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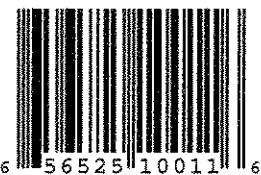
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◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
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U.S. Coast Guard divers Tuesday night (Jan. 12) search Lake St. Clair aided by floodlights and a helicopter flying in circles.

Woman still missing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A week has passed since anyone is known to have seen or heard from Joann Matouk Romain.

The investigation of her disappearance remains as it was the night police suspected she was missing:

"Everything right now is based on assumptions," said Grosse Pointe Farms Lt. Andrew Rogers the night of Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Rogers was incident commander when police thought Romain, a 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident, may have entered Lake St. Clair across Lakeshore from St. Paul Catholic Church, where she'd attended service. A patrolman had found her car parked near the foot of the church driveway.

"At this point, everything is speculation," said Romain's sister, Kathy Matouk, 60, last Sunday while people from throughout the Pointes prepared to search the community.

"At this time, there's no evidence indicating a crime has occurred,"

said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy a week after her disappearance. "She is still considered a missing person."

Romain is legally separated from her husband, police said, and has three adult children ages 20 to 29. She's a devout Catholic and no threat to anyone, her sister said.

"She's a meek soul," said Matouk, also of the Woods. "She's just a housewife with three kids she absolutely adores. I don't want to take away from the seriousness of this, but we have consulted four psychics. Every one of them said she is alive."

Unease

Police said they're fielding "several tips" that may assist them in trying to solve the mystery.

"We've received reports from family members that Mrs. Romain was becoming extremely paranoid," McCarthy said. "Family members reported she complained of being followed, that her phone was tapped and people may have been entering her home. At this

point, none of that information has been substantiated by police or family."

"She had a feeling for the last couple of years that somebody was following her," Matouk said. "Somebody was messing with her bills, her bank (account), her telephones."

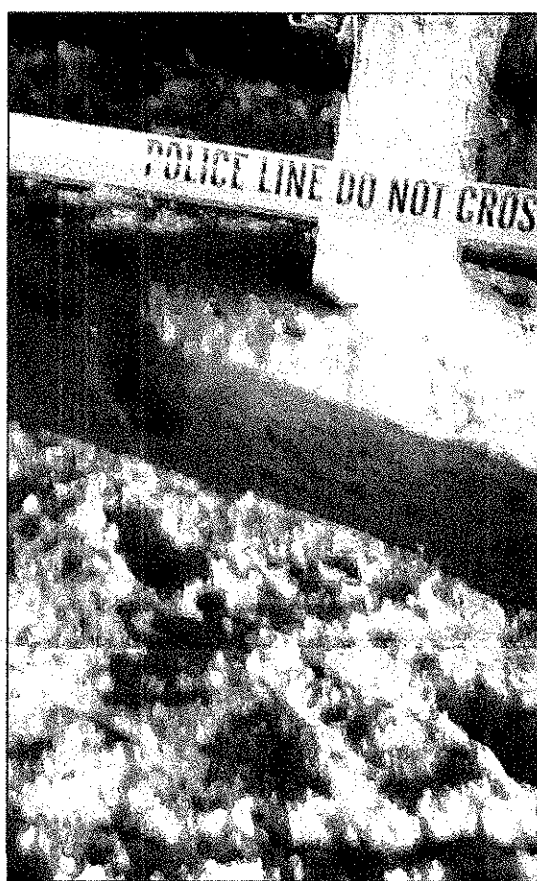
Missing

Romain is believed to have been alone the night she attended St.

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Joann Matouk Romain



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Shoe prints in the snow between evergreen trees leading to Lake St. Clair, but not returning, prompted a week-long search of the lake.



Ethel Settler and cadaver dog, Echo, of Sanilac County Search and Rescue, in a boat operated by Shawn Crowl, a diver with Midwest Technical Recovery Team.

Dogs track on water

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Cadaver dogs barked when the boats they were riding in Saturday entered part of Lake St. Clair near where police think a 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman may have drowned four days earlier.

"We're getting hits from two dogs in the same area," said Ethel Settler, of Sanilac County Search and Rescue. "We're putting divers in those areas."

Rescuers were searching for Joann Matouk Romain, not seen since the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12, at lakeside St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Two inflatable spheres about 100 feet offshore last weekend marked where cadaver dogs indicated a scent.

"The water is about 4 1/2 feet deep out there (near the buoys)," said Shawn Crowl, a diver with the Midwest Technical Recovery Team, a volunteer group.

Farms police welcomed its help. Divers from the Farms, United States Coast Guard, Detroit police and Wayne County had been searching the lake since Romain's disappearance without finding her.

Settler said she doesn't know how her dogs do it, but they have a "dramatic" sense

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Strolling along

Like moths to a flame, an ice sculpture of the Olympic torch at Winterfest drew attention from Farms residents Kate, Max and Kelly Gavagan; and Emersyn, Max, Logan and Addy Zintsmaster. The torch had an actual flame on top. For more festival photos, see pages 10 A II and 11 A II.

Rate and rank City services

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A citizens advisory committee is canvassing City of Grosse Pointe residents about keeping the level of municipal services in line with reduced revenue.

Each household is asked to complete a survey this month weighing services within the context of a projected \$1 million structural deficit.

City officials will use findings from the Fiscal Priorities Survey to determine which services could be trimmed, cut or combined.

The citizens committee was formed late last year to provide

fresh ways to ward off a gap between expenditures and lower revenues.

The gap, caused by a combination of declining property values, reduced property tax collections and state revenue sharing, is forecast to start next year and get wider if something isn't done to close it.

Committee members were appointed. They are volunteers and serve as advisors, not policy makers.

"The citizens committee is hoping for a response rate that will help the committee come up with recommendations in making appropriate decisions regarding the upcoming budget," said Peter Dame, city

manager.

The four-page survey, printed in the recent municipal newsletter and also available on the municipal website, is due the end of January.

Questions include, but are not limited to, ranking the importance of garbage pickup, firefighting services, upkeep of the Village and enforcement of housing codes.

Some issues are addressed from different angles.

The importance of crime control, for instance, can be rated from 1, not important, to 5, very important.

It also is addressed by asking residents whether:

- ◆ to reduce police and fire

personnel,

- ◆ a property tax levy should be added for public safety services,
- ◆ some emergency services should be combined with another Grosse Pointe city or
- ◆ all five of the Grosse Pointes should be dissolved into one local government.

One section of the survey allows for short written suggestions "to reduce budget expenditures and thoughts on revenue and spending priorities."

The City of Grosse Pointe website is grossepointecity.org. Completed surveys can be mailed to City Hall, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, MI, 48236.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

The dogs were brought to the Farms by Sanilac County Search and Rescue.

Case goes to Woods

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Investigation of the Romain disappearance has passed from the city in which she was last seen to police in her city of residence.

Joann Matouk Romain, 55, has not been seen since attending service Tuesday, Jan. 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her home is in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It's the Woods' case," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "Technically, a missing person is missing from his or her home, not from where they were last seen."

Jensen's department handled the initial investigation. "We're working with the Woods on this matter," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy.

The night Romain went missing, patrolmen from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe searched for her in the area of St. Paul's. Divers from the Farms and other jurisdictions coordinated searches during most of last week near

where police suspect Romain entered Lake St. Clair.

Farms police also towed Romain's Lexus SUV, found parked and locked in the church driveway with her purse inside, to headquarters to be searched and dusted for fingerprints.

"We processed the car in case something happened in the Farms that dictates it as a crime scene in our city," Jensen said.

So far, there's no sign of foul play.

If Romain is found in another city, the case still falls to the Woods.

"If there were signs that foul play occurred in the Farms, the case would be ours as well," Jensen said. "We would do the crime scene. They would do the final report."

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Joann Matouk Romain are asked to call the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department at (313) 343-2400. Her picture and other contact information appears at findjoann.com. A \$250,000 reward is offered.

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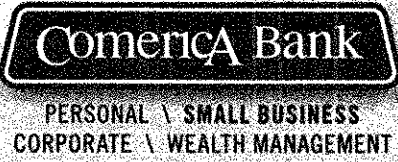
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Another day, another dive

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Shallow water hindered divers searching overnight Tuesday, Jan. 12, for a woman presumed missing off Lakeshore downstream of Moran.

The area of Lake St. Clair which divers searched past midnight ranged from waist-deep to over the average man's head.

"The water's not deep enough there to sustain a dive," said Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms public safety director. "The guys kept coming back up to the surface, exposing their water-soaked equipment to air, which froze."

Night dive

Five members of the Farms Marine Search and Rescue

Squad entered the water hoping to recover Joann Matouk Romain, 55, of Grosse Pointe Woods, believed to have slipped or jumped off the breakwall sometime after 9:30 p.m.

Rather than submerging, divers mainly floated in the shallows and scanned the lakebed.

"Their regulators were freezing open," Jensen said. "Air (in tanks) that would normally last a half hour was going in 10 minutes."

The next day would reveal that divers had been in relatively clear water.

The rocky bottom could be seen from the surface at depths of five feet extending 100 feet offshore.

The night of the initial search, however, visibility underwater was zero.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Eleven divers from the Grosse Pointe Farms Marine Search and Rescue Squad, Detroit Police Harbormaster unit and the Wayne County Underwater Search and Recovery squad line up side-by-side Wednesday, Jan. 13, to search the shallows of Lake St. Clair below St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Below left, Farms officer Geoff McQueen, left, scans the bottom.

Light from portable floodlights on land, a United States Coast Guard helicopter flying

at 75 feet and flashlights carried by divers reflected off sediment and diffused under the surface. The effect was cloud-like, not of penetrating beams.

"We can't see much at all out there," said Officer John Walko, dive team member, at about midnight.

He'd been in the water almost a half hour.

"We're lit up and doing a sweep pattern with ropes," Walko said.

Sweeps consisted of three or four officers swimming evenly along an outstretched rope anchored on land by an officer.

"Once we do a sweep, we extend the rope out further and keep going," Walko said. "The problem is we don't even know if someone's out there. There's some visibility, but not much."

Divers felt their way.

"You have to sweep with your legs and hope you come upon something," Walko said. "I'm surprised we haven't found her. We want to make

this discovery for her family and for her. It's a very sad thing."

Searchers looked under ice shelves along the breakwall in depths of two to three feet.

"Flashlights were absolutely necessary," Walko said.

"The water temperature is 31 degrees," according to team member Officer Holly Krizmanich. "There's not much current. Visibility isn't good."

Next day

By mid-morning the next day, divers from the Farms, Detroit Police Harbormaster squad and the Wayne County Underwater Search and Recovery team searched farther offshore and downstream.

"We're continuing where we left off last night," said Farms Officer Keith Colombo.

The night before, Colombo was patrolling Lakeshore when he found Romain's car parked unattended at the foot

of the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church driveway.

Colombo's discovery of shoe prints leading to the breakwall but not coming back prompted the missing person's investigation.

"The water is pretty cold," Colombo said. "But, with the thermal protection we have on, it is fairly comfortable."

Geoff McQueen, another Farms diver, came out of the lake up a ladder braced against the breakwall.

He'd been in the water almost an hour and couldn't feel his feet.

Medics said he'd recover.

"Basically, his feet didn't have circulation because they were so cold," said Scott Hicks, director of operations, MedStar Ambulance, the Farms ambulance service. "When you're subjected to cold, your blood vessels constrict. When the blood starts flowing again, you get a tingling pain."



A sister's hope as the search continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A crowd of supporters lined up to sign up Sunday to search for missing Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joann Matouk Romain, 55.

They stood five deep at times before a registration table in the main room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Romain's sister, Kathy Matouk, 60, stood among the

crowd.

"This is nothing," she said. By saying it was nothing, Matouk meant it was everything.

"We have had such a support group," she said. "This is how many people are in our house every night."

Romain has been missing since the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12. Police found her locked car parked unattended at the foot of St. Paul Catholic

Church driveway in the Farms. Shoe prints in the snow — believed by police to be Romain's — led to the Lake St. Clair breakwall, but not back.

At noon Sunday, Jan. 17, family, friends and supporters of the missing woman gathered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to coordinate a community-wide search.

"The family asked if they could use the War Memorial," said Memorial President Mark

Weber. "Of course they could. We wouldn't say no."

Searchers — youngsters to senior citizens — registered, pinned pink ribbons to their winterwear, picked up photocopied image of Romain and headed into the community.

Each carried instructions to introduce themselves to property owners and offer to search their land.

Matouk, tired, worried, sad and hopeful, watched people file in and out.

"When anyone has doubts about the future of our youth," Matouk said, "I want them to witness what I saw this week; how these children — to me, they're children: my nieces and nephews and their friends — have totally taken over. This is what they have done. Our dining room has become a huge office with a fax machine and copy area."

Matouk, also of the Woods, doesn't believe her sister drowned in Lake St. Clair.

"I tell you, she is not in that lake," Matouk said. "She wouldn't even get on a boat last summer."

Matouk doubts even more that her sister went near the water, especially at night.

"She's afraid of the dark," she said. "She parked beside St. Paul under a light because she's afraid of the dark."

Matouk has three adult children ages 20 to 29.

"She's a very devout

Catholic," her sister said. "She went to church daily. She prayed the rosary daily. She said novenas daily. She went to Mass almost every day. If she skipped, she went for a visit."

Matouk is grateful for the support and hateful of the circumstances.

"We think there's nobody to reach out to," she said, again looking at the crowd. "This is hell."

A woman gave her a hug.

"Keep praying," Matouk told her.

If you have information about the disappearance of Joann Matouk Romain, call the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department at (313) 343-2400; or her supporters at (313) 570-3242 and (313) 310-8590. For more information, see findjoann.com. A \$250,000 reward has been offered.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Citizen searchers gather at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for instruction.

Conditions hinder efforts to find missing woman

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If missing person Joann Matouk Romain fell or jumped into Lake St. Clair one freezing night last week, as police think she did, then her body isn't likely to reappear until spring.

Cold-water drowning victims generally remain below

surface for months until the water warms and bacteria in the body produces gas, making the body buoyant.

No matter how Romain may have entered the water the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12, and her family members don't think she did, it is not believed she could have withstood its frigid temperature.

Hypothermia would have taken over in 10 to 15 minutes, according to a medical professional.

Yet, cold water that numbs a body can be a drowning victim's salvation. Cold water is known to lengthen the time in which a drowned person can be resuscitated.

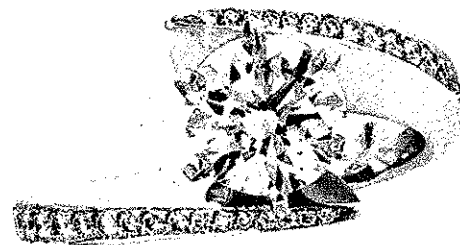
"The odds are better in cold

water," said Scott Hicks, director of operations, MedStar Ambulance. "In cold water, as part of the body's protective mechanism, everything slows down, everything shuts off slowly."

MedStar medics don't assume the worst when a body is

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Budding environmentalist **Zoe Berkery** takes the path of empire on a trip to the American West.

Way out West

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Zoe Berkery is home from where the buffalo roam. "I saw a moose," she said. Berkery, a 19-year-old college sophomore, spent part of last summer out West studying energy production. "We studied energy sources, whether traditional fossil fuels like coal and oil, or more renewable sources like hydro power, wind energy and geothermal," she said. "I got three credits."

She and a group of fellow University of Michigan students spent part of the three-week road trip hiking near Jackson Hole, Wyo. She was awed by the Teton Range, its glacier-fed lakes and sawtooth line of summits up to 13,770 feet tall.

"We got out there in a big, cross-country caravan, which was interesting in and of itself — seeing how the landscape changed from the Midwest through the flattest areas I've ever seen in my life in Nebraska, to the Tetons," Berkery said.

Everything out West is bigger than anywhere else. If not bigger, then smaller. Not taller, then deeper. Wider, narrower, hotter, colder, windier, calmer, darker, brighter and more colorful. Ask anyone who has been there.

"It would get so dark at night," Berkery said. "The stars were incredible. I saw



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ZOE BERKERY

Zoe Berkery, happy as ever.

more stars in one night than I'd ever seen my entire life." For something formed more than 50 million years ago, the Rocky Mountains never get old.

"I'd been to Jackson Hole with my mom a couple of years ago," Berkery said. "But, it doesn't matter if it's your first or 34th time seeing the Tetons, it is still such an incredible experience. They're so massive and breath-taking. I have so many pictures."

Berkery, of the City of Grosse Pointe, wants to be an environmental lawyer.

"By helping the environment, you're helping people as well," she said. "I don't think people have a real grasp of how human actions affect

the environment. If we don't treat it with respect, we won't have a place to live."

Her double major includes environmental and international studies.

"I always kept in the back of my head that I wanted to do environmental law," she said. "Now that I'm in an environmental law class, I like it even more than I thought I would."

She's not so sure about being a practicing attorney.

"I've always wanted to work overseas," she said. "I love Europe. Maybe I'll work at an embassy on environmental issues."

Her father has worked overseas.

"I've definitely been embedded with a sense of adventure



Zoe Berkery, at right, with a friend on Cream Puff Peak in the Tetons.



A Yellowstone hot spring.

from my parents," Berkery said.

Her western trip last summer included studying thermal energy in Yellowstone National Park.

Like many people intrigued by the park's hot springs, Berkery wanted to put a finger in the serene-looking water to

see if it was really near the boiling point. Unlike some people who learn the hard way, she didn't do it.

"The color of the water is so deep blue and inviting, you'd think it was a great place to hang out," she said.

The trip included touring the Idaho National Laboratory



Berkery takes in the view.

to learn about enriching uranium.

"We got tested (for radiation) when we went in and again when we went out," Berkery said. "Our shoes had to be wiped clean. It was kind of bizarre. A lot of kids on the trip were engineers. That's not my field of study in the least, but I learned a lot from them; the way things work and how they can be more efficient."

Wherever the troupe went, nature was too.

"While driving around, a bald eagle was flying next to our car," Berkery said. "It was pretty exciting."

It doesn't matter if it's your first time or your 34th time seeing the Tetons, it is still such an incredible experience.'

ZOE BERKERY,
City of Grosse Pointe

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash strapped, services cut

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The library system is coming off its worst financial year.

"June 2009 was the first year we ran a deficit, about \$172,000," said Ed Fredrickson, at-large trustee, and City of Grosse Pointe resident.

The system is sandwiched

between declining revenues, 91 percent of which come from taxes, and the cost of replacing two branch libraries a few years before recession reared.

"Our (\$1.2 million) debt services alone is about 25 percent of our budget," Fredrickson said. "In 2013, our money available to operate services will be about 2/3 of what it was last year."

Debt service continues to grow.

"What we have left for service and operations will continue to decline," Fredrickson said.

Cutting back

To meet the pinch, some library services have been cut, including the popular Books on the Lake lecture series.

Ambitious plans for an \$18 to \$20 million expansion of the Central Library building on Kercheval and Fisher in the Farms have been relegated from forthcoming to fantasy.

"Two or three years ago, excellent work went into an architectural model," Fredrickson said. "We were all ready to go, but the economy went flat."

Auditors forecast better days, but not for a few years.

"Our accounting firm expects continued drops in tax revenues the next two or three years, then a very gradual re-

turn of tax revenues, hopefully, rising a little faster than inflation," Fredrickson said.

That means more cuts and no new Central building. For now, at least.

"We're really going to have to cut back, scale back and be inventive and creative," Fredrickson said. "There isn't money coming in to allow us to both provide library services and build a building at the same time. We're going to have to be patient with that and almost all other capital projects."

The capital projects fund contains \$5 million, Fredrickson said. The amount isn't enough to fund 13,000-square-foot Central's proposed expansion to 31,000 square feet, even piecemeal, he added.

"That is far short of anything we can do with Central," Fredrickson said. "We expect the (library) foundation later to raise money."

Preserving Breuer

Central isn't just any 55-year-old public building on a small piece of land with little parking space.

The structure, designed by Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer, is historically significant. Plans for its expansion took care to preserve Breuer's vision.

"Breuer had two distinct eras as an architect — a residential architect and a commercial architect for industrial buildings, museums and so forth," said Robert Klaczka, library board president. "There's one building in between that has elements of both — our Central Library."

Nearly two decades after Breuer designed the Pointe's main book repository, he proposed defacing and tearing down part of New York's Grand Central Terminal, a national landmark.

Fans of his brick and glass-walled work in the Farms don't

hold that against him.

Rather, advocates of a bigger, more usable Central Library wish to enhance it in the same spirit of those who won the fight to preserve Central Terminal.

"To protect a landmark, one does not tear it down," according to the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission's Aug. 26, 1969 rejection of Breuer's train station idea. "To perpetuate its architectural features, one does not strip them off."

"The Breuer building is a historical building," Fredrickson said. "The chance to save (it) is worth some wait to assemble the resources and skills to do it right."

"Needless to say," said Klaczka, "we have to take particular care how additions are rendered, blended and mated without destroying the fabric of the original intent of Marcel Breuer in our Central Library."

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Activities center tops foundation list

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Joe Jennings doesn't like doing things for the sake of doing them.

He values impact over action and quality over quantity, especially as president of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

"I want to do good things," Jennings said. "I want to do big things."

His ambition doesn't outreach his grasp.

"I don't want to guild the lily," he said. "We don't have an endless amount of money."

Yet, Jennings envisions a way for the foundation to add a major enhancement to the city.

"Let's bring it up right now," he said this month to the city council, "the one everyone would like to do: an activities center."

There are two main reasons an activities center isn't being built at Neff Park.

"We haven't the room to do it at the moment," Jennings said. "The other reason would be money."

An activities building at the small lakeside park would eat up too much land. Construction would require expanding the park onto neighboring residential property, possibly on Lakeland.

"We need another of those houses," Jennings said, referring to years ago when the city bought and razed a house and added to park property.

The foundation is a private fundraising organization. It pays for community enhancements outside the normal scope of municipal expenditures.

In lieu of funding a major project, foundation directors are considering more modest ideas proposed by members, residents and city officials.

Ideas must be meaningful to get Jennings' support.

"I don't want to just put a drinking fountain somewhere so we can say that we did something," he said.

Foundation projects have included decorative street signs, Kressback Place in the Village and contributing toward construction of the clock arch over Kercheval in the Village.

"We're going to be talking about redoing the innards of the clock," Jennings said.

Residents have suggested the following projects, Jennings said. His comments are included:



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Joe Jennings, City of Grosse Pointe Foundation president and former councilman, addresses the city council.

- ed:
- ◆ Bronze statues.
 - ◆ Purchasing a supply of compost tea and establishing a pile location for residents managed by volunteers.
 - ◆ Battery recycling. "I don't think that's in our category."
 - ◆ Provide more benches in the Village.
 - ◆ Sponsor an antique wooden boat show at Neff Park. "That's very interesting."
 - ◆ Establish a dog park. "We talked about that."
 - ◆ Build a putting green at Neff Park.
 - ◆ Install "more attractive" fencing by the lake.
 - ◆ "I think it already attractive."
 - ◆ Relocate the kayak racks at the park. "I don't know if they need relocation, but I'm not sure that's our job."

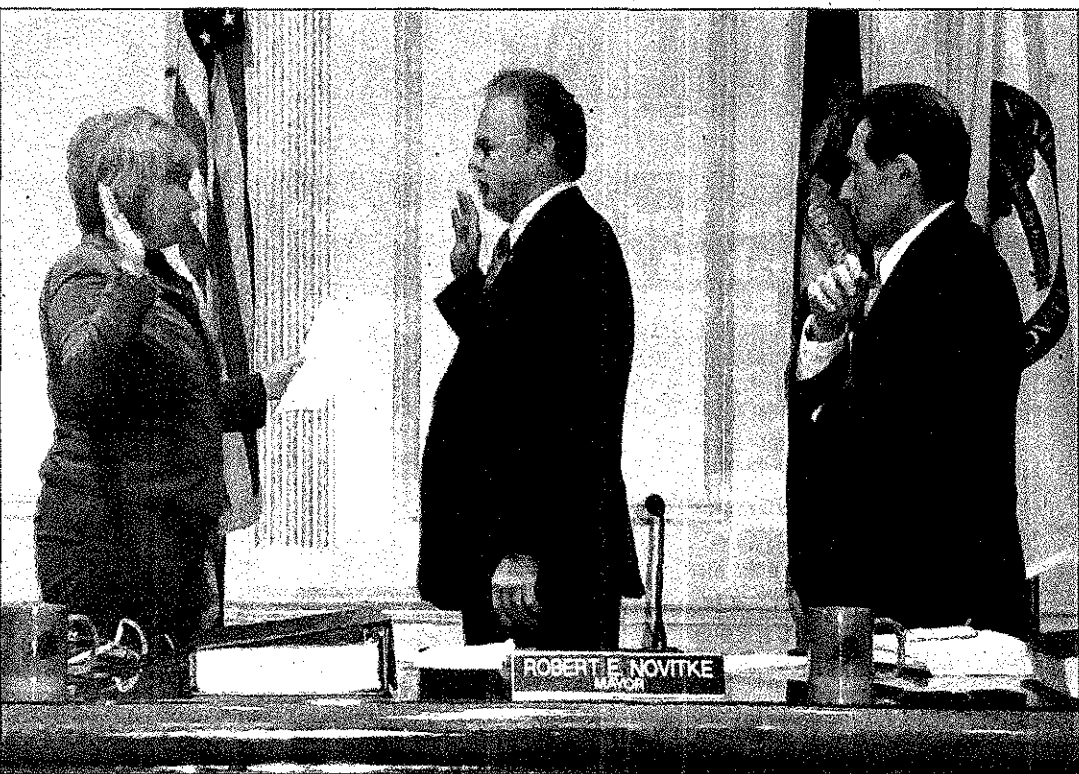


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New chief

Albert "Skip" Fincham, center, was sworn in Monday, Jan. 18, as the new director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Woods by City Clerk Lisa Hathaway, left, as Mayor Robert Novitke looks on. "We are facing a challenging time," Fincham said after his swearing in. "I served the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe for 36 years and it was a pleasure to serve the residents and I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods. I've met many of the staff members and they have been wonderful and gracious and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Fincham, who had been the assistant city manager in the City of Grosse Pointe, assumes his duties in the Woods Monday, Jan. 25.

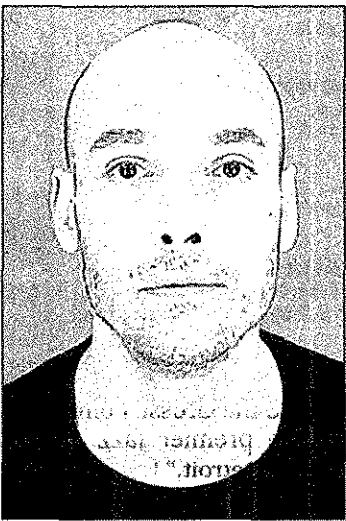
Couple arrested for home invasion

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The arrest of a husband and wife break-in team by Harper Woods police closed a case of home invasion on Bournemouth in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Responding to a report of a break-in Wednesday, Jan. 6, on Parkcrest in Harper Woods, police took into custody Allison Arapaj, 28, and her husband, Llesh Arapaj, 41. Upon questioning the couple, police determined the pair may be responsible for several home invasions in Harper Woods and another in Grosse Pointe Woods Jan. 5.

According to Grosse Pointe Woods police, the Bournemouth resident returned home at 4 p.m. to find his house had been entered through a side window. A video game, laptop and jewelry he reported missing were later found in the Arapaj's possession.



Llesh Arapaj



Allison Arapaj

The couple was arraigned Saturday, Jan. 9 in 32A District Court in Harper Woods. Llesh Arapaj was charged with two counts of second degree home invasion. Allison Arapaj was charged with two counts of second degree home invasion, one count of possession of stolen property, one count of steal-

ing/retaining and one count of possessing a financial transaction device

According to Harper Woods Deputy Chief Jim Burke, police believe in addition to the home invasions in Harper Woods, the couple may be responsible for "several" others in Macomb County over the past four to five months.

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WEEK AHEAD:

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Grosse Pointe North High School library, 707 Vernier,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds its fifth annual meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Networking begins at 6 p.m.; the strolling dinner is at 7 p.m. and the awards presentation at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

◆ The Grosse Pointe Theatre

presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Tickets cost \$22. For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

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4. Cupcakes must be **edible and of standard size** (no mini cupcakes or jumbo cupcakes).
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Something special for Hill

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Something special is about to happen at the former Something Special building on the Hill.

The former gift store on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms is being turned into a bakery and coffee shop with reading area.

Upon renovation of the two-story building, the ground floor will be recessed nearly 20 feet behind the sidewalk. The resulting courtyard will connect to a library.

"Most dining establishments like to have some outdoor dining," said Mike Gordon, project architect. "The setback also allows for outdoor dining to be sheltered. At the same time, we get a barrier-free ramp into the structure."

The development is the latest of Gretchen Valade, owner of the recently expanded Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe and a Farms resident.

"We're fortunate we have members of our community who are willing to make a big investment to our business district," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "It enhances the ambiance of the Hill and the quality of life for everyone."

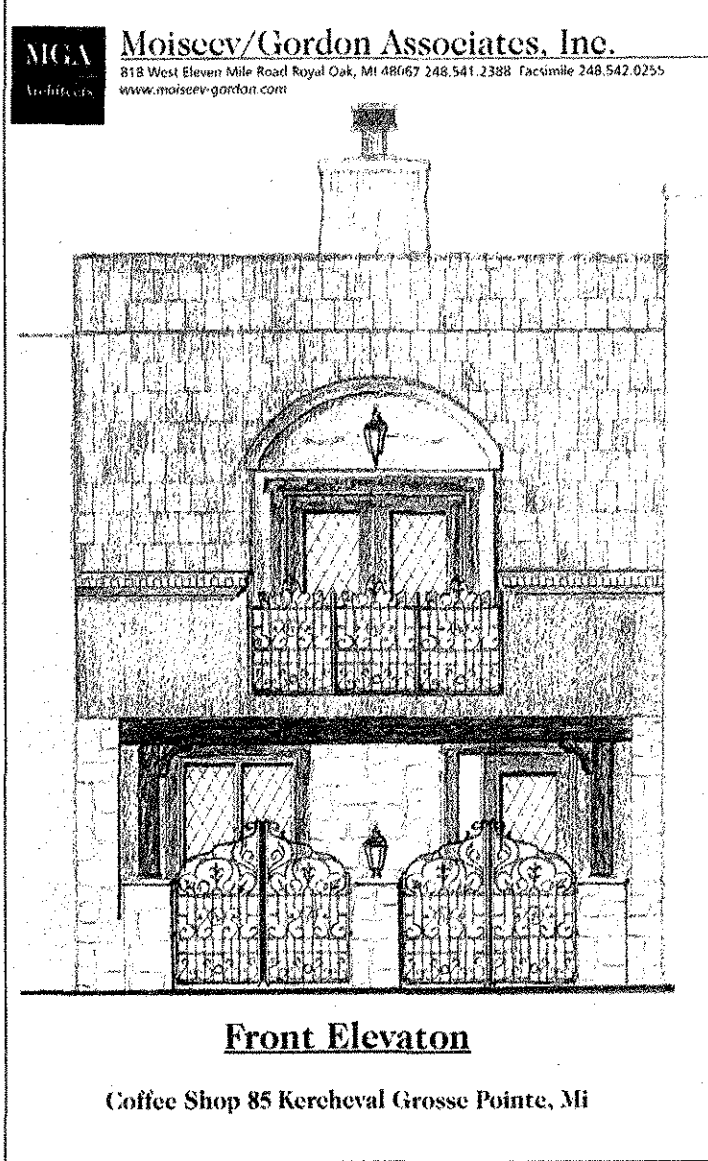
Valade's site plan sailed through this month's city council meeting.

Work is expected to start as soon as possible.

"The courtyard will be planted with ivy and vegetation," Gordon said. "We feel it will be a very inviting area that everyone will want to be in, sipping lattes and eating brioche. We've created several areas within the structure for dining stations."

The front facade will feature a French design of stone, brick, ornamental wrought iron gates, diamond pane windows and Lamarite slate roof.

(The) rear facade would



Front Elevation

Coffee Shop 85 Kercheval Grosse Pointe, MI

DESIGN BY MOISEEV/GORDON ARCHITECTS

The former Something Special storefront is being transformed by Hill businesswoman Gretchen Valade into a coffeehouse and bakery.

include repainting (the) existing brick wall and replacing a doorway with a window," wrote Brandon Rogers, community planning consultant and Farms resident, in support of the project.

"Architecturally, it will add to the Hill," Reeside added.

Valade a few months ago expanded the Dirty Dog into neighboring property.

"The jazz cafe is an attraction to the Grosse Pointes and is the premier jazz club in metro Detroit," Reeside said.



PHOTO COURTESY AUBREY HANG

Winner

Aubrey Ling Hang of Grosse Pointe Shores and her boyfriend, Parker Lynch, won the title "The Ultimate Thailand Explorers." Their adventures through the Chiang Mai Province were recorded on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and blogs. Viewers cast enough votes for the couple to win the top prize of \$10,000, \$1,000 of which is to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan. They competed against five other couples in the contest sponsored by the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

New main for Mack

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A new streetscape could accompany installation of a water main on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Work could be done this year, but not necessarily.

"There is no reason why it has to be done this summer," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Although the timing is tentative, the new main isn't.

"It's part of long-term water main improvement plans," Dame said. "We have plans to do a whole new water main along Mack, which is the second leg of what eventually will be a large loop that will increase water pressure throughout the city."

The water main might be relocated under the

sidewalk, not the street, Dame said. Such placement would cause less traffic disruption during construction.

"That mean tearing up the sidewalk, a big inconvenience to businesses," Dame said. "It also creates an opportunity to replace the sidewalk with something more attractive. The streetscape there is a little tired."

The water main's engineering costs would be funded by a bond Dame anticipates issuing this spring.

He's looking for outside sources to pay for the streetscape, which hasn't been budgeted among municipal projects.

"This could be (eligible for) a transportation enhancement grant," Dame said.

The city's planning consultant has been instructed to seek streetscape ideas from Mack business representatives.

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GUEST OPINION By James M. Hohman

How to find and eliminate wasted money

With sales tax revenue down 12.4 percent from a year ago and increased spending pressures for Medicaid and public employee compensation, the governor and Legislature once again face a self-created overspending crisis in the fiscal 2011 budget.

The 2010 budget included cuts to public safety and education designed to give the impression state government has been cut to the bone. It has not. But the state may have trouble achieving savings because it has not systematically investigated its spending to identify waste.

The many types of government waste can be placed on a "Government Waste Taxonomy" tree chart. It's a way of classifying and approaching any line item, program or function of government to identify waste — where government spends more money than necessary.

The process begins with a question rarely asked or definitively answered by those in government: Is this something the state needs to do? Addressing waste considers the means and

Scrutinizing every government program with an eye toward waste elimination will identify strategic improvements.

the ends of the program.

To her credit, Gov. Jennifer Granholm cut a number of programs, citing their lack of strategic necessity. For instance, her executive budget called for an end to state fair subsidies, stating "state fairs are not an essential purpose of government." She stuck to this idea, proposed by Mackinac Center scholars well over a decade ago, by vetoing state fair funding in October.

Even if a program is deemed appropriate, the state can still waste money implementing it. The first question is whether a function is duplicative of another government entity or service.

The state is replete with examples. Michigan operates its own wetlands regulation regime, which is conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers in 48 other states. Letting the federal government take over the program would save up to \$2 million annually.

Michigan also has a number of state parks that offer little of the natural or historic interest the park system was instituted to preserve. Selling these to private owners would result in both savings and an influx of cash.

There is also "in-house" waste. Governments often pay a premium by providing services themselves instead of contracting for them. Consider the use of state police to patrol Michigan highways; the state could save \$65 million annually by contracting this service with county sheriffs' deputies who have lower wages and benefits.

For private contracting to produce savings, however, state officials must secure the best deal. Michigan recently rebid one of its largest contracts, a \$2 billion contract for prescription drugs, to two different companies. Its previous vendor sued the state, but an appellate court ruled that it did not have standing to bring the suit. One judge, however, added that he was "disturbed by the apparent deficiencies in defendants' (the state Department of Management and Budget) procurement process for these contracts."

Waste can also take place in government employee compensation. The difference between the market rate and what the state currently pays is generally waste. This can occur through legal mechanisms like prevailing wage laws, or as a result of collective bargaining negotiations establishing higher wages and benefits. If Michigan public-sector benefits were benchmarked to the average private sector benefit level, the state would save an estimated \$5.7 billion annually.

Then there's simple inefficiency. Like private-sector enterprises, the state should employ practices and incentives that allow agencies to find better office costs, improve fleet usage, use less paper, trim departmental budgets and determine other efficiencies that will save taxpayer money.

Scrutinizing every government program with an eye toward waste elimination will identify strategic improvements. Piecemeal efforts have been made, but until a vigorous assessment of any of these programs is completed, it is impossible to show that any money used in state government is well-spent.

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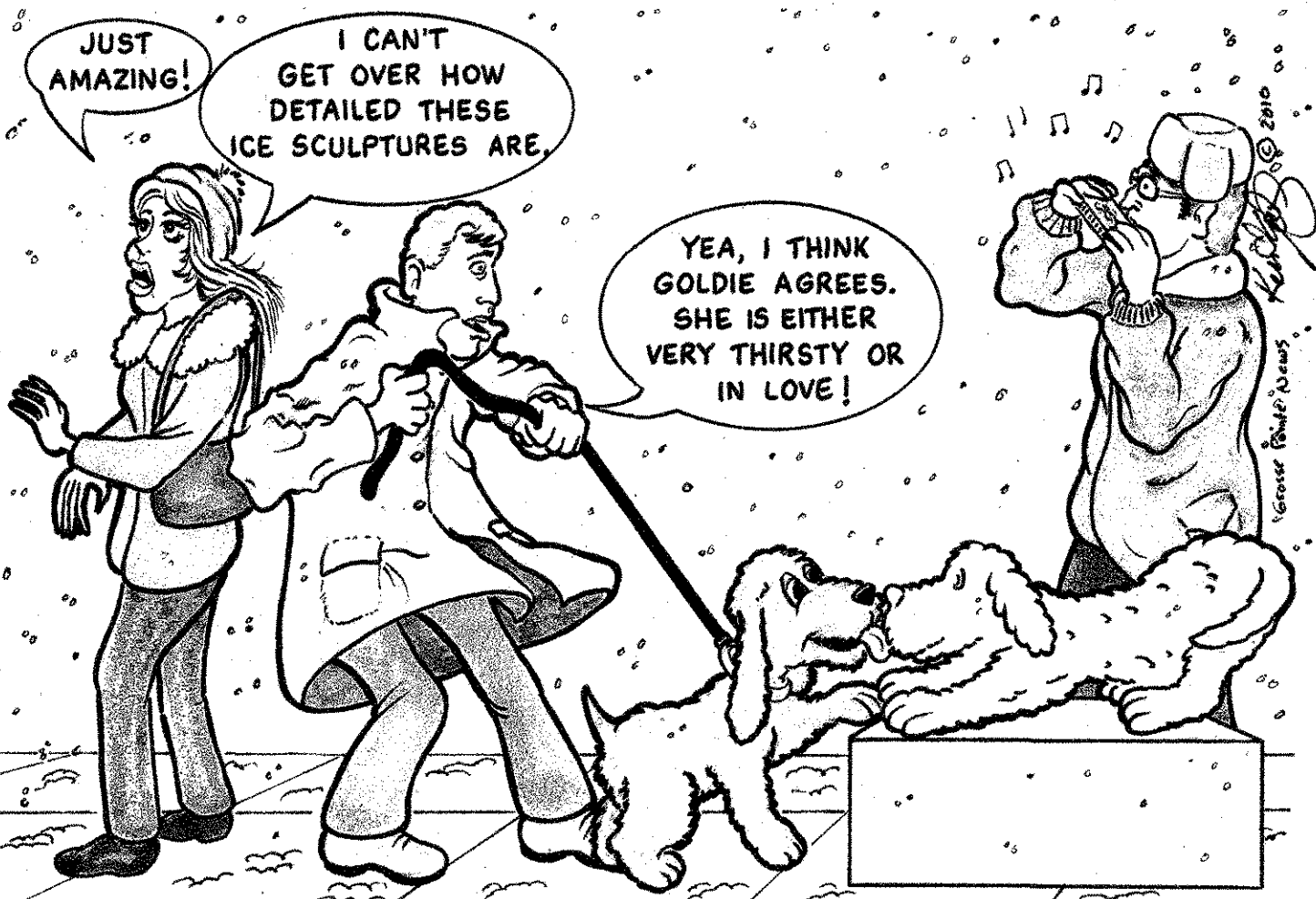
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Snowbirds' census

To the Editor:

During the month of February and March of 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will send the 2010 decennial census forms to all residences, asking them to complete and return the forms.

Millions of these forms will be sent to second homes that will be occupied by Michigan retirees, who migrate seasonally and are still wintering in their temporary southern residence.

There is concern regarding the timing in which retirees receive this form and that many retirees may erroneously indicate on the form their southern residence as the primary residence.

This action will result in them being counted as a southern state resident, even

though they may reside in Michigan more than six months each year.

We have many "snowbirds," residents who maintain a permanent residence in Grosse Pointe, but spend all or part of the winter months in a second residence, such as Florida. The census forms are coded and if snowbirds complete the form while vacationing in another state, they are not counted as a Michigan resident.

When Michigan snowbirds are counted in another state, Michigan loses billions of dollars in federal funds because funding is distributed annually to states based on population. Individual communities also lose, because millions of state and federal funds are distributed to local governments based on population.

If you consider Michigan

your primary residence, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe urges you not to fill out any census form you receive in the other state where you are wintering, even if you are there on April 1, the official census count date. Wait until you return home to fill out the form received at your Michigan residence.

If no form is returned from your home address, census workers will be following up by knocking on doors in May to collect the information, giving you an additional chance to complete the census information.

This is critical to funding of programs and representation for Michigan.

WILHELMINA GIBLIN
President
League of Women
Voters of Grosse Pointe

Get involved

To the Editor:

The letter by John C. Booth last week, "Recall equals no confidence vote," Jan. 14 Grosse Pointe News, very eloquently describes Grosse Pointe Shores' financial problem.

The City of Grosse Pointe is in a similar situation, facing a deficit for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1.

Since last summer we have been telling them bluntly they are facing bankruptcy. We suggested they merge with another Grosse Pointe, that we don't see how a community of 5,000 people can continue to go it alone and if they wait too long, nobody would want them; because by then they would be a liability.

Will sharing operations, cutting services and increasing fees or taxes really solve the problem, or is it just a stop-gap measure?

Even the city's auditor is pessimistic.

We doubt the increased revenue from the new Kroger store will put the city back into the black, and we don't see any private real estate development in the near future.

So, what it really boils down to is this: Do you want to pay more for less, or do you want to merge?

One gentleman, in his letter to the editor a few months ago, brought up the subject of merger. Will we read more about it in the future?

In the meantime, we encourage all City of Grosse Pointe residents to attend the council meetings and get more involved.

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JACQUES BAJER
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

No time to hibernate or vegetate!



I suspect most of us are familiar with the phrase, "Dog Days of Summer" which refers to the hottest, most sultry days of summer.

Early July through early September mark the beginning and end of this event. Sometimes the time frame is defined as a dull lack of progress.

To the best of my knowledge, there is not a similar event in winter but maybe there should be. Let's call it the "Woeful Weeks of Winter."

It is the time after the holidays where we struggle to recover from all the party and dinner activities as we await the arrival of our bills. The weather is blustery and many of us opt for just staying indoors watching TV or occupying ourselves on the Internet.

A certain amount of "indoor grazing" also takes place with the resultant weight gain. It has become a time to hibernate or vegetate.

But unless your name is Yogi Bear, hibernation should not be a part of your lifestyle — there are many things to do. Here are just a few:

- ◆ Sort out a sock drawer. I

looked in mine the other day and discovered a lot of mis-sorts, single socks and some just attempting to escape from the drawer. Sometime this week I plan to make a concerted effort to rearrange and pair all my socks.

- ◆ Preparing for the annual IRS exercise wherein we determine how much of our income was captured by Uncle Sam. As I await the last of my income forms, thanks to Turbo Tax, I have begun to categorize my expenses. This is not a plug for Turbo Tax, but I can't imagine an easier quicker way to file taxes. And e-filing is wonderful — my refunds are credited to our account within a week of filing. Refunds are one of the perks enjoyed by us retired senior citizens!
- ◆ A day trip to the local zoo. I understand the animals are a bit friskier this time of year. It's no wonder — they, just like us, are cold and are scampering around just to stay warm. The polar bears must love it!
- ◆ Taking in the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Attendance is up already and the number of correspondents and reporters increased over last year's tally. And the Charity Night Preview with a lower price had a large increase over last year.
- ◆ Taking a serious look at our health and perhaps shedding some extra pounds.

Here is my plan: After a holiday season filled with snacks, treats, lots of cookies and a feedbag strapped to my face, I have gained a few pounds. Actually my weight is now 185 — the most I have ever weighed in my life. And that is after running five miles every day! March 30 marks my 67th birthday. If I take the "7" in my upcoming age and March — the third month of the year — and combine them, it adds up to 10. That is my goal — to lose 10 pounds by my birthday.

I already have inscribed that goal on my calendar. It will mean giving up some of my favorites such as pop, chips and popcorn with lots of butter, but I think I can do it.

Now that I have made it public, I will have you, the readers of the Grosse Pointe News, to encourage me or castigate me if I fail. Maybe watching "The Biggest Loser" each week will inspire me. Let the games begin!

- ◆ Send out some party invitations for the upcoming Super Bowl which takes place Sunday, Feb. 7, in southern Florida. Feel free to invite me, but as mentioned earlier, I will be on a low-cal diet. On this one day, I will abandon my diet and agree to consume some jumbo shrimp.
- ◆ How about throwing a couple of logs on the fire and renting a movie or two? My choice would be "Scent Of A

Woman," "A Few Good Men," "Caddyshack," "National Lampoon's Animal House" or "Casablanca." And if you disagree, I'm putting you on double secret probation, a quote from "Animal House."

- ◆ Take down the last few Christmas decorations. Christmas and Little Christmas — Epiphany — have passed and it's time to move on. I'm still seeing Christmas lights illuminated at night and the occasional decorated tree in the window.
- ◆ Notice: Santa comes only once and won't be fooled to come again. Rudolph's nose has been dimmed for now.
- ◆ Meet some friends for lunch. Or maybe contact an acquaintance from several years ago and rekindle an old friendship.
- ◆ Turn up the heat in your house, don a swimsuit and pretend you are just moments away from diving into the warm waters of Megan Bay Beach in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Perhaps mixing up a margarita will convince you that you have abandoned the cold weather of the Midwest!
- ◆ So there you have it — several reasons not to hibernate.
- ◆ Now if you will excuse me, I'm about to put on some mismatched socks, my swimsuit, turn up the heat, pour a diet Pepsi and do my income taxes. Some chips with gua-

I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Post traumatic project disorder again



If there are two words more dreaded by the parent of an elementary or middle school child than poster and board, I'm not sure what they might be.

Because when you put poster and board together, it comes to poster board, which means project, which means cutting and markers and glue and every parent knows that those items ice the slippery slope that leads to screaming and yelling and pleading and sobbing ... and that's just on the part of the parent.

You should see what it does to the child. Well, actually very little, as they usually are curled up in front of the television watching "Wizards of Waverly

Place," while the parents are scrambling to put together a poster board that actually looks like a fourth-grader did it all on their own. Considering the lateness of the hour when the parent usually completes the project, making it look that bad is easy.

I'm not saying projects don't have their place in the hallowed halls of learning (well, actually, I am, just keep reading), but at a recent back-to-school night, there was a perky parent who asked a teacher how many projects would be required of her child throughout the year and how much advance notice would they have about them so they could plan their time accordingly. When the teacher replied, "I don't believe in projects," there was at least one person in that classroom who put her hands under the tiny little desk she was sitting in and applauded wildly, albeit silently. "That teacher is my kind of woman," I yelled silently to ... It wasn't me ap-

plauding, it was just someone I heard about. Really, I'm a very concerned, involved parent and I love projects.

OK, in the spirit of full disclosure, I hate projects, and now that I'm going through middle school for the fifth time (sixth, if you count my own time in the land of book bags and chalk), I can't begin to expound on how stomach-churning that letter home to parents is, especially when it begins: "Dear Parents, As you may know your children are very much enjoying their unit on Obscure and Extinct Native American Wombats. As part of their studies, we will be doing a project. I have found this to be a very fun family activity..."

Stop right there. Compared to anything requiring a poster board, every family member coming down with the stomach flu at once is a really fun project. Anything involving a poster board is a test of patience, persistence and blood pressure medication. I can

guarantee the project will be due the morning after a major snow storm or torrential rains that a parent has to go out and trek to several stores before finding a poster board because 60 other parents have beaten them to every last one in town. Once the parent returns home with the poster board, it will be impossible to find an ounce of glue or a shred of tape in the house, necessitating another trip through the elements.

Finally, when it seems that all the supplies are assembled, the parent will ask the child for the research paper that the teacher assured parents the students had completed in class. The parent will, in return, receive a blank stare.

Medical note: It is a clinical fact that most strokes in parents occur at this point in the project process.

Educators will argue they give weeks of notice to students about these projects and what their expectations are. For the vast majority of parents

who receive daily reports on school activities that go like this:

"How was your day in school?"

"Fine."

"What did you do?"

"Nothing."

That advance notice never quite finds its way home.

In all the years that I've been, errrr, I mean my children have been doing projects, I simply don't remember a fun one. In flashbacks directly related to my post traumatic project disorder, I recall being in a third-grade classroom, looking over projects the students had done on Indian tribes. Most involved plastic cowboys and Indians, or a few trinkets obviously bought on family vacations out west, but there was one that stood out. It was a 14,839 page report, well at least that's how I remember it. Truly, I had seen doctoral dissertations that weren't nearly as thorough as this to me. I just sort of jokingly said to the teacher, "Um, did a

third-grader really do this?"

Oh, yes, she assured me.

Aw, come on!

Then there was a middle school project related to the Roman Empire. The projects were placed on display, and I recall one that involved a model of a Roman temple. The columns were done with an architect's attention to detail, and, the parent explained, they had actually feather painted the molding clay columns so that they would resemble marble. But wait, there's more. Then they added a working "underground" aqueduct around it. Then the parent-child team exclaimed to all that would listen, "We had so much fun doing this."

Really? I'm guessing people who have fun building aqueducts don't live in houses where the family dog passes gas at inopportune times.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to buy a poster board. And gin. It's going to be a long weekend.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

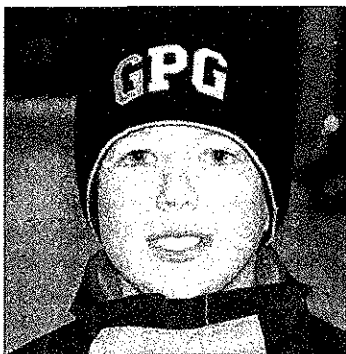
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Grosse Pointe Park



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Grosse Pointe Park



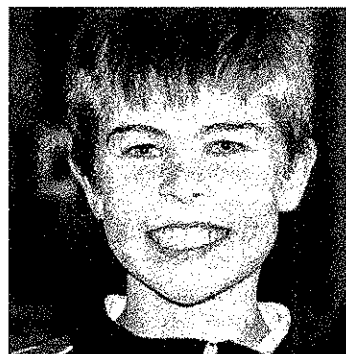
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NATHAN POWELL
Grosse Pointe Park



'A red sports car with a super computer that could do anything.'

ELLIOT HICKS
Grosse Pointe Park



'The new Ford Taurus because my dad likes Fords and I'd like to be able to drive places instead of riding my bike.'

BLAKE STACKPOLE
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Sports enthusiasts at Dobson's Inn



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistoric.org.

Dobson's Inn No. 1

"William R. Billy Dobson, in about 1890 remodeled the Bell Sanitarium and put up a large sign 'Dobson's Inn' where he operated for about 10 years. This was another rendezvous for Detroit sports (enthusiasts). With their frog leg, fish and chicken dinners, along with the slot machines and what have you, it was one of the most popular resorts along the lake shore.

"About 1900, a real estate syndicate bought the entire frontage in this stretch, later selling to the village, which is now their waterfront park, so Dobson closed for the time being.

"About 1901, he built himself a new place at the northwest corner of Jefferson and Fisher Road, one half mile farther east, and nine and one half miles from Detroit city hall. So Billy Dobson again hung his sign, 'Dobson's Inn.' However, he carried on as in the old place, and still had a large following. He retired in 1910, leasing the place to Fritz

Rhode. Rhode, another old timer, became proprietor of Dobson's Inn about 1910 and operated the place until prohibition became effective in 1918. And while many called the place Fritz Rhodes, he continued under the name of Dobson's Inn. The old time sports continued to patronize the place, the famous seafood dinners were served as before and the gay young element from Detroit motored out nightly to enjoy the cool lake breezes on the lakeshore drive. Rhodes was the first place to stop in Grosse Pointe Village, situated on the boundary line. There the motorists would refresh themselves, dance and play the slot machines until midnight which was the closing hour.

"In 1918 Fritz Rhode closed the place and moved out to St. Clair Shores near Mount Clemens. This was the end of Dobson's Inn; the building was torn down later.

"Among the outstanding roadhouses, Scanlon's was without doubt the most widely known and best patronized place of them all. Located close in to Detroit, it was the practical stopping place.

"About 1896, Charles Scanlon leased an old frame house at the northeast corner of Jefferson and O'Flynn avenues, later changed to Fairview Avenue, located in old Fairview Village, Grosse Pointe Township. He remodeled the place, built a bar room, added a dance hall and opened a baseball park in the

rear.

"The ballpark was open to the public and was not fenced in. Many of the best amateur teams played there on Sundays and holidays, drawing large crowds of the lovers of baseball. In addition to the ballpark, there were many other diversions. Gambling was indulged in at all times. One could readily get into card games, shooting craps, or betting on the ponies, as Mr. Scanlon had a private wire reporting the results from race tracks throughout the country at some of which his own horses were racing. Scanlon had quite a string of thoroughbreds. He was a lover of horses and could be seen daily driving to town with a fast stepper.

"He had an old hostler called George who claimed to be a survivor of the battle of Balaklava in the Crimean War of 1854. He was very reticent and would not discuss the war. Scanlon was a breeder of bull dogs and there were always 10 or 15 dogs around, (but never any dog fights). Mr. Scanlon's wife was known as Dill; she was a lover of the feline family and always had a number of prize-winning cats.

"Scanlon's was a hotel as well as a roadhouse, and in addition to serving frog legs, chicken and fish dinners for which he was famous, he decided at one time to raise his own frogs to supply his table. He built frog pens in his yard made of stakes and plank, but in this venture he failed utterly. There were too many snakes in the vicinity, and when the shades of night fell and 'all was quiet on the western front,' so to say, the reptiles would visit the pens and devour the young frogs which they considered quite a delicacy. Mr. Scanlon however, was a very just man, and decided it was unfair to his customers, who paid him well for their frog legs, to allow the snakes to get away with special privi-

leges, so he abandoned his frog farm and again procured his supply from vendors of whom there were many.

"In the evening when the young folks wished to dance, he would at once secure the services of a piano player, several of which were always present. Many prominent Grosse Pointers as well as Detroit politicians congregated there; it was sort of a republican headquarters. And on Sunday afternoons when favorite ball teams were playing, it was next to impossible at times to gain entrance to the bar room.

The front door of which was kept closed in accordance to law, the side door being used. It was not uncommon to see a full truckload of beer drive up to the back door on some of these occasions and many customers who could not get close to the bar would have their beer glasses passed over the shoulders of those lucky enough to get up close.

Mr. Scanlon was methodical and fair-minded, he would not serve drinks to young fellows under 21, he ruled with an iron hand and if one became intoxicated or troublesome he put

them out. Sometimes an argument took place and in the crisis he adhered strictly to David Harum's Adage, do the same to others as they do to you, but do it first. And when the smoke cleared away, Scanlon still held the fort.

There was never a sign or name designating his place, as practically everyone in Grosse Pointe and Detroit knew where Scanlon's Roadhouse was located. When prohibition became effective in 1918, Mr. Scanlon decided not to operate against the law and closed the place."

HIBERNATE: Make healthy March goal

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camele dip would complete

the scene. But, then again, I have that March goal and don't want to resemble the Pillsbury Doughboy! No one said avoiding the vestiges of hibernation would be fun!

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

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Dog's best friend

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pair of dog owners repaid their pets' loyalty last week by protecting them against a coyote.

"Our dog would have been eaten if we didn't go out and help it," said Kristen Devooght, of North Deeplands in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The attack happened shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Devooght and her husband had let their two dogs — Ruthie, a 35-pound boxer-Labrador mix and Laser, a 12-pound Chihuahua-Yorkie mix — outside into the backyard.

"Within seconds, I heard (Ruthie) barking ferociously, which is weird," Devooght said. "She's a big baby, normally. I went to the back door right away. The coyote was on our back porch looking at me like, 'Big deal.' He wasn't afraid of us at all."

Ruthie kept barking. "She was holding her own, saying this is my land," Devooght said.

Devooght banged on the storm door. The coyote, about twice Ruthie's size and looking like a German shepherd, chased Ruthie in circles around the backyard.

The small dog ran inside the open back door. Ruthie tried to follow, the coyote on its tail. Devooght's husband,

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EFFORTS: Hope for a water rescue fade to recovery

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pulled from cold water.

"Because of the body's compensatory mechanisms when they are submerged in cold water, we're encouraged to treat them the minute they're found, unless there are other obvious signs of death — rigor mortis, lividity or compatible injuries," Hicks said.

MedStar medics stood by past midnight Tuesday while divers with the United States Coast Guard and Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department searched for Romain in the shallows of Lake St. Clair.

They focused on an area across Lakeshore from where her car had been found parked near the tip of St. Paul Catholic Church's driveway. Shoe prints thought to be hers were found leading to the lake but not returning.

"If they had found her body within an hour or two, there was an outside chance of saving her," Hicks said. "If some-

one is brought out of the water in a reasonable amount of time, our efforts are aimed at gradually rewarming the body and, hopefully, obtaining a heart rate again."

The night Romain disappeared, a Farms diver said the water temperature was one degree below freezing. A Coast Guard diver said the water was one degree above freezing. When divers between shifts climbed back on shore, air temperatures in the mid-20s caused water on their gear to freeze.

A person exposed to the lake in those conditions wouldn't last long unless protected by an insulated survival suit. The person probably would progress rapidly to a severe hypothermic state, Hicks said.

"Every metabolic process in the body starts to slow down, including cardiac output, which, in turn results in decreased blood flow to the brain," he said. "So, one of the first signs of hypoxia is disorientation."

Eventually, the body just

stops.

"In this case," Hicks said, "probably after 60 minutes to two hours, it becomes more of a recovery effort than a rescue effort."

The search was joined a few days later by members of the Midwest Technical Recovery Team, a volunteer organization comprised largely of former law enforcement personnel.

William Robinette, director, retired after 24 years with the Detroit police underwater recovery team.

"We find a lot of bodies in spring," said Robinette, standing on the Farms lakefront. "In Detroit, homeless people trying to wash themselves on the riverfront fall in. They swallow water or get hypothermic, go down and don't pop up until spring."

Robinette said his father died of drowning.

"That's one reason I was with Detroit's dive team for years and started this team," he said. "Closure's terrible. They didn't find him until he floated."



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Divers from the Grosse Pointe Farms Marine Search and Rescue Squad, Detroit Police Harbormaster unit and the Wayne County Underwater Search and Recovery squad search the water. In the background, the 1,004-foot freighter Edwin H. Gott streams up the Lake St. Clair channel for winter layup.

MISSING: Community continues search

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Paul and left the church at about 7 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., Patrolman Keith Colombo stopped to investigate what turned out to be Romain's unattended 2008 Lexus SUV parked and locked near the tip of the church driveway. He saw a purse on the front seat.

"(A) black scarf was in the median of Lakeshore," according to Colombo's report.

Shoe prints located across Lakeshore lead through a trio of evergreens, down an embankment to the lake.

The prints indicated a small high heel or similar type of shoe McCarthy later learned was "the type Romain would wear."

"The tracks go down the embankment where an impression was made in the snow as if the subject sat down on the first breakwall and pushed off to get to the second," Colombo's report continued. "The track then continued to the edge of the second breakwall, where the subject appears to sit again at the water's edge. There are no tracks leading away from the water."

Air temperature was in the mid-20s.

Colombo would spend the rest of the night and two days afterward with fellow Farms dive team members searching the lake for Romain.

The shoe prints end at a spot overlooking water only one or two feet deep. The breakwall, which has a smooth, concrete face, is about five feet higher than the water level. Someone standing on the lakebed would have to climb six feet up to shore.

Romain is described at 4-

foot-10, 165 pounds and diabetic.

Maximum effort

Every Farms officer, both fire trucks (outfitted with floodlights), an ambulance and members of the citizens volunteer police reserve were summoned to the scene. A couple of City of Grosse Pointe officers came, too.

To help cover the Farms, two public safety officers from Grosse Pointe Woods took up station at Mack and Moross.

Rogers activated the dive team. He also requested divers from the United States Coast Guard. Guardsmen responded from the St. Clair Shores station above Nine Mile. At 10:30 p.m., so did a guard helicopter from Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township.

By this time, police had opened Romain's car, found her identification and called her brother, John Matouk, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"John stated that Joann was upset and stressed over a lawsuit that started trial (today)," Colombo reported. "She is the plaintiff in the suit."

"It is my understanding that it is a civil suit involving black mold in a home in the Woods," McCarthy said. "It is believed Mrs. Romain left court with her son. After dropping her son off at home, she went to a Shell station on Mack (between Eight and Nine Mile) and put gas in her car. It is confirmed on video. She may have driven to St. Paul from there."

The lake that night was flat except for ripples whipped up by the helicopter.

The pilot flew at 75 feet in oblong circuits downstream along the shoreline, out 100 yards into the lake, up and back. Its

floodlight illuminated big sections of water.

The helicopter came and went every two minutes before hovering over a spot where four divers looked under an ice shelf.

Members of the Romain family watched from the sidewalk in front of the church.

A few seconds before midnight, Larry Stocking of the Farms fire division saw a faint reflection about 100 feet offshore.

"It turned out to be a float the Coast Guard dropped in the water to gauge speed and direction of current," Stocking said.

A guardsman estimated the water temperature at 33 degrees.

He said someone immersed in the lake without wearing protective gear would last "30 minutes, tops."

The lake was cold enough that snow kicked over the breakwall landed in the water, turned silvery-gray and floated in little clumps, not melting.

While the search continued in the water, other officers with flashlights searched the grounds of the church, neighboring Grosse Pointe Academy and up and down Lakeshore.

Later in the week, members of the Detroit police dive team scanned the area with sonar, but found nothing.

The investigation has shifted to Grosse Pointe Woods police because Romain is technically missing from the city of her residence, not the Farms.

As of press time Tuesday, Jan. 19, she had not been found. It was the first morning since Romain's disappearance that divers hadn't been lake-side.

The only sign anything in the area had happened over the previous week was yellow police tape still around where the shoe prints had melted with the snow.

A \$250,000 reward is offered for information leading to Romain's whereabouts.

Supporters created the website findjoann.com. Anyone with tips is asked to call Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400, or call family supporters at (313) 310-8590 or (313) 570-3242.

TRACK: Dogs pick up scent

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of smell.

As she and divers canvassed the shoreline waters, one of her dogs, Echo, sniffed over the bow.


"The scent rises from the water and drifts," said William Robinette, Midwest's director and retired Detroit police dive team member. "Once the dogs give an alert, we throw a marker and put in divers."

Dogs indicate the scent by barking and pawing the inside of the boat.

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: Councilman Roby.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety and Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilman Roby was excused from attending the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2009, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 13, 2009, as submitted.

The Council accepted the Audit For Fiscal Year – June 30, 2009 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council approved the Site Plan Review for 85 Kercheval Avenue.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- PEG Agreement, as submitted.
- Wayne County Permit, as submitted.
- Public Safety – November 2009
- Public Safety – October 2009
- Investment Report – September 2009

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain personnel matters and matters of Attorney/Client privilege.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.grossepointefarms.org

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Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

Four vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of June 30, 2010 at the end of the regular term of office of those trustees representing Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods and the At Large Representative which can come from any of the Pointes or Harper Woods but is appointed by Harper Woods. Each position is for a four (4) year term (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2014). Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Letters of Interest should be sent to the following:
City of Grosse Pointe representative: Attn: City Clerk at City Hall, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe MI 48230.
City of Harper Woods (portion of Harper Woods that is in the Grosse Pointe School District.): Submit letters of interest to the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Secretary of the Library Board, Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236.

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Grosse Pointe Farms: Attn: City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236.
Deadline is Feb. 1, 2010

Letters of interest (excluding Grosse Pointe Farms) must be submitted no later than **February 26, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.**

An application for Harper Woods and the At Large Representative are available at the library's web site: www.gp.lib.mi.us under Library Board.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

B&E

A man living in the 400 block of St. Clair awoke at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, to find an unknown man in his house.

The 65-year-old homeowner described the intruder as white, stocky, wearing a dark cap and carrying a bag of some kind.

The stranger fled out the back door.

"A fresh set of footprints in the snow went around to (a) neighbor's home to the south," said a public safety officer. "A brown (LeDonne leather shoulder bag) was located in front of the garage at 479 St. Clair."

Grosse Pointe Park police helped City officers search the neighborhood.

During the search, a resident of the 500 block of Notre Dame reported seeing a man walking in the alley between Cranford Lane and Maumee.

A City patrolman investigated a 22-year-old Warren man walking from a residence on Cranford Lane to his car parked on Notre Dame.

The St. Clair resident reported his wallet missing.

Car problems

An automobile of unlisted make was stolen between 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and 8:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 while parked in front of a house in the 700 block of University.

In the same block during roughly the same period, a license plate was stolen off a car parked in a driveway.

Wrong turn

A patrolman cruising east-bound Jefferson at 2 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, arrested a driver for running a red light onto Fisher.

The 21-year-old male driver had never acquired a license, police said.

—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

No news

Sometime during the 24-hour period following 5 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, someone stole a Detroit Free Press vending machine located on the sidewalk outside a bank in the 130 block of Kercheval on the Hill.

Police hope to discover suspects on bank security video.

Chase cut

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, police called off their chase of an unknown man in a silver-colored 1980s pickup truck fleeing the area of Mack and Moross.

A patrolman had noticed the driver parked suspiciously in the southwest corner of the municipal lot behind stores on Mack. The pickup had a plank of wood for a rear bumper. A license plate attached to the wood was traced to another vehicle.

Also, a second unknown man was seen entering the pickup, then exiting a short time later.

When the patrolman tried to pull over the motorist on northbound Moross in Detroit, the man "took off," the officer said.

The driver is believed to live in the neighborhood of East Jefferson and Chene in Detroit.

GPS thefts

Navigation systems were stolen out of two cars parked last week behind the 18400 block of Mack.

The first incident occurred during the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 11.

"The dashboard panels had been pried and broken to get the system out," said an officer.

Next, sometime between 1:13 and 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, someone broke into a Jeep Grand Cherokee.

"The only thing taken from the vehicle is a built-in

(\$1,500) navigation system," said an officer.

Jeep stolen

A black 1999 Jeep was stolen between 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, while parked on Mack west of Moross.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Coyotes

The Shores last week was coyote central:

◆ A security guard in the 600 block of Lakeshore reported seeing a coyote at 11:59 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

"(I) received numerous reports of the coyote on the ice area of 830 Lakeshore," said a patrolman. "(It) was traveling several yards out on the ice and heading north towards (the Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate at) 1100 Lakeshore."

◆ A suspected coyote den reported at 2:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, on Clairview turned out to be a false alarm. A resident thought he'd found a den in the window well of a neighboring property.

◆ At 10:58 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, a motorist in a Mercedes called 911 to report following a

Lakeshore and Fordcroft where they lost the track.

Devooght said her family has taken precautions against coyotes.

"We have a fog light and blow horn," she said. "We leash the dogs when taking them out at night to go to the bathroom."

Officers from the Shores and Farms teamed up last week to stalk a coyote along the lakeshore.

On the morning of Saturday, Jan. 16, Shores police asked marksman Frank Zielinski of the Farms public safety department to shoot a coyote on ice off the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate.

"It was about 400 yards out, quite a ways," said Zielinski, who last weekend used his sniper rifle to kill a coyote on ice 140 yards off the foot of Tonnancour in the Farms.

"(Ford estate) security didn't want us to take a shot because they had people there," said Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen.

"Officers stood down."

He hopes for a luck.

"If there's no chance of hitting the coyote, there's no reason to spook it," Pullen said. "It knows the cops are after it."

coyote on Morningside near Renaud toward Lakeshore.

Lost necklace

A woman walking her dog

last week in the Shores lost her gold and diamond necklace.

During the noon hour Friday, Jan. 15, the woman walked her cocker spaniel along the following route: From her Oxford house to northbound Lakeshore, to Lakeshore Lane, then to Morningside and back home to Oxford.

"I realized my necklace was

missing," she told police. "I tried to retrace my steps, but was unable to find it."

She described the missing jewelry as 14-karat gold with V-shaped links and a 1/2-carat diamond in the center.

—Brad Lindberg

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

No coyote gunslinging

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Think twice about gunning down coyotes. Laws forbid citizens from discharging firearms in the Grosse Pointes except under special circumstances.

"The only time you can discharge a firearm within city limits would be in imminent defense of human life," said Lt. Jack Patterson of Grosse Pointe Farms public safety.

Even duck hunters in Lake St. Clair must stay about 500 feet offshore.

If a coyotes walks up to a homeowner's picture window and licks his lips at the family cat sleeping inside, the homeowner can't shoot.

"That is illegal," Patterson said. "Citizens do not have the same rights to eliminate coyotes as we do."

Farms police have shot and killed two coyotes in about four weeks. A Grosse Pointe Shores officer last week took a rifle shot but missed.

"If coyotes were easy to shoot, my SWAT team would have had them all by now," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "Coyotes are smart and crafty. They're not going to come in for an easy shot."

The wild animals aren't protected by the state Department of Natural Resources as indigenous species.

"Our director of public safety got a letter last year from the DNR advising us to do what we had to do to eliminate the threat to people's pets," Patterson said. "Our job is to protect life and property. When coyotes go around eating people's dogs and cats for dinner, then we're protecting the life of the pets. They're as much part of the family as anybody else. Technically,

you could call pets property."

Attacks on pets in the Pointes have become common in recent weeks, although they've been occurring since coyotes moved in a few years ago.

"After listening to people whose dogs were attacked or cats are missing, it gets to a point where we have to do something," Patterson said. "Residents have called asking to shoot coyotes. We denied them permission."

"Our officers train with firearms all the time," Jensen said. "The average citizen doesn't. If people think they're going to hit a moving target rolling on the ground with their pet, my guess is they're going to hit their pet or ricochet into their neighbor's house."

The letter of the law is sometimes open to interpretation.

"There better be a substantial emergency that would require the discharge of a weapon," Jensen said. "A coyote running through your yard isn't one."

Patterson encountered a coyote the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 12, near Cloverly and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

"I got within 20 feet of it," he said.

He couldn't take a shot. There were too many houses nearby; no safe backstop, such as dense woods or open lakeshore, in case he missed or a bullet went astray.

Rifle shots can travel one to two miles, according to Jensen.

Patterson said, "The only place we're going to take the shot is at the Country Club of Detroit, where we have no problems with a backstop — no houses, people or cars behind it. Or, on the ice (of Lake St. Clair), where we don't have to worry about the backstop."

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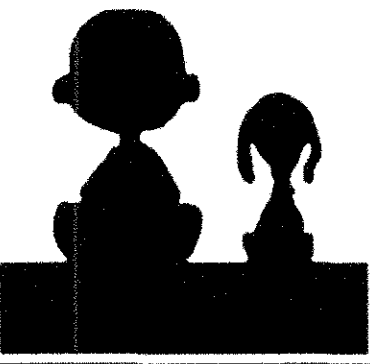
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Help for Haiti

From left, 3-year-old Nathan Michaud and Defer Elementary School students, 6-year-old Jacob Schaupter, 6-year-old Jack Michaud and 5-year-old Luke Michaud, set up a lemonade stand last week on the corner of Audubon and Verner in Grosse Pointe Park to raise money for earthquake victims in Haiti. And they threw in a twist: They toasted marshmallows over a fire pit. "The earthquake knocked down big buildings and people were hurt," Schaupter said. The reason for the stand, added Jack Michaud, is to "collect money and send it to the people in Haiti so they could have water and food and get better." The boys raised more than \$70.

Concert, bake sale to raise funds

Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a concert and bake sale from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, to benefit earthquake relief efforts through Hands Together.

All donations are tax-deductible. The first 40 contributions of \$100 or more receive a gift certificate from one of several local restaurants. Checks can be made payable to: Hands Together,

c/o Janie Livingston, 600 Lincoln Road, Grosse Pointe, 48230.

For more information on the event, contact Janie Livingston at (313) 640-4640 or plivingston@mac.com.

Serving in small packages

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

There's no gesture too small it can't leave the largest ripple.

For Impact Club members at Grosse Pointe North High School, joy comes in knowing their desire to reach out in the simplest way is met with unspoken gratitude.

The community service organization, some 70 students strong, met in the school cafeteria last week to put together packages for Crossroads of Michigan Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Seated assembly-line style, the group filled 5,000 baggies each with a napkin, coffee stirrer and spoon and two packets of salt, two packets of pepper and three packets of sugar.

"It's the little things you don't think about," said junior Angela Daher about the importance of the outreach activity that took no more than 40 minutes to complete.

The individually-packaged condiments are given out each Sunday afternoon as Crossroads serves a hot meal to the homeless and hungry.

"I felt I should be helping out other people," Daher added.

Impact Club President Scott Ismail said small projects are ideal to garner large-group involvement.

"I'm looking to get as many people as we can, so all the kids who don't know each other



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Grosse Pointe North High School freshman and Impact Club member Francesca Ciaramitaro holds up a bag filled with finished condiment packets ready to be taken to a soup kitchen.

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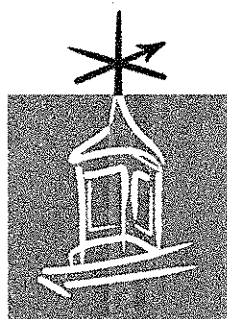
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A few minutes with ...

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

• **Hometown:** Detroit
• **Background:** Buslepp's father worked two jobs: car salesman during the day at Raynal Brothers Dodge-Plymouth and midnights, a plant protection guard for Chrysler. His mother was a supervisor for the Michigan Employment Security Commission for 40 years, helping people find jobs. Buslepp was an only child and says he was "as spoiled as they come."

• **Family:** Buslepp was introduced to his wife, Barbara, when they both stood up in a wedding. Eleven years later, he ran into her when he was a coach at the University of Detroit. She was working in the administrative office. His line: "You look familiar."

The couple has three children: Matthew, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School; Ann, a junior at South; and Elizabeth, a sixth-grader at Pierce.

• **Education:** Bachelor's in health education from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids; master's in educational administration from the University of Detroit.

Buslepp attended private schools from grade school through high school: From first- to sixth-grade, he attended Our Lady Queen of Peace in Detroit; for seventh- and eighth-grade, he was at St. Matthews, also in Detroit; and for high school, he went to Austin Catholic High School.

"I played a lot of sports as a kid. I remember sneaking onto the fields at Defer and Elworthy. We got chased from diamond to diamond and we played basketball and tackle football on the asphalt parking lot of St. Clare of Montefalco," he recalled. "I had a modest career in high school and ran out of talent quickly. I played one year of college baseball."

• **Jobs up to this point:** Student-taught at Westwood

Hills Elementary School in Grand Rapids and coached the sixth-grade girls softball team. After college graduation, Buslepp was hired at Austin to teach health, physical education and his minor, biology. While there, he was put on a study committee to find the viability of an all-boys school on the east side of Detroit at the same time Grosse Pointe North and Bishop Gallagher high schools were opening.

Buslepp said it made him nervous Austin was conducting the study and ended up leaving a year before the school closed.

From Austin, he went to teach at De La Salle Collegiate from 1977-82. In summer of 1982, when the school moved from Detroit to Warren, he was appointed athletic director. Buslepp coached football, basketball and baseball, and says he has remained close to many of his former students.

"There is a special bond between a player and a coach," he said.

Because the commitment to basketball was nearly year round at De La Salle, he stepped down as AD in 1985 to concentrate on coaching the one sport.

In 1988, Buslepp made the move to the college level. He became the first academic support coordinator for athletics at the University of Detroit and also served as assistant coach for the men's basketball team. His role involved helping student athletes on the road study for tests. He says he was always loaded with a dictionary, thesaurus and test material. Buslepp also scouted across the Midwest.

In 1991, deciding not to follow the U of D head coach to Chicago for Big Ten basketball, Buslepp returned to De La Salle, this time as its vice principal.

"There's part of me that still misses coaching. It's in my blood," he said. "I wouldn't trade the experiences I had and the journey. I feel they helped



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Principal Gary Buslepp catches up with students Michael Landuyt and Madison Thomas during their lunch break.

prepare me for collaborating with colleagues."

In 2000, Buslepp moved to Grosse Pointe South High School as its assistant principal, though he initially interviewed at North for its athletic director.

In the 2004-05 school year, he joined the Pierce community as its principal.

• **Why did you decide to become an educator?**

"My fascination of sports has always been there. But I was inspired by a cousin who was a paraplegic and, despite his disability, played wheelchair basketball for the Detroit Sparks. He was outstanding and his name — Chris Markowski — is in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Hall of Fame. He left no room for making excuses and in many ways was a coach and motivator to me and inspired me in that arena."

"When I was a student

teacher, I also coached sixth-grade girls softball. I knew right then that I need to be working with kids. They seemed to respond."

"I learned from a lot of excellent people. I have a really outstanding staff. I marvel at their commitment to the children. I'm very fortunate to be in this role. They make me look good every day — and that's hard to do."

• **What is your favorite food?**

"Anything with a chocolate chip in it."

• **What are your hobbies?**

"I enjoy reading, mystery novels mainly. I cook a lot at home, too. My wife certainly doesn't mind. I dabble in a little bit of everything. I like new recipes. But I don't make desserts — I eat them."

• **Where is your favorite vacation spot?**

"As a family, we spend some time in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia."

• **If you could go any place, where would it be?**

"When I was at U of D, they sent us to Italy for 10 days. It went so fast, seeing Milan, Florence, Venice. I think I'd really like to do the Europe trip again."

• **Anything the Pierce community may not know about you?**

"My son and I have hit probably half the Major League Baseball parks, and visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown."

"From 1982-84, I had a very short stint as a scout for the New York Mets. I was responsible for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. I would bring back reports of high school and college kids. I still have my national

league contract with the Commissioner of Baseball. It was as close as I could get to being a professional athlete."

• **What are your days like as principal?**

"No two days are the same. Some days are observation. Some are late with meetings. I supervise lunch time. It's a great time to talk to the kids and learn what's happening. And I go to all the games and after school activities."

• **What do you enjoy about your job?**

"We're here to navigate students before high school. We get to see their potential and direct their skills before they move on."

"I love working with people. There's a lot of success in this school. The faculty has a great sense of humor."

"To be able to help people is personally rewarding."

PACKETS: Students donate time

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er sit together, get to know each other and help those less fortunate," said the senior. "It's something that's easy and fun for us to do that means a lot to them (at Crossroads)."

The club holds different gatherings throughout the school year with similar goals. Its largest event is the Senior to Senior Prom, held in the spring for senior citizens to interact with students and relive

a high school milestone.

Ismail said he hopes his predecessor has parallel ambitions.

"I hope when I'm gone, the next president will have the same enthusiasm for good-fitting projects I do and an easiness toward giving."

Ninth-grader Francesca Ciaramitaro was a member of Lend a Hand when she attended Parcels Middle School.

She joined Impact Club to continue her role in serving the greater community.

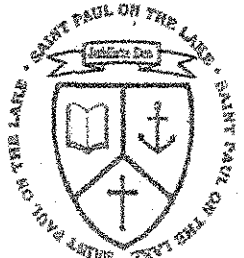
"I love helping out," she said, tossing a sealed baggie into large bag containing hundreds more like it. "It's a lot of fun getting involved."



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Ninth-grader Brian Abud and junior Lauren Bogosian put stirrers into the packets as junior Jennifer Berry tosses a finished baggie into the pile. The condiment-filled bags are being donated to Crossroads of Michigan Soup Kitchen.

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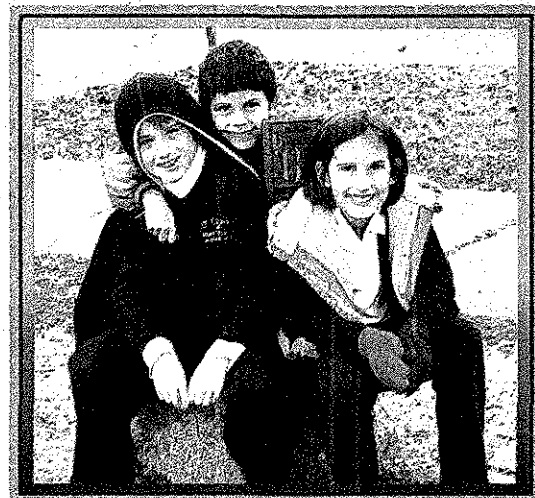
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Geography gurus

Grosse Pointe Academy sixth-grader Isabella Gierlinger, left, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Sixth-grader Alexander Minanov, right, was the runner-up. The school-level bee was the first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Thousands of schools around the country and in the five U.S. territories participate each year in the geography competition. Academy middle school students qualified for the bee by taking a written test; 10 finalists competed in the final round last month by answering oral questions. Gierlinger and Minanov went on to the championship round. The school winners, including Gierlinger, will take another written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state are eligible to compete in their state bee in March. The National Geographic Society provides an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championship rounds May 25-26. The first-place national winner receives a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society and a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Moving forward

Fifth- through eighth-graders from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Park participated in the preliminary rounds of the National Geographic Bee last month. Seventh-grader Marques Irving, right, won the final round of the competition and became school winner. Runner-up is eighth-grader Alexander Valentini, left. Marques' winning question was "What Asian country is sometimes called 'Land of the Rising Sun'?" The correct answer is Japan. Irving now advances to the next level of the competition to determine the top 100 state competitors.



Students reach out

St. Joan of Arc students were visited last month by representatives from Free the Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education. More than one million young people are involved in programs throughout 45 countries. Two representatives, one of which is a SJA alumnus, volunteered to teach students how to take action and make a positive change in the world. After the presentation, students learned how to become leaders and work as a team. An active group of SJA students — grades four through eight — involved with Free the Children meets weekly after school, and is currently working on a project to adopt a village and help residents obtain clean water. The group has completed a few local projects, including making Christmas placemats for a homeless shelter and donating a basket of needed items to Turning Point, a shelter for abused women. Above, Free the Children representative Stephen Schrage teaches students about leadership.



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Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week it's **Our Lady Star of the Sea School teacher Alice Dandy**, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade basic and accelerated English literature and eighth-grade religion.

She was nominated by eighth-grade student Maria Liddane, who is in her accelerated class: "Mrs. Dandy is truly a wonderful teacher. She is experienced and knows exactly how to obtain and maintain the attention of her class."

"She gets through many interesting lessons and topics, but is not afraid to dedicate a class period to an in-depth conversation."

enjoy her style of teaching because it is the perfect balance of guidance and independence that is necessary to learn.

"Recently, we have been reading 'Beowulf.' Personally, I believe it is a pleasure to read such a high-level book and have an accommodating teacher that still pushes us to excel and understand every page thoroughly."

"Overall, Mrs. Dandy is an awesome teacher that can relate to students on countless subjects, from the Red Wings to our textbooks."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: Five

Previous work: She has been in education for more than 25 years as a teacher and as an administrator.

Why did you become a teacher?

Actually, I entered this profession by accident with no intention of staying very long.

Once I looked into the students' eyes, I was hooked. Many years later, the magic of watching my students discover their talents and produce work they are proud to claim as their own still makes me smile.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

There are many facets attached to the responsibility of teaching middle school children. Each facet brings with it a plethora of rewards. I teach the same students for two years: seventh-, eighth- and accelerated eighth-grade, and observe firsthand their progress, inquisitions and ultimate victories in literature and writing.

How do you feel about being nominated?

Maria is always a bundle of positive energy in everything she does. She sets the bar for herself and everyone in her realm, including me, at a level

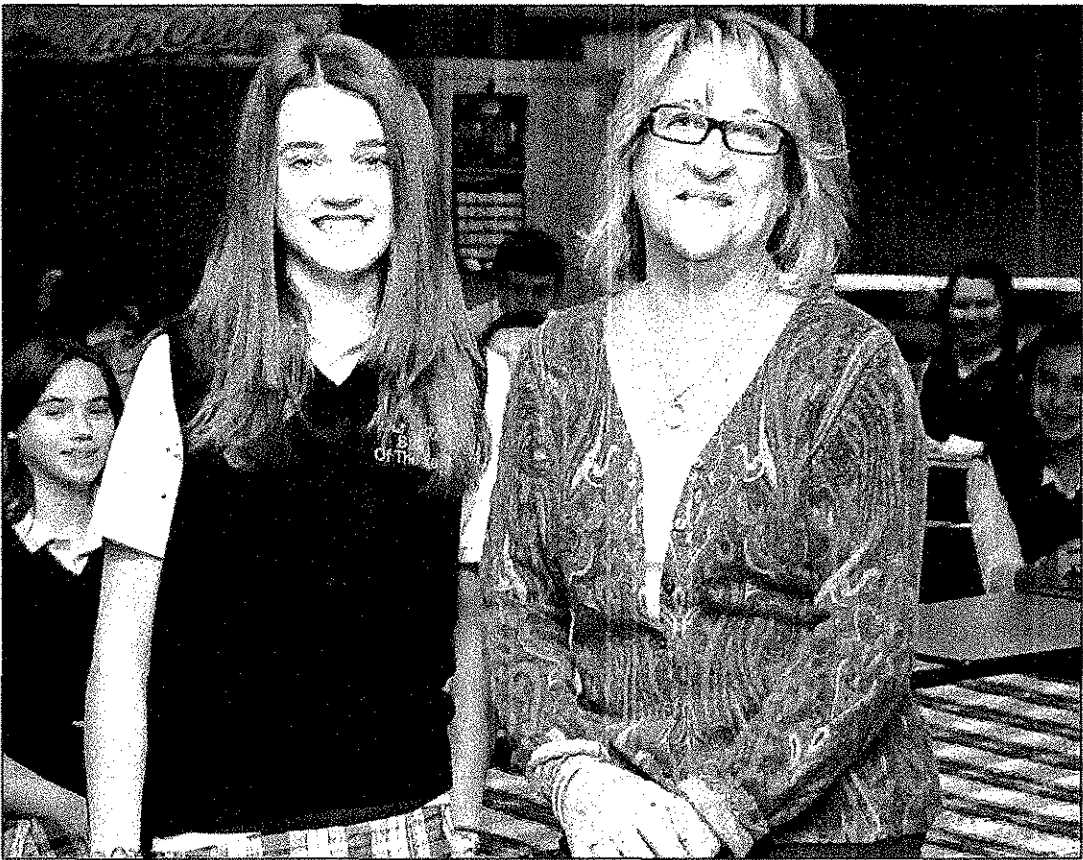


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Teacher Alice Dandy with eighth-grader Maria Liddane, the student who nominated her.

that keeps us on our toes. I am honored and humbled by her nomination of me.

Favorite book to share with students?

This is a tough question to answer because there is not just one favorite book on my shelf. Because students have

different interests, I try to guide them to choose books to read that they not only enjoy, but talk about what they read with enthusiasm. As a whole class assignment, I love to teach the novels, "Beowulf"



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OBITUARIES

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Arthur A. Cerre

Arthur A. Cerre, 87, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009. He was a former longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident.

He was born in Detroit to Albert A. and Amy Cerre and graduated from St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn. He was a captain in the U.S. Army and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Cerre was an advertising executive and worked at a variety of companies including the Detroit Free Press, GM Photographic, The Cerre Company, Naegele Outdoor Advertising, Visual Services and J. Walter Thompson.

He enjoyed skiing and Sander's chocolate fudge. He was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Snowmass Club.

Mr. Cerre is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Nolan Cerre; son, Mike Cerre; daughters, Susie Godin Livengood and Julie Cerre Kennedy and grandchildren, Jaime Godin Touchstone, Lauren Ferris Cerre, Lee Egan Cerre and Hayden Kennedy.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Betsy Cerre Cross and sister, Dorothy Cerre Hubbard.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 16 in Carbondale, Colo.

William R. Leith

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident William R. Leith, 82, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010. He had been living at Harbor Chase Assisted Living in Sterling Heights.

He was born March 21, 1927, in Gary, Ind., to Alexander and Lila Leith and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1949. He received his PhD in speech pathology from Purdue University in 1954 and an honorary doctorate from the University of Oulu, Finland in 1989.

Dr. Leith was a professor of speech and hearing. He worked at Colorado State University for 11 years where he was instrumental in the expansion of the speech and hearing department and later became head of the department while continuing his professorship. He moved to Cleveland and was a professor at Case Western University for four years and then began working at Wayne State University, where he was a professor for more than 20 years.

He had a prolific private practice in his home in Grosse Pointe and helped many individuals with speech difficulties. He authored numerous books about communication disorders and speech impediments, especially stuttering, for use by other professionals and students.

He was a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Dr. Leith enjoyed traveling the world with his wife with the NOMADS. His favorite trip was to Egypt. He was also a writer, musician and artist.

Dr. Leith is survived by his daughters, Kris and Tamara (Jim) Treanore; sons, Randy (Donna) and David; grandchildren, Vince, Erin, Bosch, Kelsey, Escher and Brendan and his sister, Jean (Charles) Cummings.

He was predeceased by his wife, Wanda.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 32000 Schoenherr, Warren, MI 48088.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made in Dr. Leith's memory to WSU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, 207 Rackham, 60 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48202.

Chester F. Craft

Chester Francis Craft, a former longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in Little Rock, Ark., after a lengthy bout with throat cancer.

He was born in Belgium, Ill., on Oct. 12, 1925, to Hiram and Kathleen Craft.

He graduated from Westville High in Illinois, before entering the military. He completed basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Air Station and became a Douglas SBD Dauntless dive bomber gunner/radioman in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Upon his return, he entered the University of Illinois. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. Mr. Craft began a long and successful career in advertising in Chicago. In 1956, he moved to Detroit to join the advertising agency of Zimmer Keller and Calvert. He ultimately founded and was president of Craft, Kennedy and Higgins.

Mr. Craft was an avid golfer and sailor, racing his Lightning sloop out of Crescent Sail Yacht Club. He gave freely of time to others. He coached his son's Little League baseball team and was active in the Boy Scouts of America and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. A friend of Bill W., Chet enjoyed many friendships maintained at the Alano Club of Harrison Township.

Mr. Craft is survived by his son, Jeffrey of Calabasas, Calif., and daughter Kathleen (Kitty) of Peekskill, N.Y., along with grandchildren, Emily Craft, Blakeley Craft and Joshua Craft of Los Angeles.

In addition, he is survived by his siblings, Eileen Everest of Atlanta, Ga.; James Craft of Hot Springs, Ark.; Donald Craft of Urbana, Ill.; Betty McCorkle of Bradley, Ill. and Charles Craft in Champaign, Ill.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dawson Education Trust, c/o William Robinson, 944 Abbey St., Birmingham, MI 48909.

Joan Barbara Mellinger

Joan Barbara, nee Button, Mellinger died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010. She was 85.

She met her beloved husband, Dr. Raymond C. Mellinger, while growing up in Youngstown, Ohio, and was at his side for the rest of her days.

She began her life as a world traveler early, when she accompanied her husband to post-World War II Japan while he fulfilled his duties as a medical officer in the U.S. Army. They went on many adventures in Europe and Asia and across the United States, memorably recorded on a wall map bearing pins marking every city they visited.

The couple settled with their growing family in Grosse Pointe Park, where they lived until 2006, when they moved to East Lansing.

Mrs. Mellinger was the proud and dutiful mother of six children, who have spread out across the country to raise families of their own and enjoy careers as teachers, artists, executives and health care professionals. "Nana" made an art of being grandmother to her 13 grandchildren. She could list everyone's birthdays from memory, and taught a generation how to write a proper letter. She had a clean, bright writing style, and leaves behind a body of work recording travels, family events, and biological surveys of her yards and gardens. Her letters would often tell of her visits to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, and the George Bernard Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Mrs. Mellinger, a longtime

volunteer and host of regular bridge parties, had a group of friends that was as big and devoted to her as her family. Her bright eyes, her loving hands and her merry laugh will be missed.

Mrs. Mellinger is survived by her husband; her six children, Christine (Tom Greenwood) Mellinger of Seattle, Wash., Craig Mellinger of Wichita, Kan., Jennifer (Gordon) Hay of Falls Church, Va., Gretchen (Joe) Kirby of Lansing, Sarah Slattery of Grand Rapids and Joel (Mary) Mellinger of Sonoma, Calif. and her 13 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Richard Button.

Memorial services are not planned at this time.

Contributions may be made to the Greater Lansing Food Bank, c/o NBD Commerce Bank, P.O. Box 16224, Lansing, MI 48901 in her memory.

Condolences may be made at gorslineruncimanfuneral-homes.com.

Jean Hanmer Pearson

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jean Hanmer Pearson, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at her home. She was 94.

Mrs. Pearson's was an aviator and journalist. She was one of the first women to fly to the South Pole and set foot on all seven continents.

In 1941 she received her private pilot certificate. She held a commercial license with instrument rating and for many years owned and flew a Cessna 172.

She was active in World War II, serving as a U.S. Navy ensign assigned to the Air Training Division of the deputy chief of naval operations for air in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Pearson remained in the Navy on active and reserve duty as an aviation officer, and later as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

She was an aerospace and science writer for the Detroit Free Press and science writer for the Detroit News for more than 30 years. She won the Aviation/Space Writers Strebig Memorial Award for excellence in aviation writing for a series on man in space. She spent six weeks of intensive training with the Mercury Seven astronauts and counted John Glenn as a friend of long standing.

Mrs. Pearson was named National Headliner Award winner by Women in Communication for a series on Antarctica. She accompanied the first four women scientists to Antarctica and flew with them to the South Pole where they were the first women to land there.

She also flew over the North Pole with the Japanese imperial family in a Scandinavian Airlines inaugural flight over the Pole.

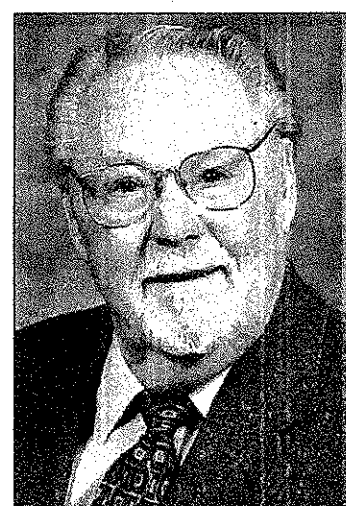
Mrs. Pearson was a permanent trustee of the Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. She flew in 10 All-Women Transcontinental Air Races and was a past president of the National Association of Science Writers, a board member of the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame, and second vice president of the Michigan Chapter of the Circumnavigators Club. She was a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Medical Writers Association and numerous other professional associations.

She received bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, a public health degree from the University of Michigan and an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Wayne State University.

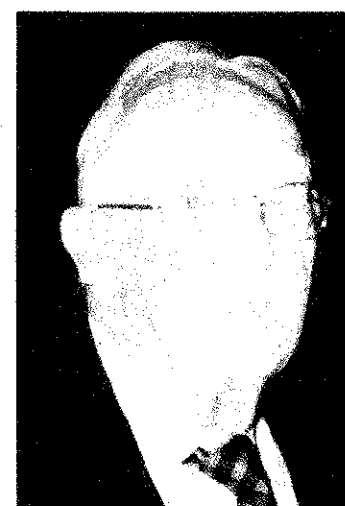
Shortly before her death, she learned she had been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her role as a "catalyst for the integration of women in the



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Jean Hanmer Pearson



Denise Tracy Summers

U.S. military and for her contribution to the making of today's Air Force."

Mrs. Pearson was predeceased by Morton C. Pearson, her husband of 72 years.

She is survived by her nephews, Ralph (Patricia) Chapman of Portland, Ore. and Richard Chapman (Elaine) of Shelby, Ohio.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit at TravelersAidDetroit.org.

Denise Tracy Summers

Denise Tracy Summers, 67, passed away suddenly Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, in Jupiter, Fla.

Known as Denny to family and friends, she was born June 28, 1942, in Detroit to Emmet and Frances Tracy. She was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe and was also a member of the communities in Harbor Springs, Lewisburg, W. Va. and Juno Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Summers was the founder of Tennis & Crumpets, a local charity that raised funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. She had great gusto and loved to dream up new endeavors. She touched all that knew her.

She is survived by her husband, David S. Summers; children, Elizabeth (Greg) Skau, David Summers Jr., Michael Summers, Paul (Nicole) Summers, Matthew (Katie) Summers and Tracy (Derek) Claridge; grandchildren, Stephanie and Emily Skau, Pierce and George Summers, Sofia and Nicole Summers, and Matthew Summers Jr.; brother, Emmet Tracy Jr. and sister, Mary Kay Farley.

Mrs. Summers was predeceased by her son, Okey Summers, and brother, Thomas Tracy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carnegie Hall, 105 Church Street Lewisburg, WV 24901 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Sign the guest registry at youngandprill.com.

Richard P. Joy III

Richard P. Joy III, 77, of Oxford died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010.

He was the loving husband of Victoria; dear father of Michael and Thomas (Andrea) Joy; beloved grandfather of Alex and Charlotte and brother of Susie and the late James Joy. Funeral services were held at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home in Rochester.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

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Richard P. Joy III



Ruth Ogden Peabody

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Ruth Ogden Peabody, 85, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was born Oct. 23, 1924, in Detroit to Isabelle F. (nee Schneider) and James Blaine Ogden and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1942. She attended the University of Michigan and received a bachelor's degree from Webber College in Florida. She worked as a buyer of women's clothes for the J.L. Hudson Co. and for Himelhoch and Brothers in Detroit before starting her family.

Mrs. Peabody was an avid needle worker and for many years worked designing needlepoint patterns and painting canvases as the owner of the Moth Hole in Grosse Pointe Farms. Her work is displayed at the Children's Hospital of Michigan chapel and at Mariner's Church in Detroit. She also worked at Jacobson's in the Village where she was known as the "needlepoint Lady" and, most recently, at Little Foxes Shop in Detroit.

She had a wide circle of friends with whom she enjoyed spending time. She was loved

for her sense of humor and positive outlook on life.

She also enjoyed traveling and attending the theater, especially the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada. She was a fan of Detroit sports teams, especially the Tigers and Red Wings, and loved watching the games on TV or in person.

Mrs. Peabody is survived by her son, James O. (Michelle P.) Peabody; daughter-in-law, Jan Peabody; grandchildren, Adrienne and Henry N. IV and Alexander and Elise Peabody, and sisters, Barbara F. Ogden and Mary O. (Richard) Loyer.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Navarre Peabody II and son, Henry N. Peabody III.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071; Children's Hospital of Michigan, Development Office, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201-2196 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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park with everything from fries to sushi.

On the main floor, Ford appears to have the greatest number of things for show vis-

itors to do.

Along the intersecting Electric Avenues anyone interested in future designs for electric vehicles will want to check out the Michelin stand. Here you can see Michelin wheel-tire combinations with one and two electric motors in them. These, the France-based company says, are being tested and in two instances used on low-volume production vehicles.

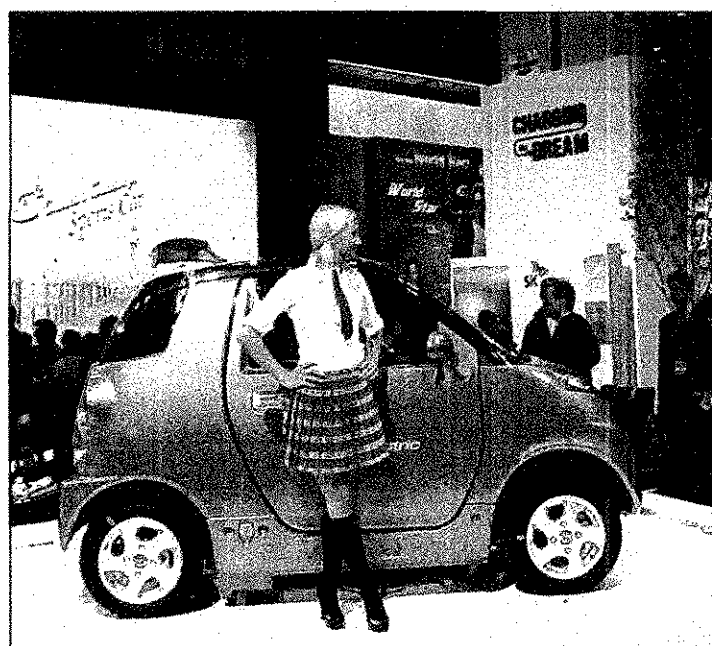
The Michelin Challenge Design for 2010 sought entries for electric vehicle designs. Keegan McClain, a recent graduate of the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, was among the finalists invited to the Michelin auto show stand. McClain was cited for his lightweight — less than 300 pounds — motorcycle rendering.

His idea included plug-in electric power for the tubular



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

To clear up any consumer confusion, a sign on Volkswagen's Jetta TDI read: "not a concept car."



Korea-based CT&T showed several configurations for its plug-in electric vehicles. This Green e-Zone Plus has a top speed of 45 mph and a 75-mile range between charges.

bike, plus a windscreen and fenders with solar cells.

"They would supplement the charging of the battery which has 148 lithium-ion cells," said McClain.

"I call my motorcycle design 'minimalist' because it shows what the (cycle) needs to go," he said.

The bike's throttle would be operated by the right handle on the handlebars, the brake by the left handle. There are no pedals on McClain's concept which, he said, would have a top speed of 100 mph.

And, he pointed out, the seat and handlebars are adjustable. The windscreen could be swung up and over the seat to keep it from heating up too much if the bike is

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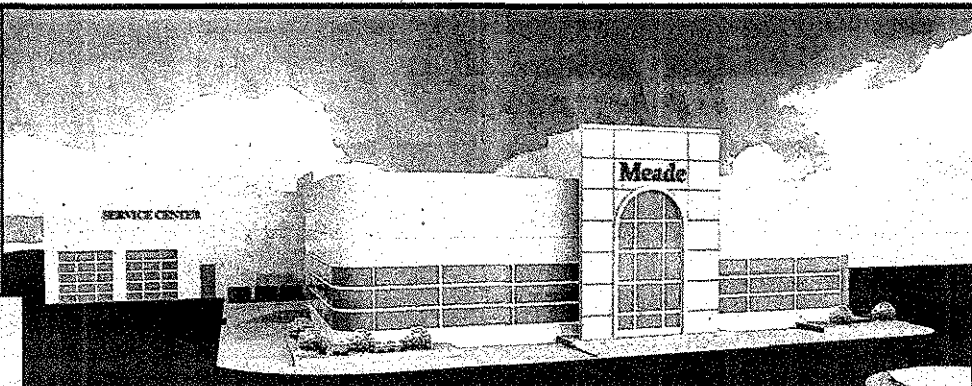
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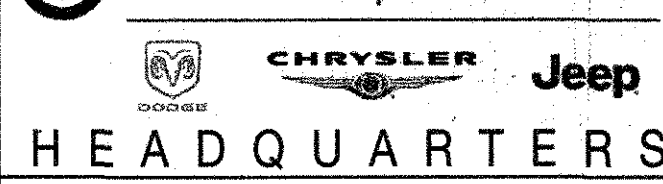
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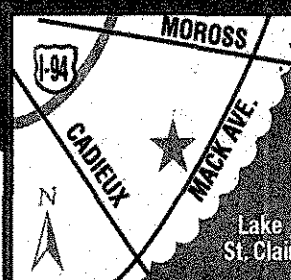
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AUTOS: 2010 NAIAS scrutinized

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parked (and recharging) on a

hot day. Subaru, which had another year of record sales in the United States in spite of the recession, announced it would bring a gas-electric hybrid to market, likely in 2011.

Officials said the company had determined it needed something in between the

gasoline-engine cars it now sells and the electric vehicles it plans to sell. They said, however, whether the hybrid would be a new model or would be for an existing nameplate was "a secret."

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



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

A quiet, fragrant park on the lower level at Cobo Center is traversed by purring electric vehicles — a preview of the future?

Keegan McClain of Lafayette, La. was among some 30 finalists in the 2010 Michelin Challenge Design. McClain designed an electric-powered motorcycle.

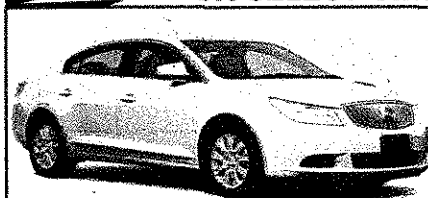


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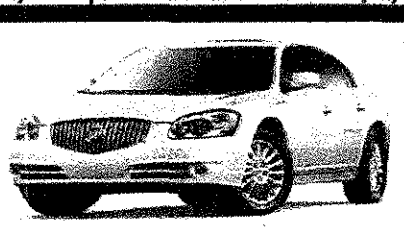
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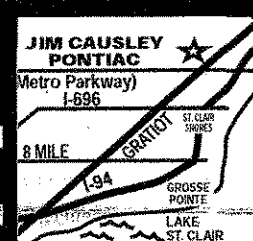


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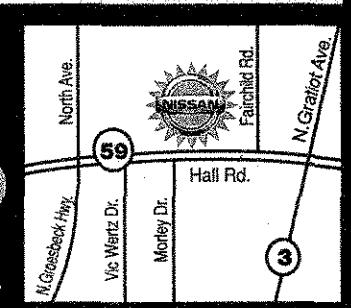
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Laying of new cornerstone denotes transition

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Laying a new cornerstone at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe is a transition, a passing of the baton. It's a final chapter of Bon Secours Hospital's history.

During a short ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 13, Rick Swaine, Beaumont's senior vice president and hospital director, Dr. Donna Hoban, senior vice president and medical director, and Thomas Kwiatkowski, the hospital's facilities director, put a time capsule and new cornerstone in a pillar at the hospital's entrance.

The 2010 versions replaces the cornerstone and time capsule removed last fall and pre-



Dr. Donna Hoban, senior vice president and medical director of Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, and Rick Swaine, senior vice president and hospital director, place a new time capsule in a pillar at the front of the hospital.

PHOTO BY
PETER BIRKNER

sented to the Sisters of Bon Secours during their 100th anniversary of serving in

Michigan.

They accepted the box and its contents, Swaine said. However, they declined the cornerstone, dated Dec. 7, 1941.

Last century's time capsule contents included pictures relating to the Archdiocese of Detroit, sisters in leadership and the hospital's groundbreaking, a set of coins, newspapers and articles of the day and a patient bill.

Much thought and discussion was put into selecting items to be included in the 10-by-15-by-6 inch metal box, Swaine said.

The question most on the minds of committee members who oversaw the content list was: "What do they want to know about us?" Swaine said.

"We spent a lot of time talking of what was going in the box," Hoban said. "We wanted to make certain we put the right things in."

"What we included was a picture of the team and a letter to the future (administration)," Swaine said. "We thought it was important to the next administrative team. We put a financial statement, the challenges we face. There was a bill in there," he said.

It has been more than two years since Beaumont assumed ownership of Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"In the past two years, there has been a renovation bringing the hospital to current standards in terms of technology," Swaine said.

More than \$40 million has been spent bringing the institution up to standards.

"The quality and safety scores have risen," Hoban said. "We provide top quality care. We have a 90 to 95 percent patient satisfaction rating."

Additionally, Hoban and Swaine are proud of the Flash CT which, as the name implies, completes a scan in a flash with 40 percent less radiation than a normal CT scan.

"It's 'take a breath' and flash. There is a decrease in radiation and the clarity is the state of art," Hoban said.

The flash CT's technology may be one item mentioned in the letter included in the time capsule, which says, "While some of the items may not be accessible without a trip to a museum to access technology of the past, the decision was to include items that represent the health care industry of our

time."

The time to investigate the

2010 memorabilia is predicted to be 2060.

The letter

Jan. 13, 2010

Dear Future Administrative Team:

First a little history. On Oct. 1, 2007, Beaumont Hospitals became a three-hospital regional health care provider with the purchase of Bon Secours Hospital. This is the first time Beaumont purchased another hospital. The purchase was a strategic move to grow market share on the east side and to provide this community with the high-quality Beaumont care the west side has enjoyed since the 1955.

The placement of this time capsule and cornerstone represent a ceremonial "passing of the baton" that began with what would have been the 100th anniversary of the Sisters of Bon Secours in Michigan. In October of 2009, the original Bon Secours time capsule contents, along with the cornerstone, were presented to the Sisters at a special celebration held in their honor, making way for this new time capsule.

Please understand that much thought went into selecting items for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's time capsule. While some of the items may not be accessible without a trip to the museum to access technology of the past, the decision was to include items that represent the health care industry of our time.

In addition to the items noted above, we also wanted you to have some idea of what this hospital was experiencing. To do that we included employee identification badges, a current patient menu and handbook and programs from special events held since becoming Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. We also included several news sources, from the weekly community paper to hospital publications, which outline the advances made since Beaumont's arrival two years ago.

We also thought it was important that you understand the current financial position of the hospital and how we had improved since the purchase in October of 2007, so we included a three-year financial statement. Last but not least, Dr. Hoban and I wanted you to have a picture of the first Beaumont administrative team at Grosse Pointe and to let you know that, in our opinion we had one of the best in the Beaumont system.

As a side note, as this picture was taken, we were all concerned about how we looked — wondering what the fashion statement would be when this time capsule was finally opened.

We hope all is well with you and we also hope that you enjoy the journey as you review the contents of this time capsule, placed at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010.

SINCERELY,
RICK SWAINE

senior vice president and hospital director
DONNA HOBAN, M.D.
senior vice president and medical director

2010 box contents

A letter from Rick Swaine, senior vice president and hospital director

Copy of Swaine's ID badge

2009 list of general merchandise average prices

List of current employees and volunteers

DVDS:

Goodbye, Farewell and Amen — commemorating the Sisters of Bon Secours

2007, 2008 Grosse Pointe event photos

2007 and 2008 Grosse Pointe media clips

Grosse Pointe employees' and doctors' photos

NEWS/PUBLICATIONS:

Beaumont, Grosse Pointe Grosse Pointe News insert, May 2009

Beaumont Children's Hospital insert, October 2009

Inside Beaumont News — featuring the Rev. Rich B removing the Bon Secours time capsule

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EVENTS:

Program — 100th anniversary of the Sisters of Bon Secours celebration event

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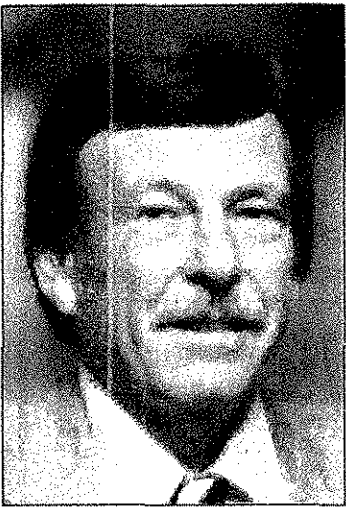
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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Ellis H. Mavis

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ellis H. "Deac" Mavis, died Friday, Jan. 15, 2010 at his son's home in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Born Dec. 21, 1925, in Bay City, Mr. Mavis served in World War II as a paratrooper in the 2nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

After serving his country, he graduated from Indiana Technical College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. Returning home, he started his career with the Wayne and Macomb County Road Commissions. Later he entered private practice forming Mavis, Landwehr and Associates, where he engineered many residential and commercial sites in the Detroit area.

Not only did he mentor his children in the real estate and development business, but he also took on student interns and helped them through college to become civil engineers.

Mr. Mavis was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Jackelin (nee Schmidt).

He is survived by his loving children, Joy (James) Wilson, Richard Mavis, Nancy (John) Frabotta, Jill (George) Rastelli

and Jackie Mavis; grandchildren, Shanelle, Anthony, Alyssa, James, Giorgio, Juliann, Michael, Jaclyn and D.J. and great-grandchildren, Hailey and Cali.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Bethesda Christian Church, 14000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. He will lie in state at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to Bethesda Education Fund, 14000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI 48312-3402.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Keith W. Evans

St. Clair Shores resident Keith W. Evans, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Evans was born Jan. 21, 1922, in Detroit to Frank and Bernice Evans.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Men's Club.

Mr. Evans is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Patti); daughter-in-law, Janet Seikman; grandchildren, Katie, Matthew, Meredith and Britton and sister, Shirley (Don) LaSage.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette and son, Clayton.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Donations may be made to Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 16625 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI 48227; St. John Hospice, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271; or Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Clayton Walker Evans Educational Scholarship, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



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Cross court slide

Hunter Manikas, Henry Buzolits, Elena Bognasco, Alexis Mellos, Adam and Noah Morris found the sledding hill at Patterson Park crowded last weekend so they moved to the tennis court to sled. They ran up to their plastic sleds, jumped on and slid as far as possible in an activity which is a cross between snowboarding and skiing.

Farms finds more money

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Municipal audit reports aren't fun anymore.

It used to be that auditors reported to city councils that things were great, good night and goodbye.

Now, the presentations often are gloomy.

Property values are down. So, therefore, are tax revenues. Operating costs are up. Thing will get worse before they get better. Sorry, bye.

Yet this year, however, in place of dread, Grosse Pointe Farms officials announced good news. They have nearly \$280,000 extra.

"As the result of cost-cutting measures and slightly higher than expected revenues, we were able to transfer \$50,000 to the major street fund and \$100,000 to the local street fund for future road paving projects," said John Modzinski, Farms controller. "We also added approximately \$128,000 to our general fund balance."

Despite the find, happy days aren't here again.

"Next fiscal year will be our most challenging year, we

feel," said Shane Reside, city manager. "We'll be hit with another year of reduced state equalized values and taxable values."

SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) projects will start leveling off after that. But, it will take us several years to get back revenues we saw in the mid 1990s."

The problem is a built-in one-year lag in accounting for changing property values.

"The way the budget cycle works, for fiscal year 2010 that we are in, assessed values are performed at the beginning of 2009," Modzinski said. "If property values continue to decline, we have reserves to balance the budget and hold up our contractual obligations regarding things like post-employment benefits and such."

Auditors Plant & Moran this month gave the Farms a clean report for fiscal year ending June 2009.

"We go above and beyond normal state requirements and do a comprehensive financial report," Reside said. "For going that extra step, we have multiple years of receiving the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

award for excellence in financial reporting."

Diverse housing

Modzinski believes the Farms diverse tax base is helping the city weather the recession.

"We have a large segment of very high-value homes, a significant set of homes for the affluent and also very affordable homes," he said.

The city's relatively small commercial tax base also is proving a benefit.

"Our auditors said Michigan communities are going to be seeing tremendous hits to commercial properties," Modzinski said. "But, only 5 percent of the Farms tax base comes from commercial property."

He credits residents for maintaining the community.

"I don't believe we are experiencing the level of property value decline that most communities in Michigan are," he said. "I'm determining some of this from our rate of delinquent property taxes. Our filings at the end of the last few fiscal years have stabilized. We have filings for tax foreclosure properties, but they've

been in single digits every year. That's impressive considering we have 4,000 households."

Cutting costs

"We continue to take steps to prepare for a period of declining revenues that are expected to continue the next few years," Reside said.

"Personnel costs are the greatest costs of any municipality," Modzinski said. "We are going to continue trying to be more efficient and trim staff, yet keep services as high as we can. We have excellent personnel, but we have to use them as efficiently as possible in these trying times."

Helping hands

Residents were given credit for providing winter recreation facilities at Pier Park.

"We financed the new ice rink and warming building through contributions from the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and through some surpluses we've accumulated over the years," Modzinski said. "The foundation donated \$500,000. The rest was done through the capital projects fund."

Winterfest fun



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Helen Michaelson, 8, of the City Grosse Pointe gets three out of three in the hoop toss.



PHOTO BY PETER J. BIRKNER

Winterfest heated up in Grosse Pointe Farms Jan. 16. Hundreds visited The Hill for family activities, games, contests and merchant specials. Above, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a marshmallow campfire in the middle of Kercheval, a popular spot on a cool day. For more photos of the event, visit grossepointenews.com.



PHOTO BY JOE WARNER

Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, left, clears the ball away from his goalie, Farms Assistant City Manager/Clerk Matt Tepper during a mean broomball game at South.



An ice carver fashions the Grosse Pointe Farms city seal out of a block of ice in front of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Food and a grand drawing packed the big tent on The Hill during Winterfest. The weather was perfect for the event, sans the eight inches of snow last year.



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Above, Alice Scott, 6, of Grosse Pointe Woods, decorates a cookie in the lobby of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital. At left, Julianna Petrak, 8, and her mother, Claire Petrak — a former Grosse Pointe resident now living in Farmington Hills — go for an imaginary ride in a bobsled made of ice.

Woods to fund project

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Funding will soon be in place for Grosse Pointe Woods' water reservoir project after the city council approved the sale of Bond Anticipation Notes.

Those notes provide was is essentially a bridge loan of \$1 million, allowing the city to begin work on the project before full state funding, totaling \$2 million, is in place around April 15.

"This money is needed now in order to pay the contractors so that the project stays within its timetable," explained Donald Keim, the city's bond counsel. "The project needs to be completed by the end of summer, so it must begin now."

The water reservoir project is part of an initiative that will re-

sult in a reduction in water rates currently charged by the City of Detroit.

The project includes a 500,000 gallon water tank, a pumping station and site tank.

The State of Michigan has committed to loaning the city \$2 million for the project at a 2.5 percent interest rate. That interest rate is significantly less than market interest rates and the monies come from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

There has been a glitch in the system for the project. In order for the city to issue the BANs, it must have a "qualified" status from the State of Michigan based on its annual audit.

"This is the first time in my experience that the Michigan Department of the Treasury can't process the qualifying statements in time, which by

law has to be 30 business days after the audits are filed," Keim told the council. "We haven't received our qualified status so we can't sell the BANs as of yet. We filed our audit on Dec. 10, so we do expect to receive our qualified status by the end of the month."

The city chose to borrow the \$1 million for the bridge loan from the state rather than "borrowing" from city coffers because the state will reimburse the city for interest charges.

"If we used our own money, that wouldn't happen," explained Mayor Robert Novitke. "We would lose any interest we could have earned on that money."

City administrator Mark Wollenweber said preconstruction meetings for the project are scheduled to begin this week.

Rec fee hikes moved up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The curtain has come down on free summertime movies at Neff Park.

Starting this summer, a fee will be charged to attend the lakeside movie series.

Tickets will cost \$3 per person, with children ages 4 and under admitted free.

A fee to watch formerly free movies is among price increases approved this month to counter declining tax revenues and higher operating costs for City of Grosse Pointe recreation programs.

Fee hikes normally aren't announced until May.

"This mid-year review will allow the proposed changes to be implemented in time for the summer recreation season and (be) published in the upcoming recreational newsletter," said Chris Hardenbrook, parks and recreation director.

Mid-year increases are for spring and summer programs and services. The May review will address winter events.

Hardenbrook said he anticipates raising \$10,890 this year through fee increases for

such things as swimming lessons, swim team memberships, daily boat slip rentals and more.

Movie receipts are expected to contribute \$2,250 to the sum, even with free ice cream for children under age 4.

"Even with the increases, fees still remain reasonable, and a significant number of general recreation events and programs (are) available at no cost," Hardenbrook said.

New rates

Old versus new rates are:

- ◆ Outdoor movies: free - \$3 per person.
- ◆ Camp Norbert Neff: \$30 - \$40 per person.
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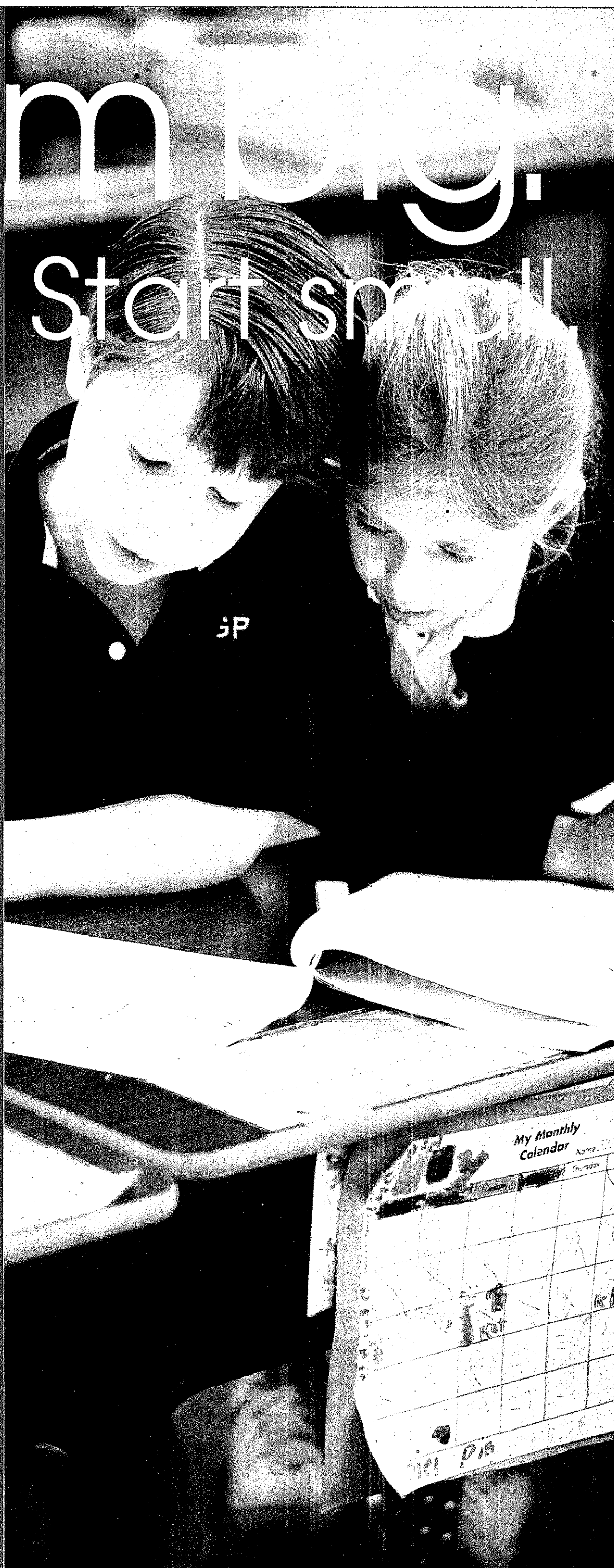
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SWIMMING

South uses superior depth to beat North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North battled last week with the No. 4-ranked Blue Devils coming out on top, 125-61.

The host Norsemen won one event, the 500-yard freestyle as Justin Rakowicz took first with a time of 4:58.80.

South head coach Eric Gunderson had a distinct advantage, depth, which was too much for the Norsemen. They captured each of the three relay events, led by senior Michael Shook, sophomore Luke Hessburg, senior Mac Day and junior Craig Campbell winning the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:45.66.

Senior Robert Tripp, senior Tommy Milne, junior Zack Hanna and senior Matt Peyser finished second in the event with a time of 1:50.77 and the Blue Devils took third as sophomore Cam Laney, junior Roby Boggs, junior Sam Effinger and junior John Dennehy finished with a time of 1:53.34.

Rakowicz had a solid finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.05, but was runner-up to South senior Matt Mandel, who won with a state-qualifying time of 1:48.86.

South senior Matt Schmidt was second with a time of 1:56.86 and North sophomore

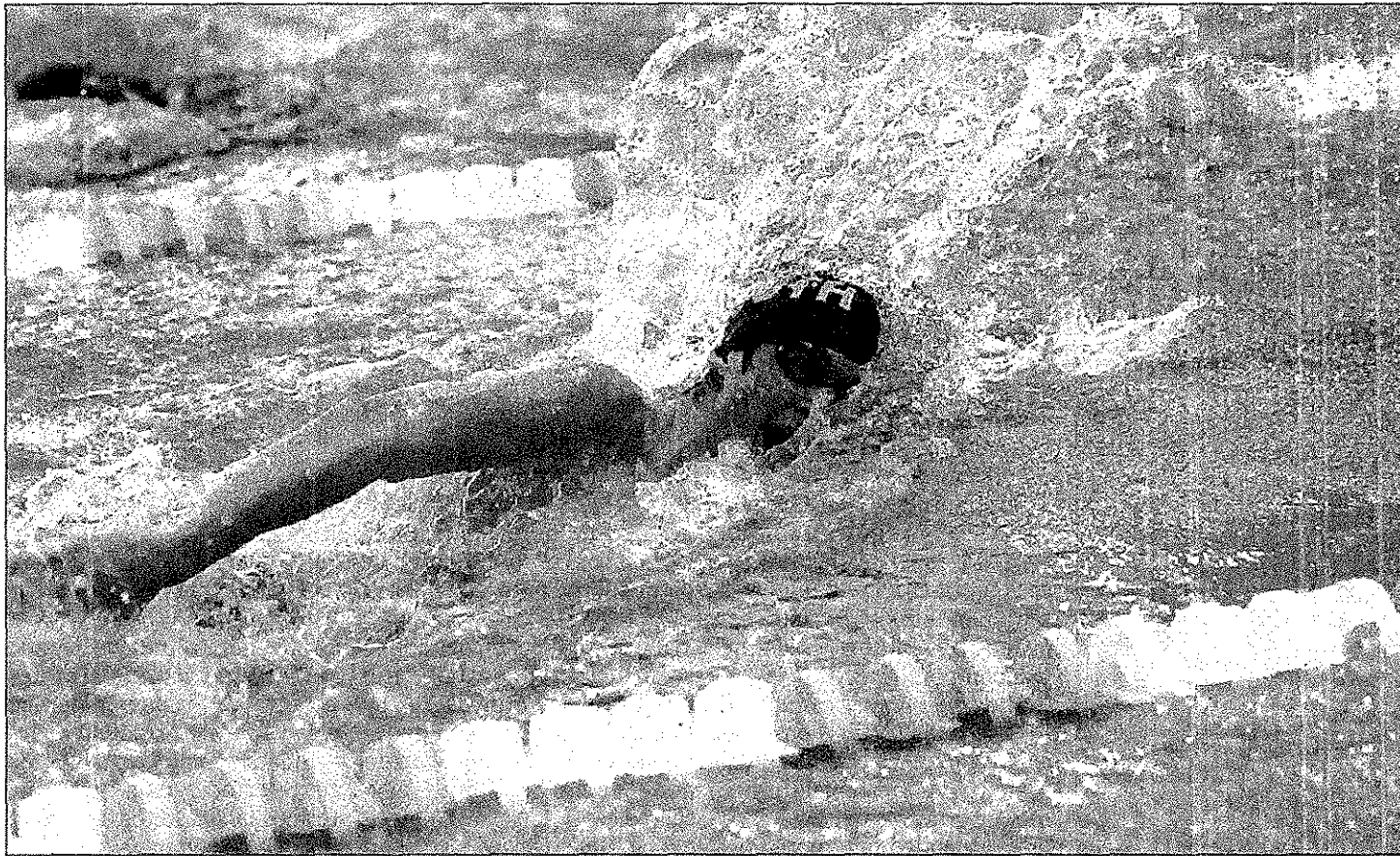


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Matt Mandel of Grosse Pointe South won a couple of events to help Grosse Pointe South beat city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Peter Shea took fourth at 1:58.17.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Campbell cruised to an eight-second win, beating Laney. They had times of 2:07.16 and 2:15.07, respectively, while South sophomore Joe Zampardo and North's Hanna

took third and fourth with times of 2:15.46 and 2:26.86.

Joe Hessburg of South won the 50-yard freestyle at 23.098 and Peyser was a close second at 23.61. South's Cam Johnson and Boggs took third and fourth with times of 23.95 and 24.68.

In the diving competition, the Blue Devils took the top three spots with Kyle Eschenburg winning with 194.18 points, followed by Pat Mulier at 184.05 and Daniel Fisher at 167.93.

North's Stephen Mack and Joshua Garvin had season-best

performances, head coach Mike O'Connor said, earning 150.23 and 142.57 points, respectively.

Mandel won his second event, the 100-yard butterfly, with a time of 57.42. It was just a half-second ahead of teammate Zampardo, who finished

with a time of 58.08.

North senior Robert Tripp and South's Effinger took third and fourth with times of 58.26 and 59.75.

Shook won the 100-yard freestyle with a stunning time of 50.84 and Peyser edged teammate Ryan Seago for second with times of 55.61 and 56.09.

Finishing behind Rakowicz in the 500-freestyle was North sophomore Christian Mellos, who had a time of 5:02.85 and South's Schmidt was third and North's Shea was fourth with times of 5:13.26 and 5:27.33, respectively.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Mandel, Johnson, Luke Hessburg and Joe Hessburg won with a time of 1:36.87, while North's foursome of junior John Kohler, Shea, Rakowicz and Mellos finished second at 1:39.69.


In the final two individual events, Shook won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.11 and Laney captured the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:03.42.

Other top finishers in the backstroke were Campbell, second at 58.65; Tripp, third at 59.83; and Leone, fourth at 1:04.63.

Mellos was second in the breaststroke with a time of 1:04.27, followed by Boggs and

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Girls hockey

RIVALS

Blue Devils too much for rival Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team flexed its muscles last week, beating city rival Liggett 6-1 at City Ice Arena. "I thought it was a well-played game by both teams,"

South head coach Bill Fox said. "It had a good flow to it and we had to make sure we paid close attention to (Paige) Counsman who is an excellent player." Counsman did net the Knights' lone goal, a first-period unassisted tally that at the time made it a 2-1 game.

The Blue Devils' depth was a huge advantage as they were able to score goals by each line. Fox put on the ice and defensively, they held the Knights to only 15 shots on freshman goalkeeper Anastasia Diamond.

"Anastasia held her own against a team that can score a lot of goals," Fox said. "We played one of our best games of the season."

Senior Ana Harris scored midway through the opening period with senior Rae Sklarski and junior Dylanah McColl drawing assists.

A minute later, the Blue Devils struck again as junior Lorna Burns scored with senior Emma Hull assisting.

Counsman's goal made it a tight game heading into the second stanza, which the home team owned, scoring three goals to turn the 2-1 lead into a 5-1 advantage.

Sophomore Claire Boyle scored early in the period with Sklarski and Hull netting assists and the second tally was by junior Elizabeth Clem, assisted by junior Christine Daudlin.

The backbreaker came with 21.9 seconds left in the period as freshman Gabby Hartman scored with freshman Baylee McColl drawing assist.

South added one more goal in the final period when senior Julia Solecki tallied at the 11:24 mark.

The Blue Devils outshot the Knights 31-15, including 12-4



Liggett sophomore Haleigh Bolton, No. 4, and Grosse Pointe South senior Shannon Gianino battle for the puck during the first of two regular season meetings.



Junior Dylanah McColl put herself on the score sheet, assisting on the Blue Devils' first goal of the game against ULS.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get split of Michigan Metro contests

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't easy, but in the end Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team edged Livonia Ladywood 2-0 last week.

The host Norsemen dominated the game, outshot the Blazers by more than a 3-to-1 margin, but still had to hold their breath and hope for the best, thanks to Ladywood's junior goalie, Jessica Pavela.

"We had plenty of shots, but too many were right in the goalie's chest," head coach Scott Dockett said between the second and third periods. "We need to get traffic in front of the net, get a blade on the ice and deflect the puck, something besides a shot right at her."

Junior Kailey Sickmiller scored in the opening period, giving the Norsemen a 1-0 lead. Freshmen Sara Villani

and Catherine McCarthy drew assists.

The Norsemen fired off more than a dozen shots on Pavela in the second period, but had a goose egg on the scoreboard.

With the third period looming, Norsemen sophomore goalie Emma Huellmantel knew she had to stand tall in net because one bad hop could turn the game into a tie and give the Blazers enough mo-

mentum to pull out a win.

It remained a tight game until sophomore Jennifer Cusmano tallied with 4:21 left in the third period with junior Taylor Moody getting an assist.

The defensive trio of freshman Natalie Skorupski, Moody and McCarthy kept the Blazer forwards from getting good scoring chances against Huellmantel, who posted her first shutout of the season.

"We have to find a way to score some more goals because it gets tougher against Cranbrook's goalie (Colleen Jacoby), who is the best in the league," Dockett said.

North traveled to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last weekend in a battle for sole possession of second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings.

The Norsemen played well

enough to win and had a 2-1 lead late in the third period against the Cranes.

However, they couldn't complete the victory as the Cranes scored late in the third period to tie it and Sydney Sakwa scored in the overtime to send the Norsemen home with a 3-2 defeat.

North dipped to 6-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 7-4 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

OT goal wins it

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Even when it looked like defeat was imminent, head coach Scott Lock kept telling his players to keep playing hard.

Lock's words of encouragement paid off as his Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team rallied from a two-goal deficit in the final minutes to beat Farmington 6-5 in overtime last weekend.

The host Norsemen, playing without four of its top six forwards and minus another after a game-misconduct penalty forced him to the bench, scored two goals in the final 5:03 of the third period to force overtime.

Senior standout Matt Lucchese, one of the Norsemen's three captains, won the game with a goal with 1:24 left in the extra session.

Sophomore Joe Aluia had the lone assist.

The Norsemen kept their stranglehold on the series with Farmington, beating them every time in OT.

His teammates mobbed him after the tally and loud cheers were heard from the locker room, celebrating the improbable victory.

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll

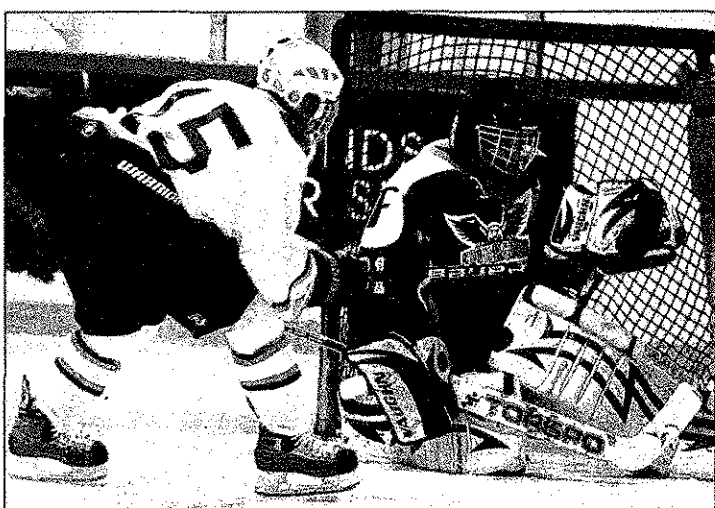


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Junior Shawn Miele takes his best shot against Farmington's goalie during the Norsemen's win.

take a win any time we can," Lock said. "It didn't look good playing without some of our top scorers, but the young guys came through and helped pull out the win."

The Norsemen trailed 5-3 before Lucchese scored off his own rebound with 5:03 left in the game. Aluia and sophomore Scott Dornbrock drew assists.

Less than 90 seconds later, another rush up the ice resulted in the tying goal as Aluia lit the lamp with 3:41 remaining. Lucchese and freshman Brad Werenski had the assists.

The Norsemen even had a power play opportunity in the final two minutes, but Farmington was able to kill it off and send the game to overtime.

Senior Mitch Capp scored a shorthanded goal at the 14:12 mark. He tipped junior Shawn

Miele's shot past the goaltender and senior Alex Tomovski also had an assist.

Farmington scored the next three goals to take away momentum, but in the second stanza, senior Dylan Welke and Capp, on the power play, scored to tie it 3-3. Freshman Brendon Keelan and sophomore Julian Quinlan assisted on Welke's goal, while Dornbrock and Welke assisted on Capp's tally.

Late in the second period, Farmington scored two more goals to retake a two-goal advantage.

Sophomore Chip Wujek earned the win.

The night before, North lost 6-3 to the team it lost to in last year's state semifinal, Howell.

Lucchese scored a goal and sophomore Joe Giordano had two tallies for North, which stands 4-8 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights keep on winning

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The undefeated season almost went up in smoke last week.

The visiting Knights beat host St. Clair 5-4 and had to hold on in the final seconds when the Saints were on the power play and pulled their goalie.

"Funny things happen in sports," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "One bad bounce and it could have been a 5-5 game, but the guys held on, played well in our zone and got the win."

Freshman Mark Auk scored

twice to lead the Knights, which outshot the Saints 47-13.

"We gave up three power play goals, which I'm not happy with, and I don't think we played up to our potential," McIntyre said.

"Yes, we outshot them 47-13, but I thought we could have played better, especially in our own zone."

Earlier in the week, the host Knights demolished Madison Heights Lamphere 10-1. The game ended after the second period due to the mercy rule.

"We jumped all over them," McIntyre said. "Everyone got in on the scoring and we had

a couple of guys who put up big numbers."

Senior Rory Deane had four goals, while senior Dan Zukas and sophomore Jake Hodges chipped in with four assists apiece.

Sophomores David Gushee and Jeff Mott also got in on the offensive blitz, scoring a goal apiece.

The victories extended Liggett's unbeaten streak to 10 games, 9-0-1.

Coming up for the Knights is a road trip Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 23, with games against Mattawan and Portage Northern at the S2 Ice Arena.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net rally, beat host East Kentwood

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team came from behind to beat host East Kentwood 4-0 in the consolation game of last weekend's Kentwood Tournament.

"It was a good come-from-behind win that showed a great

deal of heart," head coach Jamie Bufalino said.

Miles Knight had a monster game, scoring four goals, while Jess Martinelli and Sean Milavec had a goal apiece. Wes Cimmarusti and Jimmy Morris each had two assists. Eric Marshall and Jake Murphy also chipped in with an assist.

In the semifinals, the Blue

Devils lost 5-1 to South Lyon. They were tied 1-1 after the opening period as Morris tallied, assisted by Knight and Nick Monforton.

South Lyon grabbed a 2-1 lead in the second stanza and added three goals in the third period to win and advance to the championship game.

South is 5-7-1 overall.

Girls basketball

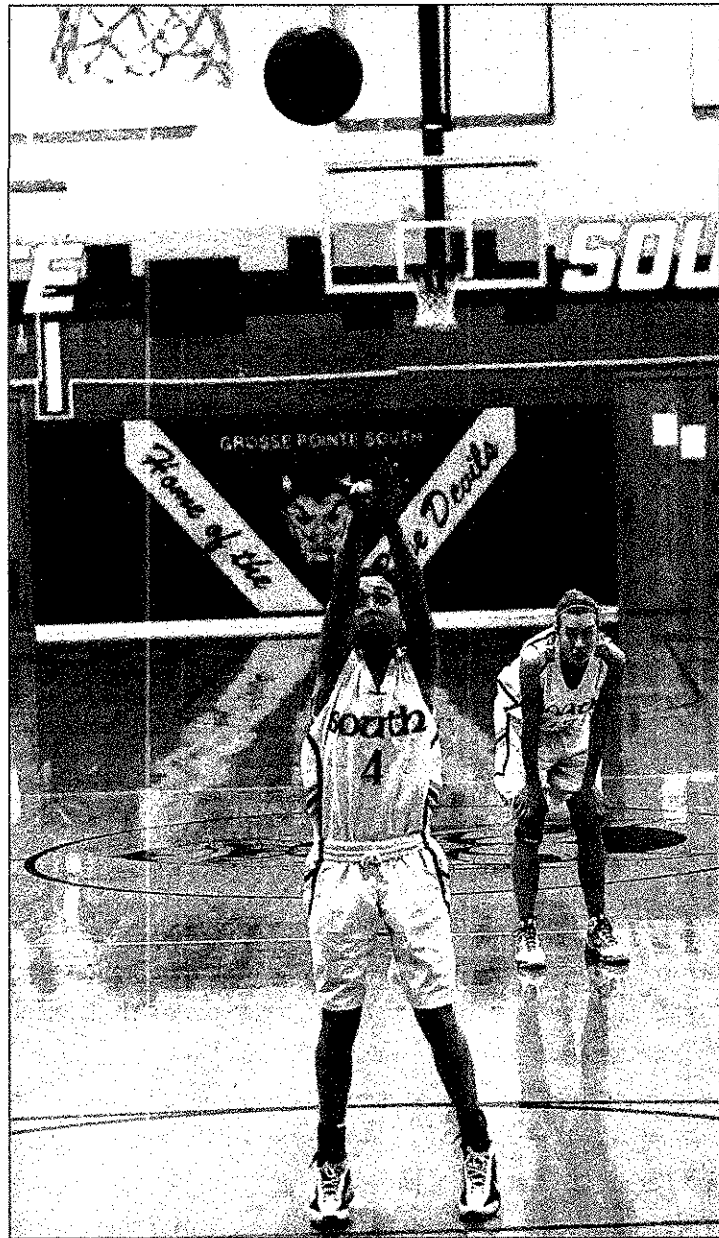
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils hand Lancers first defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team got a leg up

on its division competition last weekend, beating previously unbeaten L'Anse Creuse 54-45. "We got a tremendous effort



Sophomore Carmen Engel, toeing the line for a free-throw attempt against the Lancers, played outstanding defense.

from everyone tonight and beat one of the best teams in the MAC," head coach Kevin Richards said. "Our guards were great tonight and they put a lot of pressure on their guards, forcing turnovers, which helped us out a lot.

"This was a nice win, but we still have to play them at their place, which will be a very tough game."

This first meeting with the visiting Lancers was tough as they led the Blue Devils 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, getting the ball to their all-star center, senior Carlay Stahl.

In the second quarter, senior Chloe Srebernak brought the Blue Devils back from a 20-14 deficit with a basket and sophomore Catherine Palazzolo hit a big bucket as the home team used its pressure defense to pull ahead 23-22 at the half.

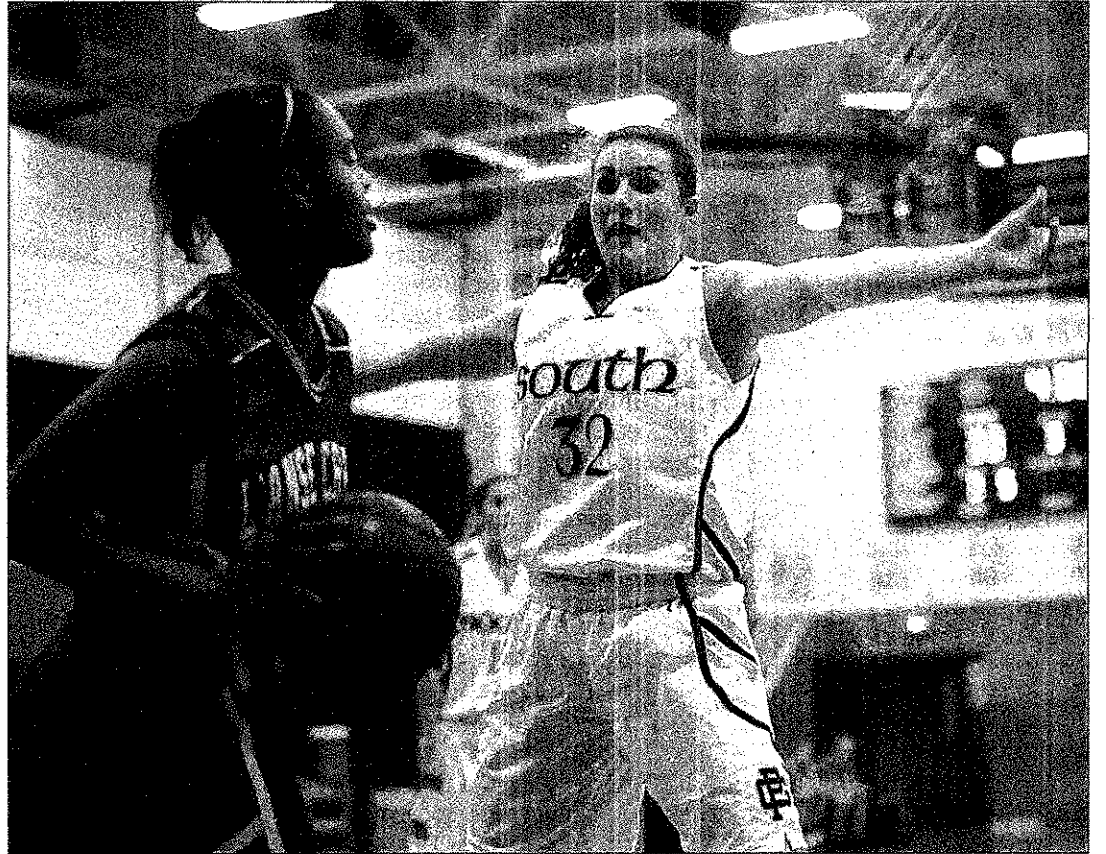
They forced the Lancers into 15 turnovers, but had eight of their own to leave the advantage at a single point.

The Blue Devils put their game into overdrive in the third quarter, outscoring the Lancers 21-14 to take an eight point lead into the final stanza.

During the pivotal third quarter, junior Aisha Rodney was hot, scoring six of her eight points on jump shots from the corner.

Her rebounding was also huge as she helped limit the Lancers to one shot per possession.

"Aisha came alive in the second half and her rebounding was crucial," Richards said. "We didn't let L'Anse Creuse get second shots, which we



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Sophomore Cathy Palazzolo, right, made a couple of key defensive plays and hit a huge hoop to help Grosse Pointe South beat previously unbeaten L'Anse Creuse.

needed to do because they are a very good team."

Everyone stepped up and hit a key basket or made a big defensive play in the final quarter to keep the Lancers at bay.

Freshman Claire DeBoer scored her only basket of the game with 5:43 left and senior Katie Hamm, Srebernak and Rodney hit free throws to help the Blue Devils win round one against the Lancers.

Srebernak had 18 points and six rebounds, while Rodney finished with eight points and 13 rebounds.

The scoring was spread out as Palazzolo finished with six points, followed by sophomore Caitlin Moore with five, Hamm with five, sophomore Carmen Engel with four, freshman Christy Flom with three, senior Taru Madekivi with three and DeBoer with two and seven rebounds.

The Blue Devils forced 27 turnovers and blocked five shots.

Earlier in the week, South blitzed host St. Clair Shores Lakeview 60-32 as it led 22-4 after the first quarter and 41-

20 at the half.

Rodney had 17 points and eight rebounds, while Srebernak had 15 points. DeBoer finished with eight points and eight rebounds, followed by Madekivi with six points and Hamm with five.

"We lost at Lakeview last year and we didn't want that to happen again," Richards said. "We got after them and won a nice road game."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 8-2 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights drop first game to Oakland Christian

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' basketball team suffered its first taste of defeat last week, losing 46-42 to one the best squads in the state, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

"The gym was packed and we came out like gangbusters," head coach Wayne Gigante said "We led nearly the entire game, but tired out in the fourth quarter chasing them around the court.

"I had a lot of fun coaching these girls and this was a great learning experience for us. We see Oakland Christian again at our place."

The visiting Knights led 12-10 after the first quarter and built it to 27-21 at the half. The advantage hit 11 points in the third quarter and could have been 14 if sophomore Madison

'I had a lot of fun coaching these girls and this was a great learning experience.'

WAYNE GIGANTE,
Liggett head basketball coach

Ristovski wasn't whistled for a charging foul on a drive to the lane.

She hit the basket, but the official said it was charging. Oakland Christian hit a three-point basket on its next possession to trim the deficit to eight, instead of potentially being down 14 points.

"That six-point swing, was huge," Gigante said. "We really could have put them in a huge hole, but they got possession of the ball and made the most of it."

The Knights' advantage was

slowly trimmed until the final couple minutes when Oakland Christian was able to grab the lead and eventually pull out a huge win.

Ristovski finished with 22 points, while freshman Julia DeRoo added nine and senior Hannah Baird had seven.

The Knights led 36-32 after the third quarter, but were outscored 14-6 in the final stanza.

Earlier in the week, the Knights won 43-29 at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"They had a big, methodical team that tried to slow down the pace," Gigante said.

Ristovski had 23 points with Baird adding nine. DeRoo had six points and freshman Ariana Castillo had four as Liggett stands 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-1 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Hannah Baird, with ball, had one of her best weeks of the season in the Knights' road games against Lutheran Northwest and Oakland Christian.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team is making quick work of its foes during its eight-game winning streak.

Last week, the Norsemen outscored Utica Eisenhower 28-7 in the first quarter and 42-17 in the opening half, en route to a 59-24 win, then they raced out to a 15-4 first-quarter lead against Utica Ford and a 27-9 halftime lead before winning handily, 56-30.

"We caused a lot of problems for Eisenhower and Ford and the girls played well in each game," head coach Gary Bennett said. "Everyone is getting better and playing better as a team."

Against Ike, senior Ariel Braker had 27 points, eight rebounds, six steals and four assists, while senior Kayla

Womack had 12 points, seven assists and six rebounds.

Junior Micaela Liddane chipped in with five points and four assists against the Eagles, while freshman Taryn Kiah had nine points in the victory over the Falcons.

An 18-8 third quarter gave the Norsemen a commanding 45-17 lead. Most of the Falcons' point came late in the third stanza.

Womack had a game-high 21 points to go with five steals and Braker posted a double-double, netting 14 points and 11 steals. She also had seven rebounds and three blocks.

"We kept the pressure on and forced them (Ford) to turn the ball over," Bennett said.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 8-1 overall.

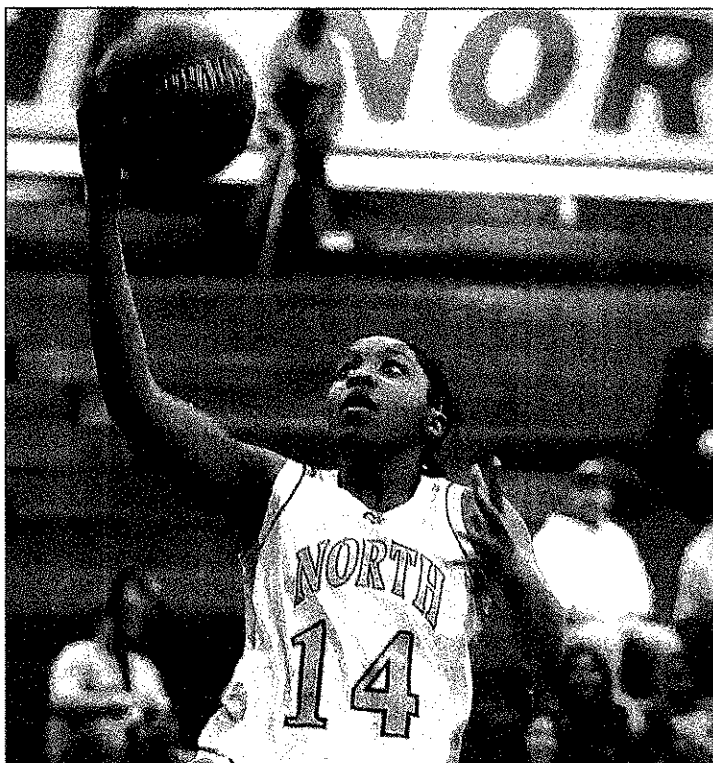


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Senior Kayla Womack goes up for two of her game-high 21 points to help Grosse Pointe North beat Utica Ford in a MAC Red Division game.

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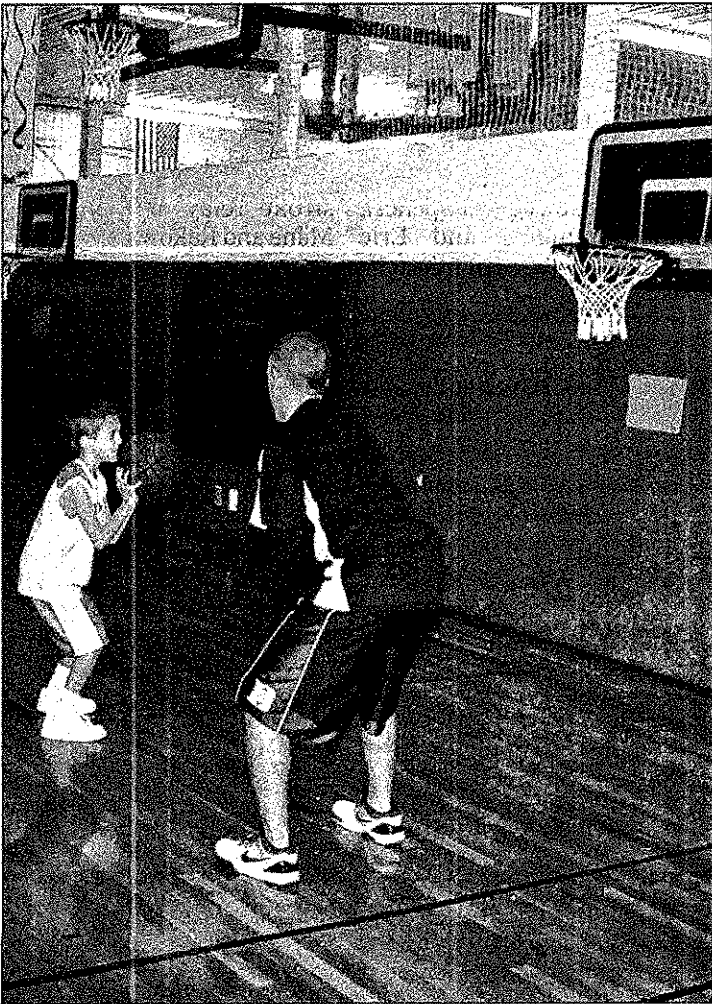
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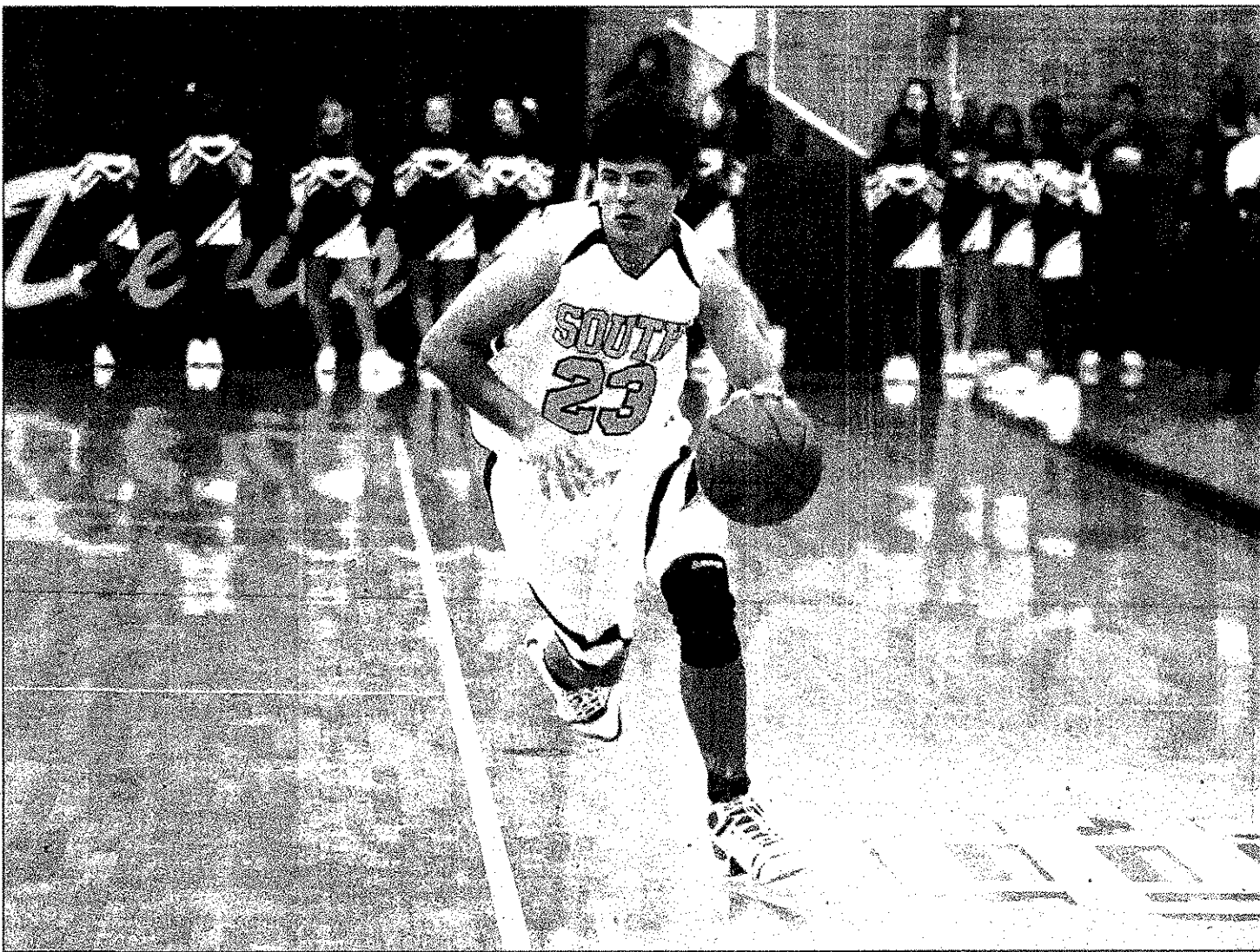


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Run to win

Three Grosse Pointe South boys basketball players scored in double figures to help the Blue Devils beat Port Huron Northern 67-54 last week. Junior Corbet Conroy had 14 points and five rebounds, while senior Jarvis Wise had 12 points, four assists and four rebounds, and junior Alex Bedan added 11 points to help the Blue Devils get a big road win. Head coach Jim Twigg couldn't be happier with his squad's solid execution on the road. Junior Brandon Barkley also chipped in with seven points and three rebounds. Two nights later, the host Blue Devils lost 48-40 to Sterling Heights Stevenson in a game Twigg said was awful. Junior Victor Mattison had 16 points and Conroy 15 as South dipped to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 2-5 overall. Above, junior Ben Fry, shown here in an earlier game this season, has been a driving force behind an improved squad.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen come close to upset

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball had preseason division title favorite Roseville on the ropes last week.

The score was tied at 49 with 2:46 left, but couldn't finish the deal as the host Panthers scored the final six points to send the Norsemen home with a 55-49 defeat.

"It's a disappointing loss," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We lost the game because we couldn't make a layup or a free throw. That's the game right there, free throws and layups. We let this one slip away."

Senior Balazs Juhasz, playing his best game of his career, hit a hoop to give the Norsemen a 49-47 lead with a little more than three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

That would be the Norsemen's final points as the Panthers cranked up the defense, triple-teaming Juhasz in the low-post, forcing two big turnovers down the stretch they converted into the tying and go-ahead scoring opportunities.

The Norsemen shot only 44 percent, 8-of-18, from the foul line and 41 percent, 18-of-44,

from the field. They made five three-point baskets, eight free throws and 13 two-point baskets.

"This is the third game we lost this season because we couldn't make a free throw or layup," Lockhart said. "The guys have to convert those opportunities."

The game was close throughout as the Panthers led 12-10 after the opening quarter and 24-21 at the half.

The Norsemen used Juhasz's 13 third-quarter points to help outscore their hosts 18-15 to force a 39-39 tie heading into the final eight minutes.

"We're getting better and we had some nice performances tonight, but the guys have to win these close games," Lockhart said.

Juhasz had a game-high 22 points and five rebounds, while seniors Bryan Brown and Desmond Malone chipped in with 10 points apiece. For Malone, it was a career-high as a member of the varsity squad.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-6 overall.

The MAC White Division is tight with six teams within one game in the standings.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North senior Balazs Juhasz, No. 23, shown here against Sterling Heights Stevenson, had his best game of the season, scoring 22 points, in the Norsemen's near upset of Roseville.

LIGGETT

Ghafari drops in 20+ in wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' basketball team put its lone loss behind them last week, beating Ann Arbor Greenhills 71-57 and Lutheran Westland 74-54.

"The guys played very well this week and they put the buzzer-beater behind them," head coach Sidney Johnson said.

The visiting Knights came out aggressive against Greenhills, leading 9-2 early. They continued to force

turnovers and built the advantage to 30 points in the second half.

"Greenhills couldn't handle our pressure and we were able to convert turnovers into points," Johnson said. "Our young freshman played well and they were able to get some big minutes they need to get better."

Senior Mark Ghafari had 21 points and sophomore Eddie Thomas added 10 as the Knights earned the road win.

Johnson also pointed out freshman KeVaughn Jackson,

Andrew Zinkel and Drew Jerome played well off the bench.

The game with Lutheran Westland was the Knights' first of five straight home tilts. Their next road game is Feb. 2 against Oakland Christian.

Once again the Knights' pressure defense created easy transition baskets and kept the fans on their feet.

Ghafari was on first, scoring 27 points, including eight straight at one point that turned a slim nine-point lead into a 17-point cushion

Lutheran Westland never recovered from.

Thomas joined senior Joey Shannon and junior Dominic Jamett as double-figure scorers as each had 10 points.

Freshman Eric Ewing also played well and, as Johnson said, is getting more comfortable with his role as the sixth man.

Liggett improved to 5-1 overall and in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Upcoming is a home game Friday, Jan. 22.

Swimming

LIGGETT

Second half surge lifts Knights to victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team beat Hazel Park 101-69 last week, improving to 3-1 overall.

The visiting Knights held a slim four-point lead at the midway point of the meet, but used a strong second half to pull away.

Head coach Mike Mullinger watched Connor Borrego win the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:07.53. Ben Gellman and Mary Nehra had solid times, too, of 2:34.92 and 2:38.36.

Mallory Jamett was second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:24.04 and Jake Osborn was second in the 50-freestyle at 27.33.

Also in the 50-freestyle, Nick Valice was third and Stavros Bricolas fourth with times of 27.54 and 27.70, respectively.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Kara Zmylowski and Osborn finished second and fourth with times of 1:09.95 and 1:21.36, which was a season-best for him.

Brian Gutermuth won the 100-yard freestyle with a personal-best time of 57.03 and

Veeral Patel also had a personal-best time of 1:02.60 to take third.

Jamett cruised to a win in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:34.74 with Gellman taking fourth with a season-best time of 7:05.66.

The Knights' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Borrego, Osborn, Valice and Jamett won with a time of 1:51.01 and the foursome of Alvarro Martinez, Michael Leahy, Morgan Walker and Patel earned valuable points with a second-place time of 1:53.17.

In the 100-yard backstroke,

Zmylowski won with a time of 1:11.55 and Nehra was second at 1:28.01.

The Knights had three top finishers in the 100-yard breaststroke with Gutermuth taking second, Borrego third and Walker fourth with times of 1:15.79, 1:16.63 and 1:25.30.

That really helped the Knights pull away from the Vikings and to put an exclamation mark on the victory, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Jamett, Valice, Gutermuth and Borrego won with a time of 4:06.85 and the squad of Bricolas, Patel, Osborn and Zmylowski took

third at 4:25.03.

Last weekend, Liggett competed in the Hazel Park Relays with the 200-yard rookie relay team of Tori Wuthrich, Martinez, Valice and Jamett winning with a time of 2:12.27.

The 100-yard freestyle relay team of Bricolas, Wuthrich, Martinez and Patel won with a time of 54.44, while the 100-yard breaststroke relay squad of Walker, Patel, Leahy and Valice earned a silver medal with a time of 1:08.58.

The Knights' crescendo relay team of Osborn, Patel, Borrego and Jamett took second with a time of 9:20.01, and

the 100-yard medley relay squad of Osborn, Leahy, Bricolas and Patel was second at 1:01.74.

The 200-yard freestyle rookie relay team of Martinez, Valice, Jamett and Borrego won the gold medal with a time of 1:57.90 and the 800-yard freestyle relay squad of Gellman, Wuthrich, Jamett and Borrego won with a time of 9:18.74.

The Knights' final medal-winning performance was posted by the 200-yard breaststroke team of Walker, Leahy, Valice and Borrego, who was second at 2:25.62.

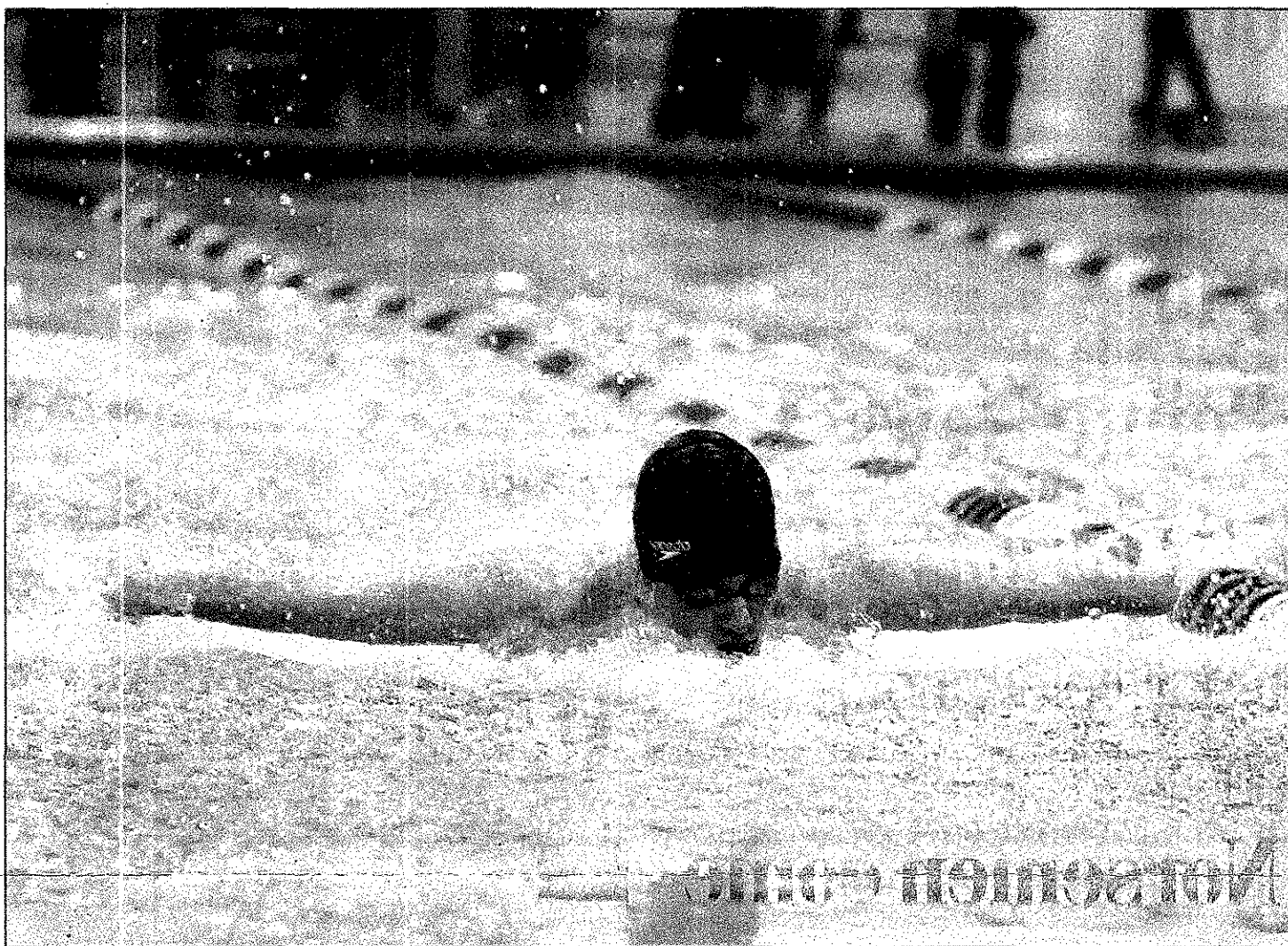


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North's Robert Tripp had a solid meet, but the Norsemen came up short on the scoreboard.

SWIMMING: Rivals post state times

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Day with times of 1:04.92 and 1:13.30.

The Blue Devils put an exclamation mark on the victory by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay as Campbell, Shook, Joe Hessburg and Mandel posted a time of 3:31.80.

The Blue Devils also took second at Luke Hessburg, junior Ryan Graham, Effinger and Schmidt had a time of 3:42.20, and North's Rakowicz, Seago, Tripp and Mellos finished third at 3:45.48.

O'Connor also pointed out several Norsemen posted season-best times. They were Peyser, Kohler, John Hales, Bernardo Simoes and Chris Schoenith in the 50-freestyle; Peyser, Seago, Shea, Alex Fly, Michael Reith, James Spencer, Dan Santalucia and Eric Reardon in the 100-freestyle; Shea and Michael Seago in the 200-freestyle; Mellos and Eliot Rentenbach in the 500-freestyle; Hanna, Louie

Saravolatz and Peter Cherry in the 100-butterfly; and Leone in the 200-IM.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 5-0 overall; North dropped to 1-1 in the Red Division and 3-1 overall.

Last weekend, North finished fourth in the Romeo Relays. Romeo won with 128 points, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson with 124, St. Clair with 118 and North with 116.

The Norsemen won five of the 12 events, including Tommy Milne, Tripp, Shea and Ryan Seago winning the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The 200-yard butterfly relay of Hanna, Tripp, Louie Saravolatz and Scott Adelson placed first, as did the 500-decrescendo relay of Rakowicz, Mellos, Shea and Peyser.

The 200-yard backstroke relay of Tripp, Scott Adelson, Saravolatz and Peyser took first and the 200-yard breaststroke relay of Mellos, Fly, Milne and Rakowicz.

North established new meet records in the 500-yard decrescendo, 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke relays.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Unified teams takes fourth

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team placed sixth out of 15 teams in last weekend's Farmington Invitational.

The squad broke its school record for team score with 138.3, competing against the best the state has to offer.

The girls started the meet on beam with three placing in the top 10. Madi Kaiser won the beam for Division 2 with a 9.2, while Lauren Krieger was third with a 9.1 and Emma Abessinio tied for ninth with an 8.85.

Other standouts in the event were Sarah Fentin and Heather Koresky, who scored an 8.35 and 8.45, respectively.

Fentin tied for eighth on the floor exercise with an 8.85 and Kaiser and Aubryn Samaroo tied for 10th with an 8.8 to lead the squad.

Koresky had an 8.5, while Krieger was able to earn an 8.75 from the judges.

On the vault, Kraiser and Fentin led the team with an 8.55 and 8.5, respectively, while Abessinio and Samaroo had an 8.4. Koresky also competed on vault and finished with an 8.45.

The final event was the bars and head coach Cathy Hubmeier said her gymnasts remained focused with two taking top-10 honors.

Abessinio was fourth with an 8.8 and Kaiser was 10th with

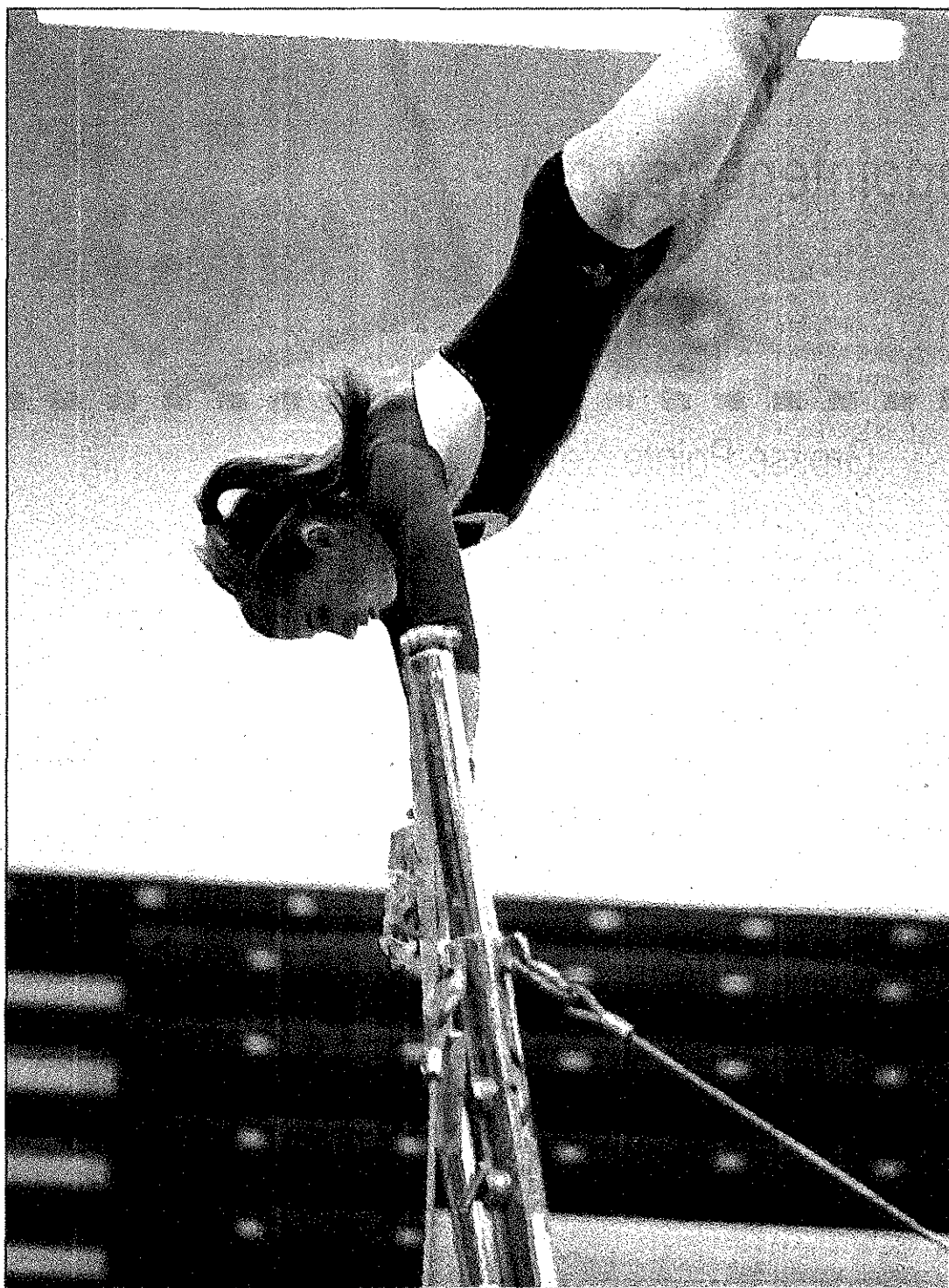


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Freshman Emma Abessinio performs her routines on the bars, taking fourth with an 8.8.

an 8.45. Others who performed on the bars were Fentin with an 8.2, Koresky with an 8.15 and Brittany Rizzo with a 7.85.

"All of the girls performed extremely well on all of the events," Hubmeier said. "The girls were so focused and de-

termined and they enjoyed themselves."

Kaiser placed seventh in the all-around standings.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils tie for division lead

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team won two more division matchups last week, beating Center Line 54-30 and Clawson 66-18.

The Blue Devils managed to easily win, despite voiding two weight classes.

Last weekend, head coach Pat O'Donnell and the Blue Devils were again shorthanded and lost 4-of-5 matches in the Grosse Pointe North Invitational.

They beat Sterling Heights

Stevenson in a tiebreaker, but lost to Grosse Pointe North, Walled Lake Central, Utica Eisenhower and Warren DeLaSalle.

In the past seven matches, Reggie Lewis has been on fire, posting a 7-0 mark, while Sergio Rodriguez, Alex Romer and Neil Leising are right behind with 6-1 records.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 4-0 in the MAC Gold and 6-12 overall.

— Bob St. John

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Local athlete earns gridiron accolade

Grosse Pointe Farms' Jack Fry earned Most Valuable Player honors at the Football University Youth All-American Bowl played Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

As the M.V.P. of the West team in the bowl's seventh-grade game, Fry led a defense that yielded just 42 rushing yards on 19 attempts (2.2 yards per attempt) in a 21-14 defeat.

The East team dominated all three games — 7th grade, 8th grade and 8th grade unlimited weight game.

These athletes were selected from around the United States and Canada by the selection committee, which consisted of All American Games, LLC (formerly SportsLink) staff and

scouts and coaches from across the country.

Football University, the nation's premier football camp for middle and prep school talent, is the sponsor of the event. The Football University Youth All-American Bowl was web-cast live at FootballUniversity.org.

The FBU Youth All-American Bowl celebrates the top young talent in the nation, across leagues and affiliations. Players in the 2009 FBU Youth All-American Bowl were already receiving interest from major college programs and even scholarship offers in 8th grade.

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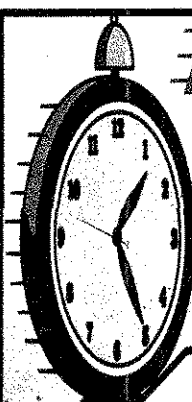
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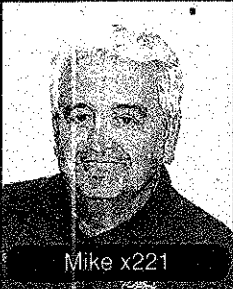
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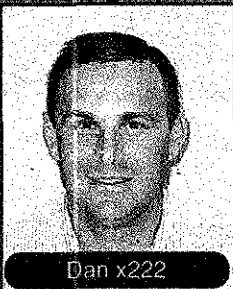
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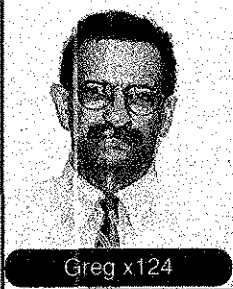
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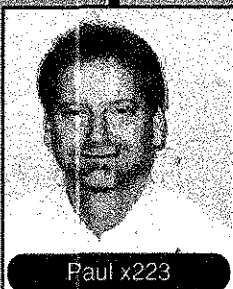
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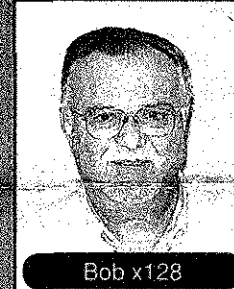
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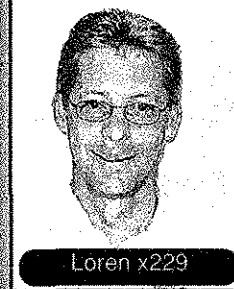
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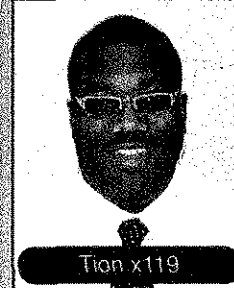
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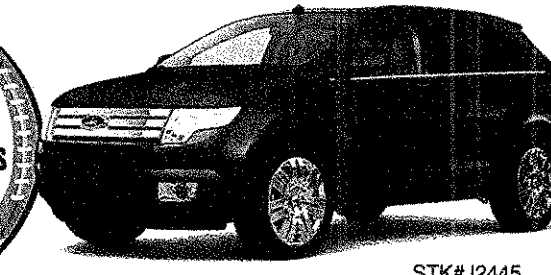
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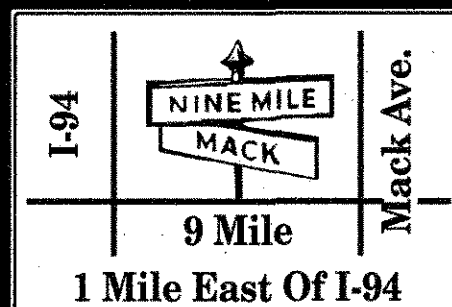
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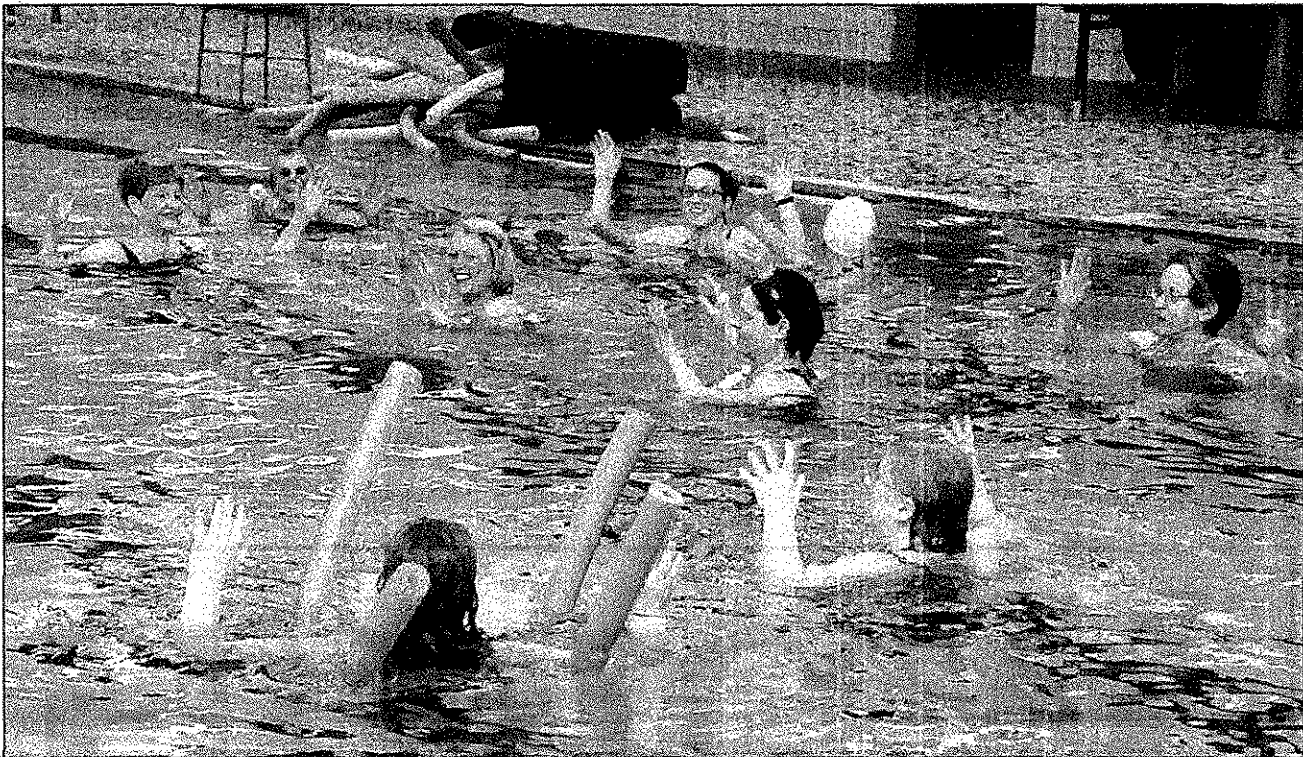
Different strokes

Swimming opportunities keep minds off winter

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

When winter's chill beckons blanketed idleness and a farewell to well-intentioned resolutions, strive to shed those lounge pants and snug fleece for something a little less limiting. A swim suit. Whether searching for new — or improved — skills, an approach to better health or a way to assure kept resolutions, indoor pools throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System are a perfect tool. From sunrise swim to scuba diving, the possibilities for watery fun and fitness are endless when icy temps creep in and stay awhile.

Forty-five classes offer something for every age and every level: Little ones learn to blow bubbles, adults practice coordination with synchronized swimming and aspiring lifeguards train for summer months at the park. "It's nice to have an indoor option for exercise in the cold winter days of Michigan," said Arnette Jordan II, who runs the program. "Our most popular classes are our lap swims. We have committed followers that attended these classes year after year." A new opportunity Jordan says has sparked interest is the Aqua Dynamics classes. Water workouts are performed to upbeat music and exercises are adaptable to various fitness levels. Swimmers can choose to add resistance devices. "They are low impact, however, help people who want to become active. They are also low cost," Jordan added. Courses range from \$35 for Aqua Dynamics to \$225 for water safety instruction and are held different days



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Above, swimmers in the adult Aqua Dynamics class work out in the water to upbeat music and can choose to add resistance devices. Here, they try jumping jacks and work on refining abdominal muscles. Top left, Molly Bennett uses the swim barbells to strengthen her legs and learn to hold her breath under water.



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The Grace Thrift Shop is closing Tuesday, Jan. 26, after serving the community 42 years.

Thrift Shop closes doors Jan. 26

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The 42-year-old Grace Church Thrift Shop is closing for good Tuesday, Jan. 26.

"We are all grieving," said the Rev. Margo Allen.

The facility is closing for two reasons, competition and age of the women running the shop in the church's basement at 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

The two women who maintain the shop are now in their 80s, Allen said. One woman relies on Allen for transportation. The other walks from Beaconsfield, sometimes in the street due to dangerous sidewalk conditions. Additionally, the steps to the basement are difficult for the two to navigate, she added.

"This was not just a benefit to Grace. It was fundraising for Grace and the opportunity to support other charities."

MARGO ALLEN,
Grace United Church of Christ

The thrift shop's competition comes from two nearby resale shops, The Full Circle and St. Vincent De Paul.

It was open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and for the past two years Saturdays during market days in the Park. The shop offers clothing for all ages, household items, books, seasonal decorations, toys and record albums.

Every now and then, collections would land in the thrift shop.

"We still have a bell collection. Collections

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Jewish dietary laws practical

One of the great misconceptions is that the Jewish dietary laws (kashrut or kosher) were instituted for health reasons. The Bible (Leviticus 11:44-45) explains the reason for the dietary laws in simple, direct language:

"For I am the Lord your God! Therefore sanctify yourselves and be holy... for I am the Lord that brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy."

Over the centuries, people have advanced what they considered logical and practical reasons for these laws. Many considered certain meats (pork) not to be kosher because they carried disease — trichinosis. Of course, Jews knew no more about the causes of disease than any other people of their times.

The rabbis of the Talmud and later times were quite content to go no further than the Bible in explaining the origin of dietary laws. They classified laws in two ways: Chukim, laws which must be obeyed because they were dictated by God and have no other reason, and Mishpotim, laws which are set up by man for practical reasons such as legislation in our congress.

Despite this, the propensity to question has remained.

The 13th century physician and philosopher, Maimonides, concluded we are trained to master our appetites, to restrain our desires and to avoid the pleasures of eating and drinking as the goal of man's existence.

One additional value of the dietary laws is reflected in attitudes of the early rabbis. They believed the goal of Jewish survival was separation; holiness means being separate. Being a holy people, to them, meant being a people apart.

Adhering to the dietary laws keeps the observant Jew apart from others. He cannot mingle freely because socializing together often means dining together. And the rabbis, taking this point to the outer limits, noted in effect, that if we cannot eat with them, our sons will not marry their daughters and Judaism will be preserved.

Other aspects of the dietary laws are more complex, but continue to remind the Jews of

their roots and lessen the possibility of assimilation into other populations. The word kosher actually means "good and proper." It was applied to ritual objects and also used to describe witnesses who are "fit and proper" (competent) to testify in a court of law.

This is a very cursory discussion, but should provide some insight into the idea of kosher foods, etc. By all means, enjoy kosher foods whether you are or are not Jewish. Anyone for a corned beef sandwich or some pastrami?

Skully is president of the Grosse Pointe Minister's Association and cantor of Beth Tephilath Moses.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Empty bowls

Decorate a bowl for Empty Bowls from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. A pizza dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

To decorate a bowl for the event, visit emptybowls.net. Reservations must be made by calling (586) 779-6111 or visiting bmellos@hotmail.com.

All bowls and paint are provided.

The decorated bowls are used for the Sunday, Feb. 28, fundraiser for Gleaners Community Food Bank.

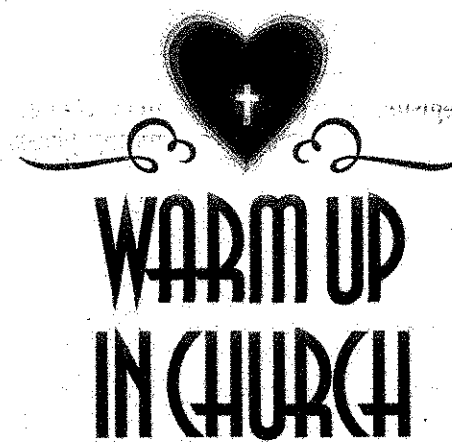
Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Mens' Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Peter Richard Yeager of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

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Poets Follies

Poets Follies hosts readings by Christopher Leland and Ed Morin from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Leland lives in Detroit and teaches at Wayne State University.

Morin has written two books of poetry.

There is an open mic.

For more information, call (313) 886-2051 or e-mail sschneider@marickpress.com.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Louis Prues gives a "Retirement Home Overview."

Lobbying Congress

"Discover the Ins & Outs of Lobbying in Congress," from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Presenter David Dulio talks about the role of lobbyists, the importance of money in lobbying, the strategies and tactics lobbyists employ and what they hope to achieve. The event challenges conventional wisdom about lobbying and how Americans think about this element of American government.

It is repeated Wednesday, March 10, at the War Memorial.

The cost is \$22. To register, call (313) 881-7511.

Point of Relevance

Point of Relevance hosts

Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel of the non-profit Thomas More Law Center, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

His topic is "Muslim Shariah Law and the Dangers it Poses to Our Liberty and Sovereignty."

The law center promotes and defends America's Christian heritage and moral values.

The event is free.

For more information about Point of Relevance, call (313) 670-8405.

Parkinson Support Group

The Eastside Parkinson Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunnydale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Speech therapist Tamara Baubie is the speaker and discusses Parkinson's effect on the voice.

Caregivers, those afflicted with Parkinson's and family members are invited.

For more information, call (313) 884-5778.

Classic book lecture

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts "Looking for Love in Augustine's Confessions" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is \$10.

Theresa Tinkle of the University of Michigan discusses a human and fallible man looking for love in all the wrong places before he finds the love in God. She is a professor in the English language and literature department.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.



Theresa Tinkle

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts Olga Tecos of Areté Therapeutic Wellness Spa & Café Thursday, Jan. 28, at Lochmoor Club.

Socializing is at 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. and the program from 7:45 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members.

For more information, call Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Antique Road Show

Grosse Pointe's Own Antique Road Show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Area experts in textiles, vintage clothing and costumes, period furniture, fine art, folk art, clocks and music boxes, jewelry, precious and semi-precious stones, glass and fine decorative accessories and antique books and prints will be on hand.

Appraisals are made on-site in the Fries Ballroom and are not legally binding.

Participants may bring only items which can be carried. No weapons are allowed.

The cost is \$8 per item with a maximum of six items.

For more information, call



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A new citizen

The Detroit Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists observed the Christmas season with a brunch at the home of regent, Andrea Weyhing of Grosse Pointe Farms, left, and presented a certificate to Gerley Dahonan Weyhing, center, for her American citizen naturalization. She is the daughter-in-law of Andrea Weyhing. At right is Barbara Allison of Fowlerville, Michigan State Regent of DAC. The object of DAC is patriotic, historical and educational to research the history and deeds of the American colonists, and to record and publish them; to commemorate deeds of colonial interest; to inculcate and foster love of the United States of America and its institutions by all its residents; and to obey its laws and venerate its flag, the emblem of its power and civic righteousness.

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Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club offers a variety of classes for Grosse Pointe residents.

After-school golf

An after-school golf academy is offered to children in grades K-5. They will learn grip, stance, swing fundamentals and the basics of the long and short game.

Returning students strengthen existing skills and learn new techniques. Each participant receives a junior golf T-shirt.

The four classes are from 7 to 8 p.m. and cost \$90.

Classes at Mason

Elementary School are Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 26 — Feb. 9.

Classes at Trombley Elementary School are Wednesdays, Feb. 24 — March 17.

Chess club

Chess club after school classes are for children in grades 1-5 and include instruction, practice time and competitions.

All students receive a trophy during a tournament held during the last class. Reference and workbooks are optional and available for purchase only in class.

Classes at Kerby and Poupart elementary schools are from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.,

Mondays, Jan. 25 — April 12.

Classes at Mair and Ferry elementary schools are from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 26 — April 13.

Classes at Mason and Trombley elementary schools are from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 27 — April 21.

Classes at Monteith, Richard and Defer elementary schools are from 3:34 to 4:45 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 28 — April 15.

The cost is \$125 for the 10 week class.

Preschool for Puppies

The Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club and the Neighborhood Club offer Puppy Preschool for puppies 3-5 months old from 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 26 — March 9. Socialization, introduction to obedience, grooming and problem-solving are taught. Participants should bring the puppy, shot records, 6-foot leather lead and a buckle collar the first night.

Children at least 12 years old may train as long as a parent or guardian is registered and remains in attendance.

The six-week class costs \$72 and are held in the Monteith Elementary School gym.

Youth Volleyball

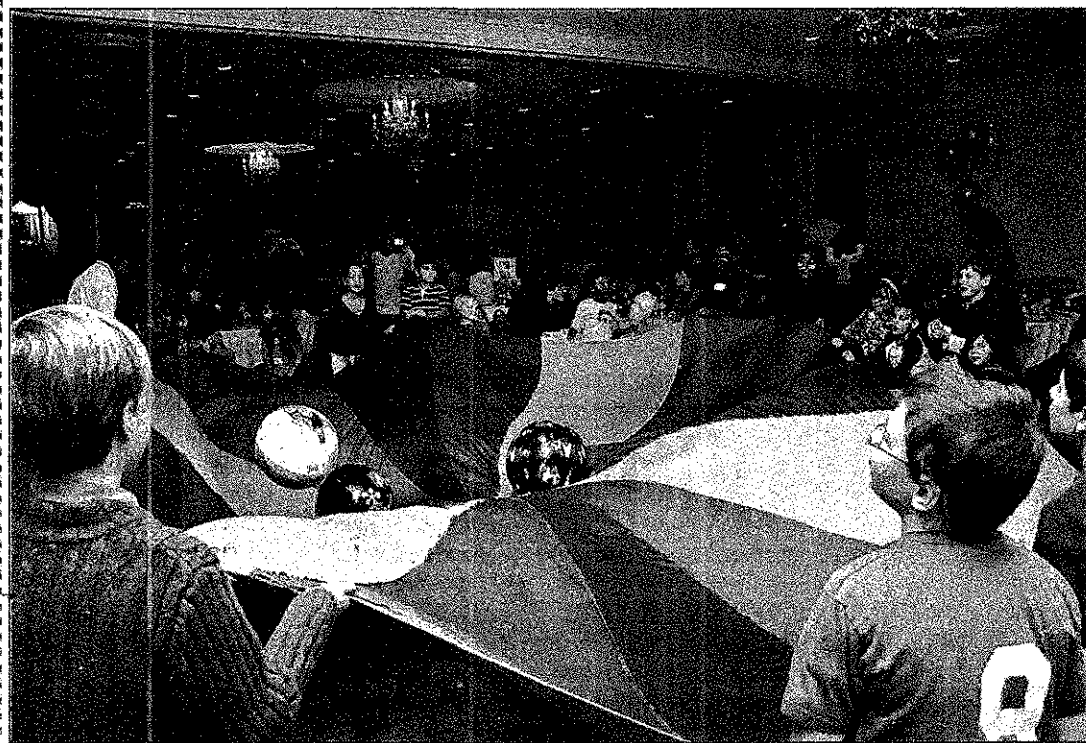
Teams have one practice and one game per week, Feb. 22 through April 30 at Brownell Middle School. One-hour games and practices are on weekday evenings for children in grades third through eighth.

The cost is \$110. Registration deadline is Jan. 28.

Registration for any of the aforementioned classes can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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



Much to celebrate

Families commemorated survival of their children and siblings at the Van Elslander Cancer Center "Celebrate Life" event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The carnival-style party honored young cancer survivors, from

newborns up to age 18, some still undergoing treatment. The 11-year-old event helps families with a child in treatment meet those who have gone through the same experience. At top, the children shake a giant parachute to make beach balls fly up and down to the beat of the music. Above right,



Phloourscent Phred demonstrates a bubbly science experiment made from dry ice, soap and magic. Left, Grosse Pointe Park 5-year-old Jack Reeber plays with the basket of pirate paraphernalia he won in the raffle. He participates in a Styrofoam sword fight with Dr. Adonis Lorenzana, one of the oncology pediatrics at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The Trombley Elementary School student has two years left of treatment for Acute Lymphatic Leukemia.



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Quilt exhibit at Ford House

The exhibit, "Pieced Together: Inspirations in Collages and Quilts," can be seen at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, from Feb. 6 through March 28.

The works of Suzanne Marshall and Eleanor Winters are showcased.

Marshall creates traditional quilted works of art reflecting international people, places and events.

Winters creates small scale works of paper and calligraphy inspired by traditional quilt designs and European cathedrals' stained glass windows.

Marshall leads "Don't Bug Me!", a design and appliqué workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Participants design a bug block using an assortment of bug, flower and leaf patterns and appliquéd on an originally designed block. The cost is \$55 for Ford House members and



Arabesque, an intricately sewn quilt, is on exhibit during February and March at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

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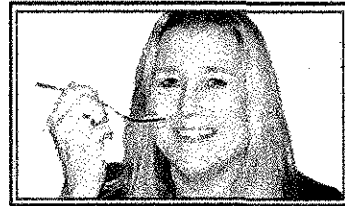
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Creating food for sampling



The National Football League playoffs are a great time to try new recipes. While the family gathers around the television on weekend afternoons, I make creations in the kitchen for the fans to sample.

This week, I tried my hand at focaccia bread, for beginners. (That means I started with store-bought pizza dough.) While olive oil, salt and rosemary are traditional toppings for the Italian flat bread, you can finish yours with anything you like.

Focaccia Bread for Beginners

1 lb. pizza dough
5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
1 to 2 teaspoons coarse sea salt
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

Roll the dough into a 10-by-13 (or so) rectangle and fit it into a rimmed baking sheet of the same size. Brush the dough with 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Cover lightly with plastic wrap and allow to rest (and slightly rise) for about an hour.



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Start with pizza dough with this focaccia bread for beginners.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Remove the plastic and use the handle of a wooden spoon (or your finger) to poke holes (in rows) in the dough. Brush another 2 tablespoons (or more) of olive oil over the dough, allowing it to seep into the holes.

Sprinkle salt evenly all over the dough (to taste) and scatter the fresh rosemary. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until a deep golden brown. (Bake time will depend on how hot your oven runs.) Lightly brush the just baked focaccia with the remaining tablespoon of olive oil.

I made a second focaccia round and baked it on a pizza

stone. I topped it with a layer of shredded mozzarella (just a bit), thin tomato slices (seasoned with salt and pepper), a generous sprinkle of grated Parmesan and a pinch of dried oregano and dried basil. Yummy.

My third and final focaccia (rectangular) was topped with a blend of shredded Italian cheeses, fresh oregano and a little salt around the edge.

Cut the focaccia into wedges or squares and arrange them on a platter for everyone to share.

This delicious bread goes great with soup and salad or as a snack all by itself.

Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE JAN. 17, 1985 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1985: Accident shorts out the Farms

Farms police and firefighters were a busy lot during Monday morning's snowstorm, both fighting a fire in the Shores and helping clear an accident on Grosse Pointe Blvd. and Lewiston that left parts of the Farms without power for about an hour. According to reports, the driver of this large truck was backing into a driveway at St. Paul's School when he accidentally knocked down a high tension pole. No one was injured and no tickets were issued, according to the police. To add a bit of irony to the situation, it was learned that Monday was the driver's first day on the route.

1960

50 years ago this week

◆ EXPANSION PLANS DEALT

BLOW: The Council of the City of Grosse Pointe voted 5 to 1 to rescind its action of June 22 when it granted an exception to the zoning ordinance that would allow the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to erect a new church. According to a statement, the church is consulting with its attorneys to determine further action.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ EARLY MORNING FIRE:

A pre-dawn two-alarm blaze on Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Shores kept firefighting crews from the Shores and Farms busy. The fire, which originated in the basement, was called in about 6 a.m., allowing both cities to provide two separate shifts to the scene. Fire officials say smoke detectors were instrumental in helping the family escape the house which was eventually destroyed during the five-hour fire.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ FARMS APPROVED COTTAGE

SITE PLANS: The Grosse Pointe Farms

City Council gave the go-ahead needed for the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services to proceed with its plan to build a cancer center at the Cottage campus at the corner of Kercheval and Muir.

The cancer center would be about 7,000 square feet of which 4,400 would be new construction. It would be accessed from the front of the hospital.

Construction should begin within three months and take 12 to 15 months to complete.

◆ SHORES POLICE GET NEW HAND-

GUNS: The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department has replaced its older model 9 mm semiautomatic handguns with newer, more powerful .45 caliber handguns.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **WILDLIFE CHILLS:** It has been thought to be more of a symbol of the wild west and not of a Midwest suburban country club, but a coyote has made himself a home on the grounds of the Lochmoor Club.

"He's been living on our grounds for the past eight to 12 months," said Robert Russo, building manager of the club.

According to Tim Payne, a biologist with the state Department of Natural Resources, coyotes are not a threat to humans, however, "when a coyote starts losing its fear of humans, then it can cause trouble."

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Develop motor skills with fun, games



As pediatric physical and occupational therapists, we are often asked "What types of activities are best to prepare my child for kindergarten?"

We believe by building a good foundation of gross and fine motor skills, children will be better prepared for the expectations of kindergarten and beyond.

Good gross motor skills provide strength, balance and coordination in the body, arms

and legs that is needed to support fine motor control; e.g. sitting at a desk to color or write.

Ideas to promote gross motor development:

- ◆ Painting or coloring with chalk on a large easel, drawing/coloring with sidewalk chalk on cement and/or using soap crayons in the bathtub (these activities use more whole arm movement)
- ◆ Digging in the dirt or sand
- ◆ Jumping, galloping, skipping
- ◆ Climbing, hanging, swinging, etc. on playground equipment
- Fine motor coordination skills continue to become more refined as children progress through kindergarten.

SAVE THE DATE:

MAKING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION INTO KINDERGARTEN — A SPECIAL FOLLOW UP TO THE FAMILY CENTER'S PAST FALL "KINDERGARTEN: GET READY!!" PRESENTATION.

7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 2
Barnes Early Childhood Center
20090 Morningside Dr.
Grosse Pointe Woods
Cost: \$5 per person
RSVP by Jan. 26 by calling (313) 432-3832 or info@familycenterweb.org

Ideas to promote fine motor development:

- ◆ Hand/finger strengthening

activities

- ◆ Molding and cutting Play-dough to make different imaginative things
- ◆ Building with resistive type blocks e.g. LEGOs
- ◆ Squeezing a squirt bottle to erase the chalk drawings from the sidewalk or easel
- ◆ Playing with resistive type toys; e.g. Velcro, toy fruits and vegetables, LEGOs
- ◆ Crumple paper and throw into trash (use trash can as a target for more fun!)

Two handed activities

- ◆ Stringing beads of different sizes, big to smaller, on pipe cleaners or shoe laces
- ◆ Hold piece of paper with one hand and use other hand to snip with child scissors.

- ◆ Pull-apart toys; e.g. LEGOs

- ◆ Ripping paper to be put in the trash

Grasp skills

- ◆ Coloring with small pieces of chalk or crayons (break them down from their original size)
- ◆ Picking up small food items such as Cheerios, raisins, M&M's, etc. with pointer finger and thumb
- ◆ Pushing small objects into Play-dough and then dig them out
- ◆ Lite Brite

Most importantly explore, be creative and have fun with your child's development!

Tavalieri is a licensed pedi-

atric physical therapist and co-founder of Pediatric Potentials LLC in St Clair Shores. Schmakel is a licensed pediatric occupational therapist and co-founder of Pediatric Potentials LLC in St Clair Shores.

The Family Center, a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals.

To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Face-time vs. Facebook: U r not ur daughter's BFF

The so-called "social media," such as Facebook, have made it harder, not easier, for mothers and daughter to remain connected.

With that in mind, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods is sponsoring an "Ask the Experts" presentation, "Face-time vs. Facebook: A Conversation for Mothers and Daughters," at 7 p.m.,

Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Grosse Pointe Academy Fieldhouse.

Social Worker Sean Hogan-Downey will answer five key questions facing mothers and daughters today:

- ◆ How can we be connected in this digital age?
- ◆ Should mothers and daughters be BFFs?
- ◆ How should I react to situations so my daughter will listen?

◆ Privacy: Is it ever OK to "un-friend" my mom?

◆ "I'm not yelling at you, I'm just talking to you" — does this sound like you?

"Is your daughter texting instead of talking to you?," Hogan-Downey asks. "Come and learn how to increase face-time and healthy communication skills."

Hogan-Downey is a licensed master social worker and marriage and family therapist. She has been in clinical practice for more than 30 years and has worked at The Grosse Pointe Academy as staff consultant and school counselor for more than 10 years. She is a member of the The Family Center's Association of Professionals and its Youth Program Planning Committee.

"In this digital age, face-time has become very limited," Hogan-Downey says. "Mothers on their cell phones, daughters on their PDA find it difficult to make time for one another. Connection is a lifeline for daughters. Mothers are often the closest human connection to them trying to figure out how to become an adult."

That said, Hogan-Downey



Sean Hogan-Downey

reminds mothers, "You are not your daughter's BFF."

Hogan-Downey also discusses "smothering" and "helicopter parenting" and how to effectively provide "backbone parenting" without alienating

your daughter.

"Navigating between girl world and parent planet is a daunting task," she says. "Daughters need mothers who set limits with appropriate consequences and are consistent with them."

Admission is free. Make reservations prior to Monday, Feb. 1, by calling (313) 432-3832 or via e-mail at info@familycenterweb.org.

"Face-time vs. Facebook" is presented in partnership with The Grosse Pointe Academy Parents Coordinating Council, CARE, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, Women's Center, Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, visit familycenterweb.org.

Kindergarten success

Is your child ready for kindergarten?

Does she or he have the skills necessary to succeed?

Those questions and many more will be addressed at "Kindergarten Part 2: Making a Successful Transition into Kindergarten" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2. The event is sponsored by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods and hosted by the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

A follow-up presentation to last fall's "Kindergarten: Get Ready!!," this "Ask the Experts" program is designed to provide parents and professionals with strategies to facilitate the skills preschoolers need to be successful in kindergarten.

A panel of experts will focus on four critical categories:

- ◆ Academic and cognitive skills,
- ◆ Social, emotional and behavioral readiness,
- ◆ Communication and language skills, and
- ◆ Fine and gross motor skills.

Panelists are Beth Moran, Lori Warner, Gina Schmakel, Donna Tavalieri and Lisa Domas.

Moran is an early childhood teacher at Barnes Early Childhood. She taught kindergarten and first and third grades in Highland Park before joining the Grosse Pointe Public School System in 1998. Moran discusses what skills children should have at given ages and answers the big question, "How can I teach my child the academic skills and still make it fun?"

Warner is a licensed psychologist and director of the HOPE Center, Center for Human

"Kindergarten: Part 2"

7 to 9 p.m., Tues. Feb. 2.
Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.
Make reservations by Wednesday, Jan. 26
Call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or E-mail to info@familycenterweb.org.
A \$5 admission fee is collected at the door.

Development at William Beaumont Hospital in Berkley. The HOPE Center houses Beaumont's autism treatment programs and is part of the Center for Human Development.

She discusses whether to wait before enrolling late birth date children in kindergarten, key social and emotional skills needed in kindergarten and what parents can expect their children to learn in terms of social and emotional growth in kindergarten.

Panelists Tavalieri and Schmakel are co-founders of Pediatric Potentials L.L.C. in St Clair Shores. Tavalieri is a licensed pediatric physical therapist and Schmakel is a licensed pediatric occupational therapist. They present ideas on how to promote gross and fine motor skills.

Domas is a speech-language pathologist at Barnes Early Childhood and assesses and plans therapy programs for 24- to 36-month-old toddlers in need of speech and language intervention in Grosse Pointe. She shares activities parents can do with their children to develop language skills.

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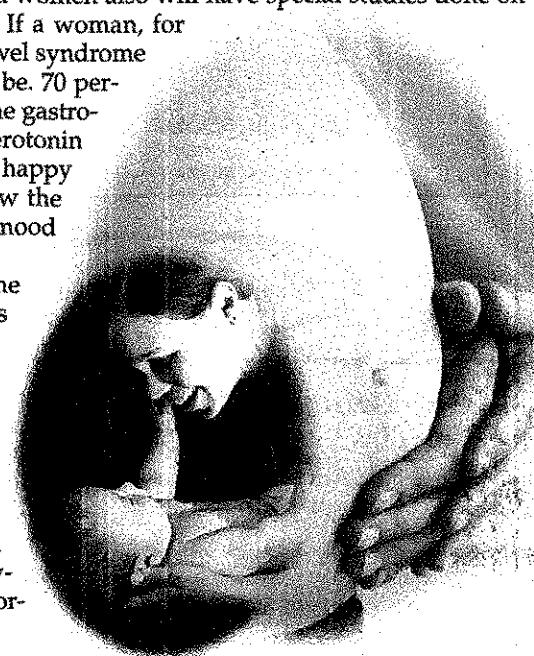
The office visit at a Preconception Medicine evaluation would look at hormonal status. This includes not just female hormones but also thyroid hormones. If the thyroid is not functioning optimally, not just normally, a woman may have difficulty conceiving. The stress hormone, cortisol, also plays a major role in the health of the mother and the health of the baby. Medical trials have shown that if the mother is stressed, she has a harder time conceiving.

How toxic a woman is also plays a role in the subsequent health of the child. For example, if a pregnant woman has mercury toxicity it affects her mitochondrial energy mechanisms and consequently the brain and nervous system of the growing child. At a Preconception Medicine evaluation a woman is tested for toxic metals, volatile solvents, PCBs, chlorinated pesticides, and phthalates. It is now known that xenobiotics readily cross through the placenta and into the fetus. She will also have an evaluation done of how her liver detoxifies substances.

At a Preconception Medicine evaluation a woman also will have special studies done on how her gastrointestinal tract is working. If a woman, for example, has reflux (GERD) or irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) her gut is not as healthy as it should be. 70 percent of the immune systems is located in the gastrointestinal tract. Also 90 percent of the serotonin that is made in the body (one of the body's happy neurotransmitters) is made in the gut. How the mother's immune system works and her mood also affect the unborn fetus.

Likewise, at a Preconception Medicine evaluation a woman will have an analysis done of her fatty acids, amino acids, and organic acids along with an entire nutritional profile. What each woman needs nutritionally is different. Preconception Medicine is an individualized approach to the health of a woman looking at conceiving.

Pamela W. Smith, M.D. and Heather A. Dickson, M.D. have done a two year fellowship in Metabolic Medicine. For further information call: 313-884-3288.



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SOC activities for January, February

Congressional Conversation Hour — 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22 and Friday, Feb. 19. Jackie Kalogerakos, representative of Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick — D-Detroit, discusses constituent issues involving social security, veterans, immigration, passports, visas, postal issues and Medicare.

Ask Dr. Gill and Blood Pressure Check — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25 and Monday, Feb. 22. Dr. Matthew Gill takes blood pressures and answers medical questions in a group presentation.

Movie and Pizza Lunch ...Ghost Town — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Ricky Gervais plays an unnervingly rude dentist, Bertram, who dies for a few minutes during surgery and acquires the unwanted ability to see ghosts. Chased throughout Manhattan by a gaggle of restless spirits begging him to take care of their unfinished business on Earth, Bertram turns them all away except Frank (Greg Kinnear). The latter, a rogue who cheated on his archaeologist widow, Gwen (Téa Leoni), wants Bertram to intervene in a romance between Gwen and a starchy activist. This event is sponsored by ShorePointe Nursing Center. Lunch consists of pizza, salad, dessert, drinks and a box lunch to take home. The cost is \$5 and reservations are required by calling (313) 882-9600.

Legislative Update from

State Representative Tim Bledsoe — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1. State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-Grosse Pointe, gives an update about current legislation at the State Capitol.

Act Fast for Stroke — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Matthew Voci, M.D. a neurologist at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe discusses why it is essential to seek medical attention immediately for any symptoms of stroke. This presentation provides insight into what happens when an ambulance is called, during an Emergency Center visit and as an inpatient. Also, get information on the latest techniques in physical, occupational and speech therapy for stroke rehabilitation. Risk factors, the latest treatment options, and the social and emotional issues associated with a stroke are also discussed.

Weatherization Assistance Program — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency representatives share how the Weatherization Assistance Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, enables low-income individuals to permanently reduce energy bills by making their houses more energy efficient.

Heart to Heart Valentine Bingo — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Come for a special holiday bingo and Valentine prizes sponsored by All Purpose Care

Services and Jewell McGhee. The cost is \$1.25 per card with a one-card limit. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

Valentine Party - Birthday Celebration Buffet — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. A luncheon buffet catered by Blue Pointe Restaurant and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging includes honey-glazed ham, baked chicken, confetti rice, roasted redskin potatoes, baby carrots, stewed tomatoes and rolls and butter. Cherry pie for dessert is provided by the Full Circle Commercial Food Class and entertainment by Jim Laurie. Centerpieces are created by the Gold and Silver Trefoil Scout Troop, and Mrs. Barbas' third grade class from Maire Elementary School joins the party. The celebration also includes birthday wishes for those celebrating in February. The party ends with raffle prizes provided by ComForcare Home Care. The cost is \$12 per person.

Tax Issues for Retired Taxpayers — 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Mary Jovanavski of H&R Block addresses tax issues such as relying on a nest egg, social security benefits, retirement distribution rules, taxation on retirement plan distributions, traditional IRA's, and qualified Roth IRA distributions. Other topics include taxation of other investments, downsizing and filing requirements.

Paczki Day — 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 16. Entertainment is provided by German intern, Fabian Landscheidt. The cost is \$3. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

Caregiver Boot Camp — 12 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Brooke Preston of Sunrise Senior Community and St. John Health Center discusses the difficulties of being a primary caregiver and leads a workshop to educate and train

those caring for a loved one.

Movie and Pizza Lunch... "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Howard Keel, with his big-as-all-outdoors baritone, stars as a bold "mountain man" living in the Oregon woods who brings home a bride (Jane Powell) to his six slovenly brothers. Taming the rambunctious brood, Jane proceeds to make gentlemen of them. Sponsored

by ShorePointe Nursing Center, lunch consists of pizza, salad, dessert, drinks and a box lunch to take home. The cost is \$5. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

A Family Love Letter - An Estate Planning Seminar — 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Lena Carile and Charles Gabel of AXA Advisors, LLC discuss the purpose of estate planning and introduce the "Family Love Letter."

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Movie palaces

Karen Nagher and Michael Hauser from Preservation Wayne discuss downtown Detroit's theater district with the aid of film clips, signs, vintage concession items and photos at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

A freewill donation is accepted.

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

Volunteer opportunity

Read a book to preschool-aged children at St. Peter Montessori School, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

Volunteers select, prepare and read a story to a small group of children. Readers receive in-service training. The classroom teacher and teacher aids remain in the room during the volunteer's visit. Most readings are 15 to 20 minutes. Monthly mid-day and later afternoon time slots

are available.

Call the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults at (313) 886-1770, for more information.

Afternoon tea

Services for Older Citizens hosts a "winter fun" tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at its center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$5.

Paws in the Pointe provides the refreshments and entertainment.

Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

Heart to heart

Services for Older Citizens seek homemade Valentine cards for seniors, canned goods, store-bought cookies, crackers, cereal, paper products, coffee, tea, small containers of juice and sugar-free candy for delivery to seniors.

Drop off items at the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, by Monday, Feb. 8.

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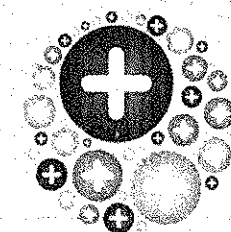
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Attending concerts can harm hearing



We know our environment is making more of us deaf at an earlier age, but who'd think classical music could add to the problem.

A recent study showed that 64 percent of concert-goers not wearing ear protection during a concert experienced significant hearing loss afterward.

The American Speech-Language Hearing Association and the American Academy of Audiology are urging concert-goers to use protection. There are specially designed musician's ear plugs that allow you to hear the music comfortably at levels that will not damage your hearing.

Playing golf can also be hazardous to your health if you use the King Cobra LD titanium club. According to a research report, the sound of the King Cobra at the moment of impact is as loud as a gun blast or sonic boom. The report stated the loudness of thin-faced titanium drivers may produce sounds so loud they can

cause temporary or permanent hearing loss.

This is not a New Year's resolution, but I am trying to reduce the amount of meat I eat. A study tracking more than half a million Americans aged 50 to 71 for 10 years reported those eating the most red meat were roughly 30 percent more likely to die — mostly of cancer or heart disease — than those who ate the least.

The study consisted of questionnaires about diet and lifestyle sent to 3.5 million members of AARP. Ten years later, researchers from the National Cancer Institute analyzed results from half a million of them.

At the high end, people who consumed 2,000 calories a day ate about five ounces of red meat a day — that's just more than one and a half Quarter Pounders or Big Macs a day.

"If you go from eating meat twice a day to once a week, you can eliminate most of the risk," says Walter Willett, chair of the department of nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Processed meats had less impact than red meat. Those who ate the most ate almost two ounces a day, the equivalent to about one hot dog or a ham or smoked turkey sandwich. Their risk of dying was roughly 20 percent higher than for those who

ate the least processed meat, the equivalent of one hot dog every week.

White meat, such as chicken, turkey and fish, posed no risk. In fact, those who ate the most has slightly lower odds of dying than those who ate the least.

But as bad as what over consumption of red meat does to our health, is what it's doing to our world. Unfortunately, the world is rapidly shifting toward eating more animal foods.

"There's a global tsunami brewing," says the University of North Carolina's Barry Popkin. "The consensus around the world is that red meat production — whether beef or pork — uses more water and more energy, and provides more antibiotics than the production of other foods in our diet.

"Few understand the enormity of the global water crisis," she said, adding by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will live in water-stressed areas, according to a 2006 report from the United Nations called Livestock's Long Shadow.

In the U.S., livestock are responsible for 55 percent of erosion, 37 percent of pesticides applied, 50 percent of the volume of antibiotics consumed and for 32

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CHURCH: Winter activities

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Coffee house

St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its second annual Winter Coffee House from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in the church social hall.

Music is provided by The Full Monte Falcos, Pandora's Box, the Briedens and Barry Hall. Tom Budday and Karrie Waarala recite poetry.

Games and crafts are provided for children.

The cost is \$7.50 or \$20 per family at the door. Refreshments of coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot spiced cider and homemade desserts are included in the admission price.

For more information, call the church at (313) 647-5050.

Contemporary worship

A contemporary worship service in a casual coffee house atmosphere begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfont, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The service is open to the community. Hot beverages and snacks are served.

For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

Revival Church

Revival Church meets at 5:15 p.m. for prayer and 6 p.m. for worship, Sunday, Jan. 24, in the First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the same location.

For more information, call (313) 799-3473.

Career networking group

The Ecumenical Career Networking Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is "Behavioral Interviewing Strategies."

For more information, call Richard Gibson at (313) 885-4841.

Dinner dance

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Vision 2000 Committee sponsors a Winter Eve Gala Friday, Jan. 29.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. The sit down dinner is at 7 p.m. and silent auction is at 8 p.m. The evening includes games, music provided by Jason of Pro DJ Services and dancing.

The Rev. Walter and Carolyn Schmidt host the evening which includes a silent auction. The event benefits the building fund and, in particular, The Luther Center.

The cost is \$50 or \$400 for a table of eight. The community is invited. Coat and tie attire is suggested.

To make a reservation, call the church office at (313) 884-5040 during business hours. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Valentine luncheon

The Women of the Church in Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church holds its annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and Card Party at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

To make a reservation, call co-chair Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 or Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4436.

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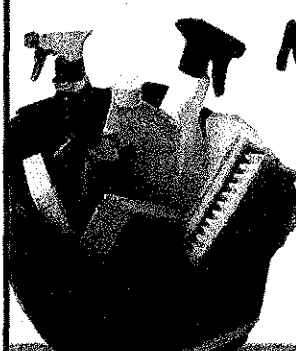
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RESALE:
Space to be
reallocated

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come to us. They don't sell well," she said.

Lasting for four decades is a testament to the service it provided to the community.

The store was well patronized, Allen said, and it provided an outreach arm for the church.

"This was not just a benefit to Grace. It was fundraising for Grace and the opportunity to support other charities. Much of it (proceeds) was parceled out to charities. It is a ministry to the community," she said. "There have been years when the thrift store profits were more than \$4,000."

Organizations such as the Salvation Army and COTS

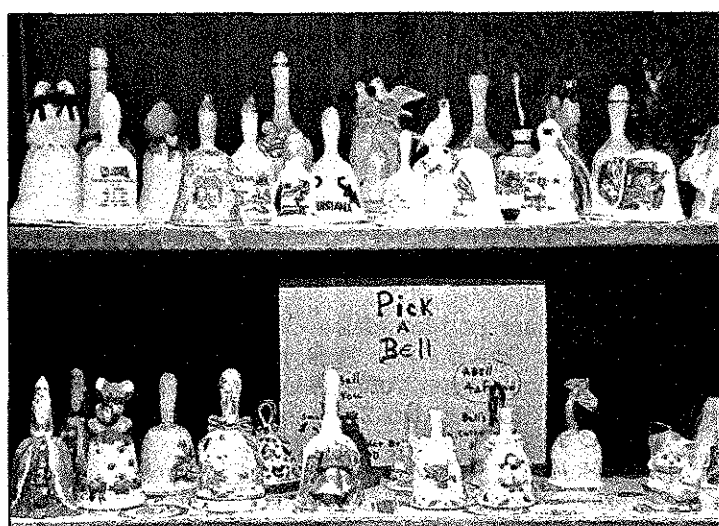


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Often collections are given to the thrift shop, including a ceramic bell collection.

benefited from funds raised in the thrift shop.

During the season change (spring and summer to fall and winter), a minimum of 30 bags of clothing would be given to the National Kidney Foundation, Allen said.

Even though the store's closing is sad, Allen said she is looking forward to the next step. The vacated basement space would be a perfect site to begin a late afternoon youth ministry.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to start a youth ministry," she said.

No details have been worked out for the new venture, but Allen foresees the three pool ta-

Grace Church
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bles, now beneath folded clothing, to be a drawing card. She would like to add computers to be used for free tutoring. Allen anticipates adding facilities to serve hot and cold beverages to middle school and high school aged children, who could come after school and stay until their parents arrive home.

"The opportunity is at hand," Allen said.

SWIMMERS:
Winter exercise

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of the week at a variety of school buildings, including Parcels, Pierce and Brownell middle schools.

The district has long offered swim classes, though the current selections are what remain of the former community education program cut out last year when the district faced a \$5 million budget shortfall.

The Neighborhood Club has since picked up most of those classes formerly offered.

Longtime swim instructor Diane Zeban teaches children's classes — preschool and levels 2-5 — and American Red Cross training for those ages 15 and up. She offers a class in March for young people and adults who have Red Cross training and want to become proficient in teacher training.

Zeban, who has been an instructor for 38 years, says there are a variety of benefits for swimmers who take advantage of indoor pools during the winter months.

"Certainly, it will increase swimming skills when the outdoors may not allow it, and get them prepped for main summer swimming classes," she said of the activity. "It encourages physical activity so you can stay fit and healthy and to engage with other children and adults. It's a long winter in Michigan, and if you don't have access to a pool, nine months is a long time."

Adult lap swim is offered almost every day and no-cost open swim opportunities are offered to individuals and families each weekend.

Fellow instructor Robin Hartnett has taught since she



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Children in the Basic Aquatic Skills swim class practice kicking as they hold on to the wall. Courses through the Grosse Pointe Public School System are open to all age groups.

was 15. Now, two decades later, she leads classes for a range of age groups: from six-month-olds to 86-year-olds.

'It's wonderful skill. Everyone who lives in Michigan should have the skills to learn to swim.'

DIANE ZEBAN,
Swim instructor

"I mostly teach learn to swim classes and enjoy giving people the freedom to swim and float. When I get swimmers who have never swam before and they are

in their 40s, it is so awesome when you give them the 'OK' that it is OK to learn," she said. "How about an adult that had a near-drowning experience at a young age and now wants to swim and scuba dive on vacation, but is paralyzed with fear? I am part-swim teacher and part-psychologist on Saturday mornings when the adults come for their class."

"I enjoy also teaching the young lifeguards to be patient with the swimmers who are just learning. I have mentored many lifeguards who have turned into great swim instructors," Hartnett said.

She also teaches lifeguard classes and coaches synchronized swimming at Grosse Pointe North and South high



Kiera Lafredo practices the backstroke.

schools and Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

"My favorite class to teach is water aerobics because the ladies and gentlemen love the class and the conversation is great. I am constantly trying to learn new stuff to teach to the people who participate in water aerobics."

"It's a wonderful skill. Everyone who lives in Michigan should have the skills to learn to swim," said Zeban. "It's a lifesaving skill and a lifelong physical activity."

Those interested in swim classes beginning in March can register at gpschools.org or by calling (313) 432-3074.

CAIN:
Protect ears
during concerts

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percent of the nitrogen load and 33 percent of the phosphorus load into freshwater resources," notes the report.

Even more worrisome is meat's impact on global warming. Livestock are responsible for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions — more than transportation, says the UN report.

Here's the bottom line: Cut back on red and processed meats. Aim for only about one serving a week. Replace red meat with poultry, fish, beans, nuts and soy-based veggie meals. Look for deli meats that are nitrite-free.

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