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THURSDAY, JAN. 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours begins at 5:30 p.m. and is hosted by John F. Martin Photography, 19471 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Pierce Middle School Coney Night and Open House for incoming sixth-grade students and their parents is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym, 15430 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Park. Food costs range from \$1 - \$2. Information on clubs and athletic teams is available.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

◆ A post-holiday pancake and pajama party is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. The event, which includes a book sale, pillowcase, sale, raffle, dancing and a karaoke room, costs \$6.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m., at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with coffee. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and Dan Beck, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church member, begins his speech at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.
◆ Grace United Church, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts Friday Ladies' Night Out Bible Study at the church. It begins with a 6 p.m. dinner. The study of Daniel, led by Kris Allen, follows. For more information, call (586) 489-6829.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

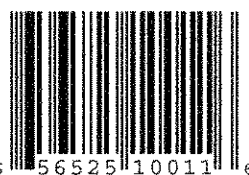
◆ The musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra present "Boisvert Plays Beethoven" at 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50 and can be purchased by calling (248) 860-6786.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

◆ Seven area Christian Science churches host a lecture on spiritual solutions to economic uncertainty, health concerns and fears for personal safety at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, 111 Kirby, Detroit. The speaker,

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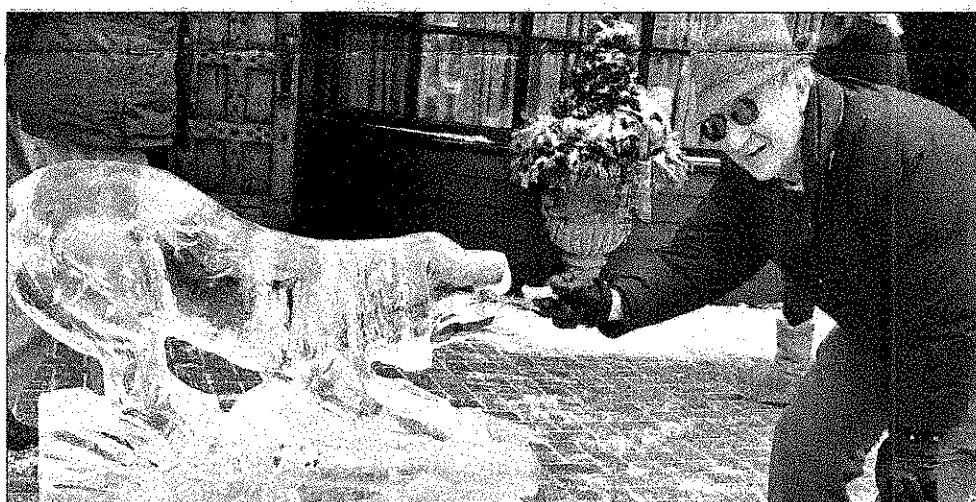


Kercheval on the Hill was closed last Saturday for this year's Winterfest in Grosse Pointe Farms with attractions and attendees spilling into the roadway. Even with snow-covered glasses, Jim Fields does precision work carving out a jack-in-the-box ice sculpture in front of the library. Fields is a national champion ice carver.



Festive day

Above, 3-year old-twins, A.J. and Ana Zieleniewski, of the Farms, eat hot dogs with delight. Top right, David Cusmano and his 4-year-old son, Sam, roast marshmallows for S'mores. At right, Ken Eatherly feeds a biscuit to the Dirty Dog ice sculpture. More photos on page 3A.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Upgrades to force switch

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Grosse Pointe Farms drinking water, drawn from Lake St. Clair off Pier Park, is so good, some wisenheimers call it Pierier, a play on Perrier bottled springwater from France.

Some 1,300 customers of the Farms water treatment plant soon will get a taste of how the other half lives.

Toward the end of this month, the plant at the corner of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard is being shut down temporarily and service switched to Detroit.

Water filtered by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department replaces Farms water during an estimated six-week period of infrastructure upgrades to the suburban treatment facility.

"We want to make sure the water plant remains

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Council denies appeals

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council dimmed the last of the neon lights on Mack Avenue, voting to deny eight appeals by business owners who disagreed with enforcement of an existing city ordinance.

On seven of the eight appeals, the vote was 5-to-1 to deny the appeal. An eighth, an appeal to keep an interior neon sign, was denied by a 4-to-2 vote.

The votes of the council followed similar votes by the city's planning commission in December. Following the denial of appeals by the planning commission, property owners could choose to take their concerns to the next level, the city council.

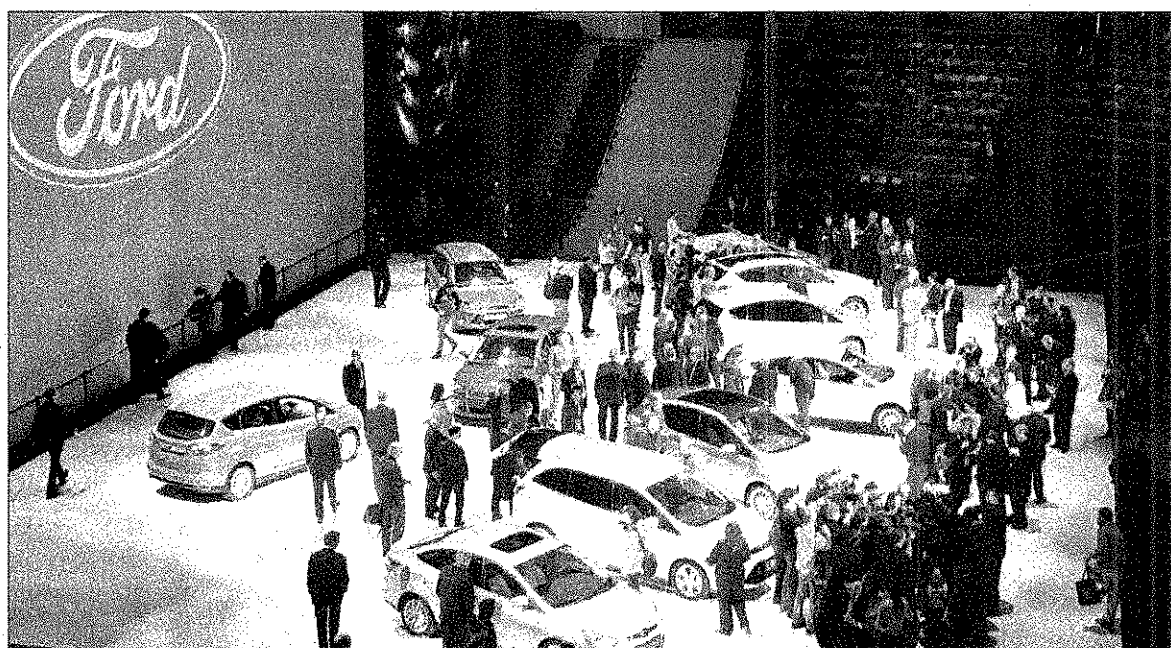
At issue is a city ordinance enacted in 2002 that banned use of neon signs in windows along Mack Avenue. The enactment of the ordinance has been hampered by moratoriums and grandfather-clause exemptions. Active enforcement began last October.

According to Woods' building inspector Gene Tutag, 51 letters were sent to property owners not in compliance. Forty-three complied, eight filed appeals.

About 45 people turned out for the meeting, which at times turned contentious as members of the audience let their feelings be known in support of the property owners.

"We have been on Mack Avenue since September 1952," said David

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The cars are the stars

The North American International Auto Show kicked off in Detroit Saturday, Jan. 15. Above, the Ford Motor Co. display at the 2011 North American International Auto Show. At right, part of the Corvette collection on display. The annual event runs through Jan. 23 at Cobo Center. See next week's Grosse Pointe News for more photos and highlights of the show.



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Curling and ice carving are among activities Saturday, Jan. 29, at Neff Park during City of Grosse Pointe Winter Fest.

City plans festival

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Next weekend's annual Winter Fest and pig roast at Neff Park carries over everything and more from last year, despite two-digit cuts in the City of Grosse Pointe recreation department budget.

"It's more of the same good stuff," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation. "It's great to be able to continue the event and activities we've had in the past."

The seventh annual winter festival, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, is an anchor of off-season activities at the

park.

"This is one of the bigger events during the off-season that gets residents to come down to the park, and is another reason for them to use our park year-round," Hardenbrook said. "Anything that gets residents outside during the off-season months, I'm for."

Winter Fest attractions this year include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ an exotic petting farm,
- ◆ curling,
- ◆ ice sculpting,
- ◆ hockey shoot-outs,
- ◆ broomball and
- ◆ complimentary hot chocolate and S'mores.

A hot catered meal costs \$5 per person.

This year, overhead space heaters are being temporarily installed in the pavilion.

"It gives the pavilion added use; a nice little warming area for hockey players," Hardenbrook said.

Last year was a busy one at the 100-year-old, lakeside park.

"We've had some of the largest turnouts last summer, across the board," Hardenbrook said.

The centennial celebration drew a large crowd.

So did the fall harvest and haunted park.

"Every year, our camp-outs are bigger," Hardenbrook said.

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Detective leads off with a triple

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Christopher Lee's first case since being promoted to detective is a head-scratcher.

Lee has no witnesses, fingerprints nor video evidence to go on.

The crimes he's trying to solve are three break-ins of businesses on a two-block section of Mack near Rivard. All were committed last Friday evening within minutes of each other.

The person or persons who committed them showed no signature technique.

Police have no telltale modus operandi.

Lee is left to "motive hunting of motiveless malignity," a quote of Samuel Taylor Coleridge about Shakespeare's *Iago* that may have passed Lee's way while growing up in the Pointes and taking English literature at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The main evidence left behind in one of the buildings is a bootprint on a kicked-in, inner door. Similar prints outside melted with the snow.

"There's no suspect at this time," Lee said this week.

Boarded-up windows on the front doors of Valente Mens Formal Wear and Artona Custom Tailors, in the 17600 and 17800 blocks of Mack, respectively, were the only out-

ward indications that anything happened between 7:05 and 7:10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14.

"The front door (of Valente), made of glass, was smashed and open approximately 14 to 18 inches," said Officer Matthew Wallis. "(The) owner stated approximately \$250 (was) missing from the register."

"The cash register was open and empty of all currency," Lee said.

Officers investigating the area discovered similar damage to the front door of Artona.

"The suspect broke (the) window, reached through, but was unable to access due to (a) deadbolt in the interior," said Detective Sgt. Alan Gwyn.

Next discovered was the break-in of an office building in the 17800 block.

Lt. Paul Onderbeke entered the building.

"The lobby door to the south suite was kicked in," Onderbeke said.

"A boot print was observed on the lower portion of the door," Lee added.

Officers entered an adjacent suite, used by a doctor.

"The office desk and reception area desk were searched by perpetrator(s) (and) drawers left open," Onderbeke said.

"(The doctor) was unable to state if anything was missing from the north suite at this time," Lee said.

Weekend house parties doused

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — On a weekend when Kid Rock held his 40th birthday party in downtown Detroit "cause a Detroit party don't stop, y'all," Grosse Pointe Farms police put the skids on teenagers out for a mid-winter bout of substance abuse.

Officers broke up two house parties, one apparently before it got in full swing, the other long after it was supposed to never start.

Police reported the presence

of alcohol and odor of marijuana at both parties and, at one, hallucinogens.

Attendees convened while their hosts' parents were out of town, according to police.

The first party was broken up shortly before 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, in the 200 block of McKinley. Officers went to the house to investigate a neighbor's noise complaint.

The 15-year-old hostess presided over at least 24 guests from the Pointes and nearby communities.

Fourteen youths, including the homeowner's daughter, had no alcohol in their systems, according to police.

Ten guests registered blood alcohol levels of .008 to .149 percent.

The father of one 15-year-old girl from the Farms refused to let his daughter be administered a Breathalyzer test to determine her blood alcohol level.

The second party came two days later.

At 1 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, police found a reportedly missing 16-year-old male having a party at his parents house in the 200 block of Touraine.

The homeowners were out of town, police said. The missing son was supposed to be staying at another residence.

"The home was supposed to be empty and locked," said Officer Timothy Harris. "(I) knocked on the front door. A female came to the door,

looked out the window and ran upstairs."

Of eight guests — four males and four females ranging in age from 16 to 18 — one was arrested: a 16-year-old Park female for possession of 3.1 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms and prescription drugs.

Suspect caught at parole hearing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Police snared a Canton man last week with strings tied to his criminal past.

"When he reported to his parole officer for his monthly parole visit, he was detained and transported here to be questioned," said Grosse Pointe

Shores Detective Sgt. Scott Rohr.

The suspect, Sherrod J. Johnson, 29, was arraigned late Friday afternoon, Jan. 14, in Shores Municipal Court on eight charges relating to car break-ins. Officers on the midnight shift discovered the crimes during routine patrols

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Winterfest set Jan. 29

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Mother Nature provides the snow and ice, while the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission offers up fun events as the city welcomes residents and their guests to its 10th annual Winterfest. The celebration is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Lake Front Park.

This year's Winterfest features the chili cook off and cookie bake off, as well as ice skating, a giant slide, and a SCORE-O competition. A hot dog lunch is served and guests can sample the chili and cookie offerings. There is no charge, but reservations are required and can be made by calling the community center at (313) 343-2408 or e-mail, parks@gp-wmi.us.

"This is always a wonderful event," said Councilman Todd McConaghy, the council's representative to the citizens recreation commission. "It's the perfect way to remind residents that Lake Front Park is a year-round park, with a great ice skating rink and a small sledding hill. It's a fun family

event."

Chili chefs and cookie bakers must pre-register for the cook-offs by calling the community center. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Cookie contest entrants should bring three dozen of one type of cookie, and are reminded that cookies will be judged on taste, not presentation.

Chili chefs must bring one gallon of heated chili and serving utensils. Crock pots are not needed, as the city provides chafing dishes.

Entrants should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Judging by Woods officials, including the mayor and council members, begins at 10:45 a.m.

Winners will be announced at 11:45 a.m. Cooks and bakers are encouraged to stay to help serve their specialties and visit with guests and fellow competitors.

"People always look forward to this event," said McConaghy. "It gives everyone a reason to come outside and enjoy winter in the park. We're proud that we can use our park all year round, and this is just one more way to enjoy it."

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Council selects Ketels to fill vacancy

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Kevin Ketels has been appointed to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gabriele Boddy.

One of 16 candidates that applied to be considered for the opening, Ketels was selected by the council acting as a com-

mittee of the whole at its Jan. 17 meeting.

"I'm excited and looking forward to serving the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods," he said. "I think it is very important to make a contribution back to your community."

Ketels is CEO of KMED, LLC, where he manages all administrative functions for the business that conducts clinical

trials and biomaterial collection. He is also a professor of marketing at Wayne State University. A graduate of Michigan State University, he also earned a master's degree in mass communication from Boston University.

He has served on the city's Beautification Commission since 2008.

Ketels' appointment begins Feb. 7 and runs until the regularly scheduled election in November, at which time he must run for election to complete the last two years of Boddy's term. Ketels confirmed that he is planning to run for the seat in November.

Ketels and his wife, Renee, have two children who attend Monteith Elementary School.

Woods names new director

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Andrew Pazuchowski, a veteran Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer, has been named director of the public safety department.

City administrator Skip Fincham made the appointment Jan. 17, with support of the city council.

"I have had the pleasure of working with Andrew over the past year and I am confident he has the leadership style and ability to take the reins of the public safety department," Fincham told the council. "With over 25 years of employment with the department, Andrew has exhibited the professionalism and demeanor needed to address the many issues that are typical in the role of public safety director and chief of police."

Pazuchowski, who began his career with the department in 1986, replaces Fincham, who has been doing double duty as city administrator and public safety director since July 2010.

"I am very excited with my appointment," Pazuchowski said. "It will be a challenge in these tough economic times, but I'm looking forward to working with the city adminis-



Pazuchowski

tration in maintaining our high level of service to our residents."

Several members of the public safety department attended Pazuchowski's swearing in ceremony at the Jan. 17 council meeting, including a

number of retired officers and former director Mike Makowski.

"I think it is a tribute to the new director that so many officers are with us tonight," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

"It should be noted that no one came to my swearing in," deadpanned Fincham. "But I think it speaks to him being the right choice at the right time for this department."

Pazuchowski, 50, earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University as well as an associates degree in paramedic science. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the department in 1986 as a public safety officer. In 1994 he was appointed to the rank of corporal. In 1999, he was appointed to the rank of sergeant and Detective Bureau commander.

His yearly salary will be \$75,000. Pazuchowski is married and has two children.

Winterfest action

Grosse Pointe Farms celebrated Winterfest last weekend. At right, Jeff Wolf carves a man reading the Grosse Pointe News. Far right at top, Janie McKee, 6, gets the golf ball over the bridge and into the hole on the ice sculpture putt-putt course. Bottom right, Farms resident Brennan Hayward, 8, plays the Olympic ring toss. His family moved to the Farms from Minnesota three months ago.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



South student killed by retired DPD cop

Detroit police confirmed Tuesday that Demere Hudson, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, was shot and killed by a retired Detroit police officer on Sunday, Jan. 17.

Hudson was a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

According to Detroit police,

Hudson tried to rob the retired officer outside a party store in the 14700 block of West Seven Mile near Greenfield about 9:20 p.m. He was shot and killed by the officer.

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety spokesman James Smith said he could find no

record of any contact between any of the Grosse Pointe police departments and Hudson.

An e-mail from the administration was sent to Grosse Pointe South faculty and staff about the death. It advised staff that counseling would be available for students in Cleminson

Hall.

The school declined any further comment about Hudson, who also played football at the school.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

-Kathy Ryan

Hard to hide in the Farms

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It's pretty hard, in a small city like Grosse Pointe Farms, to be wanted by police, yet live and travel within municipal limits without getting caught.

A patrolman was cruising Allard near Bournemouth a few minutes before 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, when a 46-year-old female resident he knew was wanted on traffic and drug charges passed him in the passenger seat of a vehi-

cle driven by an unknown man.

The officer pulled over the man and arrested the woman.

She was wanted in the Farms for failing to appear in municipal court on a traffic charge, and by Wayne County for a drug offense, according to police.

The man ran into the 400 block of Bournemouth, the woman's street of residence.

"Officers observed fresh

footprint in the snow leading from the area of the traffic stop to the residence," said Officer Geoff McQueen.

A witness told officers the man entered a house. Police followed.

"Officers found (the man) hiding behind the attic furnace," McQueen said.

They arrested the 36-year-old suspect from Ray Township and found two syringes.

Officers searching the car said they found two crack pipes coated with residue.

Local charges against the man consist of possession of narcotics, interfering with police and violating a suspended license, according to Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The man also is reportedly wanted by Wayne County for cocaine possession.

—Brad Lindberg

The two sides of the DSO strike

By Dina Winter
and Eric Winter
Special Writers

Editor's note: Dina and Eric Winters discussed the Detroit Symphony Orchestra strike with both management, represented by Paul Hogle, the DSO's executive vice president, and a musicians' representative, cellist Haden McKay. The following is a synopsis of their discussions.

Paul Hogle, Executive Vice President of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra arrived on the Detroit scene quite recently and is a spokesman for the management side of the present dispute with the DSO musicians. Hogle is a 26-year veteran of the orchestra business management field. He is a music lover, plays the trombone and has twin daughters studying viola and cello at Interlochen.

GPN: Tell us what you see as the challenge facing management in its current dispute with the musicians.

PH: Our inability, thus far, to settle with the musicians is solely due to the huge adverse changes that have taken place since the previous contract was negotiated in 2007. These changes have brought about a large reduction in the financial resources of the DSO. Nothing

would please us more than to be able to agree to the settlement proposals that the musicians' negotiating team have presented. We would love to agree to them, but the money is simply not there.

Concert ticket sales are down, corporate contributions are down, and our unrestricted endowment is down to about \$20 million, about 25 percent of what it was in the early 2000s. The value of the endowment fund is down because larger draws than anticipated had to be made to offset revenue losses due to the factors I just mentioned and because of the decline in the stock market. Budgeting in prior years assumed that draws could be made from the endowment fund to help support operations, cover interest on the loan for the Max Fisher Center and still allow the fund to grow. The endowment fund is basically the reserve fund of the orchestra and it is small in relation to the size of the orchestra. Because of this, it has to be managed conservatively, and, with interest rates as low as they are, the income generated is not large enough even to cover interest payments on the Max Fisher Center loan.

GPN: What measures have you been taking to deal with this?

PH: Over the past two years we have taken several measures. Already in January and February of 2009 we let one-third of the staff members go; 30 had to be dismissed, and asked the others to take pay cuts. Pension contributions were eliminated, and staff members were required to pay more toward their health coverage. Orchestra CEO Anne Parsons started with herself. At the board level she has succeeded in raising board member contributions from less than a million dollars when she became executive director in 2004 to \$2.5 million in the latest fiscal year.

GPN: What do you think are the most important considerations at the moment?

PH: It is absolutely necessary that any settlement reached be one that the DSO can afford. It will be doing no favor to the Detroit music community, or even to the musicians themselves if we make a settlement that would so damage the financial structure of the orchestra that its continuation beyond the next two or three years would be in question.

The challenge facing management is to maintain the internationally recognized standard of excellence of the orchestra on a substantially

smaller financial base. We think it can be done, but it will require orchestra members and management working together to make it happen.

This strike is a dispute that should never have happened. Instead of fighting against each other, our entire organization should be standing together, facing a world that is finding it increasingly difficult to relate to classical music.

GPN: Can you give us your final thoughts on this issue?

PH: My earnest plea to all readers of these words is that once the strike is settled, you come to our extraordinarily fine concerts, tell your friends about them and, if it is within your means, make a donation, large or small, to help sustain our work.

I really believe that when all the facts are understood by both sides it will be possible to reach an agreement that both sides can live with; and that once the strike is settled, all of us, musicians, administration, board, donors and the wider concert-going public will pull together to maintain our price-less institution.

Haden McKay is a respected member of the orchestra, has been a cellist with the Detroit

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POINTER OF INTEREST

South's Lewis all smiles on, off the field

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Reggie Lewis is all smiles when it comes to being the best student-athlete he can be.

The 17-year-old senior is in the midst of another solid season as a member of the Blue Devils' wrestling team, competing as a heavyweight at 260 pounds.

"My goal is to work harder than ever and make it to and place in the state finals," Lewis said. "I know I can do it, but I have to put in even more time and effort in practice to get it done."

He has won a little more than 60 percent of his matches this winter and is in position to challenge for a gold medal in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division Tournament.

"Reggie is one of our team leaders who leads by example," South wrestling head coach Greg Snider said. "The younger guys really look up to Reggie, which is great for the growth of our program."

Lewis is a two-time regional qualifier and made the state finals his sophomore season.

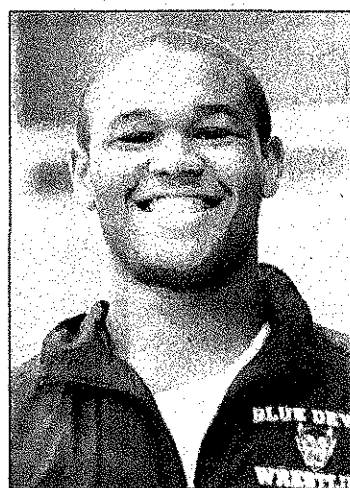
He has been on the Blue Devils' wrestling team since his freshman year and passed the 100 career win total late last winter. He is one of two captains this year.

Pat O'Donnell was the head coach for Lewis' first three years with Snider as assistant coach.

"Greg knows my strengths and he helps keep me motivated," Lewis said. "Greg has been able to move into the head coaching position pretty easily and it helps since he knows all of us."

Even though he has a ton of grappling success, Lewis is aiming to play college football.

Saginaw Valley State University is interested in



Reggie Lewis

bringing Lewis into its program. The Cardinals finished 4-7 overall and 4-6 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this fall.

Lewis earned All-Metro East and All-MAC Blue Division First Team honors this fall, helping the Blue Devils' football team finish 8-5.

They made it to the Division 2 state semifinal game before losing to eventual state champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

Lewis was a team captain for the Blue Devils that won a share of the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title and the program's first-ever regional championship.

South varsity football head coach Tim Brandon had nothing but praise for Lewis and his dedication to leading by example.

He is a two-way starter, playing offensive tackle and defensive tackle.

Lewis finished the season with 47 solo tackles and 51 assists for 98 total tackles, which was fourth on the Blue Devils.

He had eight tackles for loss, 4.5 quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

"I had a nice senior season and we, as a team, had a lot of



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Reggie Lewis, right, has his sights set on making another appearance in the wrestling state finals this winter.

success," Lewis said. "It was great beating Temperance Bedford in the fog. If it was a pass play, I couldn't see the play because the fog was too thick."

"That was the best football game I played in during my time at South. It was great making the semifinals, but we didn't play too well against Harrison."

As a starting offensive tackle, Lewis helped quarterbacks Ben Fry and Robby Kish throw for 2,053 yards and 18 touchdowns, plus open holes for a

running game to gain 2,031 yards, 20 touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

Lewis put in extra time last summer running, weight lifting and conditioning for his senior year on the gridiron.

He would run 50-yard sprints with a tire attached to a rope and drag it during the sprints.

At 6-feet, 3-inches and 280 pounds during the football season, Lewis can bench press 225 pounds 10 times and max at 280 pounds. He squats 400 pounds.

"I want to play college football and right now it looks like Saginaw Valley is really interested in me," he said.

Lewis wants to pursue a career in sports medicine and will use his solid education from South as a starting point.

He is surrounded by role models, but he points out two people in particular, his mother, Regina Lewis, and brother, Phil Lewis, as two of the top choices.

"My mom is always here for me and I really look up to my older brother, Phil," Lewis said.

"He is playing football at Toledo and he worked hard to get to this point. He is a great role model for me."

During the next couple of weeks, Lewis will make a decision where to play college football, prepare for the upcoming team and individual wrestling district tournaments and stay in top shape.

"I think I had senioritis since the second day of school," Lewis said. "I am having a great senior year and I can't wait to see what happens in the next few months."

DSO: Both sides hope agreement is near

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Symphony since 1983 and was chosen as a spokesman for the DSO musicians.

GPN: After 15 weeks of the strike, could you give us a statement of the musicians' view of this dispute?

HM: A strike is a very serious step to take. It takes an obvious toll on the music lovers who support the DSO as well as the musicians and their families. It is not something we would ever do lightly. We went on strike because we felt that the extreme pay and benefit reductions and the radical restructuring of the musicians' professional lives in management's offer would have permanently diminished the DSO. We want to find a way to make sacrifices and achieve large cost reductions from our side of the budget while keeping the DSO intact. Over many decades the DSO has become a leading orchestra where top musicians from around the world come and put down roots. We don't want the DSO to become so uncompetitive that the finest of our current members leave for greener

pastures and the best of the next generation of musicians pass up Detroit or see it only as a stepping stone to a better orchestra.

GPN: Management says it has dealt with severe reversals due to Detroit's declining economy and climate and is forced to make significant changes to survive. How do you see this?

HM: The musicians of the DSO certainly don't deny the DSO has financial troubles. We certainly agree with management that part of those troubles are due to the poor local and national economy. People are less able to donate money and buy tickets and corporate contributions have fallen. However, the DSO was poorly positioned to face such a crisis. For instance, the poor structure of the financing on the 2003 expansion of Orchestra Hall left the endowment with a \$2.5 million annual drain for loan costs.

In any case, the musicians want to make deep sacrifices to help address these deficits. We are offering pay cuts of over 20 percent for next year and only a partial restoration in later years. Unfortunately, management wants much deeper cuts,

more than 33 percent year over year with a 40 percent drop for new hires, that would put us out of the running for attracting the best candidates to win auditions against cities paying twice as much.

GPN: Have good faith efforts been made to negotiate a settlement of this dispute?

HM: Talks made little progress over the summer, since management refused to increase its offer or remove very onerous changes in working conditions. If the musicians were to be paid for the next three years at the same rate as last year, total orchestra costs for three years would be \$48 million. By the end of the bargaining session on Nov. 24 our proposal had lowered that cost to \$38 million, while over the same time period management had only moved \$1 million, from \$33 million to \$34 million. On Dec. 16, Sen. Carl Levin and Gov. Jennifer Granholm, having studied the two sides proposals and met with both sides (in Granholm's case through a representative) made a recommendation that the two sides negotiate to a figure of \$36 million. The musicians accepted but management refused, saying it could not increase its offer.

As this interview was taking place, a new proposal was sent by management to the Federal Mediator, Mike Nowakowski.

Correction

A story titled "Politics and budgets take center stage" in the Jan. 6, 2011 edition of the Grosse Pointe News contained an error.

The May 4, 2010 recall election numbers for Mayor James M. Cooper should have been 683-643, a margin of 40 votes. We regret the error.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Car B&E

Between 3 and 4:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, a 2008 Chrysler 300 was broken into while parked in the 18100 block of Mack.

The car's driver-side window was smashed. An in-dash global positioning system was taken.

The car belongs to a man from Warren.

Bike recovered

A bicycle abandoned in the Village is now in the police property room.

The bike is a blue, 20-inch, mens' Giant Acapulco.

"The bike had been chained to a lamp post for approximately six weeks," an officer was told when dispatched to collect the bike Friday, Jan. 14.

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

Lights out

A traffic stop for a burned-out headlight at 12:27 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, on eastbound Mack near Allard, turned into the drunken driving arrest of a 28-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods.

"(I) immediately detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle, said the arresting officer.

The man registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

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

Gas odor

An odor of natural gas was reported on Fordcroft at 7:04 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Mobile stereo

An Alpine car stereo was taken overnight Monday, Jan. 10, from an unlocked 1995 Volvo parked in the 1200 block of Wayburn.

Burning prank

Two men were arrested in the early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 14, after they took a gas container out of a pick-up truck parked in a driveway in the 1000 block of Devonshire, poured gasoline on the street and set it ablaze. There was no property damage.

Jeep stolen

A 1995 Jeep Wrangler was taken overnight Saturday, Jan.

15, from the 1400 block of Balfour. The vehicle was recovered by St. Clair Shores police and a suspect was arrested.

Game over

A 22-inch flat screen television and a PlayStation 3 game system were removed from a flat on Beaconsfield overnight Sunday, Jan. 6. There were no signs of forced entry.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

They're honest

At 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, an officer was dispatched to a house in the 1400 block of Fairholme following a report of a burglar alarm going off. The officer noticed a car without headlights activated leaving the front of the house. He followed the car, making a stop at Mack and Huntington. When the driver opened the window, the officer detected a strong smell of suspected marijuana. The driver, a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident, admitted to police that there was marijuana in the car, and a passenger, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident, admitted it was his. He was ar-

rested and released to his parents.

Slapped

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident got into a fight with her boyfriend, a 47-year-old Detroit resident, as she was driving him to the bus stop at Mack and Moross at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. As they were stopped on Mack in front of the Woods police station, he slapped her face and she jumped from the car. He moved to the driver's side and took off with the car, with the woman's handicapped daughter in the back seat. The woman came into the station and while she was filling out a report, the man's sister called to report he had dropped the car with the child at her house in Detroit. The sister returned the car and the child to the Woods police station.

Games gone

A Roslyn resident reported to police that some time between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, someone entered her house and left with video games and a jewelry box. Police found tracks in the snow, and the case has been turned over to detectives.

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A large crowd opposing the neon sign ordinance enforcement attended the Woods' meeting.

APPEALS: Residents, business owners salty at meeting

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Reed, owner of McCubbin's Barbers. "We have had the same sign in our window since. We have served three generations of Grosse Pointe Woods residents, including your father, Mr. Mayor. The sign is a piece of history. It should be allowed to stay until I sell the building."

Reed also showed the council the proclamation the city gave him when his shop marked its 50th anniversary. After the vote to deny his appeal, he returned the proclamation to the city.

David Secord, D.D.S., who was filing his own appeal that evening, spoke in support of Reed.

"I was just out in the hallway looking at pictures of Woods' businesses," he said. "McCubbin's is the only business still open, all the others are extinct. Please consider the historic significance of his sign."

Historic significance was a recurring theme among the appeals, as was concern that turning off the neon lights would impact the store's bottom line by not making it clear to potential customers that the business was open and what it sold.

"Merit Woods Pharmacy has been in business for 45 years, and the signs in question have been up for 35 years," said Gary Wilson, attorney for the owner. "The signs in question advertise liquor and lotto sales, which accounts for 20 percent of my client's revenue. If the signs are removed, people will not know what he has to offer. You will cause irreparable harm to my client."

Wilson also challenged the

city on the legality of the ordinance and the consequences for not complying, stating it was not clear whether it was a civil or criminal infraction.

He is representing another business owner who was cited, Little Tony's Carolyn Alfonsi, at a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19 in Woods Municipal Court.

Alfonsi appealed her case before the council, arguing that the neon tubing that outlines the windows of her restaurant does not constitute a sign.

"I don't even know why I am here," she told the council. "I have been in business for 40 years and I didn't need a permit back then to put in the neon. I don't know how it got this far. It's not a sign. I can't turn it off because it is hot-wired into my building. I'm going to have to hire an electrician. I don't think of it as a sign, but as décor for my building. I keep a decent, clean wonderful place, but I got a ticket because I didn't turn off my neon."

In all, eight businesses filed appeals, including McCubbin's, Elan Candies, Bank's Vacuum, Merit Woods, Samira's Fashions & Furs, Friends Hair & Nails, David Secord, D.D.S. and Little Tony's. All eight were denied.

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle was the lone vote on approving all eight appeals, citing the city's responsibility to support businesses and that she had never heard complaints from residents about the neon signs on Mack.

"I was not on the council in 2002 when the ordinance was passed," she said. "But the ordinance was meant to ban offensive signs on Mack, not to impose our tastes on business

owners. The ordinance needs to be reviewed."

Following each appeal, Howle made a motion to approve the requests, but did not receive any support from fellow council members. Councilman Joe Sucher then made a motion to deny requests, but not without a caveat.

"The signs are in violation of our law," he said. "These signs have been prohibited continuously since 1974. It's against the law. But this is not the time to discuss changing the law."

Other council members also expressed concerns.

"I was not on council when the ordinance was passed," said Councilman Todd McConaghy, "but regardless how I feel, I am left to enforce the legislation. I sympathize and I'm not sure I would have gone down this road."

Mayor Robert Novitke said that he had concerns about granting appeals when other businesses have complied.

"I have a concern that it would appear that we are granting approval for some but not others," he said. "There have been 43 businesses that have removed their signs. To say that one business can have a sign while another can't is unfair."

According to attorney Wilson, at least three of the businesses are discussing filing for a stay in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"We're not sure what the next step will be," he said. "We will wait and see happens with Little Tony's in court on Wednesday."

"They say you can't fight city hall," said Alfonsi, "but we're going to try."

SWITCH: Changes come during off-peak season

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a great resource for generations to come," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Upgrades totaling \$1 million consist of:

- ◆ changing part of the disinfectant process to a safer method and

- ◆ replacing two pumps with more energy-efficient models.

The Farms sells drinking water to its residents and the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We'll be on the same water that Grosse Pointe Woods, Park and Shores are on," Reeside said.

This isn't the first time the Farms has tapped into Detroit.

"A couple years ago, we did plant maintenance and meter replacement," Reeside said. "We went on Detroit water for a couple of weeks."

Upgrades had been on hold until the Woods and Shores decided whether to remain Detroit customers and not buy water from the Farms.

Work has been scheduled during an off-peak time of the year. Demand for water in winter is 1.5 to 1.8 million gallons

per day. Demand during summer can exceed 6 million gallons per day, nearly half the plant's capacity, according to Scott Homminga, Farms water superintendent.

Aside from a possible slight difference in water pressure, due to pumping drinking water from two connections with Detroit on Mack rather than from the plant, Farms customers won't notice a thing, Homminga added.

"There may be a little rusty water associated with the switch in the direction of flow, but it should dissipate quickly," he said.

The new disinfecting process replaces chlorine gas with a liquid version, sodium hypochlorite.

"The big advantage of going to the liquid form is safety," Reeside said. "It's much less volatile. It provides the same disinfection to the water, but is much less hazardous."

Liquid chlorination also saves administrative costs.

"The big savings comes from not having to comply with Environmental Protection Agency regulations on chlo-

rine gas," Homminga said. "We're not going to have to go through the training, safety equipment and upkeep of that."

Also scheduled during the shut-down period are replacement of two constant-velocity pumps.

One pump dates to 1929.

"It's gotten to where we can't get parts," Homminga said. "We almost have to fabricate something to keep it going."

New pumps are variable drive, meaning they speed up or slow down depending on demand for water.

"It will be able to ramp up and down and use less electricity when we need less water," Homminga said.

"The pumps are probably being funded by an energy efficiency grant from the state," Reeside said. "Regardless, payback on the pump replacement is only four or five years in terms of energy savings."

The Farms is paying for improvements by borrowing money from its fund balance. The water system repays the loan to the general fund, according to Reeside.

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WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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Suzanne Riedel, of Denver, discusses spiritually-based thinking.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The agenda is available on the library's website, gp.lib.mi.us. The board packet is available at each library.

- ◆ "Mary Beth Gierlinger of Ecologic Lawn & Landscape at 7 p.m. discusses "green lawns" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

- ◆ The East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career

Network Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Richard Gibson at (313) 885-4841 or e-mail richardgibson@earthlink.net.

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce board of directors hosts the sixth annual general membership dinner and Pointer of Distinction award at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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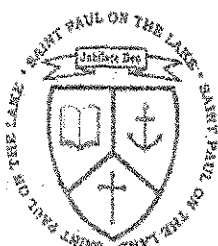
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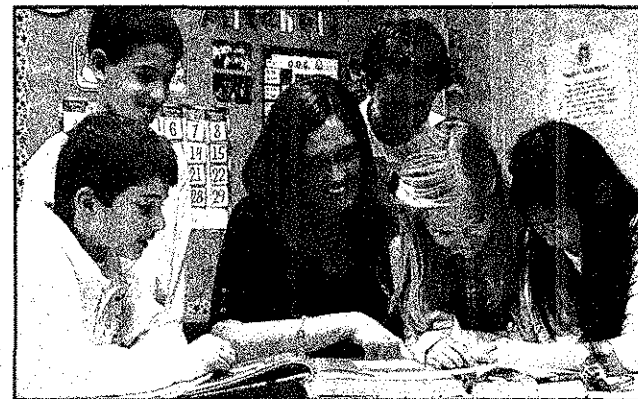
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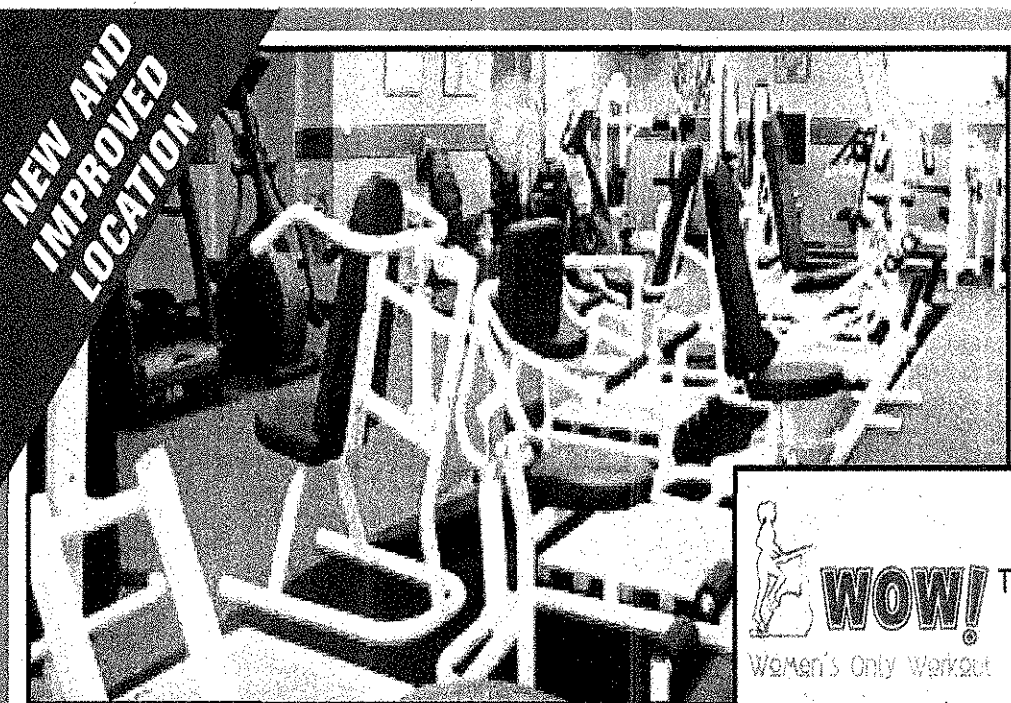
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GUEST OPINION By Michael D. LaFaive

Gov. Snyder should adopt HSAs for government employees

State of Indiana employees enrolled in health savings accounts experience several cost-saving benefits. New Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has cited Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels as a model because of the Hoosier's business-like approach to state government. One practice Indiana has adopted is placing government employees in consumer-driven health plans.

The most common CDHP, a health savings account, pairs a high-deductible insurance policy with a tax-advantaged savings account. HSAs are increasingly common in private-sector workplaces, and even some Michigan local governments have adopted them — as has the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Recent research by center analysts estimates placing state and school employees in HSAs could save taxpayers roughly \$32 billion through 2021.

Savings in the first year could amount to \$106 million, with accrued savings of nearly \$6 billion through 2021.

In 2005, Daniels offered HSAs to state employees as one option among competing health care plans. Choosing an HSA was voluntary and popular. In 2010, 70 percent of the state's workforce of 30,000 had made this selection. When the 2009 final numbers are completed, the program is projected to have saved taxpayers \$20 million. The benefits don't end there, however.

The state of Indiana pays 100 percent of the premiums for the health insurance portion of the plan and deposits an amount equal to 55 percent of the employees' annual deductibles into each employee's tax-free savings account. Employees can make additional tax-free deposits and withdrawals are not taxed, provided they are spent on health-related purchases. Any interest on assets held in the accounts is tax free too, so they are thrice-blessed.

The Mercer Group, a management consulting company, reports that through September 2009, Indiana state employees accumulated positive HSA account balances of \$28.1 million. This occurred during a time of budget austerity when state employee pay was frozen. Note too that these HSA accounts are the property of the employees. Should the employee leave for any reason, the assets go with him or her, rather than revert to the employer.

One of the knocks leveled against HSAs is the mistaken belief people will under-consume preventive health care services and pocket the money. Aside from the elitist presumption that someone else knows more about any particular individual's needs, the criticism ignores the fact that most plans include check-ups and some other preventative services at no charge to the employee.

The accompanying graphic is reproduced from the Mercer Group's case study of Indiana and shows several metrics for "health care utilization." Compared to those in a traditional insurance plan (a preferred provider organization), Indiana state employees enrolled in the state's two CDHPs experienced shorter hospital stays, fewer admissions, lower average costs for prescriptions and greater generic drug selection.

In 2009, Mackinac Center scholar James Porterfield, an

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GUEST OPINION By Laura Paskus

With feds failing, climate change action goes local

In December, the nations of the world agreed once again to do nothing about climate change.

And just as the science of climate change is more clear than ever, so too, are the politics: Whether led by President George W. Bush or Barack Obama, the United States is thwarting meaningful action on climate change. As people around the world lose faith in the U.S. government, it's long past time for individual Americans to think rationally — about science and economics. It's time to act with compassion toward those whose lives are already being affected by climate change.

Following the closing of the United Nations climate talks in Cancun, Mexico, I shared an airport shuttle with a woman from South Africa. Delegates from every country, except Bolivia, had just agreed again to delay action on everything from carbon emissions reductions to funding adaptation projects in developing countries, where the impacts of climate change are most severe. She's disappointed: "They agreed last night they were pleased to be going home," she said.

Adapting to climate change isn't about saving the environment, she says. It's about economics and survival. But the American people tell their leaders not to act, she says. In a democracy, after all, elected leaders carry out the wishes of citizens.

Individual choices matter. Each of us can cut our consumption of electricity and fossil fuels.

That wasn't the first conversation I had in Cancun with someone baffled by U.S. behavior. Time and again, whether riding the bus, standing in security lines or eating dinner, I met people from across the world who asked me what is happening in America.

They do not understand why the U.S. government has for 20 years challenged a binding international agreement to cut carbon emissions; mitigate the impacts of climate change; and help developing nations deal with drought, rising seas or floods that destroy infrastructure. People from Senegal, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Panama, Columbia, India and across the European Union asked me why the American people don't care about climate change.

Despite the actions of my government, I try to explain many Americans do care.

States such as California are trying to lower greenhouse gas emissions and create incentives to help businesses and regulators by reducing emissions and boosting the clean energy economy. A new rule in New Mexico ensures soon the state's polluters will have to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions by three percent a year from 2010 levels. And the

state approved a separate proposal paving the way for participating in a cap-and-trade plan under which 11 states and Canadian provinces have agreed to establish a regional, market-based emission reduction program.

In November, eight municipalities — Boston, Cambridge, Grand Rapids, Florida's Lee County, Flagstaff, Miami-Dade, San Francisco and Tucson — received funding from a nonprofit organization to participate in a program to help local governments prepare for climate change impacts already occurring. Connecticut, Maine, Colorado and Florida already have statewide action plans to deal with climate change; others are studying its impacts and economic consequences.

In the U.S., the significant action on climate change — whether state laws mandating the use of renewable energy or municipal improvements to public transportation systems and bike routes — is happening at a local level. But it's not nearly enough. Citizens need to urge the federal government to act. And we each have work to do so within our own lives.

Speaking during the UN's opening ceremony, the chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Rajendra

Pachauri, said the warming of the climate system is unequivocal. But he also pointed out lifestyle changes can contribute to climate change mitigation.

In other words, individual choices matter. Each of us can cut our consumption of electricity and fossil fuels. Consumer choices matter, as do investments in companies that act responsibly and reduce their carbon footprints.

Most of the people I met in Cancun have already accepted the U.S. government will never lead on climate change. But they still wonder why the American people fall for the histrionics of industry-funded climate change deniers when the science of climate change is clear. They are waiting for Americans to pay attention to the rising seas, the Amazon's burning forests and the glaciers melting from mountains across the globe. They are waiting for citizens to demand the U.S. become a responsible member of the international community.

But they're not going to wait for long. That became painfully clear to me as I headed toward the airport with my fellow South African passenger.

"Everyone used to want to be like America," she said. "I think that is not the case anymore."

Laura Paskus reported from the UN Climate Change Conference in Cancun as an Earth journalism network 2010 climate media fellow.

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GUEST OPINION By James Hohman

Bring balance to public benefits

There's a way to save Michigan taxpayers \$5.7 billion without cutting a single program, eliminating any government job or touching public wages. That's more than enough to balance the state's budget, repeal the Michigan Business Tax, fix Michigan's roads and still have money left over. Michigan can do all this through government employee perks parity.

Compensation comes from wages and benefits such as paid leave, employer-paid retirement contributions, health insurance and other benefits. In recent years, the cost of these benefits in the public sector has exploded while the private sector has been getting them under control.

The average amount paid for government employees'

Government workers at all levels — whether they're state bureaucrats or public school teachers — tend to receive a more costly benefits package than private-sector workers.

wages and benefits in Michigan surpassed the private sector in 2005. Since then, public-sector workers' compensation has grown while private sector compensation fell, including a drastic dip during the 2008 recession. Public-sector growth has been driven largely by benefits.

Government workers at all levels — whether they're state

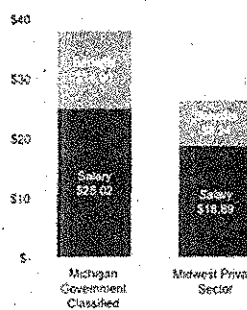
bureaucrats or public school teachers — tend to receive a more costly benefits package, than private-sector workers.

State and local governments simply don't face the same competitive pressures that are necessary to control their labor costs. Government also has high rates of unionization — 60 percent in the public sector compared to just 13 percent in Michigan's private sector — that press governments to spend all they can on employee compensation.

Some benefits, such as pensions for state and school employees, are protected under state law, making them even more challenging to reform.

But Michigan's taxpayers can no longer afford to pay for public-sector benefits that far outpace their own. The state should pass a law mandating that state and local govern-

Michigan Public vs. Private Average Hourly Compensation



This comparison shows the inequity between public sector and private-sector employees for overall compensation.

ment benefits do not exceed private-sector averages.

To enforce this, the Legislature should create a special commission given the

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

It was my evil twin: Really



I'm back. I know, I know, most people haven't noticed I've been gone, except for the poor people who have had to be in contact with my evil twin at any point during the last 10 weeks.

Truly, it wasn't me. It all began Nov. 9 when I went under the knife to have a total knee replacement. It was not a decision arrived at lightly. Truth be told, it was a decision made as I was lying on my kitchen floor. In August, I fell after slipping in a small puddle

of water, causing my right leg to shoot straight out while my left leg tucked up underneath me, bent at an angle it hadn't seen since I sat on my feet in kindergarten. It was truly a "help, I've fallen and I can't get up" experience.

Of course it should be noted the puddle I slipped in splashed from the dog's water bowl. To her credit, Abbey curled up beside me, licking my cheek the entire time I was writhing in pain and trying to figure out how I was going to get my left leg out from underneath me. A case of canine compassion and caring, you say? Nah, more like she was psychic and could recognize the main thought running through my mind was how long a St. Bernard could survive without drinking water.

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Surgery was scheduled for Nov. 9, and for the first 18 hours or so post op, heavily sedated on the last remnants of the anesthesia and a fresh dose of morphine, it seemed like a dandy idea.

Then the nurse told me I was going to have to stand up.

Really? Why? I saw absolutely no reason to get out of bed. The TV worked, they brought me food and some really good pills. And with a nod to the fact this is a family newspaper, I will just say the invention by a young surgeon named Foley eliminated the need to leave the bed for even the most basic of bodily functions. Really, there was no reason to get up.

But Nurse Ratched insisted, and not only did I have to stand up, I had to walk. Walk? At these room rates, they couldn't

provide a wheelchair? And not only did I have to walk, I had to actually go into the hallway and ambulate down to a room reserved for devices that haven't been seen since medieval times.

Oh, fine, the room housed chairs, towels and some balls.

To make it even more sinister, it housed physical therapists whose role in life was to get you to move your knee. I'm not sure where they received their training, but about 30 seconds into that first 15-minute session, I was conjuring up visions of the Tower of London and wishing I was there instead.

The exercises the therapists demanded included 50 deep knee bends, walking up and down three flights of stairs and drop-kicking a soccer ball into

a net. OK, it just seemed that way. The exercise they insisted be done was to place your foot on a towel and slide your leg back and forth 10 times. They may as well have demanded those 50 deep knee bends; there didn't seem to be much difference in the two at the time.

Let me make this perfectly clear:

Knee replacement surgery is not for sissies. It hurts.

But I am happy to report 10 weeks into a recovery journey that typically takes three to six months, I think I have turned the corner at the intersection of Excruciating Pain and Constant Limp, and am now moving, albeit slowly, but with the slightest of spring in my step, toward the corner of Pain Free and Normal.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is your best advice on how to make a million dollars?

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'Sign up for a game show or get a really good job.'
RILEY PUSCAS
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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

It will be a very good and busy year



Among the thousands of songs recorded by Frank Sinatra is one of my favorites — the melodic, "It Was A Very Good Year."

Many of you recalling that song might just relate to the words when you were 17 experiencing "soft summer nights," or maybe 21 remembering "girls with perfumed hair" or perhaps being 35 and riding in limousines with "blue-blooded girls of independent means."

For me, I can relate to the last verse of the song, which defines my life "as vintage wine from fine old kegs." Whatever your recollections, it is always interesting to look back on where we have been and look forward to the coming years.

As I put my calendar together for 2011 and inscribed a series of activities including birthday and anniversary dates for friends and family, it occurred to me the coming year will be extremely busy and exciting.

And when 2011 comes to an end, I suspect I will be able to look back and echo the words of "The Chairman of the Board," Sinatra, and state, "It was a very good year."

Permit me to share with you just some of the activities I am looking forward to. I realize this may be self-serving on my part and I might just be presumptuous you would even be interested in what I am doing in 2011, but consider for a moment there might be some of my activities that peak your interest and some where our paths might just cross.

So here it is:
◆ With three children of our own, two son-in-laws and a daughter-in-law and 11 grandchildren, we will be celebrating a birthday every

month. And 2011 will mark Mary and my 47th wedding anniversary. And let's not forget a First Communion, a Confirmation, and a Bat Mitzvah. Already, my calendar is full!

◆ Both Mary and I will be celebrating our 50th high school reunions. Mine will be with the Servite High School class of 1961 and we will gather in Frankenmuth, while the Dominican High School class of that same year will gather at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Reunions are always fun, especially when us oldsters can swap stories about our medications and upcoming operations.

◆ Looking at my calendar for 2011, I noted Daylight Saving Time arrives early again — March 13. Even though there may be some snow on the ground, at least we know that warmer weather is in our future.

◆ You can be sure that I have marked my calendar for Friday, April 8, which is opening day for the Detroit Tigers. This will be the first time in memory the opening pitch will cross the plate at 3:05 p.m. At least by the time the game is completed, most of the office traffic will have left the downtown area.

◆ Certainly one of the real harbingers of spring is the opening of Greenfield Village in Dearborn April 15. And don't forget your IRS forms get a reprieve this year and won't be due until April 18.

◆ 2011 will see one of the latest dates for Easter, which is April 24. That's a long time to wait for chocolate covered marshmallow eggs.

◆ With 11 grandchildren, there will be a lot of watching baseball, soccer and basketball games and musical recitals. This is one of the joys of being a grandparent.

◆ Come Aug. 27, I will be participating in my 24th Crim Ten Mile Race in Flint. And as is my custom, I will allow the Kenyans to beat me again because they are our guests and

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I want them to feel good about coming to America. In actuality, the Kenyans are running four-minute miles compared to my nine-minute miles. In effect, these fleet of foot runners could give me a five-mile head start and still beat me.

◆ If you are 62 and over, mark your calendar for the first Wednesday after Labor Day for the Detroit Zoo Free Day sponsored by radio station AM580, Windsor.

Seniors and a caregiver get free parking and admission to the park. Be prepared to see lots of wheelchairs, crutches and oxygen tanks — and those are just for the animals!

Just kidding.

◆ While most of my 2011 activities will center on having fun, there is a date that is more poignant. I am referring to Sept. 11, which will be the 10th anniversary of the attack on our nation. I'm sure there will be some solemn remembrances commemorating another time our nation lost its innocence.

All of us remember where we were on this day.

But let's never forget we are a nation strong in spirit and resolve and we will never succumb to fear and unwarranted attacks on our freedom.

◆ We host a New Year's Eve party every three years at our

house but we get a pass in 2011. We have been spending this festive evening with two other couples every year for the past 45 years. Lasting friendships are another one of the joys of life.

Wow! Just looking at my calendar for the coming year has me exhausted. Must be time for my normal afternoon nap. Being retired does have its advantages!

In the meantime, hope

when 2011 comes to an end, you too can look back and perhaps hum a couple bars of "It Was A Very Good Year!"

Well, have to go. I'm waiting for a limousine loaded with "blue blooded girls of independent means" to pick me up. At my age though, it could be a long wait!

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

BALANCE: Michigan Business Tax

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power to alter public-sector employee benefits. The commission would offer its services to any municipality or school district that requests its services. This, by itself, is likely to stave off the possibility of municipal bankruptcy since employment costs are responsible for driving municipalities to the brink of insolvency. While it's possible for municipal governments to offer services by their employees at fair rates for taxpayers, a panel like this would offer local leaders another tool to control their finances.

The state should be the first to turn to this commission for assistance. The overall benefits package for state civil servants cost taxpayers approximately \$1.7 billion in the previous fiscal year. The state should be able to save roughly \$708 million per year if that package was adjusted to private-sector averages.

Government schools and local municipalities contain the rest of the potential savings from benefits parity. Public school employee benefits are \$2.5 billion above the private sector.

Through revenue sharing, the school aid fund, or direct appropriations, local governments have relied on the state

to help pay for this disparity.

As the savings materialize, Michigan can start using them to make some important policy changes. The state should first balance its budget, as required by the state

Constitution. Benefits parity will also pay off in future budgets by providing large savings as they are accomplished and through smaller annual increases in subsequent years.

Next, the state should eliminate the Michigan Business Tax. By saving money on benefits, the state would not require the \$2 billion in revenue from this tax.

Eliminating it would make Michigan a more attractive place to do business.

Finally, it's no secret Michigan's roads are in bad shape. Michigan should spend the remainder of this savings on improving roads and highways, instead of increasing the gas tax.

Spending the accumulated savings of benefits reforms on the roads allows Michigan to fill up potholes without ding-ing taxpayers at the pump.

These three items will help the state balance its books, make it attractive to economic growth and produce much-needed repairs to state infrastructure.

This can be accomplished without furloughs, layoffs, or cutting back on state programs and entitlements. It only requires bringing public benefits into balance.

James Hohman is a fiscal policy analyst at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

HSAs: Saving millions

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HSA expert, calculated if this state's classified civil service employees were placed into CDHPs, the savings in the first year could amount to \$106 million, with accrued savings of nearly \$6 billion through 2021.

Those estimates may be conservative. Porterfield assumed the state would annually pay 75 percent of employee deductibles and 100 percent of the insurance premium.

But Michigan's plan need not be that generous. Again, the state of Indiana only pays 55 percent of its employees' deductibles.

If Michigan also included

public school employees in a state HSA system, our estimates indicate the state could save \$451 million in its first full year and an additional \$26 billion through 2021.

Like Daniels, Snyder comes from a business background and is on the hunt for reasonable cost-saving proposals for the state. He and his administration would be hard pressed to find one better than employee HSAs.

They have a well-established history of success in the private sector; are championed by a governor Snyder admires, offer the promise of billions of dollars in savings for Michigan taxpayers and produce satisfied employees. Health savings accounts would be a win-win for everyone involved.

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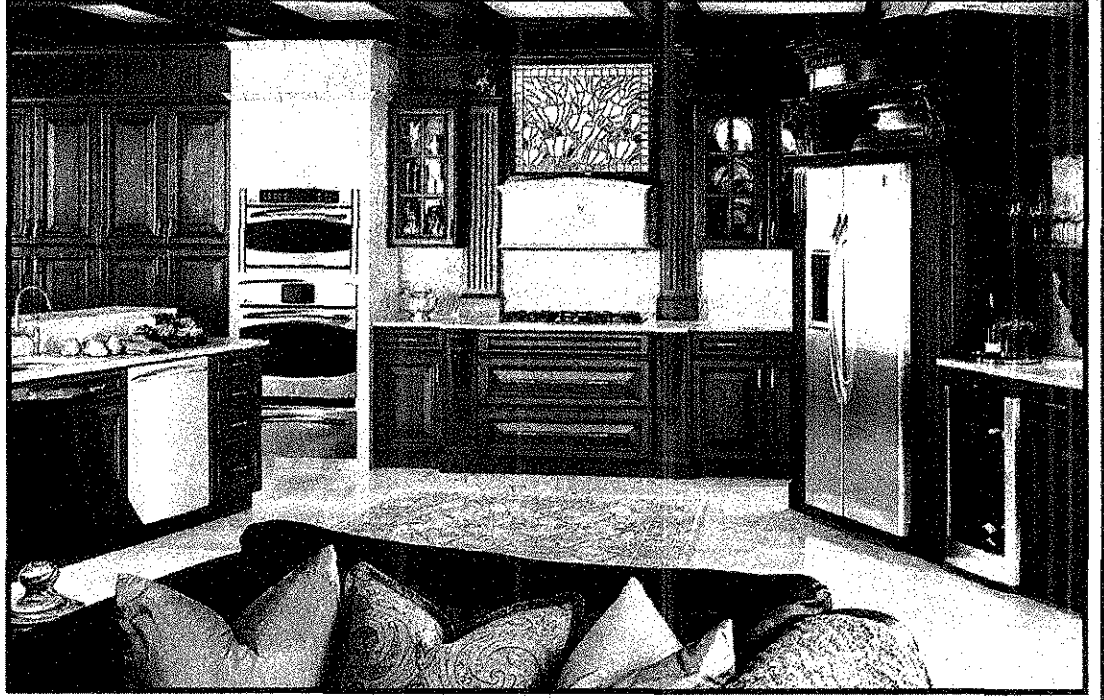
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Teacher of the Week

They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

This week, it's **Monteith Elementary School fourth grade teacher Jodie Randazzo.**

She was nominated by Wyatt Smith: "I have the most outstanding teacher ever. She's so nice and cares for everyone. She makes learning fun and exciting, and I can't wait to go to school each day. It would be an honor if I could feature and celebrate her in the Grosse Pointe News. This would show everyone how great she is and how they would love to have her as a teacher, too!"

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: Nine.

Previous work: I taught for a half year in Troy public schools. They had an assigned substitute to every building. It was a great experience, especially right out of college, to do each grade level and room.

The following fall, I started teaching in Grosse Pointe and have for nine years.

During college, I worked at Delphi up until I did my student teaching.

Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher for two reasons. The first, I think, is pretty uncommon. Except for gym, sports and recess, I didn't enjoy school very much growing up. I was often talked to by teachers about being more organized, being quiet and applying myself. My third grade teacher, Mr. Noble, gave me the best year of school. He didn't make me sit in my chair. Mr. Noble would always put me in charge of classroom jobs and keep me active. He worked hard and made adjustments to meet my needs and that allowed me to succeed.

I became a teacher knowing that school is for all students, not just those who enjoy being there.

The second reason is that my dad was in education. He has always been the person who I have looked up to most and aspired to be like. He gave

me endless advice about being a classroom teacher.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I don't know that I could tell one reason why I enjoy teaching. I'm one of the few people I know who looks forward to Monday. I love that I work hard with students and get to see the results of that hard work.

There is nothing I enjoy more than seeing a child feel proud of themselves for accomplishing something they didn't think they could achieve or learn. Watching a child wonder, ask questions and make connections is so rewarding.

I love seeing children being kind and thoughtful toward each other. I also work with wonderful people and truly consider them friends.

How do you feel about being nominated?

Of course I'm so flattered a student nominated me for this. There are so many great teachers in our district. Everyone works so hard and to be recognized for it definitely feels great.

Wyatt is such a nice young man and I'm so happy he's in our class. It doesn't matter how old you are, everyone likes a nice pat on the back.

Favorite book to share with students?

My favorite story to share with students is actually the poem, "Listen to the Mustn'ts," by Shel Silverstein. I also love Kate DiCamillo books because they are written for children, but always have a great message for people of all ages. I especially enjoy "Because of Winn Dixie" and "The Tale of Despereaux." I love reading "Winn Dixie" because it's so fun to read with a variety of southern accents and is about the value of love and friendship. "The Tale of Despereaux" has a storyline for boys and girls, which can be very difficult to find, and talks about bravery, being different and staying true to yourself.

—Amy Salvagno

Monteith Elementary School teacher Jodie Randazzo was nominated by Wyatt Smith.

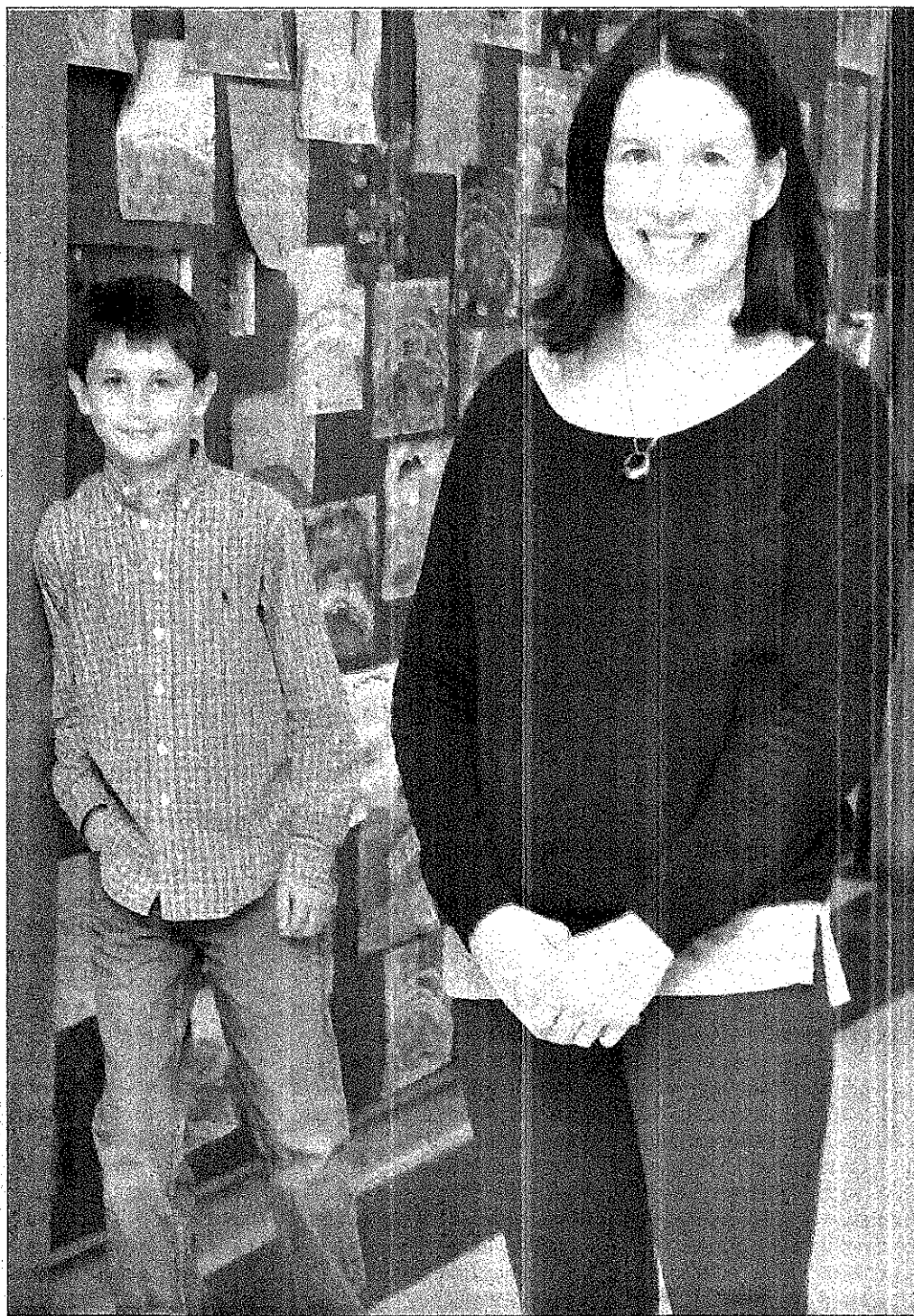


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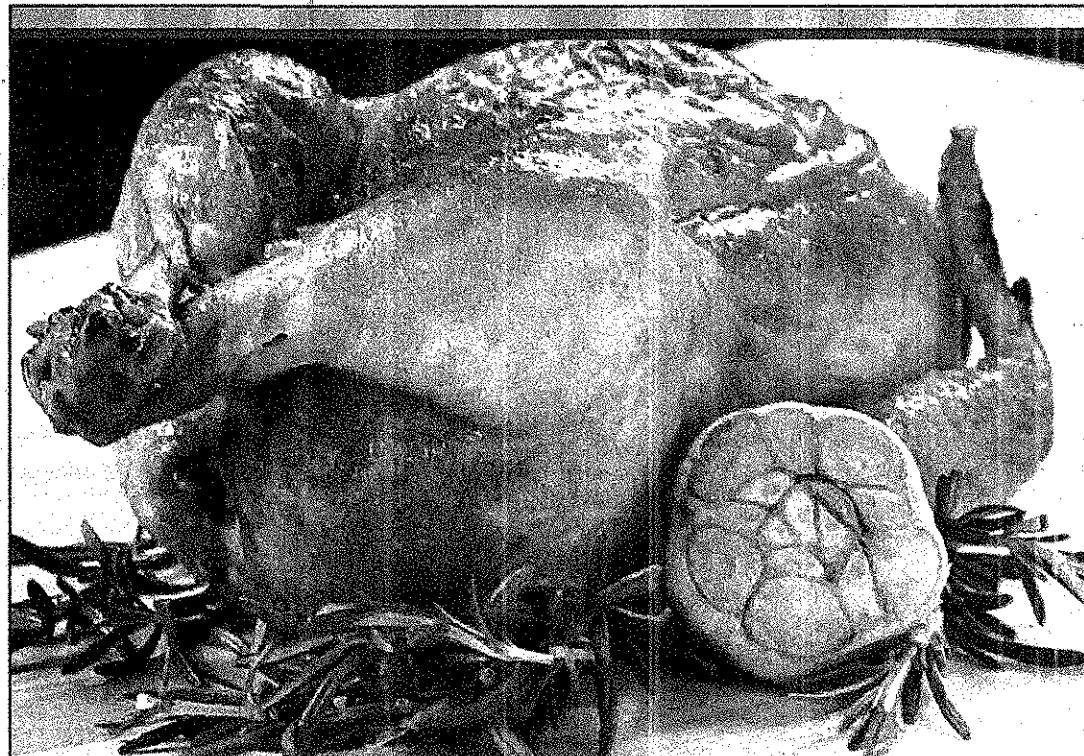
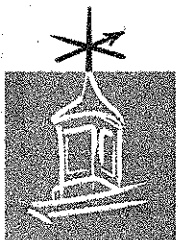
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OBITUARIES

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Gunnel Lindgren Ehrling

Gunnel Lindgren Ehrling, 89, wife of former renowned music director and conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Maestro Sixten Ehrling (1963 to 1973), and a career prima ballerina of the Royal Swedish Ballet, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, in Silverthorne, Colo., with family by her side.

The Ehrling family immigrated to Grosse Pointe Park from their home in Stockholm, Sweden. She and the Maestro

raised their two daughters Elisabeth, a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, and Ann-Charlotte, a South student from 1972 to 1974, while also actively involved with the Women's Association, the Junior Women's Association and the Santa Lucia Committee.

A devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Ehrling also made time for friends and her favorite pastime, skiing. For many years she was a member of the Grosse Pointe Ski Club.

Mrs. Ehrling's annual St. Lucia Christmas party was a

highlight for many neighbors and friends. The event, held every Dec. 13, began at 7 a.m. at the Ehrling home with lots of singing, Swedish "glogg" and "spritz" cookies.

The family left Grosse Pointe in 1974 for New York City, where the Maestro began his 10-year tenure with the Julliard Music School.

In 2005, Mrs. Ehrling lost her beloved Maestro and eventually moved to the mountains of Colorado to join her two daughters and granddaughter, Katarina. An outdoor enthusiast and nature lover, she happily

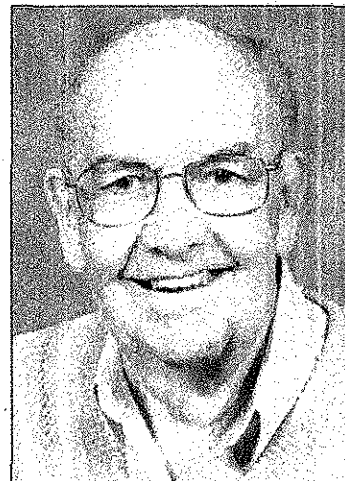
spent her last few years enjoying plenty of nature walks, fresh mountain air and time with her family.

A vivacious, charming lady, whose good humor and love of life was an inspiration to those who knew her, Mrs. Ehrling will be missed by her family, friends and little three-legged poodle, Sprat.

Condolences may be mailed to Elisabeth Ehrling, P.O. Box 1868, Silverthorne, CO 80498.



Gunnel Lindgren Ehrling



William Steele

William Steele

Grosse Pointe Farms resident William "Bill" Steele, 85, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at his home.

He was born Feb. 26, 1925, in Detroit to John and Elise Steele, graduated from the University of Detroit and attended law school at the university.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy who served during World War II, Mr. Steele owned Duramic

Abrasive Products in Warren for more than 40 years.

Mr. Steele was a competitive bicycle rider and racer. He could often be seen riding on Lakeshore.

Mr. Steele is survived by his daughters, Patricia (Ronald Kefgen), Linda and Diane (Patrick) Arsenault and grandchildren, Scott, Caitlin, Liah, Ryan, Elise, Lilly and Hana.

He was predeceased by his wife, Yvonne, to whom he was married 58 years.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 17 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to The Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington, D.C., 20090-6231.

CAREGIVING BY TERRI MURPHY

Communicating in an Alzheimer's world



Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series. The second will appear in features in an upcoming issue.

It takes a lot of energy, learning and patience to deal with Alzheimer's disease. In order to begin the process of dealing with communication in a world filled with Alzheimer's, you first need to make a simple important decision. You have to want to decrease both your stress as a caregiver and the stress of the person suffering

from the disease.

You have to want to change the dynamic.

Does the following situation sound familiar?

Your loved one continually tells you she is hungry. It is repeated just minutes after having finished eating. When a person says something that doesn't make sense, your first instinct is to try and correct them. You might remind them over and over they can't be hungry because they just ate.

We do this because we have a problem accepting our loved one suffering from Alzheimer's does not remember. In the situation above, your loved one doesn't remember that they have eaten and because they don't remember having eaten, they are hungry.

If you find you have correct-

ed them for the thousandth time and you watch them get frustrated or angry when you are correcting them, it is time to realize something has to change and the change is you.

They honestly believe what is said is true.

With Alzheimer's it is easy to get frustrated hearing your loved one repeating the same words. You will see, and experience, the same crazy behaviors hour after hour, day after day. What you believe to be true and what your loved one believes to be true are often dramatically different.

The one thing to understand is your view of reality and your loved one's view of reality might be very different. This happens because their brain is sick and can't remember simple things.

Ask yourself, what are you doing and how are you reacting when someone suffering from Alzheimer's says something you know to be incorrect or untrue? What are you feeling when this happens? Are you constantly correcting them?

If you are constantly correcting an Alzheimer's sufferer, it is also likely you are experiencing enormous stress. When you do this, it is likely you feel angry and stressed. Sooner or later you must make a decision. Do you want to do this for the next 10 years? Do you want to feel like this for the next 10 years? Or, is there an alternative?

This isn't simple to do, but it is necessary — you need to start accepting when a person suffering from Alzheimer's says something they believe to be true, it is in fact, a reality. It is

their reality. When they continually repeat themselves, they do it because they can't remember. There is no sinister plot here. Their brain is sick.

Welcome to Alzheimer's World.

Don't be afraid or reluctant to step into this new and different world. In Alzheimer's World, reality takes on a different shape. Reality is a reflection of what the person suffering thinks and believes. It is this reality you must focus on, not the way you think things are, or should be. You won't be able to convince a person suffering from Alzheimer's they are wrong, and you won't be able to convince them your reality is the true reality. They can't remember like you or me, so they really cannot comprehend your point of view. When you do

this, you are asking the person to come back into your world. It cannot be done.

The caregiver needs to develop a frame of reference, a new and different behavior that is 100 percent diametrically opposed to the way you think and act, the way you have thought and have acted for your entire life.

Begin the process of redefining reality. Instead of trying to browbeat your loved one back into your reality, you need to start interacting with them based on their view of reality.

Murphy is a certified senior advisor and the owner of Home Helpers, a non-medical home care business, who lives in Grosse Pointe. She can be reached at (313) 881-4600 or via e-mail at tmurphy572@comcast.net.

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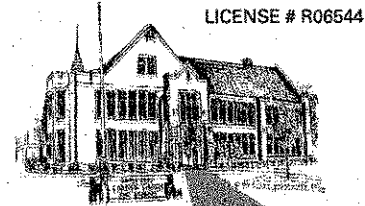
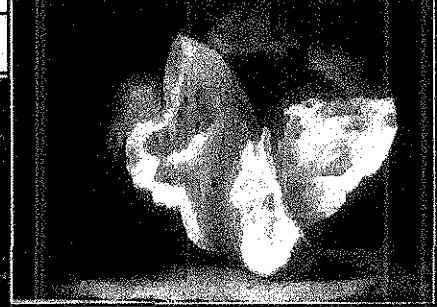
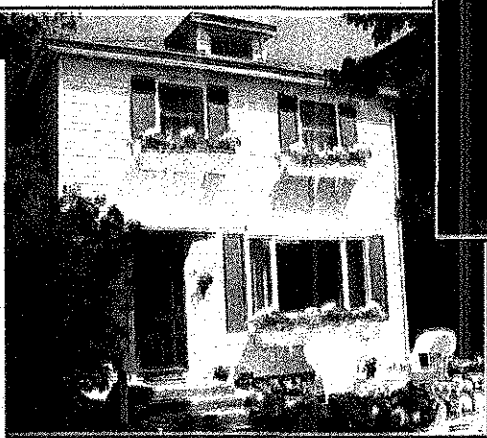
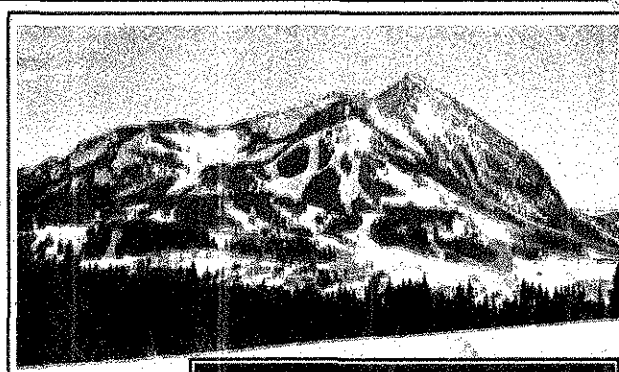
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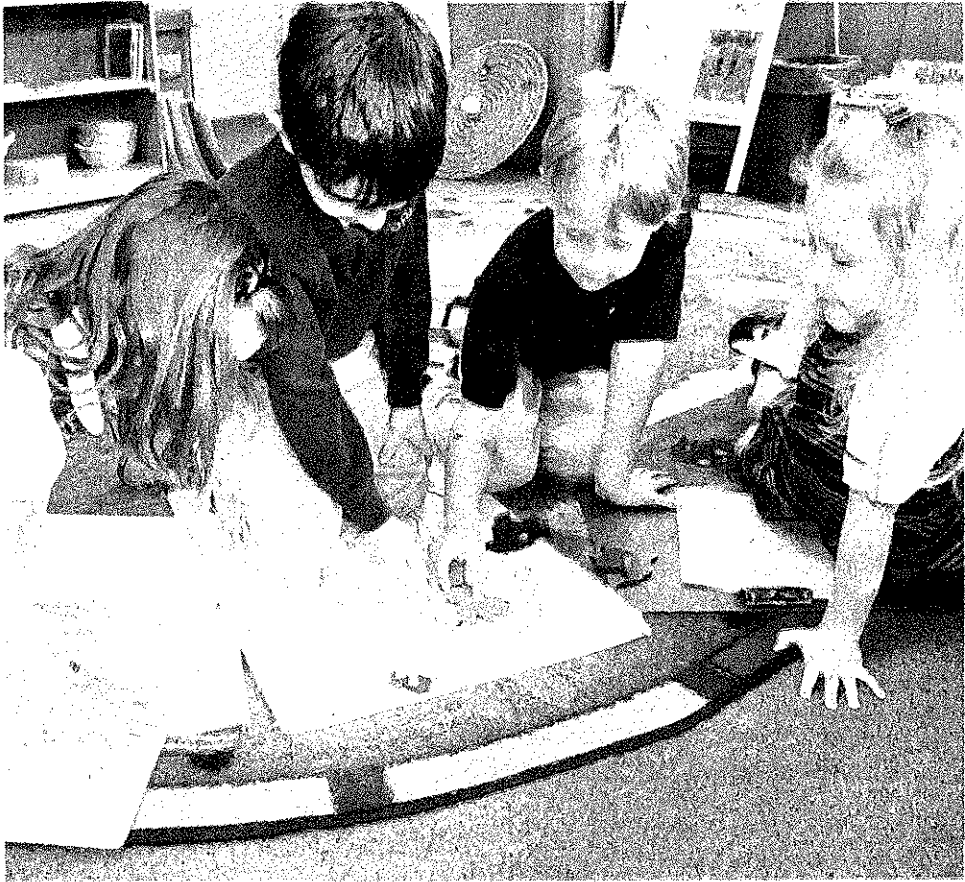


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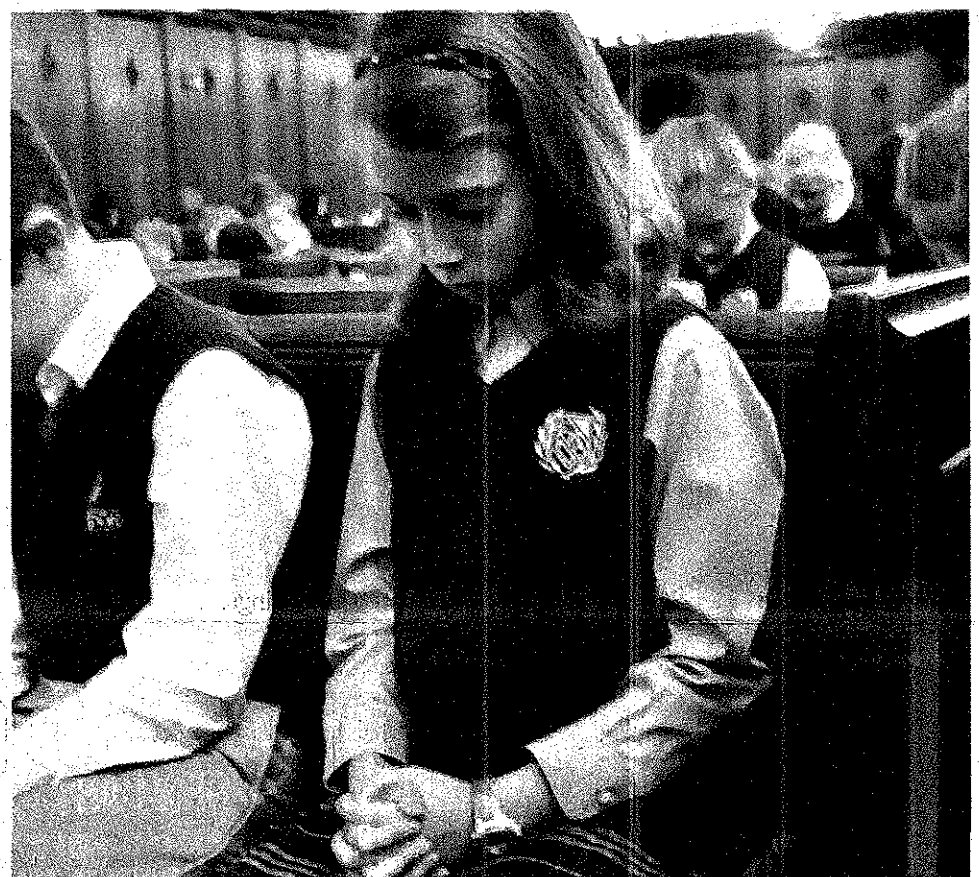


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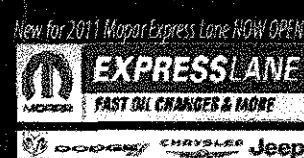
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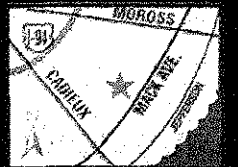
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NAIAS EyesOn Design Awards

The Porsche 918 RSR and the Audi A6 won the 2011 EyesOn Design Awards at the North American International Auto Show.

To be eligible for the awards, the vehicles must make their debut during NAIAS.

The awards are judged by top design executives from automotive manufacturers and by academics from transportation design programs. Leading the judges were Willie G. Davidson — Harley-Davidson, EVP and chief styling officer; Tom Matano, Academy of Art University, executive director of industrial design; and Jack Telnack, Ford Motor Co., retired global VP of design.

"The lights are brighter, the cars are brighter," said Telnack of this year's NAIAS and awards.

The Porsche 918 RSR won the EyesOn Design Award for Best Concept Vehicle. Accepting the award for Porsche was Detlev von Platen, the president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America Inc.

"Design is part of our vision. Design is in our DNA," said von Platen.

The other concept vehicle finalists were the Ford Vertrek and the Kia KV7. The award was supported by Dassault Systemes.

The 2011 Audi A6 won the EyesOn Design Award for Best Production Vehicle. Accepting the award for Audi was Achim Badstuebner, head of exterior design for Audi AG.

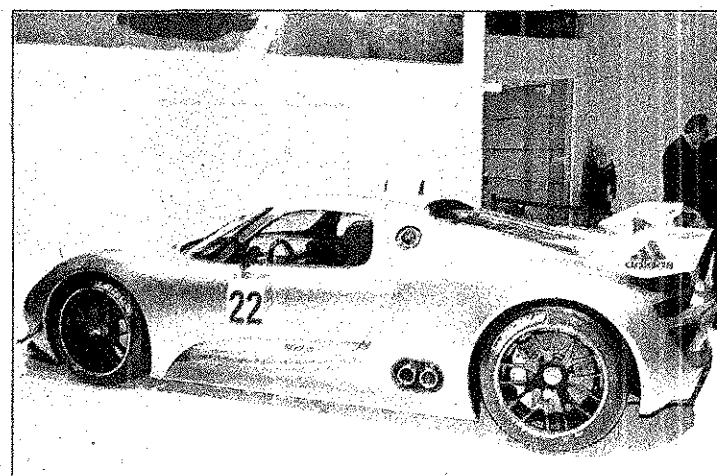
"It's strong feedback that we have done our homework," said Badstuebner.

Audi has received four EyesOn Design Awards over the past three years.

The other finalists were the Audi A6, Bentley Continental



Holding the EyesOn Design Award for Best Production Vehicle, the 2011 Audi A6, is Achim Badstuebner, head of exterior design for Audi AG.



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The Porsche 918 RSR won the EyesOn Design Award for Best Concept Vehicle.

GT, BMW 6-Series Convertible and Hyundai Veloster.

EyesOn Design at the NAIAS is sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology as part of the EyesOn Design series of events. The DIO is a not-for-profit that aids the visually impaired and facilitates research related to the eye. Each year, they host the EyesOn Design automotive exhibition at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

that also focuses on design. The show is recognized by its peers as one of the best classic car shows in the country.

The DIO has a close relationship with automotive designers through the EyesOn Design events and by understanding the correlation between design and the eye.

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AutoWeek 2011 Best of the Best car and truck winners

AutoWeek editors have chosen the Cadillac CTS-V Coupe and the Jeep Grand Cherokee as their pick for the 2011 "Best of the Best Car" and "Best of the Best Truck" awards.

"The AutoWeek staff annually drives hundreds of vehicles, supplying an insider's opinion about which cars and trucks are worth considering when making one of life's biggest purchases," said Wes Raynal, AutoWeek editor. "We wanted to use this knowledge to establish an annual standard to determine the ultimate 'Best of the Best.'"

The AutoWeek grading criteria — ranking vehicles on a scale of one to five — focuses on drivetrain, ride quality, handling, exterior and interior design and fun factor. The car categories include sedans, coupes, convertibles, hatchbacks and wagons. Trucks include pickups, crossovers, minivans and SUVs.

According to Raynal, a unique feature of this selection process was no outside influences affected the outcome. As has been known to happen with other awards, "Automakers couldn't sway our vote with lobbying or specially prepped test vehicles."

AutoWeek's Jan. 10 Best of the Best issue describes the CTS-V Coupe as having "the best interior General Motors has ever made." One AutoWeek editor said, "It's the best Cadillac ever." The rest of the best were the Audi A8, BMW 5-series, Mercedes-Benz SLS and Ford Fiesta rounding out the top five contenders.

The Grand Cherokee is described as "the most well-rounded, handsome and brutally capable Jeep in years." Editors said it is a possible "harbinger of things to come from the new Chrysler." The rest of the best top five were

the Ford F-150, Chevrolet Silverado, Porsche Cayenne and Honda Odyssey.

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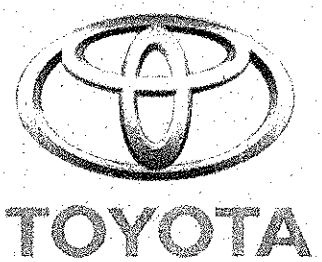
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	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
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\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$403/mo	\$403/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$24,600	\$25,100

	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
2011 GMC Terrain Stk. #T11338		
\$0 DOWN LEASE	\$294/mo	
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$368/mo	
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$22,976	

	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
2011 Buick LaCrosse Stk. #B11387		
\$0 DOWN LEASE	\$291/mo	\$317/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$407/mo	\$418/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$25,351	\$26,351

	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
2011 GMC Acadia Stk. #T11238		
\$0 DOWN LEASE	\$315/mo	\$354/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$433/mo	\$455/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$26,995	\$28,455

	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
2011 Buick Enclave CXL Stk. #B11357		
\$0 DOWN LEASE	\$394/mo	\$432/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$489/mo	\$509/mo
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$31,380	\$32,880

	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
2011 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab Stk. #T11033		
\$0 DOWN LEASE	\$237/mo	
\$0 DOWN PURCHASE	\$326/mo	
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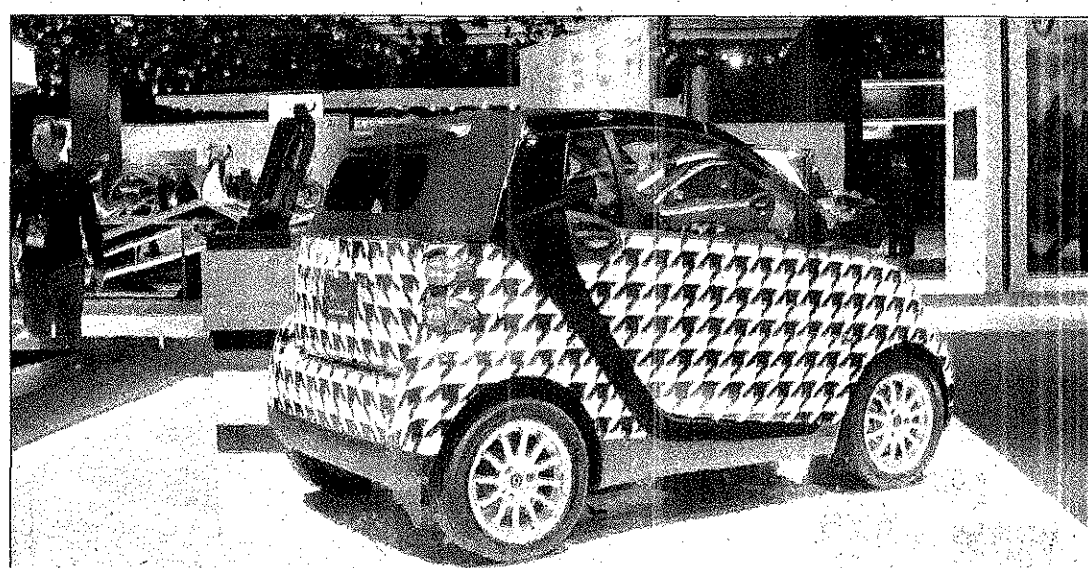


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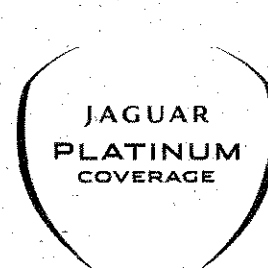
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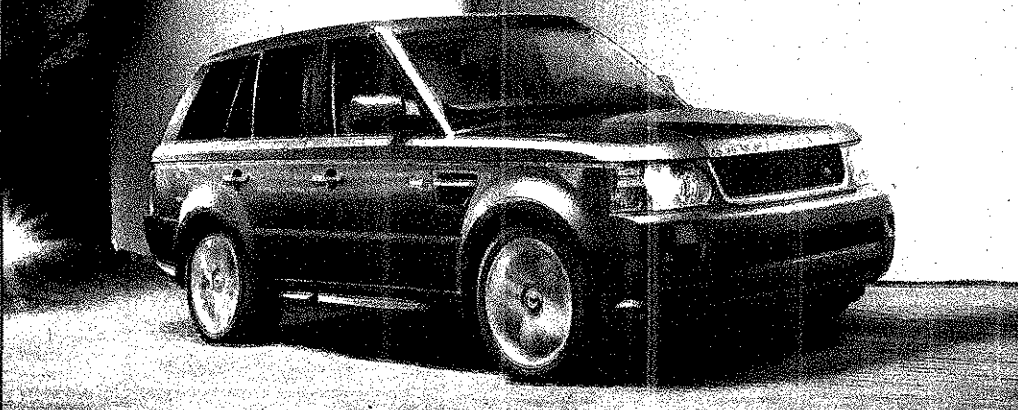
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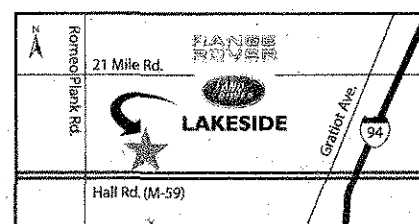
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GENERAL PUBLIC **\$179** **\$211** **\$13,284**

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Bucket seats w/dual head restraints, 5-speed automatic trans., 3.6L V6 VVT, Pentastar engine, flex fuel vehicle.
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LEASE 36 MO. \$2999 DOWN
BUY 72 MO. \$2999 DOWN
SALE PRICE
CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE **\$267** **\$417** **\$27,776**
GENERAL PUBLIC **\$316** **\$438** **\$29,843**

2010 DODGE JOURNEY SE
Premium Cloth Low-back bucket seats, auto, 4-speed auto VLP trans., 2.4L I4 DOHC 16 V Dual VVT Engine, Customer Preferred Pkg, 22F
MSRP \$21,595
LEASE 36 MO. \$1999 DOWN
BUY 72 MO. \$1999 DOWN
SALE PRICE
CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE **\$183** **\$198** **\$13,292**
GENERAL PUBLIC **\$216** **\$224** **\$14,169**

2010 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING PLUS
Leather-trimmed Bucket Seats, 5-speed Auto Trans., 4.0L V6 SOHC Engine, Sirius, Backseat TV, Customer Preferred Package 28I
MSRP \$34,650
LEASE 36 MO. \$1999 DOWN
BUY 72 MO. \$1999 DOWN
SALE PRICE
CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE **\$287** **\$361** **\$24,964**
GENERAL PUBLIC **\$324** **\$398** **\$26,288**

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Premium Cloth, Bucket Seats, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission, 3.7 Liter V-6 Engine, Customer Preferred Package 28B
MSRP \$25,610
LEASE 36 MO. \$1999 DOWN
BUY 72 MO. \$1999 DOWN
SALE PRICE
CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE **\$174** **\$266** **\$17,824**
GENERAL PUBLIC **\$203** **\$299** **\$18,494**

2011 DODGE RAM 1500 SLT QUAD CAB 4X4
Premium cloth 40/20/40 Bench Seat, 5-speed automatic 545RFE Trans., 5.7 Liter V-8 HEMI MDS VVT engine, SLT package, customer preferred package 26C
MSRP \$36,885
LEASE 36 MO. \$1999 DOWN
BUY 72 MO. \$1999 DOWN
SALE PRICE
CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE **\$264** **\$388** **\$25,434**
GENERAL PUBLIC **\$296** **\$417** **\$26,397**

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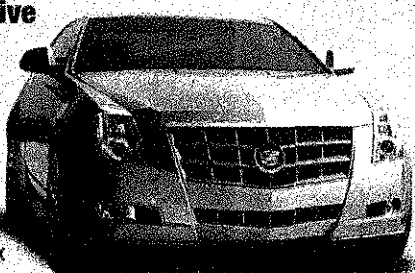
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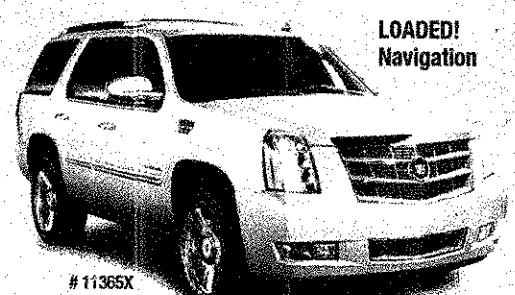
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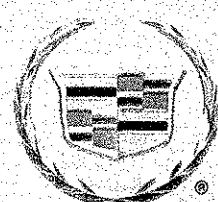
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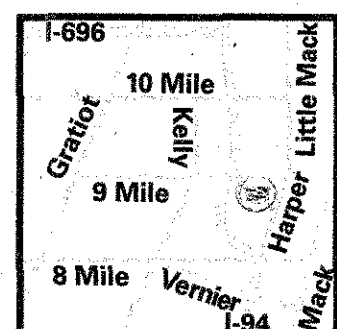
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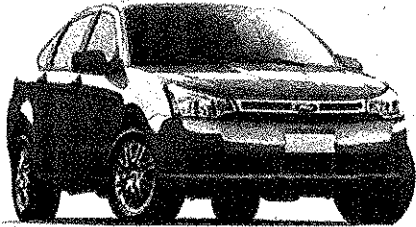
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STK# K1704

MSRP	\$18,810 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$17,334 ^{53*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$2,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$12,834^{53*}

2011 FORD RANGER 4X2 XL REG CAB

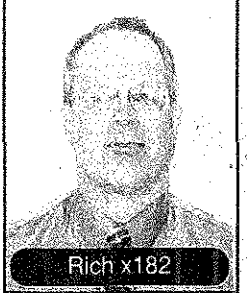
SILVER METALLIC, MEDIUM DARK FLINT CLOTH, 2.3L I4 ENGINE, 5-SPEED AUTOMATIC O/D TRANS, RAPID SPEC 861A



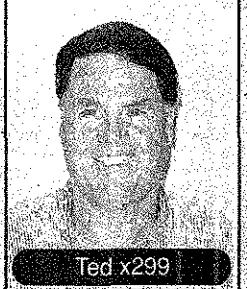
STK# K1465

MSRP	\$20,260 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$18,770 ^{47*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RETAIL CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$13,770^{47*}



Rich x182



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2011 FORD FUSION SE

BORDEAUX RESERVE RED METALLIC, MED LT STONE CLOTH SEATS, 2.5L I4 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, RAPID SPEC 200A



STK# 2169

MSRP	\$23,140 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$21,058 ^{58*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰
LESS AUTO SHOW BONUS CASH	- \$500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$17,058^{58*}

2011 FORD ESCAPE 4DR XLT FWD

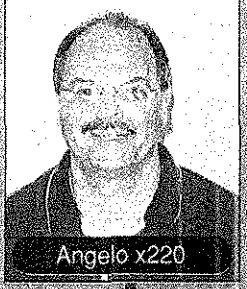
BLUE FLAME METALLIC, STONE PREM CLOTH SEATS, 2.5L I4 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, RAPID SPEC 200A



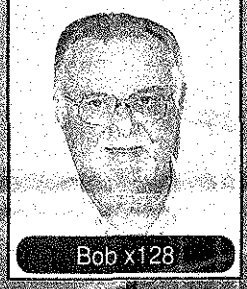
STK# K1485

MSRP	\$25,070 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$23,043 ^{38*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$19,543^{38*}



Angelo x220



Bob x128

2011 FORD EDGE FWD SE

INGOT SILVER METALLIC, BLACK CLOTH, 3.5L TI-VCT V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, RAPID SPEC 100A



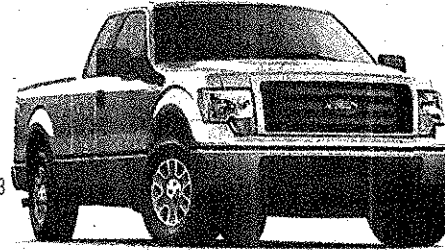
STK# K1919

MSRP	\$28,190 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$26,254 ^{39*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$500 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$23,254^{39*}

2011 FORD STYLESIDE F150 SUPERCAB 4X2

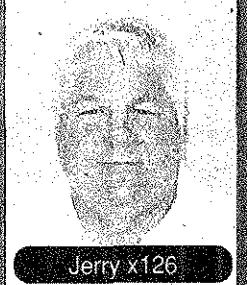
OXFORD WHITE, GRAY CLOTH, 3.7L V6 FFV ENGINE, ELECTRONIC 6-SPD AUTO TRANS, RAPID SPEC 502A



STK# K2063

MSRP	\$29,605 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$26,395 ^{06*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$500 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$23,395^{06*}



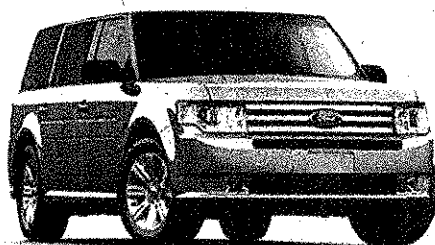
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2011 FORD FLEX FWD-SE

INGOT SILVER METALLIC, CHARCOAL BLACK CLOTH, 3.5L V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION WITH RAPID SPEC 100A



STK# K1310

MSRP	\$30,245 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$28,116 ^{29*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

YOUR PRICE \$24,116^{29*}

2011 FORD EXPEDITION XLT EL 4X4

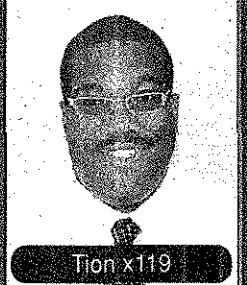
TUXEDO BLACK METALLIC, CHR BLK/SIL ACT BUCKET SEATS, 5.4L-3V SOHC V8 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION W/O/D, RAPID SPEC 202A



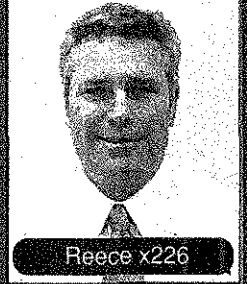
STK# K2102

MSRP	\$51,590 ⁰⁰
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE	\$46,489 ^{54*}
LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- \$2,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY PROMO CASH	- \$1,000 ⁰⁰
LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL	- \$1,500 ⁰⁰

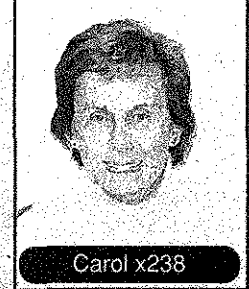
YOUR PRICE \$41,989^{54*}



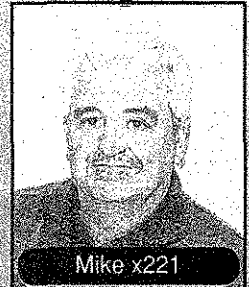
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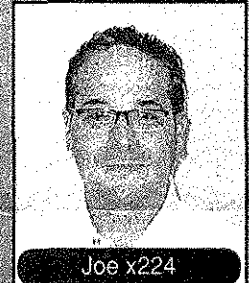
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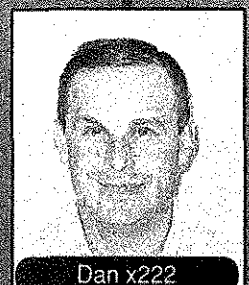
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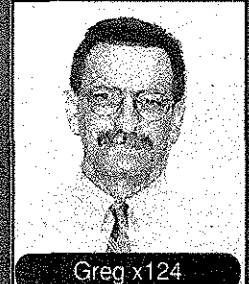
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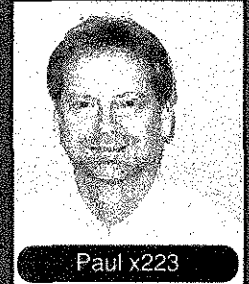
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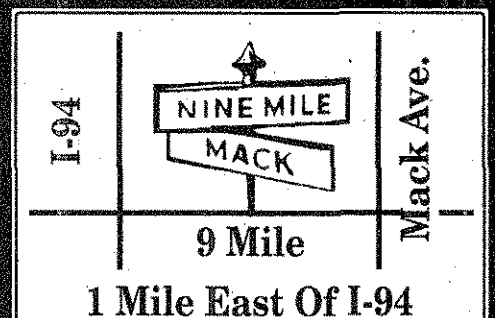
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Norsemen, Blue Devils gain experience

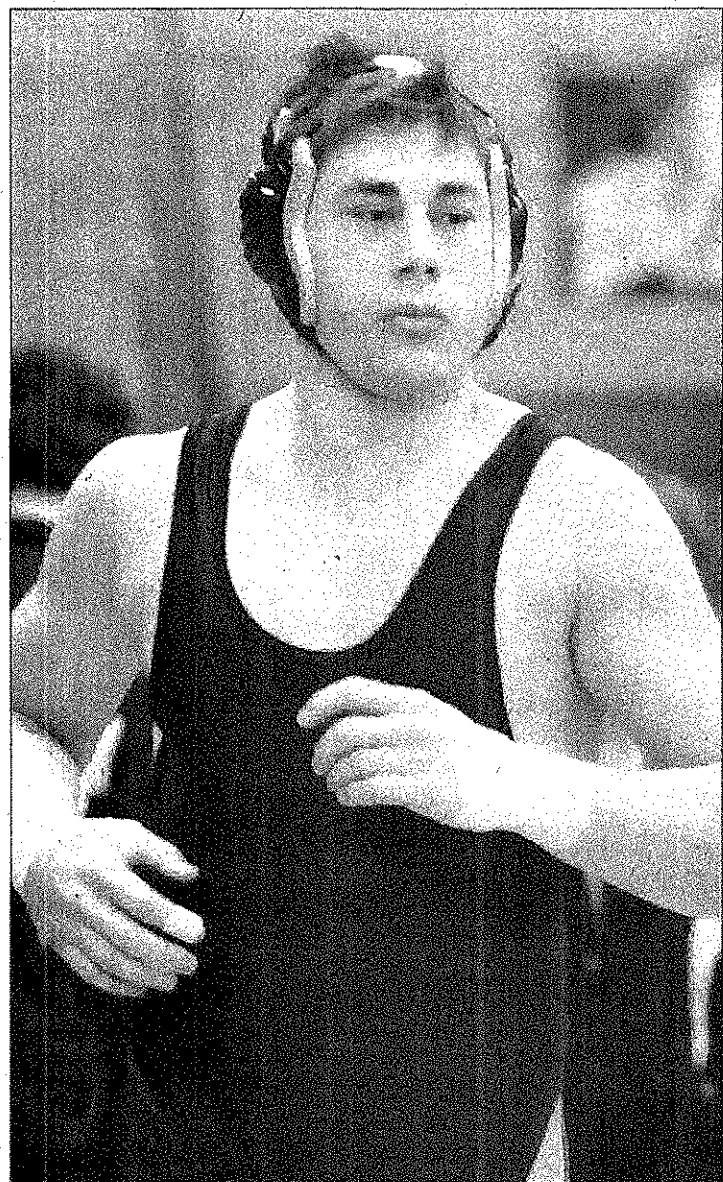


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South's Zack Donatiello has won several matches for first-year head coach Greg Snider.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North hosted its annual Norsemen Classic wrestling tournament last weekend.

The teams competing with North were Walled Lake Central, Warren DeLaSalle, Westland John Glenn, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower, Brownstown Woodhaven, Eastpointe East Detroit, Romulus and Grosse Pointe South.

"The guys wrestled well, but we gave up five voids each match, which made it pretty tough to win as a team," South head coach Greg Snider said.

The Blue Devils were able to pull out one victory when Josh Alexander played the hero.

He earned a 5-2 decision in the 152-pound division in the final match in the Blue Devils' 42-40 win over Eisenhower.

He trailed after the first period, but battled back to earn a point with an escape and four points near the end of the match.

"Josh came through with a big victory," Snider said. "He is a first-year wrestler, so this was a big deal for him."

The Blue Devils' other wrestlers in the classic were Zak Moyer, Sergio Rodriguez, Alex Manchester, Ryan Ennis, Nolan Goodall, Jake Merritt,

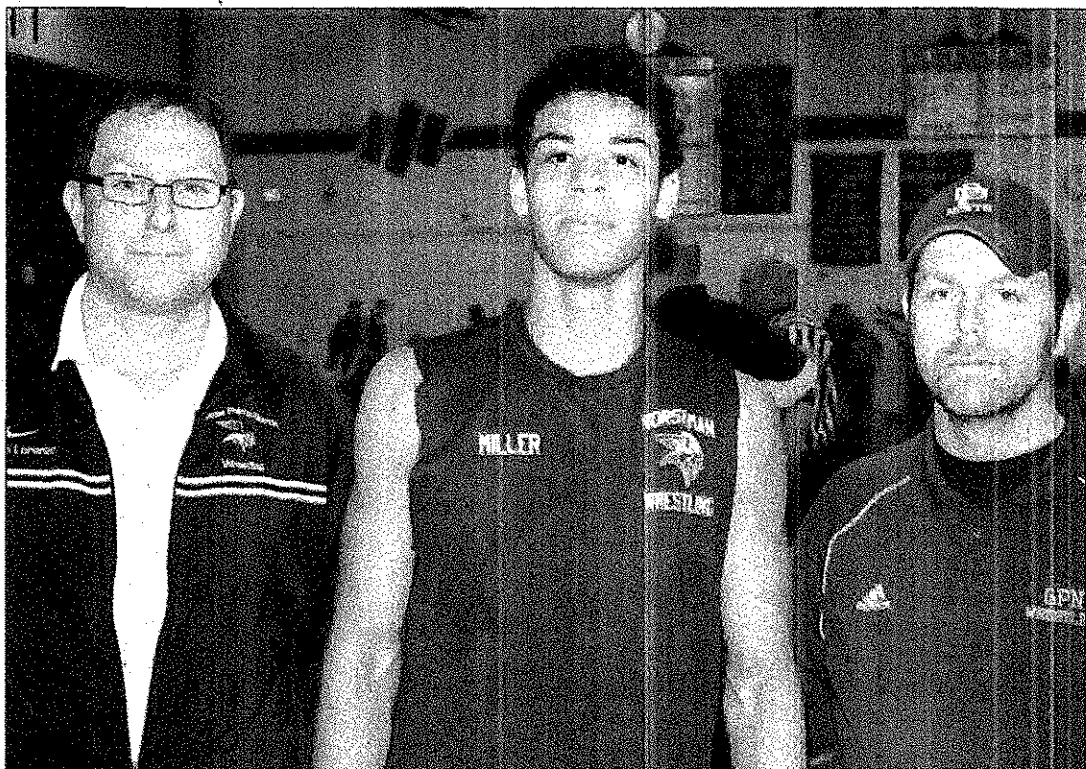


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Grosse Pointe North's Sean Miller, center, has enjoyed a successful first-half of the season under the tutelage of head coach Bryan Lorenzo, left, and assistant coach Matt Brazil.

Hunter Benz, Ian Hapanowicz, Zack Donatiello and Reggie Lewis.

The Blue Devils lost their other four matches, while the host Norsemen, under head coach Bryan Lorenzo, won 2-of-5 with a lineup consisting of Patrick Salazar, Paul Meuth, Chris Hagood, Zack Kaiser, Wilson Fisher, Jermaine White, Andrew Lock, Cody Jackson, Sean Miller, Evan

Lock, Jadon Cook and Ken Coleman.

In league matches last week, North lost 42-34 to Port Huron and beat Sterling Heights Stevenson 42-35.

"Our team record is 4-12, but we had some close losses this year," North head coach Bryan Lorenzo said. "The kids we have on the team have a ton of heart and fight very hard, which as a coach makes

me very proud."

Grosse Pointe North is 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-12 overall.

The Blue Devils lost 42-36 to New Haven and 47-30 to St. Clair, dropping to 0-4 in the MAC Gold and 2-15 overall.

"We're a family," Snider said. "We will stick together and I know our wrestlers will battle to do their best."

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Youth basketball

BASKETBALL CITY

Basketball program a solid learning tool

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball head coach Kevin Richards is preparing for another season of his Junior Hoopsters league.

The league introduces and teaches the game of basketball through drill work and game.

"It is our goal to make sure your son/daughter enjoys basketball and learns the proper progression of fundamentals," Richards said.

The league is for boys and girls ages 4 to 9 and is held at

Basketball City off Groesbeck in Roseville. The league runs each Saturday from Feb. 12 to March 26. There is a one-hour introduction period, 9 to 10 a.m., followed by games running 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Richards wants participants to learn the importance of listening, working on improved body control, learn what the triple threat position is and when and why to use it, gain strength and confidence in ball handling, learn and practice proper shooting mechanics, learn different types of passes and when to execute them and

focus on team concepts.

It is broken down in two divisions, Freshman and J.V. The Freshman Division is for children ages 3 to 5 and games are played on a six-foot basket. A 26.5 junior ball is used and each team is made up of four to five players and 3-on-3.

Games consist of two 12-minute halves and each team has one instructor on the court to referee and coach.

"The unique 3x3 and 4x4 formats allows everyone to experience success with the basketball," Richards said. "Players will improve both individually and have a great understanding of how to play the game."

The J.V. Division is for children ages 6 to 9 and games are played on an eight-foot basket with a 27.5 junior ball. Each team is made of five to six players playing 4-on-4.

Games consist of two 12-minute halves and each team has one instructor on the court to referee and coach, just like the younger group.

During week No. 1, players go through the normal fundamental instruction with Richards for the first hour and then the children are separated

into groups, playing games and being evaluated on their skill level. Each player is given a rating number from 1 to 5.

Following the first session, coaches will sit down and draft teams. Siblings and friends can be on the same team.

During week No. 2, players go through the fundamentals training again for the first hour and then teams are announced. Coaches meet with their players and practice before scrimmaging until 11:15 a.m.

For weeks three through six, players go through instruction with Richards and then play league games.

The final week players perform drills and for the last hour run through individual and team contests.

The cost of the program is \$119 for one child and \$99 each for two or more children. Register at mwabasketball.com under the "Training tab." The other director is Stephen Benard.

Contact Richards at (313) 244-1523 or Kevin@mwabasketball.com or Benard at (313) 580-0351 or steve@mwabasketball.com.

Girls hockey

RIVALS

Blue Devils beat Knights, North falls

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team used its experience to overwhelm inexperienced University Liggett last week, winning 9-1 at City Ice Arena.

"They did a good job of limiting our offensive chances in the opening period, but we made some adjustments to get our girls into open spaces on the ice and it paid off," South head coach Joe Provenzano said.

Senior Medea Shanidze scored a power play goal at the 5:05 mark of the opening period, assisted by senior Natalie Peracchio.

The Blue Devils came back to tie the game 45 seconds later when senior Andrea Marshall tallied, assisted by junior Claire Boyle.

After that, it was all Blue Devils as they scored three goals in the second period and five in the third to end the game by the eight-goal mercy rule with 2:07 left in the third stanza.

"We held our own in that opening period, but once we fell behind, our inexperience showed," Liggett head coach Laura Aiken said. "We didn't skate well and play up to our potential tonight."

Scoring the Blue Devils' second-period goals were junior Marissa Monforton, Marshall and senior Elizabeth Clem.

Monforton and senior Dylan McColl had assists.

The home team scored just 17 seconds into the third period and again exactly one minute later, building a 6-1 lead.

Boyle tallied the first goal with Marshall drawing an assist and Clem had the second goal, unassisted.

Marshall scored again at the 5:34 mark with senior Lorna Burns and Marissa Monforton assisting and junior Cara Monforton tallied at the 3:02 mark with Boyle and Marshall netting assists.

The final goal was scored by Boyle, unassisted.

In other action last week, South edged host Ann Arbor 3-2 as Marshall scored the game winner.

"It was a big win for us and it gave us a lot of confidence coming into the game against Liggett," Provenzano said.

The Blue Devils were whistled for their 18th and final penalty with a little less than two minutes left in the third period.

Ann Arbor head coach Lon Grantham pulled his goaltender and Pioneer was able to score a power play goal with a 6-on-4 advantage, making it a one-goal game.

"We were able to kill off the final minute of the game to pull out the win," Provenzano said.

Sophomore goalie Anastasia Diamond played well in net in each game, helping South im-



Grosse Pointe South junior Claire Boyle has been on fire since her return from an injury.

prove to 7-2 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Liggett lost a tough 5-4 game to visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"Our girls played very well and we nearly pulled off a huge win," Aiken said. "We had our chances to get this one, but a few things didn't go our way. It's a tough loss because I think the girls deserved better."

Senior Keegin Fisher scored two goals, while junior Haley Smith had a goal and assist. Sophomore Aria Ganz-Waple also tallied.

Junior Haleigh Bolton and sophomore Hannah Mason had two assists apiece to pace

the Knights, which fell to 5-4 in the MMGSHSL and 5-6 overall.

Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team lost its first league game of the season last weekend, falling 3-2 in overtime to host Livonia Ladywood.

Senior Jennifer Rohn scored the game-winner for the Blazers. It was her second goal of the game and junior Freij Rana also tallied.

Senior Kailey Sickmiller and junior Jennifer Cusmano scored for the Norsemen, which fell to 8-1 in the MMGSHSL and 9-2 overall.

Youth baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for baseball camp

Dan Griesbaum presents the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School Indoor Camp, held Saturday, Jan. 22, and Sunday, Jan. 23, at the South high school gymnasiums.

The camp is for students in second through sixth grade, which coincides with Michigan High School Athletic Association rules. Everyone should meet in the main gymnasium.

The specialty camp focuses on pitching, hitting and catcher positions.

It runs from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 22 and 2 to 5 p.m. Jan. 23. It is \$50 for one day or \$90 for both sessions. There is a \$10 discount for signing up for both days.

Contact camp directors Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537 to register or for more questions.

Brochures are available at the main office at South, at the Neighborhood Club or on the South baseball website, gpsouthbaseball.com.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE SKATING CLUB



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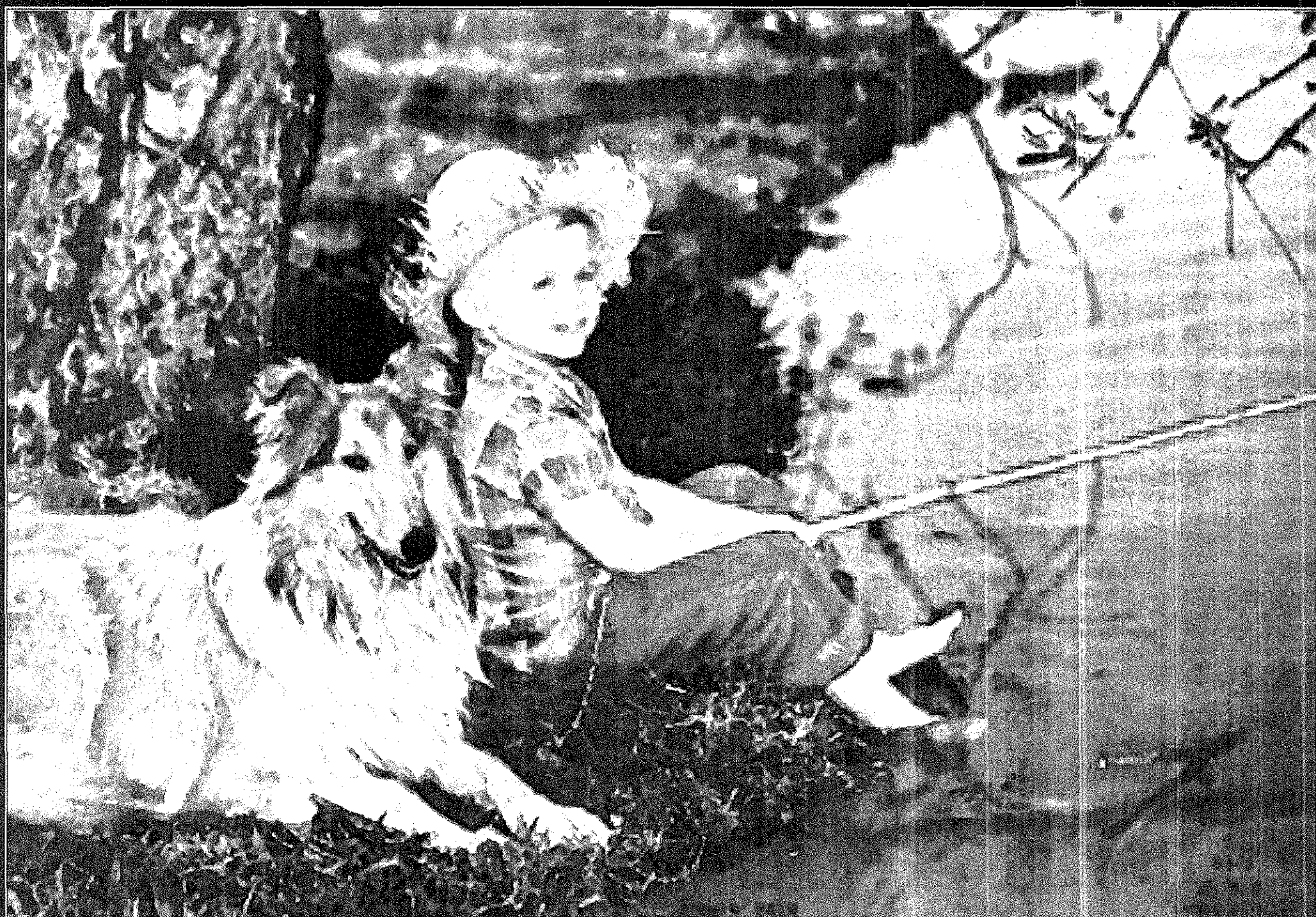
Pictured right is Oliva Wals, age 6, and left, Razeen Hasan, age 8, members of the Grosse Pointe Figure Skating Club were recently involved in a local commercial for the Chrysler 200 at Campus Martius Park. The Grosse Pointe Skating Club holds an open house celebration from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink. There is a \$5 admission fee used for a raffle ticket for prizes such as one free session or various skating accessories. During the open house, a used skate sale is held. It is also a chance to celebrate and honor the skaters' accomplishments. Bring a pair of skates if interested in skating during the open house. The Grosse Pointe Skating Club has been teaching ice skating basic skills since 1973. For more information about the skating club, call club director Theresa Gehrke at (586) 775-4642 or e-mail at grossepointeskatingclub@hotmail.com.



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In a battle of No. 4s, South junior Marissa Monforton, left, got a leg up on University Liggett junior Haleigh Bolton and the Knights.

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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights beat Southfield-Lathrup in OT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team took on Class A power Southfield-Lathrup last weekend.

Without blinking an eye, the visiting Knights beat the Chargers 53-52 in overtime as sophomore Haleigh Ristovski made a free throw with no time left on the clock.

With the score tied at 52, Ristovski blocked a shot with a little more than four seconds left in the overtime, grabbed the rebound and dribbled down court.

"Haleigh looked up at the clock and saw it hit one second," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "She just crossed halfcourt and was able to get a good shot off. She was fouled and had to just make one of three free throws.

"She hit the first and the game was over. This is a nice win for our team."

The Knights won the game without the services of sophomore Julia DeRoo, who injured her left knee the previ-

ous night. The extent of the injury isn't known as of press time.

"Julia was on the bench, cheering on her teammates," Gigante said. "It was tough without her, but the girls really stepped up as Haleigh, Madison (Ristovski) and Bre (Andrews) scored all of our points, but it was the defense of Ariana (Castillo), Andrianna (Evangelista) and Lia (Evangelista) that was the difference. We don't win this game without their defensive intensity."

The Knights went to a man-to-man defense for a majority of the game against the Chargers who field four Division 1 players in their starting five.

"They had a couple of big girls in the post and two quick guards, but our girls played an intense defense throughout the game," Gigante said.

It was all Chargers in the first half, leading 34-22, but the Knights outscored their foes 18-4 in the third quarter to take a 40-38 lead.

It was tied at 48 at the end of

regulation.

Haleigh Ristovski led the Knights with 25 points, while Madison Ristovski had 17 and Andrews had 11.

Earlier in the week, Liggett crushed Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foes Southfield Christian 71-36 and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 59-34, improving to 5-0 in the division and 10-1 overall.

Against Southfield Christian, Andrews had 25 points, followed by Madison Ristovski with 15 and Haleigh Ristovski with 10.

It was a closer first quarter than expected with the Knights ahead 12-9, but it was 31-15 at the half. The Knights put 40 second-half points on the board to win going away.

The host Knights delivered a first-quarter blow against Inter-City Baptist, leading 17-7, and it was 37-15 at the half. They extended the lead to 52-23 after three quarters and cruised in the final stanza.

DeRoo hurt her knee in the third quarter and hopefully will be back in the lineup soon.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Andrianna Evangelista, left, played solid man-to-man defense during the Knights' three wins last week.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils cruise by foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team has its swagger back.

It took a few weeks, but head coach Kevin Richards has the Blue Devils playing with the confidence it takes to contend for a division championship.

"We were able to get after them defensively, rebound the ball and get some baskets off turnovers," Richards said. "I can see the girls gaining the confidence they need to play well and everyone is contributing.

"I don't think I had the girls as prepared as they should have been earlier in the season, but now I can see the girls practicing harder and that has translated into a few wins."

The host Blue Devils jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the first quarter and extended the margin to 30-12 at the half. They would go on to beat Utica 50-34 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

The advantage grew to 20 points early in the third quarter and from that point the Blue Devils were content on

trading baskets.

"Everyone is involved with our run of victories," Richards said. "We're getting very nice defensive play that is forcing turnovers and creating a lot of easy transition opportunities."

Senior Aisha Rodney had 19 points and five blocked shots, while junior Caitlin Moore had 12 points and sophomore Claire DeBoer added 11 points.

Junior point guard Carmen Engel isn't scoring a lot of points, but her defensive tenacity and ability to run the offense has paid huge dividends for the Blue Devils.

"We're trying to run some different looks on offense and defensively we're changing things up," Richards said.

In other action last week, South traveled to L'Anse Creuse and pounded the Lancers 55-31, improving to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 5-3 overall.

Richards said the Blue Devils couldn't wait to get a shot at the Lancers after his squad lost a heart breaker at L'Anse Creuse last winter.

The Blue Devils were once again all business and made quick work of the host Lancers.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Sophomore Cristina Flom, right, has picked up her level of play during the Blue Devils' five-game winning streak.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

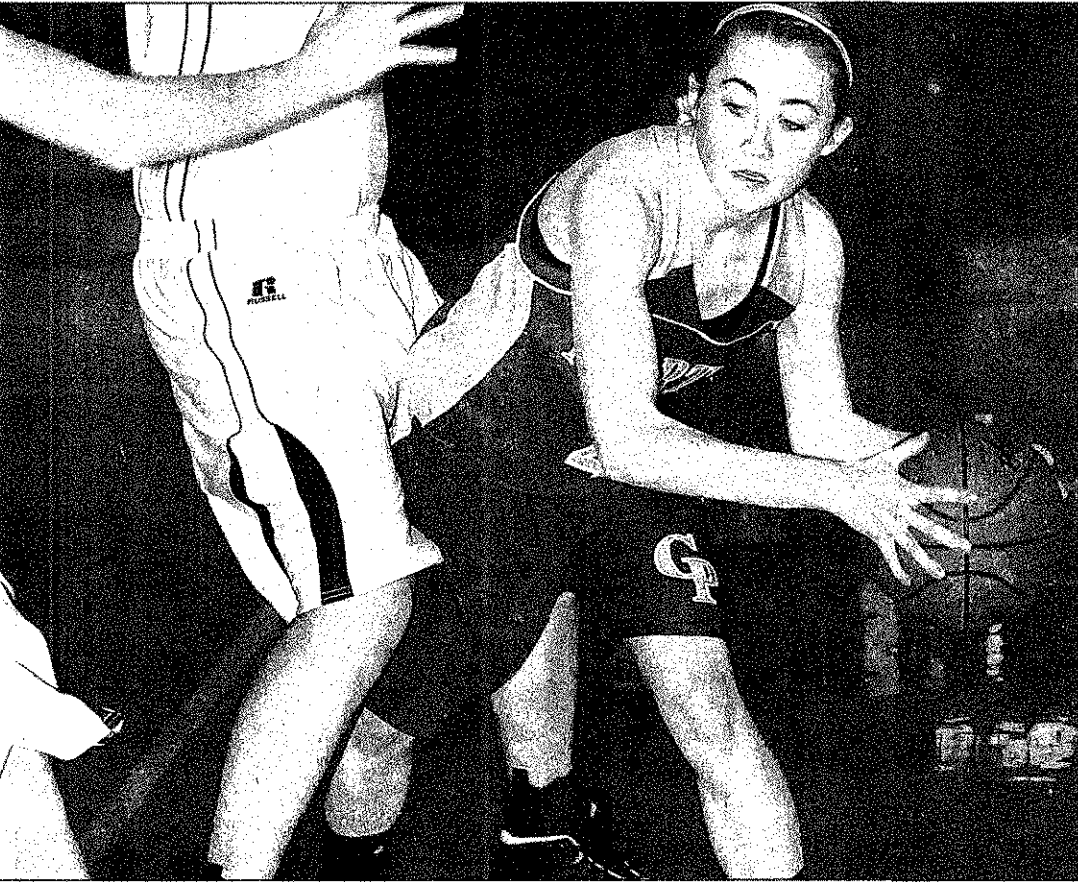


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Senior guard Micaela Liddane, right, scored a combined 20 points in the Norsemen's two division games last week.

Adversity hits Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After enjoying a three-game winning streak, Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team hit a snag last week.

Injuries left the Norsemen with seven healthy players during last week's 36-26 division loss to host Fraser.

Sophomore Lauren Koeppe got her first start of the year at the post and played a solid game, according to head coach Gary Bennett, scoring four points.

Sophomore Breann Reveley earned a ton of playing time, scoring two points and grabbing several rebounds at forward.

"I was really proud of these two girls and I was really happy for them," Bennett said. "Micaela Liddane showed great poise and composure against Fraser's zone defense and Nicole Strickland worked

extremely hard at both ends of the court."

Strickland finished with nine points and Liddane had seven.

"I was very pleased with our effort and how we improved during this game," Bennett said. "We tightened up our defense as the game went on and we learned a lot about attacking the zone. It was a great experience for this team and for the girls who haven't seen as much playing time."

"I firmly believe that having to overcome all of these injuries will help make us a better team because these girls won't ever give in or give up. They are hard workers in practice, they care about one another and they will persevere. I was proud of them."

The Norsemen trailed 20-10 at the half, but as Bennett said, played hard in the second half and played to a 16-16 draw.

Fraser's experience played

a major factor in the Ramblers' ability to get the home victory.

Earlier in the week, the limited mobility of leading scorer Taryn Kiah, averaging 17 points and nine rebounds per game, and Anajai Gutierrez, both nursing injuries, was felt at the host Norsemen lost 39-33 to Macomb Dakota.

The Norsemen trailed 17-15 at the half, but rallied to tie it 27-27 in the fourth quarter.

Dakota was able to finish stronger than North, despite Liddane's 13 points. Kiah finished with eight points and Gutierrez had six.

"We played hard in this game, but we did not play a real smart game," Bennett said. "This ended up really hurting us, as did Taryn's limited mobility."

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-5 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Team goes 0-1-1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team outplayed state power Trenton last weekend, but had nothing to show for it in a 4-3 defeat.

"I'm not into moral victories," head coach Scott Lock said. "I want wins. We outplayed Trenton, but had four mistakes that cost us four goals. The guys played well enough to win."

The Trojans, winners of three straight Division 2 state championships and 12 overall state titles, grabbed a 1-0 lead with a goal with only 1:45 left in the first period and made it a 2-0 advantage with a shot that snuck in between senior goalie Jeff Ryan's glove and the goal post.

The host Norsemen got on the board 14 seconds after the Trojans' goal when junior Joe Giordano scored with juniors J.P. Lucchese and Scott Dornbrock drawing assists.

Trenton added a third goal with only 3:04 left in the second stanza, taking a 3-1 lead.

Lucchese scored an unassisted goal at the 14:06 mark of the third period and at the 6:27

mark, sophomore Jack Stander scored a power play goal to tie the game 3-3.

Dornbrock and junior Joe Aluia had the assists.

With a possible overtime looming, the Trojans scored the game-winning goal with only 2:29 left in the game.

Earlier in the week, North tied host Grosse Ile 5-5.

The Norsemen had a lead late in the game, but had to battle back to earn one point.

The home team led 2-0 before the Norsemen scored three straight goals to take a 3-2 lead.

Dornbrock scored a power play goal with sophomore Brad Werenski and junior Anthony Saleh drawing assists.

Werenski added another power play goal to tie it 2-2. Senior Brad Herron and sophomore David Chavis II had assists and it was Chavis who scored early in the third period to give the Norsemen the slim lead.

Grosse Ile tied it 3-3, but Lucchese tallied on the power play with Stander and Dornbrock netting assists.

In a span of 56 seconds, Grosse Ile scored a short-hand-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior J.P. Lucchese, right, had a goal and an assist in the Norsemen's tough 4-3 loss to state power Trenton.

ed and even strength goal to turn a 4-3 deficit into a 5-4 lead.

Brad Herron's goal with only 33 seconds left in the game tied it 5-5. Chavis and sophomore Jeff Herron had the assists.

Grosse Pointe North dipped to 5-6-2 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights earn 'ugly' win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Manny Counsman scored twice and sophomore Mark Auk was credited with the game-winning goal to lead the Liggett boys' hockey team to a 3-2 overtime win over Troy Athens last week.

"It wasn't the prettiest game, was it," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We had tons of scoring chances, but the guys aren't burying those like they

should.

"I need everyone's commitment on every shift for us to play up to our potential."

The host Knights badly outshot Athens, but it still took a fortunate bounce to turn a bad loss into an ugly win.

Counsman has been on a scoring tear of late, tallying twice in a recent loss to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and he has the Knights' first two goals against Athens, scoring in each of the first two periods.

The Redhawks scored once in the second and midway through the third to send the game to overtime.

At the 4:36 mark of the extra session, Counsman earned his third point of the night, assisting Auk's game winner.

Sophomore Nate Gaggin earned the victory between the pipes. It was his second straight 3-2 win and the Knights' sixth one-goal game (4-2 in those).

Liggett improved to 8-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blow lead

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team lost 6-5 in overtime to Dearborn Unified last weekend, dropping to 7-5-1 overall.

Nolan Monforton opened the scoring two minutes into the first period with an assist from Wes Cimmarrusti.

Andrew Holder ripped a slapshot by the Dearborn goalie to make it 2-0 with

Monforton netting the assist.

Dearborn scored a couple of power play goals to tie it, but Ryley Maher broke the tie moments later on a power play tally with Cimmarrusti and Max Corbett had the assists.

Thomas Marantette scored the Blue Devils' fourth goal on a feed from Sam Hartman. John Wendzinski also had an

assist and he added the fifth and final goal, giving the home team a 5-3 lead.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, a series of penalties, including a five-minute major, allowed Dearborn to tie the game and send it to OT.

Nearly four minutes into overtime, Dearborn scored on a breakaway to put an end to the game.

GYMNASTICS

Unified team takes 3rd

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team capped off its second week of competition with a best-ever third-place finish at the Farmington/Lakeland Invitational last weekend.

Grosse Pointe scored 136.075 points to place third out of 17 teams, trailing only Plymouth Canton and Farmington United, two of the top teams in the state.

Grosse Pointe gymnasts captured many of the invitational's individual awards as well.

On the uneven bars, Emma Abessinio took fifth with an 8.3 and Heather Koresky placed second with an 8.55.

In the balance beam event, Sarah Fentin placed ninth with an 8.6, Brittany Rizzo placed sixth with an 8.8 and Madi Kaiser tied for first place with a 9.5. Rizzo and Kaiser's beam scores were both personal bests on the event.

On floor exercise, Kaiser and Aubryn Samaroo tied for 9th with an 8.95 and Abessinio placed fourth with a 9.1.

Kaiser placed third in the all-

around, while Fentin and Abessinio ended up 11th and 12th. Ashley Krynski also contributed toward the team's score on the vault and bars events, while Fran Kay competed on floor for Grosse Pointe, scoring an 8.2.

"We were extremely pleased with our result at the Farmington Invitational," head coach Courtney Schaefer said. "Going into the meet, our goal was to place in the top four, so we were very satisfied to end up in third place, especially with the high level of competition at this meet."

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe lost a close meet to Plymouth Canton, 138.95-136.20.

On vault, Fentin and Kaiser tied for third with an 8.55. Koresky placed second on the uneven bars with an 8.6, and Kaiser was third with her 8.4.

On the balance beam, Kaiser won with a 9.0 and Abessinio took second with an 8.9.

Samaroo and Abessinio took second and third on the floor event, scoring 9.0 and 8.9, respectively. Rizzo, Krynski, Kay

and Caitlin Gaitley also competed well for Grosse Pointe, earning regional-qualifying scores in several events.

Grosse Pointe also competed against Dearborn Edsel Ford in a league meet, winning 132.35-122.85.

On vault, Rizzo and Abessinio tied for second with an 8.5, while Samaroo scored an 8.3, Kay an 8.2, Krynski an 8.15 and Gaitley a 7.8.

Abessinio tied for first on the uneven bars with an 8.25, followed by Fentin with an 8.1. Kaiser contributed an 8.0, followed by Koresky with a 7.95, Rizzo with a 7.65 and Samaroo with a 7.6.

On beam, Kaiser took first with a 9.35 and Fentin was second with an 8.05. Kay was third with a personal best of 8.0, while Samaroo scored a 7.25 and Anna Brucker led off the event with a 6.05 for Grosse Pointe.

Kaiser also took first on floor with a 9.15 and Samaroo tied for third with a 8.6. Krynski scored an 8.15, while Kay had an 8.0 and Gaitley a 7.65 on floor in the win.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils have easy time with Romeo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team cruised to a 116-70 win at Romeo last week.

The ride back took as long as the meet, thanks to several inches of snow that fell during the later afternoon and evening hours.

Even though it was winter outside, the Blue Devils were blazing hot in the pool, led by the first-place 200-yard medley relay team of Roby Boggs, Luke Hessburg, Patrick Jackson and Craig Campbell that posted a time of 1:45.28.

The Blue Devils' Jonathan Griffin, Johnny Allen, Ryan Graham and C.J. Stafford also earned two points, taking third with a time of 1:56.76.

Cam Johnson and Nicholas Yoo swam well in the 200-yard freestyle, taking first and second with times of 1:56.62 and 1:57.31, and the duo of Jack Martin and Joe Zampardo performed well in the 200-yard individual medley, taking second and third with times of 2:15.69 and 2:15.94, respectively.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Jackson and Graham placed second and third with times of 24.53 and 24.85 and in diving, Ben Cornille and Eric Addy took first and second with 176.75 and 170.75 points, respectively.

The Blue Devils swept the 100-yard butterfly with Campbell, Sam Effinger and Allen taking first, second and third with times of 58.55, 1:00.72 and 1:07.34. The 13 points put the visitors in total command of the meet.

Johnson and Hessburg had solid results in the 100-yard freestyle, taking second and third with times of 53.04 and 53.37, and Jackson and Graham placed first and second in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:13.46 and 5:14.00.

The Blue Devils had solid re-

sults in the 100-yard backstroke. Campbell won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.22, while Boggs was third and Yoo fourth with times of 1:03.76 and 1:04.92.

Hessburg won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.96 to make the state meet and Allen took third at 1:09.12.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched the foursome of Johnson, Stafford, Joseph Henrichs and Effinger take second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:42.37 and the Blue Devils wrapped up the victory by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with Jackson, Johnson, Yoo and Campbell posting a time of 3:28.62 to make the state cut.

Gunderson said personal bests were recorded in the 100-butterfly by Allen, Campbell and Stafford; the 100-backstroke by Campbell, Griffin and Yoo; the 200-freestyle by Frank Cusumano, Johnson, Sam Wilkinson and Yoo; the 100-breaststroke by Cusumano; 50-freestyle by Brandon Dunaway, Graham, Griffin, Jackson, and Chad Ososki; 200-IM by Effinger and Martin; 100-freestyle by Hessburg, Ososki and Zampardo; the 500-freestyle by Graham; and diving by Josh Trempus.

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

In the Spartan Invitational meet held Saturday, Jan. 8, at Battle Creek Lakeview, Saline won with 565 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 477, Dexter with 398.5, Birmingham Groves with 332, Lakeview with 193, Grosse Pointe South with 146.5, Hudsonville with 119, Portage Northern with 67 and Portage Central with 27.

For the Blue Devils, Campbell was third in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.12 and fourth in the 100-freestyle

at 48.77.

Boggs was sixth in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:04.43 to round out the top individual placements for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils' final top placement was turned in by the 200-freestyle relay team of Johnson, Yoo, Boggs and Campbell, which took fifth with a time of 1:32.38.

Last weekend, South beat Livonia Stevenson 104-82 and lost 93-92 to Midland Dow in a double-dual meet at its home pool.

Jackson, Hessburg, Zampardo and Johnson took third in the 200-medley relay and Martin, Boggs, Graham and Effinger placed fourth with times of 1:43.13 and 1:50.46, respectively.

Campbell won the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:47.21, while Boggs secured a third-place finish in the 200-IM with a time of 2:06.34.

In the 50-freestyle, Johnson was a close second with a time of 23.22. Daniel Biggs of Dow won with a time of 22.73.

In diving, Eric Addy was second with 184.65 points and Jackson was third in the 100-butterfly with a time of 55.99.

Campbell put together another solid first-place swim, taking the top spot in the 100-freestyle with a time of 47.74.

In the 500-freestyle, Yoo was third with a time of 5:15.00, but the Blue Devils turned around and won the 200-yard freestyle as Johnson, Boggs, Yoo and Campbell won it with a time of 1:32.26.

Jackson was fourth in the 100-backstroke with a time of 59.49, while Hessburg and Boggs placed second and third in the 100-breaststroke with times of 1:03.15 and 1:04.50.

In the final event, the 400-freestyle relay, Johnson, Yoo, Jackson and Campbell took second with a time of 3:23.33.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen put together team effort in victory

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team beat Livonia Franklin 132-36 last week.

Justin Rakowicz and Zack Hanna were double winners. Hanna won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, while Rakowicz was victorious in the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time.

Single event winners were

Peter Shea in the 200-yard freestyle, A.J. Owens in the 100-yard freestyle and Christian Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke with a state-qualifying time and also a Franklin pool record.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were recorded by Hanna, Matthew Leone and Louis Saravolatz in the 50-freestyle; Gordon Russell in the 100-freestyle;

Scott Adelson and Danny MacAskill in the 200-freestyle; Rakowicz, Shea and MacAskill in the 500-freestyle; Rhys Williams and Adelson in the 100-backstroke; Mellos, Patrick Turnbull and Alex Fly in the 100-breaststroke; and Rakowicz in the 200-IM.

With the victory, the Norsemen improved to 2-1 overall and remained 1-1 in the MAC Red Division.

LIGGETT

Knights drop meets

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team dropped its meets last week, losing 101-77 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview and 104-72 to Center Line.

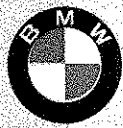
The Knights won three individual events.

Connor Borrego won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard freestyle with times of 2:37.11 and 1:03.43, and Caleb Ninivaggi was first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.66.

Head coach Ryan Gunderson and the Knights evened its record at 3-3 overall.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils battle back to .500 mark

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team won a big game last week, beating Utica 65-61.

"We needed this after not playing so well against East Detroit," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "This was a nice effort. We changed some things around and the guys responded well."

After a sluggish start to the game, the host Blue Devils regained some momentum and headed into the second quarter trailing 16-13.

Senior Alex Bedan came off the bench and put together a strong inside game, scoring a couple of baskets and drawing four fouls due to his up-and-under moves.

"Alex played well in the low post and gave us an inside presence," Grauzer said. "Once he established the inside game, it opened things up for our outside shooters. They were able to square their feet and get good looks at the basket."

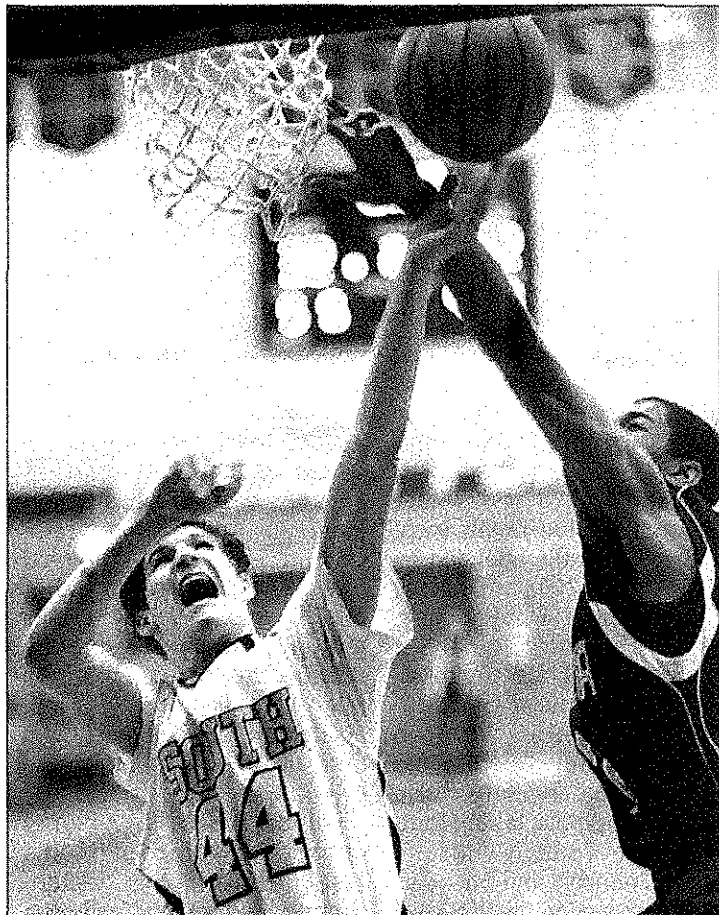
The Blue Devils were able to make eight three-point baskets, neutralizing Utica junior Andrew Thompson, who made eight of his own.

Grauzer watched his team build a 34-22 lead late in the second quarter, but that was cut to seven, 34-27, at the half and four, 48-44, after the third stanza.

The Chieftains battled and dwindled the deficit to a basket, but the Blue Devils kept their cool and drained several free throws down the stretch to prevail.

Senior Victor Mattison scored 18 points to lead the Blue Devils, while Bedan finished with 13 points and seven rebounds. Senior Corbet Conroy also was in double digits, finishing with 11 points, including two big free throws with 40.6 seconds left to give the home team a 63-56 lead.

Junior Joe Srebernak had



Senior Alex Bedan, No. 44, gave the Blue Devils a solid low-post presence, helping the team beat Utica.

eight points, followed by senior Nick Diehl with five, senior Brandon Barkley with four, senior Cooper Hartman with four and junior Kevin Reck with two.

Last weekend, South made it two wins in a row, beating host Roseville 49-46.

It was nip and tuck throughout the four quarters as Mattison and Barkley scored 11 points apiece to lead the Blue Devils, while Conroy and Bedan had nine points apiece.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-4 overall.

College news

The Albion College men's basketball team opened its Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association schedule with back-to-back wins the first week of January, and it

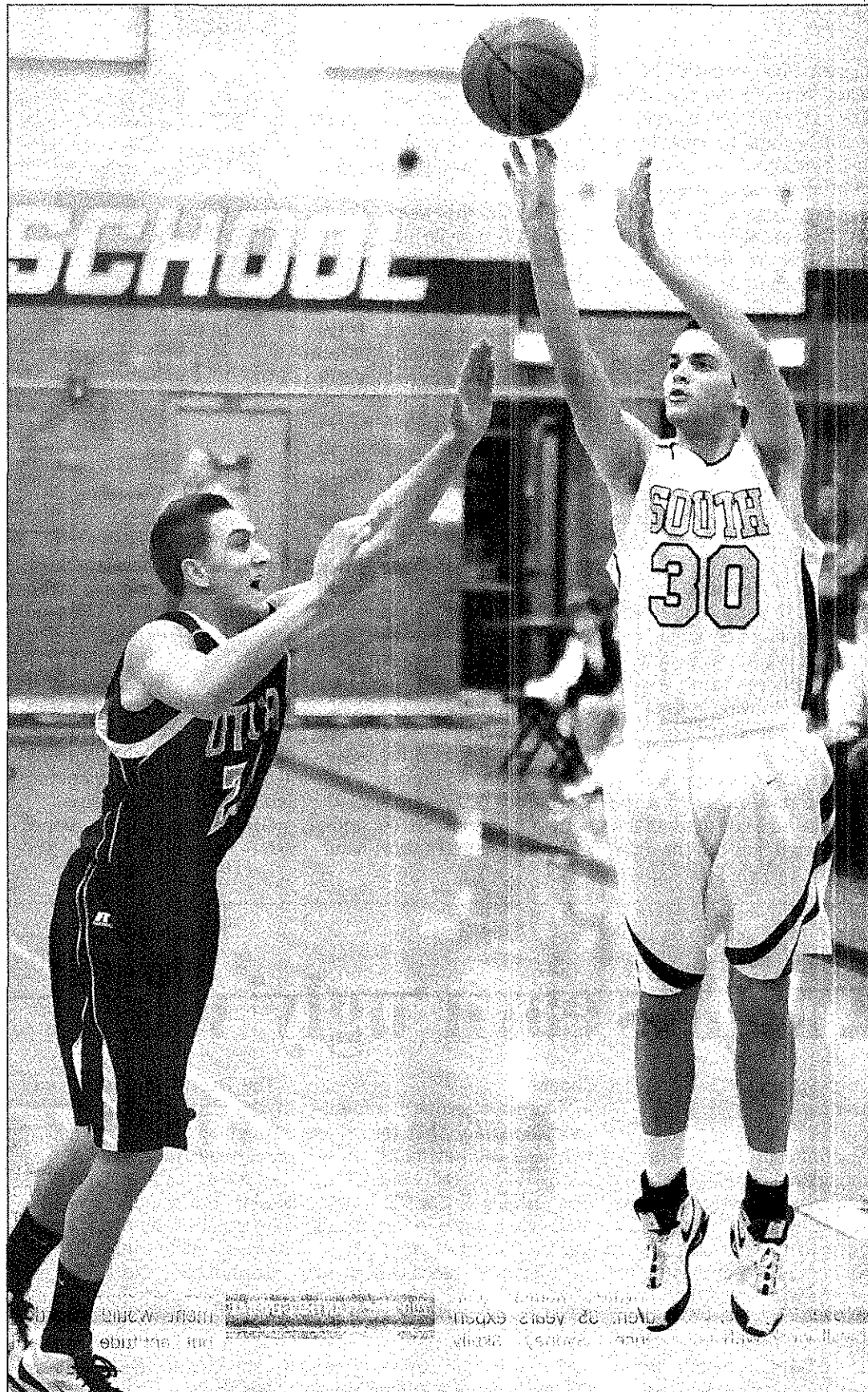
was rewarded by having J.C. Cruse selected as the league's Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Cruse, a senior guard from Detroit who prepped at Grosse Pointe South High School, posted his second double-double of the season with 22 points and a career-high 11 rebounds in the Britons' 77-69 win at Olivet College.

He added 15 points, eight rebounds and three steals in a 72-57 win over Alma College three nights later.

He connected on 58 percent (11-of-19) of his shots from the field in the first week of league play.

Through 13 games, Cruse is averaging a team-best 15.2 points on 51 percent shooting from the floor. He also leads the team in steals with 26 and shares the team lead in rebounds, averaging 5.8 per game.



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Grosse Pointe South's Corbet Conroy, right, hit two three-point baskets and finished with 11 points in the Blue Devils' win over Utica.

LIGGETT

Knights stay perfect

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team is off to one of its best starts in two decades.

The Knights upped their record to 5-0 overall, beating visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 57-32.

"Our big men really stepped it up tonight and played very well," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "We had a nice effort tonight. The guys were strong on the defensive end of the court, rebounding and dictating the play in the lowpost."

Senior Dominic Jamett, sophomore Connor Fannon and sophomore Andrew Zinkel were on their game, creating mismatches on the offensive end. They also controlled the defensive board, limiting the Chargers to one shot per possession.

The Knights finished with 30 rebounds and forced 19 turnovers as Johnson watched his players use a balanced scoring attack to overwhelm their guests.

Nine of the 10 ULS players scored and eight of the 10 had at least one rebound in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

The home team built a 14-5 first quarter lead and it was a 20-point difference, 35-15, at the half.

The Knights kept the pressure on, outscoring the Chargers 22-17 in the second half to cruise to the easy victory.

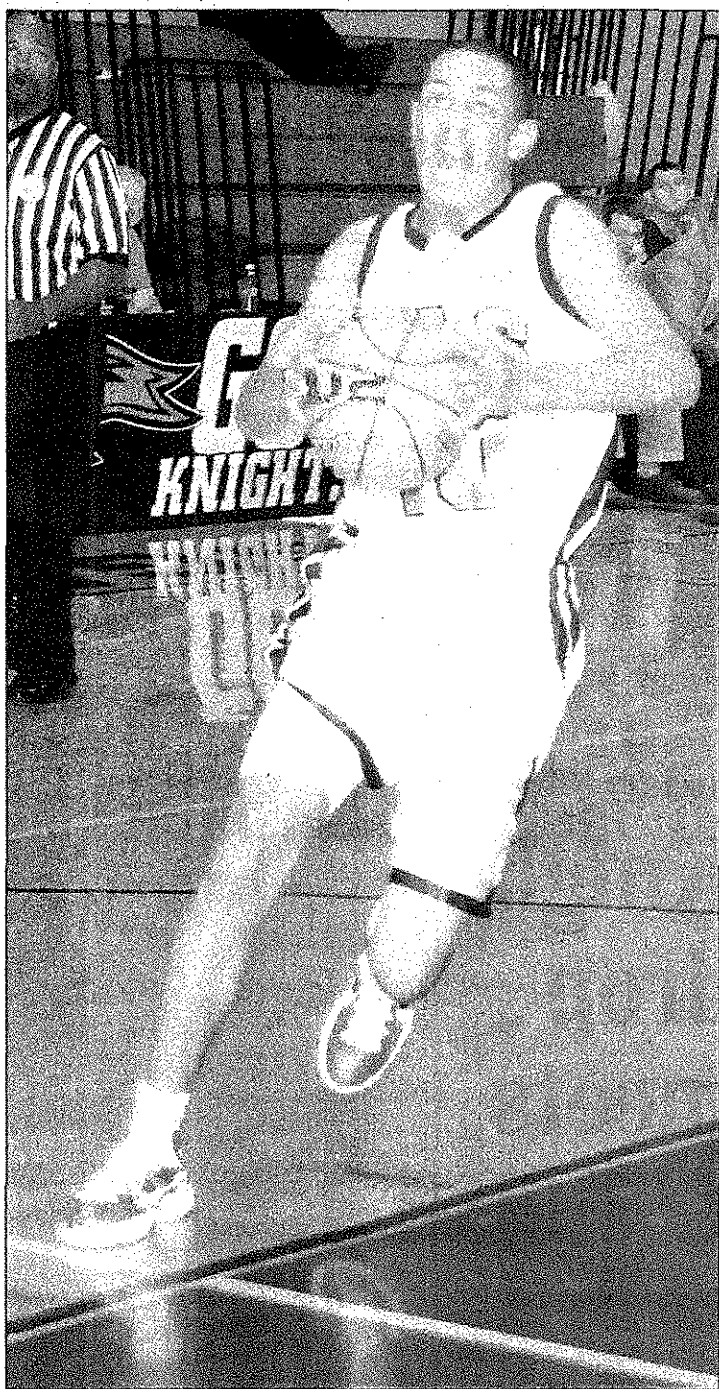


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Sophomore KeVaughn Jackson goes up for two of his 12 points in the Knights' league win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Sophomore Eric Ewing had 14 points to lead the team, while sophomore KeVaughn Jackson had 12. Fannon finished with eight points, followed by Jamett with six,

sophomore Stephen Benard with five, Zinkel with five, senior Carl Ghafari with four, sophomore Drew Jerome with two and freshman Ian Clark with one.

Liggett is 2-0 in the MIAC.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Lockhart stays positive after two tough losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the fifth time this season, Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team has lost a game down the stretch.

The Norsemen lost at the buzzer Dec. 14 at Rochester Adams, dropped a three-point decision at Utica Jan. 6 and lost by four Dec. 10 against Mott.

Last week, head coach Matt Lockhart watched his Norsemen lose 63-59 at home to Warren Cousino and 50-49 at Port Huron Northern.

"We're competing and playing hard, but the guys have to learn how to win and learn how to finish," Lockhart said. "We have some mental breakdowns at crucial moments and they have to be a little more mentally tough."

"We also have to be more consistent and I think we can get that."

The Norsemen dropped to 0-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 1-7 overall, but could easily be 3-0 and 5-3 with a couple of breaks.

The host team played it close with the Patriots, trailing 16-13 at the end of the first quarter and 28-25 at the half.

It was a 40-38 game with the Patriots ahead with eight minutes left and a fast and furious fourth quarter left the Norsemen on the short end of a 23-21 final stanza.

Three nights later, Lockhart watched his team build a 25-20 halftime lead and extend it to 42-34 after three periods of play.

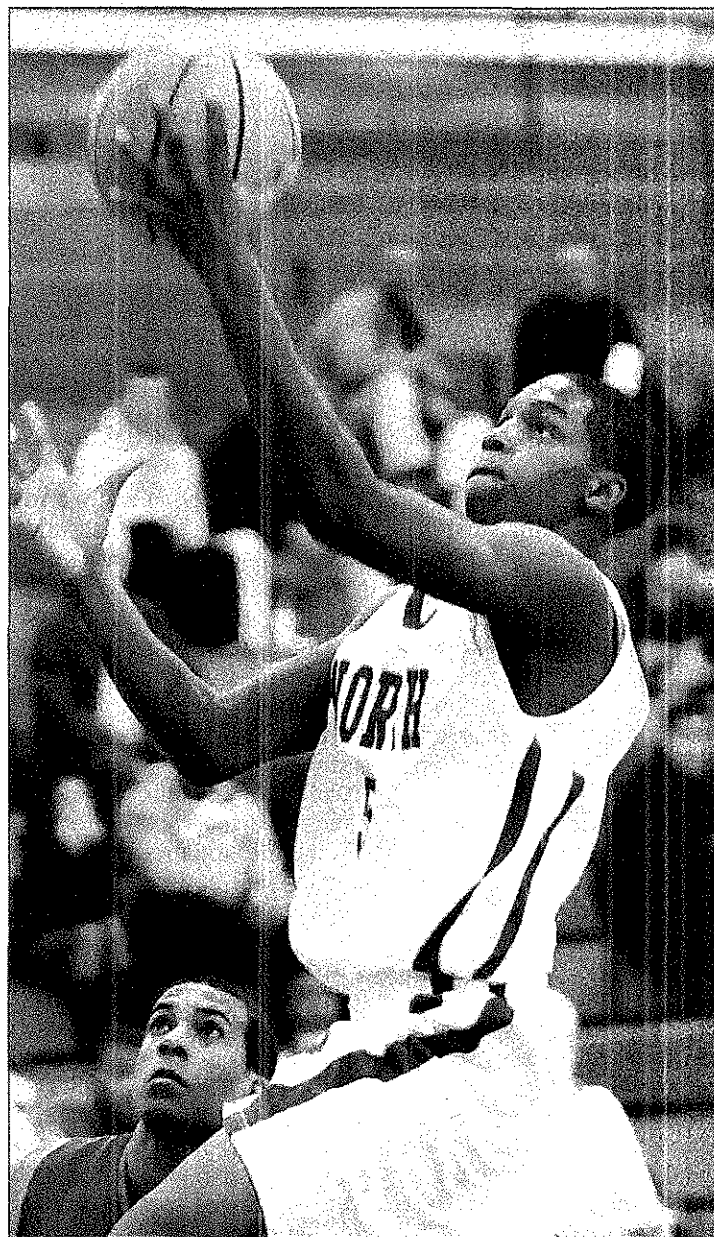


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Grosse Pointe North's Chris Collins, right, goes up for two points in the Norsemen's narrow loss to Warren Cousino.

The Huskies used a 16-7 fourth quarter to pull out the division contest.

Junior Will Ritchie had 17

points against Northern, while senior Chris Collins had eight and senior George Greer had seven.

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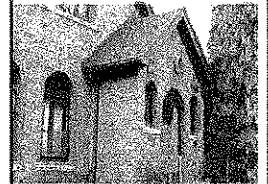
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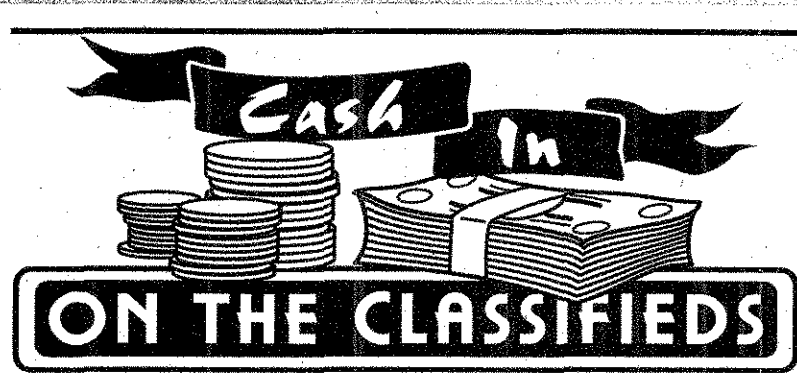
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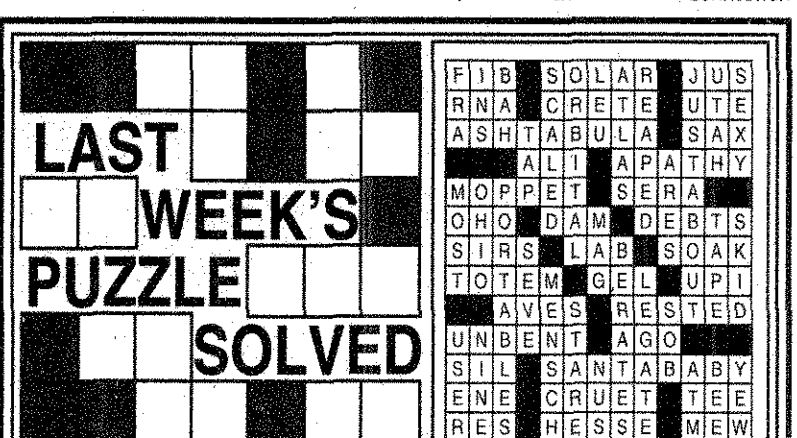
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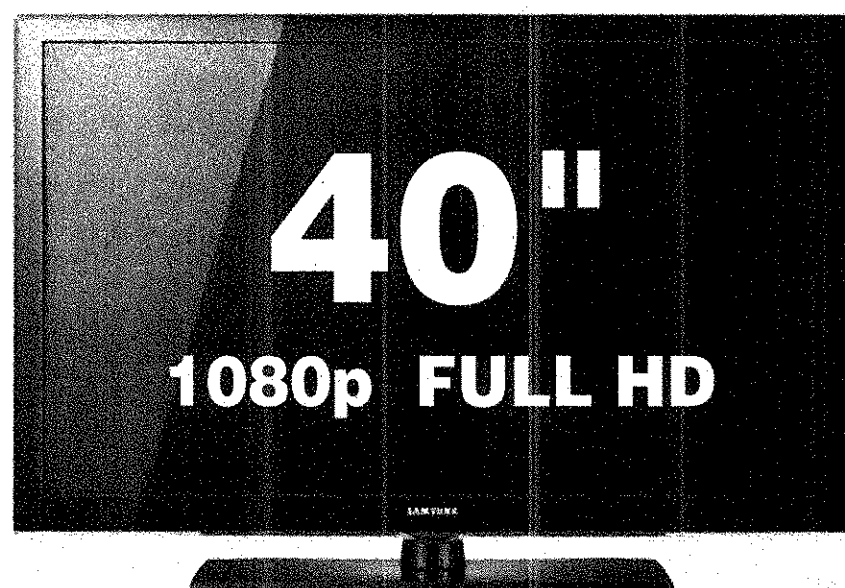
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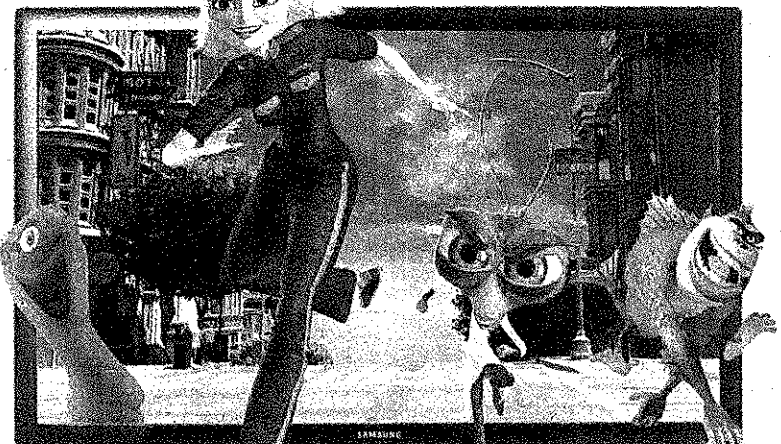
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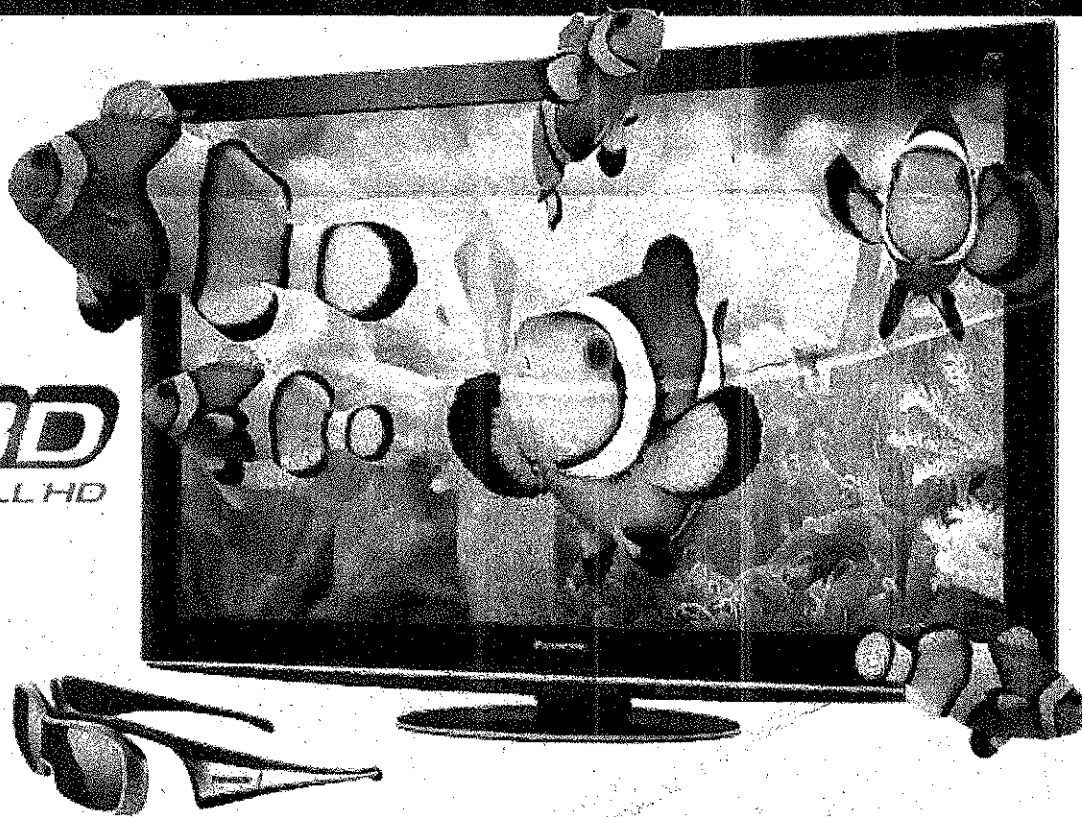
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River of ice

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's like a scene out of the Old West:

A wagon train is trapped in a canyon pass, hemmed in by Indians on the warpath.

The cavalry arrives, rescuing settlers and allowing the onward march of civilization and commerce.

The cavalry came to the St. Clair River recently in the form of U.S. Coast Guard ships Mackinaw and Morro Bay.

Both vessels were deployed to free freighters stuck in ice.

“Give a salute to the U.S. Coast Guard,” said Glen Nekvasil, vice president, corporate communications of the Lake Carriers Association. “They’re doing a fine job of breaking ice and keeping the boats moving.”

Mackinaw is a 240-foot, purpose-built heavy icebreaker commissioned in 2006 and headquartered in Cheboygan.

Morro Bay is a 140-foot ice breaking tug based in New London, Conn.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

John J. Boland downbound in ice off Windmill Pointe passing upbound barge Pathfinder. Boland, built in 1973 by the Bay Shipbuilding Co., in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., is 680 feet long and 78 feet wide. Pathfinder was launched in 1953 at Great Lakes Engineering Works in River Rouge, named J.L. Mauthe and put in service with Pittsburgh Steamship Co. Her stern was removed in 1996 and the vessel turned into a barge powered by a tug.

Operation Coal

Both ships were working in the St. Marys River off the eastern Upper Peninsula until dispatched to join other cutters in a late-season bid to keep shipping lanes free of ice

from southern Lake Huron and below. Efforts contribute to a Coast Guard mission called Operation Coal Shovel.

Cargos of coal and salt composes a significant portion of season-ending traffic on the lower lakes.

Trade in such commodities often continues after the main

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shipping season officially ends with the Jan. 15 closing of the locks in Sault Ste. Marie.

“It’s typical of us to have lots of boats running until the middle of January,” Nekvasil said.

The Lake Carriers Association, based in Cleveland, represents 18 American shipping companies that collectively operate 55 U.S.-flagged vessels on the Great Lakes.

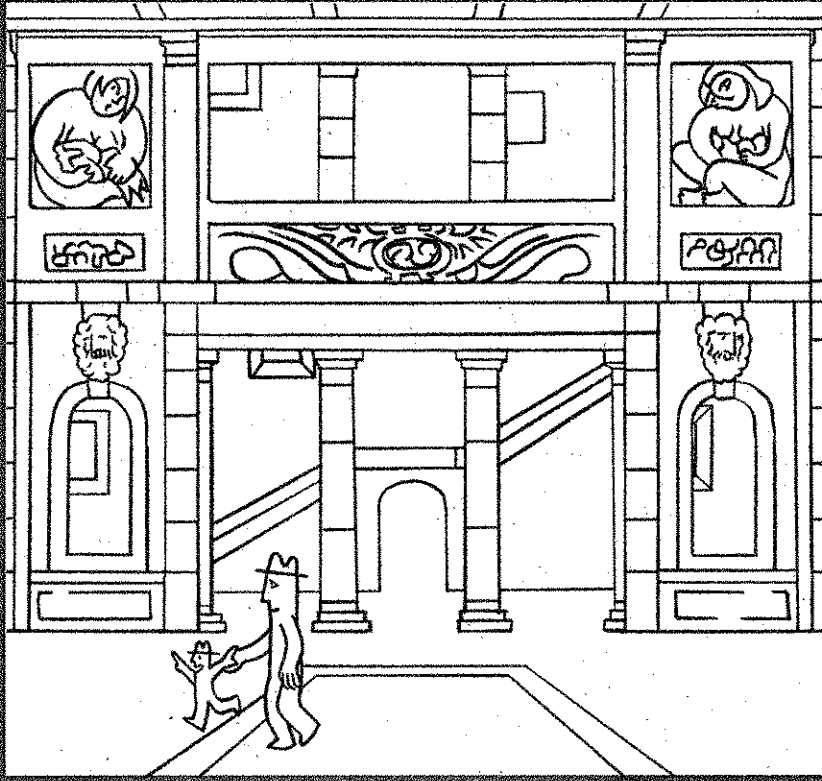
Ice is common during winter in the St. Clair River, which functions as the bottom of a funnel draining water from the lakes above.

Ice all over

“We have a huge mess of ice in the St. Clair River,” said Frank Frisk, a lecturer on Great Lakes maritime history, last Friday. “So much ice has come down into the river system, it has everything plugged up.”

Five icebreakers, including one Canadian, have been in the river system recently flushing ice.

“Harsens Island is surrounded by ice,” Frisk said. “It’s giving the Harsens Island ferry a run for its money. The north channel is a mess.”



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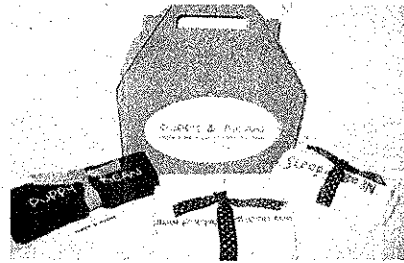
Puppy & Bean is a children's t-shirt company founded by Laurel (Kolinski) Krueger, a 1992 Grosse Pointe North graduate. The inspiration for Puppy & Bean came from her two sons, Nicholas (7) and Owen (2).

The Boom Boom Room is a gifting event for celebrity parents where there is an array of new and creative products for children. Some of the celebrity attendees this year were Scott Baio, Tiffani Thiessen, Nicole Sullivan and Jewel to name a few. Puppy & Bean onesies and t-shirts that resonated with many parents are: Sleepy Bean and Silly Bean onesies, Product of Imperfect Parenting, Some Needs a Nap, I was Clean when I started, Future Secretary of State, Catch Me - If you Can and MINE - I'm still learning to share t-shirts.



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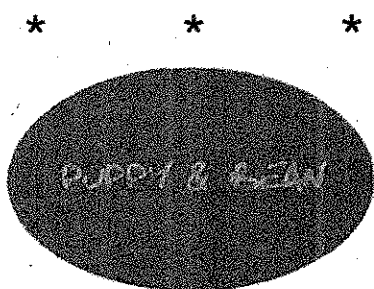
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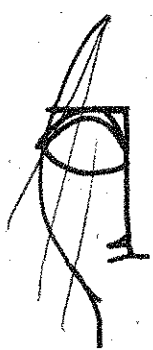
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USCGC Mackinaw breaks ice last year in the St. Clair River for the James R. Barker, the third 1,000-foot freighter on the Great Lakes when launched in 1976 at American Ship Building in Lorain, Ohio.

FREIGHTERS: Year-round navigation

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Frisk, a Grosse Pointe Park native, sailed the Great Lakes aboard freighters as a cook. He is a maritime consultant

for boatnerd.com. and docent at Vantage Point, a year-round riverside lookout in downtown Port Huron.

A good spot to watch ice-breaking is "any place along the Algonac shore," Frisk said.

Breaking ice is a yearly challenge for the Coast Guard. "Most of their vessels are getting old," Nekvasil said. "We're working with

Congress to see a new heavy ice breaker built for the Great Lakes. Either that, or transfer another vessel from the East Coast, or give the Coast Guard money to rehab vessels they have here."

The goal isn't to extend the shipping season year-round.

"We would need a significant increase in ice breaking resources," Nekvasil said. "We'd also need ice-capable

navigation aids."

Experiments with year-round navigation during the 1970s revealed a combination of economic and environmental concerns.

Shippers settled into a 10-month season that starts each March 25.

"Since ships operate 24/7, we need some down-time to do maintenance and repairs," Nekvasil said.

Firefighters lend a hand

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Grosse Pointe North High School freshman Lauren Brush was feted during a December fundraiser.

The Harper Woods Firefighters Local 1188 tended bar at Shores Inn in St. Clair Shores for an hour to raise money for Brush who has atroblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer. Between the customers, support from Eastpointe and St. Clair Shores firefighters and a \$250 donation from the St. Clair Shores police officers, the evening netted \$750.

"No words can describe how thankful I am," Lauren Brush said. "They have been awesome to us."

"None of us can fathom what this can be like," said David Micallef, Harper Woods fire-

fighter and paramedic of caring and worrying over a child with cancer. "We don't do it for the thanks."

Following the Dec. 14 fundraiser, Micallef gathered gift certificates, wrapped gifts from his department and a \$100 gift certificate to a dance apparel store in St. Clair Shores to deliver to Brush in late December.

"She's such a happy and nice girl," he said of the teenager who plays softball in Harper Woods and is on North's dance team. She takes ballet classes at The Turning Pointe in St. Clair Shores.

The 14-year-old also plays flute in the school's pep band and is in the school choir. She has been playing either catcher or first base for four years with the Harper Woods Recreation League.

The reason Micallef cited for

the extra effort is because the department was touched by the family's situation.

"This is a union shop and it has been instilled in me to give back. All the union shops in Michigan give to MDA. It's a good organization but I feel better doing something locally driven," he said.

This is the third time the Harper Woods firefighters have tended bar at the Shores Inn. The first two events

benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

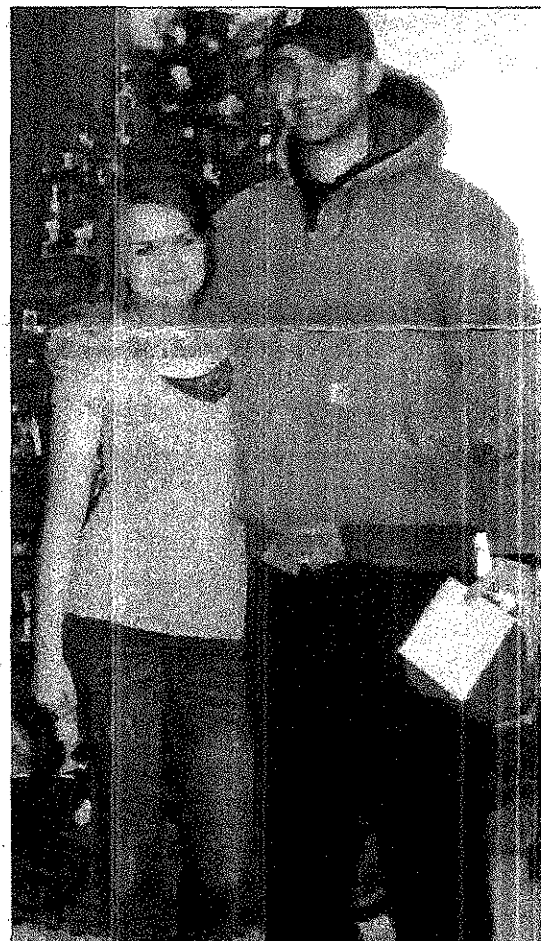
Micallef initially met Lauren Brush at a June fundraiser and said he enjoyed the first meeting and led to setting up the December event.

Brush has undergone radiation and chemotherapy treatments, said her father, Bruce Brush.

The chemo treatments are on hold, Lauren Brush said.

"I'm very healthy and fortunate not to be in the hospital," she said.

The malignant tumor in her left frontal lobe was diag-



Lauren Brush, of Harper Woods and a Grosse Pointe North High School student, was the recipient of the Harper Woods firefighters benefit.

nosed on June 25, 2009, the first case in Michigan in eight years. Two days later she underwent surgery.

"She never slows down," her father said. "She would be lost if she couldn't keep involved. She is such an inspiration. She's never really complained. She deals with the chemo and affects and moves on the next day or the next week and picks up where she left off."

The donation made by the firefighters will help offset the medication's expense, Lauren Brush said.

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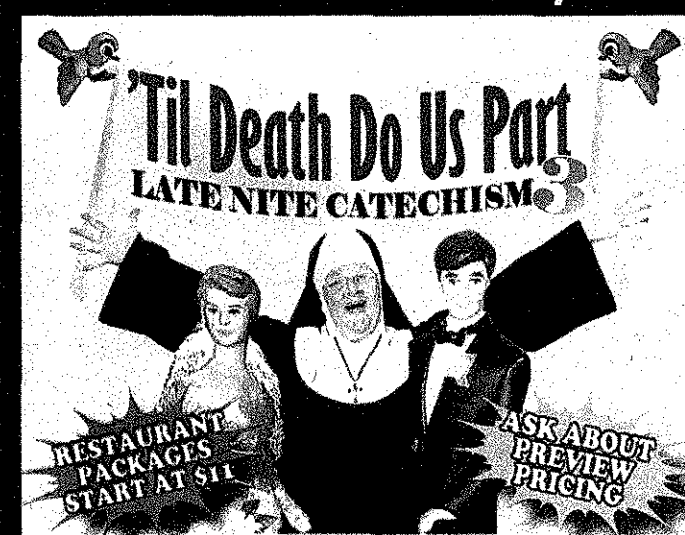


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Holiday ball raises funds for historical society

Dancing with Detroit's Stars was the feature attraction for the 2010 Detroit Historical Society Ball held Dec. 3 at the College for Creative Studies' A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education.

Karie Ross Dombrowski, former sportscaster and wife of Detroit Tiger President Dave Dombrowski, won the dance contest.

The society's fundraiser netted more than \$200,000, including \$38,180 from the dance competition and \$18,500 from the live auction. Proceeds from the event and auction support the society's exhibition and educational programs at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Other dancers who competed in the third annual event included:

◆ Radio personality, children's book author and actress Stacy DuFord;

◆ Karla Hall, vice president of the DTE Energy Foundation for DTE Energy;



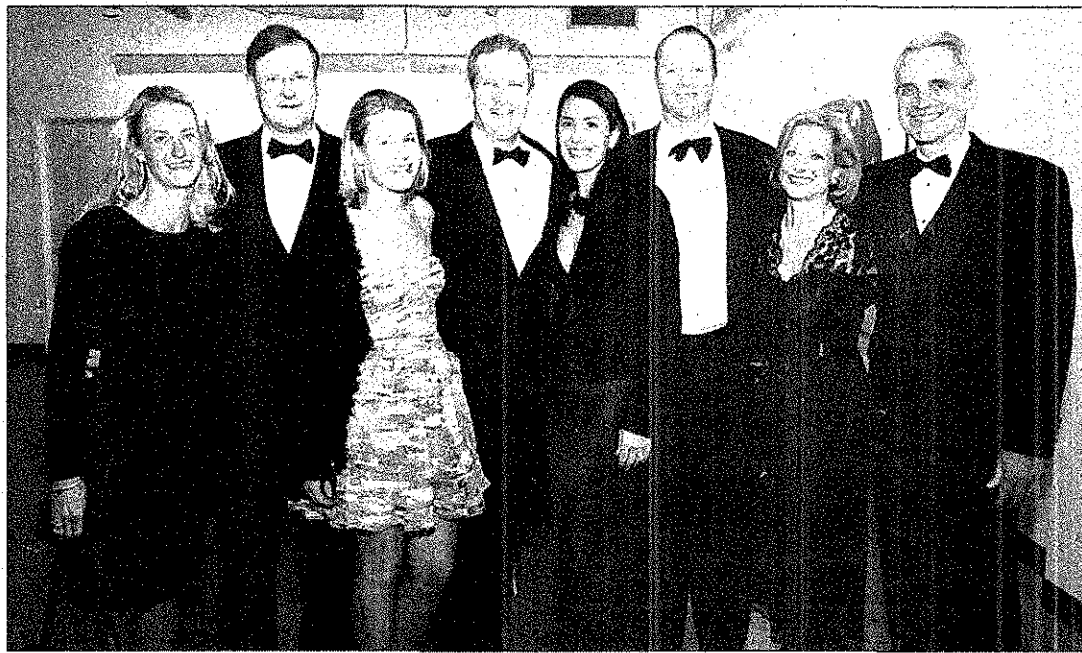
Kathy Brennan, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sue Nine, of Bloomfield Hills, Kristin Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Tiffany Douglas, of Detroit were co-chairwomen of the annual Detroit Historical Society 2010 Ball.

◆ Juliette Okotie-Eboh, senior vice president of public affairs for MGM Grand Detroit;

◆ Vivian Pickard, director of

corporate relations and president of the GM Foundation;

◆ WXYZ-TV Channel 7 morning news anchor Alicia



From left, Holly and David FitzSimons, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Lindsay Ford Buhl and society president Tom Buhl, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Therese and Scott Crane, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Mary Ann Bury and society executive director and CEO Bob Bury, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Smith;

◆ Peter Van Dyke, an account supervisor for Berg-Muirhead and Associates;

◆ Local attorney Norman Yatooma and his wife, Nicole.

The event was co-chaired by Kathy Brennan, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Tiffany Douglas, of Detroit, Kristin Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Sue Nine, of

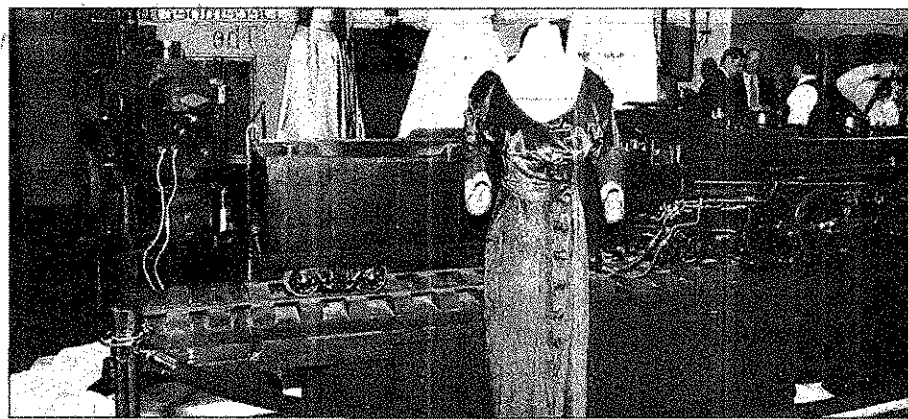
Bloomfield Hills. In addition, radio personality Jim Johnson and meteorologist Paul Gross of Local 4 News served as masters of ceremonies and auctioneers to the 300 guests.



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Showcase

The Detroit Historical Society brought a few of its collections to the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms to introduce guests to the society's Past Forward Campaign. The event was chaired by Sean and Nancy Cotton, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Alicia and Martin Krall, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Pictured above, from left, Detroit Historical Society Trustee Sean Cotton, Nancy Cotton, society executive director and CEO Bob Bury, Alicia Krall and society trustee Martin Krall. Above, right, David and Kristin Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, check out renderings of the enhancements slated for the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum to take place in the next three years as part of the Detroit Historical Society's current Past Forward Campaign. Right, A sampling of the society's collections more than 200,000 artifacts.



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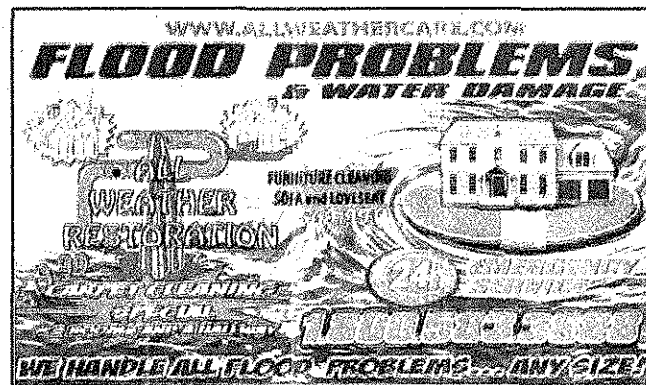
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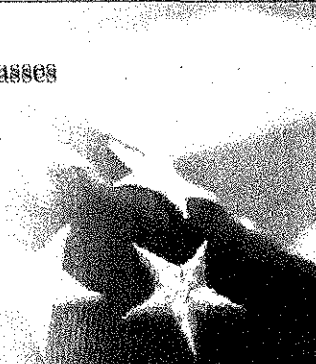
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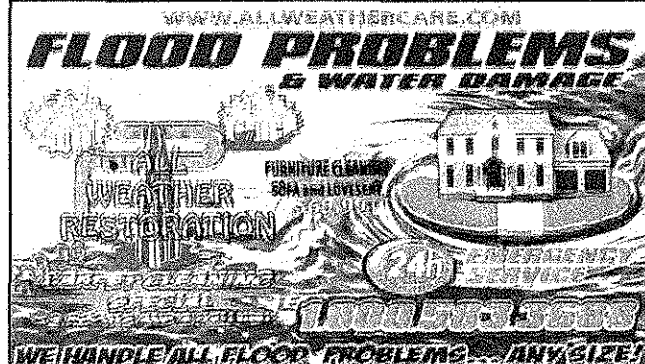
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Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Center of Lifelong Learning

A tai chi sword class is from

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 26, at the Center of Lifelong Learning, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. The class is 10 weeks and the preregistration cost is \$80.

Wooden swords are used. Instructor Janet Randolph is a bronze medal winner in the 2007 international competition in China.

For more information, call the center at (313) 885-8063.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe host Dr. Ginette Lazotte and Dr. Jaclyn Sommerville at its Thursday, Jan. 27, meeting at the City Kitchen Restaurant, 16844 Kercheval Ave., City of Grosse

Pointe. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Their topic is "To Hear or Not to Hear." They discuss the causes and solutions to many hearing problems, the latest developments and technology in audiology.

For reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikelele at (313) 884-4201.

Eastside Parkinson's Support Group

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Betty Rusnack at (313) 884-5778 or Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library begins its ninth season of classic book lectures with University of Michigan professor Theresa Tinkle at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her topic is "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe, a book about Dr. Faustus's action after selling his soul to obtain forbidden knowledge.

The cost is \$10 and payable at the door. The Friends members are admitted free.

For more information, visit The Friends website at gpfriends.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

An inspiration for justice

"Woe to you ... hypocrites! For you tithe mint, and dill, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others."

— Jesus Christ, Son of God, Matthew 23:23 (NRSV).

"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe." — Frederick Douglass Speech on the 24th anniversary of Emancipation in the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. (April 1886).

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — Martin Luther King, Jr., in letter from a Birmingham Jail (1963).

"and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" — Micah, Old Testament Prophet, Micah 6:8b (NRSV).

It is chilling to think social and political injustices could still exist as recent as our modern era. Even more so that it could exist even in 1999.

In 1968, Senator John Conyers Jr., D - Detroit, introduced a bill to the United States Senate to make the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. The vote was not taken until 1979. It failed. President Ronald Reagan later signed a

bill creating the federal holiday in 1983 for observance in 1986. However, it was not until 2000 all 50 states officially began observing the holiday.

I suppose we could claim "better late than never," but this is heartbreaking. It took 14 years for each state to finally observe a federal holiday. It makes me wonder about other social injustices: gender, the under-insured, age discrimination and all others we encounter. When we finally agree there is an injustice, and bills pass, it may take 14 to 32 years to finally find justice. It is no wonder King called his vision a dream, it is a desire that is far away.

My intent is not to discourage anyone from seeking justice. We must. Instead, my aim is for us to recall King's life and become inspired to work for justice. My objective is to renew confidence for those actively creating justice. Do not give up — the destination is long, but achievable.

One example is in United States history.

My understanding is the founders desired a place of freedom and justice. It was and remains a great goal and dream for all. My desire is for us to practice Micah's prophecy seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God and Jesus' demand to practice justice and mercy and faith.

In words, it is not hard to nod our heads in agreement, but we all know without practice this is tough.

Many of Jesus' teachings

are easy to hear and agree with, it is putting them into practice that is so difficult.

I confess I struggle with "love your neighbors as yourself." This command sounds easy and I agree I should love my neighbor. but it is tough to practice. I want to be like the lawyer attempting to create an escape clause by asking Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Unfortunately, the answer is anyone who needs mercy. Prayerfully, as followers of Christ we seek to follow his command showing mercy, loving our neighbor and seeking justice for them.

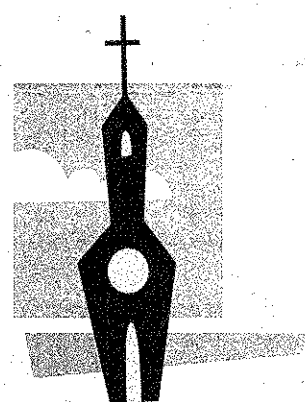
"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal' I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." (The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "I have a dream speech," Washington, D.C., 1963).

Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver is minister at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

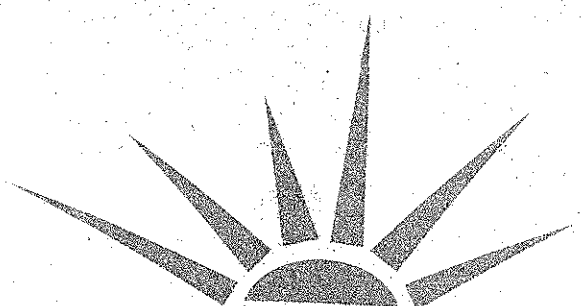


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Grosse Pointe Theatre offers comedy to lighten winter mood



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Clockwise, from left, Nick Szczerba, of Woodhaven, Annie Korda, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Delores Basile, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Matt Raya, of Sterling Heights.

The Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Relatively Speaking" in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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The plot involves Greg, a young man, who plans to marry Ginny. He unexpectedly visits the country home of a middle-aged couple, Sheila and Phillip, whom he believes to be Ginny's parents. Ginny shows up, too.

Hilarious events ensue as characters grapple with a tangled web of mistaken identity and misinterpretation.

The roles of Sheila and Philip are played by Delores Basile, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Nick Szczerba, of Woodhaven. Greg and Ginny, are played by Matt Raya, of

Sterling Heights, and Annie Kordas, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The director is Barbara Bentley, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and assisted by Mike Trudel, of Grosse Pointe Park. Bentley also designed the set. Lyndsey Briggs, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is the producer.

Working behind the scenes are stage manager, Mickie Pizzimenti, of Warren; technical directors: Bob Brown, of Windsor, Ontario, and Don Adzigan, of Grosse Pointe Woods; set dressing chairperson is Ruth Ellen Mayhall and properties chairperson Francesca Catalfo, both of Grosse Pointe Farms. Costume designer is Marie Delong and makeup designer Arlene Marie Schoenherr, both of St. Clair Shores; lighting designer Eric Leszczynski and sound chairperson Bill Tuthill, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Roasted parsnips



The parsnip is not a popular root vegetable. It looks (to me) like a white carrot and peels like one. The flavor is slightly sweet with a creamy texture after cooking. I roasted parsnips together

with carrots then tossed the cooked veggies with just a touch of butter and some chopped fresh parsley. Yummy.

Oven Roasted Parsnips and Carrots

2 lbs. parsnips
2 lbs. carrots
3 tablespoons olive oil

1 1/4 teaspoons salt
black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons softened butter
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Peel the parsnips and the carrots and cut into wedges. Place the veggies in a large bowl and toss with the olive oil, salt and pepper. Scatter the veggies onto a heavy baking sheet and place on the center rack of the oven. (Set the bowl aside.) Bake at 450 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, until the parsnips and carrots become soft and begin to brown on the edges.

Remove from oven and immediately douse the bake sheet with the orange juice. Use a spatula to transfer the veggies back to the large bowl then toss with the softened but-

ter and the parsley.

The parsnips and carrots taste sweet and juicy with just a hint of citrus from the orange juice.

Any citrus juice will do.

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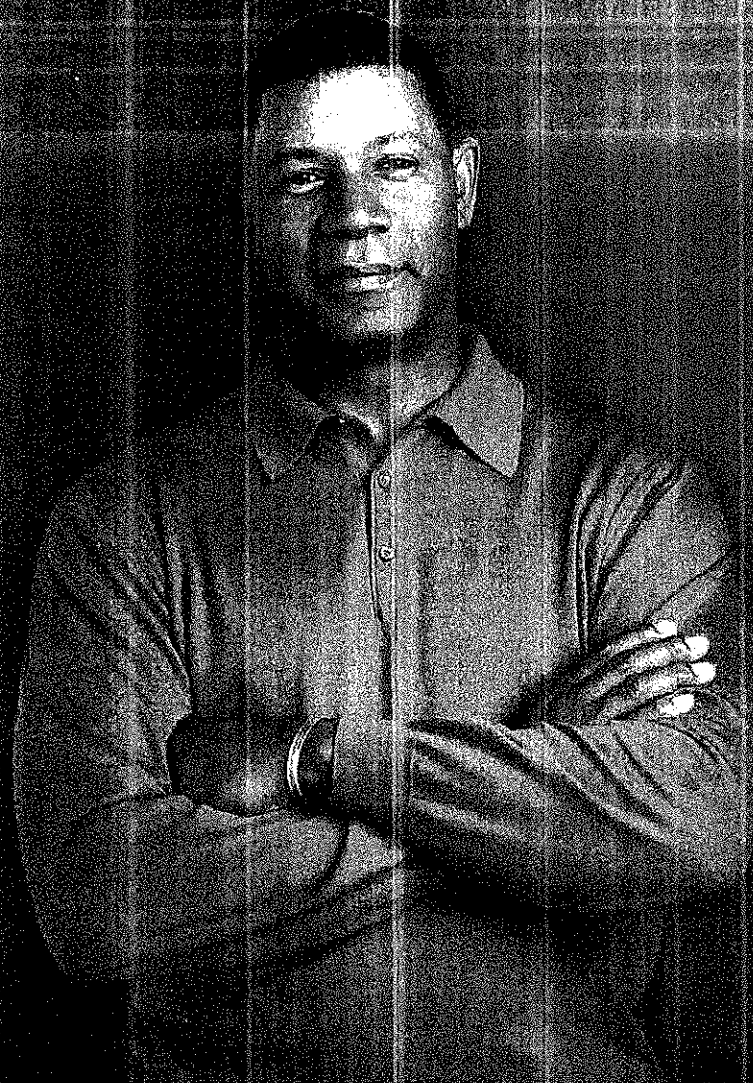
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