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◆ Photographer and Oakland Community College professor S. Kay Young discusses her perspective on photography from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

◆ The movie, "A Man For All Seasons," is shown at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Skating Club hosts an open house from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink, 4831 Canyon, Detroit. Admission is \$5 and enters the holder in a raffle. Bring skates. For more information, contact Theresa at grossepointe.skatingclub@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, FEB. 14

Valentine's Day
 ◆ Children participating in crafts from around the world make Valentines from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson. To register for the free event, call Jane Marsden at (313) 343-2074.
 ◆ Last day to pay Grosse Pointe Woods winter taxes without a penalty.
 ◆ Receive a free bookmark at all Grosse Pointe Public Libraries, while supplies last.
 ◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a Talk with the Commish from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, 20025 Mack Plaza.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

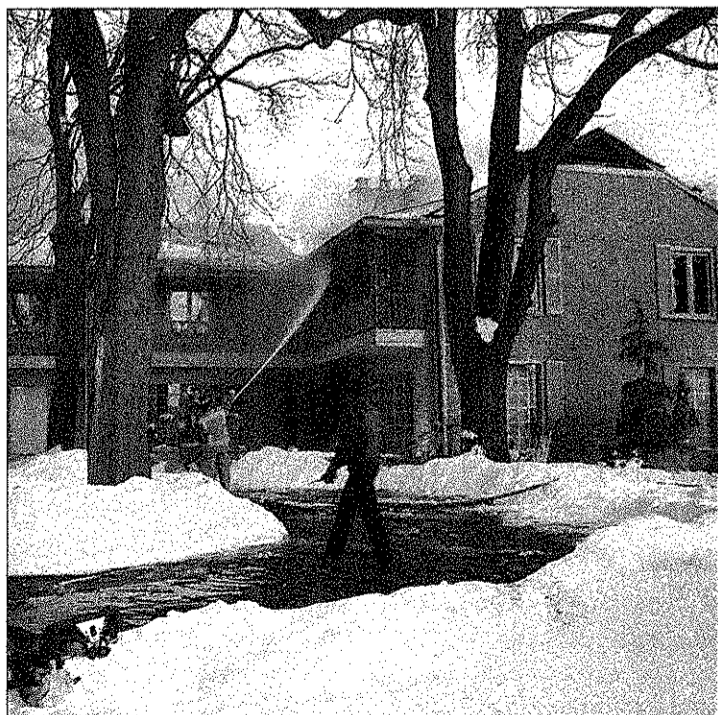
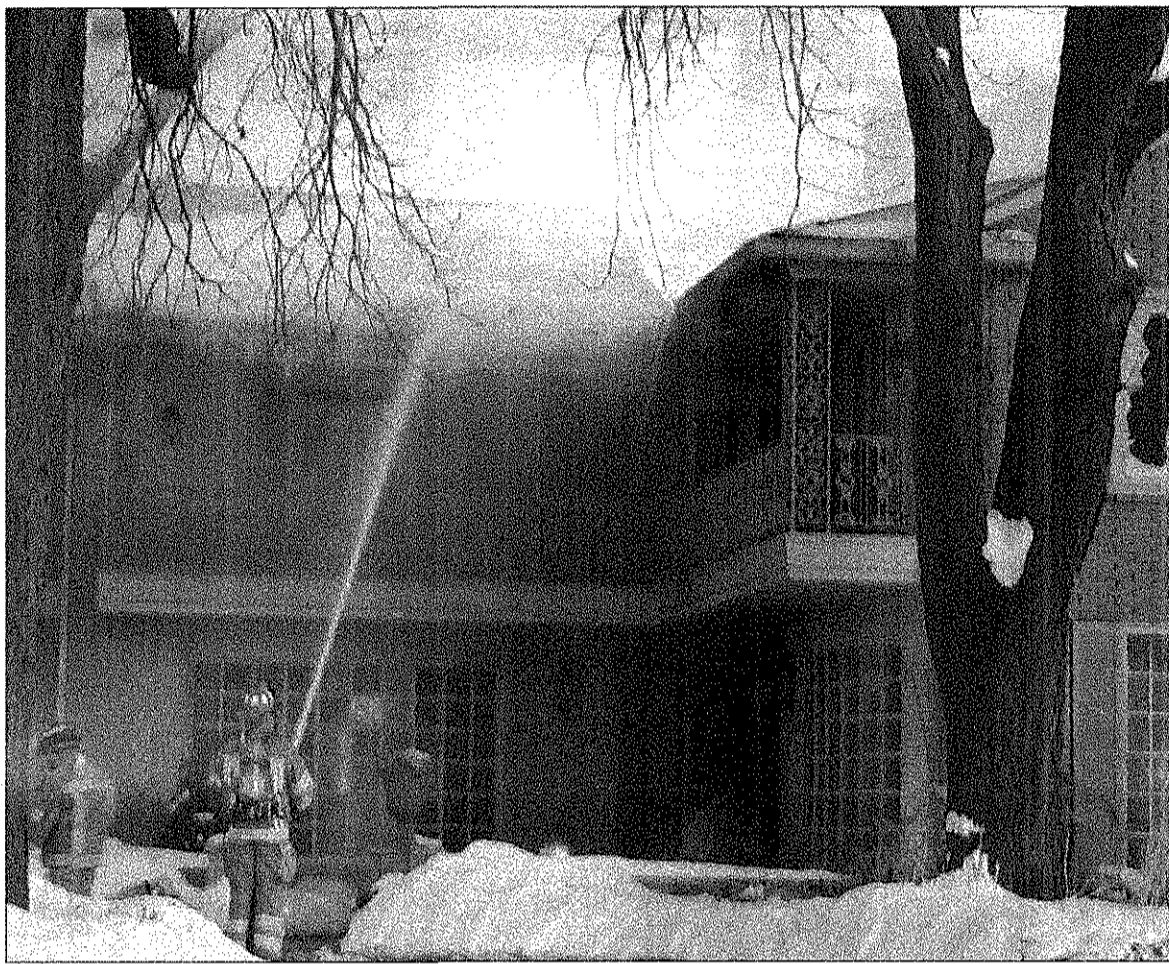
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◆ The movie, "The Shop Around the Corner," is shown from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

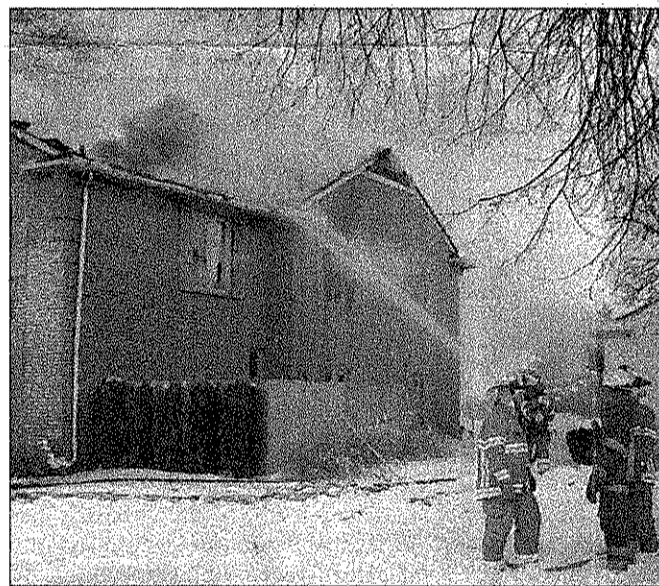
THURSDAY, FEB. 17

◆ Film critic Corie Hall shows Oscar-nominated film clips and leads a discussion on the 2010 feature film season at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

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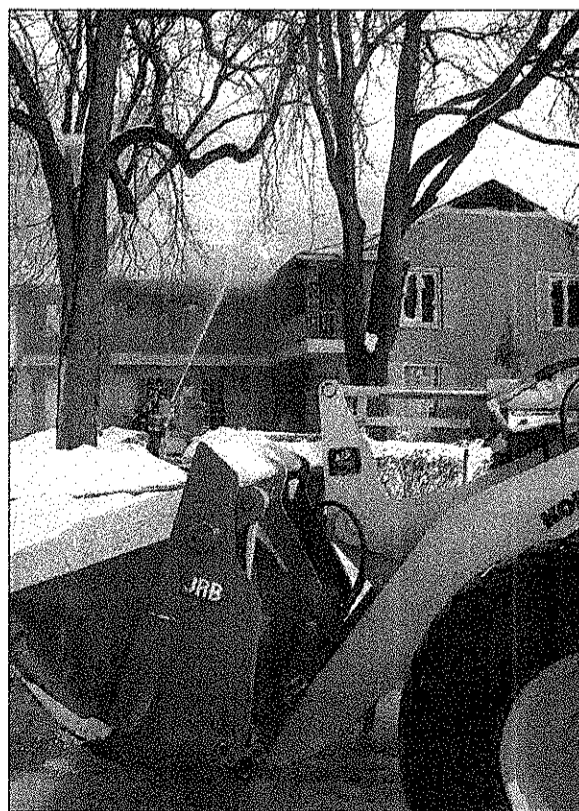


Tough battle



PHOTOS BY PETER J. BIRKNER

A multi-alarm fire on Sheldon near Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores occupied firefighters for hours Feb. 8. Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen said firefighters rescued a dog inside the house. The owners were not home when the fire started and Jensen reported there were no injuries at press time. More information is available at grossepointenews.com and in the Feb. 17 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.



Water rates to rise

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Detroit's proposed water rate increase for Grosse Pointe Shores nearly equals the increase Detroit has on tap for itself.

The Shores' 9.4 percent increase is .1 percent greater than Detroit has announced for customers within city limits, but about half the 18.2 percent rate hike planned for Grosse Pointe Woods.

In Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit has in mind a 10.4 percent price increase.

New rates are scheduled to begin July 1.

The three Pointes are among 123 suburban communities in eight Southeast Michigan counties that buy drinking water processed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The Park, Shores and Woods' combined 7 square miles represent less than .65 percent of Detroit's 1,079-square-mile coverage area.

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Fees, fines increase

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It is going to cost a bit more to be a miscreant in Grosse Pointe Woods.

But if driving, don't even think about texting; that alone will cost \$40 more than last year's \$200 fine.

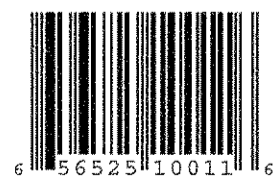
That is just one of several fine and fee hikes approved by city council at its Feb. 7 meeting. The new schedule takes effect March 1, with the majority of increases falling within the state-recommended range.

"The last time we increased fines was in 2008," said Susan Tobin, Woods court administrator. "But most of the fines we're raising now were not included in the previous increase, and most are for offenses that we don't see that often."

Most fines are going up by about 10 percent and include civil infractions, such as no proof of insurance, violation of the state's child restraint law, improper passing, following too closely and making prohibited turns.

Also included are those related to improper operation of mopeds and motorcycles. A ticket for riding one on

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Sitting pretty with very few adjustments

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While many Michigan communities are simply trying to scrape through the economic downturn, a community in the heart of the Grosse Pointes has enough funds tucked away to keep auditors from having coronaries.

"Our auditors recommended having between 15 and 20 percent of undesignated fund balance to the general fund," said John Modzinski, Grosse Pointe Farms controller and treasurer. "We currently have approximately 20 percent of our 2011 budget in unreserved fund balance."

The finding appeared this week in the results of a routine audit by Plante Moran for fis-

cal year ending June 2010.

That's not to say Farms municipal income is exempt from the recession's affect on declining property values and, consequently, property tax receipts.

"For fiscal year 2011, our total budgeted revenue from property taxes for the general fund decreased about \$70,000," Modzinski said.

The 1 percent decrease puts property tax revenues at \$9.5 million.

"We are still trimming back expenditures and personnel costs," Modzinski said. "We're able to essentially do the same job with less money."

On the other hand, the latest round of property tax collections is on target.

"We had a few minor board of review adjustments," Modzinski said. "That's typi-

cal. That should come out relatively close to budget upon fiscal year end."

Investment income, however, is in the doldrums.

"Interest rates have not budged," Modzinski said. "If anything, they've gone down further in the past six months. I'm finding it more difficult to reinvest the city's funds as new investments mature. But, we shop around with banks for certificates of deposits and through our brokers for federal instruments to obtain the highest possible yield while keeping in mind security."

Municipal officials aren't counting on outside aid to fill revenue gaps. The Farms has been taking hits for a decade in state shared revenues.

"Ten years ago, state shared revenue was over \$1 million,"

Modzinski said. "For fiscal year 2011, we've budgeted \$650,000."

Of that amount, approximately \$50,000 could be taken away by the legislature. The rest is guaranteed by the state constitution.

"Fortunately, state shared revenues is only about 1/2 percent of our total revenue stream in the general fund," Modzinski said. "Should the state cut those funds, we would not be as adversely affected as other communities that rely more on state shared revenue than us," Modzinski said.

Also during the last 10 years, Standard & Poor's increased the Farms's bond rating from AA- to AA+, Modzinski said.

"I spoke with a Standard & Poor's representative — we're maintaining our AA+ rating in

2011," Modzinski said.

Higher bond ratings let cities borrow money at lower costs.

The Farms issued bonds in 2004 for construction of a community center at Pier Park, plus improvements to the water filtration plant and infrastructure. Bonds were issued in 2005 to rebuild the municipal harbor. In 2007, the city refinanced bonds issued in 1999.

"All those bond issues have an aggregate of less than 4 percent interest over a 20-year period," Modzinski said. "One of the reasons is we have adequate fund balance resources."

The Farms has accumulated assets of \$31.7 million, according to Modzinski. Liabilities total \$11.1 million. Net assets are worth \$20.6 million.

Mark Hurst, a partner at Plante Moran, said auditing the Farms took 600 to 700 hours and resulted in the city's books receiving an unqualified opinion.

"An unqualified audit opinion is the best opinion we can give a financial statement,"

Hurst said. "The city has gone above and beyond in terms of what you're reporting."

"Good news is good news," said Councilman Terry Davis, chairman of the finance committee.

Davis said auditors for the past eight years have been assigned to do more than check the accuracy of financial accounts. Auditors also are tasked with analyzing municipal operations and recommending improvements.

"This year, we asked them to go back over their previous years to make sure the city had implemented their recommendations, and report to us on each one," Davis said.


Nearly all of the auditor's ideas have been put into practice. The one or two that haven't are in the process of being enacted, according to Davis.

The Farms budget and consolidated financial report are due to be posted on the city website, ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us.


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On deck for excellence

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Grosse Pointe Farms is heading toward another award for financial reporting.

Auditors from Plante Moran consider the city's books so up to snuff they're a shoe-in to get a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The award comes from the Government Finance Officers Association, based in Chicago.

Mark Hurst, a Plante Moran partner, predicted the award this week while outlining results of the city's audit for fiscal year ending June 2010.

"This financial statement goes above and beyond minimum requirements, both on the state and federal levels, by providing additional transmit-

tal letters (and) statistical data, all designed to increase transparency," Hurst said.

The Farms already has 16 consecutive awards.

"It is given to communities that prepare a (financial report) which contains approximately 50 percent additional statistical and financial reporting than is required to be performed," said John Modzinski, Farms controller and treasurer. "Rating agencies like to see the additional disclosure of financial and statistical information and narratives involved with this financial report."

Grosse Pointe Woods leads Michigan with 37 consecutive awards.

—Brad Lindberg

Rep's hours

State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, invites residents to join him for upcoming coffee hours to discuss state and community issues.

Coffee hours and locations are:

◆ Monday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to noon, Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park;

◆ Monday, Feb. 28, 8:45 a.m.

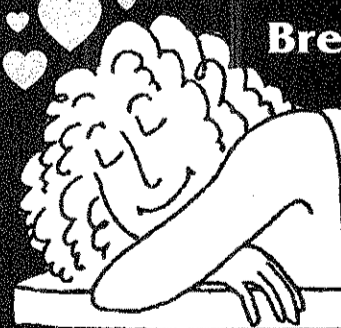
to 9:45 a.m., Grosse Pointe City Hall conference room, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe;

◆ Monday, Feb. 28, noon to 1 p.m., Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods;

◆ Monday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Park;

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Grosse Pointe Park's annual Chilly Fest lived up to its name, chilly, with an added touch of snow Feb. 5 at Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks.

Above, a great way to warm up on a chilly day is to make S'mores over an open fire. Top right, Andrew Flynn, Frank Oldani, Lisa and Francesca Santi, Alena and Isabella Oldani and Dave Santi wind up to fire tennis balls for the snowball toss. Middle right, Allison Auld catches snowflakes on her tongue. At right, inside the Tompkins Center, Leanore Peterson, of Grand Rapids, joins her grandsons, Colin and Noah Peterson, as they roll pinecones in peanut butter and bird seed to hang on a tree as a winter treat for the birds.



Snow kicked to curb

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Groundhog Day blizzard brought an early dawn to municipal snow-fighters.

Public works employees began work way before sunup Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Crews were mopping up roads by the time Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his Pennsylvania burrow and didn't see his shadow, predicting an early spring.

"Go-time was about 2:30 a.m.," said Brett Smith, public works director in Grosse Pointe Shores. "We had everything ready for rush hour. All our side streets were done by 7:30 a.m."

Snowstorm warnings almost make Smith's day.

"This is where we can show we excel," he said. "We worked all night, turned around and did our regular work during the day. Everybody does what it takes."

In the City of Grosse Pointe, snow plows and salt trucks were rigged and loaded the night before the storm.

Paul Weitzel, head of public services, divided his crew in two.

"The first group came in at 2 a.m.," Weitzel said. "They cleared the streets and started on the sidewalks. The streets were cleared on the first round by 5 a.m."

The second crew started at 7:30 a.m. and kept up the pace.

"We continued to go back through the city and salted around 9 a.m.," Weitzel said. "There was no cumulative overtime for anybody on staff. We did it all on the regular pay schedule."

In Grosse Pointe Farms, crews started clearing snow at 4 a.m.

"Our guys need to be commended," said Public Services Director Terry Brennan. "I took a tour of the city at about 8 a.m. Even most cul-de-sacs

were done."

Snow totals were less than the foot or more forecast.

"Sure, we dodged the 15-inch bullet, but we got 6 inches of snow, which is substantial," Brennan said.

Sidewalks

Shores crews clear snow from sidewalks when accumulation reaches about 1 1/2 inches.

"We do main walks all over the city," Smith said.

In the City, an ordinance spells out that property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice off their sidewalk, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

Yet, public works crews tend the job if snow reaches two inches, according to Weitzel.

"We don't do sidewalks on overtime, only Monday through Friday during regular working hours," Weitzel said. "We went back four times during this past snow event to get

the sidewalks as best we could."

In the Farms, city employees plow sidewalks based on need, not a specific depth.

"We probably wouldn't go out if it's just a light dusting," Brennan said.

Crews in the Farms aim to clear sidewalks of as much snow and ice as possible, then let property owners take over.

"In certain cases, we can't get down to the concrete surface of the walk itself," Brennan said. "Our goal is to make it much simpler for the residents or their contractors to do the final clean-up."

Ample salt supply

All three directors report having ample supplies of road salt.

Weitzel said the City has used less salt this season than forecast.

"Everybody was hesitant early in the season to use salt," he said.

Search continues for Woods robbery suspects

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods detectives are seeking two men in connection with an armed robbery at the Sherwin-Williams store on Mack at 4:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

No one was injured and \$200 was taken.

According to police, two black males entered the paint store and casually walked around. After some assistance from a clerk, one suspect purchased a paint brush. After asking the clerk for change for a dollar, the second suspect pointed a revolver at her.

At the same time, the first suspect forced another clerk to open another cash register.

When the suspects left the store, one clerk called 911. Both ran to the window to see if they could spot the suspects or a vehicle leaving the area.

Upon arrival, police sealed off the area and took several items to be dusted for finger-

prints the clerks said the suspects handled.

Both suspects are black males, 35 to 40 years old. One is about 6'2" tall, thin build, light skinned and clean shaven wearing baggy blue jeans, a Carhartt jacket, tan Timberland boots, sunglasses and a dark beanie hat. The second is about 5'8" tall, medium build, light skinned and clean shaven wearing blue jeans, a dark leather jacket, sunglasses and a dark beanie hat.

"No one can predict when crimes like this will occur," said Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski. "The suspects were in and out very quickly, and without a description of a vehicle leaving the scene, we have little to go on. We are checking with other stores in the area to see if their surveillance tapes picked up any activity."

Those with information are asked to contact the Grosse Pointe Woods detective bureau at (313) 343-2412.

Facing shortfall, Park surveys residents

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Like many cities, Grosse Pointe Park is challenged with maintaining city services amid shortfalls in revenue brought on by declining property taxes.

And like many of its counterparts, the Park is surveying residents as to what city services they deem most important and where they'd like to see cuts.

City manager Dale Krajniak developed the survey distributed to residents last month with the city's quarterly newspaper, The Communicator.

According to Park treasurer Jane Blahut, the city is facing a \$400,000 deficit, and surveying residents was an important step in determining where cuts should be made.

"We thought it was important to get an idea of what residents felt were important to them," she said. "We have been able to maintain services up to now, but next year's budget is

going to be extremely tight."

There are four general areas residents are asked to rate, including service priorities, budget review, intergovernmental cooperation and water system review.

Under service priorities, residents are asked to rate, on a scale of one to four, city services, including public safety, garbage pickup and recycling, sidewalk snow removal, street repairs, tree trimming, curbside leaf pickup, recreational programs and housing inspection programs.

The section on intergovernmental cooperation focuses on combining services with other Grosse Pointes. Another asks

residents their opinion on the Park building its own water system.

Residents, in a yes or no response, are asked if they would support a one mill tax increase to maintain existing services and another one mill tax increase dedicated to public safe-

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Jaws free driver in Farms crash

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police used the Jaws of Life last week to free a man trapped in a car on Lakeshore.

The 70-year-old man's car was broad-sided shortly after 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, by a female motorist, 61, entering eastbound Lakeshore below

Moran in Grosse Pointe Farms. "A driver exiting St. Paul's Church driveway struck a vehicle, hitting the driver's door," said Lt. Jack Patterson. "The person coming out of the driveway would be at fault."

The impact spun the man's car onto the center median.

"It hit a tree and bounced back," Patterson said.

Medics took both drivers,

who live in Grosse Pointe Park, to a hospital.

"Thank God for air bags and seat belts," Patterson said. "Air bags and seat belts are life savers."

A Farms officer, patrolling Lakeshore, came upon the scene before headquarters was notified, according to Patterson. Farms police were unable to extricate the man

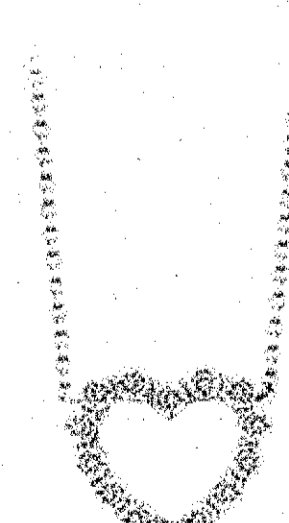
from the crumpled car, so they requested mutual aid from Grosse Pointe Shores police and their Jaws of Life.

Shores officers used the tool to force open the man's car door so he could be pulled out.

Shores officers cleared the scene at 12:08 p.m.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

A towering MSU student

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

What does it take to be part of Michigan State University's Tower Guard?

It's dedication, according to Jaclyn Royer, MSU sophomore and 2009 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

"If you don't have that, you will never be able to commit. One hundred and 20 hours is a lot. You have to say, 'I'm going to do it.'"

MSU's alternative learning coordinator Pam Pope said it's selfless students who devote hours reading tests and scanning textbooks for use by visually impaired students.

"They give up some of their own time helping students to get them farther along in their education," she said. "Without their service, we would have to

pay thousands and thousands of dollars to put books on CD and pay for readers."

Students with focus and organizational skills are suited for Tower Guard, Royer said. And, she said she learned those skills from her teachers. "They prepared us well. They gave us the edge, (teaching) time management, focus."

It's all those qualities and one more to catch the eye of Tower Guard.

Just being invited to join the university's oldest student service organization means she had to academically be in the top 5 percent of the freshman class. The sophomore-only organization requires 120 volunteer hours working with the blind or nearly blind students.

"They volunteer to read to students and help with tests," said Tower Guard advisor

Ronald Gibbs. "They help with test-taking skills, translate books to electronic (material) to better use books' contents."

Royer received her invitation early in the second semester of her freshman year.

"It came at a good time for me. I wanted to become involved on campus. I focused on academics the first semester and this allowed me to feel more involved," she said.

Not knowing what Tower Guard was, she researched and found it would be a perfect fit.

"They asked if you would be interested in working with the disabled. It's (Tower Guard) not well known on campus," she said.

Tower Guard was created by former MSU president Robert Shaw's wife, Mary, in 1934 as an all-female organization to serve visually impaired MSU

students. Mary Shaw based the Tower Guard on four pillars — leadership, service, scholarship and character. It supports the campus' Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities. In 1977, Tower Guard was opened to men.

"I volunteered at home with people with disabilities. I worked at a summer camp for special needs, now it's the Judson Center at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. I volunteered for four summers and worked last summer as an employee," she said.

Her essay and personal interview for Tower Guard were based on her work with the wide range of ages at the special needs Judson Center camp.

Once the essay and interview were completed, she heard nothing because it's the parents who are informed of their student's acceptance.

Parents secretly arrive on campus at 5:45 a.m. on a late April morning. They arrive before the sun rises over the Red Cedar River, are met by the inductees big brothers and sisters and escorted to Beaumont Tower, hence the name Tower Guard.

All kinds of tactics are used by a roommate or friend to entice the inductee out of bed at that hour and on a Friday.

"My best friend and RA (resident advisor) woke me up and said, 'You're going to Cedar Point for the day.' We got in the car. They blindfolded me. My family was on vacation without me. I still remember it was so early. I'm not a morning person.

"I kinda knew what was going on."

Once there, hugs and kisses are exchanged between the beaming parents and sleep-deprived freshmen and the ceremony, or 16th century influenced May Morning Sing, begins. It continues with breakfast and a second induction ceremony in the afternoon and speakers, who have been recipients of Tower Guard's services and out-going officers.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Michigan State University sophomore and member of the Tower Guard, Jaclyn Royer lives in Mason Hall.

"People here are more disabled," she said of those she has been assisting. "They have dyslexia or are blind. I never considered there are those students on campus. They have to work so much harder than we do to succeed.

"My first reading...he was dyslexic but we don't ask. We have to gain their trust. Usually we read for exams or tests. We read the questions. It's amazing the first day. It put a perspective on how much they have to work and how lucky we are and we don't have the same challenges reading. It (reading tests) takes longer than I expected, but it is tedious. On the larger scale it's not that bad. It's nice to get to know the person.

"I have seen how a disability shouldn't hold someone back," said Royer, who is focusing on nutritional science and is on a medical school track. "The work we do assists for their success. They do so much to be here at college. We are just a means to take the exams. It's not special treatment even though they are at a disadvantage. They give you drive. To see them and how much more work they do, how long it takes for them to listen to a book. It gives me motivation. I've come to see how lucky I am as a student here. I don't have any barriers to learn."

It's not all work for Tower Guard members. There are social events planned by Royer, who was elected social chairwoman. She has planned such events as bowling and ice skating.

"I'm a planning person. I love meeting new people," said the Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Since all members are sophomores, they must hit the ground running in the fall. First is homecoming during which they build a float and provide homecoming tours. In March, they organize and supervise the Shamrock 5K run/walk which raises between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for the resource

center, Royer said. Participants come from across the state to run through campus.

As her sophomore year comes to an end, as does her tenure on Tower Guard, Royer said she will continue community service through Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Beta Beta chapter.

"It's a co-ed service organization. I like to be active and involved in the community. There is less service time commitment (than Tower Guard)," she said.

One service Alpha Phi Omega provides is the State Walk. In two hour shifts between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m., two Alpha Phi Omega members walk students from the library to their dorms. Alpha Phi Omegas also plan bingo with residents of a nearby nursing home and members work with special-needs Boy and Girl scouts.

After classes and service hours, Royer said she enjoys attending Spartan football and hockey games.

She said even her mother, Susan, and father, Charles, both die-hard University of Michigan fans, will cheer for the green and white.

"My grandfather and their kids went to U of M. I didn't apply to U of M. I didn't feel like I fit in," she said. Her sister, Stephanie, attends U of M medical school.

"She's so smart, so knowledgeable. I aspire to be like her."

The family accepted Royer's choice.

"Mom has come around. They just want me to be happy."

"I feel at home here. I feel the friends I've made have changed me for the better. I've met so many people here at State. There are so many international students. It's nice to have so many perspectives," Royer said.

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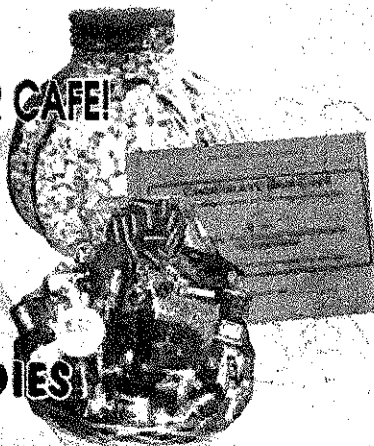
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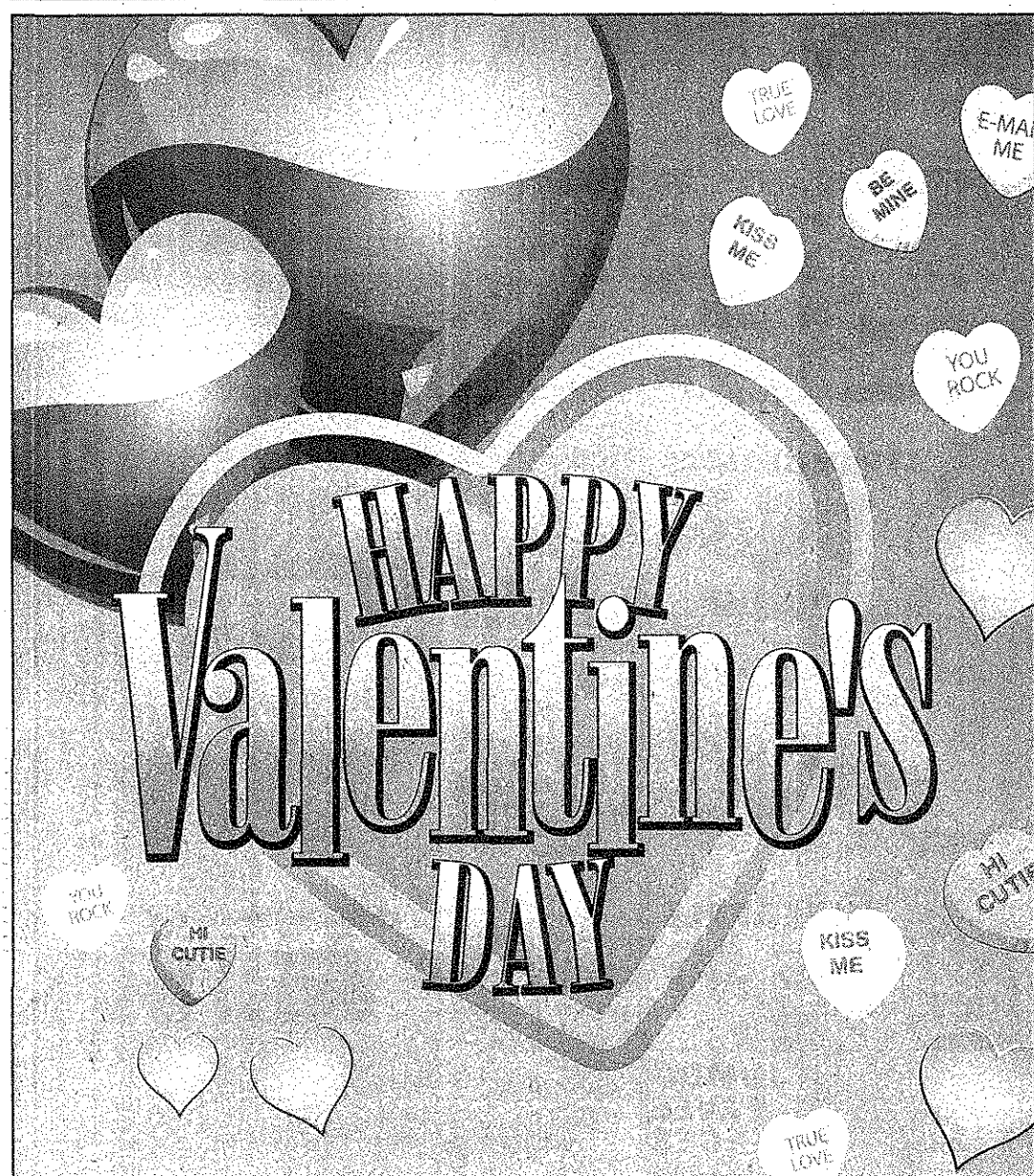
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Business news

Shelleyann Keelean, a 2000 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, is the human resources and educational services director for Churchville Middle School in Elmhurst, Ill. During her graduate work at DePaul University, Keelean focused on becoming a reading specialist for children with learning disabilities. She has been recognized as a National Board Certified Teacher and named national trainer for Where Everyone Belongs, which promotes eighth graders working with sixth graders.

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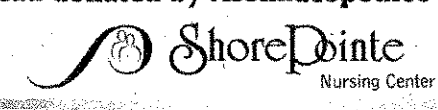
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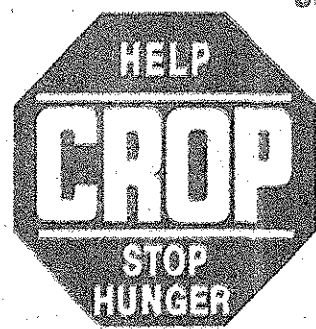
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City of Grosse Pointe

Six suspensions

A 30-year-old Detroit man was investigated at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, for operating a 1998 Pontiac Bonneville with an expired license plate.

The roadside inquiry on westbound Mack near Rivard resulted in the man's arrest.

"(He) had six current suspensions," said the arresting officer.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

11 suspensions

Officers arrested a 23-year-old Eastpointe woman at 12:52 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, for operating a car on southbound Moross near Mack in violation of 11 driving suspensions.

Officers impounded her 1999 Buick.

Tipped off

A motorist alerted police at about 11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, to a suspected drunken driver operating a 2000 Ford Windstar minivan northbound on Moross from Lakeshore.

"(I) observed the Windstar cross the center line on Moross," said a responding officer.

The driver, a 32-year-old man from Clinton Township, was stopped near Chalfonte. He registered a .128 percent blood alcohol level, officers said.

E-mail fraud

Two female senior citizens from the Farms were swindled recently in an e-mail scam.

They each were tricked into wiring \$2,300 to someone impersonating a friend in e-mail messages from London, England.

The impostor claimed to have been robbed while overseas.

"It was later determined (the friend) was at home in Grosse Pointe Farms, not in London," said a Farms public safety officer.

Police believe swindlers tapped into one of the victim's e-mail history by compromising her daughter's e-mail account.

"All (of the daughter's) contacts in her AOL account were missing," said the officer.

Takes back phone

A 56-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at 11:25 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, for stealing the cellular telephone of a patient in the waiting room of Pierson Clinic on the Hill.

The victim, a 36-year-old Novi woman, wasn't sure if her phone had been stolen or misplaced. When she asked a clinic employee to dial the cell phone number, hoping to locate the phone when it rang, the Detroit woman quickly left the clinic, according to police.

The Novi woman followed

the suspect onto an elevator. Pursuit continued into a basement restroom, where the victim snatched her stolen phone out of the suspect's coat pocket, police said.

The suspect denied stealing the property, police said.

45 suspensions

An arrest resulted when a 36-year-old male motorist from Detroit was pulled over at 10:14 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, for a traffic infraction on westbound Mack near East Warren.

The man was violating 45 driver's license suspensions and was wanted in Dearborn on a \$200 warrant for contempt of court, according to police.

Weaving

A roadside sobriety test at 1:48 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, on Mack near Allard resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving.

The driver's blood alcohol level measured .14 percent, according to police.

An officer had pulled over the woman for weaving a black 2007 Saturn Aura that also lacked an illuminated license plate, police added.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Mutual aid

Three Shores officers provided back-up shortly after 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, for Grosse Pointe Woods counterparts investigating a suspected home invasion in the 20300 block of Sunningdale.

Shores police set up a perimeter while a Woods patrolman searched the dwelling.

"Investigation found that the teenage daughter of the homeowner was inside the dwelling with her boyfriend," said a Shores officer.

Windy

High winds at 11:42 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, blew open the door of a house on Oxford and set off a burglar alarm.

Lakeshore crash

There were no injuries a few minutes before 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, when an 82-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman lost control of her car on Lakeshore near Deeplands and hit an oncoming vehicle.

The woman, operating a 2004 Honda Element northbound, crossed the center median into southbound traffic and hit a 2010 Jeep Cherokee operated by a 60-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Honda continued across the southbound lanes onto the right median and stopped, pointing southbound.

Both vehicles were towed away.

More mutual aid

At 12:04 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, Shores officers were almost finished helping Farms police at a traffic crash on Lakeshore when summoned to a two-alarm house fire in the 20200 block of Elkhart in Harper Woods.

Upon arrival, Harper Woods authorities said the situation was under control and the extra manpower wasn't needed.

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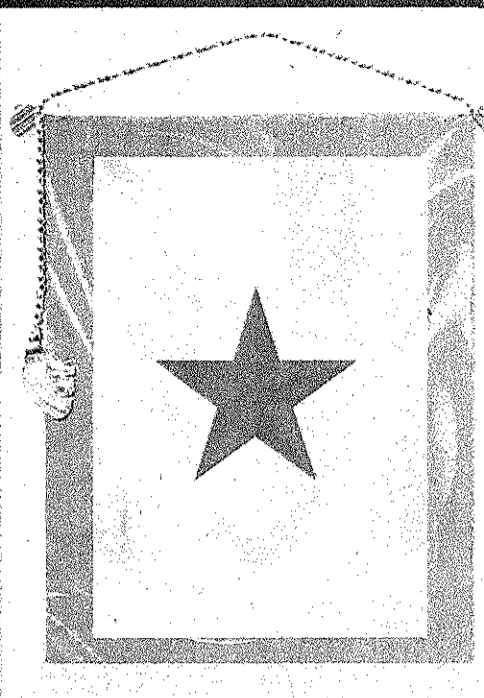
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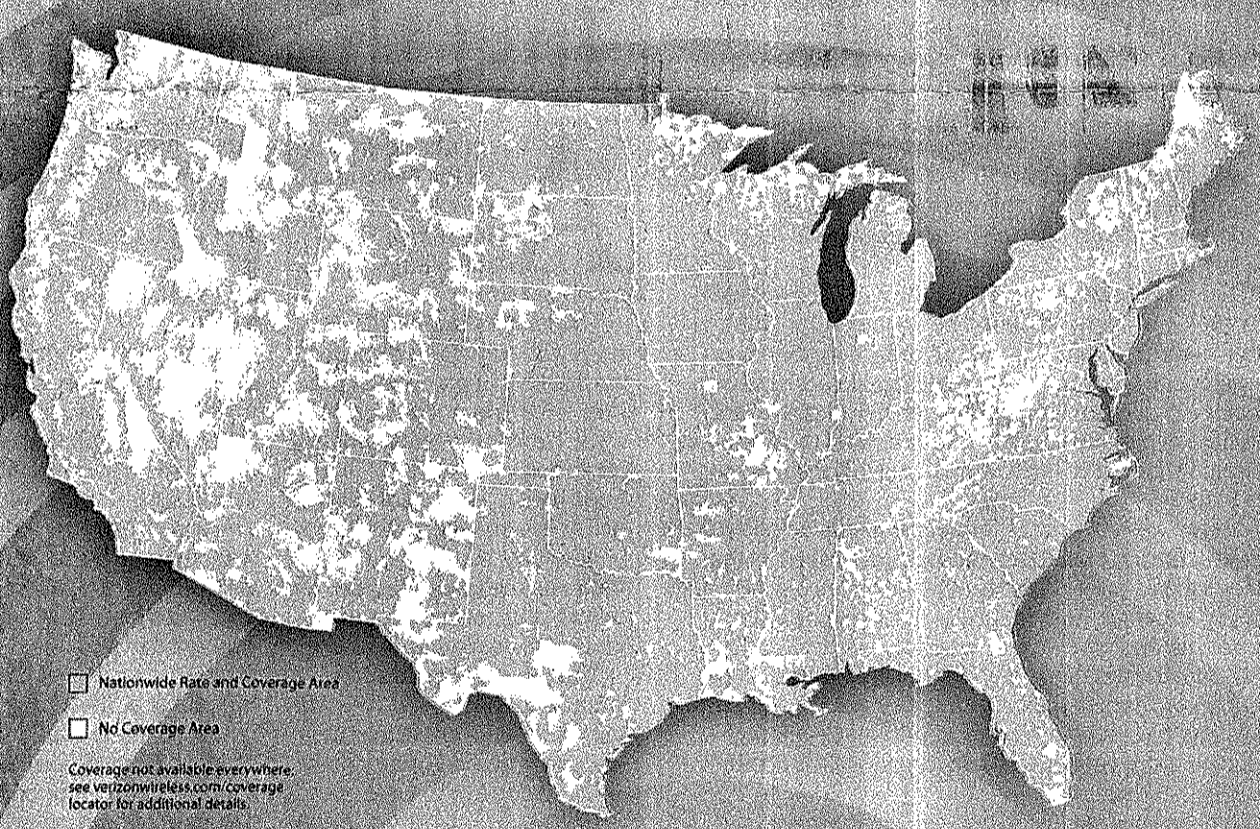
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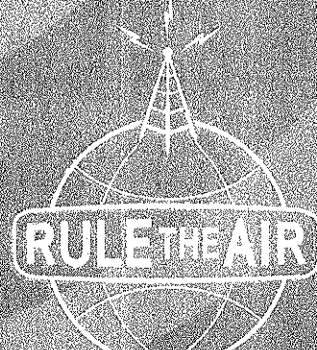
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GUEST OPINION By Seth Hanlon

Tax-free health insurance

Tax-free health insurance is the single largest tax break in the United States, estimated to cost the federal government more than \$1 trillion over the next five years in foregone revenue.

The Center for American Progress has argued tax expenditures are essentially spending programs administered by the Internal Revenue Service. They, therefore, should be evaluated alongside direct spending programs that serve similar purposes.

The tax exemption for employer-sponsored health insurance is a rare example of a tax expenditure considered in the context of overall health care reform. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 makes important changes to the tax treatment of health care as part of more comprehensive changes to expand affordable health coverage and slow the growth of health care costs.

The federal government generally takes a cut of all employee compensation whether it comes in the form of salaries, wages, bonuses or valuable perks. But Uncle Sam doesn't tax health benefits employees receive at their employers' expense. Employer-provided health insurance is exempted from income and payroll taxes, thanks to a specific provision in the tax code. Such special rules are considered tax expenditures if they are departures from the general tax rules and result in lower revenues.

Certain fundamental aspects of the tax code, for example, the progressive structure of tax rates, are not considered tax expenditures. They are considered to be a normal part of the tax system. Provisions that favor or encourage specific activities, such as employer-sponsored health insurance, are tax expenditures, however.

The tax exclusion is a subsidy for employer-sponsored health care, intended to encourage employers to provide health care coverage and make that coverage more affordable. Some tax expenditures serve unclear purposes, but broader health insurance coverage is surely a worthy goal. The tax exclusion should be evaluated based on how effectively it achieves that goal.

The exclusion of employer-provided health care benefits is the single largest tax expenditure. It is estimated to cost the government more than \$1 trillion over the next five years.

The health insurance exclusion encourages employer-sponsored coverage.

About 60 percent of Americans under the age of 65 are covered by an employer-provided plan. The tax break for employer-sponsored health insurance is undoubtedly a major reason why most American workers — and their families — receive their health care coverage through their jobs. And tens of millions of Americans pay substantially lower federal income taxes than they would if health benefits were taxed in the same manner as cash wages.

Workplaces are logical settings for people to pool together to share risks, and the tax exemption has been described as the "glue" that holds employer pools together. Insurance pools benefit workers by allowing them to spread risks, combine their purchasing power and save on administrative costs. But there are also some downsides to employment-based health coverage. It might tie workers to their existing jobs even if, all things being equal, they have better job opportunities elsewhere.

The exclusion is not very effective in targeting the subsidy where it is most needed.

The health insurance exclusion benefits most American workers, including millions of middle-class families. But the tax benefits are distributed unevenly. The health insurance exclusion tends to provide larger tax savings to high-income workers.

Most subsidies for socially beneficial things are targeted toward those who are least likely to afford them. For this reason, the health insurance exclusion has been called an "upside-down" subsidy.

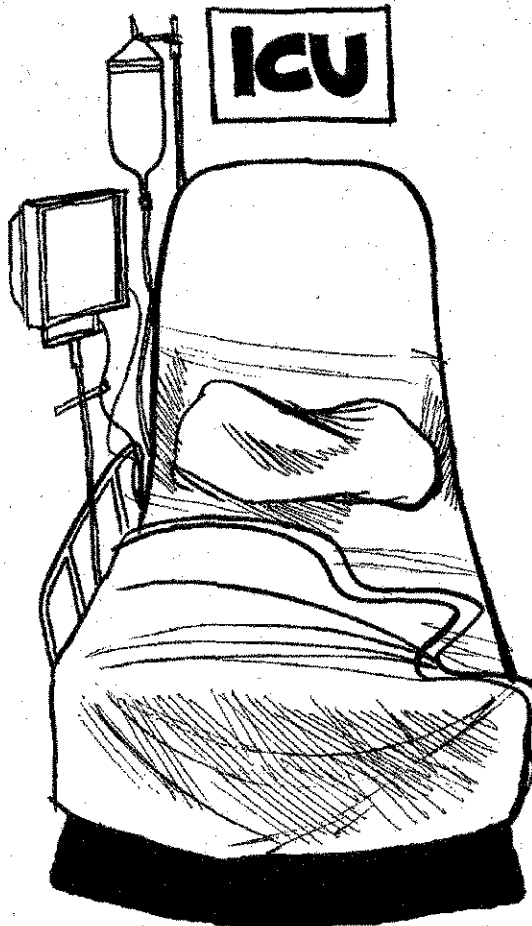
High-income workers get more of a tax benefit for several reasons. First, workers in higher tax brackets save more in taxes because their health benefits would otherwise be taxed at higher rates. If an employer pays for \$10,000 in family health premiums for an executive in the 35 percent tax bracket, for instance, the tax exclusion saves the executive \$3,500. A security guard in the 15 percent bracket with the same health plan only saves \$1,500.

The executive's health plan is likely to be more valuable than the security guard's, magnifying the upside-down effect.

"Highly paid employees tend to receive more generous employer-paid health insurance coverage than their lowly paid counterparts," according to the Congressional Research Service. The more expensive a health plan is, the more valuable the tax exclusion for it becomes.

Finally, the exclusion by definition favors those with employ-

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This is in regard to the

guest opinion, "Granholm leaves state to find work," Feb. 3 Grosse Pointe News.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm

and many governors of states quite often leave office and serve at their alma maters — in Granholm's case, UC-Berkeley, Calif.

Her husband, Dan Mulhern, joined her. California is where Gov. Granholm grew up.

She did not "flee" the state of Michigan — as Mr. LaFevre states: because, "the 5th anniversary of former Gov. Jennifer Granholm's promise Michigan residents would be 'blown away' by the gobs of jobs her latest economic development program would

create," was not fulfilled.

Gov. John Engler preceded Granholm, but did not serve at his alma mater, Michigan State University, after leaving office, as many governors do.

In 2004, he did leave Michigan for Washington, D.C., where the National Association of Manufacturers is headquartered. He served as president.

Corporate life was more suited to Gov. Engler and his wife, Michelle, as they were parents of triplets!

JUDY ROWADY
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

Just the right change, please

Americans who voted for "hope and change" are probably hoping that there is not too much change.

They hope the emergency room will stay open; their doctor will stay in practice; and if they have to go to the hospital, it will be warm or cool enough, clean and well stocked. They hope their government checks will arrive on time, and will cover about the same amount of food and medicine that they did before. And, of course, those items will be readily available.

These hopes depend on a sound economy — and the willingness of foreigners to accept dollars for oil and other necessities, and to buy or hold our debt.

In the State of the Union message, President Barack Obama acknowledged all is not well, but did not level with Americans about the enormity of the problem, or its causes. Since "Y2K" (the year 2000), when the forces of progressive socialism took effect in earnest, the United States has lost 12 factories and 2,400 manufacturing jobs per day. Between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of U.S. industrial workers fell from 19 to 9 percent.

Productive industries are fleeing — and medical tourism is also becoming a multibillion dollar industry, attracting Americans to India or

Singapore.

The U.S. is no longer the best place in the world to do business or practice medicine. And the reason is government policy: Taxation, regulation and litigation.

Some of our productive jobs have been replaced with economy-killing jobs, such as tax collectors and regulators. We have nearly 100,000 compliance officers in the federal government. The world, however, does not want to trade useful stuff such as oil or food for papers or computer files generated by these "knowledge workers."

And the entitlement meteor is going to strike. Between 2010 and 2030, the population aged 65 and older will increase from 41 million to 71 million. The liabilities of public and private pension funds and Medicare are at least \$50 trillion, perhaps \$130 trillion or more, while the entire global gross domestic product is about \$60 trillion per year.

Redistribution — even if Obama calls it "investment" — will not get us out of this hole; it will only bury us deeper. We need two generations of hard work and self denial by Americans to recover. They must have the freedom to work, innovate and save. They cannot succeed if their capital is siphoned off into subsidies for the government's preferred recipients.

Obama has already acknowl-

edged the harmful effect of bleeding the productive through tax increases, although in the State of Union Address he still calls for taxing the rich more. And he wrote a Wall Street Journal editorial calling for relief from oppressive regulation. But what will change?

The "health care reform" law embodies many examples of economy-crushing policy, but Obama mentioned only the wild proliferation of IRS form 1099. The law explicitly requires redistribution of wealth. It imposes around \$800 billion in new taxes. It loads doctors down with so many compliance duties most independent practitioners will be driven out of business — on purpose. It creates some 159 new agencies to dictate insurance coverage and medical treatment decisions. It is rife with price controls. For all the talk about "payment for value," the bill assures expanding the Medicare model to everyone: The only way doctors can profit is by churning out a high volume of low-value services and/or by denying expensive care.

Congressional leaders who rammed ObamaCare through, admit they didn't read it. And neither did Obama. Now that we are finding out what is in it, the need for repeal is increasingly clear.

This must be done now, before the fat special interests

who are rushing to implement it to their own benefit become still more entrenched. This includes insurance cartels, those purveyors of information technology who have an inside track in government and organized medicine.

Before the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed the Senate, 41 votes would have stopped it — the 41st arrived a bit too late. Now it appears to take only one person to stop repeal, despite the wishes of the majority of Americans and of the sovereign states. Harry Reid could refuse to allow a vote in the Senate, or Obama could veto the repeal. Both of these men, ironically, call themselves "Democrats."

Some have objected to calling PPACA "ObamaCare." But if Obama vetoes repeal, he will obviously own the program. The House vote was by no means just symbolic. It carries out the will of Americans, expressed at the ballot box.

The Senate, and the president, should respect their voice. Or take responsibility for the consequences.

The change we should hope for starts with correcting a massive mistake — before the prosperity and excellent medical care we take for granted change irreversibly.

Jane M. Orient, M.D., has spoken on health care reform on some of the largest TV and radio networks in the U.S.

GUEST OPINION By Leon LaBrecque

How to create a miracle market

The markets have improved, the economy has improved and the pain of the great bear-cession is starting to tone down to a dull throb.

So, ponder this: What is the world's best emerging market, based on market capitalization growth from March 9, 2009 to Jan. 21, 2011?

Where's this miracle market? Detroit.

I took a dozen Michigan-based stocks and compared their value March 9, 2009 and

Jan. 21, 2011. Some were in bankruptcy, on total life support or had no public stock. But the fact is the traded market capitalization of those stocks has increased more than 1,500 percent in slightly more than 21 months.

Remonetization. Stocks are like money, but better. They can go up and can pay dividends. Take the employees and all those collaterally affected by the auto industry in 2009: Their 401(k)s were down, house values were down and stocks were either worthless or

almost worthless. Employment looked bleak. Stock options were so far under water you needed a submarine to see their negative value.

You probably couldn't find a nastier spot than Detroit. And from declines come gains. General Motors is back to a traded stock and has new product. Lear is out of bankruptcy, Chrysler will be out soon, Tower reissued stock and Visteon just had an initial public offering. All employees and executives now have a new form of money. Ford stock

options from 2003 are in the money.

A massive amount of stock market wealth disappeared in the 2008-09 decline in the auto industry. But at least \$133 billion of it returned.

Should we all run out and buy car stocks? No. But recognize economic growth takes place when jobs and wealth are created.

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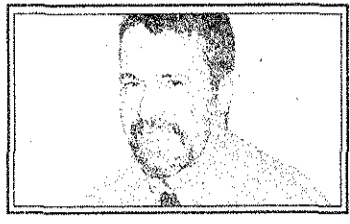
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Punted into reality



As much as I fought it tooth and nail, I've become something that resembles my parents.

Every child, at some point, promises they will be totally different. They won't discipline that way. They won't say stupid things. They won't fall asleep before the ball drops on New Year's or crash before the Super Bowl ends.

Few folks have the passion for sports I possess. I once had a weekend where I attended the Ryder Cup for two days, a Michigan football game in Ann Arbor, a Michigan State football game in East Lansing and a Detroit Lions game. It was preceded by a golf outing on Thursday and followed by another outing on Monday. It was

my dream weekend.

I've often attended UM and State games when they are day/night "doubleheaders." I've been to Pistons and Red Wings games on the same day. I've watched the Tigers at Comerica while viewing a play-off Wings game on my phone. I can't get enough.

Which is what stumped me about Sunday's Super Bowl. Great game. Coming down to the wire and I'm sawing logs. Instant REM at the two-minute warning.

I made it through 71 hours of pregame. I saw the flyover and thought it was perhaps a waste of money since the stadium was closed. But our government scoffs at growing debt, so no big deal. I stayed awake for Christina Aguilera's national anthem flub. I saw the Black Eyed Peas, Slash and Usher, who always makes me break out in a dance move of some kind.

I saw tons of commercials — most of which were disappointing at \$3 million per 30 sec-

onds. It's just money. We'll make more. I'll address that part of it in a few.

The thing I didn't see was the end of the game. No Vince Lombardi trophy presentation. None of it. I stared at the back of my eyelids. I drooled, flinched and dreamed the Lions could one day make it to the Super Bowl.

All those years I called Mom to ask if she enjoyed the big game, only to hear she crashed before the final whistle. I poked fun. I called her old. Told her she could hang up if A.A.R.P. blew through on call waiting.

When she visits next week, I may have to apologize for the years of torture I passed out postgame. I know she watched it this year. She texted "Go Green Bay" at kickoff. Chances are, she missed the finish, but I'm equally lame.

Another way I wouldn't follow in my parents' footsteps, I thought, was what I did when I said goodbye to my children. My oldest, Abby, turned 10 on Super Bowl Sunday — or as she

put it — "10 percent of Ronald Reagan if he were still alive."

"Don't make me do math," I soft-yelled as I went to give her a hug. She looked around and then gave me a hug.

See, there's some cool rule I was breaking if I hugged and kissed her in front of her friends. She was scanning the hall before she did it and it took me back to yesterdecades when I was in elementary school. I remember my Mom going to give me a hug and a kiss. There was no shot at that happening if other kids were watching.

So did I understand it and not take it personally? Not me. I forced a hug and gave her a big kiss on the cheek and threatened to get her friends' attention before I did it next time if there was going to be an issue. It's something my parents did and I vowed never to do. As Fonzie would say, "I was wrrr; wrrr; wrrr."

Back to the game

The commercials were mildly entertaining.

I was disappointed with my Clydesdale and Anheuser-Busch fix. To me, they had an off year. The Pepsi Max commercial where the woman chucked her can toward her significant other while he was checking out another girl made me laugh. The Darth/Volkswagen commercial was very good, though I missed what the ad was for the first time because I was watching the mini Darth.

Bridgestone's ad with the beaver was entertaining. Continuing with animals, the monkeys in the Career Builder spot made me giggle for a minute.

The Doritos advertisement, where the guy licked the other guy's fingers made me put my pizza down for a bit. That was creepy.

The cartoonish Eminem iced tea ad was fine until he swore in it. My kids noticed that. I was shocked when he said in the commercial something about how he doesn't do many ads despite many requests and

then he showed up in the Chrysler, imported from Detroit spot a few minutes later.

It was easy to see a much larger Super Bowl presence by the Big Three. Of all the car ads, the biggest buzz, locally, was created by the Chrysler ad featuring Eminem. For those of us who spend our time in and around Detroit, it was a powerful message.

A chill ran down my spine when I watched it the first time. Even the second time.

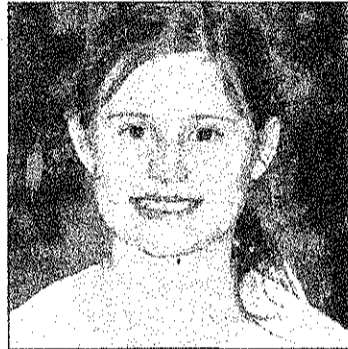
It was interesting to listen to the talk radio shows the next morning. There is a tremendous sense of pride by many in the city and suburbs that want to see Detroit survive and thrive once again. Then a pall was cast over the feel good moment when a caller mentioned Kwame Kilpatrick. We can't seem to get away from what's bad.

Fortunately I fell asleep before that topic got legs. Unfortunately I was driving down I-94. Something I learned from my Dad.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What song do you like to sing along to?

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



"California Girls" by Katy Perry, but I don't say the bad words. I say beep beep instead.

HANNAH BAINBRIDGE
Grosse Pointe Woods



"The Beatles birthday song because I had an awesome birthday and we sang it all week."

NOELLE CONRAD
Grosse Pointe Shores



"A lot of Taylor Swift songs because her songs are always happy."

MEGHAN MCCARTHY
Grosse Pointe Farms



"The song 'Don't Stop Believing.' I like the beat and I can sing and dance to it."

CAITLYN BOURGEOIS
Grosse Pointe Woods



"Lady Gaga's song, 'Bad Romance' because it's interesting, fun to sing with a lot of action to it."

MILENA SINISTAL
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Where is that more congenial spot?



Fifty years ago, President John Kennedy delivered one of the most memorable inauguration speeches since President Abraham Lincoln. Kennedy's words still resonate after all these years when he stated: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

Kennedy's short term in office was often compared to a play on Broadway at the time, namely, the award-winning epic, "Camelot." The gist of the story is King Arthur wants to create a new kind of knight — one who does not pillage and fight, but one who attempts to foster honor and justice. One could argue Kennedy embraced these same tenets.

There is a song in "Camelot" that describes of what this idyllic kingdom consists: Laws exist that prevent July and August from being too hot; there is a legal limit to the snow; winter is forbidden until December; the rain may never fall until sundown; by 8 a.m., the morning fog must disappear; and in short, there never was a more congenial spot for happily-ever-aftering than Camelot.

A local newspaper recently asked readers, "What would you do if you were governor?" After pondering that question for some time, let me offer you my own version of what a Camelot should look like today in our nation if I were not governor, but King William:

◆ I declare reality shows on TV such as "Wipeout," the "Kardashians" and "Jersey Shore" relegated to an after midnight timeframe. That way the youth of America would not have their minds warped by

this inane trash. Anyone watching "Two and A Half Men" already have their minds turned into mush, so there is no hope for those viewers.

◆ I declare after a successful 2011 season, the up-to-now beleaguered Detroit Lions will appear in Super Bowl XLVI scheduled for Feb. 5, 2012 in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. This would be the first time the Lions have appeared in the Super Bowl and the location will be advantageous for fans to travel from Detroit.

◆ A hedge fund manager earned more than \$5 billion in 2010, which is larger than the gross domestic product of some small countries. Can you say greed! We have almost become accustomed to rock stars, athletes and Hollywood performers earning outrageous salaries for, in some cases, little talent — but this episode defies logic. As King William, I declare anyone earning more than \$1 billion should be taxed at 85 percent. I realize trying to make ends meet on the resultant \$150 million per year may be burdensome, but deal with it.

◆ And while on the subject of taxes, currently there is a 4.2 percent rate applied to Social Security on earnings up to \$106,800. Once that amount is realized, funds are no longer deducted from one's pay. I declare the maximum should be removed and thus all wage earners subject to the tax no matter their gross earnings. This, in my opinion, will rescue Social Security, which is on the brink of failure.

◆ A new book, "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother," has elicited an outcry over the author's suggestion on how to raise a child. Some of the Tiger Mom's admonitions: Children who take musical lessons should only be allowed to play the violin or piano — no sleep-overs or play dates. And the author, Amy Chua, even criticized her

own daughter's rather "ama-teurish birthday card" she made for her mom. Chua claims these are uncompromising values that will make children into better adults.

What it reminds me of though, is some species of animals eat their young when a disagreement surfaces. Hopefully, Chua is a vegan. I declare Chua be compelled to take xylophone lessons and have me accompany her on the zither; a mainstay here in Camelot.

◆ As King William, I decree the Michigan Legislature be relegated to part-time status. Most states have part-time lawmakers. Why should Michigan be any different? With the economy in the doldrums,

many people in our state are working at reduced wages or working part-time. The accomplishments of the Michigan Legislature over the last couple of years are such that the same results could be realized on a part time basis. And if one examines the voting record attendance of some representatives, many already seem to be working part-time.

◆ Roads in Michigan are a disgrace, and we haven't entered the height of pothole season. Snow removal has been a joke in many localities. In Oakland County, one of the richest communities in the U.S., we hear excuses about the timing of snow removal while other nearby municipalities are not experiencing simi-

lar problems.

Memo to the Road Commission of Oakland County: In Camelot, there is a legal limit to snow and winter is forbidden until December. But in Oakland County, winter lasts about five months. I therefore declare snowplows be ready to tackle the onslaught of snow 24 hours a day between November and March.

Those are just a few of the suggestions I, as King William, have. Is that too much to ask? I think not! But here is a suggestion I think bears mentioning and it comes from the mayor of Lancaster, Calif., R. Rex Parris. He wants to play bird chatter from loudspeakers on the main drag in his town. The mayor feels listening to birdsong

makes people happier.

Most malls have piped in music, so I declare the sound of some chickadees chirping be interspersed periodically. Maybe it will make people smile more.

So there you have it — our new Camelot — the congenial spot for which you have been searching. And as the song so aptly states: "I know it gives a person pause, but in Camelot those are the legal laws."

Now I'm off in search of the elusive Road Commission for Oakland County snowplows — a feat similar to looking for Waldo!

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

HEALTH: Tax-free insurance

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er-provided health insurance, who tend to have higher incomes than people who are uninsured or who have to buy their own insurance. The tax benefits of the health insurance exclusion are not as skewed toward wealthy taxpayers as many other tax expenditures.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 takes a number of important steps to target health insurance subsidies where they are needed the most.

First, starting in 2014, low- and moderate-income families who purchase health insurance through newly created insurance exchanges will be able to claim refundable tax credits that cover a percentage of the cost.

These refundable credits will be "right-side-up" subsidies that provide greater assistance on premiums for families clos-

est to the poverty level. The new health care credits do not create the "upside-down" effect that occurs with exemptions and deductions.

That's because unlike exclusions, credits provide dollar-for-dollar reductions in taxes owed, so a \$1,000 tax credit is worth \$1,000 for all households — no matter what tax bracket they are in.

The new credits are also refundable, which allows them to benefit even low-income households that owe no federal income taxes at the end of the year.

Second, the tax subsidy enjoyed by people with more generous health plans will effectively be capped starting in 2018.

The new health care law levies a 40 percent tax on the value of health insurance that exceeds certain amounts — about \$10,200 for individuals and \$27,500 for families. The provision is expected to raise revenue to help pay for the extension of affordable care to more families.

The health care exclusion impacts health care costs.

The tax-free status of em-

ployer health insurance is often identified as one of the causes of overall rising health care costs. Employers and employees have an incentive to agree to structure compensation in the form of health benefits rather than in cash because health insurance is tax free. Economists generally believe health plans are more generous than they would be if all compensation was taxed in the same manner.

More expansive health insurance, in turn, means workers pay lower out-of-pocket costs for health care. And when they are paying less out of pocket they are more likely to consume more health care. Of course the decision to seek medical care is often beyond people's control. But at the margins, the tax exemption likely encourages greater demand for health care.

More demand for health care means higher health care costs. Health care costs in the U.S. are among the highest in the world.

The tax subsidy for health care is only one reason for high health care costs. Other significant causes include payment

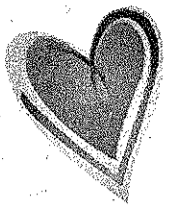
incentives that reward more care and more intensive care, new technologies, demographic changes, unchecked administrative costs and inefficiencies in health care delivery.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act makes a number of important changes to rein in the growth in health care costs. The tax on high-premium plans is one of those changes. It is generally expected to help slow the growth of health care costs, though there is uncertainty about how big an effect it will have.

The tax exclusion for employer-sponsored health care benefits is the largest tax expenditure and one of the most important. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act takes steps to make it more targeted and cost effective in the context of overall health care reform. Other tax expenditures should be similarly evaluated and considered in the context of the policy goals they serve.

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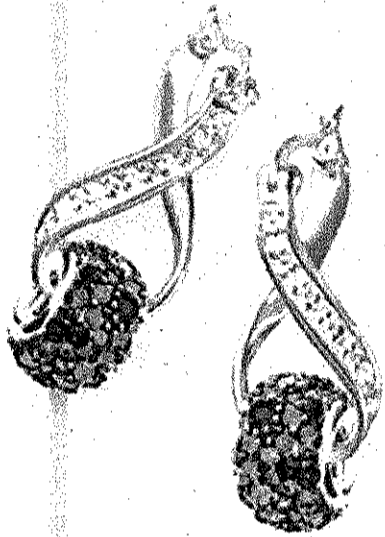
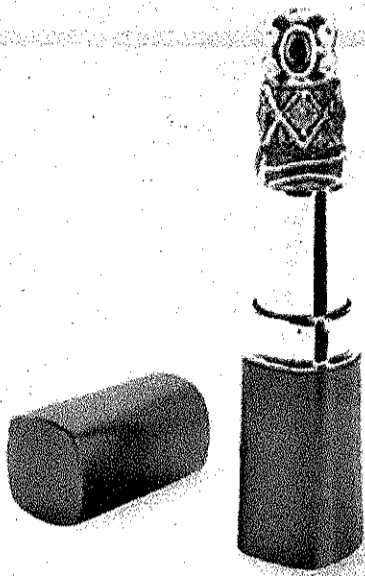


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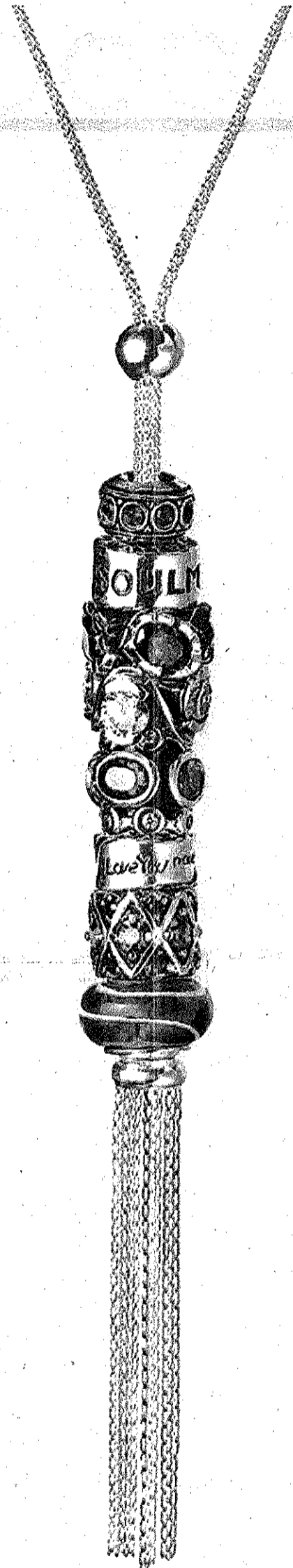
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WATER: Forums available to voice cost concerns

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Grosse Pointe Farms has its own filtration plant and sells water to the City of Grosse Pointe.

Park officials are thinking of emulating the Farms. Breaking away from the Detroit drinking water system and building a \$10 million water treatment facility has been on the city hall wish list for more than three years.

A few years ago, Shores officials prompted a region-wide cost-benefit analysis of withdrawing from Detroit's network and constructing a separate water treatment plant for the northern suburbs. Study ended when projects put the cost at more than \$1 billion.

Detroit's suburban water customers don't have much power to dicker about rate changes.

"There's no horse trading around those numbers," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

There are efforts to change that.

"Some entities are seeking to take greater control from Detroit," Vick said. "Legal proceedings have been filed."

Vick referred to court action in Oakland County seeking greater suburban control of Detroit's water system. Also, a bill has been introduced in the state House of Representatives doing essentially the same.

"I would expect," Vick said, "as those proceed, there's the potential for greater suburban control."

The Shores recently signed a 30-year contract to buy water from Detroit, concluding the agreement would be a better deal than the multi-million dollar infrastructure investment needed to hook into the Farms system.

"We have our engineers attend rate increase discussions," Vick said. "They've confirmed the numbers Detroit is using in their calculation for Grosse Pointe Shores coincide with our contract figures."

"The Detroit system is set up where you can't treat individual customers differently," said Jamie Burton, head of the environmental engineering department at Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Shores engineering consultants. "The methodology that generated those rates is used for everybody. There is no negotiation. It's a financial model. Everybody within the model is treated according to their contract terms or established protocol, which are identified early in the process."

Customers can spout off at two upcoming public hearings in Detroit:

◆ a Detroit Water Board meeting, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the 5th floor boardroom of the Water Board Building, 735 Randolph.

◆ a Detroit city council meeting, 5 p.m., Thursday, March 10 in the 13th floor auditorium of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.

A practical way for municipal customers to lower their water rates is to lower their demand on the water system by using less water.

To that end, the Shores irrigates at night, during a time of less water demand. Residents, likewise, are asked to water lawns at night and on odd-even schedules corresponding with address numbers.

"That had a positive rate impact," Burton said. "If you put less demand on the system, you contract for less demand. It's a balancing act."

It only works so far. The water system has high fixed costs shouldered by the whole customer base, no matter how much water each city consumes.

"The system needs to collect a certain amount of money," Burton said. "If a community takes less demand, their piece of the pie gets smaller, but the pie doesn't get smaller."

All of the Pointes are among 76 suburbs in a 946-square-mile area ranging from Lennox to Oxford to Canton townships that pay Detroit to treat sewer water.

SAFETY: Police reports for the Pointes

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Woods resident was stopped for driving too fast for road conditions at 9:55 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. She was observed sliding through the intersection of Mack and Vernier on a red light. Her car was turned over to a passenger who did have a driver's license.

Some friend

Police were called to a minor accident involving two cars at the intersection of Mack and Brys at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

One driver admitted he did not have his license with him, but supplied police with a name and birth date. However, a friend identified him by another name. Police ran that name and it was found he had a suspended license and a war-

rrent on a failure to appear charge out of Redford Township.

He was arrested and charged with providing police with false information, failure to control a car and on the failure to appear warrant.

—Kathy Ryan

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

der the influence of alcohol and in possession of crack cocaine, police said.

Marijuana arrest

A resident in the 1300 block of Berkshire called police to report someone begging for money. Police located the suspect, a 30-year-old Detroit man in possession of two bags of marijuana.

Car recovered

A 1996 Chevrolet Lumina stolen from the Park Dec. 3, was recovered by the ACTION team in Detroit Monday, Feb. 7.

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

—Kathy Ryan

FEES: Hikes coming

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the sidewalk will cost \$110, as will an unlawful rider or riding more than two abreast.

Park users will pay \$20 for a duplicate park pass and \$10 for a caregiver pass, up from \$5.

The largest increase in park fees is for tent rentals, with the standard size increasing from \$100 to \$200 and from \$125 to \$225 for one with sides.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger voted against the increased park fees, questioning the high cost of the tent rental in general.

HOURS: Meet with rep

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Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods;

◆ Monday, March 7, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe City Hall conference room, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe;

◆ Monday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., McDonald's restaurant, 16950 Harper, Detroit;

◆ Monday, March 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Bledsoe's office toll-free at (888) 254-5291 or e-mail him at tumbledsoe@house.mi.gov.

SURVEY: City seeks info

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A one mill increase equates to \$125 per year on a house with a state assessed value of \$250,000. Any tax increase has to be approved by voters.

Other questions ask if residents favor a park pass application fee and a dedicated millage for street repair; or if they support "further" personnel reductions in the public safety department.

"I think it is important to survey residents so they can give the council some guidance during budget talks," said Park Councilwoman Laurie Arora. "This is going to be a difficult year and the input of residents is very important."

There is no deadline for returning the survey.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2011 SPRING TREE PLANTING: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: 2011 Spring Tree Planting. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 2/10/2011

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds Throughout the City. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - "GRASS AND WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES" Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2011, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing grass and weed abatement services and furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor required to provide grass, weed, and debris abatement services at properties found to be in violation of Chapter 46, Article IV of the City Code including grass and brush cutting, trimming, edging, litter and debris pickup, and leaf raking as directed by the City on a seasonal basis from April 01, 2011 through November 30, 2012. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EST

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011
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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

for reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2011 by calling the Tax Department at (313) 343-2435. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000

G.P.N.: 02/10/11, 02/17/11, 02/24/11

Thomas M. Colombo
City Assessor

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
February 7, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, West, Joseph, Davis, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir
Absent Were: None
Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller/Treasurer; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Pamela Baker, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2011, were approved as submitted. The Council approved the Detroit Water & Sewer Contracts (DWSD), as amended. The Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year - June 30, 2010.

The Council approved the following item from its Consent Agenda:
• Payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.

The following Report were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:
• Public Safety Department Report for January 2011
• Six-Month Report - December 31, 2010
• Investment Report - July through September 2010.

The Council adopted a resolution to temporarily adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene as a Closed Session to discuss certain labor issues.

The Council reconvened as a Regular Meeting.

The Council approved the Police Officers Association Contract (POAM), labor contract, as submitted. The Council approved the Technical, Professional & Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) labor contract, as submitted.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar Jr. Mayor
G.P.N. 2/10/11

Matthew J. Tepper City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011

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 January 3, 2011, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on January 3, 2011.
- To hold a Public Hearing on February 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering a request from the Shamrock Cab Company to increase their taxicab fare rates in accordance with Sec. 24-5 of the City's Code of Ordinances.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 92759 through 92884 in the amount of \$893,640.09 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve the payment to Northern Data Systems in the amount of \$6,570.00 for the annual maintenance for the period February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 for the City's PC server. (3) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$7,525.75 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 19969 Anita.
- To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20231 Damman.
- To approve and place the following City Charter amendment proposal on the May 3, 2011 ballot: Section 4.5 provides for a Police Department and a Fire Department which shall not be combined. Section 4.5 also provides for a Chief of Police and a Fire Chief, which offices may not be combined or held by the same person. It is proposed that Section 4.5 be amended to give City Council the authority to: 1) combine the Police Department and the Fire Department into a Department of Public Safety, and 2) combine the offices of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief or permit the same person to hold both offices. Shall the Amendment as proposed be adopted? Yes ___ No ___
If approved Section 4.5 of the City Charter will read as follows: Sec. 4.5 Employees defined; regulations; administrative officers; appointment, term and compensation. The administrative officers of the city shall be the clerk, treasurer, assessor, attorney, chief of police and fire chief and if the council deems necessary an engineer, superintendent of water and superintendent of public works. The council may by ordinance create additional administrative offices and may by resolution combine any administrative offices in any manner it deems necessary or advisable for the proper and efficient operations of the city. The offices of chief of police and fire chief may be combined and one person can serve as the chief of police and fire chief. There shall be maintained both a police department and a fire department unless combined by the City Council into a Department of Public Safety. (Remainder of Section 4.5 is unchanged)
- To authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference on April 5, 2011, with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.
- To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Published: GPN, Feb. 10, 2011

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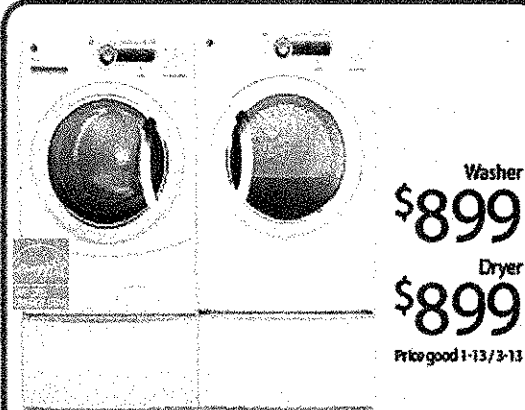
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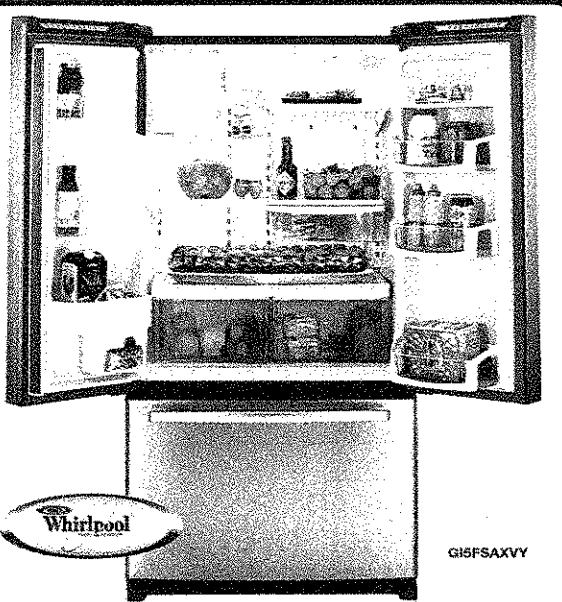
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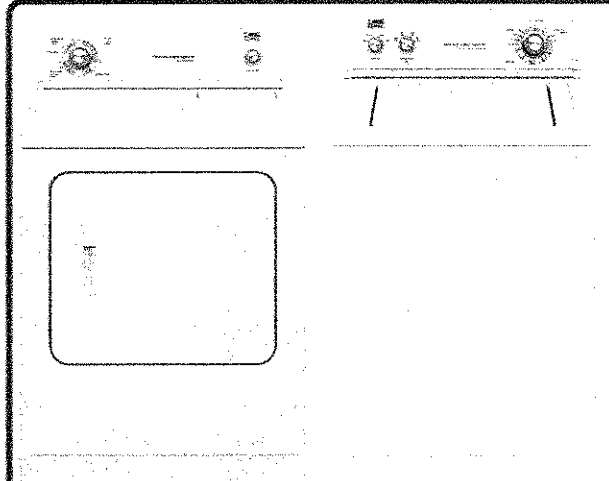
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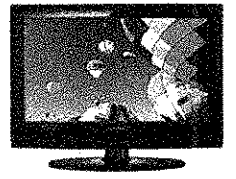
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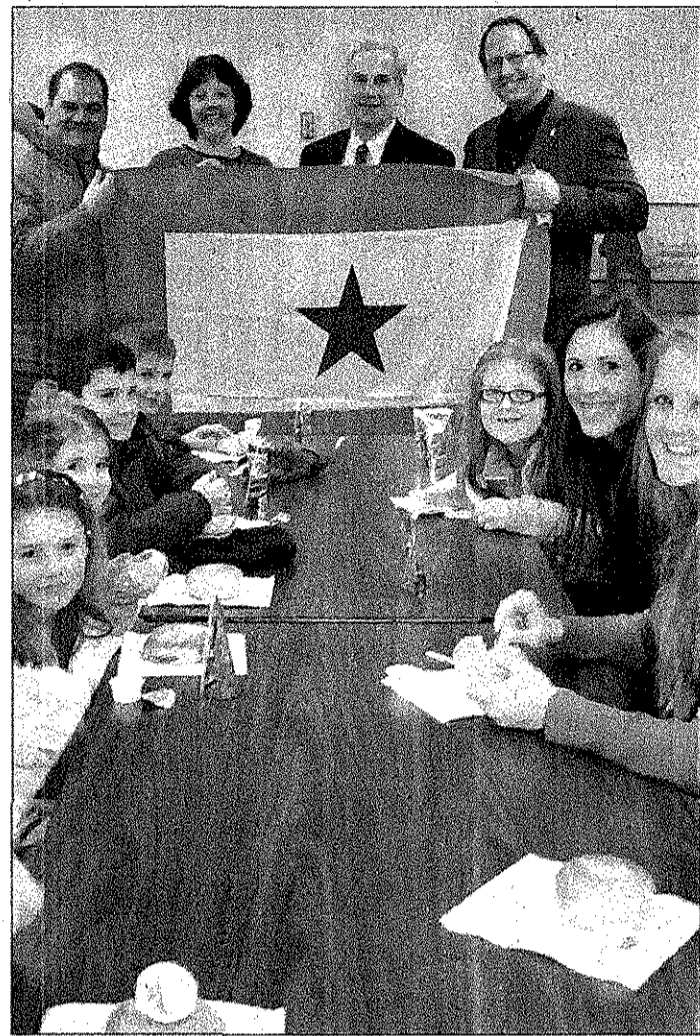


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Honor

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School participated in a special presentation during a bagel breakfast last week. Back row from left, Paul Ignagni and Patricia Skowronski of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mark Weber of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Ed Lazar of Grosse Pointe Woods enjoyed the presentation with students and teachers at the school. Lazar, whose son Andrew serves in Afghanistan, presented the Blue Star Flag to Weber and the War Memorial. The flag is a symbol for having a child in the service and has honored the men and women who serve in the armed forces since 1917.

Another car gift for the Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Maybe new police cars in Grosse Pointe Shores should be topped with ribbons and bows rather than lights and sirens.

Another cruiser is being given to the city as a gift.

The gift is the second this year by Shores residents to their public safety department.

Donors wish to remain anonymous.

An individual gave a car last month. Now, two families teamed up to give the second car.

"Two families got together, saw that we were in need and wanted to step up to the plate," said department director Stephen Poloni.

Both cars are Ford Crown Victorias outfitted with the

beefed-up engines and suspensions of police cruisers. The donations are worth a combined \$43,000 and come while Shores officials are pressing to maintain high levels of city services in the face of declining municipal revenue.

Cost savings in the public safety department include keeping police cars longer than usual.

"We all know what tough economic times we're in right now," Poloni said. "It takes a great community to pull together in these difficult times. Everybody is pulling together — residents, employees, administrative staff, the mayor and city council — to make sure this community remains a premier community."

"This is another fine example of the generosity of some of our residents," said Mayor James Cooper.

"We are lucky to have such strong supporters, living in Grosse Pointe Shores, who recognize a need and are willing to help. This type of community pride is a welcome sight. On behalf of our council, all our residents and employees, thank you for this most generous gift."

Resident Harry Kurtz is inspired by the community's team spirit and resiliency.

"We had a rough time politically 10 years ago and again over this past year," said Kurtz, referring to a failed lawsuit and recall effort against different sets of elected officials.

"But our mayor and members of the council pulled together and found creative ways to address the serious concerns of residents, brought on mostly by the faltering economy."

Kurtz cited as teamwork the

inclusive composition of a volunteer board of residents appointed this year to advise municipal officials on money-saving strategies.

"Mayor Cooper wisely invited some of (the Shores') harsh, long-time critics to join the board," Kurtz said. "Everyone who applied was appointed. This went a long way to bring peace and harmony back to our Shores and set the perfect tone for our exciting centennial celebration to be held this coming July."

The centennial is expected to coincide with dedication of a privately-funded clubhouse and warming shelter at Schroeder Park, behind city hall.

The \$117,500, one-story, single-room structure is a project of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

Plow escorts ambulance

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A municipal snow plow driver led the way for an ambulance the morning of last week's big snowfall.

The run stemmed from a 911 call shortly before 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, to Grosse Pointe Shores public safety. A woman reported her daughter

having trouble breathing.

Because of the 6-inch snowfall overnight, officers requested an escort by a public works snow plow.

"I said, 'Sure, I have one on the way,'" said Brett Smith, public works director. "This was a house with an exceptionally long driveway. We work with the police department if assistance is needed to get a gurney up a driveway or some-

thing."

Four officers responded, including department director Stephen Poloni.

The daughter refused transport to a hospital, police said.

When the 911 call came in, public works crews had been clearing snow from streets and sidewalks for more than six hours. Roads were passable and the escort wasn't needed.


"The driver turned around

and left," Smith said. "He was there to give assistance if needed."

"DPW did an excellent job," Poloni said.

It wasn't the only time during the storm that public works helped police.

"We gave them one of our four-wheel drive pickup trucks to do patrols," Smith said. "It's better than us pushing scout cars out of snow banks."



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North band students competition results

Grosse Pointe North High School band and orchestra members set a record for the number of events at Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Rochester High School Feb. 5.

Students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were given a rating of 1-5 based on the quality of their performance. Students were judged on the overall execution of their piece, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone, and dynamics. Performances good enough to receive a first or second division rating were awarded medals.

Receiving a third division for a good performance were: violin trio Lauren Bogosian, Sara Mounger, Ali Scoggin; violin

soloist Sean Gallagher; and trumpet soloist John Hales.

The following students received second division medals for an excellent performance: Courtney Brinker, trumpet solo; Jeffrey LaFour, euphonium solo; Emily Griffin, alto saxophone solo; Michael Bakowski, percussion solo; Roxanne Ilagan, viola solo; Patrick Salazar, violin solo; Keelia Hamdan, cello solo; Pearce Reickert, Grant Strobl, Michael Bylski, Jakob Harris and Katelyn Kohler, brass quintet; James Wilhelm and Ronald Ilagan, saxophone duet; Brigitte Smith, Andrea Held, Julia Rustmann and Analisa Guido, woodwind quartet; Brigitte Smith and Julia Rustmann, woodwind duet; Elizabeth Marck, Keelia Hamden and Tess Kolp, cello



Stacy Sharon, Kristina Kamm, Lorraine Tarpley, Jessie Ding, Marisa Curran and Molley Lupo comprised the Grosse Pointe North High School flute choir.

trio; Tess Kolp and Kate Freeman, string duet; Jennifer Berry and Katie Lazar, violin duet; Mark Linington and Taylor White, viola duet; Tristan Mora and Hannah Heidebrink, violin duet; Katherine Hartzell and Susan Hartzell, violin duet; Michael Bowles, Jordan Ulmer, Justin Rakowicz and Sean Gallagher, string quartet; and Christina Amato, Brian Almeria, Isabella Kirck and Sarah Schade, string quartet.

The following students received a first division medal for a superior performance and qualified to participate in the state solo and ensemble festival March 26: Robert Bylski, clarinet solo; Myles-Amir Harlen, oboe solo; Connor Holm, alto saxophone solo; Marisa Curran, flute solo; Charlie Miller, trumpet solo;

Sarah McGovern, violin solo; Laura Hidalgo, viola solo; Andrew Sharon and Joe Bourgoin, percussion duet; Jessie Ding, piano solo; Christina Wyrick, Ryan Waggoner and Michelle Kavanaugh, French horn trio; Robert Bylski and Marisa Curran, woodwind duet; Bobby Mulpuri and Minna Song, violin duet; Jamie Jankiewicz, Christina Wyreck, Ryan Waggoner, Daniel Kubacki, Harrison Campion and Conner Blaine, brass sextet; Michael Bylski, trumpet solo; Marisa Curran, Lorraine Tarpley, Molly Lupo, Jessie Ding, Stacy Sharron and Kristina Kamm, flute choir; Lauren-Elise Brush and Shelby Bolden, flute duet; Amy Zaranek, viola solo; Kayla Luteran, viola solo; Allison Francis and Leah Fishwick, violin duet; Kara Bakowski and Michael Bakowski, percussion duet; Katelyn Kohler, piano solo; Angela Panagos, violin solo; Melina Glusac, cello solo; Bobby Mulpuri, violin solo; Lauren Elise Brush, flute solo; Jordan Radke, piano solo; Trevor Duncan, trumpet solo; Alexandra Krawetz, cello solo; Tess Kolp, cello solo; Kate Freeman, violin solo; William Rochte, William Coderre, Kara Bakowski and Max Gawley, percussion quartet; William Coderre, percussion solo; Pearce Reickert and Donovan Orr, brass duet; Michael Bylski and Grant Strobl, trumpet duet; Brett Slajus, Marco Leggett, Heather Koresky and Olivia Pullen, cello quartet; Roxanne Ilagan and Brett



Katherine and Susan Hartzell performed a violin duet.

Slajus, string duet; Leah Fishwick and Sarah McGovern, violin duet; Elizabeth Marck, cello solo; Kailey Sickmiller and Laura Hidalgo, viola duet; Robert Bylski, Harry Sellars, Hannah White, Erin McCarthy, Kim Jovanovski, Alison Francis, Adriana Casano, Paige Kozak, Gina Lopiccoco,



Lauren Brush and Shelby Bolden performed a flute duet.

Danny Mak, David Like and Karley Sickmiller, clarinet choir; and Alexandra Krawetz, Lizzie Marck, Melina Glusac, Keelia Hamden, Angela Panagos, Minna Song, Greg Hicks, Katie Lazar, Roxanne Ilagan, Sean Gallagher, Kailey Sickmiller, Katie Hartzell, Susan Hartzell, Kit Maher, Laura O'Brien and Albert Kelly, chamber strings.

David Cleveland, Joseph Bauer, and Kemmer Weinhaus are the school's directors.

Parents and toddler class

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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.

Nancy Joos Bookmyer

Nancy Joos Bookmyer, 82, of Pinehurst, N.C., passed away peacefully on Christmas Day, 2010, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Born in Detroit to Herman and Mary Joos, she was raised in Grosse Pointe. She attended The Convent of the Sacred Heart and graduated with a degree in journalism from Northwestern University. Her career included working for DB Brothers advertising agency and owning RSVP catering company.

She was married to Robert M. Bookmyer M.D. for 57 wonderful years. Together they raised seven children: Michael (Allison) of Boulder, Colo., Peter of British Columbia,

Canada, Kelly (John) Sallee of Snowmass, Colo., Brad (Becky) of White Salmon, Wash., Julie (Dan) Murphy of Los Angeles, Thaddeus of Wishram, Wash., and Robert of Portland, Wash. She also is survived by nine grandchildren, Snow (Rob) Reinhardt, Cappy, Sarah, Peter, Gracen, Colette, Claire, Patrick and Mary; great-granddaughter, Maia and her best friend and brother, Thad (Suzanne) Joos M.D. of Grosse Pointe.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and grandchild, Huddy.

Mrs. Bookmyer enjoyed her family most of all, traveling with her husband, and entertaining with her many friends in Pinehurst and Birmingham.

She was a member of the Silver Foils golf group, played a mean game of tennis and vol-

unteered for Prancing Horse. She enjoyed laughing and will be remembered for her rendition of the Irving Berlin favorite: Cheek to Cheek, "...Heaven, I'm in Heaven..."

A private memorial service was held.

Celia A. Cone

Celia A. Cone, 92, a resident of Chelsea, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011.

She was born June 2, 1918, in Endicott, N.Y., to Earl R. and Allene (nee Baker) Adams, grew up on Staten Island, and graduated from the Scudder School in Manhattan in 1937. She was an executive secretary to Herbert Scheffel, CEO of the Telenews Corp. in New York City.

She married Robert M. Cone



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Celia A. Cone



Mary M. LaCombe

Dec. 23, 1942, and in 1956 they moved to Grosse Pointe. They were later divorced.

Mrs. Cone was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts, receiving a 15-year commendation in 1981. She also taught Sunday school at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

For 10 years she was a private secretary/companion to Josephine Alger Johaneson, and accompanied her around the world on the Queen Elizabeth II.

Mrs. Cone moved to Topsham, Vt., in 1986. While living in Vermont, she volun-

teered at the Blake Memorial Library in East Corinth. Her Vermont farmhouse, Four Corners Farm, was the subject of paintings by Russell Cheney, an acclaimed New England artist.

In 1997, she moved to Chelsea, living in the Silver Maples Retirement Community. She was one of the original residents of Silver Maples.

Mrs. Cone enjoyed art, playing golf, reading and playing bridge.

Mrs. Cone is survived by her children and their spouses, Beth (David) Easterwood and Bob (Karen) Cone; and four grandchildren, Mark Easterwood and R.C., Kyle, and Colin Cone.

She also is survived by her sister, Allene Franks of Decatur, Ga., and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Dr. Frances Olsen; her nephew, Roy Olsen; and an infant son, Wallace Cone.

A memorial service was held Feb. 4 at Silver Maples.

Donations may be made to the East Corinth Congregational Church, 645 Village Road, East Corinth, VT 05040.

Mary M. LaCombe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary M. LaCombe, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Virginia House, 18920 Eastwood, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

She was born Feb. 28, 1923, in Detroit, to Joseph and Juliana Page and graduated in 1941 from St. Francis Xavier High School in Ecorse.

Mrs. LaCombe enjoyed participating in numerous sports including golf, bowling, tennis and ice skating. She was an avid baseball fan who rooted for the Tigers through their up and down years. She enjoyed playing cards and was one of the last surviving members of a decades-long pinochle club.

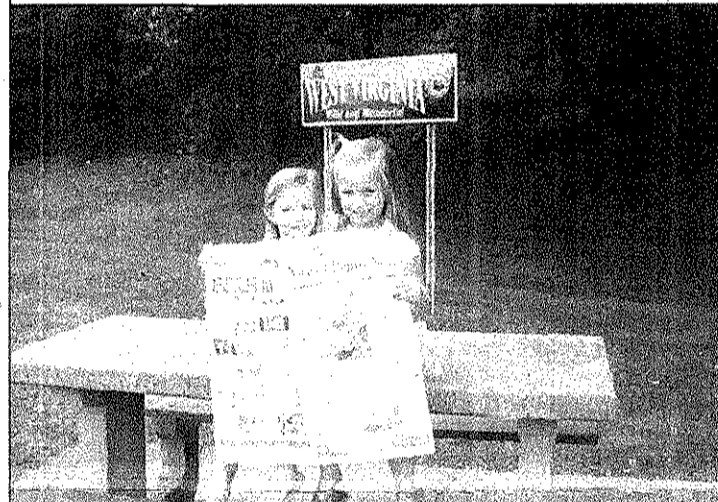
Her family said she was a wonderful homemaker who made the world's best cinnamon-raisin bread.

Mrs. LaCombe is survived by her children, Charles (Patricia), Margaret (James) Freundl, Barbara (Peter) Janutol, Daniel, Gerard (Irene), Patrice (John) Kelly, Nannette (Gary) Zarb, Michael and Suzanne (Todd) Osborne; 29 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sister, Sr. Marie Walter Page C.S.J.

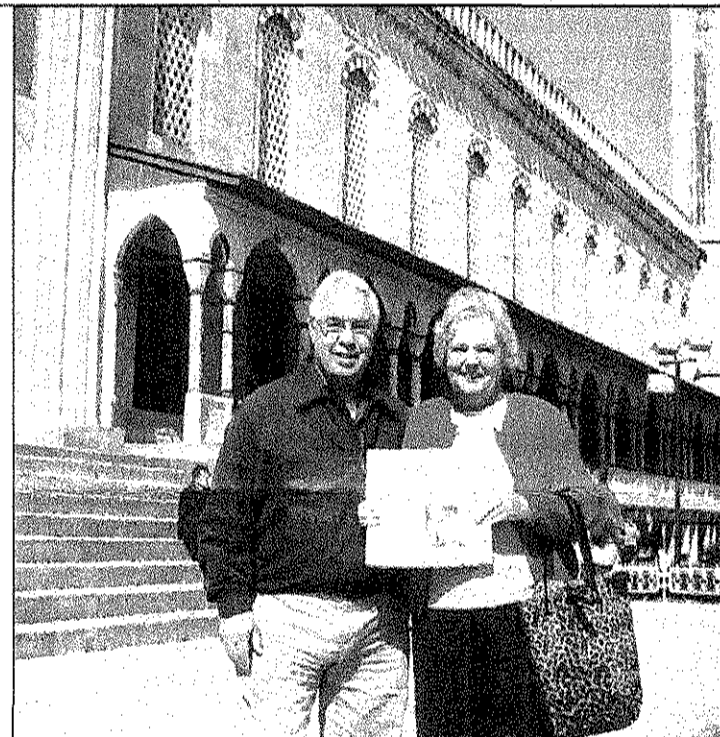
She was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, Harold; son, Edward; brother, Walter and sisters, Josephine Page and Frances Happ.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 5 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Right to Life, 2340 Porter St. S.W., P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509; or The Virginia House, 18920 Eastwood, Harper Woods, MI 48225.



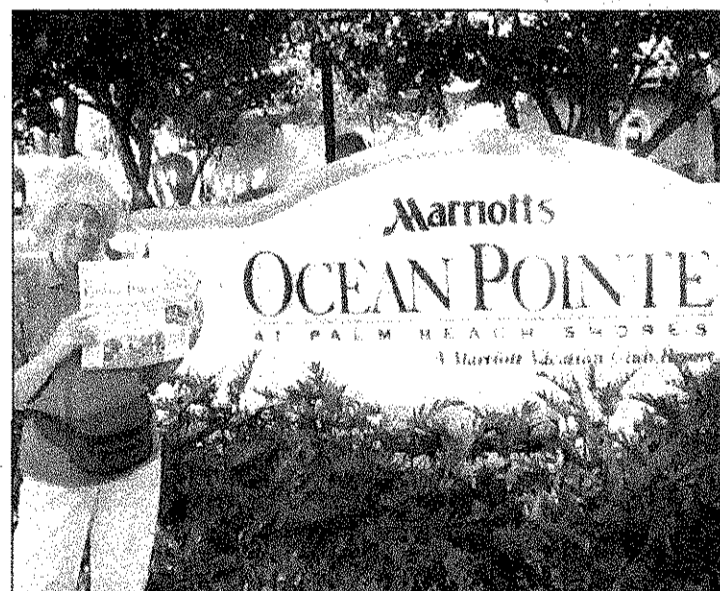
Isabelle Romolino of the City of Grosse Pointe, left, and her cousin Emma Hewitt of Danville, Va. at a West Virginia welcome station.



Ahmad and Jean Azar of Grosse Pointe Shores in Istanbul, Turkey.



Grosse Pointe Woods residents Larry and Nancy Dloski visiting Stromstad and the Koster Islands on Sweden's west coast.



Above: Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Anne Molesky in Palm Beach Shores, Fla.



At left: Grosse Pointe South students Stew Chrumka (left) and Jimmy Webster (reading the Grosse Pointe News) traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to watch fellow south student Alix Chrumka compete in the Junior World Rowing Championships.



Grosse Pointe Park resident Kathie Morinelli, left, and her granddaughter, Emily, of Florida, with a park ranger at Grand Teton National Park. The two women participated in a volunteer program to paint ranger cabins in the park.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Hyundai's Sonata challenges competition

Hyundai Motor America gave journalists in November a look at its new engines lineup plus an embargoed sneak peek at the 2011 Elantra sedan.



The Elantra officially bowed a few days later, Nov. 18, at the Los Angeles Auto Show. The

engines are or will be in Hyundai passenger cars in markets including North

America. "Every 2011 Elantra is rated at 29/40 (miles per gallon city/highway)," said John Juriga, powertrain director at the Hyundai American Technical Center near Ann Arbor. Competitors offer models that vary in fuel economy, depending on engine and transmission choices made by the customer, he said. Not all are consistently fuel sippers. The Elantra's EPA numbers are the same for both six-speed automatic and six-speed manual transmissions, Juriga said.

An all-new 148-horsepower 1.8-liter four will be the only engine offered in the 2011 Elantra, which goes on sale shortly and will be assembled in Alabama.

Hyundai said the Partial Zero Emission Vehicles which will be sold in California, Oregon and the northeast are "as clean as many hybrid electric vehicles and cleaner than the Chevrolet Volt, which is classified as an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle."

The popular 2011 Hyundai Sonata now can be purchased with a 274-horsepower turbocharged gasoline direct injection 2.0-liter four. Hyundai said the turbo four, which runs on regular gas, is rated at 22 mpg city and 33 mpg highway.

Scaling down in size, a new 1.6-liter four with direct injection will power the 2012 replacement for the Hyundai Tiburon. The company gave details of its 1.0-liter four currently in use outside North America. Slightly enlarged, this three-cylinder powerplant could find its way into future products on this market, Hyundai said.

Diesels are too expensive at this time to use in U.S. vehicles, Hyundai said. They would add several thousand dollars to the price of a vehicle—a premium buyers are unlikely to want



A gasoline-electric hybrid version of the 2011 Hyundai Sonata.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KING



The luxury 2011 Hyundai Equus.

to pay. Within months, however, a Hyundai-developed gasoline-electric hybrid will be available in the Sonata, the mid-size passenger car whose sales since last spring have accelerated way past the company's initial sales forecasts to 200,000-plus. Dealers are down to a 16-days

supply of Sonatas, or about one-third of a comfortable inventory. Hyundai said its hybrid features a lithium-polymer battery with integrated controls—a complete system in one unit. The lithium-polymer battery is the first of its kind in the industry, Hyundai said. It provides a

25 percent weight reduction compared with a nickel-hydrate battery. The Hyundai hybrid is capable of running the car at highway speeds in certain conditions, the company said.

The big-ticket 2011 Equus

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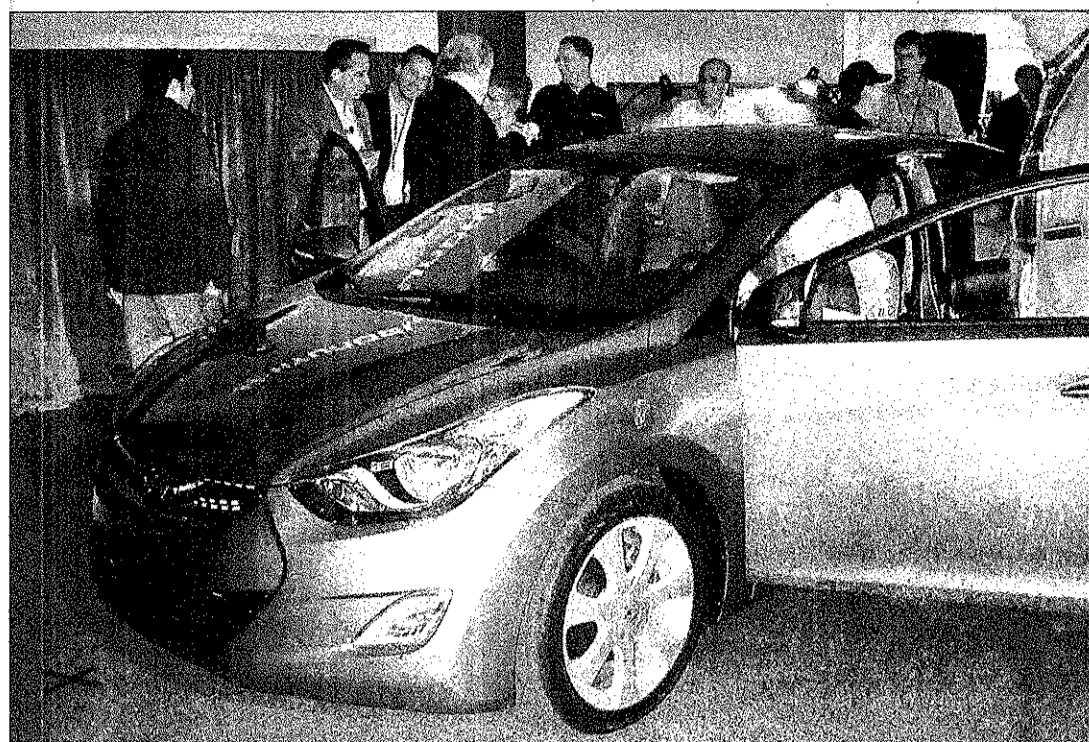
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Reporters were all over the new 2011 Hyundai Elantra at a recent press event in Superior Township.



The new parallel hybrid system is part of the Hyundai's Blue Drive technology.

HYUNDAI: Blue drive technology

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luxury sedan — \$58,000 to \$64,500 — recently bowed at 100 select Hyundai dealers. Hyundai said these dealerships offer a new approach to sell-

ing, one that includes the salesperson coming to a prospect's house or business to save the customer's time.

Hyundai said Equus owners will enjoy free maintenance — except gasoline and tires — for five years or 60,000 miles.

Surprisingly, the Equus will not be the first Hyundai product in the United States with the company's new 5.0-liter direct-injection V-8 engine. That honor will go to the Genesis in

early 2011. Larger than the 4.6-liter V-8 in the Equus, the new 5.0-liter engine is rated at 429 horsepower and 376 pound-feet of torque. The new V-8 will feature dual continuously variable valve timing, electronic throttle control, roller swing arm and hydraulic lash adjusters, and new anti-friction coatings, Hyundai said.

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

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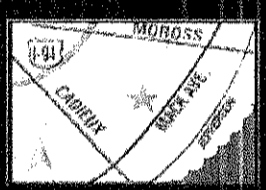
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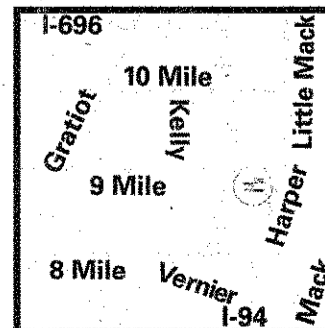
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Toyota Sienna LE



This week we're enjoying the space and fuel economy of one of the best 4-cylinder full size minivans on the market, namely the newly designed 2011 Toyota Sienna LE — base price: \$25,345; price as tested: \$29,455.

trim levels: Sienna, LE, SE, XLE and Limited with an entry base of \$24,460 for Sienna 7-passenger.

The last time we drove a Sienna, it was a 2008 model that came with AWD and V6 power, which today starts at \$31,330. Granted, these AWD V6 powered Siennas are impressive, but I'll admit up front I was thoroughly impressed with how the 4-cylinder performed, even with seven passengers loaded into the vehicle on Christmas eve.

Our tester came with a preferred package where for

rear window sunshades, upgraded stereo system with 6-speakers, MP3, USB and iPod connections, auxiliary jack, XM satellite with 90-days free, upgraded instrumentation, hands-free phone ability, Bluetooth streaming, and steering wheel audio controls. It's pricey, but the dual power side doors are nice.

Thanks to a 16 valve double overhead cam 2.7 liter 4-cylinder, Sienna serves up 19 city and 24 highway EPA numbers. During our two-week test and over 600 miles of driving, our Sienna delivered a solid 21.8



2011 Toyota Sienna LE

With great fuel economy for an 8-passenger van, Toyota's Sienna is either on par or better than the competition. Toyota's minivan, which is built in Indiana, comes in five

\$2,735 more, Toyota adds dual power sliding doors with child protect, power driver seat with lumbar, electro rear view mirror, Homelink, multi info display with rearview camera,

miles per gallon, which included a bevy of freeway, secondary road and city driving. Although I was a bit con-

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2011 Toyota Sienna LE

SIENNA LE: Fresh mini van design

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cerned about power when fully loaded, the engine's 187 horsepower and 186 pound-feet of torque executed well in all areas, thanks to the 6-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission. Years ago, mini vans used either four or five speed automatics, so the sixth gear is a major contributor to the highway mpg number and better off the line torque. The Sienna we drove in 2008 had a 5-speed automatic.

Sienna's fresh minivan design is more aerodynamic up-front, although Toyota designers wisely concentrated on functionality more so than presentation. Access to the second and third rows is good, and the standard feature list is impressive. During our holiday ride, we had six adults inside Sienna, including an 87-

year-old family matriarch and a larger framed adult male. The seventh passenger was a 9-month-old family member in a car seat, and we had no complaints.

Cabin notables include easy to clean fabric seats and second row captain's chairs that are removable and include a storable center passenger seat. The chairs have a tip up and slide forward feature, with a 60-40 split and stow third-row seat. The air conditioning system is tri-zone, and Sienna LE comes with all the powers, cruise and much more. There's also a deep storage area behind the fold flat third seat, offering more than enough room for most all shopping trips. If you need to visit the home center, remove the second row and fold the third into the floor, and you're ready for some serious cargo hauling with 150 cubic-feet at your disposal.

Not yet rated in crash tests, expect the 2011 Sienna to be similar to 2010, with excellent government crash ratings. Last year, Sienna received the

"Star Safety Pick" award, and comes with enhanced vehicle stability control, distribution with traction control, 17-inch tires with 5-spoke alloy wheels, 4-wheel anti-lock brake system with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist. As for air bags, Sienna features seven air bags including fronts with occupant sensor, front seat side air bags, curtain shield air bags in all three rows and even a driver's knee air bag.

It's on the highway, however, where 4-cylinder Sienna LE shines, delivering a great ride, quiet interior, room for seven or eight, and then excellent fuel mileage for the growing family. It's an excellent choice.

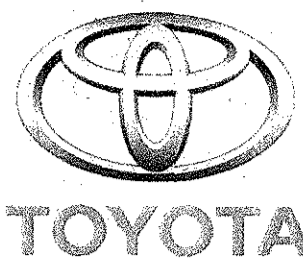
Important numbers include a 119.3-inch wheelbase, 4,310-pound curb weight, 20-gallon fuel tank, 37.3-foot turning circle and 6.7-inch ground clearance.

Likes: Fuel mileage, room, price, safety.

Dislikes: Some blind spots, expensive options.

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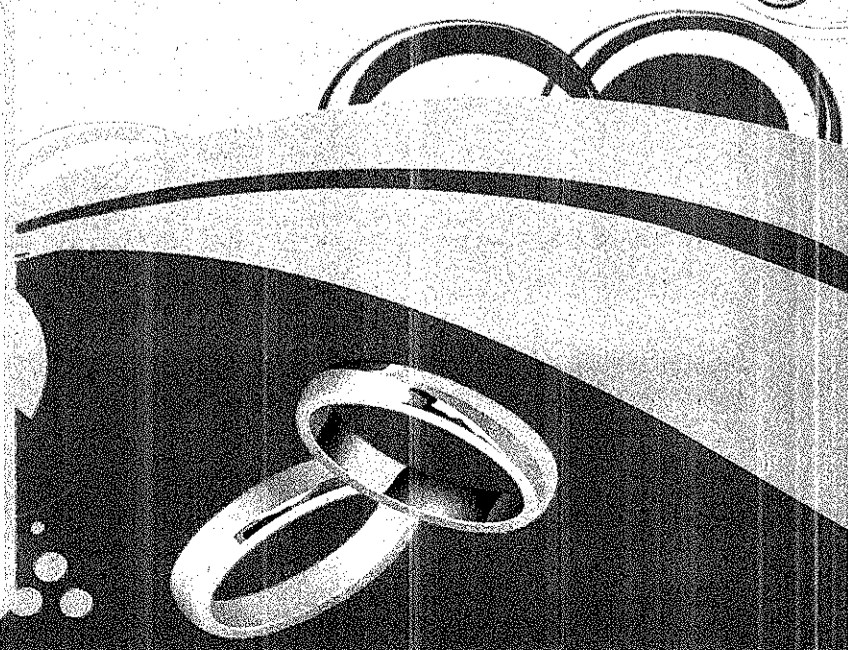
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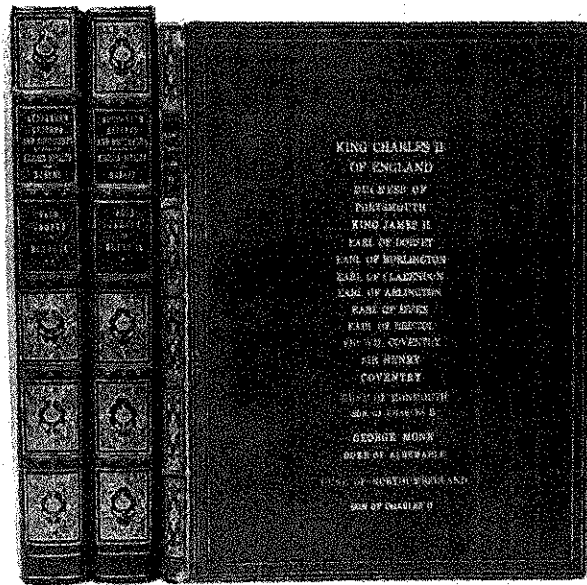
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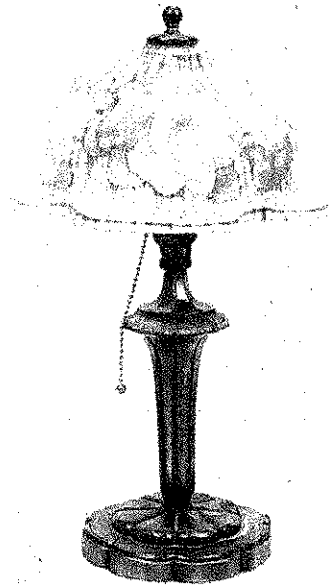
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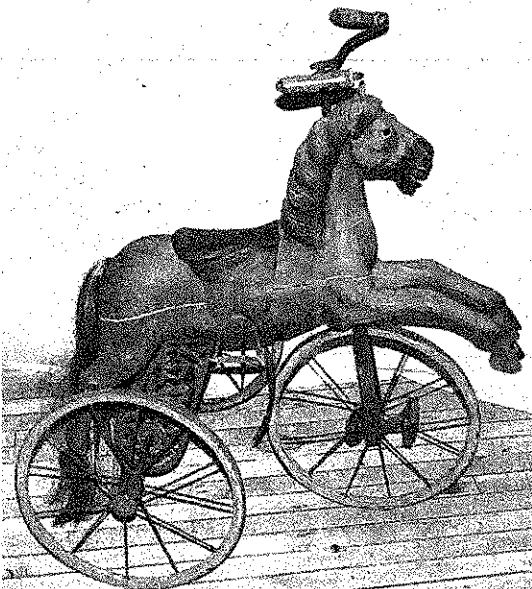
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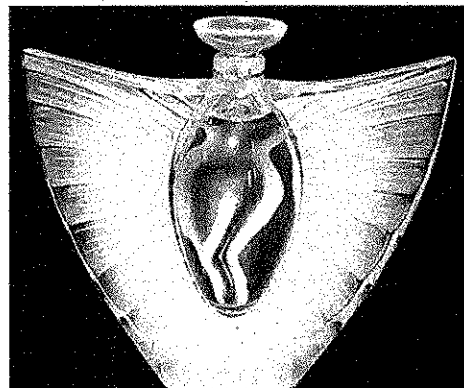
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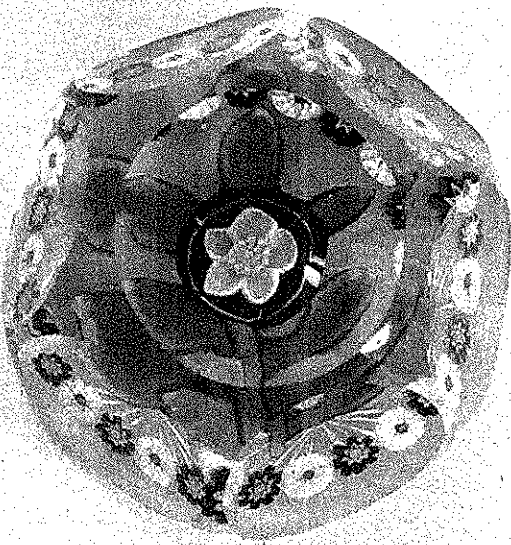
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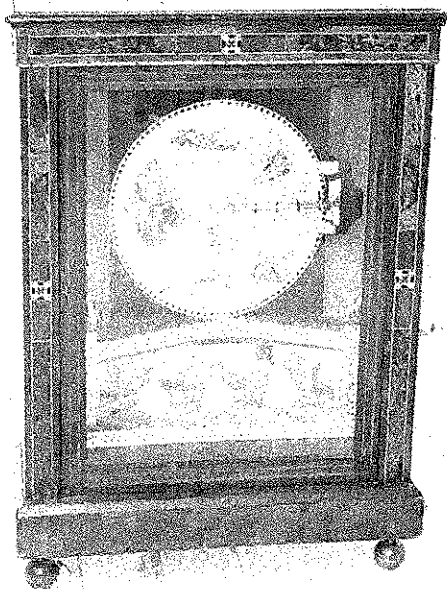
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GIRLS HOCKEY

North upends CK in battle for first place



By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 4-2 last weekend, claiming sole possession of first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings.

The Norsemen had lost several straight times to the Cranes, but the home victory gave them a regular-season sweep of the defending state champions.

"We had a tough start, but once we got on the board, the girls really played well at both ends of the ice," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "We had a great third period. We were applying a lot of pressure throughout the period and I think that was the difference."

"It didn't hurt that Emma (Huellmantel) bailed us out when we fell behind because she made a couple of outstanding saves. That was big at the time."

"Playing special teams for a majority of the game took us out of our flow," Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Terry Brooks said. "We couldn't get anything going after we scored early and took the lead. I have to give North credit for playing well. It was a good game between two good teams. It just wasn't our night."



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North junior goaltender Emma Huellmantel came up with several huge saves to help the Norsemen beat Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Cranes jumped out to a 2-0 lead when senior Caley Chelios scored at the 11:37 mark of the first period and junior Amanda Schimpke tallied at the 4:26 mark. Junior

Alexandra Higbee assisted on the first goal.

Huellmantel stopped Chelios on a breakaway that was the catalyst to the Norsemen's comeback.

Junior Jennifer Cusmano scored at the 3:35 mark of the opening period with senior Megan Bergeron drawing the

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Grosse Pointe North sophomore Julia Henderson and the rest of the Norsemen forwards put tons of pressure on the Cranes' defense during a dominating third period.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blast DeLaSalle, U-D and CD

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team had little trouble disposing of its three foes last week.

The host Blue Devils blasted U-D Jesuit 114-71, Warren DeLaSalle 132-54 and Detroit Country Day 135-50.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched the Blue Devils win eight of the 12 events, including the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Craig Campbell, Luke Hessburg, Sam Effinger and Cam Johnson, which posted a time of 1:33.16.

Patrick Jackson won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.12 and Campbell followed with a victory in the 200-yard individual medley, turning in a time of 2:03.93.

Eric Addy was first in diving with 175.30 points and Campbell won his second event of the meet, the 100-yard freestyle, with a time of 49.04.

Jackson also was a dual winner, taking the top spot in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:11.31.

In the final two individual events, Roby Boggs won the 100-yard backstroke and Hessburg won the 100-yard backstroke with times of 59.70 and 1:03.54, respectively.

Other top finishes were turned in by the 200-yard medley relay team of Joe



Grosse Pointe South's 400-freestyle relay team of, from left, junior Luke Hessburg, freshman Nicholas Yoo, senior Roby Boggs and senior Craig Campbell, took second in the quad meet.

Zampardo, Ryan Graham, Nicholas Yoo and Boggs, who took second with a time of 1:47.21, and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Yoo, Boggs, Hessburg and Campbell also took second with a time of 3:28.66.

Gunderson said season-best times were posted by Johnny

Allen in the 100-yard breaststroke; Boggs in the 100-yard backstroke; Jack Chase in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke; Frank Cusumano in the 200-yard freestyle; John Dennehy in the 500-yard freestyle; Effinger in the 400-freestyle relay lead-off; Graham in the 100-yard

breaststroke; Jonathan Griffin in the 100-yard freestyle; Joseph Henrichs in the 50-freestyle; Jackson in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles; Johnson in the 100-yard butterfly; Alex Lagrou in the 200-yard freestyle; Jack Martin in the 100-yard breaststroke; Chad Ososki in the 500-yard

freestyle; C.J. Stafford in the 50- and 500-yard freestyles; Sam Wilkinson in the 100-freestyle and 200-yard freestyle relay lead-off; Yoo in the 100-yard butterfly; and Zampardo in the 200-IM and 100-yard backstroke.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils lost 100-86 to Ann

Arbor Huron, dropping to 10-3 overall.

The Blue Devils took second in the 200-medley relay with Chase, Boggs, Jackson and Johnson with a time of 1:45.82, while Hessburg was second in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:54.65.

Boggs and Graham took second and third in the 200-IM with times of 2:07.18 and 2:08.70, but Campbell came back to win the 50-freestyle at 22.17.

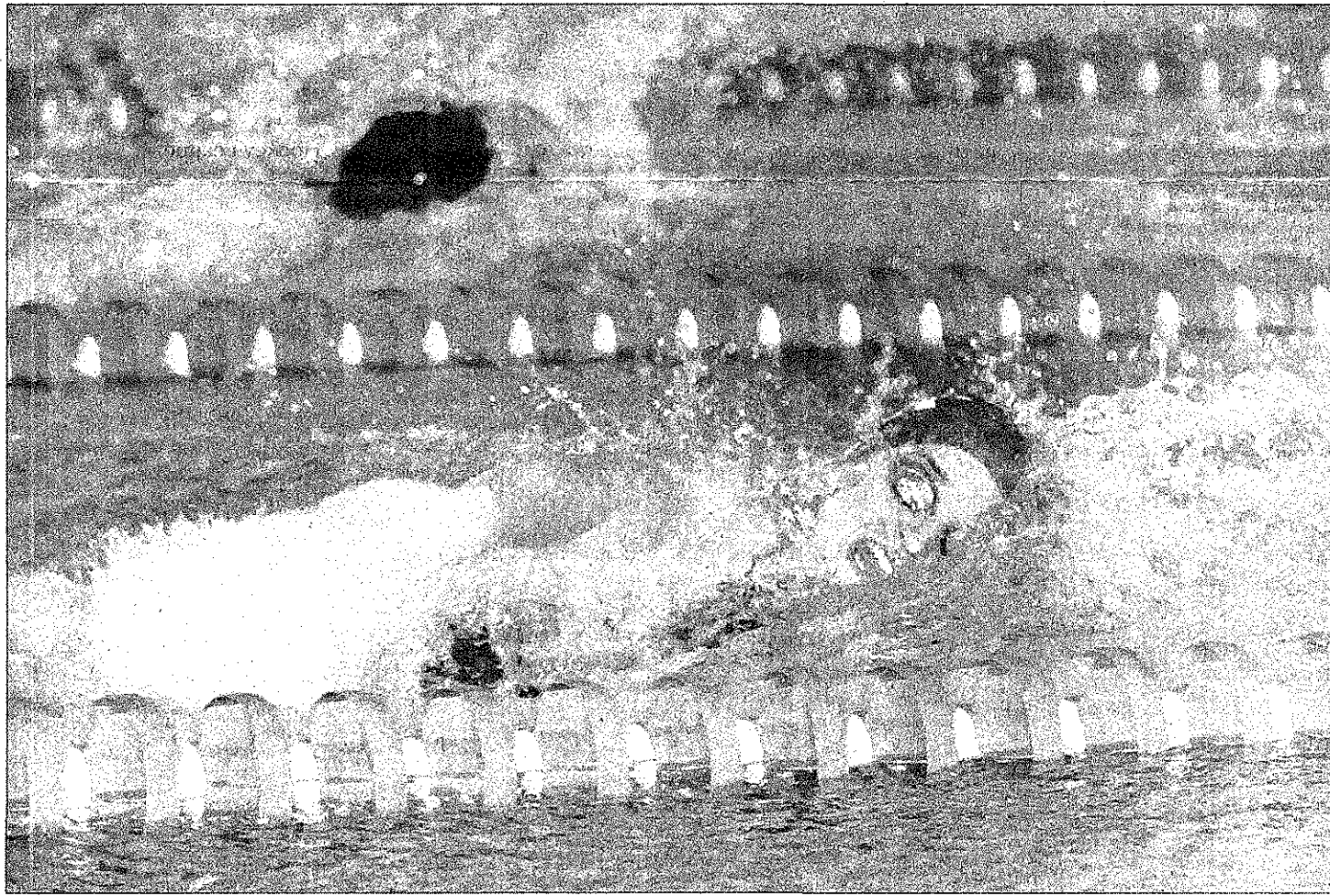
Jackson and Yoo kept the meet close by winning and taking second in the 100-butterfly with times of 56.53 and 57.30, respectively, and Campbell won again, taking the 100-freestyle with a time of 48.71.

In the 500-freestyle, Hessburg was second with a time of 5:12.32, but the Blue Devils came back to win the 200-freestyle relay with Johnson, Boggs, Hessburg and Campbell posting a time of 1:33.07.

In the 100-backstroke, Jackson and Chase took second and third with times of 58.88 and 1:01.45, while Boggs and Allen placed first and second with times of 1:04.88 and 1:05.98 in the 100-breaststroke.

In the final event, the 400-freestyle relay, Yoo, Campbell, Jackson and Hessburg placed second with a time of 3:30.74.

LIGGETT



University Liggett sophomore Mallory Jamett earned some big points with her top placements in the Knights' win over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Knights stretch win streak to 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett co-ed swimming and diving team won its third straight meet last week, beating host Ann Arbor Greenhills 86-62.

Head coach Ryan Gunderson watched the Knights pull out a tough victory, thanks to winning two of the three relay events and winning several of the individual events.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of senior Veeral Patel, freshman Ellene Bricolas, sophomore Mallory Jamett and sophomore Connor Borrego won with a time of 1:55.40 and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Jamett, junior Kara Zmyslowski, Patel and Borrego also won with a time of 4:08.43.

The Knights' other relay team, the 200-medley of sophomore Victoria Chochla, sopho-

more Julia Grimm, Zmyslowski and junior Caleb Ninivaggi took second with a time of 2:27.78.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Borrego won and Jamett was second with times of 2:02.96 and 2:11.43, and in the 200-yard IM, Bricolas was second at 3:04.23.

Patel had two first-place finishes in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, posting times of 25.57 and 1:02.25, while in the 500-yard freestyle, Borrego and Jamett took the top two spots with times of 5:33.17 and 5:44.45, respectively.

Zmyslowski won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:08.59 and Chochla was third at 1:39.09, and in the 100-yard breaststroke, Grimm and Ninivaggi took second and third with times of 1:32.41 and 1:51.73, respectively.

Liggett improved to 6-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat Romeo to take second in MAC Red

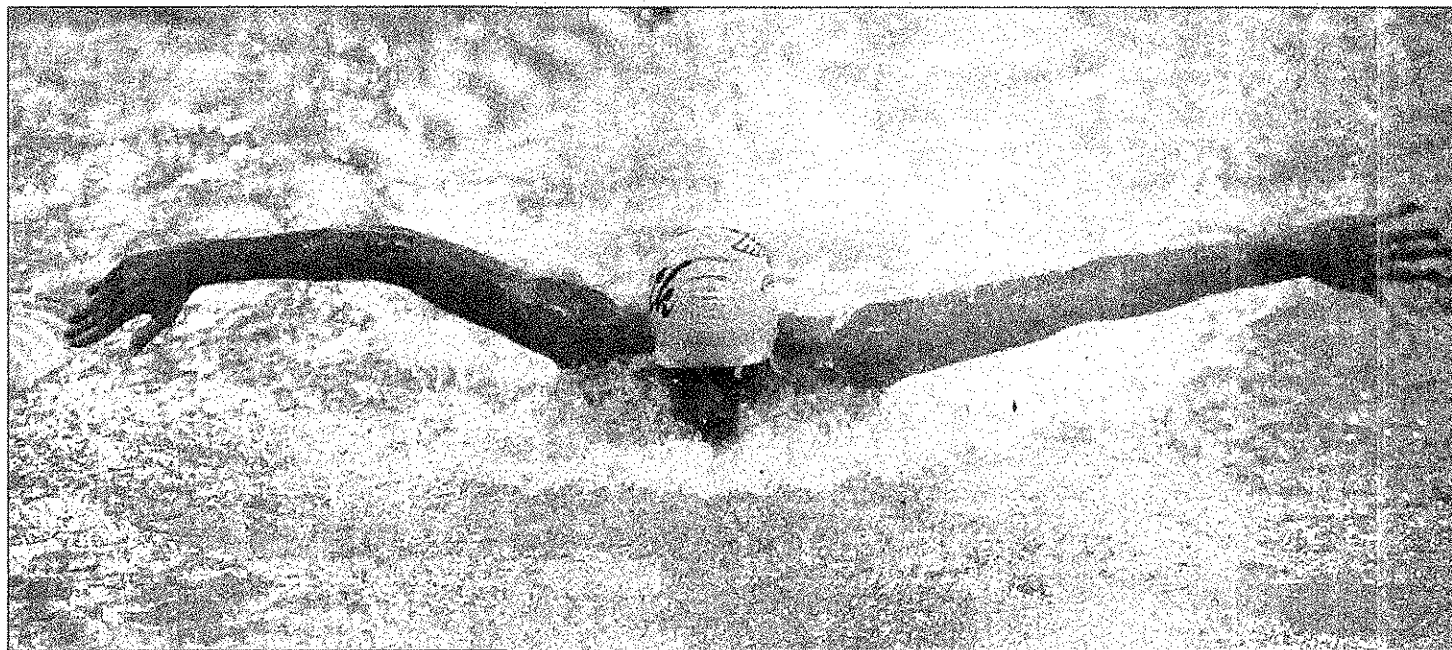
The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team defeated Romeo 110-76 last week.

The Norsemen's double winners were Zack Hanna in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly and Christian Mellos in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke with state-qualifying times. In addition, Justin Rakowicz was victorious in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events with state-qualifying times.

Single winners were Scott Adelson in the 100-yard freestyle, James McNelis in diving and Matt Leone in the 100-yard backstroke.

The winning 200-yard medley relay of Leone, Mellos, Hanna and Gordon Russell won with a state-qualifying time.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Alex Fly in the 50-yard freestyle; Adelson, Matthew Toenjes and Louie Saravolatz in the 100-yard



Grosse Pointe North's Zack Hanna had a solid week for the Norsemen in meets against Romeo, Catholic Central and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

freestyle; Rakowicz in the 200-yard freestyle; Leone and Rhys Williams in the 100-yard backstroke; Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke; and James McNelis in diving.

Later in the week, North lost 107-78 to No. 9-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central. Rakowicz shone for the Norsemen, winning the 200- and 500-yard freestyle with

state-qualifying times, while McNelis won the diving competition and Mellos was first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a state-qualifying time. O'Connor said season-best

times were posted by Rakowicz and John Kohler in the 50-yard freestyle; Adelson and Saravolatz in the 100-yard freestyle; Rakowicz in the 200- and 500-yard

freestyle; Danny MacAskill in the 500-yard freestyle; Leone in the 100-yard backstroke; Mellos in the 200-IM; and McNelis and Mitchell Gross in diving.

In other recent action, North lost 129-56 to the No. 2-ranked team in Division 1, Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Mellos did win the 200-IM and 100-yard breaststroke with state-qualifying times, while Rakowicz had a state-qualifying time when he won the 200-yard freestyle and second-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

Leone was the top finisher in the 100-yard backstroke to wrap-up the Norsemen's first-place placements.

MacAskill had a season-best time in the 500-freestyle, while Mellos and John Hales had season-best swims in the 100-breaststroke.

Grosse Pointe North finished second in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 3-1 mark and is 7-3 overall.

Hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils net wins to regain momentum

By A.J. Hakim
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey coach Jamie Bufalino was happy to have Andrew Holder and Sam Hartman back in the line-up.

Both upperclassmen, scratched from the past several games due to injury, returned last Saturday and contributed to the Blue Devils' 5-4 victory over Michigan Metro Hockey League opponent Allen Park.

Hartman opened the scoring 10 minutes into the first period, while Holder was the driving force behind three goals, twice scoring himself and assisting on another.

"I thought the boys played well," Bufalino said of the team's overall performance. "I thought we got a good game from Andrew Addy, a good

game from Sam Hartman, who's back in the line-up after missing a couple of games. Andrew Holder, back in the line-up after missing four games. He played very well."

Hartman's lone goal (assisted by Frank Welscher and Max Corden) was part of a first period in which South outshot Allen Park 17-2. South maintained a 38-22 advantage for the game.

Holder's first goal (assisted by Austin Jones) put South ahead 2-1 three minutes into the second. His second goal (unassisted) coming midway through the third period tied the game 4-4 and stymied Allen Park's rally.

South had fallen into a lull defensively, allowing the Jags to score on back-to-back goals, both as a result of 5-on-3 powerplay situations, and capture

its first lead of the game.

The defensive lapse forced Bufalino into a change. He replaced sophomore goalie Michael Barry (11 saves) with freshman Andrew Wright four minutes into the third.

Wright (seven saves) shut down Allen Park for the remainder of the game, enabling Holder's game-tying goal and Eric Marshall's eventual game-winner with eight minutes left. Holder and Ryley Maher assisted on Marshall's goal.

Jess Martinelli also scored for South.

The host Blue Devils beat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 3-1 the night before as Martinelli's goal, assisted by Wes Cimmarrusti and Nate Erickson, tied the game 1-1.

Geoff Welscher scored the game-winning goal in the third period, redirecting Andrew

Addy's shot, and Riley Maher scored an insurance tally with Thomas Marantette and

Corden drawing assists. Tough defense was provided by Chris Flannigan, Jake Corden, John

Wendzinski and Marty Moesta. Grosse Pointe South improves to 10-7-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen get OT win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team beat host Port Huron Northern 2-1 in overtime last week, improving to 3-0-2 in overtimes this season.

"It's tough to win on the road in our league (Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League) but we found a way to get a win," head coach Scott Lock said. "We couldn't score.

We hit posts and missed open nets and their goalie made some nice saves."

After a scoreless first period, the Huskies scored first, but later in the second stanza, the Norsemen tied it on a goal by junior Julian Quinlan.

The Norsemen had several chances to win the game, but couldn't get a shot by the goalkeeper.

Early in the overtime, sophomore Jack Stander

scored the game-winning goal with juniors J.P. Lucchese and Anthony Saleh drawing assists.

Grosse Pointe North evened its overall record at 8-8-2 and it is 5-5-1 in the MIHL.

Correction

The picture on page 1C of the Feb. 3 issue was of J.P. Lucchese, not Joe Aluia, as was mentioned in the cutline.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's Marissa Monforton scored a goal and had an assist in the Blue Devils' loss to Ann Arbor.

LIGGETT GIRLS

Dow's hat trick leads ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Freshman Ania Dow scored her first career hat trick last week, leading the University Liggett girls' hockey team to a 5-3 win over Northville.

"It was great to see Ania get the hat trick," head coach Laura Aiken said. "She did a nice job to get involved in the offensive flow and score those goals."

The host Knights built a 3-1 lead after two periods, thanks to junior Haleigh Bolton's two goals and Dow's tally.

Northville head coach Bill Holden watched his Mustangs climb within a goal when se-

nior Lauren Grigg scored a powerplay goal with 6:48 left in the final period.

Dow came right back on the next shift and scored to put the Knights up 4-2 as Bolton drew an assist, but the Mustangs refused to quit and scored at the 4:34 mark when sophomore Gabbie Guibord.

The Mustangs had chances to tie the game, but senior goalie Mariah Passalacqua was up to the challenge, making several key saves to keep the Knights ahead by the slimmest of margins.

Bolton had a chance at the hat trick and her rocket slapshot from the blue line beat the

Mustangs' goalie, but the puck hit the back post and bounced out. In a heartbeat, senior Natalie Peracchio picked up the puck and slid a pass to Dow who buried the shot, netting the hat trick and sealing the victory.

"The girls played a complete game tonight and it was nice to see," Aiken said. "They played well each game, but they haven't been able to maintain the level of play for three periods. They did that tonight."

Last weekend, Liggett edged host Birmingham Detroit Country Day, improving to 9-6 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 9-8 overall.

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lone assist.

The Norsemen drew even with only 1:42 left in the second period when sophomore C.J. McCarthy scored as senior Kailey Sickmiller had the assist. McCarthy was able to slide the puck behind senior goalie Colleen Jacoby to give the Norsemen all the momentum.

There were 17 penalties called through two periods with the Cranes having 10 and the Norsemen seven.

The officials continued their whistle-happy ways in the

third period as the Cranes were in the penalty box just 40 seconds into the third stanza.

The Norsemen made them pay as Sickmiller buried the game-winning goal on that powerplay with sophomore Bryn Moody netting the only assist. Jacoby didn't have a chance as Sickmiller's shot was perfectly placed.

Dockett and the Norsemen had some anxious moments midway through the third period. The Norsemen were called for four straight penalties, including two that gave the Cranes a critical two-player advantage.

Senior Taylor Moody, McCarthy and sophomore Natalie Skorupski played a majority of the penalty-killing minutes and limited the Cranes to only a couple of shots on the powerplay oppor-

tunities.

With only 2:15 left, Bergeron scored an insurance goal that slid inches across the goal line as Jacoby tried to grab the puck and prevent the tally. Cusmano had the assist.

The Norsemen kept up the pressure, led by a powerful lineup of forwards, during the final couple of minutes, preventing Brooks from pulling Jacoby for an extra attacker.

For the game, there were 27 total penalties with the Cranes getting 15 and the Norsemen 12.

The Norsemen's game earlier in the week at Farmington Hills Mercy was postponed due to the snow storm. It will be made up in the final weeks of the season.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 13-1 in Division 1 and 14-2 overall.

Winning streak is history

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team tasted defeat for the first time since Dec. 15, losing 5-2 to Ann Arbor last week.

"I thought we played well for the first two periods, but they outworked us in the third period," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "It's a learning process. I told the girls they would come after us and once they got the lead they were really skating hard."

The host Blue Devils trailed 1-0 before scoring twice in the early part of the second period to take a 2-1 lead. Senior

Elizabeth Clem sent a backhand over goalie Sydney Supica's blocker for the first goal, assisted by senior Lorna Burns and junior Marissa Monforton at the 14:25 mark of the second stanza.

The home team took the 2-1 lead at the 6:42 mark when Monforton scored with Burns and Clem netting assists.

The Blue Devils were in total control, creating several scoring chances, but consecutive defensive breakdowns allowed the Pioneers to score two unassisted goals with 1:18 and 47.8 left in the second period.

In those 20 seconds, the Pioneers had wrestled away

momentum and held it throughout the third period. The visitors scored twice in the final 95 seconds of the third period. The first game on a short-handed tally and the second was into an empty net.

The Blue Devils outshot the Pioneers 29-17, but it was Supica who made some key saves in the latter part of the second period when the home team had a shot to stretch the lead to 3-1. Supica stopped 27-of-29 shots, while sophomore Anastasia Diamond stopped 12-of-16 shots.

South is 12-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.



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LIGGETT BOYS

Knights get road victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' basketball team overcame an early 10-0 deficit to beat Saginaw Nouvel Catholic 54-53 last weekend.

With 1:30 left in the fourth quarter, senior Carl Ghafari sank two free throws to cut the Knights' deficit to 53-52 and after forcing a turnover, the Knights took the lead for good when sophomore Stephen Benard hit a layup.

"It was a great win on the road against a good team with some good athletes," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "They had some tall kids with long arms that took away our inside presence, but we were still able to get some easy transition baskets due to our tough defense."

The Knights had several op-

portunities to increase the lead, but missed free throws kept Saginaw Nouvel alive for a last-second shot that missed. Senior Dominic Jamett grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 2.3 seconds left.

He missed the first and missed the second on purpose, knowing the home team did not have a timeout. A Saginaw Nouvel player grabbed the rebound, took a dribble and launched a three-quarter court shot that fell short.

Jamett finished with 17 points, followed by sophomore KeVaughn Jackson with nine, Ghafari with eight, Benard with seven and sophomore Eric Ewing with six.

Liggett's home game against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest earlier in the week was postponed due to the snow storm. Liggett improved to 10-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen net close defeat

The tough losses continued last week for Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team.

For the 11th time this season, the Norsemen went to the wire. The close contests are giving head coach Matt Lockhart gray hair.

Last week, the Norsemen lost 79-73 in overtime to host Warren Cousino, dropping to 1-6 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-10 overall.

During most of the close losses, the Norsemen came out of the gate fast and led a lead slip away in the second half.

Against the Patriots, they were slow out of the gate, trailing 22-10 after the first quarter and 38-26 at the half.

The home team still main-

tained a healthy double-digit lead when the third-quarter horn sounded, but Lockhart got the most out of his players in the final stanza.

The Norsemen outscored the Patriots 23-11 to force overtime with the score tied at 65. Unfortunately, they were outscored 14-8 in the extra session to go down to defeat.

Junior Jamal Williams led the team with 16 points, followed by juniors Dondre Young and Adam Andrzejczak with 14 points apiece. Senior Allesandro Dutta chipped in with nine.

North was scheduled to host Utica last Wednesday, but the snow storm and school closing forced its postponement. The game will be made up in the next couple of weeks.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils can't catch a break

The hard work and determination is there, but the end result isn't.

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team dropped two division games last week, losing 59-51 to undefeated Eastpointe East Detroit and 60-54 to Utica. Both games were on the road.

Head coach Dave Grauzer's squad had its chances to upset the Macomb Area Conference White Division leading

Shamrocks, but they just couldn't get enough big plays on either end of the court.

Three nights later, the Blue Devils were close, but not close enough to beat the Chieftains.

They lost each quarter by a point or two, despite seniors Alex Bedan and Corbet Conroy scoring 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 2-6 in the MAC White Division and 5-9 overall.

Basketball

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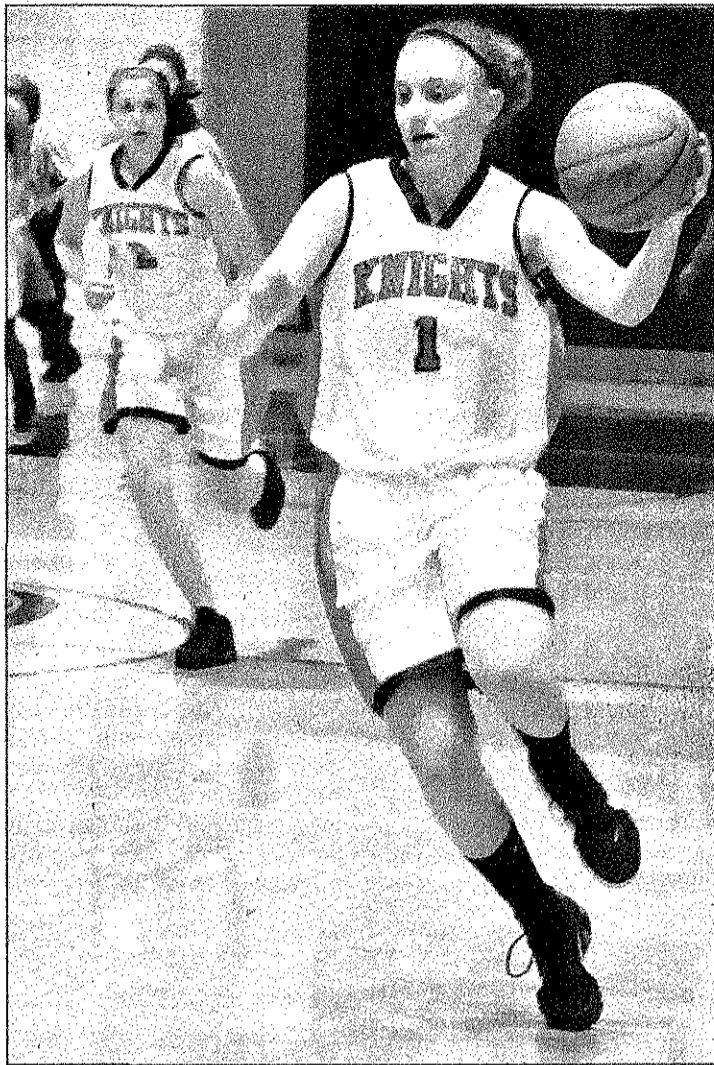


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett junior Madison Ristovski and her teammates had no trouble beating Lutheran Westland.

Knights enjoy easy victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After a 24-8 first quarter blitz, host University Liggett girls' basketball team was well on its way to an easy 73-21 win over Bloomfield Hills Roeper last weekend.

Head coach Wayne Gigante and the Knights forced 20 turnovers and had three players in double figures with junior Madison Ristovski netting 28 points, while freshman Bre Andrews had 17 and sophomore Haleigh Ristovski had 16 to go with nine rebounds.

The Knights scored 44 first-half points and had a chance to put triple digits on the board, but Gigante switched defenses from man-to-man half-court press to a zone in the final two quarters. Despite playing strictly a zone in the final two periods, the Knights still outscored Roeper 29-8. Their 24 first-quarter points

was more than Roeper scored in the entire game and it took Madison Ristovski only a little more than one half to outscore the entire opposition by herself.

Sophomore Ariana Castillo had six points, while senior Grace Edmons, junior Andrianna Evangelista and freshman Angelia Evangelista had two points apiece.

Liggett improved to 8-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 13-1 overall.

As the Knights quickly move to capture a MIAC division championship, the girls are preparing to defend a district championship won last winter. In preparation for the district opener Monday, Feb. 28, against a very good Detroit Consortium Prep team, the Knights play a Catholic League team Tuesday, Feb. 22, and host perennial Class A state power Detroit Martin Luther King Thursday, Feb. 24.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South's Carmen Engel led the Blue Devils played well against Utica.

Blue Devils tripped

An unblemished division record went by the wayside last week when Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team lost 57-45 to Warren Fitzgerald.

A win would have given the Blue Devils a three-game lead, but the host Spartans used a quick start to quell South's chances to win the Macomb

Area Conference White Division without a defeat.

Head coach Kevin Richards' crew fell behind early, but clawed back to within striking distance with a solid third quarter. The Spartans made enough big plays in the final quarter to keep the Blue Devils at arm's length and crawl within one game in the division.

The Blue Devils had another tough challenge ahead, a road game at Utica.

Before the week began, Richards said these back-to-back road games would speak volumes in the race for the division title.

He could breathe a little easier after the Blue Devils beat the Chieftains 55-43 behind

sophomore Claire DeBoer's double-double of 17 points and 12 rebounds. Another under-

classmen, junior Carmen Engel, had one of her best offensive games of the season, netting 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

The Blue Devils led 14-10 after the opening quarter and opened the lead to 10 points, 31-21, at halftime.

Junior Caitlin Moore added 11 points, followed by senior Aisha Rodney with eight, junior Catherine Palazzolo with four, junior Arielle Wilson with two and sophomore Gretchen Shirar with one.

Grosse Pointe South dropped it to 7-1 in the MAC White Division and 10-4 overall.

Norsemen beat division foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team went into its home game against Utica Ford with only seven healthy players.

Ford had an experienced, balanced team into the Macomb Area Conference Red Division game and had a distinct size advantage. The preseason title favorites, on paper, seemed to have a win in the bag. The Falcons were playing with all the cards in the deck.

However, head coach Gary Bennett was the one smiling after the Norsemen upset the Falcons 41-39. It was the second time this season the Norsemen beat the Falcons.

"The girls worked hard and dug deep for this win," Bennett said. "We had good performances from every-

Each of the Norsemen's seven healthy players, seniors Micaela Liddane, Kia Tyus and Nicole Strickland; sophomores Taryn Kiah, Breann Reveley and Anajai Gutierrez; and freshman Maria Liddane, played with a focus it took to upset the Falcons.

The game was tied at 9 after the first quarter and the Norsemen trailed 20-19 at the

half. The Norsemen found themselves down 27-21 before the Liddane sisters each hit a three-point basket to tie it and Strickland's free throws gave the home team a 28-27 lead.

The lead grew to four points, 31-27, when Micaela Liddane drained a three-pointer to complete a 10-0 run to end the third quarter.

The Norsemen held on with gutsy rebounding from Gutierrez, Strickland and Reveley, who had the biggest rebound of her career when the Falcons missed a shot with seconds left, trying to tie the game.

The Norsemen's leading scorer, Kiah, was held to five points, but the Liddane sisters made up for the deficiency by moving the ball around with precision and Micaela Liddane was able to hit some big shots down the stretch, finishing with 16 points.

Gutierrez had 12 points, while Reveley had four points and seven rebounds. Maria Liddane had three points and Strickland had one in the victory.

Last weekend, North evened its Macomb Area Conference Red Division record at 4-4 after beating host Macomb Dakota 51-46.

The Cougars came out on fire, building a 20-9 lead, but

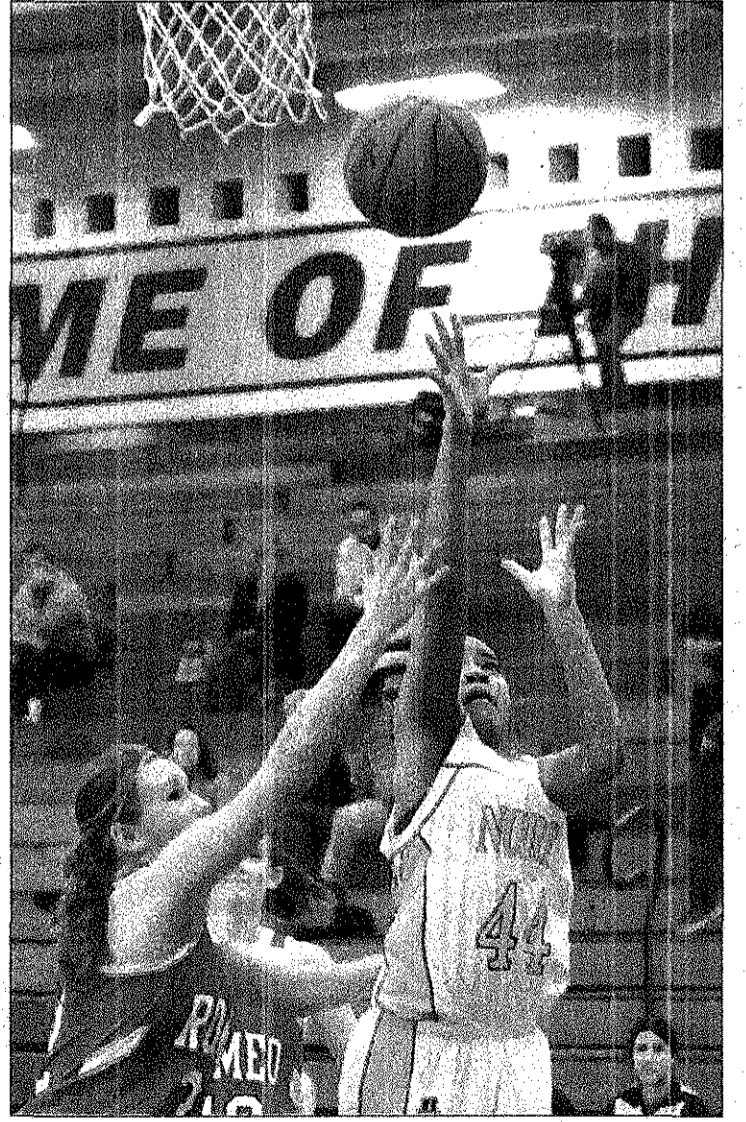


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Grosse Pointe North sophomore Anajai Gutierrez, No. 44, shown here against Romeo, played well in helping the host Norsemen upset Utica Ford.

the Norsemen outscored the host team 13-7 in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 27-23 at the half.

"Dakota came out very hot and we came out a little flat," Bennett said. "We had a nice run to open the third quarter and once we took the lead at 28-27 we never fell behind."

Marian Liddane hit two big free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Micaela Liddane led the Norsemen with 17 points, followed by Kiah with 17 points, five rebounds and three steals. Gutierrez scored seven points and pulled down six rebounds, while Strickland had six rebounds. Reveley chipped in four key points in the third quarter to help the Norsemen win.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-8 overall.

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Ladies set school record for third time

The Grosse Pointe Unified varsity gymnastics team had another successful week of competition, concluding with a school record-breaking performance for the third time this season.

The week began Jan. 31 with a home win over Birmingham United, 139.5-133.7.

Leading the team on vault were Sarah Fentin and Madi Kaiser, both with an 8.65, followed closely by Brittany Rizzo and Emma Abessinio with a pair of 8.55s. Also competing well on vault were Aubryn Samaroo with an 8.4, Fran Kay with an 8.3, Ashley Krynski with an 8.2 and Caitlin Gaitley with an 8.0.

On the uneven bars, Abessinio was the top scorer with an 8.8 for a routine that featured a beautiful handstand. Kaiser competed a new release move for the first time this season to score an 8.45 and Fentin and Krynski also contributed an 8.25 and 7.8 toward the team score.

Abessinio and Kaiser shared the top spot on the balance beam with a 9.2, while Fentin and Rizzo contributed 8.3s for the team. Also earning regional qualifying scores on beam were Kay with an 8.05,



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe Unified's Sarah Fentin had a solid floor routine in the team's victories last week.

Samaroo with an 8.0, Krynski with a 7.8 and Anna Brucker with a 7.85. Amy Olsen had a great beam routine in her first competition of the season, scoring a 6.7. Kelsey Newa, Emily Huguenin, and Meagan Curran also all performed well on beam.

In the final event of the night, floor exercise, Samaroo led the team with a 9.4 and im-

pressed the judges with her sky-high tumbling. Fentin also wowed the judges for a 9.25 and Abessinio was close behind with her 9.2. Also scoring well for Grosse Pointe were Kaiser with a 9.0, Rizzo with 9.05, Kay with 8.8, Krynski with 8.4 Gaitley with an 8.2 and Curran with an 8.0.

Last weekend, the team took place in the Canton

Invitational, which featured 18 teams, including the top 10 teams in the state. Grosse Pointe enjoyed several individual successes and also placed 10th in the field.

Kaiser placed 10th on beam with a 9.0 and Abessinio was 18th with an 8.65. Abessinio placed in the medals on bars with an 8.7 for ninth. Samaroo had an excellent floor routine to score a 9.025 for 16th and Abessinio was right behind with an 8.950 and 20th place.

Abessinio and Kaiser also placed 13th and 17th all-around. Also competing well for Grosse Pointe at the invitational were Kay, Krynski, Fentin and Rizzo.

The team concluded its week Monday evening, setting another school record with 139.8 points in a league win over visiting Dearborn.

Krynski was tops for the team on vault with an 8.7 for her handspring-full. Kaiser and Fentin both scored an 8.6 and Abessinio had an 8.45. Samantha Rogers also competed well on vault for Grosse Pointe, scoring a 7.75.

On the uneven bars, Kaiser received her season high score of 8.8 for a routine which included both a release move and a handstand. Abessinio

was right behind with an 8.7 and Fentin contributed an 8.55 for her season high score.

Heather Koresky scored an 8.2 toward the team score and Krynski, Kay, Samaroo and Gaitley also all competed for Grosse Pointe United.

The team had three scores higher than a 9.0 on the balance beam with Kaiser tops at 9.35 and Fentin and Abessinio each scoring 9.2. Kay scored an 8.05 and Samaroo had a season high score of 8.3 on the event.

Samaroo, Koresky and Brucker all earned the final score they needed to compete on beam at the regional meet in March. Krynski, Newa,

Olsen, Huguenin, and Gaitley also all had solid performances for Grosse Pointe on the event.

In the floor exercise event, Abessinio competed a clean routine with difficult tumbling and dance moves to score a 9.4. Kaiser placed second with a 9.25 and Samaroo had an 8.7. Also scoring well on floor exercise were Fentin with an 8.45, Kay with an 8.4, Koresky with an 8.35, Krynski with an 8.1, Curran with a 7.7 and Gaitley with a 7.6.

"All of our meets are truly team efforts," head coach Courtney Law said. "We have a very deep team this year and it is great to be able to rotate so many girls into the meets."

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Miller, Lewis capture gold medals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Shawn Miller and Grosse Pointe South's Reggie Lewis earned gold medals in their respective league meets last weekend.

Lewis won the gold medal in the 285-pound class in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division meet and Miller won the gold medal in the 160-pound class in the MAC White Division meet. Lewis beat one of the top-ranked grapplers in the state, Warren Lincoln's Michael Hooper, 3-2, while Miller had a 4-2 decision over Dakota's Alex Bloomquist.

"I was happy to see Reggie get the gold and our other two placers wrestle very well,"

South head coach Greg Snider said. "They had outstanding league meets and now they have some momentum heading into the district tournaments."

Other medalists for the Blue Devils were Alex Manchester and Andrew Steiber, who earned bronze medals in the 112- and 119-pound classes, respectively.

In the MAC Gold Division team standings, Lincoln won with 210 points, followed by Clawson with 161, St. Clair with 146.5, St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 144, Center Line with 143, New Haven with 68, Grosse Pointe South with 60, Madison Heights Madison with 31 and Mount Clemens with zero.

In the MAC White Division

team standings, Dakota won with 222 points, followed by Port Huron Northern with 134.5, Sterling Heights Stevenson with 82, Utica with 79, Port Huron with 78.5, L'Anse Creuse North with 76.5, Grosse Pointe North with 63.5 and Utica Eisenhower with 47.

North head coach Bryan Lorenzo had four other medalists.

Andrew Lock won a bronze medal with a 15-8 decision in the 145-pound class and Ken Coleman was a bronze medalist with a 3-1 decision win in the 285-pound class.

Paul Menth was fourth at 130 pounds, and Evan Lock took fourth place at 215 pounds.

Both North and South will compete in a Division 1 indi-

vidual district tournament Saturday, Feb. 12.

More hockey

LIGGETT BOYS



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Easy as 1-2-3

University Liggett junior Jake Hodges, shown above against Toledo St. Francis, and his teammates had no troubles disposing of host Saginaw Nouvel Catholic last weekend, winning 8-0. Junior Connor Wiggins had a six-point lead to lead the Knights in the game that ended early in the third period due to the eight-goal mercy rule. With the win, head coach Robb McIntyre and the Knights improved to 13-5 overall.

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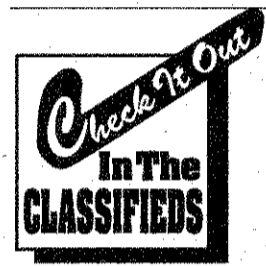
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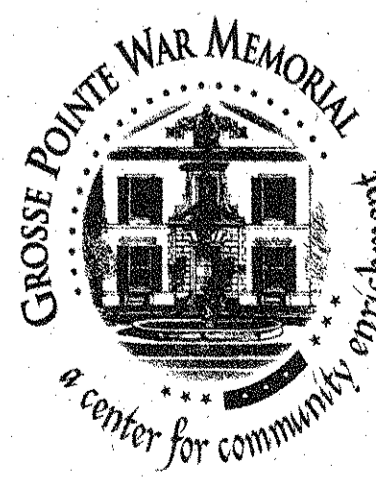
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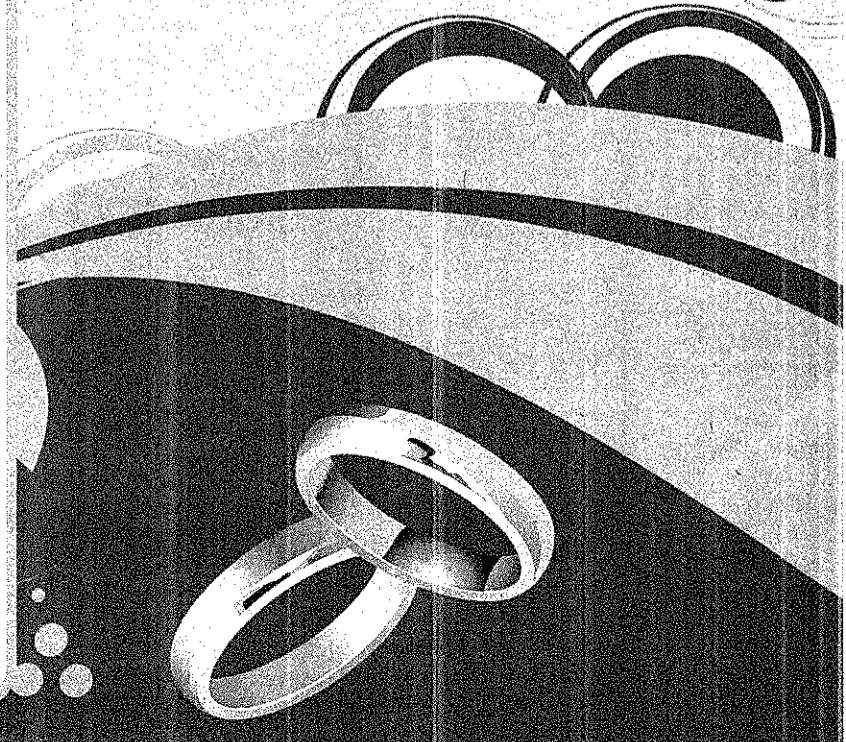
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The perfect teapot

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

A nice cuppa tea starts in a teapot. Whether the teapot is ceramic, round and squat or silver depends on the kitchen or drawing room.

The teapot takes on many forms from the traditional clay to the outlandish. It can be a novelty or collectible and range in size to hold enough liquid to fill a single cup or multiple cups.

To get a sense of the teapot, which originated in China, inspired creations of the whimsical, traditional and dramatic, Pewabic Pottery offers "Contemporary Teapots: Ancient Ancestors" featuring 13 artists' renditions of teapots. The show runs through March 6.

"Everybody does teapots at one time or another," said Tara Robinson, Pewabic's curator of contemporary ceramics, of the clay artists she enticed to exhibit.

Coupled with the popularity of ceramic artists creating teapots is the simple fact

teapots are familiar. "There is always interest in teapots," she said. "Teapots are attractive. They are interesting and in so many forms — novelty, collectible, art-

chotypical. It's art you can use."

From its beginnings thousands of years ago, the teapot, whether used for its intend-

ed purpose or in new ways, is really a form of history.

"It's a very old craft. The teapot is a form of art history. This show and artists' works is with a mind toward historical form," Robinson said.

Time and region have influenced the shape of the teapot. When the Chinese began drinking tea somewhere around 2700 B.C., the beverage was made over a brasserie.

Water was boiled in a cauldron. Tea, at that time, came in bricks. A chunk was cut off, ground up, put in the water and brewed.

"In China, tea drinking was for the intelligency and scholars before it was cheap enough for the lower classes to afford it," Robinson said.

The teapot design, she explained, came from existing liquid containers, which held wine or water, such as the lidded wine ewer.

Shaping the difference

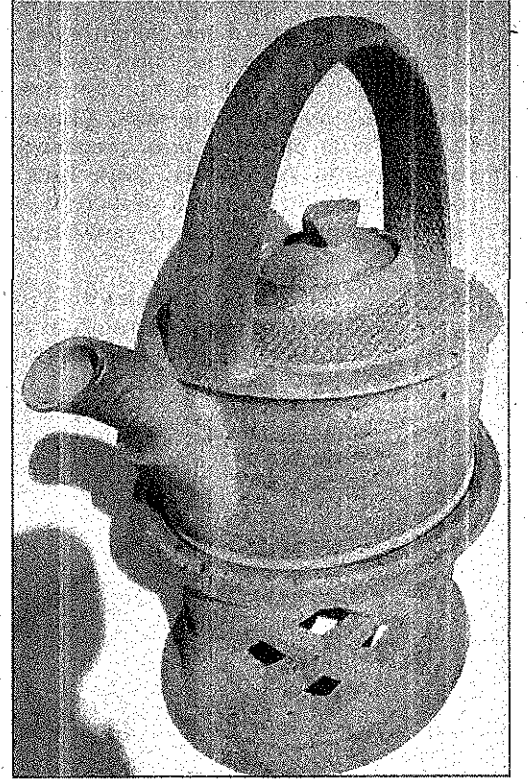
By Ann L. Fouty
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Size and shape of a teapot do matter when making a cup of tea.

Additionally, the teapot's material is important, says Nicholas R. Nahat, Birmingham's certified tea specialist and former Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Short, wide pots allow for the brewing time and keeping the water hot, while tall skinny pots allow for quicker cooling and are assigned as coffee pots.

"Tall skinny pots, or very short, very shallow gaiwans, cool



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Above, Canadian Bruce Cochrane recreated an early Chinese teapot with brasserie. Left, the tangerine teapot by Fong Choo has a bail-style handle.

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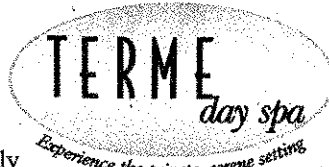
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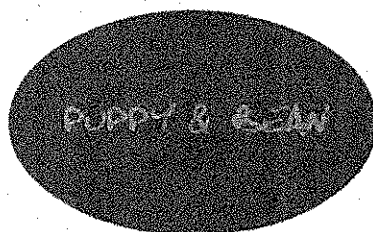
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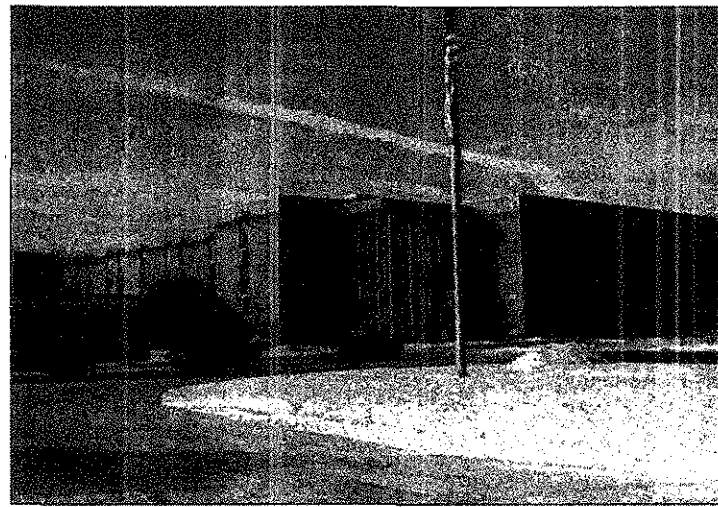
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Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE FEB. 6, 1986 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1986: Look again

Struck by the other-worldly combination outside of North High School, photographer Richard Key took this picture of the flag at half-staff, in tribute to the astronauts who died last week - the divergent sky vapors, reminiscent of the ill-fated shuttle - the moon visible between the vapors, signifying the space program - and a school bus parked near the school, summoning thoughts of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who died in the explosion.

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

The tracking dog followed the prints for about one-half mile when the prints stopped at a tree.

Officers spotted someone about 12 feet up the tree, and after getting him down, took him into custody.

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **THIEVES RAID TWO HOUSES IN PARK:** Burglars broke into a home on Barrington and completely ransacked the house and basement.

A vacant home on Pemberton was also broken into the same night.

Police believe the same thief or thieves is responsible.

◆ **TWO DRUGSTORE EMPLOYEES PLEAD GUILTY OF THEFTS:** One man is in the Wayne County jail awaiting trial in Circuit Court on a charge of embezzlement, and a second man is free because he promised to make restitution for money he confessed he had stolen.

Awaiting trial is a 26-year old Detroit resident accused of stealing \$855 worth of liquor from the Woods Drug Centre and taking about \$200 in cash from the store registers over a period of less than two months.

The other employee, also a 26-year old Detroit man, confessed to taking \$319 in cash from a desk drawer at the rear of the drug store.

The owner of the store refused to press charges when the employee promised to make full restitution of the \$319.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **PROPERTY VALUES GO UP IN POINTE:** It's one of those good news/bad news things.

The good news is, homeowners in the Pointes may find their homes are worth more, because of recently completed sales studies done by Wayne County.

The bad news is, that extra value could translate into higher property taxes should cities and schools not adjust their rates when they begin looking to fund 1986-87 fiscal year budgets.

◆ **SPECIAL ELECTION LIKELY IN PARK:** Park firefighters this weekend went over the top, collecting more than the required 1,871 signatures in their petition drive, almost assuring that voters will decide whether the police and fire departments should consolidate.

◆ **B&E SUSPECT TREED IN WOODS:** Woods police officers with assistance from a Detroit police tracking dog located a suspected burglar in a tree following a lengthy chase.

Woods police officers responded to a call from a residence on Oxford, and were told an intruder had been in the home only a few minutes earlier.

Police responded to the scene and called for a tracking dog when footprints were discovered in the snow.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS TO FENCE IN PARK POOLS:** Grosse Pointe Farms residents may notice something new in the Farms Pier Park when they visit the park after it opens in May. The city council has approved spending \$35,000 for new fences around the main pool, the wading pool and the tot lot.

◆ **PRANKSTER PUP:** A Grosse Pointe Woods woman returned to her station wagon after visiting a friend living on Lochmoor. Her dog was left waiting in the car.

The animal hit the door lock with his paw, locking the woman out. She'd left the keys inside.

Woods police weren't able to open the vehicle. The woman said she was going to call her husband for a spare set of keys.

◆ **FREE PARKING ON HILL - FOR A WHILE:** For a brief time those who parked in the Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms last week got to enjoy free parking as something other than a square on the Monopoly board.

The ticket dispenser to the Farms municipal lot off of Kercheval was knocked over just after 9 a.m. As a result, those wishing to use the lot had no way to get tickets.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION SEEKS SEED MONEY:** The ground has been prepared to plant the Grosse Pointe Educational Foundation, but before a crop of donations can be reaped, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education must approve a substantial amount of "seed money" to fertilize the soil.

The board of education has been asked to fund the foundation up to \$750,000 over three years, beginning with the initial seed amount of \$60,000. During that three years, a projected \$3 million will be raised and given back to the Grosse Pointe Public School District.

◆ **CLOTHIER APPROVED FOR KERCHEVAL PLACE:** Cash registers could be ringing this summer at Kercheval Place in the Village.

The former Jacobson's Building, vacant and of uncertain future following the department store's bankruptcy three years ago, will now contribute to retail life in downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

By July, Coldwater Creek is expected to occupy 6,700 square feet of first-floor space in the block-long building.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, with hostess Therese Dow. Betsy McCormick's program is on the artist Charlie Harper. Co-hostesses are Rosemary Bay and Lisa Gandelot.

Social & Newcomers

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club meets at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, for a Valentine's wine and food tasting event. The cost is \$70.

Send reservations to Jbingaman@gpsnc.org.

Bird walk

The Ford House bird walk begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Admission is \$7. For reservations, call (313) 884-4222.

Art center

The Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a lecture by S.K. Young at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

Sunrise Rotary

The Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pointes for Peace

Spokesman for striking Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, Haden McKay, addresses Pointes for Peace at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

McKay outlines key issues and answers questions about the four-month-old strike.

A DSO member since 1983 and cellist, McKay holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from Yale University.

The event is free and open to the public.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group working for peace on local, national and

international levels.

Pointes for Peace meets weekly at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread, 17150 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732, or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com, or visit pointesforpeace.org.

Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores offers kalosomatics exercise class free for any week in February. Free baby sitting is available 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday during exercise classes.

New students who sign up for the winter session receive a \$10 gift certificate for the spring session. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.

Lifelong Learning

Janet and Gene Randolph present "Treasures of China," from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The travel film crosses 2,000 miles and 4,000 years.

The couple shares personal experiences of China, answers questions, and discusses Chinese customs and the Chinese New Year.

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

Free will donations are accepted.

Rotary Club

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at noon Monday, Feb. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Mario Impemba, the "Voice of the Detroit Tigers."

Bud Ozar is the Monday, Feb. 21, speaker. His topic is "Friends of Kenya's Orphans."

The "3 Million Pound Challenge," begun in 2009, has collected more than 2.2 million pounds of clothing, books and food.

All donations have been given to several local community agencies, including Matrix

Human Services, Pro-Literacy Detroit, the Dominican Literacy Center, Crossroads of Michigan, Goodwill Literacy, St. Jude's Food Pantry, Capuchin Brothers, Oakland Academy and The Salvation Army.

Contributions can be dropped off at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. The entrance to Rotary Club's center is in the back of the church.

In January, the club completed college scholarship funding for 10 2010 Grosse Pointe North and South high school graduates and renewed financial support for Student Mentor Partners. Several Rotarians have been trained as tutors for adults participating in the Rotary Literacy Initiative addressing adult illiteracy in Detroit and surrounding communities.

More than 50,200 books have been collected and distributed to community-based libraries and literacy organizations in southeastern Michigan.

For more information about becoming a tutor, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe shows a French film with English subtitles at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The film, "Paris 36," directed by Christophe Barratier, is a historical drama set in a working-class district of Paris in 1936 after the election of the Popular Front government. The new government brought hope for a brighter future and extremism. The film stars Gerard Jugnot and Clovis Cornillac.

Admission is free.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Motivational speaker Cecilia Bouchard addresses the group on how to enjoy life in "Where Do We Go From Here?"

She is a professional speaker, playwright, a Michigan licensed private investigator and owner of CMD Investigations.

To attend the event, which includes lunch, call Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, Feb. 12. The cost is \$10.

For more information about the club, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 881-1324 or club president Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

Friends of the library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts University of Michigan professor emeritus Ralph Williams who discusses Shakespeare's sonnets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the auditorium of Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. His lecture covers sonnets, 1-12, 15, 18, 29, 30, 34-36, 46, 73, 98, 129 and 144.

Admission is \$10. Friends members, students and teachers are admitted free.

Power squadron

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron offers its eight-week America's Boating Course beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, in Grosse Pointe North High School cafeteria.

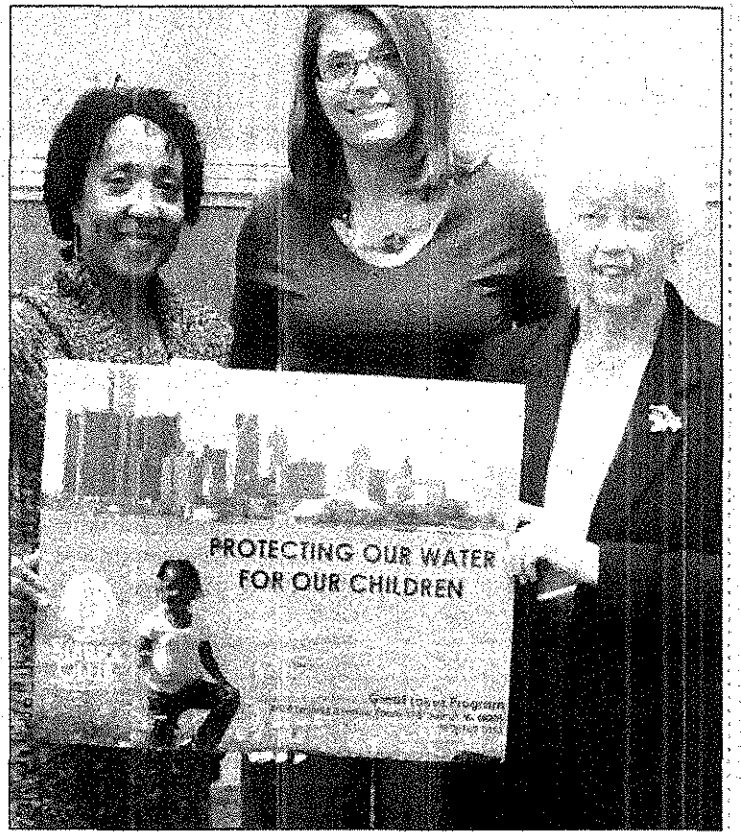
The course covers fundamentals of safe boating operation, the use of marine VHF radio, knots, GPS and chart usage.

The cost is \$60 for the book, discs and class work.

To register, call (313) 418-5911 or e-mail at gpps-d9.org.

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The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; the Village Grille Great Room, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe; and SideStreet A Finer Diner, 630 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe,



Environmental concern

Sierra Club's Southeast Michigan coordinator Melissa Damascheke told the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe the eight states bordering the Great Lakes received \$421 million dollars to assist the states in their on-going projects. She said Michigan received four of nine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grants. Damascheke also discussed ways to improve lakes through proper disposal of hazardous waste products, using fertilizer and insecticides sparingly, use of green products and washing cars away from drains leading to rivers and lakes. From left, LWVGP president Wilhelmina Giblin, Damascheke and LWVGP Great Lakes Basin committee member Judy Morlan. For more information about LWVGP, the grassroots organization, call (313) 343-0771.

are part of The Family Center's "Dining for Dollars" program in March.

The Hill has designated Tuesday, March 1, as its Dining for Dollars day.

Wednesday, March 9, is the Village Grille's date.

Thursday, March 24, diners can eat at the SideStreet restaurant.

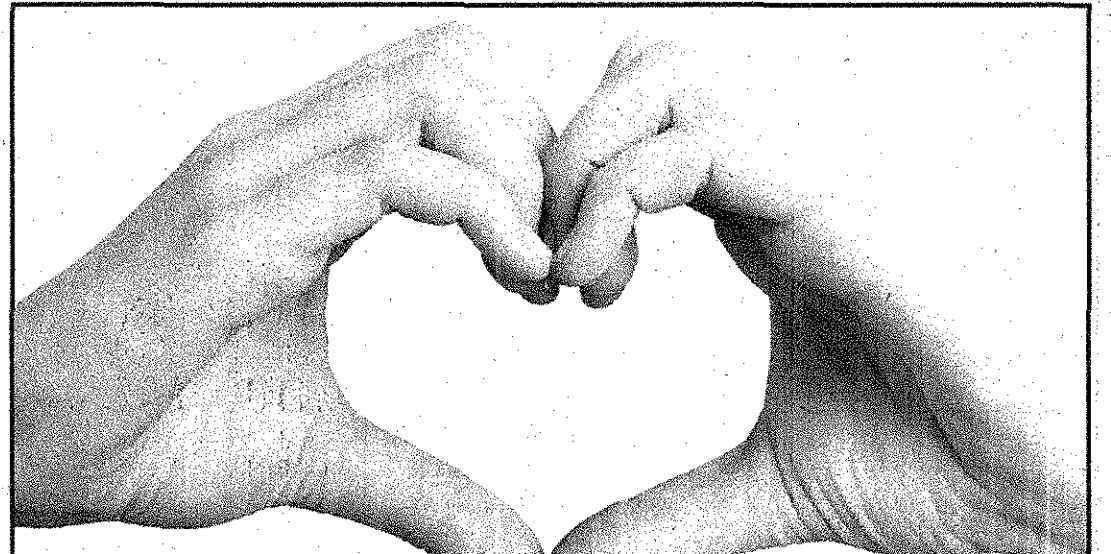
"Few of us need an excuse to go out to eat, especially at such fine Grosse Pointe restaurants as The Hill, Village Grille and SideStreet," said Debbie Liedel, executive director of The Family Center, "but being

able to raise money for The Family Center to support our many programs is an added bonus!"

New this year, each restaurant has its own "Dining for Dollars" day, affording an opportunity to dine at all the participating restaurants.

A percentage of sales on those days are contributed to The Family Center.

For more information, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or send an e-mail to info@familycenterweb.org. Information is also available at familycenterweb.org.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

Find yourself through God

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1-5, NRSV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will... (Ephesians 1:3-5, NRSV)

John's Gospel captures the description of our world lying in darkness and lives lived in hopelessness.

John depicts the power of hopelessness as being so great we humans have no idea how to proceed.

But, John is not done. He paints a new picture, a vivid

and delightful picture — a message of hope. He proclaims not only has God invaded our world — but was set to do so even from the beginning of creation.

This is no second or new experiment by God. This was planned from the beginning — to overturn the exile and “separated-ness” we had from God.

This was God's way of reclaiming us.

Paul calls this reclaiming adoption.

God not only adopts, but gives redemption, forgiveness, wisdom and faith. This is the ultimate Valentine's Day gift. The purpose for this adoption, as I see it, is for us to seek a relationship with God.

Former President Jimmy Carter stated it like this:

“In our lives, knowing others and being known are experiences of great psychological and spiritual significance. In fact, the two really go together.

“Know thyself” was the motto of the Greek philosophers; but how do we get to know ourselves?

Is it simply by looking inward? More often, I think, we come to know ourselves through our relationships with others.” (Jimmy Carter, “Sources of Strength, 1997, p. 59)

Imagine, if getting to know God allows us to know more about ourselves?

Of course, we may not allow all our friends to see every bit of us — we only want to express our strengths — but it is impossible to hide our weaknesses with all our close friends.

Although, there are some who may attempt to hide even their weaknesses from God — but that is just silly — come on, you really think you can hide something from God who not only made everything around us but even made Jesus before time existed? But build a relationship with God, for your faith will support your relationship.

Paul urges us to turn to our faith rather than society for guidance. This may seem really alien to our Western way of living. But, it is imperative to recall we don't answer to society for our relationships, we answer to each other and to God.

We belong to God. Our lives are from God through Jesus clear from the beginning of time.

Through Jesus we are adopted into the family of God. When we were adopted we didn't have to repay our adoptive parents. We may have wanted to repay them, but there is no way to repay that type of debt.

Naturally, we could honor their requests.

So what does God require? God says “Get to know me better.”

Knowing God better allows you to know yourself.

You find yourself when you join in worship celebrating, praising, and praying for God

to reveal to you more about this vast love God has for you. God lifted the veil of darkness and brought light, love and compassion into our hopelessness to give us hope, redemption and the ability to be in relationship with Jesus.

Building a relationship to God is a response to God's

love. Respond to God with love. This is your Valentine's Day gift. Happy Valentine's Day!

The Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver is minister of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the Fellowship Hall of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sports attorney S. Gary Spicer Sr. is the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Christ Church

A Celtic worship service begins at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The public is invited.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church quarterly book discussion begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. Members discuss “Have a Little Faith,” by Mitch Albom.

The church is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Music is by Franz Krommer and Johannes

Brahms. Krommer's “Clarien Concerto in E-Flat, Op. 35” features clarinetists Don Platter and Lillian Dean with pianist Christine Chun.

The Brahms' selection, “Trio in B Major, Op. 8,” is performed by Sander Kostallari, violin; Judith Vander Weg, cello; and Ania Sorokhtei, piano.

Other concerts are March 20, April 3, May 1 and June 5.

St. Margaret

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HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Research gives 'pot-head' new meaning



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My wife and I have reached a deadlock at what to do about our son. A couple weeks ago, our cleaning lady found a bag of marijuana and rolling pa-

pers stuffed under his mattress. I flushed it down the toilet, but my wife and I are at odds about how to deal with it.

My wife's argument is twofold. First, she doesn't think smoking marijuana is something we need to worry about. She smoked marijuana starting in college and quit when we decided to start a family. She says marijuana is natural and it's better to have our son smoking it than using

other drugs. Second, she believes I violated our son's privacy by taking his drugs.

Her reasoning infuriates me. Our son is 15 years old. I don't want him doing any drugs, including drinking. Also, smoking marijuana is illegal. Do we, as parents, condone breaking the law?

It's common knowledge marijuana is much stronger than it was 25 years ago. And who's to say it won't lead to

other drugs? For all I know, it has already.

The argument her past history with drugs makes it acceptable for our son is inane. I used to smoke two packs of cigarettes a day. Does that make it OK for my son to smoke? And if a father can't dispose of his son's illicit drugs without worrying about privacy issues, then I may as well resign from my parenting responsibilities.

My wife and I need to unite before approaching our son. I will never agree to his drug use, so how do I convince her to support zero tolerance in our family?

-DISTRESSED

Dear Distressed:

Your wife needs some education on the realities of marijuana. Natural isn't synonymous with harmless. If it were, we could make the same argument for arsenic or hemlock. Tobacco is natural, but that doesn't prevent 450,000 people dying of tobacco-related deaths every year.

Critical areas of brain development occur in late adolescence, making young brains especially vulnerable to substance abuse. Research shows

marijuana can cause damage in developing regions. Brain imaging reveals damage or poor development of the myelin sheath that surrounds brain cells. Myelin failure causes slower signaling between neurons.

Manzar Ashtari of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia explains: "Our results suggest that early-onset substance use may alter the development of white matter circuits, especially those connections among the frontal, parietal and temporal regions of the brain. Abnormal white matter development could slow information transfer in the brain and affect cognitive functions."

There is evidence that changes to the brain are lasting.

A Harvard Medical School study found that people who began smoking marijuana while the brain was still forming had lasting memory impairment.

Another study, published in Neurology, found the longer people use marijuana, the greater deterioration of their cognitive abilities. They have poorer memories and aren't

able to think as quickly. On decision-making tests, long-term users had 70 percent impairment.

There are many other reasons not to smoke marijuana, but disrupted brain development is a good enough reason to adopt a zero tolerance policy for drug use in your family. If knowing the damage marijuana can cause to the brain isn't enough to bring your wife on board, we recommend counseling with a therapist specializing in addiction and family issues.

We suggest you address your son's drug use soon. He knows someone found his marijuana, and we can guarantee you he's waiting to hear from someone.

Professional interventionists Jeff Jay and Debra Jay, of Grosse Pointe Farms, are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They may be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS Information provided by Soroptimists

Guiding teenage daughter's dating



an unhealthy relationship, very few know how to stop the behavior or where to go for help.

As many as one-third of teens experience some form of abuse in their romantic dating relationships, including verbal, emotional, physical and/or sexual. Moreover, females ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group. These statistics are especially alarming because we know teen dating violence is typically not a one-time incident, but rather an established pattern of cyclical abuse that occurs over and over again — and can be very difficult to stop once it has begun.

The consequences of teen dating violence are dire, often leading to self-harming coping strategies such as substance abuse, eating disorders, risky

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sexual behaviors and even suicide. For the targets of abuse, seeking help and/or ending the relationship can be extremely difficult.

Teens need to recognize danger signals that may crop up in a dating relationship. Does their girlfriend or boyfriend:

◆ Harass them via cell phone or text messaging?

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Q What suggestions can you give me to guide my teenage daughters with dating? Things have changed significantly since I was a teenager. I try to guide them but they always say, "Mom you just don't understand!" I really worry about both of them.

A Dating and intimate relationships are a normal part of growing up for many adolescents. Yet as teens form their first romantic relationships, they often are unclear about what constitutes a healthy relationship. And for those who find themselves in

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Incivility spreads throughout area



A recent article in the Detroit Free Press announced rock legend Bob Seger, 65, launches his first tour in more than four years, starting in March.

What caught my eye on this item was the headline: From the Comments; Bob Seger "A Living Legend" or "A Senior Citizen Who Should 'Throw in the Towel'?"

There were six comments following the item when I read it online, three pro and three against. The con remarks contained some harsh language that would seem to indicate a bias against seniors.

Here's one: "The lemmings

here luv to spend \$ they don't have. Bob needs some more \$, and he knows people are just that dumb to pay up."

Another: "If you see anybody in concert these days that has more than about 500 people in attendance, then what you're watching is IN FACT put out by a corporate stooge...seger sponsored by chevy 'like a rock!...I'll pass!!!!!"

The last: "Sometimes you just gotta know when to throw in the towel! 65 years old? Bob is awesome and his music is second to none, but please don't go too far and leave a bad sound in everyone's ears - ala Rolling Stones at the Superbowl years ago!"

I called a woman I know in her 40s. Would she go hear Seger in concert?

"Sure, he's a legend," she said.

I also called my son who's in his 50s, and asked for his take on this. His answer opened up

a far different interpretation of the "con" quotes.

"Carol (his sister) sent me an article on the Detroit Free Press Internet about former Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her husband, Dan Mulhern, moving to California to teach at the University of California, Berkeley because she knows my daughter is a junior at Berkeley.

"There were comments at the end of the article and they said such things as she was the worst governor Michigan ever had, and what a loser. Berkeley deserves her along with the other loonies," he said.

He thinks we're in a time of rampant incivility and people feel impelled to add nasty remarks about everyone or anything they read about in the newspaper or hear on TV and radio. He thinks it's a reflection of what has been going on in Washington for years as well as on national TV networks and radio.

When you stop to think about it, that makes a lot of sense. People of my generation, say reading about a tour locally by Lady Gaga, wouldn't go hear her even with free tickets, but we'd never write a nasty comment about her for public consumption. After all, the tour is probably sold out everywhere she goes, so there are a lot of people who think she's great.

To each his own.

In case you also didn't read the article, here's additional info on Granholm and her husband. She will join the Boalt School of Law and the Goldman School of Public Policy teaching classes on energy, industrial policy and governing during tough economic times.

Mulhern will teach at the law school and the Haas School of Business.

Granholm also will be a paid contributor to NBC's "Meet the Press." The couple plan to

write a book about her experience leading Michigan during one of its worst economic episodes.

Both Granholm and Mulhern have law degrees from Harvard University. Granholm is a Berkeley alum.

We don't have to fear senior bias yet. We're growing in numbers, if not in strength. Census estimates the number of senior citizens, those 65 and older, has already increased 23 percent since 2000 to 516 million, more than double the growth rate for the general

population. The fastest-growing age group, seniors now comprise just less than 8 percent of the world's 6.8 billion people.

By 2050, the senior group will increase to 1.53 billion. By that time there may well be a severe senior bias as the U.S., China and other countries could face fiscal crises in the coming years as governments struggle to pay for health care and pensions for their rapidly aging populations.

Cain can be reached at ruthcain@comcast.net.

Beaumont gets two accreditations

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, received two cardiovascular accreditations for quality care of patients with chest pain or having a stroke and is an endorsement from a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Chest Pain Centers and certification as a Primary Stroke Center from the Joint Commission.

For Debbie Schroeder, 57, of St. Clair Shores, and a hospital employee, that's good news. After checking into the hospital's emergency center for chest pain, a stress test revealed she had a 98-99 percent blockage and needed a stent. Within four hours, she was stabilized and transferred to Beaumont, Troy. By noon the same day, the stent was inserted and she was on the road to recovery.

"Receiving both recognitions is huge; it shows our ongoing commitment to the community and to providing the very best in both stroke and

chest pain care to our patients on a very rapid basis," said Donna Hoban, M.D., senior vice president and director of medical services at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "It's an extension of the improvements we've made with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and will help us to continue to grow our stroke care and cardiology services."

To earn accreditation in acute cardiac medicine by the SCPC, a chest pain center must meet criteria in coordinating hospital emergency services with the local emergency medical services. The accreditation recognizes a high level of expertise in caring for patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack, the importance of standardized diagnosis and treatment for efficient and effective evaluation; and rapid treat-

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DATING: What to tell daughters

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- ◆ Give orders or make all the

decisions?

- ◆ Embarrass them in front of others?

- ◆ Try to control who they see, what they do, or what they wear?

- ◆ Monitor their computer or cell phone use?

Outreach to teens is particularly important because they may feel alone and believe that no one else could possibly understand what they are going through.

They may also feel they wouldn't be believed even if they did tell someone. In addition, should a teen in an abusive relationship decide to seek help, they may not know where to find it.

For parents, just thinking about the possibility their teen could be in an abusive relationship can be very upsetting and frightening. However, parents play a powerful and critical role in providing life-saving support for their teen should they discover he/she is in an abusive relationship.

Some early warning signs a teen's relationship might be

unhealthy include:

- ◆ Dropping school activities that used to be important

- ◆ Falling grades
- ◆ Dramatic changes in appearance, such as weight, dress or personal hygiene

- ◆ Significant decrease in time spent with other friends

- ◆ Unexplained bruises or injuries, with an explanation that doesn't make sense

Parents can help their teen by letting them know they are concerned for the teen's safety and by pointing out that what is occurring in the relationship isn't healthy. By listening carefully, and not making judgments, a parent can let the teen know that it is not his/her fault and that no one deserves to be abused. Offering to arrange professional support for the teen may also be warranted.

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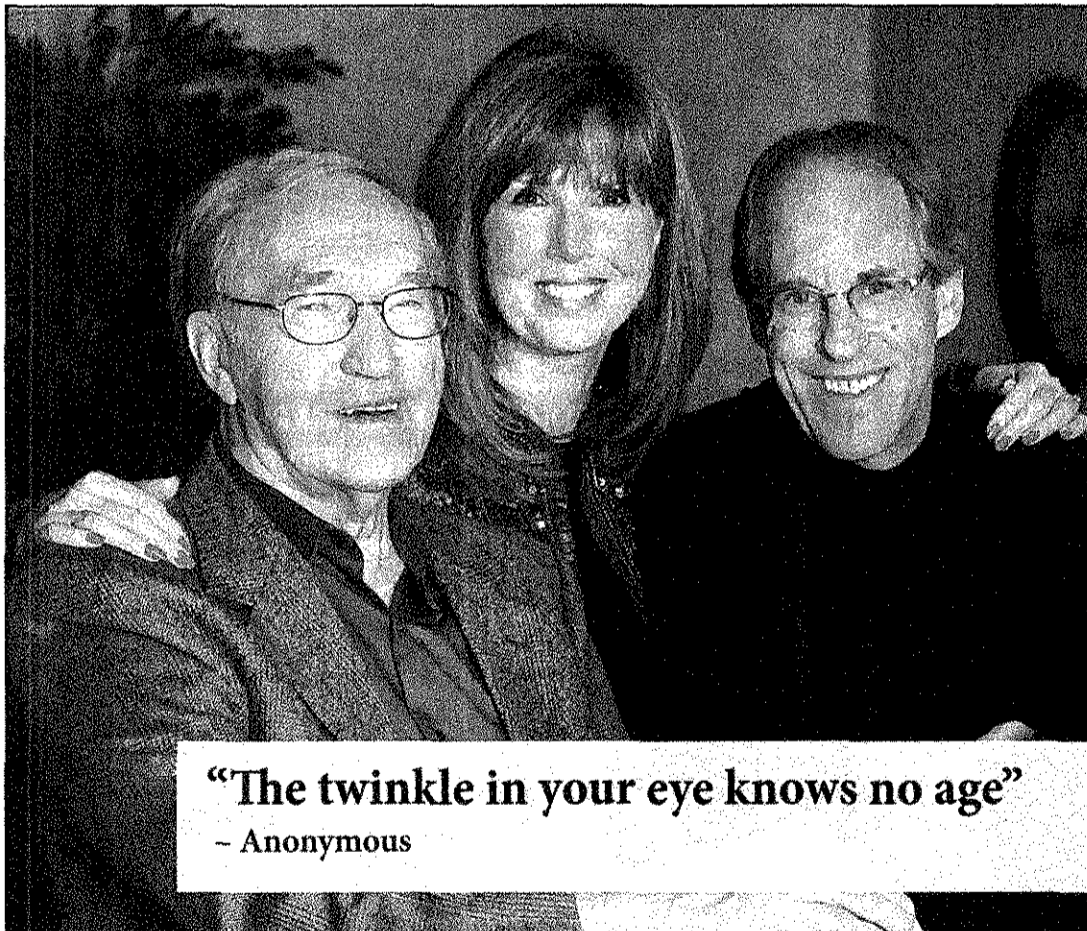
women who seek to improve the lives of women and girls both locally and throughout the world. For more information about teen dating violence, refer to Teen Dating Violence available in the white paper section of the Soroptimist website at soroptimist.org.

For more information about Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or call Marya Malkovich at (313) 881-3113.

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Local theater presents 'The Exonerated'

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre presents "The Exonerated," by Erik Jensen and Jessica Blank, the true stories of six people who, wrongfully convicted of murder, served on death row waiting for their execution.

The play opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The \$35 opening night performance includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres afterglow.

Performances continue at 8 p.m. Feb. 19, 25 and 26 and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 20 and 27. Tickets cost \$12. Call the theater at (313) 881-4004 for tickets or go on-line at GPT.org. Seating is limited. This is suitable for mature audiences.

The play's script is based on court records, media accounts and the narratives of those exonerated. The entire script is in the words of the exonerated prisoners, as well as the judges, attorneys, friends and families. All characters are real, alive and surviving experiences as death row prisoners. The names have not been changed.

The authors, a husband and



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"The Exonerated" actors, from left Jerry Nehr, Thomas Wilson, Alan Canning and Ronn Spann.

wife team, are active in causes related to the death penalty and received the Champion of Justice Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for this play.

The Rev. Canon Ron Spann, of Detroit, and a priest associate at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, plays Delbert Tibbs, a poet and former seminary student. Sharron Nelson, of the City of Grosse Pointe, plays Sunny Jacobs, along with her husband, was convicted of shooting two police officers. Her husband was executed before proof of their innocence was revealed.

Thomas Wilson, of Detroit, plays David Keaton, who was wrongly convicted of murder as a teenager.

Kirkland Williams, of the City of Grosse Pointe, plays Robert Hayes, a horse trainer in Florida falsely convicted of murder and rape. Jerry Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods, portrays Gary Gauger, a mid-west farmer found innocent of the murder of his parents after serving many years in prison.

Alan Canning, of Bloomfield

Hills, plays Kerry Max Cook. Cook was convicted of murdering a woman he had seen only once, years before her murder. He was subsequently found not guilty through DNA evidence.

Roles of wives, attorneys, judges, police, relatives and friends are played variously by

Peter DiSante, of St. Clair Shores, Don Couture, of Harrison Township, Pat O'Brien, of Grosse Pointe Park and Heather Neely, of Detroit.

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A Valentine's Day cheesecake



Since people will be celebrating Valentine's Day all weekend long, I'm baking up a special and easy-to-make dessert this year, thanks to my friend Mary Lou Lefevre.

Mary Lou has been sharing recipes with me for many years. Self-crust cheesecake is a light and fluffy take on the popular cheesecakes we enjoy, without all the work. This creamy dreamy cheesecake makes it's own crust while it bakes. Really.

Self-Crust Cheesecake

2 8-oz. blocks cream cheese, softened
4 eggs
1 cup plus 3 tablespoons

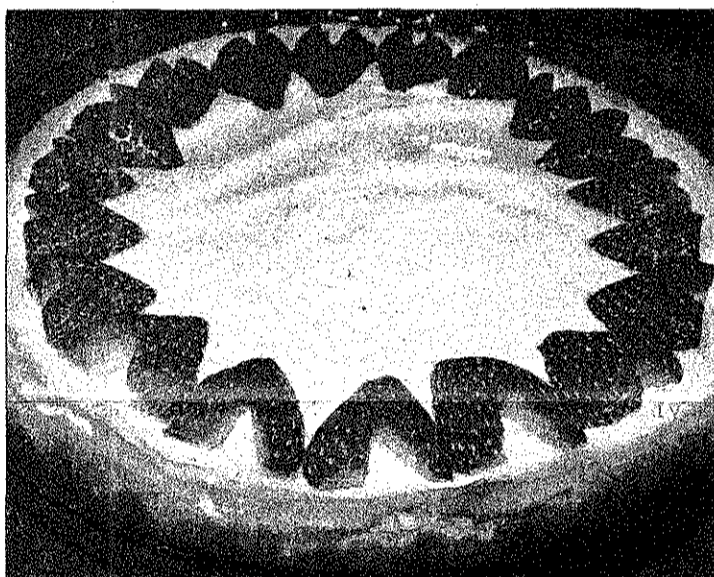


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Serve this self-crust cheesecake to your valentine.

sugar, divided
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
fresh strawberries for garnish
Preheat oven to 325 de-

grees. In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add 1 cup of sugar and almond extract and beat for 3 to 4 minutes. Turn mixture into a greased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 325

for 50 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 15 minutes. Don't turn the oven off.

Combine sour cream with remaining 3 tablespoons sugar and vanilla.

Spread over cooled cheesecake, then return to oven and bake for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven, cool for awhile and decorate with halved strawberries that look like hearts. Carefully cover and chill until serving.

To make the strawberry halves look like hearts, cut out a little wedge from the middle of the top of the strawberry half.

This tasty cheesecake "pie" is the perfect place to start if you have never made a cheesecake from scratch.

Thanks Mary Lou.

Spring Market arrives in May

Tau Beta Association's eighth annual Spring Market is May 13 and 14 at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, City of Grosse Pointe.

The market features dozens of high-end boutique style ven-

dors with gifts for the home, spring and summer gift-giving events, children and adults clothing, linens, garden accessories and jewelry.

Founded in 1901, Tau Beta promotes charitable and phil-



Tau Beta Association members include, from left, Jana Brownell, patron chairwoman Lynn Wood, Jenny Nolan and chairwoman Drew Ebbing.

What's happening

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms offers a number of programs during February. To register, call (313) 881-7511.

A Valentine's Day Dance — 8 to 11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Disc jockey Robert Taylor provides the dancing music. This for adults only. The cost is \$15.

Get Your Book Published — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 16 and 23 or Tuesdays, March 22 and 29. Author Joe

Grimm teaches how to turn a manuscript into a book. The program covers traditional publishers, print-on-demand, editing, design, illustrations, copyrights and marketing. The cost for two classes is \$50.

Tea, featuring an Audience with Queen Elizabeth I — 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Guests meet Queen Elizabeth I and a member of her court, portrayed by historical reenactors.

The cost is \$23 and includes the afternoon tea fare, tax, gratuity, program and Historic Preservation fee.

anthropic projects and services to benefit residents of Southeastern Michigan in partnership with The Children's Center in Detroit. More than 3,500 children and families benefit annually from the programs offered through Tau Beta's Center for Discovery, a multi-media resource center providing a computer lab and library.

HEART: Beaumont earns awards

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ment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms.

Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, also earned the Gold Seal of Approval for stroke care. The Joint Commission's Stroke Center Certification is achieved by demonstrating patient care, quality and safety, and complying with the highest national standards. Certification emphasizes a commitment to significantly improving outcomes for stroke patients as outlined by the commission.

A chest pain center's protocol-driven and systematic approach to patient care allows physicians to treat during the early stages of a heart attack, when treatment is most effective, and to better monitor patients when it is not clear whether they are having a heart-related issue.

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10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?
10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm The Soc Show
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The Soc Show
6:00 pm Legal Insider
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
9:00 pm Art & Design
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
10:00 pm The John Prost Show
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
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TEAPOT:
Contemporary
and ancient

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The earlier pots expressly designed and fabricated to brew tea originated in the Yixing region of China and left unglazed, displaying the clay, she said. This was the inspiration for Fong Choo, who was born in Singapore and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky Louisville. Several of his pieces are on display in one of two upstairs rooms at Pewabic.

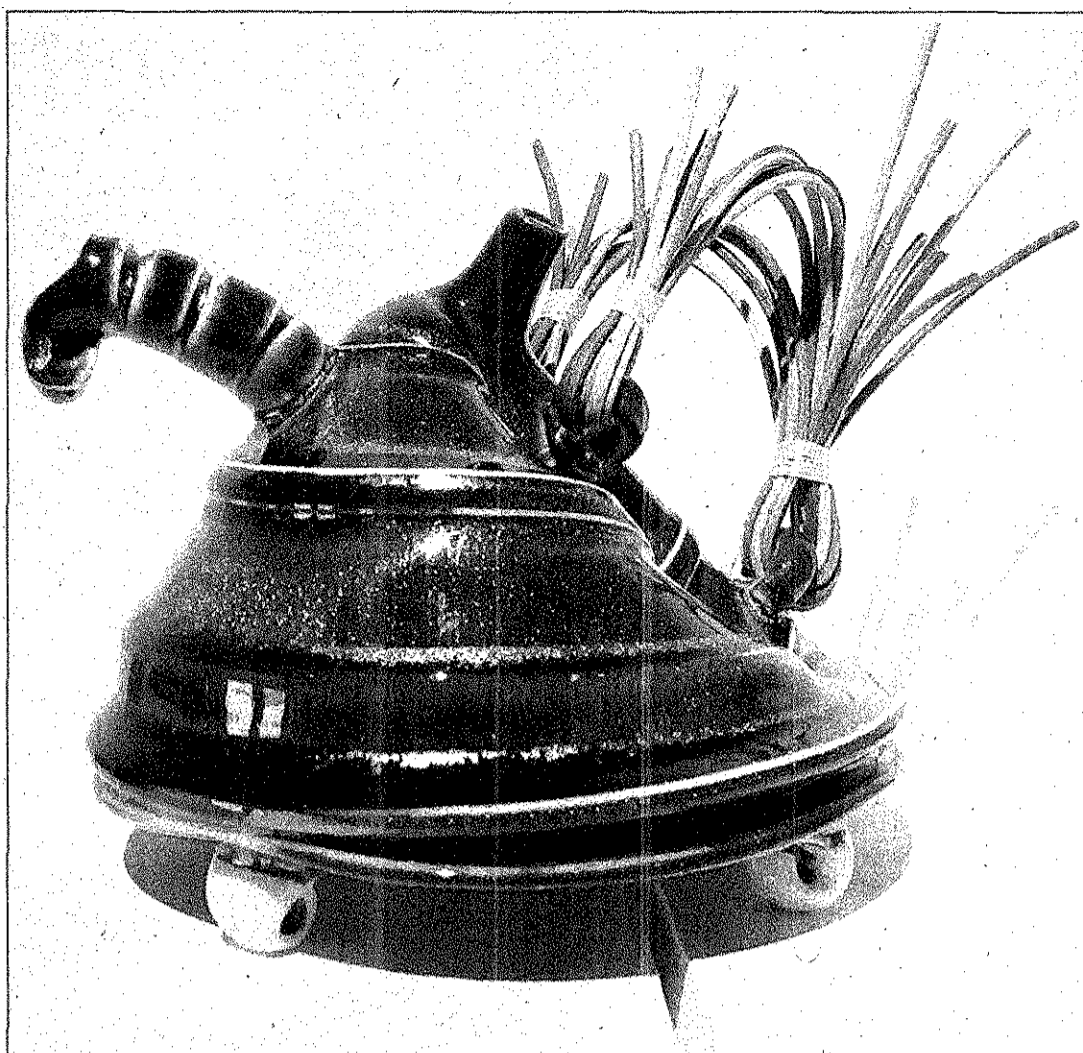
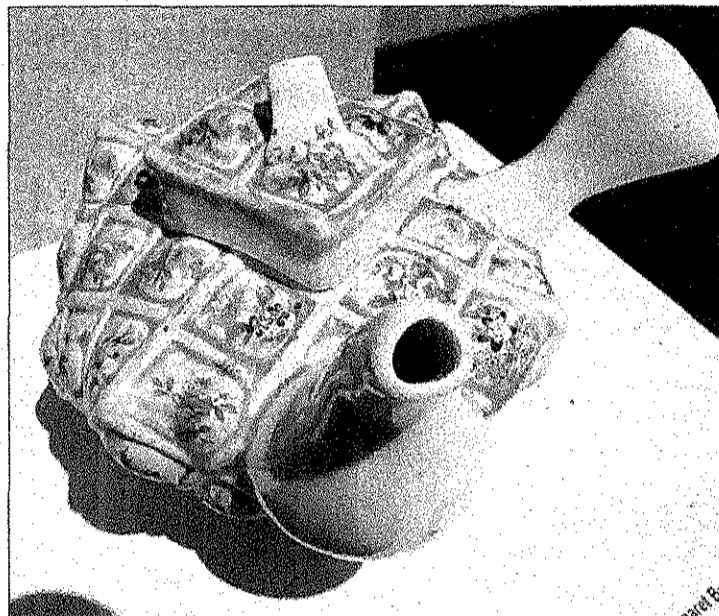
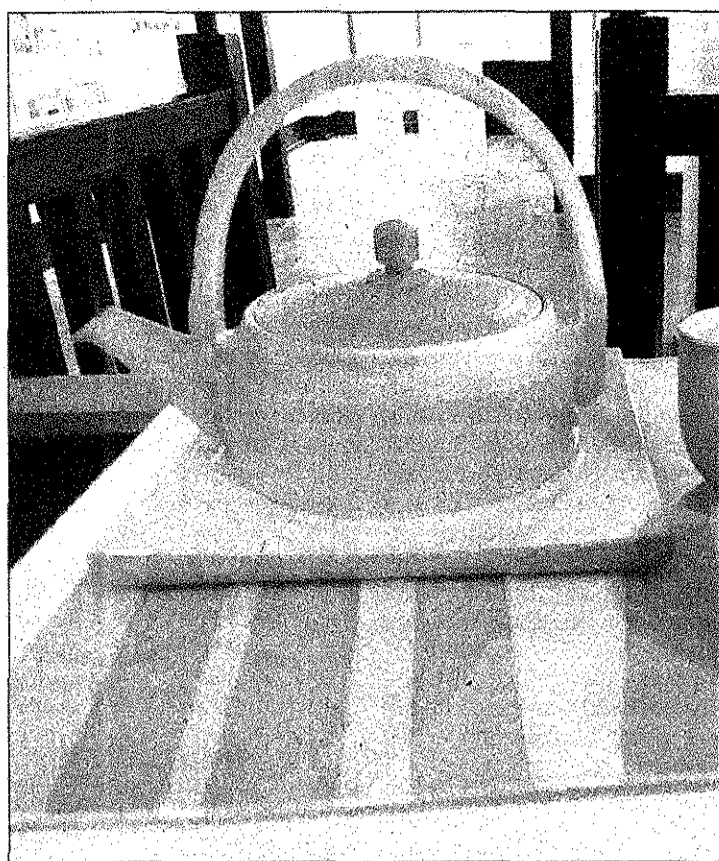
Choo's teapots illustrate both the traditional squat and round style and the whimsical.

Though Choo's and other artist's teapots are glazed, traditionally they were not so as not to interfere with the tea's flavor.

A side handle or bail on the round pot was designed during the Ming Dynasty, Robinson said. A bail is the handle across the top.

Europeans joined the tea consumption, much later, around the 17th century when two other forms of hot beverage were sweeping the continent — coffee and hot cocoa.

The European influence in teapots can be seen in the work of Margaret Bohls, a staffer at the University of Minnesota. Her green teapot is on display along with her pink floral teapot, which has a decidedly Japanese influence



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Above, Fong Choo made a whimsical teapot with sticks for a handle.

Above left, Romulus Craft, who is artists Jeanne Bisson and Ikuzi Teraki, created a teapot and a serving tray because presentation is a must.

Bottom left, Margaret Bohls' creations are influenced by European teapots.

with a side handle, called the kyushu style, created in the 1800s.

Today, Robinson said, tea is the largest traded commodity

in the world.

"There is lots of money in tea. It's a mania," she said.

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SHAPE:
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fast and are better for summer months, not in winter or for tea with low water temperature brewing," he said in an e-mail. "Short, wide pots are the opposite."

He goes on to say, the size of the pot must allow the leaves to unfurl and have room for steeping, as seen in the traditional Yixing teapots. These are said to be the first containers made specifically for tea brewing.

Some oolong teas have very large leaves or long stems of leaves, he said, and need a wider Yixing teapot.

"High temp teas, e.g. puerh, makes well in a vessel large enough to keep the temp up. Some puerhs are also large leaved and need a wider pot so it depends on the type brewed," Nahat said.

Making tea in the summer deviates from winter rules. Making tea in a tall skinny vessel for summer sipping encourages the beverage to cool more quickly.

The teapot's material affects the flavor.

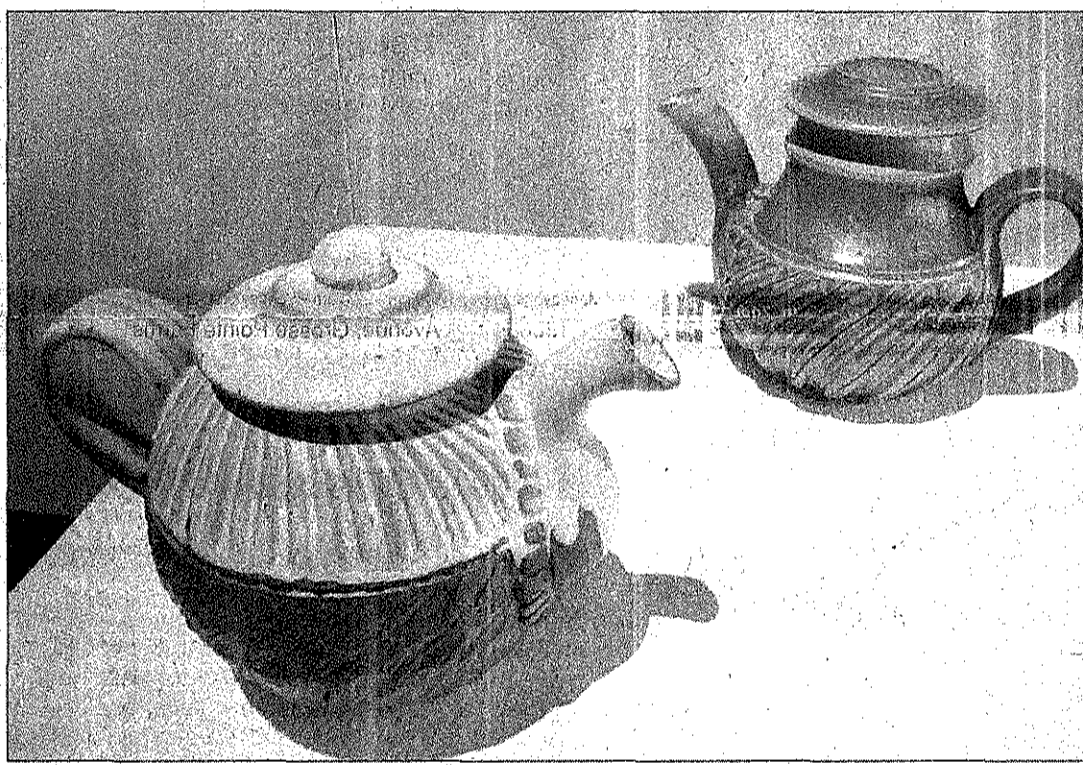


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Teapots by Val Cushing.

"For example," Nahat said, "Yixing pots are made from clay located in a special place in China — Yixing. Over time, a patina develops due to the absorbent nature of the clay which enhances and deepens the tea's flavor. Once such a pot is used for a particular kind of tea, it shouldn't be used for other types."

"Ceramic, glass or metal can — all other factors being equal — tend to exaggerate the bitterness and astringency of tea but can be adjusted by attention to the 3 Ts."

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good cup of tea — time, temperature and tea volume.

"These all vary depending on the type of tea you are brewing and each will be different," he said.

"Water is the mother of tea," Nahat said. "Ninety-nine percent of a cup of tea is water, therefore the best water possible should be used for an excellent cup of tea."

"The best water is fresh, oxygenated and somewhat 'sweet' tasting. I prefer spring water. Distilled water removes natural minerals which are important to the water quality and taste. Municipal water is often treated with chemicals like chlorine which can leave a foul taste."

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