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◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe offers a "Baby Care and Safety" class for new parents from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$30. To register, call 1-800-663-7377.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 5**

◆ The Greece Student Ambassador Choir benefit concert begins at 7 p.m. at Pierce Middle School auditorium. Grosse Pointe South High School, Brownell and Pierce middle school choirs perform.  
◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host author Marilynne Robinson at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School. Tickets cost \$20 or \$10 for Friends members. A pre-lecture reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$35. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 6**

◆ The Midwest Small Breed Rescue hosts Puppy Fest from noon to 3 p.m. at The Barkery Pet Store, 16849 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Small to medium-sized puppies are available for adoption.  
◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe offers "Big Brother, Big Sister" class for children 3 to 6 years from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$20. To register, call 1-800-663-7377.  
◆ The Grosse Pointe Cooperative Preschool, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

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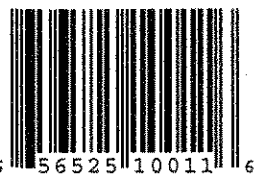
◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 9**

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. is hosted by Pointe Alarm, 18530 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.  
◆ The Exchange Club of Detroit No. 1 hosts Jackie Kalogerakos, liaison for State

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## Woods winter wonderland



Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated Winterfest last week. At left, Genevieve Calandro gives her father, Robert, a high five for teaching her how to skate. For more photos and information about Winterfest, see page 3A.

PHOTOS BY  
RENEE LANDUYT



Lewis Demick finished second place in the Score-O contest in which hockey pucks are shot through a hole in the bottom of a wooden wall placed in front of a hockey net. At right, Ally Metry enjoys her fifth birthday with a fast trip down the inflatable slide.



## Police spread word on nixle.com

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

An Internet alert about a woman missing lake-side launched Grosse Pointe Farms police into a new age of broadcasting all-points bulletins.

Police had registered to post alerts at nixle.com when, within a day, they used the system for the first time to seek help finding JoAnn Matouk-Romain.

A few days later, officers updated the site to warn of a broken watermain near Kenwood Court and Charlevoix.

"We estimated repairs with in the next 48 hours," the notice read. "Please use caution driving or walking in the area."

Nixle is likened to Twitter or Facebook, but not

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## Harbor deposits might be lowered

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Boat well deposits could be reduced by two-thirds if new rules governing Osius Park marina are amended.

Cuts would please Frank Tinkle, a Grosse Pointe Shores sailboat owner upset that marina regulations require non-refundable, 50 percent deposits.

"It's the nonrefundable that really bugs me," said Tinkle.

Nonrefundability wasn't an issue when deposits were \$100. Now that they've been bumped to half of a well's seasonal rent, the policy seems "punitive," Tinkle said.

Deposits were increased this year.

"We're trying to run a business at the marina," said Brian Vick, city manager. "The (harbor) committee talked about this all last summer. They discussed how difficult it is to get commitments if you wait until April or May. Whether the word 'nonrefundable' was incorrect or not, we can take a look at it."

"We overlooked the fact that wording in our regulations say the entire deposit is non-refundable," said Councilman Dan Schulte, liaison to the harbor committee.

Tinkle said he's trying to sell the boat he's been sailing for more than 30 years. He stands

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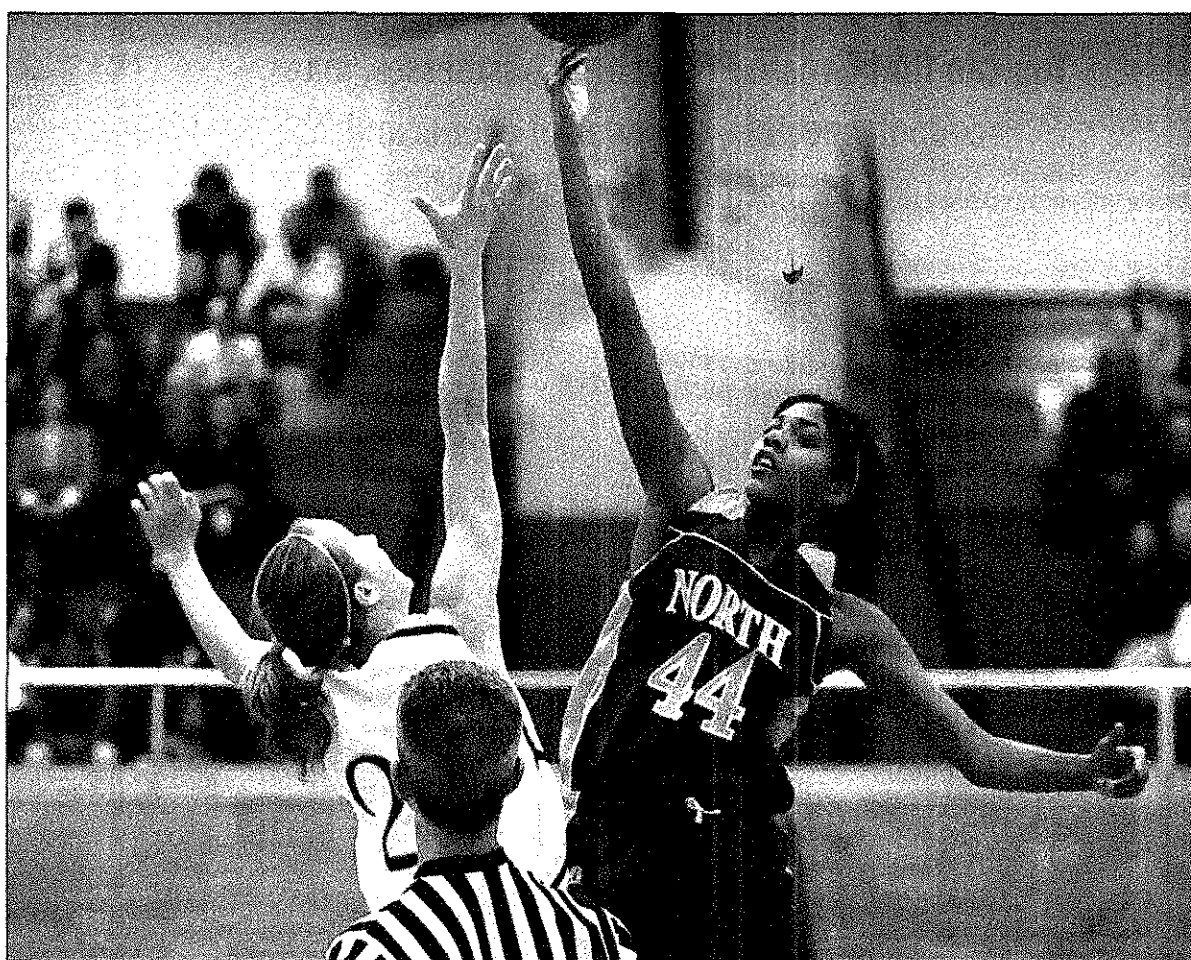


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## North v. South

Grosse Pointe North senior Ariel Braker and Grosse Pointe South freshman Claire DeBoer tip-off the annual crosstown rivalry between the Norsemen and host Blue Devils. See page 1C for game coverage.

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# Gee whizzer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A man charged with felony drunken driving has police wondering if he was born in a barn with the rest of the jackasses.

Joseph Alam III, 26, of Grosse Pointe Farms, deliberately soiled the back seat of a police cruiser while being hauled to headquarters last weekend for his third drunken driving arrest, according to Sgt. Michael Almeranti of City of Grosse Pointe public safety.

"(He) was constantly loud, verbally abusive with profanity to officers, could not stay still, was paranoid and erratic in his behavior," Almeranti said.

Alam was freed on \$1,000 bond following his arraignment Monday, Feb. 1, in City Municipal Court on the following charges:

- ◆ drunken driving, third offense, a felony punishable by one to five years in prison;

- ◆ malicious damage of police property, a four-year felony, and

- ◆ operating a motor vehicle on a revoked driver's license.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 11.

"I believe their intention is to waive (the examination) and put him in some type of treatment program," said Detective Alan Gwyn.

Alam was arrested at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, for drunken driving on Mack near Manor in the Farms.

Almeranti, the department's canine handler, had seen him weaving a red Ford Focus on eastbound Mack from Cadieux.

"He drifted into the parking lane, nearly striking a parked vehicle at Notre Dame," according to Almeranti's account. "He stated he was coming from a house on Neff. I saw him approach from Cadieux."

The Focus belonged to a 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman," Almeranti said.

"They met in a bar," he said. "He was driving her home in her car."

Records showed Alam's driver's license had been revoked

due to two prior alcohol offenses, according to Almeranti.

"Because of the number of offenses he's had, we could forfeit the car," Almeranti said. "Whether we will under the circumstances, I don't know."

Alam refused during the initial investigation to take a Breathalyzer. A search warrant was obtained for some of his blood to be drawn at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe. After the sampling, officers put Alam in the back seat of a cruiser and took him to headquarters.

"He pulled his handcuffs around to the front, pulled his pants down and peed in the back of the car," Almeranti said. "(He) intentionally urinated in the rear of (the scout car)."

"It's a felony automatically," Gwyn said.

The blood sample was sent to the Michigan State Police crime lab for testing.

"We've been getting them back in a week or so," Gwyn said. "They check for drugs, too."

# Road work set for summer in Grosse Pointe Shores

Resurfacing Vernier from the Grosse Pointe Shores border to Lakeshore is likely to start this summer.

"Bids are out," said Brett Smith, Grosse Pointe Shores public works director. "We're ready for construction to begin in June."

Resurfacing Lakeshore south of Vernier is expected to begin in July.

"A grade inspection was

completed Jan. 11 with Wayne County and MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) for Lakeshore south of Vernier," Smith said. "Wayne County is scheduled to advertise for bids March 26 with a letting date of May 7."

As part of preconstruction work, soil borings on Lakeshore were taken two weeks ago.

"Information gathered has to

be approved by the county and submitted to MDOT," Smith said. "We basically put ourselves on a list so we would be available to get federal funding, if funding became available."

He's also applied to the county for road repair money left over from contracts that were under budget.

— Brad Lindberg

# Cook School looks to past for future project

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

As the Grosse Pointe Historical Commission looks into the past of the Cook Road School House, it accepted a gift that will enhance its future.

Grosse Pointe Questers, a local chapter for the international organization promoting the appreciation of antiques, has stepped forward with a \$2,400 challenge grant, with the funds being earmarked to restore the floor of the 100-year-old building.

"We were thrilled when the historical commission accepted our challenge," said Lisa Gandelot, president of the Grosse Pointe Questers. "The new floors will make a huge difference in the appearance of the building and we applaud Grosse Pointe Woods for taking this challenge."

The Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission announced the challenge grant at the Jan. 18 city council meeting.

Individual donations toward the challenge grant may be made through the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, and all donations are tax-deductible. Additional information may be obtained from Sandy Waeiss in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center by calling (313) 343-2408.

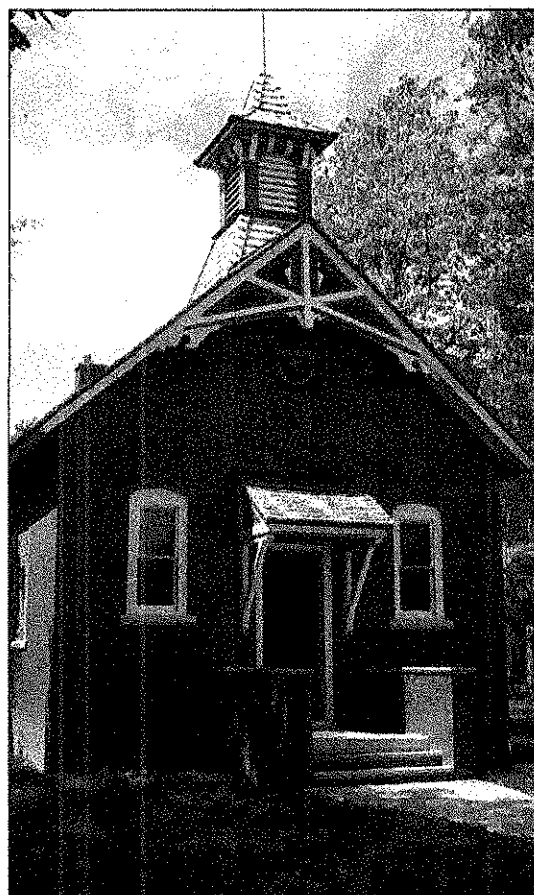
"We applaud Grosse Pointe Woods for taking on this challenge and moving forward with this project," said Gandelot. "We're thrilled to be giving this, our second largest ever grant, to such a wonderful endeavor."

This was the second gift from a local Questers organization in recent months. The Fox Creek Questers donated \$400 to the Cook School toward the purchase of new light fixtures.

Historical commission member Mason Ferry thanked the Questers and their generosity and the council for its support.

"We thank you for moving this forward," he said. "With your support we will get this project done."

And with residents' support, another project of the historical commission will see closure as



FILE PHOTO

well.

Commission president John Parthum hopes to fill in some of the missing years in the history of the 118-year-old building. While the building was used as a school until 1922, after that it served as a house of worship for several local churches. There is little information as to how the building was used during the 1940s and 50s. While Parthum put together a comprehensive history when applying for a state historical marker, there were some years in the building's past that could not be accounted for. He is asking anyone with information on those dates to bring that information to Waeiss, in hopes that the history of the building can be completed.

# Shelby Paint moves up Mack

Shelby Paint and Decorating has moved to 20481 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The new store is 2,800 square feet and provides additional room for the business to expand its display of paint and wallpaper products, along with the ability to conduct educa-

tional seminars on-site.

"Our current location in was too small and we were busting at the seams," said Brian Eisbrenner, president of Shelby Paint & Decorating. "This new location in Grosse Pointe Woods was close enough to our current store to make it easy for our customers

to find us, while providing more space to display our products both indoors and outside."

He said staff will continue to offer free installation for customers who purchase wallpaper at any of his stores.

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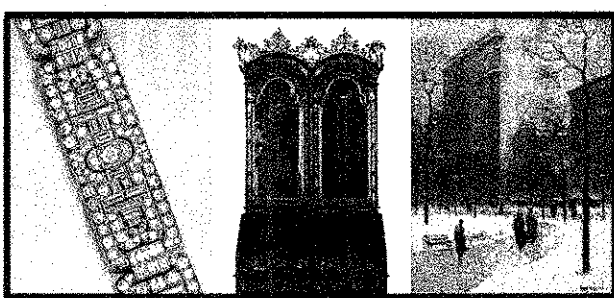
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# Board of review stays the same

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

There are no plans to expand the Grosse Pointe Shores board of review.

A majority of city council members defeated a motion to add one member to the five-person board and have it operate as two, three-member panels.

The board hears resident appeals of property value assessments, used to determine taxes.

Mayor Dr. James Cooper, whose appointments to the board were approved in December, sees no need to add a sixth member.

Cooper said the board chairman and city assessor agreed a three-member panel "would be the proper number."

Cooper said, "I asked them, 'Do you anticipate a caseload higher this year?' They said 'No. We have been able to do it with five.'"

Councilmen Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte want the board expanded to six members. Each member would be of equal standing who can divide the overall workload in two separate, three-member panels.

"It came out at a finance committee meeting there's going to be a deluge of people appealing their property taxes," said Kedzierski said. "The fair handling of the appeal process helps generate goodwill in the hearts and minds of taxpayers. The creation of two separate

three-member panels to increase it will only help achieve this goal."

"(There is) no backlog," Cooper said. "This is a very efficient committee."

Board meetings are scheduled for first and second Mondays in March.

The municipal charter requires "the board shall hear the protests of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments who object prior to or during the board's required sessions," according to City Attorney Mark McInerney.

He added, "The city council may authorize additional dates for board of review meetings."

Appeals can be made in person or in writing.

Jan Pemberton, a board member for 10 years and currently an alternate, recommends personal appeals.

"We decided our community deserves the right to come to see us in person," she said. "Presenting in person is very different than doing a mailing. It is important that this practice continue. A lot of residents don't know how to prepare for the board of review. When you're in front of us, we assist you in that manner."

Pemberton said county tax officials are backlogged up to three years with appeals.

"You're not going to get any restitution for your taxes for 2 1/2 to three years," she said. "So, it is critical that we have the manpower to hear all of the residents that wish to come."



At right, Grace, Lyssie and Anna Moody warmed up by sipping hot chocolate before heading out to ice skate. Below, Score-O winners were Jack McConaghy, first place; Lewis Demick, second place; and Anthony Furtaw, third place.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUXT



## Fun time

Brisk temperatures didn't stop Grosse Pointe Woods residents from getting out for a day in the sun during Winterfest at Lake Front Park. Residents skated, sampled chili and cookies and took a turn either on ice or the inflated slide.

Larry Sullivan's "The Winner" chili did take first place in the chili cook-off contest; second place went to Bob Masi with his "Man Cave Chili" and third place went to Kim Schwartz and her "Mild Chili." Front row from left, Woods City Councilwoman Vicki Granger, Schwartz, Masi, Sullivan, Mayor Robert Novitke and Judge Ted Metry. In the back row, from left, Councilmen Art Bryant and Todd McConaghy and Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos-Howie.



## Sworn in

The Hon. Kirsten Frank Kelly, Michigan Court of Appeals, right, administered the oath of office to Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court Judge Theodore A. Metry at his official investiture ceremony Jan. 27. Assisting Kelly is Metry's wife, Lillian, left, and his daughters. More than 40 judges, city and county officials attended the ceremony, presided over by the Hon. Richard Hathaway. Metry was presented with his robes by his father, Frederick, and his wife gave him a new gavel.

PHOTO BY KHALIL ALHAJAL

## Woods stops sign removal program

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The stop sign removal program in Grosse Pointe Woods did not end quietly, but it's now complete.

According to traffic safety officer Sally Beghin, the last of what the state deemed as unnecessary stop signs are now down and they will not be restored. In all, 38 signs at 23 intersections have been removed during the past year.

The final sign to come down was at the intersection of Sunningdale and Morningside, which brought at least two complaints.

"One was from a resident regarding a sight line," Beghin said. "She also expressed concern about the amount of traffic on Morningside during the school year, especially in the morning. That's one of the problems with a street like Morningside, which is what we call a collector street, which is defined as a principal traffic artery within a residential area."

But statistics offered by Beghin, indicating traffic counts on other collector streets in the Woods indicated that Morningside actually

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## HARBOR: Officials recommend deposit reduction of 15 percent

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to lose his \$868 deposit for a well this summer if someone buys his boat after the Feb. 16 refund deadline, he said last week to members of the city council.

"I'm going to have to consider going someplace else (for a well)," he said. "I don't want to

do that."

Shores officials don't want that, either.

"If somebody was selling a boat and, clearly, it's going out of their possession, that's something the harbor committee would strongly look at for a partial refund," said Brian Geraghty, harbor committee chairman.

Refund requests must be in writing.

During a special harbor committee meeting last week, its members recommended the deposit be reduced to 15 percent. Enactment requires support by the city council.

Schulte said he's asked for a special council meeting after a regularly scheduled committee

of the whole meeting the night of Tuesday Feb. 2, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

"We have to do something about it," said Schulte of the high deposit. "If you wait to see if people go somewhere else, we've lost marina occupancy, which is undesirable at this point, seeing the deficit we're in."

## POLICE: Network coordinates communication from agencies

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for social networking.

"It's for law enforcement agencies to put out messages to their residents," said Farms Lt. Andrew Rogers. "If we're looking for someone in a home invasion, this is one medium of getting out the information right away. I can do it from my cell phone. I don't have to go back to the station and hop on the computer."

Communication is one-way. "The information goes

through a law enforcement Internet service," Rogers said. "There's no blogging. It's secured communication. There's no spam or advertising."

Postings can include photos, such as for Romain, 55, of Grosse Pointe Woods. She's been missing from near Lake St. Clair since Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Rogers posted a notice about Romain Jan. 19, the day after the department joined the Nixle network. The watermain notice Jan. 24 included a map.

Postings are categorized as

alerts (Romain), advisories (watermain), community (carbon monoxide poisoning prevention tips Jan. 27) and traffic. Messages are limited to 170 words.

"Short and to the point," Rogers said.

Subscribers can opt to receive postings as text messages, e-mails or by logging on to the Nixle website.

"With Romain, you would get a text on your phone from Farms public safety saying she is missing," Rogers said.

Nixle, based in California, was founded in 2007. More than 3,000 agencies in 49 states use the site, according to a company news release.

Subscriptions are free for posters and users.

"The only fee whatsoever is if you have a phone plan where you pay per text," Rogers said.

The more people who log on, the more effective the service.

"It only works if people subscribe," Rogers said.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

Using his patented system, **Jim Bonahoom** saves mature trees for replanting and helps communities maintain their old-world charm from new construction and the whims of Mother Nature.

# Maples, oaks, ashes and pines

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff writer

Jim Bonahoom has held several titles in his lifetime—retail manager, conservation major,

arborist.

But now he can add one more, patent holder.

Based on a system he developed to “box” and transplant mature trees, Bonahoom, 55, of

Grosse Pointe Farms, was awarded a patent by the U.S. Patent Office. He is now putting it to use in a yard that also houses his business, Arbor Pro Tree Service, and has already suc-

cessfully transplanted several mature trees via the system.

“This is a way to harvest and move mature trees,” he explained. “There are times, perhaps at a construction site, where mature trees are in the way. With a boxing system, the trees can be removed, stored in a box and then replanted wherever the architect would like. My goal is to make large trees affordable to a homeowner putting in new landscaping but who wants mature trees.”

Working with trees, root systems, chain saws, wood chippers and mud has brought Bonahoom full circle from his college days at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, where he was a conservation major. He returned to Grosse Pointe, where he grew up and where conservation jobs didn’t exactly abound, and went into retail management with the Hughes and Hatcher clothing chain.

“I worked with them until they closed,” he said. “I loved working for Hughes and Hatcher, and when they closed, I even considered opening my own store. But I loved working with my hands and being outside. Larry Shock of Shock Bros. was a friend of my family and I went to work for him. At the time, he actually tried to talk me out of it, but I loved working with trees. He started me at the bottom, as a laborer, but then I moved up. I learned all the jobs and ended up in sales and management with Shock.”

Bonahoom started with Shock in 1983, and, as he notes, the field of arboriculture, as it is defined today, did not exist.

“There was conservation or forestry, but the field of arboriculture, which can be defined as the care and maintenance of trees in an urban environment, is relatively new. There are now colleges that offer majors in it, but in the 1980s it was basically unknown.”

So in 1993, when Bonahoom

*If you can keep at least 15 percent of the roots, it can sustain an entire tree.*

JIM BONAHOOM,  
Grosse Pointe Farms

decided to begin his own company, it was the field of arboriculture that he decided to focus on.

“I had help from family and friends and lots of referrals,” he said. “Those helped open a lot of doors. Without the help of local landscapers, we wouldn’t have made it.”

While general tree services are a basic part of the business, Arbor Pro specializes in large tree replacement and large tree planting. It was that work that led Bonahoom to perfect and patent the boxing system.

“One of the biggest drawbacks in attempting to transplant a mature tree is the weight of the root ball and preserving the roots. Obviously, the smaller trees have smaller root balls and a good survivability rate when transplanted. That’s the tree you usually buy from nursery stock. However, if you want a larger tree, with a trunk circumference of eight inches, it’s far more difficult. The weight is obviously an issue, then there is the maintenance of the feeder roots, the proper irrigation, and the reworking of the soil content.”

The optimum time for moving a tree is when it has gone dormant, usually in November, when all the leaves have been dropped.

Bonahoom hand digs the tree, severing the feeder roots with saws, rather than, as he says, “bludgeoning” the roots with a tree space.

“The feeder roots are extremely important,” Bonahoom said. “If you can keep at least 15 percent of the roots, it can sustain an entire tree. But it is not

just the roots. You have to remember that the tree is usually going from one type of soil to another, with new pathogens being introduced. You have to carefully monitor the pH in the soil, and you have to be very careful how you water. Stagnant water is the enemy.”

Bonahoom’s boxing system consists of boards and metal “corners” that can be adjusted to adapt to the tons of soil and the root system. An above ground drip system allows for proper irrigation. A large, mature tree can be kept in this box five to seven years before being replanted.

An example of Bonahoom’s tree boxing can be seen in a 41-foot tall blue spruce he removed from the driveway at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The tree, more than 100 years old, was placed in one of Bonahoom’s patented boxes and tended to and rehabilitated for 18 months.

“We had never moved a large spruce like that before,” Bonahoom said. “We gave it fresh soil, we monitored the water and put it on a slow release nutrient.”

And so far, so good.

The tree was recently replanted and appears to be thriving.

Bonahoom has other plans.

“Hydroponics is the next step,” he said. “Right now, when boxed, trees are maintained, but they are not growing. I want to explore a hydroponics system that reestablishes the root system, and where you could recapture the water and treat the tree at the same time. You would have a captive root system and treat any maladies through that.”

Perhaps that’s another patent in the making.

For now, Bonahoom spends a little time with an adult hockey league he plays in, but he freely admits that his business consumes him.

“It’s an affliction,” he said with a smile.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Jim Bonahoom with the tree boxes he developed and for which he was awarded a patent.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Army Spec. Steven F. Maxwell** graduated from the special forces candidate one-station unit training at Fort Benning, in Columbus, Ga. He has been assigned to Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C. to attend the special forces qualification course as a weapons sergeant or engineer sergeant. A 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Maxwell received a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University in 2005. He is the son of Lynne Maxwell of Grosse Pointe Park.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Kaitlin K. Wilde** earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Western Michigan

University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Christopher R. Jacobi** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial design from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

**Bridget A. Thomas** of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in film, video and media studies from Western Michigan University in August 2009.

**Mary E. Timm** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Master of Arts in anthropology from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Matthew J. Ostrowski** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in manufacturing engineering technology from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Jeffrey R. Osaer** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Western Michigan University in August 2009.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Stephen D. Bahr** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in both accountancy and finance from Western Michigan University in August 2009.

**Christopher M. Barger** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Western Michigan

University in June 2009.

**Jeffrey A. Bove** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Kathryn E. Fikany** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Catherine D. Franey** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in sales and business marketing from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

**Megan A. Lamparski** of

Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

**Robert J. McClain** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Stephen L. Sessions** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in computer information systems from Western Michigan University in August 2009.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Ryan P. Symington** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in fi-

nance from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

**Edmund L. Tropp** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management from Western Michigan University in June 2009.

**Meghan Grace Carey** of Grosse Pointe became a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization at the Indiana University.

**Karen H. Huntsman**, a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, performed with the Kenyon College Horn Ensemble. A first-year student at Kenyon, she is the daughter of Kevin and Colleen Huntsman of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe offers "The Ins and Outs of Autism" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. To register for the free program, call 1-800-63-7377.

◆ Michigan State Trooper Dawn Zonka and her dog, Stryker, visit the Lakeshore Optimist Club at 7:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The meeting is free. For more information, call (313) 647-9830.

AUTOS By Jenny King

## Versa puts 'entry level' on pedestal

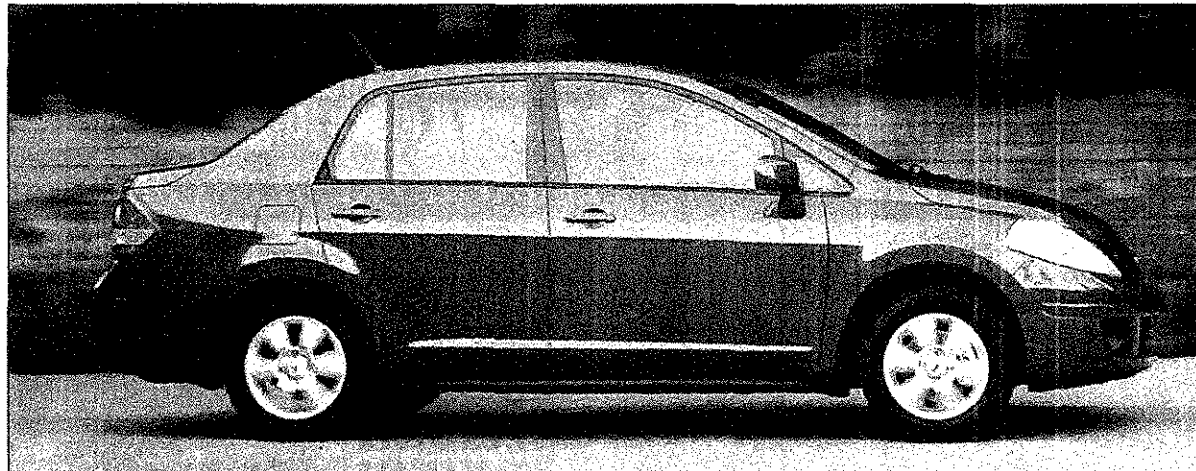


It was worth waiting for — the 2010 Nissan Versa. This attractive subcompact car has been on our want-to-drive list for a long time.

We were reminded just how long when the Versa press materials said the car is in its fourth year on the market.

The fact that our hatchback model came in a lipstick red — Nissan calls it "Red Alert" — with wonderfully comfortable black "charcoal" cloth seats and terrific visibility for the driver only heightened the introduction.

Small, so-called entry-level cars have not always lived up to their promises. They often were not that economical to drive. They often were echo



The 2010 Nissan Versa sedan with 1.6-liter four starts at just less than \$10,000. Destination and handling add \$720 to the total. The interior is uncomplicated. Even so, the steering wheel-mounted radio controls were convenient and appreciated.

chambers for road and engine noise. They often were not comfortable. They often had few amenities. No wonder customers often stayed away in droves.

Nissan dealers delivered 82,900 Versa hatchbacks and sedans last year, down less than 3,000 units from 2008. Given the 21-percent decline in total new vehicle sales between '08 and '09, the Versa numbers are impressive.

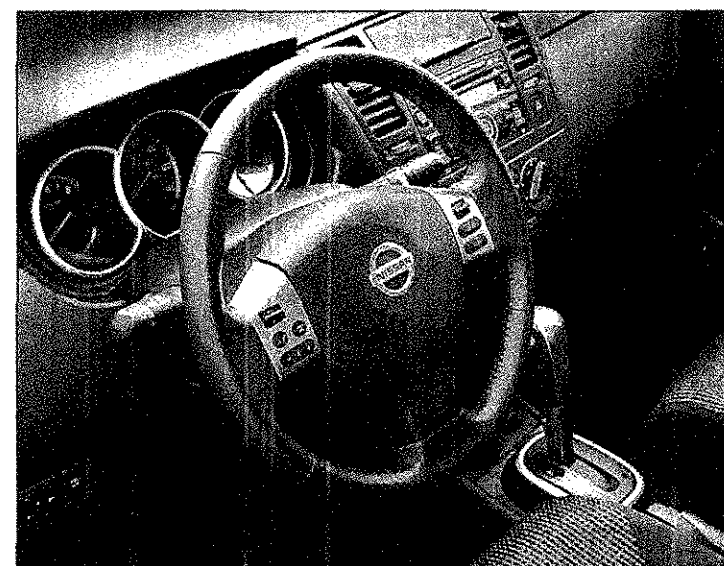
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bled five-door Versa — a 1.8 SL hatchback — was a top Versa model with its larger, 122-horsepower four. It was equipped with a continuously variable transmission, front-seat-mounted side air bags and roof-mounted air curtain, traction and vehicle dynamic controls and fog lights.

Versa sedan models offer a choice of a 107-horsepower 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine or a 122-horsepower 1.8-liter four. The 1.8-liter four is the only engine offered on the Versa hatchback.

Transmissions include a five-speed manual, six-speed manual, an electronically controlled automatic with overdrive and the Xtronic variable transmission.

Fuel economy for the Versa sedan with smaller four with five-speed manual transmission is rated at 26 miles per gallon city and 34 mpg highway. Versas equipped with the



more powerful 1.8-liter dual overhead cam four with continuously variable transmission are rated at 28 city and 34 highway.

This engine also can be matched with the four-speed automatic or the six-speed manual.

Not to be outdone by competing makes, Versa offers a long list of available technology, from the Intelligent Key fob to handsfree phoning, satellite radio and a new navigation system later in the model year with XM NavTraffic Real-Time Traffic Information — XM subscription required, sold separately. Now that's running with the big guys.

Checking the window sticker that came with the Versa hatchback, we were amused to read items that hardly seemed worth the mention because they are required by law or are already on most cars sold in this market. Examples? High-mounted

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## SIGN: Program hits dead end

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carried less traffic than other similar streets, including Cook Road and Marter.

The other complaint came from John Lauve, a resident of Holly, who owns a house on Sunningdale but does not live there.

In January, he asked the city council to consider replacing the sign at Sunningdale and Morningside due to increased traffic speeds. Council requested additional information from Beghin before acting on Lauve's request.

Beghin told the council at its Feb. 1 meeting that a traffic counter placed at the location indicated that there had been no increase in average speeds since the stop sign was removed in November 2009.

"There have also been no accidents at the intersection," Beghin said.

In her report to council, Beghin also noted that the unique design of the intersection, with traffic islands, serves as a "calming" device that have

been shown to be an effective way to slow vehicle speeds.

"Traffic islands are widely accepted and utilized as traffic calming devices around the world," noted Beghin in her report.

The removal of the stop signs was brought about by state and federal regulations. It had been expected to be complete in August 2009, but concerns raised by residents when a sign was removed prompted the city to more closely monitor those corners where signs had been removed, prompting a slow down in the process.

According to Beghin, the primary reason for the stop sign removals is that they are not nearly as effective as people perceive them to be.

She also cited federal highway regulations that have also been adapted by the state, and are spelled out in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the bible for traffic regulations and signage. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in the city possibly losing some funding if it was determined it was not in compliance.

## Toyota has plan to fix pedals

Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. announced Feb. 1 it will fix accelerator pedals in recalled Toyota Division vehicles this week.

Toyota's engineers have developed and tested a solution that involves reinforcing the pedal assembly in a manner that eliminates the excess friction that has caused the pedals to stick in rare instances. In addition, Toyota has developed an effective solution for vehicles in production.

Parts to reinforce the pedals are being shipped for use by dealers, and dealer training is under way. Many Toyota dealers will work extended hours to complete the recall campaign as quickly and conveniently as possible, some staying open 24 hours a day. The company has also taken the action of stopping production of affected vehicles for the week of Feb. 1.

"Nothing is more important to us than the safety and reliability of the vehicles our customers drive," said Jim Lentz,

president and chief operating officer, TMS. "We deeply regret the concern our recalls have caused for our customers and we are doing everything we can — as fast as we can — to make things right."

"Stopping production is never an easy decision, but we are 100 percent confident it was the right decision."

We know what's causing the sticking accelerator pedals, and we know what we have to do to fix it. We also know it is most important to fix this problem in the cars on the road.

"We are focused on making this recall as simple and trouble-free as possible, and will work day and night with our dealers to fix recalled vehicles quickly. We want to demonstrate that our commitment to safety is as high as ever and that our commitment to our customers is unwavering."

Toyota announced its intention Jan. 21 to recall approximately 2.3 million select

Toyota Division vehicles equipped with a specific pedal assembly and suspended sales of the eight models involved in the recall Jan. 26.

Toyota vehicles affected by the recall include:

- ◆ Certain 2009-2010 RAV4,
- ◆ Certain 2009-2010 Corolla
- ◆ 2009-2010 Matrix,
- ◆ 2005-2010 Avalon,
- ◆ Certain 2007-2010 Camry,
- ◆ Certain 2010 Highlander,
- ◆ 2007-2010 Tundra and
- ◆ 2008-2010 Sequoia.

No Lexus Division or Scion vehicles are affected by these actions. Also not affected are Toyota Prius, Tacoma, Sienna, Venza, Solara, Yaris, 4Runner, FJ Cruiser, Land Cruiser, Highlander hybrids and certain Camry models, including Camry hybrids, all of which remain for sale.

Camry, RAV4, Corolla and Highlander vehicles with Vehicle Identification Numbers that begin with "J" are not affected by the accelerator pedal recall.

In the event a driver experi-

ences an accelerator pedal that sticks in a partial open throttle position or returns slowly to idle position, the vehicle can be controlled with firm and steady application of the brakes.

The brakes should not be pumped repeatedly because it could deplete vacuum assist, requiring stronger brake pedal pressure.

The vehicle should be driven to the nearest safe location, the engine shut off and a Toyota dealer contacted for assistance.

Separately from the recall for sticking accelerator pedals, Toyota is in the process of recalling vehicles to address rare instances in which floor mats have trapped the accelerator pedal in certain Toyota and Lexus models, and is notifying customers about how it will fix this issue.

For more information, visit [toyota.com/recall](http://toyota.com/recall) or call the Toyota Customer Experience Center at (800) 331-4331.

## VERSA: Options without a huge price tag

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rear brake light; tire pressure sensor; dual covered visor vanity mirrors; tilt steering wheel; cup holders and assist grips. Perhaps the person or department in charge of filling out the equipment list was paid by the word. Variable intermittent windshield wipers are no longer cutting edge.

The Versa 1.8 SL hatchback had a suggested retail price of \$16,530. Add \$155 and you get a five-piece floor and trunk mat set — not to be confused with a multi-piece rug set for your bathroom. We don't understand why nice mats are not standard equipment, but they seldom are.

Another \$980 buys you a premium package with the Intelligent Key fob, Bluetooth handsfree phoning, steering wheel mounted audio controls, leather wrapped steering wheel and 16-inch alloy wheels. Our favorite was the steering wheel mounted controls.

Nissan says all 2010 Versas are equipped with an independent MacPherson strut front suspension and torsion beam

rear suspension, with front and rear stabilizer bars. Antilock brakes with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist for panic stops is standard on all Versa 1.8 S and 1.8 SL models and optional on Versa 1.6 sedans.

Riding up front is a pleasure in the Versa. And the rear seat is very accessible with wide-opening doors and those handy, roof mounted grab bars or assist grips mentioned on the window sticker. There are belts for three in the rear, but the center passenger had best be narrow.

Those seated next to the doors will enjoy decent leg, hip, head and foot room as well lots of natural light.

Two years ago Nissan offered a new 2009 Versa sedan 1.6 model with five-speed manual transmission for a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$9,990 — excluding destination and handling. The offer still holds for the 2010 Versa 1.6.

The Versa 1.8 hatchback tops the price list with its base \$16,530.

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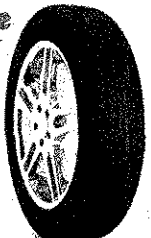
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GUEST OPINION By Patrick J. Wright

## Eroding rights?

**T**wo important court cases, one before the U.S. Supreme Court and another that may come before Michigan's Supreme Court, could drastically impact the rights of beachfront property owners.

In both cases, a governmental unit is trying to claim title to a portion of the land that would deprive the owner of access to the water.

The U.S. Supreme Court case is *Stop the Beach Renourishment versus Florida Department of Environmental Protection* and was argued in December. In that case, the court was faced with the question of whether a state court decision had improperly permitted the state of Florida to wedge — through a replenishment program meant to repair damages due to hurricanes — a strip of land between beachfront property owners and the ocean.

Some justices questioned if this was allowed, and if there would be anything that would prevent the state from creating a wedge to allow for increased spring break tourism.

The case also raised the issue of state judicial takings. The federal courts already recognize that actions by state executives or state legislatures can constitute takings that require compensation.

To date, the U.S. Supreme Court has not addressed whether a decision by a state court that so upsets traditional property rights — perhaps like the Michigan Supreme Court's decision in *Glass versus Goeckel* allowing a heretofore unrecognized right to beach walk on private property — would also constitute a taking.

The Michigan case is *2000 Baum Family Trust versus Babel*. The Michigan Supreme Court is currently considering whether to review the Michigan Court of Appeals' decision. The lower court was faced with the question of whether beachfront owners who have a county road between their home and the water have "riparian rights," including the right to place a dock in the lake.

The Court of Appeals held the test to determine riparian rights depends on whether the road was created via a statutory dedication or at common law. A common law road maintains riparian rights for the owner. A statutory dedication, however, only maintains riparian rights if those rights are expressly saved in the dedication, otherwise the riparian rights are with the public.

This latter situation will undoubtedly come as a surprise to many "lakeside" property owners.

Beachfront property has long been highly valued because it affords owners the right to access the water. But as the public's demand for access to the water grows, the courts have slowly eroded traditional property rights. Hopefully, the U.S. Supreme Court will at least require the owners be compensated when the courts do so.

## Cheating a rigged game

Protecting one's property rights can be a difficult endeavor due to the courts watering down both state and federal constitutional protections. That fight becomes more difficult when the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is allowed to hide evidence without serious consequence.

The trial court held an evidentiary hearing about this late production and found "MDEQ had intentionally withheld evidence and that the MDEQ made no attempt to provide the evidence in a timely manner."

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals opinion in *Seba versus Department of Environmental Quality* issued Sept. 29, 2009, Waad F. Seba bought 12 acres of vacant land in Oakland County in 1997. He tried to ascertain whether there were wetlands on his property and began to fill a portion of it he claimed had been previously filled.

Seba was served a cease-and-desist order by the DEQ, which led him to file an inverse condemnation claim. After a bench trial that ended in the DEQ's favor, the DEQ produced a file regarding the previous owner of the property.

The appellate court noted:

The file included more than 40 documents which showed significant filling activity had occurred on the property almost 10 years before plaintiff purchased it.

The MDEQ had failed to produce the file during the litigation despite discovery requests by plaintiff that would have encompassed the file.

The trial court held an evidentiary hearing about this late production and found "MDEQ had intentionally withheld evidence and the MDEQ made no attempt to provide the evidence in a timely manner." And while granting attorney fees and costs to Seba and holding that MDEQ could not claim the filled areas were wetlands, the trial court stated the damages claim "sounds like a separate cause of action, not that I'm suggesting that."

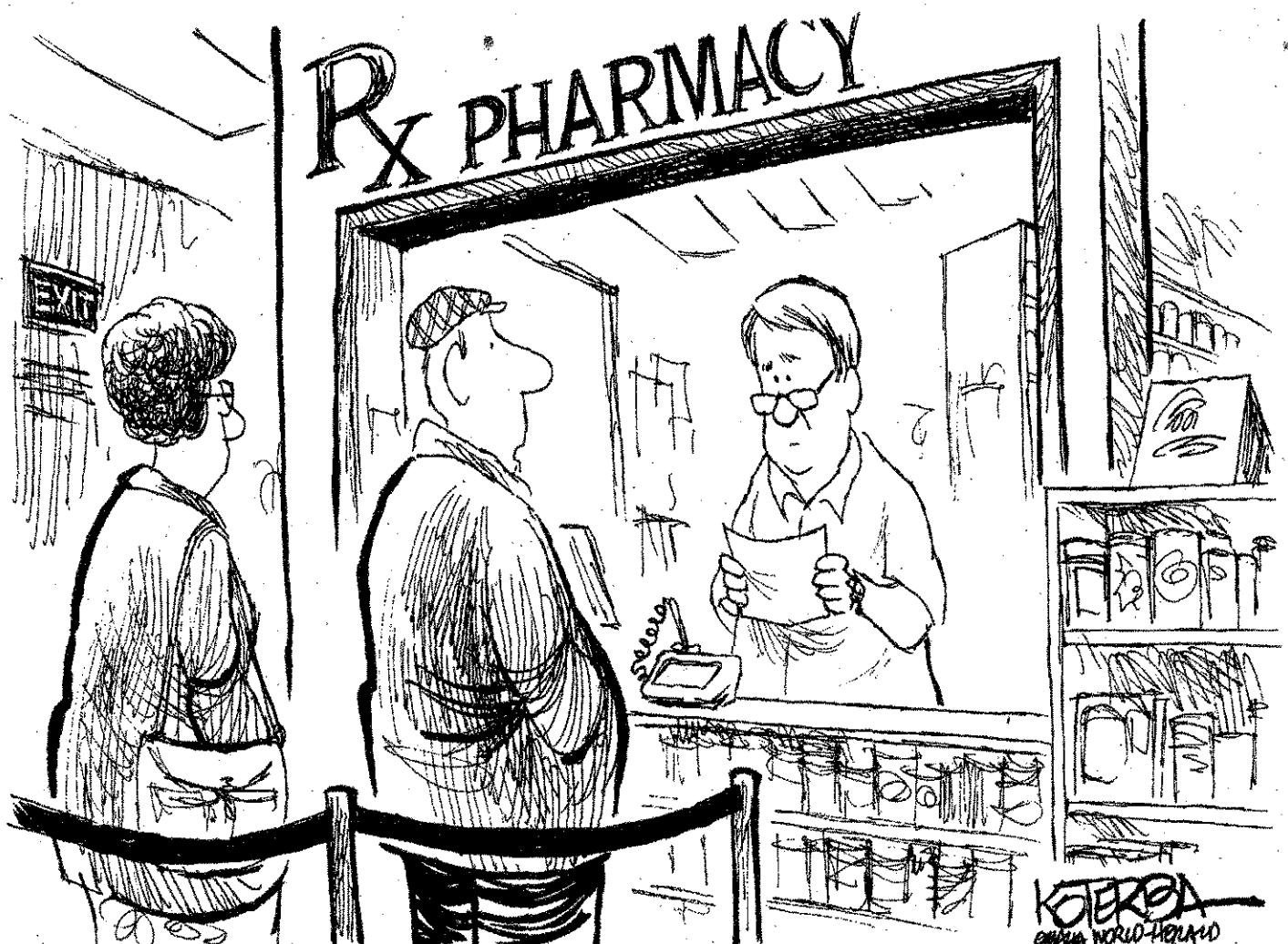
Seba did file a second suit seeking damages for the DEQ's improper activities, which was dismissed because a separate court held he should have filed an amended complaint and raised that claim in the earlier case.

The end result for Seba is 12 years after he bought his property, he is finally certain his filling of the property was legal, but he was not compensated for the 12 years his property lay dormant. That extended time frame was in large part due to the DEQ's intentional withholding of evidence, and Seba has only had his attorney fees and cost paid, which would not have occurred in the first place if the DEQ had properly admitted the property could be filled.

Government has tremendous powers and financial resources to litigate and can often wear down property owners who lack the means to fight in court.

Is it too much to ask that the government not cheat when it already has such advantages?

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"IRONICALLY, IT WASN'T UNTIL THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE HEATED UP THAT I DEVELOPED AN ULCER."

## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

### School's vetting and hiring practices

To the Editor:

Robert Bopp, former Grosse Pointe South High School hockey coach, has pleaded guilty to two counts of child pornography, faces charges of secretly videotaping his players in the locker room after practice as they changed, told a federal judge he videotaped a sexual act performed by a minor in 2008 in Taylor and is expected to plead guilty in February to state charges related to sexually assaulting a teenage boy.

This man coached for 17 years in our Grosse Pointe Public School System.

It's surprising to me during that time there were no complaints or notices of his behavior brought to the attention of the school administration and, if there were, why no action was taken.

I am also surprised more parents haven't expressed their outrage at the apparent cavalier attitude the Grosse Pointe schools administration has taken on this situation.

I for one would like to know what they are doing to prevent this from ever happening again.

Specifically, I want the school administration to publish what specific changes they have incorporated into their vetting and hiring practices since this scandal began last June.

Also, I believe the school administration should report and post on their website all complaints about teachers and coaches, including the

results of the subsequent reviews or investigations.

JOHN AND MARY  
KLOBUCHAR  
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### Thanks members and residents

To the Editor:

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

Recognition and thanks are due to our exclusive chairman sponsor: Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe; and director sponsors: Community Central Bank, Ed Lazar State Farm Agent and Health Alliance Plan.

Congratulations to our Pointer of Distinction Award Winners: Youth Achievement, Mary Grech, University Liggett School and Julia Jacovides, Grosse Pointe South High School; community service, Allen G. Dickinson and William C. Rands III. New Business Enterprise, Lori Stefek, Stefek's Auction House and Mark Seeley, Burger Pointe; and Excellence In Business, Kathleen Mullins, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Kimberly Schmidt, Community Central Bank.

Many thanks to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for fantastic service in the beautiful facility.

We also would like to recognize Mary Huebner who has announced her desire to travel and pursue other opportunities.

As cofounder with Jane Lightfoot, their vision provided our community with a chamber of commerce that promotes our community and businesses.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Board is pleased to acknowledge her successor, Jennifer Boettcher as president, and MaryJo Harris as director of administration.

The 2010 Annual Meeting Pointer of Distinction Awards will be shown on WMTV — Comcast Channel 5 — Feb. 8-14 inclusive.

Thanks to the War Memorial and WMTV for their continuous support of the Chamber.

JENNIFER BOETTCHER  
President  
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

### All-day K-12

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education is considering a full-day kindergarten program for the 2010/11 school year.

The board should approve this change immediately.

As the parent of a prospective kindergartner next fall, and new resident of the district, I was shocked to learn a district of this caliber had not already implemented this change.

All credible educational research has proven the vast majority of students will benefit from an all-day program, and at least a third of all Michigan districts are already ahead of the Grosse Pointe Public School System in making this change.

The state foundation grant paid to the Grosse Pointe schools for kindergarten students is the same as for students in any other grade.

As such, I have to ask why my child would only get half the level of educational value being offered to other students.

A matter of basic fairness and integrity demands this change, even withstanding other budget challenges facing the Grosse Pointe schools.

Given the full payment from the state and demonstrated educational value of an all-day kindergarten, what possible justification can possibly be made for charging me for a "full day" program, and not charging for students in all the other grades.

The district should know that as parents we do have other options.

The lack of a full-day program has and will continue to force parents like myself to choose any one of the many good options available to us outside the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

DOUG JONES  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Bonus rewards

To the Editor:

With interest I read the edi-

torial by Michael Ettlinger, "Time to collect from Wall Street" in the Jan. 23 Grosse Pointe News.

I agree wholeheartedly with what he has to say. It boggles my mind to read the one company, Golden Sachs Group Inc., "can offer \$16.7 billion (that is "B") in bonuses for one year" of work. I wonder how much profit that one company made?

I have trouble in understanding such rewards as this. I have worked in non-profit organizations for 40 years and never received a dollar in bonuses. My reward for hard work was a 3-5 percent raise yearly if the company could afford it.

This does not include the fact non-profits generally pay less money for salaries than do the profit-making companies.

So it is difficult for me again to understand why these companies balk at paying an extremely small percentage — less than 1 percent — in taxes. Can you answer that question?

MARION MC CARTHY  
Harper Woods

### Brainless information

To the Editor:

To virtually anyone in the literate world who envisions Washington, DC, the iconic Capitol dome flashes through that person's mind's eye.

It is one of the powerful symbols our enemies putatively targeted, but were foiled by Todd Beamer and gallant passengers of flight No. 93, Boeing 757, Sept. 11, 2001.

Our enemies do not forget. They are patient and smart. They plan ahead with information we provide them.

It was well announced the State of the Union Address would be held Jan 28, with President Barack Obama, his cabinet, the Supreme Court, invited judges, past presidents, governors, highest officers of the U.S. Armed Forces, many captains of industry, foreign and domestic dignitaries and both houses of the U.S. Congress in attendance except for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, safe in Europe — should anything happen.

Who was the absolute idiot who crammed ostensibly the leaders of the civilized world under the dome — bull's-eyed by our foes.

Why jeopardize the free world with such egomaniacal antics.

There is no Constitutional prescription on the place or time the president may find it appropriate to address Congress. This should have been televised.

A suicidal zealot with an explosive device hidden in a body cavity could have propelled the secretary of state into ruler of the whole world!

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I SAY By Bob St. John

# Super Bowl offers lesson in leadership



**T**hank you for reminding me. Super Bowl XLIV is only days away. The big game this year is the Indianapolis Colts against the New Orleans Saints.

I know it's shocking the Detroit Lions didn't make the Super Bowl. Give them credit though, winning two games this season instead of zero, like the year before.

By the way, the Lions are the only team from the National Football Conference to never play in the big game. New Orleans joined Detroit

with that distinction, but the Saints' NFC title game victory over Minnesota two weeks ago got them off the haven't been to a Super Bowl list, leaving the lowly Lions as the only NFC team to be shutout from the Super Bowl.

They won't make it next year, either, but I do think they're getting better. I will talk about that at the end of summer.

Back to the Super Bowl. On Sunday, Feb. 7, starting bright and early, we will be flooded with pre-game hype about who will win and why.

Everyone has an opinion about the big game and those opinions will fill talk topics at the workplace water cooler.

We're all armchair quarterbacks who offer up plays that will win the game. We never lose a football game sitting in our favorite chair. We're all

undefeated.

The Super Bowl is the most watched sporting event each year and one of the most watched events throughout the entire year. Millions will be glued to their television sets, watching the commercials, the game and consuming mass amounts of chips, dips and beverages.

Last year's Super Bowl was watched by 95.4 million viewers. It was also one of the best Super Bowls, thanks to Pittsburgh's last-minute victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

For me, I look at this as a sporting event and not an entertainment event. I don't care who sings the National Anthem or performs during the halftime show. I care about the pure magic of football and who will win and why.

Both teams offer the true

meaning of leadership. The Colts have four-time MVP Peyton Manning at quarterback and the Saints have Drew Brees, MVP runner-up.

The definition of a leader is: "a person or thing that leads."

Both Manning and Brees exhibit a confidence in the huddle that exudes the best from their teammates.

Manning threw for 4,500 yards and 33 touchdowns during the regular season, while Brees threw for 4,388 yards and 34 TDs.

I hope I'm seen as a leader in my daughter's eyes.

However, she has the luxury of watching leaders in other sports I cover as the Grosse Pointe News' sports editor.

Grosse Pointe North senior Ariel Braker, Grosse Pointe South senior Chloe Srebernak and Liggett sophomore Madison Ristovski and

freshman Haleigh Ristovski are fantastic leaders and great role models on and off the court.

Liggett senior Paige Counsman is a leader on the ice and in the classroom, too.

She has exemplified the importance of being a true student-athlete, as had South senior Shannon Gianino and North sophomore Emma Huellmantel. It's these attributes I want my daughter to utilize, which I think she will.

It's important for my daughter to be a leader. She is taught that every day at school and I can see it when she is in the classroom, in physical education class and on the playing field.

I would love for my daughter to be another Ariel Braker, Chloe Srebernak, Madison Ristovski, Paige Counsman or Shannon Gianino. The three

high schools in the Grosse Pointes offer dozens of student-athletes who make tremendous role models. I just don't have room to name them all.

Back to my original point, the Super Bowl.

Don't forget to pick up a pizza, nacho chips, cheese and/or salsa and your favorite beverage. Get comfortable in your favorite chair because this year's Super Bowl should be a doozy.

Both teams were the No. 1 seed in their respective conference. The Colts come into the game with a 16-2 record and the Saints are 15-3.

I see a lot of offense in this one. Final score: Colts 38, Saints 35. Manning's leadership comes front and center on the last drive of the game as he gets his team in position to kick the winning field goal.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is a fun way to eat chocolate?

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



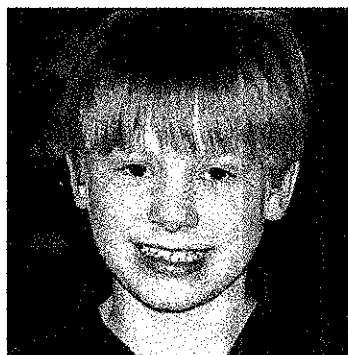
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FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

## VanDamme's Half Way House



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

**T**he Half Way House was one of the best known spots in Grosse Pointe—from a gambling standpoint.

The house was established by Levin VanDamme who built the large frame building on the southeast corner of Mack and St. Clair Avenue, in the Village of Grosse Pointe. Levin operated there from 1909 to 1920.

The Belgians, who predominated there during this period, were all pigeon fanciers and formed several clubs that specialized in breeding homing pigeons.

They would tag the pigeons, ship them away, and place bets as to the time the birds would arrive home using time clocks to decide the winners.

VanDamme retired in 1920,

and leased the building to "Kid" Harris, who operated it as a gambling establishment until 1923 when he closed and moved to Detroit. It is said a man was killed there over some gambling dispute during the last days Kid Harris was proprietor.

The building remained vacant for a period of five years. In 1928, VanDamme, sold the property to John Ryan. Johnny, as he was called, operated one of the most widely known and popular gambling resorts in Wayne County for a period of two years.

He employed a number of privately owned cars for which he paid \$15 a shift of

eight hours. Most of the time there were three shifts operating per day, Sundays included; to pick up the gambling element from a rendezvous at Woodward and Elizabeth and bring them to the resort.

He also had men, known as cappers, who daily contacted the sporting element at clubs, hotels and speakeasies to in-

duce those who cared to pay them a visit.

### The Half Way House

All persons entering the gambling rooms were searched at the entrance and concealed weapons and liquor were removed from their person to be returned to them upon leaving.

Johnny also served free lunch and many down-and-outer's went there to partake of the lunch, until a ruling was made that all who entered must have at least \$2 before being admitted.

Persons leaving at night with heavy winnings were furnished an escort home if so desired.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

## Entrepreneurship

**T**he White House didn't invite the firms that will create new jobs to its "job summit"—dominated by the CEOs of big firms, Ivy League economists and union officials—because they weren't available. Many of them don't even exist yet.

Our economic gospel says small businesses create most jobs, although size doesn't matter as much as age. In a new study on job creation, the Kauffman Foundation found that "from 1980-2005, nearly all net job creation in the United States occurred in firms less than five years old."

The ultimate source of jobs is the vast, chaotic entrepreneurial churn that has always characterized the American economy at its best. No recovery is sustainable without it, yet the White House remains fixated on the gewgaws of new government programs and quick gimmicks.

It's newness that really drives the job market. First, there are the startup firms. Without startups, according to

Kauffman, "net job creation for the American economy would be negative in all but a handful of years." But startups often go bust. About a third close down in their second year, half by year five. Those young firms that survive are key.

The Kauffman study posits a symbiotic relationship between those well-established firms and the younger ones. As the new firms succeed, the older firms ape their innovations or acquire them. And on it goes, an endless process of creation and destruction that nets out as new jobs.

It's the state of this churn that should matter to policymakers more than the health of any specific industry or firm, yet it's been ignored in the on-going bailouts and the inaptly named \$787 billion "stimulus."

Most of the spending in the stimulus went to payments to states and localities. According to Governing magazine, states devoted 63 percent of the funds to Medicaid and 13 percent to their general fund budgets. In other words, much of the stimulus acted to preserve

the programmatic status quo in the states, not foster new job creation.

And the stimulus has precluded major new policies favorable to the churn. Entrepreneurs must hire workers and acquire capital, and they benefit from anything that makes it cheaper and easier to do so.

A cut in the payroll tax would have provided tax relief to individuals at the same time it removed a drag to hiring. But it's expensive and basically out of the question after President Barack Obama's \$787 billion budget-buster.

Every recession ends and jobs inevitably return, but there's a daunting path ahead.

David Smick, author of "The World Is Curved," notes if the unemployment rate is to drop to 5 percent during the next five years, we'll need to create 250,000 new net jobs a month. The average has been 90,000 a month since 1989.

We'll never get there without a truly vibrant churn.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

## Please just go away!



**I**n a previous column, "Bill's bum brigade list," Aug. 13 Grosse Pointe News, I provided a compilation of people who in my mind distinguished themselves by being jerks.

Several readers contacted me with their own list. This week, permit me to provide another: "The please just go away list."

The list consists of people who have overplayed their 15 minutes of fame ad nauseam! See how many you agree with:

◆ Terrell Owens, formerly of the Dallas Cowboys, now with the Buffalo Bills. I'm tired of his tirades and I suspect fans in Texas were glad to see him depart, but now he resurfaces in New York with the same obnoxious talking points.

He is the proverbial burr in a saddle blanket.

Please just go away!

◆ Jon & Kate Gosselin of "Jon & Kate Plus Eight." Why is this dysfunctional family always in the news?

Why does anyone care about their troublesome lifestyle?

Can't they just disappear into the relative obscurity they

so richly deserve?

Please just go away!

◆ Octo-Mom, Nadya Suleman, her antics, and her warped attempt to garner publicity.

Do we really care about anything she has to mutter?

Please just go away!

◆ The Michael Jackson family. Michael is gone and yet his family tries every day to resuscitate their own beleaguered careers and make money from his death.

Joe Jackson, the father, is the ultimate carnival barker—nice hat, Joe.

Please just go away!

◆ Any of the Kardashians in the reality TV show, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." Besides having large derrieres, this talent-less family will go to any lengths to be in the news.

Please just go away!

◆ Woody Allen and all the other Hollywood apologists— their support of convicted rapist Roman Polanski is deplorable.

To Allen and his "out of touch with reality" cohorts— Please just go away!

◆ Kwame Kilpatrick. What can be said? He has already departed the city of Detroit but his antics continue to reverberate here.

Please just stay away!

◆ Larry King, host of CNN's "Larry King Live." His interviews with powder puff ques-

tions and his sometimes lack of knowing the names or backgrounds of his guests, makes his show a comedy classic.

Please just go away!

◆ Charlie Sheen. His sexual innuendo show, "Two and a Half Men," with pubescent nephew Jake mouthing off-color comments, makes this a program more suited to middle of the night cable TV. And Sheen's personal lifestyle brings new meaning to the word debauchery.

Please just go away!

◆ Richard Heene, father of the "Balloon Boy." The alleged hoax this family perpetrated on the world to achieve publicity was irresponsible.

Since Heene vows to have a goal of contacting space aliens, maybe NASA should consider sending him to the moon on the next space mission. He could then interact, commingle and develop his own reality show with ET and his friends.

In the meantime— please just go away!

Until the next group of irritating, grating, publicity-seeking malcontents surfaces, it's time for me to go away!

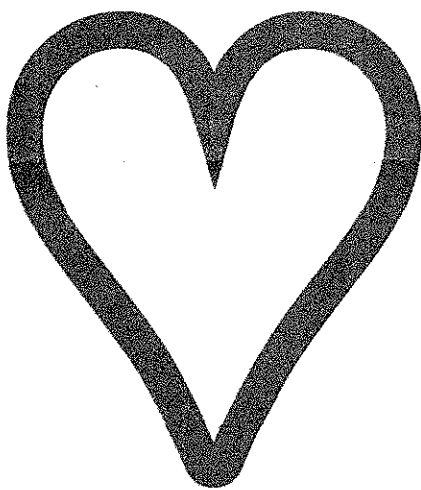
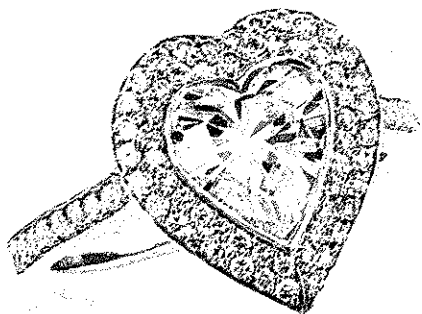
I'm confident I will be able to include additional candidates for this list in due time.

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





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# North brother, sister share TV spotlight

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

You won't find any sibling rivalry between Roland and Cameron Day — except, maybe, a little vying for more camera time.

The Grosse Pointe Woods brother and sister star in a new PBS show, "Think Squad," designed to peak middle school students' interest in careers in math and science.

Each half-hour episode, locally filmed at the Detroit Science Center and YouthVille studios, follows a group of teens who meet in secret to help their peers solve science-based riddles they can't quite decipher: Why seeds aren't sprouting; why clocks are running too fast or not at all; and what kind of rock crashed through one girl's roof, for example.

Using the scientific method, the group establishes the problem, observes data in the field, encourages the stumped student to develop a hypothesis and tests it in the lab, with help from a friend at the Detroit Science Center.

Cameron, a freshman at Grosse Pointe North High School, plays a junior reporter for Y-News who interviews experts of various specialties.

The data she collects during each meeting is brought back to the Think Squad as it attempts to solve the weekly problem.

Roland, a senior at North, is a Y-News anchor who introduces viewers to the field Cameron is exploring in the episode.

The Detroit Public TV program — a partnership with the Detroit Science Center, YouthVille and AT&T — aims to engage its young viewers through technology careers they might not have known about, from agroecologists who work on organic farms in Ann Arbor to glass blowers at Greenfield Village.

The siblings auditioned last January — their mother, Jeanne Day, saw the advertisement — with more than 200 others trying to make their big break.

Jeanne, who says the two looked like naturals, noted only 12 actors were selected for the show.

Though neither has much background in acting, there's long been an interest from both in the performing arts.

"I was semi-reluctant to go (audition)," Roland said. "I thought it would be interesting to see all

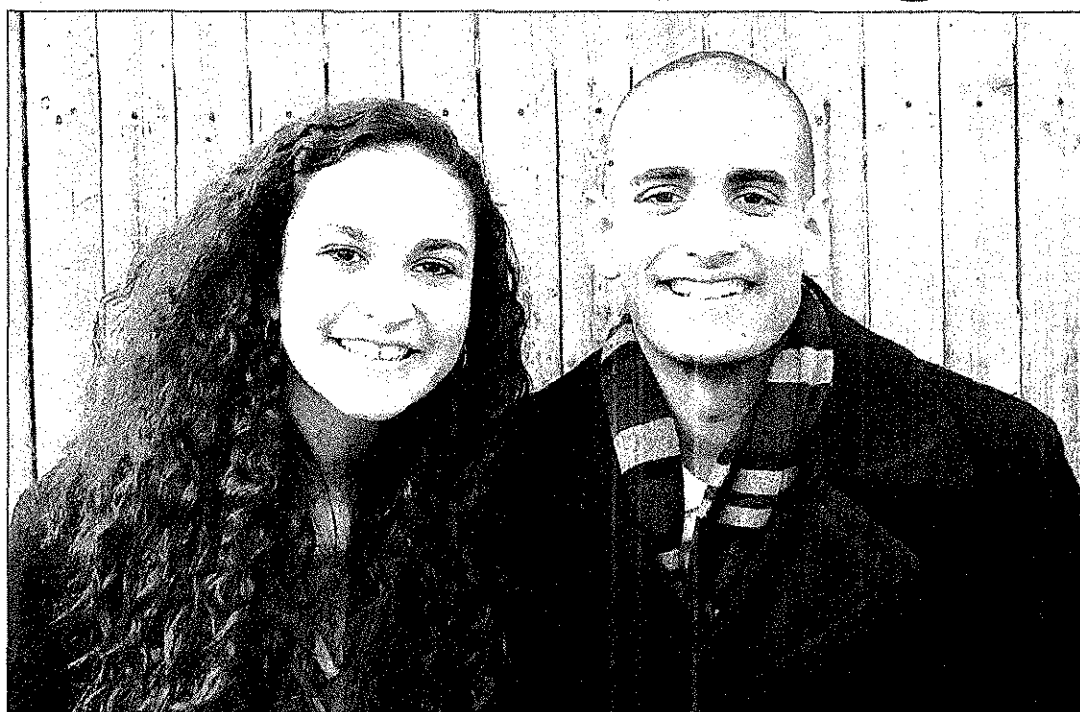


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Siblings Cameron and Roland Day star together in the PBS science show, "Think Squad."

# School reaches top of state's 'green' ladder

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Students and staff at Grosse Pointe North High School have gone the extra mile in their efforts to be eco-friendly.

The school has earned the highest designation from Michigan Green Schools in its

second year in the program.

Teachers, administrators, building engineers and custodians, along with student clubs, classes and extracurricular groups, helped North maintain "green" status in the 2008-09 school year and reach the level of "evergreen" for 2009-10.

Michigan Green Schools, a

nonprofit focused on helping students become good stewards of the environment, recognizes schools that meet certain criteria each year, from recycling paper to creating a natural Michigan garden with native plants.

The school was rewarded for engaging in 20 out of 20 Earth-

friendly efforts, including adopting an endangered species through the Detroit Zoo and establishing an energy saving program throughout the building. North's memorial garden features Michigan and Midwest plants and flowers. Planter boxes and trees can be adopted and cared for by clubs

and staff.

Schools are designated "green" by achieving 10 of the 20 points of energy and environmental savings activities; those who complete 15 of the 20 points are designated "emerald."

English teacher Kathy Sexton, advisor for the Be the

Change Club, which helped oversee the application process, said she sent out a call last year to everyone in the building.

"We had an outpouring from people. It really is a school-wide effort," she said, noting the North community went beyond

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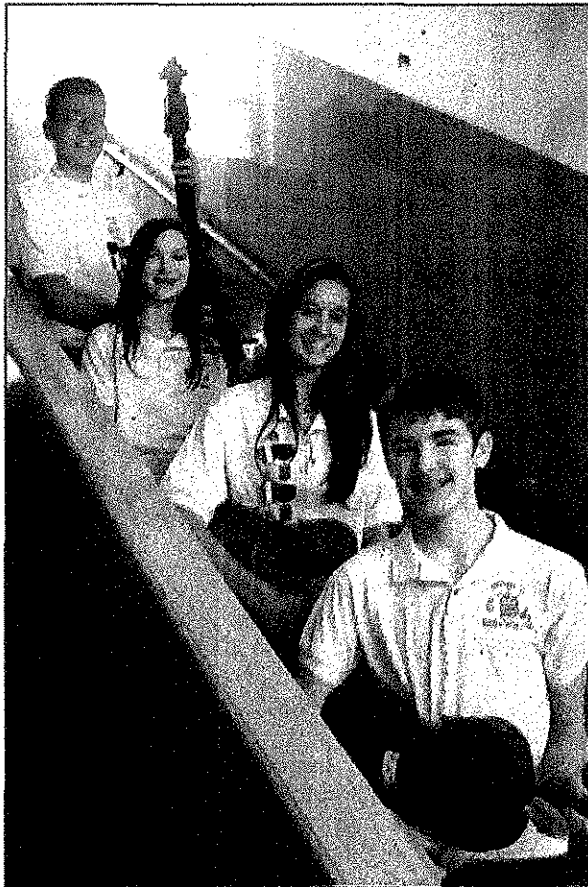
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## Students part of MSBOA orchestras

Several Grosse Pointe Public School System students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State Orchestra Thursday, Jan. 21, in Grand Rapids. Students from Pierce Middle School are Jeannine Degnan, cello; Patrick Jackson, bass; Spencer Korejwo, viola; and Alexandra Richards, viola. Grosse Pointe South High School students are Kellen Degnan, cello; Brian Hall, cello; Candace Rembert, violin; and Hannah Sparrow, viola. Each student auditioned in November and was chosen from a field of more than 2,000 applicants statewide. Above left: South students are, from left, Degnan, Sparrow, Rembert and Hall. Above right: Pierce students are, from left, Jackson, Degnan, Richards and Korejwo.

## Concert raises funds

Grosse Pointe South High School's Greece Student Ambassador Choir performs a preview of songs it will sing in Greece and Crete during a trip Feb. 12-20.

The concert is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The evening also includes performances by South's freshmen choir, along with choirs from Brownell and Pierce middle schools.

The 65 choir students who make up the Greece Student

Ambassador Choir begin their adventure in Athens. Students also perform on Crete, an invitation from the mayor of Heraklion. Their visit includes an exchange day with the arts school and a performance for the students. It wraps up with a fundraising concert for the Greek Children's Charity.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or online at gp-southchoir.org.

Proceeds help defray the cost of the trip.

## Mom to Mom sale returns

Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual spring Mom to Mom Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

Shoppers can arrive from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for \$2 early bird admission or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$1 admission. Moms with strollers will be admitted after 10:30 a.m.

Children's clothing, furni-

ture, toys, baby items — including strollers, baby swings and Exersaucers — and maternity clothes are featured. Items are located at the individual tables and inside the big item room.

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## Sweet landing

Students at St. Peter the Apostle Montessori School in Harper Woods received a visit from a U.S. Army Black Hawk Saturday, Jan. 16. The event was a thank you from members of the National Guard at Selfridge Air National Guard Base to the 22 children who collected 150 pounds of candy at Halloween for Operation Homefront. The sweets were sent to U.S. soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Above: The helicopter from Unit B Company C, 1st Battalion, 147th, with pilots Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony Kruckeberg, Chief Warrant Officer 1 Christopher Quimby and Crew Chief Sgt. Jeffrey Bussard, circled St. Peter's parking lot once and landed. Top: Sitting in the crew seats are, from left, Aleko Karabetsos, 4; Zoe Xenos, 5; Dorian Pettengill, 4; and Jordyn Watkins-Ozier, 5. Standing in back is Quimby.

## Outlaw is now 'Dr.'

Grosse Pointe North High School Assistant Principal Matt Outlaw has added a new title to his name: Doctor.

Outlaw recently earned his doctorate degree in education — with a concentration in educational leadership — from Wayne State University in hopes of becoming a principal and eventually, a school superintendent.

His dissertation examined teacher quality across southeast Michigan. Outlaw looked at data from schools across the tri-county area and determined the level of teacher quality in varying districts, the variables affecting the supply of high quality teachers and the relationship between teacher quality and student achievement.

Outlaw was recognized at the Monday, Jan. 25, school board meeting by



Matt Outlaw

Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

"I've been fortunate enough to know him in several different reincarnations," she said. "He's has certainly done some wonderful things in the district."

Outlaw served for three years as assistant principal for athletics at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Prior, he worked from 1996 to 2001 in the Novi School District, teaching history, government, economics and Spanish. He was also baseball and basketball coach and assistant athletic director.

He served as dean of students at Novi High School from 2001-03.

Outlaw earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in social studies and Spanish.

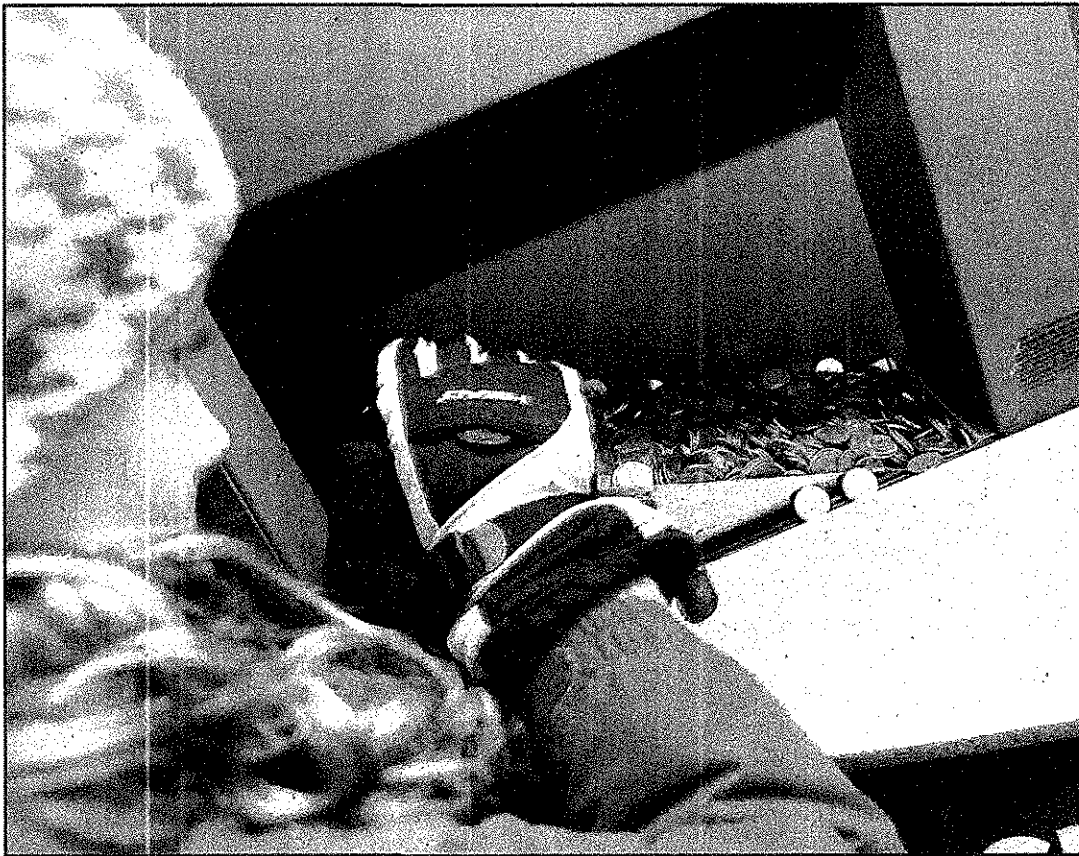
He also earned a master's from the University of Michigan in educational administration and policy and an educational specialist degree from WSU in administration and policy.

—Amy Salvagno



# Help for Haiti

The recent earthquake that rocked Haiti, crippling Port-au-Prince, inspired many children in the Pointes to hold fundraisers to provide aid. Here are a few snapshots of students as they perform a few selfless good deeds: Spending their days drumming up loose change, baking sweet treats to sell and putting teachers and staff to the challenge. Photos by Renee Landuyt



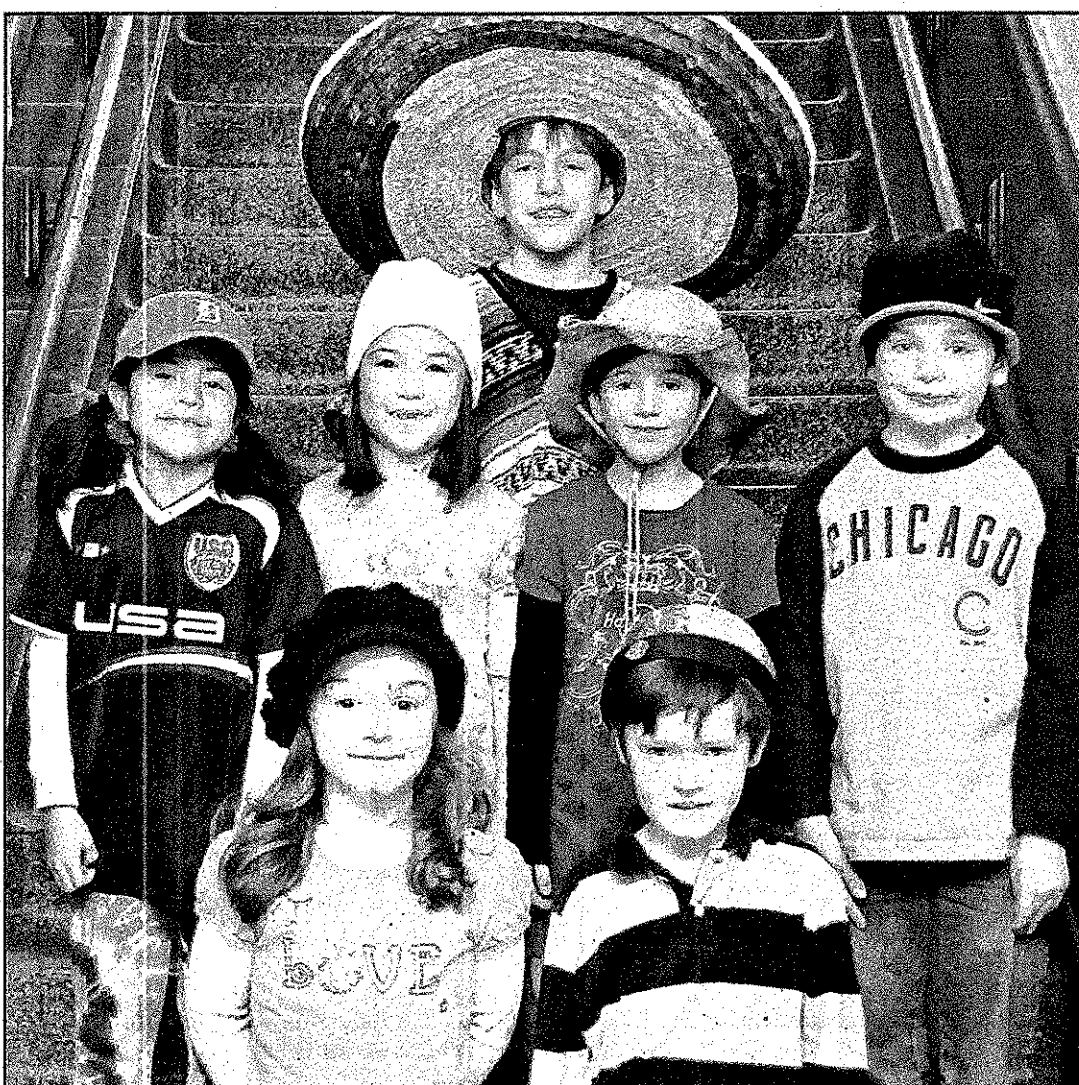
Students at Maire Elementary School held a week-long coin drive, collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in a 5-gallon jug to donate to UNICEF. The students raised more than \$1,000, which they took to a Coin Star machine at Kroger in the Village of Grosse Pointe. Above left, Sara Crader makes sure all the coins land in the machine.



At Richard Elementary School, children held a concert and bake sale to benefit the earthquake relief efforts through Hands Together, an organization in Haiti. Top right: First-grader Melissa Eger, who was adopted from Haiti, opens the afternoon event by singing, "God Bless America." Above: At intermission, children lined up with their dollars out to purchase cookies, cake and other assorted treats. Right: 6-year-old St. Paul School student Peyton Steinhebel, left, enjoys a cupcake with 4-year-old Samantha Martin and 6-year-old Campbell Stencel, who both attend Richard.

Bottom: Richard students also participated in Hat Day as a way to raise additional funds. Students and staff who wanted to don a hat paid \$1 for the privilege. Several children showed off their individual choices: Back row, T.J. Clutterbuck; second row, from left, Mayra Eger, Kaileigh Wu, Olivia Zajac and Christopher Arendoski; and first row, from left, Sarah Campau and Shane Fitzpatrick. Between Hat Day and the concert, the school raised \$23,000 for Hands Together.

Elsewhere in the community, Defer Elementary School's coin drive and ice cream sandwich sale, both sponsored by the student council, helped raise \$1,127 for UNICEF and the American Red Cross. A lemonade and s'more sale by first-graders Jack Michaud, Andrew Michels and Jacob Schaupeter contributed more than \$200 to the total amount, as did donations from school parents and staff.



Grosse Pointe Academy teachers Sasha Murphy, left, and Wendy Jerome happily lost a bet with students about how much money they could raise to send to Haiti through the American Red Cross. They dressed up in a school uniform for the day and cleaned lunch tables, including one occupied by, from left, Mikey Schaller, Mac Carroll, Jonathon Montgomery, Jared Brush, Sam Williams and Charles Becker. The final tally of the Loose Change Campaign for Haiti, which included \$5 donations from teachers who wanted to wear jeans for the day, was more than \$2,600.



# Teacher of the Week

This week, it's Trombly Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Eric Frakes.

He was jointly nominated by former student, Grace Pellegrino, and current student, Bobbi Barrett: "We together feel that we should nominate Mr. Frakes because of the educational impact he has had and continues to have on us and all the others lucky enough to know him."

"Mr. Frakes has this uncanny ability to think outside the box with his teaching style by using a relaxing atmosphere (track lighting, relaxation and classical music, hanging mobiles). He often breaks briefly for the students to listen to his amazing guitar playing where he involves them."

"He makes learning fun, making getting up in the a.m. to go to school something to look forward to."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe Park school: 21**

Previous work: I had many jobs growing up, including assisting photographers, working on film crews, mowing lawns and working on a farm in Bavaria.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

I decided to become a teacher in the summer of 1983. I was living in Germany, and traveling a lot to other countries in Europe. It just happened that in several of the houses where I lived, there were children whom I helped with their English lessons in school. I really enjoyed being around that ineffable kid energy, and determined that I'd start studying education when I returned to the U.S.

**What do you enjoy about teaching?**

It's difficult to define my favorite part of teaching, but it comes from the hope I feel for the future born of spending my days with students at Trombly School.

I am as well aware of all the troubles on this planet as anybody; I also know how bright and imaginative these children are. I have a lot of faith in them. I have traveled a lot, meeting many people along the way, and some of the most remarkable are the kids right here.

**How do you feel about being nominated?**

It's an honor to be nominated. In our school system, I work with some of the best teachers in the business, and could name dozens of them who deserve a full page in the Grosse Pointe News.

**Favorite book to share with students?**

I'll name the book I'm currently reading aloud to my students: Gary Paulsen's "Woodson." It's a nonfiction account of the author's experiences in the woods of northern Minnesota, where he trains sled dogs. Among many other adventures, he recounts his first Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.

I like it because it introduces students to a lifestyle and world so different from their own. It's very funny at times, heart-wrenching at others. One can't help but be amazed at Gary Paulsen's grit in the face of poverty, severe cold, wind, injury, and near-death experience. He's knocked down over and over again, but he keeps popping up for more.

—Amy Salvagno

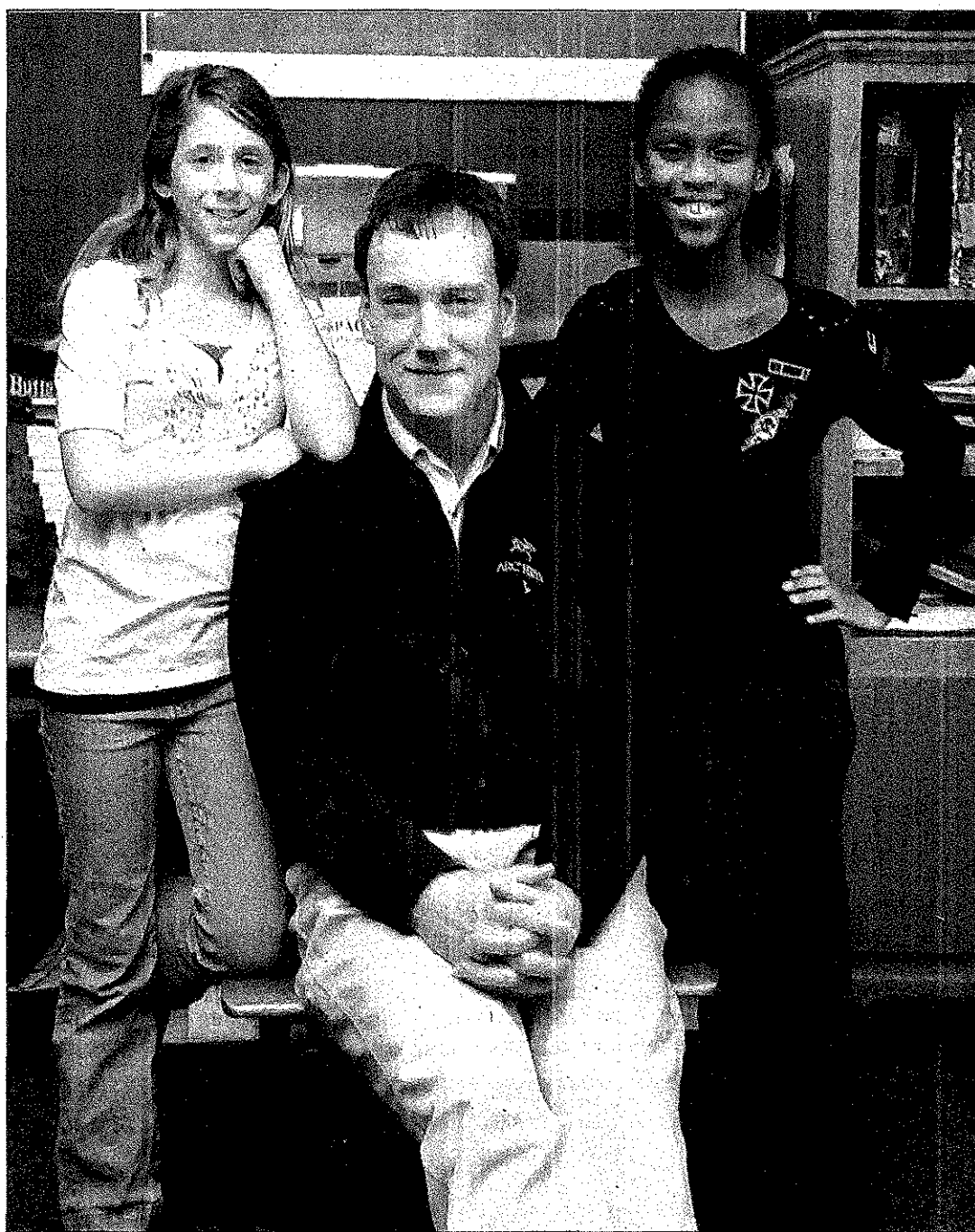


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Trombly teacher Eric Frakes was jointly nominated by Grace Pellegrino, left, and Bobbi Barrett.

Nominate your teacher for an upcoming Teacher of the Week. Students in grades K-12 can submit the name of their favorite teacher, along with a few reasons why your teacher is outstanding. Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information.

Featured teachers will be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or [asalvagno@grossepointenews.com](mailto:asalvagno@grossepointenews.com).

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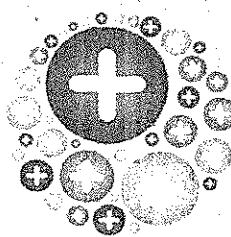
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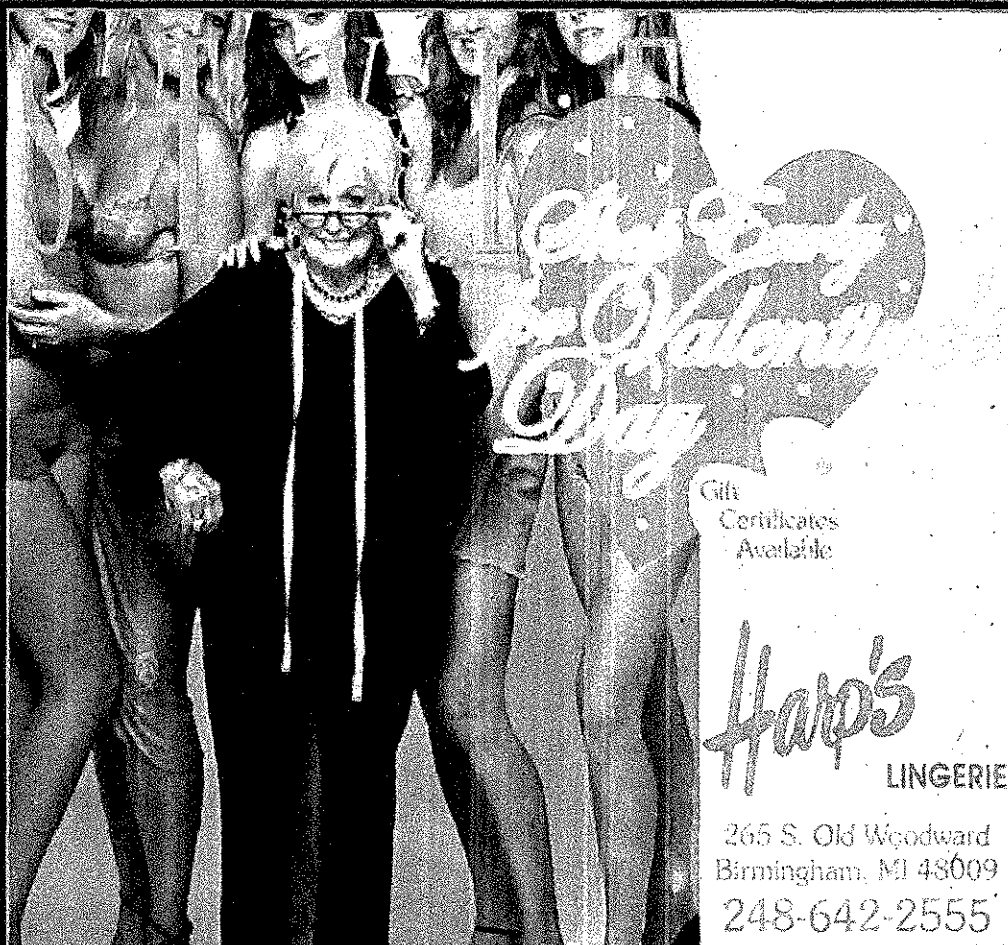
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the work that goes into production."

"I thought it would be a cool opportunity to see how it all works and be part of this," said Cameron, who thought her time in front of the camera would give her a glimpse into a career she's interested in — meteorology. "I was nervous, but I think it's an awesome blessing."

Shooting for the 10-episode show began last summer. Roland finished filming for his part in late December. Cameron wraps up her role in March.

"I definitely got the feeling for the work and effort that goes into it, especially for a half-hour show," Roland said.

"Every time I see a TV show or movie, I know what's going into it — it's a long process," added Cameron.

For her part as a reporter, Cameron filmed at locales throughout the tri-county area. She interviewed a construction engineer at DTE Energy, a geologist-paleontologist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science,

a science instrument technician and director of the Sherzer Observatory at Eastern Michigan University and a geology consultant at the Detroit Port Authority.

"It's definitely a lot of hard work and time consuming, but I learned a lot," Cameron said. "It was a really cool opportunity to do what I do and meet all the people and have an acting role."

While filming for "Think Squad," producers discovered Roland had an interest in architecture. They pegged him for the Detroit Public TV Kids Club pilot, Architekts. The show for elementary-aged children roams local neighborhoods —

including the Woods — looking for shapes, such as doors and arch ways, on houses and buildings. Roland says its aim is to give children little things to look for in their everyday environment.

Though he is leaning more toward a career outside the acting world, possibly architecture, Roland says the opportunity to make his TV debut wasn't taken for granted.

"When you get a cool opportunity that not everyone gets, it's important to take advantage of it."

"Think Squad" airs Fridays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Episodes can also be watched online at [thinksquad.org](http://thinksquad.org).



Cameron Day is pictured with the PBS cast of "Think Squad."

## GREEN: North goes eco-friendly

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what was required.

There are everyday efforts to

be more eco-conscious: Be the Change has placed recycling boxes around the school for plastic, non-returnable bottles; water coolers are available to encourage staff to use refillable water containers; and students submit some homework electronically and take placement tests online to reduce the use of paper.

There are also environmentally-friendly endeavors that will have an impact down the road: Several teachers prepared a unit on alternative energy; for energy-savings, Be the Change Club sends quarterly e-mails to teachers reminding them to turn off lights, TVs and computers, an addition to reminders periodically sent from

the school district; science teacher Ardis Herrold is running a fundraiser for the school to recycle print cartridges and cell phones; and, to promote improved vehicle fuel efficiency, students are reminded in special announcements to change their oil, drive the speed limit and keep air pressure accurate in their tires.

Sexton said Be the Change Club was the best group to lead green efforts because of its ventures to promote positive changes in the school and community.

In the fall, the club presented a Concert of Change, which raised money to fund the adoption of the Detroit Zoo animal and other school-wide pro-

grams. The club has placed pop can and bottle recycling boxes — the school does not have bins — for people to deposit returnables. The money earned goes back to the club to continue its school programs.

Sexton said students are good about throwing cans and bottles into the boxes, not the trash.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### B&E

Nothing appeared stolen by whomever broke into Martinizing cleaners in the 17400 block of Mack during the night of Wednesday, Jan. 27. An employee arriving to work at 5:50 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, found the door ajar.

"The dead bolt had been broken," the employee told a public safety officer.

"The bolt of the lock had been broken in half," the officer observed. "Large gouges were in the frame near the lock."

The cash register had been emptied prior to the store being closed for the night.

Police searched the area and found a 33-year-old Detroit man behind a nearby business. The man was arrested and turned over to Grosse Pointe Park police on a traffic warrant.

### Lucky night

A suspended driver of a Ford Taurus with only one working headlight was let go shortly after being investigated on Kercheval near Bishop at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Officers didn't take the 24-

year-old female suspect from Detroit into custody because she didn't have anyone to pick up her 2-year-old passenger.

The woman had 17 driving suspensions, police said, and was wanted in Detroit on three traffic warrants.

### GPS stolen

A factory-issued global positioning system was stolen out of a black 2007 Cadillac parked from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, behind stores in the 17100 block of Kercheval.

The car's driver-side window had been broken out.

### Jackson fans

Three unknown men believed to be in their mid 20s are suspected of stealing a \$50 "This Is It" Blu-ray Michael Jackson video from Blockbuster Video on Kercheval in the Village.

The men were in the store from 3:30 to 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, accompanied by a girl estimated to be 5 years old, according to a store manager.

The manager said the men, minus the child, had been in the store on prior occasions after which thefts were discovered.

### Car B&E

A tan 2008 GMC Yukon was broken into while parked from 12:55 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe parking deck on Cadieux between Jefferson and Maumee.

Police found a small amount of blood near the smashed driver-side window.

"It appears that the unknown subject broke (the) window with an unknown object and climbed in through (the) window so (the) alarm would not sound," according to the report by an investigating officer.

The Yukon belongs to a Grosse Pointe Woods woman.

—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

### Tough talk

Police said a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man could spend 20 years in prison if found guilty of forging his aunt's signature on checks at a bank near Mack and Moross.

Officers arrested the man at the bank at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26. He had become "loud and irate" when a teller refused to cash one of his checks, according to police.

"The signature on the check was slightly different from (the) signature on file (for the woman)," a bank manager told police.

The man reportedly threatened a bank manager.

"Don't think I won't be able to take care of you because I spent 25 years in prison," the man reportedly told the manager.

While in the Farms holding cell, the man reportedly threatened a 30-year-old Detroit woman being booked on a traffic offense. The man used racial slurs to intimidate the woman into making a telephone call on his behalf, police said.

Officers requested the man be charged with ethnic intimidation.

### Over limit

A 67-year-old Detroit man registered a 22 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

An officer had pulled over the man on eastbound Mack near East Warren for operating a 2009 Dodge Journey without headlights.

The man thought he was on Nottingham, said the officer.

### Theft prevented

A witness may have prevented a car theft shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, behind stores in the 18800 block of Mack.

The witness saw an unknown man exit a green Hyundai Tucson SUV and break the driver-side window of a parked 2010 Cadillac Escalade. When the man saw the witness, he returned to the SUV, which was occupied by three or four men and driven away westbound through the alley.

The damaged car belonged to a Grosse Pointe Park couple shopping in the area.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Larceny

Entry was gained into a 1992 Chevrolet Camaro parked on Balfour overnight Sunday, Jan. 24. A leather briefcase was taken.

### On blocks

The wheels and tires were stolen off a 2010 Mercury Milan parked on Middlesex overnight Tuesday, Jan. 26.

### UDAA

A 2005 Chevrolet Malibu parked in the 15000 block of Mack was taken sometime during the night of Saturday, Jan. 30.

### House party

Officers were called to a house party in the 1000 block of Grayton and found 26 minors in the house, some in possession of alcohol. Several tickets were issued for minor in possession and the children were released to their parents.

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to Public Safety Officer Christopher Flanagan for 21 years of service and to dispatcher Jill Mazzara for 19 years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

*If you have any information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.*

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Another coyote

Police think a coyote is bedding down in the backyard of a house on Regal Place.

The animal was reported in a neighbor's backyard at 6:32 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

Three public safety officers responded. They tailed the animal but lost its track due to darkness.

"(It) may be hiding under a large tarp covering patio furniture (at a nearby location)," said an officer.

### Car crash

No one was injured in a traffic accident about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the 500 block of Lakeshore.

The accident occurred when a 34-year-old St. Clair Shores woman driving a 2010 Chevrolet Impala exited a driveway and didn't yield to traffic in the northbound lanes, according to police.

The woman ran into the driver-side of a Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man.

### Safe than sorry

A crew of firefighters responded at 12:12 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, to a residential alarm on Sunningdale. A construction crew accidentally tripped the alarm, police said.

## Larceny from auto

Someone between midnight and 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, broke into a GMC Denali parked in a Sunningdale driveway and stole a cell phone, global positioning system and brief case.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Take your keys

A customer at an ATM on Mack had more than money withdrawn at 8:25 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

As he was using the machine, he heard a car leaving the parking lot behind him. He finished his transaction and when he turned around, his black 2008 Pontiac that he left running was gone.

### Suspect tasered

Woods city hall employees notified police about a suspicious person leaving at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Police located the male subject at Mack and Cook. After learning he had four outstanding warrants for his arrest, police tried to handcuff him. He resisted, attempted to punch an officer in the face and ran out on to Mack Avenue.

When his behavior became even more aggressive, police tasered the suspect and wrestled him to the ground. He was transported to St. John Hospital and Medical Center for treatment and turned over to Troy police, where he was wanted on two warrants, one for assault and the other for obstructing a police officer.

The remaining warrants were from Ferndale and Berkley.

### Attempted theft

The owner of a 2008 Chrysler parked in a restaurant parking lot on Mack returned to his car at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, to find a side window smashed and his navigation system dangling by wires from the dashboard.

### Check the facts

A 42-year-old Woods resident told police she received an e-mail from her sister Friday, Jan. 22, stating she had been on vacation in Wales and her purse was stolen. The sister is serving in the military in Germany.

The e-mail alleged she lost all her cash, credit cards and cell phone. The Woods resident sent \$800 via Western Union. When a second request arrived, the Woods resident contacted her sister, who said her e-mail had been hacked and the requests were fraudulent.

—Kathy Ryan

*If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact the Grosse Pointe Woods police, at (313) 343-2400.*

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## Mt. Cook readers

Jack and Becky Limko of Grosse Pointe Park took the Grosse Pointe News with them when they traveled with the Nomads Travel Club to Australia and New Zealand. This photo was taken at the Hermitage Lodge in New Zealand's Mt. Cook National Park.

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

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.  
**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.  
**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2010.
- 2) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2010 Goal Setting Session.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 89604 through 89735 in the amount of \$895,484.76 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$6,400.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance in repairs to the City's main sanitary line in various locations. (3) Approve payment in the amount of \$20,669.59 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2009. (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$5,532.10 for professional services during the month of December 2009 for the following projects: Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096; EB Harper Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106; EB Harper Manchester to Vernier, #180-109; 2009 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-114; 2009 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-116 and the Traffic Signal Upgrades, #180-124. (5) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2010. (6) Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) To approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle from Signature Ford in the amount of \$25,547.49 to be purchased under the Macomb County Purchasing Program, and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.
- 3) To authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.
- 4) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Pauline N. Dill

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Pauline N. Dill, 86, died peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, after a two-year stay at Westbury Care Center in Lisle, Ill.

She was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Ironwood. Known as Polly to family and friends, she was a registered nurse and retired from Cottage Hospital. She was a member of Cottage Auxiliary and First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She lived in Grosse Pointe Woods until 2000 when she moved to Henry Ford Village Retirement Community in Dearborn.

Mrs. Dill is survived by her daughters, Nancy Dowdell and Marianne Dill and son-in-law, Dwight Dowdell, all of Naperville, Ill. She also is survived by three grandchildren, Amy of Chicago, Scott of London, England and Michael of New Ellenton, S.C.

She was predeceased by her husband, H. Robert; son, Thomas Robert; her parents, Harry and Clara Nydahl and her sister, Joan.

A private service will be held. Memorials may be made to the development department at The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532.

## Douglas Donald Jr.

Douglas Donald Jr., 82, of Rochester Hills, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, in the company of his family.

A longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mr. Donald was born July 6, 1927, to Dr. Douglas and Edna S. Donald. He graduated from Detroit University School (now University Liggett) in 1945 where he was a student-athlete. An entry in the 1945 DUS yearbook, noted his "love of fun, and make friends fame." His family said these characteristics followed him throughout his life.

After graduation, Mr. Donald enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served during World War II. Following his honorable discharge from military service, he graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., where he played varsity tennis. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan before embarking on a long career in the building trades. At work and home, he earned a reputation for fairness, patience, integrity, and a willingness to help others.

"Papa" as Mr. Donald was known by his family, is remembered by friends and family for his sense of humor, generous spirit, love of life, and flawless Donald Duck impression.

He loved sports and children and was a coaching fixture on the playing fields and hockey rinks of Grosse Pointe for many years after his own children were grown. As a coach and father he never forgot the games were for the kids. He remained on the "chain gang" at Grosse Pointe South football games for at least 15 years after his children had graduated. He was an avid fan of Detroit and University of Michigan sports, and was often found on the tennis and paddle tennis courts of the Country Club of Detroit, where he was a member for more than 50 years.

By far the most important thing in Mr. Donald's life was his family. On a registration form for the 50th reunion of his high school class, Mr. Donald wrote "family and grandchildren" in the "interests" section. His family described him as someone who was always upbeat and encouraging, put others before himself, and understood that true generosity and graciousness never demanded acknowledgement or recognition. He was a modest and humble gentleman who eschewed the limelight, but touched the lives of many.

Mr. Donald is survived by Elizabeth "Penny," his loving and supportive wife of 57 years; daughters, Lynn Gutwald and Ann (Otto) Lehman; son, Douglas; grandchildren, Kate (Rick) Babcock, Tim (Katie), Chris (Reeda), Stephen (Julie), Hunter and Forrest and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Donald's life was celebrated by his family at a private gathering on Jan. 29. In a tribute to his grandfather, Chris Gutwald noted, "Papa taught me how to be a man."

Donations may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI, 48025.

## Nancy Chapman Fisher

Nancy Chapman Fisher died at her residence in Harbor Springs Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, after a brief illness. Mrs. Fisher, a native of Grosse Pointe Farms, resided in the Farms until moving to Harbor Springs in 1975.

She and her husband, Bob, were a devoted couple and Mrs. Fisher accompanied her husband on his business trips traveling throughout Michigan for many years. They found joy in their weekly golf outings and annual visits to Williamsburg, Va., where Mrs. Fisher loved researching the family genealogy.

Her family described her as a meticulous woman, both in her career as a long-term legal secretary and in her appearance. The hours she spent delving into family histories will be appreciated by her family for generations to come.

Mrs. Fisher enjoyed living up north, where she was active in her church and loved being with her friends in Perry Farm Village. She was disciplined in her habits and exercised each morning. Mrs. Fisher loved reading historical novels, working crossword puzzles, watching football and golf on television and, later in her life, tackling board puzzles with gusto.

She is survived by her son, Andrew H. (Eileen) Fisher; daughter, Katharine (Frank) Glowaski; brother, Benjamin Chapman; three grandchildren and her beloved brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Connie Fisher.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert L. Fisher; son, John W. Scott III and sister, Julie Chapman Henkel.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Remembrances may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Horace Gilmore

The Honorable Horace Gilmore, 91, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, surrounded by his loving family who will miss him greatly.

He was born April 4, 1918, in Columbus, Ohio, to Charles and Lucille Gilmore and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1942. After four years of service in the U.S. Navy, Judge Gilmore began his professional law career, notably serving as a Wayne County Circuit Court judge from 1956 to 1980 and then, upon appointment by President Jimmy Carter, as a United States District Court judge for the Eastern District of Michigan from 1980 to 1988.

Judge Gilmore is survived by his wife, Janina Gilmore; daughter, Lindsay (Alan) Fisch; stepson, Marek Malinowski; grandsons, David (Carolina) Hayward, Ethan (Jessica) Lasser and Luke Feinberg and great-grandson, Levi Weldon Lasser.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Gilmore and daughter, Frances Hayward.

A funeral service was held Jan. 29 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church

Grosse Pointe All Saints Fund, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory with the family at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Marjorie Kallin

Marjorie "Marge" Kallin, 94, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born July 28, 1915, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Her family moved to Grosse Pointe in the mid-1920s.

Mrs. Kallin lived a full life in and around the Grosse Pointes where her childhood was filled with music and equestrian activities, as well as raising and showing Sealyham terriers.

She met her first husband, Edward F. Adams, when she was 14 and married him in 1936. Together they raised two children, Edward C. and Brenda. Her husband died in late 1963. She found love again and married Orville Kallin. The couple retired together to St. Clair Shores in the 1980s.

Marge was employed as a secretary-accountant at Zenith Corp., Holley and Kelly Services.

Her family said Mrs. Kallin dedicated her life to helping others. She touched the lives of many with her volunteer efforts including more than 20 years as a volunteer at the Neighborhood Thrift Store; delivering Meals-On-Wheels to local seniors and fundraising for the Theatre Guild scholarship fund.

She was more than a matriarch in her family. She was always available with unconditional love, poise under pressure and endless support.

Mrs. Kallin was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. She taught church school for many years. She was a faithful choir member and involved with the friends of music program. It was said that she never missed worship and was a bright light within the congregation.

Mrs. Kallin is survived by her daughter-in-law, Rae Adams-Hazelton (Don); grandchildren, Cheryl (Joe) Morway, Cathy (David) Clack, Edward C. (Lori) Adams, Karen (David) Shellie, Michael (Stefanie) Adams, Vicki (Pat) Sirriana, Lauri Vander Marliere and Douglas P. (Lil) Vander Marliere; great-grandchildren, Ashleigh, Marod, Lauren, Eddie, Justina, Kristi, Danielle, Brittany, Christopher, Emily, Joey, Michael P., Andrea, Mercedes, Tyler, Michael M. and Douglas P. and great-great-grandchildren, Nasser, Cameron and Emma.

She was predeceased by husbands, Edward F. Adams and Orville K. Kallin; her son, Edward C. Adams; daughter, Brenda G. Vander Marliere; great-grandson, Miles M. Adams and her sister, Brenda King.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Florence A. Miller

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Florence A. Miller, 86, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

She was born June 17, 1923, in Detroit to Bertram and Alice Morehouse.

A graduate of Southeastern High School, Mrs. Miller received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and her Master of Education degree from Wayne State University. From 1945 until her retirement in 1984, she worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a teacher at Pierce Middle School, assistant principal at Pierce, and assistant principal of Grosse Pointe North High School.



Pauline N. Dill



Marjorie Kallin

After Mrs. Miller retired, she served two terms on the board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. For years she volunteered at Henry Ford Hospital and the Detroit Institute of Arts. She was active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Educators' Sorority, P.E.O. Sisterhood, League of Women Voters, Detroit Woman's Historical Club and Grosse Pointe Woman's Club.

She was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where she sang in the choir and was a vestry member. Mrs. Miller enjoyed reading, crewel embroidery and golf.

She is survived by her sister, Constance Davidson; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Moorehouse; nieces and nephews, Richard Lathrop, John Morehouse, Mary Bamford, David Whitehouse, William Davidson, James Davidson, Alice Davidson, Martha Warburton, John Davidson, Kevin Moorehouse, Ann Moorehouse, Bruce Moorehouse, Joseph Moorehouse, Jane Marsden, and Laura Trudeau, and their families. She also is survived by many dear friends, especially the James Haddad family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene, and eight brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A private interment will take place in the church's memorial garden.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Durwood Keith Newell

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Durwood Keith Newell, 89, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, in his Sugar Land, Texas, home. He had lived in the Woods for 30 years.

Mr. Newell was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Minburn, Iowa, to Carl and Mabel Sullivan Newell. He graduated from Iowa State University, earning a degree in engineering in 1942. After graduation he returned to Minburn to work on the family farm, until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served in the Pacific during World War II and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant junior grade.

Mr. Newell retired from Chrysler Corp. after 32 years of service, and served as a consultant to the Toyota Corp. for eight years. He spent many years volunteering his photography skills for various organizations, including St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

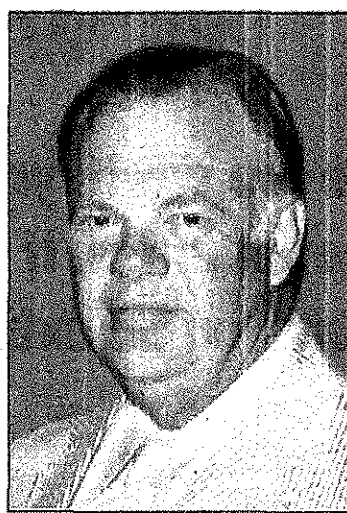
He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois; daughters, Kathy (Rick) Kirkpatrick of Sugar Land, and Karen (Ronald) Breier of Lexington, Ky.; son, Keith (Sara) Newell of Grosse Pointe and grandchildren, Nathan Kirkpatrick, Megan Craine, Rebecca Breier,



Nancy Chapman Fisher



Florence A. Miller



Robert Emmons Powers

Ronald Breier Jr., Rhonda Breier and Alex, Keith and Kaki Newell.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Robert Emmons Powers

Harper Woods resident Robert Emmons Powers, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Powers was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Detroit to Walter E. and Gertrude Grow Powers.

He served as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950 and a Master of Business Administration in 1951, both from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Powers had a distinguished career at Colonial Federal Savings and Loan. He retired in 1987 as chairman of the board.

Mr. Powers enjoyed golf, bridge, coin collecting and travel. He was a member of Lochmoor Club, a past president of Michigan Savings and Loan Association and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ester (Joseph) Hazebrook, Leslie (Brian) De Galan and Pamela Powers (Clayton) Hough; grandchildren, Shyla, Lorelle, Lauren, Shelby, Penelope and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Jaden and Milan and his sister, Mary Bull.

Mr. Powers was predeceased by his wife, Bice Powers.

A memorial service was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods with interment in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

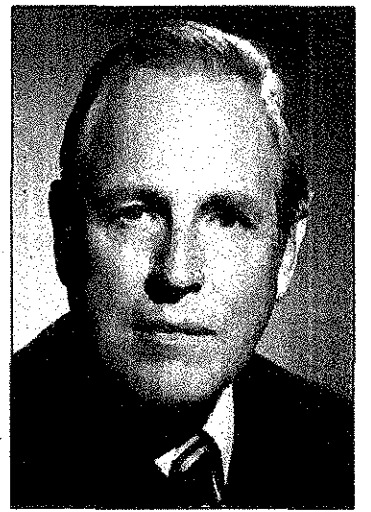
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Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

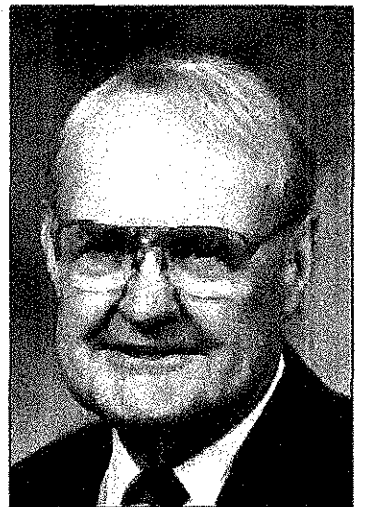
## James H. Quello

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident James H. Quello, 95, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, of heart and kidney failure at his home in Alexandria, Va.

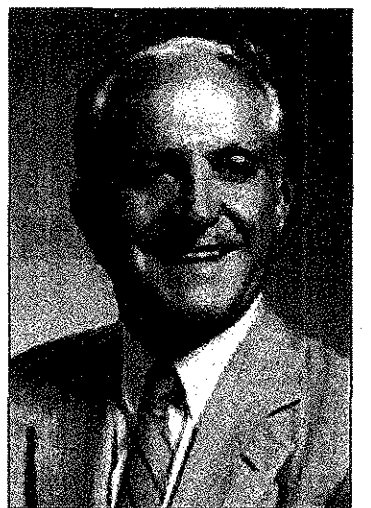
He was born April 21, 1914, in Laurium and graduated from Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 and fought in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany, surviving six amphibious landings and rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel.



Horace Gilmore



Durwood Keith Newell



James H. Quello

After returning from World War II, Mr. Quello worked in the promotions department at WXYZ-AM radio for two years before moving to WJR-AM where, in 1960, he was named vice-president and general manager. When Capital Cities Broadcasting purchased WJR, he became WJR station manager and a Capital Cities vice president.

He also served as a Detroit Housing and Urban Renewal commissioner and as a trustee of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

In 1974, Mr. Quello was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission by President Richard Nixon. He was reappointed several times until 1998, when he retired after serving 23 years under six U.S. presidents. In 1993, he served as acting chairman of the commission.

In 2001, Mr. Quello joined the Washington, D.C. law firm of Wiley Rein serving as a public policy consultant to its communications practice, a position he held until his death.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Quello was the recipient of numerous accolades, including distinguished service awards from the National Association of Broadcasters and the National Cable Telecommunications Association and the first milestone award from the Institute for Communications Law Studies at the Catholic University of America. He also was inducted into the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Broadcasting/Cable Hall of Fame, and the Museum of Broadcast Communications Radio Hall of Fame. In 2009, he was named a Giant of American Broadcasting by the Library of American Broadcasting.

In 1998, MSU honored him and his wife with the creation of the James H. Quello and Mary B. Quello Center for Telecommunications Management and Law.

He was predeceased by Mary, his wife of more than 60 years.

Mr. Quello is survived by his sons, James M. Quello of Toledo, Ohio, and Richard B. (Kim) Quello of Palm Coast, Fla.; granddaughters, Susan B. Quello of La Jolla, Calif., and Diane (Terry) Watson of Shelby Township and great-granddaughter, Bethany (John) Gemellaro of Shelby Township.

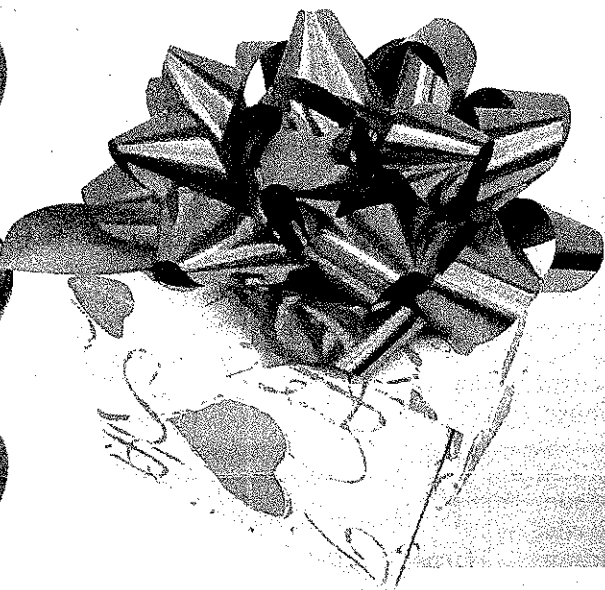
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### Battle of unbeatens

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# North continues hex over South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For a year, fans have been patiently waiting to see if a talented Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team had what it takes to knock off city rival Grosse Pointe North.

For the past several years, the Norsemen have dominated this backyard rivalry, including eliminating the Blue Devils from the first round of the state playoffs last spring.

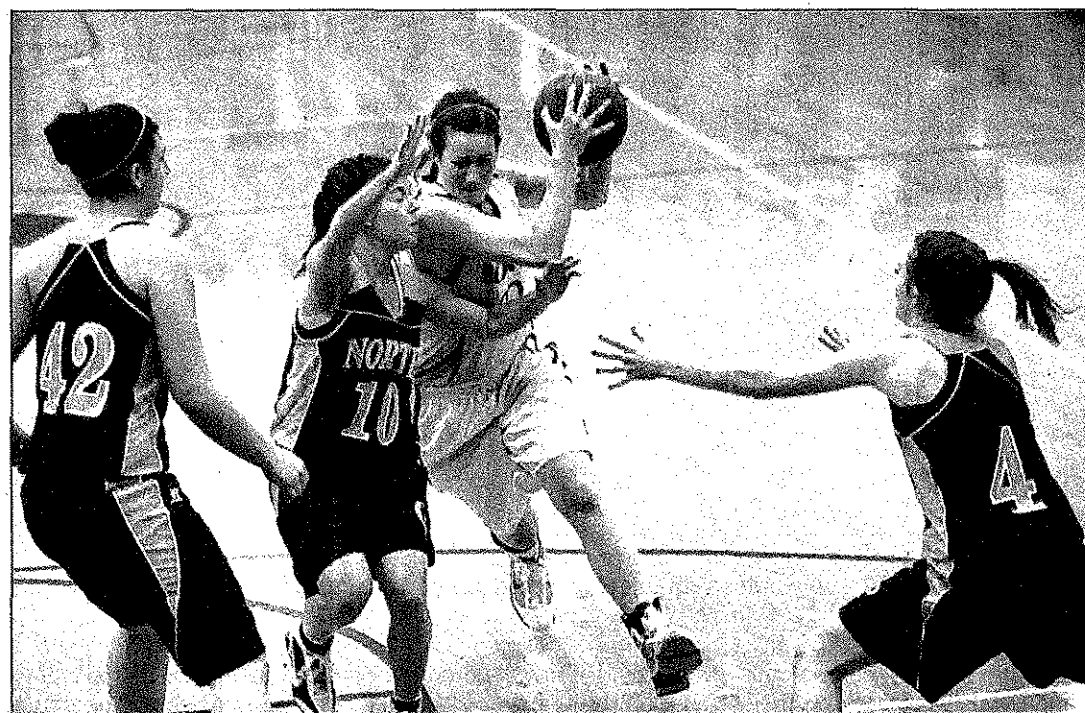
This was supposed to be a nail-biter, but North flexed its muscles and thoroughly beat host South 54-45.

The final score wasn't indicative of how dominant the Norsemen were, keeping the Blue Devils at arm's length throughout the final three quarters of the game.

"South is a well-coached team and we knew they would come out and give us their best shot," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "We struggled a bit early and then we got a great effort from everyone. This was truly a team win and we beat a good South basketball team tonight."

"We're disappointed because we didn't play up to our potential," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "We came out strong, but played on our heels the rest of the game."

The Blue Devils were on



Grosse Pointe South senior Chloe Srebernak drives to the hoop with Grosse Pointe North defenders, from left, senior Christine Bedway, senior Kamille Hamzey and junior Micaela Liddane, waiting to deny the path to the basket.

their game early, leading 7-2 and 14-12 after the first quarter.

The Norsemen put their game in overdrive, crushing the Blue Devils 16-8 in the second quarter to take a 28-22 lead into the intermission.

The biggest run of the game came in the final minute of the second quarter with the game tied at 22.

The Norsemen scored on the

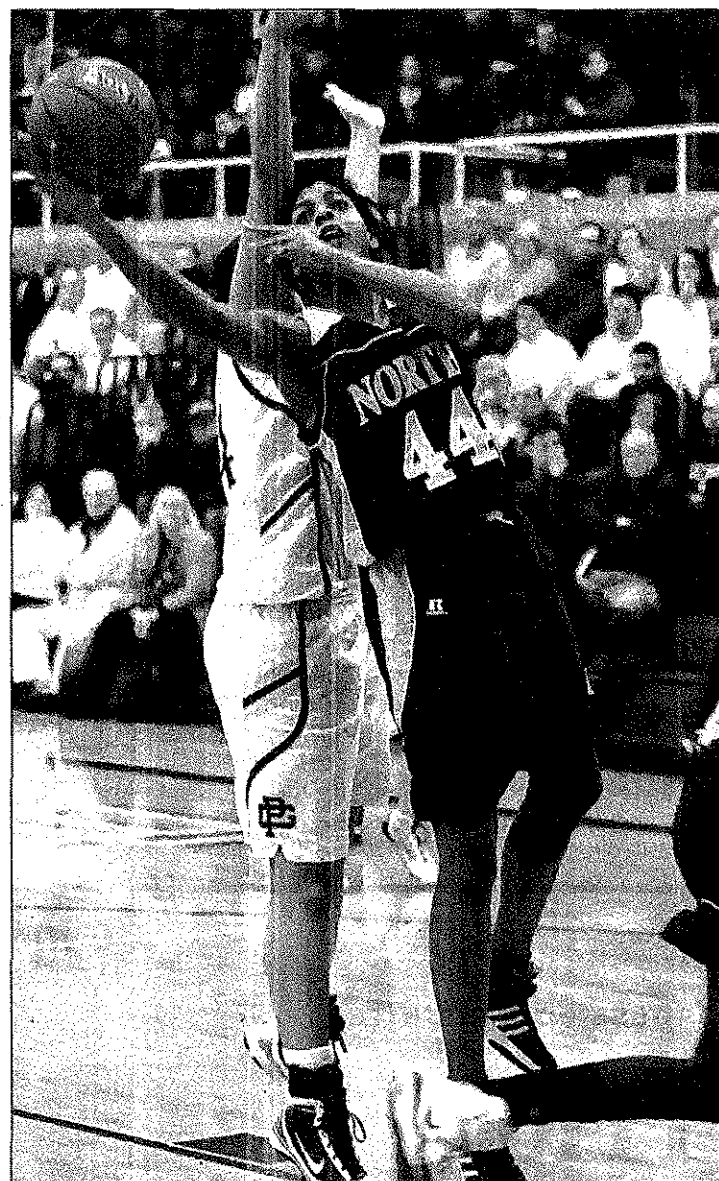
final three possessions, thanks to a couple of Blue Devil turnovers and a smooth transition game. Just like that, the Norsemen led by six and had all the momentum.

The Norsemen's wave of success continued in the third quarter in which they outscored the Blue Devils 17-5 to build the lead to nearly 20 points, 45-27, with only eight minutes left in the game.

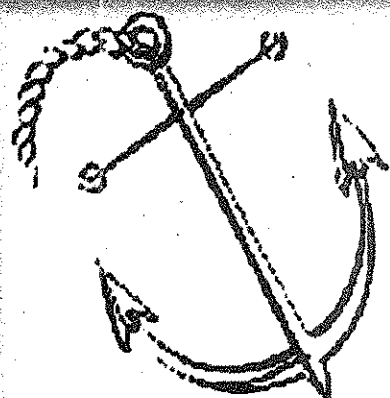
The Blue Devils couldn't solve the Norsemen's pressure defense or stop senior all-state center, Braker, who was all over the court.

When Braker didn't have the ball in her hands, another teammate stepped up and either hit a big shot, grabbed a steal or dished off for a transition basket that led to the big

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Grosse Pointe North senior Ariel Braker tries to go in for two points with South junior Aisha Rodney defending.



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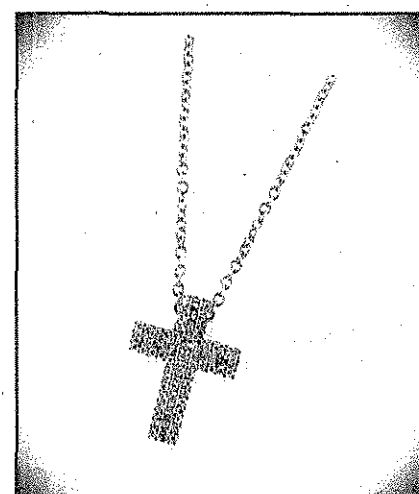
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## Girls hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils win battle of unbeatens

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team won the battle of unbeatens last weekend, blanking Port Huron 3-0 at McMorran Arena.

The visiting Blue Devils, first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings, came into the game with a 12-0 mark and the Lady Icehaws, who clinched the Division 2 regular season title, was 14-0.

"It was a very good game and Port Huron has a good team, but I thought we played one of our best games of the season, especially up at their rink," head coach Bill Fox said. "We had great defense, our forwards moved the puck well and we had good goaltending."

Senior Emma Hull, senior Julia Solecki and sophomore Claire Boyle each scored a goal, while senior Ana Harris had two assists to lead the Blue Devils.

Solecki and Boyle also drew assists in what could be a state championship preview.

Hull's goal came just two minutes into the first period and the Blue Devils were on their way.

"Boyle gave Hull a beautiful pass and she put the puck in

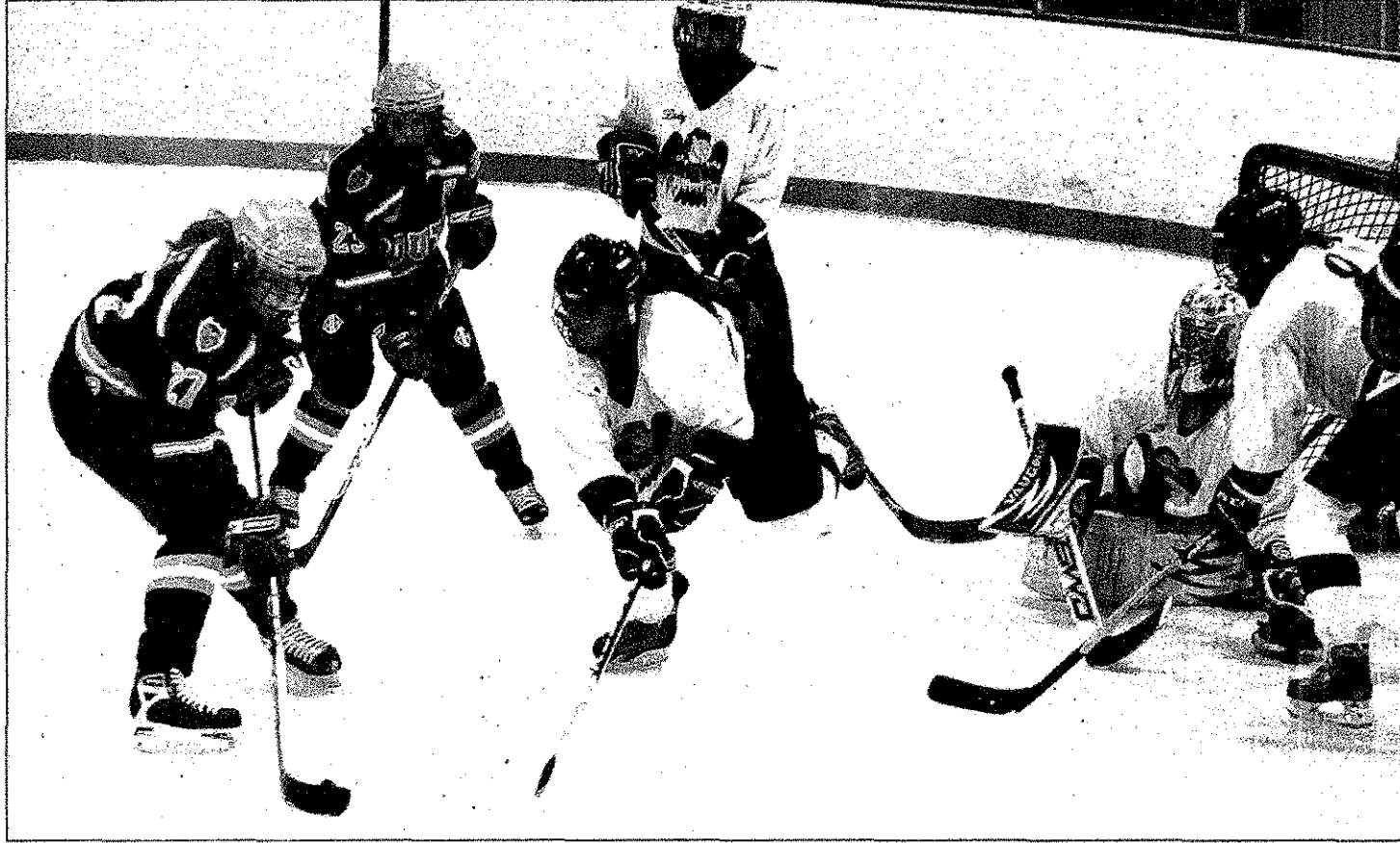


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Grosse Pointe South sophomore Claire Boyle, No. 27, gets ready to rip this shot, which eluded the Port Huron goalie, for the Blue Devils' final goal in a 3-0 win.

the back of the net," Fox said.

Solecki scored midway through the first with Harris netting the assist as the Blue Devils outshot the Lady Icehaws 13-5.

In the second period, the Blue Devils were back on their heels, but defensemen Cara Monforton, Dylan McColl, Jessica Snella, Andrea Marshall and Melissa Klinger

kept the Icehaws' potent offense off the board.

It was an even third period, but Boyle's goal put the visitors in a comfortable position, up three goals.

The Icehaws had six powerplays, but behind the defensive effort of Marissa Monforton and her teammates, the Blue Devils dominated.

Freshman Anastasia

Diamond was a rock in net, shutting out the Lady Icehaws who came into the game averaging six goals per outing.

Earlier in the week, visiting South blasted Northville 8-2 as 13 different players gained at least one point, including Solecki and senior Shannon Gianino, who had two goals apiece.

Senior Rae Sklarski had a goal and two assists, while Harris had one goal and one assist and Hull had two assists.

Other goal scorers were freshman Meghan Polack and junior Lorna Burns. Recording assists were sophomore Marissa Monforton, junior Andrea Marshall, junior Elizabeth Clem, junior Dana Davenport, freshman Gabby Hartman and Boyle.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South improved to 13-0 in the MMGSHL and overall. An undefeated season is within reach, but the Blue Devils still have a tough month ahead with games against Grosse Pointe North, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Liggett on the slate.

"The tough games ahead of us will help us stay at the top of our game because any of those teams can beat us," Fox said.

## Gymnastics

## GROSSE POINTE UNITED

## Trio earn medal

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team took third in the Troy Invitational last weekend with 138.95 points, breaking the point record they established earlier this season.

Troy Athens/Avondale won with 146.6 and Livonia Blue was second at 140.0.

Emma Abessinio, Lauren Krieger and Madi Kaiser placed in the top six in the All-Around point totals, finishing third, fourth and sixth, respectively.

Other team members who competed were Ashley Krynski, Brittany Rizzo, Sarah Fentin and Aubryn Samaroo under the direction of coaches Cathy Hubmeier, Georgie Niec and Courtney Law.

The best finishes were posted by Abessinio, who tied for third on bars with an 8.8 and fourth on the beam with a 9.05; Krieger was second on the beam with a 9.3 and fourth



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team and coaches celebrate after taking third in the Troy Invitational.

on the floor exercise with a 9.2

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe crushed Dearborn Edsel Ford, winning 132.275-114.20.

Abessinio won the vault with an 8.5 with Kaiser taking third at 8.375. Fran Kay, Samaroo, Krynski, Lydia Fuller, Rizzo and Fentin also performed strong routines, according to Hubmeier.

On bars, Abessinio won with an 8.4 and Krynski

placed third with an 8.05. Samaroo, Kaiser, Rizzo, Fentin and Krieger also earned regional-qualifying scores in the event.

Abessinio continued her solid meet by winning the beam with a score of 8.9 and Kaiser was second with an 8.55.

Others who earned regional-qualifying scores were Samaroo, Krieger and Fentin.

Anna Brucker, Kay, Krynski, Madi Frame and Rizzo also

performed solid routines.

On the final event, the floor routine, Abessinio completed the first-place sweep by taking first with a score of 8.9. Samaroo was a close second at 8.8 and Kaiser was third with an 8.4.

Kay, Krynski, Rizzo, Fentin and Krieger also had strong routines, earning regional scores. Fuller also had a good routine.

The Grosse Pointe United team improved to 4-0 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen ice Northville, 9-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

This time, it didn't take an overtime goal to beat Northville.

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team blitzed host Northville 9-3 last week after squeaking out a 5-4 OT game before Thanksgiving.

"A lot of girls put the puck in the net or assisted on goals, which was nice to see," head coach Scott Dockett said.

Juniors Taylor Moody and Megan Bergeron had two goals apiece to lead the Norsemen, while other goal scorers included freshmen Julia Henderson and Jaccelynn Sherry. Bergeron's tallies came 11 seconds apart. The first came on the power play and the second was a rebound.

North improved to 9-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High

School Hockey League and 10-5 overall.

## Honored

Grosse Pointe North Principal Tim Bearden recently received a letter of gratitude from Roger Christ, district manager of the Wayne County Department of Human Services, Children Services Administration, thanking the Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team, athletic director Carmen Kennedy and Dockett for their support and donation of toys and assistance with Adoption Day.

"There are so many children that come to the attention of our agency that come from unsafe home situations," Christ said in the letter. "Their donation will bring joy to the children and youth we service. We could not have done it without their support."

## LIGGETT

## Knights drop 2-of-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' hockey team beat Livonia Ladywood 6-3 last week, which was quite a relief after getting off to a slow start the previous game against Ann Arbor.

"It was a little scary when it was 2-2 and 3-3, but the girls responded with a great third period," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "They started well, but got a little too comfortable when we had the 2-0 lead."

The host Knights jumped all over Ladywood as sophomores Haley Smith and Haleigh Bolton scored goals 16 seconds apart.

Senior Paige Counsman and Bolton assisted on the Smith tally, while junior Medea Shanidze assisted on Bolton's goal.

The Blazers tied it with a goal at the 7:28 mark and 1:02 mark of the opening period.

Junior Natalie Peracchio scored for the Knights at the 5:46 mark of the second period with Counsman and freshman Aria Ganz-Waple drawing assists.

Three minutes later, the

Blazers tied it, but the turning point of the game came 18 seconds later as the Knights won the ensuing face-off and broke into the Ladywood zone.

Bolton fired the initial shot on goaltender Jessica Paveia, who gave up a rebound. Smith had a whack at the puck and Peracchio nearly put it in. However, on the third rebound attempt, Bolton was able to slide the puck past Paveia for what turned out to be the game-winning goal at the 2:13 mark.

In the final period, Bolton scored an unassisted goal with 5:51 left and Counsman tallied two minutes later with Bolton and Peracchio drawing assists.

Junior goalie Mariah Passalacqua was steady after the Knights grabbed the lead, making a couple of fine saves that helped the home team capture the victory.

The Knights swept the regular season series from the Blazers.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 8-4 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and 3-2 to Ann Arbor, dropping to 8-5 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-7 overall.

## Grosse Pointe figure skating team

## Unified team on its game in 2010

The Grosse Pointe figure skating team, composed of participants from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, is gearing up for its final competition.

Head coach Shelly Rosinski and team manager Angelika Morawski have 12 skaters on the squad.

It is an increase of six from last season.

They compete in District No. 2 of the five in the state and three competitions throughout the season.

The first two took place Dec. 10 in Taylor and Jan. 14 in Wyandotte. The final competition is Feb. 18 in Melvindale. The state championship is slated for March 28 in Midland.

Team members Katie Butler,

North; Mandy Caruso, North; Kaylee Dall, North; Tessa Hedges, South; Kamala Kannaganiti, North; Nicole Lubinski, North; Jade Lun, South; Kimberly Morawski, North; Paige Pringle, North; Stephanie Shenouda, North; Minna Song, North and Lara Willmarth, South; compete in jumps, spins and field moves in which they do required elements and are judged by how well the element is executed.

Points are earned for the element and totaled at the end for each level. There are three levels of skaters — Level A, Level B and Level C — comparable to a varsity, junior varsity and freshmen level teams, skill-wise.

In the first competition, Level A scored first in jumps,

second in spins and third in moves, while Level B was first in moves, fifth in jumps and eighth in spins.

Level C was fourth in jumps, seventh in moves and seventh in spins.

Overall after the first competition, Level A was in second place behind Dearborn United with Level B in fifth and Level C in seventh.

At the second competition, Level A scored first in jumps, second in spins and second in moves with Level B taking first in moves, fourth in jumps and sixth in spins.

Level C was seventh in spins and sixth in jumps and moves.

After the second competition, Level A was in second place, only three points behind Dearborn United. Level

B was in fifth place and Level C in seventh place.

The top three teams from each district for each level qualify for the state championship.

"Level A is very hopeful that they will advance to states," Rosinski said. "All the skaters on the team work hard and practice every other Friday morning from 6 to 7 a.m. before going to school."

"The team has a pasta dinner before each competition which has helped the bonding process."

In addition to being on the skating team, all the girls belong to the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club where some of them train up to six days a week.

—Angelika Morawski



## Boys hockey

LIGGETT

# Knights keep motor running in high gear

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' hockey team is heading into the final third of its regular season and head coach Robb McIntyre knows it's time to get ready for the playoffs.

"I break the season down into thirds and now we're starting the final portion of it with the playoffs a month away," McIntyre said. "It's time for the guys to start playing with more intensity, especially in our own zone."

Despite the doldrums, the Knights remained unbeaten as they defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood 3-2 and Royal Oak Shrine 11-3 last week.

"We didn't have Danny (Zukas) in the lineup this week

and it changed the complexion of the team," McIntyre said. "We had some kids step up and play well."

The host Knights actually trailed 2-1 early in the third period before tying it minutes later on a goal by senior Rory Deane and sophomore Connor Wiggins tallied the game-winner.

"Crestwood has been playing pretty well and they gave us a tough battle before we were able to get those two third-period goals to pull it out," McIntyre said.

The following night, the visiting Knights again trailed 2-0 four minutes into the opening period before the offense caught fire.

The Knights scored the next four goals to lead 4-2 after the first period and it was a 9-3

game heading into the third period.

The Knights scored two goals in the first five minutes of the third period to end the game due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

Wiggins and Deane each had hat tricks, while Goldberg added two goals. Freshman Mark Auk and sophomore Jeff Mott also scored, as did senior Dan Dube, who scored his first-career goal.

"The guys were excited to see Dube get that goal," McIntyre said. "It came at the end of the period and they went into the lockerroom with a lot of cheers."

Liggett improved to 14-0-1 overall and has won 12 consecutive games since the 3-3 tie with Troy Athens way back on Nov. 21.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Mac Decker is enjoying a successful senior season, helping the Knights remain unbeaten.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

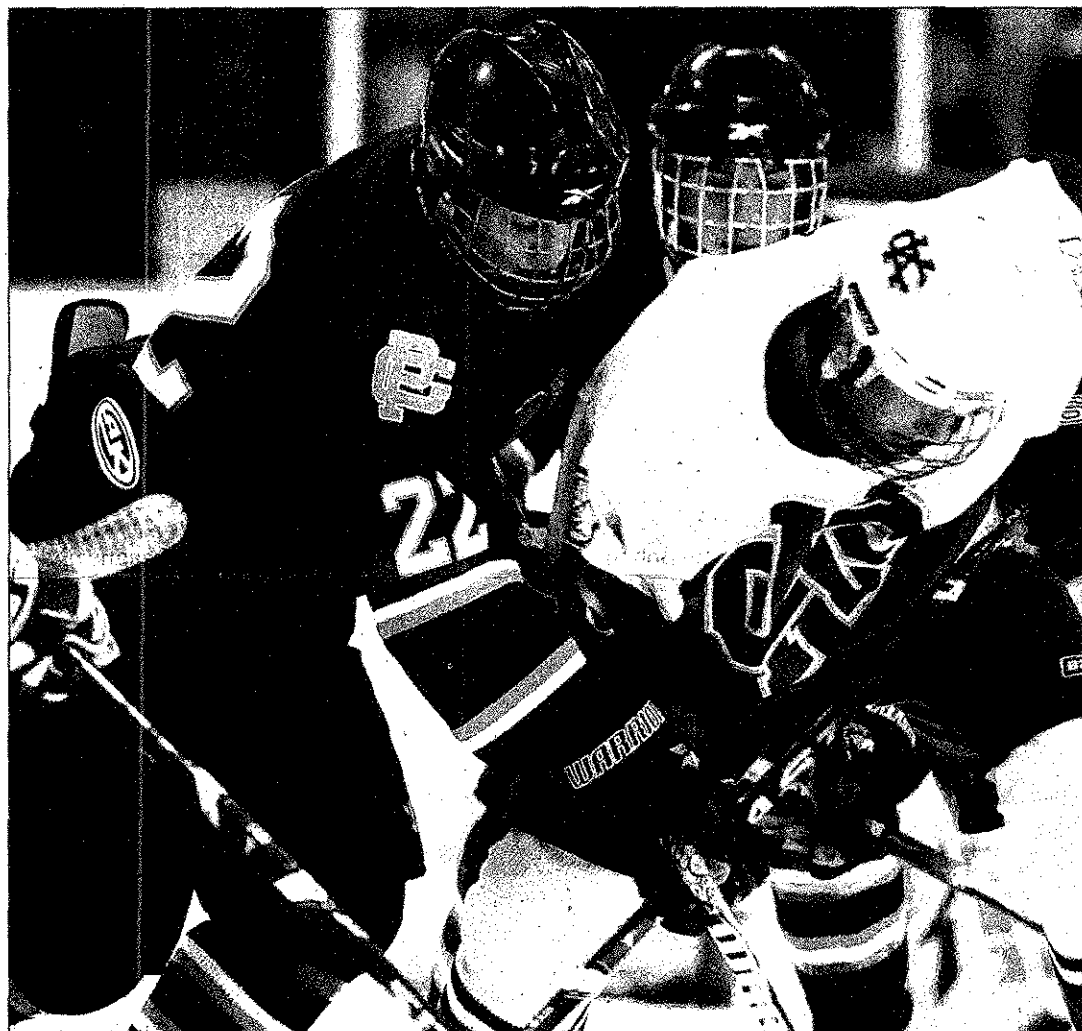


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Freshman Brad Werenski played well in Grosse Pointe North's 3-2 overtime win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

## Norsemen battle champs

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey squad battled the No. 1 team in the state last week, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Head coach Scott Lock had his guys playing with confidence through most of the game, but a bad beginning to the third period led to a 3-1 defeat.

"We worked very hard and had to in order to beat a good team like Catholic Central," Lock said. "We made a few mistakes early in that third period that they took advantage of and you can't make those to win games like this."

Senior Matt Lucchese gave the host Norsemen a 1-0 lead, scoring a shorthanded goal at the 6:15 mark of the second period. Sophomore Scott Dornbrock had an assist.

The turning point of the game came in the final seconds of the second period when the Norsemen were whistled for a delay of game penalty.

They killed off the first 12 seconds of the penalty to end the second stanza, but the Shamrocks needed just 17 seconds to tie the game with a power play tally and 21 seconds later they added the game winner.

The Shamrocks scored an insurance goal at the 10:00 mark.

"Going in the penalty box at the beginning of the period was tough because it really gave Catholic Central momen-

tum," Lock said. "They worked the puck around and scored."

Despite being the underdog, the Norsemen played well and set the tone for the rest of the season — Lock's players will be ready to play each and every night.

"This was a tough week with the No. 1 team in Division 1 tonight and the No. 1 team in Division 3 a few days from now," Lock said. "We will be ready to play."

Last weekend, the Norsemen traveled to Bloomfield Hills to take on the No. 1 team in Division 3, Cranbrook Kingswood.

Neither team scored in the opening period and each squad scored single goals in the second and third stanzas. Senior Steve Herron scored the game-winner midway through the overtime, assisted by sophomore Joe Aluia and freshman Brad Werenski.

"We came out flat and they took it to us in the first period," Lock said. "We got some momentum in the second period and played pretty well in third period and in the overtime."

"It's a nice win and now we need to play this way through our final eight games and play our best in the playoffs."

Senior Mitchell Capp scored in second to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead, but the Shamrocks evened it later in the stanza.

The home team took a 2-1 lead early in the third period before sophomore Joe Giordano scored to tie it.

Sophomore goalie Chip Wujek played well to get the win and help the Norsemen improve to 2-5 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 6-10 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils close in on .500

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-1 in the Metro Showcase at Wyandotte's Yack Arena.

"It was great to see the boys play like a team and stick to the program," head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "We had strong special team play throughout the game and all four lines contributed."

"We ran up against a strong goalie that kept the game close with South dominating a majority of the game with passing and hitting."

Wes Cimmarusti scored the Blue Devils' first goal at the 4:57 mark with Miles Knight and Jimmy Morris assisting.

In the second stanza, Morris, from Knight and Nick Monforton, scored and Sean Milavec tallied an unassisted goal to lift the Blue Devils to a 3-1 advantage.

In the final period, Billy Mestdagh scored from Alex Krebs to round out the scoring.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's Miles Knight, No. 6, had a big week with the Blue Devils.

In other action, South lost 5-0 to Plymouth Unified and beat Allen Park 5-2.

"Although the stress of mid-term exams was apparent all week, the boys learned the hard way that they need to bring their best game to the rink every game," Bufalino said.

In the Allen Park game, sophomore goalie C.J. Schebil made 28 saves in a solid team win, Bufalino said. "Billy Mestdagh had a multi-goal game that was much needed since we were missing Jimmy Morris and Max Corbett."

"The Blue Devils stuck to the game plan, stayed out of the

penalty box and won the majority of the battles on both ends of the ice."

Sam Hartman scored early in the first period with Eric Marshall netting the lone assist.

Later in the period, Mestdagh scored twice with the first unassisted and the second from Jake Murphy and Nolan Monforton.

In the third period, Knight scored from Nick Monforton and Thomas Marantette tallied from Jess Martinelli in the final minute.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-2-1 in Metro play and 7-8-1 overall.

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## Boys basketball

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Sweet wins

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

There's only so much a basketball team can learn when they beat a team 73-40.

But for the varsity basketball team at Grosse Pointe North, it's all about learning and gaining experience.

"In a way this was a good game for us because a lot of guys got a lot of minutes," head coach Matt Lockhart explained. "And we had a lot of different players get on the board, too. In that sense, it's good."

The win pushes the squad's win streak to three games and puts the Norsemen in a tie for the top spot in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with Roseville at 4-2 and 6-7 overall.

"We've got a pretty inexperienced team," Lockhart said. "We also played a very tough non-conference schedule this year. I think because of that, we knew, as coaches, what to expect the first half of the season. We knew we'd have some things to learn. But, I think it's helping us. I think we're learning things every game, every practice, and getting to be a better team."

The squad will need to be on form if any hopes of a division title are in the works. Roseville is a very talented club and figured to be the Norsemen's biggest obstacle in the chase for a title.

"It's harder to win when you start playing these teams the second time," the coach admitted. "They know what you're trying to do by this time and

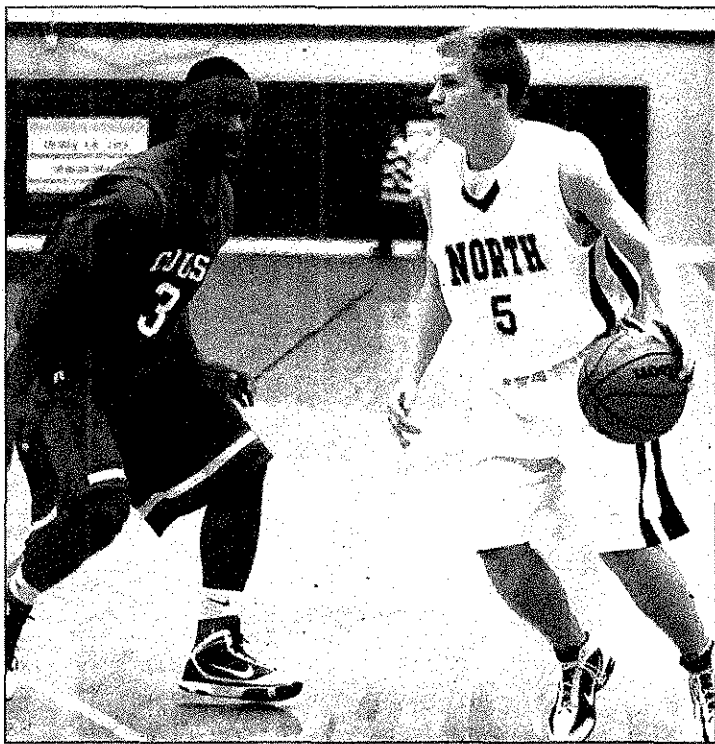


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Senior Dean Butts, right, has been a steady contributor for head coach Matt Lockhart and the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team.

they're ready for it. That's why it's so important for some guys to step up in the second half here. That's what's got to happen if we want to win."

Players have to step up and the team's defense has to improve, Lockhart says.

"That's really been my pet peeve this year," he said. "We just haven't been playing as good of defense as I know we're capable of. We work very hard on it though, and it is getting better. But, it has to get better if we want to win some games the second time through the division. It has to get better."

A big part of defense is effort, and North shows plenty every game.

"I told the guys early on that effort is the one thing we can totally control in a game," Lockhart explained. "We can't control calls, the way the ball bounces, nothing like that. But, we can control how hard

we go out there and play. This team has played hard, that's for sure."

Earlier in the week, North edged Warren Cousino 64-60 as sophomore Will Ritchie hit a basket with less than 30 seconds left to give the Norsemen a two-point lead.

Senior Bryan Brown hit two free throws in the final seconds to seal the deal. Brown finished with 19 points, followed by DeAndre Young and Balazs Juhasz with 11 points apiece.

North tips off the second half of the season at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at home against Port Huron Northern.

"I'm hesitant to say we're on a roll, but we have won a few games here," Lockhart said. "In the beginning of the season we were losing games by a few points. Lately, we've found a way to win them. That's good, but there are a lot of games left."

## LIGGETT

## Knights sluggish in win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

An uninspired first half was too much for head coach Sidney Johnson to take.

His halftime chat worked wonders as the Liggett boys' basketball team overcame a 27-25 halftime deficit to beat Southfield Christian 64-47 last week.

The host Knights came out in the third quarter with a 5-0 run to take a 30-27 lead, but the advantage held within a basket or two for the remainder of the stanza as the home team held a 40-39 advantage when the horn sounded.

Assistant head coach Alex Hurley and Johnson drummed up enough gusto in the huddle their players used to blast the Eagles 24-8 in the final quarter to pull away.

During the big run, senior

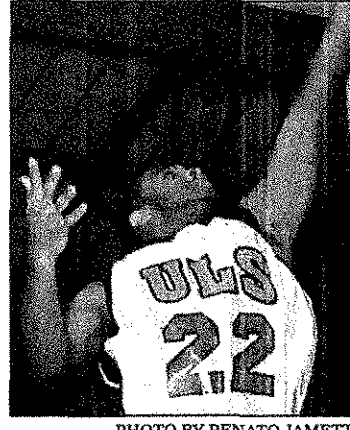


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Sophomore Eddie Thomas, No. 22, battles for a rebound in the Knights' come-from-behind win over Southfield Christian.

Joey Shannon had a big basket in the paint, as did sophomore Eddie Thomas, junior Dominic Jamett and senior Mark Ghafari, who led the team with 17 points.

After struggling in the first half, making only 1-of-8 free throws, freshman Eric Ewing made four straight in the final minute and Ghafari drilled a couple to put the game out of reach.

Thomas finished with 16 points, followed by Jamett with 10, Ewing with eight, Shannon with eight and junior Carl Ghafari had five to round out the Knights' offensive output.

Liggett finished off its five-game home stand without a loss as it beat Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 55-40.

Thomas continued his solid sophomore campaign, scoring 12 points and Mark Ghafari had 11 as the Knights had a balanced scoring effort.

Johnson and his Knights improved to 9-1 overall and in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils get big hoop, pull out last second win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

After back-to-back excruciating losses, Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team won a close game, 51-50, at Utica.

The visiting Blue Devils were fresh off buzzer-beating defeats against Roseville and defending division champ Grosse Pointe North.

It was also the fourth time this season head coach Jim

Twigg and his Blue Devils endured a nail-biting finish, but only the first time they came out ahead.

It was tied 9-9 after the first quarter and the Blue Devils won the second stanza, 12-9, to take a 21-18 halftime advantage.

They held a 33-31 lead after the third quarter and used a senior Jarvis Wise hoop with 10 seconds left to get the road victory. Wise finished with 12 points, six rebounds and sev-

en assists to lead the team.

Junior Corbet Conroy added 12 points and 10 rebounds, followed by junior Victor Mattison with seven points, including two big three-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Twigg also pointed out the solid defensive efforts given by juniors Brandon Barkley, Cooper Hartman and Ben Fry.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-7 overall.

## Girls basketball

## LIGGETT

## Knights' streak hits four

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

With one swift wave of defensive pressure, Liggett's girls' basketball team walloped Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 67-26 last week.

"Everyone was able to play a good amount and get some valuable playing time," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "The girls played well in the first half and built a big lead."

Senior Hannah Baird led the way with 15 points, followed

by the Ristovski sisters, sophomore Madison and freshman Haleigh, with 12 points apiece.

The rest of the players chipped in with two or four points in the lopsided road victory.

The Knights finished the week with a challenging road game against Southfield Christian.

"They have some athletes on that team that didn't suit up the first time we faced them," Gigante said. "This will be a better game."

The final score was close,

66-52, but the Knights had a 60-33 lead after the third quarter.

"We manned up for the first time and the girls played pretty well on the road," Gigante said. "Any time we can go on the road and get a win is nice."

Madison Ristovski had 27 points, while Haleigh Ristovski had 13 points. Freshman Julia DeRoo added 10 points and Baird had eight as the Knights improved to 7-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association and 11-1 overall.

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North wins again

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lead.

"We really got a strong game from our girls," Bennett said. "Everyone stepped it up tonight."

Braker was the player of the game, scoring 22 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, netting seven steals and dishing off for five assists.

However, she had plenty of help from senior Kayla Womack, who had 11 points, and freshman Taryn Kiah, who had 10 points.

Junior Nicole Strickland played her best game of the season, scoring six points. Her her interior defense and passing played a key role in the Norsemen's big push in the middle quarters.

Senior Kamille Hamzey, senior Christine Bedway and junior Micaela Liddane also were all over the court on both ends of the floor.

For the Blue Devils, senior Chloe Srebernak had 14 points and junior Aisha Rodney had

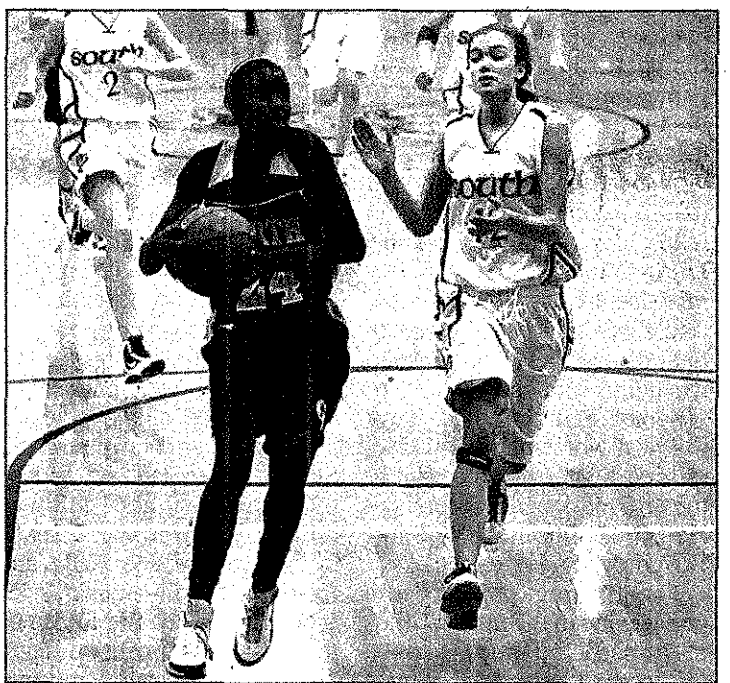


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Grosse Pointe North freshman Taryn Kiah, left, drives in for two of her 10 points in the Norsemen's win over rival South.

nine. "We couldn't stop Ariel and we didn't execute against North's defense, which I thought we could do," Richards said.

"It's disappointing, but we can't hang our heads because we have a lot of basketball yet to play."

Both teams begin the second half of their division slates

this week and the next time the rivalry might come into play would be in the state districts, which start the first week of March.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 12-1 overall and in the process won 12 games in a row since opening the season with a loss to Birmingham Marian. Grosse Pointe South dropped to 10-3 overall.

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## Swimming

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Trio lead team

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team beat Utica Eisenhower 113-72 last week.

Justin Rakowicz, Matt Peyser and Peter Shea each won two events to lead the host Norsemen, which improved to 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-2 overall.

Rakowicz won the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, while Peyser took care of business in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

Shea took the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle.

Other first-place finishes were posted by James McNelis in diving and Ryan Seago in the 100-yard backstroke.

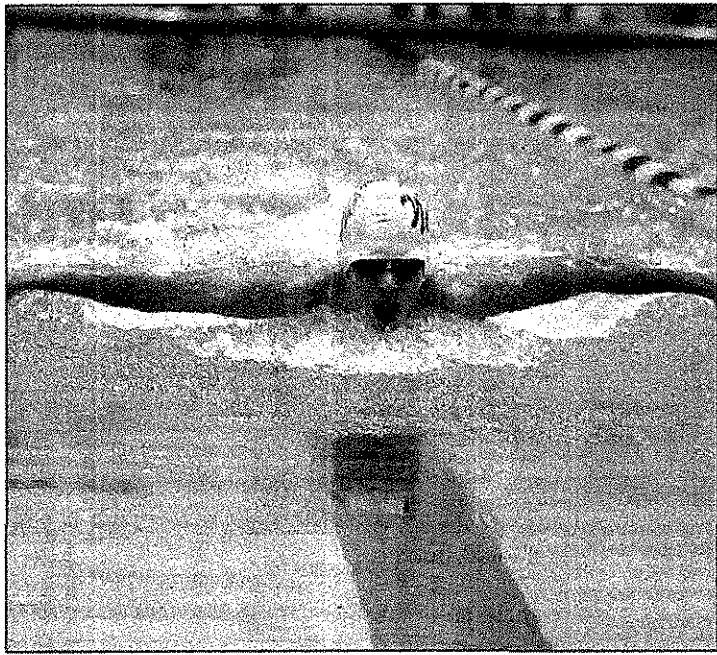


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Peter Shea was one of three Norsemen who won multiple events in the victory over Eisenhower.

Robert Tripp earned a spot in the state finals with his time in the 100-yard backstroke, along with Seago.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were recorded by Peyser, Tripp, Andrew Kopacka, Connor Yeager and Chris Schoenith in the 50-yard freestyle; Peyser, Matthew Leone, Michael Seago and Dan Santalucia in

the 100-yard freestyle; Gordon Russell and Peter Cherry in the 200-yard freestyle; Eric Reardon in the 500-yard freestyle; Tripp, Scott Adelson and Yeager in the 100-yard backstroke; John Hales and Reardon in the 100-yard breaststroke; Zack Hanna in the 100-yard butterfly and Shea, Alex Fly and Hales in the 200-yard IM.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils get tough foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team splits its double dual meet last week, beating host South Lyon 118-68 and losing 96-90 to Livonia Stevenson.

Head coach Eric Gunderson beefed up the Blue Devils' schedule that has included several top-ranked teams in Division I and Division II.

Senior Matt Mandel has the best day, winning the 50- and 100-yard freestyles with times of 22.11 and 48.50, while junior Craig Campbell and senior Michael Shook also won events, taking first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:54.94 and the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.66, respectively.

Shook was involved in the best race of the meet, taking second in the 200-yard freestyle by a finger tip. Stevenson's Aaren Marecki won with a time of 1:49.42 and Shook was next at 1:49.47.

In diving, senior Kyle Eschenburg was second with 212.60 points and junior Patrick Mulier was third at 182.75 points to help the Blue Devils beat South Lyon.

Sophomore Cam Laney was second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.28.

Third-place finishes were posted by Campbell in the 200-

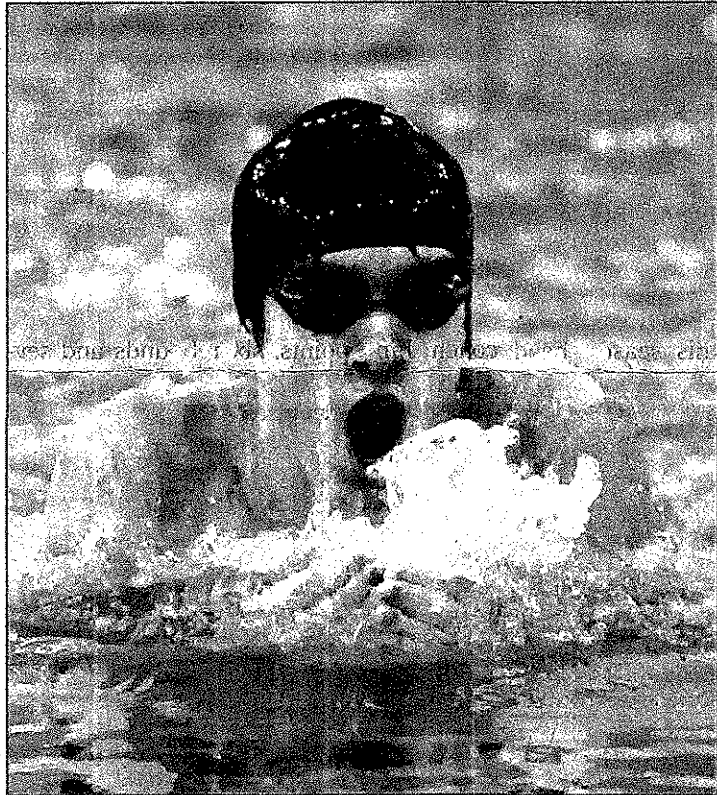


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Grosse Pointe South's Roby Boggs and his teammates have competed against some of the best squads in the state this winter.

yard individual medley, 2:02.48; senior Wayne Brackett in the 100-yard butterfly, 57.74; and Hessburg in the 50-yard freestyle, 23.16.

In the relays, the Blue Devils took second in two and third in the opening event, the 200-yard medley as Shook, sophomore Luke Hessburg, Brackett and Joe Hessburg had a time

of 1:44.44. Mandel, Johnson, Campbell and Joe Hessburg took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:30.89 and the 400-freestyle relay foursome of Campbell, Johnson, Shook and Mandel was second with a time of 3:18.85.

The Grosse Pointe South swim team stands 8-3 overall.

## Wrestling

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Grapplers come up short

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team came up just shy in its bid to win a second straight Macomb Area Conference Gold Division dual meet title last week.

The visiting Blue Devils lost 49-30 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, which clinched the title with the victory.

"Giving up those two voids hurt, but we have to concentrate on the guys we have in the lineup," head coach Pat O'Donnell said. "We gave it our best shot and we came up short. Our kids battled and that is what I want from them."

Heavyweight Reggie Lewis

and Sergio Rodriguez, 103-pound class, pinned their foes to tie the match 12-12 after four weight classes were finished.

The Blue Devils gave up the next 16 points to fall behind 28-12 before rallying behind Nolan Goodall and Alex Romer, who pinned their opponents in the second and first period, respectively, to get within four points, 28-24.

Neil Leising lost a tough 17-11 decision, but Undreas Hudson came back with a pin 18 seconds into his match to trim the Blue Devils' deficit to one point, 31-30.

Deonte Bryant had a chance to give the Blue Devils the lead, coming within seconds of earning a pin. However, in

the early moments of the third period, his opponent was able to get the upper hand and get a pin.

The Blue Devils voided the 160-pound class that gave the Shorians an insurmountable lead, 43-30, with one match left.

In other action last week, the Blue Devils lost 54-25 to Warren Fitzgerald as Rodriguez, Goodall and Lewis had pins.

Andrew Stieber won a 5-4 decision and Bryant came back strong with a 13-5 major decision victory.

Grosse Pointe South finished its division dual match slate 5-2 and in third place behind Lake Shore, 7-0, and Warren Lincoln, 6-1.

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

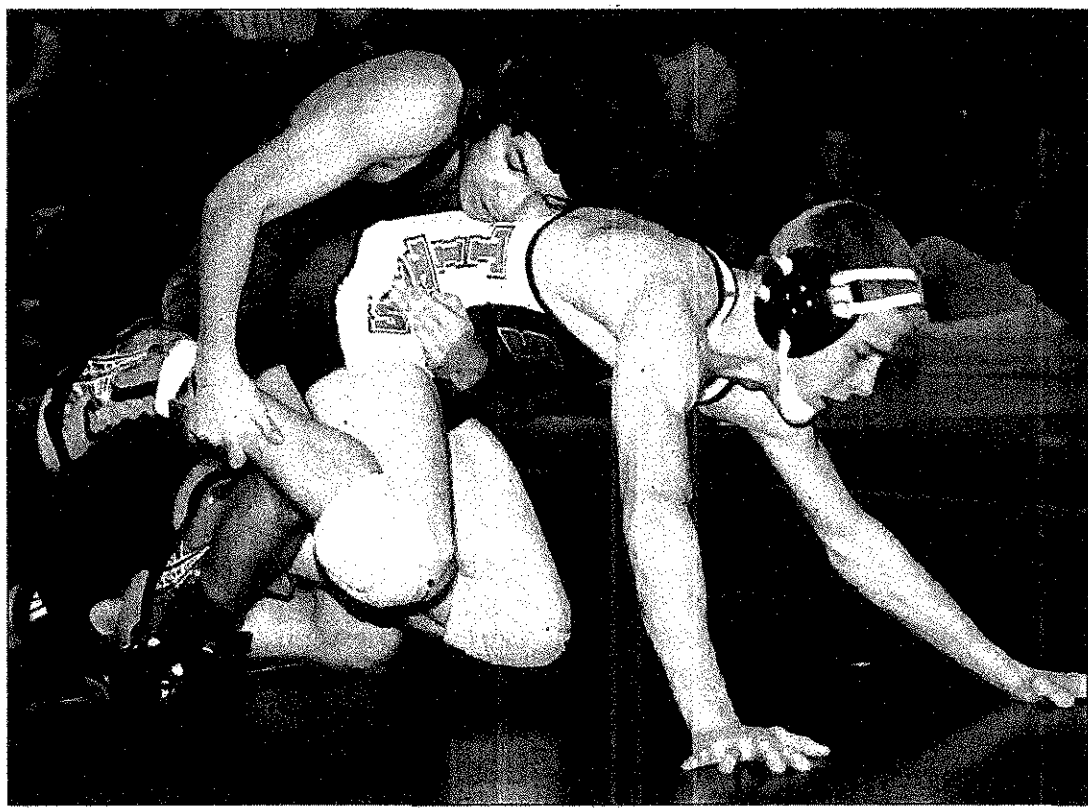


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# Second place

Grosse Pointe North's Patrick Salazar, top, and his teammates took second place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division dual meet schedule after beating host Warren Woods-Tower 32-26 last week. Head coach Bryan Lorenzo and the Norsemen lost to Utica Eisenhower and Sterling Heights, but came back to beat Port Huron, Eastpointe East Detroit, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Utica to round out the division schedule. Sterling Heights will host the White Division Tournament Saturday, Feb. 6.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Grad shines in all-star game

After six years of AAA hockey, Arthur Griem joined his classmates and played for Grosse Pointe South High School before graduating in 2008.

In his junior year, Griem helped lead the Blue Devils to a state championship.

In his senior year, he captained the Blue Devils to another solid season and a state tournament run that unfortunately fell short.

Griem says the South state championship in his junior year was the highlight of his hockey career and his most satisfying accomplishment.

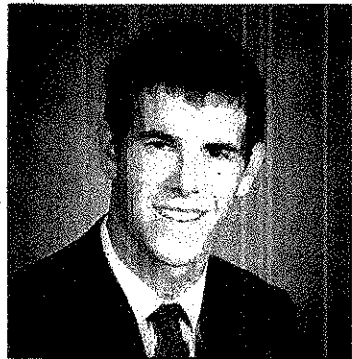
"The friends I played with at South are the best teammates with whom I have ever been associated," Griem said. "I look forward to a five-year reunion with that championship team in 2012."

After playing junior hockey for the Baystate Breakers in Boston last year, Griem moved on to the New York Apple Core, which plays out of Long Beach, Long Island, New York.

Griem was selected to the Eastern Junior Hockey League All Star Team last month where he scored a goal on a wrist-shot to help the South squad win 5-4 in overtime. The game was played in Tri-Town Arena in New Hampshire.

According to Griem's coach, Chris Cosentino, the game was wide open as are most all star games, which gave Griem an opportunity to show his defensive skills in the third period.

"Arthur had three defensive plays in the third period which were outstanding," Cosentino



Arthur Griem

tory.

In his season, Griem was elected First Team All-State, receiving the second highest vote total among defensemen, and his senior year, he earned a spot on the six-member Michigan High School Coaches Association "Dream Team," as well as First Team All-State as the highest vote-getter among defensemen.

Griem also was elected to the All-Metro Conference "Best Defenseman" list and made the Michigan High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Award.

During his four years of soccer at South, Griem received three varsity letters.

When he is not practicing hockey, working and going to school part-time, Griem is visiting a number of colleges out East. He currently has commitment offers from Division I schools and several Division III programs.

While Griem was reluctant to talk about himself, he did want to send a message to high school hockey players in general and the South team in particular.

"I had great coaching in my two years at South and played with the best group of teammates that anyone could ever want," Griem said. "Many of the guys I play with now left high school for junior hockey, receiving a diploma from some school where they were certainly not prepared for college academics. At Grosse Pointe South, I received the highest quality high school education available."

### LIGGETT

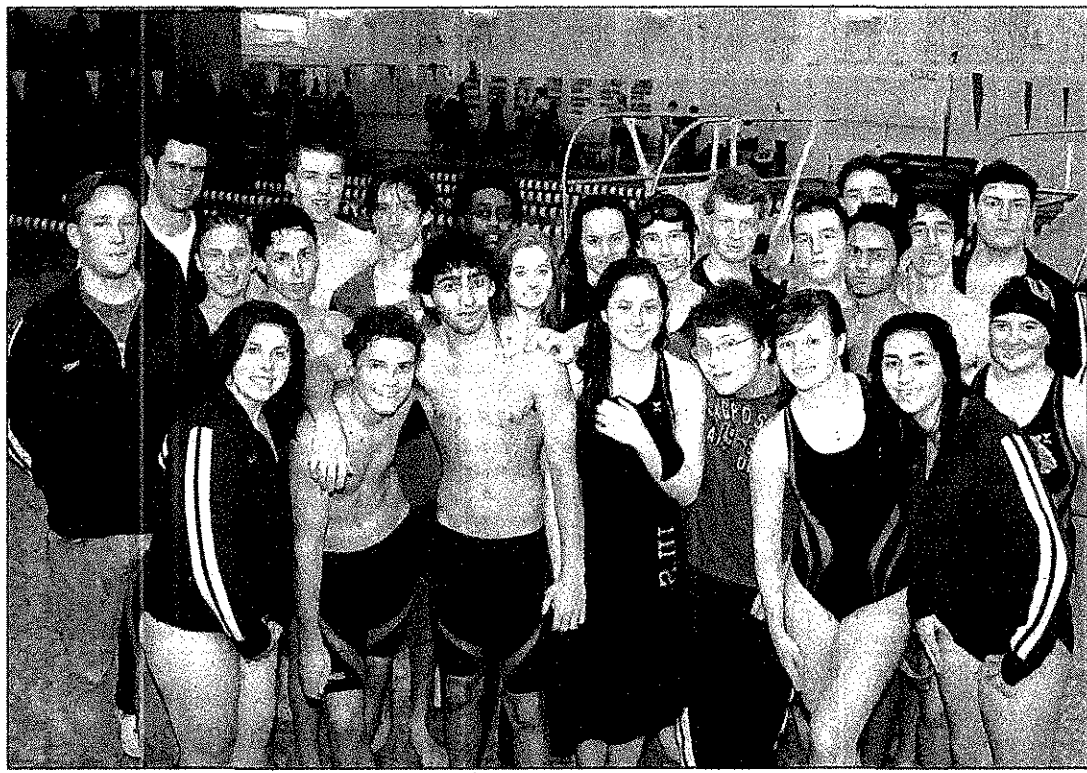


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# Victorious

The Liggett co-ed swimming and diving team remained undefeated after beating Clawson 106-64 last week. Head coach Mike Mullinger, far left, has the Knights swimming well in preparation for their big meet Feb. 18 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.







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Despite federal legislation limiting **lead content**, costume jewelry and children's toys test high in heavy metal.

## Trinkets and trash



By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Lora Geer's heart sank when she learned her 6-year-old daughter's days as royalty were on hold.

Most of daughter Lilly's jewelry had to be thrown away. "I'm sad because she likes being a little princess and wearing all this," said Geer, holding a half dozen pieces of Lilly's costume jewelry in her hand.

One piece was inscribed, "A mother's love is ...." Another had an "L" for Lilly. Another had a bunny charm.

They all contained 93 times the maximum safe level of lead. "Tomorrow, my little girl is going to get up to go to kindergarten, open her jewelry box and there's going to be no jewelry," Geer said.

Then she got mad. High amounts of lead and other cancer-causing heavy metals have been turning up in inexpensive jewelry and children's toys.

"Manufactures of this jewelry are working with malice," said Geer, of Grosse Pointe Park. "It's criminal that they would make something intended for a little child with that amount of lead."

Geer got the bad news last month. She had Lilly's jewelry tested for free at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park by Rebecca Meuninck, (pronounced Munich) environmental health organizer for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor.

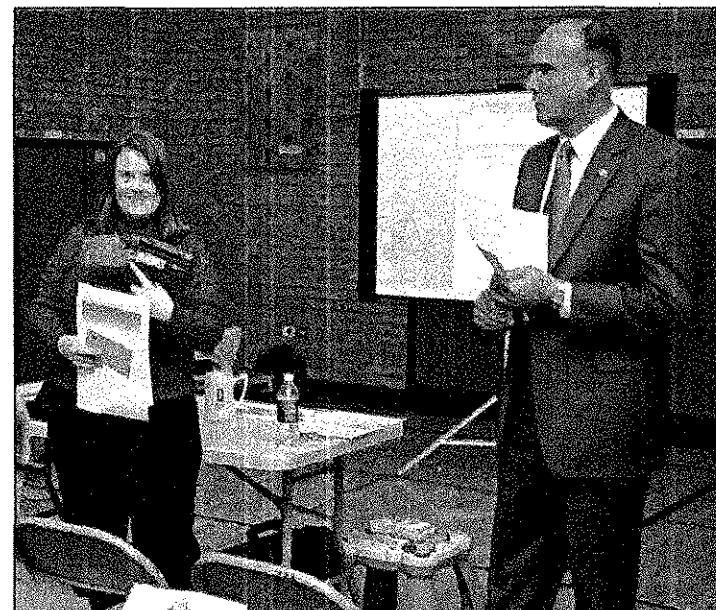
"At the moment, I caution people against buying metal costume jewelry for children," Meuninck said.

One of Lilly's necklaces contained lead measuring almost 28,000 parts per million.

"It's beyond the recall limit for children's products, which is 300 parts per million," Meuninck said.

Efforts to limit harmful metal content in jewelry and toys have suffered from unintended consequences.

"There's been stronger legislation on lead, so now we're see-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rebecca Meuninck, environmental health organizer for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, was invited by State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, to test the metal content of costume jewelry and children's toys at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.


ing cadmium showing up in toys and jewelry where lead used to show up," Meuninck said. "We encourage people to take action and write their representatives at the state and federal levels. Tell them your concerns."

The test session was arranged by State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

"There's anxiety on the part of parents," Bledsoe said. "We import so many toys, often from developing countries where

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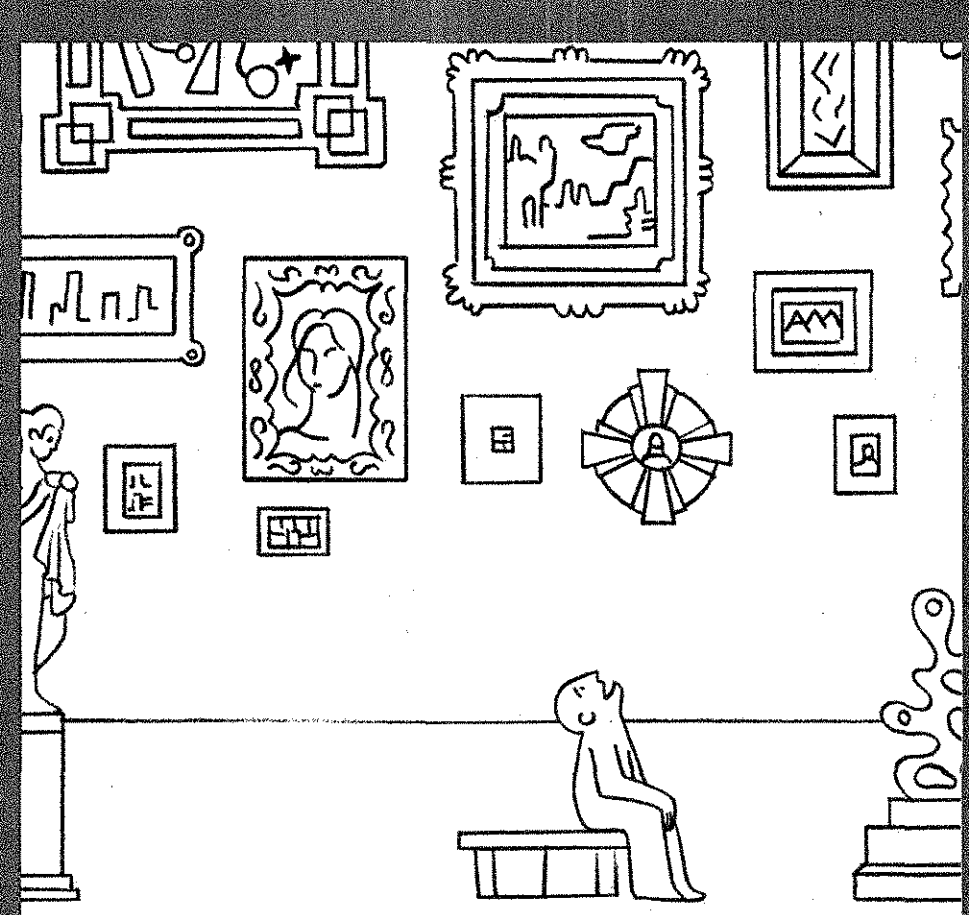
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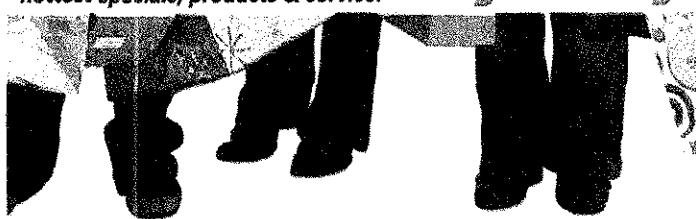
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## Supplying the colors

The Detroit Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists celebrated Christmas with a brunch at the house of regent Andrea Weyhing of Grosse Pointe Farms. A certificate was given to Gerley Dahonan Weyhing, Weyhing's daughter-in-law, in recognition of her naturalization as an American citizen.

Members counted and packaged 427 boxes of crayon, 49 coloring books, 33 spiral pads, five composition books, two packs of notebook paper, six boxes of colored pencils, a pair of scissors, 20 pens, 24 pencils, three erasers and three protractors for Children's Hospital of Michigan patients. Since 1993, the group has donated 2,630 boxes of crayons, 410 color books and other craft items. Packing a van with art supplies to be delivered to the hospital, are from left, Carolee Crisman of Rochester, Arlene Robertson of Bloomfield, Linda Harva of Grosse Ile, Shirley Hanick of Farmington, BJ Leman of Bloomfield Hills, Jean Weight of Grosse Pointe Park, Judy Quinn of Rochester Hills, Barbara Allison of Fowlerville, Gwen Casey of Canton, Nancy Lecky-Chascsa of Wyandotte, Twila Helferich of Rochester Hills and Weyhing.

## TRINKET: Children at risk from their toys

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we don't get good government regulation of consumer products."

Lead and cadmium can interfere with a child's brain development. Exposure can come from handling, sucking and biting jewelry.

Offending products are being manufactured all over the world, from China to Canada, according to Meuninck.

"I wish it was as simple as avoiding products from one country or another," she said. "It's more systematic and something we have to take care of through strong legislation."

The test session at Trombly was one of disappointment for many people in attendance.

Deborah Trask, 31, came from Dearborn with a locket she gave her 5-year-old daughter, Morgan, for Christmas.

"I put a picture of my husband in it," Trask said. "My husband passed away from cancer four months ago, so this is a big concern for me. I've caught my daughter putting the locket in her mouth."

"I can see her teeth marks in it."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUTY

Lora Geer of Grosse Pointe Park will discard her daughter's jewelry, which tested high in lead content.

The jewelry was so small it's metal makeup wouldn't register on Meuninck's hand-held measuring gun. The device uses X-rays to register up to 20 types of metals within about 15 seconds.

Trask removed her late husband's picture and gave the locket to Meuninck for further examination in Ann Arbor.

If the piece turns out to be dangerous, Trask said she'll have her daughter's blood

tested for exposure to carcinogens.

"At least I'll know, so if something in the future comes up, I'll have a history," she said.

Amal Awad-Jumah of Brownstown Township attended the meeting with one of her four children. They brought three bags of toys for testing.

"I ended up throwing a nice toy in the garbage," she said.

The toy, a LeapStart learning table, helps children count and learn the alphabet.

"The chromium was high and the lead level was 139 parts per million," Meuninck said.

Although the level was within legal standards, it was more than three times the 40 parts per million recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, according to Meuninck.

For parents wondering what products are safe to buy their children, a list of 6,000 tested items appears at [healthystuff.org](http://healthystuff.org).

Upcoming testing events are posted on the Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health website, [mnceh.org](http://mnceh.org).

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Ella Marie Pope

Jason and Susan Pope of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Ella Marie Pope, born Nov. 18, 2009.

Tom and Molly Hillman of Roscommon are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Ron Pope of New Berlin, Wis. and Judi Hendrixson of Roscommon.

John and Wilda Hillman of Cadillac are the maternal great-grandparents.

Wilma Hendrixson of Roscommon is the paternal great-grandmother.

### Ethan Tyndall Steryous

Kenton and Laura Steryous of Troutville, Vir., are the parents of a son, Ethan Tyndall Steryous, born Nov. 17, 2009.

Jay and Carol Hackleman of Grosse Pointe Park are the maternal grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Beta Steryous of Roanoke, Vir.

### Matthew Joseph Wolf

Nathan and Jill Wolf of Holland are the parents of a son, Matthew Joseph Wolf, born Nov. 19, 2009.

Michael and Judy Bramos of Harper Woods are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Karl and Cyndie Wolf of Schaumburg, Ill.

Great-grandparents are Mary Burghardt of Fraser and Dennis and Willowdean Bramos of Warren and Margaret Wolf of Logansport, Ind.

### Tyler James Collins

Michael and Erin Collins of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Tyler James Collins, born June 9, 2009.

Mike and Kathy Peacock of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Jim Collins of St. Clair Shores and Bruce and Mary Kaselitz of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, with hostess Kay Fulgenzi and co-hostess Kay VanDeGraaf. This is a Valentine celebration.

## Shores Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, with hostess Ruth Ellen Mayhall.

The program is "Gardens of France or the World."

R.S.V.P. to either co-hostesses, Colleen Kelley at (313) 884-4005 or Shirley Hartert at (313) 882-6107.

## War Memorial

Francie Krawcke of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society presents "Hunters of the Sky: Up Close and Personal with Live Hawks, Falcons and Owls" from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program features live raptors and other birds. She discusses how these birds live and shares tales revealing aspects of their behavior.

Adult tickets cost \$7 and students \$6.

Bob Bedard explains how to make 2010 a positive, peaceful and successful year from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Bedard is the author of "How to Be a Happier Person." His work helps people discover and develop new ways of thinking to develop positive perspectives. His ideas may help people find new ways of coping with problems, disappointments and pain in their lives. The cost is \$24.

To register, call (313) 881-7511.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets Monday, Feb. 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Phil Hanlon, University of Michigan vice provost, is the speaker.

## Edsel Ford House

"Don't Bug Me!" a design and appliqué workshop, is

from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Suzanne Marshall leads the workshop during which participants design a "bug" block using an assortment of bug, flower and leaf patterns.

The cost is \$65 or \$55 for Ford House members.

For more information, call (313) 884-4222.

## Library Friends

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library can preview offerings in the Friends Used Book Sale from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The sale continues from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and Thursday, Feb. 11; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The latter day is "Bag Day" during which a bag filled with books can be purchased for \$1.

The cost to become a Friend member is \$25.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

## Herb society

The Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe Unit meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speaker Ed Blondin's topic is "Herbs used in Egyptian mummification."

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

## Valentine's weddings

In honor of Valentine's Day, a mass wedding ceremony, conducted by Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett is at noon Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center auditorium.

Following the ceremony, newlyweds with friends and family receive light refreshments.

The ceremony costs \$50 and includes a commemorative souvenir copy of the couple's marriage license.

Private ceremonies in the wedding chapel cost \$125 and are performed by appointment between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Applicants pay \$23 for the li-

cense. An additional \$5 is required to waive the three-day waiting period. Following the ceremony, couples may buy a certified copy of the marriage license for \$22 for the first copy and \$7 for each additional copy.

"I look forward to our Valentine's Day ceremonies every year; it's always heartwarming to witness couples dedicating their lives to each other in the name of love," Garrett said.

For more information, call (313) 224-2514 or (313) 234-5515.

## War Memorial

Writer and educator Jerry M. Nehr presents "Text Messaging, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter: Social Networks' Impact on Us, Our Society and Our Children" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nehr discusses how the new websites represent a new form of socialization, one that occurs within the architectural framework of cyberspace.

The cost is \$27.

To register, call (313) 881-7511.

## Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club offers a variety of classes.

## Personal finances

The Hantz Group offers classes to help people understand finances, including "Managing Your Finances in Uncertain Times" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the Neighborhood Club. The cost is \$10.

"Estate Planning Basics" is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, or Wednesday, March 24, at the Neighborhood Club. The cost is \$10.

"Making Sense of Taxes" is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Neighborhood Club. The cost is \$10.

Learn what retirement planning options are available and how key tax planning strategies or opportunities can affect future retirement goals.

## Autism class

Beaumont Hospitals sponsors "The Ins and Outs of Autism," a brief overview of autism, spectrum disorders,

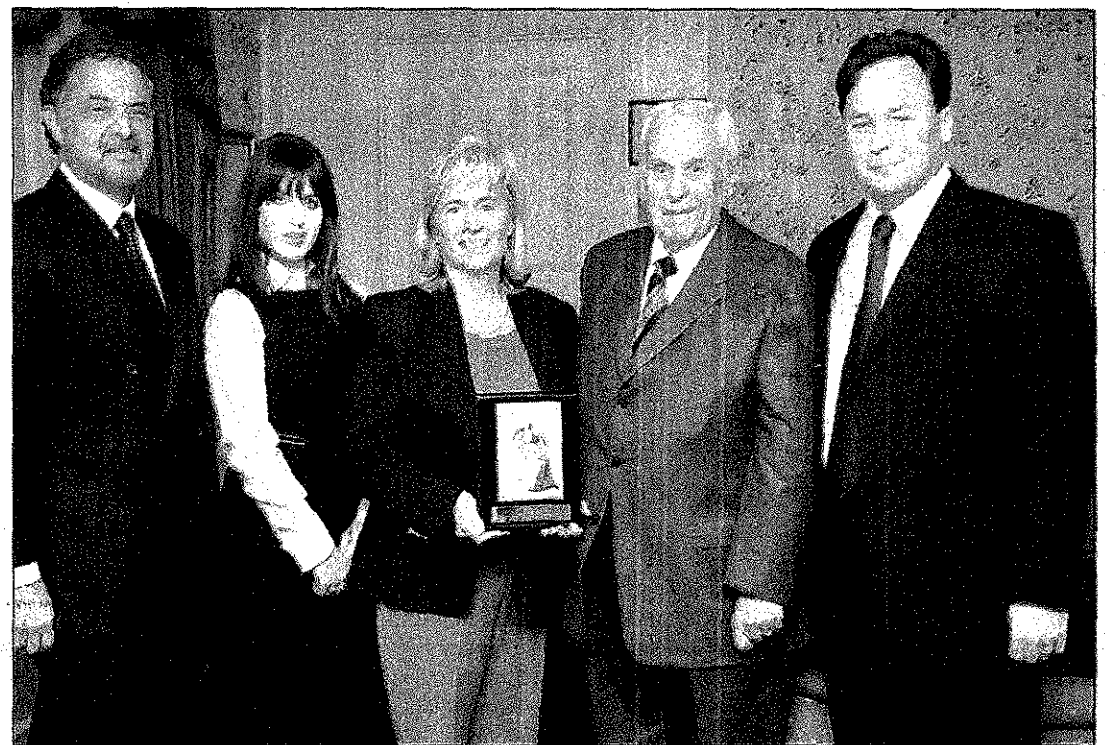


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# Contribution

A plaque was presented to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in recognition of work performed by club members on behalf of the March of Dimes. Pictured from left, Mel Joseph, March of Dimes event co-chairman; March of Dimes Community Director Stephanie Shelters; Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Commodore Mary Treder-Lang; Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes Vice Chairman Anthony Viviano; and March of Dimes Executive Board Director Joe Haney.

early warning signs and red flags versus typical developmental stages and behaviors from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Neighborhood Club.

This free class also provides information about how autism is diagnosed and treated.

The speaker is Lori J. Warner, director of The Center for Human Development's HOPE Center, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Registration is required; call 800-633-7377.

## Digital Video

"Digital Video Made Easy," running two consecutive nights for a total of four hours of instruction time is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and

Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Bodman Computer Center at the Neighborhood Club.

This step-by-step class explains how to turn digital videos into DVD movies, add digital photos and MP3 music and how to post movies onto YouTube.

The cost is \$65.

## Savvy Guides

Learn simple tricks to save thousands on household items and groceries from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Familiarity with the Internet and e-mail is helpful.

The cost is \$15; a \$7 resource fee is payable to the instructor.

"Savvy Guide to Learning Spanish" is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 10 through

April 14. The cost is \$135.

The "Savvy Guide to Entrepreneurship" is from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, and costs \$40. A \$15 materials fee is payable to the instructor.

The "Savvy Guide to Mystery Shopping" is from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24. The cost is \$25.

The "Savvy Guide to Work at Home" is from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 4. The cost is \$25. A materials fee for the textbook is \$15 and payable to the instructor.

Registration can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

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10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial  
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 am Senior Men's Club  
12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit  
1:00 pm The SOC Show  
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
2:00 pm The John Prost Show  
2:30 pm G.P. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
3:30 pm Art & Design  
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
5:30 pm The SOC Show  
6:00 pm G.P. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen  
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
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9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture  
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11:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
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### Who's in the Kitchen?

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### Things to Do at the War Memorial

Refresh Your Garden, Savvy Guide to Saving, Veterans Club & War Memorial Tours

### Out of the Ordinary

Anthony Crittendon, Joyce Hitchye, Herbert Metoyer & Sharon Floyd

### Senior Men's Club

Dan Shine  
"Growing Up Shine"

### Economic Club of Detroit

Robert Kelly, Chairman & CEO, BNY Mellon

### The SOC Show

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Diabetes

### Great Lakes Log

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# Eagle Scout

Matthew Warnez of Grosse Pointe Woods obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in November.

Designing and building a large outdoor sign for St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church's cemetery was his service project. The sign includes a detailed color map identifying more than 700 tombstones. The project took more than two months to complete. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 34, he served in a variety of leadership roles, including quartermaster, troop scribe and patrol leader and has earned 21 badges. Warnez is a Grosse Pointe North High School senior and plans to attend either the University of Notre Dame or the University of Michigan in the fall. From left to right, Boy Scout Troop 34 assistant scoutmaster Andy Konwiak, scoutmaster Gary Pantelis, assistant scoutmaster master Craig Music, and Matthew Warnez.



## 4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Brad Whitaker

# Real Americans respond to those in need

I have a friend who includes me in his constant barrage of e-mails espousing what are often very extreme beliefs or opinions. You know, the bogus chain letters or rants about government policies. Do you have someone like this in your life? Most of us do.

His most recent e-mail was one you might have seen. I have actually had several people send it to me because I live in Michigan. It is an e-mail from someone who claims to live in the Upper Peninsula and recently suffered a snowstorm of epic proportions. (My e-mail friend lives in Georgia, so an inch of snow is epic in his eyes!)

In the e-mail titled "Real Americans," the supposed originator rants and raves about how folks in the midst of this snowstorm were able to take care of themselves without the aid of the federal government. I don't have room here to give you the details and you can probably find the e-mail with a simple Internet search, but clearly the originator was taking a shot at the response to Hurricane Katrina and the response to those in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

The message: "Real Americans pull themselves out of floods, snowstorms and other 'acts of God'" (an insurance term based on horrible theology). And what was most disturbing regarding this particular message from my friend was it arrived two days after the earthquake in Haiti. Ironic in its timing? I think not.

Real Americans? Please! Real Americans respond to people in need. Real Americans are born with hearts of compassion for those not only in our own country but around the world. We are eternally grateful for the fire and police forces that respond immediately to our need at the touch of three numbers on the telephone. Real Americans sacrifice out of their own pockets for the infrastructure that can respond to unpredictable tragedies in our lives. We are thankful for this standard of living and have a desire for all persons around the world to live under the same standard if they so choose. Real Americans respond with money, goods and their own hands to those in need whether on our soil or not. We do this because we have embedded in our citizenry DNA the extension of our hope for a life of happiness for all humankind. Real Americans care about those who suffer.

See CORNER, page 8B

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Presbyterian Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts seven area ministers discussing "Baptism: What do we Believe?" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4.

Ministers to speak include: Rev. Patrick Halfpenny from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Rev. Peter Henry of Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rev. Brad Whitaker of Christ Episcopal Church Grosse Pointe, Rev. Fred Harms of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. James Rizer Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Rev. Richard Stiver of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and Rev. Gerald Spice of St. James Lutheran Church.

## Revival Church

Revival Church meets at 5:15 p.m. for prayer service and 6 p.m. for worship, Sunday, Feb. 7, in the First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (313) 799-3473.

## Career networking group

The Eastside Take Control group, an ecumenical career networking group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb.

See EVENTS, page 8B



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

# St. Ambrose Auction

Members of the St. Ambrose Valentine's Day dinner dance and silent auction committee gathered recently at event chairs Bob and Jan Ramsey's house to prepare items for the silent auction.

Donations ranging from jewelry to an electric scooter for a handicapped individual, a condominium in Saugatuck, a cottage on the Massachusetts coast, antiques, several original art pieces and a potbelly stove will be auctioned. Tickets cost \$25 for the 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, event. Proceeds benefit the St. Ambrose Rebuilding Campaign. Committee members include Bernice Pickard, Grant and Stephenie Ruttinger, Mary Oberly, Carol Deuben, Colette Gilewicz, Beth Kurta, Arinda Mele, George Bush, Patty Yaden, Mike and Lupe Davila, Bernadette Gutowski, Shirley and Tracey Wyatt, and Bob and Jan Ramsey. For more information, call the parish office at (313) 822-2814.

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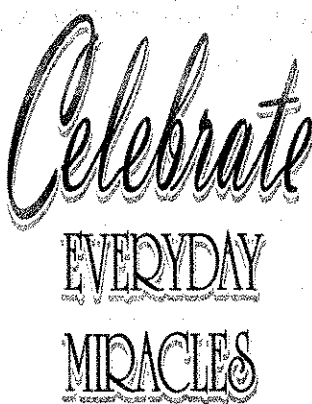
10:10 am - Christian Education for all

11:15 am - Jazz service/Communion



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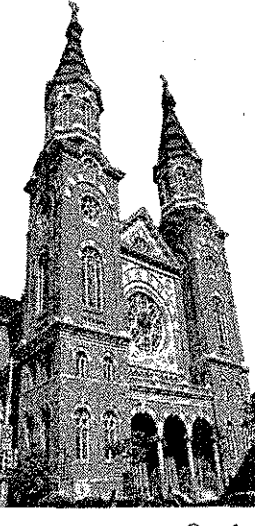
10:00 a.m. (Latin - Choir)

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7:30 a.m. Friday Ecumenical Men's Breakfast

Feb. 7- Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at both services

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Feb. 14- Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Feb. 17- Ash Wednesday Services

7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



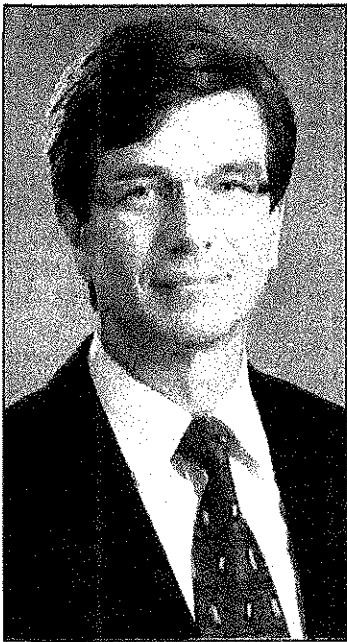
# Karmanos Cancer Institute names new CEO

After a 10-month nationwide search, Gerold Bepler, M.D., Ph.D., is the president and chief executive officer of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

A thoracic oncologist, Bepler began Feb. 1.

In addition to his chief administrative duties, Bepler serves as principal investigator of Karmanos' National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center Support Grant; associate dean, cancer programs, Wayne State University School of Medicine; director, Cancer Institute, WSU School of Medicine; and chair of the soon to be created Department of Oncology of the WSU School of Medicine.

Bepler was director of the Comprehensive Lung Cancer Research Center; department chair of thoracic oncology; and



Dr. Gerold Bepler

program leader of the lung cancer program at the Moffitt

Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. He also served as professor of medicine and oncology at the University of South Florida.

"Dr. Bepler comes to us with exceptional experience in oncology, both in the clinical and research settings," said Alan S. Schwartz, Karmanos Cancer Institute Board of Directors chairman. "His expertise, leadership and knowledge will help us achieve our mission as one of the top cancer centers in the nation. We are excited to enter this new chapter under his leadership."

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Bepler will be leading the Karmanos Cancer Institute," said Jay Noren, M.D., president of Wayne State University. "His experience and credentials as a scientist, researcher and clinician are a perfect match for both

Karmanos and Wayne State University. I have no doubt that KCI will grow and prosper under his leadership."

Valerie Parisi, M.D., interim dean of the school of medicine added, "Dr. Bepler is a rare triple-threat oncologist. He is a well-funded investigator and an internationally recognized thoracic oncology clinician. His demonstrated leadership skills at Moffitt Cancer Center make him an ideal match for both the Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. I am very excited for the opportunity to work closely with him."

Bepler was director of the lung cancer program at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., and held positions at Duke University Hospital and Durham VA

Medical Center.

As a thoracic oncologist, Bepler's research focused on non-small cell lung cancer treatment, the most common form of lung cancer. He's received more than \$23.8 million in research funding from the National Cancer Institute. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, including articles in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of Clinical Oncology and Cancer Research. Bepler has received the Moffitt Cancer Center's Scientist of the Year (2008), American College of Physicians Information and Education Resource Editorial Consultant (2007 - 2008) and served on the Journal of Clinical Oncology Editorial Board (2006 - 2008). He holds seven patents.

"I'm looking forward to

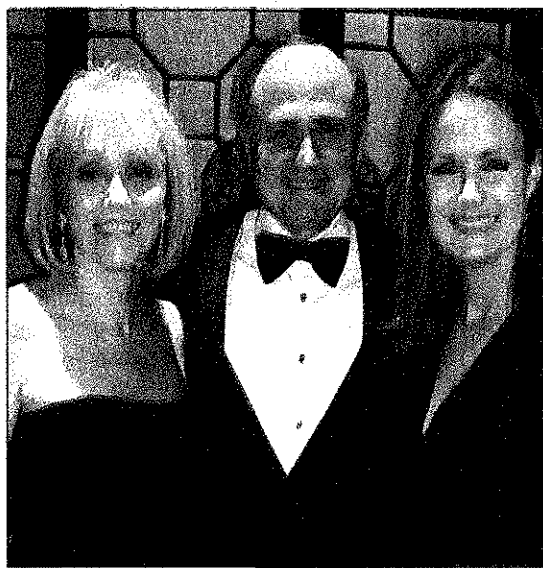
working with the talented and dedicated staff at the Karmanos Cancer Institute whose work I've respected for years," Bepler said. "I also look forward to serving in this leadership role, working with partners such as the WSU School of Medicine and the Detroit Medical Center. I feel very privileged to be part of the Karmanos team with its outstanding reputation, locally, nationally and internationally. Together, we will chart a strong future for the institute."

Bepler earned his medical and doctorate degrees from the Philipps University School of Medicine and Dentistry in Marburg, Germany. His post-doctoral fellowships were completed at the National Cancer Institute, Philipps University and at Duke University Medical Center.



## A grand night

Women's Committee For Hospice Care, Inc. observed its 22nd year of raising awareness and funds for hospice care with its "A Grand Night Like No Other" event recently. From left, Judie Sherman of Bloomfield Hills, Dr. Don Austin and Dale Austin of the City of Grosse Pointe and Valerie Straith of Bloomfield Hills participate in the evening of dancing, dining and an auction.



## Hospice fundraiser

Rita and Ray Dallavecchia of Bloomfield Hills and Kathy Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms also attended. More than \$6.5 million has been raised and donated to metro-Detroit nonprofit hospices by the committee during the past 22 years.

## Knitters raise funds for cancer organizations

Jean Candler of The Wool & Floss of the City of Grosse Pointe is part of Knit Michigan, Saturday, Feb. 6, at The Sacred Heart Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

The all-day event raises thousands of dollars for organizations which provide support to cancer patients and their families.

In three years, Knit Michigan, a 501 (c) (3), has donated more than \$80,000 to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Center, Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Center, Genesys Health System, Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit and U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Candler said the event not only showcases vendors but offers small classes and teachers who answer questions from spinners, weavers and knitters. Classes include fiber for children and 'tween knitting.

The number of people taking up knitting has increased recently, she said.

In times of stress people want to feel good, to nest and working with fiber is one way to fulfill those needs, she said.

While the day will raise funds, members also make and donate patient comfort items, such as chemotherapy caps and lap blankets.

For more information, visit [knitmichigan.com](http://knitmichigan.com).

— By Ann L. Fouty

ASK THE EXPERTS By Sean Hogan-Downey

# Learning to communicate off-screen



**Q.** I have a daughter who is always busy, how can I get her attention?"

**A.** "I'm not yelling at you - I'm just talking"...sound familiar? One of the most complex, challenging, confusing, rewarding and meaningful relationships in life can be found between mothers and their daughters.

In this digital age, face-time has become very limited. Mothers on their cell phones, daughters on their PDA find it difficult to make time for one another. Connection is a life-

line for daughters. Mothers are often the closest human connection to them trying to figure out how to become an adult.

To raise a confident young woman, she needs values from those who love her:

Acceptance/learning: Make amends and let go of the past

Approval: In spite of all the insecurities, imperfections, fears and failures

Affection: Gentle/ tender that comes an important huggable moment

Authority: Giving up control to accept guidance, love and support from parents

Accountability: Following and accepting logical consequences of actions to develop strength and character

Connected mothering requires being truly present and

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A Conversation for Mothers & Daughters

7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10

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focused; listening without judgments, which includes managing body language that is disapproving or judgmental; asking questions and validating feelings which does not

mean that there is agreement, only that she is truly heard.

Remember you are not your daughters "BFF." Mothers need to be a model to help daughters make positive choices in friends, care/protection of her body and helping her regulate emotions.

Your daughter wants to take control of her future by experimenting with new feelings, attitudes and behaviors which is normal and healthy development.

However, if mom steps in with a parenting style that feels like "smothering" or "helicopter parenting," rebellion is worsened. "Backbone parenting" helps tune into your daughter's changes and to react appropriately.

Navigating between girl world and parent planet is a daunting task. Daughters need mothers who set limits with appropriate consequences and are consistent with them.

Hogan-Downey, LMSW,

LMFT is a licensed master social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist. She is a member of the Youth Program Planning Committee of The Family Center. Contact her at (586) 774-7779.

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](http://familycenterweb.org)

## Family Center offers new toddler program

A new program offered by The Family Center two days a week through April introduces toddlers to preschool without a fixed commitment and registration.

Under the direction of Play Central Plus! coordinator Beth Vernon, the enhanced program at Barnes Early Childhood Center provides a structured play group, circle time and various activities led by Barnes preschool teachers based on that week's theme.

Children not interested in a structured program that day can take advantage of the non-structured Play Central program.

Play Central Plus! is offered 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090

Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Parking and school entrance are in the rear.

Play Central is offered from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, through April 27, in the upstairs gym at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The cost for either program is \$3 per visit. No preregistration or reservations are required.

"The format is open, so you can let your child's interests direct you," Vernon said. "You will both enjoy having a large selection of toys that are new to you. It's a great opportunity for young children to run around and practice their large motor skills, and, of course, run off, or crawl off,

some of that energy!"

"Your child may even make a great new friend. Children will practice their social skills, and you can chat with other adults. All caregivers are welcome; we have moms, dads, grandparents, and nannies. Some participants come once a month, some come every Play Central session, and some even invite all their friends or moms' group to meet there."

Play Central and Play Central Plus! run through April. Play Central is closed April 7 and 8.

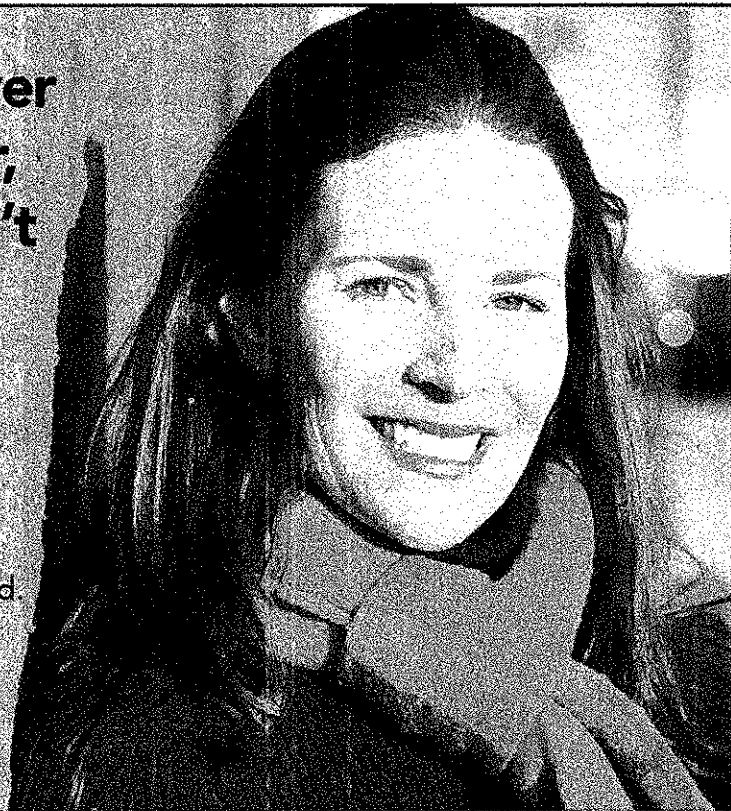
For more information, contact The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods; call (313) 432-3832; visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or e-mail [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

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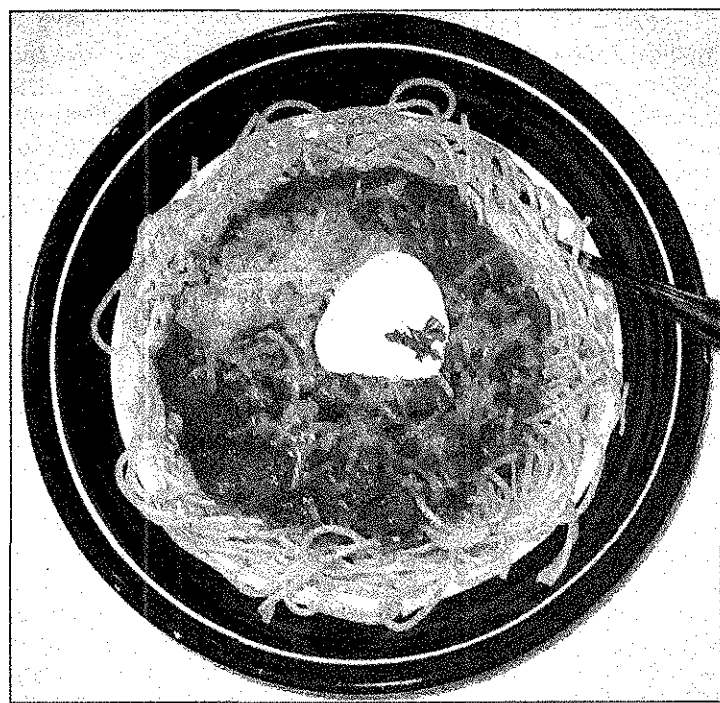


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A bowl of Dave's chili is a bowl party victor.

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## Chili takes center field for bowl party

**H**omemade chili is always the centerpiece of my annual Super Bowl party. This year's chili recipe hails from the kitchen of my male pal, Dave Jablonowski.

Dave's chili style is con carne (kon KAHN-ray) meaning meat but no beans or, Texas chili. With a perfect blend of seasoning this easy to prepare chili (chop, dump and cook) is a crowd-pleaser. Really.

**Dave's Chili Con Carne**

2 tablespoons each salad oil and olive oil

4 1/2 lbs. chuck roast, cubed into bite-sized pieces

3 large sweet red peppers, chopped to a large dice

4 serrano peppers, diced with seeds (or hot pepper of your choice)

1 - 28 oz. can whole tomatoes with juice

1 - 8 oz. can tomato sauce

1/4 cup chili powder

2 tablespoons ground cumin

1 tablespoon salt  
1 tablespoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Place the oil in a large, heavy pot. Add the meat, peppers, tomatoes (bust the tomatoes a bit with your hands as you add them) and tomato juice. Bring the pot to a boil and stir in chili powder, cumin, salt, pepper and crushed red pepper. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for three hours or so, stirring often.

I'm serving Dave's chili over spaghetti topped with shredded cheddar, onions and sour cream. Yummy.

I'm rounding out the meal with homemade focaccia, Jan. 21 recipe, and 7-layer salads, Jan. 28. Planning the menu is half the battle.

For a big group, double the recipe.

Make sure that your spices haven't traveled past the date of freshness (or the robust flavor might be compromised). Thanks, Dave.

Let's Go Saints!!!

## The Roommates reunite for single performance

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Pink Floyd, The Police and Boomtown Rats were popular on the national 1979 music scene. Locally, The Roommates, then an all-girl band, broke in to the music business.

For seven years, the punk rock/new wave band with members from Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, Warren, Utica and Detroit, hit spots such as Paycheck's Lounge in Hamtramck, Bookies, Pine Knob, Traxx, The State Theater in Detroit and the Bowery.

Lead vocalist Beaux Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Woods, guitarists Paula Boufford and Chris Jones, bass player Robb Varney, drummer Dan Allen and Mark Boone on the keyboards will reprise their music one night, Saturday, Feb. 13, at Paycheck's, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck.

"The Roommates were a fun part of my life and I am looking forward to reuniting with Paula Boufford (Messner) once again to have some fun and be Roommates one more time," Mitchell said.

"The Roommates started out as an all-girl punk rock/new wave band in 1979. By the time we hit 1982 we had male bandmates in our lineup that would take us on tour."

That year, 1982, Mitchell captured the Detroit Metro

Times Music Award for female vocalist in the new wave/punk category and was noticed by radio and television stations.

"The radio stations played our single and filmed us for the local TV shows. It was also aired on MTV."

The vinyl single was, "The Roommates" with songs "Evade" and "He's A Lot Like You." These two songs as well as others the band performed were written by Mitchell and Boufford.

The band of Mitchell, Boufford, guitarist Guy Gehlert, bass player Sindi Solnikowski, bassoonist and saxophonist Howard Churchwell and drummer Steve Sortor broke up in 1986.

"We all went on to new projects," Mitchell said.

Mitchell performed with a reggae band, Raggamuffin, and won a second Detroit Metro Times Music Award. This 1988 award was for Female Reggae Vocalist of the Year. She and her husband, Peter Minetola, perform Christian alternative music under the name Bloodscrubbed.

Mitchell is a substitute teacher at Mason Elementary School, where the children call her "Miss Beaux," she said.

The evening's performance is dedicated to Sortor, who died of diabetes complications several years ago. Solnikowski lives in Arizona and still plays her bass, Mitchell said.

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Wear red clothing when visiting the Detroit Historical Museum, Sunday, Feb. 14, and get half off admission.

The latest exhibits include "VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed," an exhibit devoted to Detroit's appetite for fast competitions. The exhibit features a wide variety of racing competitions including dragsters, stock cars, hydroplanes, sailboats, airplanes and even track and swimming. A one-of-a-kind concept car from Ford Motor Company — a 1963 Cougar II — is featured in the museum's Automotive Showplace.

"Detroit Trivia" features more than 300 years of facts. The questions are categorized by degree of difficulty.

"The Fabulous 5" exhibit series focuses on "Detroit's Snack Food Superstars," including the Better Made Snack Food Company, Germack Pistachio Company, Sanders

Confectionery, Stroh's products and Vernor's Ginger Ale. The Germack Pistachio Company is the savory snack superstar sponsor for this exhibit.

Also, see "Corktown Works!" the latest exhibit in the Community Gallery. The exhibit tracks the historical development of Corktown as a working-class community and celebrates the efforts of residents to protect its residential character while welcoming new businesses to the neighborhood. On display are historic photographs and objects borrowed from current residents and descendants of early immigrant families as well as objects from the Detroit Historical Society.

The museum, located at 5401 Woodward, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Yesterday's headlines

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

1960

50 years ago this week

◆ **FOUR PARK HOMES BURGLARIZED:** Burglars broke into four homes, a dentist's office and a garage during the night of Jan. 31, all in the Park.

◆ **BURGLAR VISITS SKATING RINK:** An unknown thief helped himself to some cash from a ticket booth drawer at the Ice Flair at Charlevoix and Wayburn. Approximately \$100 was stolen from the cash drawer. Investigations are ongoing.

◆ **BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY:**

The mayors of the Pointes jointly issued a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout Movement in the United States and the observance of Boy Scout Week.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS SUED UNDER HANDICAPPER'S ACT:** A man who said he was not hired by the Woods Department of Public Works because of a 20-year-old injury is suing the city for damages in excess of \$10,000.

As part of the city's employment procedure, the man underwent a physical exam. He told the doctor he had suffered a broken neck about 20 years

ago. As a result, the doctor recommended the man not be hired and the city revoked its offer of employment.

◆ **ARMED ROBBER STRIKES AGAIN:** Farms police believe the same man is responsible for two armed robberies at the 24-hour bank teller machine at the National Bank of Detroit on Moross.

A Stanhope resident was robbed at gunpoint by a man who entered the glass enclosed booth after the victim had withdrawn \$30 from the machine.

Armed with a nickel-plated revolver, the suspect took the money, an additional \$35 and the keys to the victim's car, which was nearby, and the car.

The description of the robber matched that of an armed robber who stole nearly \$70 from a Detroit man at the same machine the night before.

◆ **SHORES RESIDENTS GET MORE LAKE SHORE:** Three Shores residents have applied to the state Department of Natural Resources for deed over land that has formed beyond their breakwalls, caused by accumulated silt and sand.

The land in question has been built up above the lake's high water mark over many years. The property is almost always above water and has sprouted grass. If the three gain title over the land, they will have the right to clean, grade and maintain the property as well as pay property taxes.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **FOUR DEPARTMENTS FIGHT BLAZE:** More than two dozen firefighters from four Grosse Pointe fire departments responded to a three-alarm fire at a residence on Grayton in Grosse Pointe Park.



FROM THE FEB. 4, 1960, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1960: Sledding, anyone?

This is the new toboggan and ski hill built last year on the Vernier School grounds behind the Shores municipal building. The new planting serves to prevent erosion and contributes beauty to the site. The Shores has been manufacturing its own snow to be sure conditions are the best for the outdoor enthusiasts who use the hill.

◆ **DREDGING SAVINGS:** Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe have joined forces to obtain a better price for the dredging of their parks' harbors.

While each community's harbor is different, by joining forces and having one crew do the work, officials from the three communities believe the cost to each city will be lower than if they went it alone.

◆ **DISTRICT PILOTS DISTANCE LEARNING:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System has booted up two distance learning projects only weeks after having teleconferencing equipment installed at North and South high schools.

The project allows students at both schools to sit in on a

class taught at one facility. Students at South can ask a question to a teacher at North and vice versa.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **FLU BUG CLOSES TWO SCHOOLS:** The flu bug flew into town last week causing enough absences to close Grosse Pointe Academy and St. Clare of Montefalco School.

Nearly one-third of the 350 enrolled in the Academy's preschool through eighth grade program were showing signs of illness and well as five faculty members and one administrator. More than 75 stu-

dents were down with the flu at St. Clare.

Both schools had everything sanitized while the buildings were closed.

◆ **TRICKLE TO FLOOD:** A resident on Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods probably never imagined the water he saw trickling down the side of his neighbor's house caused a major flood.

Public safety officers inspected the house after receiving the call and found a pipe had broken in the second-story bathroom which resulted in major water damage in the house.

Officers turned off the water and notified the homeowners, who were out of town.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

CULTURAL EVENTS

Detroit Historical Museum

◆ African American History Day is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Entertainment includes:

- \* Caricature artist George Ingram at 12:30 p.m.
- \* An African drum and dance demonstration by Mubarak Hakim at 1 p.m.
- \* Author Jean Alicia Elster at 2 p.m.
- \* Storyteller Ivory D. Williams at 3:30 p.m.
- \* Guests can learn to make a quilt from the Peace Baptist Church Quilters throughout the day.
- \* Children can make arts and crafts throughout the day at the Kidz Art Zone.

◆ Author Elizabeth Clemens speaks from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, on the Works Progress Administration.

The federal program provided jobs to the unemployed during the Great Depression as part of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

In Detroit, the WPA built schools and libraries, provided clothing and shelter and created literacy, health and educational programs. Through cultural program, it brought art, theater and music to the public.

Clemens is an audiovisual archivist at the Walter P. Reuther

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## 8B | SENIORS

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

## At last, some simplicity



At last, some simplicity. That 2010 would find more simplicity in our daily lives was my hope. In at least one small area, food marketing, it seems to be coming true.

I was amazed recently to find there are at least 20 varieties of hummus.

Then there's the TV ad featuring a woman admiring refrigerator shelves of yogurt, each in a different flavor. I'm lucky to fit 10 cups into mine and they are always the usual four flavors.

Kellogg's now offers some of its cereals in four sizes: 12 oz., 14 oz., 19 oz., and 21 oz. Can you tell me the logic in that assortment?

Going to restaurants offering as many as 65 entrees divided into fish, meat and pasta requires much decision-making. The joy of finding something I like is now diluted by the amount of time it took.

Apparently customers overwhelmed by the variety of products offered have begun to rebel, says an article in SmartMoney. "For the first time in recent memory, retailers are pruning their selection to semi-manageable levels."

Walgreens and Rite-Aid are pulling about 5,000 products off their shelves, and Kroger has cut its cereal selection by

30 percent. Studies found too many choices actually hurt sales. Plus, "a carefully trimmed assortment" reduces inventory costs and can improve sales.

## It's always something

Traffic authorities say street lighting with environmentally friendly LED bulbs reduces accidents because it sheds more light than incandescent bulbs.

However, their use has led to a spate of serious traffic accidents. That's because the bulbs do not produce as much heat as standard bulbs, allowing more snow and ice to accumulate, obscuring the green and red signals.

What works in society at one stage, but not another is exemplified by our philosophy of lock 'em up for criminals. This idea has been very successful, with many repeat offenders behind bars and the rate for violent crime cut by nearly 40 percent since its early 1990s peak, says Ross Douthat in NYTimes.com.

But there's a price to pay for filling prisons with 2.3 million Americans. Every state and major city is facing enormous, rising costs to house prison populations. The prisons have become overcrowded, hellish realms where violence and rape occur "on a disgraceful scale."

"Mass incarceration" may have been a successful tourniquet, but can't be a permanent solution to crime. That doesn't mean a return to liberal "ex-

cuse-making," but the country literally cannot afford to keep millions of people in jail for most of their lives.

Pretending religion is irrelevant is either naïve or disingenuous, posits Dahlia Lithwick on Slate.com. For most of its history, the U.S. Supreme Court was a solidly Protestant redoubt, says Lithwick. Today, six of nine justices are Catholic and the sole Protestant, John Paul Stevens, 89, is likely to retire soon.

Discussing the justices' religious backgrounds is generally considered distasteful. Justice Antonin Scalia hotly insists his Catholicism doesn't affect his rulings one bit. But the reality is religious upbringing clearly affects the justices' world views no less than such obvious factors as gender, race and political affiliation.

Five of its six Catholics (with liberal Sonia Sotomayor being the exception) vote together on most issues. Voting as a bloc, they have reversed the court's position on the constitutionality of partial-birth abortion.

During recent oral arguments in the case of a cross on public land, Scalia contended — with evident irritation — that a cross could honor all fallen soldiers, whether they are Christian, Jewish, or Muslim.

Would a Muslim or Jewish justice think so? Let's be honest, Lithwick says, religious faith is "so visceral" it has to shape a judge's reasoning.

Reach Cain at  
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## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

## Center of Lifelong Learning

Sandra van Meek, programming and external affairs director, Detroit RiverFront Conservancy, speaks at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The conservancy has reclaimed and developed more than three miles on Detroit's river-

## Services for Older Citizens

A "Circle of Remembrance Tea" is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The Rev. Raafat Hanna, chaplain for Spiritual Care and Bereavement, Season's Hospice and Palliative Care, is the speaker.

To make reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

CULTURAL:  
Around town

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Library.

The cost is \$10 and free to Detroit Historical Society members.

◆ The exhibit "Corktown Works!" runs through April 25 and features the Workers Row House Museum, a historic preservation project of the Greater Corktown Development Corp.

The exhibit tracks the historical development of Corktown as a working class community and notes the efforts of residents to protect its residential character while welcoming new businesses to the neighborhood.

A selection of photographs by Detroit photographer Marvin Shaouni illustrate events that helped define contemporary Corktown: the Tour deTroit, the Corktown-Mexicantown Greenlink project, construction of new houses and Michigan Avenue business improvements.

◆ The movie, "The Rouge," is shown at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14.

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The museum is located at 5401 Woodward and is open 9:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to

5 p.m. Sundays. Parking in the museum's lot is \$4.

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## DIA

"Government Support for the Arts: WPA Prints" from the 1930s featuring 100 prints created under the Federal Art Project, a unit of the Works Progress Administration created in 1935 to provide economic relief during the Great Depression is on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts through March 21.

The new Islamic art gallery opens Sunday, Feb. 28.

Tickets for the grand opening at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, features dinner, musical entertainment and guest speaker curator Sheila Canby. Tickets are \$250.

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Adult tickets cost \$12 and \$6 for children 6 to 17.

## Henry Ford Museum

Celebrate Black History! runs through Feb. 28 at the Henry Ford Museum.

The program highlights activities of the trials and triumphs of leaders in the United States' history.

Adult admission is \$14; \$13 for seniors and \$10 for youth.

The museum is at 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn.

CORNER:  
Americans lend  
a helping hand

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As an American, I have the freedom to help those in need whether in my own backyard or across international borders. As a Christian, I am compelled to do so. In fact, it is mandated by my savior to "love others as he has loved me." And how did Christ love me? By being willing to give up his life.

This is the standard by which I am called to love others. I know my brothers and sisters in the world's other major religions also have this same or similar standard.

In these early days of responding to the massive need in Haiti, I mostly feel impotent in my ability to do any good at all. I have sent money through reputable agencies on the ground — and I am praying.

But these responses can often feel like acts that make no difference and I find myself frustrated. So I pray some more and I give some more. I do this so those with the specialized skills needed in these circumstances can do God's work of miracles: Miracles like pulling an 11-year-old girl from under the rubble a full eight days after the earthquake!! If we rested on the moronic values of that bogus e-mail about what Real Americans do in tragedies, this 11-year-old girl would have died.

Thank God for Real Americans who can pray and give money. And thank God for Real Americans and others around the world who can go immediately into massive tragedies and save lives. Proud to be an American in those circumstances? You bet I am.

Compelled to follow my Christian principles of love, compassion and being God's hands of action? Always and everywhere, with God's help.

Whitaker is rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

EVENTS:  
Church  
activities

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8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic is "The Value of Wellness."

For more information, call Steven Wulfekuhle at (313) 885-8855.

## St. James

"The Gospel According to John" is the topic discussed by the Rev. Patrick Halfpenny at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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The event is sponsored by the Lay Theological Academy.

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