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FRIDAY, FEB. 25

◆ Littles at Liggett, a parent-tot time with interactive play guided by early childhood faculty, is from 9 to 10 a.m. or 10:30 to 11 a.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Register with Denise Deane at (313) 884-4444, extension 407. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$10.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 26

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the Winter Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dick Ruzzin, former General Motors industrial designer, is the 7 p.m. speaker, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Day of Dance For Your Health, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is free.

MONDAY, FEB. 28

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts Pajama-Rama from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, and features family storytime for children 3 to 5 years old. To register, call (313) 343-2074.

◆ Last day to pay winter taxes at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. City hall is open until 5 p.m.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

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◆ Play Central, a place for chil-

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Reflections in time from across Kercheval.

The final chapter

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In the picture windows of CVS Pharmacy on Kercheval in the Village, is a series of enlarged black and white photographs of storefronts from the commercial district's past.

When looked at from proper angles, the images are overlaid by the reflection of Borders book store across the street, soon to become a grainy memory of businesses past.

Borders Books and Music in the City of Grosse Pointe is among four of the chain's Michigan stores closing due to bankruptcy.

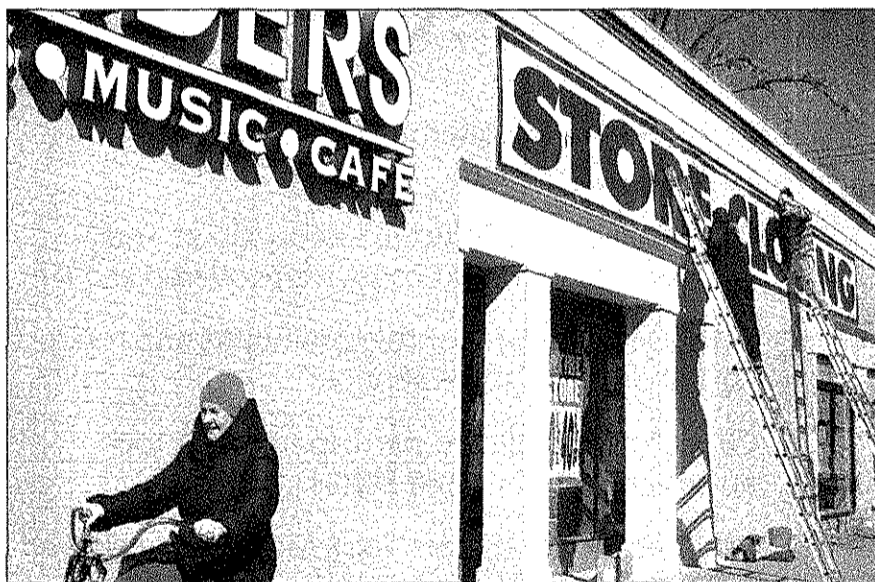
"I was just there a week and a-half ago," said City Mayor Dale Scrace the day of the announcement. "I bought a book, 'Punching Out.'"

The purchase was ironic. "Punching Out" is about dismantling the once-vibrant Budd Manufacturing factory on Detroit's eastside, where Scrace said his father and grandfather worked.

Scrace was a councilman in January 1998, when Borders announced plans to enter the Village. Borders moved into nearly 20,000-square-foot of property Jacobson's department store yielded during early stages of a failed downsizing that ended a few years later in a bankruptcy of its own.

"I'm sad to see Borders go," Scrace said. "It's an anchor in the Village." Borders declared bankruptcy Feb. 16. Soon after, the Village store closed its cafe. Then, last Saturday, a liquidation sale drew hundreds of customers.

Even at 20 to 40 percent off, many of the stores' books, compact discs, games and movie videos cost more than new copies available by mail or-



The signs point to the Village Borders being one of four set to shutter in Michigan.

der on the Internet.

"Punching Out" retails for \$25.95. Scrace could have bought a new copy on amazon.com for \$13.84. Even with \$3.99 shipping, the total beats the liquidation discount.

Borders has been losing against web-based outlets and electronic reader alternatives.

"It's something we've anticipated,"

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Let there be neon?

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The neon lights may be back on soon on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The city council, meeting Monday as the committee of the whole, voted 5 to 2 to repeal the long-standing, but only recently enforced, ban on neon lights.

The issue goes before council Feb. 28. Mayor Robert Novitke called the meeting to discuss the city's direction on the ban. About 30 people attended.

"When we met in January and denied the appeals, I was hearing from council members comments like 'this doesn't mean I am in agreement,' or 'my hands are tied,'" Novitke said. "But I had a problem with granting one appeal, but

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Fewer officers available

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Major crime isn't the only thing trending downward in Grosse Pointe Shores.

So is the number of patrolmen. "We're operating with 17 officers, a 15 percent reduction in manpower since 2004, when I became chief," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director.

The reduced contingent combined last year to make 7,710 investigations and 319 arrests, according to the department's 2010 annual report.

"We still have the same amount of patrols," Poloni said.

The departments' triple-trained officers — police, fire and emergency medical service — also made 57 fire runs, went on 190 ambulance calls and com-

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\$400K shortfall forecast for City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A high hurdle is in the way of balancing next year's books in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We've projected a shortfall of approximately \$400,000 that we'll have to come up with this year to make our

budget balanced," said Peter Dame, city manager.

The figure hasn't changed since Dame announced it last year in his five-year budget forecast.

Because the city maxed-out its state-allowed millage rate and Dame doesn't want to ask voters for a Headlee Amendment override, a large portion of the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 will

be balanced on spending cuts.

The projected shortfall comes despite the elimination of several management positions, pay freezes, a hiring freeze, imposing higher deductible health plans for non-union employees and public safety officers, user fees for recreation programs and lower pension benefits for new employees when hiring restrictions end.

"In large part, reductions to date have been in administrative and overhead-type categories," Dame said. "There has been a clear effort to avoid reduction of services, particularly in key public works and public safety services."

Dame anticipates further action to match revenues with expenses by alter-

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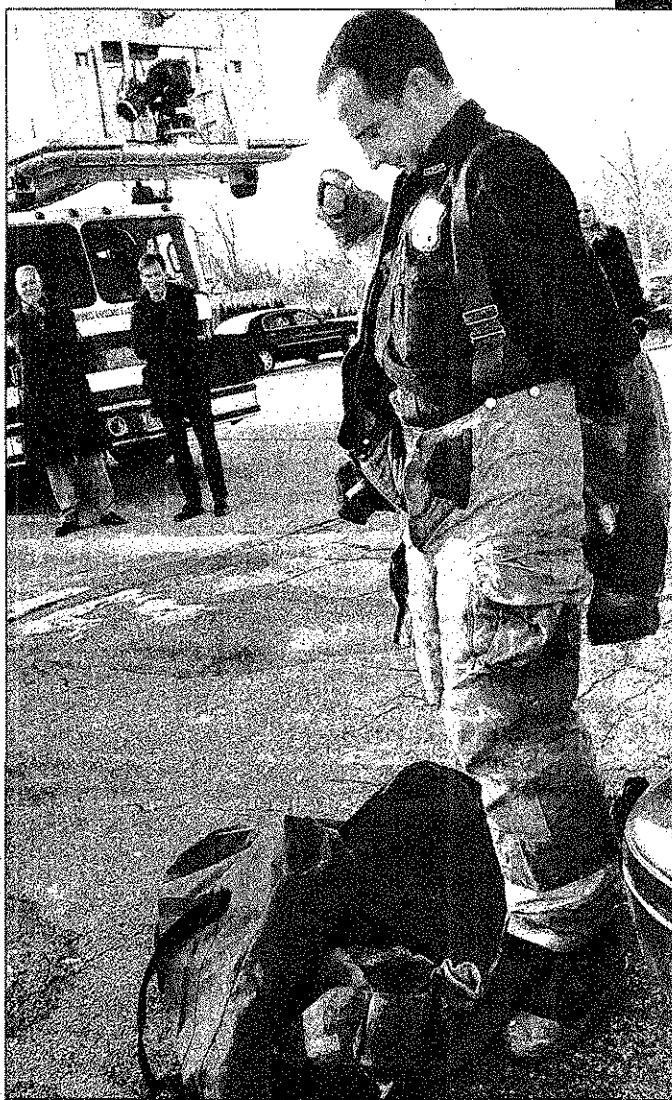
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Special guests

Representatives of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency visited Michigan last week as guests of the International City/County Management Association. The group studied the benefits of consolidating police and fire departments and made one of their stops Grosse Pointe Park. They toured the public safety department and watched a demonstration of public safety officers working as both police and fire officers. Public Safety Director David Hiller spoke to the group, giving them background on how the public safety department was formed in the Park. They also heard from Mayor Palmer Heenan. The group is visiting five cities in Michigan. At right, Officer Ryan Willmer dons an oxygen mask. Below right, Chief Hiller hands his chief's hat to Hakan Axelsson, head of development for Swedish Authorities. Below, Hiller, local public safety officers and the Swedish Community Development Division, two fire trucks and two police cars were at Patterson Park to demonstrate how a police officer transforms from an officer to a firefighter.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Recreation foundation considered

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE— Of all departmental budget cuts since 2009 in the City of Grosse Pointe, the one shaved the most is parks and recreation.

Nearly \$128,173, or 19 percent, was taken out of the park budget from 2009 to 2010.

Reductions exceeded those to public safety and public works combined.

"When you compare it to fighting a fire, parks are a lesser priority than saving a house," said Peter Dame, city manager.

"At the same time, the schools and parks are what distinguishes Grosse Pointe from many communities. (They are) a draw, what people cite why they think the community is so good."

More city-wide cost-cutting is coming next fiscal year. Reductions are in response to further declines in property tax receipts and state shared

revenue.

Dame anticipates overall budget reductions of \$400,000 will be needed to balance the budget.

To protect the level of recreation services residents have come to expect, city officials are considering new ways of funding the department.

Alternative funding would help pay for programs, not brick and mortar assets such as building and equipment maintenance.

"Perhaps there might be individuals in the community willing to start a Friends of the Park initiative, perhaps in conjunction with the City Foundation," Dame suggested this month to the city council.

He compared the concept to library endowments.

If a park foundation is created, it is likely to be tax-deductible.

"A donation to the city, which is a tax-exempt entity, is deductible," said John Fildew, city attorney.

Senator at GP meeting tonight

The Grosse Pointes' new state senator is scheduled as guest speaker at this month's meeting of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial reception room.

Guest speaker Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, won election in November to the 2nd Senate District, which includes the Pointes, part of Detroit and Highland Park.

He succeeds fellow Democrat, Sen. Martha Scott, who was term limited.

Johnson previously served Highland Park in the state House of Representatives.

"The public is welcome to come and hear what Sen. Johnson has to say about the next legislative agenda and services he's going to provide

us," said club president Gary Bresnehan, of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The senator also is expected to address such issues as the state budget, constituent services and issues of local concern, Bresnehan said.

Club members at the meeting also may vote for its 2011 executive board.

Bresnehan is running for reelection as part of a slate of candidates.

Winners are scheduled to be sworn in by Ted Metry, municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores.

Only club members are allowed to vote for officers.

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information about the Democratic club and its meetings, visit gpdcems.com.

Self-storage hearing today

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE— Butinskis hoping to tell the Detroit city council how to redevelop its side of Mack opposite the City of Grosse Pointe can keep it real today at the Coleman A. Young Center at the foot of Woodward.

Advice from outsiders would have the same weight as from non-City residents or taxpayers telling its council how to carry out streetscape enhancements planned this year for the same area of Mack.

"Anything we do is strictly advisory," said John Jackson, the City's planning consultant, of the suburb's influence on commercial development in Detroit on Mack across from Lincoln and Fisher.

At issue is expanding a vacant car dealership into a self-service storage facility.

"Detroit informed us they're going to have a public hearing Feb. 24 at the city council level to approve this facility," Jackson said.

When the proposal came up last year, some people with interests on the City-side of

Mack complained to suburban officials the facility was unsightly and, at four stories, too tall.

A revised site plan shows a two-story building utilizing the former dealership's garage.

"They manipulated the side of the building that faces Mack to include additional interest and lowered the height of the building," Jackson said of the developers.

"It's a lot better than on the last go-around," said City Mayor Dale Scrace, an architect.

"It would be an improvement over the eyesore there now," added Councilman Donald Parthum Jr.

Detroit planning officials are keeping City counterparts in the loop as renderings evolve.

City officials don't intend to be at the hearing. They will, however, send a letter thanking Detroit authorities for keeping them informed.

"They reached out and interacted with us," Scrace said.

"It helps build a bridge with the new administration downtown," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

Plans presented on senior development

Preliminary plans for a new senior development on Cook Road are now in the hands of the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission.

Representatives of Continuing Care Retirement Community of Grosse Pointe were expected Tuesday to present plans for a \$36 million project that includes detached condos, a three-story independent living facility, a three-story assisted living facility and a nursing center.

The proposed development is on the 14-acre former site of the Children's Home of Detroit.

The meeting would be the first in nearly a year with the planning commission, although developers have met with city officials, including

building department and public safety representatives.

"We know there have been meetings with city administration and we wanted to get some idea of what has been discussed," said commission member Mike Fuller. "We were interested in seeing what the developers have planned."

Fuller said residents expressed concern about the pro-

posed facility's height, but if it complies with existing ordinances, there is little the city can do.

"If it meets the criteria for setback and height, we would have no option but to approve it," he said.

An update of Tuesday's meeting can be found at grossepointenews.com.

—Kathy Ryan

ASSESSMENT: Questions fly at Shores meeting about house values

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value. A house that sells for \$200,000 is thereby assessed at \$100,000 for tax considerations.

"Our job is to make sure assessments reflect, generally, 50 percent of market value,"

Mastin said.

Many residents at the meeting also wanted to know why only 17 of 40 house sales in the Wayne County section of the city were used to determine assessments.

"We don't know which ones they eliminated," Cusenza

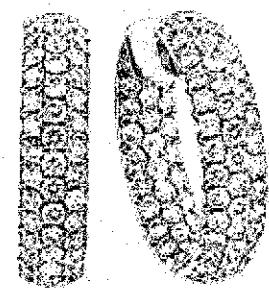
said. "I'd like to see the overall list. They used only 17. What happened to the other 23?"

"Not every house sale is used to determine a community's market ratio," Mastin explained. Some sales are excluded because of the calendar issue, others because they're

not "arms-length" transactions.

"Market value is defined as seller (and) buyer acting in their own self interest, and not being under a compulsion to sell or buy," Mastin said. "Estate sales and bank sales are generally not considered arms-length transactions."

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Liggett's Cimini the epitome of 'coach'

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointer Dan Cimini is the definition of a leader.

The University Liggett Middle School boys' athletic director and physical education teacher is a coaching icon — not just in the Pointes, but the tri-county area.

The 40-year-old is held in high regard in the baseball coaching community. He has built one of the most stable and well-respected high school baseball programs in the state at ULS.

"I care about each and every player who plays for me," he said. "I want the young men to learn that hard work and teamwork create a winner on and off the playing field. I love coaching kids and making a difference in their lives."

He has made a splash with the Knights, guiding his teams to a 189-42 overall record in his tenure. Fans can watch a Knights game and see Cimini's passion for his players, the school and the game he began playing as a boy growing up in Grosse Pointe Park.

Cimini's winning percentage is one of the best among active coaches in the state. He earned the America Baseball Coaches Association National Regional Coach of the Year honor after leading ULS to a 27-0 regular season mark in 2008.

The Knights were the only undefeated team during the 2008 regular season. The run to Battle Creek and the Final Four ended with a heart-breaking regional championship game loss to league rival Lutheran Westland.

Since taking over as ULS baseball head coach in 2004, Cimini's teams have won five district championships and one regional title. He was named district coach of the year five times and the Division 4 Regional Coach of the Year and overall Coach of the Year in Michigan in 2007.

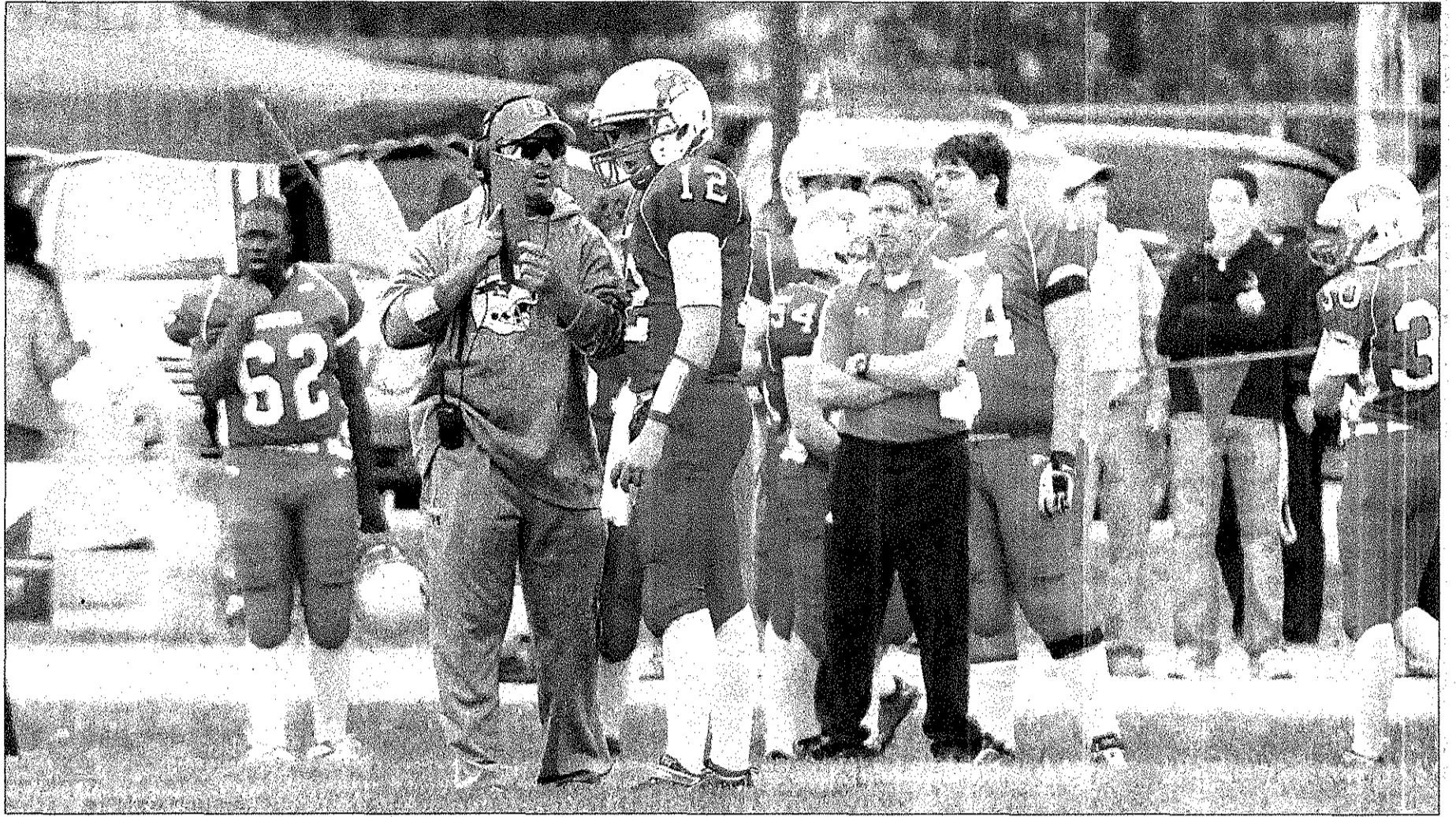


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Dan Cimini puts his heart and soul into coaching and teaching the young men and women at University Liggett.

The baseball team he fields this spring begins the season in the Division 4 top-10 rankings. During the time between coaching football and baseball, Cimini is on the board of directors of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. This is a post he has held since 2006.

Cimini was also the Knights' head football coach for the past two seasons. He was at the helm when the school reinstated the sport after a hiatus due to low numbers.

Not only did Cimini bring his passion for the sport to his players, but he turned the fledgling program into a winner in just the second year.

The Knights finished 6-4 overall this fall and won a share

of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title with a 4-1 mark. Included was a blowout victory over defending champ Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

He led the Knights to the state playoffs where they lost to state semifinalist Warren Michigan Collegiate.

The Knights won both homecoming games under Cimini's tutelage.

"The relationship I have made with all my current and former players are what I am most proud of as a coach," Cimini said. "Wins and championships come and go, but the relationships we, as coaches, have with these kids lasts a lifetime.

"There is not a player I have

coached that would not say that coach Cimini cared about me as a person and will always be there for me no matter what. That is what coaching and teaching young men and women is all about."

The genesis of Cimini's love of sports began during his childhood and school years. He attended Defer Elementary, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School, where he graduated in 1987.

He shined in football and baseball at South, playing on the gridiron for Mike McLeod and baseball for current head coach Dan Griesbaum.

During his senior season, Cimini played on the Blue Devils' baseball team that fin-

ished 29-6 and made the Final Four.

He played baseball for Macomb Community College where he earned a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Detroit in 1989. He earned an associate degree from MCC and a Bachelor of Science degree in sports medicine from U-D.

He also played on the 1989 National Amateur Baseball Federation Collegiate National Championship team.

After his playing days were over, Cimini worked as the head trainer for the Detroit Drive Arena football team that won several World Championships and the Detroit Rockers soccer squad, as well as an assistant trainer with the

Detroit Red Wings in its off-season.

He owned a personal training business, "Professional Fitness," before he was hired by ULS at the start of the 1999-2000 school year.

He has three children, Caitlyn, age 16; Celsey, 9; and Dominic, 8.

"My children are everything to me and being a father to them is my top priority," Cimini said.

He lived in Clinton Township for a few years before moving back to the Grosse Pointes last year.

"I love Grosse Pointe," Cimini said. "It has been home to me for most of my life and is a wonderful community to live and work."

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Deadbeat dad

A 37-year-old man being investigated at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, for driving through a red light on westbound Mack at Cadieux was arrested on an outstanding warrant from 3rd Circuit Court. He reportedly owed \$16,974 child support.

City police held the man for pickup by Wayne County authorities.

The man's city of residence was absent from police reports.

Bad plate

An improper license plate that drew the attention of a City patrolman resulted in the arrest of a 50-year-old Detroit man on numerous outstanding warrants. Bond totaled \$86,796, according to police.

One warrant was from City Municipal Court for violating a suspended driver's license.

Police questioned the man at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, on Mack near Cadieux. A patrolman stopped the man for operating a "beat up" white 1995 GMC conversion van outfitted with an "improper" license plate, police said.

The man's driver's license was suspended 11 times, police said.

Wizard

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was freed on \$500

bond following his arrest last week on Lakeland near Neff Park for possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct and reckless driving.

A witness reported the man at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, driving erratically on the first block of Lakeland, parking on grass and jumping over a fence into the park.

"A medic observed the subject urinating on grass at the park," said Sgt. Michael Almeranti, handler of the departments drug-detecting K-9.

"When asked why he parked on the grass, he stated he needed tracks to find his way back," Almeranti said. "He stated he publicly urinated because he wanted to write his name in the snow. He also stated he climbed the fence because he always wanted to."

Officers reported finding a nickel bag of marijuana in the man's coat pocket.

The K-9, Raleigh, detected the odor of marijuana in the man's car, according to Almeranti.

Officers said they found another small bag of marijuana in the passenger compartment.

—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

Rite Aid fire

Officers responding to a fire at Rite Aid on the Hill 5 min-

utes before the store closed Friday night, Feb. 18, said they encountered a haze of smoke extending from the ceiling to just above head level.

The fire at 9:55 p.m. was confined to a storage room at the rear of the building containing, among other things, a stack of burning flattened cardboard boxes. Nearby plastic bins didn't ignite.

The store's sprinkler system limited the fire's spread and intensity.

All public safety officers on duty responded to the emergency. Both fire trucks were deployed.

Officers stationed the department's ladder truck behind the store and the engine in front on Kercheval.

The fire's cause wasn't determined by press time.

I.D. theft

Someone using the stolen identity of a Farms man obtained cellular telephone service in his name.

The man learned of the fraud when billed last week for \$379.

"The account was opened using his Social Security number," police said.

Records traced the fake account to a Detroit address.

Unlicensed

A 50-year-old Detroit woman, who hasn't had a driver's license since 1999, was caught at 10:55 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, operating a white 1996 Buick on eastbound Mack near Kerby, according to police.

The traffic stop occurred because of an expired license plate tab.

"(She) provided an insurance certificate that appeared fraudulent (poor paper, crooked writing)," the arresting officer reported.

—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

Road blocked

At 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, a 911 caller reported "very large" snow balls impeding traffic on Lakeshore south of Vernier.

Public safety officers cleared the roadway.

Stuck hawk

An officer was dispatched at 3:38 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, to the 500 block of Sheldon about a large bird stuck in a fence.

The officer arrived to see the bird, a hawk, free itself and fly away.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

A family heirloom green shopping cart was stolen from the backyard of a house in the 1300 block of Lakepointe the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 17.

Shots fired

Park officers assisted Detroit police following a road rage incident at 1:25 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Mack and Balfour.

According to police, a 67-year-old Allen Park resident was shot at while driving on Mack. The suspects were driving a 2000 Chevy Malibu and last seen heading northbound on Balfour into Detroit.

Firearm confiscated

A 41-year-old Highland Park resident pulled over for speeding at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, on Charlevoix failed to reveal to police a loaded .25 caliber semiautomatic weapon was in the vehicle.

The driver had a permit to carry the weapon, but it was not registered. Police confiscated the weapon and charges are pending.

Larceny from dwelling

Eight radiators were stolen from the basement of a house in the 1100 block of Maryland at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Four adult males in a red Ford pick-

up with a white stripe on the side were seen leaving the house.

Suspicious circumstances

Overnight Friday, Feb. 18, someone stacked concrete blocks next to where a Chevy Tahoe was parked in the 800 block of Trombley. Police believe someone planned to steal the wheels, but was interrupted.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Poor English

A driver stopped at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Vernier and Chester for having an expired license plate had trouble conversing with the officer, as he spoke very little English.

When he could not produce a driver's license, he provided a false name and address. He was arrested and turned over to the United States Border Patrol.

Suspended license

A 36-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident was pulled over for driving without headlights at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Mack and Vernier. He admitted his driver's license was suspended. He was also ticketed for not having proof of insurance or vehicle registration.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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City seeks two-for-one deal on parking lot work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If soil tests turn out right, two parking lots rather than one could be rebuilt this year in the Village.

An almost two-for-one construction deal could result if underground analysis shows the lots' foundations are fit enough to waive total overhaul.

"That will tell us if we need to take the lots down to the cores and rebuild them, or if we can just strip the tops and resurface," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

At minimum, Dame wants to resurface municipal Lot 3 starting Sept. 1. The lot is between Ace Hardware and the Neighborhood Club.

Plans include replacing parking meters with a gated system of payment, such as in the municipal parking garage

behind Kercheval Place.

"In conversations with the business community in the Village, the largest complaint is about getting meter tickets," Dame said. "With a gated system, people wouldn't have to worry how much time they have left on their meter, or whether they have quarters in their pockets to pay the meter."

An engineering firm has been retained to take soil borings of Lots 3 and 2, located behind stores north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

If the "pavement condition analysis" shows sturdy foundations, the city's \$400,000 capital improvement budget may be enough to resurface both lots.

"If funding permits, the city would hire one contractor to reconstruct both lots in sequence, thereby potentially reducing construction costs and

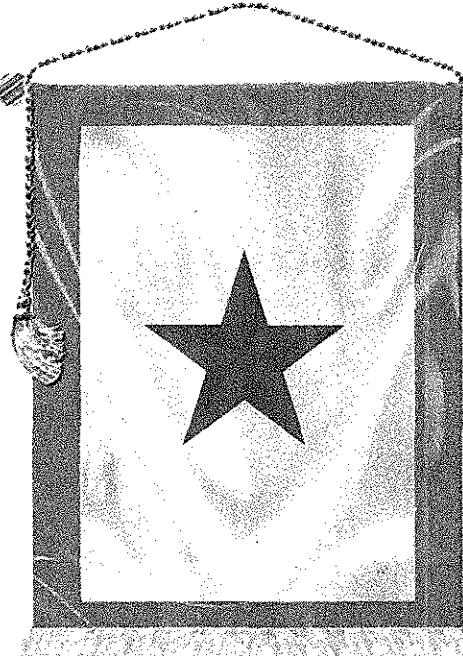
instituting a gated parking system in both lots," Dame said. "Each lot will take up to six weeks to finish."

Work on Lot 2 would start in June. If either lot needs a total rebuild, Lot 3 gets precedence.

"That is because the Neighborhood Club project looks like its moving forward this year," Dame said, referring to the club's expansion in partnership with Beaumont Hospital. "We need to get off their land so we can allow that project to happen."

Dame hopes to award construction contracts in May.

"I'd like to do both (lots)," he said. "At the end of this potential project, we would have the three largest public parking lots (in the Village) converted to gated systems. The only hesitation I have is I'm not sure if we have enough money in the parking fund to build both lots this year."



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NEON: Council could repeal ordinance

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not others.”
Novitke proposed adding a grandfather clause allowing merchants with neon signs to retain them and giving the city control over the types of neon signs used in the future.
“You regulate it, you don’t ban it,” he said.
Some council members wanted more.

“I’m not opposed to grandfathering,” said Councilman Joe Sucher. “But this body has been kicking this can down the road for 10 years and I will vote ‘no’ on grandfathering unless a study is done on neon. There are a lot of issues that need to be considered. I want to see how landowners feel.”
“We’re either going to buy in to neon or we’re not.”
Sucher also expressed concern with “creating an amend-

ment to the ordinance on the fly,” adding, “let’s just get it over with. Let’s just approve neon and welcome to the world of Eight Mile Road.”
“My concern with a grandfather clause is that these businesses could have these signs for decades,” said Councilman Kevin Ketels. “What about new businesses? Is there a middle ground we can follow?”
Councilwoman Vicki Granger cast the only dissent-

ing vote.
“I’m not opposed to repealing the ban on neon,” Granger said, “but I think we need to regulate it.”
The vote to repeal came as Mack Avenue merchants sought petition signatures to put the question before voters in November.
Alan Domzalski, owner of Elan Candies and the leader of the petition drive, said merchants will continue to collect signatures, “until there is an official vote by the council.”
The petition drive was launched after eight Mack Avenue businesses were de-

nied requests to keep their neon signs.
The city, citing a 2002 ordinance banning neon lights, began enforcing it last October. A total of 51 Mack Avenue businesses were ordered to remove neon signs and 43 complied. The remaining eight refused and appealed the ban.
“It was a shame it had to come to that,” said Domzalski. “I had to spend a lot of my own money. It shouldn’t have come to this, but this is bigger than my sign. It’s about government overreaching.”

Councilman Art Bryant said he was pleased with the vote.
“I’m glad this action was taken,” he said. “I have not been in favor of banning neon, but now we can make sure that appropriate controls over neon are in place so that it fits in with our community values.”
David Reed, owner of McCubbins Barbershop and one of the merchants who appealed the order, also said he was pleased.
“I’m happy with the outcome,” he said. “This speaks to public officials listening to the citizens.”

SHORTFALL: City looks for ways to save

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ing solid waste pickup services, charging for special pickups or both.
The budget gap is due to familiar reasons.
“We are expecting a 5.5 percent decline in residential property values, which will result in approximately that amount of decline in property tax revenue,” Dame said.
There’s also a projected 4 percent reduction in commercial property values, plus an expected loss of state statutory revenue sharing.
Revenue reductions butt against anticipated increased health care expenses.
Good economic news is more than a year away.
“We expect that next year there will be continued residential property tax decline,” Dame said. “Hopefully, that will be the last year of decline and it will at least flatten out.”
Because the city’s property tax levies are at the maximum allowed under the Proposal A Headlee Amendment, Dame doesn’t foresee a dramatic rebound in property tax revenue.
“Last year, we increased our

millage rate to the maximum, even though that resulted in property tax reductions for virtually everybody in the city; and total property tax revenues still declined,” Dame said.
A Headlee override isn’t a prime consideration.
“There are ways to save money further, consistent with recommendations of our ad hoc citizens committee,” Dame said. “They wanted us further to explore all avenues of saving with public safety before seeking voter approval to override the Headlee Amendment. That’s where I’m approaching this. There are ways we can save additional money and still maintain a high level of emergency services.”
“I agree,” said Mayor Dale Scrace.
The City council this month endorsed Dame’s cost saving strategy.
“In outer years, we have significant expectations of increase retirement health care expenditures,” Dame said. “While there is a short-term problem we need to face by our budget approval meeting in May, we also need to be mindful of and look for solutions over a five-year period.”

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WEEK AHEAD:

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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dren and their caregivers to socialize, is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$3.
♦ The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, donates a portion of its day’s proceeds to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. For more information, call the center at (313) 432-3832.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

♦ The Spirit of Giving, an opportunity to learn about local non-profit organizations, their goals and opportunities for volunteering, begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Tracy Fieldhouse, Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
♦ Grosse Pointe Public Library staff has a discussion for owners of e-Readers at 7:30 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack Ave. The program in-

cludes a demonstration of the procedure for downloading free e-Books, audio books and videos from Overdrive, the library’s website. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.
♦ Play Central, a place for children and their caregivers to socialize, is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$3.
THURSDAY, MARCH 3
♦ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts University of Michigan professor Gregg Crane, who discusses Theodore Dreiser’s “Sister Carrie” at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. For more information, call Donna Di Sante at (313) 881-2258.
♦ Play Central, a place for children and their caregivers to socialize, is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$3.
♦ Neighborhood Club Executive Director John Bruce’s retirement party is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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OUR VIEW

Forbidding businesses to display neon

On Monday, Feb. 28, at a crowded city council meeting, a decision will be made regarding the neon sign ban in Grosse Pointe Woods. We urge the council to work with the businesses and the 2002 ordinance that forbade businesses from displaying neon lights. The city never really enforced the ordinance until last October when 51 businesses were found in violation. They were served notice and most complied by ridding their buildings of neon. Several other businesses waged a fight against city hall.

The city wants its business district to look professional. There's an eclectic mix of retail and office space, with many unique and upscale businesses along Mack.

They appealed and when that failed, they started a petition drive to have the issue put on the November ballot. As of press time, a businessman said they're only a couple hundred signatures shy of the 1,300 needed to present the petitions. The business owners say they will lose visibility and customers without the signs.

The city wants its business district to look professional. There's an eclectic mix of retail and office space, with many unique and upscale businesses along Mack.

The neon signs certainly don't fit every business. In fact, quite a few would have no desire to throw neon on their building to promote their product, service or the fact they're open.

But if it's tastefully done, it doesn't have to look cheap. It won't look like Las Vegas. Or as one councilman was quoted in a story in this newspaper, "Let's just approve neon and welcome to the world of Eight Mile Road."

There are plenty of businesses along Eight Mile you will never find in the Grosse Pointes. Of course there are parts of Mack with businesses you won't find in the Grosse Pointes. That has nothing to do with neon signs.

The council can, as new Councilman Kevin Ketels suggested, find middle ground.

Perhaps the full ban worked fine in 2002 when it passed. Businesses were rolling along. There were very few empty storefronts and few struggled as they do now. The ordinance can be modified and we suggest rather than repealing it completely without restrictions, have it clear hurdles other signage is subjected.

Many of the existing businesses won't jump to neon signs if they didn't already have them. It was an ordinance that wasn't being enforced.

Come up with a solution for both sides, one that allows businesses some latitude with neon signs. As they banded together to fight the ordinance, let's hope they will do the same to police the look of the community.

The city council and various committees have the best interest of the residents and businesses in mind. They need to spend time fostering relationships with the great local businesses we have and tackling the real issues of decreasing state revenue sharing and taxes.

When we have empty buildings, as The Village will when Borders leaves, the city and businesses will have to work together to find solutions in a tough economy.

We're confident Grosse Pointe Woods will move forward and find that "middle ground."

Then use that teamwork to attack the real problems in the city.

Neon signs shouldn't be near the top of the list.

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Secret meetings

To the Editor:
Grosse Pointers are grateful for the quality of our city services, parks, libraries and schools. This requires every property owner pay their fair share of property taxes.

In March, each of the Grosse Pointes will begin the annual property tax board of review meetings where property owners can petition for a reduction of property tax.

Unfortunately, these board of review meetings have been conducted in back rooms, in private, in possible violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Visit michigan.gov/documents/ag/OMA_handbook_287134_7.pdf.

Last year, in the Farms, I was told, "You can't go in, it's private." The Farms city manager made special arrangements for me to attend, but a board member challenged: "Who are you? Why are you here? Do you have an appointment?"

In the Park, the board meets in a room so small there are chairs only for the board members and the husband and wife property owners. When I butted into the meeting in the Park, I was permitted to watch a presentation, but then I was told: "You will have to leave now so we can make our decision."

In the Woods, I was challenged: "Do you live in the Woods?" I said, "No, I live in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district, Grosse Pointe Library district, etc."

It will be easy to tell if the Grosse Pointes comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act in March 2011:

- 1) Is the board of review meeting conducted in a room with adequate seating and sound system for the public to hear the proceedings?
- 2) Is the public permitted to come and go from the meeting room free of challenges from city officials?
- 3) Are the taxpayers who have an appointment to present their appeals segregated in a remote waiting room, or immediately seated in the hearing room where they can observe the board in action before they present their case.
- 4) Is the decision of the board discussed and decided in public just like a city council or zoning board meeting? Or are the deliberations conducted in a private session at a time or place that has not been published in the Grosse Pointe News?
- 5) Most importantly, are there actually members of the public in attendance to observe the workings of this important governmental body? Or, are deals struck outside the public view.

The Grosse Pointe city councils do an excellent job of conducting open meetings and can easily teach their assessors and boards of review how to conduct an open meeting.

From what I saw in March 2010, the city councils have done a good job of appointing qualified citizens to sit on the boards of review.

Let's get the boards of review operating in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. And, let's be grateful for their public service. I'll see you at the meetings!

CHARLES LEAHY
Grosse Pointe Shores
Former resident of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms

City clearing

To the Editor:

I notice with dismay the diminishing civic responsibility of the leaders and managers of the City of Grosse Pointe toward citizens.

These leaders have made the ill-advised, and citizen-opposed, decision to put the City into financial straits by demolishing and then rebuilding the parking structure in the Village to the tune of more than \$5 million, for no reason whatsoever.

We still see empty storefronts in the building that used to be Jacobson's, as well as in the rest of the Village, so clearly the parking structure was not the magnet to business they promised us. Nor are the draconian parking charges and hours in the City, which are higher and longer than those in the other Pointes.

Now that we have had three blizzards, we have observed the pattern followed by City officials not to clear sidewalks on weekends or holidays —

such as Presidents' Day, when not a single phone line is open to the City offices.

They don't want to pay the workers overtime, and they do not care the streets remain impassible for everyone, but especially the elderly, people with small children, those with disabilities, etc., but also in complete disregard for the needs of the citizenry.

Even when plowing is done after a snow storm, the sidewalks retain a dangerous layer of ice, precisely because they were not cleared in time.

We understand the constrictions under which municipalities operate these days, but Huntington Woods, for instance, works under the same restraints, and it manages to keep sidewalks clean. And Grosse Pointe Park does better than the City in that respect.

An Italian scholar, who was giving a lecture at Wayne State University, stayed at our house at the beginning of February during the first blizzard. She was shocked by the state of the sidewalks. I took her to see the Village, and she said in Italy businesses would be fined for not clearing their sidewalks. Residential sidewalks are cleared by the municipality, of floods or mud or even snow in parts of Italy.

I would hope the City would want to stave off the slide of many surrounding neighborhoods toward third-world habitats. I hope a suit by people with disabilities will not be filed and will not further deplete the coffers of the City.

I also hope the City will begin to put the safety and welfare of its citizens ahead of delusions about creating a better business climate by making parking more expensive.

ANCA VLASOPOLOS
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The first \$58 billion

There is a complicated mathematical symbol practically unknown to the House

Appropriations Committee. It's called the minus sign.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan is making a long-overdue introduction between appropriators and the symbol that first caught on in 16th-century Europe. It has proven its usefulness to mathematicians and schoolchildren down through the ages, but never in certain congressional committee rooms.

Ryan has set a ceiling for the rest of fiscal year 2011 non-security domestic spending that takes it back to fiscal year 2008 levels promised in the GOP "Pledge to America." This is an unheard-of cut that amounts to reversing the physical laws of the universe in Congress.

Ryan's ceiling would reduce nonsecurity domestic spending \$58 billion from President

Barack Obama's (never enacted) request for this fiscal year, or 12 percent. It would reduce such spending \$43 billion, or 9 percent, from its level in fiscal year 2010.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid calls these cuts "unworkable" and "even more draconian than we originally anticipated." What did he originally anticipate? If anything, the GOP cuts are milder than promised. They fall short of the headline number in the pledge of \$100 billion in cuts, partly because they apply only to the part of the fiscal year still remaining.

Returning to 2008 can be "draconian" only if the past two years were extravagant. According to Congressional Budget Office numbers, the Department of Education saw an 11 percent increase in its budget from 2008 to 2010, and a 181 percent increase when the stimulus is included; the Department of Energy saw a 10

percent and a 171 percent increase, respectively; the EPA a 36 percent and a 130 percent increase. Washington has been on a binge of Charlie Sheen-like proportions.

The top Democrat on the Budget Committee, Chris Van Hollen, warns the Ryan cuts will "harm the economy and put more people out of work." He'd have us believe that the difference between an economy beginning to heal and an economy slipping back into the abyss is the difference between the current \$1.087 trillion and Ryan's \$1.055 trillion in discretionary spending. This is as Keynesianism as childishness.

Still, Ryan's cuts are vulnerable to the criticism that they barely nick a \$1.5 trillion deficit. If Congress keeps the lid on spending going forward, though, they will ramify substantially over time. Some of Ryan's colleagues, admirably, want to hit the \$100 billion figure for reductions right away.

They shouldn't underestimate the coming firestorm when Ryan's cuts are fleshed out in detail.

A Gallup survey found that people oppose cuts in every specific category of spending other than foreign aid. This would be wonderful news if foreign aid were the fiscal ruination of America. It's not. Majorities oppose cutting everything else, from arts funding to defense to education — not to mention Medicare and Social Security.

The Republican challenge is to resolve the public's cognitive dissonance between opposition to new debt and opposition to specific spending cuts in favor of austerity. Then, over time, to move from discretionary cuts to cost-saving entitlement reforms. They'll have to do lots of sharp work with the minus sign.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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I SAY By Bob St. John

NFL fans get ready for negotiation mess



The National Football League is entering the dead-zone during its labor negotiations and owners.

In a nutshell, it's the billionaire owners looking for a bigger piece of the pie, while the millionaire players look to keep their own part of the pie.

It's not just millions of dollars at stake, but billions of dollars. Guess who is caught in the middle? You're right, the fans.

Fans pay big bucks to watch their gridiron heroes play each fall. In fact, the NFL is so popular that an all-time record 111 million viewers watched the Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl played earlier this month.

The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl last winter edged past the 1983 finale of M*A*S*H

with 106.5 million viewers to 106 million for the Korean War sitcom. According to Nielsen figures released by Fox, which carried the game, 162.9 million viewers watched all or part of the game, also a new record.

Go ahead and count the number of hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos and beverages consumed during the Super Bowl. The number is mind-boggling. That is how much love fans have for the most popular game in America, football.

As the March 3 lockout seems increasingly inevitable, teams are doing their best to lock up players such as Michael Vick of the Philadelphia Eagles and Peyton Manning of the Colts.

However, when the current collective bargaining agreement expires, these moves may end up meaning nothing at all.

The War of the Roses is growing all the more annoying for fans who wonder why these greedy, wealthy owners want an even bigger chunk of the money. First they wanted to increase the regular season from 16 to 18 games and de-

crease the number of preseason games from four to two.

This would lengthen the season and the Super Bowl would be played at the end of February. This seems fine with the owners who would make more money with another home date added to the slate. Those meaningless preseason games just seem to get in the way to fans.

However, think about the wear and tear on the players. During those extra games, how many starters will be on the bench, nursing injuries, while backups play in what could be big games with play-off implications on the line.

Owners also want to institute a pay scale for rookies. I can't argue that considering JaMarcus Russell, once the No. 1 pick of the Oakland Raiders, pulled in millions for doing absolutely nothing — except get fat.

I'm not a big fan of extending the season because I don't want to watch backups play. I want to watch Matthew Stafford throw touchdowns instead of Drew Stanton. Stafford might not make it past the first snap next season due to his likelihood of getting

hurt, but that is not the point.

As I mentioned earlier, owners want a bigger piece of the money-pie generated by the most popular sport in the U.S. They want their billions to be padded with more billions. It's just like the fan who spends \$5 on a pop and downs it after spending another \$3.50 on a hot dog with mustard. Don't forget the \$20 for parking and another pop and dog in the second half to go with \$75 for a ticket for a good seat. Let's see, the fan would fork out about \$150 to take a friend to a game and that includes money earned working hard during this tough economy.

And the owners want to lock-out the players because they want to make more of the \$9 billion league revenues. What a shame.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is upset with the lack of communication between the sides and wants each "team" to come to terms on a middle ground and get the show on the road.

Goodell wrote in an op-ed piece that has been all around the sporting world, "We need an agreement that both sides can live with and obtain what

they need, not simply what they want."

OK Mr. Commissioner, why don't you step in and help negotiate the deal? If the lockout happens, it will take less than a second for fans to sour on this fantastic game.

In year's past, fans came back with open arms after the past two strikes. The 1982 NFL strike began Sept. 21 and lasted 57 days until Nov. 16. During this time, no NFL games were played. The essential cause of the strike was over a dispute over the percentage of gross revenues the league gave to its players. The NFLPA (National Football League Players Association) wanted the percentage to increase to 55 percent.

Fans were quick to welcome back their gridiron heroes after that and the rest of the season went on without a hitch.

The last strike was the NFLPA leading the way in 1987. On this occasion, they only succeeded in canceling one week of the season. For the next three weeks, the NFL staged games with hastily assembled replacement teams. They were made up of several players from training camp, as

well as a few veterans who crossed the picket lines.

The television networks showcased these games as if they featured players of the same quality as the veterans who were on strike. Many of the league's owners had anticipated a strike and put replacements on standby for \$1,000 per game.

However, the NFLPA failed to set up a strike fund to cover lost salaries. Feeling the owners would cut off their annuities, 89 players crossed the picket line. Other stars quickly followed and that was the end of that blip on the labor radar.

This strike could be long and costly. If the owners do lockout their players and the 2011 season doesn't start on time in September, I hope fans don't show up to pay the big ticket prices.

The players would still, inevitably, get paid whether the strike ends soon, this summer or even in the fall, but it would be interesting if Ford Field was empty. Not one fan sitting in the stands.

It would prove a point that this strike will not only affect the players, but the fans that truly love the game.

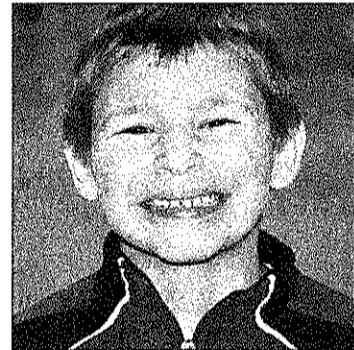
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What puts a smile on your face?

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'Puppies because they are unbelievably cute.'
EMILY BAN
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Seeing friends and family, a good book and water.'
KYLE GOOSEN
Grosse Pointe Woods



'When people help animals and give them love and a home.'
JOCELYN HAYWARD
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'When I see my sister and when I go home.'
RACHEL MELLON
Grosse Pointe Woods



'When people make me laugh and my dog, Otis.'
PATRICK SEAGRAM
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Super Bowl XLV aftermath



Now that we have had an opportunity to digest all the hoopla surrounding the Super Bowl, I thought it appropriate for me to add my 2 cents to the discussion for whatever it is worth.

The pregame hype started on Fox TV at 7 a.m. and continued throughout the day with interviews, classic commercials from games gone by, replays of past games, and, of course, the customary picking of a winner by the various sports analysts.

By the time the game finally started at 6:29 p.m., I was exhausted and almost out of crab dip.

Now that I have recovered and resigned myself to the fact football is over until August, here are my reflections on the most watched TV program in history:

◆ Super Bowl XLV lived up to its expectations and attracted 111 million viewers, thus surpassing the most watched programs of all time — the final episode of "Mash" and the "Who Shot J.R." episode of "Dallas." Let's not discount the horrid weather conditions in our towns for adding to the huge numbers. It was so cold and there was so much snow on the ground, the Super Bowl just happened to be the only attraction in town that day. And congrats to the Packers for their win. And let's get real — who other than the Packers should be awarded the Vince Lombardi trophy!

◆ When Francis Scott Key

penned the words to "The Star Spangled Banner," I suspect he never intended people delivering his epic poem in song would make the event more about themselves than about the true meaning of his work.

Jose Feliciano was the first to take liberties with the tune in 1968 at the World Series, when he stunned the crowd with his rendition. Then we had to endure the butchered version presented by Roseanne Barr at another stellar event. To date, the screeching of Barr has to be the most disgusting. Recently, we had to endure another fiasco when Christina Aguilera botched the words at Super Bowl XLV. Why people have to add their own special rendition to a true and tested melody makes for interesting and sometimes mind-numbing events.

"The Star Spangled Banner" should be about our country and not some publicity-seeking star. And if you don't think it was about Aguilera, why did she find it necessary to thank the crowd after her fiasco? Perhaps visions of a Grammy stage, where she usually performs, entered her thoughts and thus she became distracted. But guess what — there will be no Grammy for this performance. A "thank you" from Aguilera — I think not.

Maybe if she had spent as much time practicing the anthem as she did preparing her outfit, there would have been a different outcome. Reports are, at practice the previous day, she only sang half of the anthem because she was confident she knew the rest. Big mistake!

◆ Traditionally, after the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," there is an Air Force plane flyover. And when you attend a baseball opening day or an event of this magnitude,

it is always a thrill to witness the sight and roar of jet planes flying low over the stadium.

Not to be outdone, Super Bowl XLV had four planes zoom over the stadium, but the roof was closed. So I guess the flyover was for those fans who paid \$200 to watch the game in the parking lot on a huge screen or for those who had those \$990 parking slots in the Jack In The Box restaurant across the street from the stadium.

◆ And speaking of prices, if you thought this game was for the fans — the unwashed, consider this for a moment: The airports in and around Dallas logged in 1,100 private jets that arrived with their caviar/champagne crowd. Guess this is one way to avoid the Transportation Security Administration pat downs.

◆ There has been some suggestion the "G" on the Packers helmet stands for "Greatness" however, to the best of my knowledge, it has never been substantiated. Frankly, I think it could be interpreted to mean "God's" team. The almighty has given up on the Dallas Cowboys, which used to be America's team. Evidently the roof at Cowboy Stadium used to be open so God could watch his favorite team, but as Edgar Allan Poe so aptly stated in "The Raven" — "nevermore!"

◆ Seems Jerry Jones wanted to break the attendance record for a Super Bowl and had 1,500 temporary seats installed. Guess what? The fire marshal condemned the structure, and fans had to relocate throughout the stadium. Some were in the basement to watch the game on TV.

Now the National Football League has relented and offered some 400 displaced fans a free ticket to a Super Bowl of their choice along with trans-

portation and hotel accommodations. But as this is being written, there is a \$15 million lawsuit being waged against Jones for breach of contract. Now that could be the record Jerry is looking for!

◆ Isn't it time we dispense with the Gatorade post-game shower? It's no longer comical and it borders on grade school hijinks. But for whatever reason, we have to witness this infantile event at the end of every game. For just once I would like to see a team that is losing at the time of the dunking, come back and win. Wouldn't that be a scene!

◆ Wonder how Disney management would have reacted had the Steelers won and Ben Roethlisberger uttered those famous words, "I'm going to Disney World!" Perhaps Disney would have to place a caveat in the commercial, warning parents to protect their daughters since Roethlisberger's recent antics with the opposite sex have

come under scrutiny. Two complaints of alleged sexual assault charges does not make for a "G" rated Disney commercial!

◆ And if you are interested in wearing one of those cheeseheads to support your winning Super Bowl team, the number to call is (800) FOAM-FUN. How do I know that? I attended the University of Wisconsin. And while there, became a cheesehead myself.

◆ Guess you can bet on just about everything for the Super Bowl. Some gamblers even bet on the length of "The Star Spangled Banner." The winning time in minutes was 1:54 but because of the flub by Aguilera, the bookies paid an over and under.

◆ Did you see where the Yankee third baseman, Alex Rodriguez, was irritated because the camera caught his main squeeze, Cameron Diaz, feeding him popcorn? Guess when you make \$27 million a year, you can afford to pay

someone to feed you. Get over it A-Rod!

So congrats to Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers for his spectacular play. He sure has proven choosing him over multi-retired Brett Favre was the correct decision made by team management. Rodgers is now the "Big Cheese" in Green Bay and rightly so.

And speaking of Favre, reports are he is being considered a candidate for the next installment of "Dancing With the Stars." Wonder if he will bedeck himself with a cheesehead. If so, it will serve as a reminder his multiple retirement press conferences and the other antics he was involved in while with the New York Jets, have really "cheezed off" football fans everywhere! Maybe he could go to Disney World and don a Seven Dwarfs costume — Dopey!

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

GUEST OPINION By Paul Kersey

March Madness?

In the highly-anticipated State of the State address, Gov. Rick Snyder touched lightly on the topic of government employee benefits.

Early on, the governor did call attention to \$54 billion in unfunded pension and other benefit liabilities, but said nothing further on the topic, giving neither a target for how much these liabilities will be reduced nor laying out a general approach for getting these costs back under control.

This came in the context of a speech that was vaguely corporatist in nature, with little in the way of strong pro-market material.

The governor did promise a series of "special messages" starting with a presentation on "government reform" in March. It is possible he will lay out more detailed plans then. But the delay is puzzling when you consider one of the few points where Snyder really took a clear stand was the need to speed up the budget-making process in Lansing.

His goal is to have a state budget by the end of May, and obviously government employee benefits will be an important component of that.

Snyder gave us no idea what his goal is for employee benefits or how to reach it. If there's one thing a manager should know, it's if you fail to set a target, you're guaranteed not to hit it. Let's hope he sets it in March. Preferably early March.

Paul Kersey is the director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

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Kristina Kanaim plays Georgia Hendricks, Caitlin Siluk plays Nicki Harris, and Christina Amato plays Bambi Bernet in North's production of "Curtains."

North students perform 'Curtains'

The curtain comes up on Grosse Pointe North High School's production of the musical comedy, "Curtains," at 7:30 p.m. March 3, 4 and 5 at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Curtains" is a murder-mystery set in 1959 in Boston and chronicles the misfortunes experienced by the Colonial Theatre's troupe after its opening night of the play "Robbin'

Hood," a musical western version of the Robin Hood tale. When the untalented diva is murdered, police move in to crack the case. The show debuted on Broadway March 2007, and was nominated for eight Tony awards.

The North production is directed by Marty Bufalini and cast members include Jasime Scott, Logan Hart, Marty Brown, Kristina Kimm, Katie Maggart, Caitlin Siluk, Jeremy

Harr, Robert Cobau, Christina Amato, Perry Jemison, Greg Hicks, Dave Cleveland, LaMont Josey, Magy Shenouda, Katie Murray, James Spencer and Claire Schreiber.

Tickets can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or at the performing arts ticket office each night of the show.

For more information, call (313) 881-1410.

Crime shrinks in Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Citing a combination of solid police work and citizen involvement, Grosse Pointe Park Chief of Police David Hiller announced a significant reduction in overall crime.

"In 2009, we had the lowest crime rate we have had in years and last year it was even lower," he told city council after releasing the 2010 crime report. "I take great pride in these numbers."

A major reduction was in larcenies, with 225 cases reported in 2009 and 173 in 2010.

"Larceny is a crime of opportunity," Hiller said. "We have been aggressive in working with residents to cut the number of these crimes. Our officers will actually stop by a house to remind a resident to close a garage door or put away a bike. And we can see the result."

While there was a decline in robberies, which Hiller attrib-

uted to a visible presence by his officers, there was an increase in burglaries. But even that number comes with a twist, he said.

"We know that 13 of those 26 burglaries were committed by three groups, all of which we have arrested and gotten off the streets," he said. "Two brothers, one an adult and the other a juvenile, were responsible for three daytime home invasions on Barrington. With the assistance of an alert neighbor who observed suspicious activity and called us, officers made the arrest at a Detroit house within an hour and recovered the stolen property."

"Another group of siblings, three young men ages nine to 14, were responsible for four separate incidents. They broke into Defer (Elementary School) twice and two area businesses."

Also of note is the number of vehicles reported stolen in 2010 (37) was the lowest in

more than 10 years. Hiller praised the work of the multi-jurisdictional ACTION team for the decline.

"The team continues to concentrate their efforts on the east side of Wayne County, recovering stolen cars and has made numerous arrests," Hiller said in his report. "In addition, they conduct various undercover operations that develop into larger scale operations."

Members of the Park council praised the report.

"We appreciate such an upbeat report," said Mayor Palmer Heenan.

"You would think that with the difficult times crime would be up, but we are not seeing that."

"You have done outstanding work with lesser staff," said Councilman James Robson. "The department is doing a great job and we thank you."

The full text of Hiller's report can be found online at grossepointepark.org.

Mack streetscape assessments

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Businesses on a 10-block stretch of Mack will be tapped to help pay for streetscape improvements.

The City of Grosse Pointe will use special assessments as stepping stones toward state matching funds to improve the appearance of Mack from Cadieux to Fisher.

"The state has conditionally approved granting us more than \$600,000, contingent upon us finding matching funds and meeting other requirements," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Assessments may total \$90,000 to \$100,000, he said.

Some of the remaining balance needed to match the grant is being drawn from a gift to the city made about five years ago by the Ruth Hoffman Estate Trust.

"There is more than \$200,000 available in this trust

account," Dame said. "Guidelines for using those funds was a project that was high-profile and permanent that would be a testament to such a large gift to the city."

Dame suggested establishing the special assessment district.

"Since businesses and properties should be more marketable, look better, and improve their value (after streetscape improvements), they can share in a portion of the matching funds cost," he said.

Design concepts intended to unify the commercial corridor and enhance visitor experiences include: better sidewalks, 18-inch-wide pedestrian verges bordering the curbside parking lane, paths from verges to the main sidewalk, landscaping, benches, bicycle racks, scored concrete crosswalks, refuse containers and ornamental, cobra-head street-light fixtures.

"This allows us to create an image along there," said John Jackson, vice president of McKenna Assoc., the city's commercial planning consultants. "We'll have decorative fencing in areas where parking fronts Mack, (such as) gas stations and Staples. We want to screen that."

A construction date hasn't been set.

If funding is obtained, work will coincide with replacing a water main on Mack.

"While we're ripping up sidewalks on Mack, the idea is to put Mack back in better place than it was," Dame said.

Rather than pay for the water main with money from the general fund, Dame anticipates capitalizing on low interest rates and issuing up to \$1 million in bonds.

"It would be repaid from the water and sewer fund," he said. "It's better to reserve the cash balance in the water and sewer fund for emergencies."

Pot holes pop up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Temperatures aren't the only thing fluctuating this month. So are roadways.

"With sub-zero temperatures and 50-degree temperatures, roads are coming apart," said Brett Smith, head of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The freeze-thaw cycle causes road surfaces to heave.

"The ground underneath is moist," Smith explained. "When we have sub-zero temperatures, it elevates the road. As frost comes out, the road settles back down."

The effect is apparent on both old and new driving surfaces, including Lakeshore, which was repaved last summer from Vernier to Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"That problem is easier seen on a brand-new paved road because its been 100 percent smooth," Smith said. "There's nothing worse than having heavy frost on a freshly paved road."

Road movement is measur-

able at catch basins.

"Catch basins are fixed. They're anchored way down below ground," Smith said last week. "You'll notice the road level is 2 to 3 inches above catch basins right now. That means frost has lifted those roads. In spring, it will go back down. It's a common problem."

"Even sidewalks have lifted," said Paul Wietzel, public service director in the City of Grosse Pointe. "When frost goes out, they'll go back in place."

Smith has deployed snow-clearing crews 11 times this winter, he said a few days before this week's storm.

"The few days we're not getting snowfall, we're trying to put our equipment back together," he said. "We haven't had any major breakdowns, but the welder's been busy. The guys have been putting new cutting edges on plows and putting salt spreaders back together so things hold up for the next storm."

Workers have been filling potholes with cold patch.

"We've been trying to drive (through) the city on a regular basis to look for (potholes)," Smith said. "It's amazing. You drive by one day and everything's fine. The next day, there's a hole the size of a basketball."

Wietzel said it's been too cold most of this year to apply cold patch.

"We've had guys out for the past two or three days, now that the weather's broken, trying to keep up with potholes," he said late last week.

Although public works crews mend small cracks in road surfaces, deep fractures and waffle-board undulations are assigned to contractors.

"We can do it on sidewalks, but not roadways. They're 8 inches thick," Smith said.

Smoothing large surfaces requires expensive equipment.

"They did it on I-696," Smith said. "It's called diamond grinding. It's very expensive. They don't grind just the crack. They grind the whole road to make it smooth. It's cheaper to pave it."

Compensation questions

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — This city's finance chairman is seeking volunteers to serve on a compensation commission.

The commission hasn't been formed, nor has its scope. If it is, members would advise city leaders on rates of employee pay and benefits.

"Citizens are looking at issues that concern compensa-

tion and benefit plan issues," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Ted Kedzierski, head of the finance committee.

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Two want liquor licenses

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Two restaurant owners in the Village have applied for liquor licenses.

The City of Grosse Pointe can grant both requests.

One restaurant is operational. The other opens in May. One license costs \$1,000; the other \$20,000.

Who gets which, if at all?

Members of the city council are putting off their decision until both restaurants are open and can be compared on equal terms. The council gave itself a 90-day deadline.

"To issue a liquor license to a business that is not yet open is a leap of faith," said

Councilman Chris Walsh. "We don't know what we're judging."

The applicants own the SideStreet Diner and Green Zone Pizza, respectively.

"We are fortunate to have two restaurants applying for tavern licenses," John Jackson, the city's commercial planning consultant said. "These are one of the uses we've been trying to attract to the Village to give us more nightlife."

SideStreet

SideStreet opened last fall in space on St. Clair below Kercheval formerly occupied by Clairpointe Restaurant.

Owner Sheila Taylor-Frunek

of Harrison Township operates the business with Meghan Spicer.

Spicer is the original and former owner of the Mack Avenue Diner and Meghan's on Mack, both in Grosse Pointe Woods. Frunek worked at the diner 19 years, she said. Together, she and Spicer have more than 40 years restaurant experience in the Grosse Pointes, according to Frunek.

SideStreet is a full-service, dine-in establishment with a seating capacity of 75 people.

"Our plan is to remain a neighborhood restaurant with regular operating hours of 7 a.m. to no later than 10 p.m.," they explained in writing to city officials. "We have no intentions of becoming a bar. We just want to offer our guests a little something extra, primarily to enhance our dinner sales."

Green Zone

The owner of forthcoming Green Zone Pizza, Markus Wiederkehr, also is a Woods resident.

He intends to open the pizzeria in a ground-floor section of Kercheval Place off Notre Dame.

Wiederkehr was born in Switzerland. He managed several tennis facilities in his native country that sold alcohol. He became a naturalized United States citizen in 1995, according to city officials.

Green Zone is planned as a counter-service restaurant similar in character to Panera Bread. There's no waitstaff. Seating capacity is 35. Hours of operation are scheduled 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Sunday; and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, according to an analysis by

Jackson.

Wiederkehr said his food, beer and wine will be gluten-free.

"I think I have something really great," he said. "I hope I get support from the community to do something healthy. It is good for all of us."

Licenses

Two types of liquor licenses are available in the City.

One, a quota license, is based on population. The city has been allocated four. Three already are issued to Village Grill, City Kitchen and Tai Bistro. One is left.

The fee is \$1,000. Quota licenses can be transferred anywhere in Wayne County.

"When these liquor licenses are available on the street, so to speak, they cost more than \$20,000," Jackson said.

The other type, a redevelopment license, is available through a state initiative.

"That allows communities to establish redevelopment dis-

tricts where they can allocate additional liquor licenses based on the amount of investment that's been made," Jackson said.

The fee is \$20,000. A redevelopment license must remain in the location granted.

Jackson recommended SideStreet receive a quota license; Green Zone the redevelopment one.

SideStreet better meets the City's criteria for a liquor license, as expressed in municipal ordinances, according to Jackson.

"These criteria are intended to ensure that the restaurant being granted a liquor license is a full-service, sit-down restaurant with a full menu, not a carry-out or fast-food restaurant," Jackson said. "Full-service, sit-down restaurants contribute more to the vitality of the downtown than fast food restaurants because they encourage patrons to stay in the Village longer and visit other businesses before or after diner."

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Shores woos Woods municipal court

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — With the enactment last year of legislation letting Grosse Pointe Shores voters partner with another city in the election of a shared municipal judge, Shores representatives are making overtures to neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods.

enter into an agreement with one of the other Grosse Pointes to share municipal courts," said Mark McInerney, the Shores city attorney. "Our preference is Grosse Pointe Woods."

The Shores and Woods have been sharing a judge for many years.

Until legislation introduced by Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, was signed into law, Shores voters had no say in who presided over their municipal court. A judge elected by Woods voters was, and is presently, contracted for the job.

"I drafted a proposed agree-

ment and sent it to the Woods city attorney a couple of weeks ago," said McInerney. "Hopefully, the Woods is interested in doing business. I've asked them to let us know, yea or nay, hopefully yea. If it's nay, we'll go somewhere else."

—Brad Lindberg

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on

Tuesday, March 15, 2011
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST

For reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll. Appointments may be made beginning March 1, 2011 by calling (313) 822-4361 to schedule. Written appeals are accepting not later than March 22, 2011.

Tentative state equalization factors:

Commercial property	1.000
Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000

Diane H. Lulis
City Assessor

GPN: 2/24/2011 3/3/2011 3/10/2011

QUESTIONS: A few good volunteers may be needed in Shores

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"I've worked with a compensation commission before," said Brian Vick, city manager. "There are parameter and scope questions, such as are they looking at compensation for elected officials, at unionized positions, or just department heads? How much responsibility is being shifted

from the (city) council to a committee? There are all these things we will want to talk about in greater detail."

Kedzierski introduced the idea at this month's council meeting.

"Maybe for the first year, we would ask for volunteers from the blue ribbon panel," he explained.

The panel he mentioned is an ad hoc group of residents

charged with bringing fresh, cost-saving perspectives to city operations.

The panel is scheduled to disband after presenting its recommendations to the finance committee, comprised of all city council members and also called the committee of the whole, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

"Since we have a blue ribbon panel already working on some of the challenges of the city, when its disbanded, we could ask six or seven volunteers to be an all-citizens advisory group to look at compensation and benefit issues facing the city," Kedzierski said.

The commission would report to the committee of the whole, Kedzierski suggested. Mayor James Cooper asked

Kedzierski to prepare a detailed proposal "so we can review it and have a more in-depth discussion."

"It is a good idea to consider," added Councilman Robert Graziani. "We need more specifics."

Discussions will continue during monthly meetings of the committee of the whole, established last year to study municipal matters from a financial perspective.

"Maybe by the next meeting, you could have this information gathered," Cooper said to Kedzierski. "The charter lays out how we develop committees and how we place people on them."

Grosse Pointe Woods has a local officer's compensation commission.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL
City Assessor

GPN: 2-24-11; 3-3-11; 3-10-11; 3-17-11

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
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST

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.

Tentative State Equalized Factors:

Commercial property	1.000
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Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000

Thomas M. Colombo
City Assessor

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

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.

Jean J. Mijal-Puleo D.D.S.

Jean J. Mijal-Puleo D.D.S., a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, died peacefully at her home Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. At 86, she completed a life well-lived and was reunited with her husband of 62 years, Peppino Puleo, who died Sept. 6, 2010.

Dr. Mijal was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Hamtramck to Andrew and Bernice Mijal. The youngest child of a fiercely proud and hard-working Polish family, she attended Queen of Apostles Grade School, Girls Catholic Central High School, and the University of Detroit for both college and then dental school. As one of only two women in her class, she graduated with highest honors at age 20.

Always a serious scholar, Dr. Mijal was unanimously recommended by her professors for induction into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society. Dr. Mijal was one of the first women to receive this distinction.

Dr. Mijal practiced dentistry, a career she cherished, for nearly 50 years. In the early years of her practice, she pioneered the work-from-home concept, practicing dentistry out of her private residence, while at the same time raising her family.

She loved her career, but family always came first. Dr. Mijal attended the pageants, dance recitals and plays of her daughters and granddaughters and the athletic events of her sons. She learned to cook from her mother-in-law and few things pleased her more than preparing food for her family and friends. Generous by nature, she frequently prepared meals for others, often when they were infirm or grieving in some way.

After a heart attack at 68 prompted her to retire from dentistry, Dr. Mijal's days soon became busier than ever with cooking and volunteer work, including at St. John Hospital where she counseled fellow heart attack survivors.

She also worked in the hospital's spiritual care department and was a lector at her church; her deeply held Catholic faith and her proud Polish heritage were always a large part of her service to others.

She also enjoyed gardening, pink impatiens were her favorite, and was delighted when the City of Grosse Pointe Woods chose her longtime home on Littlestone to receive a Beautification Award.

Dr. Mijal was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, having visited Poland, Spain, Italy and China. She also enjoyed many cruises and trips in the United States, as well.

Dr. Mijal-Puleo is survived by her children, Paula Puleo-Winsky, Joseph, John (Cindy) and Elizabeth Puleo-Tague (Brian); grandchildren, Sarah

(Robert Gatt) and Gina Winsky, Melissa, Janine and Charlotte Puleo and Julianna, Kiernan and Lucan Tague, and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her first-born child, Marsha Jean; sisters, Hattie, Stella and Helen and brothers, Joseph and Stanley, who also was a dentist.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

The family will receive guests beginning at 9:30 a.m. and immediately after Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington D.C. 20090-6231.

Catherine Bracci

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Catherine "Rena" Bracci, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, in her home. She was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Detroit to Luigi and Maria Gardella.

She is survived by her husband, Dorian "Dan" Bracci; children, Doreen Overbey and Sandra (John) McFawn and grandchildren, Patrick, Daniel and Michael McFawn. Mrs. Bracci graduated from Old St. Mary's grade school and high school. She was a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Church for 70 years. Her parents were founding members and contributors of St. Clare. She was an active member of the Altar Society at St. Clare for many years.

Mrs. Bracci enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and spending weekends at her cottage in Lexington. In addition, Mrs. Bracci was a real estate agent in Grosse Pointe.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 15 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Mission, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Anne E. Lemhagen

Anne E. Lemhagen died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011.

She was the wife of the late James V. Lemhagen and daughter of the late Harry and Laura Allen. She also was the loving mother of Barbara (Kenneth) Monroe and Nancy (John) Gormley; dearest grandmother "Susie" of Meghan Monroe, Barbara (Vince), John (Lisa) and James (Maggie) Gormley and great-grandmother of Nialla Gormley (daughter of Cindy Downing).

Mrs. Lemhagen also is survived by nieces, Kathleen (Robert) Tar and Laura (Russell) Krausmann, seven great-nieces and nephews, as well as many caring and loving friends.

She also was predeceased by her sister, Mary Allen Hamby.

Many will remember Mrs. Lemhagen from her volunteering days with the Christ Child Society, the American Friends of the Vatican Library and as an emeritus member of the Beaumont Hospital Assistance League, Group X.

A Mass of the Resurrection and interment at St. Paul's columbarium will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Helen Elizabeth Honderich

Helen Elizabeth Honderich (nee Bott) died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at her home in Green Valley, Ariz.

Born March 17, 1919, to Frederick and Mildred (nee Woodruff) Bott, Mrs. Honderich grew up in Detroit and moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1956. She earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy and teaching certificate from Marygrove College and was salutatorian of her graduating class. She also produced the analogies that were found in The Detroit News for many years and used by teachers throughout the area.

After World War II, summers were spent at Rondeau Park, Ontario, Canada, where her husband, Merrill Eugene, "Gene," designed and helped build their cottage along with four others belonging to dear friends. The cottage is still enjoyed by family and friends.

After 25 years of teaching at St. Paul's and Trombly Elementary School, Mrs. Honderich and her husband moved to Green Valley, where they enjoyed retirement for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Honderich loved all of her second- and third-grade students and also tutored after school. She was a member of King's Daughters and Sons International, sang in the Jefferson Ave. Methodist Church choir along with her husband and two children and was vice president of Methodist Women. She was a fencing captain at Marygrove College, active in the Grosse Pointe High School PTO and she loved to dance.

Her life is celebrated by two children, the Rev. Thomas E. Honderich (Gordon Chastain) of Indianapolis, and Patricia (John) Chasteen of Grosse Pointe Shores; four grandchildren, Scott (Isabel) Sneddon of



Jean J. Mijal-Puleo D.D.S.



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Helen Elizabeth Honderich



David A. Templeton

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Colorado Chapter, at alz.org/co/.

David A. Templeton

David A. Templeton, 69, a native of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011. He graduated from Dartmouth College and received his Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University.

He served in the U.S. military in Asmara, Ethiopia, and the adventure confirmed his pleasure in experiencing other cultures.

Mr. Templeton specialized in international finance, working with several major corporations, and enjoyed the extensive travel and an opportunity to live abroad. Ultimately he became an entrepreneur, establishing his own business in England in partnership with his wife, Jane. They retired to Evergreen, Colo., in 2003, anticipating years of hiking, skiing, golf and friends abroad. However, he was soon diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's disease and plans for retirement disappeared as the disease disintegrated the man himself.

Mr. Templeton will be remembered by those fortunate to have known him as a gentle, gracious man with a deplorable sense of humor devoted to terrible puns, an honorable and loyal friend, an avid golfer, bridge player, chess addict, hiker, upright skier, teaser of young children, incredible teacher, dog lover and for 45 years, the best friend of Jane.

He had two children who continued to amaze and awe him, Alexis (Amy Palmer) of Boulder, Colo., and Joshua (Lori Micho) of Evergreen; a stepson, David (Christine) Canges of Knoxville, Tenn. and six fantastic grandchildren.

Mr. Templeton could be seen daily walking through Evergreen with his inseparable companion Theo, a golden retriever.

There will be a private celebration of his life.

Jeanne Davidson Trubey

Jeanne Davidson Trubey, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at her home in Key West, Fla., after a long illness.

She was a Key West resident since moving from Grosse Pointe Farms in 1969, where she lived for 30 years. She was active in many civic organizations in Florida, including the U.S. Fellowships of Florida, the Advisory Board of the Monroe County Library, Zonta International, and a past president of both the Key West Garden Club and the Key West Orchid Society.

She was a lifetime member of the Congregational Church, and was deacon of the First Congregational Church of Key West.

After she earned her Ph.D. in microbiology, Dr. Trubey's professional career was devoted largely to college administration at Macomb Community College as science chairman, director of research, and dean of liberal arts.

She pursued an extensive interest in orchid culture, especially the tropical species she enjoyed collecting. At times, her Key West collection included more than 1,000 plants.

Dr. Trubey was preceded in death by her husband, Ambrose (Bud) Trubey; her son, Lane Trubey; and her daughter, Justine Stillings.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Justine, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; grandson, Demian, of Clinton Township; and three great grandchildren.

PRIDE OF THE POINTIES

Kimberly Leverenz was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Nathan Masserang was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Donald Masserang of Grosse Pointe Woods and Elaine Kress of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Emily McLaughlin was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of William McLaughlin of Grosse Pointe Park and Suzanne Antonelli of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Lauren McLaughlin was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of William McLaughlin of Grosse Pointe Park and Suzanne Antonelli of Grosse Pointe and a graduate

of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Jenna Simon was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of Ronald and Kristine Simon of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Kurt Tech was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Kurt and Paula Tech of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sara Crandall is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South

High School was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana. She also is student manager for the University of Notre Dame men's basketball team. She is the daughter of Sheila and Rob Crandall of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kathryn Elizabeth Carey was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Md. Carey is a graduate of Mercy High School and the daughter of Mary and Ray Carey of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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2011 Ford F-250 Super Duty is top pick

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home a week's-worth of groceries and great deals from your favorite purveyor of elec-

tronic goods.

It likely was yearning for a muddy construction site or some off-roading for purposes of checking the fences at the ranch.

We spent time over a holiday weekend tooling around in a bright red 2011 Ford F-250 Super Duty that looked like it was right off the assembly line. Our destinations — such as Baker's Keyboard Lounge or the Cranbrook Educational Community grounds — were decidedly less challenging than urban developments and livestock management. But the truck's massive chrome grille looked right at home in both locations.

Overall, once we dealt with our concerns over the length and width of the F-250 and the prospect of hiking on board via the stylish running boards, we were very impressed.

The F-250 Super Duty has a potential towing capability of 24,400 pounds and can handle a payload of 6,520 pounds. Our heaviest day was two not-so-heavy adults and about 70 pounds of kitty litter.



PHOTO BY JENNY KING

Ford has put new powertrains in the latest generation of its best-selling vehicles, the F-series. Those engines include a 6.7-liter V-8 tur-

bocharged diesel engine which Ford designed, engineered and builds. This big guy delivers 735 pound-feet of torque at 1,600 rpm and a whopping 390 horsepower at under 3,000 rpm. The new turbodiesel is biodiesel compatible, Ford says.

The test truck was powered by a 385-horsepower 6.2-liter electronic fuel-injected V-8 linked to a six-speed automatic transmission. The all-new 6.2-liter V-8 boasts 85 more horsepower and 40 pound-feet more torque than its predecessor, a 5.4-liter V-8. Ford says the newer engine is E85 compatible. At highway speeds, the engine revs in the low 2000 rpm range.

Once you climb aboard a truck like the F-250 and get under way, you sense you are king of the road. A chromed running board helped our ascents and descents. Careful setting of the outside mirrors

is a must. These behemoths featured a large flat mirror and, beneath it, a smaller convex one that provided a wider panorama. The outside mirrors together add more than two feet to the overall width of the truck, making it tricky indeed to squeeze between vehicles should one or both of them also be trucks with wide outside mirrors.

The test truck had an optional \$475 rearview camera — a feature Ford appears to be ready to make standard on most of its new vehicles. It did seem incongruous the image it captured behind this big truck was displayed in miniature at the lefthand side of the rearview mirror.

So once you are cleared for take-off, you may find the power steering unlike that of a passenger car. The wheel has to be turned vigorously in re-

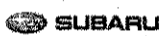
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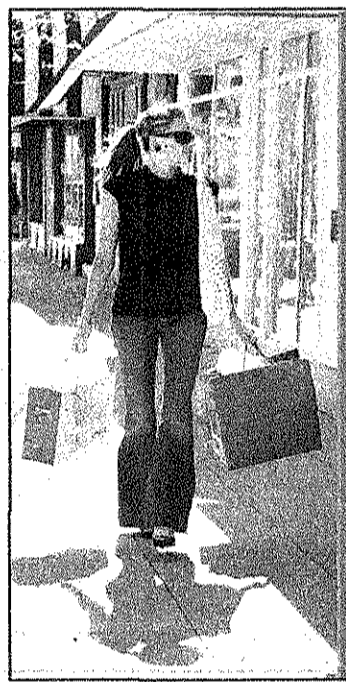


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F-250: Super Duty size

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verse to straighten out the truck once a corner is accomplished.

To get a better sense of the size of the crew cab F-250 Super Duty, we'll compare its measurements with those of a

other 16 inches, there is still a significant difference for the driver to take into account. The test truck was 79.8-inches tall; the Sienna has a 68.9-inch height.

The government safety rating for the new F-250 was three out of a maximum five stars in a single vehicle crash rollover test. Ratings were not yet available for front and side crashes.

Of course the ride is hardly limo-style in the F-250, but it is very comfortable as it absorbs the rough spots we've grown

quite well. Two other tests we neglected were whether or not the F-250, given its dimensions, would be welcome in a standard parking structure, and whether it could run through the local car wash.

The 2011 F-250 Super Duty 4X4 crew cab XLT Styleside with 6.2-liter gasoline V-8 starts at \$39,420. The test truck was wearing close to \$6,000 in options. They ranged from an appearance package to electronic Shift-on-the-Fly (for

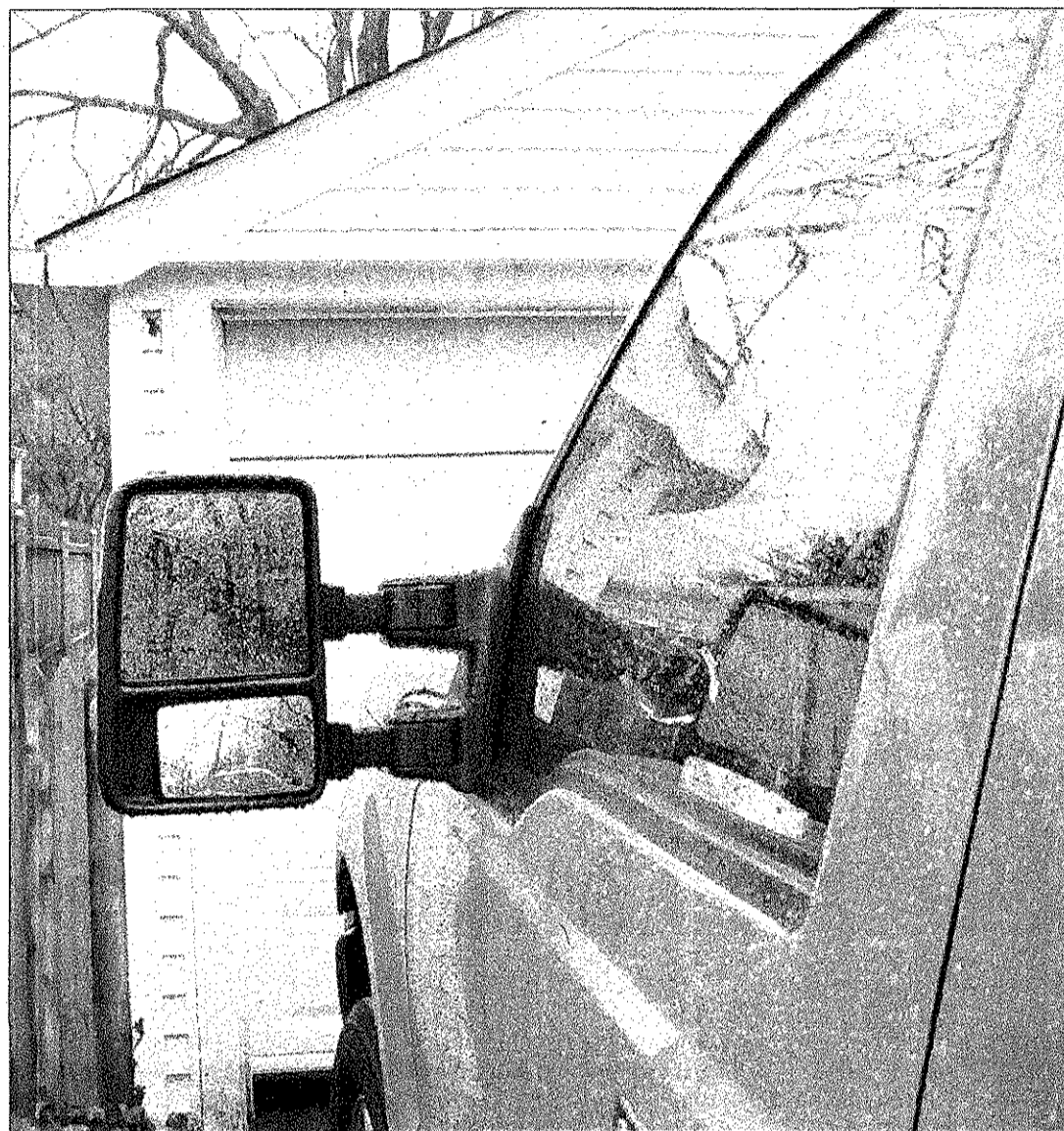


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2011 Toyota Sienna minivan. The overall length of the F-250 with longer truck bed is 263 inches, or some five feet longer than the 200 inches of the minivan.

The Sienna is 78 inches wide — not including outside mirrors — versus 110 inches for the F-250 with its mirrors extended. If the minivan mirrors add an-

accustomed to in these parts.

Given its work-truck suspension and four-wheel-drive capabilities, it is very accommodating to passengers. We had a colleague once whose suspension test for review vehicles included how much coffee escaped his cup on the road. We didn't run this particular exam but suspect the F-250 will do

seamless 4X4 conversion); from steering wheel audio controls and upgraded interior to Sync voice-activated systems and a tailgate step.

The grand total, including \$975 destination and delivery, came to \$46,245.

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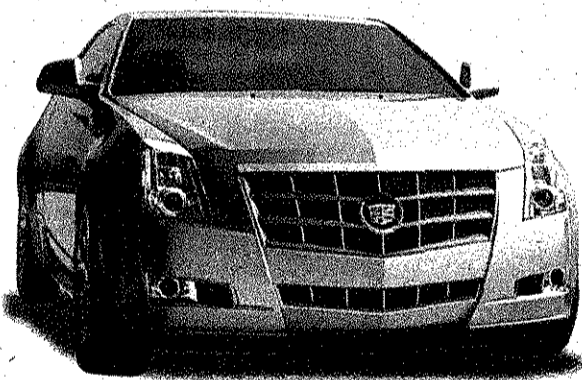


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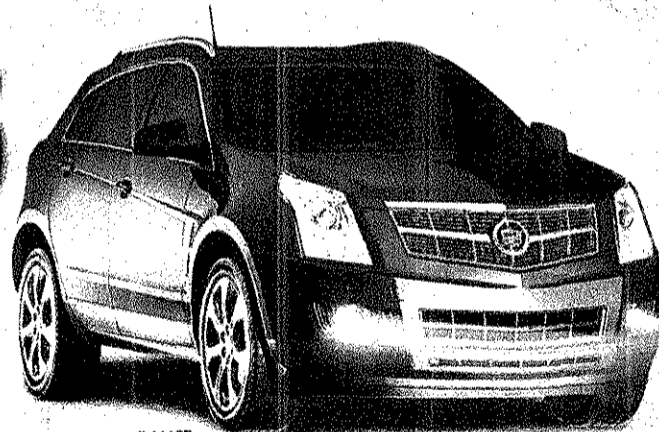


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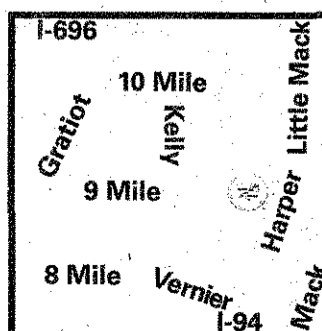
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Truly a world-class Autobahn performer, Cadillac has never released a more powerful, great handling vehicle like its CTS-V.

2011 CTS-V: World class supercar



(those built from 1998 and up), this Cadillac CTS-V delivers not only the extra high performance someone like me looks for in a car, it supersedes my expectations.

This week, we test Cadillac's 2011 CTS-V Sedan, a vehicle that evokes "supercar extraordinaire" respect from enthusiasts everywhere — base price: \$62,165; price as tested: \$70,885.

Although I've always wanted a modern-day Corvette Z06

With 556 horsepower awaiting the driver, Cadillac's "LS" style V8 is similar to that of the Corvette. With a standard supercharger intact, CTS-V is capable of zero to 60 mph in 3.9-seconds and its top speed with a 3.73 gear is around 190 — no, I did not. In the quarter-mile, a stock CTS-V can run low 12s at 118 mph. As for torque, how about 551 pound-feet at your disposal.

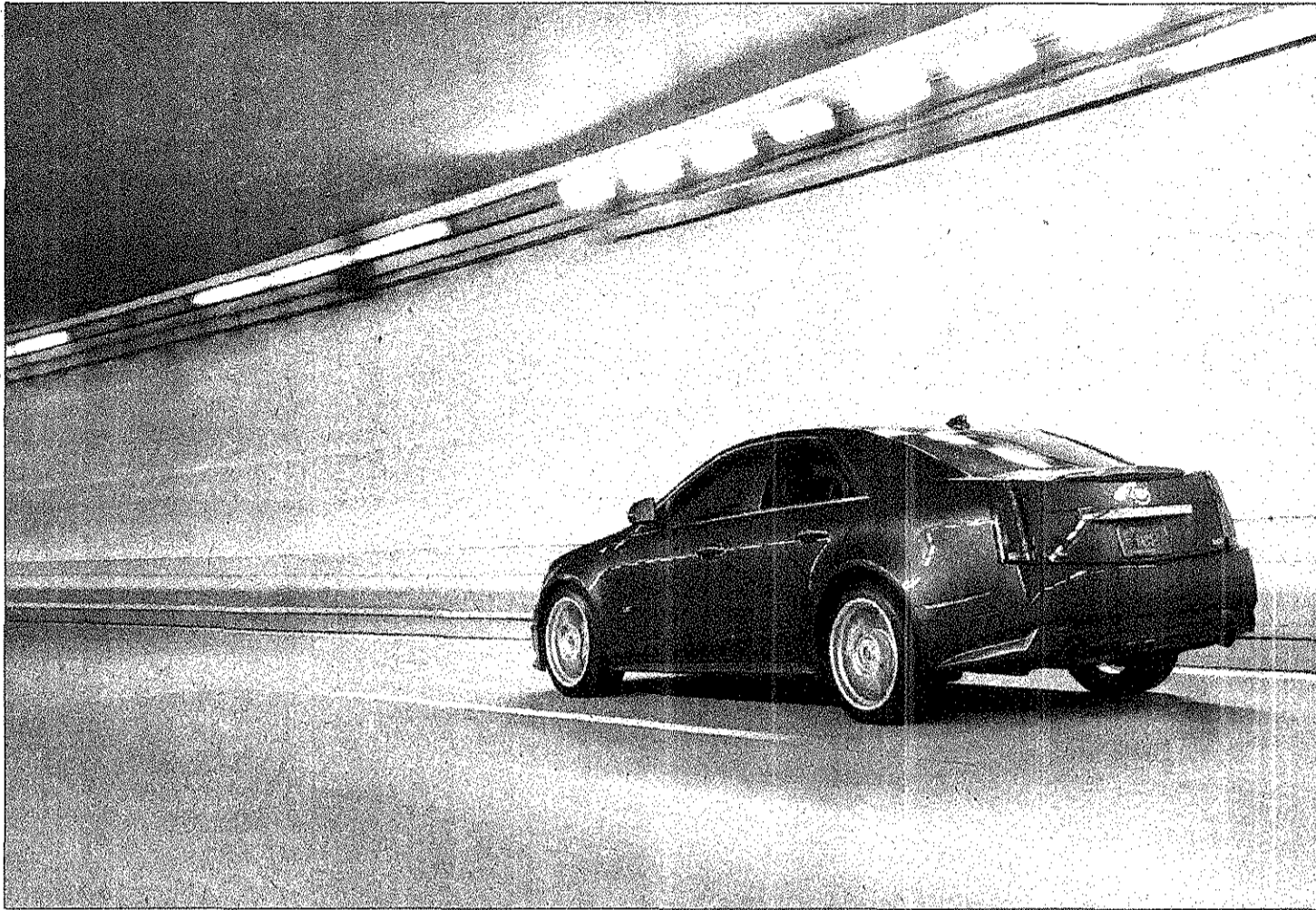


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2011 Cadillac CTS-V

Some people might ask "what in the world are manufacturers doing building cars like these?"

Actually, fast sedans are available from many manufacturers, including Mercedes-Benz, Audi and BMW. I also feel that in the right hands, a car capable of performance like this is much safer than one that cannot duplicate its function. On the other side of the coin, allowing your 16 year old to take your "V" for some pizza with

his friends could be a very bad idea.

Thus, CTS-V is built for the experienced high performance aficionado, especially if full throttle passing and merging are in your driving patterns. Yet, it's not all horsepower and torque that V is noted for. The suspension is top notch, with a fully independent sport setup hooked to a Magnetic Ride that adjusts one thousand times a second to reduce body roll in corners while smoothing out the ride.

Four 19-inch Michelin sport tires on painted aluminum wheels, performance Brembo brakes, Stabilitrak stability control and much more also work in tandem to deliver world class handling.

All safety items are in place and ready to help if there's an impact, including front and side bags for driver and passenger and full curtains for both front and rear.

Our tester came with a 6-speed automatic transmission with driver shift control and

steering wheel paddles. I was able to utilize a nearby closed course race facility to give this Cadillac a real test, and I can say the V is the fastest sedan I've ever driven, especially from 80 to 120, when each of the 556 horses is at work. As it was a colder day when I visited Skyview Drags and Shangri-La II Motor Speedway in Tioga Center, N.Y., I was limited to my testing as the summer perform-

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CTS-V: World-class performance

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mance tires lit up on any type of full throttle application below 50 mph. Thus, I relied on Cadillac to hook the car up properly, thanks to its high-tech traction control devices.

As for price, it's difficult to say a base of \$62,165 is a low price for a car like this, but it is. I've driven \$130,000 12-cylinder Audi Sedans, Porsche Carreras and other performance cars in all shapes and sizes. Still, I'd have a Cadillac CTS-V parked in my driveway for overall driving comfort and performance if I had to choose one.

Additionally, when you

don't push the V, it's a pussycat around town and on the highway. Thus, I like the fact CTS-V delivers world-class performance in a discreet manner.

Built in Lansing, as is the other CTS models, rear drive CTS-V is willing and waiting at your Cadillac dealership—if they have one. Many times, smaller Cadillac dealers sell their V models upon receipt, so make a call first before you drive down to see one.

Important numbers include 113.4-inch wheelbase, 4,233-pound curb weight, 13.6 cubic feet of cargo space, 18 gallon fuel tank, and 12 city and 18 highway EPA numbers, which includes a \$2,600 gas guzzler tax. I come from a high performance and motorsports background and have driven every type of car, sans the exotics like Ferrari, Bentley or Lamborghini, in weekly test

drives since 1994. None, however, have impressed me like CTS-V, including room, comfort, handling and all-out muscle. CTS-V also delivers all the expected Cadillac amenities, and then some.

In ending, CTS-V recorded a seven minute 59.32 second lap time at Germany's famed Nurburgring test track. This sub-eight-minute lap is the fastest ever documented for a production sedan, making Cadillac's V the fastest production sedan in the world. You've got to drive one to experience it.

Need I say more?
Likes: Horsepower, suspension, comfort, handling, brakes, 5-year 100,000 drivetrain warranty.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Chevy Cruze LT

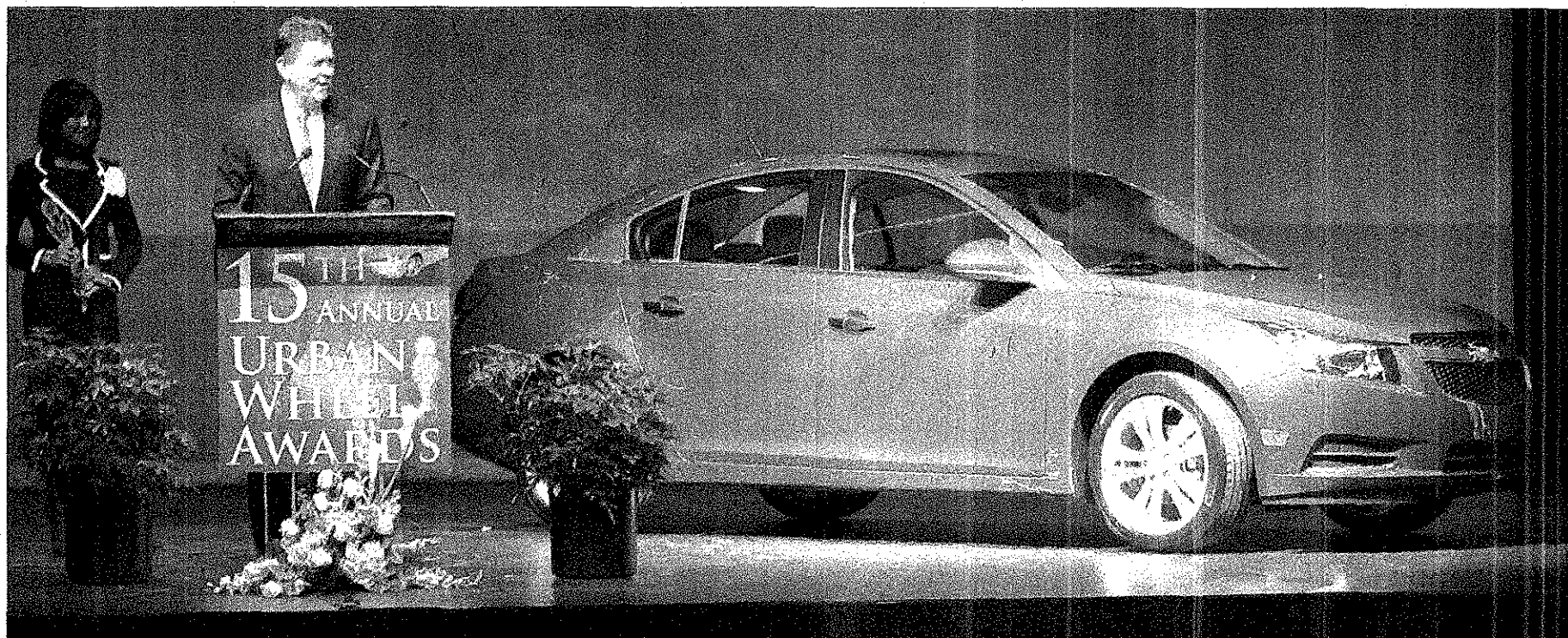


We recently drove the all-new 2011 Chevy Cruze, which replaces the Cobalt in the Chevy lineup — base price: \$20,675; price as tested: \$21,890.

Cruze is a 4-door, 5-passenger compact sedan that comes in LS, LT, Eco and LTZ dress. The entry level LS, with an injected 136-horse 1.8-liter 4-cylinder, starts at \$16,995 with a 6-speed manual and comes very well equipped.

The LT model is classified in two nomenclatures, namely 1LT and 2LT. Unlike LS, the LT, Eco and LTZ come standard with a turbocharged 138-horsepower Ecotec 1.4-liter 4-cylinder engine mated to a standard 6-speed automatic.

When comparing Cruze to the competition, Chevy's new entry stacks up well against Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla and Ford Focus — which it must do to stay competitive. As for the Cobalt it replaces, gone are the outdated "Chevy



Chris Perry, Chevrolet U.S. marketing vice president, accepts the Urban Wheels "Urban Car of the Year" award for the Chevrolet Cruze Jan. 9 in Detroit.

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Cavalier" genes that still found a home in the Cobalt line, sans perhaps the SS Supercharged Cobalt.

Cruze is built on Chevy's new European-bred Delta II Platform in Lordstown, Ohio. It replaces Cobalt's older Delta platform, which also toiled for Cavalier, HHR and several Saturn models. Cruze's wheelbase is much longer than

Cobalt's, 105.7 to 103.3, resulting in a more comfortable ride and more interior and cargo room. Cruze is also heavier than Cobalt by nearly 400 pounds, which plays a role in safety and that "secure feeling."

Thanks to Chevy's dedication to the Ecotec 4-cylinder engine and utilization of an automatic transmission with 6-forward gears, the end result is a larger compact that delivers an impressive 24 city and 36 highway EPA numbers. Furthermore, Chevy delivers these miles per gallon numbers without sacrificing anything in the power category, thanks to the turbocharger.

For those who want more mpg, order the Cruze Eco model, which bases for \$18,175 and delivers 42 mpg highway, due to aerodynamic tweaks, lower ride height and aluminum lightweight wheels. This model is highly recommended.

The standard equipment list on all Cruze models is impressive and features keyless entry, Stabilitrak, traction control, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, all the powers, CD MP3 Stereo with 6-speakers, air conditioning, OnStar free for six months, XM Satellite, rear seat armrest with cupholders and 16-inch tires and wheels. Also, expect 5-Star safety ratings in the United States, as Cruze earned top grades in non-U.S. market tests. Notable is all Cruze models come with 10 standard air bags versus six for the competitors.

In addition to the LS base trim, 1LT adds a cargo cover compartment, floor mats, automatic transmission and power body color mirrors. 2LT adds cruise, leather steering wheel, USB port, steering wheel audio controls, Bluetooth, remote start, Meridian Leather heated front seats with a 6-way power driver seat and 5-spoke alloy

wheels. Perhaps the biggest upgrade when comparing Cobalt to Cruze is Cruze's impressive and roomy interior. You'll feel more "Malibu or Impala" inside than Cobalt, much to our liking.

These mid-size dimensions make everything easier, from seating passengers to carrying cargo. Granted, you might find a little more plastic utilized on LS and LT than higher priced LTZ, but the fit and finish is most noteworthy. Although rear legroom may be a bit tight for very tall adults, Cruze receives high grades on this well conceived interior.

On the highway, the Ecotec engine is a winner. Not only does it generate great fuel mileage, when you mat the throttle in a passing situation, the Cruze responds in a peppy manner, thanks to the turbo. Handling is precise and the "feel" in the steering wheel is good, thanks to Cruze's strut

front and Z-link rear suspension.

Only two options were listed on the window sticker of our tester, a 17-inch alloy wheel and tire package for \$395 (recommended) and a compact spare tire that replaces a tire sealer and inflator kit for \$100 — also recommended. With options and a destination charge of \$720, the final retail came in at \$21,890.

Important numbers include a curb weight of 3,102 pounds, 15.4 cubic-feet of cargo space, 15.6 gallon fuel tank and 35.7-foot turning circle.

In summary, the all new Chevy Cruze receives a "Best Buy" tag from this writer, as it delivers in all areas at an affordable price.

Likes: Exterior design, roomy, power, fuel economy, interior, 100,000 mile warranty.

Dislikes: Rear drum brakes, not much else.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance To Repeal Chapter 32, Signs, Neon Signs Prohibited, Sec. 32-10(b)(11) as follows: (b) Prohibited signs. The following signs are prohibited, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter: (1) Any neon or neon-type signs as defined in Section 32-3, subject to Section 32-35.

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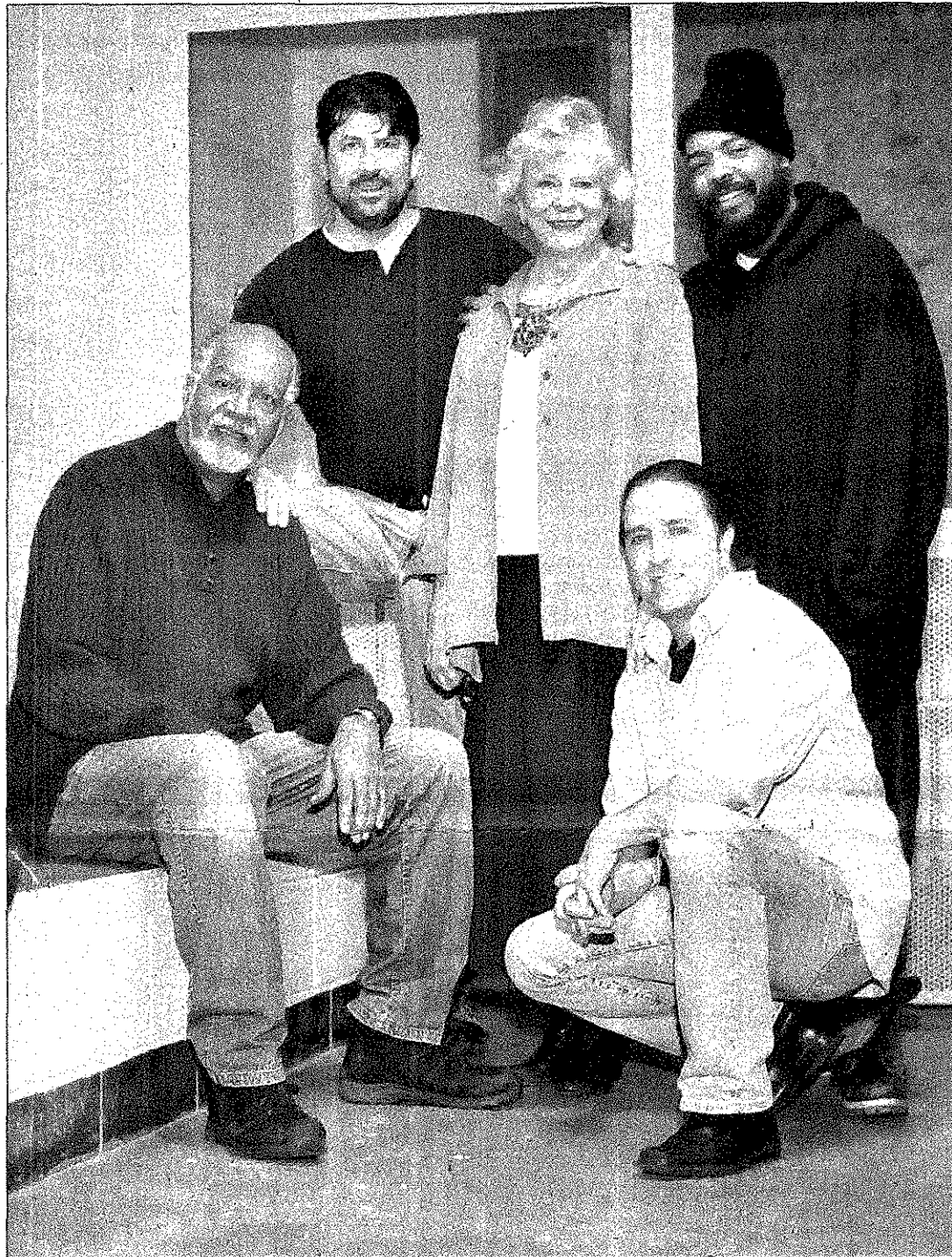
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With a practiced hand, Purdon Theatre director **Lois Bendler** brings the words of a play to life, pulling the best from actors to evoke emotion from the audience.

From page to stage



Director Lois Bendler surrounded by Purdon Theatre performers Jerry Nehr, Alan Canning, Ron Spann and Kirkland Williams.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Lois Bendler has the ability to change thoughts and actions.

As a director of the play, "The Exonerated," staged by the edgy Purdon Theatre, an arm of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, she may be bossy too, but that results in actors bringing words to life and evoking emotion from audiences.

"To be the director, you have to be bossy," she said in her sunlit living room in St. Clair Shores. "The director has to have an idea of what they want their show to look like, to inspire confidence in the actors and to serve that vision.

"The craft is so delightful. I help people to improve their stage craft and their own experience playing the role. It's very addictive," she said.

Bendler chose the play for its dialogue reiterating statements from people convicted of murder and exonerated, as well as those directly involved

in the judicial process. The play is not the normal fare for Grosse Pointe.

"It's a play about real living people. Every word of the play is from court records, interviews with judges, lawyers and prison guards," Bendler said. "This is authentic theater, based on the truth. This will be so moving. It's a good piece to do. Purdon Theatre is not mainstream, it's edgier, more harsh than the regular fare. The story carries itself."

The stories of Delbert Tibbs, Sunny Jacobs, David Keaton, Robert Hayes, Gary Gauger and Kerry Max Cook are told in a 50-seat theater setting at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House this weekend.

"It's not fluffy entertainment. This is theater that makes people think and feel something," said the 81-year-old Wayne State University student, majoring in theater design and minoring in peace and conflict resolution.

Bendler has been involved in the theater since her high

school days and has progressed to the St. Clair Shores Players, the Grosse Pointe Theatre and the Windsor Light Opera Association. She is also the director of Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Players.

Bendler dropped out of college in 1947 to marry and raise a family; two daughters and son. In the summer of 2009, Bendler returned to WSU, though theater has been in her blood for years.

"I was a singer in high school and doing musicals. I was always in singing groups and choirs. I have had a wonderful life doing theater," she said.

With the extensive background in performance, Bendler chose this play for its punch.

"I have this idea I want to do important work. I'm 81 years old. I probably won't be doing this much longer," she said. "The reward is to take the play from the page to the stage and bring a living experience. It's

very thrilling for me. In 10 weeks we have a production that impresses and moves and has potential of changing people."

Major cast members

The Rev. Ron Spann plays Delbert Tibbs, a poet and former seminary student living in Chicago.

"I knew he was right," she said of choosing Spann for the role. "He has the look and stand for this. I took a chance and he was able to handle the role. He is stunning. He has grabbed on to it."

Spann has talked with Tibbs several times and the two have gotten to be good friends, according to Bendler.

Thomas Wilson, of Detroit, plays David Keaton. Keaton went to jail as a teenager for murder after saying what he thought authorities wanted to hear, she explained.

"Tom is a musician. He auditioned and he was wonder-

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ful."

Kirkland Williams, of the City of Grosse Pointe, plays Robert Hayes, a horse trainer in Florida falsely accused of murder and rape.

Bendler said of Williams: "He came in late. Those are big parts and in two weeks he had the lines down. He's a musician. The biggest problem I had was getting him to stop smiling because in this role terrible things happen to him."

Jerry Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a Macomb County social worker and plays Gary

Gauger, a Midwest farmer.

"This is his second show. He plays an organic farmer who was accused and convicted of murdering his parents. It was discovered years later a motorcycle gang had come in and slit the throats of his parents and hidden them under blankets. He went back to farming," she said.

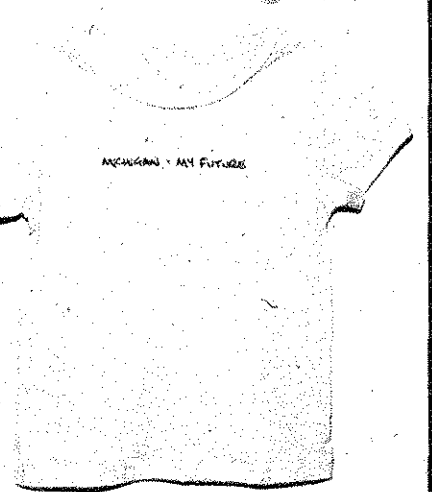
Alan Canning, of Bloomfield Hills, plays Kerry Max Cook, convicted of murdering a woman he had seen only once, years before she was found murdered. He was found innocent later through DNA evidence.

Sharon Nelson, of the City of Grosse Pointe, plays Sunny Jacobs, who with her husband was wrongly convicted of shooting two police officers. They were convicted on the testimony of a parole violator in whose company they were found. Jacobs' husband was killed before the verdict was overturned.

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However, public activities continue in the Ford House Activities Center and the Cotswold Café is open to the public for its regular lunch hours.

Additionally, Ford House's grounds are open to members.

One of the upcoming highlights at the Ford House Activities Center is the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Exonerated." The café is open for dinner before the play's 8 p.m. performances Feb. 25 and 26 and for lunch before the 2 p.m. Sunday matinee Feb. 27.

The house closes annually to allow for proper maintenance of the historic structures and collection of fine and decorative arts.

Projects on this year's preservation "to-do" list include polishing wood flooring

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ CITY, CHURCH MAY SWAP SITES:

Grosse Pointe City Council proposed that a formal offer be made to the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to trade the land on which the City offices are located on Maumee avenue for land owned by Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church at 17440 East Jefferson avenue.

At the same time, the Council agreed that final plans and specifications for the relocation of the city offices in an addition to the police and fire building across the street be prepared.

If the land trading offer is accepted, a long zoning squabble in the courts will end. If the Unitarian Church accepts the proposal, the City will sell the property on Jefferson avenue for residential purposes.

◆ HONORS TO BE GIVEN YOUNG HERO:

Thomas Wiggins, 12, Safety Patrol Hero of Our Lady Star of the Sea School, is scheduled to receive a gold Life Saving Medal Award from the Automobile Club of Michigan Traffic Safety Committee.

Thomas is credited with saving the life of a 10-year-old schoolmate. He was on duty at the intersection of Fairholme and Ballantyne when the 10-year-old, a fourth grader, stepped out from between two parked cars. He was seen by Thomas, who at the same time saw a car approaching and dashed into the street and yanked the other lad from the path of the oncoming car.

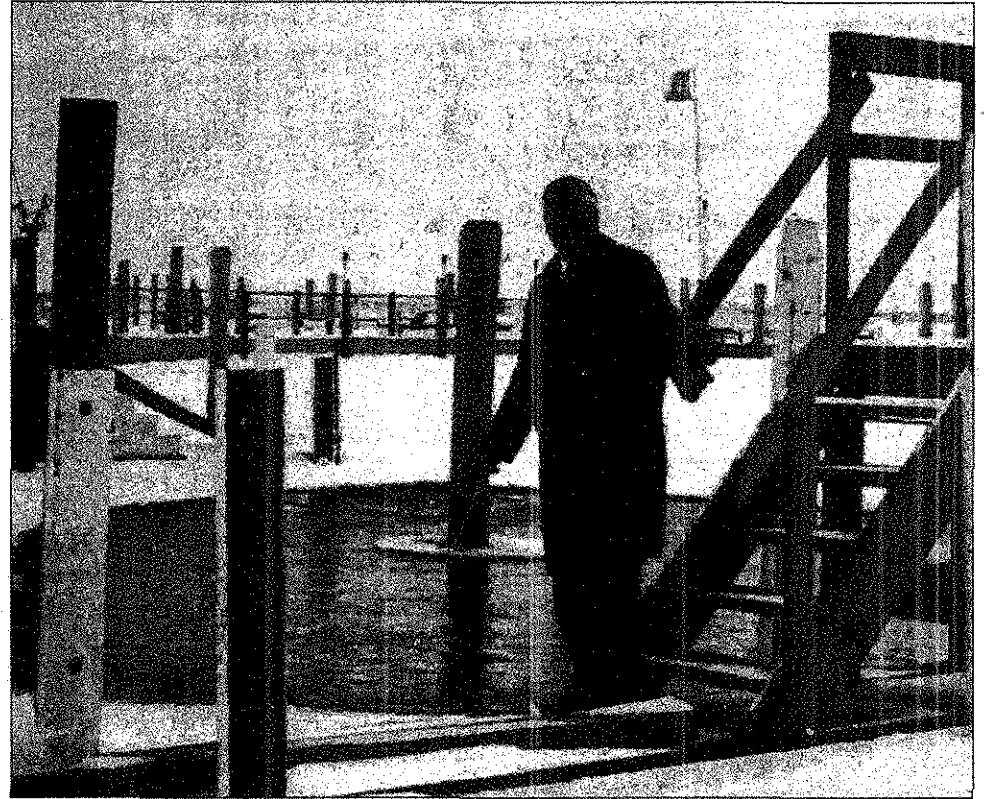
Young Wiggins is the first boy in the Woods to receive the Life Saving Medal.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ LOCAL MARINAS BRACE FOR SPRING FLOODS:

With spring comes the melting of ice, and predictions are that this year, the melt will bring floods along the eastern shores of Lake St. Clair. Experts are predicting the average in-



FROM THE FEB. 20, 1986 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1986: High water

If predictions of water levels six to eight inches higher than they are already on Lake St. Clair hold true, Fred Schriever, resident harbor engineer for the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, would be standing in water on this dock.

crease in the lake's level will be six to eight inches. At times that level will likely be higher still.

◆ YACHT CLUB FORCED TO BUILD BREAKWATER:

An extensive breakwater project planned by the Crescent Sail Yacht Club points up the destructive potential of current high water levels in Lake St. Clair. Fearing damage or even destruction of their clubhouse, Crescent members will undertake construction of a 330-foot long crescent-shaped breakwater projecting 75 feet into the lake beyond the building. It will be built of steel interlocking seawall filled with sand and broken concrete and is to be completed by mid-May.

◆ SCHOOL TAXES TOO HIGH, TAG SAYS:

Taxes, poor management and ever-increasing costs are among the reasons cited by the Taxpayer's Advisory Group, TAG, for its opposition to the school sys-

tems' request for renewal of almost three-quarters of its operating millage.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ RESIDENTS MAY GET IN THE LOOP:

The Farms city council gave the city's director of public service the go-ahead to seek bids on "looping" a water main that currently comes to an end at Lee Gate Lane.

The Farms water system is relatively old. When the pipes were laid down, many of the lines stop at the end of cul-de-sac streets in the Farms. When a line ends, the

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Friends of Belle Isle

Friends of Belle Isle Lake Muskoday Habitat Restoration Project provides free training for surveying wetlands for birds and amphibians from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo on Belle Isle.

About 12 hours per year is required to complete a survey.

To register, contact Suzan Campbell at (313) 378-0433 or via e-mail at suzan.campbell@gmail.com.

Art center

Dick Ruzzin, former General Motors industrial designer, speaks at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

He has drawings and 3-D models of car designs and lecture on the collision of art and technology with a focus on glass.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at noon Monday, Feb. 28, in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost of the luncheon is \$13. Speaker Johnny May discusses how to avoid identity theft.

More than 30 members worked at the Motown Winterblast to collect donations of money, books and food for Matrix Human Services.

The club has been approved to help fund ShelterBoxes in Pakistan and water bottles for Haitian children. The club also supports The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

The Family Center

The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, donates a portion of its proceeds Tuesday, March 1, to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Sunrise Rotary

The Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Center of Lifelong Learning

Angela Todd, executive director of the nonprofit Reclaim Your Name FLT, discusses protecting yourself against identity theft at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper

Woods.

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

Judson Center

The Judson Center Spring Fun program is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 to April 20, at the center, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$20 per class or \$150 for the session.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sandy Brown is hostess and Monica Silverston is co-hostess.

The program is "Mad Hatter Hats." A hands-on demonstration is given by Judith Lebeau and Amira Soheim.

CARE

Macomb County's annual parenting conference is from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Macomb Intermediate School District Conference Center, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.

The cost is \$40. To register, visit careofmacomb.com or call (586) 541-0033.

Grosse Pointe Library

Children ages six years and older can bring a doll to the Grosse Pointe Public Library's doll tea party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. A \$4 ticket must be purchased at Central Library.

SOC

Folk singer Jef Fisk performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval Ave., City of Grosse Pointe. Tickets are \$25 with menu items extra. The performance is limited to 50 people and proceeds benefit Services for Older Citizens' Meals on Wheels.

For tickets, call Emily Schwartz at (313) 882-9600.

Grosse Pointe Symphony

Detroit Symphony Orchestra flutist Sharon Sparrow performs Mozart's "Flute Concerto in D major" with the Grosse Pointe Symphony at 3 p.m. Sunday,



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Sharon Sparrow

March 6, at Parcels Middle School, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert includes works by Paul Dukas, Antonin Dvorak and Aaron Copeland.

Tickets are available at the door. Students 18 years and younger are admitted free.

Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne, a constituent group of the Wayne State University Alumni Association, hosts its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, March 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed at noon by lunch and the fashion show at 1 p.m.

Models this year are WOW members Vandella Campbell, Zenarr Clopton, Charlotte Edwards, Cassandra Hall, Marti Miller, Barbara Phillips, Stephanie Smothers, Jean Wright and Joan Wright.

Models feature fashions from Dressbarn and Dressbarn Woman at Pointe Plaza, Moross at Mack.

A silent auction and vendors, including Chocolate Bar Cafe and Tidings of Love, Inc., featuring angel-themed jewelry and gifts, are available.

The cost is \$31. Reservations must be made by March 4 by sending a check payable to W.O.W. G.P. to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. For multiple reservations, include names of other guests.

The event's proceeds provide scholarships for students returning to WSU to earn a degree.

Valade Healing Arts

Clinical reflexology training is offered in three levels beginning March 18 at St. John Hospital Medical Center's Valade Healing Arts Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Level I is March 18-20; Level II June 24-26 and Level III Sept.



Eastside Republicans

Members of the Eastside Republican Club elected officers and directors during the annual meeting, Jan. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Elected were Jenny Nolan, chairwoman; Thomas R. McCleary Jr., vice chairman; Mike Nolan, treasurer; and Susan Gillooly, secretary. Robert J. Sheehy, George McMullen, Marie Hackleman and Shirley M. Nagel are directors. From left, McCleary, Jenny Nolan, Hackleman, Mike Nolan, Gillooly and Nagel. Back row, Sheehy.

Grosse Pointe News

Deadline for club news to be included in the March 10 issue is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

E-mail information to afouty@grossepointenews.com.

War Memorial

Grosse Pointers will get so close to nobility they may want to curtsy and bow in the days ahead at the Historic Alger House, home of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Upcoming programs include:

Tea, Featuring an Audience with Queen Elizabeth I — 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Following tea and a light lunch, guests can meet and mingle with Queen Elizabeth I and a member of her court. Historical reenactors perform a period dance. The cost is \$23 per person.

Northern & Tuscan Food Adventure — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Learn how to enjoy and prepare Venetian and Tuscan dishes. Students also sample an assorted antipasto platter and authentic regional wines. Attendees must be 21 years old to attend.

The cost is \$48.

Take Away the Blues with Color in Your Winter Garden — 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

Discover many hardy plants that can bring interest and color to gardens during the cold and gray season. Students can bring photos of areas they want to address. The cost is \$28 per person.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills & Seamanship — 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 - April 20.

This is a comprehensive course for novice and skilled boaters, covering the rules of the watery road, aids to navigation, boat handling, safety and legal requirements. The cost is \$68 and includes April 20 exam and materials.

Middle School St. Patrick's Dance — 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 4. Open to all students in grades 6-8 who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Advanced tickets are \$12 or \$14 the week of dance. Students also must obtain a War Memorial ID card for \$10. There are no door sales.

To register, and for more information about the community resource, call (313) 881-7511.



Peace poster

University Liggett School sixth-grader Andrew Wu's peace poster took top honors — not only locally in a contest sponsored by the Lions Club — but at the club's district level. Wu's poster competed with others submitted through 300 Lions clubs. His drawing will be presented to an international panel for judging. From left, Wu, Grosse Pointe Lions Club President Rob Lyles; International Director of Lions of Michigan and Past District Lions Governor Bill Van Winkle; third place winner Madeleine Azar and second place winner Emma Shell, both also ULS students.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
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
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Master Gardener Program

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WEDDINGS

Hunsaker-Ahee

Ashley Marie Hunsaker, of Litchfield Park, Ariz., daughter of Emily Hunsaker, of Tucson, married Daniel Ryan Ahee, son of Joseph and Betty Ahee, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Oct. 7, 2010, at Reflections at the Buttes.

The Rev. Paul Almquist officiated at the 5:15 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Reflections at the Buttes.

The bride wore an ivory Alfred Angelo gown. The sweetheart top had beading, a diamond brooch on the side and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of Gerbera daisies, circus roses, berries, flame calla lilies and orchids.

The bride's sister, Chelsey Hunsaker, of Tucson, and the bride's friend, Sara Knight, of Tucson, were the maids of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Kayti Kahn, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and the bride's friends Sarah Hayes, of Tucson, and Amrieta Nellan, of Malasia.

They wore black cocktail dresses and carried bouquets of orange and yellow Gerbera daisies, yellow and red circus roses and berries.

The bride's cousin, Kailee Jarman, of Mesa, Ariz., was the flower girl.

The groom's brothers, Joseph and David Ahee, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, served as best men.

Groomsmen were Bart Kahn, the bride's brother, of Tucson; and John Coury, the groom's friend, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ring bearers were the bride's nephew, Jace Kahn, of Maran, Ariz.; and the bride's cousins, Aidan and Liam Joiner, of Mesa, Ariz.

The bride's mother wore a black dress with a diamond brooch at the front center. Her corsage was comprised of three baby ivory roses with silver ribbon.

The groom's mother wore a purple dress with an asymmetrical neckline and beading along the front.

Her three-rose corsage was accented with silver ribbon.

Jamie Joiner, the bride's cousin, and the bride's uncle, David Kahn, sang and played the guitar during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from the University of Arizona and worked with Keller Williams in Scottsdale.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is the assistant superintendent at Sun City West Golf Course.

The couple honeymooned in Sedona and live in Litchfield Park, Ariz.

McCoy-Fisher

Megan Ann McCoy, daughter of C. Michael and Norma McCoy, of Aquia Harbour, Va., married Kevin Delaney Fisher, son of Noel and Jacquelyn Fisher, of Loudon, Tenn., formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The ceremony and reception took place Sept. 10, 2010, at the La Venta Inn, of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

The Rev. Robert Jabro officiated.

The maid of honor was Erin McCoy, of Boston, the bride's sister.

Bridesmaids were Amy Bancroft, of Stafford, Va.; Laura Braude of Vancouver, Canada; and Jennifer Williams, of Baltimore, Md., the bride's cousin. Niece of the bride, Ava Ziporyn, of Boston, served as junior bridesmaid.

The flower girl was Delaney Svensson, of Denver, Colo., the groom's cousin.

Best man was Tony O'Neill, of San Diego.

Groomsmen were Christopher Fisher, the groom's brother, of Columbus, Ohio; the bride's brother, Gregory McCoy, of Atlanta; and Jordan Brace, of Houston.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of North Stafford High School, Stafford, Va. She graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and earned a Master of Science degree from Sarah Lawrence College in human genetics.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ryan Ahee

She is a genetic counselor with Genzyme Corporation in Los Angeles.

Fisher is a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and is the marketing and public relations account director for Automobili Lamborghini, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The couple honeymooned at Big Sur and in Napa Valley. They reside in Redondo Beach,



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Delaney Fisher

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MacConnachie-Saputo

Krystin Michelle MacConnachie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James MacConnachie, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Dr. and Mrs. John Hall, of The Villages, Fla., married William Patrick Saputo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Saputo, of Rochester Hills, Sept. 18, 2010, at St. Ambrose



Mr. and Mrs. William Patrick Saputo Jr.

Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Timothy Pelc officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a cream and ivory belgrande-style Enzoani gown. Her bouquet was black magic roses, burgundy cymbidium orchids, peonies and hanging amaranthus.

Meghan MacConnachie, the bride's sister, of Grosse Pointe Park, served as the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Allyson Henes, of Birmingham, the bride's stepsister; Jessica Saputo-Fell, of Rochester Hills, the groom's sister; and the bride's friend, Kate Sloan, of Birmingham.

They wore euro red Bill Levkoff ball gowns and carried hand-tied ivory rose bouquets.

Anthony Giorgio, of Center Port, N.Y., the groom's friend, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Don Vidosh, the groom's friend, of Charlevoix; Christopher Henes, the bride's stepbrother, of Ferndale; and Frank Sweet, the groom's friend, of Birmingham.

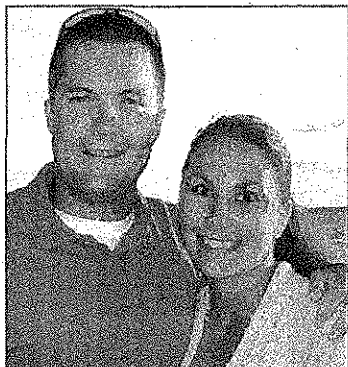
Ushers were Shawn Saputo, of Ypsilanti, the groom's cousin; and Michael Scott Jr., the groom's friend, of Birmingham.

The bride attended Western Michigan University and is an account manager with Arrow Strategies, of Bingham Farms.

The groom attended University of Colorado and is an owner and operator of McDonald's in Rochester Hills.

They honeymooned in Costa Rica and live in Oakland Township.

ENGAGEMENTS



John Van Tol and Julie Mary Hughes

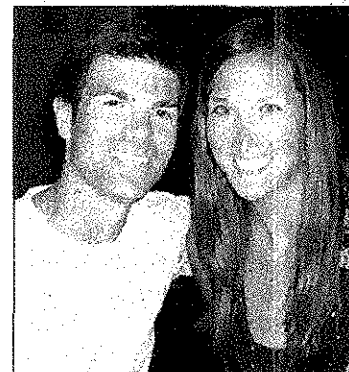
Hughes-Van Tol

Susan Hughes, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Julie Mary Hughes, to John Stephen Van Tol, son of Cheryl and Paul Van Tol, of Grosse Pointe Park. Hughes is the daughter of Todd Philip Hughes, of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is

planned.

Hughes earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is pursuing a Master of Arts degree at Wayne State University in elementary education. She is an elementary education teacher in the Clintondale Community School District.

Van Tol earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Calvin College and is a mortgage banker with Quicken Loans.



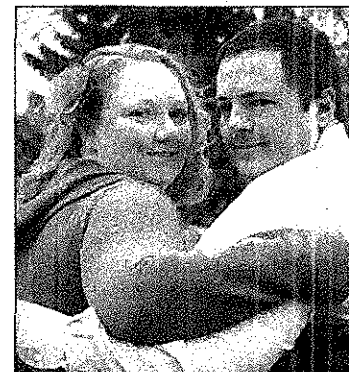
Nathan Steiner and Carolyn Whistler

Grosse Pointe North High School and attended Michigan State University. She is in pharmaceutical sales.

Steiner graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and attended MSU. He is in mortgage banking.

Doughty-Campbell

Tom and Karen Doughty, of Avon Park, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn Doughty, to Thomas Edward Campbell, son of Sandra



Rebecca Lynn Doughty and Thomas Edward Campbell

Campbell Vanover, of Bloomfield Hills, and Tom Campbell, of Whitmore Lake. An April wedding is planned.

Doughty attended Lumen Christi High School in Jackson and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 2006. She is a sales manager for Canada Dry Bottling Co. of Lansing.

Campbell graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2001 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in food industry management from MSU in 2005. He is a sales representative for Dan Henry Distributing Co. in Lansing.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus and the women who taught him

In reading the Gospels, we find a refreshing attitude toward women.

When Jesus started his public ministry, he started a movement that affirmed and lifted women. Yet, Jesus would not be credited with this inclusive ministry had it not been for the persistence of some women he encountered.

Matthew's account of Jesus' life contains a story of a Canaanite woman. Again we have a nameless woman, yet she is instrumental in Jesus' only teachable moment in scripture. She approaches him, asking him to heal her daughter. Jesus responds by calling her a dog.

To say Jesus was wrong in his dealings with this woman would be considered blasphemous to some — and some would wonder how it became accepted into the text. What is its purpose?

Jesus is not displaying compassion for the disenfranchised, the outcasts, or the marginalized. Jesus is absent of compassion and sensitivity. This text serves as an important lesson to the church.

Jesus had a teachable moment — and it came from a woman who was an outsider. She tore down the walls of the narrowness of the times and of Jesus' mind. Through her persistence, the exclusive ministry of Jesus (only to the house of Israel) became an inclusive ministry (to all nations).

The woman with a hemorrhage is another in the New Testament who breaks barriers. We know, because based on the laws of the time, she was a victim of oppression by social and religious societies. She was not free to be among people. She was also a victim

of medical abuse or malpractice. Yet, when she heard Jesus was coming, she pressed on.

She knew this was her final chance; she had nothing to lose. She knew she might be stoned for being among a crowd in her unclean condition. She risked the chance of touching someone and making them unclean. She was breaking the law. She burst through the crowd, came up behind Jesus and touched his clothes. The text says that she was immediately healed. When Jesus sees what happened, he uses this time to reject the purity laws and the taboos regarding blood taboos held against women.

Jesus used this moment to tear down the walls of this system by showing his acceptance of this woman's touch.

Throughout the New Testament, there are many occasions where Jesus is dismantling oppressive systems; turning exclusiveness on its head and making enemies of the group created to ensure these systems didn't change. All the women who followed him are credited for helping him see these injustices firsthand.

More injustices surround Jesus' beloved Mary Magdalena now than during her lifetime. She is misunderstood and no one knows quite what to say about her or teach regarding her.

She is known to some as the harlot who Jesus saved from being stoned. Still, to some, she is known as the woman who poured expensive oil on Jesus' feet; as the woman who had seven demons cast from her by Jesus; and as the woman who tried to entice him from his mission/purpose. One of Mary's crimes was she was single and a single female with great wealth. Her biggest

crime was Jesus loved her. This love between Jesus and Mary brought out the worst jealousy in some members of Jesus' original 12. Even though she is not deserving of her own canonical gospel, according to these things, Biblical scholars are now considering her a serious part of Jesus' life. She endured scorn, ridicule and defamation of character to do what Jesus called her to do — love him.

Marcia Fairrow is pastor of Grace United Church of Christ.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by speaker Catherine Herron, chaplain at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Christ Church

Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.,

Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "An Afternoon at the Opera" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Professional singers in the church's choir perform opera arias and scenes. The cost is \$10.

Congregational Church

Open mic night is from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants can sing, play music or do stand-up comedy.

◆ A contemporary worship service begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

Free coffee and snacks are provided.

For more information on either event, call (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcong.org.

Eastside Take Control

The Eastside Take Control group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Bolos Academy, 20020 Harper Ave., Harper Woods.

The topic is "Everybody Sells, Prospecting and Cold Calling for the Job You Want."

For more information, e-mail sarahsharp521@gmail.com.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts a preschool art class for children, 2 to 5 years old, from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

To register for the free class, call (586) 777-0215.

First English

The Open Door Series at First English hosts The Winthrop Winds at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in the sanctuary.

A reception follows in the lounge.

The woodwind quintet includes Michael Wieland on bassoon, Sharon Oblin on flute, Lois Richardson on clarinet, Carl Weber on French horn and Marie Weber on oboe. Richardson and the Webers are alumni of the Grosse Pointe North High School music program.

Adult admission is \$10 and students and seniors pay \$7. Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

ENGAGEMENTS

Swann - Brewster

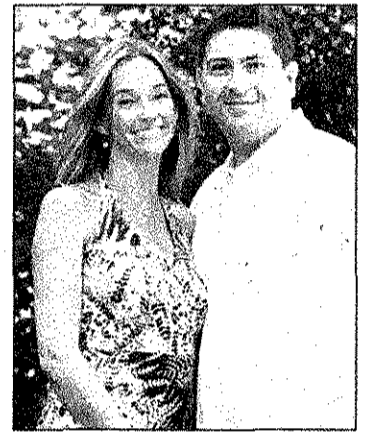
Suzanne Martin, of San Francisco, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Dailan Rose Swann, to Dr. Mark Edward Brewster, son of John and Phyllis Brewster, of Grosse Pointe Woods. An April wedding is planned.

Swann graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1996, earned an associate's degree from Macomb Community College and a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of Windsor. She is a marketing manager and writing a children's book.

Brewster graduated from North in 1994 and earned a bachelor's degree in math and chemistry from Alma College. He earned master's and medical doctor degrees from Wayne State University. He begins a gastrointestinal fellowship at WSU in July and is the chief medical resident at Detroit Receiving Hospital.



Dr. Mark Edward Brewster and Dailan Rose Swann



Julia Marie Murray and Ryan Patrick Bargnes

Murray - Bargnes

Marcia and James Murray of Park City, Utah, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Marie Murray, to Ryan Patrick Bargnes, son of Patricia and Oscar Bargnes, of the City of Grosse Pointe. A July wedding is planned in Park City.

Murray received a Bachelor

of Arts degree in 2003 from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor degree in 2007 from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She is an attorney in Las Vegas, Nev., for the Clark County Public Defender's office.

Bargnes received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. He is a senior financial analyst with the Bellagio Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Energy lights are in, so is mercury



Sometimes I think the more information thrown at us, the more confused we get.

We've all been urged to throw out our old incandescent bulbs and go for the more energy-saving fluorescent bulbs, which are more expensive, but last much, much longer.

Two things stopped me from doing that: 1) I could never find out the equivalent of a 150 watt bulb in a fluorescent bulb, and 2) some of my oldest and most prized lamps have an old fashioned clamp that grabs on

to the light bulb to hold it.

Because of a congenital condition, my vision requires a very strong light directed straight at whatever I'm reading.

I'm distressed to hear incandescent light bulbs will start being phased out next year. According to USA Today, some 13 percent of Americans intend to stock up on 100 watt bulbs and keep using them after they disappear from stores.

I just this week heard of this, so include me in the 13 percent. I'll bet when others hear about this, the percentage will increase.

My greatest treasure will be the 50-200-250 watt (will I ever find another one) in my biggest lamp that lights the whole room up like Christmas.

There is one little fact, however, that makes me wonder. Fluorescent bulbs have mer-

cury in them. So how will we dispose of these millions of bulbs when they burn out?

And speaking of mercury, we're urged to eat salmon, tuna, and sardines because of their omega fish oil, but at the same time warned many of the bigger fish in these categories have mercury in them.

I just read some dietitian say if you eat only three or four ounces of these fish twice a week, there won't be enough mercury to do you any harm. However, the dietitian and others worried about our health say nothing about farm raised fish.

Apparently there is something about this method that makes it impossible to keep a lot of harmful bacteria out of the waters they're grown in.

If you read much health news, you know too much salt has become the next big no-no.

In fact, one of the most respected researchers in the country says the reason so many of us in our 70s and 80s have high blood pressure is because of eating too much salt most of our younger lives.

I knew canned tomatoes have lots of sodium, but now that I'm reading labels for sodium, some soup has 540 units of sodium per one cup serving. Months ago I bought a bag of frozen Voila. I seemed like a good thing to have on hand when I didn't feel like cooking. It had rice and all sorts of vegetables and even cut-up chicken. I took it out of the freezer and looked at the content label. It had 1,140 units of sodium for one serving. I decided to eat it and try not to eat salt the next day or so.

But what really did me in, was low fat cottage cheese. I've been eating it with fruit be-

cause it was such a low calorie and healthy food. I read recently cottage cheese has a lot of sodium. How could that be? I looked at my low fat cottage cheese carton, and there it was: 480 units of salt in one-half cup serving!

I lost a lot of weight last year when I was ill. When I was free of all my illnesses in August, I started drinking Boost and Ensure to help gain weight quickly.

The only problem was both contained 22 grams of sugar in an 8-oz. container. I would have otherwise drank two of a day, but 44 grams of sugar seemed insane.

Manufacturers of the two drinks have brought out a Glucerno product, labeled for diabetics, containing far less sugar. Naturally, it's much more expensive. Maybe it's for all the customers who were

drinking two and three cans of other stuff a day and had become diabetics.

I learned from sources I trust diet drinks with Splenda in particular, are perfectly OK. They don't make you want more sugar and they don't do any harm to your system. However, diet cola of any brand is not good for older people.

One thing to be careful of is sugar free gum. I speak specifically of Wrigley's. Its sweetener with sorbitol, which has a laxative effect on some people, especially if you chew four or five sticks a day. I called Wrigley's one day and asked why they used that sweetener.

"Most people," I was told, "don't have a problem with it." And that was that.

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HEALTH POINT By Nancy Mesiha, M.D.

Women have the power to fight disease

Whether you're a woman in your 20s, or well into your 60s, there are many things you can do to fight heart disease.

More than 90 percent of women have at least one risk factor, but the good news is the majority of risk factors are correctable.

Also, many risk factors for heart disease are avoidable, or at the very least, there's much you can do to reduce the risk, including: smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure,

inactivity, obesity, and diabetes. Of those, the top on my list is encouraging women to stop smoking.

In my practice, nearly all of the younger women (under 50) that have had heart attacks have been smokers.

When you smoke, fatty substances are more likely to build up in your arteries, putting you at risk for coronary artery disease, heart attack, and stroke.

I can't stress enough how important it is to quit smoking. If you smoke, ask your primary care physician for ways to quit. There are various methods that

can be quite successful, and they will be thrilled to help.

Beyond helping you quit smoking, your primary care physician is an important link to help you reduce other risk factors for heart disease. I recommend scheduling a check-up annually. If you haven't had one recently, make an appointment today! Ask your physician to run cholesterol numbers and a blood glucose level, in addition to the other tests they suggest for your overall health.

Once you know your numbers, you can do something about them. Omega 3 fatty

acids (fish oil) has been proven to decrease the risk of arrhythmias, decrease triglyceride levels, slow the growth of plaque, and lower blood pressure slightly. Eating fish is the best way to get more omega 3s.

Try adding fish to your menu twice a week. Fish with the highest levels of omega 3s are: salmon, mackerel, herring, lake trout, sardines, and albacore tuna.

I also recommend 30 minutes of physical activity daily. It doesn't need to be all at one time, but can be in shorter spurts throughout the day. People who are physically ac-

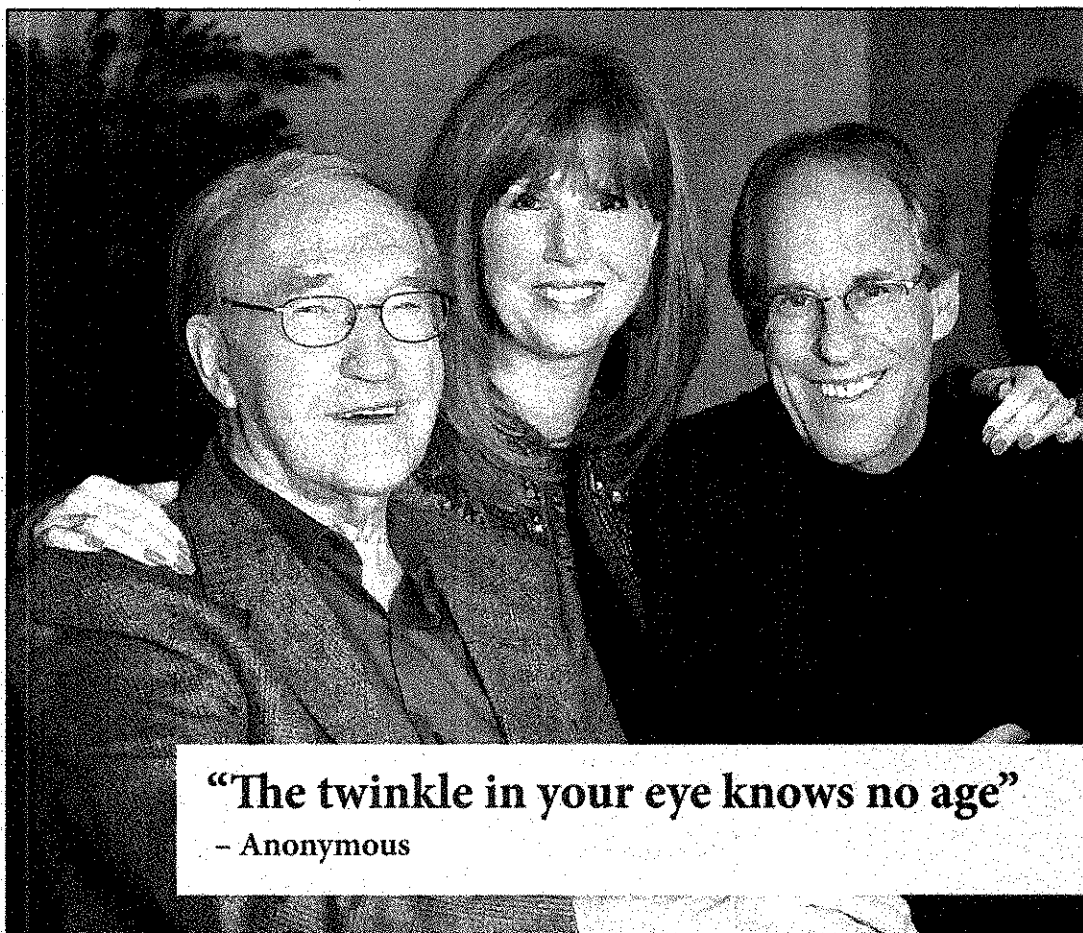
tive are more likely to control their weight, another risk factor for heart disease. During this cold weather, check out an exercise video from your local library, talk a walk in the mall, join a gym...really anything that will help you become more active. Those who lose 10 percent of their body weight usually have a 7 to 8 mm drop in the systolic (top number) of their blood pressure, and they also decrease bad cholesterol.

Just making simple changes can make such a big difference in your life.

If you do have heart disease, don't delay if you have symp-

toms of a heart attack. These symptoms are much different for a woman they are for men. Women don't always have the crushing chest pain men experience. Instead, they may have epigastric pain, fullness after a meal that doesn't go away, discomfort on exertion, dizziness, shortness of breath, and sweating. If these symptoms persist, go to the ER right away. Time is crucial to save heart muscle.

Nancy Mesiha, MD, FACC, is a cardiologist with Cardiology Associates of Michigan, and on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.



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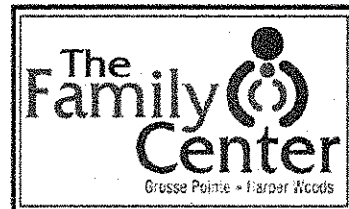


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ASK THE EXPERTS By Kim Steggles

Insights to parents questions



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Q. What evidence will be visible that my child has profited from these 40 Developmental Assets?

A. This becomes evident when the child is reporting a positive view of his or her personal future, family support, school engagement and improved integrity. They will want to be leaders in life and community.

Q. Is this a difficult process to learn and to continue to use throughout my child's youth?

A. When addressing children, the 40 Developmental Assets are actually very easy to engage in; practice daily and encourage others to participate. The building blocks of development, which serve as the foundation for healthy children, can be initiated at infancy and followed through young adult years. It's never too late to begin using the 40 Developmental Assets.

Q. What is the impact I can have on my children by using the assets?

A. The assets provide enriched relationships that reach beyond the household doors. It becomes evident in the child's daily activities; in an academic setting; and it creates a stronger foundation that reaches into the community.

Kim Steggles, holds a master's degree in counseling and 12 credits in post graduate classes in assessment and testing and has a limited license psychologist from the State of Michigan. She has been in practice as a clinical therapist for 10 years prior to working for the Beaumont Parenting Program specializing in post-partum depression, anxieties and adjustments in *Individual and marital therapy*. Steggles is a program coordinator for the Parenting Program work-

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Spirit of Giving draws in volunteers

The goal of Spirit of Giving is to plant a seed.

The seed being volunteerism and giving back to the community, said Alicia Carlisle, Grosse Pointe Public School System coordinator for Students Electing to Respond to Volunteerism through Education.

At 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, the Tracy Field House, Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts 30 nonprofit organizations seeking volunteers.

"This is geared to families and middle school students and high school students," Carlisle said. "It lets kids know what is out there."

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

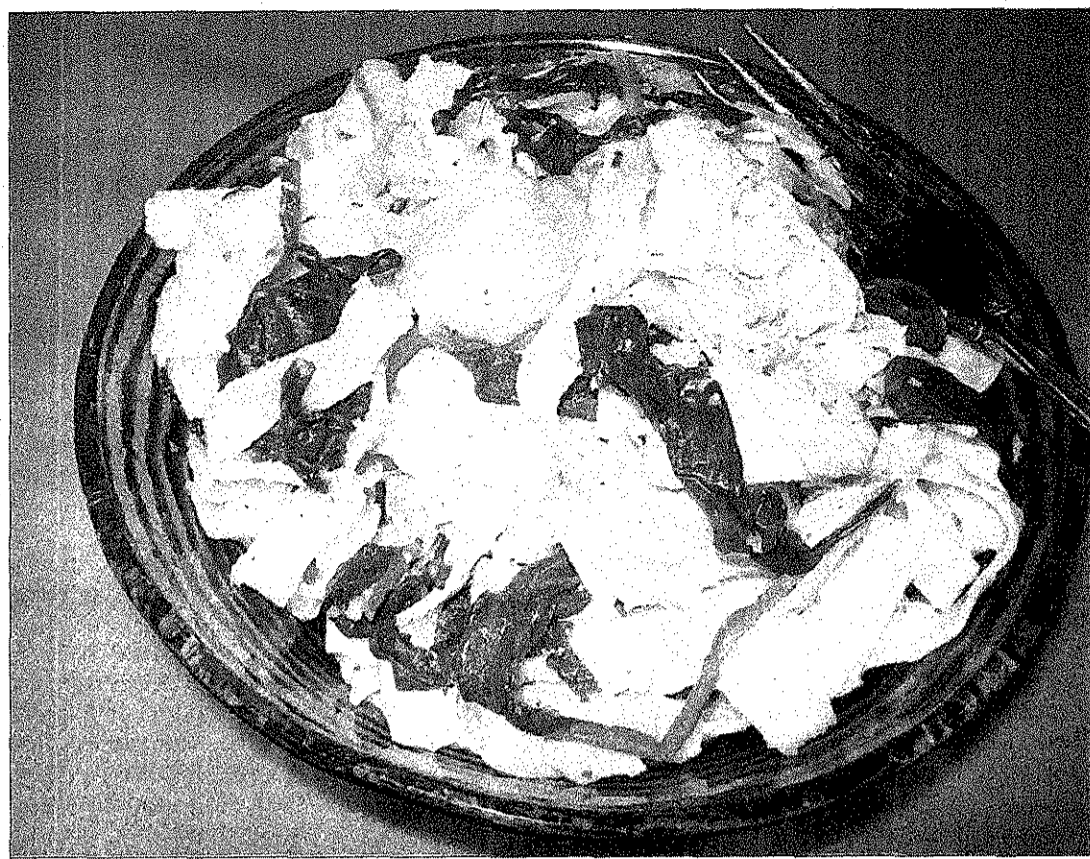


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Spinach and artichoke dips find their way to the dinner table for pasta night.

Take spinach, artichokes from appetizer to main dish

Hot artichoke and spinach dips have made their way onto appetizer menus everywhere, each not quite the same as another.

I took the components of my favorite artichoke and spinach dip, the one I make myself, and tossed them with fresh fettuccini. Delicious.

Artichoke and Spinach Fettuccini

- 1 9-oz. package fresh fettuccini
- 1 5-oz. bag fresh baby spinach leaves
- 3 tablespoons olive oil plus more for tossing the cooked pasta
- 1 15-oz. can halved or quartered artichoke hearts, drained



- 4 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- freshly grated black pepper

Bring a medium pot of lightly salted water to a boil, then lower to a simmer.

Heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add artichokes and garlic and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in bread crumbs.

Meanwhile, submerge fettuccini into simmering water for 2 minutes. Add the spinach and cook for just another minute or two. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water. Drain the pasta with spinach and add to skillet. Gently toss pasta with artichokes and spinach, adding reserved pasta water as needed. (I used the whole cup.) Toss in Parmesan cheese and black pepper. Transfer pasta to a serving bowl and give it one more gentle toss with olive oil.

You can have this light and luscious pasta on your family dinner table in less than 30 minutes.

If you don't have fresh pasta on hand, substitute a half pound of dried.

Make sure to cook dried pasta at a full boil for the suggested cook time.

CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call (313) 833-1805.

Historical museum

Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the Detroit Historical Society host the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame exhibit through April 3 at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward.

Sunday, Feb. 20, is autograph day with two Hall of Famers.

Local sports artist Doug West demonstrates his style

Sunday March 6.

Roy Finkenbine, interim dean of the College of Arts and Education at the University of Detroit Mercy, moderates a panel discussion on the Underground Railroad from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The cost is \$10 for society and Black Historic Sites Committee members and \$15 for guests.

The museum is open 9:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Detroit Chamber

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Back to the Classics" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Detroit, 4800 Woodward Ave.

Adult tickets cost \$25 and seniors pay \$22. For more information or to buy a ticket, call (248) 559-2095. Ticket prices at the door are increased by \$5.

GIVING: Plenty of opportunities

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Each organization's representative explains its missions and goals to those who stop by the information tables.

"This shows their offerings and volunteer opportunities. Families can volunteer together. Anybody can see real benefits for their health (from volunteering). It ignites the spirit," she said.

"Our goal is awareness and to keep people occupied," said Debbie Liedel, executive director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. "Families have so many opportunities in the community of what they can give of their time, expertise and talent."

This is the first time Grosse Pointe nonprofits have gathered in one place. The event is a partnership between Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe and The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Carlisle said not only will families benefit, but organizations can network and exchange contacts, information and resources.

—By Ann L. Fouty

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HEADLINES:
A few lines from yesterday

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water sits instead of circulating. Residents who live near a line's end get bits of rust in their water.

What the city has been doing is putting in loops that connect the mains with other mains to provide the circulation needed to prevent rust build-up in the water.

◆ **YEOUCH!** The driver of a four-door Jeep ran over the left foot of a pedestrian who had slipped on ice and fallen under the sport utility vehicle's right rear wheel.

The victim, a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman,

was treated at a local hospital. The driver, a woman in her early 20s from the Woods, said the accident happened as she pulled out of a parking lot in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. She told police she waited while the pedestrian crossed in front of the Jeep. Thinking the woman was clear of traffic, the driver turned right, not realizing the pedestrian had fallen.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **VILLAGE KROGER TO EXPAND:** Grocery shoppers will have more room this year to go Krogering in the Village.

The store on Kercheval plans to relocate beverage sales into adjacent vacant property for-

merly occupied by Bath and Body Works at the corner of Notre Dame.

◆ **NEFF PARK UP FOR EXPANSION:** The storage garage at Neff Park will be expanded to hold extra seasonal recreation equipment. Construction of a 20-by-20-

foot addition will cost about \$18,500. The additional space will allow the city to store a smaller Zamboni-type ice cleaning machine for smoothing the new skating rink.

◆ **NEFF PARK PASSES TO HAVE PICS:** City of Grosse Pointe park passes will be

beefed up in time for summer at Neff Park.

New passes, featuring the holder's photograph and bar-coded residency information, will essentially double as municipal identification cards.

— Compiled by Karen Fontaine

CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Shipwreck festival

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Club, the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum host the 30th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

The discovery of the Lady Elgin, a side wheel steamship that sank in 1860, and the Marion Egan, a Civil War schooner that sank in 1875, both found in Lake Huron, are discussed.

There will be sessions on Great Lakes shipwrecks, international dives and technical diving equipment.

Advance tickets cost \$15. Tickets at the door cost \$20. For ticket information, visit shipwreckfestival.org.

HOUSE:
Restoration under way

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throughout the house, extensive cleaning in the library, including removing and dusting every book, replacing the carpet in the boys' bedroom and minor touch-ups to plaster and paint.

"Although preservation and conservation projects are ongoing throughout the year, we schedule more extensive projects during the quieter winter months because they often require the dismantling of entire rooms," said Megan Callewaert, Ford House's collections manager.

"Although some tasks like book dusting in the library may seem mundane, they are vital to preserving the collection so we may properly

preserve these important artifacts and continue to offer an authentic experience for our visitors."

To assist in the restoration of wood flooring, Thom Gentle, a wood preservation expert, will educate Ford House's collection specialists on the best and most thorough ways to care for wood flooring.

Regular lunch hours at the Cotswold Café are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday. The grounds are open for members seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Blue Devils capture MAC White title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team won its third straight division title last week, beating Warren Cousino 48-34.

The Blue Devils won the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division in 2008 and 2009. The home victory over the Patriots gave head coach Kevin Richards and his squad the MAC White championship.

Coaches, players, fans and parents celebrated when the final second ticked off the clock. The Blue Devils showed they were by far the best team in the MAC White.

"They packed it in and tried to play a zone against us in a slow-paced first half," Richards said. "We forced the issue in the third quarter and that got us going. Winning the MAC White is a nice accomplishment for our program."

The Blue Devils scored only 14 first-half points, but actually led the game 14-9.

Senior Aisha Rodney and junior Caitlin Moore hit three-

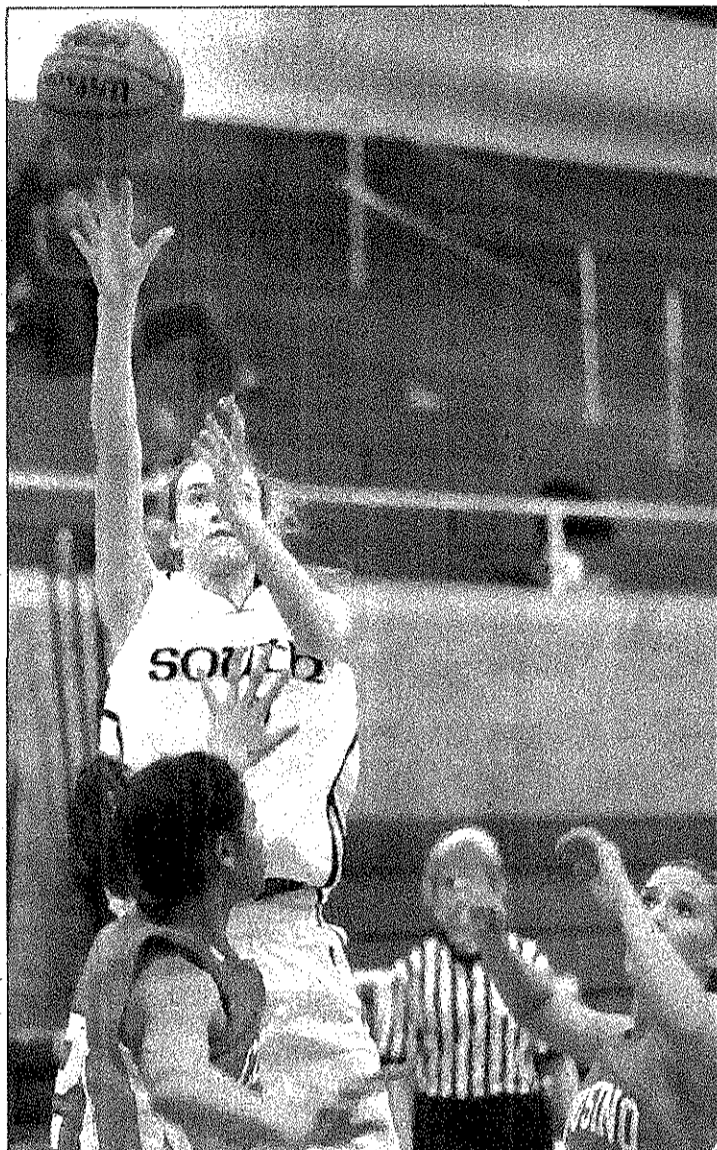


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Junior Caitlin Moore goes up for two points in the Blue Devils' division-title clinching win over Warren Cousino.

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Knights seal the deal in MLAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team bulldozed its way to a division title last week.

Head coach Wayne Gigante guided his Knights to a 68-21 home win over second-place Plymouth Christian Academy, clinching the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship.

"The girls worked hard and now they earned the title," Gigante said. "It's time to get ready for the state playoffs and we play a couple of tough non-league teams before we begin the playoffs."

The Knights were all business, leading 20-5 after the first quarter and 38-14 at the half. They could have hit the 50-point mark if they converted several layup opportunities.

The home team's defense turned up the intensity in the second half, giving up only seven points while the offense kept its rhythm, scoring 30 points in the rout.

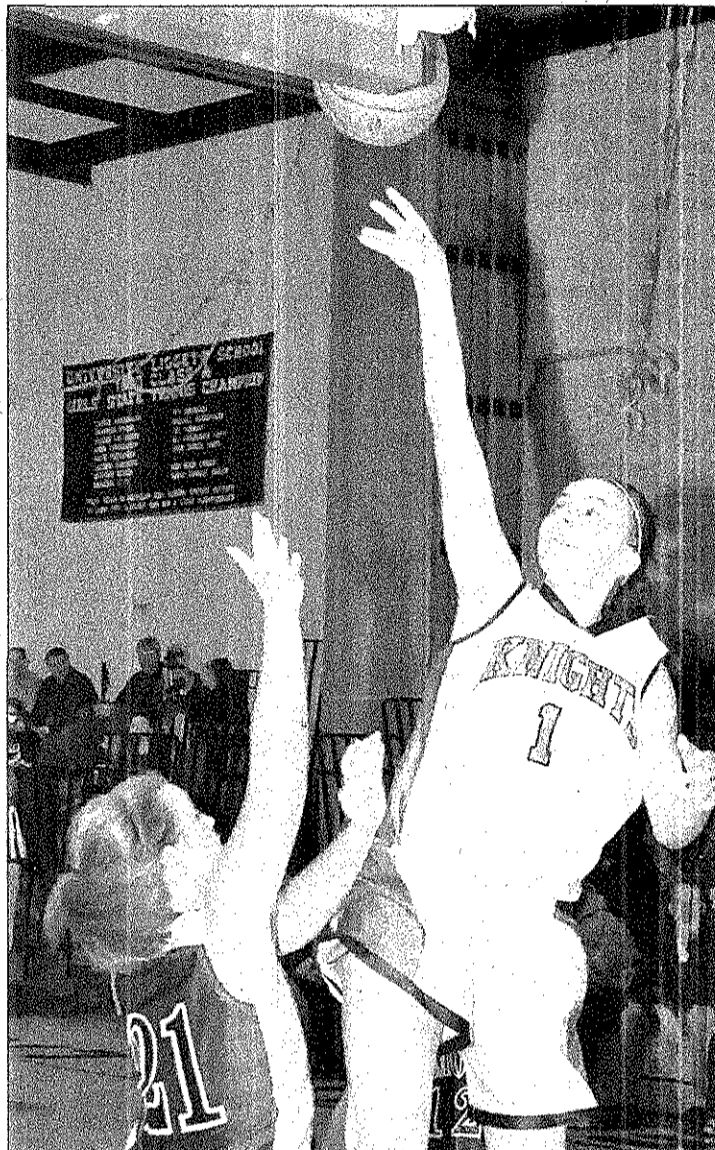


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Junior Madison Ristovski scored 25 points in the Knights' division-clinching win over Plymouth Christian.

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Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights post monumental win over Oakland Christian

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The atmosphere was electric.

The stands were full and fans lined University Liggett's gymnasium last week for the battle with unbeaten and Class D No. 1-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

"It was quite a scene," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "This was the biggest game in my time here as head coach."

Johnson and the Knights played a game for the ages, beating Oakland Christian 57-54 in overtime.

"It was an amazing game and everyone was on the edge of their seat," Johnson said. "We were able to make some big plays and beat a very good team. This was a huge win for our program. I'm proud of our players. This is a win that could go a long way in building confidence as we prepare for the state playoffs."

Sophomore Eric Ewing had nerves of steel, scoring 23 points, followed by senior Dominic Jamett with nine and junior Eddie Thomas with eight.

Johnson and assistant coach Alex Hurley had the tough task of getting the Knights mentally prepared to host Plymouth Christian three nights later.

"We were worried the guys would have a natural letdown after winning such a big game," Johnson said. "We came out a little slow, but overall, we played well enough to win."

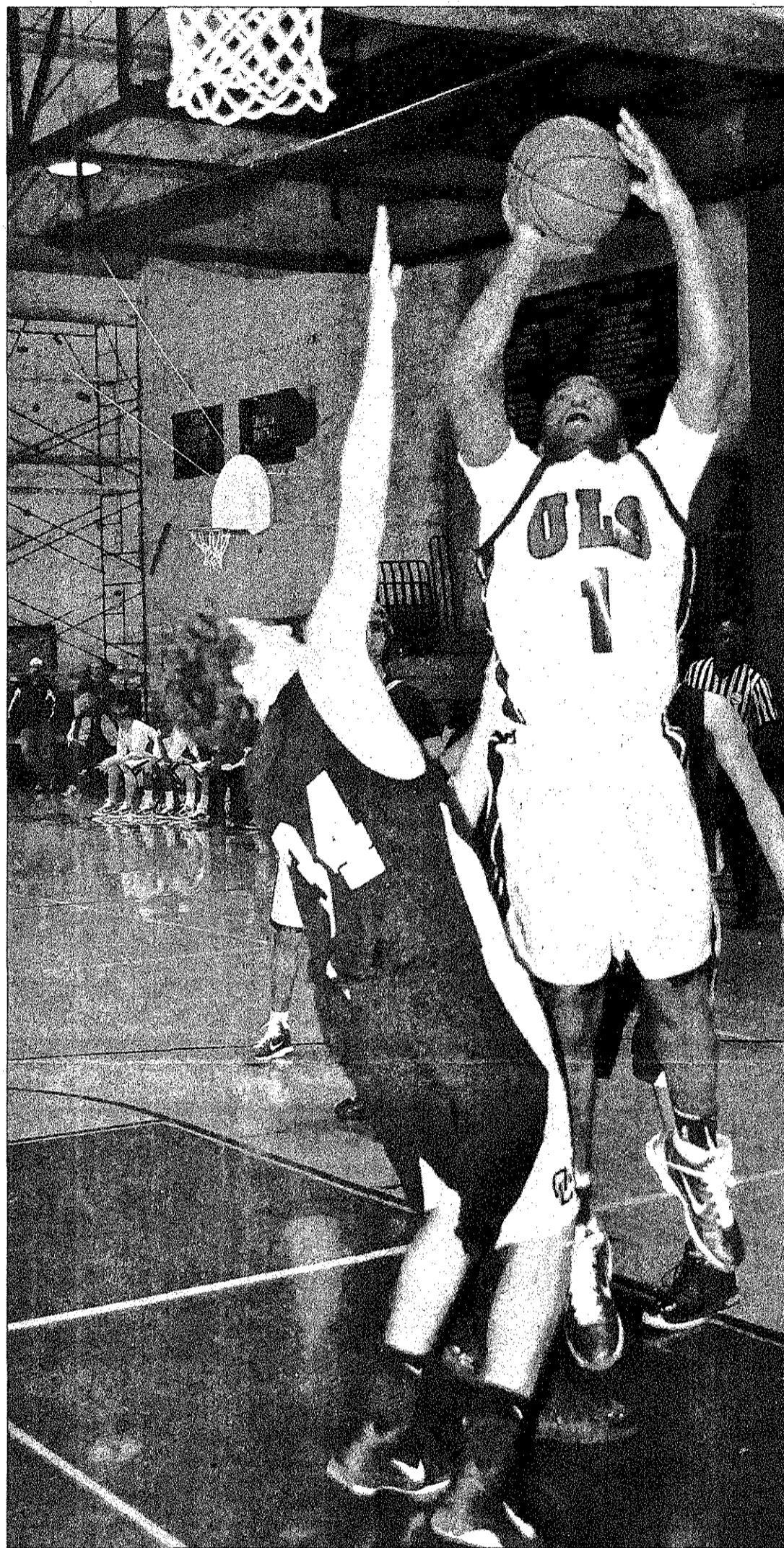
The Knights used an 8-0 run in the second quarter and a 7-0 run in the third period to win 80-68, improving to 10-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, tied with Oakland Christian, and 14-1 overall.

All 11 players scored in the game and Johnson needed a solid effort from each one to pull out the victory.

Ewing once again had his scoring touch, netting a team-high 27 points, followed by Jamett with 11.

Sophomore Andrew Zinkel had nine points, while Thomas had eight, sophomore Connor Fannon had six, sophomore Drew Jerome had five, sophomore Stephen Benard had four, sophomore KeVaughn Jackson had two, senior Carl Ghafari had two, freshman Ian Clark had two and sophomore Andrew Heaney.

The Knights finish the regular season next week.



Sophomore Eric Ewing, right, goes up for two points in the Knights' huge overtime win over previously unbeaten Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Words of wellness

It's time for us to delve deeper into the fitness abyss and get to the heart of the matter. Yes, let's take a look at heart rate's integral role in your fitness journey.

Heart rate measures the number of beats-per-minute. Each heartbeat pumps oxygen-rich nutrients throughout your extremities and into your muscles.

As you exercise, your heart begins to race — its tempo accelerates. Your heart rate must increase to keep up with the demand of your bodily exertion. It is this heart-rate number that provides key information to help you optimize your workouts.

Resting heart rate

The first number to pay attention to is your resting heart rate. This is how fast your heart beats when you are at rest. The average resting heart rate is between 65 and 75 beats per minute. If you exercise regularly, chances are you will have a lower-than-average resting heart rate; that's because a heart in shape requires fewer beats to pass blood throughout the body. This number is important to pay attention to, as a drop in resting heart rate can indicate an improvement in your fitness levels.

If you're just beginning an exercise routine, it likely will not take long to get your heart rate up. That's OK because steady and persistent effort will change this. As you become more fit, your heart becomes more efficient and will not have to beat as often under stress. This is endurance. If you've ever taken a stress test, this is the information your doctor is measuring: how well your heart adapts to exercise stress levels.

Max and target heart rate

Your max heart rate is easy to figure out. Take the number 220 and subtract your age. To boost aerobic performance it's recommended you keep your heart rate between 60 and 85 percent of maximum. This is your target heart rate and it can be found by taking a percentage of your max heart rate. The table below shows respective ranges.

Age:	Range
20	120 to 170
30	114 to 162
40	108 to 153
50	102 to 145
60	96 to 136

Importance of heart rate: Few people realize their body burns different fuels during different exercise intensities. Your body burns calories — usually as fat or carbohydrates — but the training intensity determines the rate at which you burn these fuels. And here's something interesting: The lower your training intensity, the more oxygen you use. We call this aerobic training. During aerobic training, you burn a higher percentage of fat. Conversely, during higher-intensity training, when your heart rate is higher, you receive less oxygen. This is anaerobic training and you burn more carbohydrates.

At a quick glance this poses a paradox. From a percentage basis, walking burns more fat than running. Well, if you walk for an hour, you may burn up to 300 calories with 50 to 85 percent of those calories burned from your fat stores.

However, a run may burn 600 to 800 calories with only 25 to 50 percent of that from fat, but given the sheer numbers, running will burn more total calories and it will also raise your metabolism post-workout. Either way, you can see there are benefits to both running and walking.

Monitoring your heart rate

The best way to measure heart rate is the cheapest, too. You've got a pulse, check it! Do this by holding your index and middle fingers along your wrist and feel for a radial pulse, or place them to the neck for the carotid pulse. Keep your eye on a clock and count the number of pulse beats for 15 seconds.

Multiply that number by four and you've got your heart rate. Also, most top-line exercise machines have heart-rate monitors that do this for you. Or, you can invest in a heart-rate monitor that comes with a chest band and a wrist digital display. If you are an avid exerciser and can afford it, these digital monitors are the way to go. They will tell you exactly where your heart rate is at all times; some even indicate length of workout and calories burned. Monitors cost from \$50-\$200.

A few last thoughts on heart rate. Working out is more than just strapping on athletic shoes and breathing heavy. You really should keep in mind your reasons for working out.

Trying to lose weight or improve athletic performance are different goals entirely, and they require different, tailored training. If you have high blood pressure or a history of heart problems, checking your heart rate is even more important to make sure your heart is operating in a safe range.

Other factors such as nicotine, caffeine, alcohol and certain medications can influence heart rate levels — and not in a good way. It is important to know how your heart responds to these stressors, especially in combination with exercise.

If you keep an eye on your heart rate during exercise and throughout the course of your training endeavor, it can reveal some valuable statistics.

The next time you're huffing away on an elliptical machine, hold onto those heart rate sensors and use this knowledge. It will help you reach your goals. Live well.

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Mike Hackett

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils rebound to net wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South rebounded from a tough loss to beat Warren Cousino 63-59 last week.

Junior Tim Kramer and senior Alex Bedan came up with several big plays down the stretch and the host Blue Devils made some free throws in the final minute to preserve the victory.

"We knew Cousino had a big, physical team, so we were going to keep pressing and try to wear them down," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "Nick (Diehl) and Tim (Kramer) did a nice job defensively in the second half against Kyle (Kent)."

"We didn't stop him, but we did slow him down in the second half. This was a big win for us after losing so many tough, close games the past few weeks. The guys earned it tonight."

The Blue Devils led 13-12 after the first quarter, but trailed 26-22 at the half and 43-36 after the third quarter ended.

However, Grauzer watched his players blitz the Patriots for

27 fourth-quarter points to pull out the Macomb Area Conference White Division victory.

It was tied at 53 with a few minutes left, but the Blue Devils put together a 7-1 run to put the game out of reach.

The Patriots made a three-point shot with 30 seconds left, but the home team made four straight free throws to seal the deal. As a team, the Blue Devils made 13-of-17 free throws.

Senior Victor Mattison paced the team with 18 points, followed by Bedan with 15, senior Brandon Barkley with 11, senior Corbet Conroy with seven and Kramer with six.

"This was probably Tim's best game of the season," Grauzer said. "He hustled and grabbed some key rebounds, especially in the fourth quarter and Alex was active at both ends of the court."

South traveled to Port Huron to play a MAC crossover game later in the week and beat the Big Reds 71-51.

The Blue Devils were off and running, scoring 24 first-quarter points, before settling in to take a 33-18 halftime lead.

They outscored the home team 38-33 in the second half to improve their record to 8-10

overall and the Blue Devils stand 4-7 in the MAC White Division.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen hit with close loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A disastrous first quarter was the culprit in Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team's 53-48 road loss to Roseville last weekend.

Head coach Matt Lockhart watched his Norsemen fall behind 17-4 after the first eight minutes, but they battled back to make a game of it.

As has been the Norsemen's staple this season, they trimmed the deficit to 11 points, 30-19, at halftime and to nine, 43-34, after the third quarter.

They continued to play hard

and chipped away to make the home team earn some big points in the final quarter to finally send the Norsemen home with another tough defeat.

Junior Jamal Williams led the Norsemen with 13 points, followed by junior Derrick Morris with nine, junior Clark Ditzhazy with eight, junior Dondre Young with seven and senior Chris Collins with seven.

North fell to 2-8 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-12 overall.

In the 10 division games, the Norsemen's average margin of defeat is only five points.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Gymnasts victorious again

The Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics team wrapped up its regular season last week, beating Plymouth Salem 139.5-131.65.

It was senior night for Grosse Pointe North's Heather Koresky and Brittany Rizzo, who turned in strong performances in their final home meet.

Rizzo scored a personal-best 8.65 on the vault and added an

8.3 on beam and an 8.35 on the floor exercise, while Koresky's 8.75 on the uneven bars was the highest score on that event that night, and she contributed an 8.55 on the balance beam and an 8.4 on the floor exercise.

Sarah Fentin led the team on vault, scoring a personal-best 8.7 with a new half-full hand-spring vault. Madi Kaiser scored an 8.6 with an upgraded

vault, while Fran Kay earned her season-high score with an 8.4.

Also competing well on the vault were freshmen Samantha Rogers and Caitlin Gaitley.

Aubryn Samaroo led off the uneven bars with a new release move, while Emma Abessinio had the second highest score of the meet on the event with an 8.5. Others who scored well

on the event were Kaiser with an 8.2 and Ashley Krynski with an 8.05.

On the balance beam, Kaiser earned the highest score for the evening with a 9.5, thanks to her near flawless routine, and Abessinio was second with a 9.25 and Krynski with a season-high score of 8.3.

Several other Grosse Pointe United gymnasts earned personal bests on the balance beam, including freshmen Jenna Belote, Angela Tibaudo and Amy Olson. Kelsey Newa and Anna Brucker also turned in good performances for the team on the beam.

The team finished the meet by scoring an average of 9.0 on the floor exercise, highlighted by Samaroo's 9.25. Abessinio was close behind with a 9.15 for her routine that featured a newly upgraded tumbling with a full twisting layout tumbling pass.

Fentin and Kaiser also had strong performances for a 9.05 and 8.85, respectively.

Gaitley led off the event with a 7.7, while Meagan Curran earned a 7.85 and Kay had an 8.4.

"This team has steadily improved throughout the season and we're looking to carry that momentum into the upcoming league and regional tournaments," head coach Courtney Law said. "The girls have worked incredibly hard to upgrade all of their routines with the difficulty we need to be competitive."

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team finished the season 8-3 overall and 4-0 in its division.

The league meet is Thursday, Feb. 24, at Fraser, and the regional tournament is Saturday, March 5, at Plymouth.

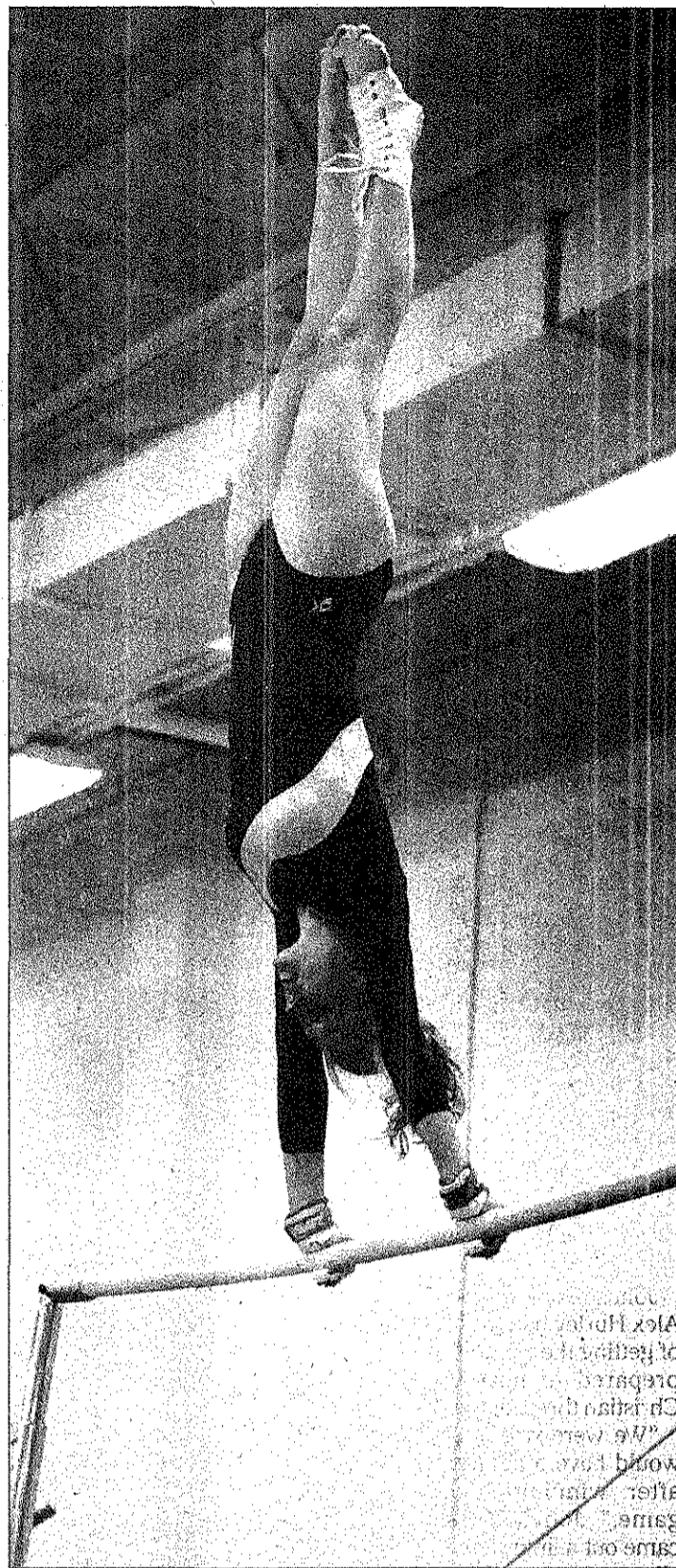


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Grosse Pointe United veteran gymnast Heather Koresky enjoyed a solid meet in a victory over Plymouth-Salem.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Miller, Cook, Lewis make state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Three local wrestlers are moving on to the Division 1 state championship tournament.

Grosse Pointe North's Shawn Miller and Jadon Cook, and Grosse Pointe South's Reggie Lewis, finished in the top four in their respective weight classes in last weekend's individual tournament at Plymouth High School.

The top four in each weight class advanced to the state championship Thursday, March 3, through Saturday, March 5, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Lewis earned a silver medal in the 285-pound class, losing a tough 5-3 decision to Canton's

Ben Poirer.

South head coach Greg Snider watched Lewis beat Dearborn's Gerald Moore in his first match, 4-3, and earn a 9-2 decision over Warren Mott's Kyle Gray in his semifinal match.

North head coach Bryan Lorenzo watched Miller and Cook each earn fourth-place medals in the 171- and 215-pound classes.

Miller lost a 7-4 decision to Northville's Trevor Maresh in the consolation finals. He won a 6-0 decision over Farmington's Ryan Southerland in his first match and was pinned by Canton's Braden Price in his semifinal match.

Cook lost a 10-7 decision to Farmington's Justin Roe in the

consolation finals. In his first match, Cook beat Northville's Andy Boyd, but lost his semifinal match.

Grosse Pointe North's other regional competitors were Evan Lock, 189 pounds, who lost his first match to Dillon Ervin of Brother Rice; Ken Coleman, 215 pounds, who split two matches; Patrick Salazar, 119 pounds, who split two matches; Paul Menth, 130 pounds, who lost his first match; and Andrew Lock, 145 pounds, who lost his first match.

For South, Nolan Goodall lost his first match in the 140-pound class to end his tournament run. Lewis brings a 32-12 record into the state finals, while Miller is 45-10 and Cook is 26-11.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils slam Cranes

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team won its final dual meet of the season last week, beating Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 116-5-69.5.

The Blue Devils won eight of the 12 events, including the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Nicholas Yoo, Cam Johnson, Patrick Jackson and Craig Campbell with a time of 3:34.48.

The 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Campbell, Roby Boggs, Yoo and Johnson also won with a time of 1:30.68 and the 200-yard medley relay foursome of Jackson, Ryan Graham, Joe Zampardo and Boggs took second at 1:47.20.

Campbell won the 200-yard

freestyle with a time of 1:45.78, while Yoo and C.J. Stafford took second and third with times of 1:55.12 and 1:57.78.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Zampardo was second with a time of 2:14.12, but Johnson came back to win the next event, the 50-yard freestyle, with a time of 23.07.

Ben Cornillie was victorious in diving, beating Cranbrook Kingswood's Anthony Harris by only .15 points. Cornillie had 184.50 and Harris finished with 184.35 in one of the best finishes in diving for the Blue Devils this season.

Yoo, Graham and Sam Effinger swept the 100-yard butterfly with times of 57.82,

58.63 and 59.42, respectively, while Campbell, Jackson and Jack Martin placed second, third and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 47.34, 52.28 and 52.34.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Stafford and Jonathan Griffin were able to secure second and third place with times of 5:33.13 and 6:02.69, while Zampardo and Jackson took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 58.74 and 1:00.04.

In the final individual race, the 100-yard breaststroke, Boggs and Graham were first and second with times of 1:04.44 and 1:05.18.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 11-3 overall.

LIGGETT

Huskies beats Knights

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team lost its meet last week, falling 95-80 to host St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The Huskies had a little too much depth for the Knights, who won half of the events, including the 400-meter freestyle relay team of Veeral Patel, Kara Zmyslowski, Mallory Jamett and Connor Borrego that won with a time of 4:28.69.

The foursome won the race by more than seven full seconds over the home team's Lucas Hicks, Alan Zimmerman, Ethan Ottoy and Connor Wheaton.

The Knights' Ellene Bricolas, Mary Nehra, Julia Grimm and Caleb Ninivaggi placed fourth with a time of 5:40.59.

The Huskies used a first- and second-place finish in the 200-meter medley and 200-meter freestyle relays. These big

points were huge in the final outcome.

In the 200-medley relay, Victoria Chochla, Grimm, Zmyslowski and Patel took third with a time of 2:38.55, and the 200-freestyle relay squad of Bricolas, Nehra, Ninivaggi and Jamett also took third with a time of 2:15.57.

Jamett won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:23.09, while Morgan Walker and Nehra took third and fourth with times of 2:32.12 and 2:49.13.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Zmyslowski cruised to an easy win, posting a time of 2:45.87 and Grimm was third at 3:16.66.

The Knights had three placers in the 50-yard freestyle with Patel taking second with a time of 29.04, while Bricolas was fifth and Cristina Milenius was a close sixth with times of 38.06 and 38.39, respectively.

Steven Kneiser won the diving competition with 85.05 points and Bricolas and Walker came back in the next event, the 100-yard butterfly, to place second and third with times of 1:33.21 and 1:34.65.

Grimm, Ninivaggi and Chochla placed fourth, fifth and sixth in the 100-meter freestyle with times of 1:16.18, 1:16.45 and 1:20.21, respectively, but Borrego came back to win the 400-meter freestyle with a time of 4:50.94.

Jamett and Patel placed second and fourth in the 400-freestyle with times of 5:04.44 and 6:03.98.

Borrego won a second straight event, the 100-meter backstroke, with a time of 1:17.60 and Zmyslowski was a close second, posting a time of 1:18.06. Nehra in a 1:34.09 to take fourth.

Liggett dropped to 8-6 overall.



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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

North inches close to title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team is oh so close to clinching a division title and the No. 1 seed in the upcoming state playoffs.

The Norsemen played three games in a span of five days last week, winning two and tying one.

The tie came Sunday night during the blizzard that left nearly a foot of snow in the Tri-County area.

Unfortunately for head coach Scott Dockett, his Norsemen were just as ice cold, trailing host Northville 2-0 before rallying for a 3-3 tie.

"We didn't play well at all from the top to bottom of our roster, but at least we rallied to get a big point in the standings," Dockett said.

Seniors Taylor Moody and Kailey Sickmiller, plus sophomore Jaci Sherry, scored the Norsemen's goals.

North hosted Northville Wednesday, Feb. 16, and hammered the Mustangs 10-2 on senior night.

"The girls were focused and they came out ready to play," Dockett said. "It was a nice night for our seniors (Moody, Sickmiller and Megan Bergeron)."

In that game, sophomore Sara Villani had a hat trick, while other goal scorers were Bergeron, junior Jennifer Cusmano, sophomore C.J. McCarthy, Moody, Sickmiller, sophomore Natalie Skorupski and freshman Madeline Vyletel.

Netting assists were



Junior Emma Huellmantel stood tall, helping the Norsemen earn a No. 1 seed and division title with three wins in five days.

Bergeron, Skorupski and sophomore Julia Henderson with three apiece, while Sickmiller, McCarthy and Cusmano had two apiece. Junior Melissa Mermiges, Moody and Vyletel each had one assist.

The Norsemen also played a road game against Port Huron, winning 4-0 as junior goalkeeper Emma Huellmantel

posted the shutout.

"The girls played a very good hockey game," Dockett said. "Our defense limited Port Huron's scoring chances and we were able to get the offense going."

Cusmano, Henderson, Sickmiller and Villani scored as Grosse Pointe North improved to 16-2-1 overall, earning 34 points. The Norsemen

earned one point for an overtime loss to Livonia Ladywood.

If the Norsemen win their final game at Farmington Hills Mercy, they clinch the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 title and the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs that begin Monday, March 7, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

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RIVALS

Blue Devils defeat ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Elizabeth Clem scored two goals to lead Grosse Pointe South to a 4-1 win over city rival University Liggett last week.

The win helped the visiting Blue Devils clinch one of the top four seeds in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 playoffs the second week of March.

"We're playing better, but not putting together a complete three periods of hockey," South head coach Joe Provenzano said. "There are times we dominate opponents and then times during those games we play not smart hockey."

"We played a lot better this time against South than the previous game," Liggett head coach Laura Aiken said. "We're competing and playing better hockey."

The Blue Devils pounded the Knights 9-1 in the previous meeting at City Arena.

The second time around was tougher as the Knights displayed some mettle, winning the smaller position battles to keep the game close.

The Blue Devils scored in the opening period when senior Lorna Burns tallied with Clem netting the lone assist.

The two combined for the second goal in the second stanza with Clem scoring and Burns drawing the assist.

The Blue Devils scored a huge insurance goal at the 9:47 mark of the third period when junior Claire Boyle tallied with (get grade) Dana Davenport collecting the assist.

It was 4-0 when Clem scored her second goal of the game with Burns netting her second assist.

The Knights got on the board with 1:40 left when junior Haleigh Bolton let a rocket slap shot sail over the left shoulder of sophomore netminder

Anastasia Diamond. It came on the power play and with an extra attacker on the ice.

Senior Medea Shanidze had the assist after winning the face-off and drawing the puck back to Bolton who let the shot go a second later.

In other action last week, Liggett went on the road, losing to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, while South hosted Cranbrook Kingswood and tied 2-2 and defeated Warren Regina.

The Blue Devils came out flat against the Cranes, trailing 2-0.

"I told the girls between the first and second period to take a deep breath and relax," Provenzano said. "They just had to settle down and play with some more passion."

After that point, it was all Blue Devils as the puck movement was sharper, which resulted in Boyle scoring off senior Andrea Marshall's initial shot. Crane goaltender Colleen Jacoby made the save on Marshall's shot, but Boyle put the rebound under her pads to cut the deficit to 2-1.

In the third period, Boyle sent a pass to senior Hayley Altschuler, who tied the game with her goal.

The Blue Devils continued to get quality scoring chances on Jacoby, but she held her ground and the teams settled for a 2-2 tie.

With the 2-0-1 week, Grosse Pointe South clinched the No. 3 seed in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with a 16-3-1 record; Liggett dipped to 9-10 in the league and 9-12 overall.

The Knights are trying to secure either the fifth or sixth seed in the state playoffs. If the Knights lose their regular season finale Saturday, Feb. 26, at Northville, they might have to compete in a play-in playoff game Saturday, March 5, against Livonia Ladywood to make it to the Division 1 playoffs the following week.

Boys hockey

RIVALS

Norsemen edge rival Blue Devils

By A.J. Hakim
Special Writer

Playing in its home finale against its city rival, the Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team wasn't to be denied last Saturday, defeating Grosse Pointe South 5-4 in a preview of a potential district match-up.

North, which honored its

four seniors (Dustin Baker, Brad Herron, Shawn Miele and Jeffrey Ryan) and their parents before the game, capitalized on a momentum swing late in the second period.

Trailing 4-3 in the final minute of the period, junior forward Joe Aluia tied the game, scoring opposite post off a wrap-around pass from junior

J.P. Lucchese (two assists). The goal deflated a South team who, to that point, dominated the period. Junior Anthony Saleh also assisted.

"I thought they outworked us in the second period, and we got a good, late goal to make it 4-4, and I thought in the third period we played well," North head coach Scott Lock said. "I think we were the better team in the third period and had a lot more opportunities and held them at bay."

Sophomore Brad Werenski (goal, assist) scored the winning goal four minutes into the third period with sophomore Jeffrey Herron assisting.

North jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period with Aluia, who finished with a hat trick, scoring both goals a minute apart. It looked to be a repeat of the December match-up of which North won 7-2.

But South stormed back with a goal from junior Frank Welsher late in the period.

"I thought we came out strong, played really well the first 12 minutes of the first period, kind of dominated the period," Lock said. "Then we got a little sloppy after we took a 2-0 lead and, even though they got the goal with 20 seconds left in the period, it started with five minutes left. We got sloppy, they kept getting opportunities, and it was kind of a build-up, and it finally ended up in our net."

The late goal swung momentum South's way heading into the second period. The Blue Devils tied the game 2-2 with a power play goal three-and-a-

half minutes in.

Junior Sam Hartman scored off a rebound. Seniors Andrew Holder (goal, assist) and Michael Shook assisted. Minutes later, Shook added a short-handed goal off a rebound from a shot by junior Wes Cimmarrusti, whose breakaway opportunity forced North senior goalie Jeffrey Ryan (47 saves) out of the net, as South established a 3-2 lead.

South goalie Christopher Shebil had 46 saves.

"Both teams capitalized on the power play opportunities," South coach James Bufalino said. "When we played them last time, they capitalized on their chances and we didn't. Today, we got a couple good bounces that went our way."

"We had a short-handed goal on one of their power plays, but they evened it up on that same power play."

Junior Joe Giordano (power play goal) also scored for North, who suffered a 4-3 defeat against Howell, ranked third in Division 1, earlier in the week.

Grosse Pointe North is 9-10-3 overall.

South also played earlier in the week, defeating Wyandotte, ranked fifth in Division 2, 7-4.

Schebil earned the win with defensive help from junior Marty Moesta, junior Nate Erickson, sophomore Jake Corden and junior Austin Jones.

Sophomore Max Corden, Cimmarrusti (three), Holder (two) and senior Sean Milavec scored goals as Grosse Pointe South is 12-9-1.

LIGGETT

Knights stay hot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Freshman Jake Jerome had his first two-goal game as a member of the University Liggett boys' hockey team during last week's 10-2 win over Saginaw Nouvel Catholic.

The teams met Friday, Feb. 4, in Saginaw with the Knights winning 8-0. This time, it was another eight-goal mercy game ending after the second period.

Sophomore Jake Soyka kept his scoring streak alive, tallying two goals, while single goal scorers were junior Jake Hodges, freshman Vincent Scarfone, junior Connor Wiggins, freshman Chandler Wahl (his first career varsity goal), sophomore Mark Auk and junior Austin Petitpren.

"We're playing it every imaginable way this season," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We gutted out 1-0 wins over

some very good hockey teams, come from behind to win games and won some games with late goals after outshooting them 40-20.

"I think the guys know what to expect now that the playoffs are coming up. Anything is possible, so they have to be at the top of their game in another week or else one bad game could mean the season is over."

The Knights have won a season-high eight straight games with their last defeat coming Jan. 21 at Toledo St. Francis de Sales.

Liggett improved to 17-5 overall.

Coming up for the Knights is their final regular season game this weekend against Southgate Anderson, which they beat 3-2 on the road back on Nov. 20.

"It will be a good game heading into the state playoffs," McIntyre said. "They're a good team and we will get a test."



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Anthony Saleh, No. 10, playing an integral part in helping the Norsemen beat city rival Grosse Pointe South.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen chase down MAC Red Division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team has beaten the Macomb Area Conference Red Division preseason favorites this season, twice apiece.

Last weekend, the Norsemen went on the road and beat Sterling Heights Stevenson 45-36. They beat Stevenson 42-30 Jan. 25 and swept Utica Ford to stand at 6-5 in the division with one game to play.

With only the one game left in division play, the Norsemen are only one game behind leader Romeo.

The Norsemen led 26-14 at the half and held a 32-25 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Stevenson cut the gap to three points several times in the fourth quarter, but the Norsemen found a way to make some key stops and earn some big points down the stretch to pull out another huge victory.

Senior Micaela Liddane led the way with 19 points, including making 6-of-6 from the free-throw line, while sophomore Taryn Kiah had 11 points.

Sophomore Anajai Gutierrez chipped in with six points and five rebounds, followed by freshman Maria Liddane with five points and

senior Nicole Strickland had four points and five rebounds.

Stevenson hit 18-of-22 free throws to stay within striking distance, while North struggled, making only 10-of-20.

Earlier in the week, North defeated Detroit Denby 78-30 as sophomore Breann Reveley had her best career game, netting 20 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Kiah added 21 points and three assists with Strickland collecting 18 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Micaela Liddane had eight points and four assists with senior Kia Tyus adding seven points and four assists.

Sophomore Emily Armbruster had four points and nine assists and Maria Liddane finished with five assists and five rebounds as Grosse Pointe North finally hit the .500 mark at 9-9.

In the big game Monday night, North lost 54-49, watching its six-year run as division winners end.

However, they went down with a fight, thanks to a late fourth-quarter run and 23 points by Kiah.

Strickland nearly had a double-double, netting 11 points and grabbing nine rebounds, while Micaela Liddane had eight points.

Grosse Pointe North finished 6-6 in the MAC Red Division and is 9-10 overall.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North's Taryn Kiah, right, played well in the Norsemen's victories over Detroit Denby and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

SOUTH: Blue Devils win another

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point baskets to open the third quarter and the home team was on its way.

They outscored the Patriots 22-13 in the third period and kept the visitors at arms length in the final period to win the game, improving to 10-1 in the division with one game left.

Second-place Warren Fitzgerald had three division losses and can't catch the Blue Devils.

Moore finished with 21 points and Rodney had 15 to pace the champions. Sophomore Claire DeBoer had another double-digit rebounding game.

Last weekend, South trav-

eled to MAC Blue Division-leading Port Huron and handily won 70-42, improving to 14-4 overall.

They nearly scored 50 points in the first half, leading 47-21, and cruised in the final two quarters.

DeBoer had a monster game, scoring 19 points and pulling down 15 rebounds, while Moore added 16 points.

Rodney had 12 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore Christina Flom had 10 points and junior Carmen Engel had eight rebounds from the guard position.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is their regular season finale Friday, Feb. 25, against Warren Mott, followed by a district first-round playoff game at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at home against Grosse Pointe North.

If they win, they advance to the district semifinals Wednesday, March 2.

LIGGETT: Home win clinches title

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Junior Madison Ristovski led the way with 24 points, outscoring the entire Plymouth Christian team, and added five assists and five rebounds.

Freshman Bre Andrews added 19 points, while sophomore Haleigh Ristovski had 13 points and five assists. Sophomore Ariana Castillo had six points, followed by junior Andrianna Evangelista with four and Angelia Evangelista with two.

Earlier in the week, Liggett made sure it completed its division slate with a perfect record, blasting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 70-24 as Andrews had 25 points, fol-

lowed by Madison Ristovski with 25, Haleigh Ristovski with eight and Castillo with seven.

Liggett improved to 17-1 overall and finished 12-0 in the MIAC.

Coming up for the Knights is their regular season finale

Thursday, Feb. 24, against Detroit Martin Luther King, one of the top teams in Class A, and their Class C district opener at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, against Detroit Consortium Prep.

Members of Consortium

Prep were in attendance, watching the Knights against Plymouth Christian.

"They will be a tough opponent," Gigante said. "They're big and strong and have some good players. We will have to play a good game to win."

BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB ZARANEK

Bronco success

The Brownell Middle School eighth-grade girls' basketball team finished its season with a solid 9-3 mark, which was second place in its league. The girls continued last season's success by improving greatly as the season progressed. Many girls had little or no experience, yet worked hard to be competitive against teams with more veteran players. The team defeated opponents from the other Grosse Pointe middle schools, as well as St. Clair Shores and East Detroit schools that were in their league. Pictured above are, front row from left, Barbara Fama, Camille Gazoul, Tayler Frye, Zoraya Pavlovich, Megan Sklarski and Katherine MacDonald; and back row from left, Elizabeth Flom, Jordan Ballard, Cameron Zihlman, Haley Neuenfeldt, Andrea Anger, Marina Damaskinos and Carina Dearing. Bob Zaraneck was the head coach.

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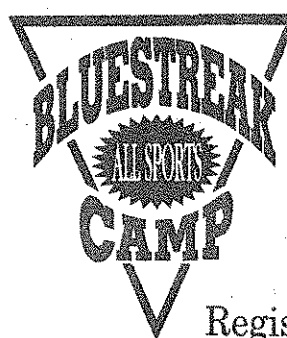
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GROSSE POINTE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING



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It's showtime!

The Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swimming team presents its annual show at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at Grosse Pointe North High School pool, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Grosse Pointe South pool, and at 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Grosse Pointe South pool. Wednesday, March 2, marks the ninth year the team puts on its special show just for Brownie or Girl Scout troops in the Grosse Pointe area. The show will last approximately one hour, including time for questions from the Girl Scouts and Brownies and a few extra demonstrations from the swimmers. A suggested admission of \$20 per entire Brownie or Girl Scout troop or \$1 per spectator is charged on Wednesday only. Admission for the Thursday and Friday shows is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. There are snacks and refreshments for sale before the show. The Dolphins is a team comprised of 20 girls from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. They are the only synchronized swim team in Wayne County and one of six in the state. For further questions, contact Robin Hartnett at (313) 885-9593.

YOUTH HOCKEY



PHOTO BY FATTI THEROS

Winning north of the border

The Grosse Pointe-based Michigan Ice Hawks traveled to Toronto for the annual participation in the Toronto Penguins' Winter Classic the weekend of Jan. 14. The '97 Ice Hawks were two-time winners of this tournament and were looking for a three-peat this year. The task would not be easy, however, as the field included two of Ontario's top teams, the Gloucester Rangers and the Hamilton Reps. The Ice Hawks opened against a team from upstate New York, the Perinton Blades, Friday, Jan. 14. In a closely fought contest, the Hawks came out on top 2-1. On Saturday morning, the Ice Hawks faced the always tough, Gloucester Rangers. The game ended in a 1-1 tie as the Rangers' goalie stymied the many Ice Hawks chances. Going into the second game, the Ice Hawks knew the job would be tough against a Hamilton Reps team that had lost only six games all season. The Reps were ranked No. 5 in Ontario, but the Hawks were able to prevail, 3-2. The Ice Hawks would end up facing the Reps in Sunday's semifinal as Gloucester received the No. 1 seed and faced Perinton. The host Toronto Penguins and visiting Clarence Mustangs did not advance. Again, the game against the Reps was physical but the Ice Hawks built a 5-2 lead and hung on to win 5-4 to advance to the finals. There, they would meet the Perinton Blades which had upset Gloucester 5-0 in the semifinals after losing a round-robin game to the Rangers 3-0 the day before. The final was a runaway for the Ice Hawks, winning 4-1. Learn more about the Michigan Ice Hawks teams and skating programs at www.michiganicehawks.org. The '97 Michigan Ice Hawks pictured standing from left are head coach Greg Cheesewright, Jason Sommerville, William Walker, Antonio Tijerna Austin Koleski, Marko DerManulian, Theo Calvas, Scotty Mallas, Stephen Campau, Richie Fillipelli, coach Dave Sommerville, Bobby Kaiser, Jake Smith, Zack Zschering, Ramone Kammo, Jonathan Theros, Jake Babbish and coach John Phillips; kneeling from left are Andy Jakub, Alexander Minanov and Tyler Burroughs. Not pictured is manager Louie Theros.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Bulldogs blaze way to tourney title

Coaches Robb McIntyre, Geoff Welsler and Mark Brooks can put another trophy on the mantle after an impressive five-game sweep through the District No. 3 playoffs.

Led by top goal scorers Mac Welsler (7 goals) and C.J. Ramsdell (8 goals), and top point getters Marshall Vyletel (9 points) and Mac Cimmarrusti (10 points), the Grosse Pointe 1998 Bulldogs outscored their opponents 33-9 in the tournament and controlled the tempo of the games from beginning to end.

In the 14-0 opening win against Troy, Welsler scored two quick scores and Ramsdell had a tournament-high four goals in the final two periods. Vyletel led all scorers with six points.

Defensemen Jack Flynn and Andrew Tomasi both scored a goal and were outstanding defensively, while goalie Matthew Held recorded the shutout.

Against Rochester, Henry Moesta and Brendan Nelson led the scoring with three points each. Ramsdell added two more goals to his total with defenseman J.P. Navetta playing well on both ends of the ice and tacked on an open net score in the 6-4 victory.

In the most physical game of

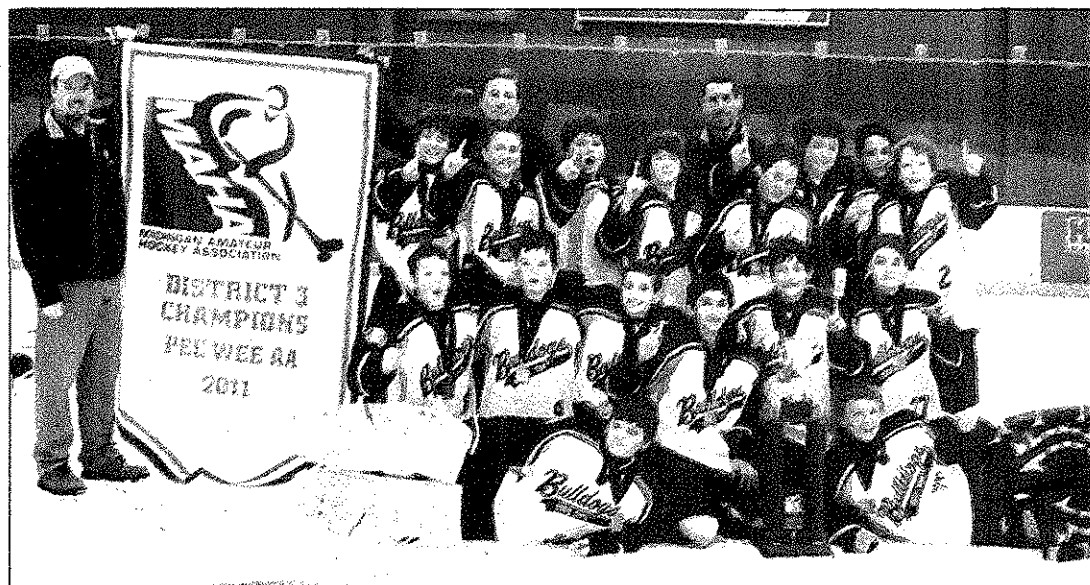


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The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs celebrate after winning a District No. 3 championship.

the tournament, the Bulldogs outlasted St. Clair Shores 5-2.

Nelson had a playmaker (3 assists) and Brett Abdenour had three points as well (1 goal, 2 assists).

After a scoreless first period, Ramsdell, Abdenour, Cimmarrusti and Welsler scored goals to give the Bulldogs a commanding lead. The Saints made it 4-2 with three minutes remaining, but Tomasi struck back just 12 seconds later to secure the victory.

Alex Grimm was spectacular in the net for the Bulldogs.

In the semi-finals, the Bulldogs found themselves trailing for the first time in the tournament on a break-away goal in the first period.

The momentum quickly shifted when Michael French scored for the Bulldogs and minutes later, French fed speedster defenseman Harrison Wujek for the go-ahead score.

Jack Liagre scored the third goal with an assist coming from Griffin Brooks. Welsler rounded out the scoring in the 4-1 victory. Held was brilliant

in the net, allowing only one goal in the two games he played.

In the finals against Mt. Clemens, the Bulldogs controlled the momentum throughout as Ramsdell and Nelson had back-to-back unassisted goals in the first period.

Welsler added the next two scores in the 4-2 win in the championship game. Grimm was outstanding in the net with Flynn, Navetta, Brooks, Tomasi and Wujek playing well.

Sports notes

BASEBALL

Griesbaum adds perspective

To kick off the spring and baseball season, Dan Griesbaum, Grosse Pointe South's varsity baseball head coach of 26 years, will make a presentation to baseball fans of all ages at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at the Ewald Library.

Griesbaum's presentation, called "Tales from the Dugout," discusses his years of coaching at South, their state title run, and the most successful players through the years.

He will entertain viewers with a power-point presentation and video. He's had many players go on to play at the college level and graduate Chris Getz currently plays for the Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals.

In addition, fellow South graduate Adam Abraham played for the University of Michigan, along with Getz, and went on to play for the MLB Cleveland Indians' minor league system.

Griesbaum, and his wife, Paulette, also a teacher at South, were in the stands to see Getz get his first MLB hit when he was a second baseman for the Chicago White Sox. His jersey was retired at South last winter.

Griesbaum is well known in the baseball world not only in Grosse Pointe, but across Michigan. He is well-respected

among players and parents and is in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

He and co-director Matt Reno run several baseball camps for children throughout the year and are donating two camp registrations during the week of his talk. Anyone can register to win these spots by filling out a free raffle ticket at any branch of the Grosse Pointe public libraries from March 28 to March 6.

The camp is open to boys and girls in grades 2 to 8 and is held at Defer Elementary School's field in June.

The March 3 talk is free, but registration is required. People can register at any branch or at gp.lib.mi.us. Light refreshments will be served. Donations will be accepted to defray the costs.

In addition to Griesbaum's presentation, the Ewald Library is showing baseball movies Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, including "The Natural," "Field of Dreams," "The Rookie," and "A League of Their Own." Light refreshments will be served and the event is free. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Ewald branch library manager John Clextan at (313) 343-2071.

MACKINAC RACE

Bayview opens registration

Detroit's Bayview Yacht Club is accepting registrations for the 87th Bayview Mackinac Race that sails from Port Huron to Mackinac Island.

"We have updated our website to make it easier for skippers to register on-line and Bayview has standardized entrance fees to make it more affordable for this year's participants," said Charlie Elmer, 2011 Bayview Mackinac Race Chairman.

The website, byc.com, also features the updated Mackinac safety regulations for race participants, the official Notice of Race rules and regulations and the standardized entry fee of \$13 per foot for each sailboat based on the boat length overall.

Some 200 to 250 boats are expected to participate in the annual race which begins Saturday, July 23. Each year the Bayview race alternates with the Chicago Yacht Club on which race goes first so members of each club can participate in the other's regatta. Chicago goes first this year with their race starting on July 16.

"Another new feature for 2011 is we are allowing all sailboats — cruising or racing — to enter the shore course," Elmer said. "From its traditional start in Lake Huron near Port Huron, the sailboats will head

due north on two separate courses. The shorter course is called the Shore Course and it runs 252 statute miles along the Michigan shoreline. The race also features a longer, 298-mile course called Cove Island that takes the typically larger boats into Canadian waters before heading toward Mackinac Island.

"For those pleasure or novice sailors, it is not too late to take part in one of the greatest experiences you can have as a sailor on the Great Lakes. We have a host of safety and racing seminars at Bayview and we are welcoming returning and first-time MAC racers to join us for this grand Michigan tradition."

"Bayview is absolutely thrilled to welcome new and returning sailors to the longest consecutive fresh water sailing race in the world," said Commodore John C. Burke.

"Our top priority for this race is safety and once again BYC is requiring that all boats participating in the Cove Island course carry a life raft aboard their vessel in addition to other safety gear," said Elmer. "All boats are required to possess U.S. Coast Guard approved safety gear including electronic signaling in the case of emergency, life jackets, flares and marine radios."

The final race registration for participants is July 1.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Zaranek excels

Grosse Pointe North junior Amy Zaranek was selected to participate in all three of the Queen of Diamonds Showcase events this past fall and winter.

These are the largest College Showcase events of their kind in the country.

More than 8,000 high school athletes apply for the 264 positions at each Showcase.

Zaranek was picked as one of the 48 pitchers. The events are held at Showcase East at Hofstra University on Long Island, NY; Showcase South at Winthrop University in South

Carolina; and Showcase North at Kent State University in Ohio.

She earned a game most valuable player award in the New York contest and earned the game honor and was named First Team All-Tournament at the Showcase North Event.

Zaranek plays at Grosse Pointe North for head coach Bill Taylor. She plays summer travel softball for Ron Smith's Grosse Pointe Diamonds and the Vipers Fastpitch Organization.

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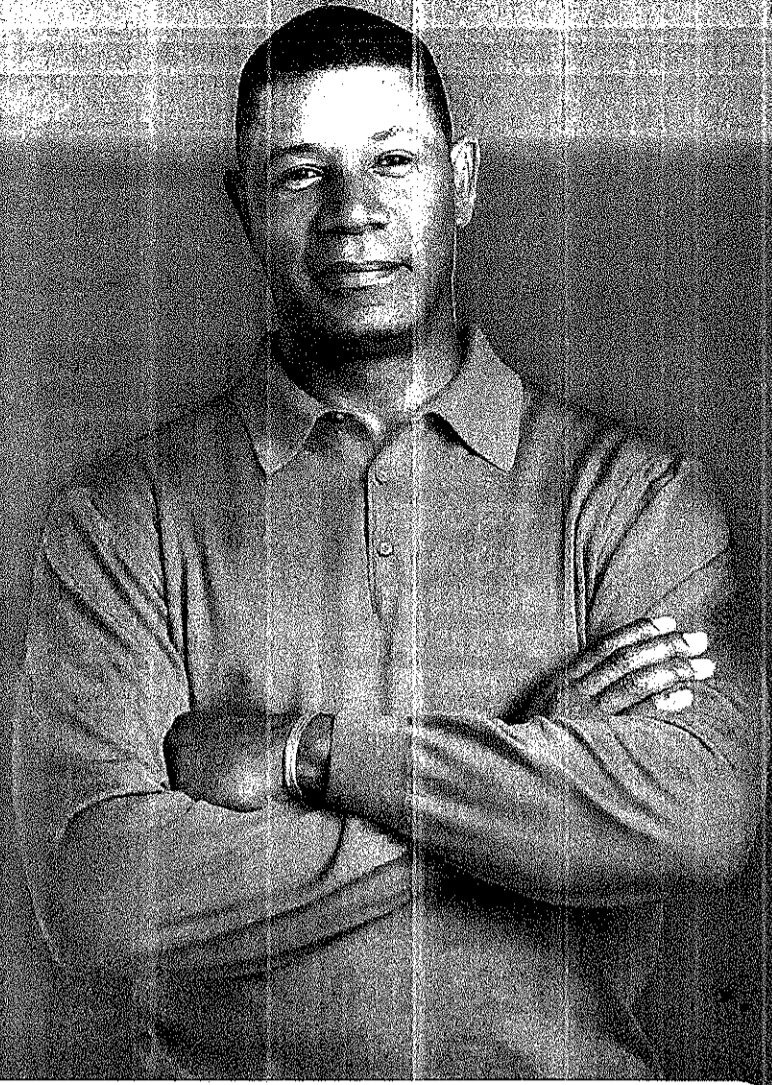
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