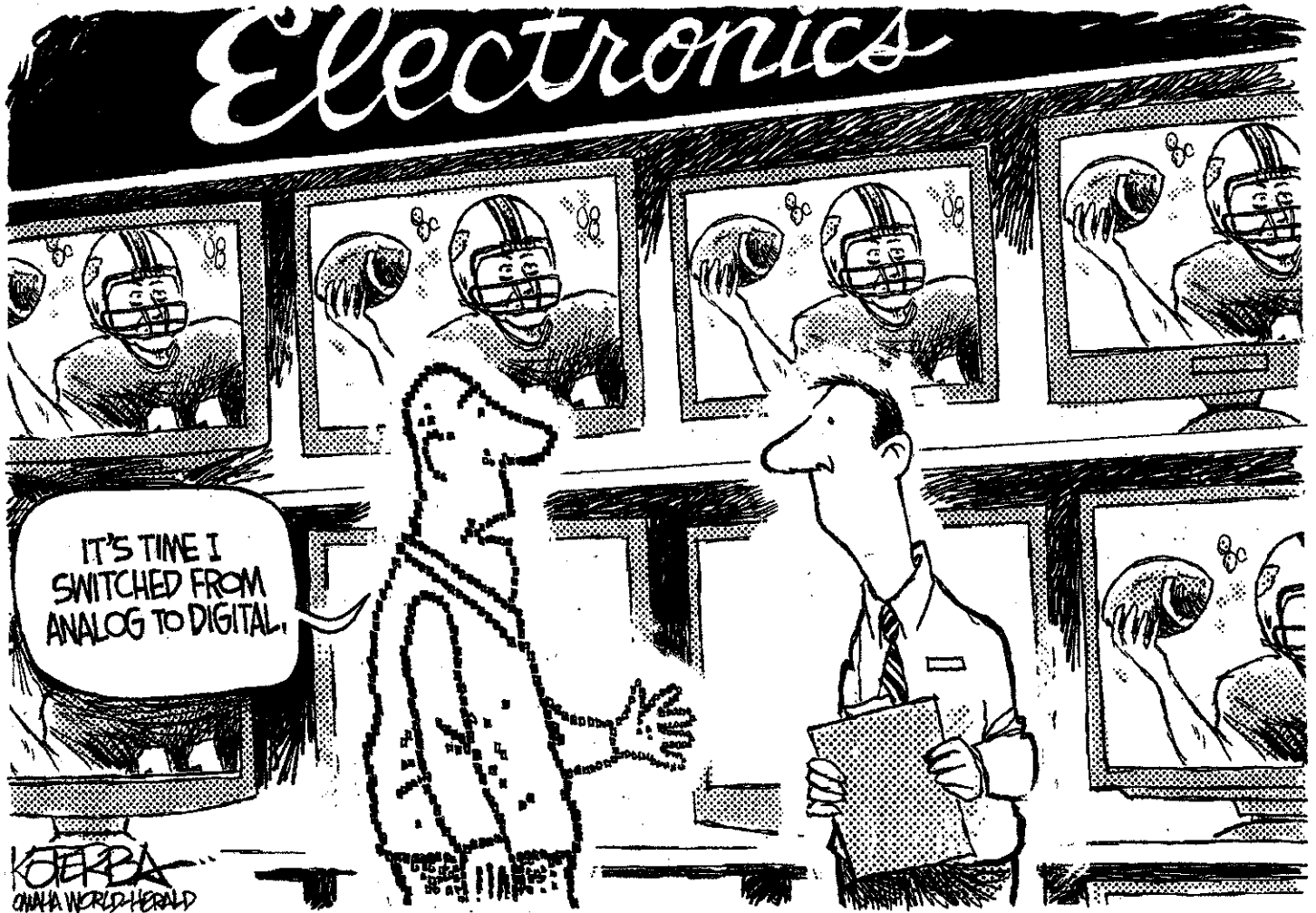
But we've just taken one step down a steep, slick slope and it's harder than we realize to climb back up again.

Nor is this simply an issue about contraception and children, though to my mind that is serious enough. The larger concern is now, as our senators and representatives draft legislation in Washington, D.C., they are discussing how our lifestyle choices affect the government's budget.

Trying to save federal and state money, government officials are beginning to economize with our lives such as a housewife paring down her grocery list. And if now they are talking about our children, what is to be next? The possibilities are disturbing.

During his first address to the joint houses of Congress in August, 1974, President Gerald Ford said: "A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take from you everything you have."

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Thanks members and residents

To the Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to our members and residents for their support at the Fourth Annual Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Membership meeting.

It is extremely gratifying to see local businesses and residents support their chamber.

Recognition and thanks are due to our exclusive corporate sponsor: Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

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New Business Enterprise winners are Susan Loreda at Biggy Coffee, and Gretchen Valade at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe.

We are also proud to announce our Excellence in Business winners are Kim Towar, owner of "the little Blue Book" Inc.; and Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited.

Finally, we would like to thank the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial for allowing us to host our meeting in their beautiful facility.

The awards were presented in the Fries Auditorium and can be viewed on WMTV5 the week of Feb. 9 in the Legal Insider time slot at 2:30 and 6 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

MARY HUEBNER  
President  
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Proposed school board policy

To the Editor:

I am quite concerned with the proposal to permit enrollment of children of non-resident staff.

The mission of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is the education of the children of the district.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has been entrusted with this responsibility by the taxpayers and residents of Grosse Pointe. To the extent that this proposal will dilute the efforts of the school system in performing its primary function, it is entirely improper and inappropriate.

Yes, some additional state funding may follow these children into Grosse Pointe, but if that were a good argument for bringing in children from outside the district, then it would logically follow that bringing in more children would be even better. And since there are approximately 90,000 children next door in Detroit who would

be delighted to come across the border, why not invite them all?

Of course that would be foolish and costly, but it illustrates the lack of logic to the "funding" justification.

One must question by what right does the school board offer enrollment to non-residents. The school board owes no duty or obligation to children outside the district. And I would submit, has no right to expand the definition of "resident" to include objects of its favor, no matter how well intentioned.

I seriously doubt the current lack of this "benefit" hampers the ability of the board to hire competent staff.

If it is the object of this measure to cement for all time in the minds of the voters that the primary beneficiaries of the operation of the Grosse Pointe schools are the employees of the system, then by all means, the board should vote in favor of this measure.

If members wish to recall their responsibilities to the children of Grosse Pointe and the taxpayers who make the system possible, then they should vote against this proposal.

DENNIS COTTER  
Grosse Pointe Park

Non-residents in schools

To the Editor:

The problems of declining enrollment and the resulting loss of funding has forced many of Michigan's 552 public school districts to seek creative ways to balance their budgets.

One way is to open the door to non-resident students, therefore adding extra kids who bring their per-pupil funds along with them.

As a Grosse Pointe taxpayer, I'd like to suggest the Grosse Pointe Public School System choose another way.

Grosse Pointe residents are proud of their schools and have generously provided local funding for decades. People

move to Grosse Pointe "for the schools." If you can get into the schools without residency, then why move to Grosse Pointe?

Right now, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is debating whether to allow the children of non-resident school employees to attend Grosse Pointe schools. Instead, I'd like to suggest these employees look into some of the marvelous housing values that currently exist within the district.

Unfortunately, any move toward allowing non-resident students to attend Grosse Pointe schools brings the district closer to "schools of choice."

Didn't the school system just go to the trouble of re-registering students to ensure residency? Are Grosse Pointe schools taking a giant step backward?

In Bloomfield Hills, non-resident students are allowed entry into "the Bloomfield Hills Schools if one parent or step-parent works for the district in a regular, non-substitute position.

Non-resident students are not provided with bus service and, among other problems, require after-hours supervision until private transportation can be arranged.

Typically, non-resident students are placed into school buildings and classrooms that are "under-enrolled." Sometimes, inclusion of non-resident students can create problems or mask problems in a school rather than solve them.

I believe that Grosse Pointe residents and taxpayers have shown their commitment to the Grosse Pointe schools by passing the "hold harmless," "sinking fund," and other school millages for generations.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education should return the favor by acting to protect residential property values by limiting non-resident access to our wonderful schools.

JENNY GREENWELL  
Bloomfield Hills

GUEST OPINION By Jay Ambrose

What to do about college costs

Colleges are becoming unaffordable for many families. They are suddenly facing hard times and talking about government bailouts.

But there's another, better answer: It goes beyond the efficient, intelligent management they have mostly been loath to substitute for the flabby model now in place.

This approach would be to rethink the whole idea of a four year degree as a crucial ticket to enter the middle class and obtain decent jobs in our society. It's an idea that became more compelling with the recent publication of a report prepared by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

The document observed college tuition and fees have taken a mighty 410 percent leap

in inflation adjusted dollars over the past quarter of a century, placing families in a pickle. As a New York Times story on the report says, median income families must sacrifice 28 percent of their income to put a student through a public university, and must fork over 76 percent of their income to get a student a degree at private universities. At some point — as when other bubbles burst — many families may say there's just no way.

And things are going to get worse before they have a prayer of getting better. Some universities and colleges are looking at increasing tuition and handing out fewer grants to the needy as they deal with all sorts of problems brought on by the economic downturn — less money for public universities from states, endowments that are swiftly losing

value, fewer donations from hard-pressed graduates and increased difficulties for students trying to secure loans.

Belatedly, many of these institutions are also trying to cut costs by such tactics as postponing building projects or laying off adjunct professors, much of which amounts to a pittance when compared to countervailing tendencies.

Many — certainly not all — have spent lavishly in search of prestige, say students of the subject. Because of barriers to entry, the competition has been slight as prospective students have pounded on the doors, begging for a chance at the good life.

The heavy hand of tenured faculty in governance is one among many factors standing in the way of more alert business practices. Expenditures on administration are said to

go beyond reason, an allegation buttressed by fresh accounts of university presidents drawing some pretty handsome salaries, including some more than \$1 million.

You can guess how universities hope to get out of this mess.

"There's no evidence of a complete meltdown," Molly Corbett Broad of the American Council on Education told the New York Times, "but the problems are serious enough that higher education is going to need help from the government."

Well, no thanks, because that's part of the problem in the first place — government assistance and student loan programs have contributed to the inflationary spiral at these institutions already, support-

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

# Lives well led make lives well read



I've been writing at the Grosse Pointe News about 18 months. When people ask what I write, my answer is met with one of two responses: a nervous chuckle or the response, "How sad."

You see, I write obituaries. I don't think of myself as the Grim Reaper and, while I empathize with those who have

lost their loved ones, writing obituaries is not sad: it's fascinating.

It's amazing what you can learn from obituaries. There are obituaries for lifetime Grosse Pointers and those from well-known families of politicians and business owners. There are many lawyers and doctors and local celebrities. For example, the socialite who married a Russian prince. Her family referred to her as one of the "beautiful people." Which in fact, she was when that term was used more frequently in the 60s and 70s.

What do you really know about that elegant woman or

the distinguished gentleman who lives down the street?

One of the first obituaries I wrote was for a woman who modeled in her younger years. Her son said she was blessed with attractive legs and while serving in the armed forces in England during World War II, one of her legs was cast in a movie starring David Niven.

Then there was the artist who held a patent for a device that perforated cigarette paper. Who knew such an invention was needed?

And there was the great-grandmother who was the first staff pianist for Canadian radio station CKLW. Who under the

age of 60 would have even known such a job existed?

How about the former high school math teacher who was the first female executive at Sears, Roebuck and Company?

The obituaries teach us that the doctor known for delivering thousands of babies was a competitive sailor. That the man who cut your hair enjoyed the sport of curling. That the elderly woman who was a member of your church's altar society was a table tennis champion in the 1960s and 70s.

Then there are the many decorated men and women who served our country, espe-

cially World War II veterans. By the number of obituaries for people in this category last year alone, one truly realizes that it won't be long before this Greatest Generation will no longer be.

By reading the obituaries you learn about organizations and clubs like the Witenagemote Society, a literary society of many educated and accomplished men or the PEO Sisterhood, a group promoting education opportunities for women.

The Grosse Pointes are home to many boaters, sailors, golfers, tennis and bridge players, master gardeners and

members of Alliance Française.

It can be sad to receive a child's obituary hand delivered by his parents or a spouse's obituary delivered by a grieving widow or widower who lovingly cared for his or her ill spouse.

But it is far more uplifting to learn about the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors who have somehow impacted our lives. And it serves as a reminder to get to know something special about the people we meet each day and make sure that what people remember about us is what we would like.

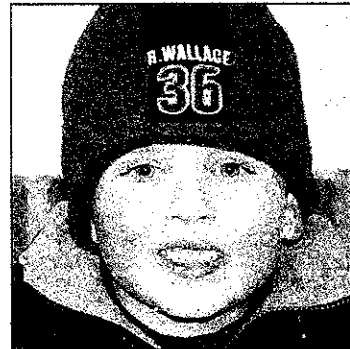
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## If your pet could answer a question what would you ask them?

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



'I would ask my fish, what is your favorite color?'  
GEENA MOLCZAN  
Chesterfield Township



'I would ask my cat, Sparky, if he could catch a mouse because he already caught a bird.'  
ANDREW BURAU  
Royal Oak



'I would ask my cat, why do you purr?'  
JESSICA BURAU  
Royal Oak



'I have a dachshund and I would ask him if he wanted to be taller.'  
THOMAS JARECKI  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I wouldn't ask a question. I would be too surprised he was a talking dog!'  
STEVEN JARECKI  
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Carting around the Grosse Pointes



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. For more information, visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

The cart was the universal vehicle for farm and family use in Grosse Pointe, wagons being unknown. It was a light two-wheeled vehicle of the ordinary cart construction and the sides were protected by a low railing. The folks sometimes had chairs placed within, but commonly all rode after a more primitive style, with a buffalo robe only for a seat.

In this simple mode, ladies were taken to church to parties and calls or carted over the mud whenever the roads were in a condition unfit for dainty feet. Even those who were so fortunate as to obtain the use of a cart did not always escape the danger or the fun, for sometimes the loosely made lynch pin gave out and the whole living cargo was unceremoniously dumped out, sometimes in the very deepest puddles.

But such accidents in those days were a subject of mirth, rather than of chagrin. This French cart was an article of real convenience and was well adapted to the wants and tastes of the Grosse Pointe farmers. It was a legitimate descendant of the cart of Normandy. The traineau was of rougher construction made for work and the runners did not spread.

The Calashe was the sum-

mer carriage, consisting of a sort of one horse chaise, capable of holding two persons besides the driver who sat perched upon a low seat with his feet dangling on the shafts. This vehicle had no springs, but the body was hung upon two broad leather straps which were secured behind by two iron rollers by which they were tightened when too loose.

The winter carryall (Cariole) resembled the body of the calashe placed on the runners; between the driver and the horse was the high dash board that reached to the driver's breast.

When winter shut down and Jack Frost locked the lake in his icy embrace cutting off all communication with the outside world, the fun commenced. Young men and maidens were in abundance and sleighing, dancing and other festivities ruled the hour. The

music furnished by a violin-fiddle, they then called it, was quite all that was needed. French four and reels comprised about all the dances, no cotillion or round dances. Refreshments were not elaborate, but quite simple, consisting in nearly every case of cider, apples, doughnuts, venison dried and roasted, hickory nuts, black walnuts and rum. But the most universal and favorite beverage was a cordial called LEustrope-distilled peaches in rum or brandy.

The habitants were passionately fond of racing on the ice at the Grand Marais, the predominating winter sport of the early Grosse Pointe pioneers. There are no residents left now who remember the Grand Marais, (Big Marsh). It began at the Detroit Water Works and rolled away in a prairie-like sweep of course marsh grass along the river and lake as far

up as Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe.

When the autumn rains came, the entire surface was submerged and the wintery frosts soon converted it into a miniature sea of glass. Late in autumn they would erect on its border a long one-story building with stone chimneys at each extremity furnished with rude tables and benches.

On Saturdays and Sundays during the long cold winter cutters (carioles) filled with young men and laughing girls might be seen gliding over the glassy surface of the ice-bound marsh and lake. If there was snow, speeding along the old high road where now extends the broad and beautiful Jefferson Avenue, each finally landing its freight of life and beauty at the hotel du Grand Marais.

The box seats of the carioles were always filled with myste-

rious baskets and packages, which were speedily transferred to the long tables. After a toothsome lunch, the tables and benches were removed and dancing commenced to the inspiring strains of a cracked fiddle.

Racing on the ice with their fast pacing or trotting French ponies was another favorite pastime. In the year 1876, William B. Moran, born in Detroit in 1846, learned the state legislature was interested in reclaiming the Grand Marais. In the course of time he became the owner of nearly 12,000 acres of cheap land and this, when reclaimed, made him a man of wealth.

It is much of his holdings that were subdivided and called Windmill Pointe subdivision. Many beautiful homes on finely paved streets with all improvements now occupy this once marshy wasteland.

## COLLEGE: Methods of study

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ing them in their bad, old ways and keeping them from needed reform.

The better idea comes from Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute. He argues that while a liberal arts program might require four years, most study programs don't — you could whittle the time down to maybe one or two years.

Murray says online and other methods of study could be just as good. He believes

what's most needed for entry into a wide variety of fields is competency tests, not a credential proving very little. He says there are endless career opportunities that don't require college. And people lacking degrees are unfairly stigmatized and a high percentage of those entering college never graduate because they weren't suited for the exercise in the first place.

Murray's not for scuttling post-secondary education, but for keeping four year degrees from being the be-all and end-all they are now.

Jay Ambrose is a former Washington opinion writer, the editor of two dailies and a writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

## FREEDOM: Slipping away

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As the hand that feeds us begins to grasp us tighter and tighter, Americans must ask ourselves how much is it

worth. Can we afford to let our freedoms slip away for an increase in our comfort?

I think not — I pray I'm not alone.

Olivia Ferguson is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and a member of the 2006 Grosse Pointe South Choir program. She is a junior at Michigan State University, currently studying in Austria.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

## Siding a trillion dollar standard

At least the word "trillion" still has cachet as denoting a lot of money. "Billion" has been surpassed during the past few months, and "million" has long been positively quaint.

The Obama team wants to keep its two-year stimulus plan just beneath \$1 trillion, sensing that 13 figures is the price point when the public might balk at the fiscal bacchanal. The entire Pentagon budget is \$500 billion.

That Congress will take more time, into February, to pass the bill constitutes a notable act of fiscal restraint in the "Age of Obama." Otherwise, congressmen will make like those Germans who lived through the hyperinflation of Weimar Germany — and shove cash out the door in wheelbarrows.

Obama's team wants to get 80 votes for the stimulus plan in the Senate, and took a step toward it with word that it is considering \$300 billion worth of tax cuts as part of the plan.

Sure, that's a tax cut "only" in the hundreds of billions. But consider:

*The stimulus spending — or most of it — will eventually disappear, and Obama will have to raise taxes.*

President Bush's first tax cut, \$1.35 trillion over 10 years, delivered \$174 billion in tax relief in its first two years. Obama is nearly doubling Bush's cuts that were denounced by Democrats as recklessly profligate.

Bush's second tax cut in 2003 cost \$350 billion over 10 years. Obama is engaged in shameless fiscal logrolling, hoping to pick up Republicans by devoting roughly 40 percent of his plan to tax cuts.

They are characteristic Obama tax cuts, with a strong whiff of spending about them. He wants to give people \$500 tax credits — a version of the \$131 billion stimulus that didn't work in early 2008 — and throw a bunch of tax benefits

at business.

None of this is as straightforward — nor will it provide

as much economic benefit — as simply cutting the payroll tax for working people or cutting the corporate tax rate for business.

Even with tax cuts absorbing some of his plan, Obama is testing the outer limits of spending. The federal government spends about \$60 billion a year on transportation and other sorts of infrastructure.

As Harvard economist Edward Glaeser points out, doubling that amount still "would represent only 8 percent of a \$750 billion package." Obama might be reduced to the expedient suggested by John Maynard Keynes of burying money in bottles and then paying people to dig it up. Some of the projects on the "shovel-ready"

list compiled by the nation's mayors are only marginally less foolhardy.

During the campaign, Obama was careful always to say — less than honestly — that his spending proposals were paid for. Now, it doesn't matter. Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland left a begging voice message with Obama Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel that captured the moment perfectly: "Rahm, it's Ted. You've never failed me, and I need \$5 billion."

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The fiction of his campaign was that repealing the Bush tax cuts on the rich would pay for everything. Repeal probably gets \$50 billion a year, which in Washington's newly adjusted fiscal lexicon is negligible.

It takes a trillion to get anyone's attention. And "quadrillion" comes next.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review* and a writer for *King Features Syndicate*.



# Not too chilly for fun



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Left, Joey Schneider was having so much fun at Grosse Pointe Woods' Winterfest that he ate his lunch on the ice.

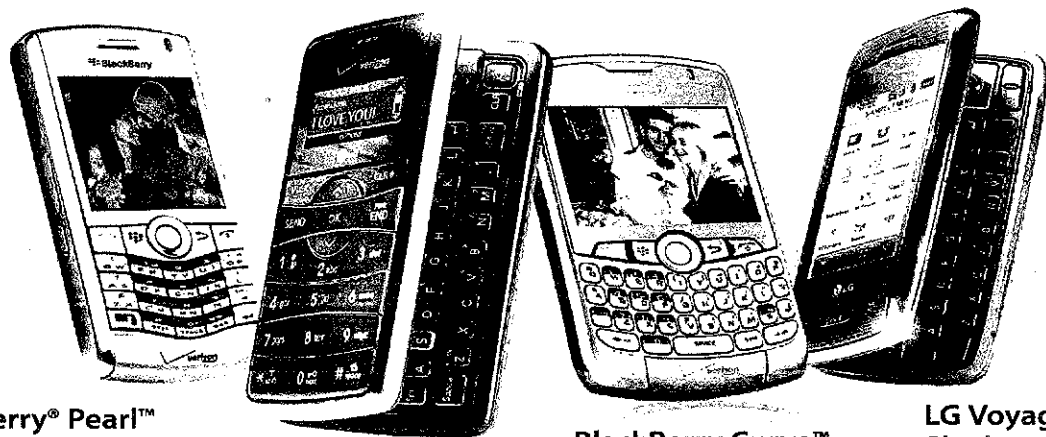
Top right, winners of the Silver Ladle cookie contest were Irma Zehetmair with her Jelly Rings, first place; Julie Ditter's Sweet Explosions, second place; and Carol Holloway and her Russian Teacakes, third.

Right, Robert Masi and his Cosmo's Chili was awarded second place in the Woods chili competition; Jim Nelson's Whiskey Heat Chili took first place. Mayor Robert Novitke stands next to Marge Schneider who took third place for her Better than Carol's Chili. In the back row are Chip Berschback, Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilwoman Vickie Granger, Don Berschback, and City Councilman Joe Sucher. The chili winners were also awarded silver ladles.



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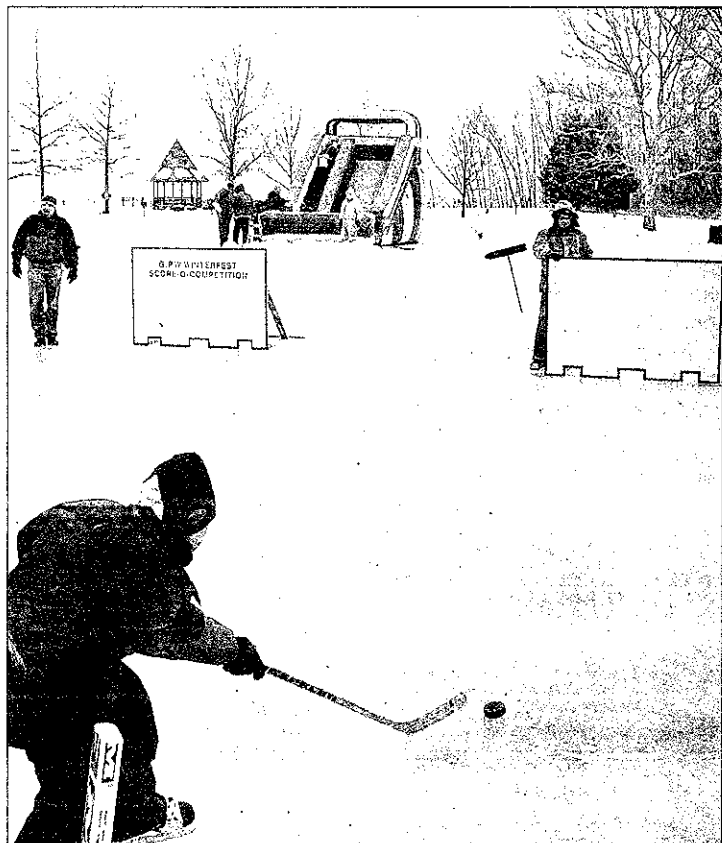
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Kaylee Bossenbery jumps in the air just before she slips down the inflatable slide.

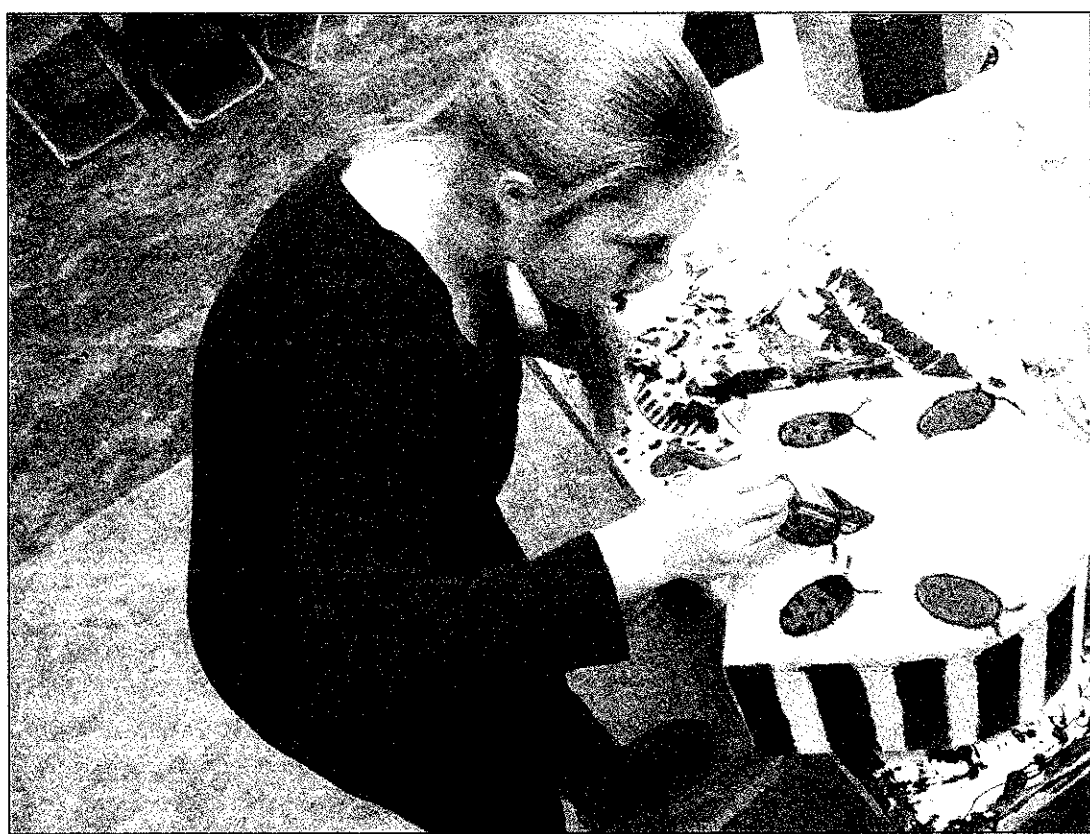


Above, Genevieve Calandro gets a few tips from her father, Robert, on how to put the puck through the holes in the Score-O contest.



The Score-O is one of the highlights of the festivities.





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## Support

Art VanElslander has been a longtime supporter of America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Last week, some of his grandchildren painted clocks for a 2009 float honoring VanElslander's decades

of support. Above, Alex Seroka paints ladybugs on a clock. Left, Art VanElslander of Grosse Pointe Shores, center, with his grandchildren as they add creative touches to clocks that will appear on a float in November.

Below, Olivia VanElslander painted her hand turquoise and placed it on a yellow clock while her cousin, Cyndey Webb, watched.



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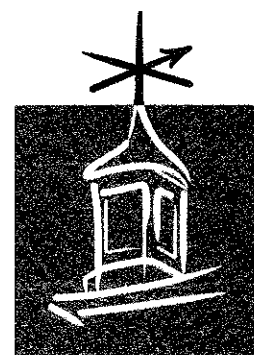
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## South Moms go online to fund classroom technology

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Call it innovative, creative or clever.

The first-of-its-kind Online Auction by the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School is utilizing the latest technology to fund technology enhancements in the classroom.

From March 5-12, the long-time fundraising organization will be accepting online bids on items donated to a special website through February and wrap up its efforts with an 80th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Lochmoor Club Saturday, March 14. The evening will feature a silent auction of the Hot 100 items — the top most viewed — from the online auction, in addition to a live auction of items viewable, but not for bid on the website.

The goal of the event, said auction chair Allison Baker, is three-fold: to support the latest technological advancements in classroom instruction, to fund technology-related college scholarships and to promote the purchase of advanced materials and techniques to preserve and enhance the historic high school building.

"It's different than a normal school auction. It's been exciting because we're really reaching out to the community and alumni in particular, asking them to donate items or be-

come a sponsor and come to the event. It's really interactive," she said.

Contributions so far include vacation getaways, clothing, sports packages and entertainment outings. And new items are added each day. In addition any time the group has a message, an e-mail goes out to some 6,000 recipients.

"It's really exciting that the alumni are getting excited about it and willing to participate. A handful have sent in checks after hearing about it, several are sponsors and we have had at least 10 items donated. It's fun to get people involved who aren't even at the school," Baker said. "It's nice to live in a community like this."

For those who can't make it to the gala celebration, the Mothers' Club is offering absentee bidding: participants can submit the highest amount they are willing to spend on a silent auction item and silent bidders will watch it throughout the evening.

South Principal Al Diver said he is impressed with the organization's efforts.

"I really like the idea of an online auction, but the target audience is much wider. It's a creative way to reach the proud alumni of South that might not be able to make it to the actual auction. We are most appreciative of all the Mothers' Club is doing and of the generosity of the South community to help

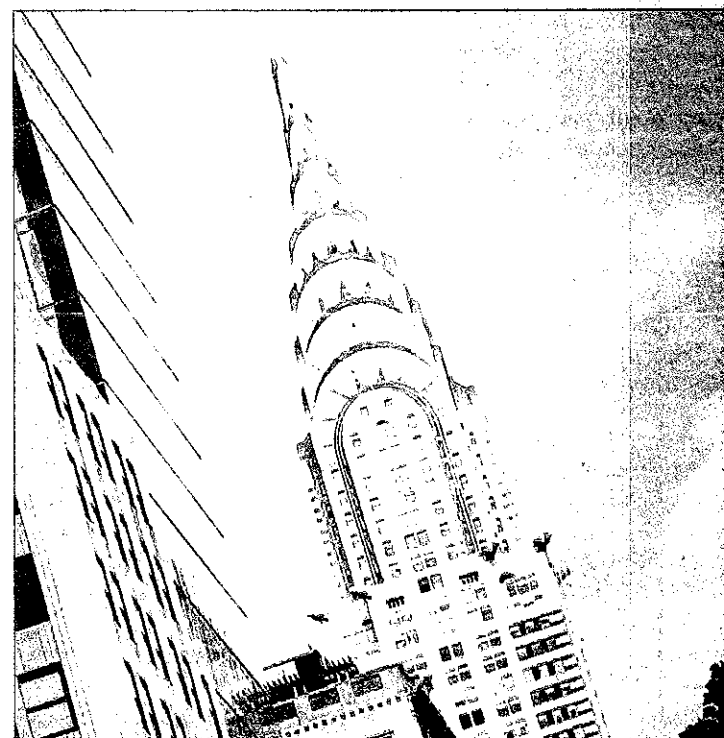
make this dream a reality," he said.

Specific technology the school is looking at implementing is the SMART Board, an interactive, electronic white board that can display teachers' notes, math problems and in-class assignments through a mounted projector. Accompanying software provides lessons, activities, maps, backgrounds and graphics, and also stores teachers' lesson plans.

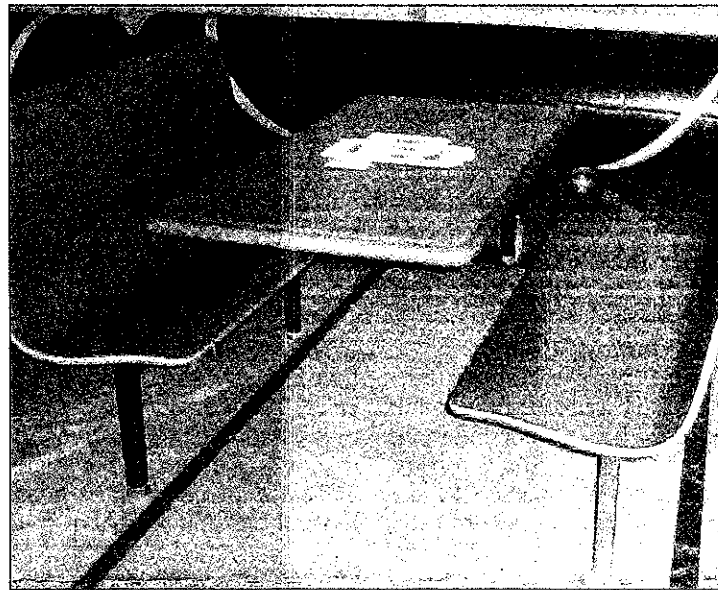
"The technology implementation that we are undergoing will lead to increased student engagement, and the more we can engage kids in the instruction, the better they will do," Diver said. "From simple things to a larger projected image all

the way to interactive SMART Boards, each change will positively impact the classroom. Most of the classrooms are still outfitted with a 27-inch TV, and while it may have been the optimal way to watch a video once upon a time, it is hardly the best method for 30 students to watch a PowerPoint presentation. On top of that, the clicker response system is a great way to keep students involved in all aspects of the lesson."

The South Production Club created a YouTube video featuring Diver and a look at the Smart Board technology. To view this video, see items up for auction, make a donation or order tickets to the gala celebration, visit [gpsmothersclub.cmarket.com](http://gpsmothersclub.cmarket.com).



Items will be up for auction on a special website created by the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School. Bids include a weekend in New York City, above, a manicure and pedicure treatment, below, and a booth for a basement or rec room from the old Fisher Road Student Commons, left.

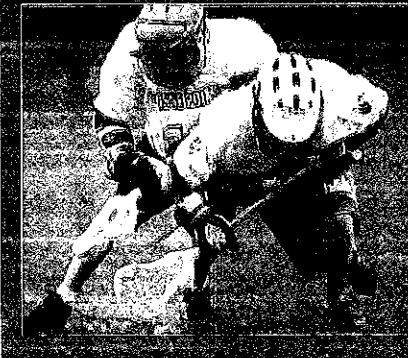


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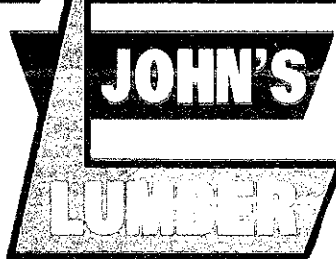


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## SCHOOLS

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## Shortfall looms in budget development

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Officials for the Grosse Pointe Public School System have their work cut out for them.

As work begins on the 2009-10 budget, administrators anticipate addressing a \$6 million shortfall — a task not unfamiliar to a district that has overcome substantial deficits over the past few years.

This time around, the usual factors remain at play: decreasing student enrollment, the rise of insurance benefit costs expected to increase between 5-10 percent, and the increase in the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System rate from 16.54 percent to 18.54 percent. The statewide, noncontributory plan provides pension and health care benefits to retired employees and is funded almost entirely through employer contributions. A state board establishes the mandatory payment rate and the district has limited options to counteract its increasing cost.

Again this year, to give officials specific strategies and direction, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education has laid out its budget development parameters.

Board policy requires that trustees annually identify specific goals and objectives in regard to cost reduction and revenue increases, while giving flexibility to the administration as it develops the budget. Those four areas of focus, according to trustee and board Treasurer Fred Minturn, include evaluating staffing levels and special education services, identifying areas of cost containment and developing long-term financial solutions.

"The first three all need to add up to a \$6 million savings. The fourth is a vision of the future. We don't want to live from budget to budget," Minturn said during the Monday, Jan. 22, board meeting. "We anticipate receiving a shortfall annually."

Next year's enrollment is projected at 8,193 students, a decline of 452 from the 2006-07 school year. At that time,

there were 465.3 full-time teachers. Currently, the district employs 468.4 teachers. Minturn said he expects a large percentage of the projected shortfall to be addressed by bringing the staffing ratios to scale.

The administration is also expected to examine the budget for special education. For the 2007-08 year, there were 268 students involved with a budget of \$18.9 million. In 2008-09, that number decreased to 257, but the budget increased to \$19.7 million.

Additionally, trustees have asked district officials to find any areas of cost containment, reduction and revenue enhancement to offset the projected shortfall.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services Christian Fenton said work ahead is going to be a challenge.

"We can only reduce (non-salaried) expenses so far. Economics right now are very difficult and we don't anticipate getting much or anything from the state. We can take a

good stab at it, but when you're cutting out, it's very difficult looking at all aspects: salaries, fringes and utility consumption," he said.

Fenton said he is proud the district was able to add significant square footage to several buildings without adding additional staffing or utility expenses.

He and other officials are charged with submitting a proposal or series of proposals to offset the projected deficits for the next five years, and "investigating innovative and long-term solutions that will aid in the district's ability to cope with the financial challenges brought about by the state's current means of funding local school districts," Minturn wrote in a memo outlining the areas of focus.

"It will be a very difficult assignment, but we would like a spectrum of options to completely plug the hole for the next five years," he said.

A draft of the budget is expected in April or May. The board must approve the final version by June 30.

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## Auction on the way

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School holds its annual auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit.

The event, the school's largest fundraiser, will feature both live and silent auctions with items from travel and entertainment to sports memorabilia and home and garden. The auction will also include a 101-Chance Raffle. The winner will have the opportunity to choose one live auction item prior to its start.

Tickets for this raffle will only be sold the night of the auction.

The goal of the event, "Treasures: A Gem of an Evening Awaits," is to raise money for new science textbooks and provide enrichment opportunities for students and staff.

Tickets are \$100 per person. The evening includes food stations and an open bar. Call (313) 885-3430 for tickets or information, or e-mail auction@stpaulonthelake.org.

## Forums planned

A public forum on the Grosse Pointe Public School System K-12 instrumental music program is held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the Brownell Middle School library, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. At 8 p.m., a second forum will be

held on the fourth- and-fifth grade library program.

In addition, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, a forum will feature discussion on the third-grade social studies program. It will also be held in the Brownell library.

## Work to begin on student commons

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

It's a project that has long been waiting in the wings.

But now, plans are in place for the construction of the multi-purpose room, student commons area and practice gym at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Last week, bids from 13 trade groups were approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for everything from demolition, roofing and masonry to painting, windows and skylights.

Architects Ehresman Associates designed the space, which is split up into four separate areas, said Marc Chamberlin, senior architect.

A practice gym will replace what is currently the girls gym, where workers will add new flooring and a new coat of paint. The boys gym will be remodeled into a multi-purpose room, in which a portion of the balcony will be removed, flooring will be replaced and new paint will go up. Two dressing rooms — one for boys and one for girls — will replace what is now the existing boys

locker room. A new student commons area will take over what used to be the school's old pool, which has long been filled in. Workers will carpet the existing tiered space for a sitting area and install a new barrier-free lift.

According to Christian Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services, the student commons could be used for overflow during lunch, a place for class meetings or after school gatherings for clubs. It may also be utilized for evening receptions. The primary use for the multi-

purpose room will be rehearsal space for performing arts groups, musicals and choir performances, Fenton said.

Construction is expected to begin later this month and should wrap up in September.

The endeavor, which is being financed by the bond fund, came in under budget. The total cost is \$2.28 million; \$2.3 million was originally set aside. "These projects have been looked at for quite a few months," said Fenton, who thanked involved parents, students, staff, along with architects, building engineers and project manager Barton Malow, during the Monday, Jan. 26, meeting.

"I know they will be very happy to get this rolling."

## Choirs in joint show

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs with the choirs from Pierce and Brownell middle schools at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Pierce auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Tickets are \$15 for main

floor seating, \$10 for rear main floor seating and \$9 for students and seniors and \$5 for balcony seating.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village, or online at gpsouthchoir.org. For more information, e-mail tickets@gpsouthchoir.org.

## Donations needed for St. Joan auction

St. Joan of Arc School is accepting donations for its third annual auction gala, An Evening in Paradise, Saturday, March 7, at the Assumption Greek Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. The auction planning com-

mittee is accepting donations of sports tickets, memorabilia, trips and jewelry.

Cash donations are also accepted.

To make a contribution, call Catherine Kostuch at (586) 772-3040.

To purchase advertising in the auction program book, contact Stephanie Surzyn at (313) 885-3682.

An Evening in Paradise includes dinner, martinis, coffee bars and entertainment by the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band.

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## Library to talk Oscars

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will celebrate the 81st Academy Awards with its popular program, "Oscar Night at the Library," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Woods Branch, 20680 Mack Ave.

This year's discussion will be led by WDET-FM's film buff, Rob St. Mary, along with film critics Jeff Meyers and Corey Hall from the Metro Times.

The trio plans to discuss a wide range of films, including best picture nominees "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon," "Milk," "The Reader" and "Slumdog Millionaire."

Attendees can also discuss their favorite performances of the year. Several movie clips will be shown.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220 to register.



# North Club brings home awards

DECA is an association of students who are planning for careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. The goals of the club are to promote leadership development, social intelligence, civic consciousness and vocational understanding.



## GPA Bee winner goes to next round

Academy middle school students qualified by taking a written test; 10 finalists competed in the final round by answering oral questions on geography. Maxwell and Triano went on to the championship round. School winners, including Maxwell, will take another written test; up to 100 of the top scorers will be eligible to compete in their state bee in March. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championship in May. Pictured, from left, is Meade, Triano and Mobley.



## Star of Sea students move on in state essay contest

Regent Susie Scheiwe, who has been a member of the chapter for 20 years, said she can't remember another year when a school entering multiple categories had chapter winners in every category they entered.

## South singers succeed

Pointe Singers, South Connection, Women of Pointe Singers, Women of South Connection, Stephanie Aboukasm and Lauren Jacob duet, Jessica Aboukasm, Stephanie Aboukasm, Jaclyn Beach, Jillian Black, Max Bobinski, Meredith Bury, Elyse Croce, Maggie Davison, Madeline Dombi, Daniel Dusina, Billy Finkenstaedt, Emily Flom, Katie Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Brian Hall, Sarah Harness, Maggie Hartz, Amanda Harvey, Eddy Harvey, Eli Hoerler, Lauren Jacob, Kathryn Kelch, Chris Khouri, Mateja Kopcak, David Krueger, Alexandria Mahone, Laura Manardo, Kelsey Mara, Lisa Martin, Brad Menchl, Austin Montgomery, Rob Montgomery, Ben Moss, Danielle Muawad, Natalie Nihem, Ellie Ottaway, Alexandra Papas, Greg Papas, Lindsey Phillips, Andrew Pytel, Nicole Pytel, Divya Raman, Cassie Rickard, Casey Sanders, Hannah Sparrow, Bobby Sullivan, Carolyn Sullivan, Christina Swanson, Ajith Varghese, Allyson Webb, Kathleen Weston and Katie Whitney.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Elaine R. Asmus

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elaine R. Asmus, 97, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at Chapel View Care Center in Hopkins, Minn.

She was born in Manitowoc, Wis. to James and Ellen Pech and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in 1933. She moved to Michigan to begin her teaching career. She was teaching music in Roseville when she met Frederick Asmus, whom she would marry.

Mrs. Asmus also taught music at Monteith Elementary School for 13 years.

She enjoyed music, gardening and spending time with her family. She was a member of PEO Sisterhood, Chapter AO, Grosse Pointe and Chapter J in Manitowoc. She was also a founding member of Grosse Pointe Methodist Church.

She was the longtime friend and next-door neighbor of Mrs. Ernestine Johnston whose obituary also appears in this newspaper. The two women's birthdays were one day and one year apart and they died within three days of each other. Their daughters still remain good friends.

Mrs. Asmus is survived by her son, John J. Asmus; daughters, Mary Roley and Jeanne (Don) Becker; grandchildren, Chris Bruna, Troy Asmus, Danielle Asmus, Mark Becker, Jeff Becker and Alison Horstman and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick J. Asmus; grandson, Michael Bruna; sister, Ethel Pech; her twin brother, Al Pech and her brother, George Pech.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

## Hugh W. Johnston

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Hugh W. Johnston, 96, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Johnston was born May 18, 1912, in Detroit to Wilbur and Anna Degan Johnston. He graduated from Highland Park Junior College and worked in printing and advertising.

Mr. Johnston was a lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II, serving at bases in California and New York.

He was a longtime subscriber to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and was proud of saying that he had heard the DSO under every one of its music directors from Ossip Gabrilowitsch to Leonard Slatkin. He also subscribed to Michigan Opera Theatre from its earliest days to its current season.

Mr. Johnston was an avid tennis player and skier, and up until a few years ago, he and his wife could be seen riding their motorcycles around Grosse Pointe and on trips to the Upper Peninsula. He also had an extensive collection of firearms and enjoyed participating in skeet shooting. He belonged to the Indian Village Tennis Club, Otsego Ski Club and the Bayview Yacht Club.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife, Frieda.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 31, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park with the Rev. Timothy Pelc as celebrant.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

## John M. Malone Jr., M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident and renowned gynecologic oncologist John M. Malone Jr.,

M.D., 57, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Harper University Hospital in Detroit.

Former Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Dr. Malone belonged to several medical societies and was voted "Best Doctors in America" several times, among other honors, including WSU's Frank P. Jacobell endowed professorship.

Dr. Malone was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking, snowshoeing, snow skiing, sailing, water sports and salmon fishing in Lake Michigan. He had a summer home at Big Platte Lake in Northern Michigan. He was also an avid reader of history and thoroughly enjoyed Christmas. He was known to set up his award-winning Christmas light display in November.

A graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and John Carroll University, Dr. Malone received his medical degree from Wayne State University and his fellowship in oncology at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas.

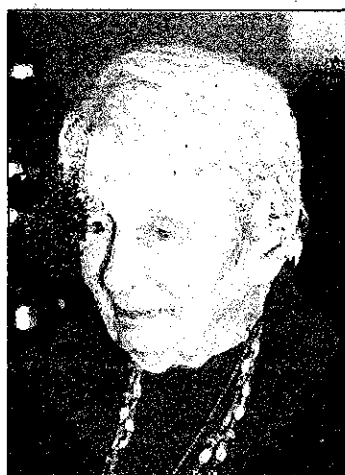
He is survived by his father, John Malone Sr., M.D.; his former wife of 26 years, Mary; sons, John III and Austin and four brothers and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to University of Detroit Jesuit High School Scholarship Fund, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit, MI 48221 or the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute, Contributions — VE01FS, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

## Ernestine Johnston

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ernestine Johnston, 96, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Johnston was born May 5, 1912, in Kansas City, Mo. to



Elaine R. Asmus



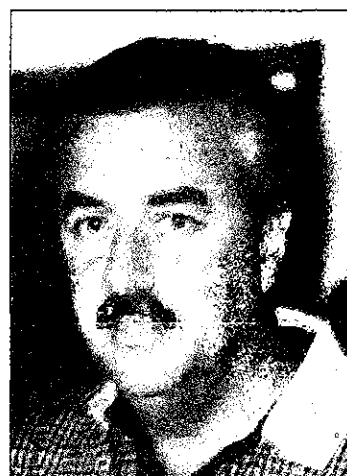
Hugh W. Johnston



John M. Malone Jr., M.D.



Ernestine Johnston



Peter Beach Short



Eric Wetherill Stroh

Ernest and Edythe Aruffo and moved as a young child to the Detroit area.

She graduated from Central High School and Marygrove College. She began her career at Crowley, Milner & Company in merchandise display. Later, she was co-owner with her husband of L.B. King Co. in the Fisher Building. She also was the bookkeeper and jewelry buyer for the business.

Mrs. Johnston, known as "Ahnle" to family and friends, enjoyed piano, gardening, investing in the stock market, reading and playing Rummikub at the Farms pier.

She was co-founder of Grosse Pointe Council of Better Literature for Youth, president and member of Grosse Pointe Grand Marais Garden Club and a member of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club.

She was dearly loved by her family. A woman of substance and value, she will be missed by all.

She was the longtime friend and next-door neighbor of Mrs. Elaine Asmus whose obituary also appears in this newspaper. The two women's birthdays were one day and one year apart and they died within three days of each other. Their daughters still remain good

friends.

Mrs. Johnston is survived by her daughter, Sharon Johnston (Tony) Kenny; grandchildren, Bryce (Christa) Kenny and Blake (Paula) Kenny; great-grandchild, Ailey Kenny and her brother, Ernest Aruffo.

She was predeceased by her loving husband and longtime sweetheart, Riford Johnston, whom she married in 1936.

A funeral service was held Jan. 29 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms with interment in the church's columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

## Peter Beach Short

Former Grosse Pointe resident Peter Beach Short, 61, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009. He lived in Milford. He leaves behind a loving family and many wonderful friends.

Mr. Short graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and Western Michigan University. He received his J.D. from the University of Detroit

Law School. He started his career as a teacher before embarking on a career as an attorney practicing in the Detroit area. In later years he enjoyed success as a finance/leasing consultant.

Mr. Short spent many years on the platform tennis circuit and enjoyed some of his happiest moments playing the sport. In addition, he authored a book on golf, "R.A.T.S.," rules according to Short, and hosted an annual golf tournament in his name.

He is survived by the love of his life, Kathy Miller of Milford; his daughter, Melanie (Jack) Letzer of Ellicott City, Md.; his stepson, William Miller of Milford; his brother, George (Mary Ann) of Grosse Pointe; his sister, Mary (David) Halsted of Terre Haute, Ind., and his grandchildren, Frederick and Alexandra.

Uncle Pete also cherished his nieces and nephew.

A family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48202; Michigan Humane Society,

Development Department, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 2200, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Contributions — VE01FS, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

## Eric Wetherill Stroh

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Eric Wetherill Stroh died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, after a brief illness.

Mr. Stroh was born in Detroit and lived in the Farms for 75 years.

He was the great-grandson of Bernhard Stroh who came to Detroit in 1848 from Kim, Germany. He then founded what would become the nation's third largest brewery. Mr. Stroh joined the family business in 1955 and retired in 1985.

Mr. Stroh is survived by his children, Edward Robertson (Wendy) Stroh of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Frances Robertson Stroh of San Francisco, Whitney Wetherill Stroh of Grosse Pointe Farms and Amelie Porter of Grosse Pointe Farms and grandchildren, Michael Shirin-Stroh and Whitney Robertson Stroh.

Mr. Stroh also is survived by his first wife, Gail Robertson Marentette and his second wife, Elisa Keyes Stroh.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Gari Melchers Stroh Jr., Peter Wetherill Stroh and his son, Charles Suddards Stroh.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe where Mr. Stroh was a lifelong member.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tabor Academy Scholarship Fund, 66 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Arrangements were handled by Hamilton Cremation Society, Grosse Pointe.

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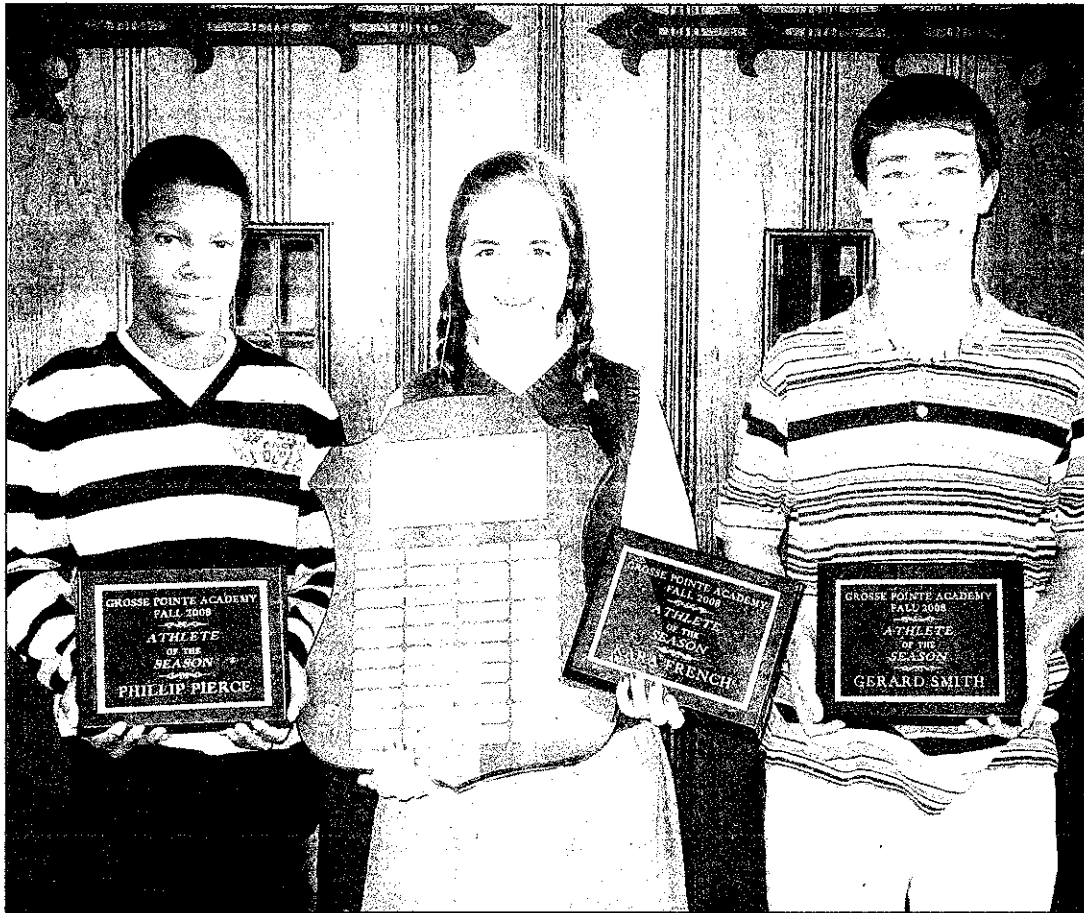
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## SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS



## Scholar athletes awarded

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-graders Phillip Pierce and Gerard Smith and seventh-grader Kara French were named Athletes of the Season for Fall 2008. Each was chosen based on their athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship.

Pierce was co-captain and co-MVP of the Academy's undefeated tennis team. He was undefeated in the No. 2 singles spot with a record of 14-0. He received high academic honors and is on the citizenship and head of school list. He is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Smith, who played in the No. 1 singles spot, had a record of 13-1 on the tennis team. He was co-captain and, along with Pierce, voted most valuable player. He is a scholar athlete, received academic honors and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

French, a first-year player on the undefeated varsity volleyball team, was named best spiker. She received high academic honors, is on the citizenship and head of school list and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Pictured, from left, is Pierce, French and Smith.



## Star marks Catholic Schools Week

Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-31 with a wide variety of events and activities, some that went along with the national theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service."

The week began with an open house and concluded with Special Person's Day. In between, students participated in a canned food drive for the St. Jude Food Pantry. Before being shipped off, students assembled the donations into castles and other types of architecture, calling them a "fortress against hunger."

Pictured, from left, are sixth-grade classmates McKenzie Frame, Ryane Pangborn and Julia Anter in front of their castle, complete with a landscape backdrop.

The school also acknowledged its budding middle school scientists with sixth-grade experiments, a seventh-grade Invention Convention and eighth-grade reports on famous scientists and inventors.

## Student artwork exhibited locally

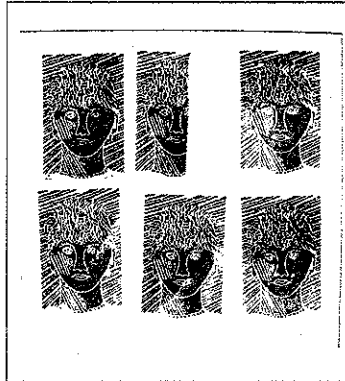
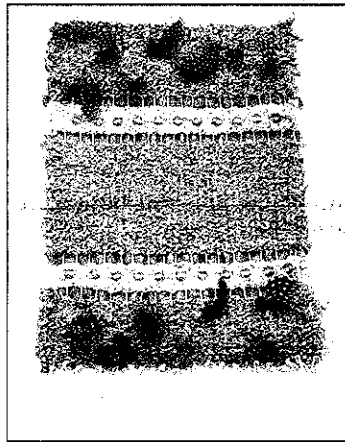
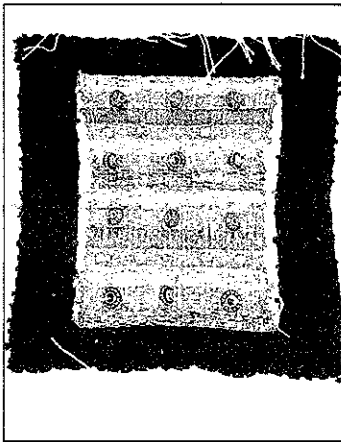
Select students at Pierce Middle School recently participated in the Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition, where three walked away with awards.

Eighth-grader Kiersten Kern, artwork top left, and seventh-grader Laura Gellert, artwork top right, both won a certificate in sculpture for their weaving; and eighth-grader Corey Thelen won a Silver Key for his printmaking project, "Printilicious," bottom.

The artwork will be on display Sunday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 6, in the Walter B. Ford II building at the College for Creative Studies.

Other Pierce students who entered the contest will be honored by having their work on display in an exhibit at the Michigan Education Association Local 1 office, 38850 Garfield, Clinton Township.

These students are eighth-graders Corey Thelen, Latrice DeJulius, Samantha Bagnasco and Kiersten Kern; and seventh-graders Laura Gellert, Rachel Forcillo, Patrick Jackson, Emily Muhich, Travion Seal, Shivangi Sharma, Annie Siwak and Elizabeth Trudel.



## Musical honors

Two Grosse Pointe South High School music students were honored at the Michigan Music Conference for original compositions selected from dozens of entries around the state.

Allison Biaglow's "What You Are to Me" was chosen for solo piano and Brendon Wilson's "La Metamorphosis" was selected for solo cello and chamber orchestra.

Both students performed their own works in the Honors Composition Concert in Grand Rapids Saturday, Jan. 24, sponsored by the Michigan Music Educators Association.

Biaglow is a member of the South band and Wilson is a member of the South orchestra and a student in the school's music technology class.



## Straight from the heart — Shakespeare's sonnets

University of Michigan professor Ralph Williams discusses Art and Desire; Shakespeare's Sonnets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is free for Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library members, teachers and students with identification. General admission is \$10.

"Shakespeare's sonnets have been called the greatest poem in English," Williams said. "They in one sense are a sustained achievement, but they

are also brilliantly polished individual probings — 154 of them — of the response of a man deeply in love with beauty, and in intense desire.

Williams is an Arthur F. Thurnau professor of English in the department of English, language and literature. He specializes in medieval and renaissance literature, Shakespeare, literary theory, comparative literature and Biblical studies. He helped create the Royal Shakespeare Company residency program at the university. In 2008, he was selected as Michigan Professor of the Year by the

Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching.

Upcoming Friends lectures include:

◆ March 19: T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets, speaker: Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson

◆ April 2: W.B. Yeats's The Winding Stair and Other Poems, speaker: Dr. George Bornstein

◆ May 14: Edith Wharton's House of Mirth, speaker: Dr. Gregg Crane

For information, call (313) 343-2074 ext. 6, or visit [gpfriends.org](http://gpfriends.org). The lecture is part of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's classic book series.

OBITUARIES:  
Loved ones  
remembered

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Lauren Clementine  
McDonald

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Lauren Clementine McDonald, 31, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in Cairo, Egypt. Ms. McDonald lived in Marina del Rey, Calif.

Ms. McDonald was born in St. Clair to Brian and Suzanne McDonald. She was a 1995 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and attended Cottey College and Florida International University.

Ms. McDonald enjoyed fitness, outdoor activities, animals and travel.

She is survived by her parents; brother, Christopher and grandparents, Shirley McDonald and Lewis Militurn.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to



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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Drug bust

A 14-year-old City of Grosse Pointe boy was arrested for possession of one gram of marijuana allegedly purchased shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at a house on Neff above Mack in Detroit.

A patrolman was cruising Mack near Neff when a woman flagged him down and reported seeing three juveniles leaving the Detroit house. The officer questioned the boy and his two 14-year-old male friends after they crossed back into the City on Neff at Mack.

"(The 14-year-old) admitted they purchased a small amount of marijuana from a friend," said the arresting officer. "(The boy) retrieved a small vial of marijuana from his front pocket."

The two other boys, for whom police did not release residences, weren't charged.

### Wheels stolen

Police shortly before sunup Monday, Jan. 26, informed a resident of the 200 block of Rivard that the wheels of his Cadillac Escalade had been stolen and the vehicle propped on blocks in the family driveway.

The patrolman who discovered the theft at 5:55 a.m. had minutes before cruised by the residence and noticed an unoccupied black Dodge Ram pickup truck parked on the block with its engine running.

The officer remained in the area. Five minutes later, he saw the Ram being driven from the neighborhood without headlights. The unknown driver ran at least one stop sign and escaped into Detroit's eastside.

"(The) owner's wife said she

heard some noise outside at approximately 5:27 a.m.," said an investigating officer.

—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

### Three citations

A 32-year-old Detroit male motorist, pulled over for running a red light at Mack and Moross, was arrested at 11:37 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 for driving without a valid license.

"He admitted being suspended," said the arresting officer. "An open bottle of Budweiser beer was found within reach of (the) driver's seat."

Charges included driving while suspended, having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and disregarding a traffic signal.

### Admits guilt

A 61-year-old Detroit man was cited at 6:40 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, for operating a vehicle without headlights or brake lights on westbound Mack near East Warren.

"He freely admitted he was suspended, the vehicle is unregistered and he had no insurance," said the patrolman.

Records showed the man's license had been suspended 10 times, including three times in the Farms dating to 2003.

### Teacher targeted

A female substitute teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School said her black leather

purse was stolen sometime during normal school hours Thursday, Jan. 29.

She said her purse had been in a plastic bag hanging from a hook near the door to Room 216.

### Car B&E

An iPod and mp3 player were stolen out of an unlocked Mercedes Benz parked in an open garage during the night of Wednesday, Jan. 28.

"There were two similar incidents this date regarding attempted larcenies from autos," said a Farms public safety dispatcher. "In both of those incidents, the vehicles were rummaged through, but nothing was reported taken."

—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 Park

### Attempted home invasion

A Berkshire resident told police at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 two men knocked on the owner's front door and when the homeowner did not answer, the men moved to the rear of the house.

The men fled, but police tracked their footprints in the fresh snow to an apartment on Mack where they were arrested for attempted home invasion.

### Anniversary

Congratulations to Dispatcher Jill Mazzara for 18 years of service and Public

Safety Officer Christopher Flanagan for 20 years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

*If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department at (313) 822-6200.*

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Passed out

A sergeant patrolling Vernier near Lakeshore at 5:31 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 31, came upon a black GMC Yukon parked with its engine idling and driver asleep at the wheel.

"The driver-side tire was missing and the vehicle was resting on the rim," said the sergeant. "The (driver) stated he was drinking at a bar and

hit an unknown object, causing the flat tire."

The man thought he was in Harper Woods. Instead, he spent the night in the Shores jail for operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .116 percent.

—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

### Car stolen

A 2000 silver Jeep was taken from a hospital parking lot sometime between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

### Expensive taste

A 39-year-old shopper attempted to take four bottles of champagne valued at \$215 from a grocery store on Mack Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Loss prevention personnel held him until police arrived.

When the suspect wasn't able to produce identification, a fingerprint check revealed he has at least eight aliases, four Social Security numbers and two different dates of birth.

A LEIN check revealed he is wanted on retail fraud charges in Plymouth, Roseville and a prior one in Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Intoxicated

A 44-year old Detroit resident was arrested at 12:36 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, for driving while intoxicated.

A background check revealed he has seven outstanding warrants, nine previous convictions for driving with a suspended license and three prior arrests for driving while intoxicated.

—Kathy Ryan

*If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department at (313) 343-2416.*



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## Giovan receives honor

In recognition of his years of service to the Wayne County Circuit Court, the Hon. William J. Giovan received a proclamation from the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. In addition to recognizing his commitment to ensuring justice within Wayne County, the proclamation also cited his membership in the Forum Shoppers, a barbershop quartet, and his participation in the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at Most Holy Trinity. Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, presented the proclamation after Giovan concluded a court session in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court where he serves as visiting judge. "I'm just a little overwhelmed by these kind words," Giovan said. "All these years I just thought I was doing my job. I'm most grateful. I'm honored that you are the person who gave this to me," Giovan said to Killeen. "Having you here brings back memories of your father, James Killeen, who served as clerk of Wayne County. Your father was a dedicated public servant and he served well the citizens of this county. I'm honored to have you present this to me." Above, from left are Killeen, Giovan, and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem Al Dickinson, right.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:30p.m. In the City Council chambers off the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of:

**Receiving comments or suggestions regarding an amendment to the 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.**  
**These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate residents.**

The City of Harper Woods expects to receive \$95,000.

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

LOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Kelly Road Census tract 5516 Blocks	Streetscape improvements: Concrete, landscape, electrical	\$51,450
City Wide	SOC minor home repairs: Assistance to elderly and handicapped based on income	16,000
City Wide	SOC Chore Program	9,025
City Wide	Pointe Area Assisted Transit: Handicapped transportation based on income	9,025
City Wide	Administration: Program Management	9,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,000</b>

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

Please write or call the Office of Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225 313-343-2518

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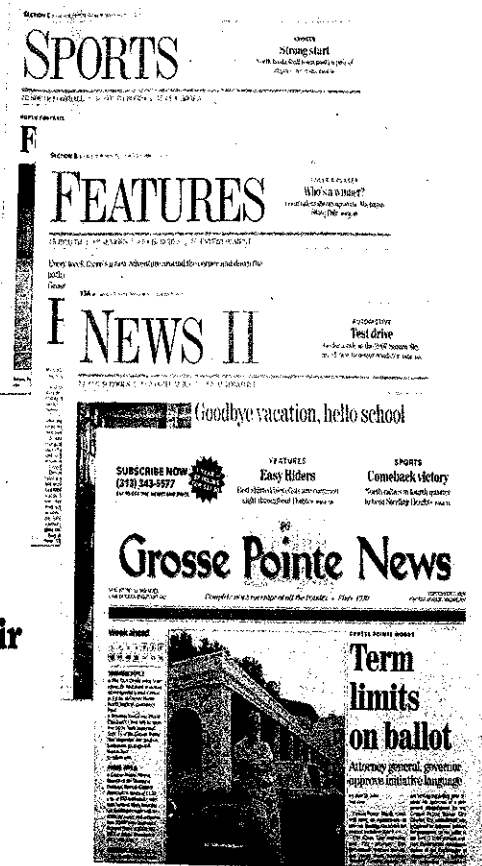
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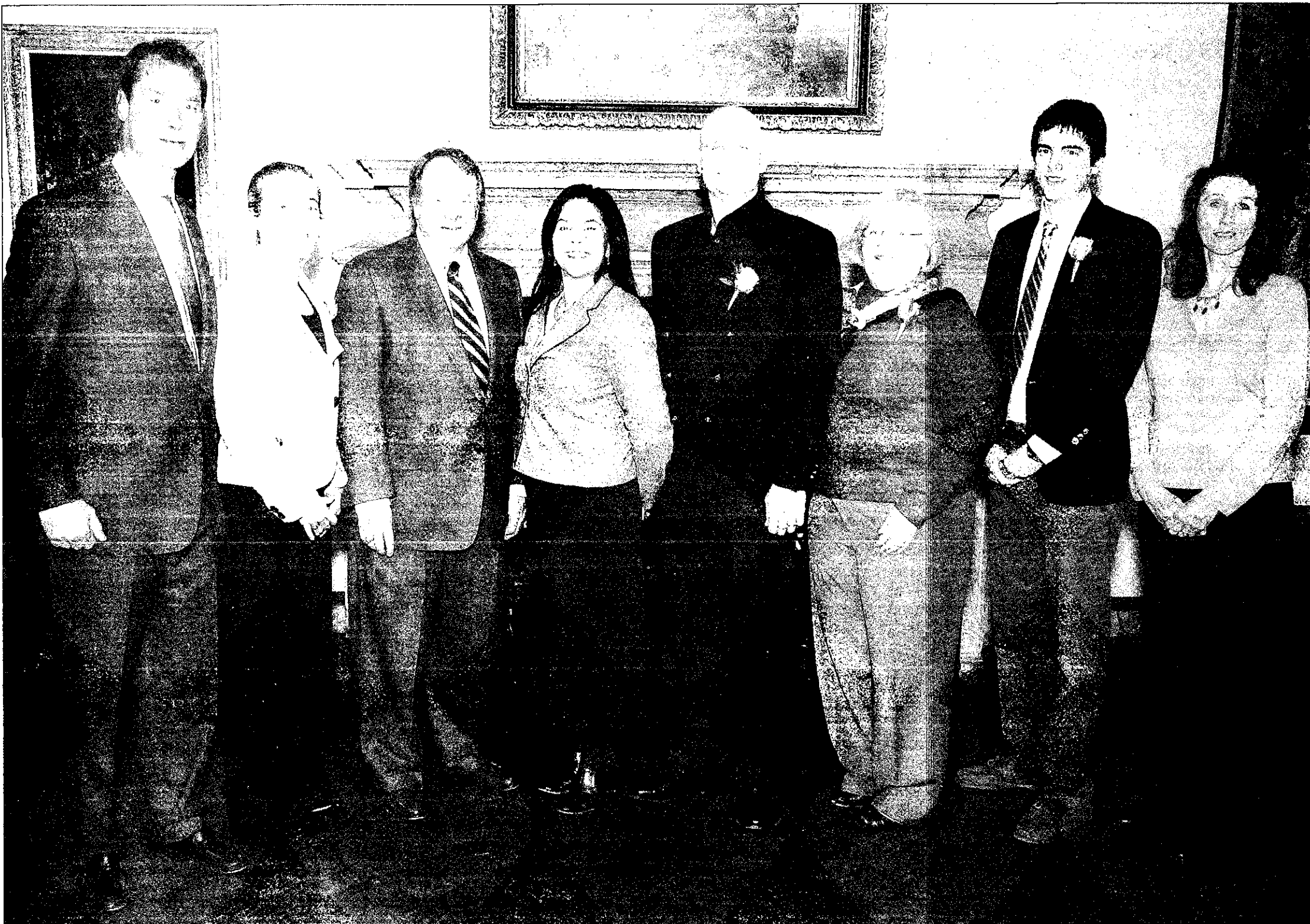


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# Chamber winners

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce handed out its annual Pointer of Distinction Awards at the general membership meeting. Winners are: Grosse Pointe North High School student Allison Liddane, Youth Achievement award; Grosse Pointe South High School student Daniel Dickson, Youth Achievement award; Edsel B. Ford II, Community Service award; Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe owner Gretchen Valade, New Business Enterprise; Susan Loredo, owner of Biggby Coffee, Excellence in Business ; Kimbriel Towar, owner of the little Blue Book, Excellence in Business award; and Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Excellence in Business award. Pictured from left, Ed Russell, Liddane, Ford, Brandi Towar-Keiting, vice president of operations of the little Blue Book, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe General Manager and Executive Chef Andre Neimanis, Loredo, Dickson and Kovalcik.

# Champions for Life climb to beat breast cancer

Cancer impacts all of us in some way or another. According to the American Cancer Society, one in four deaths in the United States is due to cancer. Francesco Lucarelli's mother died of breast cancer in 2001 after a two and one-half year battle. In anticipation of their June 27 Pikes Peak climb, Lucarelli and team of individuals are fundraising for breast care services at the Liggett Breast Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Together the team will demonstrate anything is possible if taken one step at a time — like working to prevent this disease. Join members of the team at the Champions for Life Climb to Beat Breast Cancer Kick-off event from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event features a silent auction, assorted vodka drinks, strolling dinner and more. Tickets are \$50 per person. As goodwill ambassadors for the cancer center, the Champions for Life group is

dedicated to increasing awareness and visibility through special fundraising events and each member's daily activities. Through these efforts, the ultimate goal of elevating the quality of care at the cancer center will be achieved, members say. Supporters may challenge themselves physically and mentally and be part of a team working to make a difference. Supporters may follow Lucarelli and his team online at [stjohn.org/Champions](http://stjohn.org/Champions). For more information, contact Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.



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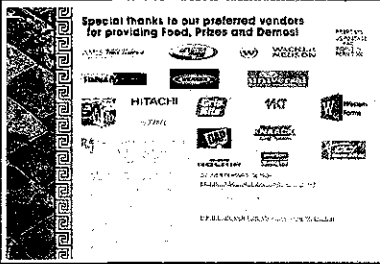
# Thorough cleaning

Lydia Prush gave Matthew Woolridge a thorough dental cleaning Jan. 24. Woolridge was one of 18 children who received free dental cleaning, screening and oral hygiene instruction at the office of Dr. Kevin Prush of Grosse Pointe Woods. This is the 10th year Prush's St. Clair Shores staff has been at the scene of the Heartfelt Project, sponsored by the Macomb County Dental Hygiene Society offering services for children who have no dental care. If a child needs dental work, such as a filling or braces, a referral is made to The University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry for its Give A Kid A Smile Day Saturday, Feb. 7. Prush's staff includes Kim Bate, Melanie Jacobs and Rose Sesta and dental hygiene students Melissa Desjarden and Erin Fletcher.

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20A | **AUTOMOTIVE****AUTOS** By Jenny King

The 2009 Chevy HHR panel van offers the ride comfort of a car, a highly configurable interior and a bold design that stands out from the crowd.

# 2009 Chevy HHR van has cool profile



Looking much like a cool vehicle in search of this year's Autorama, the 2009 Chevrolet HHR panel van slips through traffic with elan.

But carefully — driving a panel van, with no windows behind those of the first row, is a different and sometimes scary experience.

Wintry weather this year has presented some driving challenges. Add blank walls where windows might be, and one gets a feeling of being cut off from the rest of the world.

The two power outside mirrors attempt to correct that. Each has a small convex mirror in its upper outside corner which somehow gives a small peek around each taillight. And the rearview mirror will let you know what's directly behind the vehicle.

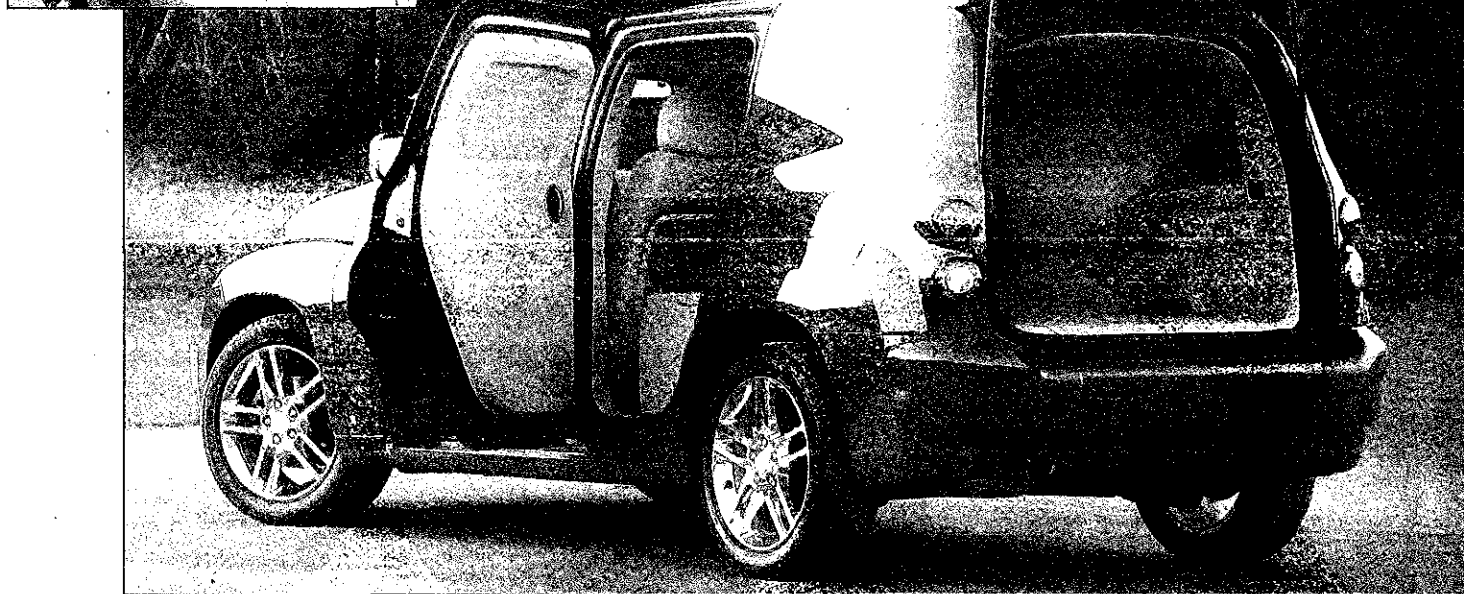
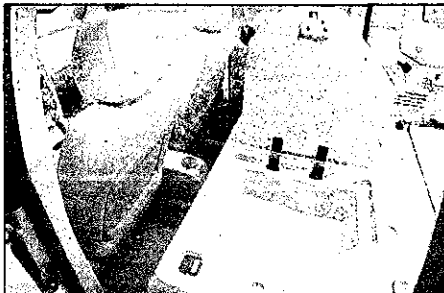
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Here's another confession: When an attendant in the Ford Auditorium underground garage noted the seams where second row doors would be, he asked if they were doors. We thought not, only to discover some time later, through a friend, that those are doors. They open by pressing buttons on the key fob and give necessary access to the spartan storage area, which includes three under-floor compartments. How embarrassing.

Chevy has been building the retro HHR for more than three years. It added the compact vehicle this year to other models available with flex fuel or E85 capability. That applies to both the 2.2-liter and 2.4-liter engines in the HHR lineup. The 2.2-liter has continuous variable valve timing which should deliver more power and greater fuel economy, says Chevy.

Other new features for 2009 include an available backup camera, Bluetooth wireless connectivity and AM/FM stereo with CD plus USB port and AUX input jack. XM Satellite Radio is standard on all HHRs — the first three months of service are free —



The sleek 2009 Chevrolet HHR panel van, available this year in a snappy SS model, looks like the work of a car conversion enthusiast and expert craftsman.

as are StabiliTrak traction control, antilock brakes and roof rail side air bags.

The HHR panel SS model with turbo charged four is very

cool, but not for this driver, who was unusually cautious backing down and out of driveways. I was also quite timid pulling in and out of underground parking places just inches away from reinforced concrete pillars large enough to support the heavens. However, the SS sounds like a summertime delight.

Two-temperature heated seats were welcome, with "high" and "low" settings. Dials and buttons on the instrument panel, though small, were intuitive. There also were steering wheel-mounted controls. The optional Bluetooth wire-

less interface is compatible with a phone and the vehicle's radio. This allows hands-free calling and wireless connection of audio devices to be played through the radio, says Chevrolet.

A rear backup camera will be available on all models. Performance seats for driver and front seat passenger can be ordered. Sporty 17-inch aluminum wheels are standard on LT models, according to Chevrolet.

The HHR is a little noisy to drive due to engine and road noise. Adding heating capability to the outside mirrors

would be practical for safety. The test vehicle, the HHR Panel LT with 2.2-liter engine and four-speed automatic transmission, has fuel economy ratings of 22 miles per gallon in the city and 30 mpg in highway driving. It has a base price of \$19,240.

The automatic transmission with remote vehicle start function runs \$1,000.

A power sunroof added \$750 to the bottom line of \$22,235.

The Chevy HHR Panel is assembled in Ramos Arizpe, Mexico. Its engine and transmission are produced in the United States.

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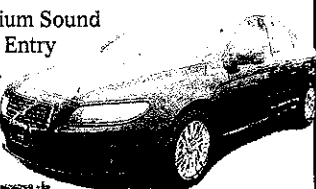
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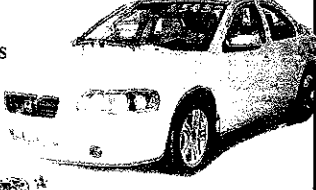
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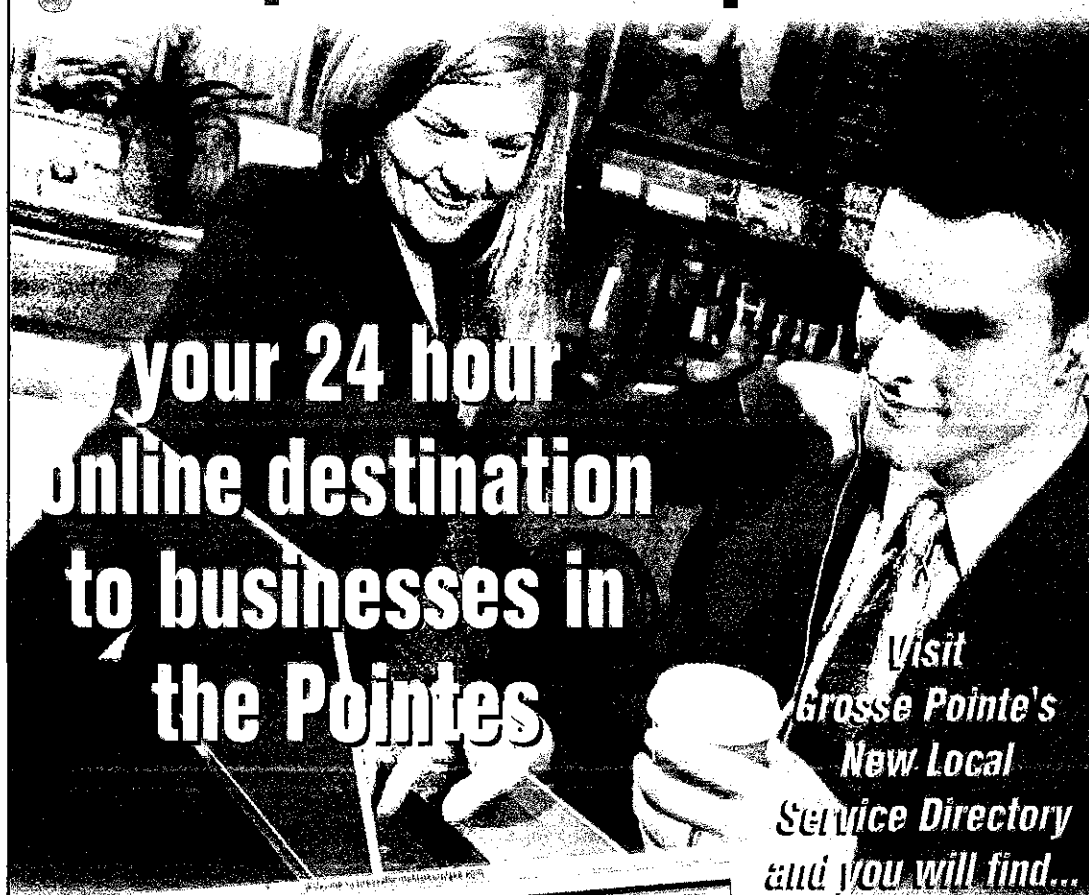
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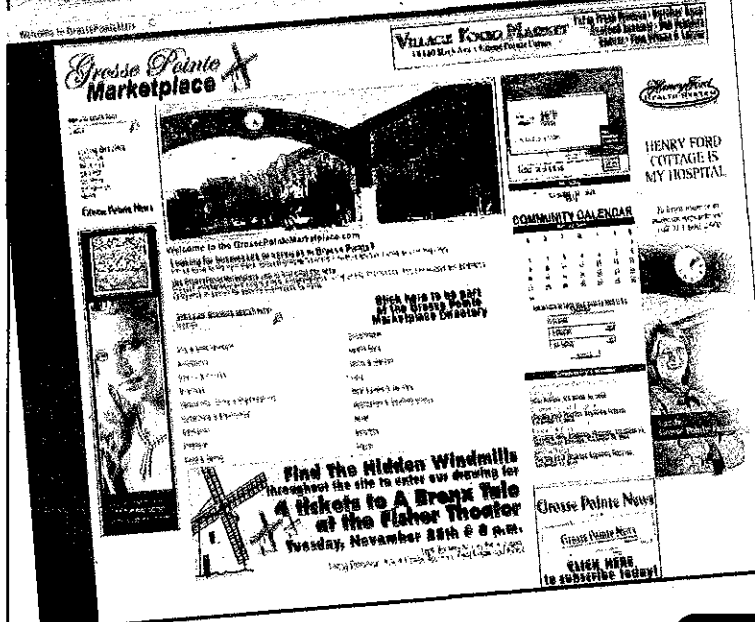
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**Grosse Pointe Public Library** and a group of high school students have joined forces to show teens the library has more to offer than a bunch of boring books, magazines and newspapers.

# Beyond the books

By Beth Quinn  
Special Writer

A common complaint among local high school students is Grosse Pointe is a boring place to live with nothing to do or anywhere to go.

Enter the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Under the leadership of Director Vicky Bloom, staff members are welcoming adolescents to the three branches with open arms. She has placed a high priority on enticing teens to step through the library's doors.

Bloom and the library board of trustees set a goal in 2006 to expand and develop young adult services at the library.

"Libraries traditionally have a hard time attracting teens to use its services," Bloom said. "With our Teen Advisory Board, we have been able to hear what teens need from a library and we are happy to respond and make them active users. The TAB board has done some amazing projects in the short time they have been in

existence. I am happy to work with them."

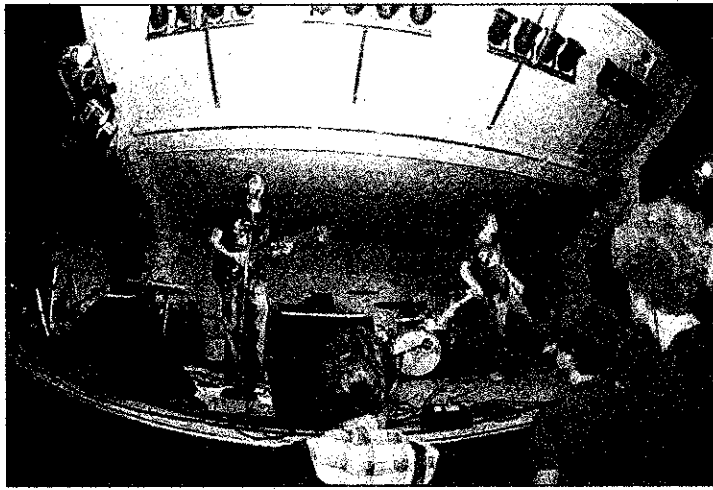
The plan established numerous priorities such as creating "a warm environment for teens with a welcoming staff," and talking to teens, parents, school officials and other librarians to determine what appeals to this age group.

The plan also established the Teen Advisory Board consisting of local high schoolers who work with the library to get more teens to use it.

According to Pat McClary, youth services librarian and TAB advisor, the three-year-old board has 20 members representing Grosse Pointe South and North high schools, University Liggett and University of Detroit Jesuit.

It also represents a wide range of personalities, interests and social strata, McClary said. Members aren't just bookworms, but athletes, gamers, musicians and film lovers.

"These young men and women may move in different high school social circles, but



Monkey Jacket was one of the bands which appeared at a concert sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

in the boardroom, they are united and passionate about what library services matter and how they use our library," McClary said.

The group meets the second Monday of the month from September through May to brainstorm and organize programs. The library supplies pizza, snacks and beverages to fuel the members' creative juices.

"We encourage them to

think out of the box," McClary said, adding the group is self-directed and she views her roll as facilitator and supporter.

"The teens have taken ownership of the group," McClary said. "They have created their own logo, developed a mission statement and bylaws in addition to holding officer elections."

During a focus group session, they spent a lot of time identifying what they wanted

from the library, McClary said. They also took the responsibility of implementing most of those ideas.

"The challenge is that kids don't go to the library like they did in the past," said South junior Claire Eckert, 17, TAB president. "They are used to getting their information on the Internet. We are trying to bring teenagers in the library and show them it has a lot for them."

Based on TAB's recommendations, the library is offering new services and programs geared just for teens.

High school students, with parental permission, can now borrow any feature film in the library collection. A collection of adult bestsellers sought out by high school students has been set aside. It has also beefed up its video game collection that teens can borrow.

The Woods branch lets teens reserve a meeting room and borrow a laptop with WI-FI access to work on PowerPoint presentations.

"We are testing the waters," McClary said. "If it works,

there's a strong possibility we will expand to offering a projector and video equipment."

In May, the branch offers space for group study for Advanced Placement and high school final exams.

TAB holds its high school book discussion group, Read & Sound Off, monthly at the Woods branch. The teens read and rated "Twilight" in January and "Twisted" in December. The group is open to all teens. The library provides a paper-back upon registration and pizza at the meeting.

At the Ewald branch, Youth Services Librarian Michelle Kaczmarek has organized numerous video game tournaments where players compete for prizes including gaming merchandise and gift cards to local stores. Past tournaments have featured best-selling games such as Halo 3 and Guitar Hero.

The branch recently started an Anime Club for fans of the popular animation genre. During the bimonthly meet-

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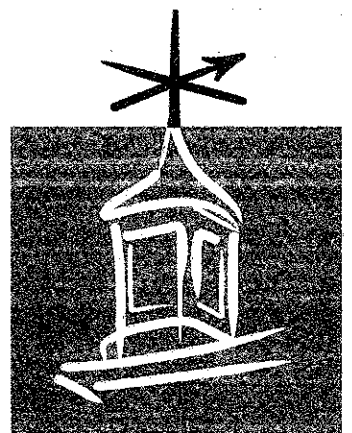
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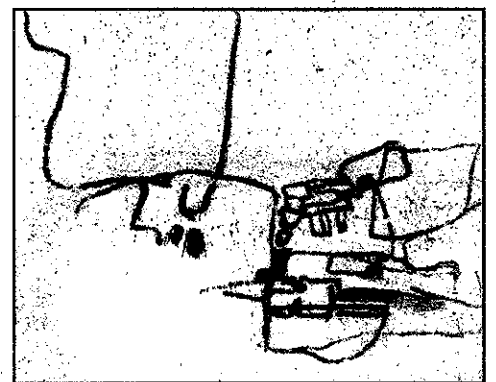
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## Grosse Pointe Preps

Who are the Grosse Pointe Preps?

Jackie and Lilly enjoy the little pleasures in life: eating meals in five courses, Champagne Thursday and bowling at private clubs. We like to tell people that we're still in our early 20s, but that's been a lie for several years.

Although we struggle to pay our bills on time like everyone else, we'll certainly never admit it. A Grosse Pointer would never let a few outstanding credit card bills get in the way of a good meal or new shoes!

Our advice is written through a pink-and-green lens, because that's the only way we see the world. We'll never apologize for being Grosse Pointers — so don't ask us to!

As for our personalities, you should never mistake Jackie for Lilly. For instance, Lilly is quite fond of the south, Southerners and country music. Although Jackie enjoys

those things in moderation, she'll never say it.

Lilly was at the forefront of certain trends, like wearing Birkenstocks in the mid-90s. She also started carrying a Nalgene bottle when they only came in one color.

Jackie, on the other hand, takes full credit for the reinvention of the vintage brooch in the early 2000s, and doesn't understand why anyone would want to own more than one pair of jeans at any given time.

We both love spending as much time as we can socializing with Pointers old and young. We can't give much else away about who we are, but in many ways we're just like anyone else who spent childhood summers at Pier Park and we're not afraid to tell that to strangers.

We are life-long residents of Grosse Pointe and products of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. We enjoy long

walks on Lakeshore and afternoons on Lake St. Clair.

If you have any questions or comments for the Grosse Pointe Preps, send an e-mail to [grossepointepreps@grossepointenews.com](mailto:grossepointepreps@grossepointenews.com).

**Q.** Dear Grosse Pointe Preps: What are your thoughts on madras shorts? My girlfriend bought me a pair for Christmas, and I'm afraid that they're a little ... feminine. Should I take them back?

**FRANK IN THE FARMS**  
**A.** Jackie: No! What is there to think about? Madras is always a good decision. Do you want your girlfriend to dump you?

Lilly: Madras is sexy and convenient; it's the new black. It goes with everything. I would have no problem if my boyfriend wore madras shorts every day.

Jackie: I couldn't agree more. Men, take note. Girls love a guy in madras shorts and pants. It's a great way to say, "Hey, yeah, I know there is a lot of pink involved in these pants, but that's

my boat over there — want to take a spin?"

Lilly: Precisely. The one thing that would seem the most feminine is, ironically, masculine and exudes confidence.

Jackie: Mmmmmmmadras.

Lilly: Send that GF of yours some flowers. She's brilliant.

It's unanimous: Boys, wear madras shorts as much as you can. Please. Don't make us beg. Do it for the ladies.

**Q.** Dear Grosse Pointe

Preps: Should I pop my collar?

**LOST IN LACOSTE**  
**A.** Jackie: You must be lost.

Yes! And now that the 80s are making a comeback, throw a linen blazer over that bad boy and roll the cuffs.

Lilly: Jackie, I might not go that far. But absolutely, pop it baby! If anyone has the audacity to question your superior fashion sense, look them right in the eye and tell them you're just as committed to protecting your neck from the sun while relaxing with a cocktail as you were during the regatta.

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Music, movies  
and more

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ings, members feast on sushi while watching their favorite anime films, creating graphic novels and making Anime costumes.

TAB now hosts high school

movie nights at both the Woods and Ewald branches. The showings, which are free and do not require preregistration, are very popular.

"In December, about 40 high school students came to watch the "Dark Knight," said TAB member Abbey Diamond, 16, a junior at South. "I've been told that's a pretty good number for a library event. People who would probably never step foot in the library went to see it."

Local teens can watch "Casino Royale," Monday, Feb. 16 at the Ewald branch; "Twilight" Monday, March 30 at the Woods branch; and "Quantum of Solace" Wednesday, April 29 at the Ewald branch. Admission is free for students in grades 9 through 12 who must present a valid school picture identification card at the door. TAB provides free snacks and refreshments.

Another popular TAB activi-

ty is an annual rock concert featuring local high school bands. The free concerts have attracted a few hundred teenagers.

"These concerts help us make other kids aware of the library and show them that libraries aren't that boring," said TAB Treasurer Peter Cherry, 15, a sophomore at North.

This year's concert is planned for the beginning of the summer.

"It's a little farewell to school and hello to summer," Eckert said.

Cherry and TAB concert committee chairman Abby Newman, 16, a University Liggett sophomore, have booked the bands Irish Coffee; Engraved Confections; I, the Envy and Monkey Jacket for this year's concert.

"This will be the third time Monkey Jacket has played for us," Newman said. "They are very popular and bring in a great crowd."

TAB has also teamed up with the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library to offer a presentation geared toward high school and college students, parents and young professionals.

Sean Kouplen, author of "Out of the Blocks," will be appearing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Woods branch. Admission is free, but registration is required.

"He will talk about the five key skills that young people need to reach their potential and how to live a balanced, fulfilled and successful life," McClary said.

True to their generation's technological savvy, TAB members have created and maintain a web page available through the library's website, [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us). It contains information and updates to services and programs, a blog and links to the library's online databases and Tutor.com, a free online tutoring service.

The group is also using social networking innovations to heighten awareness of its activities.

"We are definitely trying a lot of different ways from IMing to Facebook and text messaging to boost publicity," Newman said.

That sentiment is echoed by library staff members.

"If there's a way to reach out to teens, we will find it. We will try anything," McClary said.

The library and TAB's efforts garnered the attention of library expert Diane P. Tuccillo who is writing a book about teen participation in libraries.

"Diane was browsing the Internet and discovered the TAB web page," McClary said. "She has been talking to the kids and what they have to say will be shared with libraries across the country."

McClary credits Bloom's dedication to making the library teen-friendly as the foundation for TAB's success.

"It continues to flourish because of her constant encouragement and support," McClary said. "Many library directors do not spend the time and effort on ways to attract teens to use the library. She is always looking for ways to bring teens into the library."

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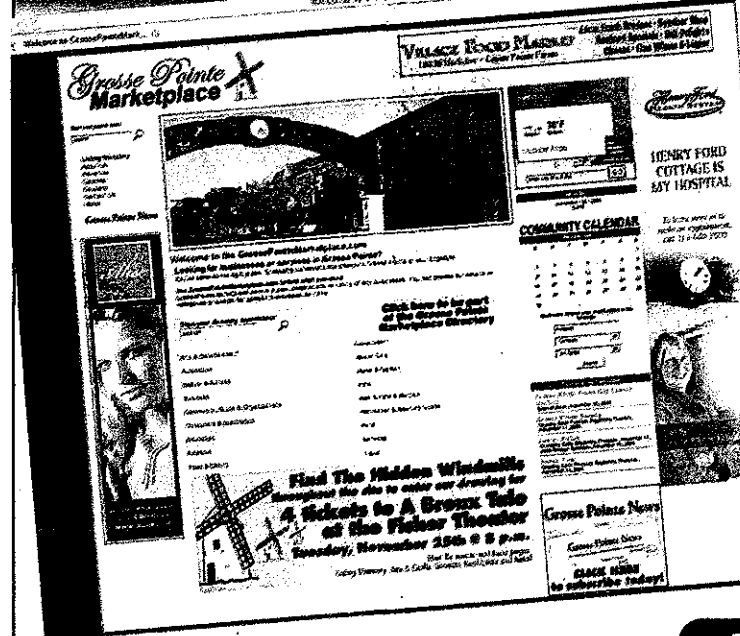
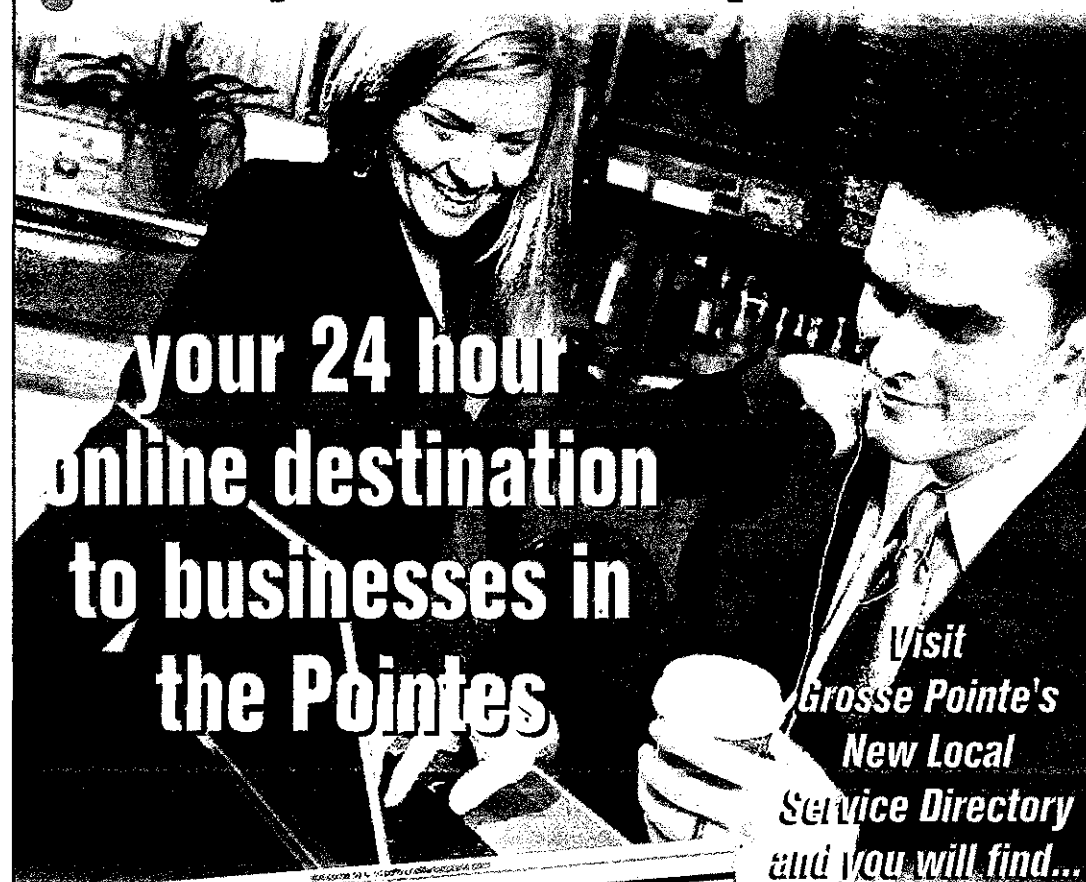
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The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For an appointment, call (313) 884-5542.

## Improv for teens

An Improv for Teens workshop will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

This introductory level workshop provides the basic principles of improvisation with games and exercises. The cost is \$19.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

## Palmer Woods music

Palmer Woods Music in Homes features an African trio at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. The group is lead by Griot Mady Kouyate who plays the kora, a 21-string African-harp from Senegal.

For more information on the concert's location and tickets, call (313) 891-2514 or visit palmerwoods.org.

## Herb society

The Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe Unit meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Herbs of Elizabeth I and Shakespeare will be the evening's topic.

For more information, call (313) 881-1237.

## Memory and mental fitness

The Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods, presents Marcia Relyea in a two-class series on memory and mental fitness. Her first session, from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 10, will instruct participants on how stress, worry and anxiety and fear impact memory and what can be done about it.

The second session, from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 24, will explore activities to bolster memory.

A freewill donation will be accepted.

For registration and more information, call (313) 886-1770.

## Ski club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Frank Clark at (586) 293-4858.

## Meetup Group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit meetup.com.

## La Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breastfeeding information and support group, meets Thursday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Jennifer at (313) 821-9196 or Elizabeth at (313) 640-9438.

## Partners in Parenting

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers a lecture on Management of Common Newborn Issues



## Dinner and boxing

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe is preparing for its 15th Annual Wild Game Dinner & Boxing Classic fundraiser scheduled for Friday, March 6 at Barrister Gardens, St. Clair Shores. A wild game buffet dinner is combined with live, sanctioned amateur boxing with Golden Glove contestants ages 12-18 from southeast Michigan. Proceeds support the Optimist Club's contributions to youth-related charities in the area. The Optimist Boxing committee includes, from left, Dave Hohlfeldt of the City of Grosse Pointe, club president Krys Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jim Ferriole of the City of Grosse Pointe, special fundraising advisor Kimberly Woloszyk, senior development officer from Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Nancy Grose of the City of Grosse Pointe and Doug Cordier of Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets for the event begin at \$85. Call Grose at (313) 408-0108 for more information.

and Special Care Needs (newborn) by Dr. Christy Petroff from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Room 108 at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Petroff is a St. John Hospital and Medical Care Center pediatrician.

To register, call (313) 432-3832.

## Palette club

The Lakeside Palette Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Center, 20000 Stephens. Amy Foster presents a pastel demonstration.

The club holds open painting sessions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 111 at the St. Clair

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## Detroit Artist Market

The Detroit Artist Market, 4719 Woodward, Detroit, hosts an exhibition of works by the late Hughie Lee-Smith and a gallery talk from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

The exhibit runs from Friday, Feb. 13 to Saturday, Feb. 28.

Lee-Smith was known for his surreal, melancholy depictions of desolation, alienation and urban decay, said his stepdaughter, Karen Bowers.

The event is free.

For more information, call



## Junior League

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## Food and wine

Chef Doug Cordier offers a romantic food and wine class from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He will teach participants how to prepare shrimp tosa and ricotta gnocchi with almond pesto. Included in the evening will be an Italian antipasto platter and blind wine tasting.

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bers and \$45 for non-members.

## Flower arranging

The Junior League Gardeners present the latest trends in flower arranging during seminars at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Reception Room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Blast winter chills away with crock pot meal



With one winter blast after another this year, a warm dinner is something everyone looks forward to after a chilly commute home from the office.

Taking the time to prepare that dinner is the problem. Let your crock pot do the work for you. I made scalloped potatoes in my slow cooker with ham, onions and sharp cheddar cheese.

It's a hot and hearty meal that your entire family will enjoy. Really.

With less than a half an hour of prep, this cheesy potato bake won't cut into

your budget or your busy schedule.

## Scalloped Potatoes from the Crock pot

2 lbs. potatoes (about 6 medium), peeled and thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup olive oil  
 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper  
 1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced  
 1/2 pound ham steak, cut into thick matchsticks  
 1 - 15.5 oz. can cream of mushroom soup  
 1/3 cup dry vermouth (or white wine)  
 1 teaspoon dried thyme  
 2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Generously coat the interior of the crock pot with no-stick spray. In a large bowl, toss the sliced potatoes with olive oil,

salt and pepper. Toss in onion and ham.

In a small bowl, whisk together soup, vermouth and thyme. Pour over potatoes and toss to coat well. Lastly, toss in the shredded cheddar.

Transfer the potatoes into the crock pot. Use a rubber spatula to catch all of the liquid from the mixing bowl. Top with some fresh (or dried) parsley.

Set the cooker to low and cook (covered) for 4 to 5 hours.

Remember, the potatoes will stay hot for quite some time after you turn off the cooker.

The thyme adds just the right hint of flavor to my not too cheesy potatoes.

This recipe makes a heap- ing of crowd pleasing potatoes.

A meal on their own, pair the scalloped potatoes with

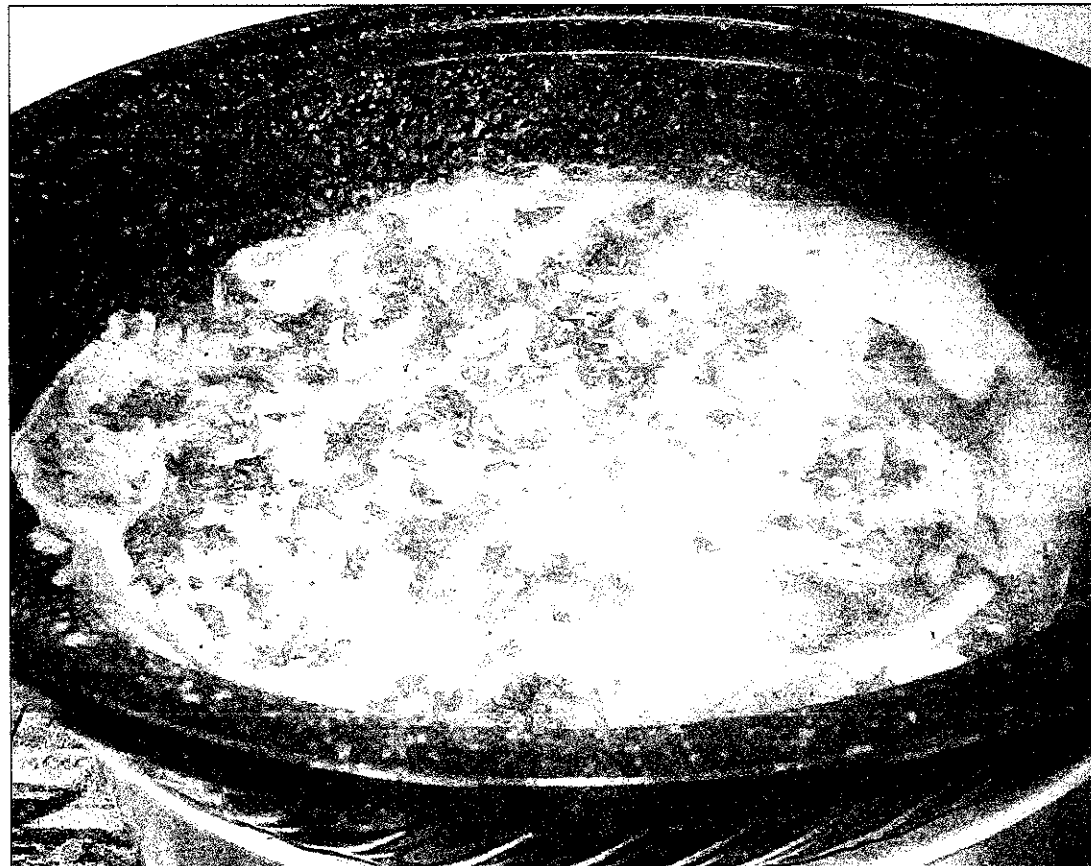


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Crowd pleasing meal in a crock pot — scalloped potatoes.

steamed broccoli and a garden salad. I warmed some leftover potatoes and topped

them with a poached egg for breakfast. Yummy.

If you're just cooking for

two, portion and freeze the leftovers for another winter day.

## ACTIVITIES: Events for the coming week

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For reservations, call Anne Ryan at (313) 885-5725.

### Mothers and daughters

Mothers and daughters can spend time together during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 Mommy and Me Time Luncheon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Girls may bring a tiara, a hat and favorite doll or stuffed animal.

A short performance by The War Memorial's Corps de Ballet, instructed by Mary Ellen Cooper, in the Alger House follows lunch.

The menu for adults is a

California croissant club sandwich with turkey, avocado, bacon, tomato, fruit garnish, cookies and hot chocolate. The children's menu is chicken nuggets, smiley French fries and fruit garnish. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served to all participants.

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In addition, the Museum Store is offering Sanders chocolates for 20 percent off the regular price on Valentine's Day.

The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60-plus), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4.

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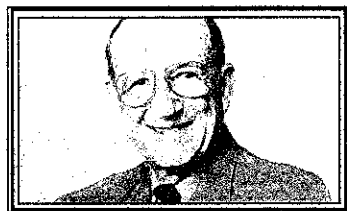
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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

# DSO performance sweeps gray skies clean



What a pleasure to be back in Orchestra Hall for a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert, even if only for a visit.

Last weekend's two-concert series featured Principal Guest Conductor Peter Oundjian and piano soloist Ingrid Fliter. One word sums up the quality of the artists, orchestra and acoustics — great!

Concerns about the gray sky, snowy streets and frigid temperature were swept away with the sparkling phrases of Mozart's overture to "Abduction from the Seraglio."

Taking the most brisk tempo suitable, Oundjian led the DSO strings through a deft and sprightly performance. It was exactly what the music of this delightful opera should be.

The ensemble of strings met the fast tempo test with a light touch and superb unison that brightened the spirits and brought warmth and sunshine to the gloomy day. Too bad the whole opera could not follow that mouthwatering opening.

But Oundjian's rapport with the orchestra had a happy alternative. Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 2" was next on the program with Gilmore Award winning pianist Fliter.

Fliter is a highly expressive musician able to render beautiful shading in tender and delicate passages as effectively as the tension and power in dramatic moments.

This concerto still reveals much of Mozart's influence on Beethoven's composing with runs and trills reminiscent of

the high classical style. These she executed with precision and flair which were matched in both technique and style by the orchestra.

The interesting nature of this work is how it reveals the evolution of Beethoven's composing style. Any musician on hearing Beethoven's "Concerto No. 1" for the first time could easily mistake it for Mozart. In No. 2, however, the majesty begins to appear. The development and variations move to the grandeur and eloquence that distinguishes Beethoven's later music. When called for, Fliter's keyboard touch turned on the power and became a superb voice in that mode as well.

Along the way the performance was characterized by a gracious unanimity between conductor, orchestra and soloist in the elegant style of the music. At the end of the first movement, Fliter called on the full range of stylistic treatment in the fugue-like cadenza that progressed from simple theme to dynamic conclusion. The subtle phrasing and pensive mood dominated the slow second movement and here the poetic collaboration of soloist and orchestra really shone.

Highlighting their achievement was a passage of exchanges between piano and orchestra that the listener was thrilled to overhear.

The final movement, on the other hand, was a high speed rondo in which the artists could display their virtuosity, providing a truly thrilling span of brilliant playing. For many, the concert could have ended there.

The last work on the program was Bruckner's 72-minute long "Symphony No. 8." While this late 19th century Austrian has his fans, he also has detractors that believe this and other works are just too

long. Nonetheless, this one was performed exceedingly well and highly rewarding for its outstanding qualities. Those are the introduction of musical statements that stand as brilliant examples of rich and exciting orchestral effects: the entire brass section on its feet punctuated by thundering tympani or a lyrical string back-

ground superbly orchestrated. Prelude-like segments whet the appetite for a Wagnerian development. Cascading trumpets and crashing crescendos of the whole orchestra send shivers down the spine. But their promise seems to go astray as some new musical adventure intervenes. The anticipated Wagnerian development never

develops and in its place is music that sounds like an intermediary finale.

For many, the satisfaction to be found in Bruckner may be the very effective way he orchestrates these effects, especially when executed as expertly as Oundjian and the DSO. The performance was Wagnerian in style but for this

listener at least, it is more like a series of opening salvos, too soon finales. The consolation was the magnificent quality of the performance.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Archimandrite Pachomy

## Are we better in the face of changing Christianity?

It really doesn't take a Bible scholar or theologian to notice the face of Christianity has changed dramatically in the past 60 years, especially in the western world.

Remember when the entire family attended Sunday church services? Remember how, in many Christian traditions, we

had to fast and make a confession the evening before? Remember how we were taught to dress up to be in the presence of God? Now it is hard to find a church that requires or even respects tradition. I wonder if we are any better for it.

Since the 1960s there has been great change in Christianity; from the church

being a place of worship to something that more resembles a nightclub or concert hall with a cross hanging on the wall, if even that. The respect and holiness due God has been supplanted with the ideals of the "me" generation which subtly promotes the individual's personal beliefs rather than the church's ancient doctrines and

traditions. In so doing, God has been pushed out of his church and replaced with people's own opinions and self proclaimed gods.

Things now accepted in the mainstream of Christianity have shamed the blood of the saints and martyrs who died preaching the eternal truth of the Gospel. In many cases, the very Scripture is ignored and reduced as fable or ancient tales. In many major "Christian" denominations, the official stand on theology is left up to the individual to accept as truth or fable.

Did you ever pass a nightclub or bar on a Saturday evening? The lot is full of cars with young people drinking and carrying on until the early morning hours. What has happened to the conscience of people today? Parents don't have their children attend church as a family for fear of offending them. Yet at the same time they don't remind them for following a self-destructive path. Parents wonder why the world is such a mess; why their children have gone astray.

This problem is not always with parents. I have in my priesthood met with countless youth and young adults who wished their parents taught them spiritual truths.

The complaint most serious people have about the present church is most denominations keep changing their belief systems. All people young and old want order and discipline.

I have listened to many who feel the modern Christian

church has become so commercial and empty that they find more comfort in the nightclubs. Clergy are behaving poorly and are concerned about salary and worldly comforts rather than the problems and spiritual needs of the people. I have seen churches so interested in the number of people filling the benches that they preach what the people want to hear rather than the message of Christ. Churches have been turned into mega businesses — social halls of spiritual comfort.

Our young people are not stupid. In fact, many have stopped practicing due to frustration. This tragedy is not only limited to the young. One's conscience understands and feels when the truth has been changed and altered. The serious ones realize that the truth is eternal, that God is truth.

Why does Christianity in America keep changing? Does anyone notice western Christianity is dying?

The forms of modern Christianity that are growing are so opposite the practice and teachings of the early church it is appalling.

You and I need to make the time to search historical Christianity — Apostolic Christianity — unchanged and uncompromised from the earliest Christian century. If we do, we will find it had a very Jewish style, culturally and disciplinary. We find it was liturgical and scriptural. We find it grew out of Judaism and Christianized. Does it no longer matter where our roots are

grounded?

Today everyone's opinion is valid and at the same time, no one's opinion is valid. It reminds me of the country western song, "If you don't stand for something you will fall for everything."

We have been subtly told to believe we are our own bosses, our own lawmakers and thus our own gods. Mankind thought it could build a tower that would reach the heavens and hold God hostage. The Tower of Babel fell and God confused the tongues of the people so that no longer was mankind on the "same page."

Whenever mankind in history has tried to prove God wrong or usurp his authority, to change his truth, there has always been an awakening.

If we want the world to be at peace; if we want neighbors to respect each other again; if we want brotherly love to continue; if we want salvation from oppression, financial hard times, salvation from drugs and alcoholism and other family issues, we need to get back to the Gospel of Christ as it was preached in the beginning. We need to stop changing the church to fit our needs. We need to fit our needs and desires to please God. When we do this we will find the answers to our problems and see God for who he is and as he truly revealed himself to us. We will see the church again as his body, as he intended it to be.

Archimandrite Pachomy is abbot of St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, Harper Woods.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Dance

The second annual Hearts Affire Dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The adult evening includes three drinks, cold beverages and hors d'oeuvres for \$15 or \$25 per couple. A DJ will provide music.

For reservations, call (313) 884-5040.

Kay Butler Berkesch is the event's chairwoman.

## Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast will be from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6 in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Susan Mozena. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

## Valentine luncheon

The Women of the Church in Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church present its annual Valentine salad luncheon and card party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is \$8 which includes door and table prizes.

Attendees should bring their own cards or game of choice.

For reservations, call (586) 293-3305 or (313) 885-4436.

Co-chairwomen are Josie Herrington and Pat Thomas.

## Tea house

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20. Call (313) 521-1894

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## Open door series

The winter edition of the Open Door series at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, features the Motor City Brass Band at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

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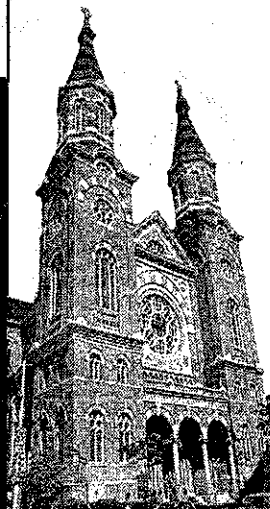
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# Old age no deterrent to novelist



I was intrigued by a recent interview in The Wall Street Journal with English mystery writer, P.D. James, upon publication of her latest book, "The Private Patient."

The book is the 14th in her Adam Dalgliesh detective series, often adapted for TV. But what attracted my attention is that James is 88 years old.

You might conclude she must have good health and

lots of energy. But in fact, she had heart failure during the writing of the book. The recuperation period took weeks and she fretted she might die before finishing her novel.

"If I died, the book would be unfinished, which is a horrible thought," she was quoted as saying in the article. "Somebody else trying to finish it for you also would be horrible."

That thought might be what kept her alive and eager to get back to work.

She got a late start with her writing, publishing her first novel at age 42. What undoubtedly led her into the mystery field was her 30 years

of work with the British public service, including a period at the home office's police and criminal law department.

Her one non-mystery novel is "Children of Men," a science fiction book made into a 2006 film.

Page has strong feelings about whether mystery novels are "sub-literature."

"I was chosen to be chair of the judges of the Booker prize and I don't think that would have happened if they thought I was dabbling in inferior literature. And I don't think I would be in the House of Lords if they thought I was dabbling in inferior literature," the article further quot-

ed her as saying.

Page received the title of baroness many years ago.

Mystery novels, however, were not considered "literature" for many years. It wasn't until the late 40s that the New York Times' 10 Best Seller list included a mystery novel. It was written by Ross Macdonald.

Any time I was in a library in the 40s and 50s, I searched the shelves to see if there was a MacDonald mystery I hadn't read. I was saddened years later to read he died of Alzheimer's disease.

Today's New York Times' listings invariably includes at least one mystery, often more.

## Another centenarian

At graduation ceremonies at Michigan State University last year, Fred Shiell received an honorary degree in forestry at the age of 100.

In 1931 during the Great Depression he couldn't afford the final credits to graduate, but he figured he'd taken enough classes to run his own nursery. He owned the Sheill Nursery in Birmingham for 32 years.

The honorary degree award happened 77 years later because a customer who recently learned about it turned to a state lawmaker, who lobbied the university to honor Shiell.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Christy Petroff, M.D.

## Who's right? Generations of advice



Q. My three-week-old son is fussy and spits up frequently. I think it's reflux. My mother thinks it's the formula. My pediatrician thinks it's colic. My grandmother thinks he is just fine. Who's right?

A. It isn't easy for a newborn to go from a warm, dark place into a cold, bright world. Neither is it easy being a new parent, going from books about babies to a crying infant in your arms.

After months of dreaming about the arrival of your new son or daughter and reading

about everything you should expect, the reality is many new mothers and fathers find themselves in love and in awe — and in the same breath incredibly anxious and insecure. People have had babies forever, right? So why does it seem so hard?

Christy A. Petroff, M.D., a pediatrician at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will address many common newborn concerns and answer questions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

The free program, "Management of Common Newborn Issues and Special Care Needs" is part of The Family Center 2009 Partners in Parenting Enrichment Series.

Petroff graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

She is board certified in general pediatrics and mother certified with two young children of her own.

Topics Petroff may cover include:

◆ How do I calm my fussy baby?

◆ Does my baby spit up too much? Should I change my own diet or the formula?

◆ My baby seems constipated. Is there anything I can give her?

◆ What is this rash on my baby's face?

◆ My baby's nose is congested. Is it a "cold?"

Petroff will provide parents with guidelines for when she as a pediatrician worries about infants.

Recognizing that many parents need reassurance as much as they need information, Petroff hopes to empower mothers and fathers to use their parenting instincts and a good dose of common sense while getting to know their newborn.

For more information and to register, call (313) 432-3832 or e-mail [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

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## Pointer new surgeon-in-chief at Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital of Michigan appointed Richard A.K. Reynolds of Grosse Pointe Farms as its new surgeon-in-chief.

In this role, Reynolds will provide medical direction and leadership for the hospital's surgical services.

Reynolds, 51, joined Children's Hospital in 2006 as chief of orthopedic surgery. He was the first surgeon there to perform pediatric total hip replacement surgery and is one of a few in the state trained to implant a device that corrects certain deformities of the spine and torso.

"Dr. Reynolds brings a unique combination of clinical and business expertise to Children's Hospital of Michigan," said hospital president Herman Gray, MD. "As chief of orthopedics, he has introduced innovative surgical techniques and initiated process improvements that

have greatly benefited both patients and referring physicians. He will apply this same talent and vision to continue to grow and expand the quality of care of all of the surgical programs throughout Children's Hospital."

Reynolds has practiced

medicine for nearly 17 years, specializing in orthopedic surgery. He has served as an attending surgeon for the division of orthopedics at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and associate professor of clinical orthopedics at the University of Southern

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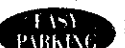
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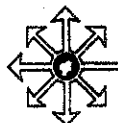
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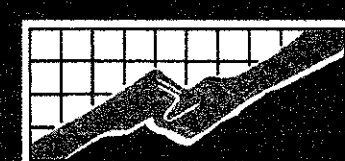
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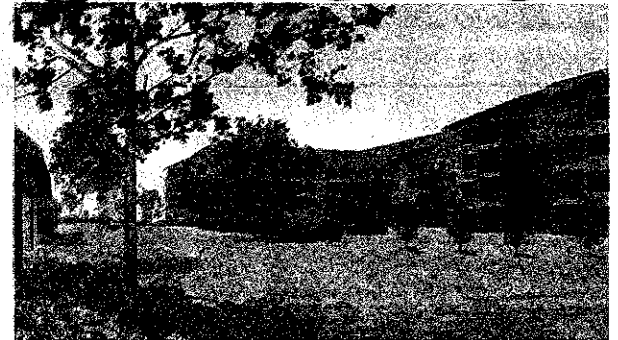
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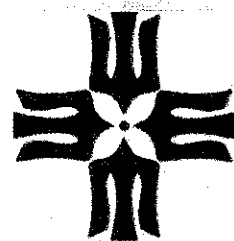
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

## North's quick start key to win over South



Grosse Pointe North junior Ariel Braker, left, was a difference maker in the Lady Norsemen's win over rival Grosse Pointe South, scoring 14 points, grabbing six steals and blocking two shots.

### Champs open with 17-3 run

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For nearly a year, Grosse Pointe South has been thinking about its city rivalry matchup against Grosse Pointe North. After all, it was nearly a year ago when North bounced South from the state tournament, crushing the Lady Blue Devils in district play. The wait was better for the home Lady Norsemen, who beat the Lady Blue Devils 50-31, proving they're still the team to beat in the rivalry. "We got off to such a great start and that really gave us a lot of confidence," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "Kevin (Richards) is doing a nice job with his program and his team is better. "This was a good game and I was happy to see our girls play some great defense and work the ball around for good looks at the basket." From the opening tip to the halfway mark of the first quarter, the Lady Norsemen dominated, taking a 17-3 lead the Lady Blue Devils never recovered from. "Definitely getting down 14

points right off the bat didn't help, but our girls battled back and cut it to five at one point," Richards said. "We didn't quit, but it takes a solid game all the way around to beat North." The 17-3 run was fueled by North's pressure defense forcing five turnovers and junior Ariel Braker's dominance in the paint. The Lady Norsemen's pressure defense held the Lady Blue Devils to half of its yearly per game scoring average. "Our defense was outstanding in the second half after we made some adjustments by not letting their guards get too much dribble penetration," Bennett said. South sophomore Aisha Rodney helped get the team within eight points, 17-9, after the opening quarter, but the home squad opened a 10-point halftime lead, 25-15. Junior point guard Kayla Wornack held the ball for the final two minutes of the second quarter before getting the final shot of the half. "We had some foul trouble in the second quarter, but that didn't stop our girls from increasing our lead to 10 at the half," Bennett said. "All of our girls played well tonight." Richards' squad made a run in the third quarter with Rodney scoring six quick

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GYMNASTICS

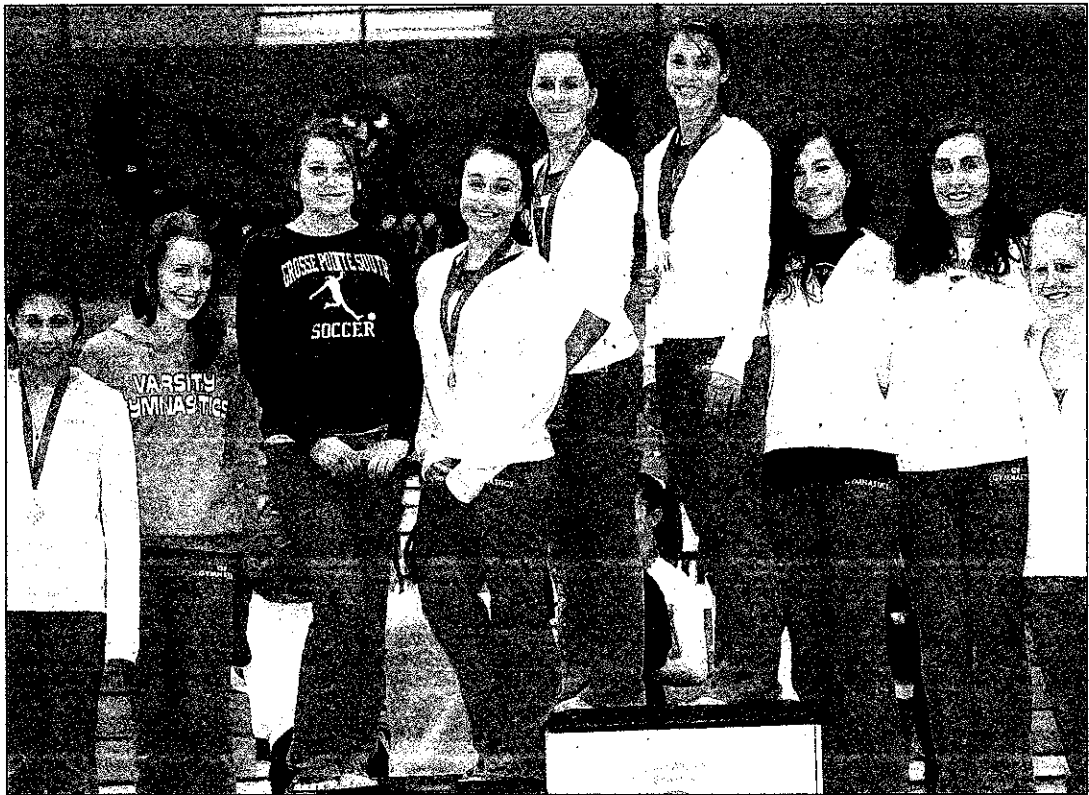
## Gymnasts continue winning streak

### Team ready to capture division title

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team had another win last week, beating Trenton 134.10-108.30. Madi Kaiser tied for first on vault and placed second on beam, while Lauren Krieger and Heather Koresky tied for second on vault. Koresky also placed second on bars and third on floor to add more points to the team's final score. Krieger won the beam and floor and added a third-place on bars.

Other solid routines were turned in by Brittany Rizzo, who was third on vault. Lydia Fuller earned a regional-qualifying score on vault with her best routine of the season and Fran Kay scored a regional qualifying score on floor. Anna Brucker was strong on beam and Danielle Haggerty had a good meet on bars. Head coach Cathy Hubmeier watched her squad take third place in last weekend's Troy Athens Invitational with 133.75 points. Troy Athens won the meet and Livonia Blue 'A' was second. Here is a break down of the girls' scores on each event. Vault:

Kaiser, 8.55, seventh; Rizzo, 8.5, eighth; Sarah Fentin, 8.3; Krieger, 8.0; and Fuller, 7.75. Bars: Fentin, 8.3, eighth; Krieger, 8.15; Kaiser, 8.05; Rizzo, 7.6; and Kay, 5.95. Beam: Krieger, 9.35, fourth; Kaiser, 9.0, sixth; Fentin, 8.15; Rizzo, 8.10; and Kay, 6.55. Floor: Krieger, 8.75, fifth; Kaiser, 8.5, eighth; Fentin, 8.3; Rizzo, 8.15; Kay, 7.75 and Fuller, 7.3. In the all-around scoring, Krieger was fourth, followed by Kaiser and Fentin, who placed sixth and ninth, respectively. Hubmeier's gymnastics team improved to 4-0 in its division and 5-1 overall.



The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team placed third in last weekend's Troy Athens Invitational. Team members are, from left, Sarah Fentin, captain Lydia Fuller, Fran Kay, captain Lauren Krieger, Brittany Rizzo, Madi Kaiser, captain Ann Liang, captain Pilar Mackey and Heather Koresky.

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Girls basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Lady Knights run well on all cylinders

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team nearly wore out the scoreboard in last weekend's 88-41 win over Hamtramck.

It's the most points the Lady Knights have scored in several years as nine of the 10 players scored.

"We couldn't ask for a better offensive game as everyone who played significant minutes scored and contributed in other ways, too," head coach Adam Beck said. "This was a confidence boost for the girls."

The host Lady Knights took control early, jumping out to a 14-2 lead that was extended to 23-6 after the opening quarter.

Beck's squad led 49-22 at the half and 70-36 at the end of the third period as everyone on the team had rebounds and assists to go with their points.

Freshman Madison Ristovski personally beat the Cosmos' output, scoring 45 points, making 17 two-point baskets and 11 free throws.

"Madison had a nice game and she was able to get her teammates involved in the offense in the first half," Beck said. "In the second half, the other girls were getting Madison the ball in the paint."

Junior Hannah Baird and senior Catherine Vatsis scored 10 points apiece, while senior Charlotte Waldmeir just missed a double-double, scoring eight points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Senior Kristin Peterson had six points, followed by senior Megan Amicucci with four and sophomore Nicole Homfeld with four.



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Senior Megan Amicucci did a little bit of everything in the Lady Knights' conference win over Hamtramck.

Sophomore Grace Edmonds and junior Kathryn Sheehy also got into the score book.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Knights lost 53-45 to

host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest as Ristovski scored 18 points.

ULS stands 2-3 in the Metro Conference and 6-5 overall.



Junior Hannah Baird gives the Lady Knights another ball handler, which makes life a little easier for freshman Madison Ristovski.

HOOPS:  
Rivals will  
meet again

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points. Bennett called a timeout to quiet the run. His Lady Norsemen regained control of the game by outscoring the Lady Blue Devils 13-10 in the third period to lead 38-25.

Braker and seniors Olivia Stander and Jasmine Kennedy helped the home team blow open the game, taking a 48-28 lead midway through the final quarter.

"We didn't play as well as I

Kennedy finished with 12 points, followed by Womack with seven points, junior Alyssa Bruno with two and senior Allison Liddane with one point.

Rodney had 11 points and six rebounds to lead the Lady Blue Devils. Senior Clare Conway had seven points, followed by sophomore Emily Flom, junior Chloe Srebernak and junior Kimmy Leverenz with four points apiece, and junior Katie Hamm had one point.

Grosse Pointe North ran its winning streak to nine games, improving to 10-3 overall, while South stands 12-2 after beating L'Anse Creuse North 40-24 last weekend.

The visiting Blue Devils

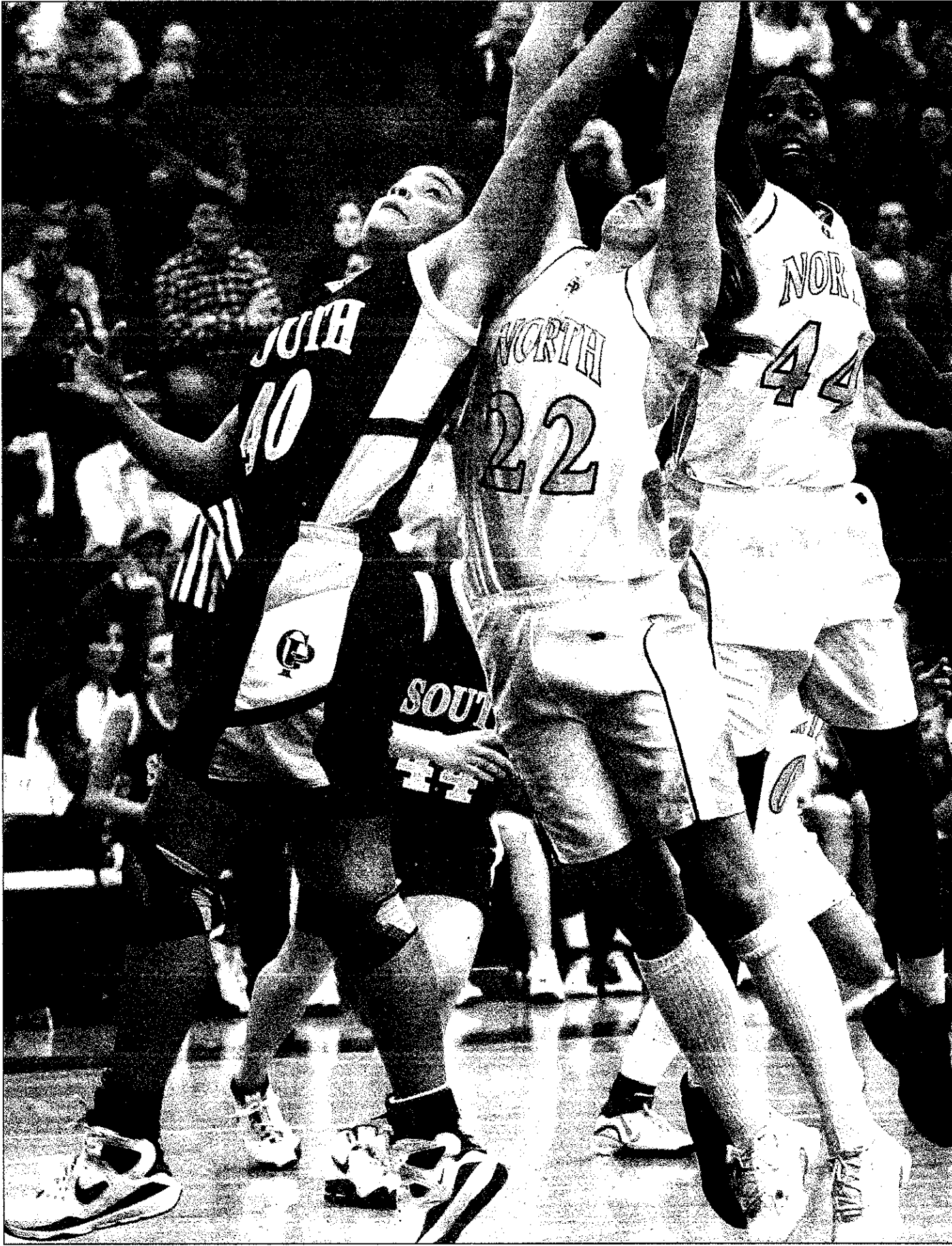


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Grosse Pointe South sophomore Aisha Rodney, left, battles North senior Maddie Kent for a rebound in the Lady Norsemen's win over the Lady Blue Devils.



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

North senior Olivia Stander, left, was able to get the upper hand over South junior Chloe Srebernak in this meeting. The two teams will meet again in the first game of the state playoffs.

would have liked, but now we put this behind us and get ready for the second half of our league schedule," Richards said. "We will see North again in the first game of the state districts."

Braker had 14 points, five rebounds, six steals and two blocked shots, while Stander had 14 points, five assists and four steals to pace the Lady Norsemen.

scored only four first-quarter points and 19 first-half points, but led 19-12.

They blew open the close game by outscoring the Crusaders 17-6 in the third period to grab a 36-18 lead.

Rodney had 12 points, while seniors Kate Graham-McNeil and Katherine Pangori each had six points. Srebernak added nine points to the victory.



## Girls hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Lady Blue Devils in charge of division

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Is there any team in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League that can stop the defending state champion Grosse Pointe South Lady Blue Devils?

Last weekend, the Lady Blue Devils went on the road and blasted Division 2-leading Farmington Hills Mercy 8-0 and the following night blanked the team right on their heels, Ann Arbor, 3-0.

"These were two nice wins and our girls played very well in each game," head coach Bill Fox said. "I expected the Mercy game to be much closer and the Ann Arbor game was fun as both of us played well."

Against Mercy, senior Erin Shook scored at the 9:03 mark of the opening period with sophomore Andrea Marshall and senior Kathryn Repicky getting assists.

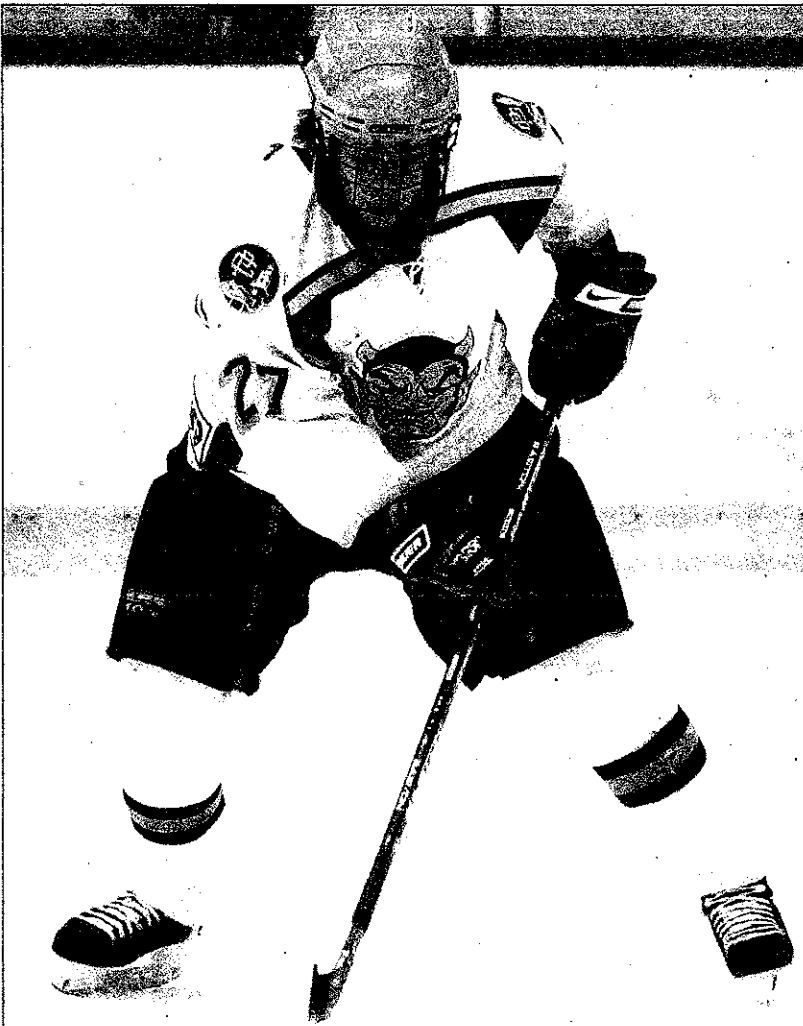
Freshman Claire Boyle and junior Rachel Sklarski scored in the opening period to give the Lady Blue Devils a 3-0 lead.

Junior Emma Hull and senior Kelsey Burgess assisted on Boyle's tally, while Burgess and junior Tara Bolton assisted on the second goal.

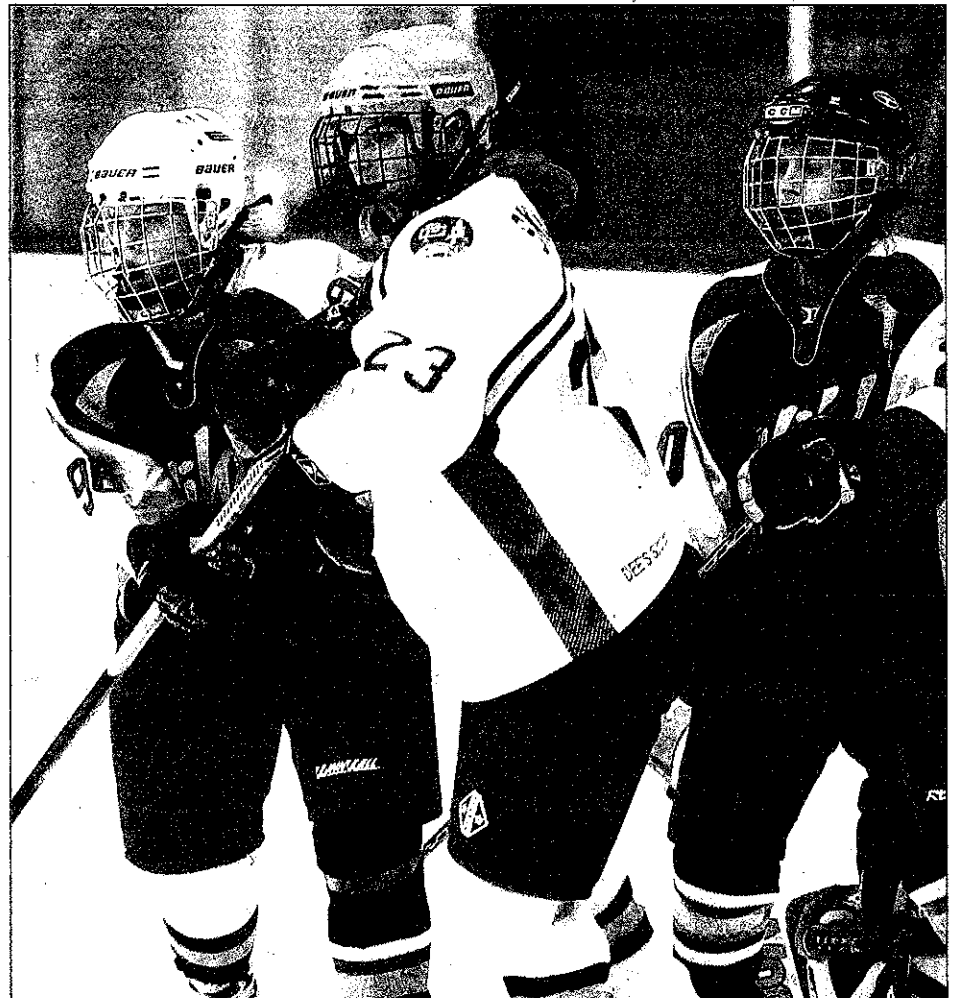
The Lady Blue Devils scored five second-period goals to end the game after the second due to the mercy rule.

Junior Shannon Gianino began the onslaught with a shorthanded goal 15 seconds into the stanza with Shook and Boyle getting assists.

Freshman Marissa Monforton's unassisted shorthanded goal 41 seconds later made it 5-0 and the route was on. Gianino scored again, tallying an unassisted goal at the 13:14 mark and junior Jessica Snella scored at the



Freshman Claire Boyle has been red hot in recent weeks, which has made the Lady Blue Devils' offense even more potent.



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Junior Rae Sklarski, No. 23, has played well in the Lady Blue Devils' biggest wins this season.

8:48 mark to make it 7-0.

Sophomore Lorna Burns drew an assist on Snella's goal, while Repicky and Gianino had the assists on Bolton's goal that rounded out the scoring.

Ann Arbor needed to beat South to have any shot to force a tie in the standings and gain a No. 1 seed in the

playoffs that start the second week of March.

Repicky's two goals and Burgess's lone tally was more than enough as senior goalie C.J. Jarboe stopped all 14 shots to net another shutout.

"I moved Emma Hull from forward to defense to try to slow down (Angie) Chronis and she did a wonderful job

of making her a nonfactor," Fox said. "We outshot Ann Arbor by a 2-to-1 margin and dominated possession."

"This win put us in a nice spot to win another division title and get the No. 1 seed for the playoffs," Fox said. "We're not worried about that because we still have some tough games ahead of us, including Grosse Pointe

North this weekend."

South improved to 13-0 in the MMGSHSL and overall. They have a two-point lead with a game in hand over Ann Arbor in the Division 1 standings. South swept the season series with Ann Arbor and is seven points away from clinching the No. 1 spot and division title.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

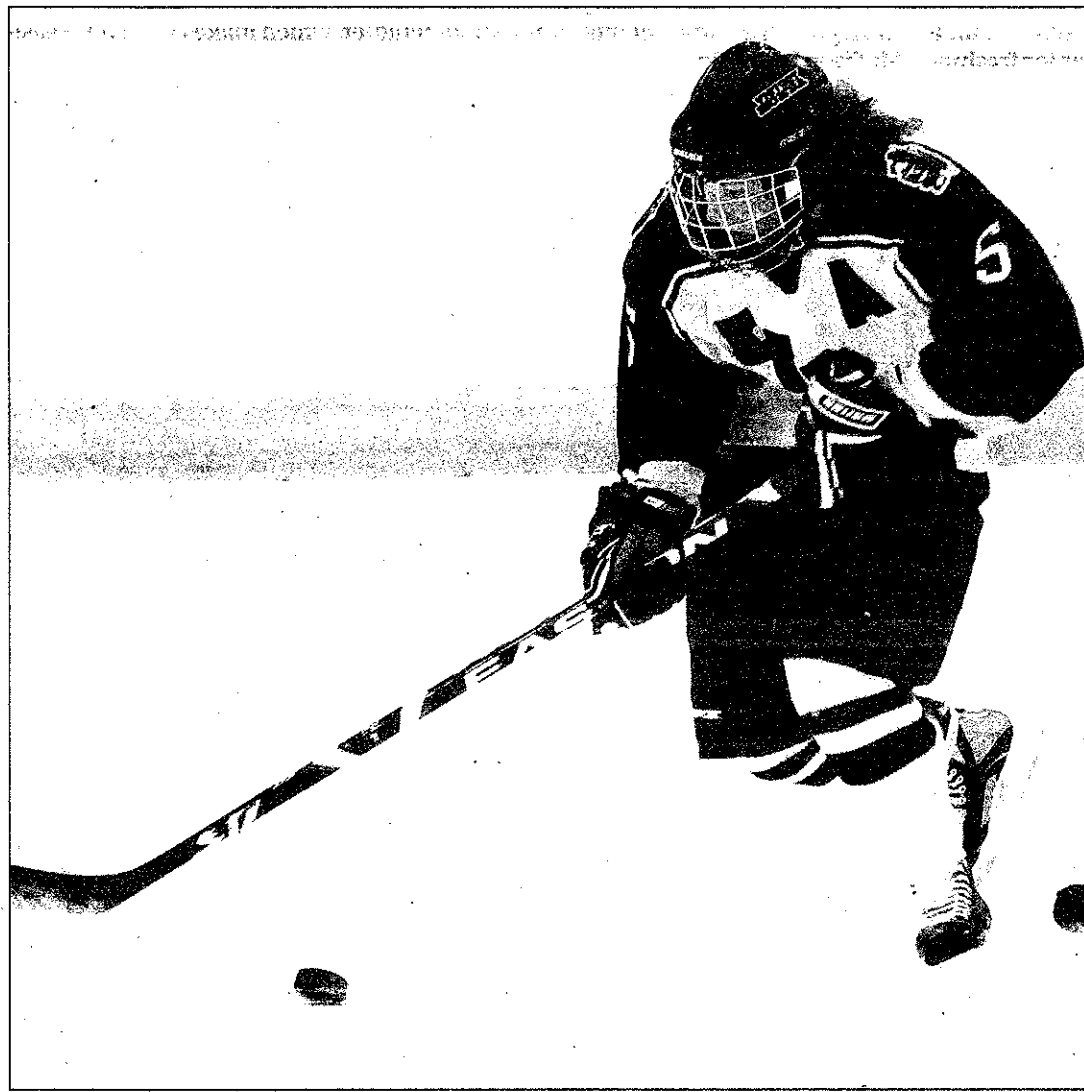


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Junior Paige Counsman, left, has scored several big goals this season, including last week when she tallied the game-winner in OT against Livonia Ladywood.

## Lady Knights get big wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls hockey team used a five-goal second period to whip Walled Lake 8-3 last week.

Junior Paige Counsman ended the second stanza with a goal at the 13:35 mark, assisted by sophomore Kinaya Smith, and ended it with a goal at the 2:32 mark, assisted by junior Morgan Ellis and sophomore Natalie Peracchio.

In between Counsman's tallies, Smith had two goals, both assisted by Counsman and freshman Haleigh Bolton, and Bolton, assisted by Ellis and Smith.

"The girls played well and we were able to get a couple of players to nearly get hat tricks," head coach Laura Owczarski said.

Ellis had two goals in the opening period and sopho-

more Medea Shanidze also tallied as the host Lady Knights built a 3-0 lead on the Wild.

Counsman assisted on the first Ellis goal and Bolton assisted on the second. Junior Liz Smith and senior Megha Patel drew assists on the third tally of the opening period.

The Wild's top player, senior Jenna Karagozian, scored late in the first period, but the team was only able to add two more goals in the final period and never threatened to make a game of it after the home team led 8-1.

Last weekend, the Lady Knights visited Livonia Ladywood and its all-state caliber forward, Shelby Kucharski.

"We have to blanket her and make sure she doesn't beat us," Owczarski said. "It's going to be a tough game, but I feel confident we can pull out a win. It would be a big win for us."

Kucharski scored a hat trick, but in the end it was Counsman's goal at the 4:47 mark of overtime that lifted the Lady Knights to a 5-4 win.

"We line-matched as much as we could to try to stop Kucharski, but Bruce (Peck) had the last line change and he took advantage of it several times," Owczarski said.

Counsman added a hat trick of her own and assisted on the other two goals, scored by Bolton and Liz Smith.

"This is a big win for us and it really gives us a lot of confidence heading into the final month of the season," Owczarski said. "We have five games left and three of them are against Division 1 teams, so our schedule is pretty challenging."

ULS improved to 7-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-5 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Defense flusters Cranes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team is playing its best hockey of the season with a handful of games left in the regular season.

Last week, the Lady Norsemen beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 4-1 behind the stellar defense of seniors Lauren Walsh and Alexa Lucchese, as well as sophomore Taylor Moody and freshman goaltender Emma Huellmantel.

"We rotate only three players on defense, but that hasn't stopped them from playing very well in recent weeks," head coach Scott Dockett said. "Emma has improved a lot in net and made some nice saves today that helped us beat Cranbrook. It's a nice win for us."

The host Lady Norsemen lost their first two games of the season to the Cranes, falling 2-1 in the season opener Nov. 20 and 3-2 in overtime in the opening game of the

University  
Tournament.

Both of those games were played with an inexperienced goalie tandem and minus one of the team's top forwards, junior Nikki Capizzo.

A little more than two months later and with a full, confident squad, the Dockett's squad dominated the Cranes, outshooting them 30-14.

The game was scoreless in the opening period with each team getting seven shots on net.

Starting from the opening faceoff of the second period, it was all Lady Norsemen as the defensive trio smothered the Cranes' top scoring line of senior Anna Brown and sophomore Caley Chelios.

Capizzo opened the scoring with a power play goal at the 8:22 mark of the second period. Senior Alexa Quinlan drew the lone assist, giving Capizzo a perfect pass right in front of Cranes goalie, freshman Colleen Jacoby.

Quinlan made it 2-0 by us-

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ing her speed to get past three players and put the puck over Jacoby's shoulder.

The Cranes came back with a goal in the first minute of the final period, but Quinlan's power play tally at the 8:01 mark gave the home team some breathing room.

Lucchese assisted on the goal that came with two Cranes in the penalty box.

Moody completed the scoring with a tally at the 1:45 mark with senior Angela Giorgio getting the lone assist.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence right now," assistant coach Joe Lucchese said. "It's been a total team effort."

The visiting Lady Norsemen blasted Bloomfield Hills Unified 8-0 the night before, improving to 9-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 9-6 overall.

Since the Lady Norsemen started the season 1-4, they have been on a tear, boosting their record by winning eight of their last 10 games.

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## Boys hockey

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights get big back-to-back victories

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team found its groove last week, winning back-to-back games for the first time this season.

"I was patient with the guys and now I can see a big difference as the guys are playing with more confidence and playing our system much better than the first half of the season," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "This was a nice week and now we have to keep it going."

The Knights beat Fraser 6-3 in front of the home fans and Madison Heights Bishop Foley 4-2 on the road.

The game with Bishop Foley was scoreless until senior Drew Amato scored a goal at the 9:24 mark of the second period with junior Dan Zukas and freshman Jeff Mott drawing assists.

Zukas scored a shorthanded tally less than two minutes later to make 2-0. Junior Mac Decker and senior Erik Litch had the assists.

After two periods, the Knights had a 25-9 shot advantage, but that didn't stop the



Junior Rory Deane, center, is getting into a groove, which ULS will need if it is to make a push in the upcoming state playoffs.

Ventures from tying the game with two goals 38 seconds apart in the third period.

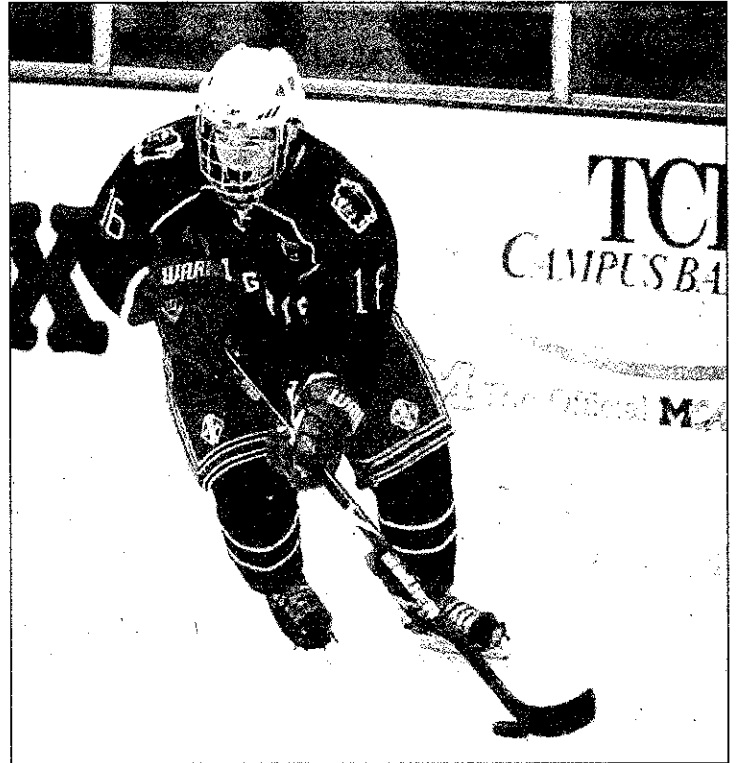
However, with 5:14 left in the game, Amato scored a power

play goal, which turned out to be the game winner. Zukas had the lone assist.

The Knights added a late goal to put the game away.

Freshman Joe Davenport earned the win, stopping 15-of-17 shots.

"This was a nice win," McIntyre said. "We dominated



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School junior Dan Zukas had a good week, scoring goals in each of the Knights' wins last week.

the game with the exception of a minute or two early in the third period when Bishop Foley tied it."

In the game against Fraser, Zukas had two goals and two assists and Decker scored a

goal to lead the Knights' offensive output.

Junior David McIntyre was the winning goaltender, getting his first 'W' of the season.

ULS improved to 5-12 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## South endures 'nightmare'

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team played a game to forget last weekend.

The host Blue Devils lost 9-5 to Allen Park and trailed 8-2 after two periods.

"I can't remember ever trailing 8-2 after two periods during my time as head coach," head coach Bob Bopp said. "It was a strange game that will not take long to forget."

"Allen Park played hard, but there is no way they should score nine goals on us."

The Blue Devils outshot the Jaguars 37-23, but it was the visitors who scored just 55 seconds into the opening period.

They scored a power play goal at the 7:24 mark to make it 2-0 and Mile Knight added a power play tally at the 8:16 mark, assisted by Brian Auty.

With only 30 seconds left in the first stanza, Allen Park scored a power play goal to lead 3-1.

In a span of 1:07, Allen Park scored three goals to take a 6-

1 lead. The first goal came with a two man advantage, the second with a one man advantage and the third goal deflected off a defenseman's skate and into the net.

Auty's power play goal, assisted by Nick Monforton, made it a 6-2 game, but the Jaguars added two more tallies to make it an 8-2 game after two periods of play.

"The team did come out and win the third period 3-1 to make the final score a little more respectful," Bopp said.

Jimmy Morris scored 15 seconds into the final period, assisted by Keith Sklarski, while Auty scored again with Monforton and Morris collecting assists.

Those goals sandwiched an Allen Park goal. Sklarski's power play goal completed the scoring with Monforton and David Clem drawing assists.

"We had a few bright spots as Nick Monforton, who is having a great season on defense, played well and had three assists, and first-year defenseman Max Corbett had another strong performance,"



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Senior Brian Auty was one of the bright spots for South, scoring a couple of times in a decisive setback to Allen Park.

Bopp said.

Bopp also pointed out the solid efforts by Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin,

Marshall and Auty.

South is 3-2-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 7-7-3 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Trip yields wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team's 12-hour bus ride to the great up north was a fruitful one.

The Norsemen beat host Calumet 6-5 Friday night and blasted Houghton 8-0 Saturday afternoon to improve to 10-6 overall.

"We played a little shorthanded in each game, but overall our guys played some good hockey for most of two games," head coach Scott Lock said.

The Norsemen took a 2-1 lead after the opening period against Calumet, but found themselves trailing 4-2 after the second stanza.

"We kind of fell asleep in that second period and gave up some bad goals," Lock said. "We regrouped and the next thing you knew, we had the lead."

The Norsemen stormed back, scoring four unanswered goals to take a 6-4 lead. Calumet pulled its goalie in the final minute and tallied to round out the scoring.

Freshman Julian Quinlan and senior Craig Henderson each scored their first-ever

goals. Other goal scorers were senior Justin Kovacs, senior Ben Scarfone, senior Nick Hartman and junior Steve Herron.

Freshman Scott Dornbrock and Kovacs each had two assists, while Scarfone had one assist.

"It was fun for the guys to play in such a great atmosphere and in front of a packed house," Lock said. "I thought we played well, outside of the middle period."

"We wanted to build on Friday nights third period and take that momentum into our game with Houghton."

Kovacs and Scarfone tallied in the opening period, while Scarfone, Henderson and senior Jim Tocco tallied in the second stanza, making it 5-0.

Within the first five minutes of the final period, Herron, Kovacs and junior Matt Lucchese scored to end the game via the mercy rule.

Senior Mike Rahaim made 26 saves to earn the win in the first game, while senior Eric Rohrkemper had to make just five saves to get the shutout.

Coming up next for North is an away game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, against city rival Grosse Pointe South.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE

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Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation have teamed up to provide financial resources for Grosse Pointe residents that are in need of financial help to make this activity available for a family member.

They are making this assistance available to all three of the Little League organizations that support Grosse Pointe residents. It is open to players of all ages.

The directors realize that with the tough economy and other related issues, the entry fee may provide a hardship for a family that is without a job or experiencing other financial difficulties.

They want that problem to not stand in the way of everyone playing community baseball that wishes to play.

To apply, contact the league website at **gpbaberuth.com** and e-mail an application to the league.

Interested parties may also pick up an application at the Neighborhood Club front desk and fax it to the number provided on the application.

As many community-minded supporters of baseball activities may want to help with this effort, people can do so by sending a donation to either the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation or Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe and mail to P.O. Box 36026, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The donation will the organization to help ballplayers pay the \$100 registration fee.

Those involved in receiving assistance will be kept strictly confidential and no personal financial information will be requested to be approved for assistance.



Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Stellar play turns hunter into hunted

By John McTaggart  
Sports Editor

Although the final score might read another double-digit victory for the Norsemen, 73-63, the truth is, final scores aren't always indicative of the game.

"They really played well," Grosse Pointe North boys basketball head coach Matt Lockhart said about Warren Cousino. "They played really well. You have to give them a lot of credit."

The Patriots gave the Macomb Area Conference White leading Norsemen, 12-0 overall, 6-0 in the division, all they could handle in their Jan. 27 game. It was a game frantic in pace and very physical in

*'I guess you could say we clamped down when we really had to, and made some shots when we really needed to.'*

MATTLCKHART  
Grosse Pointe North boys basketball head coach

nature.

"They are really a physical team," Lockhart said. "We knew that going in."

The physical nature of Cousino High might have played a role in North's uncharacteristic poor shooting night, but in the end, the Norsemen found a way to oust the host school and remain perfect in both the division and the season.

"We just didn't play well on

either side of the court tonight," Lockhart explained. "We shot the ball poorly, not only missing good looks from the floor, but also from the free throw line. Then, we weren't very good on defense. We've got some things to work on, for sure."

Despite an off shooting night from the get-go, North took a one-point lead into the break, 31-30, thanks to a slew of Cousino turnovers and

some excellent work on the offensive glass.

In the second half, however, the Patriots took the lead, 37-33, halfway through the third period.

North bounced back to close the third quarter with a 14-8 run to take a 47-45 lead.

The back-and-forth play continued throughout the final quarter with Cousino snatching the lead, 49-48, early on in the closing frame, only to see North take it back, 55-52, a shade past two minutes later.

"I guess it was an exciting game for the crowd," Lockhart admitted. "But we really would rather not play games like that. In general, though, I guess you could say

we clamped down when we really had to, and made some shots when we really needed to."

The Norsemen needed to clamp down and make big shots more than a few times in the fourth.

With a half-dozen lead changes before the 3:30 mark of the fourth quarter, North finally took control of the game, thanks in part to a pair of clutch three-point shots by senior guard Darin Willis. These buckets were part of a 10-0 North run — a run Cousino wasn't able to answer.

After the game, Lockhart explained how this sort of contest could benefit his squad as the season goes on.

"Before the year began, not

many people expected too much out of us," the coach explained. "So, in the beginning, we were kind of the hunter. Now, we're the hunted. The role for us has changed. Now, our kids have to learn how to play with that role as the favorite. I think this game, and the last one too, teams have really come out trying to beat us."

"We are the hunted team now in the division. We have to learn that role. Games like this are going to help us do that."

Greggory Blunden led North with 18 points, while Willis (13 points), Daniel Calcaterra (11 points) and Paul Bramos (nine points) helped the winning effort.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Hot shooting leads to win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Senior Andrew Malaski and junior Mark Ghafari found their groove last week, leading the University Liggett School boys basketball team

to a 71-60 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"It was nice to see Malaski make all of those three pointers and equally nice to see Mark look more comfortable as our point guard," head coach Sidney Johnson said.

Both guards have been in a shooting funk the past few games, but Malaski drilled six three-pointers en route to a team-high 23 points, while Ghafari was right behind with 22 points.

Senior Jeremiah Manning had 12 points and sophomore Dominic Jamett chipped in with seven as the host Knights won their first Metro Conference game.

"Hitting those jump shots opened the lane up for Mark to drive and dish to Dominic and Jeremiah in the low post," Johnson said. "This success will hopefully continue when we hit the road in our next game."

"We haven't been a very good road team and that has to change."

The Knights outscored the Crusaders 13-10 in the first quarter and 18-12 in the second, taking a 31-22 lead to the half.

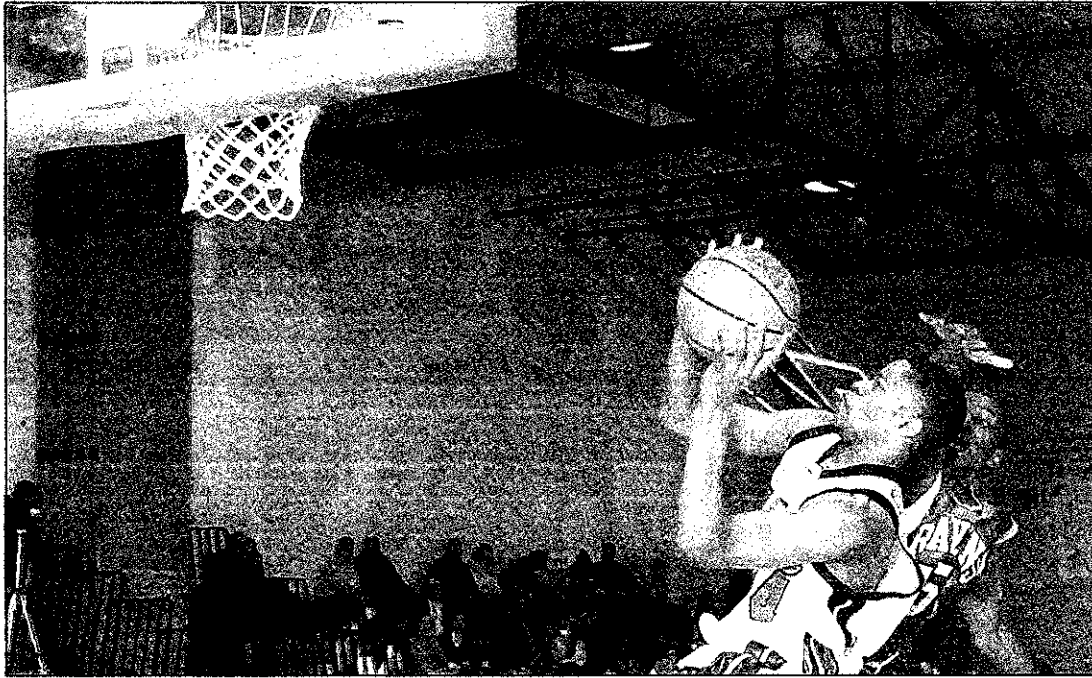
Malaski's three-point proficiency heated up in the third quarter when he made three as the Knights outscored their guests 19-14 to lead 50-36.

The lead grew to 18 points, 56-38, but Northwest used an 18-4 run to make a game of it with three minutes left.

Ghafari hit four free throws, while Manning hit two and Malaski hit one down the stretch as the Knights held on for the victory.

The Knights couldn't make it two wins in a row as they lost 54-49 at Hamtramck, dropping to 1-3 in the Metro Conference and 3-7 overall.

Ghafari had 15 points to lead the Knights, which play at Harper Woods, Friday, Feb. 6, and host Ann Arbor Greenhills, Tuesday, Feb. 10, in a nonleague game.



Senior Jeremiah Manning, center, hit a couple of free throws down the stretch to prevent the Crusaders from pulling an upset.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School junior point guard Mark Ghafari had one of his best games in the past two weeks, which helped the Knights beat Lutheran Northwest.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Young Blue Devils get on the job training

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

Youth is unpredictable — particularly in high school sports.

At times, there is simply no evidence of it.

Other times, however, it's a bull in a china shop; wreaking havoc on every facet of the game.

For South's boys basketball squad, youth showed up Jan. 31 against a talented Birmingham Seaholm team and dashed any hope the Blue Devils had of leaving the gym with a victory.

The 65-47 Maples' victory dropped South to 4-8 overall, 2-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, and served as a reminder to fans and followers just how

young the squad is — and, despite a heap of talent, that the team is a work in progress.

Turnovers, mental lapses and miscues plagued the Blue Devils throughout the opening half of play against the Maples. A more experienced club, Seaholm was quick to take advantage of these mistakes, which led to several easy buckets in the opening 16 minutes of play and a 31-17 Seaholm lead at the break.

To South's credit, however, and thanks to head coach Jim Twigg and his staff, the Blue Devils settled down a bit in the second half and played with more poise and control.

This poise resulted in a third quarter effort that kept the margin relatively the same after the three quarters, 47-32.

The squad, however, could

never close the gap any further and the Maples cruised to a 65-47 win.

Victor Mattison paced the Blue Devils with 14 points, which included a barrage of three-point baskets.

Despite the tough loss and inconsistent play, few would argue about the team's talent and ability — it is certainly there.

What's lacking is maturity on the court and experience — that's all. The absence of these two ingredients undoubtedly has fans looking to next season with hope and excitement.

With more than a half dozen games left before the postseason tips off March 9, there is plenty of time for the Blue Devils to exorcise the demons of youth and make a legitimate run at a district championship.

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Boys swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys swim team crunched U-D Jesuit 116.50-69.50 and Birmingham Detroit Country Day 130-56 early last week.

The host Blue Devils had several first-place finishes and used their superior depth to outlast the Cubs and Yellowjackets.

Junior Michael Shook won the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles with state-qualifying times of 1:48.91 and 4:53.33, and junior Matt Mandel was first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.98.

Senior Jordan Long won the 1-meter diving competition with 322.30 points. For the first time this season, Long was pushed with each dive as U-D Jesuit's John Santieu had 302.15 points.

Freshman Cam Laney won the 100-breaststroke with a state-qualifying time of 1:01.53 to round out the Blue Devils' top individual placements.

The 200-freestyle relay team of sophomore Craig Campbell, sophomore Cam Johnson, Mandel and junior Joe Hessburg won with a state-qualifying time of 1:32.21, and the 400-freestyle relay squad of Shook, Johnson, junior Wayne Brackett and Campbell also won with a state-qualifying time of 3:26.27.

Other top finishes were posted by Campbell in the 200-freestyle, third with a time of 1:52.06; sophomore Roby Boggs, third in the 200-IM with a time of 2:09.79; Hessburg, second in the 50-freestyle with a time of 23.54; Johnson, fourth in the 50-freestyle with a time of 24.03; Brackett, third in the 100-butterfly with a time of 57.21; freshman Joe Zampardo, fourth in the 100-freestyle with a time of 57.83; Mandel and Hessburg, third and fourth in the 100-freestyle with times of 50.66 and 51.04;



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Senior Jordan Long won another diving competition, but this time he was pushed to the finish.

junior Matt Schmidt, second in the 100-backstroke with a time of 1:00.87; and senior Fares Ksebat, third in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:05.43.

With the victories, head

coach Eric Gunderson and his South swim and dive team improved to 8-3 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home meet Tuesday, Feb. 10, against Macomb Dakota and Utica Ford II.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen still in chase for White title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team had little trouble disposing of division foes Eastpointe East Detroit and Utica last week.

The Norsemen beat the host Shamrocks 46-24 and the Chieftains 53-21, improving to 5-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 10-9 overall.

"We're taking the schedule one match at a time, but we're always working toward the postseason," senior Nathan Strickland said. "We're working hard and starting to win matches, which has helped boost our confidence."

"We're excited for the districts to come."

Strickland, who competed in the 189-pound class, pinned

both of his foes to lead the Norsemen.

Others who won against the Shamrocks were freshman Patrick Salazar, 103 pounds; freshman John Testori, 125 pounds; senior Dave Kubacki, 135 pounds; sophomore Ryan Corsentino, 145 pounds; junior Leyoun Harbin, 152 pounds; junior Evan Sudomier, 215 pounds; and senior Josh Franklin, 275 pounds.

The Norsemen wasted no time grabbing a lead against the Chieftains as Sudomier won his match with a pin.

Other winners against Utica were Salazar, freshman Stu Haigh, 112 pounds, Testori, Kubacki, Corsentino, junior Alex Doetsch, 160 pounds, a sophomore Evan Lock, 171 pounds, and Franklin.

After starting the season with a brutal schedule, head

coach Bryan Lorenzo has watched his grapplers rise to the top of the division as his veterans have stepped up and the younger guys have improved.

"Last year I won only one varsity match, but this year I have already won 10," Johnson said.

In other recent matches, North beat Warren Fitzgerald 44-22 and lost 33-32 to Port Huron Northern.

Franklin, Strickland, Salazar and Doetsch each went 2-0, while Dwanta Hall was 1-0.

In the recent John Glenn JV Tournament, Lock and Johnson won gold medals with Corsentino taking a bronze medal.

Brazil and Testori also earned medals for the Norsemen.

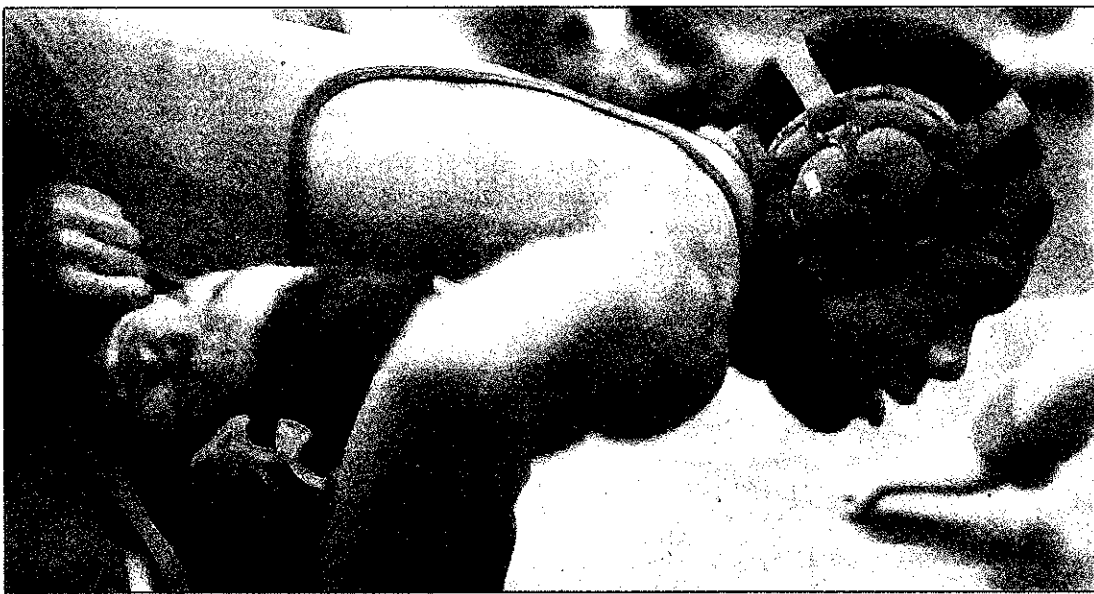


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Senior Nate Strickland, top, and his teammates have high hopes of winning a lot during the postseason.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils thinking title

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team took a big step forward in its bid to win a division dual meet title last week.

The visiting Blue Devils beat Center Line 39-34 to take over sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division.

Head coach Pat O'Donnell said during the preseason his goal was to get his wrestlers to believe in their ability, win matches and have fun at the same time.

His philosophy is working wonders as the Blue Devils are two matches away from clinching the dual meet title.

The Blue Devils recently beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview 47-34, improving to 12-16 overall and 5-0 in the MAC Gold Division.

The teams South has left to face in the division are St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and Warren Lincoln.

— Bob St. John

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen defeat Ike

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team beat Utica Eisenhower 125-57 early last week.

Senior Michael Lane won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke to lead the Norsemen to the easy victory.

Single winners were Justin Rakowicz in the 200-yard freestyle, Christian Mellos in

the 200-yard individual medley, Stephen VanBeek in the 100-yard butterfly and Robert Tripp in the 100-yard backstroke.

Head coach Mike O'Connor noted season-best times were recorded by Lane and Dan Santalucia in the 50-freestyle; Bob Radar in the 100-freestyle; Rakowicz and

Andrew Paige in the 500-freestyle; Zack Hanna in the 100-backstroke; Lane in the 100-breaststroke; VanBeek in the 100-butterfly; Mellos in the 200-IM and James McNelis in the diving competition.

The Norsemen improved to 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference and 5-1 overall.

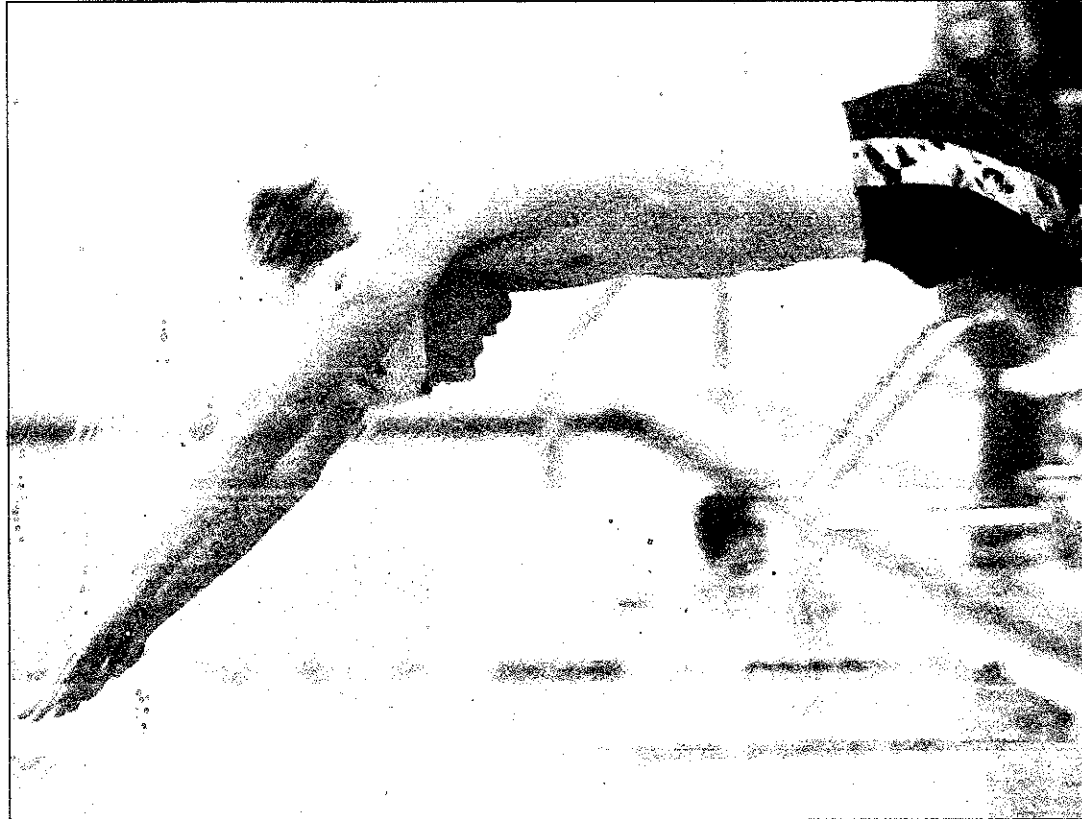


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Stephen VanBeek had a nice meet for the Norsemen, posting solid times in a couple of events.

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Tourney champ

The Grosse Pointe U-14 Bulldogs girls travel hockey team traveled to Midland the weekend of Jan. 9 for the Rainbow Tournament and came home champions. In the championship game Sunday, Jan. 11, the Bulldogs edged the Gladwin G-Force 2-0, outshooting them 40-7. Natalie Skorupski scored on a wrap-around for the first goal and with less than five minutes left in the game, Sara Villani scored on a rebound to seal the victory. In their first game, the Bulldogs beat the host Mid-Michigan Spirit 3-1 as Meghan Polack, Tenley Shield and Skorupski scored, while Allison Daudlin, Jaci Sherry and Anne Crowley played solid defense. On Saturday, Jan. 10, the Bulldogs faced a Canadian team from Sault Ste. Marie and won 6-2 behind two goals scored on a 5-minute power play after Shield was checked into the boards. Darian Dempsey tallied two goals with Villani, Sherry, Julia Henderson and Skorupski scoring a goal apiece. Forchecking by Gabby Hartman and Brianna Gandini helped set up a few of the goals. The teams were reseeded and the Bulldogs once again faced the Sault Ste. Marie squad, winning 3-2. The Bulldogs are coached by Steve Skorupski, Bill Shield and Steve Daudlin and managed by Michelle Hartman. Pictured with their trophy and medals, and adding a copy of the Grosse Pointe News, are front row from left, Meghan Polack, Sara Villani, Tenley Shield, Anne Crowley, Julia Henderson, Alex Stankovski and Natalie Skorupski, and back row from left, Jaci Sherry, Allison Daudlin, Brianna Gandini, Darian Dempsey and Gabby Hartman.







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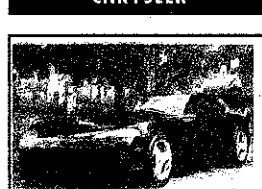
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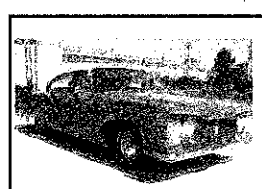
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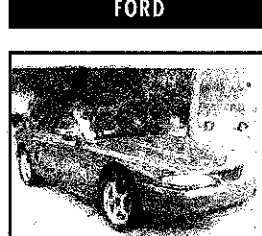
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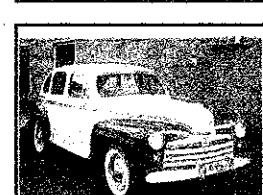
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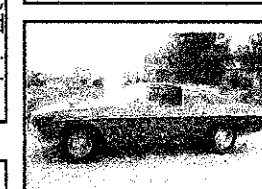
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**HINT:** There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find **11** words? Happy Hunting!

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# HEALTH

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## Donors make the difference in the St. John Hospital Emergency Center

On January 21, 2009, more than 125 donors and friends of St. John Hospital and Medical Center gathered to dedicate the newly renovated Emergency Center and honor the donors that made it possible.

At the event, Grosse Pointe resident Joan Gehrke, Chair of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board and member of the St. John Health Foundation Board, thanked the St. John Guild President and Grosse Pointe resident Alex Lucido for their generosity and naming gift for the Emergency Center.

"The St. John Guild is a remarkable group of men and women who have committed themselves to serving the hospital and this community," said Gehrke. "We're also thankful for the generous contributions of St. John Emergency Physicians, PC, Jane and Robert Nugent, and the Mestdagh Family who were among the many donors from the community, businesses, and within the hospital who gave of themselves for this project."



Grosse Pointe resident Dr. James Fox; Grosse Pointe resident Alex Lucido, President, St. John Guild; and Tony Ferlito.

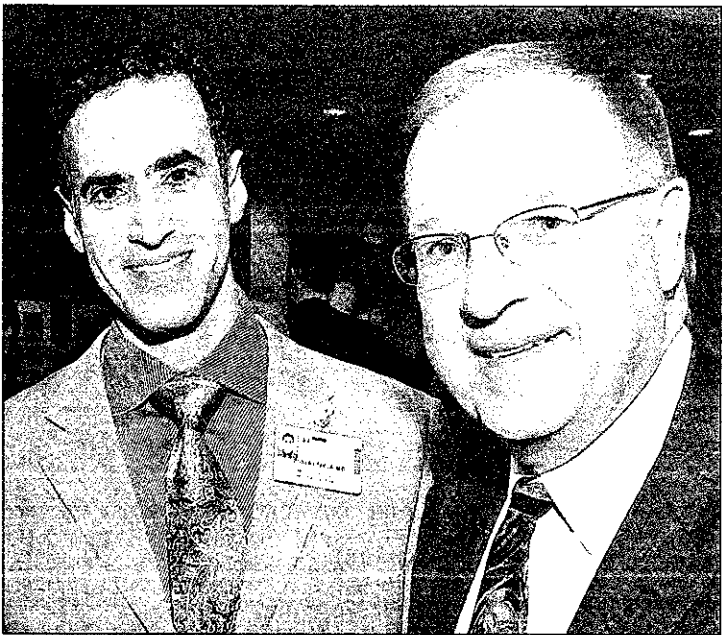


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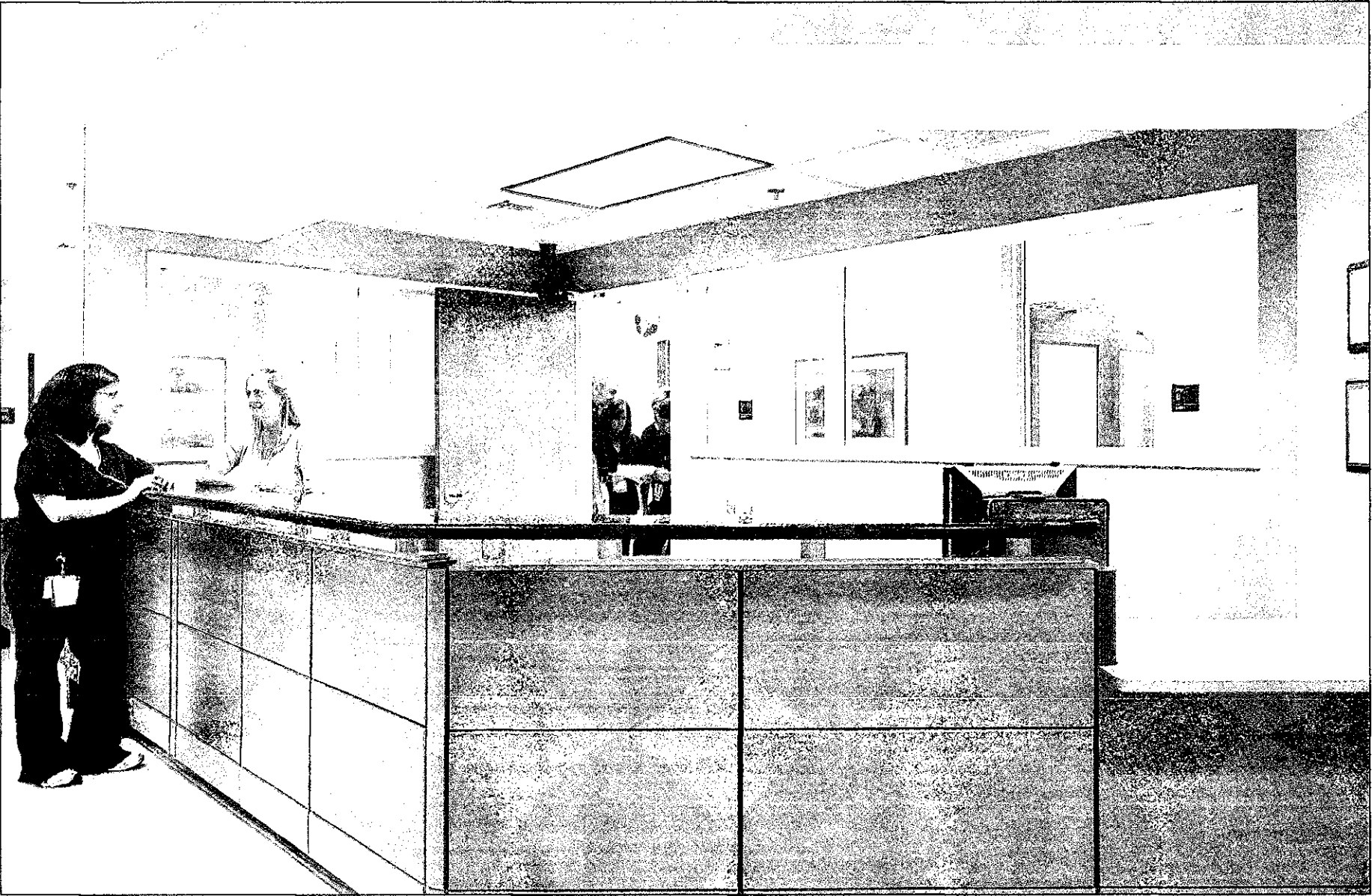
Robert Takda, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine, SJH&MC; and Grosse Pointe resident Anthony Southall, MD, former Chief of Emergency Medicine, SJH&MC. At right, Grosse Pointe residents Michael Burke, Kelly Oliver, Sharon Burke and Peter Oliver.



Noralisa and Tony Ferlito; and Grosse Pointe resident Tomasine Marx, Chief Financial Officer, SJH&MC.



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The new triage area of the SJH&MC Emergency Center provides a welcoming area to greet patients, and get just a few pieces of information. Patients are then taken back to their private treatment room.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center transforms emergency care with renovated Emergency Center

To better serve the community for its emergent medical needs, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) completed the renovation of its Emergency Center (EC) on January 22, 2009.

SJH&MC has long been known for its clinical excellence in Emergency Medicine...whether it be life-saving action in a trauma, fast transfer to cardiac specialists during a heart attack, or comprehensive diagnoses for sudden pain.

But the hospital also has made significant efforts to improve the efficiency of treatment for non-threatening emergencies like broken bones, off-hours illnesses when physician offices are closed, or stitches for deep cuts.

In the recent renovation, SJH&MC has made many improvements to the healing environment that will appeal to the community.

"Throughout the planning and construction of the new Emergency Center, we continually asked ourselves about the patient experience, and what we could do to provide additional patient comfort and service," said Debbie Condino, Vice President, SJH&MC. "And I believe that all those who use our Emergency Center will notice a significant difference."

Patient amenities in the Emergency Center now include:

**More than 70 private treatment rooms.** Each patient will receive treatment in a private

treatment room with a door. All rooms are equipped with a flat-screen television and phone, with ample room for family members to wait with the patient.

**24/7 valet service at the Emergency Center entrance.** Valet service at the Emergency entrance helps allow family members to assist their loved ones in for treatment without worrying about where to park their vehicle.

**Enhanced communication and assistance** with personal care needs (blankets, water, etc.) from our Guest Relations associates.

A specially picked group of associates is dedicated solely to patient comfort needs within the Emergency Center. Since they've been part of our Emergency Center, patient satisfaction scores have improved.

**Separate ambulatory and ambulance entrances.** This helps give critical patients more privacy.

**Dedicated CT and radiology services for Emergency patients.** The Emergency Center has its own 64-slice CT and radiology services exclusively used for emergency patients. This expedites treatment for both the emergency and scheduled outpatient testing needs.

In addition to the more than 70 private treatment rooms and a four-bed resuscitation suite for major trauma or critically ill patients, the EC has an ambulatory care center with 16 beds located adjacent to the



SJH&MC's new Emergency Center has 73 all private patients rooms with doors.

EC, and the Clinical Decision Unit, with 30 beds, which is a partnership between the EC and the primary care physicians for patients that need observation and additional treatment beyond the Emergency

Center.

Our EC has a dedicated pediatrics treatment and waiting area, which were furnished by members of the Fontbonne Auxiliary. With its life-like animal murals, televisions, and

private location, parents and their families can be treated in comfort.

"More than 40 emergency medicine physicians, nearly 110 nurses, and 152 other staff provide medical care in the

SJH&MC Emergency Center," said Robert Takla, MD, Medical Director and Chair of Emergency Medicine. "Whether you have a minor injury or a life-threatening emergency, they are here to help."

Interesting facts about SJH&MC's Emergency Center

Take a guess, and see how many of the facts about SJH&MC's Emergency Center you can answer correctly:

How many patients were seen at SJH&MC's Emergency Center in 2008?

A. 30,000  
B. 64,000  
C. 97,000

What percent of patients that come to the SJH&MC Emergency Center get admitted to the hospital?

A. 50 percent  
B. 80 percent  
C. 20 percent

How many patients came to the SJH&MC Emergency Center complaining of chest pain last year?

A. 500  
B. 15,000  
C. 5,500

What's the average number of ambulances that come to the SJH&MC Emergency each day?

A. 400  
B. 20  
C. 85

What percentage of nurses at SJH&MC's Emergency Center have received Advanced Cardiac Life Support training?

A. 40 percent  
B. 80 percent  
C. 100 percent

How many physicians work at the SJH&MC Emergency Center?

A. Less than 10  
B. Approximately 25  
C. More than 40

What percentage of the Emergency Center physicians are board certified?

A. Half  
B. Three-quarters  
C. Every single one

If you answered "C" to each question, you'd be correct! Some of the statistics are staggering. But even with the large numbers

of people choosing SJH&MC for their emergency care, the renovations and new focus on patient amenity make patients feel welcome, cared for, and comfortable.

"When combined with our reputation for clinical excellence, we believe that SJH&MC is the choice for eastside residents when they have an emergent medical need," said Robert Takla, MD, Medical Director and Chair, Emergency Medicine.



# Saving time, saving muscle 12-Lead EKG program at SJH&MC

When a patient has a heart attack, minutes can make a huge difference in the patient's chances of survival...and a full recovery.

Back in 2006, a team led by Kim Lagerquist, RN, and EMS Coordinator for St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC); and Sam Dabaja, RN, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, SJH&MC, implemented a program that links EMS providers with Emergency Center physicians through a cell phone connection that transmits 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) results.

From the scene, the EKG results can be transmitted to the hospital, where the patient can be diagnosed before they even leave their living room. Data also can be sent directly to the handheld devices of cardiologists, providing physicians with real-time data to diagnose a heart attack. This allows patients to go to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab for life-saving treatment 20 to 35 minutes faster than the previous process.

"Time is crucial when it comes to treating a heart attack patient; every minute counts. Time is muscle, and time saves lives," explains Kim. "This new program definitely improves the odds of surviving

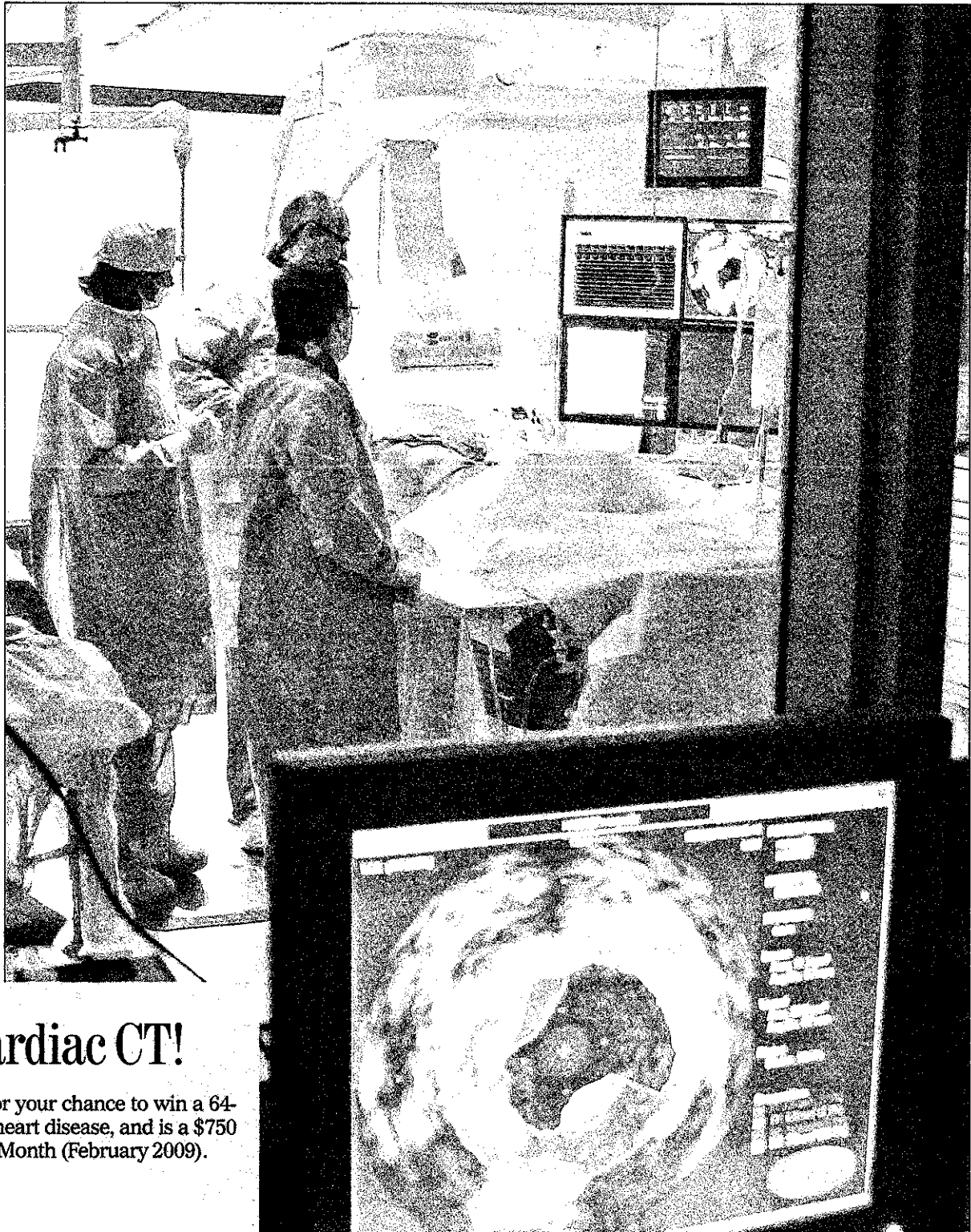
a heart attack."

On average, a person waits 52 minutes before calling 911 when they suspect a heart attack.

Since then, Kim and Sam have trained approximately 1500 cath lab associates and EMS personnel on 12-lead EKG technology. In addition, Sam has offered numerous education sessions to community groups regarding the importance of calling 911 quickly upon the first signs of a heart attack.

Once a patient arrives at the hospital, they can rapidly pass through the Emergency Center to ensure stability, they go straight to the cath lab, where the blocked vessel can be opened with angioplasty and perhaps a stent. Cardiology Services at SJH&MC recently received their sixth designation as a Top 100 hospital.

"The bottom line is that the sooner we open the vessel, the less permanent damage to the heart," said Tom LaLonde, MD, Chief of Cardiovascular Services at SJH&MC. "The American College of Cardiology sets a recommendation of 90 minutes from occlusion to re-perfusion, and the way to achieve and surpass that is to get an EKG in the field."



Tom Davis, MD, Interventional Cardiologist, perform a cardiac cath on a patient.

## You could win a 64-slice Cardiac CT!

Visit [stjohn.org/emergency](http://stjohn.org/emergency) to take our quick and easy quiz for your chance to win a 64-slice Cardiac CT. This non-invasive test measures your risk for heart disease, and is a \$750 value. We'll be giving away one of these tests at the end of Heart Month (February 2009).

## Survive winter with helpful tips

By Jeffrey Nigl, MD  
Emergency Medicine Physician, St. John Hospital and Medical Center

With winter upon us, it's always helpful to remember some season survival tips. With the increased snowfall this year, please remember the following tips to make the chore of snow shoveling safer.

Recognize that shoveling can be hard work. For sedentary adults, clearing wet snow for 10 minutes is equivalent to running on a treadmill to exhaustion. Studies show that major snow storms are often associated increased ER visits for everything from muscle aches to heart attacks, and the common denominator is snow shoveling.

Cold temperatures don't help: cold air raises blood

pressure even in normal healthy adults and may pose a significant risk to people with pre-existing hypertension.

If you have any of the following conditions, talk with your physician before shoveling snow: a personal or family history of heart disease or asthma, a prior heart attack, a history of back problems, a history of high blood pressure/cholesterol/ diabetes, a history of smoking and/or inactivity.

Avoid stimulants (for example caffeine or nicotine) that can raise your heart rate and constrict blood vessels; and avoid shoveling immediately after eating a large meal. Remember that breathing cold air may also constrict blood vessels, decreasing your heart's oxygen supply.

Before shoveling, warm up by stretching muscles, especially in the morning. Muscles are less susceptible to injury during physical activity after a warm-up. Remember to bend at the knees, keep your back straight, lift with your legs and carry - don't throw - the snow to the side. New fallen snow is usually lighter; don't wait to remove it. Take frequent breaks. Immediately stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

Avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of fluids before and during shoveling (but not coffee, see above). Breathing cold air dehydrates the body.

Using a snow blower has its own set of rules. First, carefully follow all manufacturer safety precautions.

NEVER attempt to clear a clogged or stuck blade unless the power is shut off. Avoid wearing anything that can easily get caught in the blade (such as a long scarf or dangling laces).

Before starting, be sure children and others stand clear to avoid being injured by hidden objects thrown into the air.

Even using a snow blower will elevate your heart rate and blood pressure, so talk with your doctor if you have any concerns.

If you slip on the snow or ice while outdoors, seek medical attention if warranted. Patients on blood-thinning medicines must be especially vigilant due to the increased risk of bleeding problems associated with seemingly minor trauma.



Work or play, be heart smart this winter.



## Modern look

The new Emergency Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center features the latest technology, combined with all private patient rooms.



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# St. John doubles size of ER

Whether you experience a life-threatening situation or smaller emergency, the Emergency Center (EC) at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is ready, with more than 40 physicians and more than 110 nurses, as well as a host of other support staff.

The 47,000 square-foot EC has several areas in which patients receive treatment:

- 73 private treatment rooms
- A 4-bed resuscitation suite for major trauma or critically ill patients
- A 16-bed Ambulatory Care center for less critical emergencies
- A 30-bed Clinical Decision Unit, a partnership between the EC and primary care physicians for patients that need observation and additional treatment.
- Satellite emergency campus at St. John North Shores Hospital (on Ballard in Harrison Township) and St. John Medical Center - Macomb Township (on 23 Mile Road, just west of Romeo Plank). The Macomb Township site also offers urgent care during select hours.



# Efficiency in treatment translates to better patient experience

The goal in the St. John Hospital Emergency Center is to work as a well-functioning team, so that patients receive coordinated, efficient care.

"Our physicians, nurses, and techs, must anticipate your needs, and work to exceed your expectations," said Patricia Mayne, Administrative Director.

"In addition, we work with many other areas of the hospital, which could include surgery, diagnostic imaging, registration, the lab, and many others."



Registration is completed at the patient bedside, to get patients in a private, more comfortable setting in an efficient manner.

The Emergency Center's success is dependent on many different people inside and outside of the Emergency Center, and we are continually working on how to improve on that teamwork approach. Below are some of the areas in the hospital that are essential to a patient's care.

**Diagnostic Imaging.** SJH&MC's newly renovated Emergency Center has a dedicated CT and Diagnostic Radiology area to help reduce wait times and keep patients from having to travel outside the department. Diagnostic Imaging associates staff the area in the ER twenty-four hours a day, seven days a

week, and perform over 55,000 emergency procedures each year.

Turnaround time for radiographs required in the Emergency Center is among the best in the area.

**Registration.** Patients who come to the ER just want to get to a bed, not stand at a desk and answer numerous ques-

tions. That's why the Registration staff asks a few key questions at triage in order to identify patients quickly. The remainder of the registration process is completed at the bedside.

**Cath Lab.** Patients having a heart attack need to move FAST to the Cath Lab. There's no other option to save heart

muscle. There have been three major initiatives that contributed to reaching the rapid turn-around time, including: participating in a research project led by Blue Cross - Blue Shield of Michigan Cardiovascular Consortium, the 12-Lead EKG project, and a concentrated, three-day event to scientifically examine the

entire process. Additional process improvement initiatives are ongoing.

**Information Technology (IT).** The IT team has helped launch the hospital's electronic medical record process, called eCare.

This system allows for electronic triage, and has a new tracking board that gives nurs-

es an "at a glance" look at how a patient's care is progressing, even showing a clock as to when patient's arrive, so staff can keep patients' care on track time-wise.

**Lab.** The St. John lab processes more than 26,000 labs for the Emergency Center each month, usually with a turnaround time of 30 minutes or less.

**Environmental Services.** Clean rooms are essential. The professional staff of environmental services associates takes great pride in providing cleanliness in the hospital, regularly tracking satisfaction scores and turn-around times for cleaning rooms.

**Bed desk.** Approximately 20 percent of Emergency patients are admitted into the hospital. Our bed desk helps coordinate that care, and handles the complex process of getting patients admitted to a unit.

"Partnerships with other departments are essential," said Robert Takla, MD, Medical Director and Chair, Emergency Medicine.

"We greatly appreciate the other areas of St. John Hospital that have allowed us to improve the care experience for our patients."

# Helping patients find a medical home

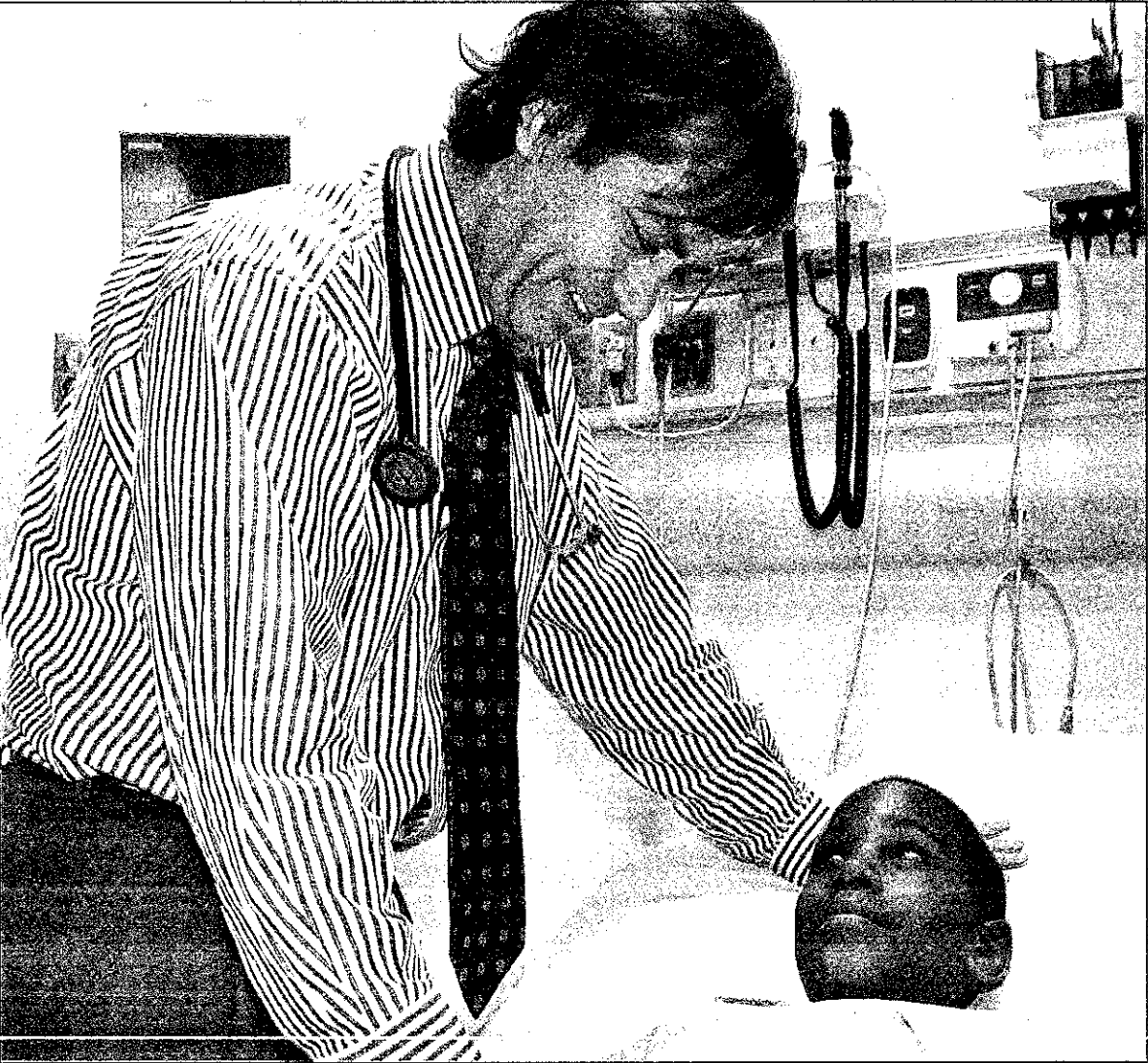
It's no surprise that in a difficult economy, many people put off medical treatment until it becomes an emergent situation. But there are also individuals in southeastern Michigan who simply lack the understanding on how to properly utilize emergency care.

That's why St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) has actively been marketing several urgent care locations (including four new locations in the city of Detroit within the last year), and referring patients to Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHC). Both provide excellent medical care...but in an appropriate way.

The idea is to help give people a "medical home," especially those with limited finances or who lack insurance. Some of these individuals and families hope for a physician who will proactively care for their medical needs, but don't know how to find one, and so, come to the Emergency Center when it's not always necessary.

Helping patients access the appropriate level of care for their injury frees up resources to allow SJH&MC and the oth-

- er hospitals of St. John Health to continue serving the poor and vulnerable in our community, a mission we take seriously and intend to continue for generations to come.
- Urgent care locations in Detroit and the southern portions of the eastside include:
- Riverview Urgent Care, 7733 E. Jefferson, east of Grand Boulevard, 313-499-4900.
  - Samaritan Urgent Care, 5575 Conner, east of I-94, 313-924-0000.
  - Saratoga Urgent Care, 15000 Gratiot, Suite 100, south of Eight Mile, 313-527-4000 (affiliated with SJH).
  - Conner Creek Urgent Care, 4777 E. Outer Drive, east of Van Dyke, 313-369-5690.
  - Eastside Pediatrics, 21000 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, 586-498-3600.
  - After Hours Medical Care - 21000 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, 586-447-5130.



Robert Sills, DO, Medical Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, cares for a young child in the dedicated pediatric treatment area of SJH&MC's Emergency Center.



# Excellence in emergency medicine clinical care

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's (SJH&MC) Emergency Center (EC) prides itself on providing excellence in emergency medicine clinical care. Some examples include:

- The SJH&MC EC utilizes only physicians who are board certified in either Emergency Medicine or Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

- SJH&MC's 12-lead EKG program is a partnership with pre-hospital partners (EMS personnel) to provide the community with efficient diagnosis and treatment of a heart attack. For heart attack patients, SJH&MC's median door to cath lab time is 50 minutes. In December 2008, 100 percent of their patients met this goal, which is 40 minutes faster than what the American College of Cardiology recommends.

- Recognition of 2009 recertification as a Level 2 Trauma Center from the American College of Surgeons.

- Investment into technology and space that allows SJH&MC to provide great trauma care. The area sur-

rounding the four resuscitation beds within the suite are extremely large, and allow the EC physicians and nurses to have room for all the necessary equipment and specialists during a trauma or critical medical situation. They also can easily expand to accommodate eight patients into this area at one time.

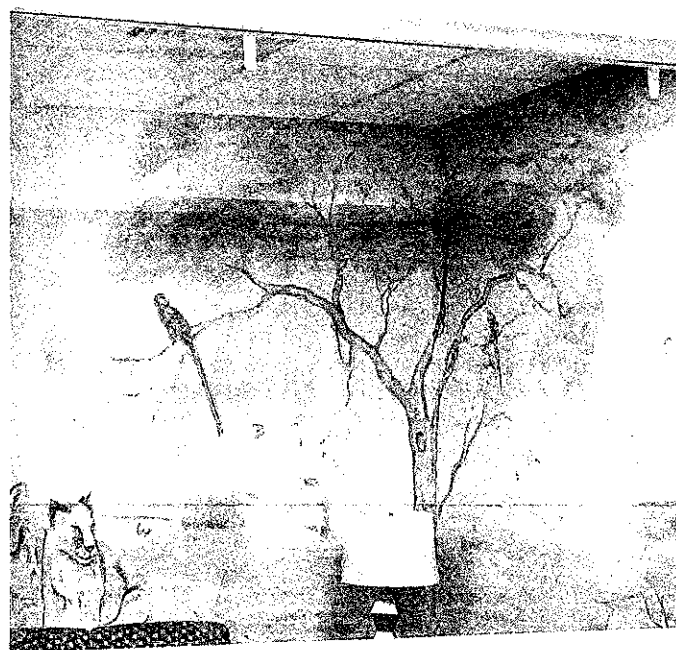
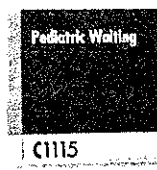
- All EC nurses (approximately 110) have received Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training, as well as trauma nurse certification. In addition, some of our nursing staff have Pediatric Emergency Nurse Certification.

- An active Emergency Medicine residency program, which keeps attending physicians sharp on an up-to-date on the latest in Emergency Medicine techniques and disease treatment.

- Honored again in November 2008 with the Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in the Hospital Setting and in the Emergency Department Setting from MPRO (Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization).

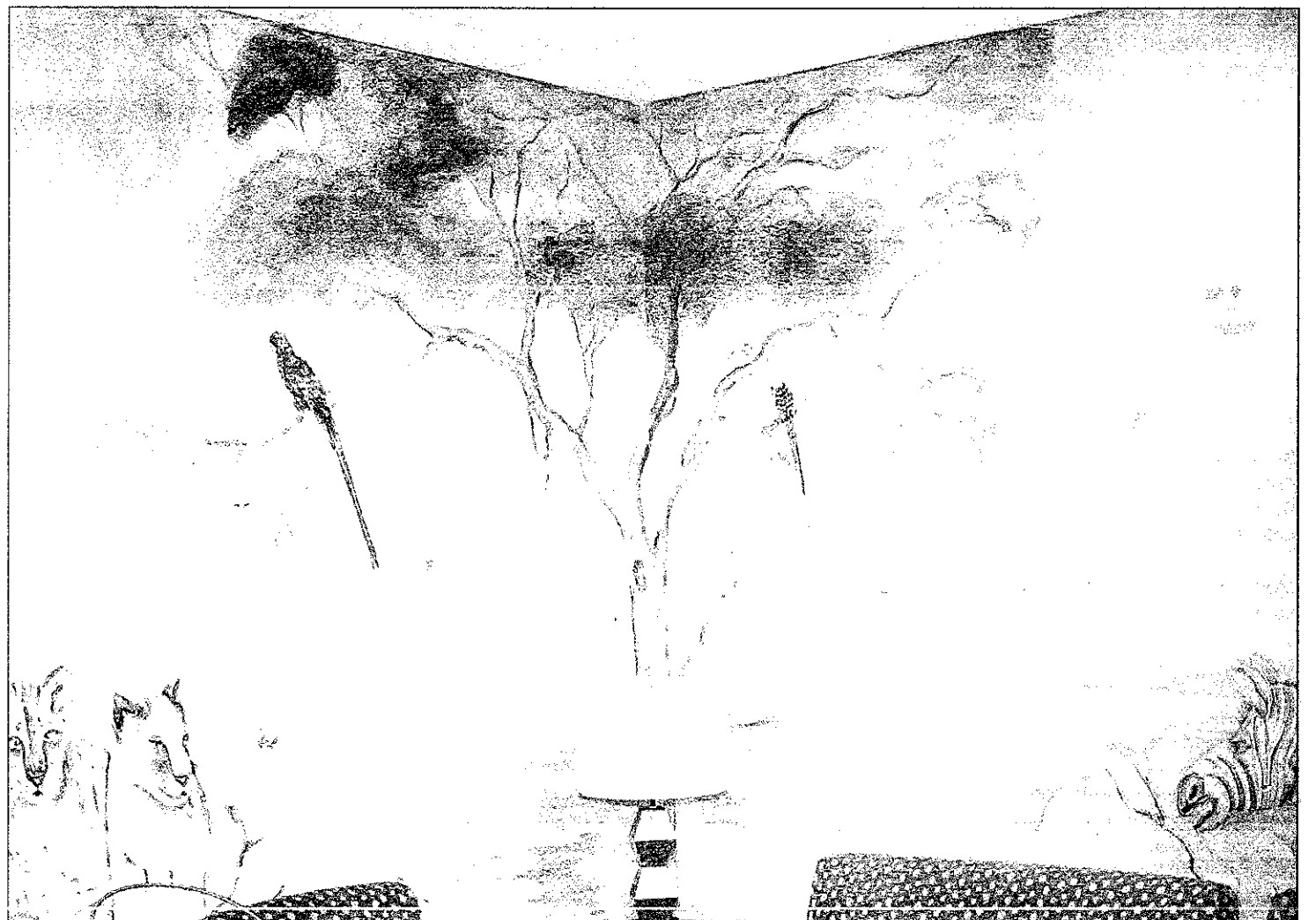


A guest relations assistant inquires about a patient's personal care needs.



## Artist's touch

The dedicated pediatrics treatment area of the Emergency Center was furnished by members of the Fontbonne Auxiliary at SJH&MC, utilizing the talents of Grosse Pointe muralist Jane Shook.





# Parents are key to burn prevention in children

A cup of hot coffee is essential for many parents in the morning. But when a parent picks up their squirming toddler without first setting their coffee cup down, it's a risk for a serious scald burn.

Many household activities are sources for childhood burn injuries:

- A hot oven opened to pull out a casserole.
- A bathtub left to fill on its own without checking the temperature of the water.
- A hair appliance left unattended with the cord hanging where an inquisitive toddler can reach it.

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 75 percent of burns in young children are from liquid, hot tap water, or steam. Another 20 percent are considered "contact" burns...touching a hot object like a clothes iron or hair appliance.

Marc Cullen, MD, Division Chief of Pediatric Surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), has a 24-year career caring for children with burns, including a fellowship at Shriners Hospital in Boston, where he cared for children with burns involving 90 percent of their body, and Children's Hospital of Michigan, where he ran a burn program recognized across Michigan.

"The majority of burn injuries are preventable," said Dr.

Cullen. "With proper attention, parents can significantly reduce the risk for painful burns that can disfigure a child and impact their quality of life."

As a good first step, Dr. Cullen urges parents to turn their water heater down to 120 degrees. Appliances (dishwasher, washing machine) run perfectly well at 110 degrees. Unfortunately, many household hot water heaters are set to 140 degrees.

"If a family lives in an apartment and can't adapt their hot water temperature, parents should make a habit of always running their hand under the sink or tub water," he said. "Children can get a severe burn after just a few seconds in 130 degree water."

Simply put, there are three levels of burns:

1. First degree. The skin turns red but doesn't blister.
2. Second degree. The epidermis (outer layer of skin) is burned, and some part of the dermis (regenerative second layer of skin) is damaged. The tissue swells and leaks fluid.
3. Third degree. The epidermis and dermis (top two layers of skin) are irreversibly damaged.

If their child is burned, parents should not delay treatment because they fear blame for the accident.

"Delaying treatment raises more questions than the actual event," said Dr. Cullen. "And parents risk dehydration, infection, and permanent scarring for their child if they don't seek treatment for a significant burn."

A child with a second degree burn to the face, hands, feet, or genitals needs professional treatment. The same holds true for any burn that covers greater than one percent of their body (about the size of the palm of your hand).

If burned, there are numerous advances in medical care that can reduce the pain and scarring that has historically been associated with serious burns. Burn treatment at a proper facility is imperative. SJH&MC, with the addition of Dr. Cullen, now offers advanced burn care, and works with other centers if the burn needs more than one skin graft, or covers a significant area of the body.

"The bottom line is that parents must always be vigilant," said Dr. Cullen. "But if an accident happens, we are ready to provide optimum burn care."

Dr. Cullen's office can be reached at (313) 343-3978.

## First aid 101

Most small burns can be treated with first aid. Here's what to do:

- Lower the skin temperature quickly with clean, cool water for at least five minutes and as long as 30 minutes.
- Don't use ice, creams, salves, butter or home remedies.

If blisters appear, seek medical attention within eight hours.

- If the burn area is larger than the size of your palm, seek care without delay.

# St. John earns trauma center re-verification

In December 2008, the trauma center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) was re-verified as a Level II trauma center by the Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

This achievement recognizes the SJH&MC's dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1987, the COT's Verification/Consultation Program for Hospitals promotes the development of trauma centers in which participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care, but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

Verified trauma centers must meet the essential criteria as outlined by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma in its current Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient manual.

The ACS Committee on Trauma's verification program provides a confirmation that a trauma center has demonstrated its commitment to providing the highest quality trauma care for all injured patients.

Trauma Center Verification is a multi-disciplinary effort, and involves collaboration from many areas of the hospital, including pre-hospital treatment, ancillary services such as Diagnostic Imaging of the Blood Bank, Surgical Services, Intensive Care Units, and patient care areas such as neurosurgical, orthopedic, med/surg and rehab floors.



Carol Chodun, RN, monitors a patient using the telemetry equipment in the SJH&MC Emergency Center.

## Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning

By Marson Ma, MD  
Emergency Medicine physician, St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced by incomplete burning of carbon-containing compounds in an inadequate supply of oxygen. It is a colorless, odorless gas and therefore it cannot be detected by the normal senses, and is present in a car exhaust if oxygen is limited as in a garage.

While natural gas contains no CO, improperly vented gas water heaters, kerosene space heaters, charcoal grills, hibachis, and Sterno stoves all emit CO. Propane-fueled forklifts, gas-powered concrete saws, inhaling spray paint, indoor tractor pulls, and swimming behind a motorboat can all cause CO exposure. CO intoxication can occur by inhalation of vapors from volatile liquids found in degreasers, solvents, and paint removers.

There are approximately 6,000 deaths each year in the U.S. from carbon monoxide poisoning. Many of these occur in the winter because of the heating systems in our homes.

Prevention:

1. Do have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
2. Do install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911.
3. Do NOT use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
4. Do NOT run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
5. Do NOT burn anything in a stove or fireplace that is not vented. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned once a year.
6. Do NOT heat your house with a gas oven.
7. Do seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling headache, dizzy, light-headed, or nauseous. Be especially suspicious of CO poisoning if your whole family has those symptoms WITHOUT fever, runny nose or diarrhea.

## Know the signs of a heart attack

By Margarita Pena, MD  
Emergency Medicine physician and Medical Director of the Clinical Decision Unit at St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Conditions that put you at risk for heart disease include diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, smoking, a family history of heart disease, and obesity.

You may not have the classic symptoms of chest pain or pressure radiating to the left arm with sweating. Women, those with diabetes, and the elderly may present with no chest pain but have other atypical symptoms such as arm or jaw pain, abdominal discomfort or fullness, nausea, shortness of breath, fatigue, dizziness or palpitations.

At SJH&MC's Emergency Center, all patients who arrive with these symptoms receive an EKG immediately upon arrival.

The EKG is directly given to an emergency medicine physician who determines if you are actively having a heart attack and can immediately mobilize the catheterization team with a single phone call. Of course, those arriving by ambulance may have already had the 12-lead EKG performed by our pre-hospital partners (EMS personnel).

## Protect from the burn of frostbite

By Robert B. Dunne, MD,  
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Frostbite, very simply, is skin that has been frozen. Even though frostbite is caused by exposure to cold, it is microscopically actually very similar to a burn, and often is treated the same way.

Frostbite most commonly occurs on exposed areas of the face, such as the nose, ears, and cheeks, as well as fingers and toes.

People who participate in outdoor winter activities, those with poor circulation, the homeless, and those suffering from alcohol or drug intoxication are particularly susceptible.

The risk of frostbite increases as the temperature drops, especially if it is windy (the "wind-chill factor"), or the skin is wet. Bitterly cold weather combined with a strong wind on wet skin is the worst combination of all.

The best way to treat frostbite is to prevent it in the first place. Common sense is the key.

When the temperature or the wind chill factor drops, avoid



going outside if at all possible. If you must go outside, limit your exposure by taking frequent warm-up breaks. Wear warm clothes and insulated boots,

and make sure that exposed skin is protected. This is particularly important for small children, who may not be able to protect themselves. Ears should

be covered with a hat, earmuffs or a headband. The nose, cheeks and chin should be protected with a scarf or a face-mask. Warm gloves or mittens are a must. If your gloves, boots or other clothing gets wet, it is important to get inside and dry out right away.

Warning signs of impending frostbite include a burning, stinging sensation on susceptible areas, such as cheeks and ears, especially if followed by numbness. The affected part may appear patchy white and pale. You should try to get indoors immediately, and remove wet clothing, if possible. Do not rub snow on the area.

Once inside, rapidly warm the area with lukewarm water, either by soaking or a washcloth. Do not use hot water, as numb skin doesn't feel pain. It is very easy to accidentally burn the frozen part, furthering the injury. Seek medical attention in all cases, unless the area is very small and looks and feels normal once warmed.

Finally, if you do suffer an episode of frostbite, be doubly careful in the future. Once frostbit, an area is more susceptible to cold injury in the future.