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THURSDAY, MARCH 27

♦ Children can watch the movie "Herbie Ridges Again" at 2 p.m. Grosse Pointe Public Library in the Ewald Branch.
 ♦ Genealogist Suzanne Sommerville will share tips on searching the Drouin Collection French records in the Ancestry Library Edition database and other French-Canadian resources at 7 p.m. in the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

♦ Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited leads a bird walk at 8 a.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The cost is \$6 and includes beverages after the event. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

♦ The Wayne County Office of County Executive is sponsoring a spelling bee for seniors from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, the City of Grosse Pointe. To register or for more information, call (313) 882-9600. Gifts, prizes, lunch and a raffle are included in the event.

♦ Registration begins for Spring Story Time at the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches in three age brackets; lap sit, toddler and preschool. To register at the Central Library call (313) 343-2074, ext. 206; Woods branch, call (313) 343-2072, ext. 203; and Ewald Library, call (313) 343-2071, ext. 207. Seating is limited and registration is first-come, first-serve basis. Story Time is open to all Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents. Only the registered child and caregiver may attend the sessions.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

♦ John Whittier-Ferguson, a University of Michigan English and literature professor, presents a discussion on Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness" at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library. The lecture is free to students, teachers and Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. Non-members pay \$10. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

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Monica Genoff is surrounded by spring flowers, daffodils and tulips, even though the weather is still in winter mode. An employee of a local florist shop, she is arranging gerbera daisies in vibrant colors of red, pink and yellow.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Local reaction to Detroit mayor scandal

G.P., Detroit futures tied together

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

There's an old saying that goes something like this: "If the national economy sneezes, Michigan's economy catches cold."

But does that corollary translate to the relationship between Detroit and its bordering suburbs?

The long-simmering scandal involving Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick exploded Monday, after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced her office will charge the mayor and his former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty with 12 felony counts, including charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and misconduct.

The pair turned themselves

into the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Monday and were expected to be arraigned after press time.

Despite several pleas from political and civic officials to resign in the wake of the charges, Kilpatrick vowed Monday afternoon to remain in office. He reiterated his main reason for holding on was "moving the city forward."

But the question remains however is how effective the mayor can be now that he must contend with weighty legal issues.

The charges were brought after text messages to and from Beatty were discovered that allegedly contradict the mayor's sworn testimony during last summer's whistleblower's trial involving three former Detroit police officers.

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace deferred comment on the scandal, saying "I have a deep belief in and re-

spect of our legal system and faith that all parties will use its process to resolve this matter."

Scrace has been working closely with Detroit officials on a gateway development project to spruce up Jefferson near the Grosse Pointe Park border with new homes, infrastructure improvements and business opportunities. The project involves the Detroit Department of Public Works and many civic groups devoted to improving the thoroughfare.

"I think it is a real tragedy not only for Detroit but for the Grosse Pointes," said Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "There are a lot of good things happening in the city. The future of Detroit, I think, is deeply connected with the future of Grosse Pointe."

"There is nothing better for the Grosse Pointes than a thriving Detroit."

Gaffney said it was not his

position to call for the mayor's resignation, but regretted the "unfulfilled potential" of the mayor's term in office calling it nothing less than a "tragedy."

"What's really a shame is the number of people you're seeing downtown now," Gaffney said. "We have the two stadiums, the Riverwalk and enormous investment that GM made to the Renaissance Center."

"The last thing we need is for this to (compound) our image problem."

State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Detroit, who represents the Grosse Pointes, called for the mayor to step down, saying that the city could not move forward given its current "paralyzed state," according to reports.

First District County Commissioner Tim Killeen, who was in committee meetings Tuesday, could not be reached by press time.

G.P. WOODS

Rice honored with arbor

Plaque notes former councilwoman's city work

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

A memorial arbor honoring former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jean Rice will be dedicated at 30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building.

Rice, who served as a city councilwoman and in many voluntary capacities, died last year.

The dedication ceremony will begin with remarks by Mayor Robert Mike followed by others who worked closely with Rice on various city commissions.

For many area residents, Rice needs no introduction.

"Jean contributed so much to our community," said Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilman Allen Dickinson. "She served on the beautification commission starting in 1976, then the commission and served a long tenure on the city council."

"She touched the lives of so many of our residents."

Barbara Hayes, who served alongside Rice on the tree commission, will pay tribute, as will Jan Durr Treuter, who worked with Rice on the Beautification Advisory Commission.

Rice's years on the city council will be remembered by Dickinson.

"It's fitting that an arbor be named for her, for all her efforts in the beautification of Grosse Pointe Woods," Dickinson noted.

A plaque honoring her work will be unveiled at the ceremony followed by a reception at the Cook Schoolhouse.

Snow dragon

Snow sculpting a dragon took more than five hours for Abbey, 9, Sophie, 3, and Charlie, 6, Schuetze in the yard of their home in the 100 block of Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park. The trio, along with their father, Matt, have also made a sphinx and a penguin from the abundant snow that has fallen this winter.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

POINTER OF INTEREST

'What I love about Michigan are the four seasons.'

Mary Northcutt

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 53
Family: Husband, Michael Goodell; daughter, Emily Goodell; son Matthew Goodell
Claim to fame: Grosse Pointe Garden Center president
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Yesterday's headlines



FROM THE MARCH 26, 1998 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1998: Spring break?

With beach and ski gear, Frosty the Snowman with Bricey, 3 and Evan, 1, sons of Beth and Brian Pardo of Fisher Road, are ready for spring break. We think Frosty should remain in Michigan where our "spring" weather is more suited to his frigid needs!

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ WAR MEMORIAL SEEKS SUPPORT

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be sending notices to residents of all five Grosse Pointes asking for support for the center. Officials say \$37,500 is needed to balance the operational budget of \$135,455.

Nearly 100,000 people, including repeats, used the center between April 1, 1957 and the present time—an increase of 15,000 over the prior period.

◆ PARCELLS STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL

The entire ninth grade class of Parcels Junior High School visited the State Capitol as part of their studies of civics and government. About 170 students accompanied by eight instructors made the all day trip to Lansing in four busses.

"This is only one of many ways in which the Grosse Pointe schools attempt to bring textbook material to life," said Principal Vincent Peterson

◆ FIREFIGHTERS KEPT BUSY IN THE WOODS

Sunday, March 23 saw firefighters kept unusually busy responding to four fire calls in rapid succession.

The first at 9:30 a.m. came from a house on Lochmoor, of which nothing remained once the blaze was extinguished. The trucks were being backed

into their places at the station, when another call came at 11:26 a.m. about a field fire at Morningside and Renaud. The fire was extinguished with wet mops.

A third call came at 11:40 a.m. about a fire on the fence separating the Woods Theater and property on Mack Avenue. The fire was extinguished. On to a field fire at 12:50 p.m. at Goethe and E. Eight Mile, also extinguished. Then a house fire at about 5 p.m. on Anita was reported. The homeowner had forgotten to open the damper of his fireplace, causing the fire to heat up the mantle piece and smoke up the house. This blaze was put out with a hand extinguisher.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ OLD IDEA DRAWS FRESH ATTENTION

A single community of 75,000 people running from Kelly Road to Lakeshore and from Old Eight Mile to Alter? It sounds far-fetched, but think of funding only one government instead of the six in the Pointes and Harper Woods.

The six communities have thought of that, too, and have applied for money for a study by Metropolitan Affairs Corp. to see if certain services can be combined. This could mean both efficiency and savings for the cities.

The idea of consolidating at

least some of the Pointes has been discussed since 1958.

◆ REALTORS SEEK 1908 HOME

The Detroit Board of Realtors is conducting a search to find the most representative local home built in 1908 to enter in a nationwide competition sponsored by the National Association of Realtors.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ ARE WOODS VOTERS REALLY WOODS VOTERS?

As part of an effort to create a centralized statewide precinct street guide index, a review of Grosse Pointe Woods' voters determined that there were 27 households with occupants improperly registered as Woods voters.

Prior to the 1960s, residents whose property crossed city lines could register to vote in the city of their choice. In the 1970s, Wayne County issued regulations stating that 51 percent of the house, not just the property, must be in that city. The city asked the state attorney general to issue an opinion before taking action.

◆ ROAD REPAIRS TO START

The ride may be bumpy the next few months as road repairs begin in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms. Fisher Road, from Jefferson to Maumee and Chalfonte to Mack, will be

resurfaced. The cost will be shared between the two cities.

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ CITY SPIKES HOOPS COURT IDEA

City of Grosse Pointe residents' request was slam dunked, when the City's parks and recreation director decided to replace a volleyball court instead of constructing a new basketball court at Neff Park. The basketball court was displaced by the City's new pool and bathhouse constructed last year.

◆ SCHOOLS PRACTICE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

With America at war and the nation's threat level remaining at high, area schools are reviewing emergency procedures in the event of a crisis. The drills are occurring throughout the community to review crisis plans and eliminate problems that might arise in a real emergency.

Voter deadline nears

Monday, April 7 is the last day to register to vote for the May 6 election.

"Many of these elections directly impact your local community, whether it's your local government or your area school district," said Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land. "If you are not yet registered to vote in Michigan, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible."

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by election day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants also must be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at Michigan.gov/sos.

First-time voters registering by mail must vote in person at their first election, unless either they hand deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled, or are overseas.

To check registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at Michigan.gov/vote.

Residents can find information on voting by absentee ballot, Michigan's voter identification requirement, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. Voters are reminded they must present an acceptable photo ID at the poll. Anyone without an acceptable photo ID may sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of a photo ID and still vote.

Additional information is available at Michigan.gov/sos.

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Mayors deliver more than Meals on Wheels

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Warm meals were met with warm welcomes, as the mayors of the Grosse Pointes lent a hand during the nationwide Mayors for Meals initiative March 19.

Dale Scrace of the City of Grosse Pointe, Jim Farquhar, Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, Robert Novitke of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jim Cooper of Grosse Pointe Shores joined by Jane Blahut, Grosse Pointe Park city clerk, Ken Poynter, Harper Woods mayor and Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, gathered at the Neighborhood Club before setting out with their Meals on Wheels deliveries to area seniors.

"This is the third year our mayors have participated in this National Mayors for Meals day," said Mary Rose Nelson, director of volunteer services for Services for Older Citizens, which oversees the local Meals on Wheels program.

"They have always been extremely supportive of the program and we always look for-



Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke delivered a hot meal to Woods resident Francis Cecchini.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

ward to having them help us out."

The City's Dale Scrace said he wouldn't miss it.

"Seniors are such an important part of our community," he said. "They have contributed so much, and still

have so much they can share with their neighbors. I always look forward to this event." "We're all better off for the

contributions our seniors have made and this is just a great way for all of us to give back," said Poynter. "Seniors have helped make each of our communities the unique places they are today."

Novitke, ably assisted by his driver, Woods Councilman Pete Waldmeir, delivered not only a meal to Woods resident Frances Cecchini, but birthday wishes as well. The nearly 70-year resident of the Woods celebrated her 90th birthday a few days before.

"It is such a pleasure to see you," Cecchini told the mayor, as she welcomed Novitke and Waldmeir into her home. Not only had she worked for the city for 27 years, her son had been a police officer there for several years. She and the mayor shared fond memories of mutual acquaintances.

Cecchini has been participating in the Meals on Wheels program for 10 years, with a meal being delivered to her every day Monday through Friday.

While she said she always looks forward to her daily delivery, she agreed that the special delivery from the mayor was her best one yet.

Mayors for Meals is annual event sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of America as part of its national March For Meals Campaign. Designed to raise awareness of hunger among seniors, it encourages communities to involve mayors and city officials in the Meals on Wheels program.

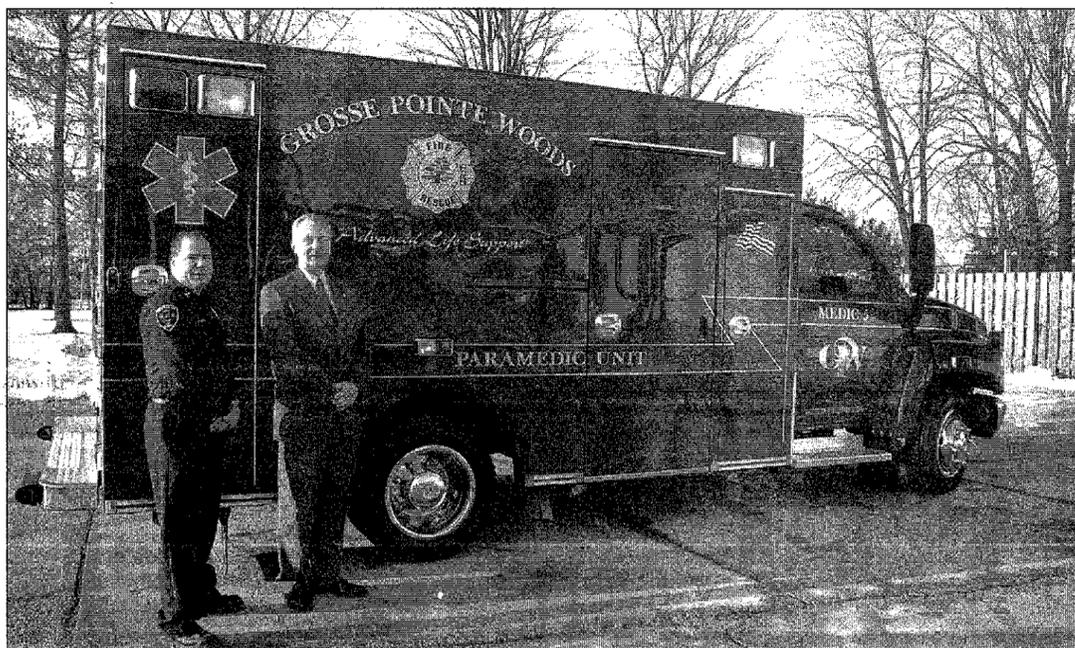
More than 1,000 mayors from across the country were expected to participate this year.

For SOC, it's never a problem to get local officials involved, said Sharon Maier, SOC's executive director.

"We have tremendous support from our mayors and council members. These are all busy individuals who clear their calendars in order for them to be here," she said. "It's something they all look forward to, and we appreciate their support."

In addition to the 85 seniors it delivers meals to each day, 40 seniors attend the Food and Friendship Luncheons at the Neighborhood Club.

For more information on Meals on Wheels or the luncheon program, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.



New ambulance begins service

Michael Makowski, director of Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety and Corey May, paramedic, look over the new state-of-the-art ambulance that went into service in Grosse Pointe Woods on March 4. Input from the city's seven paramedics went into the design of the new vehicle, which will replace the city's current 10-year old ambulance. The Chief XL Type III with a 2008 Chevrolet C-4500 chassis was manufactured in Van West, Ohio, and was purchased by the city for \$153,899.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Picture book legend joins the celebration

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer



Steven Kellogg has delighted generations of young children with his whimsical picture books. Soon he will be entertaining Grosse Pointe fans in person.

Kellogg will speak at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 17, at Parcels Middle School auditorium to help the Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrate National Library Week. A book signing will follow.

Kellogg is an award-winning author and illustrator of more than 90 picture books for children.

Many of his books are based on animals, including the Pinkerton series, which is based on and inspired by his pet Great Dane.

He is also well known for his adaptations of fairy tales including "The Three Little Pigs," "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Pecos Bill and Mike Fink." Other popular titles include "How Much Is A Million?"

Steven Kellogg's popular Pinkerton series is based on the antics of his pet Great Dane.

"The Mysterious Tadpole," and "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash."

Interested in drawing since childhood, Kellogg studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he majored in illustration. He also studied in Florence, Italy on a fellowship.

The program is free and open to the public.

Tickets will be available Monday, March 31 at the three branch libraries.

For more information, contact Jane Marsden, youth services programming coordinator, at (313) 343-2074, ext. 218 or jmarsden@gp.lib.mi.us.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Guitar Hero tourney rocks the house

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

It's a rare occurrence when a librarian says, "Crank up the

volume and rock on," but that is essentially what happened at the Ewald branch library one afternoon.

About 12 youthful gamers

competed in the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Guitar Hero tournament held Saturday, March 8.

This is the second time the library has hosted a gaming competition. The first gaming night was a Halo tourney held in January.

The library is conducting the games as a way to attract teenagers into the library, said tournament organizer and Ewald youth services librarian, Michelle Kaczmarek.

Guitar Hero is a series of music video games created by Red Octane and Activision. The format uses a guitar-shaped controller to simulate the playing of rock music, represented on-screen by colored notes that correspond to fret buttons on the controller.

The tournament's 12 participants were divided into two groups based on the skill level they indicated on their applications. Six competed as beginners and six as experts.

For the first round, the competitors were able to pick out a song of their choice.

The top three scorers advanced to the second and final round. To keep the playing field level, the finalists played the same song which Kaczmarek selected.

The winners of the beginner's group were Jason



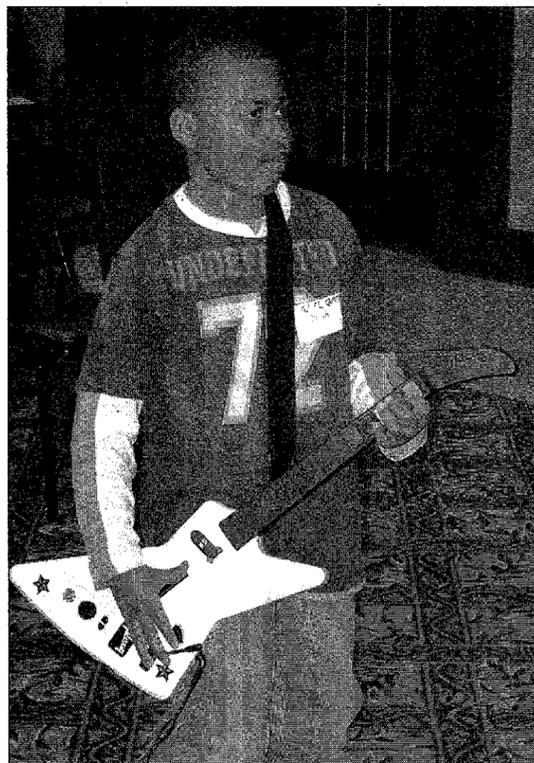
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The March 8 Guitar Hero tournament held at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald branch attracted both boys and girls.

McWhorter in first place, Richard Johnson in second and Kartik Sharma in third.

Vincent Kneiser took first place and Connor Murphy took second in the experts level.

The winners took home various prizes including cash, gift cards to Game Stop and a Guitar Hero T-shirt.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Mary Northcutt is spellbound by herbs and flowers, shrubs and trees. She is a member of two garden clubs, the herb society, lectures on food and herbs and produces flower arrangements.

Northcutt took root in Michigan

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Mary Northcutt of Grosse Pointe Farms is a transplant.

That's appropriate because this native of Arizona is the president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, a member of the Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe Unit, Windmill Pointe Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission. Northcutt finds herself presenting workshops on such topics as Tuscany and Mexican foods and introduction to herbs. And when asked, she will create colorful flower arrangements — her passion.

Northcutt was raised in Tucson, Ariz., graduated from Catalena High School in Tucson and attended the University of Arizona. She graduated from BIOLA, Bible Institute of Los Angeles, with a major in cultural anthropology.

Of course Northcutt gardens. She tends the rose bushes planted by her grandmother.

Northcutt describes the gardens surrounding her home on Touraine as a strong mix of annuals, perennials and containers of flowers.

Her yard is ringed by old trees and shrubs. And she watches over a huge oak in the backyard thriving near the rock gardens in a home once owned by her grandparents.

Instead of selling the house, Northcutt suggested to her mother some 30 years ago that she and her husband would give living in Michigan a try. Her husband, Michael Goodell, was raised in northern California and was receptive to the idea of living in a changeable climate, such as that enjoyed and endured by Michiganians.

They found Michigan and Grosse Pointe Farms the ideal place to raise their two children.

"What I love about Michigan are the four seasons and the different organizations in the community. The schools are what set the community apart," she said.

Just one visit to a garden club meeting and Northcutt was "captivated." Since then she has been lecturing, making potpourri, lavender wands, wreaths, swags and cooking with herbs and nature's offerings.

Last week, the first sign of spring appeared on the witch hazel near her garage. Its craggy and crooked branches have started to swell and will soon show its dusty yellow blossoms.

"It's an exciting time of year," she said.

Though it's been a winter with more moisture than usual, Northcutt said she is anxious to get out in the yard and see what will pop up.

"I'm anxious to see what the hard winter has done to my shrubs and perennials," she said.

Northcutt also said that will be the beginning of her outdoor work.

One of her first jobs will be to clean up the mulch from last year's Christmas tree.

"We have a large Christmas tree. When it is fully dried, my husband chops off the branches and hands them to me through the window and I use them for mulch. The trunk becomes the Yule log for next Christmas," she said.

She said she uses natural mulch and foregoes the chemicals, thus has more clean-up around the yard in the spring, as well as pruning the perennials which she didn't get to in the fall.

"(When outside) I'm all over. I enjoy the sun and looking at the clouds and sky. The herbs smell good," she said.

Her introduction to gardening came from her father, who grew up in Georgia.

"He was a wonderful gardener," she said. And her mother, a Michigan State University graduate, still attends her garden club on the fifth Tuesday of the month, Northcutt said.

Through her father's plantings of root vegetables and her knowledge of cacti, she began a lifetime of gardening interest.

"I like green gardens," she said.

From learning cactus names to phlox and pachysandra, Northcutt's interest in gardening was planted. After college she discovered she had a talent for remembering the Latin names of the plants and could spell them.

The talent for spelling runs in the family. She has the dictionary her mother won during a Kerby Elementary School spelling bee.

A quick tour of the kitchen shows how much herbs and spices influence her life. Once a cabinet for a built-in ironing board, the area has given way to a multi-shelved unit lined with herbs and spices in plastic bags and tins.

She finds the herbs she grows in her garden to make weeding pleasant. They are spread throughout her yard and she uses them fresh in the summer. In fact, Northcutt said she rarely buys bottled salad dressing instead she uses fresh cut herbs, such as chives, for her salads.

For those who are interested in starting an herb garden, or any type of garden, she advises developing a plan, and starting small. Attending the plant sale at the Community Center Mother's Day weekend is another piece of advice she gives gardeners at any stage.

Herbs or any perennial can get out of hand and Northcutt shares how she keeps hers contained.

"I plant mint where it might not be as happy, in a shady and dry place. That keeps it under control," she said.

When not in the garden, attending or giving lectures, Northcutt is into pushing gar-



PHOTOS BY ANN FOUTY

Mary Northcutt is long-standing member of Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Windmill Pointe Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America.

dens, including establishing a veterans' garden in at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"The garden club is not just about beautification it is stimulating as well, the lectures include water and issues on the lake, the properties which are being silted in, the pollution from the nickel mines and the pollution in the Detroit River," she said.

Northcutt participates in a considerable amount of volunteer work, including fundraising for the Belle Isle Conservatory. There are scholarships to be awarded periodically and the most recent one in 2007 was to a master gardener. And there are gardens around the Farms to be viewed in anticipation of a beautification award. She said the members look for not just a beauti-

ful yard, but well maintained property and how much the property owner is personally involved in its overall maintenance.

"The beautification commission looks for a variety of plants, a total aesthetic. How well the property is maintained

and if the homeowner is involved in the maintenance of the property," is part of the criteria, she said.

"I enjoy the people," she said of the clubs and volunteer work she does. "They have enriched my life."

Or is it the oregano, the gar-

lic, cumin, cilantro and rosemary, her favorites, which have enriched her life. It could also be the lavender sage and sweet woodruff, the border gardens and the Mediterranean herbs. Whether its the people or the flora, Northcutt leads a sweet fragrant life in Michigan.



One of Mary Northcutt's passions is arranging flowers.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Alumni return for summer performance

"Encore!," a reunion of former choir students from Grosse Pointe South will perform Saturday, June 28, on the grand stage at the Detroit Opera House.

The event is a tribute to the vocal music program at Grosse Pointe South and its director, Ellen Bowen.

Almost 150 Grosse Pointe South Choir Alumni will be performing in group production numbers and solos during the show.

Prior to the performance, a black tie dinner will be held at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Andy Haines, Grosse Pointe South choreographer, will direct and organize the music and dance aspects of the performance. Dan Vicary, from the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center is in charge of the technical programming in conjunction with the technical staff at the opera house.

Participation as a performer in the show is open to all former students who participated in the Grosse Pointe South vocal music program, including the musicals, since the class of 1988.

Also invited are any former band and orchestra students

who performed with the choir or in the pit orchestra for musicals.

The former students will meet Friday evening and again Saturday during the day for rehearsal to learn the group numbers and polish the solos and small ensembles.

Most alumni will participate in the opening and closing group production numbers choreographed by Haines. Others may want to showcase their talents in a solo performance or as part of a small ensemble.

After the performance, there will be an after glow at the opera house.

In addition to this celebration of the arts, the performance is also a major fundraiser to support the continuation of the South choir program.

Tickets are available at the Detroit Opera House Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For prices and more information, visit gpsencore.com.

For more information about the program and performance, contact Gail Urso at (313) 824-2884, (313) 824-6300 or (313) 600-4419, or via e-mail at gailurso@aol.com.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



PHOTO BY GEORGE BLAIR III

Grosse Pointe Park children scrambled to gather Easter eggs.

A little rain, lots of eggs

The Easter Bunny had to don galoshes before hiding eggs for Grosse Pointe Park's Egg Scramble on a soggy March 19.

The wet conditions didn't dampen the spirits of the 100 or so youngsters who ran around Windmill Pointe Park searching for plastic eggs.

Lucky hunters who found any of the 12 hidden golden eggs received a special treat — a stuffed bunny to take home.

Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny stayed around to have their photographs taken with all the children inside the park's Tompkins Community Center.

A petting zoo and the Merry Music Maker were also on hand.

— Beth Quinn



Aspen reader

Peter Dow of Grosse Pointe Farms shared the Grosse Pointe News with former Grosse Pointers Lisa (Fruehauf) Prast and Albert Prast when the trio stayed at the Aspen Mountain Club on top of Aspen. 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. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Michael D. LaFaive

Creating jobs in Michigan

Since 1999, Michigan has operated its Economic Development Corporation and a litany of other expensive programs designed to create or keep jobs in the state.

According to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2008 State of the State Address, more such programs are in the offing. These efforts call to mind two popular tales — "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Emperor's New Clothes" — because they represent a marriage of blustery theater and a deliberate disregard for reality.

"Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain. The great Oz has spoken," thundered the wizard in the 1939 classic movie, "The Wizard of Oz." Lansing's economic development wizards want the public to simply take their job count claims at face value, but we should not. It's time to pull back the curtain with a full audit of the MEDC and its job creation claims.

For instance, MEDC officials and their apologists want us to believe that these programs "create" jobs. The truth is that while the MEDC was appropriated more than \$1.6 billion in federal, state and other dollars to facilitate its mission, Michigan between 1999 and 2006 shed 244,000 jobs, and our unemployment rate is the highest in the nation at 7.6 percent.

Scrutiny of MEDC job creation claims may lead the public to wonder why the department even exists. Perhaps this is why legislators have tweaked language in the state budget guiding audits of MEDC job creation claims.

The answer is simple: Politicians don't care about job creation as much as they care about the perception of it.

Prior to 2008, boilerplate budget language read that the MEDC "shall work with the office of the auditor general to implement procedures to annually audit the number of jobs claimed to be created by firms." For some reason the text was changed for the current state budget, which reads that the MEDC "may implement procedures to annually audit the number of jobs claimed to be created by firms."

What had been mandated is now optional, and the reference to working with the auditor general was stripped away.

One has to question the wisdom of allowing the MEDC to audit job creation it claims to have influenced. March 16 marked the beginning of "Sunshine Week" — which represents a commitment to more transparent government — and seems a perfect time for Michigan residents to ask what their legislators are doing behind the curtain. If they're hiding the fact that these development programs fail to create net new jobs, it would not be the first time such claims did not square with reality.

In 1993 and 2003, Michigan's state auditors criticized the state's development agencies for their job creation claims. For instance, in 2003 the auditor general reported that recipients of MEDC job training grants were supposed to have created 635 jobs, though only 222 were verifiable.

In 2004, it was claimed that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority created more than 28,000 jobs. Finding those numbers suspect, I made repeated attempts to obtain an explanation from the MEDC. Those requests were either ignored or rebuffed until several state legislators practically compelled the MEDC to explain itself. Once it did, it was clear that the job numbers were practically pulled out of thin air.

This was not the only example of the agency trying to take credit for jobs that did not exist. The Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. in 2004 actually disavowed job creation claims made by the MEDC on a project for which it had received a MEGA deal.

In 2003, state Republican leaders argued in a press release and at the conference that they would "fight for every Michigan job," in part by extending the MEGA program.

The Mackinac Center ultimately acquired the GOP's internal strategy plan for their jobs fight. It contained descriptions of the "political value" and "press value" of their ideas, but little about the economic value. This undermines their claim to caring about every job, giving the impression that they cared more about job-related public relations.

If such programs are little more than public relations opportunities, whose actual impact must be hidden, why do they continue? The answer is simple: Politicians don't care about job creation as much as they care about the perception of it. That is why it is so important for the political class to quash any reasonable accounting of job-creation claims.

The naked truth is that the public might realize lawmakers are not job-creating wizards capable of great feats, but are more like the tired old man trying to distract his audience with fire and smoke, praying there are no "Totos" around to pull back the curtain.

The state Legislature should pass a supplemental appropriation for the auditor general to conduct a thorough audit of the MEDC and its job creation claims. Doing so will make the department's work more transparent at a time when the governor wants to expand its responsibilities.

Michael D. LaFaive is director of the Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

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Thanks for Easter egg hunt

To the Editor:

Add hundreds of children and their parents, thousands of eggs and one Peter Rabbit, and you will have a recipe for a great Easter egg hunt.

That's what happened on Saturday, March 15, at

Ghesquiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods once again came together for fun and surprises for all the Easter Egg hunters. It was one of the best Easter Egg hunt's we ever had.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Where's Dr. Dolittle? We need him

Back in 1986, the Great Orator as he was called, President Reagan, uttered these prophetic words that still ring true today:

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases — If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

I suspect that we as citizens could be construed as the ones that "move" and thus we should be taxed accordingly.

The latest attempt to separate us from our wallets is coming in August in the form of a millage to support operations at the Detroit Zoo, which for you residents new to the area is located in Royal Oak.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties would have to approve the millage, which would cost the owner of a house with a \$200,000 market value about \$10 per year.

I think all of us recognize the importance of a well-kept, well-stocked, well-managed zoo. Not only is it a sense of pride for the community but legions of children and adults will thrill at the sight of animals rarely seen in these areas.

Who can ignore the frolicking of monkeys, rumblings of the giant hippos, majestic sight of the giraffes, or the prairie dogs that stand at attention, while we visit their domain from the underground tunnels?

The \$10 per year is a small price to pay for this type of entertainment. There are some elements of the proposal though that trouble me.

Let's navigate through some of them:

◆ Why are only three counties involved in the proposal? Where are Washtenaw and Livingston and Genesee counties? Don't their residents visit the zoo? What happens should

We need to pass along all of the many thanks we received that day from the parents and children.

Due to the support from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and overwhelming contributions from our members, together we have made it a very successful and enjoyable day.

We are so very proud that we have members that are interested in getting involved with our community projects.

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radio and TV anchors and politicians voiced their views, our "lame duck" governor decided to sit on the sidelines and let the courts handle this whole sordid event.

While others have called for the mayor's resignation, the governor claims she has no opinion. As such, Granholm has elevated her "duck and weave" posture to an art form.

We look to our leaders for direction, for establishing high standards, and for them to comment on situations where individuals or organizations have acted in a way that is injurious to the reputation of the state or to its citizens.

Granholm's silence is indicative of someone who doesn't have an opinion, until someone volunteers one that will not offend her constituency. In that regard, she lacks leadership skills and continues to hone her mime act wherein she "sees no evil and hears no evil."

Elected officials are supposed to exude leadership skills.

If Granholm possesses any such attributes, she is doing a wonderful job of camouflaging them. Her two most important functions this year will be to march in the Holland, Mich., Tulip Festival Parade and then walk the Mackinac Bridge come September.

Or on the other hand, she might have to throw out the first ball at the Tiger's Opening Day, since Kilpatrick will no doubt be huddling with his legal team.

Other than that, she will continue to work on her "duck and weave" skills and her mime act.

With the passing of Marcel Marceau, the world's greatest mime, it's comforting to know a replacement has emerged.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Everyday heroes and inspiring people



My new hero is a little girl named Megan who has cystic fibrosis and recently had her wish granted by the Make a Wish Foundation.

The reason she is my new hero is because her wish was to be a part of the show, Extreme Home Makeover, to help someone else. How amazing is that? In a world where so many people say they are too busy to give back we could all learn something from this little girl who doesn't even know how much time she has or if she will live a normal life span.

I love that show because watching it makes me feel wonderful and it's a great way to start the week. Every time I watch it, I am reminded how blessed I am and it motivates me to think about the ways I can give back.

Many young people today aren't taught to give back or to stand up for what they believe in. Many don't even vote. Why is that?

Let's show them, by our own actions, how good it feels to

reach out to someone or stand up for something we believe in. And what a difference it makes when we do. Our collective voice is very powerful.

Let's teach them that their neighborhood, their city, state and world is held together by people who reach out without thinking about what's in it for them.

Paying it forward means more than you know because the simplest thing can make the biggest difference. An attitude of gratitude is a beautiful thing to have.

If you look up the word "hero" it is defined as a man or woman noted for his or her courage. And "courage" simply means bravery or a resistance to fear.

We think to be called a hero we need to lay down our life or put ourselves in danger, but that isn't always the case.

While that is the most common idea, it isn't the only one that applies. In today's world, that definition can include all things that matter because, like miracles, they don't need to be huge like parting the Red Sea. It can be something as simple as a flower blooming, the sun rising or one person reaching out to another.

Everyday heroes inspire me and the people around them.

They make a difference by helping beyond what they can

see like a ripple in the pond. It makes us feel good when we see or hear about people giving to others and even better when we reach out ourselves. Too many times fear or excuses get in the way.

Recently Prime Time aired a show called, "What Would You Do?" where they set up a scenario to see how people would react to a situation.

One took place in New York City's Central Park with a man who was standing over a woman seated on a bench yelling at her. She looked terrified. Some people walked right by, some stopped, gawked, said something then kept going. But few stepped in to help. Most of those who stepped in were women.

After one woman learned it was a set-up, she revealed how frightened she was. She said she was in tears as she walked away with the woman in distress because she didn't know if the man would come after them or if he had a weapon.

This woman is inspiring to me and is an excellent example of a hero for sure, someone who, despite her fear, did the right thing. Not long ago, domestic violence was considered a personal or private problem. But since the OJ fiasco, it has been shown to expand to all classes, not just the poor, and is no longer kept silent. Slowly as

people stand up and use their voices, things are changing.

My heroes are women who leave violent situations. They show bravery and courage because they know how strong they are. People think it is easy to walk away.

What they don't understand is these women are terrified because they or their children have been threatened bodily harm if they leave. The abuser may have threatened suicide and/or the victim may not have any money or credit cards in her name.

Getting out of these situations takes planning, determination and a very deep breath. Why do you think shelters are called safe houses and need to be kept secret?

Violence isn't love and love doesn't hit or hurt.

Heroes are people who strive to be authentic, not ego driven; they are people who are willing to speak up even if their voice shakes.

My heroes are everyday people who do things that range from small to large, such as returning the cart at the grocery store or plugging someone else's parking meter, to stepping in like the woman on Prime Time. My hero is my neighbor, Monica, who, without asking for anything in return, will snow plow three or four houses around her just be-

cause she says it is what neighbors do.

How awesome is that? My heroes are people who rescue animals, people who do the right thing instead of what's easy, people who step up to the plate. My heroes are animals who wake up their owners when danger strikes, little children in the hospital facing chemotherapy or surgery days after birth. My heroes are hospice workers, social workers, someone who witnesses abuse, neglect and drug addiction on an almost daily basis, someone who ministers love and care.

My heroes are my sister-in-law who does amazing things in her job everyday, my parents, my brothers and sisters and their spouses and my friends, who despite whatever obstacles came their way, forged ahead to make a better life by making a stronger choice.

Everyday heroes are inspiring and someone who inspires does not use the words "I can't" because they understand that "can" and "can't" are a choice. Heroes are people who understand they're still human.

Some days I am my own hero and some days I am not. I know you feel that way about yourself. We have perfect moments but we are not perfect. That is what makes us human

and we can inspire ourselves teaching the generation after us with our daily choices.

I am inspired by people who understand that sometimes holding on is harder than letting go. And that some days we are teachers, but most days we are students. Anyone at any age can teach us something if we are open to it and that alone is inspiring. Even the people who annoy us can teach us patience, acceptance or what not to tolerate.

What inspires you personally? Maybe something you do inspires someone else; maybe something you have witnessed or read has inspired you to make a different choice next time or to be more compassionate or take a breath before you feel like snapping.

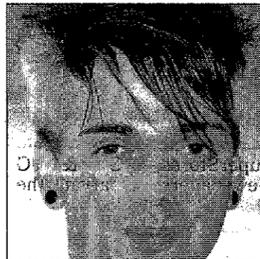
Everyday heroes are those who take responsibility for their actions and words because they know that making a difference begins there.

How you begin and end your day is up to you along with what you do with the time in between. When the glow of today is no longer visible and the only light is from the lamp in the window, we can cross our fingers or pray we'll get another chance, another day to try again and perhaps this time to make a difference, to be a hero or to inspire someone. Each one of us is capable.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Where is the one place in the world you would like to visit and why?

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



'I would like to go to India because I admire their culture and favor their food and I like how ornate the architecture and clothing is.'

ALLEN FENDER
Roseville



'I would like to spend a month in Greece visiting different islands. I like the architecture and love the food, the people and the weather. I have always wanted to go.'

YVONNE MAES-NAZARETH
Grosse Pointe Park



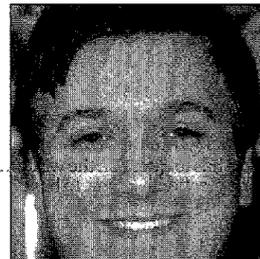
'Liverpool and London. I am a huge Beatles fanatic and I would go on every tour to see the places they lived and worked and played.'

MARTIN BANDYKE
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'I would go to Ireland. My Mom and Dad were born there and I have relatives there. I want to visit the green green grass of home.'

MARY WHITE
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would like to visit Japan because I have always enjoyed their culture and their forms of entertainment like 'Anime' and 'Manga' and I want to meet Godzilla.'

JACOB PIZZO
Harper Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

Local doctor has a vision for everyone



The world's hope to cure blindness resides in a red brick, colonial-style building on the north side of Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park, not far from the Detroit border.

Founded and headed by Dr. Philip Hessburg, the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology pulls together research and researchers from around the world with the mission to develop a device either in the eye or in the brain that will allow the blind to see.

Hessburg calls the DIO "the epicenter of world efforts to cure blindness."

The veteran ophthalmologist, who has published more than 40 scientific papers, devised various innovative eye treatment techniques and wrote numerous book chapters, will help host researchers from around the world this June at "The Eye and The Chip, World Research Congress on Artificial Vision" convention.

The researchers will travel from Japan and Germany and other places to report on their latest findings at the Westin at Metro Airport.

A decade ago, there were barely enough program partici-

pants to fill the three-day program, according to the DIO. "Today, over 150 institutions, research labs, corporations and programs are working on artificial vision in association with at least 35 separate programs in 19 countries," a DIO spokesperson said.

"God willing we will move forward toward the day when everyone has vision," Hessburg said in concluding a talk to the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast recently.

The \$6 Friday breakfasts at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Lakeshore in the Farms are open to all and begin at 7:15 a.m. and conclude by 8:15 a.m. Between 40 to 80 men usually attend. The Rev. Morsal Collier of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will speak this Friday and Sister Kathy Avery, OSM, principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, will speak April 4.

Global Eats

Flying home from New York on one of the foodless Northwest flights, having missed lunch, I asked what the flight attendant had for snacks. For \$2 I could get a small can of Pringles potato chips or a bag of Good Sense Snack Mix that promised almonds, cashews and raisins.

I opted for the Good Sense and enjoyed the snack. Looking idly at the back of the package, I discovered that 4.5 ounce bag had provided more than 50 percent of my total fat

allowance for the day.

I then checked to see where the mixture had come from, presuming that unlike almost every other product I look at these days, it couldn't have come from China or contain lead.

I was right, but here is where the almonds, cashews and raisins might have hailed from: "Almonds a product of the USA or Spain. Cashews a product of Brazil, India, Vietnam or Tanzania. Raisins a product of South Africa, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Greece or the USA."

The products were packaged by Waymouth Farms, Inc. of Minneapolis, which makes sense since that is where Northwest is headquartered.

All of which suggests that if you are hungry, you probably should avoid the fine print until after you have eaten.

Brownell

Michael Dib, the principal at Brownell Middle School with the amazing memory for student names, is looking for an alum to tell him when the school mascot changed from a bee to a bronco.

This being the 50th anniversary of the school named for Samuel Brownell, the second superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Dib is collecting historical data for the school's celebration.

As of a week or two ago he had not yet found out when the Brownell Bees sports teams became the Brownell Broncos. If

you were there and remember, contact the school at (313) 432-3900.

Brownell, then 27, supervised the completion of Grosse Pointe High School and the building of Richard, Mason and Maire elementary schools as well as additions at Trombley and Defer.

The school population went from 1,978 in 1928 — the year Brownell took over — to 4,110 in 1938, the year he returned to his alma mater, Yale, to teach educational administration.

He later served as U.S. commissioner of education during the Eisenhower administration while his brother, Herbert, was the U.S. Attorney General. In the 1960s, Brownell served as superintendent of Detroit Public Schools. He died at age 90 in 1990 and is memorialized along with his brother in their native state's Nebraska Hall of Fame.

Clooney

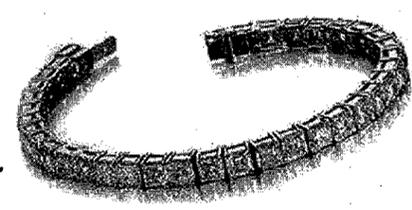
If you ever met Nick Clooney, the retired TV anchorman, game and movie show host and politician from Kentucky, you would know where his son, George, got that engaging smile.

Clooney Sr, a white haired version of the son, who spoke recently about the future of journalism at Wayne State University, told the standing room only crowd at the McGregor Memorial Center that he was the only person in the room who knew what his obituary would say:

"Nick Clooney, brother of singing star Rosemary Clooney and father of award-winning actor/producer George Clooney, died today." Clooney said that quality

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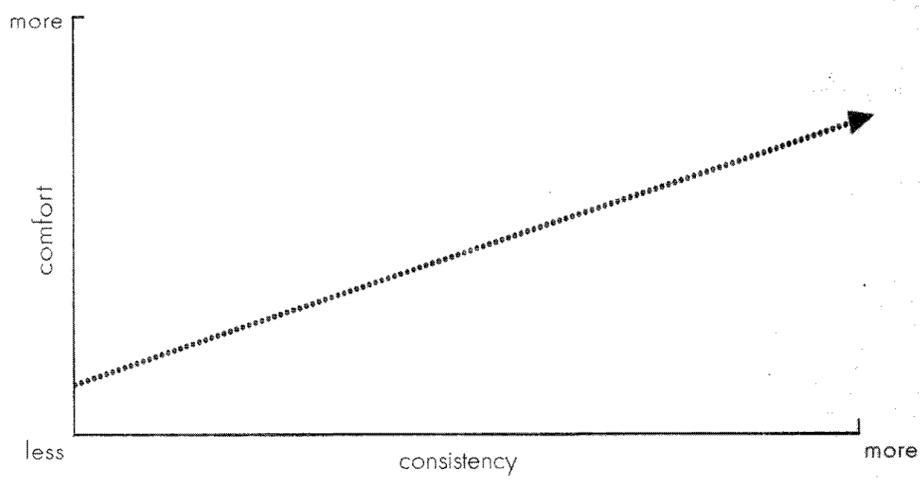
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Pointer named to boating hall of fame

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Frank McBride Jr. was recently inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Association Hall of Fame.

In nominating McBride, a boating enthusiast and legend in Michigan boating circles, association member Peter Beauregard, wrote, "It is with great pleasure that we submit the name of Frank McBride to be honored and placed in the MBIA Hall of Fame. Frank's name is recognized throughout the state of Michigan for his commitment and love of the Great Lakes and boating in general."

McBride has a long history with Michigan's boating industry. He served on the Michigan Waterways Commission where, as a commissioner, he was responsible for the acquisition, construction and maintenance

of recreational harbors, channels, docking and launching facilities and the administration of commercial docks in the Straits of Mackinac.

He served for 50 years on the Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac race committee, was

commodore of the Grosse Pointe and Mackinac Island yacht clubs and a member of Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, its auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron.

McBride is referred to as "The Voice of the Great Lakes" by his co-workers at WJR radio, where he was the boating editor for 44 years.

The award is presented by the MBIA in recognition of "extraordinary achievements in

the recreational boating industry." The award recognizes an individual who has proven to be outstanding in furthering the group's objectives of advancing the recreational boating industry through the promotion of education, the dissemination of knowledge and the introduction or development of innovative techniques. And who has been dedicated to the perpetuation of the highest ideals, trust and professionalism for the industry, according to the association.



Frank McBride Jr.

Students asked to exercise

For 10 years, Michigan students have led the country in attendance for the world's largest exercise class.

At 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, millions of children from all 50 states and more than 50 countries will participate in ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously).

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports coordinates Michigan's participation in ACES, a worldwide effort to promote youth health and fitness.

Each May for the past 10 years, students have joined together for a one-day exercise program that is educational, motivational and fun. In 2007, Michigan recorded 442,877 participants from 1,049 schools, in all 83 counties in the state.

As supporters of the program, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Dan Mulhern serve as ACES co-chairs again this year.

"Dan and I have always stressed the importance of physical activity and sports in our lives and the lives of our children," said Granholm. "We'd like to encourage all Michigan families to step up and get moving in 2008."

ACES shows children that physical activity is fun and highlights the need for regular exercise. An increasing percentage of the nation's children are overweight, a risk factor for many chronic diseases including heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

Involving children in regular physical activity (at least 60 minutes a day, most days of the week) can significantly lower the associated risks.

Schools in Michigan can register for ACES by completing the registration form at michiganfitness.org/ACES, or by calling the Governor's Council at 800-434-8642.

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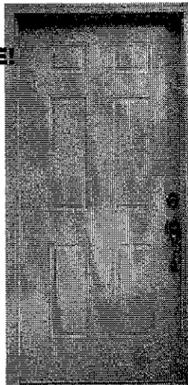
The address for WINK was incorrect in last week's edition. The business is located at 377 Fisher and the owner, Jean Alter-Johnson, can be reached at (313) 882-8100.



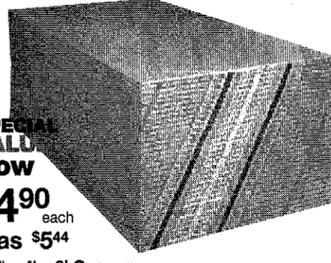
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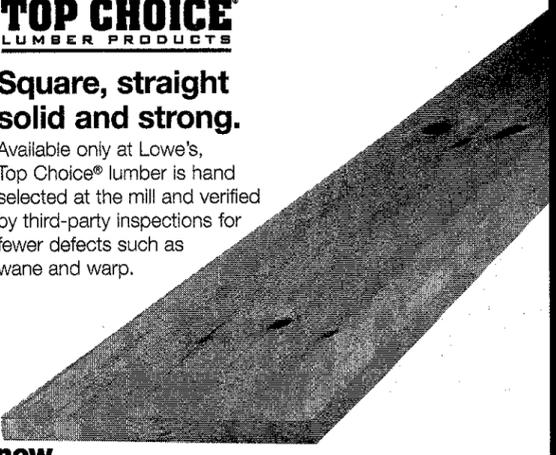
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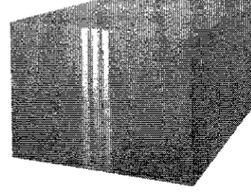
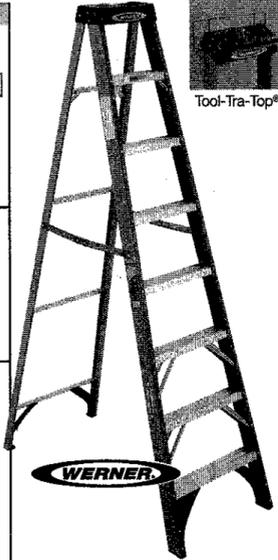
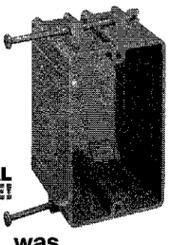
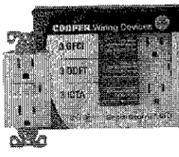
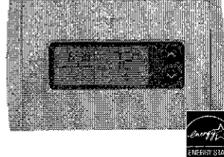
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GROSSE POINTE NORTH AND SOUTH

Gearheads ready to rock at regional

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

One of the best kept secrets at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South is ... Gearheads.

To be more specific, Gearheads are robotics students from the two high schools who comprise the FIRST TEAM 1189 Grosse Pointe Gearheads.

FIRST is For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The group was founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to develop ways to inspire students in engineering and technology fields.

"These students take the competitiveness and camaraderie of sports, but they build robots instead of making shots," said Anne Pogue, who has a son on the team.

The 18 students (15 from South and three from North) recently competed in a regional competition in Pittsburgh.

Coming up is another regional competition Thursday through Saturday, March 27 through 29, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

"Our kids had some success in Pittsburgh and they're looking forward to this regional in Ypsilanti," Pogue said. "There will be a lot of talented teams competing."

"We're looking to win the Spirit Award or the Imagery Award again," said junior co-

captain Matt Snella. "We're all about sharing and being one unified team."

"We enjoy the team and working as a unit."

Pogue and her husband, Martin, have helped the Gearheads continue their climb up the robotics ladder.

Dozens of other high schools throughout the state have robotics teams that put together championship projects.

The Gearheads' mission is to provide an environment where students build the science, engineering and life skills to become capable, confident leaders in science, mathematics, engineering, business and communications through successfully participating in FIRST robotics competitions.

Charles Wyman is the other co-captain. The team's mentors are Jim Creighton, Delf Dodge, Tim Dodson, Ken Ginger, a South teacher and team coach; Tito Huffman, Mark Kramarczyk, Mike Leslie, Allen Snella, Bruce Wyman and the Pogue's, Anne and her husband, Martin.

"We're all about turning the team concept into something the students can use to build a good robot and throughout their lives," Anne Pogue said. "Watching these students work hard to accomplish their goal is very rewarding."

The team had to relocate due to the pool construction at South. Now, they work in a shop classroom at South.

Team members move the

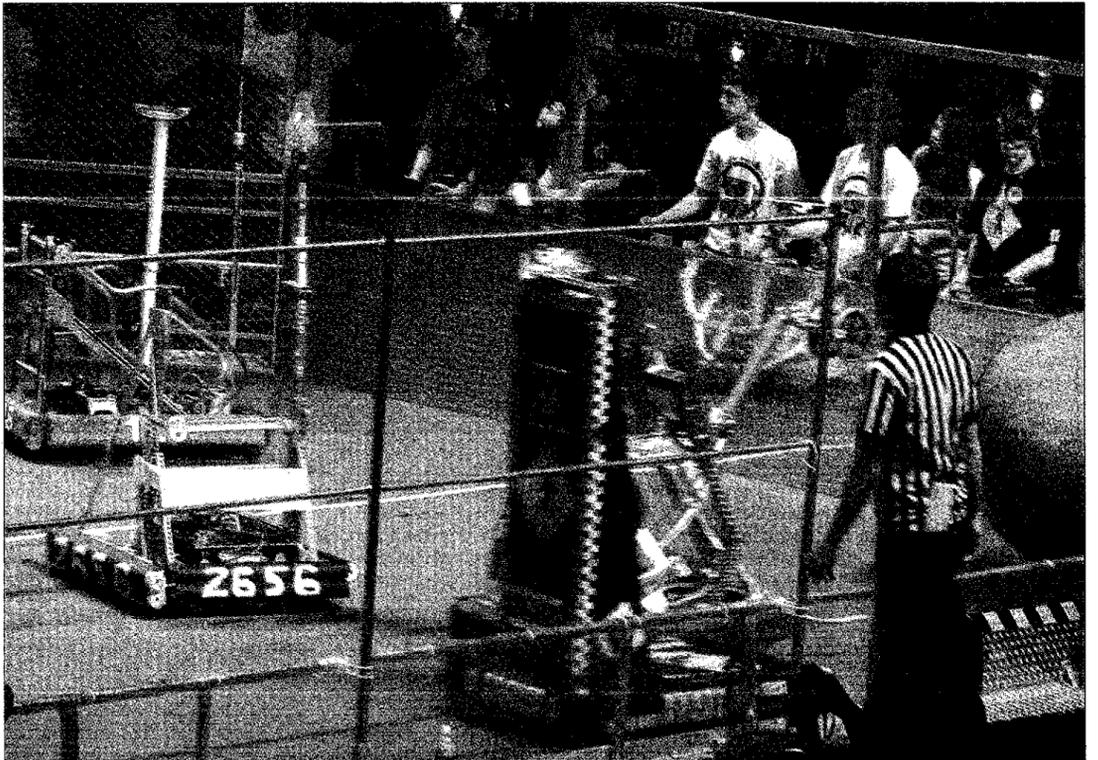


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Gearheads team members operate their robot, "Atlas," pictured in foreground, during the recent regional competition held in Pittsburgh.

equipment out of a storage area so they can create their robot. When their time is done for the day, they have to put all of it back.

The group was founded in 2002 when the six-member

squad was called, The "Breaking Pointe."

Before the 2004-05 school year, they changed names to

"The Gearheads."

"The Gearheads' vision is to create an environment celebrating science and technol-

gy; where Grosse Pointe students can dream of careers in

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science and engineering, and becoming science and technology heroes," said Anne Pogue.

Their motto is "We're all Gearheads!" and decisions are made by the group as a whole.

Of the current 18 members, three are seniors, followed by eight juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen.

Team members are Josh Creighton, Peter Saigh, co-captain Snella, co-captain Wyman, Connor Hughes, Vincent Bermudez, Michael Pogue, Kara Bakowski, Mallory Smith, Andy Wisniowiecki, Alex Dean, Alejandro Caragay, Ian Wakley, Mark Hayden, Moriah Dean, Olivia Talbot, Jennifer Battles and Eric Hackenberger.

"Everyone contributes to creating the robot," Anne Pogue said. "This is truly a team effort."

Through the years, the team has won the FIRST Imagery Award and Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship Award in the 2006 Waterloo Regional, the Daimler-Chrysler Team Spirit Award in the 2007 Boilermaker Regional, the FIRST Imagery Award in the 2007 West Michigan Regional and at the recent Pittsburgh Regional, they won the Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers Entrepreneurship Award.

"We like winning these awards because it means we're showing true sportsmanship," Snella said.

Other honors the team has won are the 2007 Best Defense Bot Award at the Boilermaker Regional and at Pittsburgh two weeks ago, it won the Pit



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE POGUE

The FIRST Team 1189 Grosse Pointe Gearheads, above, are top row, from left, GM engineer and mentor Tito Huffman; mentor Michael Leslie; mentor Bruce Wyman; mentor Martin Pogue; and mentor Anne Pogue; second row from left, GM sponsor and mentor Delf Dodge, mentor Tim Dodson, parent Pat Hughes, mentor Jim Creighton, mentor Allen Snella; and GM engineer and mentor Mark Kramarczyk; middle row from left, students Josh Creighton, Peter Saigh, co-captain Matt Snella, co-captain Charlie Wyman, Connor Hughes, Vincent Bermudez and Michael Pogue; fourth row from left, students Kara Bakowski, Mallory Smith, Andy Wisniowiecki, Alex Dean and Alejandro Caragay; and bottom row from left, students Ian Wakley, Mark Hayden, Moriah Dean, Olivia Talbot, Jennifer Battles and Eric Hackenberger. Not pictured is South teacher and mentor Ken Ginger.

Award. The Gearheads were called upon to help South's theater program construct a running steam engine in 2006 and an airplane last year.

School board members recently approved a robotics curriculum to be introduced next school year.

Gearheads get sponsorship money from GM, Lear Corporation and Tamer Foundation.

The team uses every way imaginable to keep costs down, yet it is becoming more and more competitive with each season.

"There are some very talented teams out there, such as Pontiac," said Anne Pogue. "We do our best and we have fun."

Some of the teams competing this weekend are Clarkston, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Erie (PA), Ypsilanti, Milford, Goodrich, Holland, Hamtramck, Rochester Hills,

Sterling Heights, Troy, Monroe, Ottawa Lake, Taylor, Corry (PA), Farmington Hills, Wayne, Flint, Romulus, Detroit, Sylvania (OH), West Lafayette (IN), Bloomfield Hills, Novi, Northville, Ann Arbor, Canton, Madison Heights, Temperance, Oak Park, Fenton, Sault Ste. Marie, Armada and more.

There is also a team traveling from Santiago, Chile, to appear in the competition.

Following safety guidelines is also a high priority. Students are trained to use mills, grippers and other pieces of technical equipment.

Safety goggles are worn at

all times and long hair must be pulled back to avoid any potential problems.

After months of hard work, The Gearheads bring their robot, "Atlas," to Eastern Michigan University. The team's goal is to get the robot to hoist a round ball and place it on a rack.

"I think we have it right, now," said Snella. "We will see, but I feel good about our 'bot.'"

The regional begins March 27 at 7:45 a.m. when three team reps uncrate "Atlas." Throughout the day, the machine shop and pits open, registration and inspection takes place and teams practice.

Opening ceremonies are at 9 a.m., Friday, March 28, followed by seeding matches from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There is an awards ceremony at 4:45 p.m.

On Saturday, March 29, more seeding matches take place and the final rounds are between 1 and 4:15 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., there is the final awards ceremony.

After that, team members pack up everything and head for home.

"A lot of time and effort from students, teachers, mentors and volunteers goes into the team," said Anne Pogue. "It's all worth it."

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Trio honored for job determination

Patricia Guest, JoEllen Cumpata and Susan Fell were recognized for their dedication to the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Board of Education mem-

bers and Superintendent Suzanne Klein presented each with a special certificate at the Feb. 25 board meeting.

Guest, who works at Ferry Elementary School, wrote an essay titled, "Why I Love My

Job," which included lines about how special it is to teach children.

"This is one of our most dedicated and gifted teachers," Klein said.

Ferry Principal Gloria Hinz shared the honor of handing the award to Guest, along with Klein.

Cumpata and Fell both work at Parcels Middle School. They created a social curriculum that helps students with autism get acclimated to the rigors of school.

"I want to congratulate you for your fine work for our students' benefit," Klein said.

— Bob St. John

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Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, April 14th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Court/ Council Chambers, 15115 E Jefferson, for comments, review and approval of Community Block Grant Objectives and reprogramming of Federal Funds.

Announcing the objectives and proposed use for developing projects using reprogrammed Federal Community Block Grant funding, subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed.

(These are estimated amounts)

CURRENT PROJECT	REPROGRAMMED PROJECT	AMOUNT
UN-PROGRAMMED	Infrastructure Improvements	\$26,000.00

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals to comment on the possible projects listed above or suggest other projects. Please write or call the city offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313) 822-4281

G.P.N.: 3/27/2008 **Chris Reimel**
Director of Community Development

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 375

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 375 adding Sections 90-450 to 90-470 to the Zoning Ordinance regulating storm water discharges. The purpose of the storm water management ordinance is the prevention of pollution from storm water runoff and the protection of the quality of the waters of the State of Michigan and will allow the City to maintain comprehensive regulatory control of future development for the betterment of the City and its residents. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 375 is available at the Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

G.P.N.: 3/27/2008 **Julie E. Arthurs**
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VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents in the School District of the City of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by April 7, 2008 shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the scheduled May 6, 2008 election.

- Shall be a citizen of the United States;
- Shall be at least 18 years of age by May 6, 2008;
- Shall be a resident of this State;
- Shall be a resident of the School District of the City of Harper Woods for at least 30 days.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. Voter Registration Applications can also be obtained on line at www.harperwoods.org or www.michigan.gov/vote. The last day to register for the May 6, 2008, Election will be Monday, April 7, 2008. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, or if you need assistance, please call 343-2510.

Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot in the City Clerk's Office showing the Office and candidates to be elected. For the election May 6, 2008 qualified voters will be electing candidates to the following offices:

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

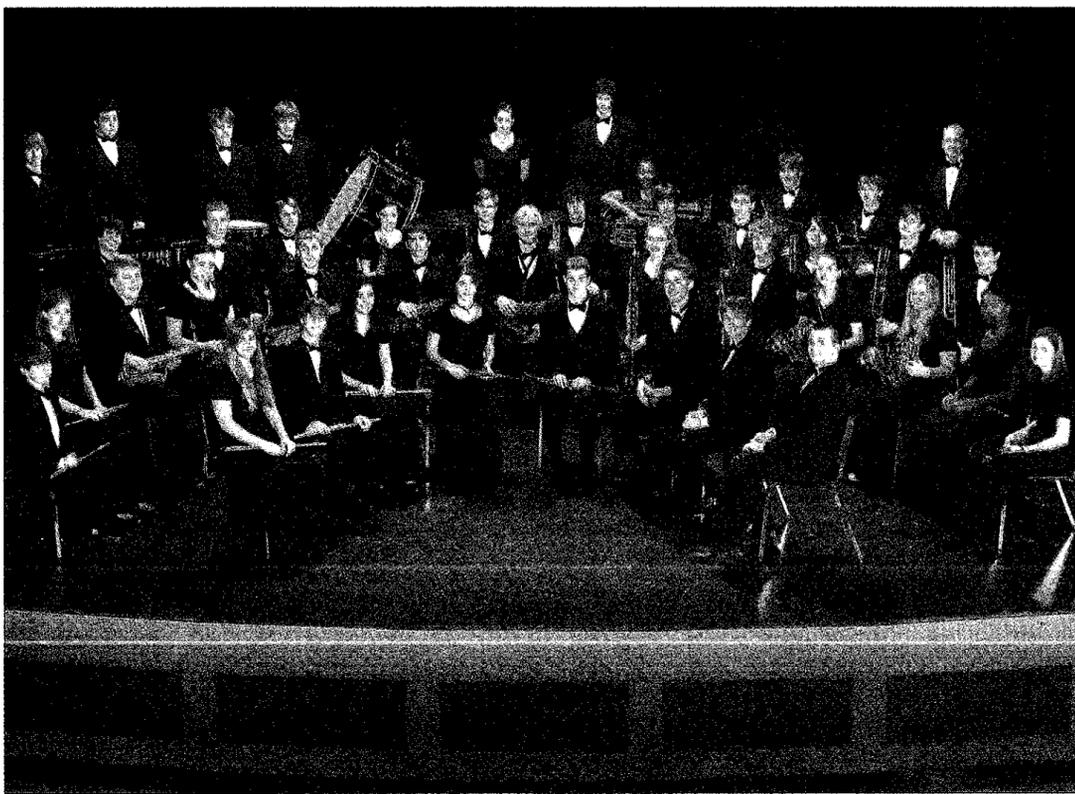


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First rate

Grosse Pointe South High School's band and orchestra received outstanding marks at two recent Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Band and Orchestra Festivals. The symphony band, above, performed Feb. 29 and earned straight First Division (excellent) ratings, while the concert band earned a Second Division (good) rating. The symphony orchestra performed March 7, earning straight First Division ratings and the concert orchestra earned a First Division rating, as well. As a result of their top ratings, the symphony band, symphony orchestra and concert orchestra have qualified for the state festival later this spring.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

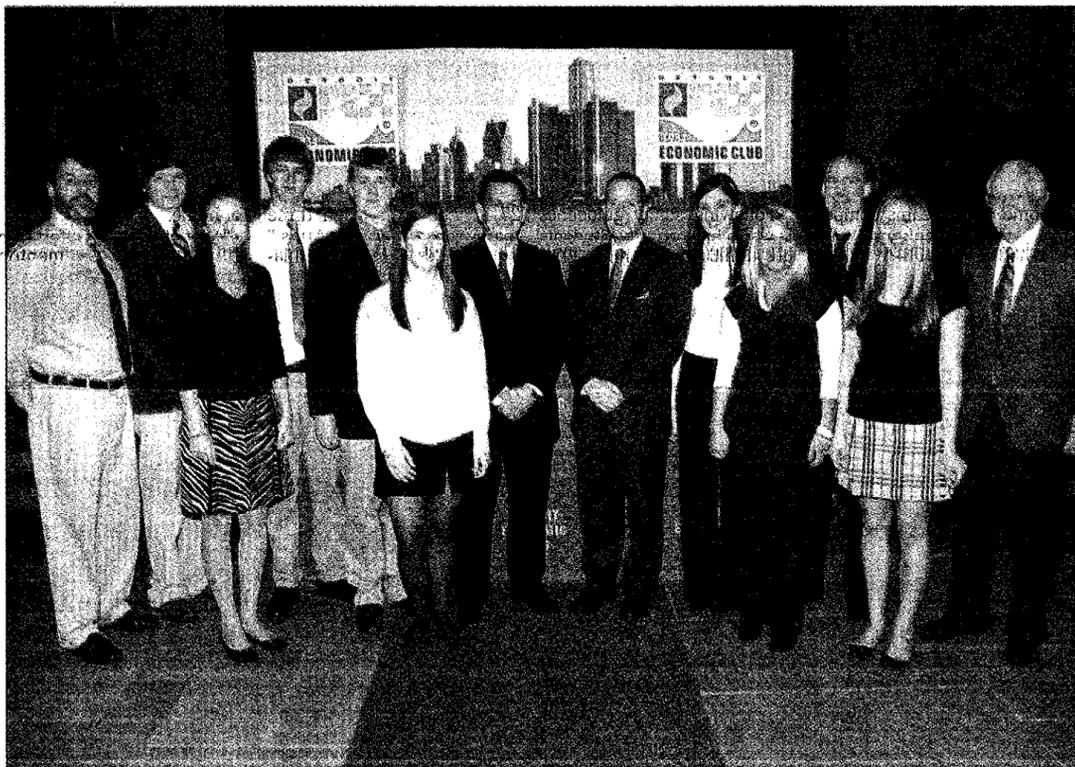


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Meeting of great minds

Several students at Grosse Pointe South had an opportunity to meet Detroit Red Wings Executive Vice President and General Manager Ken Holland, center, and Christopher Ilitch, president and CEO of Ilitch Holdings before a Detroit Economic Club meeting.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Students excel at state econ meet

Grosse Pointe North's Michigan Economic Challenge Team qualified for the state finals.

The team of Brian Like, Adam Gaglio, Andrew Charnesky and Abby Lundy represented North in the test-oriented competition.

Gaglio, Charnesky and Lundy earned medals.

Charnesky also competed at the Federal Reserve's Money Smart Ambassador program. He was chosen as a finalist, one of five in the metro Detroit area.

If chosen as the Fed's Money Smart Ambassador, Charnesky will earn a \$10,000 scholarship and participate in the Fed's Money Smart week in April.

He qualified by writing an essay on money management and the importance of financial education in schools.

Students qualified for the competition by taking an on-line test in micro economics, macroeconomics, international trade and current events.

At the state finals, students will compete individually and as a team. The top two teams in their division will square off in a quiz bowl style contest to determine the state champion.

The state championship teams move on to the regional competition in Chicago with a potential spot in the nationals in New York City.

The students competed in the Adam Smith Division for higher level students in advanced placement classes. Each of the three are students in Dan Quinn's advanced placement micro and macro-economic courses at North.

Students in Dan Quinn's advanced placement economics classes will attend a luncheon

'The FED Challenge is a nationally recognized competition where students present on monetary policy.'

hosted by the Detroit Economic Club at the MGM Grand Casino April 3.

The students will hear a panel discussion entitled Tough Talk - Straight Answers: How Michigan's Economy Affects You; with Dana Johnson, chief economist, Comerica Bank; Susan Tompor, personal finance columnist, Detroit Free Press; Ron Humenny, president, Starfire Investment Advisors, Inc. and moderated by Paul W. Smith, host, News/Talk 760 WJR.

On April 17, five North students will participate in the Federal Reserve's FED Challenge Competition. The FED Challenge is a nationally recognized competition where students present on monetary policy, the FED, and current economic conditions.

Representing North this year are: Jamie Ding, Rochelle Krawetz, Andrew Lamont, Matthew Vengalil and Kathryn Brennan. This is the 7th year in which North has participated in the competition.

On April 10, the FED Challenge team will host a mock presentation in the school's library beginning at 7 p.m.

Volunteers and moderators are needed.

Contact Dan Quinn at dan.quinn@gpschools.org or (313) 432-5609 for more information.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Committee has curriculum changes ready

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Academic changes implemented by state administrators have district officials scrambling to adhere to the new rules.

Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, assessment instruction and technology, helped create committees of teachers and parents to sort through the new rules and recommend slight curriculum changes.

"The committee has spent many hours examining the new curriculum expectations, analyzing data from the state, other districts, visiting other schools and discussing the optimal plans for the district's students," Allan said. "According to the schedule for curriculum presentation, the social studies curriculum was approved by the Education Policy and Leadership Center."

Allan said key revisions include:

- ◆ Offering honors world history and geography options for freshmen to align with the flow of courses offered at the middle school level

- ◆ Parallel course sequences in ninth grade to provide more options to students in later years and allow those who enroll in advanced placement or regular U.S. history as a sophomore alignment with an American Literature course and allow greater flexibility as to the grade level during which students enroll in advanced placement courses.

- ◆ At the elementary level, Michigan studies is to be taught in a split between third and fourth grade, instead of solely in fourth grade.

The state's work on kindergarten through seventh grade science curriculum was not published until the first of

year.

The district's committee has recently begun work on those curriculum changes.

"Since the new 8-12 state high school content expectations will be tested on the Michigan Merit Exam beginning in the spring 2009, the committee worked quickly to prepare the revised 8-12 curriculum for implementation next fall," Allan said. "Eighth grade has been included as part of the high school curriculum because all middle school content must be taught before the eighth-grade science MEAP in October."

The new curriculum proposal:

- ◆ Aligns with national standards

- ◆ Includes the new State of Michigan High School Content Expectations for Science in core science classes (earth science, biology, chemistry and physics)

- ◆ Allows students to learn the essential expectations for Earth science, biology, chemistry and physics before they take the Michigan Merit Exam

- ◆ Develops eighth-grade conceptual physics and honors conceptual physics classes based on the Michigan High School Physics Content Essentials

- ◆ Includes phase-in plans for moving eighth-grade middle school chemistry expectations to seventh grade.

- ◆ Articulates advanced placement curricula using advanced placement-approved audits

- ◆ Articulates science electives curricula, which were not included in the previous curriculum document

- ◆ Provides numerous opportunities to develop science process skills

- ◆ Maintains the options for acceleration/differentiation throughout all of the grades.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Mother's Club seeks donations

For nearly 80 years, the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South has been awarding college scholarships to graduating seniors.

As college tuition continues to rise, the Mothers' Club is taking a proactive role in increasing the scholarship funds available by seeking donations from businesses and private citizens.

Last year, the Mothers' Club awarded about 60 scholarships totaling more than \$66,000.

Community and private awards have been an integral part of this program, accounting for close to half of the scholarship money awarded, members said. The rest comes from Mothers' Club fundraising activities such as the spring benefit fashion show and proceeds from the school store.

"As the economy worsens and tuition escalates, it is even more important for us to ask the community for their support," said President Elaine Schweitzer. "Our goal is to help deserving students attend the college of their dreams by assisting them financially. We can

all benefit long-term from our students' academic success."

Mothers' Club Scholarships are both need- and merit-based. Some donors provide specific guidelines and criteria to aid the selection process and others leave the selection up to the Mothers' Club committee.

Others ask the Mothers' Club to "screen" applicants based on specific criteria and they choose from this shortened list of applicants. There are strict deadlines for the application form and each applicant undergoes a personal interview with the committee.

Scholarship recipients receive their awards at a Mothers' Club Scholarship Awards Night in May.

Each donor is recognized individually on stage and in all printed and promotional materials. In many cases, a representative from the donor business or family is on hand to present the award.

To donate a scholarship or for more information, contact Schweitzer at (313) 580-3188 or elaine.schweitzer1@comcast.net.

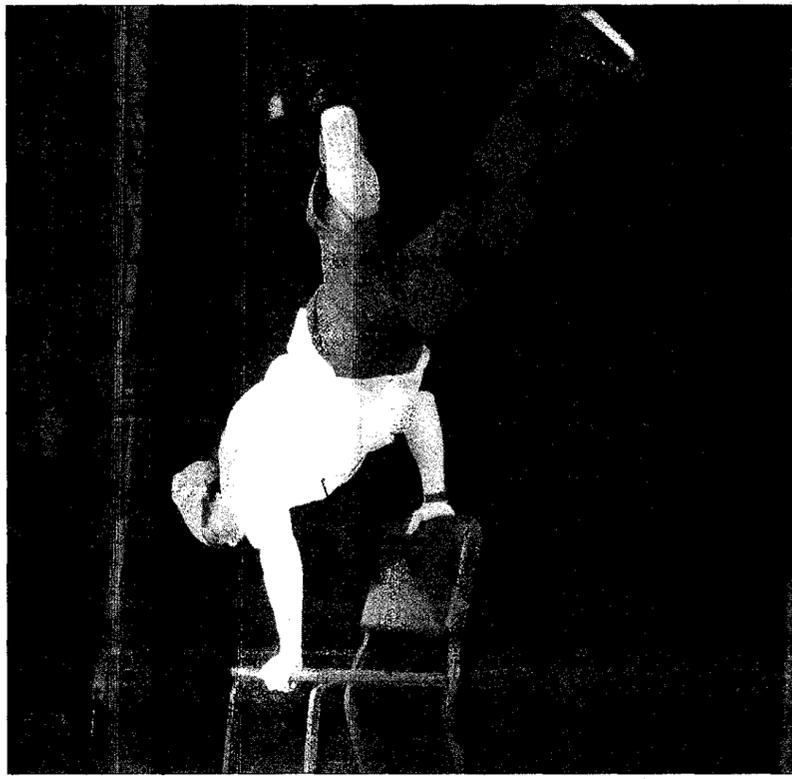
PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Listen carefully

Students at Parcels Middle School took an hour out of their day Thursday, March 20, to listen to the Stephen Johnson, right, and his teammates from the award-winning Youth Under Construction group. They presented the students with a peer-to-peer performance that promotes positive character development. The group members performed breakdancing to positive raps that promoted respect for others and discouraged bullying. In the above picture, members of the group are, from left, Craig Stemas, Courtney Holland and Nataisha Dobbins.



GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Officials quick to OK contracts

In a matter of minutes, two contracts were unanimously approved.

It took Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations, a little longer to review contractual language with the Grosse Pointe Public School System paraprofessionals and technology staff.

"This agreement is similar to concessions and contractual language found in the teachers' contract," Harwood said in a letter sent to board of education members. "The new contract calls for language changes in regard to benefit changes, health care contributions and spousal coordination of benefits, and pay increased."

'The new contract calls for language changes in regard to benefit changes.'

TOM HARWOOD, Assistant superintendent

The technology staff contract, according to Harwood, mirrors that of the non-instructional supervisor's contract in that there are language changes in regard to benefit changes, health care contributions and other stipulations that were brought out in the paraprofessional's contract.

—Bob St. John

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DEFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Auction

The Defer Elementary PTO is hosting a live and silent auction to raise money to complete the heating and cooling improvements needed at the school from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, in the Fries Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$60 per person at the door and advance tickets can be purchased for \$50 per person at Defer Elementary, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, contact the Defer PTO at (313) 432-4000 or visit gpschools.org/defer. Pictured left is Defer fifth-grader, Emily Graycheck, who won the penny race and the honor of designing the auction book cover.

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OBITUARIES

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

Carole D. Baker

Carole D. Baker, 78, formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 22, 2008, at her son's home in Linwood with her family by her side.

Mrs. Baker was born Jan. 20, 1930 at Cottage Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe to Mildred and Arthur Howell. She attended Richard Elementary School, Brownell, and Grosse Pointe High School.

In 1952, she married William F. Baker, an architectural designer of custom built homes in the Grosse Pointes. They, with their six children, lived in Grosse Pointe Shores for many years.

Mrs. Baker enjoyed reading, playing gin, traveling, boating and most of all, spending time with family and friends. She and her husband spent winters at their home in the Florida Keys after their children were grown.

Mrs. Baker lived a life full of grace and kindness. She passed into the Lord's loving arms with the same grace she lived her life.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, John W. Baker II of Grand Rapids, Deborah (Baker) and Brian Whitelaw of Ada, Christopher A. Baker of Dade City, Fla., Matthew and Theresa Baker of Linwood, Mark and Kris Baker of Grand Rapids, William Jr. and Kathy Baker of Lakeland, Fla., and three grandchildren, Alexandra, Jacquelyn Judith, and Nathaniel Baker.

Mrs. Baker was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, William F. Baker, Sr., and their infant daughter, Judith.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann Parish, 315 W. Center St., Linwood, MI 48634.

Contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 1426 Straits Drive, Bay City, MI 48706.

Andrew J. Balas

Andrew J. Balas, 63, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, Wisc. after a yearlong battle with lymphoma.

He was born Aug. 21, 1944 in Detroit to Andrew and Irene Balas. A 1963 Grosse Pointe High School graduate, Mr. Balas received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980. He then taught in the San Francisco high schools for six years.

He joined the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire faculty in 1984 after holding a faculty position at Rutgers University for four years. Mr. Balas served as chair of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire math department from 2003 to 2007.

Mr. Balas had a deep interest in math and math education. He published research articles in the area of complex manifolds, a sub-branch of a field of math known as differential geometry.

Under Mr. Balas' leadership, the math department underwent a restructuring of its undergraduate requirements for non-majors that greatly enhanced their learning experience.

He was a lover of books, movies and conversations with family and friends. He was an advocate for peace, social justice and sustainable living.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Balas of Mondovi, Wisc.; children, Willow Balas and Pippin Balas both of Mondovi; his sister, Linda Balas Jones of Los Angeles; and three brothers, Bruce (Judy) Balas of Omena, Mich., Dennis (Jackie) Balas of Seven Lakes, N.C. and Clark (Diane) Balas of Kalamazoo. He also is survived by many other rela-

tives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2008 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 421 S. Farwell St., Eau Claire, Wisc., with a potluck dinner to follow.

Memorials may be sent to the Mathematics Advancement Fund, c/o UW-Eau Claire Foundation, P.O. Box 4004, Eau Claire, WI 54702 or the Center for the Study of Natural Oncology, 445 Marine View Ave., Suite 260-S, Del Mar, CA 92014.

Condolences may be made in care of Plombon's All Faiths Funeral & Cremation Service, 1405 N. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703 or online at 866allfaiths.com.

Virginia Lucille Cartwright

Harper Woods resident Virginia Lucille Cartwright, 93, died Sunday, March 16, 2008. She formerly lived in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Cartwright was born Dec. 18, 1914 in Yuma, the third child of Louis and Irene Boehle. The family left Yuma and lived in the Detroit area soon after her mother's death in 1929.

In 1933, she married Ninus L. Cartwright. The couple had six children and raised their family in Detroit until 1975.

Mrs. Cartwright is survived by her children, Mary (Leonard) Hicks, William (Myra), George, Charles (Nancy), and David (Georganna); grandchildren, Brenda Forrest, Susan Hicks, Dawn Lubienski, Heidi George, Laura Cartwright, David Cartwright Jr., Angela Ciaravino, and Amy Yee; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ninus, who died in 1982; and her son, John, who died in an automobile accident in 1969.

She also was predeceased by her sister, Hazel Dubke; and brothers, Mark and Bernard Boehle.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075.

Robbert Diepenhorst

City of Grosse Pointe resident Robbert Diepenhorst, 76, died Monday, March 17, 2008 at St. John Providence Hospital in Southfield.

He was born Aug. 9, 1931 in Hilversum, Holland to Fredrick and Guurtje Diepenhorst.

He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Queens University and was an engineer at General Motors.

Mr. Diepenhorst was a board member of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and enjoyed sailing, canoeing and camping.

He also enjoyed photography, especially taking photos of nature scenes, and creating stained glass projects.

Mr. Diepenhorst is survived by Johanna, his wife of 38 years; and a large, extended family.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will be held on a future date.

Robert H. Ebersole

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert H. Ebersole, 91, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 at his daughter's home in Ellsworth, Maine.

Born Nov. 1, 1916 in Muskogee, Okla., Mr. Ebersole was raised in Fulton, Mo., where he attended Westminster College until World War II began. He then entered the U.S. Army Air Corp and served as a B-17 bomber pilot.

After his discharge, he began working for American Smelting and Refining Co. in St. Louis, eventually transferring to Detroit in 1955 to become the district manager of the company's federated metals division.

Mr. Ebersole had been a long time active member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and will be remembered for his tireless and cheerful service to the church.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Terzano, of Ellsworth, Maine; his granddaughter, Lydia Dene, of Atlanta, Ga.; and a brother, Richard Ebersole of St. Charles, Mo.

He was predeceased by his wife, Norma Maxine Ebersole; and siblings, Felicia Gentman, Henry Ebersole, and Hallie Danuser.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by interment in the church's Memorial Garden, weather permitting.

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

Edward L. Melcher

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Edward L. Melcher, 57, died unexpectedly March 16, 2008, at Rooster Ranch in Ubly, hunting in the field with his dog at his side.

He was born Oct. 20, 1950 in Detroit to Edward and Marjorie Melcher.

He attended Wayne State University and worked as a production supervisor at MIBA Hydramechanica in Sterling Heights.

Mr. Melcher was a man of many talents and interests.

He was a member of the Southern Michigan Weimaraner Club and the Weimaraner Club of America. He was a former member of the Bayview Yacht Club.

He was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed bird watching, gardening, fishing, hunting, dogs and cars. He was easily recognizable driving around the Grosse Pointes in his vintage red Volkswagen Bus.

Mr. Melcher will be greatly missed by his family, co-workers and many friends.

He is survived by Catherine Melcher, his wife of 39 years; daughters, Indra (Chris) Eschenburg, Emily (Mark) Hall, Lauren Melcher and Savannah Melcher; grandchildren, Piper and Tatum Eschenburg; sisters, Linda Neely and Darcia Schnob; and his brother, Steven Melcher.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his sister, Tamara Melcher.

A funeral service was held March 19 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe



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Lillian B. Mitchell



Shirley Rockhold Neeb

Park. Mr. Melcher's ashes will be scattered at his favorite fishing river.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Audubon Society, 700 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Lillian B. Mitchell

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lillian B. Mitchell, 62, passed away Monday, March 24, 2008, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor following a long illness and pneumonia.

Mrs. Mitchell was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. She was a teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at various elementary schools and at University Liggett School for more than 25 years. She was recognized as a leader in special education/speech & language at Wayne State University, then completed her graduate work as an academic scholar in learning disabilities at Northwestern University.

Mrs. Mitchell was most recently teaching in the Plymouth Canton School System, following the family's move to Ann Arbor. She contributed to new approaches in early childhood development for the district.

Mrs. Mitchell was talented in the arts and an advocate for children with special needs.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Jennifer and Emily; son, Nelson; and grandson, Adam; and their respective families.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Shirley Rockhold Neeb

Shirley June Rockhold Neeb passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in her home in Surprise, Ariz., surrounded by family. She was diagnosed with cancer two years prior and fought her battle with uncommon grace.

Mrs. Neeb was born June 25, 1935 in Meridian, Idaho to Otis and Hermina Rockhold. She graduated from Meridian High School in 1954 and shortly

thereafter, moved to and settled in Van Nuys, Calif.

While working for Associates Discount Corporation, she met Luther (Lou) Neeb and they married on July 28, 1961. While in southern California, they were blessed with three children, Kimberly Kay, William Austin and Eric Anderson.

In 1973, while working for Chrysler Financial, the family was transferred to Detroit and settled in Troy.

Mrs. Neeb was involved with her kids in AAU swimming and volunteering at her church. She also loved gardening.

The family built a new home in Clarkston and, after her husband retired from Chrysler in 1995, the couple spent summers in Luzerne, and winters in Surprise.

Making and keeping friends wherever she went, Mrs. Neeb's interests included bridge and walking groups as well as pickle ball, dominoes, and social throw downs.

Her family said Mrs. Neeb was loved by all whose lives she touched and her kind and soft spirit lifted those around her. They will miss, but never forget, the way in which her loving spirit made them feel.

Mrs. Neeb is survived by her husband, Lou; her three children; sister, Sharon; brother, Bill; sister-in-law, Norma Ann Sawyers; and daughter-in-law, Leslie Neeb.

She was predeceased by her parents; and her brother, Frank.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 15 at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church in Surprise.

Share a memory with the family at caringbridge.org/visit/shirleyneeb.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 9720 W. Peoria Ave., Ste. 128, Peoria, AZ 85345-6133.

Robert A. Saylor

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert A. Saylor, 80, died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at his home.

Born in Detroit to Paul and Gladys Adams Saylor, he attended De La Salle High School and St. Martin's on the Lake from which he graduated in 1946. Mr. Saylor enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Trieste, Italy. He was a sergeant.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in business from



Robert A. Saylor

the University of Detroit in 1952 and began an illustrious sales career. He worked for Peterson Publishing selling automotive advertising in Motor Trend, Hot Rod and Car Craft magazines for 25 years and spent another 15 years in tool and die sales until he retired.

Mr. Saylor was an avid Ohio State fan out of respect for his father, who had graduated from the university. He and best friend, Dick "Corky" Hanson, a Michigan fan, had a 40-year Cream of the Crop milk can trophy engraved to remember scores from every OSU/U of M challenge.

Mr. Saylor loved sports. He was a scratch golfer and a member of the Lochmoor Club. He was a great neighbor, a truly colorful character, devoted husband and father, and a sports coach for each of his children.

His family said he loved people and always saw the best in everyone. His smile was contagious and he brightened every day, everywhere he went — and he led the annual family and friends Christmas sing.

Mr. Saylor is survived by his wife of 44 years, Shirley (Sarah) and Bill (Julia); daughters, Sandra (Todd) Bishop and Sharon (Alex) Haussmann; and grandchildren, Zack and Isabella Saylor, Katelyn and Colin Bishop, and Ethan, Oliver and Leo Haussmann.

He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Jim and Paul; and his sister, Patricia Keegan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271 or Capuchins Monastery for Father Solanus Casey, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2008 Kia Spectra has been designed inside and out to impress even the most demanding drivers and passengers. The Spectra was enjoyed as a great comfortable ride from here to California.

Kia Spectra welcomes open road



The prospect of driving across country, stopping only for fuel, dog runs and overnights in modest hostels in a compact Kia Spectra was, well, daunting.

Would it be comfortable for 10 to 11 hours at the wheel? Would it keep up with traffic?

Did the trunk have room for six weeks of stuff?

Would it hold the road well, stop on command, and keep us reasonably warm, dry and entertained between Detroit and Phoenix?

And back again?

The answer to all queries was "yes."

Our little silver five-passenger sedan did it all, capably and gracefully. Granted, there was no 12-way power driver's seat. The CD player took 'em one at a time. The outside mirrors had to be cleared of snow and frost by hand. There were no heated and/or cooled up-front buckets.

But the 138-horsepower, 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine in the Kia Spectra easily held its own on the western interstates, where 80 mph may be the posted speed and 85 mph often the average.

We were getting 30 miles per gallon at these clips. And that little powerplant, with its four-speed automatic, was quiet —

a real feat for such a small vehicle whose modest price might preclude additional sound-deadening forethought and components.

The standard Spectra transmission is a five-speed manual. There's a \$1,000 charge for an automatic on the 2008 models.

That driver's seat, while not especially thick and certainly without adjustments other than manually moving it toward or away from the steering wheel or changing the tilt of the back, was comfortable enough. The dog, in her newly purchased purple safety harness that attached to a seat belt receptacle, stretched out across the rear seat. Her uninterrupted snoozing, except to move into or out of the sun, suggested she found it quite suitable.

So we toiled along, down through Indiana on an extraordinarily gray January weekend, turning right to skirt Indianapolis, then heading across Illinois, into Missouri and Oklahoma, followed in order by Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The Spectra trunk never winced as it was packed with overnight cases, a large duffel, an older laptop computer, additional dog food, a couple of sacks of groceries, a straw knitting purse that was starting to shed, a camera bag with complimentary holes from the dog when left alone during a summer thunderstorm and a few items that belonged neither here nor there.

Gasoline prices between the Midwest and the Southwest averaged in the \$2.90 per gallon range. Michigan's more



The Kia Spectra greets a February morning in Missouri where it shared the motel parking lot with someone's project car: a 1957 Chevy mounted on a trailer.

than \$3 was tops; Phoenix sometimes offered it for about \$2.79 per gallon.

A special trip into California took us once again to the \$3-plus side; and a notorious stop east of Albuquerque, N.M. by the name of Clines Corners was wringing \$3.25 a gallon from hapless drivers, who had

failed to fill up elsewhere on I-40 and didn't realize there were more agreeable options not too far away.

Rest areas? Texas had the most spectacular one, with a huge new building decorated with brightly colored tiles and a coffee machine dispensing cappuccinos and hot chocolates in varying strengths with choices of cream and sugar levels. The picnic area here

consisted of small partially covered enclosures with tables and Texas-shaped grills for cooking.

We passed at least one roadside stop in Oklahoma, where there did not appear to be running water in the restrooms. And a rest area in Indiana had a separate building with snack and beverage machines that could only be accessed by reaching through a gate, or so

the sign said. That day the wind was cold and howling, encouraging the visitor to find refreshment elsewhere.

Highlights of the drive included crossing the Mississippi River on the Martin Luther King bridge and winding past the famous arch and through the St. Louis downtown. We observed the lovely desert-pink and turquoise highway bridges, walls and overpasses

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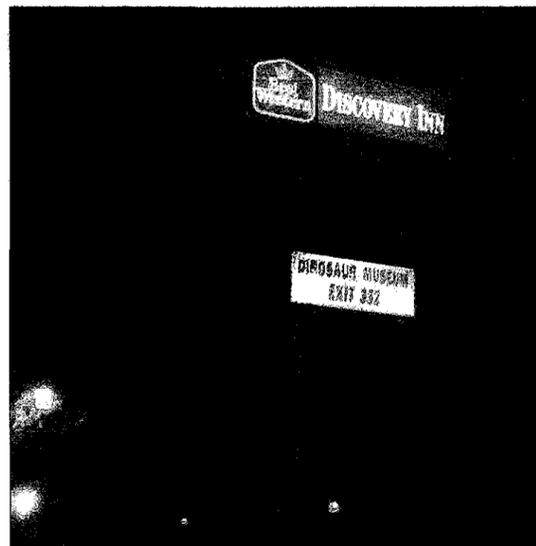
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A closed gate keeps travelers in Indiana from getting too close to the snack dispensers; those with long arms will fare the best here.



If there's nothing of interest on television during your overnight stay in Tucumcari, N.M., perhaps you'll arrive in time to check out the local dinosaur museum.

in Albuquerque, and wondered about the "do not drive into smoke" signs on the turnpike in Oklahoma.

We checked out the long, even line of colorful heavy truck cabs sitting like so many jelly beans and parked at a rest area in Texas and noted in several states the admonition to not unload livestock at the highway rest stops. We wondered if the multiple "washes" in the deserts of Arizona ever experienced any water at all.

As for the Kia Spectra, while it probably won't float in a flash flood, it does have both front seat-mounted side air bags and full side air curtains as standard to protect in a crash. Anti-lock brakes may be ordered on the top-of-the-line SX model for \$400.

Kia Spectra prices for 2008 begin at \$12,895 for the base or LX sedan; the EX starts at \$14,895, and the SX at \$15,995.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The '08 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLT includes a choice of powerful engines that provide the high torque ratings needed to pull heavy loads and the horsepower needed to keep you on the road with confidence.

2008 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLT



with a 5.3-liter Vortec, delivering 315 horsepower and 338 pound-feet of torque mated to a four-speed automatic transmission.

Both the 5.3 and 6-liter V8s offer active fuel management, which during times of less demand uses only four cylinders. Still, it seamlessly shifts back to "all eight" when needed. The resulting fuel mileage rating is better than the three key Sierra competitors — Ford F150 Super Crew Cab, Toyota Tundra CrewMax and Nissan Titan Crew Cab — which range from 12 to 17 at best. GMC also offers its 5.3-liter engine with GMC's E85 FlexFuel capability.

GMC uses a fully boxed frame with hydroformed technology on the Sierra, along with coil-over-shock front suspension and rack-and-pinion steering. Our tester added the \$2,195 all-terrain package, which may be the most valuable option group available on any vehicle from any manufacturer. It starts with the Z71 off-road package featuring a locking rear differential, Z71 Suspension, skid plates and high-capacity air cleaner.

Also added are Rancho shock absorbers featuring extended travel and high-volume fluid chambers. Exterior refinements with the all-terrain package include 18-inch chrome wheels, four-bar chrome grill, body-color door handles and mirror caps and side molding with chrome inserts and customized Sierra sill plates.

For whatever reason, this package also adds leather seating.

This week we test-drive GMC's 2008 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLT, the fanciest and most expensive version of the GMC line — base price: \$37,850; price as tested: \$44,755.

While continually improving ride and comfort, GMC is still all about work and is first cousin to Chevy in all mechanical manners.

Newly redesigned last year, the Sierra adds a few tweaks for 2008, including optional 22-inch rims and an integrated trailer brake control system. Among its most significant attributes is its active fuel management system, which produces a class-leading 14 city, 19 highway EPA ratings.

The Sierra 1500 is part of a large family. Its trim levels begin with a "work" version starting under \$20,000 and then builds through three levels to reach the upper tier SLT. In between are varying degrees of functionality, options and interiors, all noteworthy and available for a closer look at your GMC dealer.

The SLT is indeed the premiere version in many ways, and its comfort, great looks and extra cost might lead some to want the truck bed kept clean. But we doubt it. The GMC engine choices range from a 4.3-liter V6 to a 6-liter Vortec V8. Our SLT came



2008 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLT

The SLT "decor" inside and out features 10-way power heated bucket seats with driver memory; auto-dimming rear-view mirror with compass and temperature; steering wheel audio controls; Bose premium speaker system; power, heated outside mirrors with driver auto-dimming and turn signals; and heated washer fluid system.

For another \$1,045, our tester included the remote vehicle starter system, Universal Home Remote, AM/FM stereo with MP3 format, six-disc in-

dash CD changer; adjustable power pedals; rear parking assist; and Rainsense wipers.

Sierra safety features include four-wheel ABS with dynamic rear proportioning, which improves control under heavy braking; dual-stage driver and front passenger air bags with a passenger sensing system; theft deterrent system; StabiliTrak Stability Control, which uses sensors to detect differences between steering wheel angle and the direction the vehicle is turning, applying braking to the appropriate

wheel for correction; one year of OnStar; a spare tire lock; and a tire-pressure monitoring system.

The Sierra SLT hauls up to 1,674 pounds and tows up to 10,200 pounds. Other important numbers include a 26-gallon fuel tank, 143.5-inch wheelbase, 229.9-inch overall length and 5,326-pound curb weight. While it beats the competition in fuel mileage, it offers the least rear-seat legroom compared to F150, Tundra and Titan.

Overall, however, GMC is

still recognized as the leader in this segment, and while its price is at a premium, it is worthy. We give it an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10, noting its power and sophisticated performance features.

Likes: Tough, good looks; great family mover or work-horse hauler.

Dislikes: Not to discount the value of active fuel management, but I'll bet GM can do better in the future than just 2 miles per gallon.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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A new location

American Laser Center moved to the Mack and Moross area in Grosse Pointe Woods in December. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce helped the center celebrate its new locale with a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 5. Taking part in the event were, from left, Janet Campbell, technician; Mary Huebner, chamber of commerce president; Angel E. Gonzalez, product manager; Robert Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods mayor; Nadine Beydoun, clinic manager; and Pat Milne, chamber of commerce director of event planning. The new location is 19251 Mack, suite M-380, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 885-4505 for more information.

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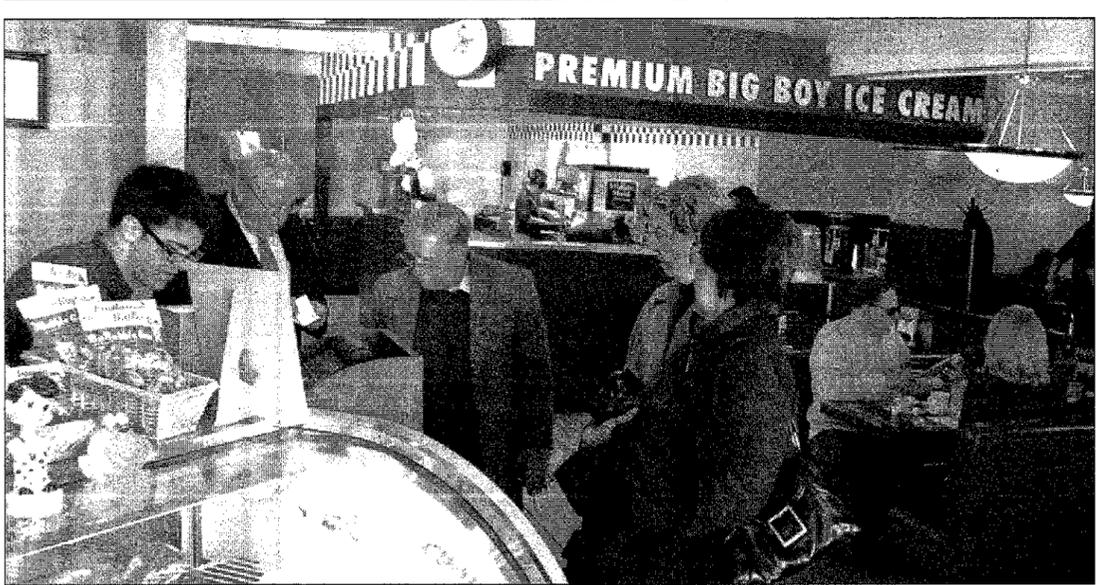


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Smoke free

The Big Boy restaurant on 9 Mile and Jefferson has been smoke free since March 3. According to Carrie Owiesny, general manager, there has been a lot of positive feedback and she has seen a lot of new faces. She said people are talking about it and customers have come in specifically because the restaurant is smoke free. Pictured above are customers enjoying a meal inside the smoke free restaurant.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Wheels missing

Police are investigating the theft of four wheels from a vehicle parked in the 18000 block of Mack reported at 6:07 p.m. Monday, March 17.

Police said the vehicle was found resting on landscaping blocks. A factory jack was found under the vehicle and was held as evidence.

The wheels were valued at \$2,000.

Fraud

Police are investigating the fraudulent withdrawal of funds from a checking account of a woman reported at 10:54 a.m. Monday, March 17.

Police said the victim noticed an automated withdrawal from her account and contacted the company responsible. Police said bank error could be the blame.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Warrant arrest

A 29-year-old Roseville man was arrested following a traffic stop on Williams at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Police stopped the vehicle after a Law Enforcement Information Network check of the vehicle's license plate revealed it as impounded in Detroit. A LEIN check also revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license and was wanted on two felony war-

rants out of Center Line. He was held for pickup and his vehicle was impounded.

Larceny from school

Police are investigating the possible theft of 20 pairs of lacrosse shoulder pads from a school in the 100 block of Lakeshore reported at 11:27 a.m. Thursday, March 20.

Police said the school's athletic coach reported the shoulder pads missing, and said the items could have been simply misplaced. The pads are valued at \$1,000.

Traffic arrest

Police arrested a 52-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Mack at 3:58 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

Police stopped the vehicle after a LEIN check of the vehicle's license plate revealed the owner had multiple suspensions of his license plate. The LEIN check also revealed he was wanted on two warrants. He was held for pickup.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Curb enthusiasm

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Hawthorne at 3:13 a.m. Saturday, March 22.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it driving erratically and striking a curb while making a turn. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants

coming from his facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .11 on a breath test. His vehicle was impounded.

Traffic arrest

Police arrested a 39-year-old Detroit woman following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 5:52 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired license plate. A Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed the woman had a suspended driver's license.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tires stolen

An alert newspaper carrier flagged down a passing police car on Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 a.m. to report a 2008 Cadillac that was parked in a driveway on Littlestone was missing its wheels and was up on blocks. When police awakened the homeowner, he reported parking the car in the driveway at 5 p.m., and had not heard anything suspicious during the night.

— Kathy Ryan

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Decorations gone

Two three-foot-tall, 100 pound cement decorative dogs

were removed from the front porch of a home in the 1100 block of Maryland sometime between Thursday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 18.

OBITUARY: Resident earned honor

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Michael B. Schott

Michael Bennett Schott, 59, died after a valiant battle with brain cancer on March 24, 2008. He was born in 1948 in Cincinnati to Jacob and Dollie Schott.

Mr. Schott graduated from Western Hills High School where he was named a football All-American. He attended Ohio University on a full football scholarship and excelled both on the field and in the classroom. After leading his team to an undefeated season and the 1968 Tangerine Bowl, he was inducted into the Ohio University Hall of Fame. Mr. Schott chose to pursue a master's degree in business administration at Harvard University rather than a professional football tryout with the Denver Broncos.

Upon graduating from Harvard in 1972, Mr. Schott returned to Cincinnati for work. He met and married Roberta

Electronics stolen

Police are investigating the break-in and robbery of a vehicle in the 1300 block of Buckingham.

Sometime overnight on Saturday, March 22, someone broke the passenger window of the vehicle and stole a Toshiba laptop computer, video iPod, iPod nano and a white Patagonia jacket.

Durango stolen

Sometime between 7:45 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday, March 22, a 2005 Dodge Durango was taken from a parking lot in the 1400 block of Whittier.

— Karen Fontanive

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.



Michael B. Schott

Edmund of Santa Cruz, Calif.; siblings, Barbara (the late Jack) Boyd of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jacob (Donna) Schott of Cleveland. He also is survived by his step-children, Samuel Joseph and Thomas Scott Stevenson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 27 from 1 to 9 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, with the service at 11 a.m. Friday, March 28.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael B. Schott Fund at the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Henry Ford Health System, Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE FORMATION OF A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DESIGNATION OF DOWNTOWN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 21st day of April, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Time in the City Hall, located at 17147 Maumee Avenue, in the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance establishing a downtown development authority for the City of Grosse Pointe and designating the boundaries of a downtown district in connection therewith, pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

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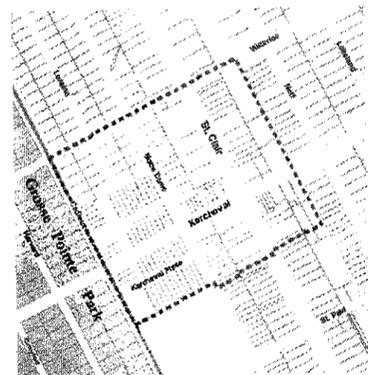
The boundaries of the proposed downtown district within which the downtown development authority shall exercise its powers shall include:

Downtown Development District for the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Waterloo Street and the centerline of Cadieux Road (also known as the western municipal boundary of the City of Grosse Pointe), thence northeasterly 1256.81 feet, more or less, along the centerline of Waterloo Street to the western line of the right-of-way for the alley lying west of and parallel to Neff Road, thence southeasterly 1066.35 feet, more or less, along the western line of the right-of-way for the alley lying west of and parallel to Neff Road, thence southwesterly 342.15 feet, more or less, parallel to Waterloo Street, to the centerline of St. Clair Street, thence southeasterly 20.71 feet, more or less, along the centerline of St. Clair Street, thence southwesterly 228.19 feet, more or less, parallel to Waterloo Street, to the eastern boundary of the Assessor's City of Grosse Pointe Plat No. 2, thence southeasterly 8.74 feet along the eastern boundary of said plat, thence southwesterly 156.20 feet, more or less, parallel to Waterloo Street, to the centerline of Notre Dame Street, thence northwesterly 63.44 feet, more or less, along the centerline of Notre Dame Street, thence southwesterly 532.18 feet, more or less, along the southern boundary of the Kercheval Avenue Subdivision to the centerline of Cadieux Road, thence northwesterly 1074.36 feet, more or less, along the centerline of Cadieux Road to the point of beginning;

including the Van Avenue Subdivision; the Kercheval Avenue Subdivision; Chas. M. Cadieux's Subdivision; the Re-Subdivision of Lots 2 and 3 of Chas. M. Cadieux's Subdivision; lots 54 through 63 and lots 113 through 122a of the Pointe Land Company's Subdivision; lots 6 through 9 of Damerow's Subdivision; lots 27c through 35, 38a and 38b, and 79b through 90a of the Amended Plat of St. Clair Park Subdivision; lots 46 through 55 of the Assessor's City of Grosse Pointe Plat No. 2; The Village condominium subdivision #6; 710 Notre Dame condominium subdivision #342; Cadieux Professional condominium subdivision #372; and the following unplatted parcels:

37-002-04-0087-003	37-004-99-0001-000
37-003-99-0002-000	37-004-99-0003-000
37-003-99-0003-001	the northerly 169 feet of 37-004-99-0002-000
37-003-99-0003-702	the northerly 169 feet of 37-004-99-0007-000



At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the City of Grosse Pointe and officials from taxing jurisdictions with millage that would be subject to capture by the downtown development authority desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the establishment of the authority and the boundaries of the proposed downtown district. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2008 at City Hall.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager's Office.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Julie Arthurs,

Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe

G.P.N.: 03/20/2008 03/27/2008

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 17, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 3, 2007.
- To table the second reading of an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 Article 11, Division 1 to Address Vicious Dogs," until corrections are made.
- To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2008 Goal Setting Session.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 83422 through 83545 in the amount of \$448,034.45 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$14,011.00 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 2007 through December 2007. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of \$12,906.25 for sidewalk snow removal in various areas of the city. (4) Approve the purchase of a PC server from Northern Data Systems in the amount of \$9,040.00.
- To approve payment to AAA Pipe Cleaning Corp. in the amount of \$33,560.97 for Progress Payment No. 6 on the 2007 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Project, #180-100.
- To approve payment to Cortis Brothers Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$15,120.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the Johnston Park Tennis Court Project, #180-096.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

Published: GPN, Mar. 27, 2008

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN LOCHMOOR BOULEVARD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AEW PROJECT NO.160-313

RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00am, local time on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities of work for this project are as follows:

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together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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BID SECURITY

A certified check or the included Bid Bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid, shall be submitted with each Bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of Bids. This time frame may be adjusted through mutual agreement between the Owner and Bidder(s).

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids and/or to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, payment, and maintenance and guarantee bonds and insurance certificates.

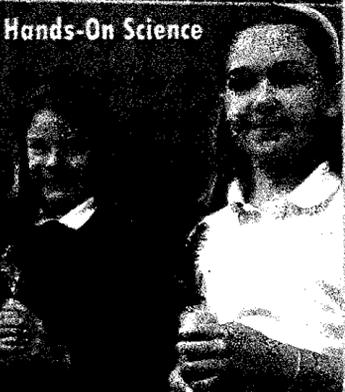
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**Upper School
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the runway in style. PAGE 9B

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Monday, March 31, is an unofficial holiday in metro Detroit. It's **Opening Day** for the Detroit Tigers. Join the throngs to head to the park for the all-American sport and munch on peanuts and hot dogs.

A family tradition

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

An unofficial local holiday is coming up Monday, March 31 — Opening Day for the Detroit Tigers.

It's one of those days when people wake up with an invisible flu, a fake cough and enough energy to cruise downtown to cheer on the Tigers along with 40,000 fans when the Tigers host the Kansas City Royals.

Opening Day matchup this year is Justin Verlander of

the Tigers who faces Gil Meche of the Royals.

Every year opening day carries a sense of excitement for fans. Driving downtown and tailgating with thousands of others is part of the tradition.

"Opening day is about tradition centered around family, friends, coworkers and the like," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Renato Jamett, who has been to several opening days. "It is an opportunity to continue to develop those friendships, sharing a mutual love of the game and the city. It celebrates the beginning of spring."

Jamett and thousands of other baseball fans go downtown early and get out the BBQ, put some burgers and hot dogs on the grill, mix in some beverages and bring out the Tigers banners because opening day means the long-awaited Major League Baseball is here.

It's a time to don the Tigers shirts and hats. Painted faces are plentiful as the dormant Comerica Park becomes alive with a loud buzz.

The stadium's aura has come to life and it's brighter than ever after Tigers owner Mike Ilitch and President and

General Manager Dave Dombrowski traded several top prospects including left-handed fireball pitcher Andrew Miller and speedy centerfielder Cameron Maybin to the Florida Marlins for perennial all-star third baseman Miguel Cabrera and lefty Dontrelle Willis.

The organization also acquired shortstop Edgar Renteria from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for right-handed pitcher Jair Jurrjens

and outfielder Gorkys Hernandez.

Renteria, Dombrowski and current Tigers' skipper, Jim Leyland are reunited on the field after helping the Marlins win the 1997 World Series. In Game 7, Renteria's two-out hit in the bottom of the 11th inning gave Florida its first World Series championship with a 3-2 win over Cleveland.

After making those trades, Detroit's status rose, making it one of the teams to beat in MLB this season.

The Tigers join defending World Series champ Boston as the top-ranked squads in MLB.

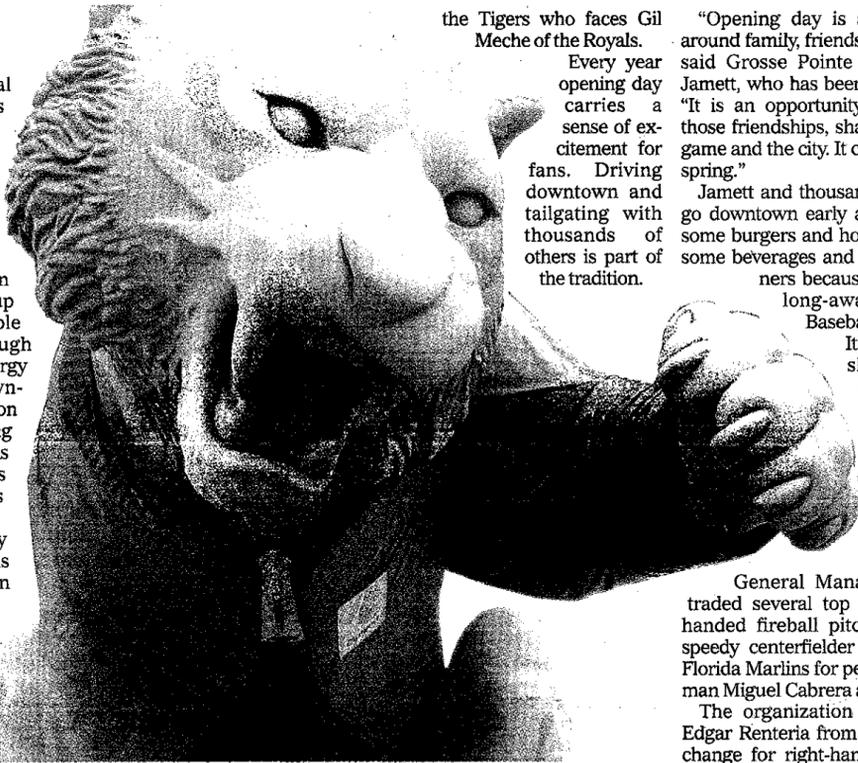
Here is what fans might see with the Tigers' opening day lineup:

1. Curtis Granderson, center field
2. Placido Polanco, second base
3. Gary Sheffield, designated hitter
4. Magglio Ordonez, right field
5. Cabrera, third base
6. Carlos Guillen, first base
7. Renteria, shortstop
8. Ivan Rodriguez, catcher
9. Jacque Jones, left field

When fans walk through the gates at Comerica Park, the ambience is amazing. One of the first things they sense is the aroma of hot dogs and Italian sausages grilling, as well as the onions and green peppers a couple of inches away from the sausages, waiting to adorn one for a fan.

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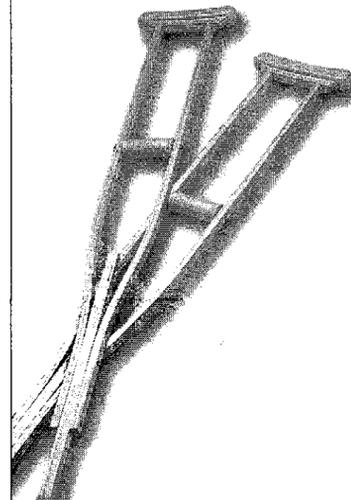


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by Sally



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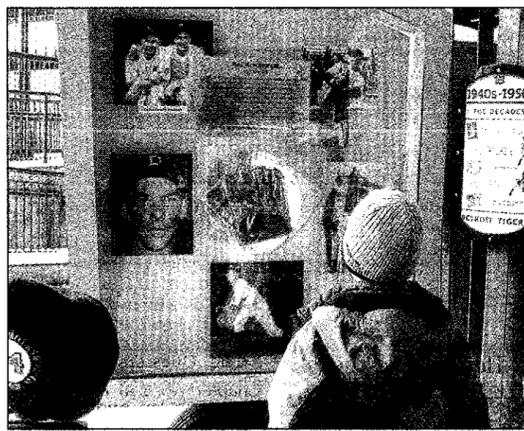
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Fans get to enjoy the giant scoreboard in left-centerfield at Comerica Park. It was the largest in the big leagues until the Washington Nationals bought a larger one for its new ballpark.



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

Another attraction fans can view when attending opening day are the decade-by-decade displays, including the one above of 1940s to 1950s.

BASEBALL: Time for the crack of the bat

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smoked almonds coming from the vendor's carts.

Does it get any better than this?

This is the 108th opening day in Tigers history. They are 57-49-1 in opening day history. The 4-4 tie came in 1904 against the St. Louis Browns.

During the previous 107 games, the Tigers have played the Milwaukee Brewers, which they did in the first game in 1901, for a 14-13 victory, as well as the Cleveland Blues, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Naps, Cleveland Indians, Baltimore Orioles, Kansas City Athletics, New York Yankees, Washington Senators, California Angels, Boston Red Sox, Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays, Oakland Athletics, Seattle Mariners, Minnesota Twins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Last year on opening day, the Tigers lost 5-3 to the Blue Jays.

Opening day also brings unpredictable weather. Some games have been played in spring warmth, while others in rain and even snow with temps hovering in the 20s.

The home team has been shutout five times on opening day, including the most recent 1-0 outcome on April 12, 1999, by the Twins. For three consecutive years, 1974-76, the Tigers

were blanked on opening day by the Yankees, 3-0; Orioles, 10-0; and Brewers, 1-0, respectively.

On the other hand, the home fans have cheered during a season-opening shutout, including the most recent, April 21, 1965, which was 1-0 over the K.C. Athletics.

Other shutout victories have come in 1954, 3-0 over the Orioles; in 1947, 2-0 over the Indians; in 1931, 1-0 over the Browns; in 1927, 7-0 over the Browns; in 1909, 2-0 over the White Sox; in 1907, 2-0 over the Naps; and 1905, 3-0 over the White Sox.

The most runs the Tigers have scored in an opener was 20 against the Oakland A's in 1993.

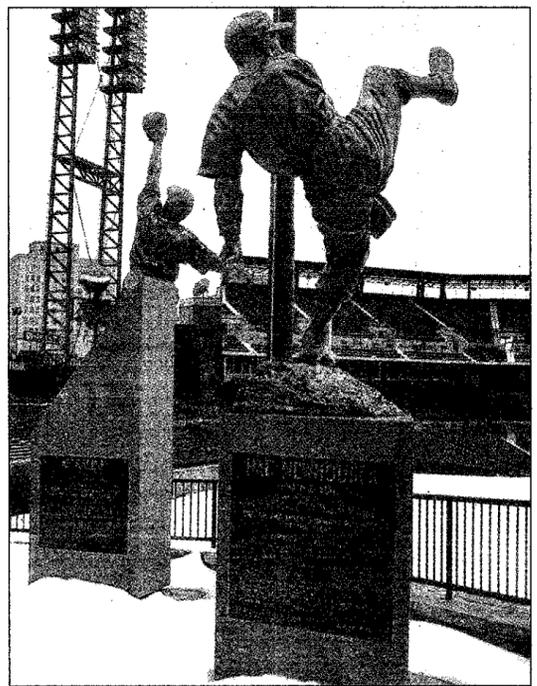
Their most common opening day opponents have been the Indians, 11-18 in 29 games; White Sox, 11-8 in 19 games; and Browns, 7-5-1 in 13 games.

Some of the Tiger legends fans have watched through the years are MLB Hall-of-Famers Al Kaline, Ty Cobb, Sparky Anderson, Jim Bunning, George Kell, Mickey Cochrane, Sam Crawford, Charlie Gehringer, Hank Greenberg, Harry Heilmann and Hal Newhouser.

Ballpark activities

The park offers something for everyone.

While enjoying the pregame on-field festivities, children may take a ride on the Comerica Carousel, featuring 30 hand-painted Tigers and two chariots. It is located at the base of the food court behind



Sitting in the concourse behind right-centerfield are six stainless steel statues of Tigers' hall-of-fame players, including the two pictured above, from left, Al Kaline and Hal Newhouser.

the first base area. The ride is wheelchair accessible.

Fans can visit one of the five merchandise stores located throughout the stadium. For members of the Tiger Club and Tiger Den premium seating areas, there is the Tiger Den Lounge.

There is Beer Hall, a modern day tavern, which offers a wide selection of local and international beers, a tavern-style menu, a 70-foot bar and dozens of heavy wooden picnic tables to relax at and watch the festivities on one of the dozens of television screens.

The Brushfire Grill is an open air picnic area.

For those seeking one more ride before the first pitch, there is the Fly Ball Ferris Wheel, a 50-foot tall ride featuring cars shaped and painted like baseballs.

Each chair seats up to five passengers and is wheelchair accessible.

If fans walk around the concourse, they can find six stainless steel statues of all-time Tiger greats Cobb, Gehringer, Greenberg, Kaline, Newhouser and Willie Horton perched atop granite pedestals that reach 13-feet in height. In addition, there is a "Walk

of Fame," which is a historical display that takes in the Tigers' rich history from the 1800s to present day, punctuated by six large "decade bats" that denote each era in Detroit baseball with artifacts, photos and display cases.

More facts

Comerica Park hosted its first opening day on April 11, 2000, which was a 5-2 victory over the Mariners.

Before Comerica Park, there was Tiger Stadium. Fans that attended the 1961 opener at Tiger Stadium saw the home team lose 9-5 to the Indians.

Tiger Stadium was originally called Briggs Stadium, which opened in 1938. In that first-ever home opener, the Tigers lost 4-3 to the Indians.

On April 12, 1912, 26,000 fans saw the Tigers beat the Naps 6-5 at Navin Field. On that same day, historic Fenway Park in Boston hosted its first-ever home opener for the Red Sox.

Fenway Park is still open nearly 100 years later.

For the Tigers' first-ever opening day, played April 25, 1901, the home team defeated the Brewers 14-13 at Bennett Park.

Henry Ford nurse honored for his leadership

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mike Ellis is the recipient of the 2007 Nursing Spectrum Excellence Award for his leadership as a mentor.

He is director of support services with Henry Ford

Health System's Home Health Care.

The award is given in recognition for extraordinary contributions nurses make to their patients, each other and their profession.

Awarded recipients are nominated by their fellow workers for their leadership skills.

Ellis was honored for his ability to work well with others and to help those around

him see their true potential. Home Health Care nurses provide quality health care to patients in their own homes.

Ellis received his nursing degree from DePauw University in Indiana.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Watercolor exhibit

The watercolors of Lois Dobovan, octogenarian and macular degeneration survivor, will be on exhibit Tuesdays through Fridays, from noon to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 8, through Wednesday, April 30, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The exhibit is an expression of hope and inspiration to those who despair from this disease. Macular degeneration affects central vision, impairing daily life.

The exhibit of more than 25 watercolors begins with 5 to 8 p.m. reception on Tuesday, April 1.

For more information about this exhibit or support groups for people with macular degeneration, call (313) 824-4710.

Boating skills class

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be the site of a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills & Seamanship Wednesday class from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., April 2 to May 7.

The exam date is May 14. The class fee is \$55 and includes the exam and the materials.

The comprehensive course is designed for experienced and novice boaters. Instruction includes rules of the road (waterways), navigation aids, boat handling, safety and legal requirements. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate and a Boating Safety Card.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is lighted and free. To register for events and classes, call (313) 881-7511.

Girls Empowered camp

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is offering a specially designed camp just for girls.

The Girls Empowered Camps are designed to help girls ages 4-10 improve confidence, learn to handle life situations and feel positive about themselves. Each day includes fitness activities.

The camp dates are Little Girl Power for Animal Lovers: June 23-27; Fairies and Dreams: July 21-25; Girl Power Jewelry and Craft Camp: June

23-27 and Fashion and Spa Week: July 21-25. The fee is \$150 for all five day camps. To register for events and classes, call (313) 881-7511.

Little Girl Power for Animal Lovers is for girls aged 4-6. Using animals as a theme, girls are taught communication skills, personal power and compassion. The camp includes four crafts and games. Classes are daily 9 a.m. to noon.

Fairies and Dreams, for 4-6 year olds, teaches confidence and girl power using the theme of fairies. Crafts and interactive discussions are featured. Local author and media personality Stacey DuFord will read her book, "The Fairy Painting Book." Classes are daily 9 a.m. to noon.

Girl Power Jewelry and Craft Camp is for girls 6-10, who enjoy making jewelry and room décor crafts using Girl Power as a theme. DuFord reads to these girls too. The class is held daily 1 to 4 p.m.

Fashion and Spa Week teaches girls aged 6-10 about fashion, skin care hair and dressing appropriately for their age while expressing themselves.

Girls learn to walk and carry themselves to show confidence. They also learn to deal with "fashion bullies" and be critical thinkers about the media.

The last day is a fashion show for family and friends. Classes are 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

In addition to the Summer Camps, Girl Empowered is presenting Dealing with Mean Girl Behavior on Saturday, April 12.

The mother-daughter workshop details how to deal with teasing, bullying, exclusion and cliques. Moms will learn strategies to help create an environment of support and self esteem for their daughters. The workshop is offered in two segments.

Girls aged 6-9 come with their moms from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and those aged 10-12 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$25 for mom and daughter and \$15 for each additional sibling.

Senior Men's Club

Anthony F. Earley Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of DTE Energy will be the Tuesday, April 8, speaker at the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club at the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.

Earley has been chairman and CEO of DTE Energy since 1998. He was previously president and COO of Long Island Lighting Co.

Earley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics, a Master of Science degree in engineering and a law degree, from the University of Notre Dame. He was a U.S. Navy officer, serving in the nuclear submarine program, where he was qualified as a chief engineer officer.

For more information about the Men's Club, call John Prost at (586) 774-6400.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meet 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilonget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music hosts an afternoon of music at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Music will be provided by soprano Dorothy Ignasiak, violinist Michael J. McGillivray and a quartet comprised of Lillian Dean, Molly Hughes, Constance Markwick and David Levine.

Tickets are available at the door.

Heart of Darkness

John Whittier-Ferguson, associate professor of English and literature at the University of Michigan presents Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3, in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

The lecture is presented by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library in conjunction with the University of Michigan department of English and Literature.

The public is invited. The lecture is free to students, teach-



The Fab 40 Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1968 reunion committee are: back row, from left, Joanne Herron, Christy Rickel, Dawn Tocco, Kim Badalamenti, Kathy Wynne, Val Schmitt, Barb Griffith, Anne Jennings, Barb Guest, Beverly Butler and Sue Austin. Front row, from left, Mary Hunt, Cindy Tech, co-chairmen Sue Koski and Debbie Mann, Beth Berry and Cheryl Mianiaci. Not pictured: Jill Major, Kady Peyser, Annie Warnez, Leslie Anderson, Trisha Morath, Anne Coates, Alicia Campbell, Roseann Hilu, Fran McAbee, Stephanie Surzyn and Sylvia Clark.

ers and members of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and \$10 for non-members. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

Whittier-Ferguson has said the book grows more relevant to lives and our culture with each passing decade.

The Hill Restaurant offers a \$15 meal for patrons of this Classic Book lecture.

Garden club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the home of Joanna Garrett with Judith Lebau as co-hostess. The program, bonsai, will be presented by Hector Debrabant.

Questers Pettipointe

The Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3, for tea at the Victorian Tea Parlor, 15212 Charlevoix. Hostess Virginia Riddle will introduce Lillian Li, who will address the history of teas.

North's 1968 reunion

Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1968 will observe its 40th class reunion at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the

Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Entertainment will be provided by the Caverners. There will be a strolling dinner, a silent auction and a raffle. The cost is \$40. For ticket information, visit gpschools.org/northparent.

Art club

The monthly meeting of Warren Tri-County Fine Arts begins at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday,

April 1, at the Warren Community Center. Jerry Powell will demonstrate how to work in pastels.

Reunion

Assumption Grotto grade school reunion begins at noon Saturday, Aug. 9, at Dodge Park, 40620 Utica, Sterling Heights. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. For more information, call Ron at (586) 939-4584 or Cindy at (586) 247-2854, after 5 p.m.

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Event has a green twist

"Growing up Green" is the theme of this year's Month of the Young Child Family Fun Event from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, sponsored by The Family Center.

For the past eight years, the local non-profit group has focused on "building healthy kids," has sponsored an April activity celebrating young children and their families.

Using the theme of "Growing Up Green," organizers have come up with creative ways for children to make connections between themselves and the Earth.

"We've got an environmental focus this year, but we're doing everything in a fun way, not a preachy way," said event co-chair Carla Whitton. "I'm really excited about all the great activities everyone has come up with. I think it's going to be the event of the year for young families around here."

Activities include making crafts out of recycled materials, decorating flower pots and planting seeds to take home.

"We'll also have more energetic activities to get kids moving like recycling relay races and yoga for kids," Whitton said. "Another activity focused on connecting with nature features the Little Creatures Company which will bring several exotic animals that children will be able to pet and have their picture

'We've got an environmental focus this year, but we're doing everything in a fun way, not a preachy way.'

CARLA WHITTON,
event co-chair

taken with."

The event's nature connection even extends to the snacks, Whitton said.

"We're going to let the kids juice oranges to make their own orange juice so the young ones can see where it really comes from before it gets into the container on the kitchen table."

Adults refreshments will be provided by Caribou Coffee Company.

And, while being green is the theme, Debbie Liedel, center executive director, said the focus remains on family.

"It's really about celebrating young children and their families and providing an event where they can have some unique experiences together as a family," she said. "We've got some great volunteers and we work hard to put on a high quality event."

The event takes place at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20009 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5 per family.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Gerald Spice

No matter the date, Easter is joyous

This past week, it didn't feel very much like Easter. All of the things associated with Easter seemed missing. There are no flowers blooming in our yards and there is still snow on the ground in some shaded areas.

I've been among those who have been proclaiming to any who would listen that I don't like Easter this early and if it were up to me Easter would always be the second Sunday in April. But alas, it's not up to me. And so I've dealt with a kind of seasonal confusion. I had barely taken down the Christmas tree and it was Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Lent flew by in what seemed like the blink of an eye. And then this past Sunday, March 23, we celebrated Easter.

This is almost the earliest that Easter can ever occur. (The date of Easter for Christians in the Western Church is always the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox.)

An early Easter like this won't happen any time in the near future.

It will be another 152 years before Easter again falls on March 23. The last time Easter was celebrated earlier was in 1913.

Prior to that it was 1818 that

Easter was celebrated on March 22.

The characters in the Easter story were not as concerned about dates as we are. Rather, they were grieving and the hope of their lives, the hope of their faith was crucified and buried. It didn't feel much like resurrection time to them.

We can sympathize. Often for us it feels as if the stone is too heavy to roll away and the tomb remains sealed. We experience a world riddled with war, division, hatred and violence. We see economies falter, job and housing markets break down, and crime seems everywhere.

For some I'm sure Easter seems like a quaint custom church people have that is pretty much an historic relic with little to do with real life today.

But the good news at Easter and throughout the year is even when things seem darkest, God is at work, walking with us through the vicissitudes of life.

We can't explain the resurrection. The resurrection explains us. We are an Easter people living the good news of an empty tomb in the midst of a broken and imperfect world, but even more so surrounded by God's grace, mercy and love.

Rev. Spice is the pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Earth Day celebration at soup kitchen

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Earth Works commemorate Earth Day with a dinner featuring local foods from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the kitchen, 1264 Meldrum, Detroit.

Speakers include Jeremy Moghtader of the Food System Economic Partnership and the Michigan State University Student Organic Farm. He will discuss its Farm to School program that brings local foods to Michigan school cafeterias.

Sister Liz Walters will discuss the Immaculate Heart of Mary Order's newly "greened" Motherhouse and the establishment of its organic farm.

Youth farmers from Earth Works' Youth Farm Stand will

talk about the importance of fresh food.

"There are many initiatives to increase local food access in Southeast Michigan communities," said Allison Costello Capuchin Soup Kitchen chef. "As lives get busier, people look at food as fuel rather than being an event to be savored and enjoyed."

"The Capuchin Soup Kitchen and its Earth Works garden believe that bringing awareness to what we eat and the impact of food on our society imbues the dining experience with a sense of joy and community."

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earth Works urban garden yields more than 6,000 pounds of produce each sea-

son from its three city garden sites and two greenhouses.

"Earth Works restores our community's connection to the environment through gardening," Costello said. "As a movement promoting local foods continues to build nationally, we are inspired by what is happening locally."

"Food is at the heart of our work at the soup kitchen and Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to showcase and share with each other the importance of our local food system."

Tickets are \$45 and includes a gift basket raffle featuring Earth Works products, such as honey, jam, granola and dog biscuits as part of the evening. Call (313) 579-2100, ext 204 to purchase tickets by

phone.

Founded in 1929, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves Metro Detroit by providing food, clothing, and spiritual counsel to those in need. Frequently preparing and serving 2,000 meals a day, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen also distributes household items, operates a shower program, food pantry and children's tutoring and art therapy program.

Additionally, its Earth Works urban garden produces vegetables for Detroit's hungry and educates the community in sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth.

For more information, visit cskdetroit.org or thecapuchins.org.

Gronnek named rector of St. Michael's Episcopal

A 13-month search for a new senior priest at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, ended with the appointment of The Rev. Marianna Gronnek.

Gronnek currently serves as the associate rector of St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor.

She is the first woman called to serve as senior pastor of a major Grosse Pointe congregation.

She will begin her new post April 1.

A Port Huron native, Gronnek earned a Bachelor of

Fine Arts degree from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in 1994 and completed her teacher training at Denver's Regis University in 1999.

In 2005, she studied theology at Cambridge University in the England. She graduated from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in 2006 and was ordained that same year.

Prior to attending seminary, Gronnek worked as design director for a national retail marketing firm and as a carpenter/cabinetmaker on the staff

of the Denver Art Museum. Her carpentry skills have been put to good use on Habitat for Humanity builds in both Denver and Ann Arbor. The latter build was an ecumenical project which brought together Muslims, Jews and Christians, a first for Habitat in Washtenaw County.

Gronnek's ministry has emphasized work with children and youth, pastoral care and healing, spirituality and financial management.

At St. Clare of Assisi, she developed a Holistic Health Clinic which operates in paral-

lel with the church's food pantry and offers free health care services for those in need.

"Finding Marianna Gronnek is a great step for our church," said Drew McSkimming, the parish's senior lay officer. "Our search committee did a wonderful job."

"Now we look forward to Pastor Gronnek's leadership as we move into a new phase of our ministry."

Gronnek will celebrate her first service at St. Michael's Sunday, April 6.

For information call (313) 884-4820.

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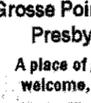
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ENGAGEMENTS

Black - Harris

Dr. and Mrs. James Black of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Anne Black, to Daniel Morgan Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schwanz of Rochester Hills and the late Jonathan Harris. A July wedding is planned.

Black is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science engineering degree in biomedical engineering from Purdue University in 2006 and is pursuing her doctorate in bioengineering at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is a neurosurgery research assistant at the University of Utah.

Harris is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science engineering degree in computer science engineering summa cum laude from the University of Michigan in 2005 and a Master of Science degree in computer science from Purdue University in 2007. He is a software engineer with Electronic Arts in Salt Lake City.

Colavincenzo - Galvin

The engagement of Dr. Maria Louise Colavincenzo and Dr. John Patrick Galvin Jr. was celebrated at a reception in the Beaver, Pa. home of the bride-elect's parents, Patricia and J. Philip Colavincenzo. A May wedding is planned.

Colavincenzo graduated from Sewickley Academy, Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. She is completing her residency in dermatology at Cornell Medical School in New York.

Galvin is the son of Patricia Rossi Galvin of Grosse Pointe Shores and the late Dr. John P. Galvin. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School, University of Notre Dame and the University of Illinois Chicago Medical

School. He is completing his residency in internal medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York.

Kelleher-Palus

Patrick and Dorothy Kelleher of Monroe, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Kelleher, to Patrick Palus, son of Norman and Alberta Palus of Harper Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Kelleher earned an undergraduate degree from Fairfield University and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a professor of political science at Villanova University.

Palus is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and is a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania.

O'Gorman - Fodell

Mark and Alison O'Gorman of Grand Rapids have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kate Ann O'Gorman, to John Fodell, son of Joseph and Mary Fodell of the City of Grosse Pointe. A May wedding is planned.

O'Gorman earned a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude from Western Michigan University.

Fodell earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Albion College and was an All-American swimmer. He earned a master's degree in adapted physical education from Western Michigan University.

Orion - Mathews

Sheila Sevier of Denver, Colo., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Rachel Orion to Erik Mathews, son of Judy and Chuck Mathews of Grosse Pointe

Farms. A spring wedding is planned.

Orion earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in hotel management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is the owner of Your Personal concierge.

Mathews earned a Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University, double majoring in earth science and geology. He is a sales representative for several sporting goods suppliers.

Orion is the daughter of the late Ronald Sevier.

Petrovich - Storm

William and Ruthe Petrovich of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leah Kerr Petrovich, to Dean Vincent Storm, son of Duane and Debra Storm of Livonia. A July wedding is planned.

Petrovich is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education from Eastern Michigan University and is an English teacher at Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Storm is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He is pursuing a degree in architecture from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Shapiro - Ferris

Michael and Eileen Shapiro of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Maureen Shapiro, to Michael James Ferris, son of Rick and Suzie Ferris of Cincinnati, Ohio. A December wedding is planned.

Shapiro earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. She is a client strategist with Empower MediaMarketing in Cincinnati.

Ferris attended Miami University. He is playing professional baseball with the St.



Carolyn Anne Black and Daniel Morgan Harris



Kate O'Gorman and John Fodell



Michael James Ferris and Megan Maureen Shapiro

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Spaulding - Cuellar

Jane and Allan Spaulding of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Spaulding, to Angel Cuellar, son of Rosa Ipina and Amador Cuellar of Suttons Bay. A June 2009 wedding is planned.

Spaulding earned a Bachelor of Education in elementary education from Michigan State University. She is a fourth-grade teacher in Okemos.

Cuellar earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Western Michigan University and a Master of



Dr. John Patrick Galvin Jr. and Dr. Maria Louise Colavincenzo



Erik Mathews and Rachel Orion



Angel Cuellar and Kristina Spaulding



Craig Pappas and Karen Trickey

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Tibaud - Legwand

Mary Lou Trovato of Byron Center and Frank Tibaud of Washington, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Elizabeth Tibaud, to David Andrew Legwand, son of Dave and Carol Legwand of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Tibaud graduated from Rockford High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing management and a minor in psychology.

Legwand graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1998 and is on the Nashville Predators hockey team.

Trickey - Pappas

Chuck and Sherry Trickey of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Trickey, to Craig Pappas, son of Dennis and Beverly Pappas of Highlands Ranch, Colo. A 2009 wedding is planned.

Trickey earned a Bachelor of



Christine Kelleher and Patrick Palus



Dean Vincent Storm and Leah Kerr Petrovich



David Andrew Legwand and Lindsey Elizabeth Tibaud



John Nicholson and Alicia Van Tol

Arts degree from Michigan State University and a Jurist Doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law. She is an attorney with Boyer and Dawson in Sterling Heights.

Pappas earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University and is the executive director with the Resolution Center in Mount Clemens.

Van Tol - Nicholson

Paul and Cheryl Van Tol of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Van Tol to John Nicholson, son of James and Ann Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms. An October wedding is planned.

Van Tol earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Calvin College. She is a first grade teacher at the National Teachers' Academy in Chicago.

Nicholson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University. He works for PVS Chemicals.

WEDDING

Montana - Cassin

Erica Pilar Montana, daughter of Mauricio and Valerie Montana of Delray Beach, Fla., married Bradley James Cassin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bader Cassin of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Feb. 9, 2008 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Boca Raton, Fla.

Deacon Bruce Turnbull officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Mizner Country Club in Delray Beach.

The bride wore a La Sposa ivory lace over satin sleeveless gown with a cathedral candle-light veil. She carried a bouquet of white cymbidium orchids

and white roses with hanging bear grass and dendrobium white orchid dangles.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Monica Alia Vila of Chicago, Ill. The bridesmaids were her friends, Malissa Goldstein, Lisa Beshara and Jen Hayhurst, all of New York City.

The attendants wore navy chiffon Badgley Mischka gowns with a v-neck, empire waist and cascade sleeve. They carried bouquets of fuchsia roses bound with navy ribbon.

Dr. Bader Cassin, the groom's father, served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brother-in-

law Jeffrey Sharp, of Royal Oak; and the groom's friends Donald Peterson and Lee Bowman, both of Delray Beach.

The groom's sisters, Julianne Sharp of Royal Oak and Laura Cassin of Grosse Pointe Park; along with John Cassin of St. Louis, Mo., the groom's uncle and godfather; and the bride's aunt, Victoria Schoenberger of Falls Church, Va. served as readers during the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of West Virginia University and is an associate buyer for Boston Proper in Boca Raton.

The groom is a graduate of Columbia University and owns an insurance adjusting and real estate appraisal company in south Florida.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and Bora Bora. They live in Delray Beach.



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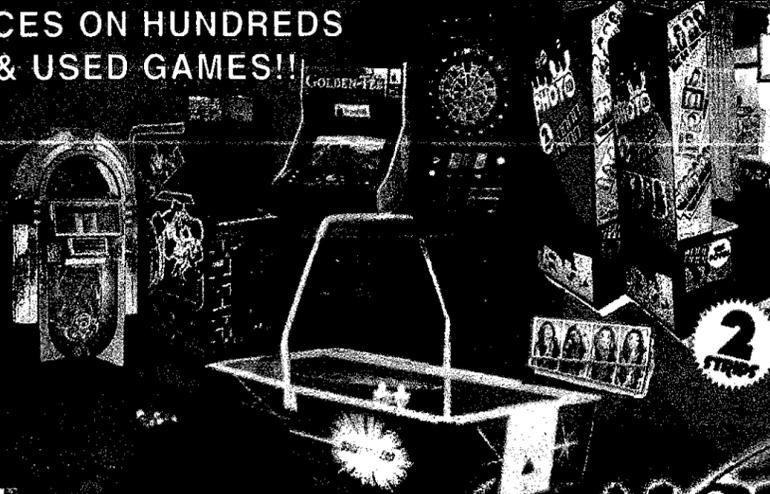
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Civil War music at the Lorenzo Cultural Center

Civil War music was patriotic and rebellious and featured brass bands, the Virginia Reel, marches and polkas.

It can all be heard again in a series of free presentations through May 4 at the Lorenzo Cultural Center on Macomb Community College's Center Campus.

The performances are part of "Michigan's Fight for Freedom: The Civil War Era" program featuring exhibits, presentations and video show-

ings offered at the center.

Featured performances are:

◆ Civil War Contra Dance — 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29. The Ruffwater String Band and caller Glen Morningstar, who have been leading Civil War dances in Michigan and the Midwest since 1982, transports participants to the dance traditions of the 1860s. Dances are for all skill levels and include: Virginia Reel, jig, hoedown,

polka and waltz. Period dress is welcome but comfortable shoes are suggested.

◆ The Civil War Musician — 1865 — 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Historical interpreter and performance educator Michael Deren transports participants back in time to April 1, 1865, eight days before the end of the Civil War. As a union army sergeant, Deren will share the pain, humor and excitement of the war through music and song. Period instruments Deren will play include the fife, bugle, concertina and saxhorn.

◆ 5th Michigan Regiment Band — 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13. The performance offers a look at Civil War history through narration and music provided by an authentic field regiment band that has performed at Civil War events throughout the country. Using period antique and replica instruments, the band will perform a series of marches, polkas, schottisches and waltzes under the direction of Lt. Col. Guy Smith. Smith transcribed and orchestrated much of the music using material from the national archives.

◆ The Why and the Wherefore — Music in the Civil War — 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

Explore Civil War lyrics of praise, complaint, patriotism and rebellion in a musical journey with Janet Coryell, professor of history at Western Michigan University.

◆ Dodworth Saxhorn Band — 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4. A 17-member, 19th century brass band committed to "bringing America's musical past to life" performs the hymns, dances, popular songs and patriotic melodies of the Civil War era on instruments original to the

period. Pre-registration is required for all events, excluding exhibits and video showings. School and group tours are also available. For a full schedule of events, more information or to register, visit lorenzoculturalcenter.com or call (586) 445-7348.

The center, located on Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

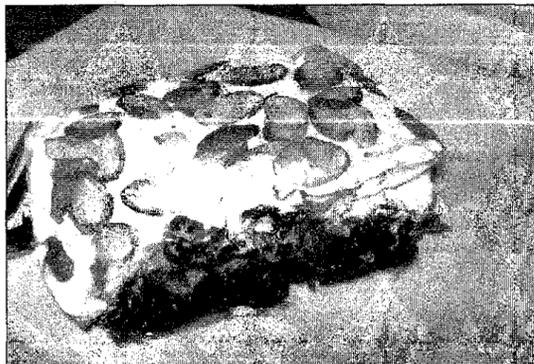


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Guests and family will enjoy this Jell-O salad.

Tutty, fruity Jell-O



1 8-oz. block lite cream cheese, softened
1 cup light sour cream
1 tablespoon lite Miracle Whip salad dressing
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups Cool Whip Lite
1 2.25-oz. package sliced almonds (optional)

In a medium bowl, dissolve the Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in the pie filling and the crushed pineapple. Pour into a 9 by 13 or similar sized dish. Cover and chill until set, a few hours or overnight.

In a medium bowl using an electric mixer, mix the cream cheese, sour cream, salad dressing and sugar. Fold in the Cool Whip. Spread the mixture over the set Jell-O and scatter the sliced almonds over the top. Keep chilled until serving.

Lite versions of the dairy products help skim the fat from this flavorful take on Jell-O. Use whatever you have on hand but Jane says don't substitute mayonnaise for the Miracle Whip.

This tasty Jell-O teaser will surely be a family pleaser. It's yummy.

My sister has a friend named Jane Van Dresser. Whenever there's a party at my sister's, Jane brings along this awesome blackberry Jell-O dessert.

There's so much going on in this tutty, fruity delight that you forget you're eating Jell-O.

The recipe is featured in the U of D Jesuit High School Mother's Club Cookbook "Cooking with the Cubs."

Jane's Jell-O

1 6-oz. package blackberry Jell-O (or 2 3-oz. packages)
2 cups boiling water
1 20-oz. can blueberry pie filling
2 small (8-oz.) cans crushed pineapple (in its own juice)

Art Center has 'Urban Edge' exhibition through May

Urban Edge, an exhibition of local artists' interpretation of the urban experience, opens at the Grosse Pointe Art Center Friday, April 4, runs through Saturday, May 3.

This exhibit will allow artists to express their interpretation of the urban edge in any medium and will feature artists from the tri-county area as selected by juror Gary Eleinko.

Eleinko is a native Detroit resident who lives and works in his studio in historic Corktown. He earned a Bachelors and Masters of Fine Arts from Wayne State University and is on the board and exhibition committee for the Detroit Artists Market, the exhibition committee for Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester and is co-chair for Art for Life.

"As Gary and I talked about the focus of the Urban Edge show, we both agreed that the urban experience offers a

range of diversity in class, race, occupation, culture, architecture, streets and parks. Beauty and blight, hope and despair, are part of how artists interpret the urban scene," said Susan Macdonald, Grosse Pointe Art Center director.

The center is open from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Artists from the tri-county area can submit a call for entry through Saturday, March 29, by completing the application on the Art Center's Web site at grossepointeartcenter.org or calling (313) 821-1848.

The Art Center is located at 15001 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Historical society offers internship

High school juniors attending school in the Grosse Pointes and interested in history can apply for a summer internship with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

The student will work 10 to 12 hours a week from mid-June through August on digitizing the archival collection, creating online exhibits and conducting research at the society office in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A stipend will be provided. Applicants should expect to work with scanners, digital computers and software programs. There will also be some docent and administrative responsibilities for the intern.

Interested students should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or suzyberschback@aol.com.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Abdelkader A. Hawasli

Surgeons' perfect laparoscopic techniques

St. John doctors are leaders in minimally invasive procedures

About 25 years ago, a patient needing his gallbladder removed would face a five-day hospital stay, a rather large scar and a longer recuperating time.

Since the late 1980s and the introduction of minimally invasive surgery, the new standard for removing gallbladders is laparoscopic surgery. Specially trained surgeons make small incisions in the abdomen and use a laparoscope (an endoscope used in abdomen surgery) to remove the gallbladder.

At St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 90 percent of all abdomen surgery we perform (gall bladder removal, appendectomy, splenectomy, etc.) is done laparoscopically.

For patients, the benefits of minimally invasive surgery are numerous, including:

- ◆ less pain and need for medication

- ◆ shorter hospital stay
- ◆ lower risk of complications (including pneumonia and wound infections)
- ◆ less blood loss
- ◆ smaller scar
- ◆ quicker return to daily activities and/or work

St. John's minimally Invasive Surgery Center surgeons made history by performing Michigan's first laparoscopic minimally invasive gallbladder removal in 1989. And since then we have performed the highest variety of minimally invasive surgeries of any hospital in the state.

In 2003, the hospital established the Minimally Invasive Surgery Center to expand this technology to other surgical areas.

Whether a patient needs hernia repair, a kidney transplant, colon resection, partial knee replacement and many other services, surgeons at St. John can perform minimally invasive surgeries. Currently, the center offers the technique in seven surgical specialties:

- ◆ Bariatric and general surgery
- ◆ Cardiothoracic

- ◆ Endo-vascular
- ◆ Orthopedic and spine
- ◆ Urology
- ◆ ENT
- ◆ Kidney transplant

Local, national leader

The hospital has treated patients who travel across town and from out of state to receive the expert surgical care we offer. Most recently, I performed a laparoscopic splenectomy (removal of the spleen) on a patient, who lived across town, and another patient from Chicago, who had the laparoscopic removal of her adrenal gland. Another patient was going to lose her spleen because of a cyst. She had the cyst removed at St. John and was able to preserve her spleen.

All these patients were discharged the next day. In all these cases, their local major hospitals did not offer minimally invasive surgery for their

conditions.

No hospital in southeast Michigan performs such a variety of surgical procedures minimally invasively as St. John. And our track record shows we have among the lowest morbidity and mortality rates in southeast Michigan and nationwide.

At St. John, you can rest assured knowing you have access to the best surgical care right in your "backyard." Hospital surgeons are equipped to handle any kind of surgical need from repairing acid reflux to the removal of esophageal cancer.

Cutting edge

Every day surgeons are discovering new ways to apply minimally invasive surgical techniques to different ailments and conditions.

One of the newest applications is in the field of bariatrics

or weight loss surgery.

The sleeve gastrectomy is a laparoscopic procedure in which approximately 85 percent of the stomach is removed leaving a banana-shaped stomach. Unlike gastric bypass surgery, the outlet valve and the nerves to the stomach are untouched. The result is a smaller stomach with its function still preserved.

There are several advantages to this procedure, such as fewer restrictions on the type of food patients can eat after surgery. Because the majority of the stomach has been removed, the hormones produced within the stomach stimulate hunger are greatly reduced.

Probably the greatest advantage is it does not involve any bypass of the intestinal tract and patients, therefore, do not suffer the complica-

tions of intestinal bypass, such as anemia, osteoporosis and diarrhea.

My colleagues and I at St. John are committed to the minimally invasive and the most innovative surgical techniques. An example is our introduction of the robot into the field of urology, cardiac, GYN and general surgery to complement our long list of minimally invasive surgical procedures. We are proud to offer them to patients and to share our knowledge by teaching other surgeons at nearly every metro-Detroit hospital.

For more information about the expert surgical care offered, visit stjohn.org/MISC/ Abdelkader A. Hawasli, M.D., is the director of laparoscopic surgery and the Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Robin Heller

Creating a healthier home



Q. What can a parent do to create a healthier home?

A. Start with some easy things.

- ◆ Try to minimize your use of plastics and vinyl and use glass containers to microwave food instead of plastic containers or wrap. If you do purchase something with vinyl, air it outside until the smell is gone and don't allow children to put the product in his or her mouth.

- ◆ Using reusable metal travel mugs instead of bottled water cuts down on waste. Also, look for toys made from natural materials.

- ◆ Read the labels on your cleaning supplies. Do any say "danger" or "warning?" If so, consider replacing them with

less toxic alternatives with "caution" on the label.

- ◆ Try hydrogen peroxide instead of bleach or use baking soda instead of scouring powder. Perhaps you could use vinegar and water instead of a commercial glass cleaner. (One note, the vinegar and water solution may have to be used a few times to cut through the residue of the old cleaner.)

- ◆ Many homemade cleaning recipes using not much more than water, vinegar, baking soda and a mild soap can be healthier and can save money. If you prefer to buy premixed, several brands of non toxic cleaners are available at local stores.

- ◆ Avoid using any pesticides on your lawn or garden. Less toxic choices to control weeds abound including ones that create a beautiful lawn with no ingredients linked with serious health problems for people or pets.

Q. What about using antibacterial soaps or hand sanitizers?

A. While we want to be conscious about healthy living, killing all germs may not be desirable.

Use of antibacterial products in a healthy home may not be necessary. Some concerns about using them include the development of more resistant strains of germs. Also, some of the commercially available products include ingredients that can be harmful to waterways and our health.

Generally, washing your hands with soap under running water is sufficient. If you need a portable sanitizer, look for one using alcohol, not triclosan or triclocarban.

For countertops, a solution of vinegar and water is an alternative.

Q. Where can I learn more about healthier product alternatives?

A. Fortunately there are several sources:

- ◆ Web sites such as safecosmetics.org and cosmeticdatabase.com help identify cosmetics with fewer harmful ingredients.

- ◆ Local stores carry organic foods which are produced without pesticides and carry non-toxic cleaning products. Just ask the manager for their selection.

- ◆ Contact LocalMotion, a

Grosse Pointe based environmental health nonprofit, for more information and product list.

LocalMotion is hosting a Healthy Earth, Healthy Living: How to Go Green event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Local businesses and organizations dedicated to healthy living, books for sale, mercury thermometer exchange and children's activities are featured. Admission is free.

The Family Center's 8th annual Month of the Young Child Family Day Celebration "Growing Green" is planned from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods. Recycling races, Art from Scraps, Little Creatures Company and yoga are featured.

Tickets are \$5 per family. For more information, call (313) 432-3832 or visit info@familycenterweb.org.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. Robin Heller is the executive director of LocalMotion.

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Race for the Cure May 31

The Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure begins with opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. followed by the race at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park.

Locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, the event includes a 5K competitive race, 5K walk and a one-mile walk along Woodward Avenue from Warren to Comerica Park.

More than 1,500 survivors are expected on the pink carpet — a testament to the benefits of early detection and treatment of the disease.

This family-friendly event features 20 bands and performers, a Children's Area, a Survivor Café, Shop for the Cure, sponsor booths with giveaways and a voter registration drive.

Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team.

For information on sponsoring the Race call (248) 351-

1862. Online team registration runs through Tuesday, May 13, at karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit/teamregistration.asp. Individuals can register at the same site through 5 p.m. Thursday, May 29. The cost is \$12 to \$40 and varies by age, the time of registration and online versus on-site registration.

Detroit's race is a top-tier event in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, which includes more than 100 races in the U.S., Germany, Italy and Puerto Rico.

For 26 years, the series has been a celebration of life, hope and honor; giving a voice to millions of women and men and allowing survivors a means to demonstrate that breast cancer can be beaten.

This year, more than 1.5 million participants are expected to take part in the event that celebrates survivorship and honors the memory of lost

loves ones.

In 2007, more than \$1.1 million raised from the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure helped support local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs.

In addition, nearly \$350,000 was contributed to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program to fund breast cancer research and educational, scientific and outreach programs.

There are more than two million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. — the single largest group of cancer survivors in the country.

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 182,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. this year, of which 6,100 will be from Michigan.

More than 40,400 women will die of breast cancer in the U.S. this year and each year, more than 1.1 million people worldwide are diagnosed with breast cancer.

Motivational speaker featured at fundraiser

Motivational speaker, author and radio show host Kelly MacLeod will guide attendees through a journey of personal growth and empowerment, helping them to create the life they desire by becoming responsible for their thoughts.

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Yourself to Create the Life You Desire workshop will benefit the Valade Healing Arts Center Oncology Endowment Fund.

Tickets are \$35 and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Call (313) 647-3320.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Entering the world of fashion



March 9 was a first in my life and for the fashion world. On that day, at age 83, I was indubitably the oldest model to tread the runway in a fashion show.

The event was the 5th annual "Giving in Style" Celebrity Benefit Fashion Show held at Somerset Inn and sponsored by Friends of the William E. Scripps Estate.

When I was first asked to model at the event, I was hesitant thinking that the audience reaction would be, "What's that old lady doing up there?"

But then I thought, why not? It would strike a blow for all of us seniors, who have been ignored by the fashion world for too many years. It would be evidence that we like, buy and wear attractive clothes and enjoy them as much as any other age group.

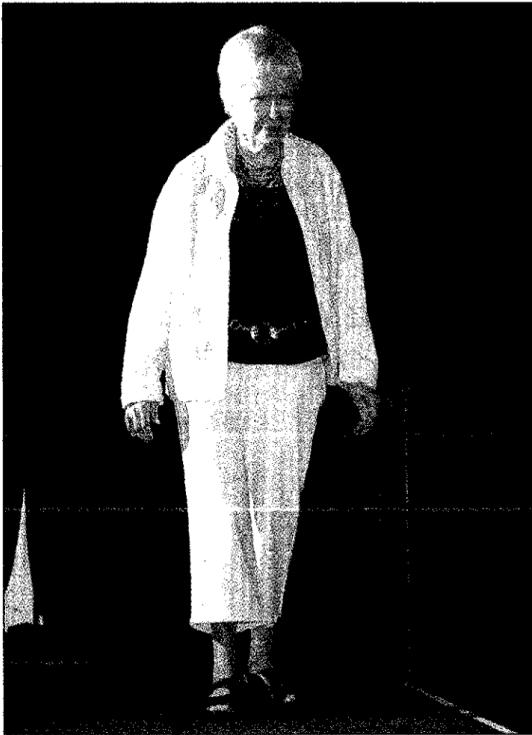
The 18 models for the show were primarily from the media: Donna Barbera, WJR News Team, Vic Faust, WXYZ, TV sports anchor (whose three children also modeled), Glenda Lewis, WXYZ-TV weekend anchor/reporter; Karen Love, COO of the Michigan Chronicle; John McMurray, WJR meteorologist;

Rachel Nevada, producer of News Talk 760 WJR; Neal Rubin, Detroit News columnist and my two daughters, Carol Cain, community affairs and editorial director for WWJTV/CW 50 and Nancy Cain, director of public relations, AAA Michigan. There were also three ringers (just kidding): former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple, modeling with his two teenage daughters, Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard and Jill Jack, singer and songwriter, who has won 21 Detroit Music Awards.

Each model was assigned to a participating store for the two outfits each would wear. I was happy to be assigned to Chico's, whose clothes I love. I was delighted when they opened a Grosse Pointe store. Ann Taylor was also a participating merchant.

My two daughters accompanied me to Chico's to give their advice on the outfits I'd select. What it came down to, however, were the clothes that I found beautiful and felt comfortable in, because that's what I hoped to convey to the audience. I think I did that even though internally I was saying, "Please don't let me trip."

I didn't. I even got applause. Onto one of my greatest gripes — the technological advances in our lives today. I acknowledge that these advances have made many contributions to our lives — when they work. But at the same time, they have



Ruth Cain was one of 16 models at the "Giving in Style" benefit fashion show. It raised more than \$15,000 for the ongoing restoration of the William E. Scripps Estate.

created incredible amounts of stress because the innovations have become more complex and harder to understand for the many of us technologically disadvantaged folks.

Up to now television sets have required only about three

basic buttons to operate: to turn the power off and on, volume control and to mute; plus, of course, the number buttons to get the proper channel. VCRs, however, have always been difficult for me to use. Sometimes they record, some-

times they don't.

I'm told the newest TVs coming onto the market will have more capabilities and of course will be more complex to operate.

Years ago I bought a clock/radio and my son-in-law set it up. It worked quite efficiently until it recently broke. So I bought a new one and asked another son-in-law to set it up. After looking at the 20 pages of explanation in very small print, he threw his hands up in the air and advised, "Buy an alarm clock."

I needed a new cell phone and asked my son, who has a Ph.D. in physics, to set it up. He struggled with the pages and pages of directions, again in small print and even called the manufacturer at one point and finally he said, "Take it back."

I did and a kind specialist worked with me for almost an hour showing me only how to send and receive calls. Once ingrained in my brain, I do these two functions with great ease. That's all I want the phone to do.

Years ago, I had a programmable thermostat on my furnace. It was simple to operate. Some 22 years later in another house, the just plain old ther-

mostat broke.

I thought this was a wonderful opportunity to get a programmable one.

Once set up by the serviceman, I had my first peek at the instructions. My thought was, "You've done it again." If I wanted to do was change the set temperatures by a few degrees, I had to delete the existing program and start from scratch. I knew I could never do that and I would be stuck for all eternity with the same temperature.

I called the furnace company almost in tears and the man found a solution. There is a hold button if you just want to make temporary changes and then it reverts back to the original setting.

I have now hit the hold button and will never hit it again. I have become the thermostat's master. I can change the temperature setting in seconds anytime I want.

I have also learned that the only way I can survive in this brave new world is to bypass these great technological wonders without feeling a twinge of guilt for not accepting the glut of information available to me.

Contact Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Helping family, friends with a loss



physical decline.

What is normal grief?

This is a question that researchers, theorists and clinicians have puzzled over for decades. Some people recover and move on right after the loss; others grieve intensely for a short period of time then move on, while others experience profound grief for years.

With such variability between individual reactions to loss, determining a normal disruption of daily functioning, its extent and its length of time becomes a very difficult task. About 50 to 80 percent of people experience moderate disruption of cognitive, emotional, physical, or interpersonal functioning for the first few months after the loss of a loved one. They return to normal functioning within one year.

This common pattern of disruption in functioning during grief includes:

- Disorganization of thinking
- Sadness, feeling empty
- Health problems
- Problems in social and occupational functioning

Some positive experiences, including pleasant memories and thoughts about the deceased

About 15 to 50 percent of people experience minimal grief and return to normal functioning quickly and another 15 percent go on to develop more severe, chronic problems with grief that persist beyond one to two years. Studies of grief among older adults suggest those who have lost a spouse have shown significantly more symptoms of grief than adults who lost a family member other than a spouse.

Most people go through a process of grieving that involves five stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. This is very similar to the stages you might go through when facing a diagnosis of a chronic illness.

When faced with a grieving senior or family member, there are several things that may be helpful for you to do:

- ◆ Most people are very uncomfortable talking about death or listening to someone else talk about it. Grieving people often feel alone in their experience and do not want to burden others with discussion

of death. Giving a grieving person an opportunity to share personal feelings can be a very powerful experience.

Encourage the expression of feelings, needs and beliefs and listen closely to what is being expressed. Whether an individual is experiencing denial, anger, confusion, fear, or guilt, the listener should remain calm, even when the emotions of the grieving person are intense.

- ◆ Do not take anger or irrational outbursts personally. Remember the individual is grieving. Reacting to anger with anger only escalates the situation.

Because each person experiences grief very differently, do not tell a grieving person that you know what they are feeling or understand what they are going through. In all likelihood, you do not. Tell them instead that you are sorry for their loss and offer you sympathy and support.

Do not try to talk individuals out of their feelings. People experience intense emotions following a loss and need a safe place to express them. Use active listening skills, like responding to statements without agreeing, challenging, or disputing the other person's perspective. Listen carefully and acknowledge what you have heard the person say.

- ◆ Allow an individual time to think about the loss. This is especially effective for older adults who may be processing information more slowly.

I have heard that it takes two years to "get over" the death of a loved one; five years to "get over" the death of a parent; and you never "get over" the death of a child. Is this true?

Part of the problem is the phrase "get over."

It is more accurate to say that you would never forget a child who had died, anymore than you would ever forget a parent or a loved one. Although recovery from loss does take some time, it is the actions within that time that lead to successful recovery.

Successful grief recovery allows you to have fond memories without them turning painful and helps you take back a happy and productive place in your own life. In addition, you regain the ability to

begin new relationships, rather than attempting to replace or avoid past relationships.

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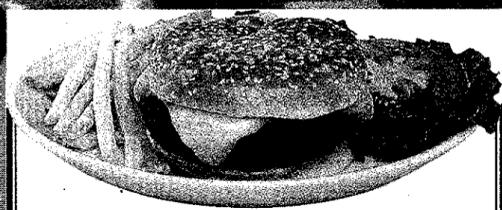
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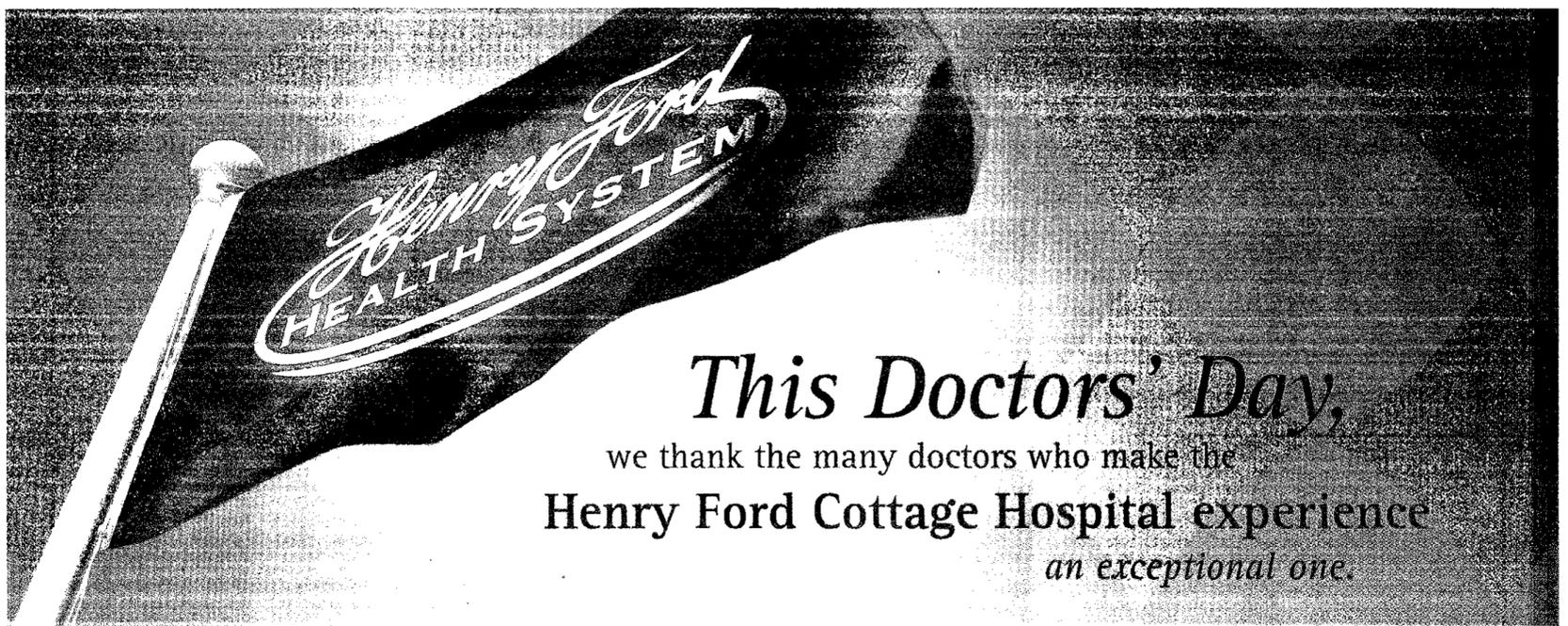
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Pointe women pick cool sport



Ashley Allemon, left, Liz Rabidou, center, and Maria Feldpausch are all former Grosse Pointe North players, who were on the Michigan State squad. In the bottom photo, from left, are University of Michigan players Emily Nelson, Kate Zemenick and Hilliary Inger.



Chelsea Skorupski was a three-year captain for the University of Rhode Island.



Grosse Pointe South grad Sarah Parker was also a member of the Michigan State team.

Former prep stars dot hockey national tourney teams

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The thought started hitting Chelsea Skorupski around Christmas.

Her college hockey career was heading into the home stretch.

"It's so sad that it's over," said the former Grosse Pointe North girls hockey standout, who was a three-year captain for the University of Rhode Island women's hockey team. "I really had a hard time the last semester. I knew that when the season was over, it would be the last time I'd play here. It was sad because it's been such a great experience."

The experience has been a good one both on and off the ice for Skorupski.

Rhode Island was ranked No. 1 in the East Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association and the team was the second seed at the ACHA National Championships, which were held earlier this month in Bensenville, Ill.

Rhode Island finished first in the Eastern Collegiate Women's Hockey League for

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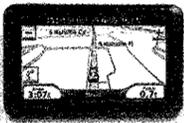
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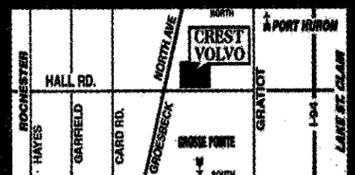
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Sidney Johnson, center, was the Metro Conference boys basketball coach of the year after leading the University Liggett School Knights to a third-place finish in the league's overall standings.

ULS coach, 3 players are honored

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Sidney Johnson thinks of himself as a teacher of basketball.

And that's a philosophy that paid off in a fine season for University Liggett School's boys basketball team.

"The year turned out to be an excellent surprise," said Johnson, who was named Metro Conference Coach of the Year in his first season at the helm of the Knights. "The kids gave us 100 percent and gave us the chance to teach them the game."

"I feel like a teacher. I like to give kids more than one way to defend and more than one way to attack an offense."

Surprisingly enough, Johnson isn't a teacher. He works in the finance department for the City of Detroit.

ULS finished the season with a 12-6 overall record. The Knights were 7-4 in the Metro Conference, and wound up tied for third place in the league's overall standings.

Johnson is the first to admit that he didn't do it alone.

"I'd like to thank my assistants, Chuck Wright and Alex Hurley, who made my job a lot easier," Johnson said. "It's so much easier when you have an excellent staff, like I did."

Johnson had been an assistant coach at Cranbrook Kingswood for several seasons before moving to ULS. He was the Cranes' freshman coach from 2004 to 2005, and moved up to coach the junior varsity from 2005 to 2007. He was also a varsity assistant.

Before that, Johnson coached the seventh and eighth grade basketball team at Redford St. Mary from 1992-93 to 2002-03.

He played for Detroit Renaissance, one of the top Detroit Public School League

programs, from 1985 through 1989.

Johnson graduated from Michigan State University. Although he didn't play for the Spartans, he spent his time in East Lansing learning from coach Tom Izzo.

"I learned a lot just watching him," Johnson said. "I have the same offensive and defensive philosophy as he does. And I like the way he'd get the most out of every player."

ULS also earned some other postseason honors in the Metro Conference.

Patrick Gustine made the all-conference first team, while Aaron Heaney and Jeremiah Manning were second-team selections.

"Patrick brought together a toughness and talent that was unparalleled," Johnson said. "He was not intimidated by anyone. He knew that he could compete with anybody, and he did."

Gustine averaged nearly 20 points-per-game for ULS.

Heaney was the Knights' leading rebounder, but he contributed much more.

"He brought intelligence to the court and utilized it by knowing how to fight for position," Johnson said. "He also exhibited a nice spot-up shot from 15 to 18 feet."

Manning did it all for the Knights.

"He was our most versatile player," Johnson said. "He could play all five positions on the court. He's very talented and unselfish to a fault. His best position is small forward, but we asked him to do everything. He's an excellent passer, and with his long arms is a good defender. He's a lot like Tayshaun Prince — a special player."

Manning, along with Andrew Malaski and Mark Ghafari, are the top players returning next season.

Equestrians receive awards

The Hunter Jumper Association of Michigan honored several Grosse Pointers at its annual awards dinner.

The awards were presented for championships in equitation, pony, hunter and jumper divisions.

HJAM is the official governing body for Michigan's A level hunter-jumper show circuit.

Riders compete with their horses and ponies at shows throughout the state. The competition begins in May with the

HJAM Welcome Series and ends in August with Horse Shows by the Bay in Traverse City.

Following are the 2007 season winners from Grosse Pointe:

Jackie Francis, short stirrup equitation on the flat and over fences, riding her pony, What A Girl Wants and her horse, Almost Famous.

Lena Tito, children's pony hunter and large pony hunter, owner/rider of Eddie Bauer.

Cara Monforton, riding her horse, Georgio, for limit equitation-flat, equitation 14-and-under over fences, and HJAM limit junior medal.

Aniela Schacht, limit equitation over fences and low children's jumpers, riding on Ontarla.

Caroline Marks, amateur-owner hunter 18-35, owner/rider of Riviera.

Michelle Tito, low adult hunter, owner/rider of Dig Down Deep.

Marissa Monforton, low children's jumpers, owner/rider of When in Roan.

Nicole Mejaly, low adult jumpers, owner/rider of Moe's Dream Cruise.

Caroline Marks and Katie Ross, adult amateur hunter 18-35, riding Gulliver II.

The 2008 Hunter Jumper of Michigan season will begin with the HJAM Welcome Series on May 8 at the Waterloo Hunt Club in Grass Lake.

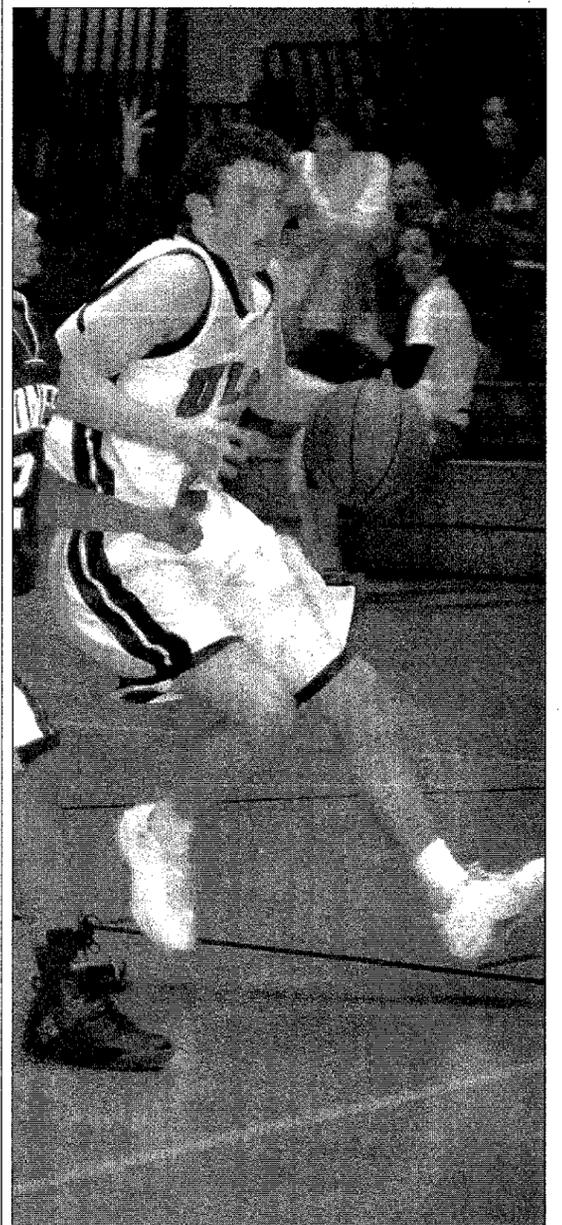


These Grosse Pointe equestrians were honored at the Hunter Jumper Association of Michigan's year-end banquet. From left, are Caroline Marks, Aniela Schacht, Jackie Francis, Nicole Mejaly, Lena Tito, Michelle Titó and trainer Carolyn Sanders. Not pictured are Cara Monforton and Marissa Monforton.



So close

Several Grosse Pointers recently finished second to a team from Illinois in the United States Tennis Association League Sectional played at the Wildwood Racquet Club in Fort Wayne, Ind. Competing for the local team were, top row from left, Marilyn Zampardo, Violet Kircos, Sonya Zakolski, Angela Carneghi and Tami Janowisz; and bottom row from left, Jackie McCann, Sherry Held, Gerri Gallant, Mary Solomon and Cynthia Rivard.



University Liggett School's Patrick Gustine was a first-team selection on the Metro Conference all-league boys basketball team. Gustine, a senior, was the leading scorer on the Knights squad.



Grosse Pointe Academy eighth graders, from left, Robert Stanley, Eddie Bridgforth, Grace Rentschler and Emmy Boccaccio were selected as the school's Athletes of the Fall Season. Stanley received the award for tennis, Bridgforth for soccer and Rentschler and Boccaccio for volleyball.

Academy's best of the fall

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth graders Robert Stanley, Eddie Bridgforth, Grace Rentschler and Emmy Boccaccio were selected as Athletes of the Fall Season.

Each was chosen based on athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship.

Stanley was undefeated as

the No. 3 singles player on the Academy tennis team.

Bridgforth was co-captain of the boys varsity soccer team and was voted most valuable player by his teammates.

Rentschler is a two-year varsity volleyball player and shared team awards as best server, best passer and best spiker.

Boccaccio was captain of the volleyball team and was named best setter. She shared the best spiker award.

All four students are scholar athletes, they each received high academic honors, were on the citizenship and head of school lists and are members of the National Junior Honor Society.

Brownell spiker is perfect

How's this for perfection? Adriana Casano, an eighth-grader at Parcels Middle School, served 25 consecutive points on 25 straight serves to shut out Harper Woods in a middle school volleyball game.

The only serve that was returned was Casano's first of the game.

The other 24 never made it back over the net.

She used a jump serve 12 times and recorded 12 aces. Parcels also won a closely-contested first game to sweep the match from the Harper Woods team.



Adriana Casano

HOCKEY: Facilities good at URI

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the fifth straight season. URI's regular season record was 20-0-2, and the Rams won the league tournament with a triple-overtime victory in the championship game.

"We've been in the national championships all four years I've been here and we've always been competitive, either finishing third or fourth," said Skorupski, who was among the nation's scoring leaders during the regular season with 10 goals and seven assists in 22 games.

Rhode Island's only defeat of the season came in the national semifinals when tournament host Robert Morris pinned a 3-1 loss on the Rams.

Skorupski assisted on the second-period goal that cut the Eagles' lead to 2-1. The third period was a tense battle that wasn't decided until Robert Morris scored an insurance goal with about five minutes left in the game.

The defeat left the Rams with a 24-1-1 overall record.

Skorupski was named a co-captain in her sophomore season, and it's a position she's held since then.

"That was such an honor," Skorupski said. "I was co-captain with some great girls, but it was especially fun this year because the other co-captain was my best friend on the team. We were the only true se-

niors on the team, and we played on the same forward line. It was really a fantastic season, but the ending was kind of bittersweet."

Skorupski fell in love with Rhode Island the minute she saw the campus and the area around Kingston, R.I.

"My dad and I were doing an East Coast tour of schools, to see where I wanted to play," Skorupski said.

Rhode Island wasn't on the itinerary but Skorupski's uncle, who was a close friend of the Rhode Island coach, suggested that she visit that campus.

"We stopped and I fell in love with it," she said. "Especially with the off-campus living. The rich people who have the nice summer homes rent them to the college students. Right now, I'm looking out my window and can see the water."

Skorupski was also impressed with the facilities.

Unlike many club teams, like Michigan and Michigan State, that have 6 a.m. practices and no locker rooms, Rhode Island's players have it much better.

"They treat us like we're a Division I program, and I think that's what they're striving for," Skorupski said. "We'd practice at 3 p.m., which was a great time, and we didn't have to carry our equipment to practice because we have a locker room."

Now that Skorupski is nearing graduation, it's time to start planning for the future.

She'll leave Rhode Island with a degree in design, and hopes to stay close to the sports scene.

"I've got an interview coming up with Easton," she said. "I'd like to design athletic apparel — workout gear, the undergarments for athletic uniforms, things like that."

Skorupski wasn't the only Grosse Pointer competing in the tournament.

She was just one of eight former players from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South who were on squads in the 12-team National Championships.

Eight former players from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed in tournament, which was won by Lindenwood (Mo.) University. Lindenwood beat Robert Morris College 2-1 in the championship game.

Michigan State, which was seeded fifth, was represented by North grads Ashley Allemon, Liz Rabadoux and Maria Feldpausch, and former South skater Sarah Parker.

Parker scored two goals in 19 games for the Spartans, while Feldpausch, a defenseman, collected five assists in 22 games.

Allemon wound up the season with a goal and three assists in 23 games.

Michigan, the tournament's seventh seed, has North grads Emily Nelson and Kate Zemenick on the rosters, along with Hilliary Inger of South.

Nelson had an outstanding season for the Wolverines. She was among the leading scorers in the nation with 17 goals and 10 assists in 19 regular-season games. Inger finished the regular season with 13 goals and eight assists, while Zemenick had seven goals and six assists.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Sailing expert has something for everyone



When Gary Jobson describes his lecture and video presentation, he could be talking about the sport of sailing.

"I think there's something for everybody," says Jobson, who is the closest thing our sport has to an ambassador, an agent and a public relations guru.

A veteran of the America's Cup race course, podium and broadcast booth as well as numerous off-shore and one-design championships, Jobson has been traveling throughout the United States as part of US Sailing's Mount Gay Rum speaker series. He came to the Detroit Yacht Club last week and at least 150 people turned out.

This year's presentation, which he narrates live, includes footage from Key West Race Week, college sailing, youth sailing as well as Jobson's own travels to Antarctica last month and other footage from his transatlantic crossing and race to Bermuda.

He also has tributes to millionaire adventurer Steve

Fossett who disappeared last year during a flight in the western United States and to the U.S. Olympic sailors who will compete in August in Beijing — among them, Grosse Pointe's Carrie Howe.

Howe and her teammates, skipper Sally Barkow and Debi Capozzi, were the lone U.S. team to make a bid for Beijing in the women's keelboat division, sailed on Ynglings. While Jobson recognizes the team's deservedness — they've been world champions in the class — he also would like to see a more competitive fleet of U.S. women in the selection process.

"We should have 20 teams on the line," he says. I was very disappointed in the number of women competing in the United States."

Still, he says college sailing, also prominently included in his presentation, is nearly 50 percent women sailors who will climb the ranks in the sport after they graduate.

"Thirty-five years ago we didn't see too many women out there," says Jobson, a two-time college Sailor of the Year. "It's taken a long time to work through the system."

Jobson doesn't mince words when it comes to the America's Cup either. He's a proponent of more nationalized teams. The Cup started as a "competition between nations" but what Jobson calls the "international free agency" is undermining the Cup's popularity, he says.

"There's an American tactician on a New Zealand boat. There's one American boat with three Americans and 14 non-Americans. I think it just confuses the public and what the America's Cup was all about," he says.

Jobson's current projects include preparing for the Olympics, where he'll be a commentator for NBC, and continuing his own work, which can be seen at www.Jobsonsailing.com. He's also the national chairman for the Leukemia Cup regattas, a title he's held since 1993.

It became eerily ironic a few years ago when just two weeks after a Detroit presentation, he was diagnosed with lymphoma.

"I'm speaking humbly that I got very lucky in the whole thing. The treatment I had worked. It was two years of touch and go, but I'm happy to report I'm back to full size, 200 pounds, and I've got a full schedule going and things are OK," he says.

Michigan will host three Leukemia Cup Regattas this year, the first at Great Lakes Yacht Club in St. Clair Shores on May 17 followed by one in Traverse City on July 4 and one at Port Huron Yacht Club over Labor Day weekend. More information is at www.leukemi-acup.org.

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