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**SATURDAY, JAN. 24**

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club is co-sponsoring its first Winter Wine Wonderland from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Farms Boathouse. More than 60 wines from around the world will be available. The advanced cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and \$30 at the door. Price included heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, beer and other refreshments. Call Tanya Naumenko Bartoszewicz at (313) 506-8447 for reservations.

◆ Debbie Brady, R.N., teaches a babysitters training course from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Girls and boys ages 11 years and up should bring a baby doll or stuffed animal and a sack lunch. The cost is \$55. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Farms and the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club host a skate exchange from 9 to 11 a.m. in the community center. A skate ticket will be given for each pair of skates donated. The ticket holder is allowed to select a pair of skates. For more information, call Cyndee Harrison at (313) 417-5558.

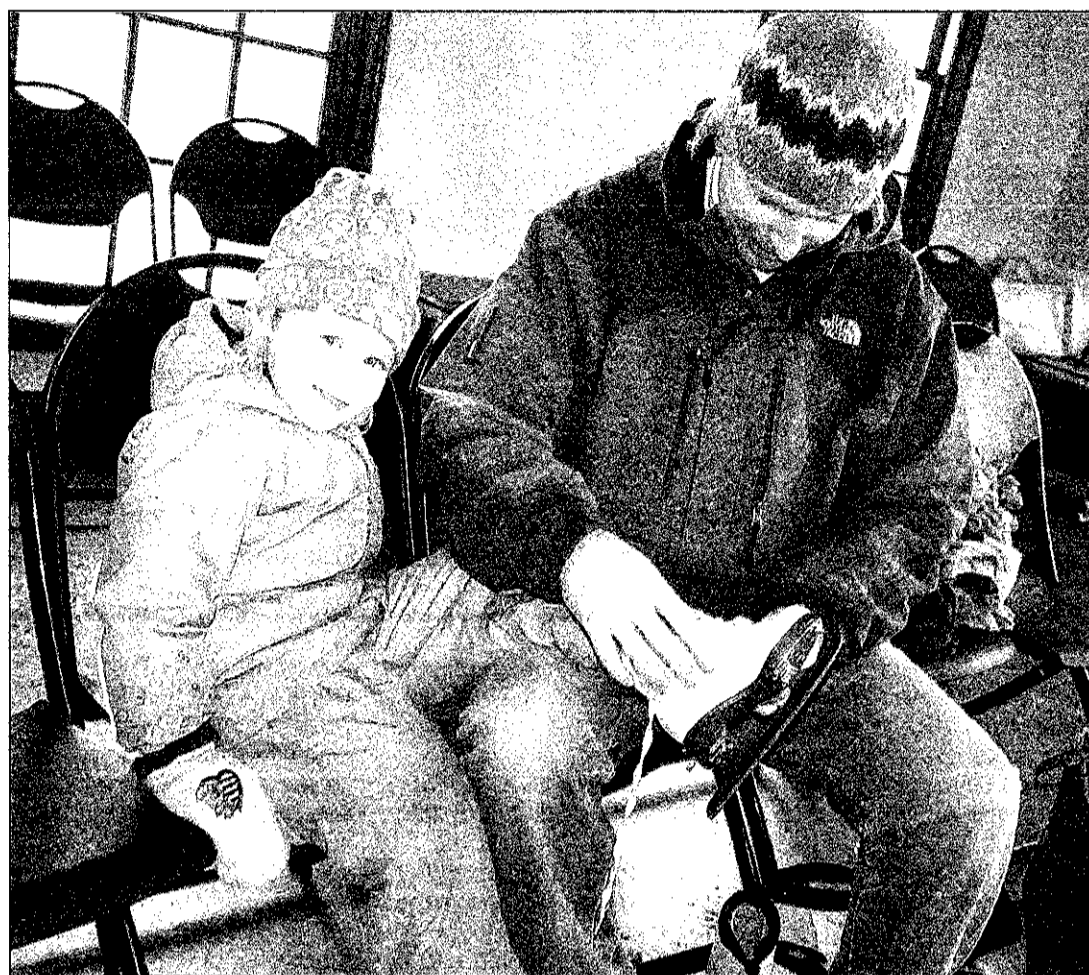
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**Ice Time**

At left, unfazed by freezing temperatures, families from Grosse Pointe Farms try out the new refrigerated ice rink at Pier Park. Open for just a few weeks, the rink is part of new developments in the northwest corner of the park. Above, inside the new warming house, John Doyle helps his daughter, Mara, lace up her skates.

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

## In sound financial shape

By Amy Salvagno  
 Staff Writer

For financial consultant Plante Moran, PLLC, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms is on top.

The top 10 percent, that is.

According to City Controller/Treasurer John Modzinski, the firm has placed the lakeside community among other clients that are in

outstanding financial condition.

"We have more options than most to ride through a financial crisis," Modzinski said, adding only a small portion of the city's budget relies on shrinking state-shared revenue.

During a Jan. 12 review of the 2008 fiscal year audit, Plante Moran partner Mark Hurst told City Council members the city received an un-

qualified opinion — the highest level of assurance an auditor can give, he said.

As a result, the Government Finance Officer's Association awarded the city a certificate of achievement. The national honor recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial

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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

## Serving up chili, winter fun

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

There's something for everyone at the eighth annual Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 at Lake Front Park.

A chili cook-off, a cookie bake-off, an inflatable slide and a SCORE-O competition will highlight the day, along with lunch and refreshments.

Last year's Winterfest drew a record crowd of nearly 600. City officials are expecting another record turnout.

"I think people really want to be outdoors, but with the weather we have had lately, they need some motivation," said Melissa Sharp, recreation supervisor. "We'll have lots for the kids and grownups to do and this is a great way for people to come see what the park has to offer, even in winter."

A free hot dog lunch will be prepared and served by the city's recreation commission. Registration is required and can be done online at parks@gpwmil.us or by calling (313) 343-2470.

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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

## Neighbors ask: Halt sign removal study

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

The state of Michigan may think removing stop signs may be a good idea, but some residents who live near them don't.

Grosse Pointe Woods began removing 38 stop signs at 23 intersections late last year in a program that will continue through August. Signs recently taken down at Moorland and Morningside brought Moorland residents before the city council Monday to express their concerns.

"I have lived at that corner for 40 years," John Brucia told the council. "I don't see the point in taking down the signs. It doesn't hurt anybody to keep the signs up. The only thing that slows traffic down is a stop sign."

"The other night, in the snow, cars were flying by. They weren't doing 25. A stop sign would slow people down."

When the city announced the sign removal program, it assured residents the affected areas would later be reviewed.

"We were assured by public safety that second looks will be taken if needed. But just because you want a second look, doesn't mean that the signs will go back," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

Those "second looks," according to Public Safety Director Michael Makowski, involve collecting data gathered from traffic counters, radar cars, tickets issued and speed wagons. But that can't all be done under the current

*"The other night, in the snow, cars were flying by. They weren't doing 25."*

JOHN BRUCIA,  
 Moorland resident

weather conditions.

"We can't put down counters in this weather," he said. "It will be well into spring before we can put data together."

Moorland resident Wayne Bolden said he hopes the study is concluded before the park bus begins its runs this summer.

"Moorland and Morningside is a regular stop for the bus and I'm concerned that without the stop sign that someone could hit the bus. The city needs to look at that," he told the council.

Woods Traffic Safety Officer Sally Beghin said the sign removal program is in accordance with federal regulations adopted by the state. Reasons cited for removing signs include studies indicating they don't slow traffic and stop and go traffic increases pollution.

Failure to comply with these regulations could result in a possible loss of funding to the city. But state mandates have not convinced Brucia.

"The state of Michigan does not live on the corner of Moorland and Morningside. That's my neighborhood," he said.

The council reiterated it will review and discuss the issue in late April or May.

**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*"It's a dream to play college football and now I'm going to get that opportunity."*

### Reid Fragel



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Age:** 17

**Family:** Father, Mark; mother, Deborah; siblings, Mark, Brett, Lauren and Maggie

**Claim to fame:** Made verbal commitment to play football at The Ohio State University

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## Yesterday's headlines

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50 years ago this week

◆ **MUTUAL FIRE AID PACT ADOPTED:** The city managers and fire chiefs of the five Pointes and Harper Woods reached agreement on a formal plan of mutual fire aid.

All that remains is for the agreement to be ratified by the councils of the six communities, after which the "kinks," if any, will be left to the fire chiefs to iron out.

◆ **WOMAN FELLED BY KITCHEN FIRE:** A fire presumed to have started in a rubbish bag under the kitchen sink was quickly extinguished before turning into a major blaze.

The fire cracked a water pipe and water flooded the kitchen. The homeowner was treated with a resuscitator for 45 minutes after being overcome by smoke.

◆ **FRIARS TAKE LEAGUE TITLE:** The Austin Friars clinched its fourth straight Central Division basketball title with comfortable victories over Notre Dame and University of Detroit Jesuit. More than 300 spectators were turned away at the door of the Austin gym for the game against Notre Dame and latecomers to the U of D game failed to gain admittance to the 1,100 seat U of D gym.



FROM THE JAN. 21, 1999 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1999: Klondike trail?

No, it's not, but with two feet of snow on the ground in the Pointes, it sure looks like it. Riley and Bridget Edwards of Grosse Pointe Farms found the going easy with snow shoes, which they donned to help get from their home on Vendome to Kerby.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **COTTAGE SAYS DECK IS NEAR:** Administrators from both Cottage Hospital and Grosse Pointe Farms agree the only problem holding up construction of the hospital's proposed parking deck is where to concentrate any additional traffic caused by the deck and an accompanying retail/office building fronting Kercheval.

◆ **PARK LAUNCHES TWO PUBLIC SAFETY STUDIES:** Fulfilling one of his campaign promises, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan ap-

pointed a citizen committee to study the feasibility of having a public safety department in the Park.

◆ **BUILDING BOOMLET?:** If the current upswing in home sales continues, new houses could be rising as fast as crocuses and tulips when spring thaws Grosse Pointe.

Three new subdivisions stand ready to be built, adding about 76 homes to the market. It would be Grosse Pointe's first construction boom in years.

◆ **SOUTH HIGH SCORES BIG:** The highly-rated Grosse Pointe Public School System has racked up another honor: Grosse Pointe South High School was named one of 14 outstanding Detroit area high schools in a survey by U.S. News and World Report. Grosse Pointe North did not participate in the voluntary questionnaire.

◆ **THREE ALARM FIRE:** Two City of Grosse Pointe police officers taking a break from excavating snowed-in fire hydrants at Neff Park looked up to see 25-foot flames shooting from the rear of a house on Rathbone. The fire gutted the kitchen

and a den containing computer equipment. Excessive smoke damage throughout the house was reported.

◆ **ARRESTS IN VILLAGE B&E:** An anonymous tipster, called Crime Stoppers and provided names of suspects in a Christmastime burglary in the Village. Two adults and one juvenile were arrested. One adult and the juvenile were Grosse Pointe Park residents.

◆ **PARK MAY CREATE OWN WATER SOURCE:** After several years of double-digit wholesale water rate increases, Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak announced the city is looking at creating its own water source.

City engineers determined the city could build its own water treatment plant for \$14 to \$15 million.

◆ **WOODS WATER RATES UP:** For the first time in eight years, Grosse Pointe Woods water customers will see a rate increase. Variable water rates increase from 78 cents per 100 cubic feet of water to 90 cents. Variable sewer rates will go up from \$1.93 per 100

1999

10 years ago this week

2004

Five years ago this week

cubic feet to \$2.02.

◆ **NO U-TURNS:** Police in the City of Grosse Pointe have been instructed to pull over motorists making U-turns in the Village. Whether a ticket is issued is up to the officer's discretion. Michigan's traffic code is clear about no U-turns in commercial districts.

— By Karen Fontanive

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## MONDAY, JAN. 26

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School's library.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. A board packet is available at each library.

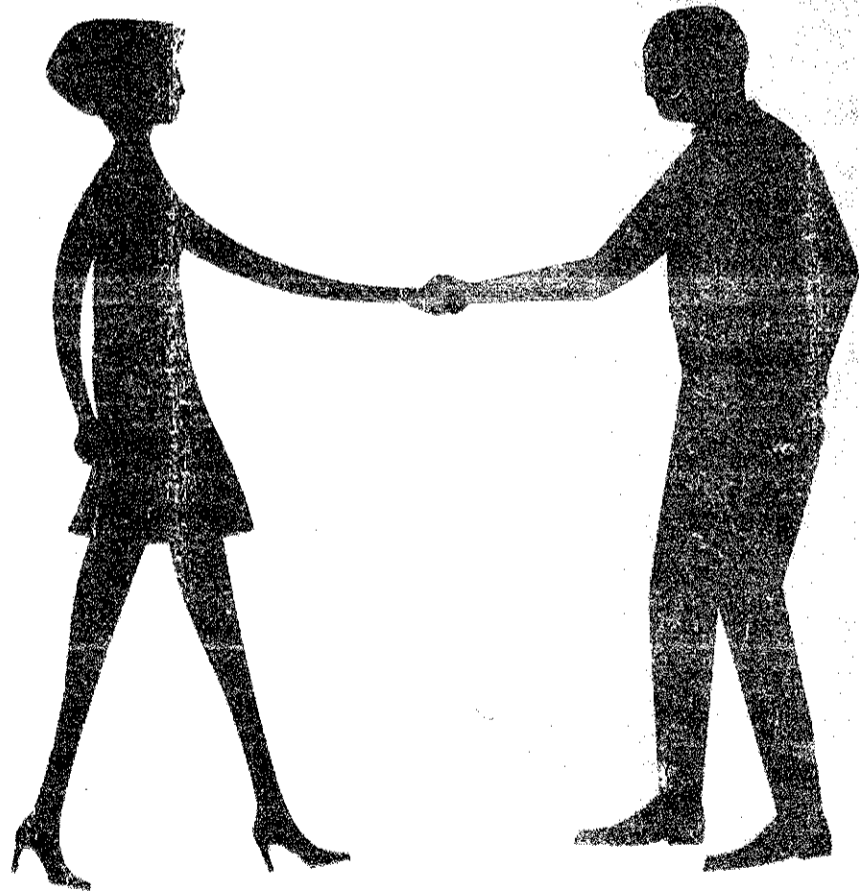
## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

◆ Adjusting to parenthood is the topic of Kim Steggles-Zapata's talk from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Connelly Auditorium at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadioux, City of Grosse Pointe. Call the Family Center at (313) 432-3832 to make a reservation. For more information, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

## THURSDAY, JAN. 29

◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the University of Michigan present Terri Tinkle, who will discuss Chaucer's human comedy in "The Canterbury Tales" at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free for Friends, students and teachers. The cost is \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

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# Families brave snow, cold for successful Winterfest

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Even with a steady falling snow throughout the afternoon, nearly 2,500 residents from around the Pointes trickled down to the Hill Jan. 10 for the third annual Winterfest.

Though the joint venture between the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department and The Hill Association drew about 500 less people than last year, it still kept the sidewalks along Kercheval bustling with ice sculpture spectators and secret-recipe chili samplers.

"The weather probably kept some people inside, but it actually became an asset because it created the perfect atmosphere for Winterfest. People enjoyed themselves. The crowds were very comfortable," said Dick Huhn, director of the parks and recreation department.

New activities quickly became the most popular, from cookie decorating at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, where more than 300 were spread with icing and showered with colorful sprinkles, to the broom ball exhibition at the Grosse Pointe South High School softball field. The Over the Hill team took on a group from Grosse Pointe Farms in a



Amanda Birkner receives an affectionate kiss from a member of the Thunderfeet Kennel Dog Sled Team.

friendly, yet slightly competitive match.

"The cookie decorating turned out fantastic. Henry Ford was more than emphatic with that. There was a lot of traffic in their lobby," Huhn said. "The broom ball demonstration went well. The ones that played it enjoyed it, but maybe not afterward because they were all bruised up. We hope to expand upon it next year, almost like a tournament



Teams were bundled up good to fight the elements and to secure the bragging rights of being champions of a broom ball contest.

with four teams."

All along the storefronts of Hill businesses, blocks of ice evolved into sparkling statues, from a sailing dolphin to the Eiffel Tower to a bottle of wine. Down at Richard Elementary School's Mesner Field, the returning Thunderfeet Kennel Dog Sled Team impressed those who came to watch their demonstrations.

Back on The Hill, two chili contenders were awarded for their spicy concoctions of winter's favorite comfort food.

Marcia Russell was selected as the People's Choice winner, chosen by the afternoon's passers-by.

"It was pretty exciting. I didn't expect it actually. There were a few others there that had me starting to think it was

going to be tough to decide," said the Grosse Pointe Farms resident who entered for the first time this year.

Russell got together about 20 of her friends a few times to test out different varieties of her chili. The most favorite included Italian sausage, ground meat, some black beans, pinto beans and of course, a top secret ingredient.

Jim Borgessi won for best overall chili, a decision made by three judges: Farms Municipal Judge Matt Rumora, Bella Café Chef Pete Maniaci and Grosse Pointe News General Manager Joe Warner.

While he's been at Winterfest for the last two years, this was the first time Borgessi entered the chili contest.

"A lot of people told me I should enter because I just use the basic, good old-fashioned chili recipe," said the St. Clair Shores resident.

His main ingredient is ground round — not too much fat, but just enough to bring out the flavor — and those who tasted the chili found dark kidney beans and a few tomatoes to keep it just sweet enough.

"I was excited. Mine seemed to go pretty quickly. That was another good feeling. I didn't know what had happened," Borgessi said.

Three lucky winners won in the grand prize drawings. Lynn Maksym of Grosse Pointe Farms had her name drawn for first place, winning \$1,250 in prizes; Andrew Bayster, also of Grosse Pointe Farms, won \$900 in prizes; and Matt Roberge of the City of Grosse Pointe won around \$650 in prizes.

## Young reporter to cover national events

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

At the age of 12, Nicholas Wu is part of the national press corps.

The University Liggett student is a member of the Scholastic Kids Press Corps. He is one of three in Michigan and one of 50 in United States whose assignments, given by Scholastic Editor Suzanne Freeman, are to cover local events which have a national impact.

"He will be covering national events from a local angle," Freeman said. "He will focus on the auto industry, health care and the entertainment industry."

Wu's first assignment is covering the 2009 North American International Auto Show.

He said, "I'll be writing about the cars of the future. I'll do things local — the big

things from Detroit," he said.

Two potential assignments for Wu may be covering the NCAA tournament in Detroit in March, Women's History Month in March and environmental stories for Earth Day in April, Freeman said.

Children across the United States will be reading his stories in Scholastic News, a classroom magazine for students in grades 1-6, and Junior Scholastic, a publication for grades 6-8. His reports will also be the Scholastic News Online, accompanied by video.

The videographer is whomever Wu can convince to tape the event for him.

Freeman said either a parent or friend is trained. "He is on his own. We give guidance but he kids have to learn how to do it."

The Kids Press Corps began in 2000 with the presidential election, Freeman said. The young reporters began with

coverage in New Hampshire.

"Kids need to see the beginning to the end of how we get our president," she said. "We hooked up with a school in Concord, N.H. and recruited (the reporters) and interviewed the candidates. It was a huge success."

The Kids Press Corps tackled both the 2002 mid-term elections and were out early in Michigan, Iowa, New Hampshire and Florida in 2004, she said. Again the project was successful with 80 reporters answering to her. Since then, Freeman has culled the number to 50 serving two-year stints. There are 25 new reporters each year so the experienced reporters can mentor the young ones.

Wu has some experience on the ULS school paper. Last school year, he wrote news briefs from his readings of the New York Times, The Detroit News and the Grosse Pointe

News. This year, he is the editor.

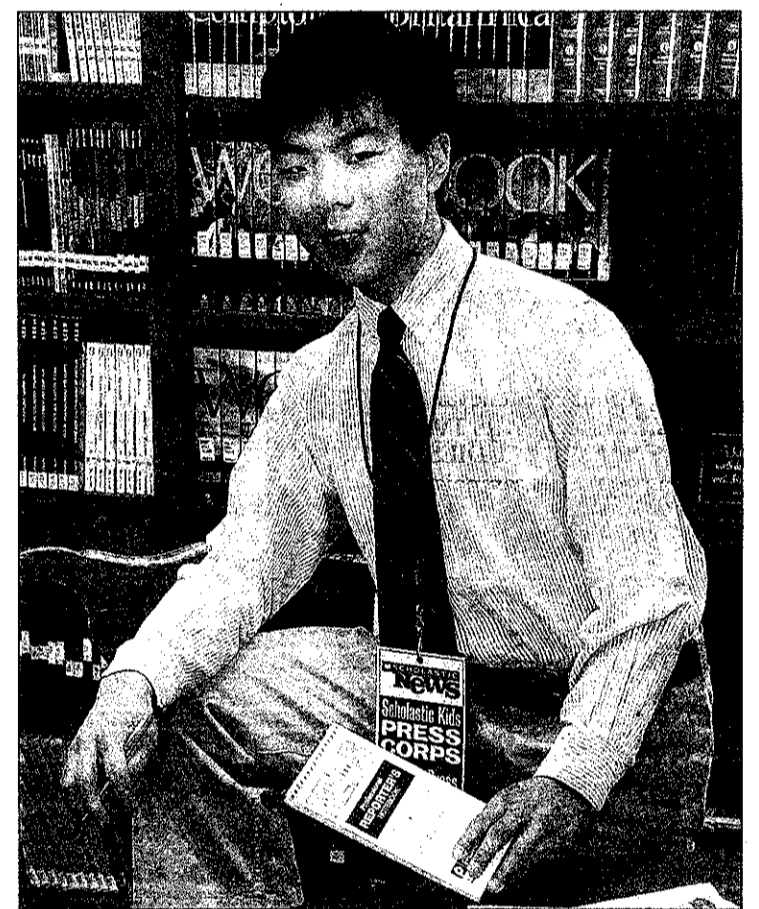
"Getting ideas is the hardest," he said of being a reporter.

Kids Press Corps members are chosen based on their applications, a writing sample about their hometown and a short essay on why they are interested in journalism. More than 200 students applied for a press corps position.

Wu credits his mother as the driving force behind his application because she discovered the want ad in his Scholastic paper. His essay about Detroit and what makes it special was his idea.

The position is unpaid but the experience is invaluable, Freeman said. "Kid reporters are celebrities. They understand the world around them."

She said Wu has important stories to write not only from the world of sports but the implications of Detroit being on



University Liggett School student Nicholas Wu of Grosse Pointe Park is a member of the Scholastic Kids Press Corps.

## Take extra care during cold weather

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It was pretty quiet around the Grosse Pointes most of last week, as frigid temperatures settled in, encouraging man and beast to settle indoors.

Though the Grosse Pointe Public School System was one of a few districts open Friday, the coldest day of the week-long siege, students at elementary and middle schools were kept indoors. Area private schools also remained open and held indoor recesses.

According to Mary Miller, principal of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, the decision to hold school is made in cooperation with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"Generally, we follow their lead on cold days, because our circumstances are similar," she said. "We don't have children waiting for buses and those children who might walk to school generally have access to a ride."

She said the staff made certain no students walked to school that day and that they stayed indoors while at school.

Schools weren't the only establishments keeping their charges inside.

Katie Callahan, barn manager at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, reported its 39 equine residents were starting to get "a little stir crazy" after being kept indoors for most of the week because of the frigid temperatures.



Harley and Winn are wearing boots to protect the pads on their feet and coats to keep them warm and help retain body heat in this cold weather.

Just like their riders, they are subject to frostbite, but unlike humans, they can't really complain.

"We keep the horses indoors when the temperature goes to below 10 degrees or if we have a sub zero wind chill," she said. "Most of our horses wear blankets in cold weather, but they are very susceptible to frost bite on their ears and can actually lose the tips of their ears."

Callahan and her staff hoped by Saturday the horses could get some outdoor time.

"They're calling for snow and temperatures in the teens, but even with the snow, we're hoping to get them outside, if only for a little while. They're more than ready," Callahan said in the tone of a mother with a house full of big kids with a bad case of cabin fever.

It wasn't necessarily quiet at

the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash on Mack Avenue in the Woods.

"It's just too cold," said owner James Mixen. "This is not a good week to give your dog a bath."

But good weeks will be coming soon, he said.

"A few days after a snow, the slush starts, then the mud, then the ground gets pretty wet, which means dogs start getting good and muddy. And that's good for us."

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

# Fragel headed to Ohio State

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Hard work and determination are what exemplify Grosse Pointe South senior Reid Fragel.

It's these attributes that have allowed the 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident to earn a college scholarship to play football for The Ohio State University.

Fragel gave OSU a verbal commitment to head coach Jim Tressel, but it will not be made official until he signs the letter-of-intent Feb. 5.

"I'm excited about playing college football for coach Tressel and Ohio State," Fragel said. "It's a dream to play college football and now I'm going to get that opportunity."

"I have worked hard to earn this privilege and I'm going to do the best I can to earn a degree and get playing time."

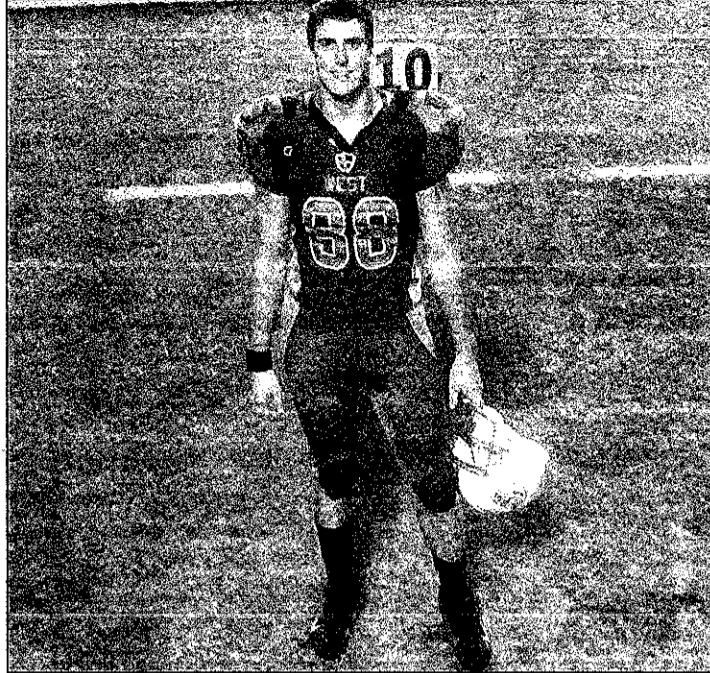
Fragel, who started at tight end and defensive end for South head football coach Tim Brandon, stands 6-feet, 8-inches tall, and weighs 255 pounds.

Despite playing most of the season with a cast on his left hand, he earned a spot on the Detroit Free Press' prestigious 'Dream Team.'

Fragel was also invited to play in the All-American Bowl, a national high school senior all-star football game played Jan. 2 at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., just minutes from Myrtle Beach. He was on the West squad that lost 29-3. He had three receptions for 27 yards.

"It was great playing in a game with such talented football players that will be playing major college football around the country," Fragel said. "The talent was amazing and I'm honored to be a part of this all-star game."

ESPN's recruiting tracker called Fragel, "A tall, lean tight



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE FRAGEL FAMILY

Fragel took time out after the All-American Bowl to capture the moment of playing in a prestigious national football all-star game.

end who is solid in both the run and pass game who is a competitive blocker and makes good initial contact. Should develop into a solid college tight end."

Fragel received dozens of letters from major colleges across the nation. He attended camps at Notre Dame and the University of Michigan, and seriously considered signing with Michigan State, Purdue, Maryland and Cincinnati, which played in a BCS bowl game earlier this month.

He suffered a broken thumb during the first practice with pads in August on the last play.

"I was making a tackle and when we fell to the ground, the guy just happened to land on my thumb that bent back too far," Fragel said. "I knew instantly it was broke and my thumb swelled up pretty bad."

He broke a small bone and required surgery to place three small pins. He was back at

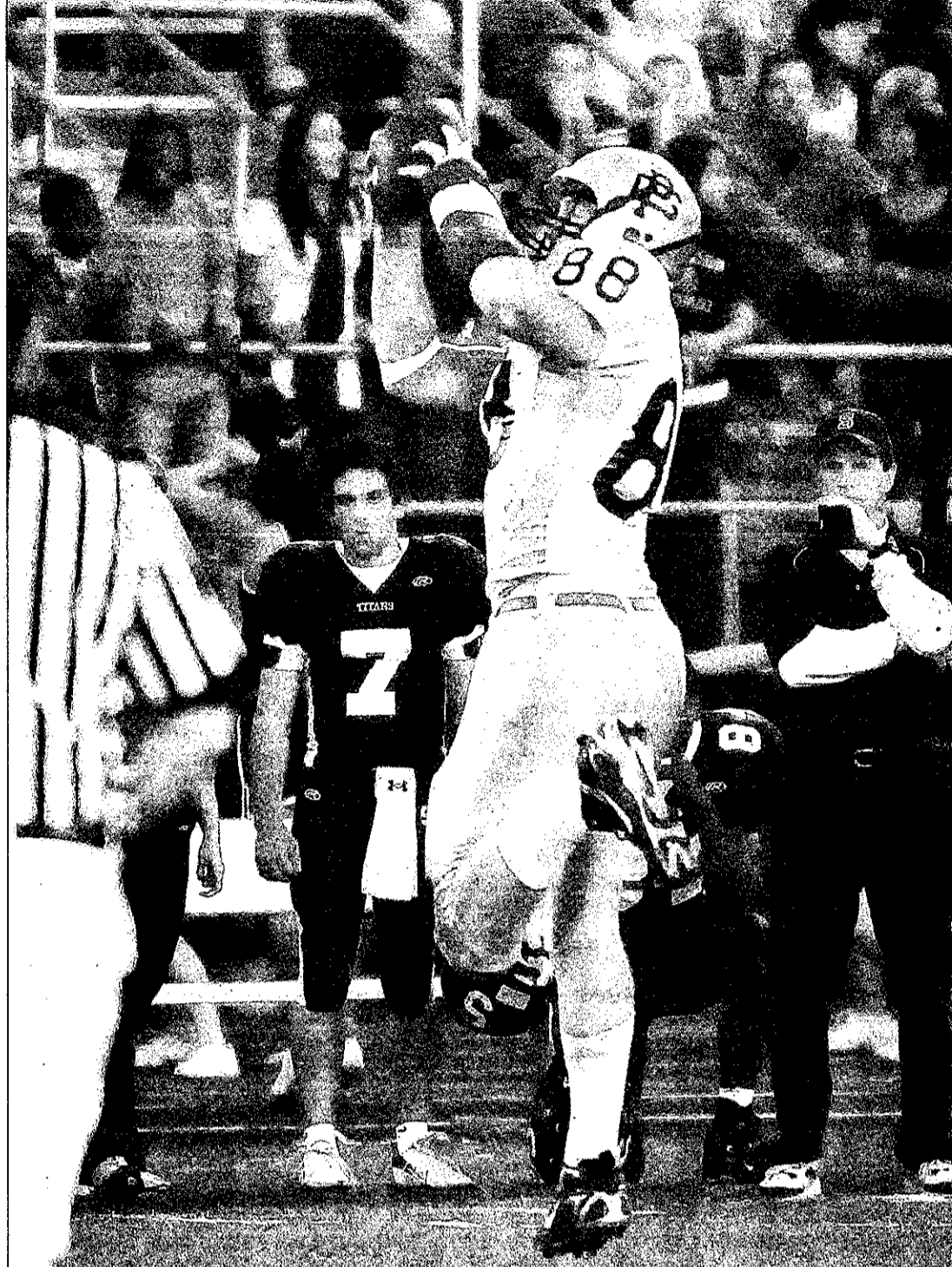
practice in a couple of weeks and played in the season opener with a thick cast on his left hand.

The cast limited his pass-catching ability. He only caught 16 passes this season, but was stellar on defense, netting 61 tackles, 11 for losses, four quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and one interception.

During his junior year, Fragel had 24 receptions for 330 yards and three touchdowns, plus 65 tackles and five sacks.

"I went to visit Ohio State and I loved the facilities, the school and the campus," Fragel said. "I'm happy with my decision and I was able to make an early verbal commitment so I could concentrate on playing football and not have to worry about making other visits and getting more calls from college coaches."

"It's an honor to be looked at by major colleges, but it sometimes gets to be a hassle because your life gets a little nutty."



Reid Fragel catches a pass during the Blue Devils' game against Sterling Heights Stevenson. He played most of the season with a cast on his left hand and wrist.

Through all of the hustle and bustle of juggling academics, athletics and recruiting, Fragel maintains a 2.8 grade point average.

"I'm going to concentrate on school and getting bigger and stronger to get ready for college," Fragel said.

He wants to pursue a business degree, but has dreams of playing in the National Football League.

"Everybody who plays college football dreams of playing in the NFL," Fragel said. "I would love to play professional football, but I know I'm going to have to play very well at the college level to get drafted."

"It's a dream and maybe it will come true because I'm going to work hard at Ohio State and get a business degree."

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime."

Fragel has set his sights on hitting the weight room as much as possible to get in better shape before he has to report to Ohio State 10 days after he graduates from Grosse Pointe South.

"I have to give my dad (Mark) and coach Tischbein (Geoff) a lot of credit for help-

ing me through this process," Fragel said. "My dad has driven me all over the place for college visits and coach Tisch gets me going in the weight room."

"He has some great workouts for me that will help me become a better football player."

Fragel, who bench presses 355 pounds and squats 415 pounds, was timed at 4.74 in the 40-yard dash.

"I want to play tight end in college, but if coach Tressel decides to move me to a tackle position, that would be OK, too," Fragel said. "I want to contribute and play at any position. I just want to be on the field."

Fragel has watched his fair share of college football and said he liked the way Vernon Davis played. Davis was a first team All-American tight end at the University of Maryland in 2005, leading the team with 51 receptions and the Athletic Coast Conference and had 871 yards.

According to several online sources, Davis set school records (in the spring of 2005) for a tight end in the bench press (465 pounds), power-

clean (355 pounds), index (797 pounds) and squat (685 pounds).

He finished his college career with 1,371 yards on 83 receptions, which was better than highly touted NFL tight ends Tony Gonzalez, Jeremy Shockey, Kyle Brady and Kellen Winslow II.

Davis was drafted in the first round of the 2006 NFL draft with the No. 6 overall selection by the San Francisco 49'ers. During his career, Davis had 103 receptions for 1,132 yards and nine touchdowns.

Fragel will join the Buckeyes in late June and will immediately begin preparing for official practice that starts in early August.

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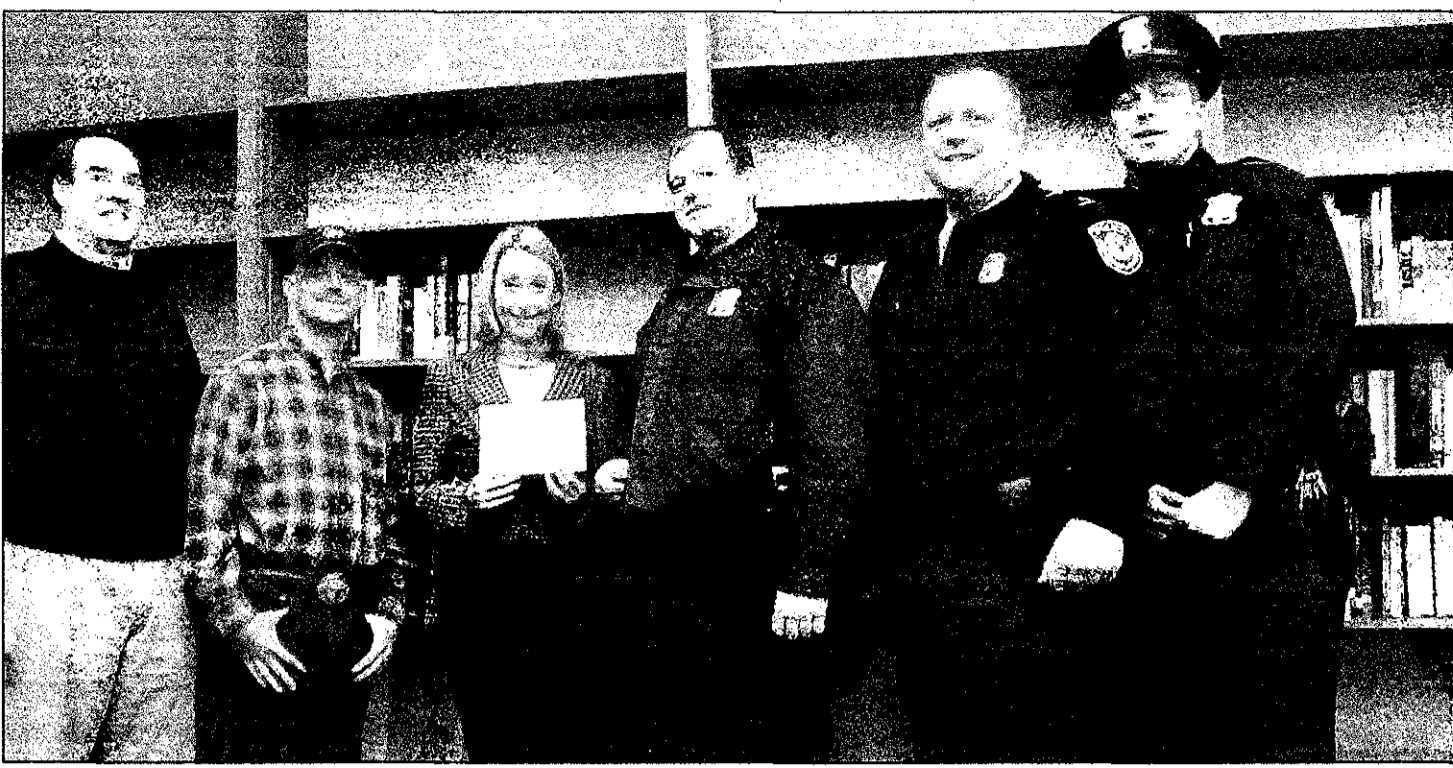


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From left, Fraternal Order of Police Director John Nelson, FOP President Michael Ghesquiere Jr., Sharon Maier, Grosse Pointe Farms Lodge 102 President Tom Shimko, FOP 102 vice president and Harper Woods Police Lt. Robert Hunter and FOP treasurer and Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Frank Zielinski.

## AUDIT: Cost cutting gets results

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reports.

The lengthy financial report states that Grosse Pointe Farms has maintained a strong financial position "as a result of the cost cutting measures from management's prudent budgeting practices."

The audit credits officials for securing and protecting the total fund balance by reducing the tax rate for the past five years, and maintaining the lowest operating millage in the Pointes. It also highlights significant financial activities, from construction of the new warming building, tennis house and paddle tennis courts at Pier Park to adding another \$81,800 to the already saved

\$162,200 to replace the fire department's pumper truck, which will cost \$300,000.

The city's combined net assets increased slightly to \$32.5 million, as did business-type assets, due to matured debt being paid off and cash flow from operations and property taxes.

The process of reviewing Grosse Pointe Farms financial books and records took about 500 hours, Hurst noted. New standards called for expanded, detailed documentation of city procedures, from payroll to assets. They became an integral part of the audit, added Modzinski — about 200 hours worth.

Councilman and audit committee member Charles S. "Terry" Davis III applauded the report and the efforts behind it.

"We are very appreciative of your work and we're glad to get another unqualified audit," he said. "We're proud of our city controller and the way that his department functions."

## FOP stands ready to assist residents

Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Lodge No. 102 Fraternal Order of Police wants residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to know their local police department is there to help, in more ways than one.

Each department has an officer designated as a trustee

to the FOP lodge, and the FOP has an assistance fund that stands ready to help families and charities in the communities.

According to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Sgt. Steve Johnson, people can make contact with the FOP by writing to the FOP — Grosse Pointe Lodge 102, P.O. Box 36307, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

"Our organization is always willing to consider requests for donations by both individuals and charities," said Johnson.

"All they have to do is send us a letter describing what they need, and someone will follow up with them."

John Nelson, a Grosse Pointe Woods auxiliary police officer, is past president of the Fraternal Order of Police

Associates, and is active in fundraising, which not only assists the police officers it serves, but the public as well.

"This past Christmas we donated five \$200 gift cards from Krogers to Services for Older Citizens," Nelson said.

"SOC was very pleased with the donation, but we'd like to do more. We're asking people who need help to contact us."

## Battle of the Bands at Masonic

What happens when you put two of the country's best swing bands and 500 dancers, many in vintage attire, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Masonic Temple?

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## CHILI: Outdoor fun in the Woods

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Cook-off participants must preregister with the park office, as space is limited. Set up begins at 10:30 a.m. with judging promptly at 10:45 a.m. Winners will be announced at

11:45 a.m.

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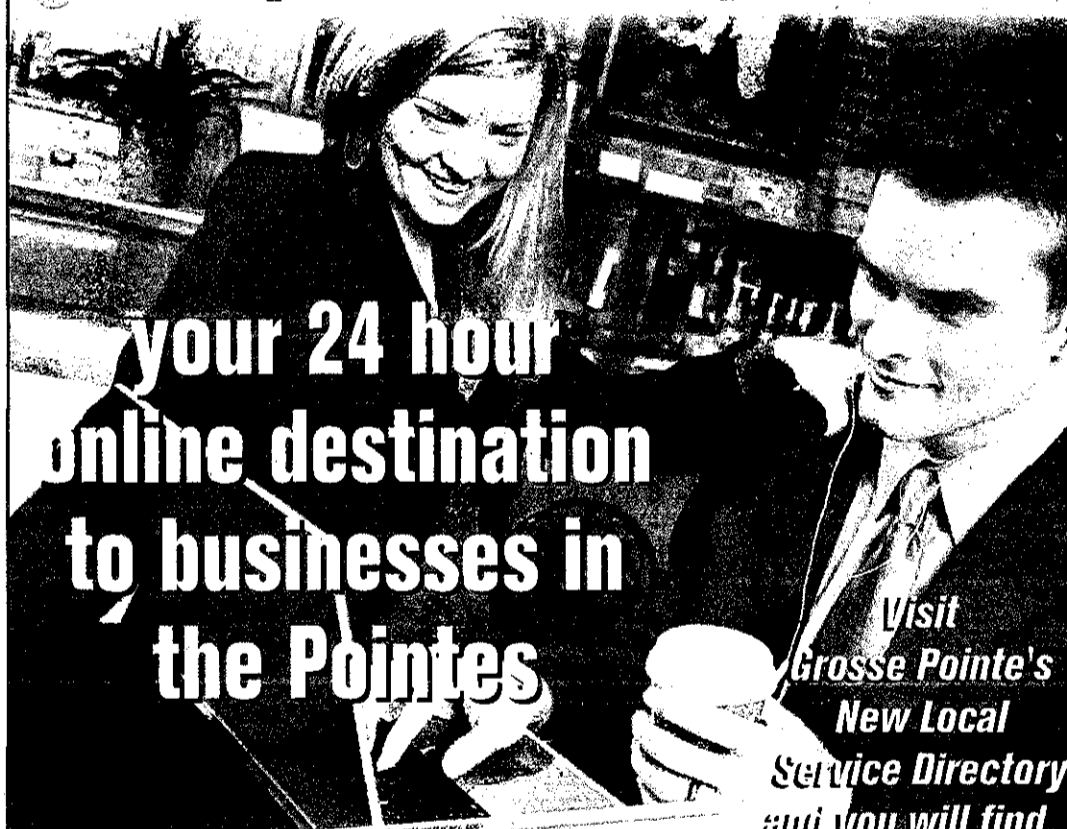
Judges are Councilwoman Vicki Granger, Councilmen Pete Waldmeir and Joe Suher, Mayor Robert Novitke and city attorney Don Berschack.

"They all take their duties very seriously," said Granger.

"But we also have a lot of fun. It's something that we all look forward to every year."

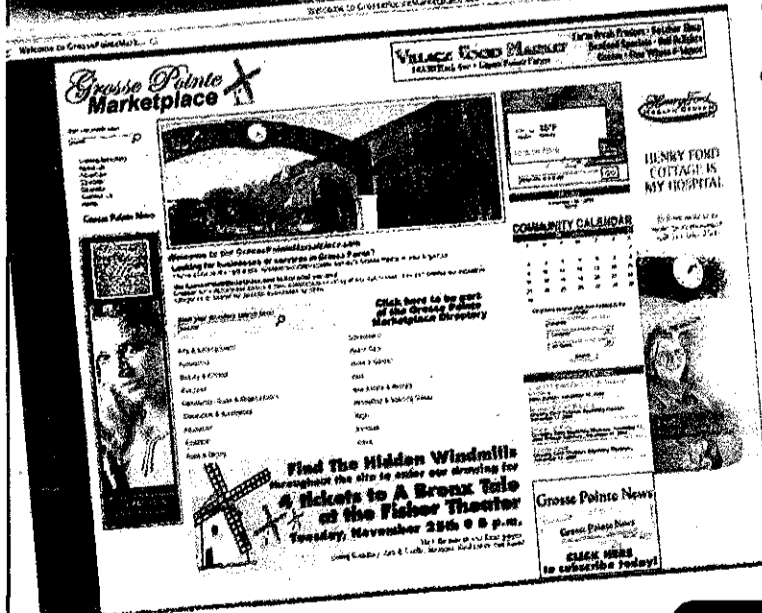
"I love Winterfest because it gets everyone out of their houses and gives us a real sense of camaraderie," she said. "It's great to see people we haven't seen because we haven't been able to get out as much as we usually do. We can all be together inside and just sit back and enjoy how beautiful the park is in winter."

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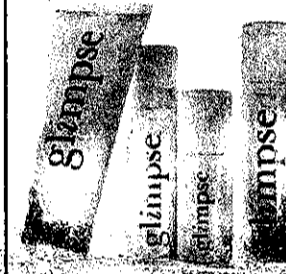
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## EDITORIAL

## Inaugural address

The following is President Barack Obama's historic Inaugural address:

**I**"My fellow citizens: stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors. I thank President Bush for his service to our nation, as well as the generosity and cooperation he has shown throughout this transition.

Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet, every so often the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because we the people have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebearers, and true to our founding documents.

So it has been. So it must be with this generation of Americans.

That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.

These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land — a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights.

Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many.

They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America — they will be met. On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.

On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.

We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of short cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life.

For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth.

For us, they fought and died, in places like Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sahn. Time and again these men and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction.

This is the journey we continue today. We remain the most prosperous, powerful nation on Earth. Our workers are no less productive than when this crisis began. Our minds are no less inventive, our goods and services no less needed than they were last week or last month or last year. Our capacity remains undiminished. But our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions — that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America.

For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act — not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new

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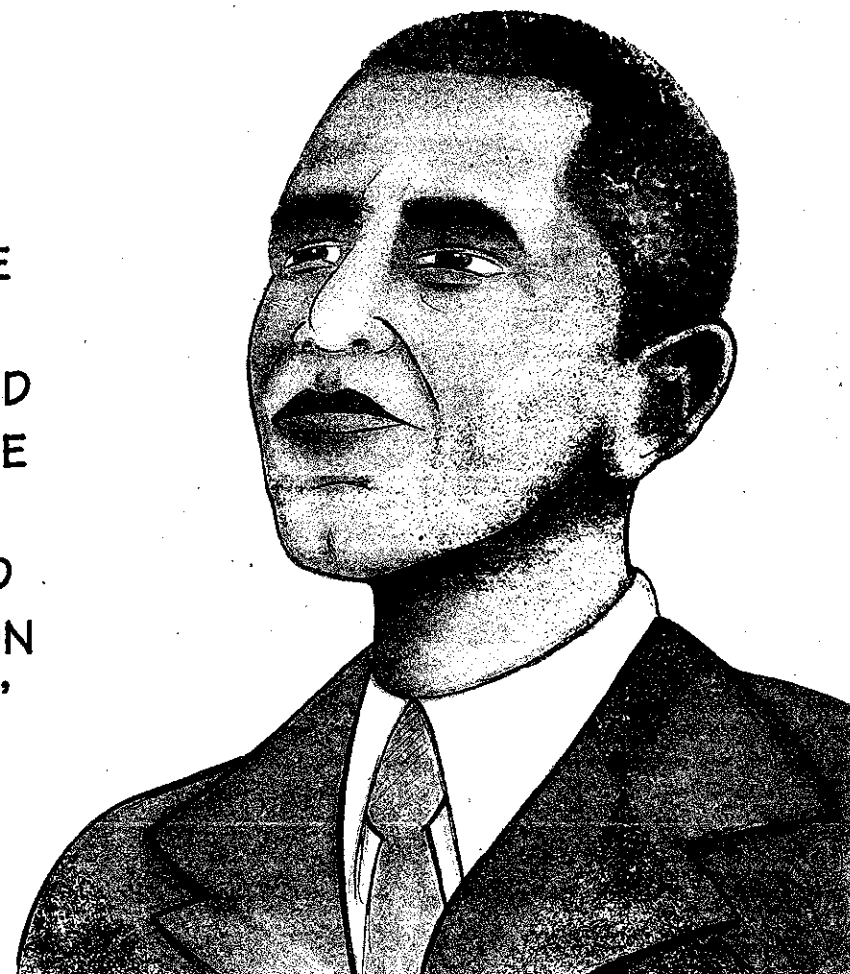
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## Leader Dogs for the Blind

To the Editor:

Thank you to those retailers who welcomed me and my Leader Dogs for the Blind puppy, Zoe, into their stores this past year.

We frequented Ace Hardware, CVS, Eastland Center, Fresh Farm's Market, Kroger in The Village, Panera Bread, Subway on Fisher Road, and many others.

Because of your willingness to have us in your stores, you contributed in a big way to Zoe successfully completing her training. This past fall, she was

placed with a young man in Detroit who now confidently lives independently and continues his work as a counselor for at-risk youth in Wayne County.

There are about 400 puppies from the Rochester Hills-based Leader Dogs for the Blind group being fostered in the Detroit area. These puppies are not "pets" and are easily identified in public by the light blue bandanas and jackets they wear printed with the organization's logo.

Having the ability to expose the puppies to a variety of environments is an invaluable training tool that leads to the continued success of the organization.

When a puppy is successfully trained and placed with a visually impaired person, that person has the ability to move throughout their day in ways sighted people may take for granted.

Currently, my family is raising another puppy for the group, a black Labrador named "Victor." As before, you will see us as we run errands around town in an effort to successfully "socialize" him.

Please know we continue to greatly appreciate you welcoming us into your places of business.

LISA BAIRD  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Southern ridicule

To the Editor:

Normally, I do not concern myself with what Bill Kalmar writes about in his column for the Grosse Pointe News.

That he is entirely more prolific than his writing ability can sustain is not reason enough to write a letter to a newspaper editor. Nor to wish ill will to a writer who probably is, in more ways than not, a pretty decent

guy. But I must respond to Kalmar's mercifully short column, "A Christmas wish for the South," printed in the Dec. 18 Grosse Pointe News. It's about our fellow Americans who just happen to live in the South, along with their occasionally obtuse legislators.

I'm thinking about Southerners like my sister, brother-in-law and two nieces, along with their extended families. I'm also thinking about Southerners like I used to be and like people I used to work with when I lived in Virginia — which maybe isn't south enough to call its residents "rednecks" named "Skeeter" and "Possum." But Virginia was part of the Confederacy, so it dovetails rather well with some of Kalmar's threadbare stereotyping.

Given my modest exposure to the people of the South, I would say their biggest flaw is they generally are like us more than they are not, right down to the choices they make for congressional representation. They

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## GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

## The opinings of a cranky old man



**T**he other day, a friend of mine mentioned that after reading several of my columns he concluded I was a "cranky old man."

As I looked back on some past articles, I have to agree that at times I assumed that role. But I would rather liken my opinions to that of a curmudgeon — an ill-tempered old man — which sounds less threatening.

For those of you who may share my friend's opinion, I will not disappoint you in this column. In the words of anchorman Howard Beale (aka Peter Finch) from the movie "Network," "I'm mad as hell and won't take it anymore."

Permit me to depart from my resolutions to be more sensitive to offer some issues that have been troubling me of late.

◆ Have you noticed that attending movies, Broadway plays and sporting events has taken on a new look? That "look" is the emergence of small babies being carted around by doting and adoring parents.

Mary and I attended a showing of the play, "White Christmas," recently and had to endure the cries, whimpers and restlessness of countless tots under the age of 2. If one can afford a ticket to a play, then

please have someone watch your offspring so the rest of us can enjoy the presentation.

While watching the NFL games and the bowl games over the past two weeks, it seems the cameras always hone in on someone's baby. Why do people find it necessary to bring junior to an event that is strictly for adults? Inevitably my seat is always next to one of these drooling, precocious imps. Don't get me wrong. We have 11 grandchildren that we love dearly — but not dearly enough to bring the younger ones to a sporting event. Is it just me or do you agree?

◆ And speaking of children, how about the 6-year-old in Virginia who missed the school bus, took his mom's car keys and attempted to drive to school while she slept! The lad drove nearly six miles, made two 90-degree turns, passed several cars on a rural two lane highway before crashing into a utility pole only a half a mile from school. Fortunately he suffered only minor injuries.

His parents were charged with child endangerment. The boy told police he learned to drive by playing "Grand Theft Auto" and "Monster Truck" video games. I hope the parents were jailed for allowing him to play these games rather than his taking the keys to the car.

◆ Just when you thought you had heard it all, how about this for a headline: "Angry 4-year-old shoots babysitter after he accidentally stepped on child's foot." Sounds like another instance where the parents should be charged with child

endangerment.

My question is why was a gun left unattended in the home and why does a 4-year-old know where it is stored? Probably another case of the child playing a violent video game where he learned how to shoot a weapon!

Fortunately, the babysitter had only minor injuries and was treated for pellet wounds to his arm and side.

I want these parents in jail along with the parents of the 6-year-old driver from Virginia!

◆ Are you ready for digital-only broadcasting for your TV on Tuesday, Feb. 17? We have been inundated with conversion information for years and yet just the other day we learned that only 90 percent of the populace is aware of the change.

Cities that have experimented early with the changeover report that thousands of people were unaware what happened to their TV when the test change was made. This 10 percent of the population probably still think Truman is president and are unaware that we have had men on the moon.

These are the uninformed, witless people of society. Is it any wonder that our national political process is in such disarray when we have people such as this entering the voting booth!

◆ When did sports take over family life? Seems some coaches make practice mandatory wherein missing a practice means removal from the team, inability to play the next game, or a series of push-up and laps for 20 minutes. I am aware of coaches who issue this edict:

Don't sign up for this team if you plan to be away for the holidays, or family vacations.

I'm not talking about college players, I'm talking about grade school athletes! Let's not forget the games that are scheduled for Mother's Day and never Father's Day, of course, because that's when the coach plays golf all day.

Let's somehow convey to these destroyers of the family unit that we will not tolerate an environment where sports is first and family is being relegated to somewhere in the background.

Let's look at the numbers: There are 32 football teams and 30 baseball teams in our country comprising a total of 2,190 professional players. Every parent seems to have an idea that their offspring will be one of those players. With tens of millions of our children playing sports, the odds are overwhelming that junior will make the team. So let's be bold and get back to playing for fun and tell the coaches "we won't take it anymore."

I'm now taking a deep breath, turning on a recording of Frank Sinatra singing "My Way" and slipping into my Lazy Boy chair. I plan to watch an NFL Playoff game. Just hope I don't see any toddlers in the stands!

And keep in mind the words of Mark Twain: "When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it happened or not." And for me, this was one of those days!

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Remembering one leader and welcoming the next



I wish there was an old southern spiritual song playing or a gospel singer humming in the background because that would really fit as you read this.

I'm curious, what did you do on Martin Luther King Jr. Day? Did you take a moment to remember that time in the early 60s? Did you march, listen to his speech or did you just go about your day like it was a Monday? Or did you do both, go about your day, but still remember?

I remembered and I do so every year because that time had a profound impact and the "I Have a Dream" speech is one of the most powerful speeches ever written. While living in a small college town in Colorado, every year on MLK day we would begin on the university campus and — because the police would close off one

side of the street — we would march to the center of town where they had a birthday cake for King, a recording of his speech playing in the background and one or two speakers and singers.

It wasn't anything like the march on the mall, but to us it was very moving for our small part of the world to come together to remember and celebrate.

Did you know Martin Luther King spoke at Grosse Pointe South High School March 14, 1968 and at St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park in the 60s? People protested in front of the church when he came which just boggles my mind. What were they protesting? That he was peaceful; that he promoted love instead of hate; or that he believed one day we could all live together in harmony? Or were they really protesting because of their own fear and ignorance?

When I worked in a newly opened local charter school a few years ago, the students did not get MLK day off. By the third year the kids complained, saying they should not have to

come to school because their friends had the day off. So because their friends weren't in school, they decided that they shouldn't be either and began flooding the office to call for a ride home.

Ok, I told the students, I understand, so tell me, what will you do when you go home? Oh we're not going home one student said, we are going to a movie. Another said they were going to the mall.

What? Aren't you doing anything to remember why this day is so important that the government declared it a holiday? Don't you understand why people of all colors march together and listen to King's speech, why people gather at the only mall in the country without stores and come together to commemorate a great man's life and still hold a belief in his dream?

They looked at me like I was crazy and didn't understand teenagers. I understood them. I used to be them once upon a time. I thought about when I was in high school and realized I couldn't even remember if we were given the day off back

then and if we did what did I do? So I can't fault these kids, but I can be sad that they were missing something so important as I hear parents voices in the back of my mind say things like, "it's the age," "that's just how they are" — well that is how they will stay if we don't instill in them the idea of service, help them understand why this event and the idea of it is important and why what was done then matters today.

We have a chance to do something for the generations who are now growing up and for the generations who have not yet arrived.

President Barack Obama called for a day of service on MLK day and many people answered that call. On television that day and the eve before his inauguration, Obama said we will come together as one people on the same mall where King's dream echoes still.

I hope these kids are excited about our new president. I am thrilled he will be leading our country because I believe he embodies the word leader and all it means. King said in his speech he hopes one day his

children will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Obama represents that dream and he holds in his presidency the renewal of our American dream because he is strong of character. I like that he took the oath of office using Lincoln's inaugural Bible. That was a powerful statement. I like that he is half black and half white, a mixture of races, a blend of colors, because to me that means he brings the best of both worlds — and isn't that what we marched for, what we wanted all this time?

It is interesting in his speech King spoke of coming to our nation's Capitol to cash a check because, he said, when the words of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence were written, they were signing a promissory note to benefit every American, but that America had defaulted on that note to the Negro people.

Unfortunately, it wasn't the first time America in the form of government had abandoned its children, just ask the Native Americans. Now with Obama as our newest president, we be-

lieve he will succeed in getting all Americans, no matter their color, another check. And this time it will be worth the paper it was written on. Obama will see to it that this time every American benefits from that promissory note, even though the insufficient funds left from the last administration is a debt our children will probably still be paying for generations to come. Our nation will know through Obama's leadership, hope and fresh ideas that the check written so long ago can not only be cashed but passed on to their children.

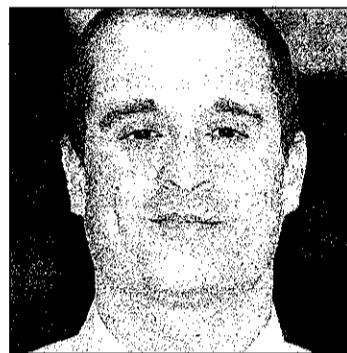
Like King said in his speech on the mall, "We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now." That rings true again today, because we have a president who believes that Now is the time to move and Now is the time to fix what has gone wrong and Now is the time to stand with him and do our part. This is the time we must dare to dream, so let's come together with a collective heart in this historic moment.

Dream big America, and let freedom ring.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## If your life had a theme song what would it be?

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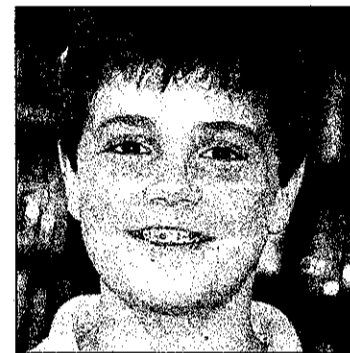
'The Rocky theme song because I love the story, it's inspirational and I can see myself in his shoes.'  
TIM HOWARD  
Grosse Pointe Park



'The song 'If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands' would fit me well because I have a happy life.'  
TAYLOR BLAKE  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'The Liggett school fight song because right now I am surviving school until summer break.'  
MARA HILLIER  
Grosse Pointe Park



'My theme song would be 'Happy Birthday' because I live as though everyday is my birthday.'  
MATT NINIVAGGI  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'The song 'Someone's Watching Over Me' because in the song everyone around you is supportive and it tells you to never give up.'  
GINA MISURACA  
Clinton Township

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1968 G.P. speech



The following is part two of a three-part series of the text of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, "The Other America," given at Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South) on March 14, 1968, three weeks before he was assassinated.

"Somewhere we must come to

see that human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability, it comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the primitive forces of social stagnation. And so we must always help time and realize that the time is always right to do right.

Now there is another myth and that is the notion that legislation can't solve the problem that you've got to change the heart and naturally I believe in changing the heart.

I happen to be a Baptist preacher and that puts me in the heart changing business and Sunday after Sunday I'm preaching about conversion and the need for the new birth and regeneration.

I believe that there's something wrong with human nature. I believe in original sin not in terms of the historical event but as the mythological category to explain the universality of evil, so I'm honest enough to see the gone-wrongness of human nature so naturally I'm not against changing the heart and I do feel that that is the half truth involved here, that

there is some truth in the whole question of changing the heart.

We are not going to have the kind of society that we should have until the white person treats the Negro right — not because the law says it but because it's natural because it's right and because the black man is the white man's brother. I'll be the first to say that we will never have a truly integrated society, a truly colorless society until men and women are obedient to the unenforceable. But after saying that, let me point out the other side. It may be true that morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regu-

lated. It may be true that the law cannot change the heart but it can restrain the heartless. It may be true that the law can't make a man love me, but it can restrain him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important also.

And so while legislation may not change the hearts of men, it does change the habits of men when it's vigorously enforced and when you change the habits of people pretty soon attitudes begin to be changed and people begin to see that they can do things that fears caused them to feel that they could never do. And I say that there's a need still for strong

civil rights legislation in various areas. There's legislation in Congress right now dealing with the whole question of housing and equal administration of justice and these things are very important for I submit to you tonight that there is no more dangerous development in our nation than the constant building up of predominantly Negro central cities ringed by white suburbs. This will do nothing but invite social disaster. And this problem has to be dealt with — some through legislation, some through education,

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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

## 10 mistakes President George Bush made while in office

At his final press conference, President George Bush said pursuing Social Security reform instead of immigration reform immediately after the 2004 election was a "mistake," as was hanging the "Mission Accomplished" banner on the tower of the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Now home in Texas, Bush should reflect on these 10 most important mistakes that shaped his presidency:

◆ Not getting congressional buy-in on detention policy immediately after 9/11. Going to Congress would have forced more deliberation when the administration was rushing into the hasty improvisation of Gitmo and made it harder for Democrats to grandstand once it became controversial.

◆ An ineffective management style. Bush, the "CEO president," wisely wanted to delegate. Alas, the quality of some of his Texas loyalists wasn't particularly high. When peo-

ple under Bush failed, his first instinct was to stand by them stalwartly rather than hold them accountable.

◆ Not replacing George Tenet after 9/11. Someone should have taken responsibility after the terror attacks. Tenet's exit wouldn't have prevented the weapons of mass destruction debacle, but at least he wouldn't have been around to give his dramatic "slam-dunk" demonstration in the Oval Office.

◆ Deferring to his generals. It wasn't until his generals had nearly lost the war that Bush fully stepped up to his role as commander in chief, going around the brass to order the surge, the most successful and consequential initiative of his second term.

◆ Not taking charge during Hurricane Katrina.

◆ Too much accommodation of a GOP Congress. Bush got what he wanted out of Congress at the price of looking the other way from burgeoning earmarks and a creeping cul-

ture of corruption.

◆ Not reading enough history. Bush has admirably applied himself to an extensive reading program as president, but if he had absorbed more history before taking office — particularly about military matters — he'd have had better ground to make important decisions.

◆ Refusing to settle the internal war within his administration. The acrimony between the State Department and CIA on one hand and the Defense Department and vice president's office on the other was poisonous and debilitating. It hampered the prosecution of the Iraq conflict and led to the "Scooter" Libby mess.

◆ Underestimating the power of explanation. By temperament and ability, Bush was more a "decider" than a "persuader." He's not naturally drawn to public argument, given his administration its unfortunate — and not entirely fair — "my way or the highway" reputation at home and abroad.

◆ Ignoring health care re-

form too long. By the time Bush unveiled a serious and sensible health care reform in 2007, it was dead on arrival, leaving Democrats with the initiative on

this crucial issue.

Oddly enough, many of Bush's mistakes involve not being active enough or taking a stronger hand. How that came

to be so with a president who believed so deeply in strong leadership should long occupy Bush, and fair-minded historians.

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# KING: G.P. High School speech

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but it has to be dealt with in a very concrete and meaningful manner.

Now let me get back to my point. I'm going to finish my speech. I've been trying to think about what I'm going to preach about tomorrow down to Central Methodist Church in the Lenten series and I think I'll use as the text, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

I want to deal with another myth briefly which concerns me and I want to talk about it very honestly and that is over-reliance on the bootstrap philosophy.

Now certainly it's very important for people to engage in self-help programs and do all they can to lift themselves by their own bootstraps. Now I'm not talking against that at all.

I think there is a great deal that the black people of this country must do for themselves and that nobody else can do for them. And we must see the other side of this question.

I remember the other day I was on a plane and a man started talking with me and he said I'm sympathetic toward what you're trying to do, but I just feel that you people don't do enough for yourself and then he went on to say that my problem is, my concern is that I know of other ethnic groups, many of the ethnic groups that came to this country and they had problems just as Negroes and yet they did the job for themselves, they lifted themselves by their own bootstraps.

Why is it that Negroes can't do that?

And I looked at him and I tried to talk as understanding as possible but I said to him, it does not help the Negro for unfeeling, sensitive white people to say that other ethnic groups that came to the country maybe a 100 or a 150 years voluntarily have gotten ahead of them and he was brought here in chains involuntarily almost 350 years ago.

I said it doesn't help him to be told that and then I went on to say to this gentleman that he failed to recognize that no other ethnic group has been enslaved on American soil.

Then I had to go on to say to him that you failed to realize that America made the black man's color a stigma. Something that he couldn't change. Not only was the color a stigma, but even linguistic then stigmatic conspired against the black man so that his color was thought of as something very evil.

If you open Roget's Thesaurus and notice the synonym for black you'll find about a 120 and most of them represent something dirty, smut, degrading, low and when you turn to the synonym for white, about 130, all of them represent something high, pure, chaste.

You go right down that list. And so in the language a white life is little better than a black life. Just follow.

If somebody goes wrong in the family, we don't call him a white sheep we call him a black sheep. And then if you block somebody from getting somewhere you don't say they've been white-balled, you say they've been blackballed. And just go down the line. It's not whitemail it's black-mail.

I tell you this to seriously say that the nation made the black man's color a stigma and then I had to say to my friend on the plane another thing that is often

forgotten in this country. That nobody, no ethnic group has completely lifted itself by its own bootstraps.

I can never forget that the black man was free from the bondage of physical slavery in 1863. He wasn't given any land to make that freedom meaningful after being held in slavery 244 years. And it was like keeping a man in prison for many years and then coming to see that he is not guilty of the crime for which he was convicted. Alright good night and God bless you.

And I was about to say that to free, to have freed the Negro from slavery without doing anything to get him started in life on a sound economic footing, it was almost like freeing a man who had been in prison many years and you had discovered that he was unjustly convicted of, that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and you go up to him and say now you're free, but you don't give him any bus fare to get to town or you don't give him any money to buy some clothes to put on his back or to get started in life again.

Every code of jurisprudence would rise up against it. This is the very thing that happened to the black man in America.

And then when we look at it even deeper than this, it becomes more ironic.

We're reaping the harvest of this failure today.

While America refused to do anything for the black man at that point, during that very period, the nation, through an act of Congress, was as giving away millions of acres of land in the west and the Midwest, which meant that it was willing to undergird its white peasants from Europe with an economic floor. Not only did they give the land, they built land grant colleges for them to learn how to farm. Not



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the historic visit to Grosse Pointe High School.

only that it provided county agents to further their expertise in farming and went beyond this and came to the point of providing low interest rates for these persons so that they could mecha-

nize their farms, and today many of these persons are being paid millions of dollars a year in federal subsidies not to farm and these are so often the very people saying to the black man that he must lift himself by his own bootstraps. I can never think ... Sen. Eastland, incidentally, who says this all the time gets \$125,000 a year; not to farm on various areas of his plantation down in Mississippi. And yet he feels that we must do everything for ourselves. Well that appears to me to be a kind of socialism for the rich and rugged hard individualistic capitalism for the poor.

Now let me say two other things and I'm going to rush on.

One, I want to say that if we're to move ahead and solve this problem we must reorder our national priorities. Today, we're spending almost \$35 billion a year to fight what I consider an unjust, ill-considered, evil, costly, unwinnable war in Viet Nam. I wish I had time to go into the dimensions of this. But I must say that the war in Viet Nam is playing havoc with our domestic destinies. That war has torn up the Geneva accord, it has strengthened, it has substituted all right if you want to speak I'll let you come down and speak and I'll wait. You can give your Viet Nam speech now listen to mine. Come right on."

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age. All this we can do. And all this we will do.

Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions — who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage.

What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them — that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works — whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end. And those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account — to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day — because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.

Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill. Its power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control — and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favors only the prosperous. The success of our economy has always depended not just on the size of our gross domestic product, but on the reach of our prosperity; on our ability to extend opportunity to every willing heart — not out of charity, but because it is the surest route to our common good.

As for our common defense, we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals. Our founding fathers, faced with perils we can scarcely imagine, drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations. Those ideals still light the world, and we will not give them up for expedience's sake. And so to all other peoples and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born: know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman, and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more.

Recall that earlier generations faced down fascism and communism not just with missiles and tanks, but with sturdy alliances and enduring convictions. They understood that our power alone cannot protect us, nor does it entitle us to do as we please. Instead, they knew that our power grows through its prudent use; our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint.

We are the keepers of this legacy. Guided by these principles once more, we can meet those new threats that demand even greater effort — even greater cooperation and understanding between nations. We will begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its people, and forge a hard-earned peace in Afghanistan. With old friends and former foes, we will work tirelessly to lessen the nuclear threat, and roll back the specter of a warming planet. We will not apologize for our way of life, nor will we waver in its defense, and for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.

For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus — and non-belie-

ers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace.

To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect.

To those leaders around the globe who seek to sow conflict, or blame their society's ills on the West — know that your people will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy. To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist.

To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow; to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds. And to those nations like ours that enjoy relative plenty, we say we can no longer afford indifference to suffering outside our borders; nor can we consume the world's resources without regard to effect. For the world has changed, and we must change with it.

As we consider the road that unfolds before us, we remember with humble gratitude those brave Americans who, at this very hour, patrol far-off deserts and distant mountains. They have something to tell us today, just as the fallen heroes who lie in Arlington whisper through the ages.

We honor them not because they are guardians of our liberty, but because they embody the spirit of service; a willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves. And yet, at this moment — a moment that will define a generation — it is precisely this spirit that must inhabit us all.

For as much as government can do and must do, it is ultimately the faith and determination of the American people upon which this nation relies. It is the kindness to take in a stranger when the levees break, the selflessness of workers who would rather cut their hours than see a friend lose their job which sees us through our darkest hours. It is the firefighter's courage to storm a stairway filled with smoke, but also a parent's willingness to nurture a child, that finally decides our fate.

Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

This is the price and the promise of citizenship. This is the source of our confidence — the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny.

This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed — why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

So let us mark this day with remembrance, of who we are and how far we have traveled. In the year of America's birth, in the coldest of months, a small band of patriots huddled

by dying campfires on the shores of an icy river. The capital was abandoned. The enemy was advancing. The snow was stained with blood. At a moment when the outcome of our revolution was most in doubt, the father of our nation ordered these words be read to the people:

'Let it be told to the future world...that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive...that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet (it).'

America. In the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations.'

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## LETTERS: Southern ridicule

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are easy targets for ridicule in much the way Detroit and Detroiters have been in recent decades.

You would think that someone who lives in Detroit would have some appreciation for the unfairness of stereotyping. But not Mr. Kalmar.

Now don't get me wrong. I like a good laugh as much as anyone. I am mindful of our regional peculiarities. And as a former column writer, I know all about brain freezes and writer's block and the far greater truth that we contribute even less to society than fish flies and are only slightly more lovable — I think.

Bill Kalmar simply isn't funny and, for me at least, never has been. That isn't a crime.

What is a crime, at least metaphorically in the world of ideas, is that he thought he would be cute and snotty and

take a few cheap shots from an old playbook about people whose only sin is their shameful similarity to us. And did so in a way that was boorish.

Sorry to be such an old fart. But as a subscriber, I cannot stay quiet after reading yet another column that is much closer in literary terms to Microsoft Word's copy-and-paste than actual, original writing.

BOB ALLEN  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Inconvenient politics

To the Editor:

In the letter, "Cheney's memoirs," published in the Jan. 1 Grosse Pointe News, the letter writer displayed that "all too typical" fault of the liberal who lets his emotions get in the way of the facts when the latter are inconvenient.

If the letter writer has been watching politics for 55 years, he must have hibernated through the Lyndon B. Johnson administration. LBJ lied to deepen our involvement in Vietnam and, with an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress, established most of

the social(ist) domestic programs which plague us today.

And he must have forgotten about Bill Clinton's improper use of the FBI's files on U.S. citizens. Finally, when he has nothing else, he relies on that old left wing standby, McCarthyism.

McCarty was, in fact, a patriot who publicly revealed names of federal employees suspected of disloyalty only when forced to do so by Democrats in Congress.

Vice President Dick Cheney and his distinguished wife, Lynne, are the authors of "Kings of the Hill: How Nine Powerful Men Changed the Course of American History," biographies of the most influential Speakers of the House and other Congressional leaders.

In their book, they quote Thomas Reed (R-Maine), Speaker of the House in the 1890s, who, referring to ignorant colleagues, stated, "Every time they speak, they subtract from the sum total of human knowledge."

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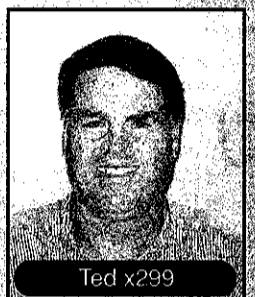
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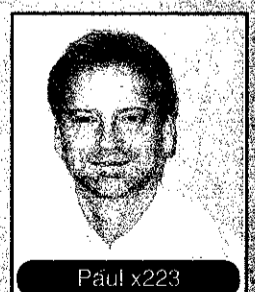
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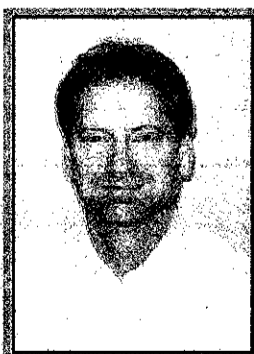
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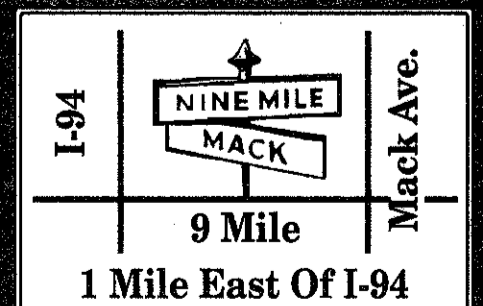
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**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

## South's Tower brings home enviable award

By Amy Salvagno  
 Staff Writer

They finally know what it feels like to be on top.

The 50-member staff of The Tower, Grosse Pointe South High School's weekly newspaper, has been riding a wave of accomplishment since mid-November after landing an honor that is the envy of student-run publications across the country — and for the first time since the paper was launched 80 years ago.

The Tower took home the award for Best of Show at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association National High School Journalism Convention in St. Louis. The event draws students from hundreds of schools not only to compete on-site, but to also take away tools to become better aspiring journalists.

Held in the city known as the Gateway to the West, the convention featured more than 300 breakout sessions, award-winning keynote speakers, a trade show with nearly 40 exhibitors and entries from leading newspapers, news magazines, literary arts magazines, videos, Web sites and yearbooks.

The Best of Show award signifies overall excellence among the attendees and en-



Tower Associate Editor Dan Dickson, Editor-in-Chief Rian Dawson and Page 3 Editor Charlotte Berschback hold up the issue of the Grosse Pointe South High School newspaper that was named Best in Show at the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention.

tries. The highest The Tower has ever been is second place, said advisor Jeff Nardone. Though judges do not provide comments on winners, Nardone has an idea of what may have landed the paper on top.

"In the fall, we brought in two people to consult us on visuals and really work on our design. I think that's one of

the big reasons we did so well. The design has made some great strides this year," he said. "There have been some great programs we've competed against. To win is quite an accomplishment."

Staff submitted the Nov. 5 issue of The Tower, which featured front page coverage of the controversial student production, "The Laramie

Project," a package on foreign languages in school, a wrap-up of the national election and a colorful spread that selected the best sandwiches in town.

"We really put a lot of emphasis into one issue," said Nardone. "It was a representative of what we've been doing all year. This is probably the strongest staff I've ever had. They've taken it upon them-

selves to push themselves even harder than normal."

Leading the pack are longtime Tower writers Rian Dawson, editor-in-chief; Daniel Dickson, associate editor; and Charlotte Berschback, Page 3 editor.

They, along with a few other staff members who traveled to St. Louis, were waiting in line at a local art theater to see "Slum Dog Millionaire" when they received the good news in a text message from Nardone.

"I screamed. It was one of the best moments of my time on staff. We worked so hard and improved so much," said Dawson, a senior who has been in the program since freshmen year. "I didn't expect to have it happen so early. I didn't expect it to come with the eighth issue."

"We were pretty surprised. With a paper of ours with such a long tradition, it's nice to have finally won that award. It's one of the few we haven't won, so it was nice to reach that and be part of that," said Dickson, the student association president.

Both he and Berschback also brought home awards in the individual on-site contests: Dickson received honorable mention in the commentary writing competition, while Berschback earned an award of excellence for feature writ-

ing. "It's always a great accomplishment to go out somewhere on top. It's nice to know you did have one major accomplishment on a great staff," said Dickson, who joined two years ago as a sophomore.

Knowing what particular issue was going to be seen by judges, the students put forth extra efforts to impress.

"It was really good to get that extra push to finish something. There was much more drive knowing a judge was going to see it," said Berschback, also a senior. "It felt really great to know we had won something because a lot of others were coming in with awards and we were down from the beginning. It was really cool to be able to go back the next day and have people congratulating us."

For all three students, the icing on the cake is having the accomplishment fall in their senior year.

"I'm so proud of my staff. They are a bunch of amazingly talented kids. The designers work really hard. Everyone puts their heart and soul into it and I couldn't be more proud of my peers," said Dawson, who is also senior class president. "I'm glad to leave behind a legacy. It's something year after year they can strive for."

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**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# A show of gratitude

North teachers honored during academic luncheon

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

They inspire creativity, encourage discovery, architect aspirations and foster a love of learning.

For them, appreciation comes in the shape of commitment, curiosity and comprehension.

But every so often, they are the ones on the receiving end of the applause — and quite humbled.

Last month, at the Grosse Pointe North High School Luncheon for Academic Excellence, four teachers were honored with a simple showing of thanks. The noontime gathering Friday, Dec. 5, at Fishbone's in St. Clair Shores recognized 26 seniors who have a cumulative gpa of 4.0 or higher.

Prior to the luncheon, the students were asked to nominate the teachers who over the last three years have inspired or motivated them, challenged them academically and helped shape them into the students they are today.

"We not only want to acknowledge these fine students, but also the teachers who were instrumental in their academic development. It takes a team approach to educate our children and here at North, I believe we have a great team," said Dr. Brian Hunt, event organizer.

The educators recognized — David Cleveland, Terri Steimer, Randi Zwada and Danielle

Dipert — said they were overwhelmed by the outpouring.

"This was indeed a very rewarding experience for the students and teachers. I felt very honored to be lucky enough to receive this type of recognition," said Cleveland, North's director of instrumental music.

"I am sure that I was just one of many teachers that influenced the lives of these high caliber students. Watching students grow and achieve greatness is one of the most rewarding parts of my job."

The first-ever luncheon, catered by the restaurant, was designed to recognize and promote academic excellence in the schools, said Hunt. Other officials in attendance were Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein, Board of Education Trustee Fred Minturn, North Principal Tim Bearden and North Assistant Principal Matt Outlaw.

"It was very special for some

of the kids to have their honored teachers with them, and I think that was an important part of the event," said Bearden. "The relationship that exists between a successful student and his or her teacher is really a partnership with common goals. To see them honored together was a very nice thing."

Dipert, psychology and Advanced Placement psychology teacher, was touched.

"It was an honor to be recognized as an influential teacher by such a quality group of students," she said. "It's not very often we are able to leave school and have a 'real' lunch hour. We enjoyed ourselves."

Steimer, who teaches social studies, said she hopes the process of recognizing teachers continues.

"Sometimes you don't know how students feel. Hopefully when you find out, it's positive," she said. "I was thrilled and absolutely astounded when I saw the entire list of

teachers that were mentioned by their students. The four of us just happened to be mentioned a bit more than the others.

"I was appreciative, honored and humbled all at the same time. When I think of the tremendous workload that these students endure and they can still come up with a teacher that they still like, it amazes me."

Students at the luncheon were Mark Balle, Theodore Bratton, David Denison, Jamie Ding, Lauren Gilezan, Rebecca Gimpert, Lalia Hamdan, Sarah Hilu, Maurice Hogan, Breanna Holman, Maxwell Hunt, Karen Huntsman, Madeline Kent, Michael Kiriazis, Rachel Koresky, Ryan Mann, Samantha Matthew, Megan McCutcheon, Megan McLeod, Benjamin Schneedecker, Samantha Patterson, Jennifer Rusch, Paul Schreiber, Stephen Van Beek, Matthew VanEgmond and Colleen Victor.



Grosse Pointe North High students, who earned a 4.0 gpa, and four teachers were honored at a December luncheon.

**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

## Pointe students named to dean's list

Two Grosse Pointe students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

They are: David Baty, a computer engineering major and the son of Donald and Anne of Grosse Pointe Park; and Elizabeth Ridgway, a civil engineering major and the daughter of Karen Ridgway of Grosse Pointe City and James

Ridgway of Grosse Pointe Park.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average.

Rose-Hulman is a private engineering, mathematics and science college with an undergraduate enrollment of 1,900 students. The typical student ranked in the top 10 percent of all high school seniors who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

## Register preschoolers at upcoming open house

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, will hold an open house to showcase its 2009-10 preschool program from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

Attendees can learn about programs for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and Young Fives,

about which a special presentation will be given at 2:30 p.m.

Children can be registered during the open house, our from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 2. Those received on or before Feb. 2 will receive a discount.

Call (313) 884-5998 or visit christthekingpp.org.

## Info given on kindergarten

All elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be holding a Kindergarten Info Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 in the following locations:

- ◆ Defer library, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park
- ◆ Ferry kindergarten room, 748 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ Kerby gym, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ Maire kindergarten classroom and gym, 740 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe City

- ◆ Mason library, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods
  - ◆ Monteith gym, 1275 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods
  - ◆ Poupard library, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods
  - ◆ Richard library, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
  - ◆ Trombly library, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park
- Parents can schedule an enrollment appointment by calling (313) 432-3083. Forms are available online at [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org) under Parents.

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## Choirs featured in February

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

Tickets are \$15 for main floor seating, \$10 for rear main floor seating and \$9 for students and seniors and \$5 for balcony seating. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village, or online at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org). For more information, email [tickets@gpsouthchoir.org](mailto:tickets@gpsouthchoir.org).



## Warmed hearts

Peter Kernan and his wife, Ann, not pictured, are thankful recipients of soft, handmade blankets from students at St. Paul on the Lake School in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Meals on Wheels recipients also received homemade gingerbread houses from students at Defer Elementary School, said the children's gesture underscored the true meaning of Christmas.

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## School Spotlights

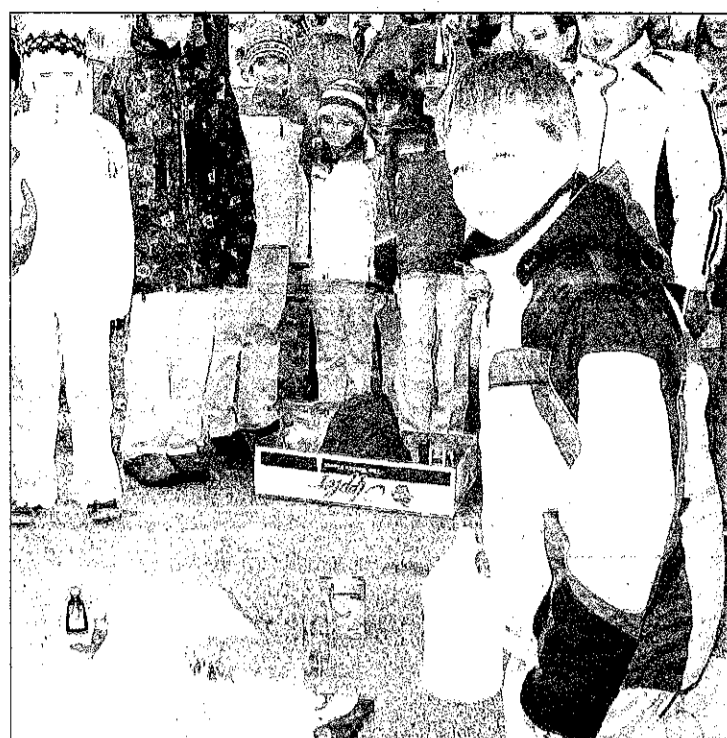


## Santa's helpers

A classroom of fifth graders from Maire Elementary School demonstrated the spirit of Christmas when they put together gift bags for the Meals on Wheels program, which were delivered during the holidays to homebound residents by volunteers from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Each gift bag contained a festive Christmas mug filled with soap, shampoo, lotion, coffee and candy, and was wrapped with a wreath ornament made by the students in Donna Bednarczyk's class. Pictured filling a basket is Thomas Hogan.

## Explosive learning

During what Grosse Pointe Academy science teacher Bob Lapadot historically calls 'V-Day', fourth- and fifth-grade students recently set off more than 60 creatively crafted homemade volcanoes of every size, color and shape. Each young scientist — with help from mom and dad — invented an explosive volcano, bubbling over with the popular combination of either baking soda and vinegar or Mentos and Diet Coke. Lapadot says the popular project allows students to be endlessly innovative.



## Forensic fanatics

The seventh- and eighth-grade forensics team at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Woods took third place overall at the Eastside Catholic Forensics League competition last month. Pictured on the bottom row, from left, Breann Reveley, Anthony Lesha, Danny Paglia, Jake Kowalski, Alexis Ahee, Tori Wuthrich, Shelby Yonkus; middle row, from left, Erin Stilwell, R.J. Michieulutti, Johnathon Mazur, Nick Rancilio, Brielle Ahee; back row, from left, is Charlie Bolton, John Kusch, John Austin Feri, Stephen Cleland, Josh Speak, Chistiane Abiragi, Phoebe Dodge and Colleen Reveley.

## Helping the hungry

St. Paul Catholic School students and families worked throughout the holidays to collect donations for food pantries for several area parishes in need, as well as the Michigan Humane Society. The food was delivered to St. Jude Parish and Nativity of Our Lord Parish, both in Detroit, and to St. Veronica Food Pantry in Eastpointe. Pictured with some of the donations are, from left, third-grader Annabel Romanelli, first-grader Michael Forbes and fifth-grader Elizabeth Sullivan.



## Scholar athletes

St. Paul Catholic School named its eighth-grade fall scholar athletes at the recent school athletic banquet. The honors went to students Hannah Meier and Andre Seski. Coaches and staff nominate and select the students who have strong participation in school sports while maintaining academic excellence.



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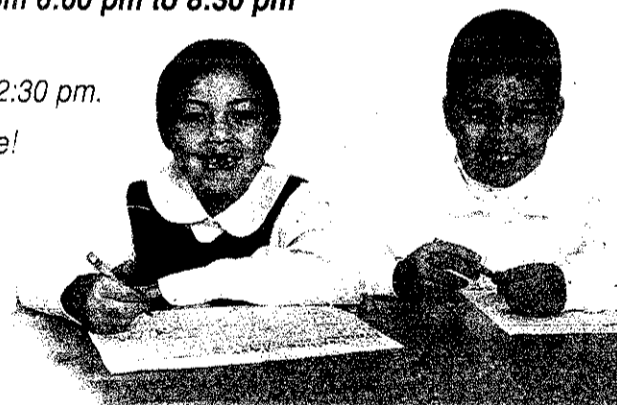
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# OBITUARIES

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## Timothy J. Blake

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Timothy J. Blake, 53, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009.

Mr. Blake graduated from Austin High School and in 1977 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Western Michigan University.

He owned a heating and cooling business in Jackson, as well as several self-storage facilities.

Mr. Blake was a talented craftsman who used his artistic passion and style to design, invent and create sculpture, cabinetry, furniture and many fanciful works of art. He had a particular gift for metalworking.

In addition to his artistic hobbies, Mr. Blake developed deep interests in a wide variety of subjects and was a life-long tinkerer. He loved to share his knowledge with others and his enthusiasm for life was contagious.

Mr. Blake's family described him as unfailingly kind and gentle. He was a loving and faithful husband, an engaged and generous father, grandfather, son and brother. He was a loyal friend to all who knew him.

Mr. Blake is survived by his wife, Donna; sons, Tim and Bill; daughters, Christine and Mary and grandchildren, Connor, Emily, Zoe, Joel and Lilly.

He also is survived by his mother, Anne; sister, Liz (Jack) Opie and brothers, John (Jan), William (Ann), Patrick (Laura), Francis (Joan) and Christopher (Anne).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Timothy Blake Grandchildren Trust, 180 West Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201.

## Joseph R. Bracken

Former Grosse Pointe resident Joseph R. Bracken, 83, passed away with his family at his side Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at his home in Holmes Beach, Fla.

Born in Chestnut Hill, Pa., Mr. Bracken moved to Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army at 18. He flew in combat during World War II in the Army Air Corps, 15th Air Force and Bomb Group. After the war, he attended the University of Michigan and went on to work extensively in advertising in Detroit, New York and Mexico.

After retiring to Holmes Beach, he involved himself with many local activities including the Holmes Beach Code Enforcement Board, serving as president of the Anna Maria Island Community Choir and Orchestra, Friends of Island Library and many others.

He was an active member of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

Mr. Bracken is survived by his son, Joe; daughter Mary (Jack) Rock; grandchildren, Jeanette, Justin and Adam and great-granddaughter, Mariah.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jean and daughter, Peggy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 16 in Florida. A service, followed by inurnment at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms, will be held in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard Catholic Church General Fund, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217 or Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

## Richard G. Reed

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard G. Reed, 71, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Mr. Reed was born Feb. 14, 1937, in Detroit to Howard and Archie Reed. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet College in 1959 and his Master of Fine Arts from Cranbrook Academy of Art. He also studied at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles.

Mr. Reed was an automotive stylist at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn for 31 years. He worked on the original Taurus team and 13 auto show concept vehicles.

He belonged to the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and was a member of its reader's group. He enjoyed water color painting, model building and making ballpoint pens. His hobbies also included designing and building land speed record cars for Bonneville.

Mr. Reed is survived by Carol, his wife of 49 years; daughter, Robin (Robert) Staples; son, Richard (Crystal) Reed Jr.; grandchildren, Emily, Elizabeth and Samantha and his sister, Carol LaBo.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Barbara Burke.

A memorial service was held Jan. 17 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Patient Medical Needs Fund, Henry Ford Health System, 1 Ford Place 5A, Detroit, MI 48202-9941.

## Bradley Peabody

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bradley Peabody, 72, died peacefully at home Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009.

Mr. Peabody was born April 26, 1936, in Detroit. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and Wayne State University. He was an airman first class for the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War



Timothy J. Blake



Joseph R. Bracken



Richard G. Reed



Bradley Peabody



Barbara Theros

and received the National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Peabody worked 45 years for National Garages Inc., a parking management firm founded by his grandfather and great uncle. He worked his way up the ranks working at various locations around the country.

He was president and CEO of the corporation in Detroit from 1978 until his retirement in 1998.

Mr. Peabody was a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the International Parking Institute Board of Advisors.

He was a master gardener and received several city beautification awards for the gardens he designed and created.

He loved Michigan's lakes, boating, and spending time with family and friends on or near the water. He was an avid reader, computer gamer and classical music aficionado. He loved to cook and was working on a cookbook at the time of his death.

Mr. Peabody is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Jennifer; sons, Eric and Greg; grandchildren, Molly and James; sisters, Susan Clark, Betsy Rowe and Jane Fennessy; his brother, Clifford Peabody and his stepmother, Marjorie Stapleton. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Marjorie Peabody.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, 7305 Grand River, Suite 100, Brighton, MI 48114-7379.

## Barbara Theros

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara Theros, 77, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

Mrs. Theros was born in Derveni, Greece in 1931. She immigrated to the United States in 1951 to attend college. She met and married her husband of 55 years, Spero, in the U.S. Despite living just miles apart from each other in Greece, they never met until both were living in this country.

Mrs. Theros and her husband owned a successful accounting and bookkeeping practice in Detroit and St. Clair Shores for more than 45 years.

Mrs. Theros was a devoted and beloved wife, mother and grandmother, and a devout Greek Orthodox Christian. She enjoyed volunteering and spending time as a member of the parish's Seniors Group and was a member of Philoptochos, a Greek Orthodox ladies club, for more than 50 years.

She also enjoyed her yearly winters in Florida and visiting her five sisters in Greece. She loved to garden, especially tending to her beautiful geraniums in her backyard.

Mrs. Theros is survived by her husband, Spero; daughter, Olga (Michael) Cardasis; son,

Louis (Patricia) Theros and grandchildren, Michael, Christina, Barbara, Jonathan and Evan.

Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Trisagion will be at 7 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Theros will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorial donations may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

## New rules for Woods park passes

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Landlords and tenants in Grosse Pointe Woods should be watching their mailboxes for the new park pass application procedures.

Based on a recommendation by the Citizens' Recreation Commission, city council approved a new residence verification form to be completed by landlords and submitted to the city. Verification of rental occupancy approval is also required.

The letter indicates renters can't get park passes until the required forms are on file with the city. The verification form requires landlords to list every occupant of the rental property more than six years of age.

Once documentation is approved, park passes can be picked up by renters at the community center. Additional proof of residency, including a driver's license, a signed lease or utility bills may be required.

City attorney Chip Bershback said the change requires landlords to be responsible for providing occupant information to the city, and will also allow the city to cross-check information with the city's building department.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger, who also serves as recreation commission council representative, said while there have been a few problems, the new policy is intended to be proactive.

"This policy is the same that other Grosse Pointes have adopted," she said. "Every fall, the rec commission meets to discuss what worked and what didn't work over the summer, and the question of park passes for renters was first raised in the fall of 2007."

"The commission wanted to make sure that whatever policy was adopted would work in everyone's best interest. We believe this is a very workable policy."

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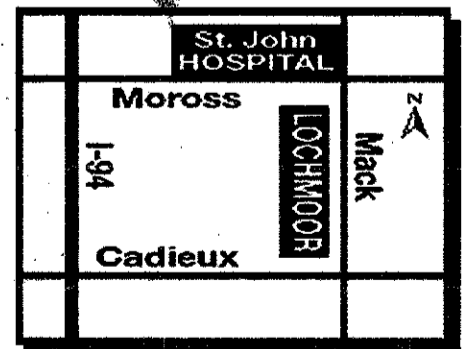
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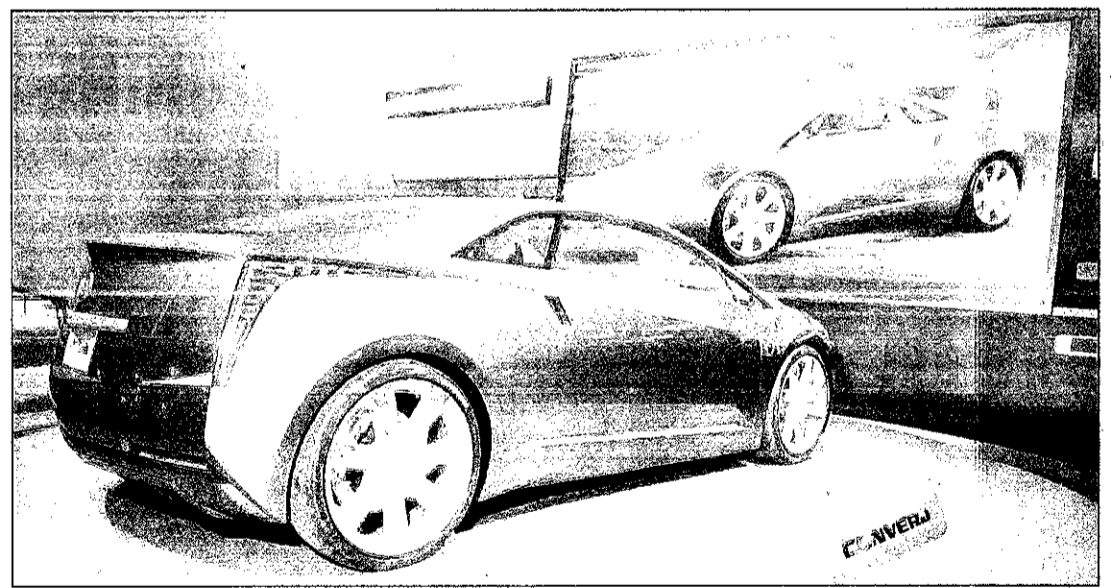
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gregory of Grosse Pointe Shores. Below, Grosse Pointers Diane and Richard Platt and Cheryl and Alan Hissinbothan.



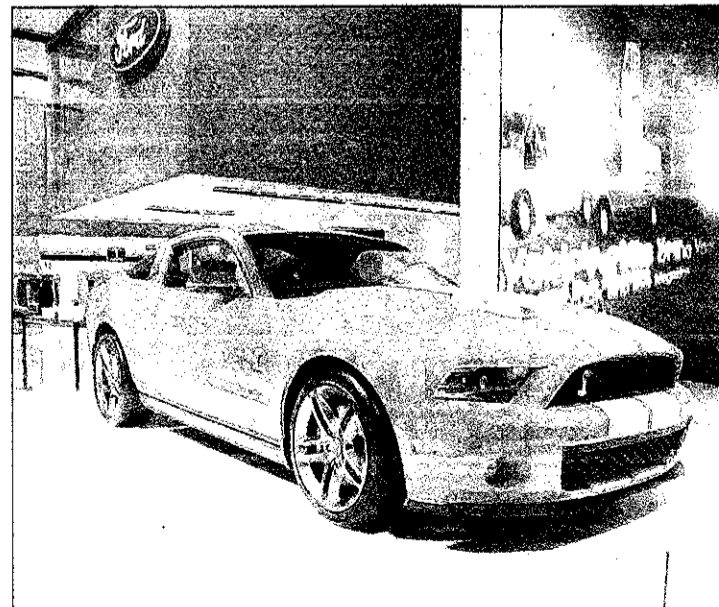
Above, Melissa and Dan Connell and Ken and Linda Meade, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Center, co-chair of the 2009 North American International Auto Show, Doug Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Rick and Susan Rogers, Peter Brown of Autoweek with his wife, Maria Leonhauser and Matt and Karen Cullen of Grosse Pointe Woods.

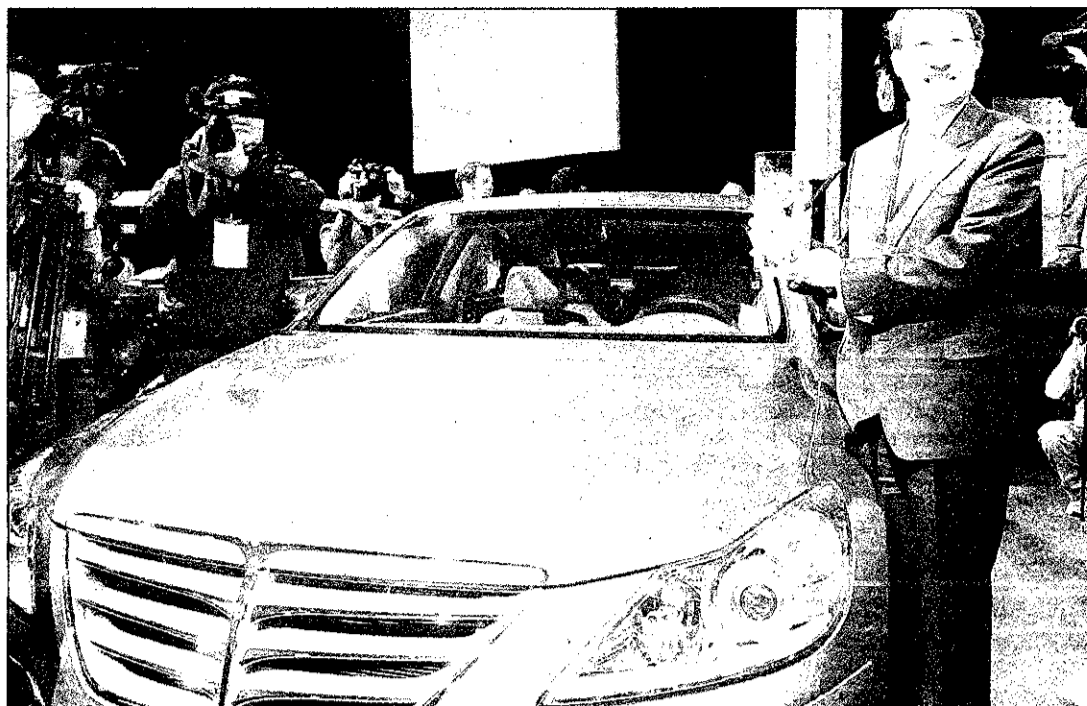


Cadillac's Conerg concept car is on stage at the auto show in Cobo Hall.



Above, Ford's Shelby Mustang. At right, actor, singer and songwriter Jeff Daniels performed during the 2009 North American International Auto Show charity event Friday, Jan. 16. At far right, Don and Sheri Nauss of Troy with Toyota's John McCandless and wife, Robbie, of Grosse Pointe Woods.





## Car of The Year

Accepting the award for the Hyundai Genesis as the North American International Car of the Year is Hyun-Soon Lee, president of research and development, Hyundai and Kia Corp.



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## NAIAS Truck of the Year

Accepting the award for the Ford F-150 as the North American International Truck of the Year are, from left, Mark Fields, Ford Motor Co. executive vice president and president of the Americas; and Matt O'Leary Ford Motor Co. chief engineer, F-150.

# 2009 NAIAS



## Ford introduces 2010 Taurus

Presenting an all-new Taurus for 2010, with an upscaled new design are, left to right, Allan Mulally, Ford Motor Co. president and CEO; Bill Ford, Ford's executive chairman; Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas; and Derrick Kuzak, Ford's vice president global development.

## Tips for hybrid vehicle maintenance and repair

By Lyra Solochek  
Special Writer

More drivers are switching to hybrid vehicles to get better fuel efficiency but, like all other cars, they require regular maintenance and repairs.

You can take them to a regular mechanic for routine work, but hybrid-certified mechanics are essential for more extensive work, especially related to the high-voltage electrical system.

"Even in our dealership, only certified mechanics can work on these cars," says Joe Schlueter, service director for Toyota of Tampa Bay in Tampa, Fla. "From time to time, we have safety classes to bring them up to speed. If you're not certified, not only can it hurt you, it can kill you."

Schlueter says work on hybrids at the dealership has been minimal.

"We do get some cars that have issues, but mostly they're repairs from accidents," says Schlueter. "Of the hybrid-related repairs, battery replacement is likely the most costly. If your car is not covered un-

der warranty, you can spend \$2,700 to \$3,000 on the part alone."

Angie's List, angieslist.com, provides local service company ratings to its members. It turned to its highest-rated auto repair specialists for advice on how to keep the hybrids running smoothly.

Here are some tips for hybrid auto repair:

- ◆ Find a technician who specializes in hybrid repair before you need one. Doing your homework and developing a relationship with a specialist will help you avoid being rushed into a last-minute decision. You'll also be first in line for emergency service and cost savings.

- ◆ Check licensing and certification. Most mechanics are Automotive Service Excellence certified, but a majority of independent mechanics are not certified in hybrid repair. Hybrid dealership technicians, on the other hand, are required to complete the monthly and yearly certification courses and are up to date on the latest innovations.

- ◆ Never work on the electri-

cal system yourself. Unless you are a hybrid-certified mechanic, leave the electrical and battery repairs to the professionals. They are trained to work with high-voltage components.

- ◆ Don't be late with tire rotations. The electric engine creates more torque than a gasoline engine and can wear out tires faster.

- ◆ Charge that battery. Regularly charge your 12-volt battery if your hybrid has plug-in capability. Hybrids that don't plug in use regenerative braking energy to self-charge.

- ◆ Keep up with routine maintenance. As with traditional fuel vehicles, staying current on your regular maintenance will extend the life and preserve the resale of the car.

- ◆ Warranty work. Most hybrid warranties cover eight to 10 years or 100,000 miles. Determine if your warranty requires you to use a specific repair center. If you use another source, keep all receipts in case your warranty coverage is questioned.

Lyra Solochek is a reporter for the St. Petersburg Times.

—SUNS



## Auto show ride and drive

A new ride and drive element highlighting the green future of the automotive industry has been added to the 2009 North American International Auto Show by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. During the NAIAS public show, now through Sunday, Jan. 25, attendees can experience the latest in technology in a ride-and-drive format on a track built in the Michigan Hall. Show organizers have set aside 70,000 square-feet of floor space to feature this innovative panoramic nature surroundings.

## Winter car care maintenance

Maintain your vehicle for winter by following this winter car care checklist offered by AAA Michigan:

- ◆ Battery: Make sure the terminals are tight and clean. If the lights seem dim or vehicle starts are sluggish, have the electrical system, including the battery, checked by a technician.

- ◆ Radiator: Check coolant strength with a hydrometer. The recommended protection

level is minus 36 degrees. Never check it when the engine is hot.

- ◆ Belts/hoses: Check belts for cracks or fraying. Check hoses for leaks, bulges or cracks. Make sure hose clamps are secure.

- ◆ Windshield washer/wipers: Make sure the reservoir is filled with washer solvent. Replace the wiper blades if needed.

- ◆ Fluids: Check oil, brake, transmission, radiator coolant

and power steering fluid levels. Follow the directions outlined in the owner's manual.

- ◆ Air filter: Hold the air filter up to a light and replace if it can't be seen through.

- ◆ Tires: Inspect wear. Check the pressure with a gauge when the tires are cold. Refer to the owner's manual for recommended air pressure and tread depth specifications.

- ◆ Lights and signals: Activate to make sure all work.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Dinner is not served

At 4:58 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, fire crews responded to a call of smoke in the lower unit of a building in the 100 block of

Maryland.

The fire, which was contained to the top of the stove, was quickly extinguished.

### Computer, phones and more missing

A Dell computer, a Toshiba laptop, two cell phones and a

black/white pinstripe messenger bag were reported missing from a home in the 100 block of Wayburn. The items were taken between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Police said the thief left the home through the rear door and left shoe impressions in the freshly fallen snow.

### Electronics, gift taken from home

Between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, a home on Pemberton was breached through the rear porch door. Missing was an iPod Nano, silver flatware, a Kodak digital camera and one unopened Christmas gift.

Sunday, Jan. 18, in the 100 block of Somerset.

— Joe Warner

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Threatening calls

A North Renaud resident reported to police she received two threatening voice mails on her cell phone within minutes of each other at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18. The calls came from a restricted number.

Because she wasn't at home, police checked her house, but nothing was amiss.

### Nothing to cheer about

A 16-year-old Detroit resi-

dent living with only a learner's permit was stopped for an illegal turn at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14.

She stated her mother allowed her to use the car for school-related activities.

She was referred to Wayne County juvenile traffic court and released to her mother.

### Bad welcome to visitors

Two Apple iPods and \$80 cash were reported missing from the visitors locker room during a basketball game at Grosse Pointe North High School Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Video tapes were reviewed and several suspects were identified by school personnel.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department at (313) 343-2400.

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2009

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

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

Absent Were: Councilmember Waldmeir (Councilman Waldmeir later arrived at the Meeting).

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2008, were approved as submitted.

The Council accepted the Audit For Fiscal Year – June 30, 2008 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- The re-appointment of Mmes. Donna Imesch and Marilyn Stanitzke to the City's Election Commission and the appointment of Mary Wells Vournakis of 66 Muir Road, to replace Joan Bartoszewicz; each member to serve a two-year term.
- Approved the Community Development Block Grant Program 2009/2010 Allocation, as follows:
 

2009 Proposed Programming Projects	
ADA Ramp Improvements .....	\$42,000
SOC Minor Home Repair & Senior Services (Public Service) .....	\$11,400
SOC Minor Home Repair (Housing Rehabilitation) .....	\$30,000
Administration .....	\$6,000
Total .....	\$90,000

The Council received the Public Safety Report for November 2008 and the Investment Reports and ordered them placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: [www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/](http://www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/)

James C. Farquhar Jr.  
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper  
City Clerk



## The Cambodia reader

Bill and Joanie Grierson traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia and stopped at Angkor Watt, Cambodia, to read the Grosse Pointe News. Temples there are about 1,500 years old. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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# Hill to host clothing line's temporary storefront

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

At least for a little while, the Hill will be home to one more shop.

From Jan. 28 to Feb. 19, consultants Mary Farley and Martha Miller will host a trunk show of spring fashions by the New York City-based Etocetera,

a clothing design company that sells everyday wear for women by appointment only. The shows are held four times a year.

Farley, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, and Miller, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, have leased space on Kercheval and are inviting women, from stay-at-home moms to travel-

ing professionals, to come in and browse samples of the coming fashions and schedule an appointment to create a springtime wardrobe.

"We decided to join forces and take on the storefront. Although we're two separate businesses, we show the same clothes," said Miller.

Both have been individual

consultants for the last six years.

"Sadly, a lot of businesses in the Village and on the Hill have gone out of business. In this economy, a lot of people want a second income or need a second income, and I think it's a great, creative way to build a business and use empty space on the Hill," said Farley. "It's a

win-win. Anytime a new business comes into the area, it stimulates business for everyone. It draws attention and curiosity. Every merchant on the Hill will benefit — at least I hope so."

Shoppers can work with the samples that Miller and Farley will have on hand for a few weeks.

The pair will order the items and make necessary adjustments and deliver them to the customers.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. To schedule an appointment, call Miller at (313) 610-2413 or Farley at (313) 770-5992.

# Financial guru foresees tougher times ahead

The nation's struggling economy has ensured 2008 will be remembered as a year many would like to forget.

By the end of 2008, words such as "bailout," "foreclosure" and "recession" had taken over the national headlines.

Lou Scatigna, radio host and financial press contributor known as "The Financial Physician," offered a dreary forecast for 2008. He predicted the failure of large financial institutions and a drastic decline in the stock market among others.

Though his dire forecast for 2008 earned him the nickname "Dr. Doom" among his loyal listeners, Scatigna's forecasts were eerily accurate, leaving many to wonder just what Scatigna foresees for 2009 and beyond.

This year Scatigna finds himself offering a bleak forecast for the months ahead. As usual, he prefaces the following predictions with a simple phrase: "I hope I'm wrong."

## Economy

Much like 2008, Scatigna sees trouble ahead for the American economy in 2009, expecting a continued weakness in consumer spending coupled with declining corporate capital expenditures, resulting in drastically reduced corporate earnings.

"Unemployment will continue to accelerate in the first half of 2009 as employers facing rapidly declining revenue and profits aggressively trim payrolls," says Scatigna. "By the end of 2009, the official unemployment rate will exceed 9 percent."

Scatigna predicts tightness in credit markets will exacerbate the economic downturn and only the most creditworthy consumers will be able to secure loans for homes and vehicles.

The belt tightening at banks will, according to Scatigna, not only make it harder for prospective homeowners to secure loans, but make it even

harder for existing homeowners to sell their homes at top dollar.

"I anticipate housing prices will fall by at least another 10 to 15 percent in 2009, as inventory levels rise and foreclosure sales depress market prices," says Scatigna.

## Stock Market

If investors thought 2008 made for a wild ride in the stock market, Scatigna says an even more exaggerated roller coaster ride awaits investors in 2009.

While Scatigna predicts the inauguration of President Barack Obama will help the markets get off on the right foot come January, such a rally won't last forever.

"I expect the U.S. stock market to hit new lows by the end of the first half of 2009," says Scatigna. "Investors will come to the conclusion that the worst for the economy and corporate earnings is still ahead of us."

Scatigna says that just like any roller coaster ride, there will be highs for the stock market as well. Come the end of 2009, Scatigna predicts the market will recover the entire

loss for the year and close more than 9,000.

## Financial institutions

Scatigna believes the word bailout will prove to have some staying power in 2009, particularly with respect to the nation's financial institutions. Although only 26 banks failed in 2008, Scatigna expects that number to exceed 300 in 2009, thanks in large part to debtors defaulting on their loans.

"There is a chance the government will call a 'bank holiday,' wherein banks are closed for a significant length of time as runs on banks become more frequent," Scatigna says.

While the failures of banks will no doubt grab headlines, Scatigna sees the solvency of the insurance industry as an area of even greater concern. Such concern is due in large part to the sinking value of insurance stocks, which fell by as much as 85 percent in 2008, as investors grew increasingly concerned about the liquidity of insurance companies.

"I expect at least one major insurer to fail in 2009 or need a bailout to stay alive," says Scatigna. "This is a major concern because many people

have money in cash value life insurance and annuities deposited with insurance companies, and their failure would be catastrophic."

## Inflation/deflation

In terms of inflation and deflation, Scatigna predicts 2009 will be the exact opposite of 2008. Whereas 2008 witnessed deflationary forces begin to hit the economy in mid-summer and result in dramatic declines in the prices of oil, commodities and stocks by the end of the year, Scatigna warns that the second half of 2009 will likely see heavy inflation across the board.

"The final part of the year will experience the beginnings of inflation as the Fed's reflation scheme begins to take hold," says Scatigna. "Inflation will accelerate into 2010 and may morph into a dreaded hyper-inflation in the 2010-2011 period."

## The U.S. dollar

The biggest story in 2009, Scatigna predicts, will be the dramatic decline in the value of the U.S. dollar. When coupled with government borrowing needs expected to exceed a trillion dollars, the Federal Reserve's historic in-

flation of the money supply will result in the U.S. dollar declining by as much as 20 percent against gold and foreign currencies.

As a result of the declining dollar, Scatigna predicts gold will reassert itself as a safe haven, possibly reaching record highs in value during 2009. Currently valued at \$850 per ounce, gold could, according to Scatigna, nearly double in value over the next 12 months.

"I expect gold to trade over \$1,200 per ounce in 2009," Scatigna says. "If there is a dollar crisis in 2009, as there very well may be, gold could rise to \$1,500 per ounce."

Currently working on his first book, "The Financial Physician: How to Cure Your Money Problems and Boost Your Financial Health," Scatigna is also preaching frugality, debt elimination and living within one's means as a way of surviving what he predicts will be another difficult year ahead.

For more financial forecasting, including predictions on the fluctuating prices of oil in the coming year and what scandals lie ahead for Wall Street in 2009, visit Scatigna online [thefinancialphysician.com](http://thefinancialphysician.com).

## Scottrade opening in Farms

Scottrade, a branch-supported online investment firm, is opening an office at 79 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The branch will be managed by Eric Johnson, a 25-year veteran in the discount brokerage industry with more than five years spent at Scottrade.

"As the only discount brokerage office in the Grosse Pointe Farms area, the branch will provide investors with a local resource for financial education and customer support," said Johnson. "Investors in the community now have a convenient location to stop in and have questions answered."

Scottrade is an online investment firm that provides the tools and research for individu-

als to make their own investment decisions. The firm does not provide investment advice, but stock brokers are available at branch offices to answer account-related questions, provide customer service and give tutorials on Scottrade's online trading services.

"We feel it is important to have branch offices where our customers work and live," said Rodger Riney, Scottrade founder, president and CEO. "While most of our customers trade online, our local offices allow us to provide a better customer experience for online investors."

The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at (313) 881-1980.

## Local lawyer noted as 'best'

Michael G. Cumming of Grosse Pointe Park, a trusts and estates attorney for Dykma, is named in the newly published Woodward/White Best Lawyers in America guide.

He was recognized by his peers as a leader in his respective field.

Cumming is a member of the taxation and estates practice group and focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration and related tax matters. He also represents clients in probate and trust contests and premarital agreement negotiations.

He is the former editor of the

Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of the Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit, the Taxation Sections of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the Probate and Estate Planning Advisory Committee of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Cumming received his B.B.A., with high distinction, from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame.

## Chamber holds annual meeting

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds its fourth annual general membership meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with networking and hospitality followed by a 7 p.m. strolling dinner. At 8 p.m., the Pointer of Distinction awards will take

place. An afterglow follows.

The 2008 Pointer of Distinction Awards will be given in the categories of Youth Achievement, Community Service, Excellence in Business and New Business Enterprise.

Tickets are \$40 for chamber members and \$45 for guests. Contact the chamber at (313) 881-4722 for more information or reservations.

## Attorney named in local magazine

Butzel Long attorney Justin G. Klimko is one of five attorneys profiled in the November edition of a business magazine.

He is featured in the annual listings of the "Best Lawyers in Metro dBusiness News as part of the 2009 rankings from the

publication of the "Best Lawyers in America."

A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Klimko is listed in four categories: corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law and securities law.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF FINAL STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a Public Hearing has taken place before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson for Public Comments and approval of the use of Community Block Grant funding for the following projects.

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**HEALTH**  
**Life-changing event**  
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The **Grannie Nannies** is a small group of women who are networking once a month to exchange playtime activities and ideas and share stories of the grandchildren whom they babysit.

## Special playtime

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Features Editor

Grannies are busy these days.

And they are not necessarily knitting mittens and baking molasses cookies. They are out making the most of their days; socializing, volunteering and taking care of grandchildren while mom and dad work.

The Granny Nannies, a grandmother's (as yet no grandfathers have joined) support group, meet monthly to talk about their status as babysitters for their grandchildren.

The grandmothers gather at Services for Older Citizens to exchange stories and ideas for games, crafts, snacks and playtime activities for the hours they spend with their grandchildren. They also talk about simplifying their lives, said the group's organizer, Helen Roberts, through cost-cutting ideas, recycling and reuse of household products.

Roberts organized Granny



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

See GRANNIES, page 2B Snack time for Brady Roberts and his grandmother, Helen Roberts, who founded the Granny Nannies organization.

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Helen Roberts babysits her grandson, Brady Roberts, a time she finds precious.

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## GRANNIES: Generations of sharing

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Nannies to make new friends and network.

"I moved here from Ann Arbor in July 2007 to take care of my grandson," she said. "I have friends in Ann Arbor but no friends here. I wondered how to meet someone with something in common."

SOC was the logical place for a Granny Nannies meeting place, said Debbie Liang, information and assistance specialist at SOC. Eight women gathered the first month and four the second month. The November meeting had nine in attendance, which included two new grannies.

"Helen approached SOC to see if we would be interested in starting a new group for grandparents who spend time watching their grandchildren on a regular basis or occasionally," Liang said. "Helen thought other seniors at SOC may be interested in this new group. Just like first time moms getting together with other moms, Helen felt grandparents would like to do the same. A chance to meet monthly to talk about their grandchildren, share ideas of

*'The grandparents really love spending time with their grandchildren.'*

DEBBIE LIANG  
SOC information and assistance specialist

things to do with them, get support."

Grandmothers take care of a wide age range of children and with varying schedules, it's hard for some members to attend regularly.

"It's going to be wonderful when it gets off the ground," said Geraldine Jaworski of Harper Woods.

She frequently watches her three grandchildren on the weekends.

"The grandparents really love spending time with their grandchildren," Liang said. "They are so passionate about spending time with them. One grandmother was asked, 'Why do you spend so much time with your grandchildren?' Her response was priceless. 'I spend time with them because my grandchildren make my heart smile.'"

Jaworski, like Roberts, takes no payment for her babysitting duties, saying "it's a blessing" to spend time with the youngsters. The two generations get better acquainted during their time together.

"There is a closeness when I babysit," Jaworski said.

All three of her grandchildren, Christian, Nathan and Rachel, like to have their backs scratched. It's a time when the children open up to her.

It's a time to share what they have learned in school and what is going on in their lives, she explained.

Jaworski said she wants to make this a special time for her grandchildren because she didn't know her grandmother.

"We get to know each other on a one to one basis. My grandmother died when I was born. I didn't know my grandmother," she said.

Jaworski wants her grandchildren, who live in Birmingham, to know her and build memories of their time together.

Roberts takes care of Brady, 2 1/2, for her son and daughter-in-law.

Through inquiries and the Granny Nannies network, she has found places to visit with her grandson.

There is a play group at the Neighborhood Club and a church. The library offers programs for the soon-to-be-reader. Borders Books has story time and the Village Toy Company has a play area, as does the Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Inc. in St. Clair Shores and Eastland Mall.

For more information about Granny Nannies, call Liang at (313) 882-9600, ext. 249.



## Alaska readers

Tom and Lou Anne Judd of Grosse Pointe Farms visited Ketchikan, Alaska, and took the Grosse Pointe News on their zipline excursion.



## The Venice reader

Marianne Endicott of Grosse Pointe Shores took her Grosse Pointe News along when she visited Venice. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Brownell Middle School, Room C-11. Members can submit one problematic photo and other members will fix it in Photoshop.

Nonmembers are welcome. For a calendar of events, visit [grossepointecameraclub.org](http://grossepointecameraclub.org) or contact the club's president Mike Floria, at [gpsc.club@comcast.net](mailto:gpsc.club@comcast.net).

## Palmer Woods

Mardi Gras-in-Detroit begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in a Palmer Woods home.

Music of Jelly Roll Morton, Scott Joplin and New Orleans will be performed by pianist Taslimah Bey and her quartet featuring trumpeter Dwight Adams.

Tickets cost \$60 and may be purchased by visiting [palmerwoods.org](http://palmerwoods.org) or by calling (313) 891-2514.

## Lecture

Early influences of French cooking on the English dining experience will be discussed at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"A Paradox of Tastes: Eating and Drinking in England and France, 1500-1900," led by Christopher Hartop, a British and European silver expert, also covers the changes that took place on the table top, as well as the way serving food evolved. He will discuss how dishes of a particular course were placed on the table and how waiters brought the components and served people individually. The talk takes place in the DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

The event is free with museum admission, which is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for youth ages 6 to 17. DIA members are admitted free.

For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or visit [dia.org](http://dia.org).

## Metro Detroit Writers

The 2009 Downtown Literary Arts series takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth.

The free event features poets Mary Ann Wehler, Diane DeCillis, Airea Dee and John D. Lamb.

For more information and di-

rections, call (313) 831-1250.

## War Memorial

A culinary class titled Great Ideas for Your Super Bowl Party is offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms with Chef Donna Holis. The cost is \$46.

◆ Chef Doug Cordier will teach a class on dishes based on recipes from the Veneto and Tuscany regions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the War Memorial.

Registration for either class may be made by calling (313) 881-7511 or visiting [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ The Grosse Pointe Antiques Road Show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the War Memorial.

Experts will be on hand to provide appraisals on antiques and collectibles. They include Dennis and Meoldye Adomitis of Saginaw who specialize in textiles and costumes; James Amato of Oxford with period furniture and folk art; Katrina Bray from Royal Oak will look at vintage clothing; Doug Doulton of Belleville is an auctioneer; Darlene Hines of Farmington and Robert Ramsey are members of the International Society of Appraisers; Joe Kueckle of Warren will appraise clocks and music boxes; Daniel LaLonde is a licensed gemologist; Sandra Onyekwere of Detroit will examine glass and fine decorative accessories; and Lori Stefa of Grosse Pointe.

The cost is \$6 per item and the maximum is six items per person.

No weapons will be allowed.

## Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe host a winter tasting event from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the home of the organization's Midwestern region's Governor Mary Parsigian, 76 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A sampling of wines from California and Hungary and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Reservations must be in by Monday, Jan. 26 by calling Marlane Washington at (313) 378-9018.

## Book signing

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Michael Goodell will sign

copies of his book, "Zenith Rising," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Dylan's Rawbar & Grill, 15402 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

His book is set in the fictional city of Zenith, a Midwestern industrialized city in a state of decline.

## Meetup Group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com).

## Oboe trio

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings' Nightnotes series presents Oboe Trio, featuring oboists Donald Baker, Sally Pituch and Stephanie Shapiro at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30.

Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m. prior to the concert at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 South Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

Oboe Trio includes a number of works for multiple oboes in addition to pieces featuring members of the oboe family. Among the pieces included is a trio by Josef Triebensee - the Viennese composer who was an oboist himself - as well as a duet by Eugène Bozza.

All three participating artists have gained prominence and respect within the classical music community in Detroit and beyond.

Baker has been principal oboe with the Detroit Symphony since 1973, following several years with the Dallas Symphony.

Pituch, of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, played for many years with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and is currently artistic director of the Nightnotes series.

Having studied at the University of Michigan, Shapiro returns to the region from her post as English horn and oboist with the San Antonio Symphony in Texas.

Discounted advanced tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at [detroitchamberwinds.org](http://detroitchamberwinds.org), or by calling (248) 559-2095. Tickets will also be available at the door for an additional \$5.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings is an ensemble made up primarily of musicians from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestras. In addition to the Nightnotes concerts, DCWS

hosts an annual, nine-concert subscription series. For more information, call (248) 559-2095 or visit [detroitchamberwinds.org](http://detroitchamberwinds.org).

## Detroit Concert Choir

The Detroit Concert Choir presents a Moonlight and Roses gala dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Gowan Golf Club, 24770 S. River Road, Harrison Township.

Live entertainment by the concert choir and the Sun Messengers will be included in the \$60 event.

A silent auction includes autographed items, baskets of cheer, DSO tickets, gift certificates, clothing and memorabilia.

Call (313) 882-0118 by Tuesday, Feb. 3, to make a reservation.

## Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the home of Dorothy Guy. Lucille Grenzke is co-hostess.

The program is "Antique Garden Books" presented by Hank Zuchowski of Shaw Books of Grosse Pointe Park.

## St. John

The St. John Hospital and Medical Center Guild hosts a Texas hold 'em card party Wednesday, March 4, at Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Entry fee is \$110 and \$125 at the door. Non-player cost is \$30. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game begins at 7 p.m.

Food and beverages are included in the price.

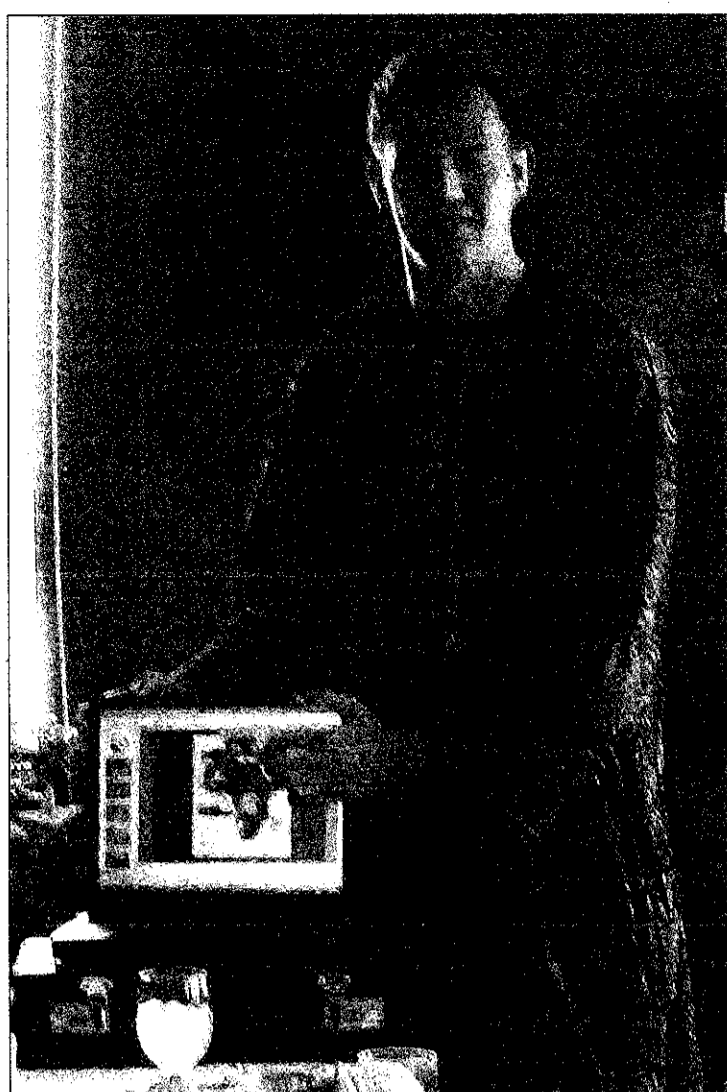
For reservations, call the guild office at (313) 343-3674. Proceeds benefit the hospital.

## Curves

Curves of Grosse Pointe Woods and the City offers Healthways SilverSneakers members free fitness classes. For more information, call (313) 640-0302 or (313) 642-0611.

## League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is seeking members.



## Lions Club

Peace Corps Volunteer leader Benjamin Fouty, of St. Clair Shores talked to Grosse Pointe Lions Club members about Peace Corps work in his assigned country of Benin, West Africa. Peace Corps volunteers work in four areas - environment, teaching English, business development and rural community health. Lions Club members who attended were: Dick Dossin, Mike Faber, Chase Wakefield, Tom Sheahan, Bill Hollister, Ben Stanczyk Jr., Judge Benjamin Stanczyk, Jim Lemen, Tom Nelson and Rob Lyles.

The organization is a non-partisan political organization that encourages participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, call (313) 343-0771 or email [info@grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org](mailto:info@grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org).

## Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club is offering programs and classes for youngsters and parents or caregivers.

## Mom & Tot Exercise Class

This class is for children 1-2 years old and their parents or caregivers. Children perform large motor activities and participate in music and movement, storytelling and finger plays.

Six week sessions are held from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 26.

Each six-week session is \$50.

## Kiddie Gym

Children ages 2 to 3 can participate in group games, exercise and music from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 26. Each six-week session is \$50.

## Play Central

The Neighborhood Club and the Family Center team up to offer a place for parents, grandparents and caregivers to

play with children in an active gym venue while socializing with other families in an open play setting. The program is offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 6. The fee is \$3 per family per visit and can be paid upon arrival.

Register online for all activities at [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org) or in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Bowling for Braille

Seedlings Braille Books is holding its 22nd annual fundraising bowling on Sunday, March 22 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Founded by Deb Bonde, formerly of Grosse Pointe, the non-profit tax exempt organization provides low cost children's literature in Braille to needy students.

Seedlings has produced more than 235,000 Braille books and articles. Books are sold for about half the production costs with the remainder covered by donations, grants, philanthropic group support and proceeds from fundraising events. The organization is using a donation from the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe to launch two titles about the American Revolution.

For more information about the bowling event, call Julie Conover at (734) 427-8552.



## Big Easy reader

Mark Clement of Grosse Pointe Woods visited the Big Easy, New Orleans, taking the Grosse Pointe News along when he visited Jackson Square and the St. Louis Cathedral. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# Why are so many people unhappy?



**W**hy We Hate Us," by Dick Meyer is an interesting book wherein the author posits why he thinks so many people are unhappy. Meyer believes the "counterculture," a movement borne in the 1960s, was good because it threw out many destructive and oppressive customs. However, he says, many useful social mores and ties were also tossed aside. Many "have tos" are disappearing: "Men didn't have to

hold the door open for women; companies didn't have to consider the welfare of workers on par with stockholders; couples didn't have to be in committed relations to have sex or to be married to have children; children didn't have to care for elderly parents."

The cumulative effect of the "don't have tos" was an erosion of social respect — the ties that make community possible, he notes. "People who lack a sense of belonging are grumpy and inclined to hate the world."

"I think there's a lot of truth to this. When on a tour of Havana some seven years ago, every Cuban, when asked what he thought about Castro, gave the same answer, 'He

gave us back our dignity." Cuba is an incredibly poor country. There is no infrastructure, no jobs, the roads and once incredibly beautiful buildings in Havana are falling apart.

Unlike their treatment under Batista, however, Cubans have a 94 percent literacy rate, a national health program and food packages that are delivered to all.

Not surprisingly, these programs make Cubans feel respected and provide a sense of dignity.

### Nursing home problems

In 2007, more than 90 percent of nursing homes were cited for violating federal health and safety standards. For-profit homes were most

likely to have problems, according to a report from federal investigators issued last fall.

About 17 percent of nursing homes showed deficiencies that caused "actual harm or immediate jeopardy" to patients, according to Daniel R. Levinson, inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Problems included infected bedsores, medication mix-ups, poor nutrition and abuse and neglect.

Inspectors received 35,150 complaints about conditions in nursing homes in 2007 of which 39 percent were substantiated. About one-fifth of those verified by federal and state authorities involved abuse or neglect.

About two-thirds of nursing homes are owned by for-profit companies, while 27 percent are owned by nonprofit organizations and 6 percent by government entities.

The inspector general said 94 percent of for-profit nursing homes were cited for deficiencies last year, compared with 88 percent of nonprofit homes and 91 percent of government homes.

Levinson issued a compliance guide stating some nursing homes "have systemically failed to provide staff in sufficient numbers and with appropriate clinical expertise to serve their residents."

Researchers found people receive better care at homes with a higher ratio of staff to patients.

The inspector general said in some cases nursing homes billed Medicare and Medicaid for services that "were not provided, or were so wholly deficient that they amounted to no care at all."

Bruce A. Yarwood, president of the American Health Care Association, a trade group, said "We know we have to do a better job. We have been doing a better job in treating pressure sores, managing pain and reducing the use of physical restraints."

But he complained that the inspection system was broken. "It does not reliably measure quality," he said. "It does not create any positive incentives."

Cain can be reached at [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net)

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kim Steggle-Zapata

## Facing changes brought about by a newborn



**Q.** My husband and I realize our lives will change after our baby is born. But, what are some typical realities and changes that new parents may experience?

**A.** Life with a new baby can be stressful and exhausting. Parents experience sleep deprivation, emotional and relationship changes as well as financial stress. Sleep deprivation

can cause irritability, anxiety and at times, the inability to cope. Mom may experience negative body image, retained body weight and hormonal fluctuations.

First time parents are often surprised at how much work a little baby can be and how it changes their lives. Some negative feelings are common and normal. They may include:

- ◆ Sadness and mourning the pre-birth "you"
- ◆ Guilt over these negative feelings
- ◆ Frustration over lack of time and energy
- ◆ Anger and resentment

over the loss of control

◆ Insecurity in their new role as parent.

**Q.** I've heard some new parents experience a change in their relationship. What are some of the common changes my husband and I should be prepared to face?

**A.** New parents may experience a shift in roles, decreased time together and increased daily demands that may contribute to changes in the couple's relationship. Be patient with your partner and yourself. Good communication and small gestures of tenderness and respect for each other will go a long way in maintaining a strong relationship.

**Q.** How do I deal with unsolicited advice?

**A.** Be polite, use humor or simply avoid upsetting situations, if possible.

**Q.** What are some signs of postpartum depression?

**A.** Statistics indicate that there are significant numbers of women who experience postpartum adjustment,

anxiety or depression. Even happily married couples that were eager to have a baby can experience postpartum depression.

Symptoms of postpartum depression are changes in appetite, sleep disturbances, anxiety/panic attacks, feelings of hopelessness, poor concentration, confusion and uncontrollable crying. It is important to contact a health care professional if the parent is experiencing these symptoms.

Kim Steggle-Zapata M.A. LLP, works with the Beaumont Parenting Program. She will provide a presentation on Adjustment to Parenthood at The Family Center's Partners In Parenting lecture series in partnership with Beaumont Hospital from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Connelly Auditorium at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux Road. The event is free.

To register or to submit questions, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or by e-mail at [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).



### SOC teas

More than 50 seniors attended the Holiday Tea at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, Dec. 29. Participants were treated to homemade Christmas cookies and the music of 17-year-old singer Matthew Orlando. He is the son of the tea's sponsor, Laurie Orlando, an attorney. The next tea is from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, featuring singer Catherine Lowell, sponsored by Waltonwood of Lakeside. The "Circle of Remembrance Tea" is from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13. This program honors and celebrates the lives of loved ones. A Van Elslander Cancer Center staff member will be the speaker. Refreshments will be provided by Heartland Georgian East. Donations are accepted. Call (313) 882-9600 for a reservation.

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Through GolFitness, participants learn pre-game warm-up, core strengthening and flexibility exercises to help develop an effective swing. Henry Ford's team of sports medicine professionals will perform a brief biomechanical assessment of each golfer's swing and provide a customized program for strength and flexibility to improve their game.

Spring 2008 sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at five Henry Ford locations including:

- ◆ Feb. 11, Wyandotte Rehabilitation Orthopaedic Center, 3200 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte;
- ◆ March 11, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine & Physical Therapy, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe;
- ◆ March 18, Lowell Park Athletic Medicine & Physical Therapy (near Henry Ford Medical Center - Lakeside), 44800 Delco Boulevard, Sterling Heights;
- ◆ April 1, William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine Physical Therapy, 6525 Second Ave., Detroit.

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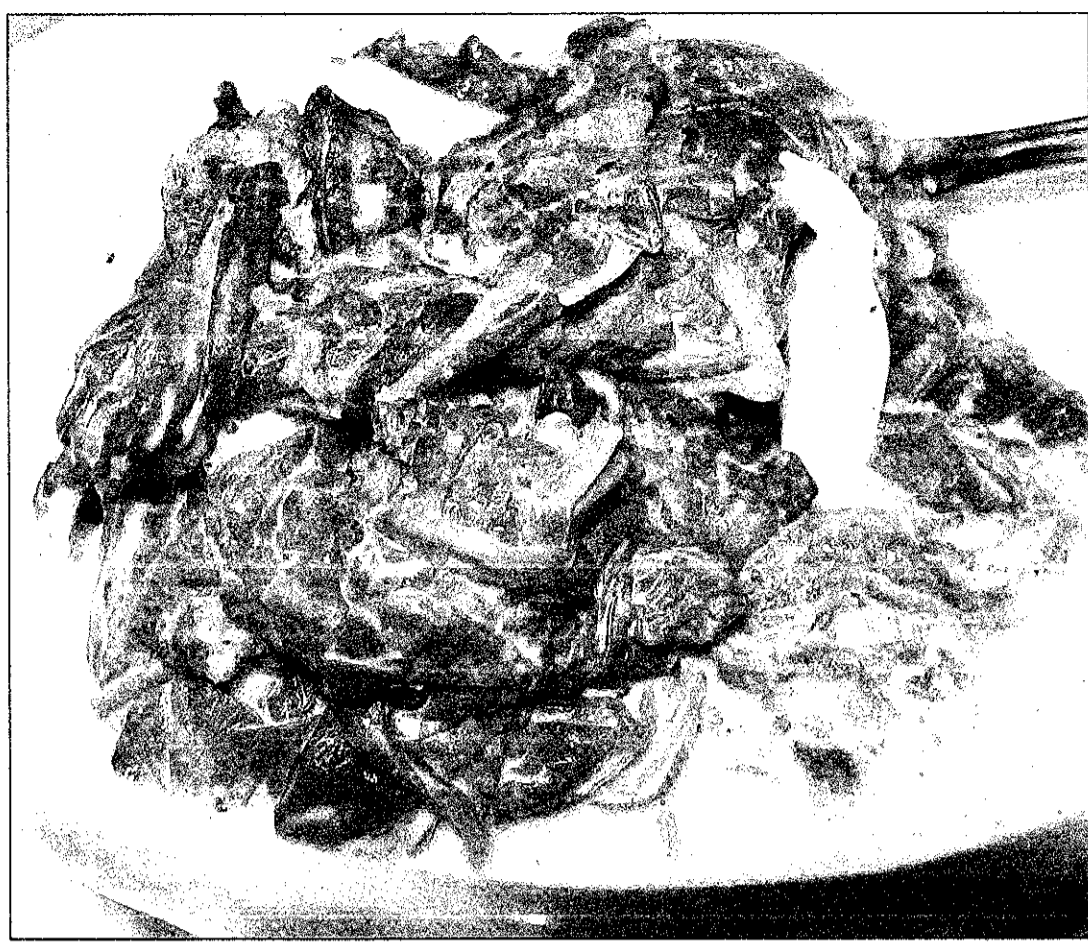


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Creamed spinach — inexpensive and easy to make.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Creamed spinach side preparation is so easy

If it's on the menu, creamed spinach is a side dish I often order in a restaurant. Making creamed spinach at home is incredibly easy and if you start with a large bag from a local warehouse, it won't break your bank either.

I've added a little heat to my recipe, giving the creamed spinach a slightly spicy finish. (The heat is optional.)

## Creamed Spinach

(serves 6 to 8)

- 1 40 oz. bag baby spinach
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 to 8 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup half & half



**1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese**  
**1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)**  
**salt and pepper to taste**  
 Begin by cooking the spinach (in 4 batches) in a large no-stick skillet over medium heat. Remove the spinach as soon as each batch is wilted and transfer to a colander to allow to drain. Allow the cooked spinach to cool a bit then gently squeeze the spinach to remove as much excess water as possible. Set

aside.

In the same skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat and add the sliced garlic. Sauté the garlic about 3 to 4 minutes, just until it begins to brown. Return the cooked spinach to the skillet and add the half & half. Slowly bring the mixture to a low simmer and stir in the Parmesan cheese and the crushed red pepper. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

This creamed spinach with a kick will sit nicely next to a filet mignon or New York strip. The flavor is rich and creamy and the flavor from the garlic shines through the greens.

Got leftover creamed spinach? I tucked mine into a fresh omelette. Yummy.

## Snow celebrated at Belle Isle Nature Zoo

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo hosts its third annual Snow Celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24 and 25.

The two-day event includes snowshoeing lessons, storytelling, nature programs and games. Admission and all events are free.

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Unit will provide an outdoor heated classroom where park interpreters will focus on how Michigan wildlife survives winter. In addition, the Red Cross will conduct a blanket drive, collecting new and gently used blankets. Free hot cocoa and coffee will be served.

Other events include:

### Saturday, Jan. 24

Noon — Snowshoeing for Beginners. Snow permitting, snowshoes will be provided or guests may bring their own.

12:30 p.m. — Redford Branch Library presents "Kids Korner Story Time."

1:30 p.m. — Michigan Humane Society presents "Animal Care, Compassion and Responsibility."

2:30 p.m. — Snowshoeing for Beginners. Snow permitting, snowshoes will be provided

ed or guests may bring their own.

3 p.m. — Redford Branch Library presents "Kids Korner Story Time."

### Sunday, Jan. 25

Noon — Snowshoeing for Beginners. Snow permitting, snowshoes will be provided or guests may bring their own.

12:30 p.m. — Redford Branch Library presents "Kids Korner Story Time."

1:30 p.m. — Snowshoeing for Beginners. Snow permitting, snowshoes will be provided or guests may bring their own.

2 p.m. — Howell Nature Center presents "Creatures of the Night." Guests will learn about some of the nocturnal animals found in Michigan and how they survive at night.

3 p.m. — Redford Branch Library presents "Kids Korner Story Time."

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 852-4056 or visit [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org).

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## Toboggan run

Dean Liprini built a toboggan run on the front lawn of his Radnor Circle home in Grosse Pointe Farms for his sons, Nick and Josh, and wife, Ginna. He used 15 bales of hay as a base, waited for the snow and then groomed it, packed more snow and groomed it again to 10 feet. It flows across the front lawn, curves parallel to the driveway and ends at the sidewalk. Liprini, formerly of South Africa, stands at the top of the hill watching Nick, in front, and Josh, as they slide down the hill. Above, Josh Liprini holds the hood of his coat as he flies down the homemade hill.

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## Amani, the aardvark arrives at Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo's newborn aardvark, Amani (Swahili for "peace"), was born at 1:05 a.m. Dec. 8 to mother, Rachael, and father, Mchimbaji.

The 23-inch infant arrived hairless, weighing 3 pounds, 10 ounces, with ears measuring 4 inches.

The zoo is awaiting DNA test results to determine the sex.

"This baby can only be described as hideously cute," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare, Scott Carter.

"Rachael is a first-time mother and is showing great maternal instincts."

Due to the aardvark's clumsy nature and poor eyesight, veterinary and zookeeper staff are assisting Rachael with raising the fragile baby

to prevent the possibility of it being injured. Since the birth, Amani has more than doubled in size. Adult aardvarks can weigh from 90 to 145 pounds and grow 5 to 6 feet in length.

The aardvark is an African mammal whose name derives from the Afrikaans word "earth pig."

The animal's unusual appearance plays a part in its success as a forager.

The ears point forward to enable it to listen for the sound of insects.

The snout is long and filled with hair that acts as a filter, letting scents in and keeping dirt out.

Strong limbs and spoon-shaped claws can tear through the sturdiest of termite mounds, allowing the aardvark to trap insects with its

long, sticky tongue which can be up to 12 inches long.

Amani will be seen with Rachael and Mchimbaji across from the giraffe habitat in the spring with the zoo's other aardvarks, Amy, Bob and Lily.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November

through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 13 to 61; \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12; children under 2 are admitted free.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

## 'Enchanted Evening' at Ford House

Enchanted Evening, an intimate affair, begins at 6 p.m. Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Live piano music, wine and roses set the scene for a gourmet dinner starting with bibb and red leaf lettuce with grape tomatoes, caramelized

onion, toasted pine nuts, crumbled bleu cheese and sherry vinaigrette, followed by wild mushroom ravioli with wilted greens and fine herb sauce.

The main course is beef tenderloin with whipped horse-radish and leek potatoes and green beans almandine. Caramel chocolate cheesecake tops off the meal.

Guests may tour the home after dinner.

The cost is \$45 per person and reservations are required. Tickets are on sale now. Call (313) 844-4222.

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Art Van Furniture will be donating furnishings used during the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview to various nonprofit organizations.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

# Aspire to emulate higher ideals

Reference on a Web site to "Minute-men" led me to further research. The initial findings confirmed my impression of these patriots from the Revolutionary War period who would respond quickly with necessary emergency military response. Further research, however, gave a less enthusiastic picture of my ideal as to the actual effectiveness of these militia volunteers. Certain expert opinions debated the advisability of volunteer versus permanent soldiers and disparaged the supposed accomplishments of the voluntary militia. Despite this questioning, I can still uphold the ideal of readiness, selflessness and action the Minutemen represent and try to follow their example

in my own life. Other examples like this abound. Many of us revere the presidencies of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for their wisdom and progress, despite telltale accounts of their personal flaws and inadequacies. Many Bible characters can probably be viewed the same way. After thousands of years of storytelling and translations from ancient languages, the historical accuracy and context of Bible accounts is sometimes open to question. However, the ideals these characters portray can still be useful to us. Whether it's the leadership of Moses, the courage of David facing a giant Goliath, the obedience of Joshua in breaking the walls of Jericho, or the persistence of the Apostles in pro-

moting the gospel despite persecution, these individuals' God-given talents can inspire our own efforts to improve ourselves, our families and our communities. Referring to our ideals, the founder of the Christian Science church, Mary Baker Eddy — a devoted Bible student — wrote: "We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives." Let's choose the best role models to emulate and aspire to the highest ideals that God gives us. *Kent Commer is a member of the Christian Science congregation.*

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is held from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., Friday, Jan. 23, in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Rev. Margo Allen of Grace United Church of Christ, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

## St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco hosts a Coffee House from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Live local bands and poets, including The Full Montefalcos, Fox Creek Underground, Nancy Coombs and Tom Budday perform in the church's social hall. Refreshments will be served. Activities for children are planned. Admission at the door is \$7.50 or \$20 for a family of up to six. Advanced tickets are \$5 or \$15 per family and may be purchased by contacting Ed Fleming at edwardj.fleming@hotmail.com or Perry Calisi at perrycalisi@comcast.net. Proceeds benefit the church and school programs.

Refreshments will be served. Activities for children are planned.

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## Estate planning

James Ellis, a Harvard Law School graduate, presents es-

tate planning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults in the commons room at St. Peter the Apostle Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

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## Tea house

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20. Call (313) 521-1894 for reservations.

## Fine dining

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# NEW ARRIVALS

## Katherine Grace Schorer

Michael and Abigail Schorer of Grosse Pointe Shores are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Grace Schorer, born Aug. 18, 2008.

Maternal grandparents are Matt and Kippy Kosorski of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Howard and Serafina Schorer of Grosse Pointe Woods are the paternal grandparents.

Thomas and Loretta Berg of Lake Orion, Betty Kosorski of Harbor Springs and Anthony and Josephine Viviano of Clinton Township are the great-grandparents.

## Helen Jane Lauppe

Andrew and Carrie Lauppe of Paoli, Pa., are the parents of a daughter, Helen Jane, born Dec. 21, 2008.

John and Laura Petersen of

Cedar Falls, Iowa, are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are William and Susan Lauppe of Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Avery Cate Welsh

Bryan and Jennifer Welsh of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Avery Cate Welsh, born Oct. 30, 2008.

William and Diane Wayton of Toledo, Ohio, and Michael Hahn of Perrysburg, Ohio, are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are the late Michael and the late Barbara Walsh.

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Taylor McCarty, son of Dr. and Mrs. James McCarty of Grosse Pointe Shores, has been named to the Presidents List with a 4.0 in pre-med/zoology at Miami University. He is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Samuel Kitchel of Grosse Pointe Woods was named a 2008-09 Kenan Fellow at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Kitchel, a recent graduate of the University of North

Carolina School of the Arts, will spend six months in residence at The Kennedy Center and select theaters developing his skills as a designer and stage manager.

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Barclay Ford Smyly, a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, is a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization at Western Michigan University. He is the son of Stephanie Mann of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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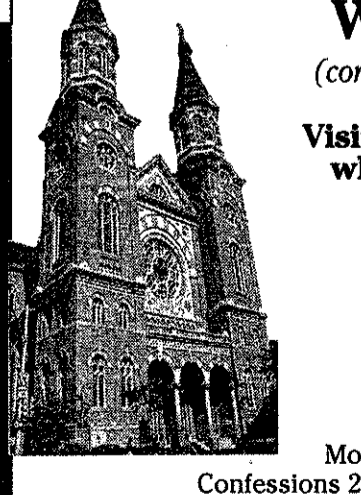
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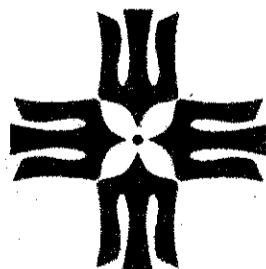
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### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Boll Athletic Fitness Facility is a gem

## Generosity at a premium

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's new Boll Athletic Fitness Facility officially opened Monday, Jan. 12.

The 5,500 square-foot fitness center completes the final construction project included in the \$62 million bond voters passed several years ago.

"Everyone has stepped up to the plate to make this happen," South Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Brandon Slone said. "We can truly call this an athletic facility. It's the ultimate athletic center for all of our students, faculty, current coaches and alumni."

The room is equipped with free weights, machines to work every muscle, rowing machines, stationary bicycles and treadmills.

Besides dumbbells ranging from 5 to 100 pounds, the center has several medicine balls with handles. All machines were purchased from the All-Pro Exercise Company and the dumbbells were purchased from Promax.

"All-Pro's representatives gave us some advice as to what

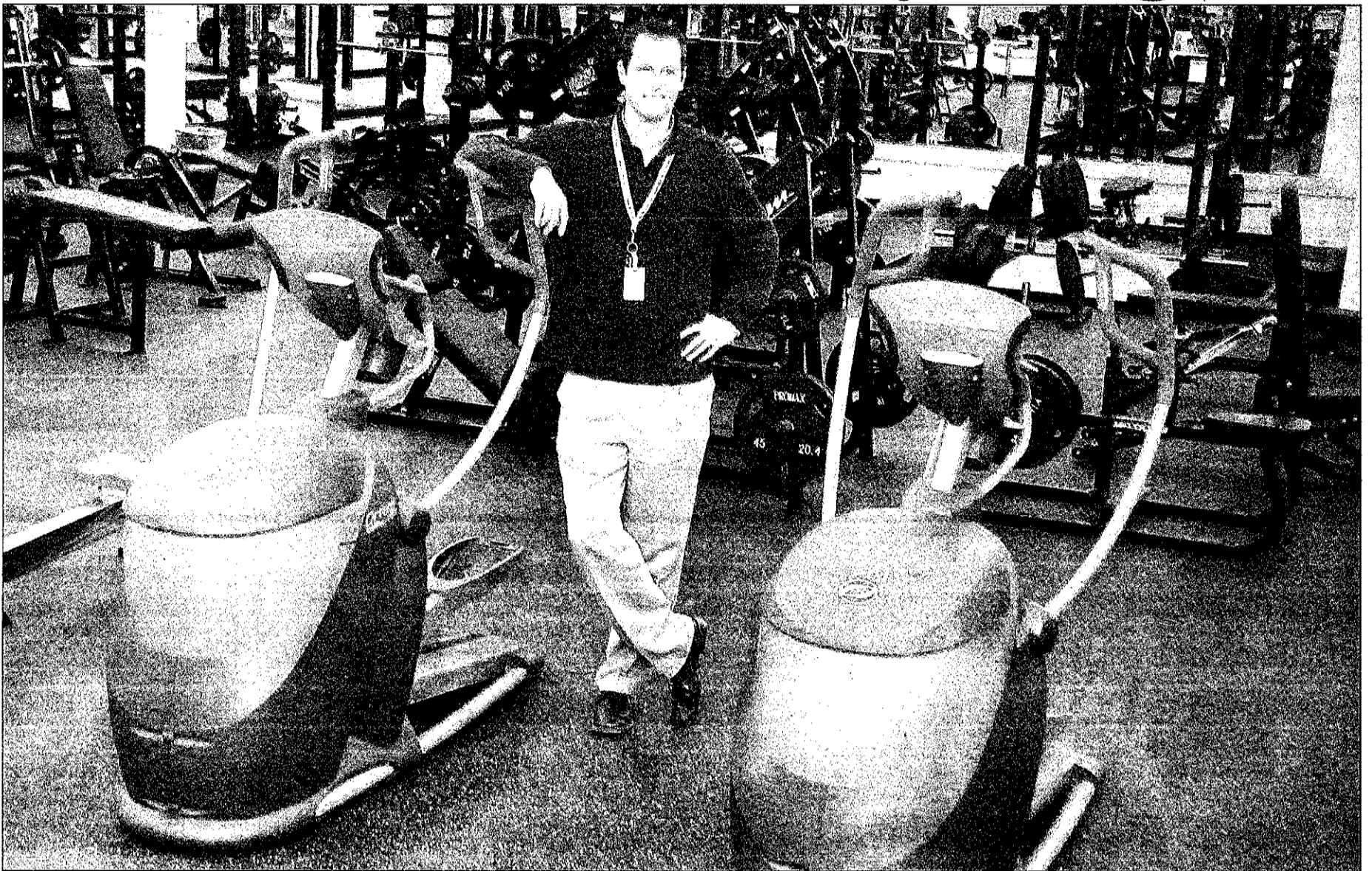


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Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Brandon Slone is proud to display another gem of a facility to the high school student body, teachers, coaches and alumni.

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GYMNASTICS

# Fentin sharp in win

Head coach Cathy Hubmeier's Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team won its third straight meet, beating host Fraser 133.70-129.75 early last week.

Sarah Fentin won the vault and was second on the floor exercise, while Heather Koresky took second on vault and second on bars to lead the team.

Other top performances were turned in by Madi Kaiser, third on vault, tied for third on bars and second on the beam; Lauren Krieger, first on the beam and floor exercise; Brittany Rizzo, scoring well in all four events; Fran Kay, good beam routine; and Lydia Fuller, a solid floor routine.

Grosse Pointe hosts the rematch with Fraser Monday, Feb. 2.

—Bob St. John

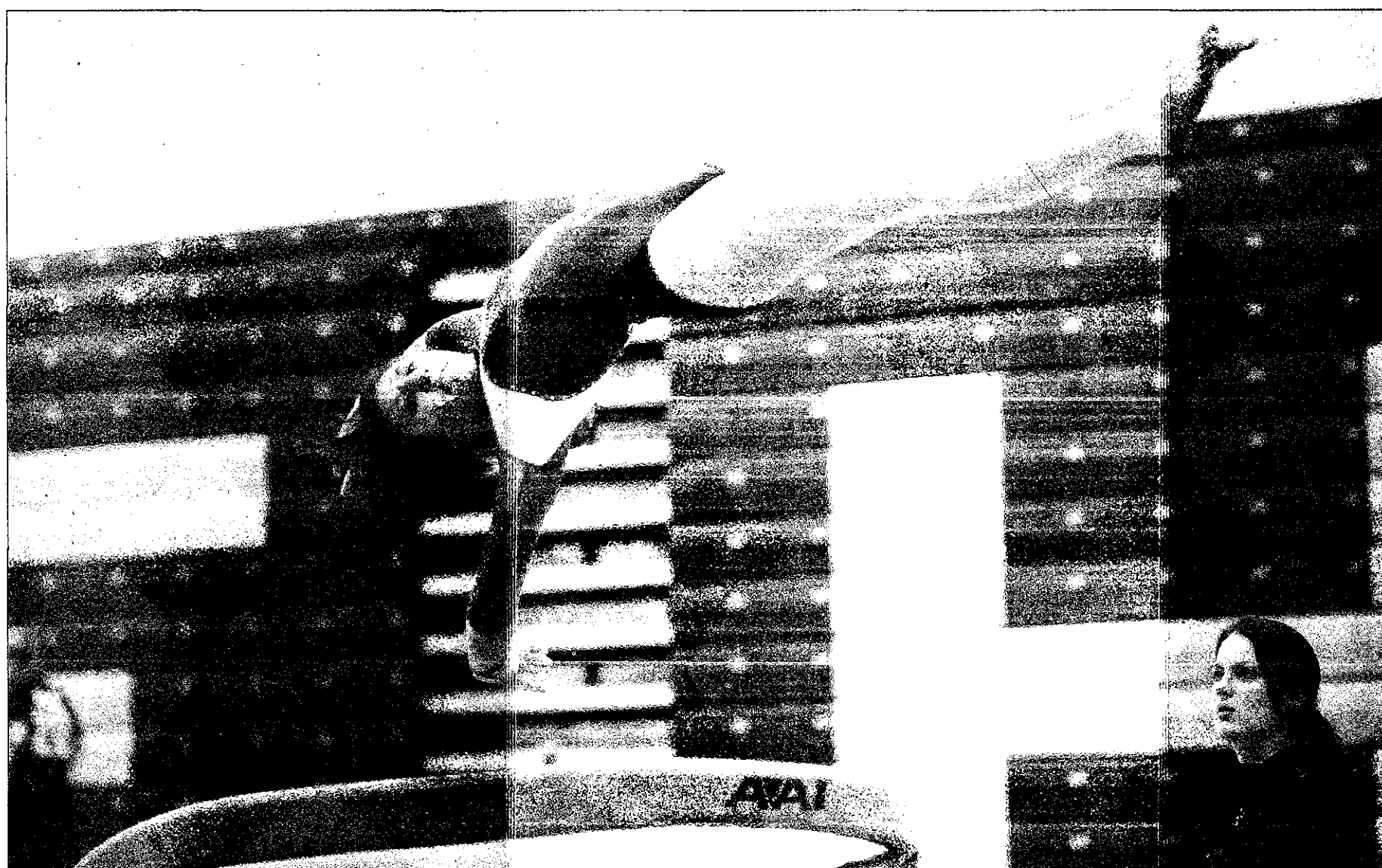


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Sarah Fentin won the vault event to help the Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team to a victory over Fraser.

## FITNESS: Center is state-of-art

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machines we needed and how many we needed to fit the huge space we had available," Slone said. "Everything we have in here is new, except for a few of the old pieces of equipment we took from the old workout facility."

The floor is rubber and includes specks of blue and gold, South's school colors. It is also equipped with surround sound for the four televisions mounted on one wall.

"A lot of hard work went into designing this athletic facility and a lot of students and teachers have already been down here using it," Slone said. "This entire facility — complete with a pool, auxiliary gym and fitness center — is out of this world and I think there aren't too many high schools that house this."

"I hope this helps our students become stronger and better athletes and it will help

not just athletes."

The gym is open Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday morning from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Aside from bond funds, the athletic bill was paid through donations from the board of education and South athletic and academic booster groups.

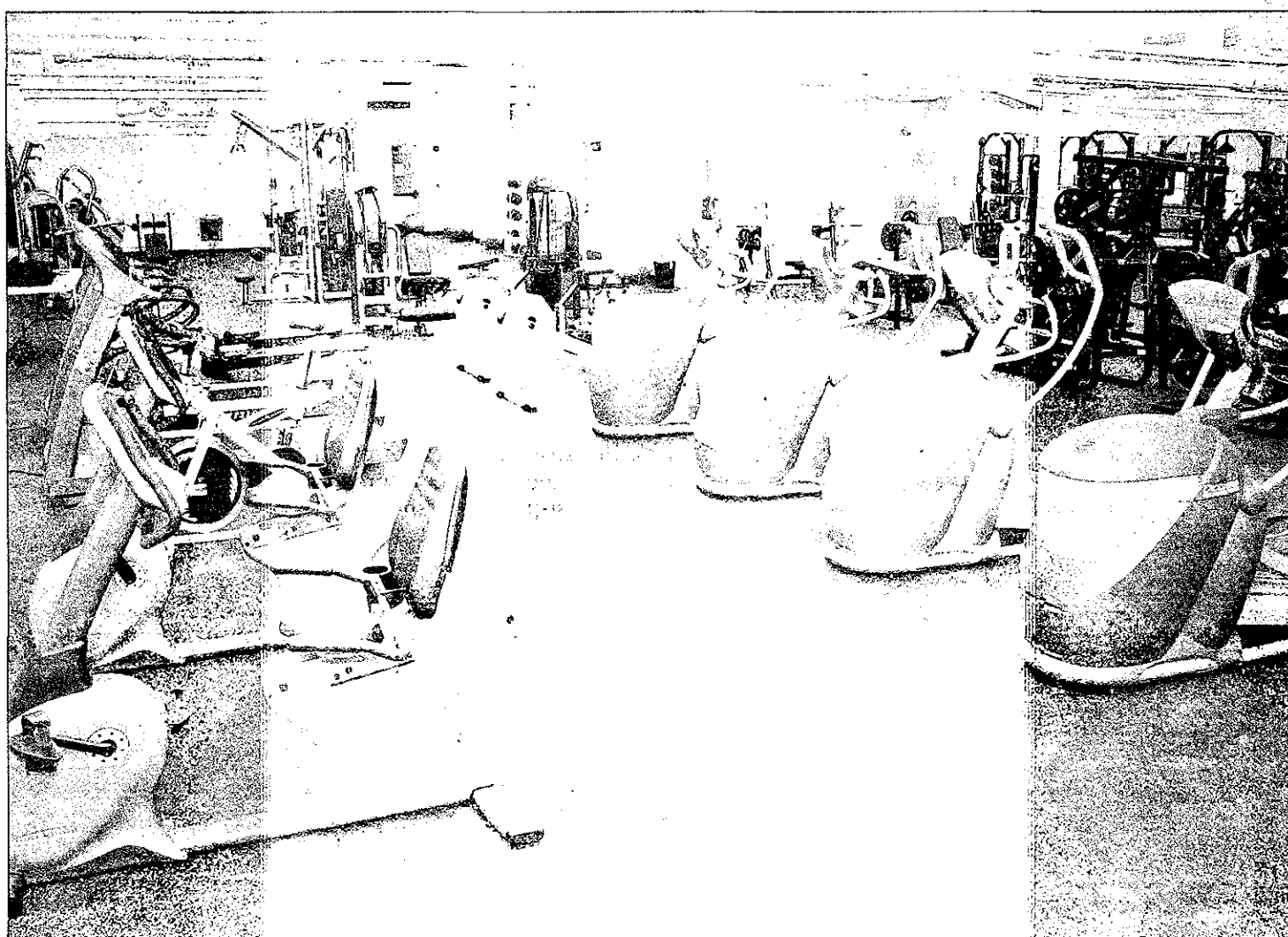
"I want to thank everyone and every booster group that helped fund this athletic center," Slone said. "None of this would have been provided if it wasn't for a lot of generosity."

The space used to be home to the school's television and production room, which was moved into the main high school. The old equipment was sold to area schools, on eBay or moved to the new facility.

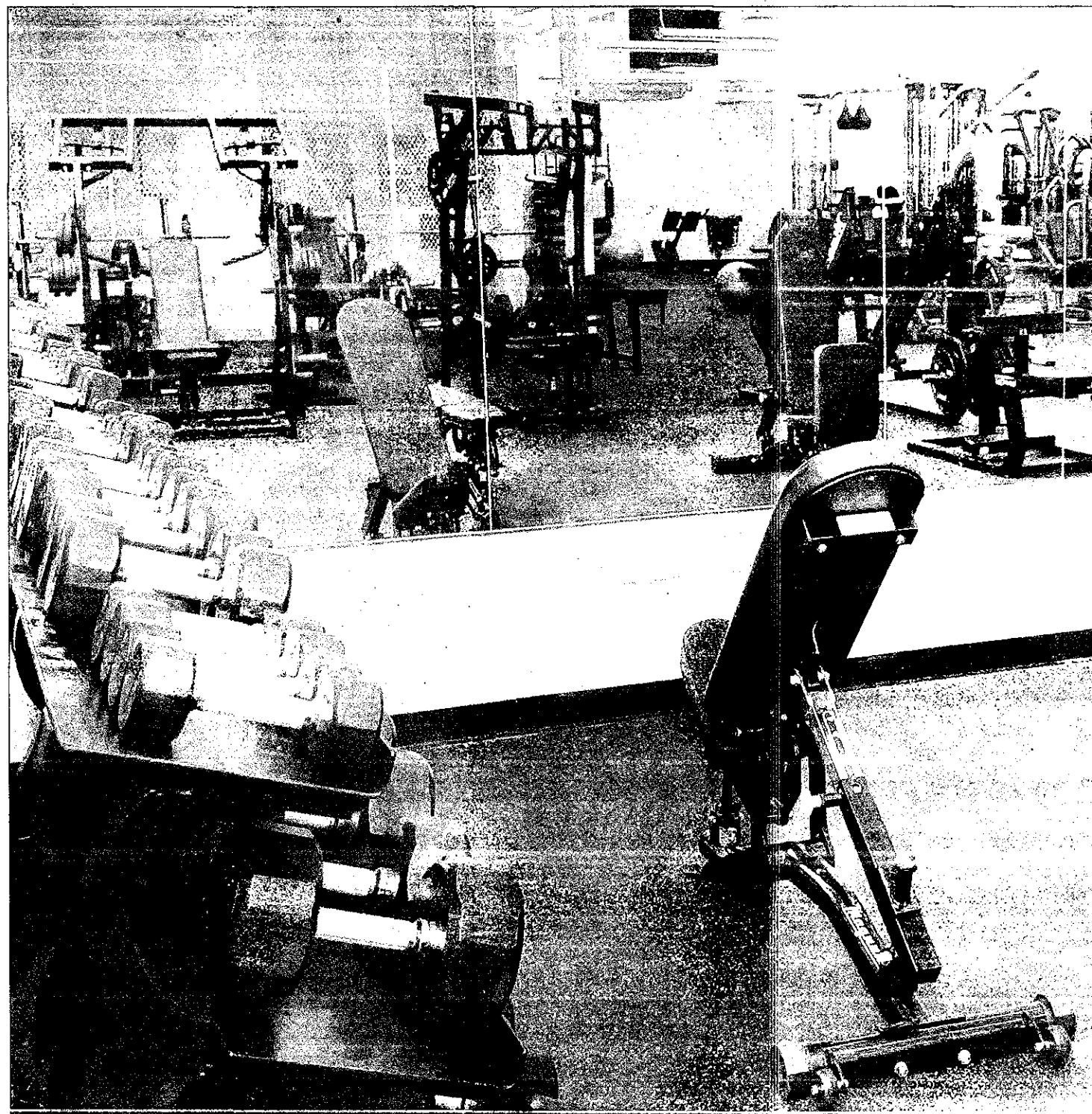
The old weight room was less than 1,000 square feet and home to outdated equipment.

With the addition of state-of-the-art equipment, South's athletes have the means to workout and add size, strength and endurance to their ability.

There is also a team meeting room that has a projector where coaches can use film sessions to better prepare for their opponents.



Cardiovascular workouts can also be accomplished, thanks to the many treadmills, stationary bicycles and rowing machines.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The athletic facility is equipped with free weights and machines, left, that work out every muscle.



## BOYS SWIMMING

# South's depth too much for rival North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys swimming and diving team had one of its best meets in a couple of years, but in the end Grosse Pointe South had too much depth and won the rivalry meet 118-68.

The host Blue Devils, ranked No. 8, won seven of the 12 events, led by junior Matt Mandel, who won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle with times of 22.92 (state qualifying time) and 50.93, and junior Michael Shook, who won the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle with state-qualifying times of 4:51.31 and 1:48.97.

The Norsemen were led by senior Michael Lane, who won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke with state qualifying times of 2:06.47 and 57.46.

North head coach Mike O'Connor also watched two of his relay teams win.

The 200-medley relay team of Lane, freshman Christian Mellos, senior Andrew Paige and junior Matt Peyser won with a state-qualifying time of 1:43.46 and the 200-freestyle relay squad of senior Stephen VanBeek, senior Maxwell Hunt, Peyser and Paige placed first also with a state-qualifying time of 1:32.63.

South was able to win the final relay event, the 400-freestyle, as Mandel, Shook, junior Joe Hessburg and sophomore Craig Campbell

had a time of 3:35.19.

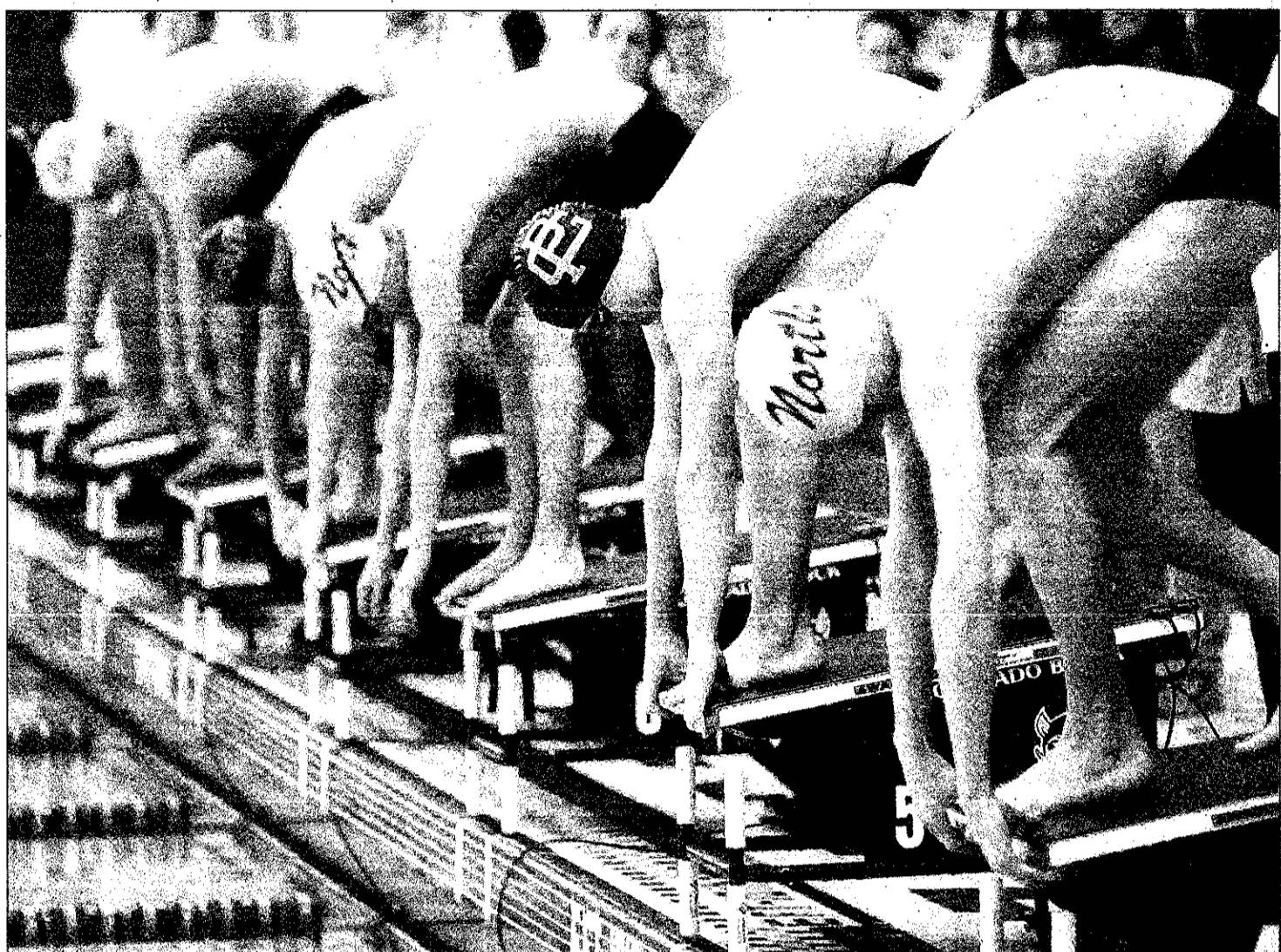
Individual winners for head coach Eric Gunderson and his Blue Devils were freshman Cam Laney in the 100-yard breaststroke (state qualifying time of 1:02.67) and senior Jordan Long in the diving competition (314.20 points).

This was Long's first meet of the season. He has been sidelined with an injury since the preseason.

An individual winner for the Norsemen was Paige in the 100-butterfly with a state-qualifying time of 55.61. In addition, Mellos was second in the 100-breaststroke, but still qualified for the state finals with a time of 1:04.63.

O'Connor also pointed out season-best times were recorded by Hunt, VanBeek, Bob Rader, Gordon Russell and Steve Schoenith in the 50-freestyle; John Kohler and Schoenith in the 100-freestyle; Justin Rakowicz, Peter Shea, Scott Adelson and Michael Seago in the 200-freestyle; Rakowicz and Shea in the 500-freestyle; Lane, Robert Tripp, Louis Saravolatz, Eliot Rentenbach and Connor Yeager in the 100-backstroke; Alex Fly and Jeff Burns in the 100-breaststroke; and Paige and VanBeek in the 200-individual medley.

The Blue Devils' other top-three individual finishes were posted by senior Fares Ksebati in the 100-breaststroke; junior Matt Schmidt in the 100-backstroke and 500-freestyle; Campbell and Hessburg in the



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South swimmers get set for another race during the annual city rival league meet.

100-freestyle; junior Brad Kaminski and senior David Cockell in the 100-butterfly; junior Kyle Eschenburg and senior Kevin Macconnachie in the diving event; Campbell in the 50-freestyle; sophomore Roby Boggs and Cockell in the 200-individual medley; and junior Wayne Brackett in the 200-freestyle.

South also competed in a quad meet last weekend, beating Hartland 104-82 and losing 108-78 to Saline and 101-85 to host Northville.

The Blue Devils captured two first-place finishes as Long won the diving competition with 314.20 points and Shook won the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:51.31.

Shook also took second in the 200-freestyle at 1:51.50 and Laney was second in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:02.65.

The 200-freestyle relay team of Mandel, Hessburg, Shook and Campbell also placed second, posting a time of 1:34.42.

North also competed last weekend, winning the 2009 Romeo Bulldog Relays 134-132 over the host school.

The 200-butterfly relay team of Paige, Zack Hanna,

VanBeek and David Castile broke the meet record, while the 500-decesendo relay squad of Rakowicz, Shea, Scott Adelson and Aaron Egan won.

The 200-breaststroke relay team of Lane, Tommy Milne,

VanBeek and Mellos also broke the meet record previously held by North.

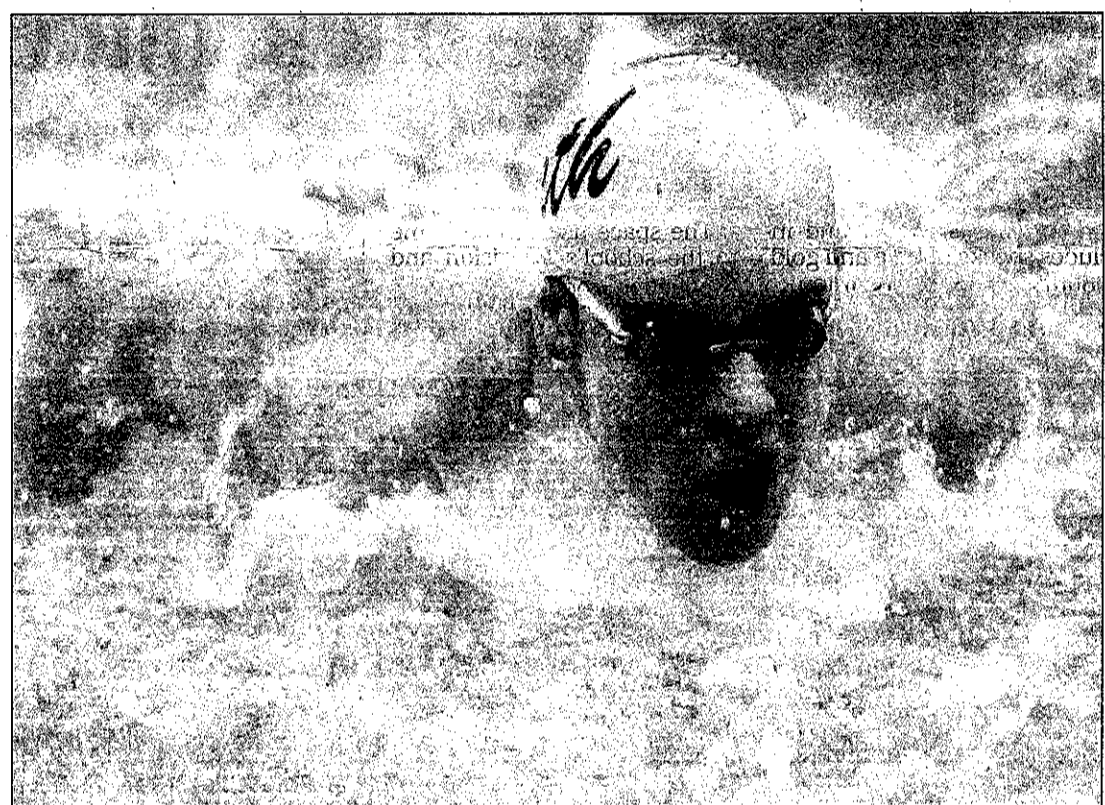
The second-place 200-medley relay squad of Lane, Mellos, Paige and Peyser posted a state-qualifying time, as did the 200-freestyle relay

team of Hunt, Peyser, VanBeek and Paige.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and is 5-3 overall; North dropped to 1-1 in the MAC Red Division and 3-1 overall.



Michael Shook won a couple of events, which helped South beat North 118-68.



North's Andrew Paige went on to win the 100-yard butterfly, but the Norsemen came up short against the Blue Devils.

## WRESTLING

# North, South work hard in Norsemen Invitational

Grosse Pointe North hosted its annual Norsemen Classic wrestling tournament last weekend with a dozen teams competing.

Head coach Bryan Lorenzo watched his Norsemen finished 3-2 and Grosse Pointe South, under head coach Pat O'Donnell, finished 1-3.

The Norsemen beat the Blue Devils 46-24 in their annual grudge match, Harper Woods 60-12 and Ferndale 52-18, but lost 36-34 to Walled Lake Central and 36-32 to Utica Eisenhower, which was a make up of a Macomb Area Conference White Division match.

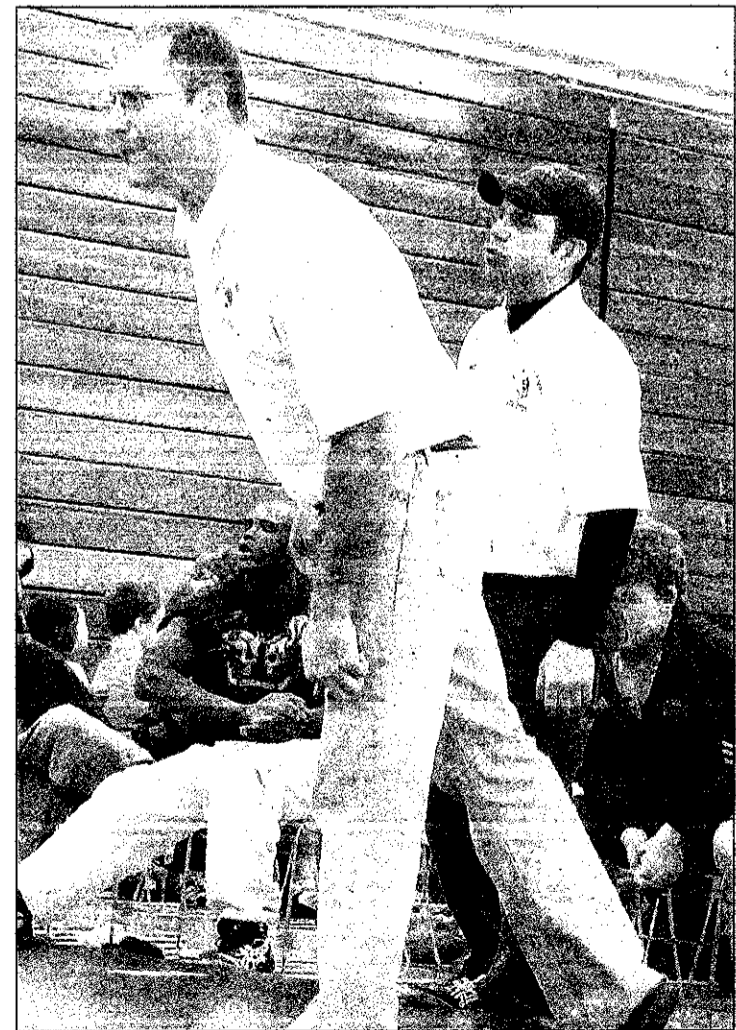
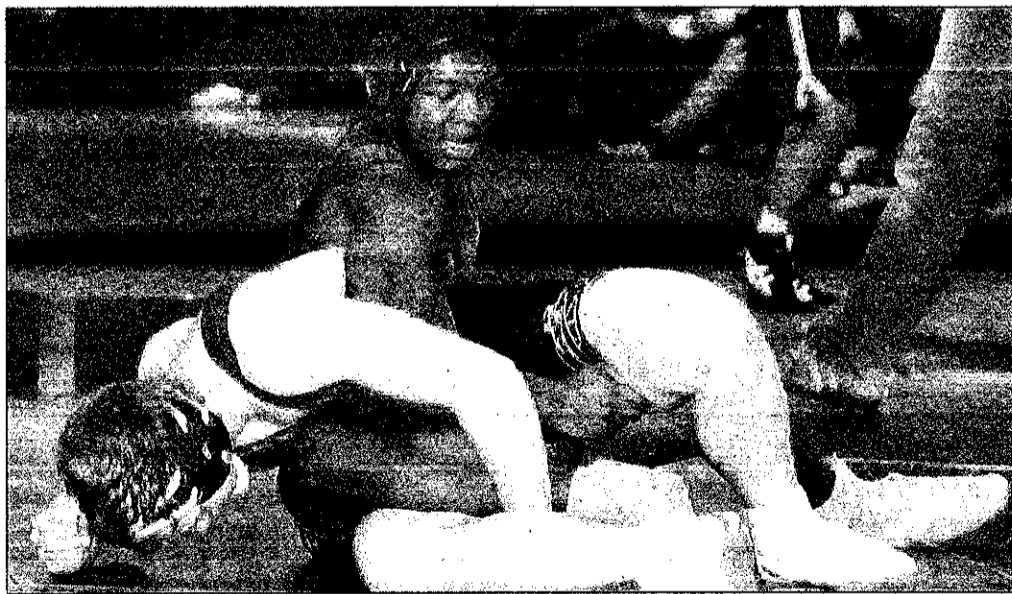
"We needed to get North on the schedule because we're city rivals and the wrestlers know each other," O'Donnell said during his Blue Devils' recent division dual matches. "It's the city rivalry on the line."

In their other matches, the Blue Devils lost 46-24 to Walled Lake Central, 39-28 to Eisenhower and 46-36 to Warren Mott.

North was able to play its White Division matches earlier in the week, beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview 59-16 and Sterling Heights 49-15, improving to 3-1 in the MAC White and 8-10 overall.

South also won its division matches, crushing Clawson 72-4 and Madison Heights Madison 58-18, improving to 4-0 in the MAC Gold Division and 10-16 overall.

— Bob St. John



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North head coach Bryan Lorenzo, above standing left, has his grapplers headed in the right direction, including Nate Strickland, pictured upper left. Pictured left is South head coach Pat O'Donnell, second from left, who has a passion for the sport that is rubbing off on his grapplers.

## University Liggett School

## GIRLS HOCKEY

## ULS has no problem with Saddlelites

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls hockey team completed its regular season sweep of

Warren Regina last weekend. The visiting Lady Knights crunched the Saddlelites 7-2, improving to 5-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-4

overall. "I told the girls between the second and third period they need to shoot with authority since too many of our shots were ho-hum in the first couple of periods," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "I was pleased with our third-period effort.

"I think we benefitted from scoring some 'soft' goals, but it's a win and it keeps us right behind Mercy."

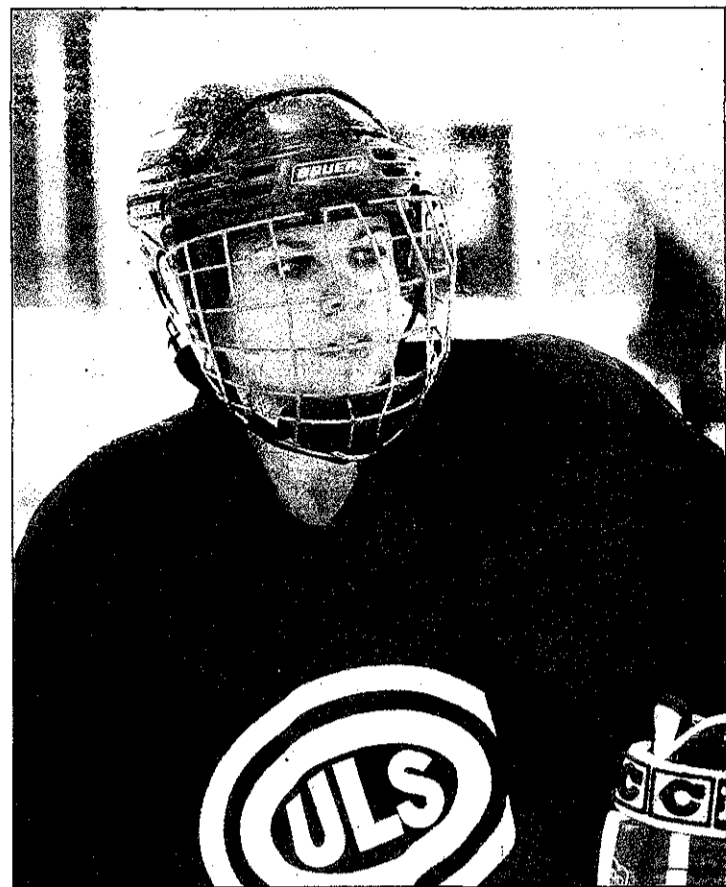
Junior Paige Counsman had a hat trick, scoring two goals in the first period and one in the second, while freshman Haleigh Bolton had two tallies to pace the Saddlelites' attack.

Senior Alex Boll and junior Morgan Ellis also scored third-period goals.

"We were hoping to shadow Paige and force someone else to score the goals," said Regina's Hockey Director Jim Selegan. "That plan didn't work because Paige already scored three goals by the end of the second period."

The Saddlelites traveled to Northville the night before, losing 3-1 as senior Genna Guibord was stellar in net, out-dueling ULS' top goalkeeper, Janaya Griper.

"We had some chances, but Northville's goalie came up with some nice saves," Owczarski said. "It was a good



Freshman Haleigh Bolton scored twice to help ULS beat Warren Regina 7-2.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT



Senior goalkeeper Janaya Griper stopped some key shots during the Saddlelites' comeback attempt.

game, but I thought we could come away with a win."

The Lady Knights played shorthanded as junior forward Liz Smith was sick and didn't

make the trip.

Coming up for the Lady Knights is one of its biggest games of the season Wednesday, Jan. 21, at

Farmington Hills Mercy, which is two points ahead of ULS in the Division 2 standings.

Those results will be in the Jan. 29 issue.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Knights battle back, but come up shy on scoreboard

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Sidney Johnson intentionally toughened his schedule, getting his University Liggett School boys basketball team ready for the rigors of conference play.

Last weekend, the host Knights ended their non-league slate with a 52-44 loss to Detroit Old Redford Academy.

"We scheduled these games against good, fast teams to get us ready for the Metro Conference," Johnson said. "We have played pretty well

against the tough opponents and I think we're ready to battle in the conference."

The Ravens boasted a veteran lineup consisting of a starting five of players all taller than 6-feet in height.

They had a distinct advantage across the front line, but the Knights were able to con-

trol the tempo for a majority of the game.

The Knights' downfall came in the opening minutes of the second period in which the Ravens used a 12-0 run to turn a 13-10 lead into a 25-10 advantage.

During that run, the Knights turned the ball over five times, gave up a couple of fast-break baskets and were outbounded.

"Despite that run, we were still able to bounce back and get ourselves back in the game," Johnson said. "Our kids don't quit and that was evident as I saw my players diving for loose balls with only a second left in the game."

"I love that hustle and everyone on our team does it." The Knights trailed 29-17 at the half, but rallied to cut the deficit to 36-28 after three quarters and 45-40 after senior Andrew Malaski drained a three-pointer with 1:30 left in the game.

The Ravens were able to eek out the win by hitting a couple of free throws and hitting second-chance buckets.

Malaski led the Knights

with 12 points, followed by sophomore Dominic Jamett with 10 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots.

Senior Jeremiah Manning and junior Mark Ghafari each scored seven points, while

freshman Eddie Thomas had six and sophomore Carl Ghafari had two to round out the Knights' scoring.

The University Liggett School basketball team dropped to 2-4 overall.



Senior Andrew Malaski, right, led ULS with 12 points in a close loss to Detroit Old Redford Academy.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Knights play solid, beat foe

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team broke a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 win over Oxford Saturday, Jan. 10.

Senior Clarke Dirksen's goal got the Knights going and freshman Joseph Davenport earned the win in net.

"We played a solid game at both ends of the ice," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "It was a needed win because the guys have played hard, but the results just haven't been what we wanted."

In other action, the Knights lost a tough 6-5 overtime game to visiting LAnse Creuse and dropped a 6-0 decision to host Grosse Ile last weekend.

"Our younger guys are starting to come around and

it's something we need because our No. 1 line has been carrying us offensively the entire season," McIntyre said. "We have a chance now to string together some wins since I think the guys have gelled more as a team."

Junior Dan Zukas has been the Knights' offensive leader, while freshmen Jeffrey Mott, Jake Hodges, David Gushee, Boris Canzanzo and Austin Petitren are making strides in the right direction.

The ULS hockey team improved to 3-10 overall.

Now that the second semester is starting, McIntyre will see the debut of junior goalie David McIntyre, no relation.

"We have been giving up a few too many goals, so now maybe we can use David's experience to help us play a little better in the defensive end," Robb McIntyre said.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Three-pointers rain on ULS

Freshman Madison Ristovski had another monster game, scoring 41 points, but it wasn't enough from preventing the University Liggett School girls basketball team from dropping a 59-47 loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"We had the lead a couple of times in the third and fourth quarters, but then Greenhills' top player hit three straight three-pointers and that was the difference in the game," Ristovski said. "We tried hard, but came up a

little short."

After a long week of exams and a long bus ride, head coach Adam Beck had his Lady Knights in position to win a tough road game.

The nine-point fourth-quarter swing changed the complexion of the game and gave Greenhills the victory.

"We played hard and had a chance to win," senior Kristin Peterson said.

The loss dropped ULS to 4-3 overall.

— Bob St. John

## Grosse Pointe North

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# North grabs wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

After falling out of the state rankings after a 1-3 start, the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team is back in business after another 2-0 week.

The Lady Norsemen blasted Utica Eisenhower 60-30 on their home court and traveled to Utica Ford and won 58-43.

"I think we're starting to put both parts of our game together," head coach Gary Bennett said. "The girls came out with a lot of focus and energy against Eisenhower, but I thought the girls were a little sluggish against Ford."

Against Ike, the Lady Norsemen stormed out to a 26-8 lead after the opening quarter and extended the margin to 44-12 at the half.

"We played extremely well," Bennett said. "Our defense and transition game were the best they have been all year."

Junior Ariel Braker led the way with 19 points, while Christine Bedway had 11 and senior Jasmine Kennedy had 10.

Junior Kayla Womack chipped in with six points and four assists and senior Olivia Stander had seven points and four assists.

The road victory over Ford was a statement game that allowed the Lady Norsemen to take over sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Junior Ariel Braker, right, had a nice week, scoring 19 points against Eisenhower and 14 against Henry Ford II.

Conference Red Division. Bennett's squad used a 17-7 first quarter to set the tone. They outscored the Falcons by a basket in each of the next two periods to take a 49-34 lead after the third quarter.

"Ford did a nice job offensively and I thought we didn't play our best game, but we

earned the win," Bennett said. "The girls have played much better since returning from the holiday break and we expect this effort through the remainder of the season."

Kennedy led a trio of scorers in double figures, netting 16 points and five rebounds. Stander had 15 points, includ-

ing three three-point baskets, five assists and five steals, while Braker had 14 points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Senior Madie Kent had four steals and four assists to help the Lady Norsemen improve to 3-0 in the MAC Red and 6-3 overall.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Blazers blasted

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team made it four wins in a row, beating Warren Regina 6-0 and Livonia Ladywood 8-2 last week.

"We didn't play very well against Regina, but the girls were very strong tonight against Ladywood," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "This was a nice win and it gives us a lot of confidence heading into some important games on the schedule."

The host Lady Norsemen outshot the Blazers 15-0 in the opening period, but were only able to score one goal as senior Alexa Quinlan tallied at the 10:14 mark, assisted by senior Lauren Walsh.

Dockett's squad broke it open with a four goal outburst late in the second period after Ladywood tied it when senior Shelby Kucharski scored on a penalty shot.

Leading the outburst was sophomore Megan Bergeron, who scored at the 4:33 and 4:07 mark.

Quinlan and sophomore Taylor Moody assisted on the

first tally, while Walsh and junior Nikki Capizzo assisted on the second.

Quinlan's second goal of the game at the 2:11 mark, assisted by Bergeron and Capizzo, made it a 4-1 game and with only 1:37 left, senior Angela Giorgio tallied to make it a 5-1 game.

Moody drew the lone assist on the Lady Norsemen's fifth goal.

Capizzo scored, assisted by Quinlan, to make it 6-1, but Kucharski's slap shot from the blue line eluded senior goalie Lindsay Smith to make it a 6-2 game. But that would be the closest the Blazers would get, as the home team tacked on two more goals.

Capizzo scored again to make it 7-2 and Quinlan turned in the hat trick, scoring a short handed goal in the final seconds.

Quinlan and Bergeron assisted on Capizzo's second tally.

Against Regina, Quinlan had two goals and Walsh had one to lead the charge as the Lady Norsemen improved to 6-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-5 overall.

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Losing streak hits 5

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team has been in a funk since the first of the year that has resulted in a five-game losing streak.

After starting the season 7-0, head coach Scott Lock has watched his Norsemen lose to Novi Catholic Central, Marquette, Traverse City West and last week, 4-3 to U-D Jesuit

and 5-3 to Trenton.

The losses dropped the Norsemen to 3-2 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 7-5 overall.

Coming up for North is a stretch where it plays seven straight road games, starting Saturday, Jan. 24, against Birmingham Brother Rice.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Norsemen continue to roll

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Amazing what confidence can do for a team on the rise.

Grosse Pointe North played an average game last week in its biggest challenge of the season, hosting undefeated Roseville in a key Macomb Area Conference White Division battle.

Despite getting outrebounded by nearly a 2-to-1 margin and shooting around 40 percent from the field, the Norsemen won 73-55 to take sole possession of first place in the division and remain the lone undefeated team.

"This was a huge win and I think it definitely makes us the team to beat," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "Everyone predicted us to finish near the bottom of the division, but so far we're playing with confidence and winning games with a solid team effort."

The Norsemen put the game away in the fourth quarter by making 17 free throws in the fourth quarter, including 11 by senior Paul Bramos.

"I wasn't happy with how much we were outrebounded," Lockhart said. "I knew we had to stand tough in the post because Roseville likes to get after the boards at both ends of the court and we didn't do a good job of grabbing rebounds."

"They had far too many second and third shots. We will work on that in practice, I guarantee that."

It looked like the Norsemen would run away early, taking a 23-9 first-quarter lead. The home team went ice cold in the second and third quarters, but still were able to maintain the lead.

They led 33-24 at the half and 43-35 after three periods.

"It's amazing we were able to get this win since we were outrebounded and our leading scorer (senior Kyle Nadeau) had only five points," Lockhart

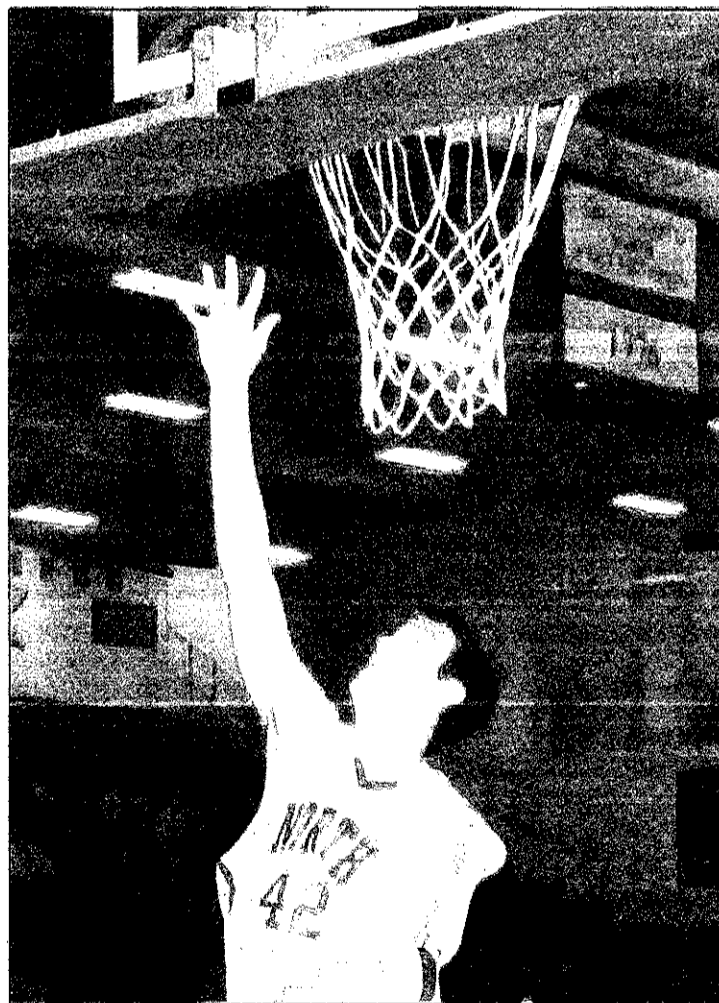


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Senior Gregg Blunden, left, has elevated his game this season, which is one reason why Grosse Pointe North remains undefeated.

said. "This just shows what a true team we have. Darin (Willis) was phenomenal at the point for us and I saw Bramos, Gregg Blunden and Matt Blunden step up and play great games."

Gregg Blunden scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Bramos had 15 points and six rebounds.

Willis chipped in with 10 points, followed by senior Damien Davis who had nine points and six rebounds. Other scorers were Matt Blunden with seven points, senior A.J. Horne with six and Nadeau with five.

In other games last week, North was on the road and blitzed L'Anse Creuse 71-39 and Harper Woods 79-39, improving to 9-0 overall.

"Everyone was able to play major minutes in these games, which helped give our starters a breather," Lockhart said. "Everyone played well and we're very excited about our start, but I'm not letting our guys get overconfident because we haven't won anything yet."

Nadeau had his scoring touch back, leading the Norsemen with 17 points against the Pioneers, while Horne had 14, Gregg Blunden had 11 and Matt Blunden had 10.

Willis added 11 assists, seven steals, six points and five rebounds. He sat most of the second half after the visiting Norsemen built a huge lead that led to a running clock.

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## Grosse Pointe South

## GIRLS HOCKEY

## Lady Blue Devils win battle of unbeatens

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team won the first round of the battle of the top two squads in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

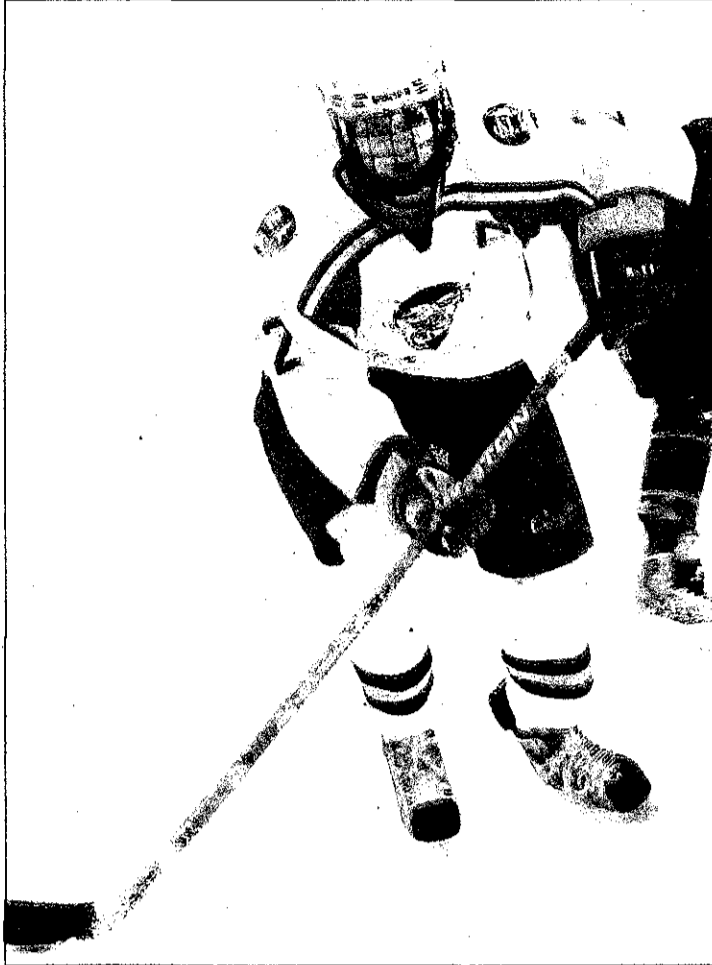
The host Lady Blue Devils blasted previously unbeaten Ann Arbor 5-1 behind two goals from sophomore Bebe Clem.

Freshman Marissa Monforton assisted on the first tally and senior Sarah Auk assisted on the latter goal.

"This was a nice win for us and we played a strong game against a very talented Ann Arbor squad," South head coach Bill Fox said.

Clem's two goals came 20 seconds apart midway through the second period that turned a 1-0 game to 3-0 and gave the Lady Blue Devils some breathing room.

"Clem really played well and scored the biggest goals of the game for us," Fox said. "Our



younger players have really stepped up and played well and they will only continue to get better."

Freshman Claire Boyle scored a shorthanded goal at the 4:56 mark of the opening period, assisted by senior Erin Shook and Auk.

Boyle sent a backhand shot over Ann Arbor goalie Sydney Supica's right shoulder that made it 1-0.

The Pioneers had a two-man advantage shortly after Clem's goals, but senior C.J. Jarboe made three huge saves to keep it a 3-0 game.

The Pioneers did get on the board at the 1:47 mark of the second stanza when Rachel Freeman scored with all-state forward Angie Chronis drawing an assist.

Junior Rachel Sklarski scored a powerplay goal with nine minutes left in the third period to give the Lady Blue Devils more breathing room. Senior Kelsey Burgess and junior Shannon Gianino drew assists.



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Left, senior Erin Shook earned another assist against Ann Arbor. She leads the league in assists, while above, senior Kathryn Repicky was able to generate some scoring chances against the league's No. 1 defensive unit.

A little more than a minute later, junior Emma Hull put the puck through Supica's legs to round out the scoring. Auk and junior Jessica Snella had the assists.

The Pioneers had a second two-man advantage late in the final period, but Jarboe once

again stood her ground and refused to allow a second goal.

The Lady Blue Devils, despite being whistled for eight penalties to two for the Pioneers, outshot their guest 25-22.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 9-0 in Division I.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## South cruises

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards is still searching for that perfect game from his Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team.

"We're playing some good basketball, but I think we can get better," Richards said, following his Lady Blue Devils' 56-41 home win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Richards watched a 10-point first-quarter lead dwindle to five, 46-41, midway through the fourth quarter before his team ended the game with a 10-0 run.

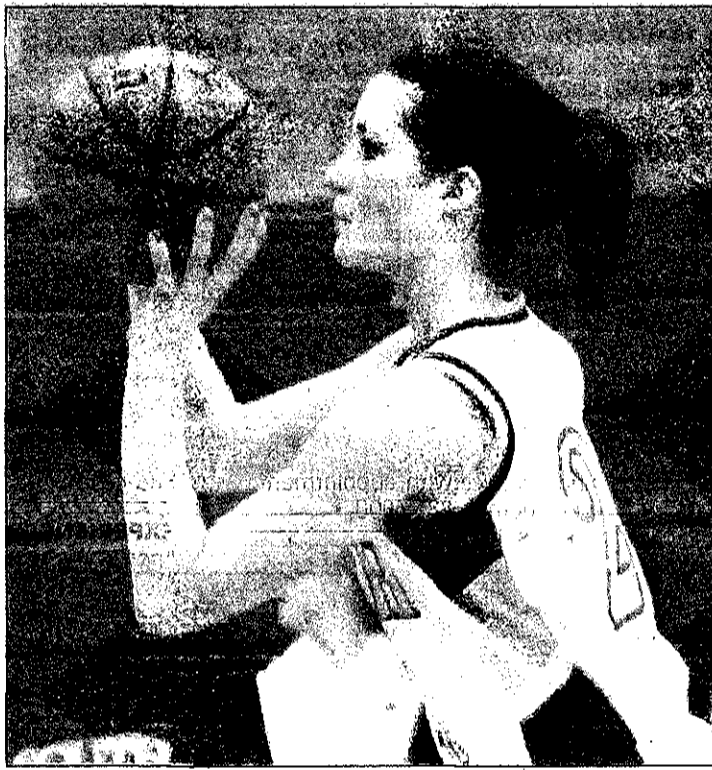
"We like to get out and run, but Lakeview's up-tempo is a little faster than we want and I think we got caught up in trying to match that intensity," Richards said. "Lakeview has a nice squad and this was a nice win for us."

The Lady Blue Devils earned the win despite off nights from starters Aisha Rodney, 12 points and three rebounds, and Kate Pangori, four points. This was the first game this season in which she didn't hit a three-point basket.

"We had some nice performances from the girls who picked up the slack," Richards said. "We're not where we want to be."

Junior Chloe Srebernak and senior Clare Conway helped the Lady Blue Devils build a 22-12 first-quarter lead. They outscored the Huskies 10-9 in the second period to take an 11-point halftime lead.

Throughout the final three quarters, the Lady Blue Devils' field-goal percentage dipped into the 30 percent range and the only thing that kept the Huskies from overtaking the



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Junior Chloe Srebernak, right, was one point away from a double-double, netting nine points and 10 rebounds in South's win over Lakeview.

home squad was poor shooting.

"We didn't do a good job rebounding and we're lucky Lakeview missed some shots in the paint because this could have been a different game if those shots go in," Richards said. "We missed a lot of good looks, too, but it's the lack of rebounding I was concerned about."

During the game-ending 10-point run, senior Kim Leverenz and Rodney had four points apiece, while Conway had a basket to finish with 14 points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Rodney had 12 points and Srebernak finished with nine points, 10 rebounds and five assists.



Sophomore Emily Flom came off the bench and played a solid game, helping the Lady Blue Devils post another division victory.

Leverenz had 10 points and junior Katie Hamm had four points to help the team win.

South ended the week with a 50-41 win over host L'Anse Creuse.

Richards' team came out slow and the Lancers jumped all over them to take a 24-15 halftime lead.

The Lady Blue Devils won the third period but still trailed, 31-29. They put their game in overdrive in the final quarter, outscoring the Lancers 21-10 to win the division road game.

Conway led the way with 17 points, while Pangori and Rodney had 10 points apiece as the Lady Blue Devils improved to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 9-1 overall.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Young team learning fast

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

When you're a young team, some inconsistency is a given.

The game of basketball moves very fast at the varsity level and often young teams need time to adjust; time to adapt to the pace of the game and the skill of the opposition.

The boys' basketball squad at Grosse Pointe South is young-very young.

And despite a slew of talent and potential, the Blue Devils have been acting much like a young basketball team — up and down.

"We're inconsistent at times," head coach Jim Twigg admitted. "We're doing things that you'd expect a young team to do. But, we're getting better and working hard. That's what I really want to see."

At 4-4 overall, 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White, South has shown some glimpses of brilliance, starting out the season 2-0 before dropping four straight, then ousting Port Huron Northern on the road 55-50 last week.

"The win at Port Huron Northern was big for us," Twigg said. "It was big because we really played our best defensively."

The solid defensive effort continued Jan. 16 against visiting Stevenson High. South held the Titans to 35 points and pushed its win streak to two games by winning 36-35.

"It was really a defensive battle from the start," Twigg said about the team's narrow victory. "It was important for us to win the close games, too."

Corbert Conroy led the Blue Devils with 15 points while Will Kim added 10 points against Stevenson.

As in the victory against Northern, defense took center stage against the Titans.

And defense is all about effort, and effort is something Twigg and his staff has noticed since day one.

"I couldn't ask for a better group," the coach said. "We're working hard, our concentration is there and we're getting valuable experience. We know these things are going to help us down the road."

It's true, many of the team's budding stars are gaining a tremendous amount of game experience, and, in some cases, these young players are taking on roles they, and the coaches, couldn't have anticipated before the season tipped off.

The loss of junior standout Jarvis Wise to a knee injury

early in the year has certainly thrown a wrench into the squad's plans for 2008-2009. Wise was widely considered to be one of the top players in the conference, not to mention what he brought to the Blue Devils leadership-and-ability-wise.

"It's hurt us, for sure," Twigg admitted. "You can't replace a guy like Jarvis. But, we have to look on the bright side. We've got players getting some very valuable experience in different roles. That's going to help us as the season goes on this year, and it's going to help us next year when Jarvis comes back."

Although it's hard for Blue Devils' supporters not to look ahead to next season, when the team is at full strength, there is still plenty of ball left in this campaign, and, South certainly has the potential to make a run in the White.

After eight games, the team is trailing upstart Grosse Pointe North by a game in the division — with a Jan. 23 showdown against the Norsemen looming.

"We're getting better everyday, working hard everyday, and getting more experience," Twigg said. "Where that's going to take us this year is really hard to say."

## BOYS HOCKEY

## Blue Devils play well, lose in title contest

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team lost 2-0 to Traverse City Central in the championship game of the East Kentwood Tournament last weekend.

"This was a disappointing loss," head coach Bob Bopp said. "We played great and could have easily won this game. The team worked hard and looked like the faster, better team, but Traverse City's goalie was fantastic, making some big, big saves."

After a scoreless opening period, Central scored a fluke goal that hit off one of the Blue Devils' defenseman's skate and past senior goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer.

"The players didn't let this goal let them down," Bopp said. "They kept playing hard, but couldn't get the puck past the TC goalie."

With nine seconds left in the game, Central scored an emp-

ty net tally to account for the final goal.

"Everyone played well, especially Trevor Sattelmeyer, Brian Auty and Jimmy Morris," Bopp said. "In this game, we had zero power plays. That hardly ever happens in a game and I think the way our power play has been moving the puck, we would have scored if we had a power play."

Central had only two power play opportunities, but Auty, Morris, Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin, Keith Sklarski, Nick Monforton, David Clem, Matt Corbett, Stephen Hollidge and Sattelmeyer shut them down.

"Our penalty killing was just about as good as you can play shorthanded," Bopp said.

In the semifinals, South blanked host East Kentwood 4-0 as senior Brett Johnson and Sattelmeyer shared the goalkeeping duties.

"Both of my goalies played well and they stopped every shot to help us earn the win,"

Bopp said. "It was a closer game than the final score indicated."

The Blue Devils scored 4:20 into the game as Miles Knight made a perfect pass to Mack Sterr, who skated in and scored. Odonnell-Daudlin recorded the other assist.

Clem's slap shot goal gave the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead early in the second period and that seemed to get the motor running on all cylinders.

"Clem's goal was a spark that really got our players going," Bopp said. "We were really jumping after that."

Matt Reck took a pass from Jess Martinelli and scored on a wrap-around to make it 3-0 and Auty scored into an empty net for the final tally, assisted by Monforton.

Grosse Pointe South stands 5-6-3 overall.

"We're playing with more confidence and I feel we can string together some wins in the next week or so," Bopp said.

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Grosse Pointe News and Pointe of Purchase

Mail: Classified Advertising, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236

Phone: (313) 882-6900 Ext. 1 Fax: (313) 343-5569

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**306 SITUATIONS WANTED  
HOUSE SITTING**

HOME and pet care customized to your needs. Grosse Pointe character references. Jim, (248)585-3374

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Grosse Pointe News Grosse Pointe CONNECTION

**310 SITUATIONS WANTED  
ASSISTED LIVING**

CARING caregiver, experienced to provide personal care, cleaning, cooking, laundry. Grosse Pointes/ Harper Woods area. Bonded/ Insured. Kathy, (313)523-6941

**310 SITUATIONS WANTED  
ASSISTED LIVING**

EXPERIENCED care givers available days, nights, weekends and/ or hospital stays. (248)596-1753

**Merchandise**

**405 COMPUTERS**

LAPTOP- Toshiba, purchase 11/ 23/ 08, \$460. Never used; asking \$360. (586)773-0139

**406 ESTATE SALES**

GARY'S HOUSEHOLD SALES L.L.C. ESTATE •MOVING SALES 586-773-8083 Excellent References Senior Moving Specialists www.garyshousehold.com

INTEGRITY "Known for Honesty & Integrity" www.iluvantiques.com (586)344-2048 Customer Appreciation Sale! Clinton Township, 41626 Janet Drive In the Clinton Grove Condos (East of Garfield off Canal). Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm Friday and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm Creative solutions to home liquidation!

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**408 FURNITURE**

BED, complete- queen size, walnut headboard, foot board, mattress/ box spring. (586)773-0139

BRAND new full/ bunk beds. Including mattresses and bottom drawer. \$500. 313-882-4358

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**413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

GUITARS: any and all musical instruments wanted. Any condition. Cash \$\$ Will pick up. 313-424-9212

WANTED- Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins and Ukels. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522.

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CASH paid for pre 1970 toy trains, coin operated, advertising items. (586)212-5237

FINE china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware and antiques. Call Jan/ Herb. (586)731-8139

FISHING tackle- old! Lures, rods, reels, tackle boxes. Decoys, snowshoes. Mark, 313-881-2223

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**Animals**

**500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET**

ADOPT a greyhound-adopt a friend. Retired Greyhounds as Pets. Visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org Call 1-800-GO-HOUND

GROSSE Pointe Animal Adoption Society- Pet adoption. Saturday, January 24, 12- 3pm. New location! Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe. (313)884-1551 www.GPAAS.org

GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: female Mastiff. Female Brindle mix breed medium size dog. Male neutered/ declawed adult cat. (313)822-5707

**505 LOST AND FOUND**

FOUND cat, beautiful black/ white paws & tip of tail. Green eyes. Goethe/ Lincoln. (313)886-1914

GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: brown Chow mix. Male red Boxer/ Labrador. (313)822-5707

**Automotive**

**602 AUTOMOTIVE FORD**

1998 Lincoln Town Car Cartier, 69K original, new tires, clean! \$6,400. (586)524-3569

**603 AUTOMOTIVE GENERAL MOTORS**

2006 Cadillac SRX. Absolutely impeccable condition. All options. DVD. AWD. V-6. Power sunroof. Three seats. Garage kept. Only 43,000 miles with 100,000 warranty through 2011. \$26,500. (313)885-6414. A must see!

2003 Chevy Monte Carlo LS, black, 2 door, loaded, still like new, 149,000 miles. \$4,000. (586)344-8896

2003 Pontiac Grand Am, red, 4 door, 4 cylinder, automatic, like new. 96,000 miles. \$4,200. (586)344-8896

Fax your ads 24 hours 313-343-5569

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**605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN**

1995 BMW 740i, 99,000 miles, white, good condition, \$5,500/ best offer. (586)405-9630

2007 Volkswagen EOS 2.0T hardtop convertible. Excellent condition, low miles. White with tan leather interior. Not driven in winter, garaged. \$25,900. (313)655-5840

**606 AUTOMOTIVE SPORT UTILITY**

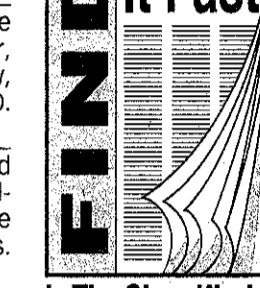
2000 GMC Yukon XL 100,000 miles. 1/2 ton 4WD on demand; new tires; moon roof; all leather; CD player with changer; mechanic available for reference; well maintained. \$8,250/ best. Will have vehicle detailed prior to sale. 313-570-2253

2003 Chevy Monte Carlo LS, black, 2 door, loaded, still like new, 149,000 miles. \$4,000. (586)344-8896

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FRI., JAN 23rd AND SAT., JAN. 24th 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

41 STONEHURST, G. P. SHORES (South of Vernier, off Ballantyne Road)

This stately home is filled with great vintage furniture including two John Widdicombs bedroom sets, Baker and Maitland Smith furniture, mahogany china cabinet and secretary, walnut king size bedroom set, mahogany furniture, and more.

Decorative items including artwork, Waterford, Herend, lamps, mirrors, ceramic and pottery, Madame Alexander dolls, everyday kitchen, and more. Check website for details and pictures.

STREET NUMBERS HONORED AT 8:30 A.M. FRIDAY ONLY. Our numbers available 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Friday only. Numbers given at Stonehurst will be honored at Lexington

FRI., JAN. 23rd 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. SAT., JAN. 24th 9:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.

431 LEXINGTON, G. P. Farms (North of Moross, off Mack Avenue)

This cute home features lovely furniture including Kling mahogany bedroom furniture and occasional sofa, modern dining room set, pr. of barstool bookcases, antique dressers and chests, spinning wheel, upholstered furniture and more.

Decorative items including newer Fenton cranberry glass, crystal, lamps, mirrors, televisions, everyday kitchen, ladies' clothing, fabric, and much more. Check website for pictures and details.

**RENTAL REAL ESTATE**

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

1 bedroom, Grosse Pointe. Hardwood, updated, freshly painted, \$750; includes heat/air. (313)683-3617

1 bedroom... beautiful condo, Grosse Pointe City. \$700, includes most utilities. (313)331-1926

1105 Lakepointe- 2 bedroom and study, lower. Hardwood floors. \$750. (248)752-8620

1ST month free! 870 Nottingham, 4 unit building, 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, appliances, \$600. (586)212-0759

2041 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, 1 bedroom upper, central air, basement, garage, new driveway. \$635, all appliances/ water included. Non smoking. No pets. (313)418-1738

316 Hillcrest, 2 bedroom upper flat available. Appliances, hardwood floors, garage. 313-617-8663

349 St. Clair, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper, fireplace, central air, \$900. (313)806-7149

373 Neff, 2,000 sq. ft. High ceilings, wood floors, beautiful. \$1,200/ month. 313-613-4554.

619 Neff in The Village. renovated 2 1/2 bedroom, 1 bath lower flat. Large open floor plan, private laundry room, new furnace/ water heater, central air, garage. \$1,200/ month. (313)303-4063

817 Harcourt- lower. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Hardwood, fireplace. \$900. 313-806-7149

850 Neff- 2 bedroom, small and cozy upper flat. References/ security deposit required. \$750/ month. No smoking, no pets. (313)885-3926

857 Beaconsfield/ south of Jefferson. 2 bedroom lower. Appliances, laundry, basement recreation room. (313)576-5130

915 Neff, 2 bedroom, \$750 includes: appliances, water, air. No pets. (313)824-9174

AWESOME lower- 355 St. Clair, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, attached garage. \$900. (313)885-5725

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

BEAUTIFULLY furnished or unfurnished Harcourt luxury lease. Numerous amenities. \$1,000. Discounts. (313)715-3825

CARRIAGE house apartment. Single bedroom. Non-smoking, no pets, \$800 plus utilities. (313)886-8546

FARMS upper 2 bedroom, \$900. lower 2 bedroom, \$975. Fireplace. All appliances. Garage. No pets. (313)640-1857

GROSSE Pointe City condo- Beautiful 1 or 2 bedrooms, first floor. Updated kitchens/baths. New carpet/paint. Spacious rooms, laundry facility, storage. \$775 includes heat/ water. Very quiet, possible sale: great land contract terms. 313-550-3476

GROSSE Pointe City, Rivard- Lower and upper. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage. \$1,000 each. Details: Cathy Champion, Bolton-Johnston; 313-549-0036

GROSSE Pointe City- 1 bedroom upper flat basement, garage, \$535 plus security, includes heat, water. (586)463-2228

GROSSE Pointe Park- Nottingham South/ Jefferson. Updated 2 bedroom, private basement, security parking, appliances/ washer/dryer. Water included. Quiet location, \$660/ month + security deposit. 586-530-6271

GROSSE Pointe, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Livingroom, diningroom fireplace, appliances. 1,300 sq. ft. 1 car garage. Sublease, \$975/ month. (313)544-6506

LAKEPOINTE- 2 bedroom upper. All appliances. Garage. No pets. \$750, plus security. (313)824-1439

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For further information, call the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 800-482-3604; the U.S. Department of Housing and the Urban Development 800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing Agency.

GUILFORD 1 bedroom upper, garage parking, heat & water included, \$500/ month, \$750 security. Credit check. (586)774-7559 leave message.

GUILFORD 2 bedroom lower, garage parking, \$450/ month, \$675 security. Credit check. (586)774-7559, leave message.

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

LOW or no down payment. 3 Co-operative 2 bedroom units. 2 on Kelly & 9 1/2 mile, 1 on Wildwood Drive, Harper Woods. Included in payments, taxes & interest (tax deductible), insurance, gas heat, water, building repairs, lawn maintenance, snow removal. Yes, all this for rental value of \$650/ month. Call Bob at (313)886-6157

NEFF- 806, lower or upper. From \$875. Sharp 2 bedroom, new kitchen, fireplace, air, appliances, garage. Fresh decor, laundry. No pets. John, 313-510-8835

ONE bedroom upper flat, Grosse Pointe Woods. Heat, water, air included. Many updates. \$695/ month. 586-838-9536

RIVARD- 342, large one bedroom, near Jefferson. Laundry, fresh decor, air, balcony very sharp. \$775. No pets. (313)510-8835

SOMERSET, 3 bedroom lower, recently painted, appliances, separate basement, garage. No pets, \$750, plus security. (313)881-3039

UPPER 2 bedroom near city hall, \$550/ includes washer, dryer. Newly decorated. (313)885-8808

701 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

4830 Grayton- 1st floor/ 1 bedroom apartment. \$550, plus security; includes heat & water. 313-530-6000

DUPEX- Ontario/ Cadieux. Very nice. 2 bedroom, garage. Dead end street. \$700. (313)407-5177

EAST English Village. Upper flat, 2 bedroom. \$600 plus security, 5041 Bishop. (313)510-4470

704 HOUSES-RENT

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DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY**

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MORANG/ Wayburn, 1 bedroom, new carpet, heat, water included. \$440. (313)882-4132

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UPPER & lower 1 bedroom apartments. Living room, dining room, kitchen/ appliances. Sun deck, shared use of basement/ garage. \$485/ month. Includes heat & water. No pets. Call (586)775-7164 4:00pm-9:00pm

702 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY

LAKESHORE Village, St. Clair Shores. 2 bedroom condo. No pets/ smoking. References, \$680. 313-460-2633

MT. Clemens/ Clinton- 1 bedroom apartment. \$535/ month. \$99 security deposit. (586)468-5044

NEW 2 bedroom townhouse, 1 bath, pool, appliances including washer/ dryer, hardwood floors, water included, Southlake schools. \$925/ month. (313)319-6898

ONE and two bedroom apartments- St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Harper Woods. Well maintained, air conditioning, coin laundry and storage. \$595- \$695. The Blake Company, 313-881-6882. No pets/ no smoking.

GROSSE Pointe, Kennington, 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood/ marble floors throughout, 2,000 plus sq. ft., \$2,000/ month, \$2,000/ security. Furnish option available. (313)882-9686

HARPER Woods, Grosse Pointe schools, 3 bedroom brick ranch, beautiful kitchen, full, finished basement with 1/2 bath. Beautiful hardwood floors. \$1,000/ month (313)802-2100

HARPER Woods- 21335 Newcastle, 3 bedroom, all appliances, deck, basement, air, pets ok. \$950/ month. Open Sunday, 1/ 25, 1- 4; or call 734-751-7817. View at http://gallery.me.com/andreaandbrett #100177

**705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
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1221 Fairholme. Prime location in the heart of Grosse Pointe Woods. Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Hardwood floors, 2-car attached garage. Fenced corner lot \$2,200, plus maintenance and utilities. 2 year lease. 586-792-3990

1430 Hollywood- \$1,250. 3 bedrooms. Updates throughout (810)499-4444

1996 Littlestone- 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Updated. Clean. 2 car garage, basement. Appliances. Central air. Great value. \$1,500, plus security/ utilities. (586)873-5673

FURNISHED executive 2 bedroom, 1 block from Village. Utilities, cable included. \$1,800. 313-882-2154

GROSSE Pointe homes, 3- 4 bedrooms, appliances, basement, yard, garage. Call for details, (313)927-2731

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 3 bedroom lower.. \$900. No pets. No smoking. 586-549-8343

GROSSE Pointe Woods. 3 bedroom bungalow. All updated. All appliances. Central air. \$1,150/ month, security deposit. 313-802-2100

GROSSE Pointe, Kennington, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, hardwood/ marble floors throughout, 2,000 plus sq. ft., \$2,000/ month, \$2,000/ security. Furnish option available. (313)882-9686

709 TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOS FOR RENT

1 bedroom condominium newly decorated. 9 Mile/ Harper area. \$600/ month, includes utilities (586)344-3597

**705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

HARPER Woods- Washnetaw, 2 or 3 bedroom, new carpet & paint, all appliances, \$750/ month. 586-774-3248

LAKESHORE executive carriage house, fully furnished, all inclusive, private, heated garage Discerning inquiries only. \$1,200. 248-568-5217

706 HOUSES FOR RENT DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

2 or 3 bedroom, Cadieux/ Harvard. Basement, garage, shown daily, \$600- \$750. (313)882-4132

3 bedroom ranch, garage, Moross/ Mack, asking \$725 plus utilities/ cable. Maid service. (586)913-6374

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, updated throughout, \$835. (313)215-7420

6100 Farmbrook- 3 bedroom, finished basement, all appliances, central air. \$850/ month. (313)319-9921

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**709 TOWNHOUSES/  
CONDOS FOR RENT**

HARPER Woods- 2 bedroom condo, new carpet, private storage/ laundry. \$695/ month, includes water. (313)575-4325

LAKESHORE Village end unit townhouse condo. \$800/ month. \$84,000/ sale. (586)498-2220 (313)319-5199

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GROSSE Pointe home needs roommate. \$500/ month, room and full house access. (586)817-1861

ST. Clair Shores- canal property, 3 bedroom colonial to share 2 fireplaces, \$459, includes utilities/ cable. Maid service. (586)771-8155

716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

15005 Jefferson, \$140- \$400. Secure, professional offices with facilities. (313)410-4339

20390 Harper, upper. 305 sq. ft./ 3 room suite, \$350, includes heat. (313)884-7575

BEAUTIFUL 3 room suite, excellent location, reasonable rent, 25801 Harper. (586)771-7587

EXECUTIVE office space. 95

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S	T	A	G	S	A	T	S	W	A	Y
P	A	R	R	P	H	I	H	I	R	E
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S	C	A	M	P	I	Y	A	L	E	
				L	I	G	H	T	O	F
P	L	A	I	N	A	I	L	O	W	E
L	I	M	N	J	I	M	C	U	L	T
O	R	B	S	I	T	T	U	T	S	I
D	A	R	K	K	N	I	G	H	T	
				O	N	X	H	E	L	I
B	A	S	E	I	D	O	A	O	N	E
E	V	I	L	N	U	S	S	T	I	R
D	E	A	L	G	E	T	S	A	T	E

**DOUBLE SHUFFLE**

**RULES:** Reshuffle six letters to form a new word. If a word is given, find an anagram of that word. Place letters in boxes next to shuffled letters. After all six words are solved, find new 6-letter words shuffled in the six columns or two diagonals.  
**HINT:** There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 5 words? Happy Hunting!

AVITIR					
ABIDES					
RSEHSD					
POTRIM					
LCCNHE					
TRNEEI					

**Last Weeks Puzzle Solved**

Col. 1: DAPPER / RAPPED  
Col. 2: RETAIN / RETINA  
Col. 3: NOSING  
Col. 4: ZENITH  
Col. 5: RENEGE

Top Left Diag: INEPTS / INSTEP / SPINET

P	A	N	T	R	Y
A	T	O	N	E	D
P	R	I	Z	E	S
R	E	N	E	G	E
E	N	G	I	N	E
D	I	S	H	E	S

**ACROSS**

1 Extinct bird  
5 Tennis stroke  
8 Dumbfound  
12 Complete redo  
14 Easy bounding gait  
15 Australia's capital  
16 Wield needles  
17 Squid fluid  
18 Hut roof material  
20 Numerical info  
23 Require a retest, maybe  
24 Cronies  
25 1970 Dawn hit  
28 Priestly garment  
29 Wonderland visitor  
30 Hostel  
32 Food-packaging factory  
34 Apportion (out)  
35 Greek vowels  
37 Evolution proponent  
40 Charged particle  
41 Bedouin  
42 Man-eater?  
47 Revealing skirt

**DOWN**

1 "What's up, —?"  
2 Eggs  
3 Lair  
4 Trips around the world?  
5 Brownish songbird  
6 "— Town"  
7 Conspicuousness  
8 Acid neutralizer  
9 Refuses to  
10 Grand-scale tale  
11 Brother of Cain and Abel  
13 Coop group  
19 Stash  
20 Hot tub  
21 Body powder  
22 Actress Jessica  
23 Expositions  
25 Of wholesome appearance  
26 Regimen  
27 Initial stake  
29 Opposed  
31 Homer's neighbor  
33 Raw recruit  
34 Crazes  
36 Typeface  
37 Knighted woman  
38 Saharan  
39 Pealed  
40 "Meet Me — Louis"  
43 Literary collection  
44 English channel?  
45 Chicken-king link  
46 Moon vehicle

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