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THURSDAY, MARCH 10

◆ 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

◆ The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. with hostess Priscilla Schaupter. Her program is "2012 — An Ancient Civilization." Co-hostesses are Judy Mathews and JoAnn Rothrock.

◆ The film, "Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre," is shown at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

◆ Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a Mom to Mom sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail Karen at ctmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 884-5998.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Daylight savings time. Set clock ahead one hour.
 ◆ The 14-member Princeton University a capella group, the Nassoons, perform at 3 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

◆ Keith Clarke of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and task force coordinator of the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, discusses cyber safety at 7 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is free.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

◆ Former Grosse Pointe Public Library librarian Nancy Solak discusses her book, "A Footpath in Umbria: Learning, Loving & Laughing in Italy," at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch.

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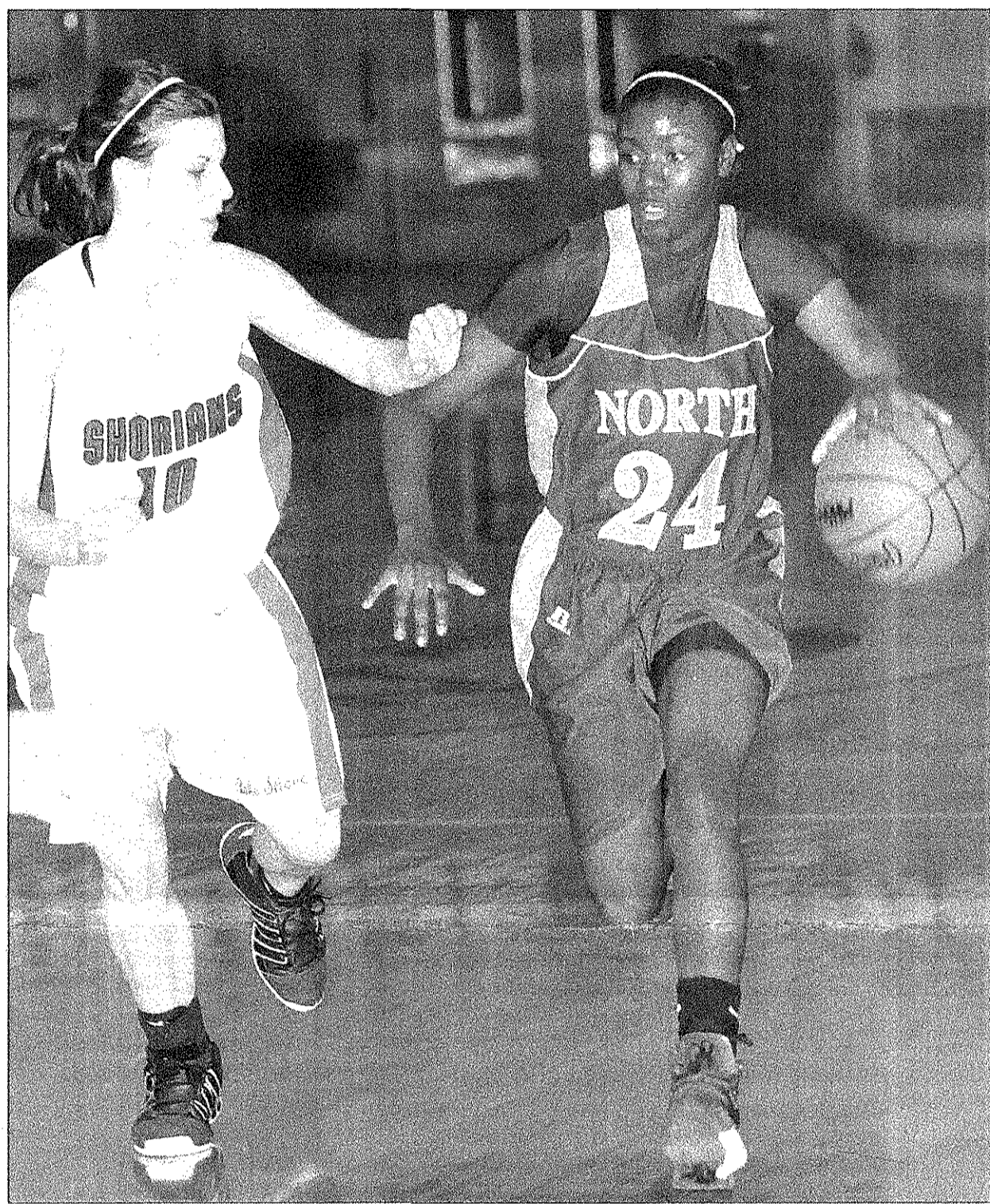


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Playoff tested

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Taryn Kiah, right, had a hot hand, scoring double-digit points and playing tough defense to help the Norsemen win another girls basketball district championship. University Liggett also had an easy time in its tournament district run. For complete results, see page 2C.

Borders shelves closing sign

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The "Store Closing" banner on the front of Borders has been taken down.

It's removal was due to a City of Grosse Pointe sign ordinance, not a reversal of the company's financial fortunes.

The Borders bookstore chain remains in bankruptcy. The Village store is closing. A liquidation sale continues. Just not with a big, black and yellow sign on the Kercheval facade.

"We don't allow banners or flags on buildings at all," said Paul Weitzel, the City's public service director. "The one on Borders was probably 30 inches by 25 feet."

A court order allowing the company special signage during the going-out-of-business sale didn't supersede the City's ordinance, according to Weitzel.

"We spent a few days reviewing it and they, without much ado, agreed to take it down," he

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A sign that goes up by order of bankruptcy court comes down by City of Grosse Pointe ordinance.

Projected deficit doubles

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A nearly half-million dollar budget deficit forecast next year is enough to cure what ails you.

"It was sobering," said Ted Kedzierski, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council finance committee.

"We're short \$490,000," he said. "We just looked at our budget (March 1)."

Work on the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, effective July 1, must conclude by June 30 with expenses equaling revenues.

"Our total revenue is expected to be just over \$5,068,718," Kedzierski said. "Our expenses are proposed at \$5,563,714."

The shortfall stands at \$494,996. Draft budgets are, by definition, works in progress subject to revision.

"The latest figures reflect preliminary estimates, which are expected to change over the next three months as renewals, health care costs, contract negotiations, cost cutting, Board of Review, etcetera become more clear," said Brian Vick, city manager.

"We need to cut costs," Kedzierski said. "Last year, we were short about \$215,000. The hole wasn't even half of what it is now."

The Shores is in the same neighborhood as the other Grosse Pointe when it comes to budget crunches.

Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe, anticipates a \$400,000 shortfall.

"I'm looking at a budget shortfall of a half-million bucks," said Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Terry Davis.

The Shores' current fiscal year's budget was balanced on the premise of future spending cuts, including anticipated savings from consolidating the public safety dispatch center with another city.

"Savings in that adopted budget were expected to be \$80,000, assuming we were able to consolidate as of June 1," Kedzierski said.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Window broken

Someone smashed the rear window of a 2004 Mini Cooper parked between 10:45 p.m. Friday, March 4, and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, on the street in the first block of Moross.

"(It) appears it was struck with a tire iron or mini baseball bat," said an investigating officer.

The Mini Cooper belongs to a resident of the block, who told police the car's decorative front license plate was kicked in Feb. 28.

"The complainant believes the incidents have to do with an ongoing neighbor dispute over her dog," said the officer.

— 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

Shots sound

Suspected bullet holes in the rear siding of a house on Clairview turned out to be exit

holes from screws used during construction, according to police.

"The damage was not a result of gunshots," said a public safety officer.

Residents of the house discovered the damage during the morning of Friday, March 4. They assumed it was caused by gunshots they thought they heard the night before.

"(The resident) stated about 10:30 p.m. (Thursday, March 3) she and her husband heard what sounded like three gunshots," police said.

A broken light fixture heightened the residents' suspicion. Officers determined the fixture had broken for other reasons.

Also, footprints in the complainants' and two neighboring snow-covered backyards were determined to be those of a meter reader working in the area.

There were two other reports in the Shores last week of suspected gunfire:

◆ A Stonehurst resident reported hearing a shot at 10:07 p.m. Friday, March 4.

◆ A resident of Webber Place reported two shots at 9:03 p.m. Tuesday, March 1. A patrolman reported hearing them, too.

Spike strips

A Shores patrolman set up a

spike strip at 9:27 p.m. Friday, March 4, on southbound Lakeshore at Roslyn to stop a silver-colored Dodge Stratus containing four men being chased by St. Clair Shores police.

The driver of the Dodge turned onto Crestwood and stopped near a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore. Three men exited the car and headed south.

Officers followed footprints in snow and found the men hiding behind bushes.

Two officers drew their weapons, arrested the trio and turned them over to St. Clair Shores authorities.

Officers from Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods provided mutual aid.

Employment scam

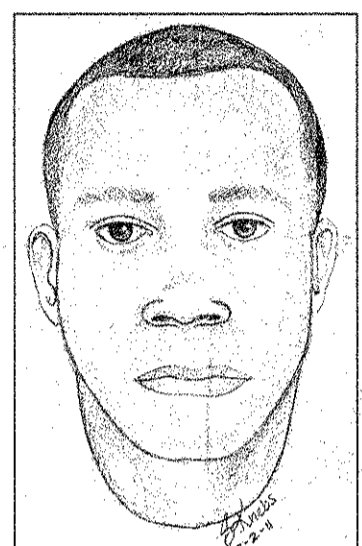
A resident told police after answering an ad for employment at a local business, the resident was sent several money orders to cash as part of a plan to purchase art objects.

The money orders are counterfeit. Anyone "hired" as a personal assistant and sent money orders to cash are asked to turn them over to police.

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

— Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Park



Robbery suspect

Coyote

At 6:02 p.m. Thursday, March 3, a resident informed police of a coyote on the back porch of a house in the 800 block of Ballantyne.

Red fox

A woman living in the 900 block of Lakeshore called 911 at 11:02 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, to report an animal growling loudly in her backyard.

"Officers arrived and saw a red fox," according to police.

Broken main

A broken water main in the 700 block of Lakeshore was discovered shortly after 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2.

— 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 Woods

CCS violation

A 44-year-old Madison Heights man was arrested for carrying a weapon on school property at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at an ice rink on Cook Road.

Police noticed a handgun in the waistband of his pants and detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from him.

While the man had a carrying a concealed weapons permit, state law prohibits concealed weapons on school property. The gun, loaded with six rounds of ammunition, was confiscated by police.

'He's a runner'

A three-year-old child, found wandering on Harper near Van Antwerp at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, was handed over to his biological father.

The child, under the care of his mother's boyfriend, didn't know how the child got out of the backyard. The child was also not reported missing.

The child's mother said, "he's a runner," adding the child previously slipped out of a locked backyard four times. Police said the child appeared healthy and was dressed appropriately for the weather. They continue to investigate.

Snow and mud cause problems

A 51-year-old Sterling Heights man lost control of his car on Brys Road at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

According to the police report, the car jumped the curb, drove across the lawn and struck a garage, damaging both it and a car parked inside. The driver, who police reported appeared intoxicated, put the car in reverse, struck a wall bordering the Shore Pointe condo complex and got stuck in the mud and snow.

The driver, who had a previ-

Wanted

Police conducting a traffic stop at 1:15 a.m. Friday, March 4, on Neff near Charlevoix arrested a 20-year-old Harper Woods man on an outstanding Roseville warrant for disorderly conduct.

The man was stopped for driving a car that had a broken brake light.

17 suspensions

A 36-year-old Detroit man with 17 driving suspensions was arrested during a traffic investigation at 4 p.m. Friday, March 4, on westbound Mack near Cadieux.

Officers released the man's silver Chevrolet to a licensed passenger.

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Farms Kroger coming down

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The former Kroger building on Mack at Moross will meet its downfall on the same date as Julius Caesar, only 2,055 years later.

As with the Roman emperor's assassination on the ides of March in 44 B.C., the vacant building that Kroger formerly occupied in Grosse Pointe Farms is scheduled for demolition starting March 15.

"It's an old building built during the 1930s," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "Basically, it's a square, cinder block box. It doesn't have any redeemable features to save it."

Kroger vacated the building last fall upon opening a completely rebuilt store in downtown City of Grosse Pointe. Kroger also has a store on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Farms bought the Mack and Moross building many years ago along with other property in the area to control its development.

"When we bought it, we assumed the remainder of a longer-term lease Kroger had," Reeside said.

Terms of a revised month-to-month lease included rent exceeding \$6,000 per period while the parent company planned the new store on Kercheval in the City.

"Since we acquired that property, it brought in close to \$500,000 revenue to the city," Reeside said.

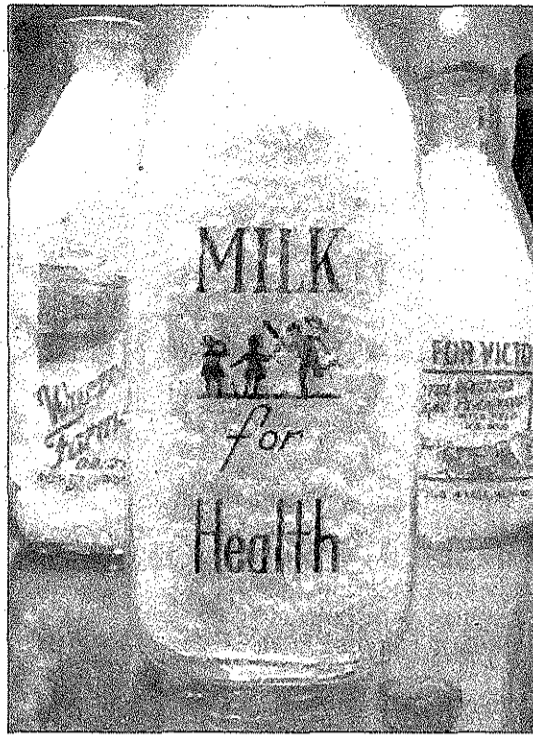
The Mack-Moross structure needs repair.

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Cayson Davis, 2, at his 91-year-old great-grandfather Mickey Knowlton's ice museum. Davis stands near a cylindrical ice box made in 1905 by Regal Stamping of Jackson. At \$475, it was considered a rich man's appliance. Above right, old-school milk bottles. At right, toy ice delivery trucks.



Chill out at ice museum

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

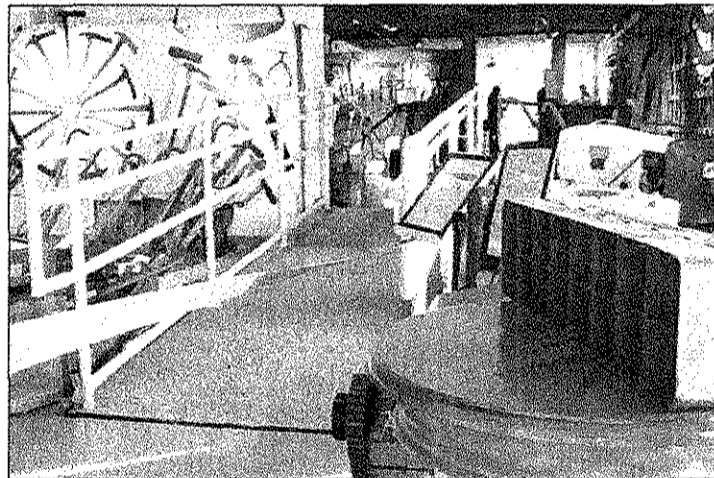
PORT HURON — Two-year-old Cayson Davis is dwarfed by old-time ice boxes at his great-grandfather's ice museum in Port Huron.

Likewise, Cayson's mother hopes he never measures up to the 300-pound blocks of ice harvested from the St. Clair and Black Rivers during the industrial ice age a century ago.

Museum founder, Mickey Knowlton, 91, established The Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America when his personal collection of ice industry and often distantly related memorabilia overflowed his office and house.

"There was no history of the natural ice industry," Knowlton said.

The inventory stands at 5,000 artifacts and counting.



A hot-water activated ice cube maker is among tools of the industrial ice trade at Knowlton's Ice Museum.

One of Knowlton's first acquisitions was a circa-1900 ice wagon in Cincinnati.

From there, Knowlton and his wife, Agnes, 90, picked up things all the time wherever they went. Many deals were

made at yard sales and flea markets.

They found New England to be a hotbed of ice industry artifacts.

"The natural ice industry began in Maine," Knowlton said.

"They shipped ice all over the world from Boston."

The couple's acquisitions and varied interests give the museum a dual personality.

"I collected tools," Knowlton said. "My wife collected dolls and stuff like that."

Knowlton is a born curator. Although he's not as peripatetic a picker as in past years, he lets his fingers do the bidding on Internet auction sites.

"Three months ago, I came in the museum and there's a big Divco (Detroit Industrial Vehicle Company) milk truck," said his daughter, Judy Knowlton. "I said, 'Dad, I thought you were going to slow down?'"

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POINTER OF INTEREST

After 35 years in nursing and hospital administration, **Val Gokenbach** found herself dealing with a sudden job elimination. The City of Grosse Pointe resident turned her part-time activities into a second career.

Avocation becomes profession

By Karen Fontanive
Staff writer

When her position at Beaumont Hospital was unexpectedly eliminated, Val Gokenbach didn't have to look too hard to reinvent her career. She turned to her avocations.

The energetic Gokenbach worked as a nurse and executive, raised two children, earned a master's degree in business and a doctorate degrees in management and organizational leadership and devoted many hours to charitable causes.

It was her involvement with charitable organizations that led to her latest venture. The City of Grosse Pointe resident is administrator of Mitch Albom Charities and coordinated and participated in the first medical team dispatched to the Have Faith Mission in Haiti in January.

Gokenbach's involvement with Mitch Albom Charities began several years ago while she was vice president, chief nurse officer at Beaumont.

"I sit on the Board of Visitors for Wayne State University School of Nursing. There was a woman from Cooper Standard (automotive) giving a presentation. They're the ones who funded Mitch (Albom) to open the S.A.Y. (Super All Year) clinic downtown, a clinic for homeless moms and kids," Gokenbach said.

In her capacity at Beaumont, Gokenbach knew she could garner volunteers for the clinic among the nurs-



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City of Grosse Pointe resident Val Gokenbach.

ing staff, but thought she could take it even further.

"Beaumont loves to get involved in philanthropy and the community, so maybe they would provide all of the labs," she explained. She invited Albom to make a presentation to executives and decision-makers at Beaumont.

"Mitch did a really nice pitch about the S.A.Y. clinic and the help he needed and Beaumont said 'yes, we'll help you.' So we started doing their labs and diagnostics; we sent them medications," Gokenbach said.

The clinic is still affiliated with Beaumont, but when Gokenbach's job was eliminated late last year, she contacted Albom.

"I called Mitch and told him I'm not with Beaumont anymore, but I've got the clinic all taken care of and I'll still vol-

unteer my time for you and help you in any way you want," she said. "He was very supportive and called me down to meet with him and said 'I'd like for you to work with me.'"

The charities are under the umbrella of the Detroit Rescue Mission, so Gokenbach is an employee of the mission. She is administrator of the S.A.Y. clinic, assists the mission with some of its detox centers and manages the medical components of the Have Faith Haiti Mission Albom acquired after the 2010 earthquake in that country.

It was while Gokenbach was working at the clinic that Albom asked her to develop a medical mission to the orphanage.

"I put together a group of four of us: Two nurses, a nurse practitioner and a dietician. We did histories and physicals on all the kids. We charted them on the height and growth charts, did dental exams as best we could and we started a chart process on them. Now all the kids have a medical chart," said Gokenbach.

They found some of the children had scabies, others had upper respiratory or ear infections and many had headaches.

"We think it (the headaches) has to do with blurry vision and not having glasses, so we just linked up with an optometrist who is going to see the kids," explained Gokenbach.

"The other thing that was a big problem was the diet because they eat rice and beans twice a day, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. That was it. And these kids are starving. We completely changed their diet. We added



a lunch, we added more protein and developed a really good dietary program."

Gokenbach continues to work from afar finding medical attention for the orphanage with plans to visit quarterly to make sure all is working.

In addition to coordinating activities at the Haiti mission, Gokenbach works at the S.A.Y. clinic "two to three days a week now and I do administrative work, but I'm also taking care of the patients there as well," she said.

"In a smaller venue, everyone pitches in and does what they need to do and we are really working hard there to let everybody know the clinic is there, because it's completely free. There's absolutely no charge for anything."



Top: Gokenbach among children at Have Faith Haiti Mission.

Middle: Gokenbach, center, takes the pulse of a child at the mission. The medical team Gokenbach led to the mission created a chart for each child living at the mission, including height, weight and overall medical condition.

Bottom: Gokenbach measures the height of a mission resident.

Her reinvented career doesn't stop with the mission. Gokenbach also teaches classes in the nursing program at American Sentinel University.

"When I finished my doctoral degree, the woman who was the chair of the (doctoral) committee asked me if I'd like to help with the doctorate of nursing practice and leadership because my doctorate is

in management and organizational leadership."

Gokenbach wrote the doctoral program emergent course. Nursing doctoral candidates spend two weeks in Denver participating in the program; one week with Gokenbach learning about leadership, such as organizational theory and leadership styles.

She also teaches online courses in the nursing master's program.

If that isn't enough, Gokenbach also provides leadership consulting services and coaching for executives. And, there's more. She wrote a book — "Tap Dancing Through Life: 7 Steps to Finding Your Personal Rhythm and the Life of Your Dreams" — a few years ago which she hopes to now have time to promote.

Gokenbach admits the first month after her Beaumont job was eliminated was difficult. But after a couple of months, she realized she was on to another phase of her career. She starts wistfully, "I did this 35 years of 70 hours a week..." and trails off before finishing, "... can't wait to go back to Haiti."

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DEFICIT: Councilman warns of cuts coming

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Kedzierski voted against that budget. He felt cuts weren't deep enough or certain.

"Now, we're faced with more difficult cuts," he said. "The later you wait to cut, the harder it is to achieve the savings."

Kedzierski said the city's structural deficit remains.

"We're dealing with issues superficially," he said. "The Shores needed to cut \$1 million over three years — \$500,000 needed to come last year, \$250,000 had to be achieved this fiscal year and \$250,000 the following year. At that point, we were hoping our real estate values would stabilize, and we could build on that foundation."

He'd like an ad hoc panel of volunteer residents, which this month completed its task of recommending more economical alternatives to the city's current retirement health care policy, to regroup and seek out

additional cost savings.

"I'd love to keep the panel looking at other issues," Kedzierski said.

He cited the municipal sick bank policy, which pays employees upon retirement for not taking allotted sick days.

"Our auditors have indicated we have a liability approaching \$800,000 related to sick pay," Kedzierski said. "We didn't solve that. We have three people that are eligible for retirement this year."

"If those people retire, it will cripple our budget because we'll have to pay one-third of it this year and both of the following years."

He voted last year against freezing sick bank benefits for current non-union employees and reducing benefits for future hires because changes didn't solve the structural issue, he said.

Money targeted for certain projects is being spent on other things, he said.

"We set aside money in the

road fund to restore Lochmoor," Kedzierski said. "We've been using it for routine maintenance and for Moorland and Crestwood."

In 2009, the Shores assigned a third-party engineer to rate road conditions throughout the city.

"This was communicated to the public in the 2009 Spring and Fall city newsletters," Vick said. "While three roads were mentioned for their deteriorating condition — Lochmoor, Moorland and Crestwood all received a '3' rating — it was reiterated that roads would be repaired based upon the rated conditions of the road and available funding."

Repairs have taken place on Moorland and Crestwood.

"Funds that remain in the major and local street fund to address other streets that also received a '3' rating include portions of Hampton, Lakeshore Lane, Shorham and Sunningdale as well as Lochmoor," Vick said.

SIGN: City doesn't want to be mean

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said. Also nixed was a sale barker. He'd been stationed with a sign on Kercheval flagging down motorists.

"We had numerous com-

plaints," Weitzel said. "Borders agreed not to do that within city limits."

Municipal officials aren't challenging the company's signs in picture windows advertising "everything on sale" and further markdowns to "25

to 50 percent off."

"They're recessed into the building," Weitzel said of the window signs. "It's a close call, but the city didn't want to be mean to a business going out of business. We have a good rapport with them."

KROGER: Demolition begins Tuesday

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"The roof is bad," Reeside said. "We haven't invested in it because we knew it was a short-term deal."

The city council this week awarded a demolition bid to Den-Man Contractors. The company's low-bid of \$37,500 beat six competitors wanting between \$43,650 and \$87,960

for the job.

Demolition is scheduled to start Tuesday, March 15.

The contract includes clearing the site of debris. A layer of clean topsoil will be graded to direct drainage toward a storm sewer.

"The contractor has to maintain access to (an) alley" next to the building," said Terry Brennan, director of public services.

Until the economy picks up and qualified developers propose a meaningful addition to the corner, the former Kroger site will become green space.

"Based upon discussions with developers, hopefully the economic climate is improving," Reeside said. "We're relying on people who are developers to advise city council to look at potential opportunities."

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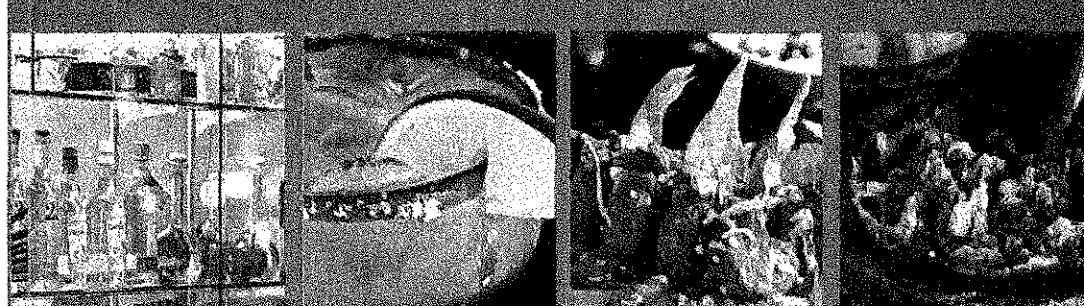
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OUR VIEW

Work together to solve shortfalls

When the economy made a slight turn toward better — with higher numbers in retail, domestic auto and real estate sales — renewed unrest in the Middle East has sent gas prices above the shocking numbers of 2008.

Personal finances, no matter what you do or how much money you make, are affected by gas pricing jumping in the direction of \$4 per gallon. And perhaps beyond.

This economy has taken its toll on Michigan. And it has changed the Grosse Pointes forever. Known for great public safety, top public and private schools, beautiful houses with great parks on the shores of Lake St. Clair, the sun rises and sets here for those who live and work in the Grosse Pointes.

It is special, even as it changes. Grosse Pointe has had ups and downs. Resilient, these five unique communities.

Officials from the Pointes continue to look at ways to save money. Public safety accounts for well more than 50 percent of each of the cities' budgets. In order to maintain the type of service you expect, it will cost more.

Several resident surveys in the individual Pointes rank public safety right at the top of what's important here. And that's exactly where it should be. Without safety, there's nothing.

Even more our cities are looking at ways to save costs. Decreased state revenue sharing, a steady decline in taxes paid as housing values dropped and an increase in costs have left cities scrambling.

A front-page story in this issue reports in Grosse Pointe Shores, councilman Ted Kedzierski predicts a shortfall of more than \$490,000. City of Grosse Pointe city manager Peter Dame says he anticipates a \$400,000 shortfall. In Grosse Pointe Farms, Councilman Terry Davis said it could be upside down by "a half-million bucks." Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Park are looking to make cuts where they can.

The time to start making changes is now. Talk of the consolidation of some services has gone on for years, but something has to give soon. Cities will ask union and non-union employees to take salary cuts and pay more toward benefits. It's going on everywhere and it has to happen here.

Residents should have a voice in what happens, because ultimately, they pay price for the services. It's easy to mark on a survey that public safety is most important, but that's a huge chunk of the financial pie when it comes to the amenities of being a resident here.

Everyone will have to make sacrifices in some way. The goal will be to do it without hurting what's important.

There is no doubt that public safety is the most vital item in the budget. The residents are right.

We'll see plenty of changes this year. It's important to start working together toward the solutions. Our officials have a ton of tough decisions to make — no different than what's going on in many households and businesses here.

The Grosse Pointes won't just survive. They'll continue to thrive.

We welcome your input on how that should be done. Signed letters to the editor and guest editorials on this or any issue affecting the Grosse Pointes are welcome at jwarner@grossepointenews.com or sent to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48362.

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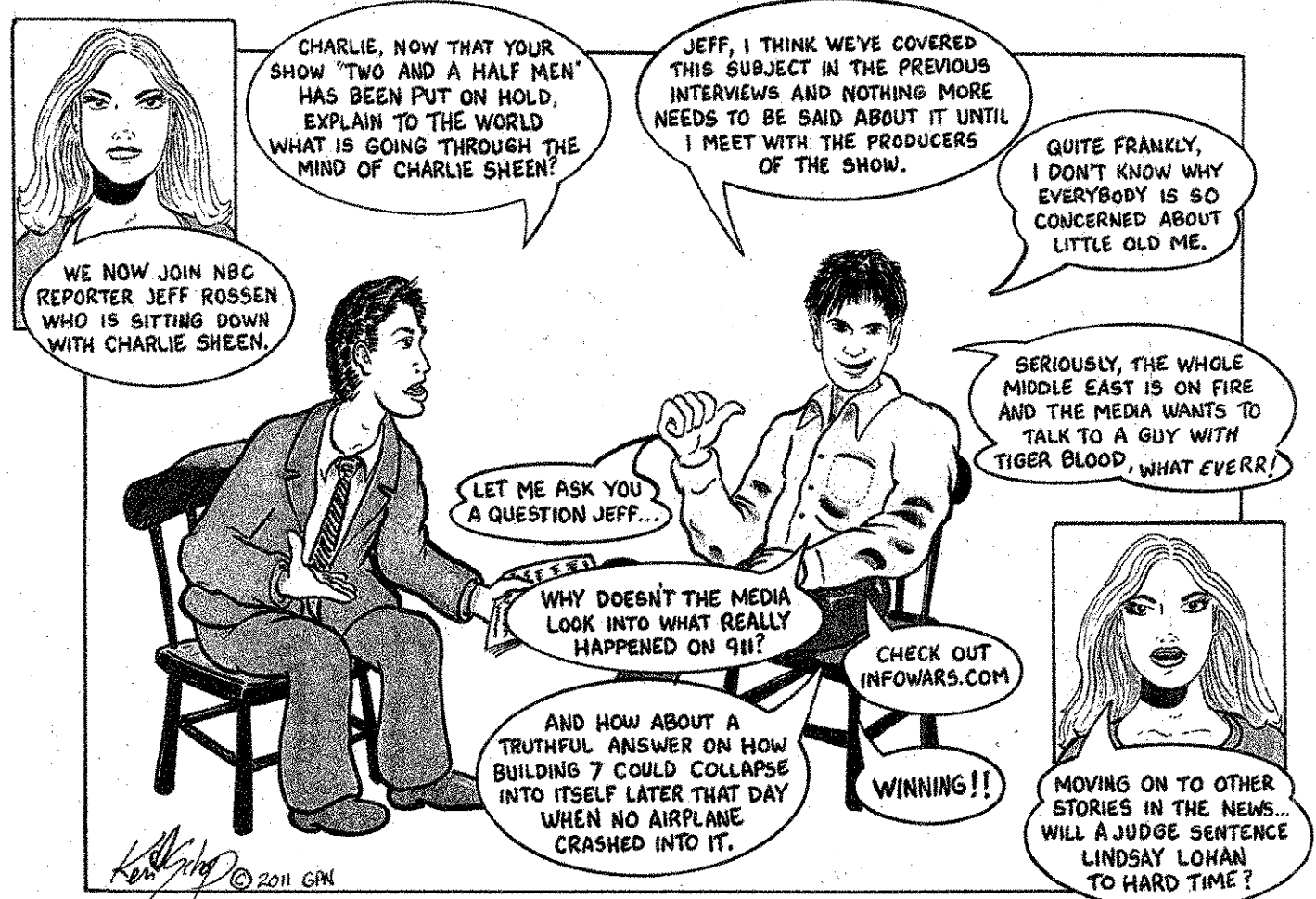
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Right to Work

To the Editor:

As a small-business owner, I strive to give my employees the very best compensation and benefits I can afford.

I value the people who work for me and realize they are an integral part of the success of my company. Thanks to their hard work, my business can be profitable and can contribute to the revitalization of Michigan's economy. And, certainly, we all will benefit from that.

However, we won't benefit from the recently proposed Right to Work legislation.

The so-called "right to work" doesn't guarantee any rights or any work. Instead, this legislation would create serious consequences for employees and employers, just as it already has done in 22 states.

Such laws weaken workers' protection and our unions, and lead to a lower quality of life for everyone. This is something our state, which has been in a decade-long recession, cannot afford.

Right to Work states have lower wages than free-bargaining states. The average worker in Right to Work states makes \$5,538 less than his or her counterpart in free-bargaining states — \$39,169 compared to

\$44,707. That's \$106 per week. Lower wages result in lower tax bases and a lower quality of life, no matter what one's job position or income level.

Poverty rates are higher in Right to Work states — 19.1 percent compared to 16.6 percent in free-bargaining states. And workplace deaths are an astonishing 52.9 percent higher than in free-bargaining states.

Workers in Right to Work states are also less likely to have health insurance. In Right to Work states, 16.7 percent of people are uninsured — compared to 13.5 percent in free-bargaining states. Among children, 10.4 percent lack insurance — compared to 7.5 percent in free-bargaining states. And, sadly, the infant mortality rate is 16 percent higher in Right to Work states.

Right to Work means fewer rights for business owners as well. Such laws limit the ability for employers to set the terms and conditions of employment by telling employees what they can and cannot bargain over.

Labor and management should have the right to agree upon the conditions without interference from the government. They know what's best for their companies; the government doesn't.

If Right to Work becomes law

in Michigan, consumer spending will drop just as it has in other Right to Work states. As a result, all of us will suffer.

For the sake of our state, and the sake of our businesses, we cannot afford to have that happen.

BRAD SIMON
Grosse Pointe Woods

Consolidating dispatch

To the Editor:

I read an article, "Consolidate dispatch, city manager says," Feb. 17 Grosse Pointe News, in which you indicated the emergency services organizations were looking at merging to save money.

This is a "penny wise, pound foolish" idea. While it sounds like a great idea to save money by eliminating duplication, this restructuring brings with it severe, unintended consequences that will not be apparent until or unless a disaster occurs.

Each Grosse Pointe city relies on its dispatch center to effectively and efficiently coordinate its responders. If you have an event that incapacitates one center, the other three centers can pick up the load without a disruption in services. If you have one combined center, it takes one event to remove or at least severely impact emergency services throughout the Grosse Pointes.

Redundancy is critical in ESOs. If we merge the cities' ESOs now, the odds of splitting them back up once the economy picks up are scant.

ESO's are not the place to cut costs. I'd rather drive on dirt roads than reduce our safety.

I'm sure you're speculating I am a public servant or the spouse of one. No, I am a secu-

rity design engineer for a large auto company.

KEN PEIRCE
Grosse Pointe Farms

Motion picture industry

To the Editor:

America's least popular institution, Congress, absorbed another body blow to its reputation recently, as lately retired Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut announced he has been hired by the motion picture industry trade organization as its president — effectively, chief lobbyist.

Only a few months after ineptly chairing the committee that designed the Dodd-Franks Bill purportedly regulating the financial services industry, Dodd joins other influential retired senators such as Tom Daschle, John Breaux and Trent Lott as an influence peddler on Capitol Hill. His salary: A comfortable \$1.5 million.

By law, members of Congress must wait two years after they retire before lobbying their former colleagues, and Mr. Dodd paid some lip service to observing this rule. In reality, he'll be lobbying from day one, and he's sold out his reputation and integrity for a sack of silver.

Recalling his embarrassing performance on the committee, when Mr. Dodd alternated sanctimonious pronouncements — his specialty — with emasculating concessions to minority committee Republicans, also his specialty, he has breached the trust of the voters who elected him so many times to represent their interests.

Shame and good riddance!
WILLIAM D. HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Jack McHugh

Cost to replace lost jobs with Michigan film subsidies

A new issue paper from the non-partisan Senate Fiscal Agency estimates Michigan film production tax breaks and subsidies generated the equivalent of approximately 355 full-time jobs in 2009, or 1,542 if "indirect" jobs are also counted.

During that year, the film incentives' net cost to taxpayers was \$37.5 million.

When the agency figures in other factors the cost comes to \$193,333 per job created by the incentives, or \$44,561 per job if one includes the estimate of indirect jobs created.

Michigan employment declined by 204,000 jobs during 2009. Replacing all these lost jobs with subsidized film production jobs would have cost state taxpayers \$39.4 billion — or \$9 billion if the indirect jobs estimate is included.

The entire state budget for the 2009 fiscal year was \$45.5 billion, of which \$25.1 billion came from state taxes and fees. The majority of the rest was federal money, including "stimulus" spending. So replacing all the jobs lost in 2009 with "direct" jobs generated by film production subsidies would have required a state tax increase of 156 percent, all of which would have gone to film producers. Replacing the approximately 800,000 jobs this state has lost since 2000 would cost \$154.6 billion, or almost half the state's annual production of goods and services.

Of course, no one has suggested all the lost jobs can or should be replaced by film production jobs. Still, it is useful to do the arithmetic just to put claims for this program in perspective. And it's worth noting the number of "motion picture

and sound recording" industry jobs in this state actually declined between April 2008 when the film subsidy program began and September 2009 — the most recent count.

The author of the SFA paper comes to this conclusion about the program:

"The nature of the credit and the resulting activity is such that under current (and any realistic) tax rate the state will never be able to make the credit 'pay for itself' from a state revenue standpoint, even when the credit generates additional private activity that would not have otherwise occurred."

This conclusion does not include the number of jobs and wealth not created in 2009 because \$37.5 million was taken from other Michigan job providers and taxpayers and given to film producers.

The Michigan film incentive

program was approved in 2008 by a unanimous vote in the House and just one dissenter in the Senate. It provides a "refundable" tax credit of up to 42 percent of the expenses incurred here by film producers and various other credits for media infrastructure investments and job training.

"Refundable" means the Department of Treasury sends film producers a check for any credit over-and-above the amount they owe in Michigan Business Tax. Due to government secrecy, the department has not revealed how much actual cash was transferred to film producers, but more than half the credits may easily have been paid out to them in cash.

Jack McHugh is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's senior legislative analyst and editor of MichiganVotes.org.

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Any weather is sailing weather



Don't blame weathercasters for flubbing forecasts. Last month's big blizzard that wasn't? Oops, the storm went that way instead of this. Last Saturday night's snowfall that was a lot more than it was supposed to be? The storm came this way instead of that. Give weather prognosticators a break. Don't think their forecasts are dramatized to

boost viewership and hook extra sponsors for special, early morning shows.

Here's how to predict the weather.

Figure out the wind direction. Look that way. What you see is what you're going to get.

During sailing season, look to Lake St. Clair. If sailors are making for harbor, a storm is coming.

I remember heading a sloop onto the lake on a sunny summer afternoon. Everyone else was making harbor. Soon, the lake was all mine. Nothing to keep clear of except channel markers, a couple of lighthouses and the dumping ground.

Within an hour, a storm from the northwest pushed away

white tufts of clouds that often mark the shorelines of large lakes.

Lake St. Clair's everyday winds, those frustrating, light, ever-changing breezes that constantly switch direction, force frequent trim changes and make work of what could be an easy outing, gave way to an increasingly heavy and steady force.

A downpour approaches. Stow loose gear. Button ship.

A nearly straight line of rain comes across the lake. Wind arrives first. Tack into it.

Full sails on a close reach. Taught shrouds and stays, at least to windward. Froth off the bows. Heeling. No freeboard to leeward. Water

spilling on deck.

Ease the jib and main. Rudder to port. Slide onto a broad reach. Tighten sail. Prepare to loosen sail. Rudder to port. Let the sails out.

On a run. Wing on wing. Trim sails. Undulating on a following sea.

Tack into the wind. Waves feel choppy. The bow snaps up a wave front, dives down the back. The bow bites a trough. Green water washes over the foredeck, slapping the doghouse, running aft along gutters out scuppers and over the side. Spray flying.

Let's see what its like to jibe in heavy weather. Fall off. Jibe ho. Hard over. Wind coming around. Sheet the main a little.

Faster now. Watch the boom. Control it. Mind the rudder. Brace the tiller; use your leg. Hull coming 'round. Sheet the main big time. Center it. Shift weight windward. Wind clocks across the stern. Ease the main. Reverse the tiller. Ease the main more. Haul around the jib. Sails fill with wind and snap to attention, shaking off spray.

Do it again. Sail in circles. Beating, tacking, reaching, jibing. Wind, water, waves and spray. Riding a submerged merry-go-round during an earthquake.

Enough of this. Back on a close reach.

There's nothing like a sloop, no, a clipper ship, with a bone

in its teeth. Skysail trimmed. Studsails set. An echelon of jibs and staysails starched with steady wind.

Windmill Pointe? No, that's Tierra del Fuego.

That lighthouse off St. Clair Shores? That's Cutty Sark, hull down, topgallants showing above the horizon. We're racing her around the Horn. Real "Two Years Before the Mast" stuff.

That U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat hove to 150 yards away, crew looking my way? Thumbs up, guys. Having a ball. I know exactly what I'm doing.

It was supposed to be a sunny day. The weatherman said so.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What would you change the name of your street to?

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GUEST OPINION By Seth Hanlon

State and local tax deduction

A new IRS rule allows taxpayers to deduct from their taxable income taxes paid to state and local governments.

This tax break, the country's fourth largest, is expected to cost Washington about \$450 billion in forfeited revenue over the next five years.

The deduction for state and local taxes is earned when you calculate the past year's income for the purpose of paying federal taxes, you can subtract taxes paid to your state, city or town. For example, if you earned \$100,000, but \$5,000 in state and local income taxes was withheld, you're allowed to calculate your federal income tax bill as if you only earned \$95,000.

The state and local tax deduction is an "itemized" deduction, available to taxpayers who choose to deduct their itemized expenses rather than claim the standard deduction.

Special tax breaks are considered "tax expenditures" because they are essentially government spending programs that give out tax breaks instead of direct payments.

The ability to deduct one's state and local taxes may not

The deduction for state and local taxes is earned when you calculate the past year's income for the purpose of paying federal taxes, you can subtract taxes paid to your state, city or town.

intuitively strike us as a tax break, especially when compared with provisions that explicitly subsidize certain activities, such as receiving health insurance from one's employer or taking out a mortgage. But the deduction for state and local taxes is considered a tax expenditure by both government offices that track such expenditures: The Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis and Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

The rationale is your state and local tax payments are essentially "purchasing" certain services — for example, police protection and public schools — and payments for personal services are generally not deductible. For example, the money you spend on personal housecleaning services is not deductible, but the tax dollars you "spend" on municipal street-sweeping is.

The White House explains it

this way: State and local taxes "pay for services, if purchased directly by the taxpayer, would not be deductible." The federal tax deduction lowers the "price" of these services, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Of course, taxpayers don't make individual decisions to pay taxes. These are collective choices made through the democratic process. Families exercise some control over where they live, but not over whether they pay taxes. In this sense, the measure of one's income should not include amounts earned, but then required to be paid over in taxes. And if these amounts are not income, then the deduction for them is not properly a special tax break. That's why there is not a universal agreement this deduction is a tax expenditure in the first place.

Who benefits from this deduction?

Notwithstanding these theoretical issues, the state and local deduction has several practical effects. And as with all tax expenditures, the question of how the deduction works deserves greater scrutiny.

The deduction for state and local taxes disproportionately benefits high-income taxpayers, property owners and residents of high-tax states. That's because those groups pay the most taxes at the state and local level. It also benefits high-income taxpayers because any kind of deduction is worth more to people in high tax brackets than low tax brackets. The "Alternative Minimum Tax" eliminates the tax preference for state and local taxes and thus reduces the benefit of the deduction for the mainly high-income families who currently pay the AMT.

The deduction is also a federal subsidy to state and local governments. When these governments tax their residents, they receive all of the resulting revenue. But the residents do not bear the full burden of state and local taxes, because those tax payments reduce their federal tax bill.

Because of this subsidy effect, the deduction can affect the fiscal choices made by states and communities, including the types of taxes they decide to levy. Before 2004, state and local sales taxes were not deductible. This provided some incentive for states to rely on income and property taxes, which tend to be progressive forms of taxation, rather than sales taxes, which tend to be regressive. But Congress just extended a provision, first enacted in 2004, that lets people deduct

either income taxes or sales taxes. This provision benefits the residents of states such as Florida and Washington, which have no individual income tax and rely heavily on sales taxes.

Like all tax expenditures, the deduction for state and local taxes is a significant cost to the federal government and deserves greater scrutiny.

Seth Hanlon is director of fiscal reform for Center For American Progress' Doing What Works project.

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GUEST OPINION By Paul Kersey

Repeal Public Act 312

The Legislature is set to consider a bill that would repeal Public Act 312 of 1969, which creates a binding arbitration

process for labor disputes involving police officers and firefighters.

On its surface, binding arbitration seems to be an attractive way to bring unions and employers together and create a contract when the two sides cannot agree on terms. But in practice, binding arbitration has failed to resolve labor disputes quickly and fairly.

◆ Binding arbitration works well when there are clear rules for the arbitrator. But under PA 312, the arbitration panel has a wide range of criteria,

Binding arbitration has failed to resolve labor disputes quickly and fairly.

with no clear rules to guide them as they attempt to cobble together the terms of a fair contract.

Although arbitrators are often used to interpret existing contracts, it is rare for companies and unions in the private sector to bring in an arbitrator to decide the terms of a contract.

◆ The panel is made up of a union representative, a management representative and a third, neutral chairman provided by the state. In practice, the neutral member decides all the controversial issues on his or

her own. Too much depends on the wisdom of one individual who may have no independent knowledge of local conditions and no accountability to those who will live with the consequences of his or her decision.

◆ Under the terms of the statute, the entire process should be completed within a few months. In reality, the typical arbitration ruling takes 15 months. I

in one case, the arbitration decision did not come down until three years later, after the contract it was to take the

place of would have expired.

◆ The process is costly. A task force assembled by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, not heretofore known as a union buster, found binding arbitration added as much as 5 percent to the cost of local governments throughout the state.

At a time when governments are struggling to balance their budgets, it is essential the public have maximum control over spending decisions. The choices that are to be made are not the sort that should be made by unaccountable arbitrators.

The time has come for repeal of PA 312.

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CHILL: Some history found just up the road

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eration, of cooling and preserving perishables.

"Ice was one of the 10 largest industries in the United States at one time," Judy Knowlton said.

There were more than 40 ice harvesting companies in Port Huron early last century.

Workers, mainly farmers without field chores during winter, were hired to saw blocks of ice from frozen rivers. Ice was insulated with straw, sawdust — even dirt — and stored for sale during warm-weather months.

"This area was perfect for natural ice," Judy Knowlton said. "The St. Clair River produced blue ice. It was clear and more valuable."

The Black River, which contains tannic acid from decaying

vegetation, yielded brown ice.

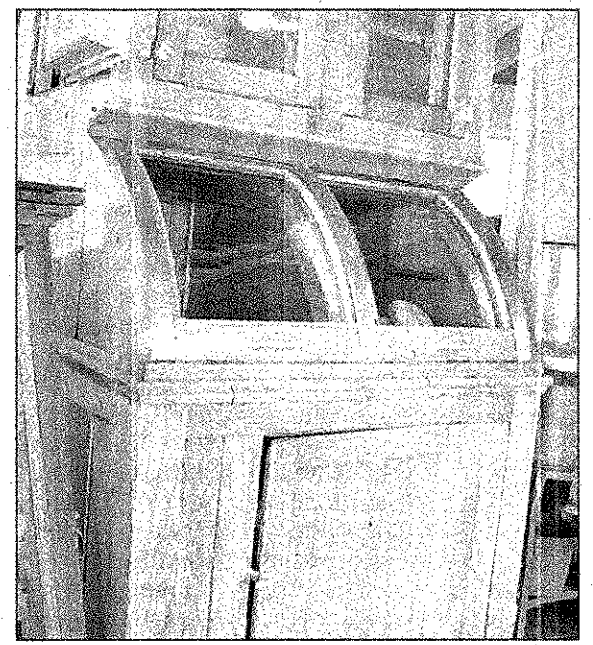
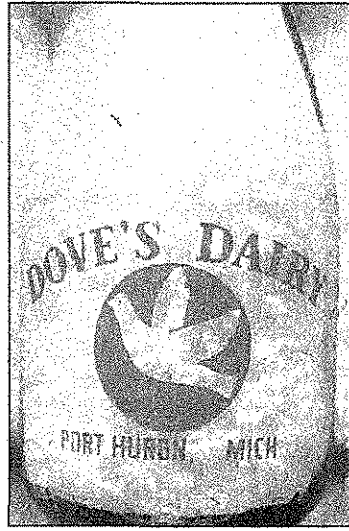
"You wanted blue ice. Definitely," Judy Knowlton said.

The museum contains hundreds of ice tools: saws, axes, tongs, picks and creepers — serrated metal cleats workers and horses wore to maintain footing on ice. There's a wooden, roll-top Frigidaire ice cabinet.

An old-fashioned ice cube maker consists of a metal mold divided into small spaces. It works by filling an attached tank with hot water and setting the mold face down on a block of ice. The mold melts into the ice, carving individual cubes.

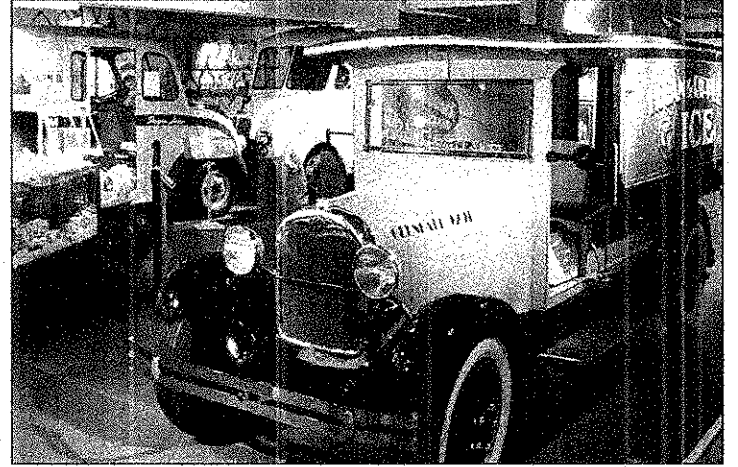
Knowlton said his favorite artifacts are six horse-drawn ice wagons.

A wall of milk bottles and a couple of milk trucks make sense, given Knowlton's for-



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Top left, a Dove's Dairy milk bottle. Above, Twin Pines Dairy Milky the Clown clock. Above right, a Frigidaire roll-top ice box. At right, milk trucks, background, and a 1930 Ford Model A truck reportedly used on "The Untouchables" television show.



mer job as a milk man. He was delivering milk for Twin Pines Farms Dairy in Detroit when, in his late 40s, he set up a couple ice-making machines in the family garage and founded Party Time Ice.

"We started with brown paper bags, a peanut scoop and hand staple gun," Judy Knowlton said.

"We used so much electricity, the electric company came out wondering where all the electricity was going," Knowlton said.

By the time he sold the company in 2004, it had grown to

three manufacturing plants. One of the plants could produce more than 600 tons of ice

per day, enough to fill 20 semi trailers.

An assortment of motor vehicles at the museum includes a 1913 Ford Model T (original price \$269) and a 1930 Ford Model A truck reportedly used on the television show, "The Untouchables." A 1940 LaSalle has a factory-installed "sunshine roof."

Family heirlooms include a 1951 Oldsmobile "98" that Judy Knowlton's two teenage sisters snuck off with years ago to attend a dance.

"They disconnected the odometer and drove it to a dance hall called the Dome," Judy Knowlton said. "They brought it back and connected it back up."

A black wedding dress — displayed near art deco-style counter-top ice crushers, metal

toys, an old telephone and more — was worn in 1875 by Knowlton's grandmother.

"In those days, if the bride didn't have much money, she would buy a black bustle dress so she could wear it to other events, such as parties and funerals," according to a placard.

"Visitors are surprised at that all the things here," Judy said.

The Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America is located at 317 Grand River, Port Huron. Hours October through May are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and June through September, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

For more information, call (810) 987-5441 or e-mail knowltonsicemuseum@yahoo.com.

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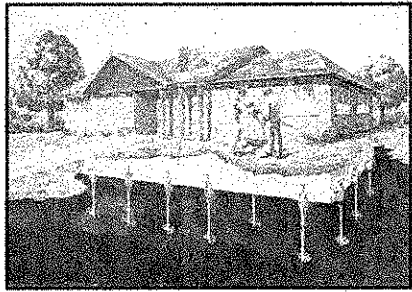
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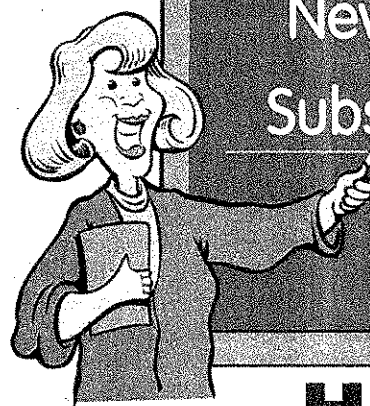
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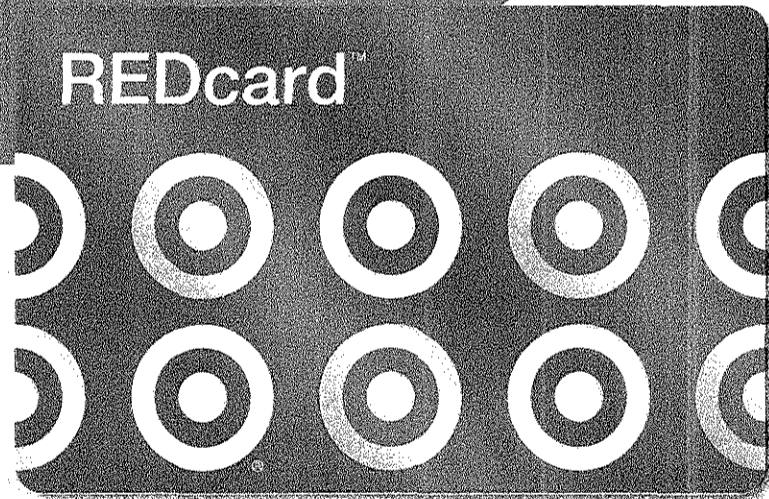
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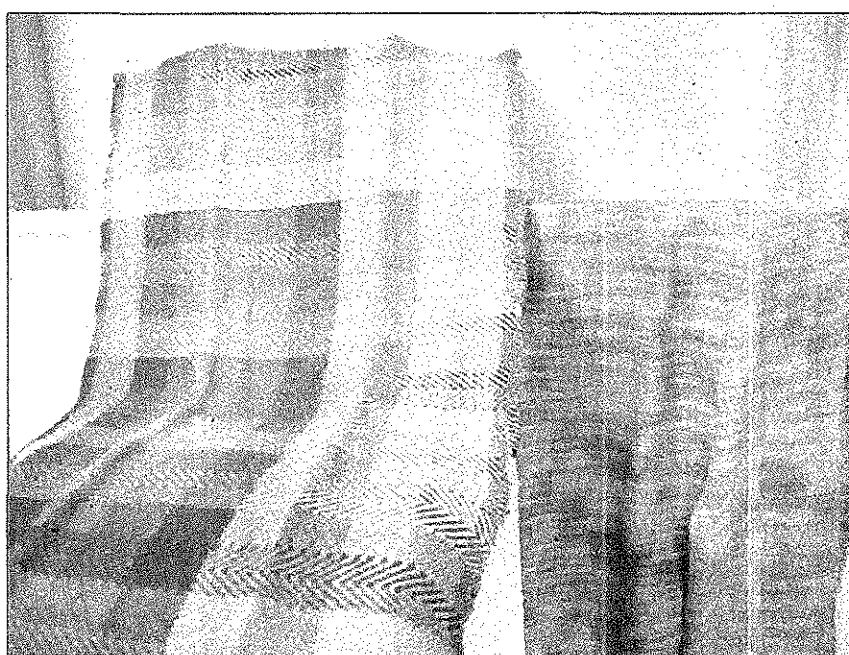
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Karen Krause spun the wool, wove the fabric and made the jacket she is wearing.



At left, color gamps, or color studies, are created to show how colors appear against each other. Below, Eastside Handweavers Guild wearing their handiwork are, from left Diane West of Romeo, who knitted her sweater; Audrey Bardy of Grosse Pointe Farms, who knitted her sweater; Karen Krause of Detroit, who spun, dyed and knitted her cable knit sweater; Janet Weber, who felted her vest; Erika Proschkow of Troy in a knitted shoulder collar; and Mickey Roby of Royal Oak, who handwove and sewed her butterfly jacket.

Handweavers unite fibers, patterns, colors in ancient art

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Handweaving is an ancient art. Masters and apprentices produced utilitarian pieces and works of art.

They wove natural fibers both in natural hues and vibrant colors, creating patterns of symmetry, or not, always guided by hands and imagination. The fibers, whether from animal or plant, are pushed together with a rhythmic thump, thump, thump of the weaver's loom.

"Your hands and feet know

what to do. It can calm you down and you can think things through. It is therapy," said Karen Krause of Detroit, a member of the Eastside Handweavers Guild.

Once a dyeing art because machines could create a uniform color and pattern faster than by hand, handweavers were pushed aside.

The local handweavers guild of 25 members is quietly practicing the ancient art using modern-day equipment and fibers. They maneuver long-es-

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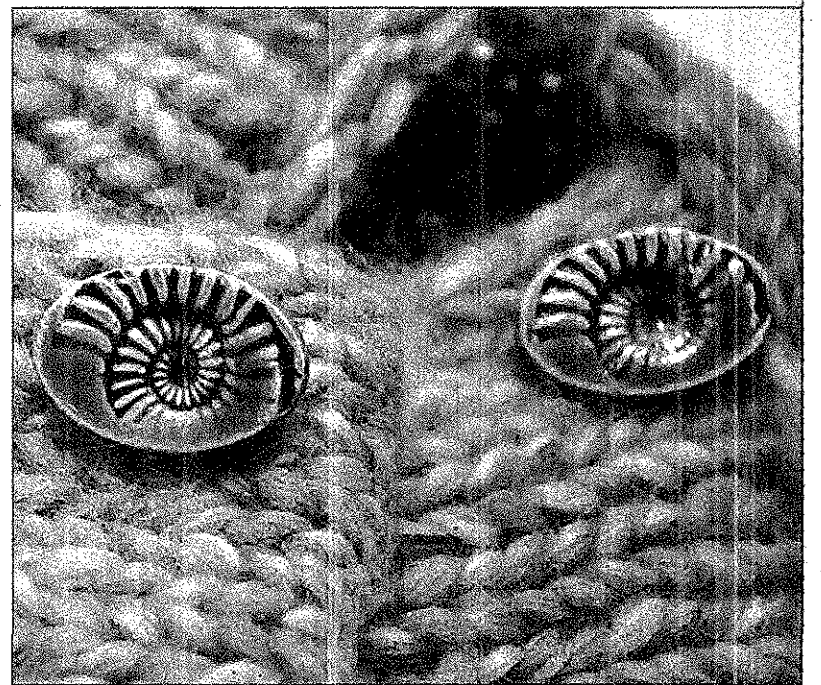
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Diane West wears a muted green cape which she knitted and secured with buttons she made, having learned the method in the Eastside Handweavers Guild.

ART: A creative outlet

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established materials — animal hair and grasses — and new fibers — manmade metals and plastics — into their projects, which range from napkins and table runners to rugs, sweaters, jackets and wall hangings. "It's a challenge. It's creative," said Pat Garbacz, of St. Clair Shores, who joined the guild in the early 1990s. "I wanted to learn how to weave. I had done knitting and sewing."

She is like so many members who have been creative in other fiber areas and sought a new form of creativity.

"I wanted to learn how to weave," said senior member Audrey Bardy of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I had crocheted, knitted and sewed."

Krause joined though she thought she was "dinosaur digging. I wasn't digging at all."

Guild beginnings

"It began in the backroom of a knit shop on Mack and Eight or Nine Mile in 1977," Krause said. "It was a small group that met monthly. The shop closed. I joined in 1979 when it was meeting in members' houses. We did that for several years. We met upstairs in the Grosse Pointe Public Library on Fisher."

The group moved to Barnes School in Grosse Pointe Woods when the building was used for adult education programs. Before finding a permanent home in the St. Clair Shores Adult Education building, the guild met at both the Children's Home of Detroit and Algonquin Middle School in Chippewa Valley Schools.

Through all the guild's moves and the coming and going of members, each month they get together to share and compare, teach and learn a way of life with roots thousands of years old. Egyptians and the Chinese learned how to weave and make clothing, as did Europeans, witnessed by the oldest piece of woven fiber some 30,000 years old and discovered in the Alps, according to Weber.

In United States history, weaving is recent, being a part of the Revolutionary War.

"There was no spun or woven wool in the United States until after the colonists and Spaniards came. The Native Americans didn't jump from weaving baskets to weaving fiber and the reason is they didn't have sheep or alpacas. They didn't have cotton or flax for linen," said Janet Weber, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

It is said the American Revolution was accomplished by the thwack, thwack, thwack of the weaver's loom, Weber said.

The British didn't want the colonists raising flax for linen or sheep and goats to shear the hair to wash, dye, spin and weave material. The British preferred taxing the colonists on material shipped from across the pond.

An 1810 Ohio census turned up the fact more than half the households had weavers. When mechanical looms and sewing machines were introduced, the need for hand work diminished.

"There was a resurgence in the 1920s and '30s," Krause said.

"Michigan has had a lot of ties to handweaving, particularly in Hartland in the 1930s. They did make rugs during the Depression. They made utilitarian goods," she said.

Kitchen and table linens produced at Cromaine Crafts in Hartland were featured at Hudson's and Marshall Fields, Weber said.

"Hartland became the go-to place for those goods," she said.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Hartland was the third largest hand-weaving industry in the country. Cromaine Looms were produced in Hartland and are now a collector's item.

Meetings

The guild's members from the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair

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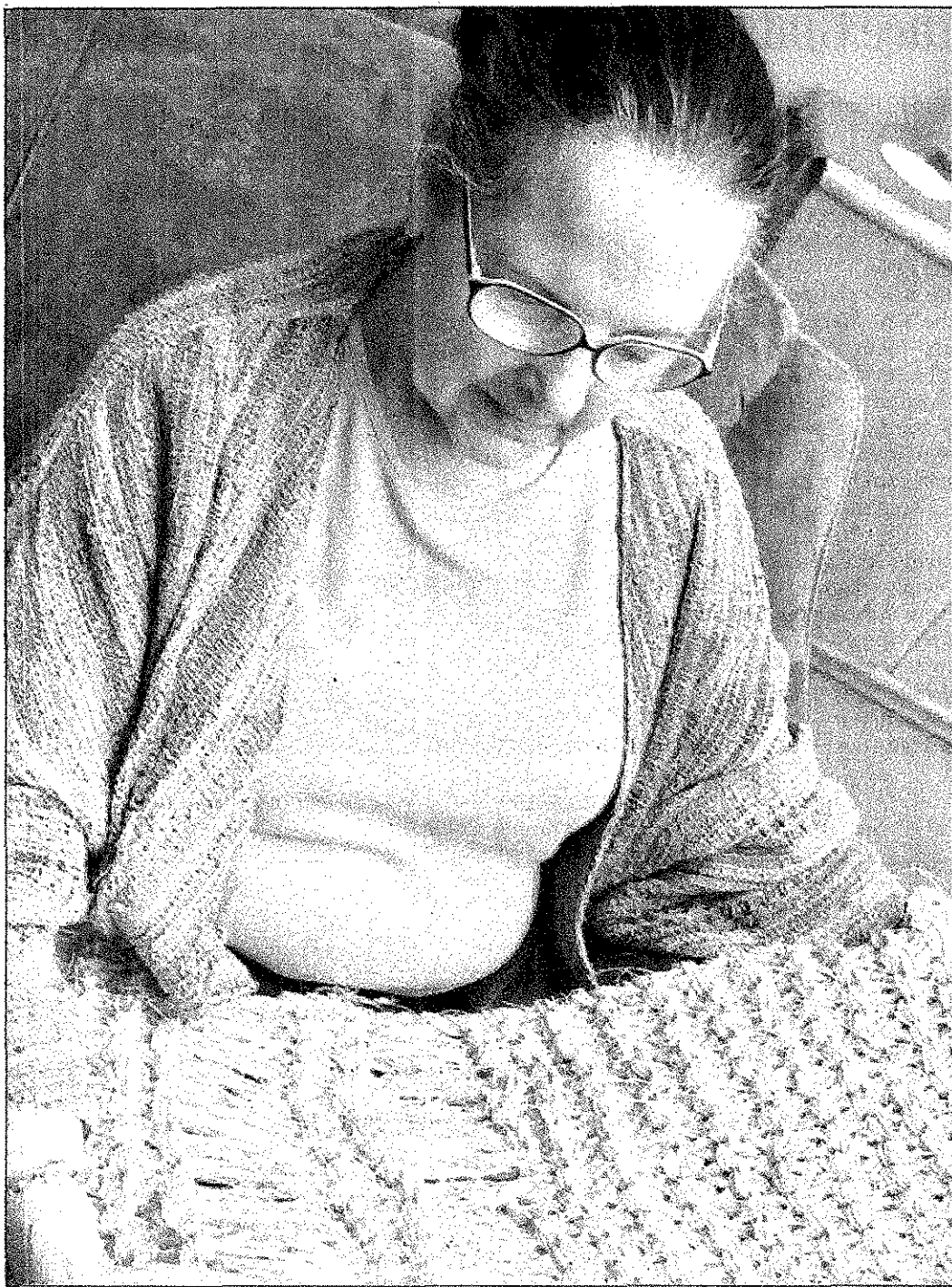
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At far left, Mickey Roby of Royal Oak shows a scarf she knitted with size 50 needles. Left, a felted purse. The shoulder straps and flap were a necktie. The center button was handmade by Janet Weber. Felting is a process of matting, condensing and pressing woolen fibers using heat, soap and water to produce a non-woven cloth. Felting can also be accomplished by using a barbed needle to enmesh dry fibers.

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CREATIVE: Local group is one of 35 weaving guilds in Michigan

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Shores, Royal Oak, Troy and Romeo who pay annual dues of \$15, a price which hasn't changed in 35 years. Members bring a project to work on during their monthly meetings or a completed one for show and tell. They learn a new technique, discuss one of thousands of patterns and its variations and work with fiber.

"We are one of 35 weaving guilds in the state, Michigan League of Weavers, which is part of the Handweavers of the United States, which started in Michigan," Weber said.

Due to the number of interests, the handweavers guild has subgroups. The first Monday of the month is a focus study group.

"We study weaving patterns. We do a particular kind of pattern in a member's house. There are six or eight of us. The pattern depends on research through books and magazines. We have our own library," Weber said.

"We have 30 years worth of magazines," Krause added.

The second Monday, another six or eight get together to knit.

"The program leans to learning a new technique," Krause said.

The main meeting is the

third Monday of the month while the fourth is a fiber spinning group.

Krause is one member who takes the art form from fiber to fabric to clothing. She buys the wool, spins it, weaves it and sews the material into a garment.

Krause said she made 75 percent of her wardrobe.

"I do buy some things," she laughed. "I don't make blue jeans nor T-shirts."

She said she has woven fabric from recycled soda bottles, pineapple fiber, paper and a fiber with fine copper strands woven into a washable material.

Krause was married in 1966 and that was the year she began weaving.

She ordered a table-size 23-inch loom from a catalog and acquired more over the years, only recently selling her 40-inch loom, which she used to make rugs.

"I'm done with rugs," she said.

Speaking of wool

The women show up to a meeting in jeans; some in sweatshirts; others in hand-knitted sweaters. Their attire is as varied as their topics — from dyeing fiber to felting wool and making buttons.

Speakers address topics to expand the members' ideas and projects. But there aren't many places to buy the kind of materials with which they so enjoy working. Of course,

there are the local fabric and craft stores for common items but semi-annual sales in Chelsea and conferences are the best places to buy yet more fiber.

"Michigan is well-known for flock, with 150 members and sheep farmers," Krause said. "There is a group in the Ann Arbor area, the Spinners

twice a year in Chelsea they

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Carla Kalogeridis

Importance of expecting good

When cold winter days in early March are filled with sunshine, I look at a certain patch in my yard and think, "It won't be long before the crocuses pop up." They are always the first flower at winter's end to poke through with their bright, shiny heads and declare — Spring is here!

I know the crocuses will come based on experience and plant science. This is the truth about crocuses: They are the earliest of spring's bloomers. And based on this knowledge, I expect them to do their thing every March — and they always do.

But what if even though I knew the crocuses were there, I refused to expect their arrival?

If I didn't trust in the goodness of their promise I might cover the bed where they lay with decorative rocks, stating emphatically, "This was a terrible, snowy winter. Those bulbs probably died. They will never come up."

The truth, however, would be the crocuses are there. They are prepared to bloom and be received. My putting rocks over them might keep me from seeing them. My actions might delay me from experiencing their beauty. But does that change the fact they are there? Does it alter the fact crocuses bloom in early spring.

No. How important it is to expect good in our lives.

How crucial it is to recognize the fact God's goodness is always flowing to his children (you, me, all mankind), an inexhaustible source of love and support.

Just when we think we can't bare another day of loneliness, pain, worry or whatever it is that tries to convince us God has forgotten us or even that he isn't there.

In the Bible's book of Jeremiah, we are assured: "For I know the thoughts that I think to-

ward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

How important that just as we expect the crocuses to announce the end of winter, we also expect God's protection and care for us to bring all problems to an end, an expected end filled with good. God is love. God is all.

He is everywhere. He is caring for each and every one of us, every day, right now.

Part of preparing the soil of thought for receiving good is to express gratitude, to recognize and declare God's presence even in the midst of life's stormy challenges.

"Are we really grateful for the good already received?" writes Mary Baker Eddy, author of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

"Then we shall avail ourselves to the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech," Eddy said in her book.

That action can be as simple as moving forward with an expectant joy — based on what we innately know to be true — God is loving and caring for our needs every moment.

So remove the rocky barriers from the garden of thought. Expect good to be present in your experience today and know that good comes to you from God because you are his beloved son or daughter. In Proverbs, the Bible promises, "For surely there is an end, and thine expectation shall not be cut off."

Examine your expectations for the prospects of your life, and make sure you are expecting good.

Follow, today, the advice of the Psalmist: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

Kalogeridis is a member of the Christian Science Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grace United welcomes familiar face to pulpit

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Marcia Fairrow is stepping into the pulpit at Grace United Church of Christ in Grosse Pointe Park.

She takes the position held by the Rev. Margo Allen, who retired following the Sunday, Feb. 13, service.

"I visited Grace once and it was warm," Fairrow said. "I grew to love the people. It has such a family atmosphere — and it's changing for the better."

Having received her Master of Divinity degree in January, Fairrow moved from her position as Grace's associate pastor to its senior position.

"When Margo found out I was in seminary, she asked if I would take over when I graduated."

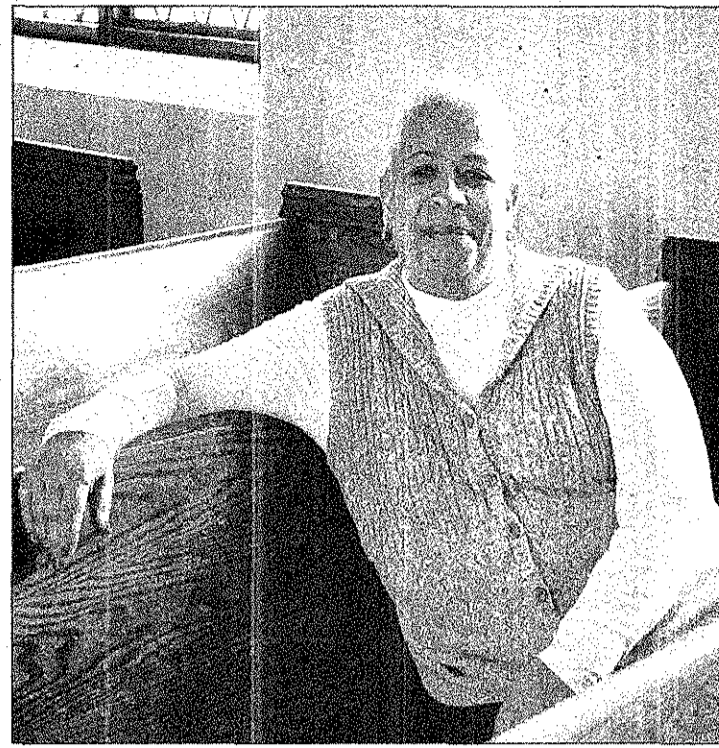


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Marcia Fairrow is the new minister at Grace United Church of Christ in Grosse Pointe Park.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 11, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast follows at 7:15 a.m. The 7:45 a.m. speaker is the Rev. Jack Cascione from Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 830-8656.

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Christ the King

Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its spring Mom-to-Mom sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

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Regular admission is \$1. Mothers with strollers are

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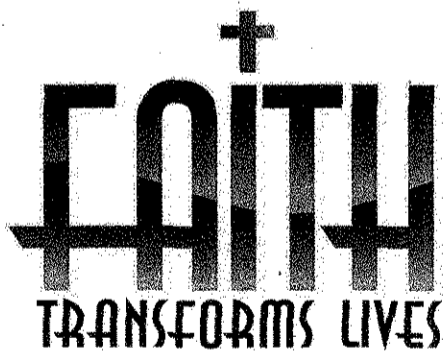
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Christ Church

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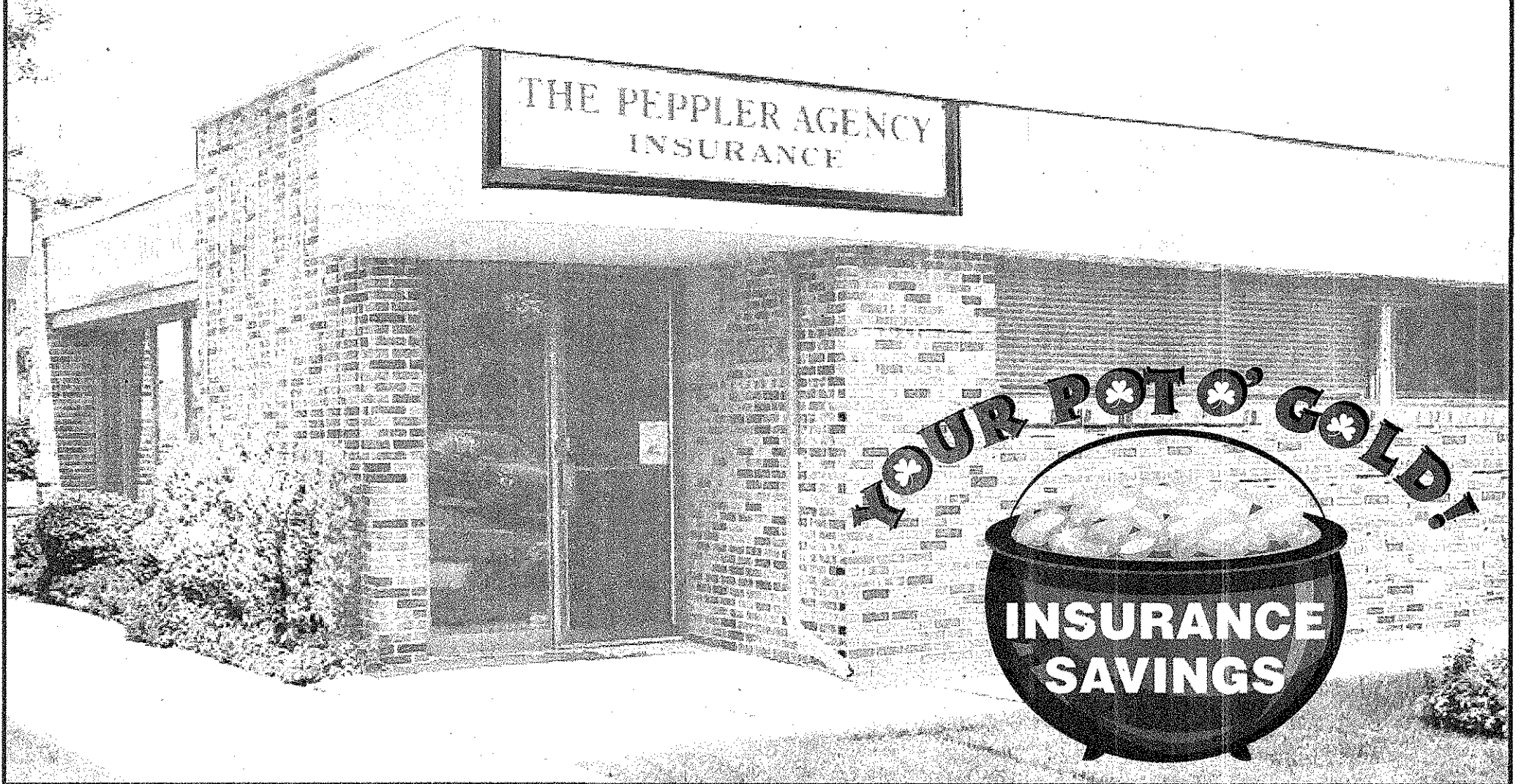
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HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Alcohol and baby's brain



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My sister is a recovering alcoholic with three years sobriety.

When she was 5 months pregnant, we intervened and placed her into a treatment center.

Prior to the intervention, she had promised she wasn't drinking. Her husband finally told us the truth: she was drinking 3 or 4 times a week. She now admits she consumed anywhere from 1 to 4

glasses of wine each time she drank.

I'm concerned about her little boy.

He throws tantrums and is hyperactive. He's very loving, but he can be disruptive too. He doesn't go on many play dates because his behavior is unpredictable. He's also little behind in his verbal skills.

I worry that alcohol exposure is the cause.

My sister recently told me they are considering medications.

I haven't mentioned the possibility that her son's problems might be linked to her drinking.

I know how much it will devastate her.

But I don't want the little fella misdiagnosed and improperly medicated. I'm worried he won't get the right kind of help if we don't talk about this possibility.

What steps should I take?

-HEARTSICK AUNT

Dear Heartsick:

Regardless of how emotionally difficult it is for your sister, it is imperative you initiate the conversation. She cannot change the past, but she can make decisions to change her son's future. She needs to begin by being honest with professionals about her son's prenatal alcohol exposure and getting an accurate diagnosis prior to treatment.

Alcohol is a toxin to a baby's developing brain and is the number one cause of neurological damage in children. The brain is developing during pregnancy and after birth, so it's susceptible to damage whenever alcohol is in the mother's system, even during breast feeding.

Neurologically injured children, due to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, often go undiagnosed.

Rather than receive proper treatment, symptoms frequently elicit punishment for what is wrongly perceived as bad behavior.

FASD is an incurable disability.

Early diagnosis, however, can make a difference when followed by appropriate inter-

vention.

Alternative pathways in the brain are most easily developed at an early age. Without proper help, 95 percent will grow up to have mental health problems, 60 percent will have trouble with the law and 55 percent will be sent to either prison, an alcohol and drug treatment center or a mental institution.

Symptoms change with each developmental stage. During preschool ages, behavioral symptoms are more apparent than cognitive deficits.

Symptoms vary, but can include: hyperactivity, attention deficits, low frustration tolerance, trouble organizing their own play, language problems, poor motor coordination, difficulty following directions, temper tantrums, boundary issues and over-friendliness. Cognitive problems typically show up during elementary school years.

No amount of alcohol is safe at any time during pregnancy or breast feeding. Drinking larger quantities causes greater damage, but mothers who drink moderately during pregnancy can have children with FASD.

Research shows one drink may be enough to cause harm. You didn't mention your sister's age, but the older the mother the greater the risk.

To find a doctor or other professionals qualified to diagnose FASD, visit go to depts.washington.edu/fadu/. The directory also includes family support group information.

For more information, visit fasdcenter.samhsa.gov.

Jeff and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are professional interventionists and co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They can be reached at (313) 882-692 or lovefirst.net

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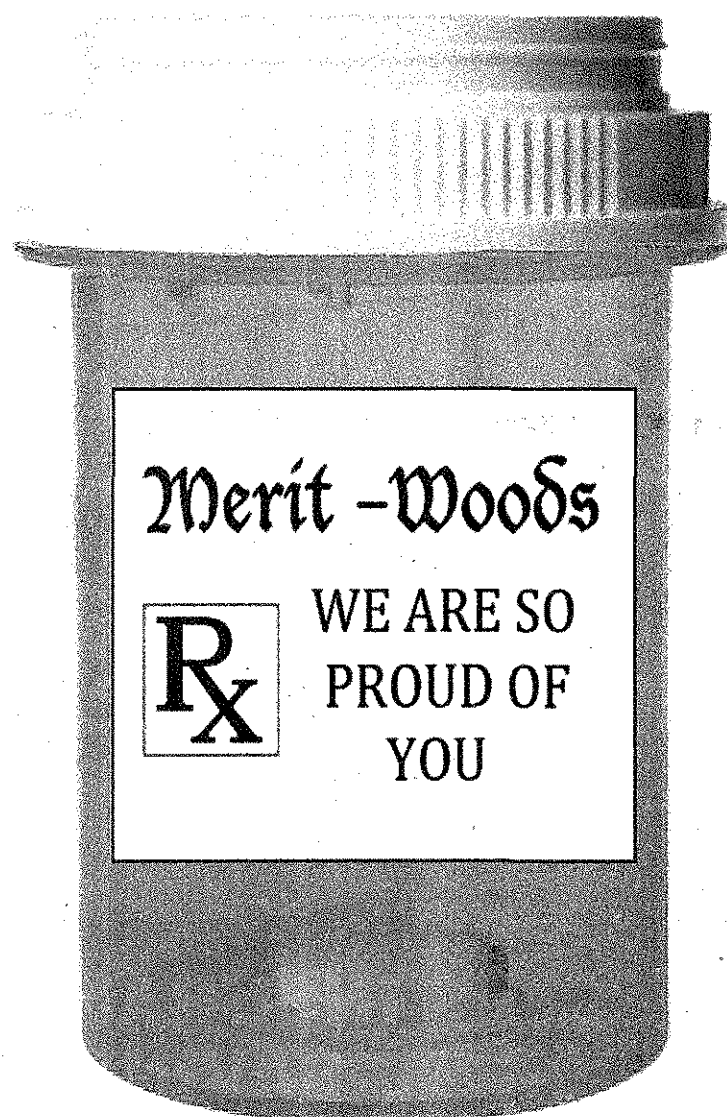
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The event features a collection of more than 200 by-invitation-only domestic and foreign vehicles selected for their unique avant-garde designs.

This year's theme is "Designing for the Future" and explores the direction of future vehicle design from basic sketches through computer-aided realities, with an international display of relevant vehicles.

Unique to EyesOn Design is it celebrates design in all vehicle categories, from pre-war classics, sports cars and exotic foreign makes to muscle cars, hot rods and custom cars. The show also features an award by the DIO Visionaries — visually-impaired and blind men and women who wear white gloves and select, strictly by touch, a winner in one vehicle category.

A Lifetime Design Achievement Award is being presented to Walter de'Silva, the head of Volkswagen Group Design (Audi, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, SEAT, Skoda and VW). He was chosen by a panel of previous award winners including Bob Lutz, Jack Telnack, Chuck Jordan, Tom Gale, Sergio Pininfarina, Nuccio Bertone, Gordon Beuhrig, Shiro Nakamura and William G. Davidson.

The general chairman for the 2011 EyesOn Design show is Frank Valdez, past operations committee chairman for the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance. He has more than 30 years of classic car show experience and is an event coordinator at Macomb Community College.

The honorary chairman is Ken Lingenfelter, owner of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, Lingenfelter Motor Sports and The Lingenfelter Collection, a collection of more than 200 exotic European cars, Corvettes and American muscle cars.

Associated events begin June 16 and culminate with the design show on Father's Day. De'Silva receives his award Friday, June 17, at Vision Honored, the formal awards dinner at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit.

EyesOn Design also sponsors the EyesOn Design Awards for Design Excellence at the North American International Auto Show.

EyesOn Design and associated events provide financial support and raise awareness for aid to the visually impaired through the work of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

For more information, visit eyeson.org.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Alzheimer's disease and wandering



Wandering is an important behavior common in Alzheimer's disease patients — and many easily become lost.

We rely upon three intact systems to keep us grounded: short and long term memory to identify landmarks; a sense of time and speed to judge distance; and an intact visual-spatial sense to know direction, angles and expected arrival times between landmarks.

All three are impaired in the Alzheimer's patient.

The consequences of a wandering incident range from the sinking feeling of a missing loved one to a tragic lonely death.

Many caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's don't con-

sider wandering a problem and often fail to view it as a potential risk. In reality, 60 percent of Alzheimer's patients wander.

Tips to help prevent wandering

◆ Although it may be impossible to prevent wandering, environmental changes can be helpful.

For example, a woman who was a busy homemaker throughout her life may be less likely to become bored and wander if a basket of towels is available for her to fold.

People with Alzheimer's often forget where they are. They may have difficulty finding the bathroom, bedroom or kitchen.

Some need to explore their immediate environment periodically to reorient themselves.

Posting descriptive photographs on the doors to various rooms, including a photo of the individual on the door to his or her own room, can help with navigation. Offering a snack, a glass of water or use of the bathroom may help

identify a need being expressed by wandering.

Sometimes the wandering person is looking for family members or something familiar. In such cases, providing a family photo album and sharing reminiscences may help.

◆ **Watch for patterns.**

If wandering occurs at the same time each day, it may be linked to a life-long routine. For instance, a woman who tries to leave the nursing home every day at 5 p.m. may believe she's going home from work.

This belief could be reinforced if she sees nursing home personnel leaving at that time.

A planned activity at that hour or arranging for staff to exit through a different door may provide a distraction and prevent the wandering behavior.

◆ **Make a safer environment.**

If wandering isn't associated with distress or a physical need, focus simply on providing a safe place for walking or exploration.

Remove throw rugs, electrical cords and other potential trip-and-fall hazards. Rearranging furniture to clear space can help.

Childproof doorknobs or latches mounted high on doors help prevent wandering outside. Sometimes a stop sign on an exit door is enough.

Try putting a black throw rug in front of the outside door.

To some people, it looks like a hole in the floor and they won't attempt to cross it. Put bells above the outside doors or activate a house alarm system to alert someone the door is being accessed.

Rooms that are off-limits pose a different problem. Camouflaging a door with paint or wallpaper to match the surrounding wall may short-circuit a compulsion to wander in.

Night lights and gates at stairwells can be used to protect night wanderers.

Most importantly, an Alzheimer's patient with the

potential to wander (and you're not going to know until they do), should not be left alone.

◆ **Help ensure a safe return.**

The Alzheimer's Association's Safe Return program helps identify and return wanderers to their caregiver.

For a \$40 registration fee, caregivers receive an identification bracelet, name labels for clothing, identification cards for wallet or purse, registration in a national data-

base with emergency contact information and a 24-hour toll-free number to report someone lost.

Register online at the Alzheimer's Association website or call (888) 572-8566.

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EVENTS: Music, soup and worship

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Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, has a Celtic worship service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13. The Christ Church Men and Girls Choir performs.

Traditional Celtic music and liturgy is featured.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts "The Winthrop Winds" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13.

The ensemble includes Michael Wieland on the bassoon, Sharon Oblin on flute, Lois Richardson on clarinet, Carl Weber on French horn and Marie Weber on oboe. All are residents of Oakland

County.

Adult admission is \$10 and seniors and students pay \$7.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, five-week Lenten program, March 16 - April 13.

The program begins with a potluck supper of soup and salad at 6 p.m. in the church hall, followed by a Taizé service at 7 p.m. in the church.

Taizé is a form of Christian worship including candlelight, chanting and icons, scripture, silence and reflection, lasting about 30 minutes.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

St. Patrick's Day

The Solanus Casey Center, a

Capuchin ministry, hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day party from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

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HEALTH POINT By Shaun Jayakar

Rummage kits help Alzheimer's patients remember

Physicians often stress the importance of physical exercise, but mental exercise also can be a huge benefit for people as they age, especially those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's patients can exercise their minds with rummage kits and other memory aids.

With age often comes forgetfulness. Forgetting where you left the car keys or trouble remembering a name isn't a cause for concern. But memory loss hindering your ability to function in everyday life signals a problem.

Often, an early warning sign is people forgetting where they are going once they begin driving. Over a period of years,

the disease inhibits their ability to cook, clean and bathe.

While there is much research going on to find a vaccine, cure, or lasting and effective treatment for these issues, there is no current cure for dementia. But, there are many things people can do to exercise their minds to improve memory.

Rummage kits

Gather items that remind a person of an activity they love, or items that require thought to use. If a person enjoyed taking care of their grandchildren, bring together baby items like a diaper, bottle, clothes and a doll.

Ask questions about how these items would be used, and in what order.

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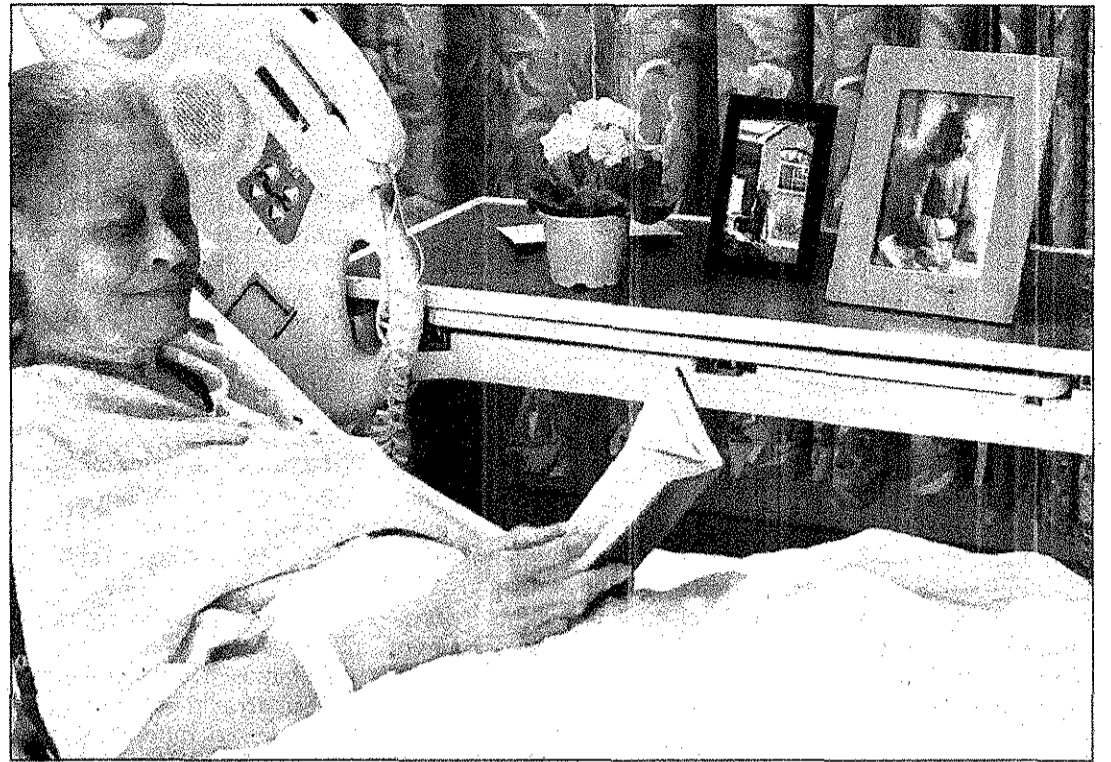
variety of hobbies, including: camping, fishing, sewing/crafting, cooking (use pretend food), or getting ready for an evening out (hat, scarves, mittens, coat, purse).

Photographs

As Alzheimer's disease progresses, patients begin to forget family members and friends. Consider creating a photo album of the patient's loved ones doing activities they enjoyed together.

Online publishers like snapfish.com and shutterfly.com offer many options for beautiful photo books that are easy to put together and very affordable.

Older patients should definitely have photos of loved ones with them during a hospital or nursing home stay.



Elizabeth Pierce uses a date book to help her keep current.

Patients tend to lose the sense of time and reality when hospitalized, especially in the evening hours, when a patient can become quite hostile even if it is contrary to their nature. Having familiar items and photos can help them re-orient to time and place.

- ◆ Keep current to day, time, and events
- ◆ Keep their circadian rhythm from getting out of whack. Help older patients remember to keep lights on during the day, and off at night. Hardware stores sell timers for lights at affordable prices. Consider getting them a newspaper subscription, or encourage watching news to keep current on world and local events.

Patients who can remember the date, day of the week and be aware of the world around them are more able to handle their day than those who can't.

Mental stimulation

Finally, help an older patient work their mental capacities by encouraging games like crossword or Sudoku puzzles. Play card games with them, or games of Scrabble. Discuss the news or ask their opinion on a world affair, either on the

phone or in person. If you can't call your loved one regularly, help them develop a relationship with another person interested in the same things and willing to chat by phone or get together for tea.

The more a person with memory issues is engaged with their world — and oriented to it — the healthier they will be mentally.

Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, these tactics help slow the progres-

sion to give families more quality time with their loved one.

Should they need hospitalization, St. John Hospital has a specialty unit, ACE (Acute Care of the Elderly), focused on providing care to patients 65 and above living independently in the community.

Shaun Jayakar, MD, is an internist and geriatrician practitioner. For a referral, call SJP Health Connect at 866-501-DOCS (3627).

At-home testing kits available

To raise awareness of colorectal cancer, St. John Providence Health System provides free, at-home colorectal testing kits during March, which is colorectal awareness month.

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Call HealthConnect, a physician referral and information service, toll-free at 866-501-DOCS (3627) to have a kit mailed.

When patients request a kit, a complete a brief registration, including demographic information, is required. The name of a primary care physician is also required.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Craig Anderson

Cyberbullying: Stop, block and tell



Q. I'm concerned how I can protect my children from cyberbullying.

A. "I hate you! Everyone else hates you! You should just die!" Those hateful words have been shouted on playgrounds as long as we all can remember.

But what if those words were in an e-mail sent to your child or grandchild? What if they were sent to all her friends? What if they were posted on a website or the child's online guestbook?

These things — and worse — are happening all over the world. It's called cyberbullying.

Over the last several years, the Internet has changed the way young people communicate. Recent studies suggest for many members of "Generation Y" (those born in or after the 1980s), social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace, as well as blogs and online journals, have become a primary means of communi-

cating.

Unfortunately, the explosion of online social networking and texting comes with certain dangers — including cyberbullying.

Some people scoff at the idea of cyberbullying, falling back on the old "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" point of view. The problem is cyberbullying is repetitious and an often escalating behavior with potentially serious consequences.

Cyberbullying takes a number of forms: threatening or offensive e-mails, text messages or comments, the creation and spreading of hurtful rumors online, online sexual harassment, or even taking on someone else's identity online to harass or humiliate. These behaviors, especially when repeated over time, can cause victims to become socially isolated, depressed and even afraid or embarrassed to attend school or see their peers. Extreme cases have led young people to take their own lives.

Cyberbullying is limited only to the imagination and bandwidth. Parents' first reaction when hearing about cyberbullying may be to yank their child off the Internet entirely.

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Keith Clark of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and coordinator of the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, speaks about cyber safety.

However, if students think they may lose access to the Internet, they will be much less likely to talk to parents or other adults if problems do arise.

Instead of avoiding the Internet, parents and guardians need to learn more about it.

Become familiar with social networking sites like Facebook. Tell your teen if she (or he) wants a Facebook profile, you need to be added as a "friend" so you can see her page.

If your child does become the victim of cyberbullying, report it. One good piece of advice is, "Stop, block and tell." A growing number of schools now have policies to address cyberbullying and many law enforcement agencies have divisions devoted to Internet safety.

For more resources on cyberbullying, visit miroundtable.org or stopcyberbullying.org.

Craig Anderson, a program specialist, has worked for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion for almost 10 years. He focuses on youth leadership programming

designed to empower students and teachers to create safer, more inclusive schools and communities. He can be reached at canderson@miroundtable.org.

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GRACE: One step after another

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That was three years ago. Fairrow finished her Bible studies at Rochester College in December 2007 and entered Detroit's Ecumenical Theological Seminary the following month.

During her three years at seminary, she was an office manager and receptionist and helped out at Grace.

Allen joined the staff at Grace in 2005 as a licensed minister assisting the Rev. Henry Reinwald, the church's former minister. She was ordained in 2008.

"I was asked to play the organ for the service and realized the pastor was experiencing some physical difficulties,"

Allen said. "He knew I was attending Ecumenical Theological Seminary at the time, after retiring from teaching biology at East Detroit High School and he asked if I would assist with the service."

During her tenure at Grace, Allen closed the church's basement thrift shop and opened the youth center, The Alley. She assisted in creating a partnership between the church and the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Life Skills Community School for Mentally Challenged Young People.

Fairrow said she plans to continue Allen's work with the school. She also aspires to become more involved with the community, beyond The Alley and the two rooms the school system uses for its special needs lifestyle classes.

"I would like to bring something to the youth — a safe place and a hang-out. Bring them a sense of worthiness;

show the youth of the community the love God has for them," Fairrow said. "They don't understand they were born for a purpose. They do have value, worth and a purpose."

She also plans to focus on expanding the congregation.

"We are still moving, along in love for each other and God. It's been amazing, a whirlwind, just one step after another," she said.

Two tests to fight gum disease

One of the most significant advances in dental medicine is a simple saliva test that can determine the specific type and quantity of disease-causing bacteria in one's mouth.

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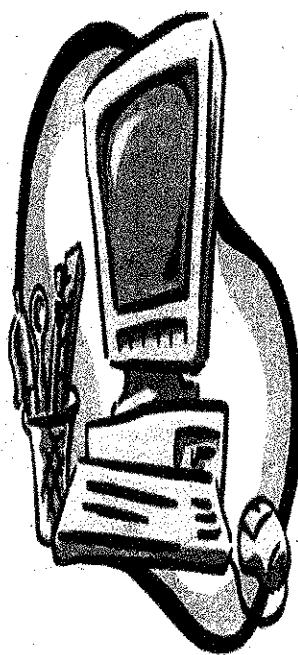
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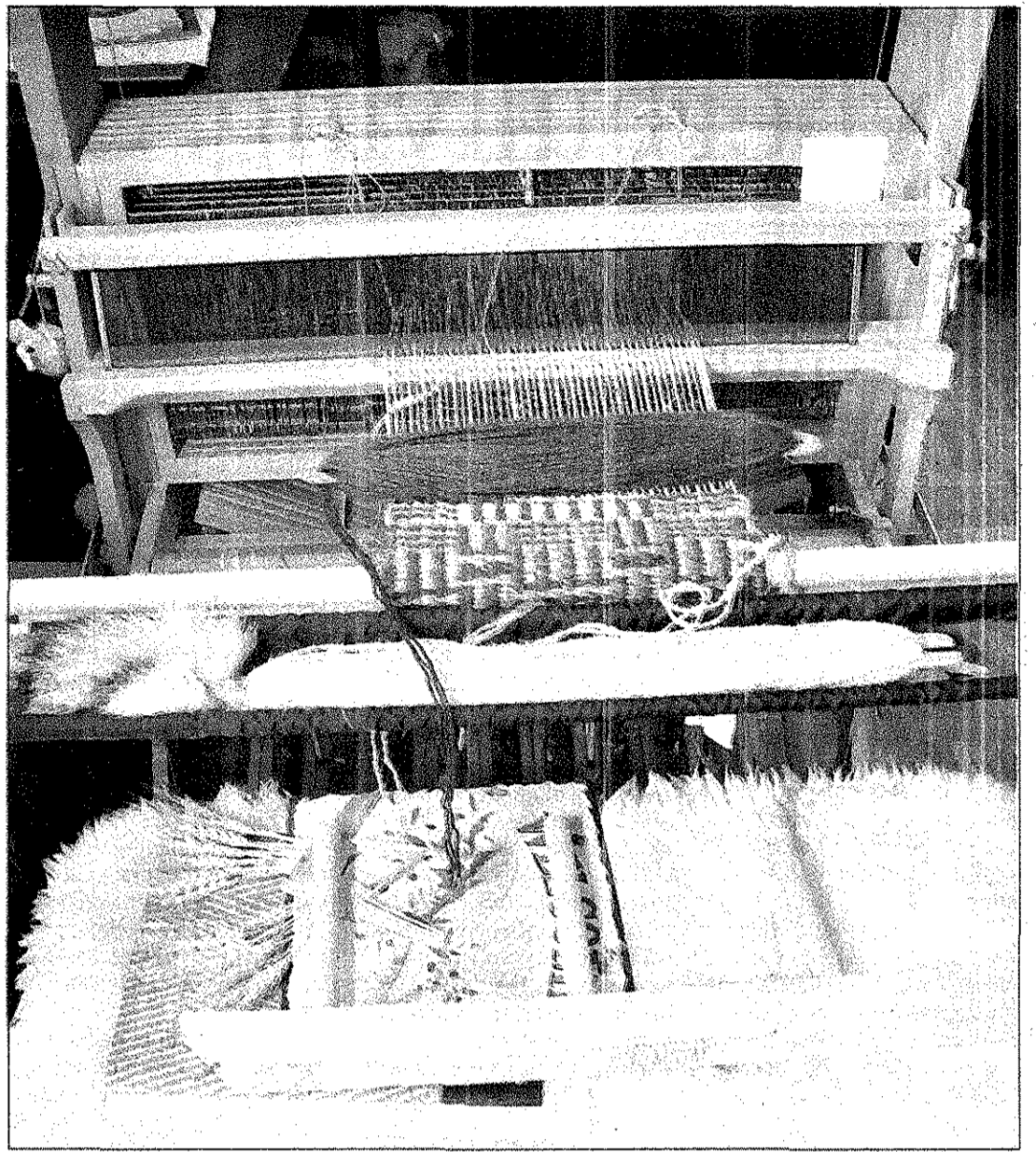
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Living to be 100

Some in the medical profession want more of us to live to be 100. Currently there are some 54,000 centenarians in the United States and those 86 and older are the fastest-growing group of older adults.

A Boston University study involving more than 500 women and 200 men 100 years old suggests aggressive treatment will enable the elderly with chronic diseases to reach the 100-year mark. Roughly two-thirds of those in the study avoided significant age-related ailments. But the other one-third developed an age-related

disease before reaching 85, including high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and inactivity or were smokers. Yet many functioned remarkably well — nearly as well as their disease-free peers. Another study followed 2,357 men from their early 70s for about 25 years or until their

death. About 40 percent survived to be at least 90 and among them, 24 percent did not have any risk factors. The other 76 percent had at least one of the five.

"It's not just luck, it's not just genetics, it's lifestyles that seems to make a big difference," according to lead author Dr. Laurel Yates of Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

A new medical field called "nutrigenomics" — nutrition customized according to one's DNA and genetic health — is aimed at helping us live longer. The new discipline finds specific foods and exercises our bodies' genetic makeup is most receptive, which may help us eat smarter and ultimately age better.

I wonder about the quality of life for those living to be 100 and how many will be in assist-

ed living or nursing homes. Of course, such extended lifecycles will add tremendously to health care costs which rose by nine percent last year and estimated to rise that much this year. Medicare and Medicare Part D funds are predicted to be depleted in four or five years. Additionally, there are 47 million in the U.S. without health insurance and many more are underinsured.

It's obvious something has to be done about our health care system. Helping more of us to live to 100, adding still more to costs, doesn't seem the greatest idea.

Life was much simpler when I was young. When older people simply stopped eating, it was thought their time had come and God was summoning them. Today we insert a food tube.

Babies born very premature-



ly didn't live. With extraordinary and expensive research, today babies weighing as little as one pound survive. In-vitro fertilization is a blessing for many couples, but how about researching reducing the number of eggs that have to be implanted to help the procedure succeed? Multiple births mean many in the community have to pitch in financially for these families to survive.

Medical research has produced some wonders for our health and well-being. But some raise questions about its ultimate value.

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GUM: Latest in dentistry to improve health

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Information provided by Mary Sue Stonish, Grosse Pointe Woods dentist.

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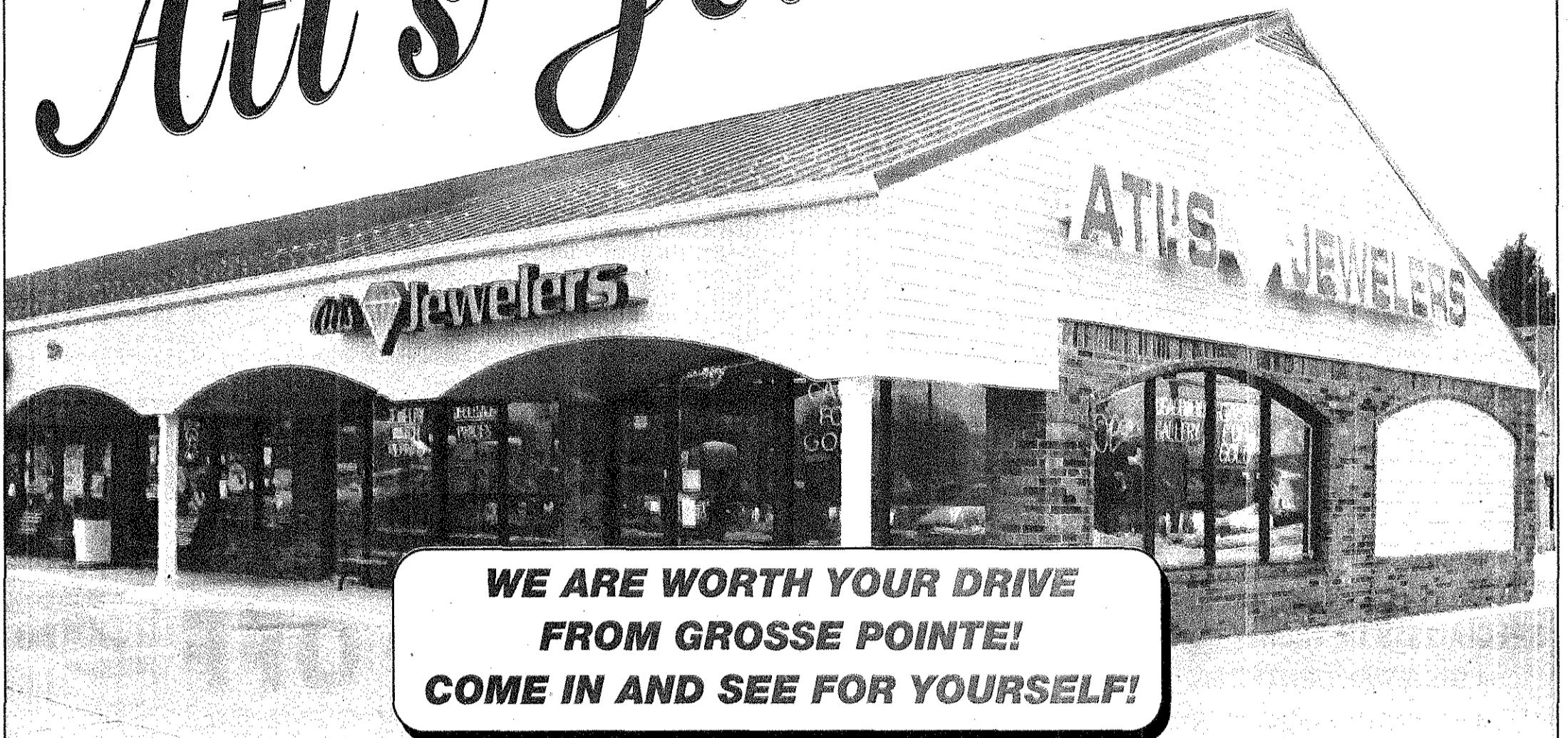
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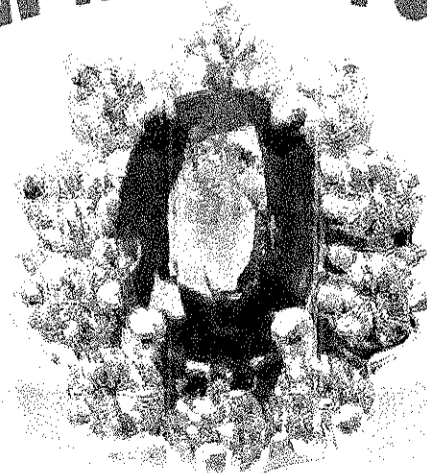
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Community Campus offers vocational and social opportunities

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

While most high school seniors look forward to leaving Grosse Pointe following graduation, there is a group of students and their families, who actually look forward to staying within the comfortable confines of familiar locations.

This year, thanks to the efforts of Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers and administrators and the generosity of a local church, Grosse Pointe students enrolled in special education post-secondary programs can stay in the community rather than traveling to school and vocational training programs throughout Wayne and Macomb counties.

The Community Campus is the newest program within the district's special education department. It provides academics, life experiences and job training for students age 18 to 26.

Located in Grace United Church of Christ at Lakepointe and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, the Community Campus program is under the direction of teacher Kathy Dykstra, who gained experience in post-secondary special education programs while



Students sit at tables and share lunch, an activity which teaches social interaction. At top, Michael Fanga washes the lunch dishes, one of the student-assigned jobs.



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Brianna Weaver, Ronald Alford, Lindsay Rusch and classroom assistant Heather Chase play Go Fish and put together a puzzle.

working at the Macomb Academy in Clinton Township. State law requires school districts to provide a post-secondary program for special education students 18 to 26. For years, many Grosse Pointe students attended Macomb Academy because a program fitting their unique needs was not available in their home district.


Only in the past few years has the Grosse Pointe schools provided transportation for students who traveled to Clinton Township each day. Prior to that, they had to use public transportation.

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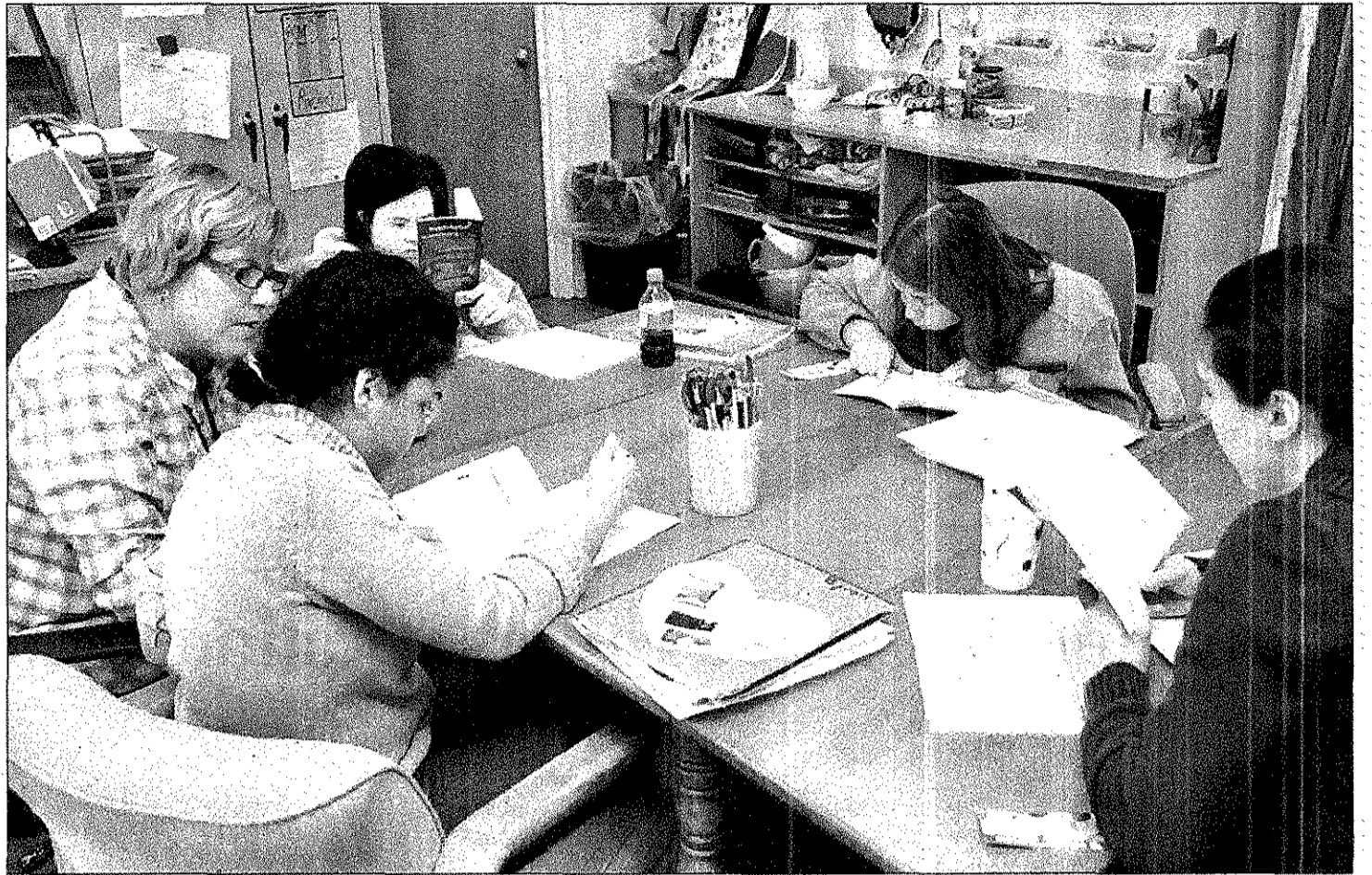
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At left, one of Steven Lewis's jobs at the Full Circle Resale shop is to sort price tags. Above, Kathy Dykstra helps students, Brianna Weaver, Rachel Lavigne, Amelia Breskin and Caitlin McLoughlin read "The Van Gogh Cafe" for their book club.

CLOSE: Program engages students in positive activities

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tion, which for many, was a two-hour trip both ways.

Students who wished to remain in Grosse Pointe attended training programs in the basement of the board of education office at 389 St. Clair.

For Dykstra, students and parents, the Community Campus is a welcome alternative.

"Macomb Academy prepares young adults to live on their own through job training and life skills," she said. "My dream was to start a program like it here in Grosse Pointe so our students could stay within their own community."

Dykstra's dream came true,

and this past summer she began putting together the Community Campus in rented quarters at Grace Church.

"This is a perfect location for a program like this," she said. "The neighborhood has everything we need, including places for our students to shop and have lunch, and employment opportunities. And the Grace Church building offers just what we need in terms of space and facilities. And the church personnel couldn't be nicer. They have adopted us and know all the kids by name."

The Community Campus uses two rooms in the building and Dykstra has set them up in such a way to provide ample opportunity for the students to spend time with academics as

well as practicing social skills and practical living experiences.

On a typical day, the 11 students arrive at staggered times throughout the morning as several attend job training programs at various locations including St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Services for Older Citizens and two elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

When students are in the classroom, they are engaged in various activities including individual computer time, group math exercises, cooking and card games. At lunch time, students sit together in the dining area, with lunches they either brought from home or bought from nearby markets and restaurants.

Dykstra, with the help of classroom aides Heather Chase and Cathy Miller, keep the students on track throughout the day. They make sure academic assignments are complete, as well as the assigned chores, such as washing dishes, vacuuming and setting the table for lunch.

"I'm all about being practical," Dykstra said. "We work with functional reading and math. Oftentimes we will use a menu to do math, adding up the cost of a meal and figuring out tax and tip."

But it is not all about the academics, as the Community Campus provides social and vocational opportunities, as well.

Thursdays finds the students and teachers going on field trips, including going out to lunch, trips to Macomb Mall and bowling.

"Everyone looks forward to Thursdays," Dykstra said.

But it is the vocational opportunities the program provides that is the cornerstone of the Community Campus and why its location on Kercheval in the Park is so perfect.

"Our students fully participate in the training programs at Full Circle Resale Shop, which is right across the street," Dykstra said. "We could not be in a better location for serving the vocational needs of our students."

Deborah Jackson, the district's director of student services, agrees.

"The Community Campus is an off-site annex of Grosse Pointe South High School," she said.

"It provides an opportunity for our students who previously had to leave Grosse Pointe for vocational education programs to stay and work in the community. We fully support the work of Full Circle Resale

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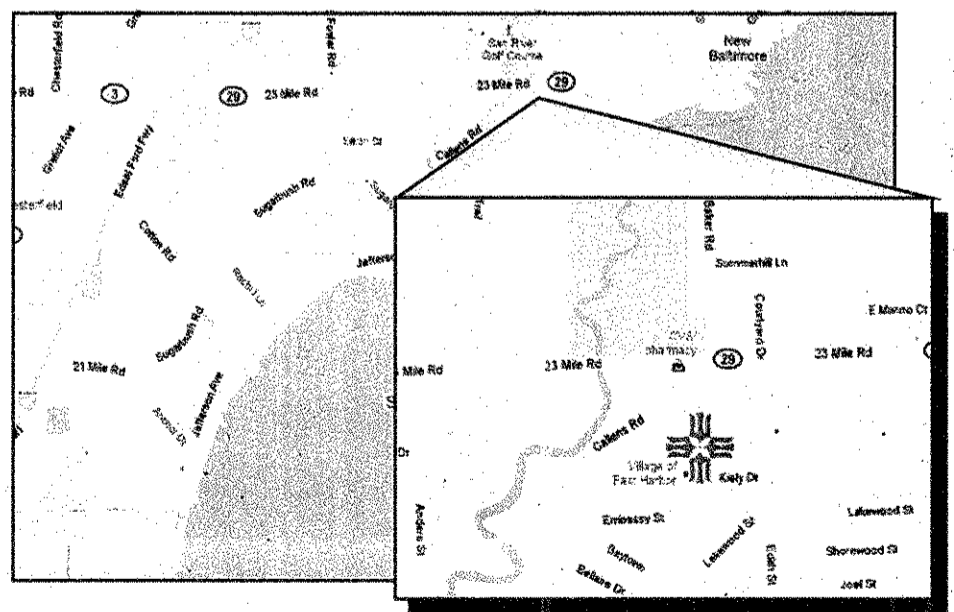
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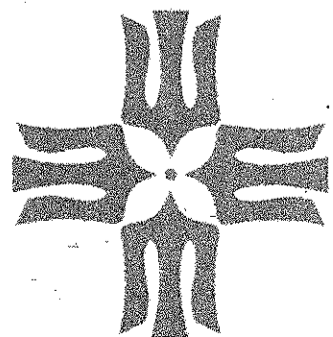
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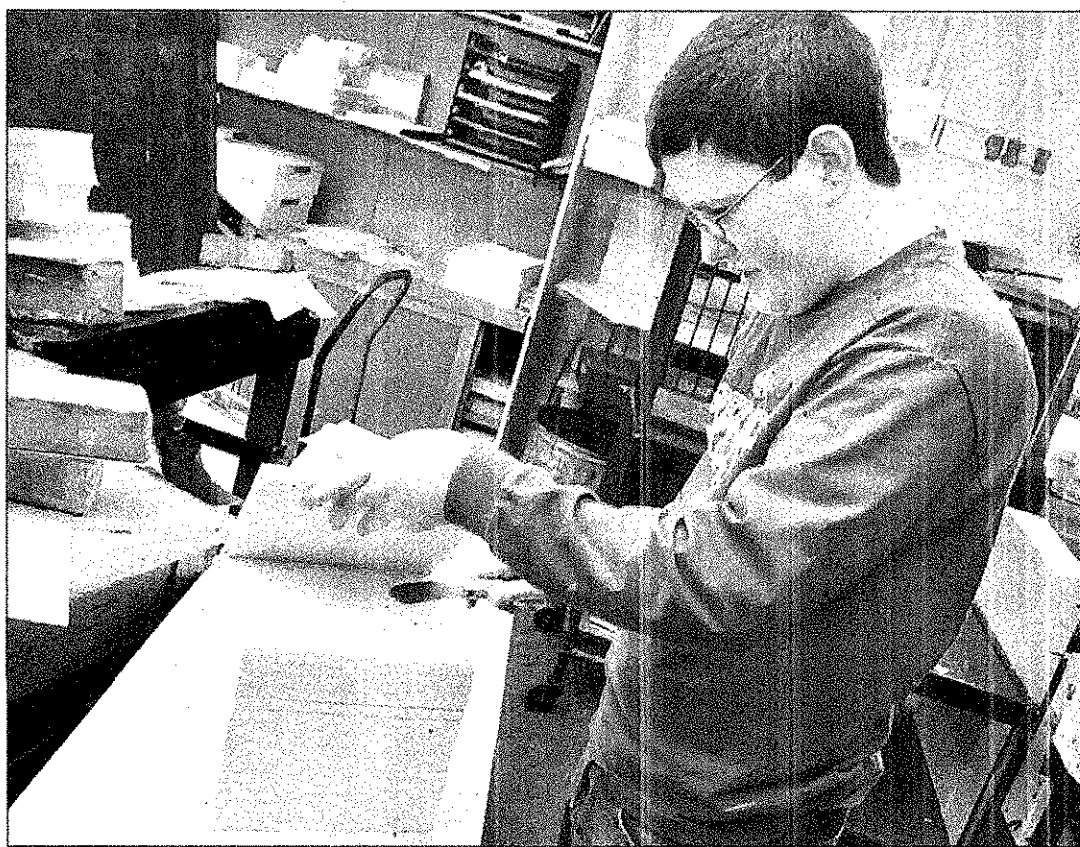



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At his job at Pointe Printing, Mike Skully separates memo pads, files and answers the telephone.

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and are pleased that our students have such a wonderful opportunity right here in Grosse Pointe."

Just last week the Grosse Pointe Board of Education began to pursue taking over the management of Full Circle, now operated through the Grosse Pointe ARC and fully incorporating it into the Community Campus program. The board is expected to vote on it later in the month.

In the meantime, students at the Community Campus are living up to the community name.

They have reached out to the neighbors by hosting a Soup Supper last month, featuring soups donated by several local

businesses and two soups made by the students. A tag sale is being planned for the spring.

Much of the success of the program lies with the enthusiasm Dykstra, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, brings to her new classroom, both professionally and personally.

In addition to being a special education teacher, she is the mother of three, one of whom has special needs, and a grandmother of two.

"I teach, but I live it as well," she said.

Dykstra, with the help of the district's e-mail list, put out a wish list late last summer for items the program needed, including furniture, kitchen appliances and supplies, linens and media equipment.

"People were so supportive, and we received so many do-

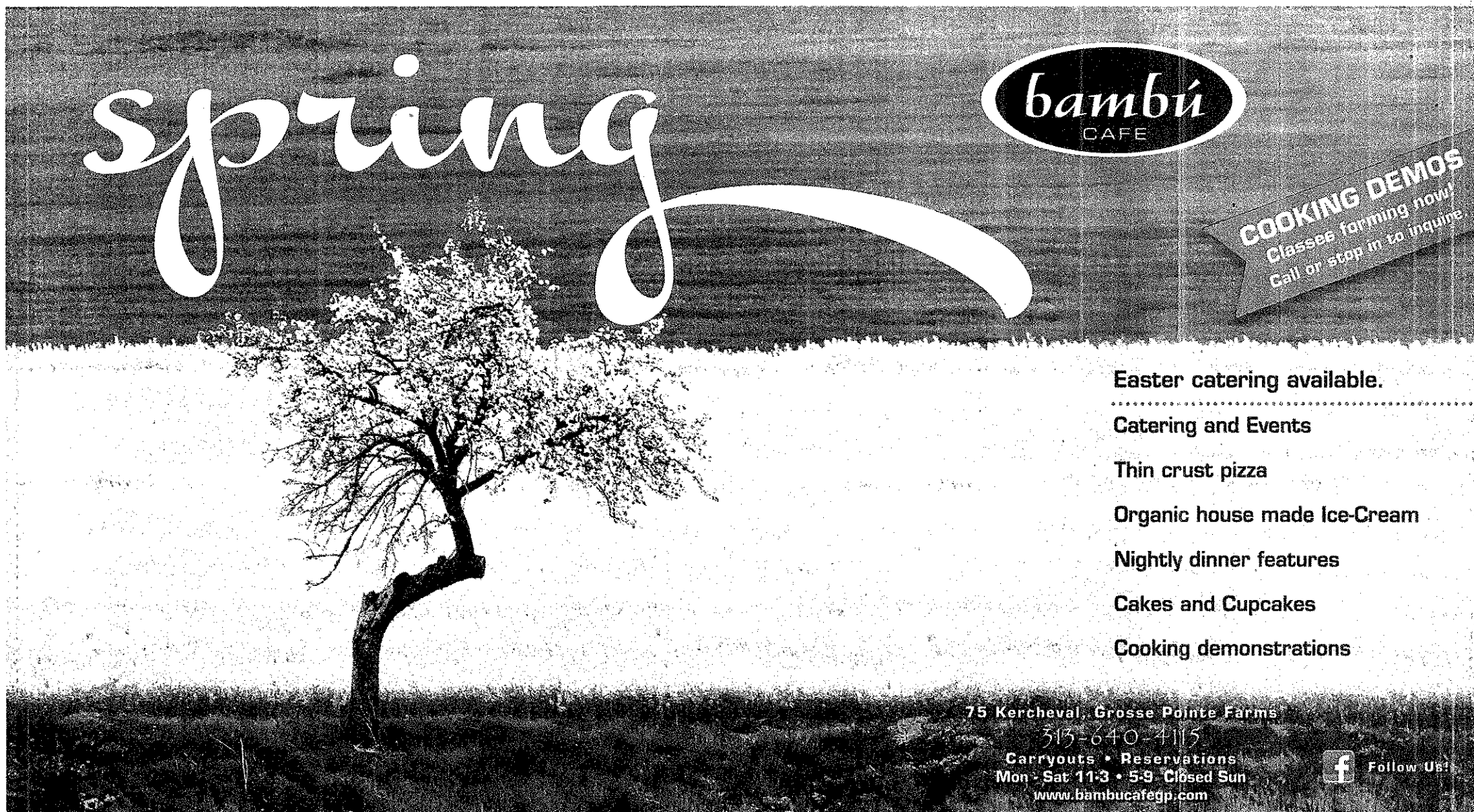
nations," she said. "Furniture, microwaves, small appliances, we received almost everything we needed."

Now that the program has settled into its new quarters, Dykstra is putting together another wish list, and at the top of it is a washer and dryer and items necessary to renovate the kitchen area.

And while Dykstra's dream to set up a program like this in Grosse Pointe came to pass, her next wish, which is for the program to grow to include more students, is also being answered.

Dykstra will soon be adding two new students to her program, Grosse Pointers who will transfer from the Macomb Academy program back to their home district.

"We're all looking forward to welcoming them," she said.



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The fourth annual high school Battle of the Bands is from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$5. Several local high school acts, including, among others, Rad's, Arondala, Kickback, Skeen, Champagne, BRO, Elyse Croce and Hannah Ayrault, compete for first, second and third place. Prizes are awarded. Professionals from Guitar Center judge the musical performances and fans vote on line via the GPCC Facebook fan page. Food and soft drinks are available. For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

Art center

The Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a preview party for the "Green Show 2011," from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 11, for art center members and 6:30 to 9 p.m. for the public. The exhibit continues through April 2.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts a bird walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 12. The cost for the two-hour walk is \$7. To register, call (313) 884-4222.

Mask and Wig Society

The University of Pennsylvania Mask and Wig Society, the oldest all-male musical comedy group in the nation, hosts its 123rd annual production at The Players Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Tickets cost \$40 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (313) 259-3385 or e-mail office@playersdetroit.org.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Circle of Friends hosts a cupcake challenge from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Cupcake challenge finalists are judged and prizes awarded to the top three. The cost is \$5 per person and \$10 for families. Refreshments are served. The Hunt Club offers lunch in its dining room. Pony rides and activities for children are available.

Rotary Club

The Rev. Richard Bartoszek, chaplain at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, is the speaker at the 12:10 p.m. Monday, March 14, meeting of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. His topic is senior living issues.

Pointes for Peace

Teacher and historian Steve Babson discusses a local campaign drive to have a moratorium placed on bank foreclosures and evictions at the



Caroline Coade and Andrew Wu

Pointes for Peace public forum at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper. Babson is active in the People Before Banks Coalition of Southeast Michigan which organized the moratorium proposal. He is newsletter editor and executive board member, Local 6075, American Federation of Teachers. He has lived in Detroit for 32 years and earned his doctorate degree in United States history in 1989 from Wayne State University. For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail

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Melissa Cooper Sargent, LocalMotionGreen education coordinator, discusses "Greener Living Healthier Living" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. She discusses organically grown food versus conventional agricultural practices, organic food prices, priorities for purchasing fresh foods, glass versus plastic food storage and microwave heating. For more information, call (313) 885-8063.

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A bake sale to raise scholarship funds for Grosse Pointe high school students is in the War Memorial's lobby at 11:30 a.m. For reservations call Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081 before Saturday March 12. The cost is \$5.

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

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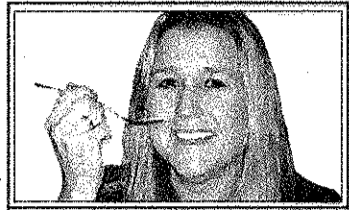
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- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped bell pepper (your choice)

- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 cup arborio rice
- 3 cups fresh baby spinach leaves (packed)
- 1 15-oz. can chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, divided
- 3 drops hot pepper sauce (optional), or more to taste
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, pepper and garlic and cook and stir for about 5 minutes. Add the rice and toss well. Add spinach, chicken broth, 1/4 cup of the parmesan cheese, pepper sauce and the salt.

Stir well to combine, then carefully turn the mixture into a greased baking dish (1 1/2 to 2 quart). The mixture will be very soupy. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup parmesan cheese over the top. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until the rice has absorbed the liquid and a thin golden crust appears.

The texture is creamy and the ingredients mingle well together for a flavorful risotto.



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Oven-baked creamy, flavorful risotto recreates a stove-top method.

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The Broadway show, "Mamma Mia!" at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit can be seen Thursday, April 14. A bus leaves the community center at noon and returns at 4 p.m.

Reservations must be made by March 24. The cost is \$54 for residents and \$58 for non-residents.

For more information and reservations, call (313) 343-2408.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club hosts a euchre tournament Friday, April 1, at the Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Registration is 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 and benefits the Rotary.

Class reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1976 holds its 35th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Kathy Kirchner at (313) 520-

4674 or visit gps1976.webs.com.

Lakeside Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in the activities room of the St. Clair Shores Arena, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

David Bollman critiques are club members' works. Refreshments are served.

For more information, call Robert at (586) 350-4518 or visit lakesidepaletteclub.org.

MSU Extension

Michigan State University Extension offers the class, "Growing and Using Herbs," from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

Troy Huffaker of DTL Herbs Ltd. discusses the history, gardening and use of herbs. Herbs add beauty and fragrance the garden, enhance food flavors and quality, provide alternatives to salt, and have traditionally been used for medicinal purposes. Many herbs can be grown in the home garden or in pots in the kitchen.

Karen Hakim of MSU Extension provides recipes and samples of dishes using herbs.

The program is held at the extension office, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Township.

The cost is \$5 and registration deadline is Friday, April 1.

For questions, registration form or more information, call the MSU Extension office at (586) 469-6440.

The extension department offers a class to help those considering establishing a "Cottage Food Business" from 6 to 9 p.m. March 16, 30 and 26 and April 6 at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

A three-part program covers the specifics of Cottage Food Law, enacted in 2010 by the state of Michigan, vital food safety issues and practical marketing and business management tools.

Registration is \$30 for the series and \$15 for additional attendees from the same business. Participants receive a food safety certificate and resource materials.

To register and the location, call Maureen Prisbe at (586) 469-6440 or e-mail stevensh@msu.edu and request a registration form.

Memorial Parade

The St. Clair Shores Memorial Parade Committee hosts a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

The cost is \$5. For more information, call Sue Nesbitt at (586) 504-0493 or Kathe Travis at (586) 771-2587.

Incredible Kid Day

March 17 is the 15th annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, initiated by Camp Fire USA.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

pole had been weakened either by being hit by an automobile or by strong winds.

1961

50 years ago this week

DAMAGE HASSLE IN WOODS: Woods Council took exception to two communications from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's office which stated there are only eight outstanding claims from Woods property owners resulting from damages during work on the multi-million dollar Grosse-Gratiot drain project.

Woods Council members said they knew of several other unsatisfied claims against the contractors involved.

WATER RATE BOOST STUDY: The amount of a proposed increase in the cost of water sold by Grosse Pointe Farms to the City of Grosse Pointe, its lone customer, will be determined by the Farms' official and public accountants who annually review factors that determine the rates.

CRASHING POLE MISSES DRIVER: A 21-year-old Woods woman narrowly escaped death or serious injury when a Detroit Edison pole crashed down on her car, according to Farms police.

The woman was driving east on Chalfonte, when at Lexington, the pole toppled onto the front end of the vehicle, causing about \$200 damage to the auto. The driver was not hurt. The car had to be towed.

Authorities believe the base of the

1986

25 years ago this week

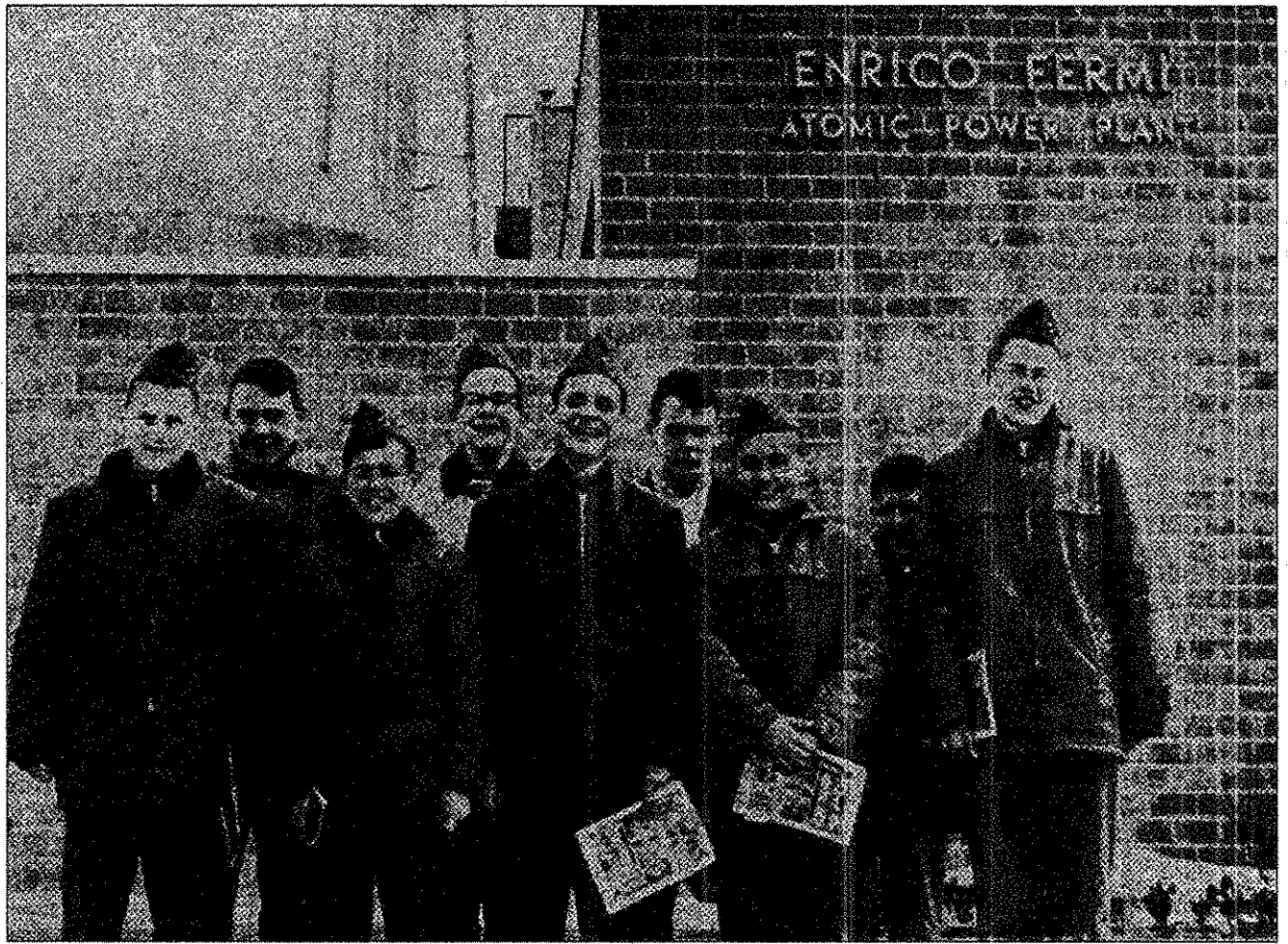
PREPARE FOR FLOODING: Spring is on its way, and for most of the state's winter-weary residents, that's good news. For shoreline residents, however, the warm weather this year will bring anything but good news, according to the experts. As the lake levels inch upward, lakefront property owners are bracing for flooding worse than 1973, the last time the lakes were near current levels.

CITY POLICE REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT: A tentative agreement, amounting to a 12 1/2 percent wage hike over three years, was reached last week between the Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety supervisory unit and the city.

Sergeants and lieutenants in the City have been working under terms of an old contract that expired June 30, 1984.

BANK TO CHANGE OWNERSHIP: Toward the end of March, the 3,000 depositors at Colonial Central Bank on the Hill will find themselves with a new name on their bank. The Hill branch of Colonial Central, which until five months ago was Colonial Federal, will be bought by Standard Federal Savings and Loan, the same bank now bulldozing property at the other end of the Hill for an

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1961: Scouts visit plant

Members of Boy Scout Troop 290 of Grosse Pointe Woods recently visited Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant as the guests of Atomic Power Development Associates, Detroit Edison and Power Reactor Development Company — the three firms taking part in the Fermi project. Shown touring the plant site are, left to right: Fred Steiner, Jim Collins, Tom Bradley, George Wright, Mike Ghesquiere, John Collins, George Gill, Don Craig and Larry Griffith. The day's program included a conducted tour of the plant site and a visit to Atomic Information Center — a nuclear exhibits building operated by Detroit Edison on the Fermi site.

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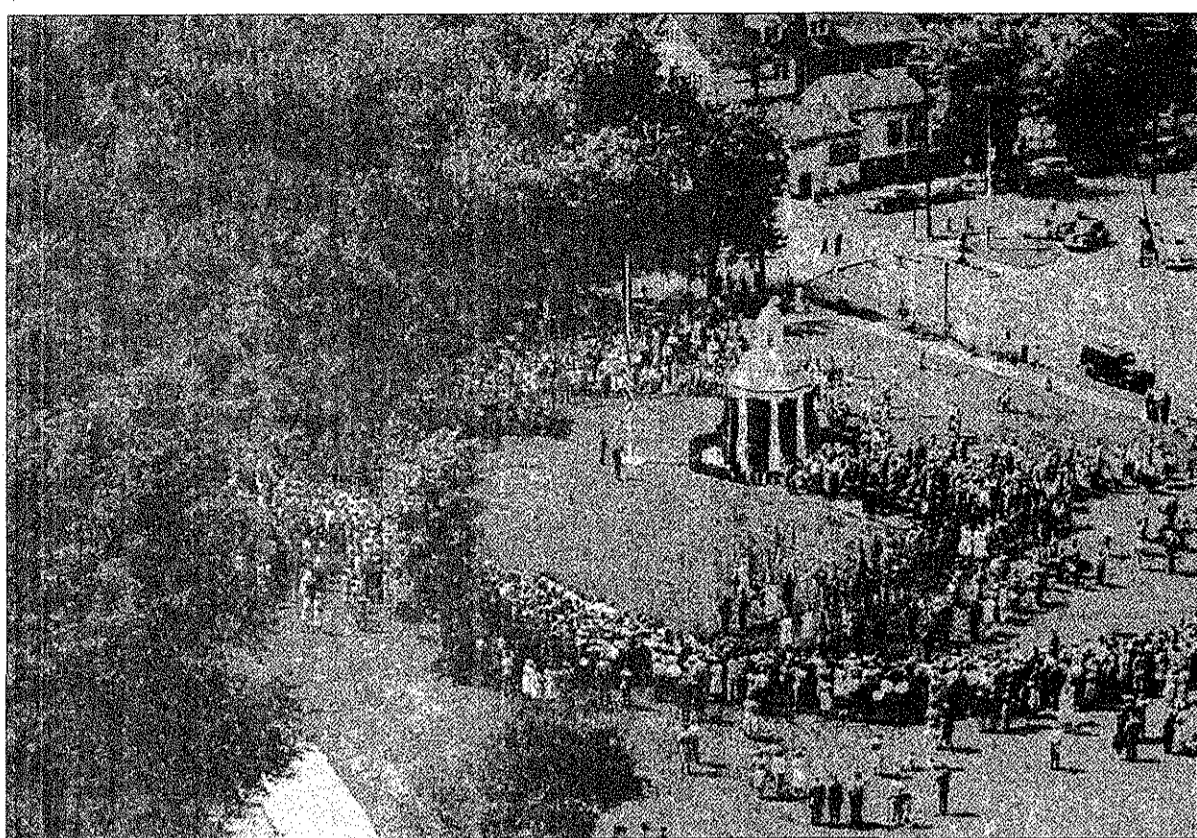
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1961: Small town

One might say so, but we'll bet there are many residents who won't quickly recognize the setting. The picture goes back some 15 years when the temporary shrine to the Pointe dead of World War II was dedicated on the high school campus. Note the half-masted flag and draped panels which contained the names of those being honored. The shrine was later moved to the War Memorial Center property, then given to Sigma Gamma Hospital near Mt. Clemens. Note the improvement since made on the property at Maumee and Fisher. And did you ever think there were that many trees? The picture was taken from the high school's tower.

HEADLINES: A few words from yesterday

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office/retail development.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **SHORES TO SPEND \$7,500 TO STUDY PARK'S FUTURE:** The Grosse Pointe Shores village board of trustees voted to give \$7,500 to the special ad hoc committee that is studying the future of Osius Park. The money will be used to hire experts for the purpose of advising the committee on what's cost-effective and practical given certain unique soil conditions in the park.

◆ **NEW AIR JORDANS CAUSE NEAR-RIOT:** Several cities across the country reported crowd control problems including fighting and property damage when the latest Nike basketball shoe went on sale Saturday morning, and this area was not immune. Eastland Mall got a taste of the frenzy which surrounded the release of the Retro Air Jordan XI.

◆ **STICKY SITUATION:** A Grosse Pointe Woods policeman was dispatched to Holiday between Sunningdale and Lochmoor to investigate a traffic hazard.

He discovered Scotch tape stretched across the roadway from light pole to light pole. The officer removed and disposed of the tape.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **NO VACANCY FOR BED AND BREAKFAST:** It could be a long time before anyone lives it up at the Hotel Grosse Pointe Farms.

Most council members are distancing themselves from telling a resident she can't turn her home in the first block of Moran into a bed and breakfast.

◆ **PIER PARK HARBOR TO MISS THE BOAT:** Not all sections of the harbor being modernized at Pier Park will be open in time for the boating season.

A portion of the harbor designed for smaller boats won't be ready until the middle of May. Wells designed for large boats will be ready when the harbor season officially begins May 1.

◆ **COUNTY GIVES \$2.2 MILLION FOR VERNIER PAVING PROJECT:** Vernier between I-94 and Mack will finally get the makeover it has needed for years.

Wayne County allotted \$2.2 million for the project through the federally funded Transportation Improvement Program. The project involves both Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods with a majority of the area sitting within the Grosse Pointe boundary.

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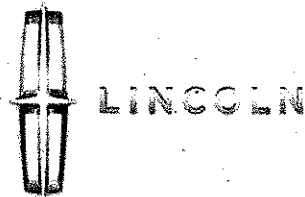
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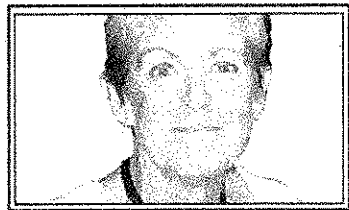
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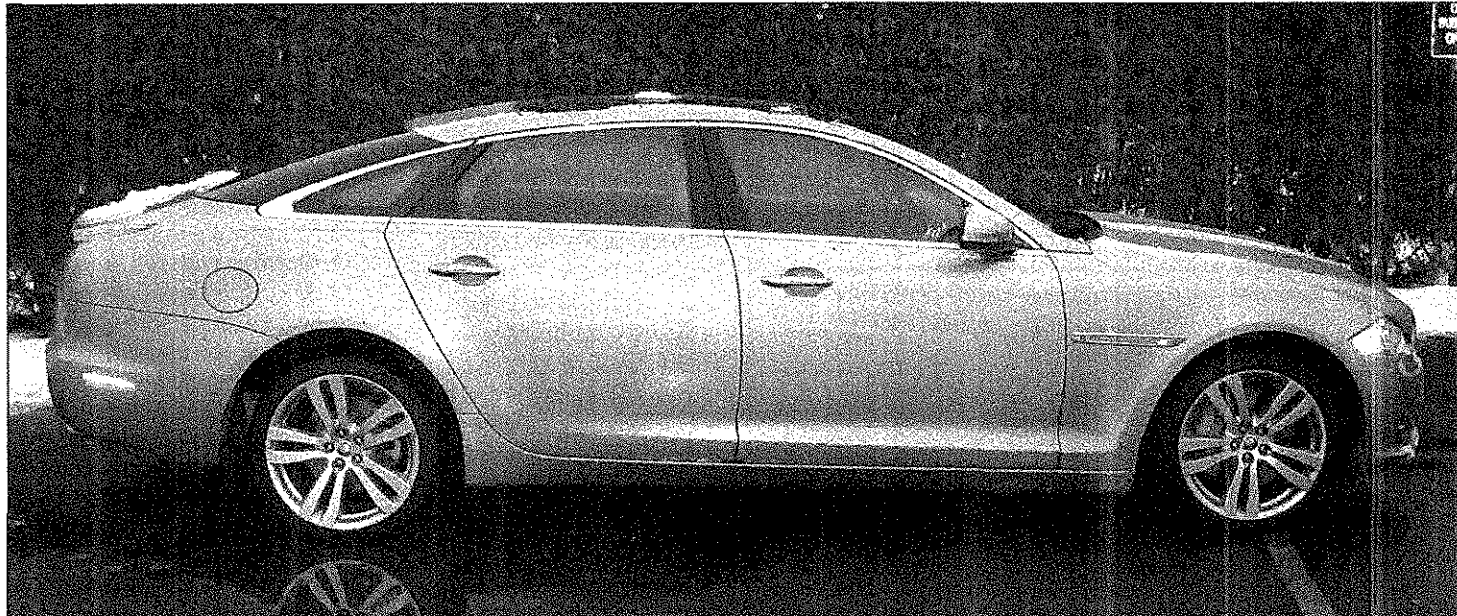


Jaguar speaks luxury. Yes, so do numerous other upscale makes. But Jaguar says it better than many. Call it refinement, quiet sophistication, understated elegance, confidence or a pleasing British accent.

The 2011 Jaguar XJ family is head turning on the outside and breathtaking on the inside.

Children walking home from elementary school pointed to the Jaguar XJL. Employees at a local food market rushed over to have a look, in spite of icy temperatures and gobbs of frozen slush.

The XJL had a chocolate-brown leather dash/instrument panel that wrapped from the windshield onto the front doors. Jaguar is following current trends toward stacks of electronics, which can be controlled by a touch-sensitive information screen at the center of the instrument panel. There are buttons and knobs below and beside the screen that take care of the basics, such as window defrosting, interior temperatures and sound system volume. We're still into buttons



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

An XJL model pampers rear seat passengers with an additional five inches of legroom while making the Jaguar profile even more intriguing.

and knobs, finding the touch screens often are not very responsive and not always readable.

The "L" in the model's name refers to a long wheelbase that provides five extra inches of legroom for the two outboard rear seat passengers. The back seat passenger has access to lacquered wood trays that pull down from the backs of the front seats.

Do not, however, settle for the middle place of the rear seat, even though there is a three-point seat belt waiting to embrace you. The drive shaft

of this rear-drive luxury sedan is beneath a huge hump on the floor, making it most uncomfortable for most more than five years old.

The headliner in the XJL was of a beige suede-like material that hides the front and rear moonroofs. Press an overhead button and the "suede" quietly disappears to reveal the glass panels.

Other interior features include two lighted pop-down vanity mirrors for the outboard rear passengers, whose seats can be heated or cooled at their preferred temperature.

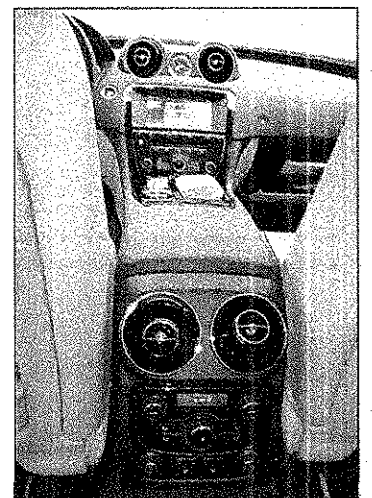
Were those discrete ashtrays beside the power window buttons on the rear door pulls? The back portion of the middle of the rear seat pulls down to provide cupholders and arm support. Brushing a finger across an unmarked silver button on the instrument panel opened the glovebox. The same wave of a digit turned on an overhead maplight.

Fast, silent as a jaguar

The quiet performance of the 385-horsepower V-8 under the hood of the Jaguar matches the elegant confidence of the car.

The all-new 2011 XJ model range includes the XJ with a naturally aspirated 5.0-liter V-8; the XJ Supercharged with a 470-horsepower supercharged version of the engine, and the limited-production XJ Supersport powered by a 510-horsepower supercharged version. Jaguar reports the XJ Supersport can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds, "yet is not subject to the Federal 'gas guzzler' tax."

The EPA fuel economy results for the XJL were 15 miles per gallon average for city driving and 22 mpg average at



The interior of the 2011 Jaguar XJL is a wraparound feast of leather, with heated and cooled seats both front and rear.

highway speeds. The combined 18 mpg falls closer to the "guzzler" end of the combined averages for large cars, which run from 14 to 28 mpg.

The XJ models engines are variants of the AJ-V-8 Gen III 5.0-liter V-8 first introduced on the 2010 XF and XK models, Jaguar says. The all-aluminum four-cam Jaguar V-8 engines employ spray-guided direct fuel injection and dual independent variable cam timing, plus a variable inlet manifold on the naturally aspirated engine. On

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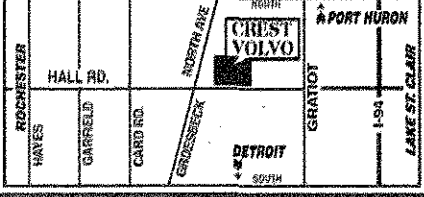
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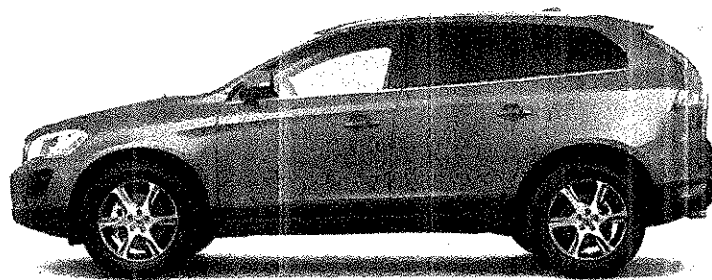
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Volvo S60 T6 AWD



This week, we're testing Volvo's all-new "large mid-size" S60 series sedan, dubbed the "Naughty Volvo" by its corporate marketing arm — base price: \$37,700; price as tested: \$46,200.

I classify the S60 as a "larger" mid-size 4-door, thanks to its weight, wheelbase and overall dimensions, which lean to bigger more so than smaller.

Although I've never personally owned a Volvo, I've had many positive experiences with them. My first driving experience came when my college friend allowed me to regularly drive his humpback 1960 PV544 back in 1972. And, I've always taken any Volvo writing opportunity to mention Walter Cronkite, the late beloved news anchor who raced for the Volvo road racing team in 1959 and 1960 — I actually saw him race!

As for accidents, I was hit broadside in a 75th Anniversary Edition S80 test car back in 2002 and received not a scratch as every safety item worked perfect and all air bags deployed. The vehicle that hit me was a big Dodge Durango that had run a stop sign. Although the Volvo ended up on the other side of the road on a curb, I was not injured and drove away from the scene. The whole left side of the car was smashed, and probably resulted in more than \$10,000 in damage.

Thus, my soft spot for Volvo! Fast forward to 2011, and Volvo is shining on what may be its finest effort to date, as the Swedish automaker's all-new second generation S60 is a spe-

2011 Volvo S60 T6

cial breed. Always heralded for its safety record and innovations, its new S60 raises the bar with several new sonar safety features, including warning systems that not only alert the driver, but can stop the car completely.

Our tester included a \$4,400 "Premium, Technology and Climate Package," which added the impressive "Star Wars"-type safety features. Included are adaptive cruise control, collision warning with full auto brake assist, pedestrian warning with full auto brake, distance and driver alert and a lane departure warning. Notable is you can turn off the lane departure warning system with a flip of the switch. It's high-tech at its best and worth every dollar. I highly recommend these safety features be demonstrated by your Volvo dealer.

The package also includes heated seats, heated windshield nozzles, heated washers, rain sensor and more. The premium part adds power moonroof and dual Xenon active bending headlamps.

Built in Belgium, S60's power comes from a turbocharged inline 3.0-liter 6-cylinder that develops 300 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque.

Volvo's 6-speed Geartronic automatic transmission is standard and allows 0-60 mph in a spirited 6.5 seconds. The sixth gear allows great fuel mileage, as EPA ratings have the S60 listed at 18 city and 26 highway, which is excellent considering the weight of the car and the power of the turbo engine.

The Haldex fully automatic AWD system delivers power to

the tires that afford the most grip.

The cabin deserves special mention, as beautiful wood trim and leather seating invite driver and passengers. The seats are very comfortable and supportive in the turns.

Although the back seat is still a bit tight for larger size adults, there's a few more inches than the previous S60. The Navigation system is easy to set and part of a \$2,700 Multimedia Package that includes an upgraded stereo and rear park assist.

On the road, the stiffer suspension is perfect for sure-footed, sports car-like handling while not hampering a comfortable ride. Underneath, MacPherson struts in front and a multilink setup in the rear complement the beefier springs and frame. The tires are 18-inchers with beautiful alloy wheels.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,812 pound curb weight, 17.8 gallon fuel tank, 12 cubic feet of cargo space and 3,307 pound tow capacity.

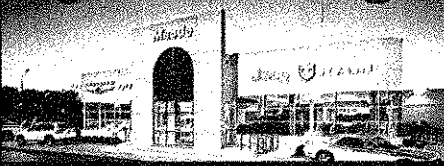
Volvo's new S60 comes standard with All Wheel Drive and is the lone 2011 S60 offered in the United States. A 2012 T5 S60 model, a front wheel drive 5-cylinder turbo with a base price of \$31,450, will be available in the states and makes for a perfect non-AWD S60 sibling.

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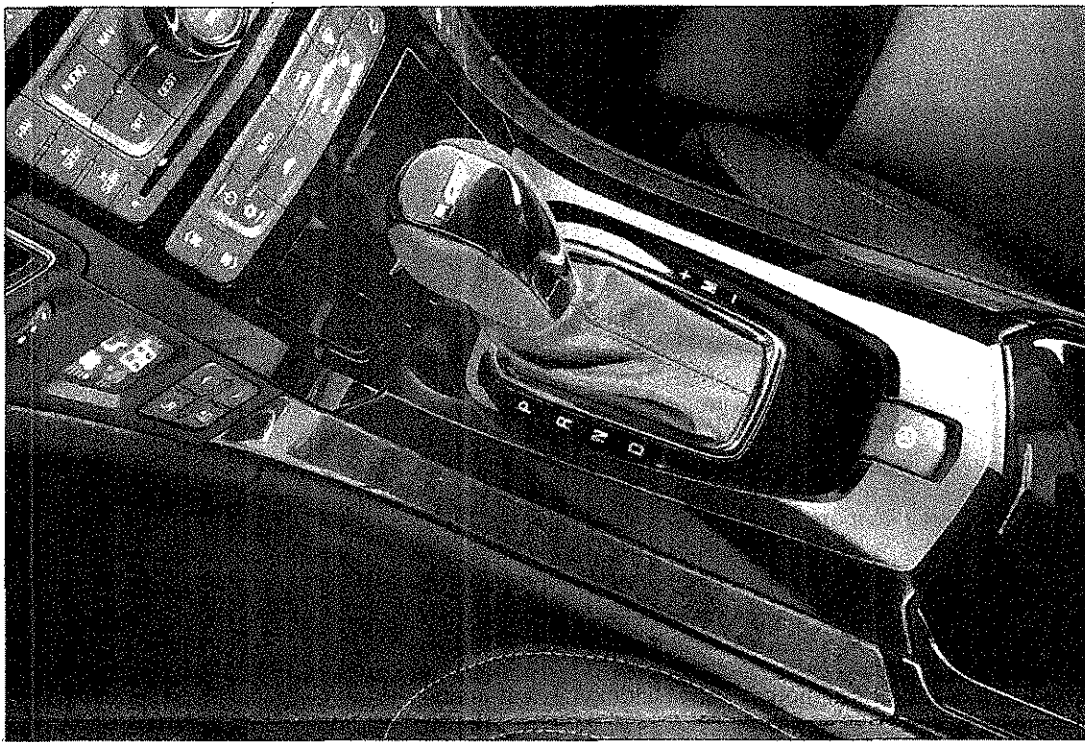
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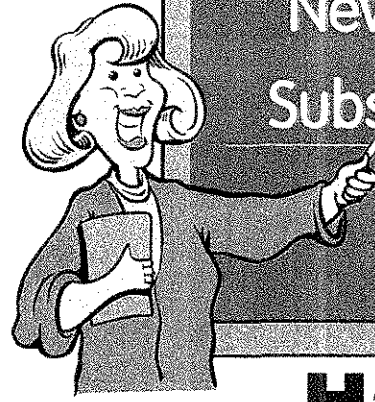
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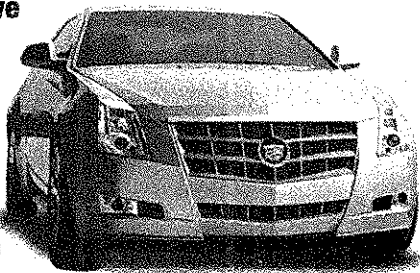
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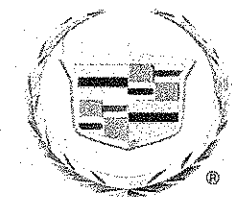
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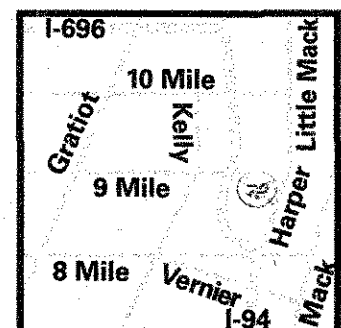
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Big power boost for Silverado HD

Heavy-duty trucks are all about numbers. There's also that deep job-site rumble and chiseled cowboy styling to like, but at their heart, the biggest trucks boil down to simple arithmetic. How much can they tow? What's the payload capacity? What's the horsepower and torque?

That's why General Motors focused so much on the performance of its heavy-duty trucks when redesigning them for 2011. They look pretty much the same inside and out. But beneath the skin, there are major changes to the Silverado and Sierra workhorses that give them an edge over the competition.

You can see it in the side-by-side stats for the 2010 Dodge Ram HD and 2011 Ford Super Duty. The Ram produces 350 horsepower with its biggest engine. The Ford has 390 horses. And the Silverado? It ekes out a win with 397.

The same goes for torque. The Dodge is 650 foot-pounds, Ford, 735, and Chevy, 765. Because it has the edge in power, the Silverado also wins in conventional towing, fifth wheel towing and payload capacity in 2500 and 3500 models. It brings home all the muscle trophies, if only by a slim margin.

It may seem like a hands-down winner, but things aren't so simple.

While the Silverado excels in arithmetic, it lacks in overall refinement, especially compared with the push Ram HD. The Silverado's cabin is relatively unchanged, with the same plastics and economy-car layout that seems out of place in a truck that can easily top the \$50,000 price level.

Under the hood, though, the changes are big. The Silverado HD's 6.6-liter Duramax V8

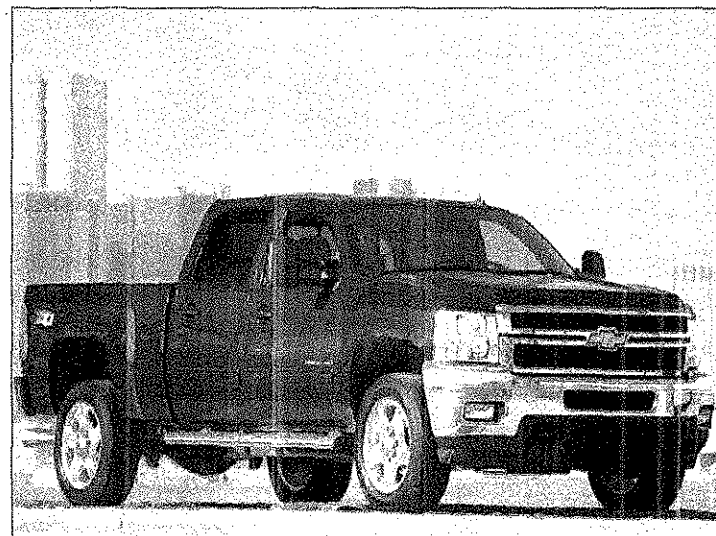


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The 2011 Chevrolet Silverado HD Dually — pictured on Belle Isle in Detroit — is the Motor Trend Truck of the Year.

diesel produces more grunt. Horsepower improved from 365 to 397, while torque saw a massive boost from 660 foot-pounds to 765.

This truck doesn't feel nearly as big as it is, at least from an acceleration standpoint. It moves from a standstill with the ease you'd expect in a much smaller truck, drawing on its deep well of torque to reach cruising speed effortlessly. In a parking lot, though, it's not easy to maneuver. You really feel the mass of this truck at low speeds, turning it in a wide arc like a barge.

Several new features should improve safety and usability. Stability control is now standard across all models; along with trailer sway control, hill start assist and an integrated trailer brake controller. Intelligent brake assist that can help the brakes respond faster in panic situations is also standard. An engine brake also comes on diesel models, which can help reduce maintenance costs over the long run by lowering the stress on your brake rotors and pads.

Overall, the new Silverado HD is a lot different from the old one, even though the look

is familiar. It performs better, feels heftier and adds features that either keeps it competitive or flat-out beats the competition. In a work-truck market that's changing faster than most segments with competitors rolling out drastic changes each year, that's a big accomplishment.

What was tested? The 2011 Chevy Silverado 2500 4WD LT Crew Cab with a base price of \$38,860. Options on the HD test truck: Interior plus package for \$745, HD trailering package for \$780, on the job package for \$495, the Duramax diesel engine for \$7,195, Allison 6-speed automatic transmission for \$1,200, 18-inch wheels for \$54, and the rear window defogger for \$175. The total manufacturer suggested retail price as tested including the \$995 destination charge came to \$50,990.

Why avoid it? The Silverado HD retains its interior — one of the weak points on the old model.

Why buy it? The 2011 model gets a big boost in horsepower and torque, which also means it leads the class in towing and payload capacity, if only by a slim margin.

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the XJ Supercharged and Supersport models, a twin vortex system supercharger and twin water-cooled intercoolers are packaged in the engine's V.

All XJ engines have 15,000-mile or one-year service intervals with free scheduled maintenance for the first five years or 50,000 miles, courtesy of Jaguar Platinum Coverage.

All Jaguar XJ models feature an electronically controlled six-speed automatic transmission with the Jaguar Sequential Shift function operated by steering wheel paddles. The illuminated stop/start button responds to a smart key. The classy silver JaguarDrive Selector knob rises discretely from the center console.

The selector lowers automatically when the engine is stopped and is flush with the silver top of the center console.

JaguarDrive Control offers three transmission modes: Normal, dynamic and winter. Dynamic promises a sportier responsiveness and winter, a greater capability for low-grip conditions by modifying the traction and stability control systems, according to Jaguar.

In winter mode, the transmission selects second gear to help provide greater traction from a standstill and lowers engine rpm and shift points, Jaguar says.

Revised architecture

The new XJ is based on Jaguar's lightweight vehicle architecture. Primarily aluminum, it also utilizes magnesium and composite alloys for a lighter and stiffer body structure than one from steel, Jaguar says. The construction technique employs the same aerospace-based riveting and bonding processes refined by Jaguar on the XK models and previous-generation XJ sedans.

Safety features included a blind spot monitor that alerts



PHOTO BY JENNY KING

Lacquered trays and lighted vanity mirrors keep rear seat passengers productive and attractive.

the driver with yellow figures on the outside mirrors to vehicle approach on either side in the infamous blind spot.

Nineteen-inch wheels are standard on the XJL; an 18-inch spare is secured under the floor of the trunk, and will be too obvious if used.


The suggested retail price for the XJL is \$79,700. The test sedan included a pricey Bowers & Wilkins sound system, \$2,300; a visibility package, \$850; and a heated wind-

shield, \$375. With the \$875 handling and destination charge, the bottom line read \$84,100.

AAA of Michigan kindly gave us an insurance quote for "our" Jaguar: \$720 for six months. That is based on a good driving record with no accidents or violations.

The Jaguar XJ is assembled in Castle Bromwich, England. *Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.*

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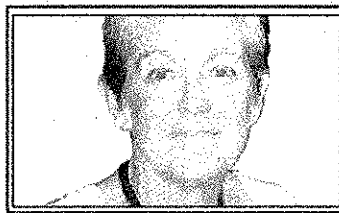
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Kia targets market with 2011 Optima



With its well-equipped, mid-size Optima sedan, Kia has decided it's ready and willing to play ball with the big kids.

Known by many for a line-up of smaller, well-priced vehicles, Korea-based Kia has brought its 2011 Optima to the North American market in hopes of capturing sales in the active and competitive intermediate passenger car segment.

This means going up against the likes of the Chevrolet Malibu, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry.

Kia showed its 2011 Optima at the New York International Auto Show last spring, where it touted its "design language," complete with a newly streamlined profile that combines elegance with athleticism.

The 2011 Optima was designed at Kia studios in Frankfurt, Germany and Irvine, Calif. Longer, wider and lower than the preceding generation and chock full of standard and optional equipment, the new Optima is based on an all-new platform and is presently assembled in Korea.

Models on this mid-size platform run from the Optima LX with standard 16-inch wheels and outside mirror turn signals and the EX with standard fog lights, heated outside mirrors and 17-inch alloy wheels to an EX Turbo and the SX.

The athleticism Kia referred



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The Optima EX is available with a premium options package that includes heat rear outboard seats and a heated steering wheel.



to a year ago is buffed looks, such as specific exterior and interior trims and the availability of a turbo-charged 2.0-liter engine.

The SX presents the most muscular stance: It has 18-inch black machined finish alloy wheels, a special front grille, a rear lip spoiler and HID Xenon headlights with auto leveling.

The turbo-charged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine — Kia's

first turbo — promises bigger biceps (274 horsepower) for EX models, for which it's an option.

The turbo is standard on the SX and comes only with the six-speed automatic transmission.

Kia Motors America debuted the turbo-charged engine days after introducing the Optima Hybrid, with 2.4-

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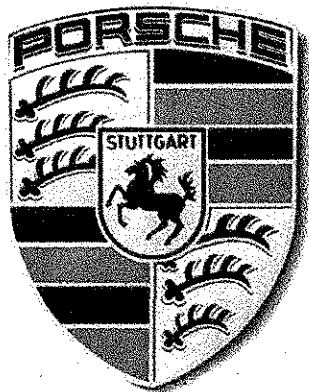
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liter engine and 95.9-pound lithium-polymer battery pack. Combined horsepowers — gas/electric — in the hybrid are 206 and the estimated fuel economy numbers are 36 city and 40 highway.

The test Optima, an EX, had a 200-horsepower 2.4-liter direct-injection engine and six-speed automatic transmission.

A six-speed manual with overdrive is the standard transmission with the 2.4-liter engine.

The EX with the automatic has EPA numbers of 24 miles per gallon average in city driving and 34 mpg average on the highway.

A base price of \$22,495 for the test EX included full-length side air curtains, anti-lock brakes, traction control, electronic stability control and downhill brake/hill-start assist controls.

Leather-trimmed seats, cooling glove box, cruise control and a power adjustment for the driver's seat were standard. Dual exhausts with chrome tips added a touch of luxury.

Extra-cost options brought the manufacturers suggested retail price to \$26,745. The navigation system, backup camera, Sirius traffic info package with Infiniti sound system and eight speakers ran \$2,000.

A premium package with panoramic sunroof, power front passenger seat, driver seat memory, heated and cooled front seats, heated outboard rear seats and a heated steering wheel was \$2,250.

We couldn't find a way to turn on the heated steering wheel, a feature surprisingly delightful and useful.

The panoramic sunroof was wearing a thick blanket of snow most of the time and the cooled glove box escaped our attention.

And we neglected to advise

a rear-seat passenger of her heated seat option.

Standard technology in the 2011 Optima includes an AM/FM/CD/MP3/Sat audio system with three months complimentary SIRIUS Satellite Radio capabilities.

Also standard on all trims are auxiliary and USB audio input jacks for connecting with MP3 players and Bluetooth wireless technology connectivity with steering wheel-mounted voice activation controls to enable hands-free operation for compatible mobile phones, Kia says.

The base model Optima LX with automatic transmission features cruise control and an active system for optimal fuel

efficient driving.

The EX Turbo also adds wood interior trim with metal accents compatible with its performance character.

The Optima SX includes black leather woven seat trim, black interior trim with carbon insert film, soft trim with French seams, steering wheel paddle shifters, metal pedals and lighted metal door scuff plates.

Prices for the 2011 Kia Optima run from \$18,995 for the LX to \$25,995 for the SX. Individual options and packages are extra.

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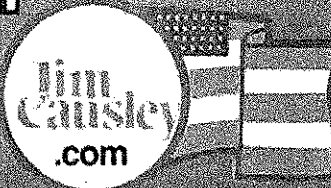
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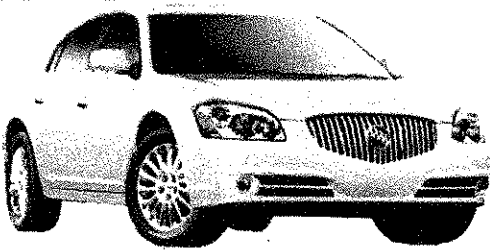
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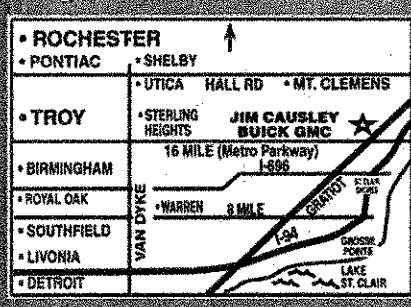
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By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club sprang from the love of horses and equestrian traditions in the early 20th century.

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Now, 100 years later, it is still that love of the horse and equestrian traditions keeping the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club an outstanding riding and family club as its founders intended.

Of course, the changing landscape of Grosse Pointe put an end to some club traditions, such as riding to the hounds and weekly polo matches. But the plans put forth by the original founders, George Lothrop, Capt. Burns Henry, Elliott S. Nichols, Col. Fred M. Alger and Wesson Seyburn, have been sustained through some remarkable times, good and bad.

As club members look forward to several centennial celebrations, they glance at a past that could serve as a metaphor for Detroit and the Grosse Pointes. A look at the membership roster reveals names that have come to symbolize the area, including Hendrie, Buhl, Glancy, Vance, Ford

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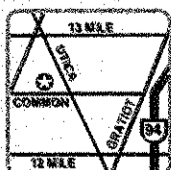
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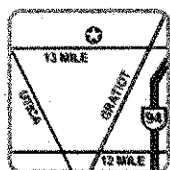
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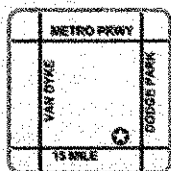
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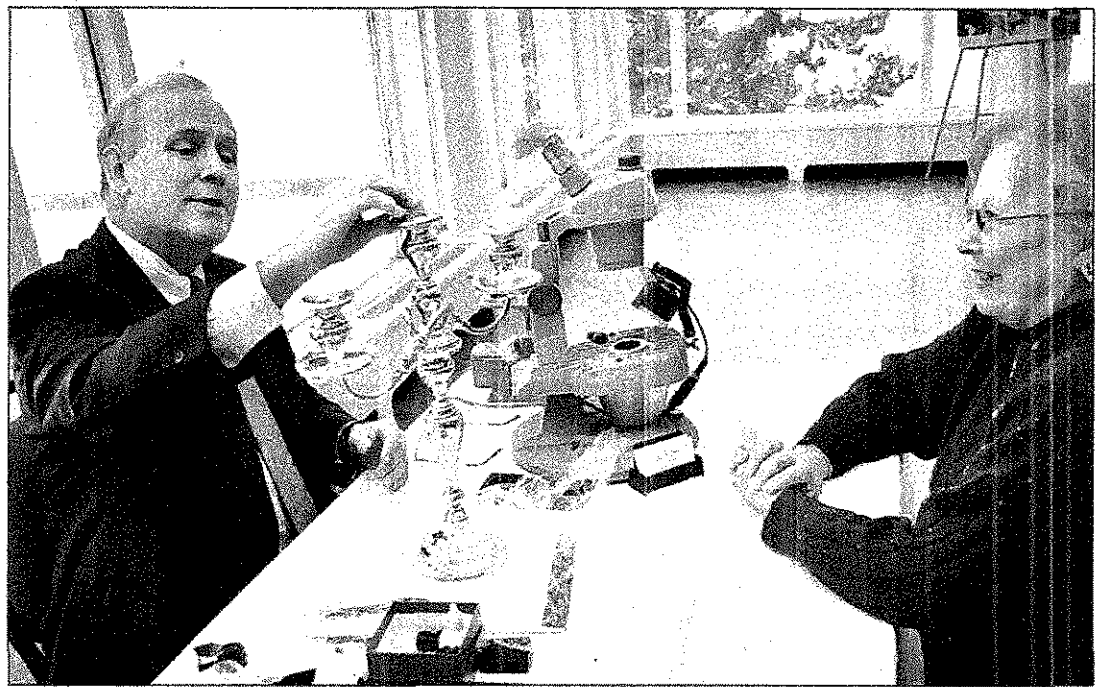
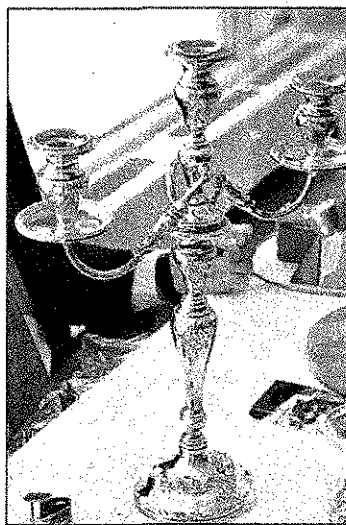
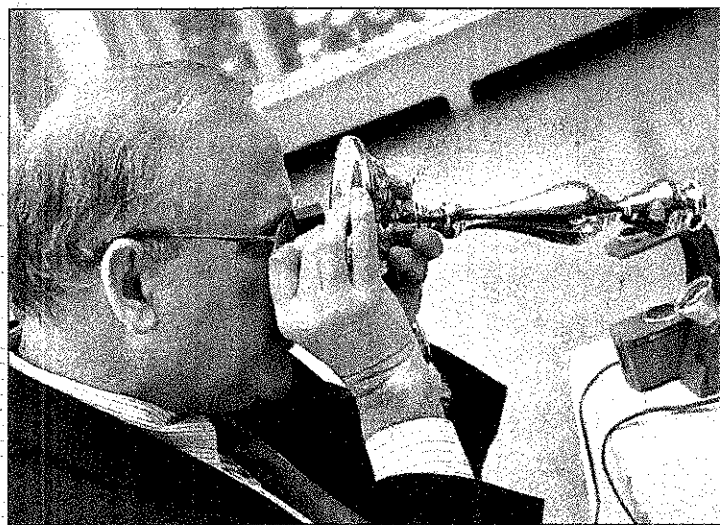
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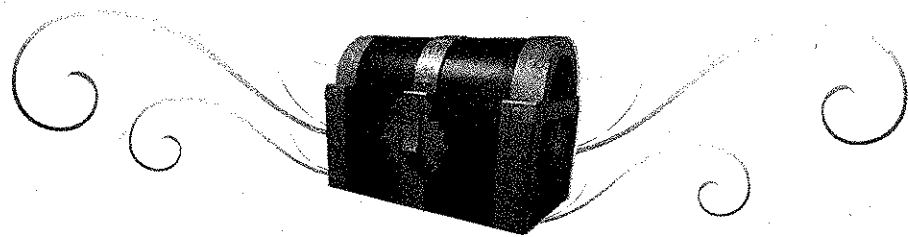
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Dan LaLonde, of LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists found a slight dent in the item which reduced its market value, but not the sentimental value, VanDusen said. The top of the two-piece candelabra holds the candles and the bottom is weighted to stabilize it. Sally VanDusen, right, of Grosse Pointe Farms, asked LaLonde to look at her silver candelabra.



What's It Worth?

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Grosse Pointers wanted to know if that painting Grandma gave them or the flea market

discovery was worth anything. Last month, they took their treasures to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's version of "Antiques Roadshow." Paintings and coins, col-

lectibles and silver tea services were brought in for appraisers to determine worth. "I was just curious about a couple things," said Sally VanDusen, of Grosse Pointe



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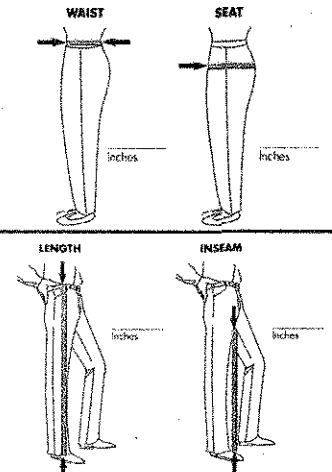
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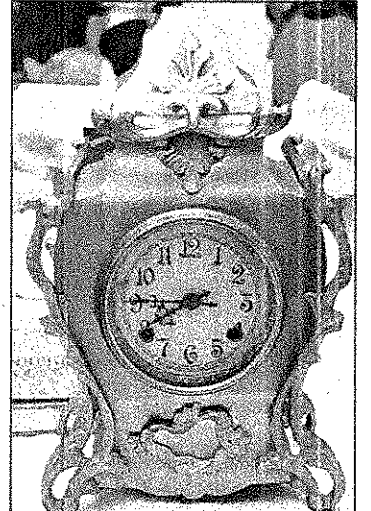


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Top, the poster Sue Hastings and her daughter, Michelle Connelly of Waterford, brought in was printed in 1915. Though depicting dogs, they learned its message was the politics of clothing, advertising and Americana. It was created by the Mettite-Scotten Tobacco Company in Detroit. They said they bought it at a flea market and its worth about \$500. Top left, the Barq's soda sign, a silk screen enamel dating from the 1940s, was found in at an antique show by Michelle Connelly of Waterford. She paid \$200 for it and learned it was worth \$400. Top right, Connelly and Hastings brought in a gold-colored 1930s era clock with a value between \$500 and \$600.

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She took in a candelabra which had been her grandmother's and a metal coin from Pres. James K. Polk's campaign.

Dan LaLonde of LaLonde Jewelers and Gemologists, found a dent on the candelabra which reduced its monetary value, but not its sentimental value.

"I've always loved them," VanDusen said of the two-piece candelabra. "It has a slight dent. Who knows when that happened after three generations. I won't sell it."

LaLonde said those who polished the silver items may have vigorously attacked their job. As it is cleaned and rubbed, the

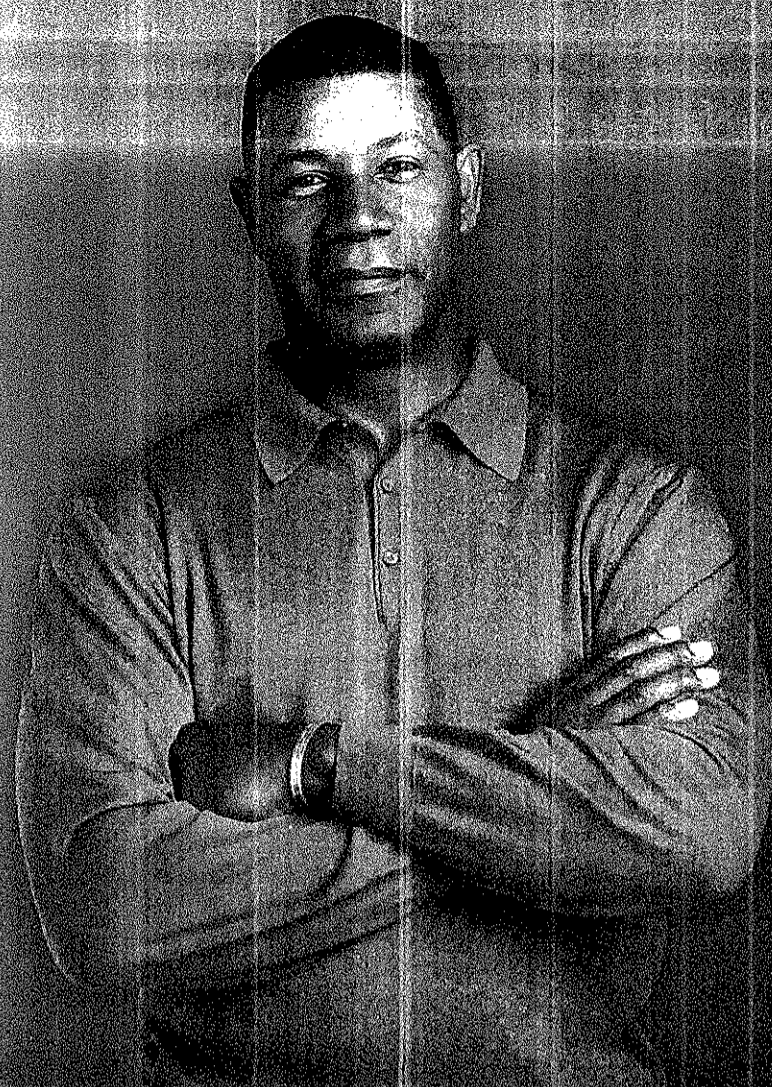
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Briggs, Fisher and Dodge.
The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club has seen it all — from the hunt club boom times marked with an expansive polo field, to the leaner times when land was sold off to raise revenue to keep the barn door open, from riding to the hounds on land which were turned into subdivisions to accommodate a quickly growing suburb called Grosse Pointe Woods to a devastating fire that took the lives of 19 horses and financial problems dating back to World

War I that brought the club to the edge of closing more than once.

During the past 100 years, it was only by sheer will and determination of a membership committed to keeping the equestrian tradition local that the lights are still on, horses are still grazing along Cook Road, children are still enjoying their first pony rides, young swimmers are cheering their teammates on to victory or scoring their first ace on the tennis court. All the while, their parents and grandparents are

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At left, a vintage photo of the original horse barn. Below, tennis courts at the hunt club.



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An aptly-worded stop sign at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.



CLUB: Traditions passed down to children

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sharing a camaraderie found only in a small club with members inextricably bound together by the love of the horse, a glass of wine and a fine meal.

Perhaps no one exemplifies the family tradition more than the hunt club's president, Jim Nicholson, who follows in the footsteps of his father, James B. Nicholson, who served as club president in the early 1980s.

"It is a privilege to serve as the president of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in several ways," said the younger Nicholson. "But it has even more meaning knowing that my father was also president."

And the wishes of founding members 100 years ago, to pass traditions down to their children, is not lost on Nicholson as he leads the club through its centennial year.

"My term as president this year, following in my father's footsteps, shows what a unique family club we have here and why we're look-

ing forward to celebrating the club's 100 years of tradition and fun," he said. "We're looking forward to a great year."

The year officially kicks off the last weekend of July when the hunt club hosts the annual Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association's season finals, an event drawing teams from 14 private clubs from Wayne and Oakland counties.

"We're very excited to have this as our kick-off event of our centennial celebration," said finals chairwoman Linda Finazzo. "It's a huge undertaking for the club, but it was something our members were anxious to do as just one more way to mark the club's centennial."

The MICSA finals will barely be over before the club moves to its next major event, its annual Michigan Hunter Jumper Association sanctioned horse show, which draws more than 100 horses and riders from across the state.

"This year's show will be very

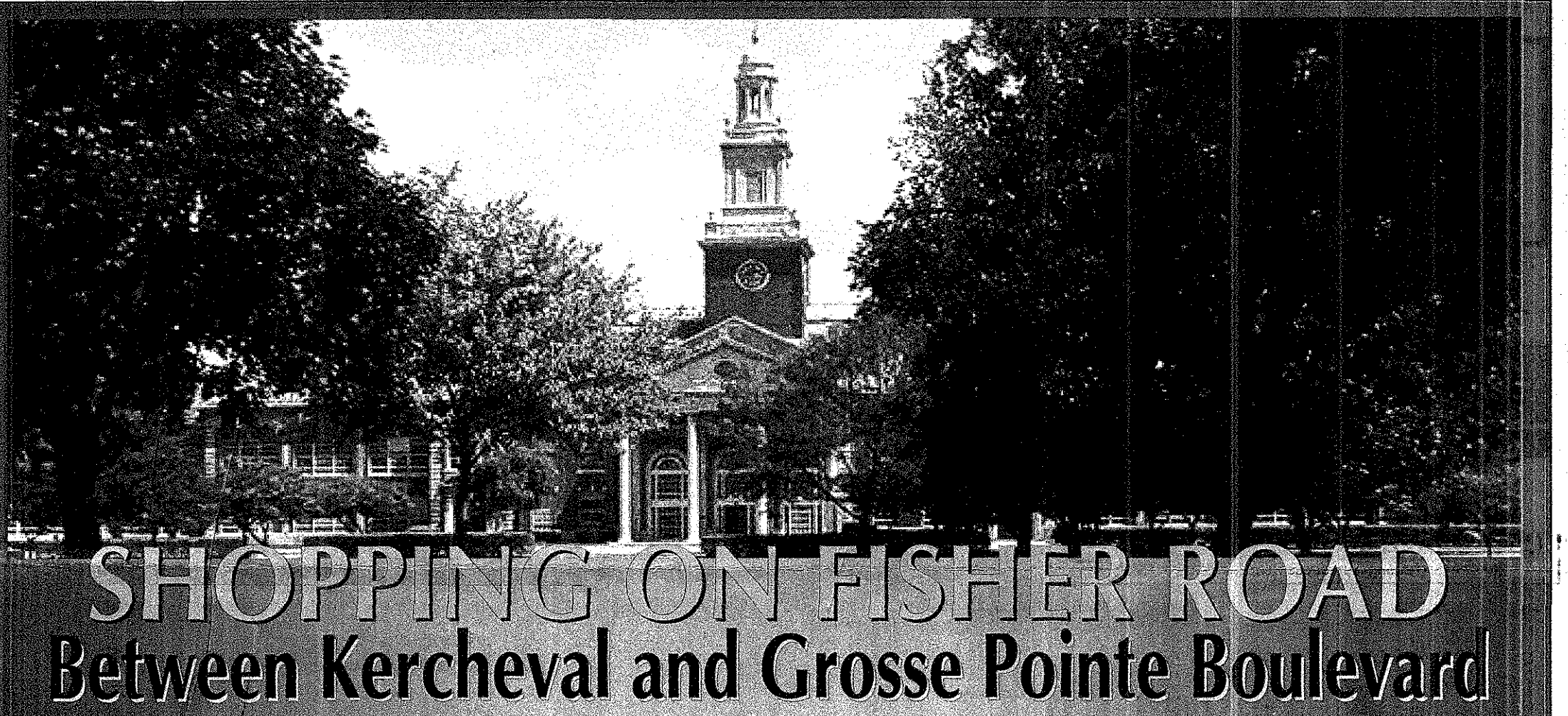
special," said club member Sue Bartos, who is doing double duty as Centennial Committee and horse show chairwoman.

"This annual competition speaks to the enduring love and respect our community has for these wonderful animals. It makes all our members proud that we can be part of an organization that has been doing it for 100 years."

Not to be outdone, the club's tennis program has already moved ahead in marking the centennial by redoing the indoor tennis courts and bringing back paddle tennis, a sport growing in popularity in the Pointes.


Always anxious to share its horses with the community, the club sponsors several centennial events, open to the public, including its annual Kentucky Derby party, an open house in June, the August horse show and the club's annual Pony Show in September.

"We're looking forward to sharing our club with the community," Bartos said.



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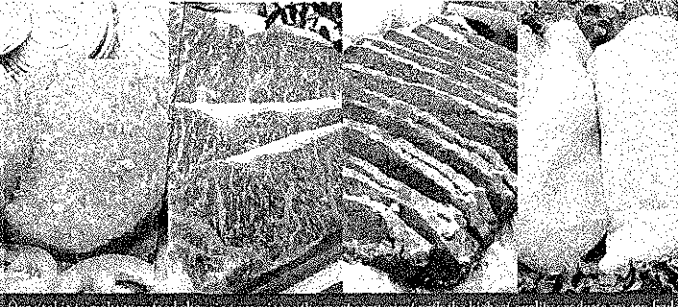
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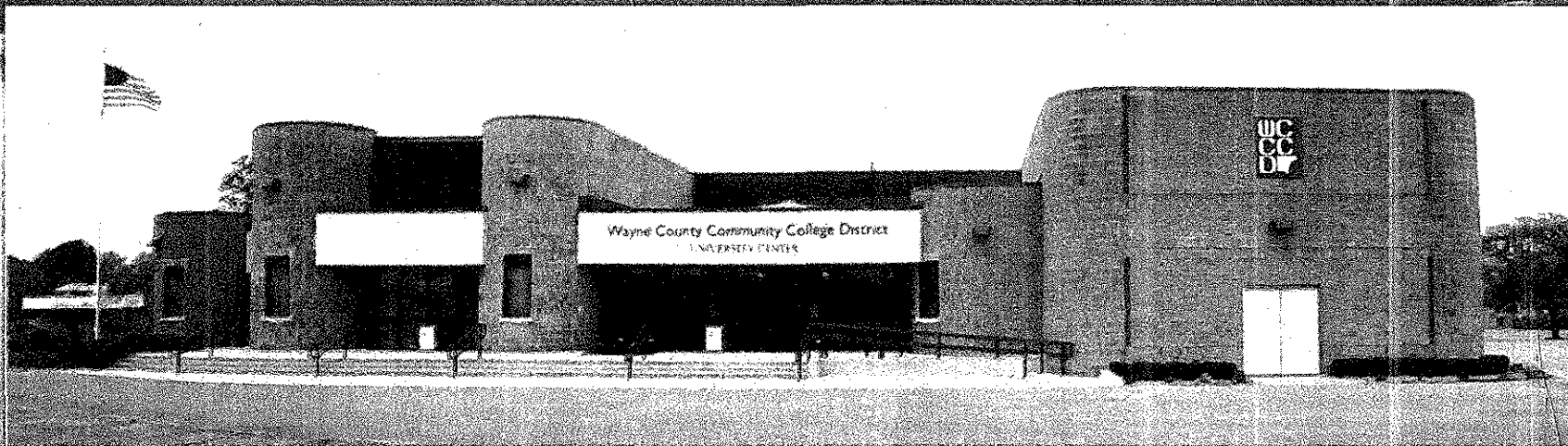
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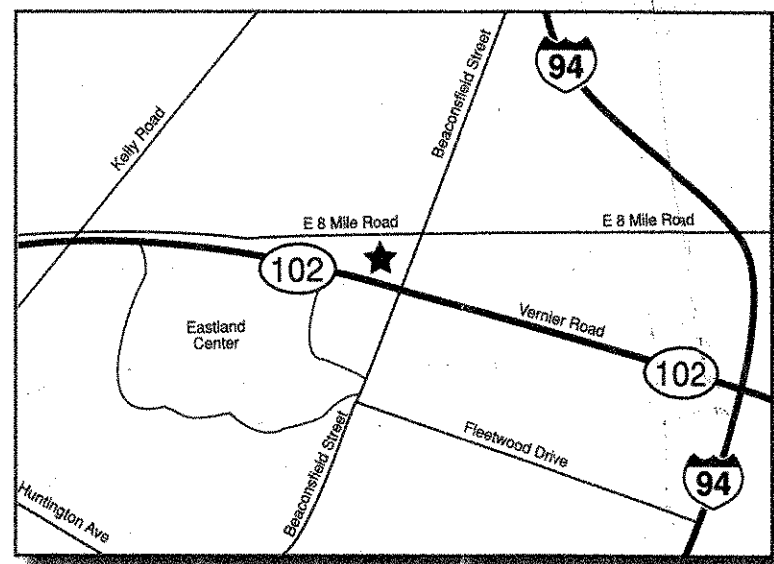


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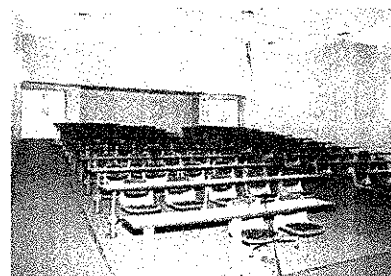
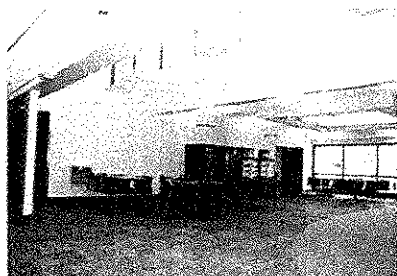
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silver heats up, ripples pop up and the metal is easier to scratch, mar or dent, which reduces its value.

"Candelabras are typically not pure sterling silver. I look for dents on the base where it was hit on the table or dropped," he said.

VanDusen was also curious about the campaign coin the size of a quarter. She said she had no idea the Polk coin or the Pres. Dwight Eisenhower campaign button were in her mother's possession until after her death.

"I didn't mean to collect them," she said.

No value on the coin was given to her at the War Memorial because more research had to



Above, Doris Cole, of Grosse Pointe Farms, received this 1910 three-dimensional fireplacescreen in 1975. The previous owner bought it in the 1950s. The scene depicts an alchemist and, she said, "It's a great conservation piece. Everyone comments on it and the uniqueness of the screen."

Right, 11 years ago, Karlyn Jones, of Grosse Pointe Woods, received this painting from her mother-in-law. Jones said she fell in love with it because it represents her and her husband walking along life's path. She learned from the appraiser the painting was a production painting from the 1950s. The painting was done on a production line—first with an artist filling in the background; another artist paints the sky and so on. Worth about \$200, Jones said, it has more sentimental value.



be done, VanDusen said.

While this was VanDusen's first venture into appraisals, LaLonde has been involved in these types of shows for years and looks for quality, not quantity.

"I deal in antique jewelry and modern pieces, things handed down through families. I see some nice pieces," he said. "I prefer to see something that has a lot of workmanship rather than a large stone. There are pieces made in the 1920s or

the 1800s that one day will realize its true craftsmanship."

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Bringing out the volunteerism in Grosse Pointers



Michigan Humane Society volunteer Liz Krieg, SERVE coordinator Alicia Carlisle, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein and humane society volunteer Lisa Paulsen at the Spirit of Giving event.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The Spirit of Giving saw a wide age range of Grosse Pointers seeking ways to help their community.

The first-of-its-kind event brought more than 30 nonprofits to Grosse Pointe Academy last week. There, about 150 people tried on organizations seeking volunteers.

"We are always in need of volunteers," said Colleen Davisson, director of SOAR Tutoring.

The organization, in its sixth year of serving children in three Detroit ZIP codes, offers low-cost, individualized one-on-one reading tutoring to academically struggling students.

Debbie Griffith, director of human resources for the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, said their volunteers help with all types of events, from children's activities to summer happenings.

"We're flexible. Volunteers don't have to commit a certain number of hours," she said.

And Casey Gokenbach, who returned to her hometown of Grosse Pointe Shores with her husband and two children, is seeking community involvement.

"We moved back to Michigan a year ago. I have two little ones and wanted to get involved," she said standing by the Ford House table.

The event was organized by

SERVE coordinator Alicia Carlisle to bring volunteers and community organizations together.

From Americorps to Wolverine Human Services, and Beaumont Hospital to Special Olympics and Summer in the City, there was a fit for all who attended.

The event was a partnership between The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Ask the Experts, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, SERVE, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe Academy.

"It takes the right topic and right partners to achieve this kind of success," said Family Center Executive Director Debbie A. Liedel. "This suc-

Volunteering tips

- ◆ Think about the issues important to you.
- ◆ Consider your skills and interests.
- ◆ Research the groups that might be right for you.
- ◆ Don't over commit.
- ◆ Be open to suggestions.
- ◆ Consider volunteering as a family.
- ◆ Be willing to do your homework.
- ◆ Give it your all.

cess is also a true testament of the work The Family Center has been able to achieve over the past 10 years; working collaboratively in concert with other partners to offer impactful community programming to families and professionals."



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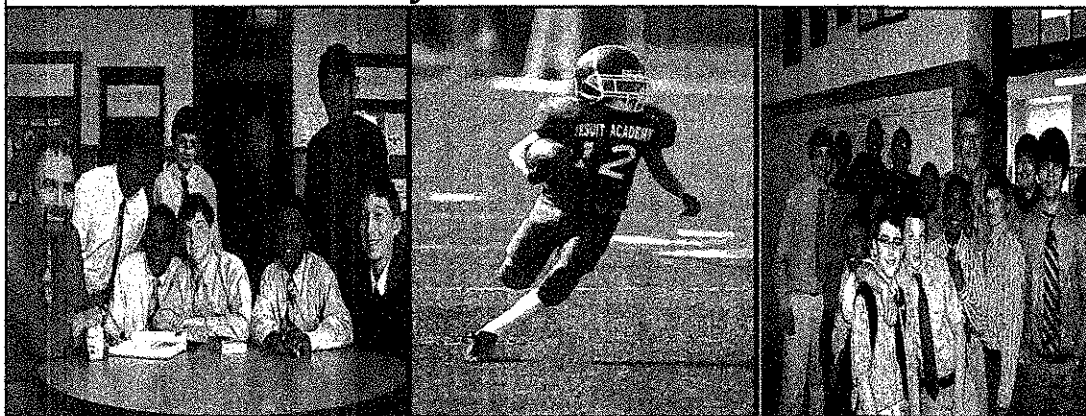


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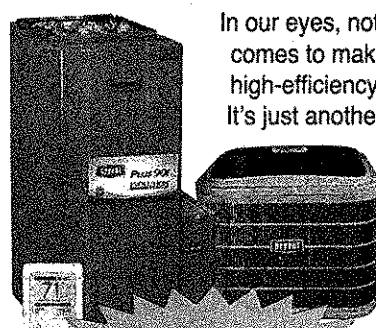


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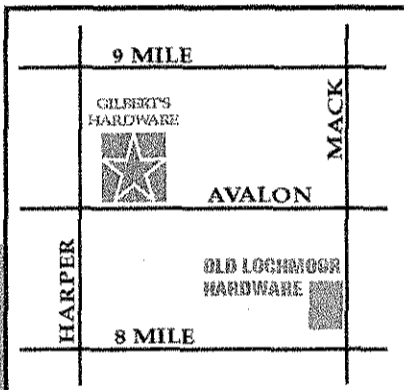
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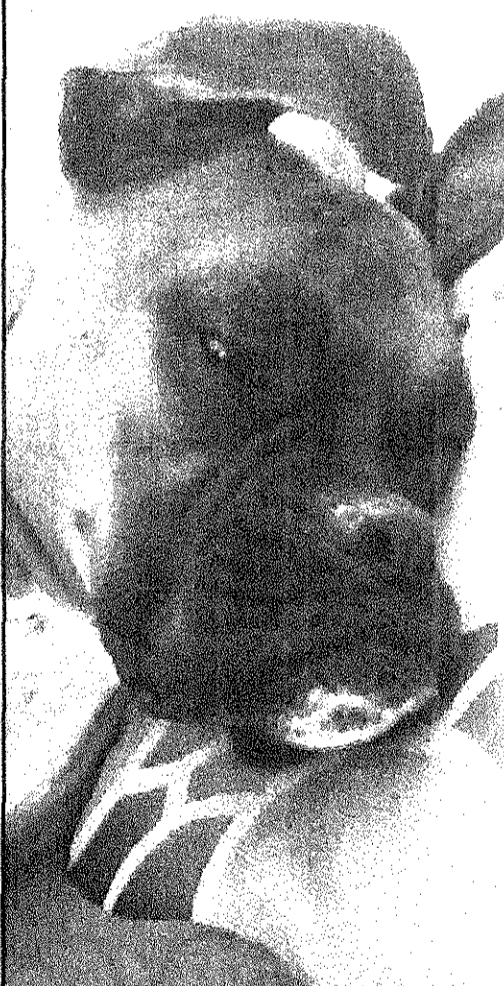
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HEALTH POINT By Fernando Bermudez M.D.

Colonoscopies essential in cancer fight

It's a sobering statistic: One in 18 people will get colon cancer in their lifetime. The good news is about 90 percent of colon cancers can be prevented.

Colon cancer almost always starts as a benign polyp. In general, it's estimated to take 10 years for a benign polyp to progress into cancer. People generally have a 10-year window to discover these polyps and remove them. By doing it, you're preventing cancer from happening.

There's really no way to suspect a problem with polyps. People usually have no symptoms until the polyp has progressed into cancer. Those symptoms include: a change in bowel habits, rectal bleeding, cramps or pain, weakness or fatigue, anemia or unexplained weight loss.

Frequently, patients asked about reducing their risk factors to decrease the chance they will develop polyps. Family history aside, factors that increase risk are: excessive ingestion of red meat, smoking, lack of exercise, excessive alcohol consumption and obesity, which are all modifiable with a healthier lifestyle.

The best way to prevent colon cancer is

to get a colonoscopy at age 50, then once every 10 years. For those with risk factors (familial history of colon cancer), people should start at the age of 40. About 25 percent of colon cancer happens in people with a family history of the disease.

To get a prescription for a colonoscopy, talk to your primary care physician.

The success of a colonoscopy in preventing colorectal cancer depends on the quality of the colonoscopy. Choose a physician with experience and excellent credentials. The preparation for the test also is paramount. The colon must be very clean to detect any polyps.

We at Eastside Endoscopy Center, along with many other physicians, recommend patients take half the prep the night before the test and the other half in the early morning the next day. It's the best way to get a colon very clean.

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During March, St. John Providence Health System offers a free and easy-to-use home colorectal testing kit. Visit a St. John cancer center or pharmacy during March and complete the brief form before receiving a kit.

The paper in the kit can detect blood in the stool, which could be cancerous or sigmoid colitis or a hemorrhoid. It is not an alternative to a colonoscopy, just an additional screening tool.

A form can be downloaded at stjoh-providence.org and completed in advance. Call (866) 501-3627 for more information.

Gastroenterologist Fernando Bermudez M.D. manages Eastside Endoscopy Center, with locations in St. Clair Shores and Macomb Township. For more information, call (866) 501-DOCS. The center's website is eastsideendoscopy.com.

What's happening

To register for events and classes, call the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

Working from the figure, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9 - April 13. Explore methods derived from traditional principles for drawing and painting the costumed and nude figure. The cost is \$85 and \$30 for model fees.

Ballroom dancing: introduction, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 10 - April 14. The class introduces couples to the basic partner steps, including the foxtrot and East Coast swing. The cost is \$100.

Three amazing instruments, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, March 12. Students get the basics and take home their new instruments. No prior musical training is necessary.

Harmonica workshop is 10 a.m. to noon and costs \$29 plus \$17 materials fee; **ukulele workshop** is 12:30 to 2 p.m. and costs \$29 plus a \$33 materials fee; **tin whistle workshop** is 3 to 5 p.m. and costs \$29, plus a \$17 materials fee.

Youth etiquette, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 12. Youngsters ages 8 to 12 learn and practice manners and skills. The cost is \$36.

CarioCord, 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays, March 12 - April 16. Instructor Jill Doughty leads the program. The cost is \$57.

Yoga, 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Mondays, March 14 - April 18. The cost is \$77.

Mixed media: extending the range of expression, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 14 - April 18.

Participants use charcoal, ink, pastels, watercolors, acrylics and textures. The cost is \$75.

Cardiomax, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Mondays, March 14 - April 18. Participants use low impact, high energy aerobics, body sculpting, balance and flexibility exercises. The cost is \$75.

Self defense for children, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. Children ages 7 to 11 can learn what they need to know to reduce risk and stay safe. The cost is \$15.

Belly dancing, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 16 - April 20. The ancient dance form helps tone muscles, improves posture and increases stamina, flexibility and grace. The cost is \$59 for six sessions.

Adult guitar jam group, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, March 17 - April 21. Pick up the guitar and learn how to read chord charts and jam to them using various popular music styles. The cost is \$132 and \$15 for materials.

Iyengar yoga, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 17 - April 21. Learn yoga poses and movements to build strength and balance, while helping align the body. The cost is \$74 for six weeks.

Forever Irish party, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. Wear green on the trip to Maumee, Ohio, for lunch, followed by a St. Patrick's Day show of singing, dancing and comedy. The cost is \$79 and includes lunch, show and bus transportation.

Babysitter's training course, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 19 or May 21. Those 11 years and older can learn the challenges and responsibilities of caring for young children. The class covers the basics of child care, age appropriate discipline, first aid and running a baby-sitting business. The cost is \$56. Advanced registration is required.

Get your book published, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 22 and 29. Joe Grimm, an author and member of the Great Lakes Advisory Board at Wayne State University Press, teaches what it takes to turn a manuscript into a book. The cost is \$50.

Ballroom dance: intermediate and advanced, March 22 through May 10, except April 26 and May 3. Intermediate classes meet from 7 to 8 p.m. and advanced classes meet from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Instructors Dennis and Geri Maxwell cover classic American, Latin and international style dances. The cost is \$96. Prices are for early registration. Add \$5 for registration on the day the program begins.



LEGO Artist Challenge sponsored by Circle of Friends

For the future of architecture, look to the LEGO Artists Challenge April 9.

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Friends Circle sponsors the "Building the Future" contest for children in four age groups

to construct an original LEGO creation for judging and prizes.

There is also a coloring contest with pictures to be displayed in Village Toy Company, 17112 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

The creations must be made

from LEGOs, MEGA-bloks or duplo. Entries should be on a sturdy platform no larger than 24-by-24 inches. The maximum height of the entry is 4 feet.

Categories are kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade.

Each entry must be preregistered and postmarked by Friday, March 25.

Space is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Entry fee is \$15.

Entries should be dropped off between 4 and 7 p.m.

Friday, April 8, at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Each is judged and the top three in the four age brackets are awarded prizes. Winners are announced between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and contestants must be present to win. Construction is displayed from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. April 9.

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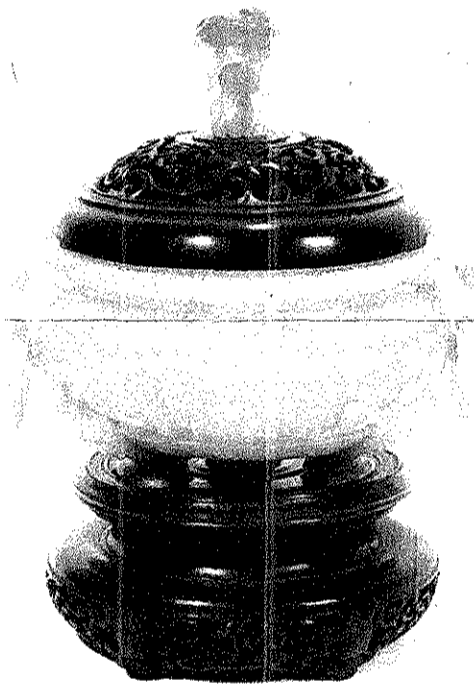
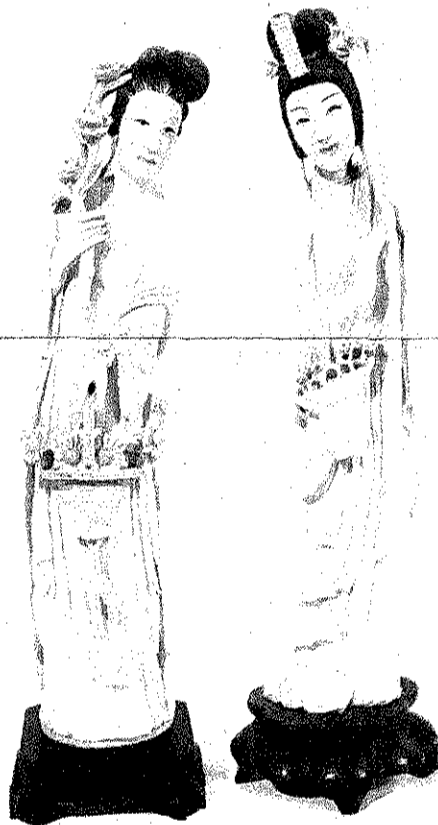
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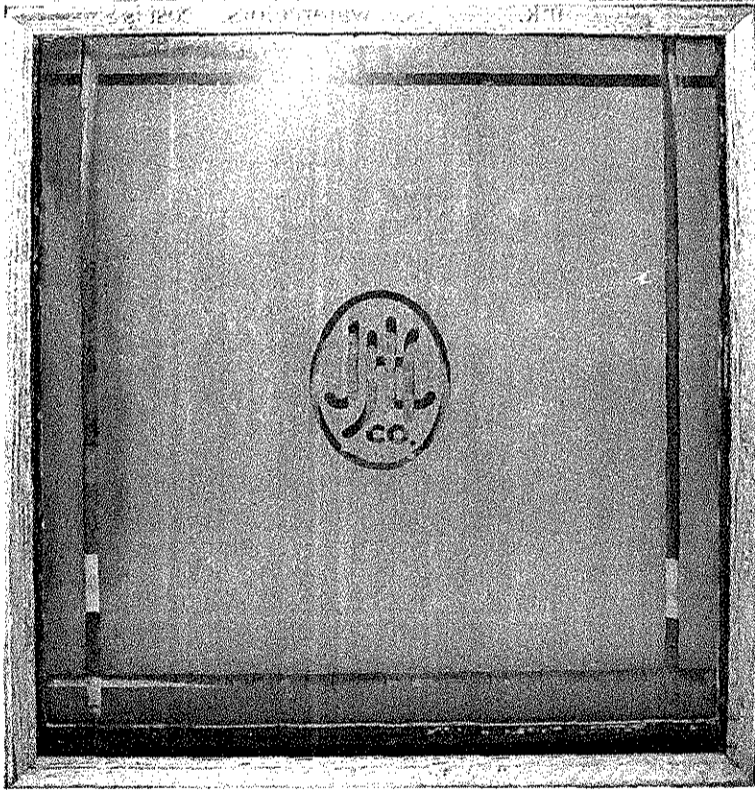
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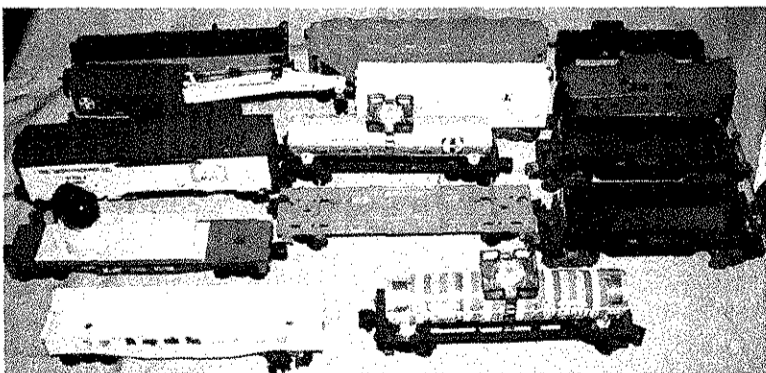
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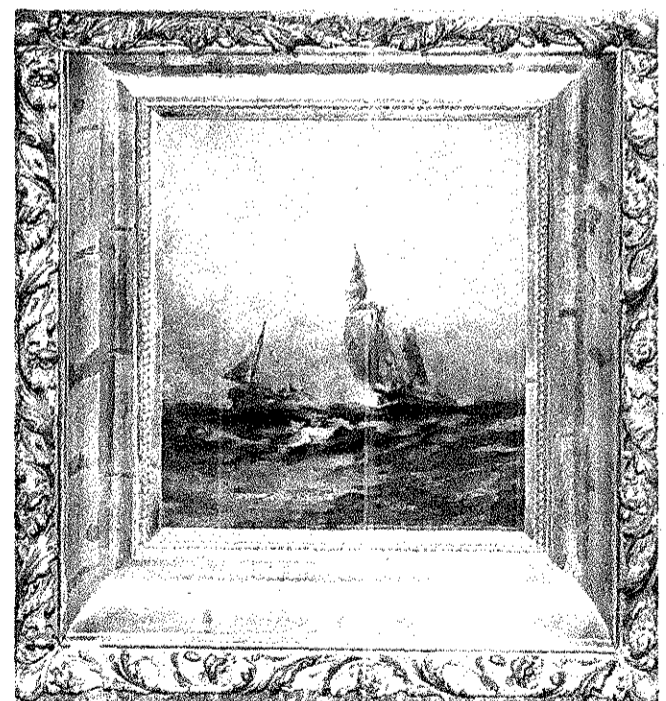
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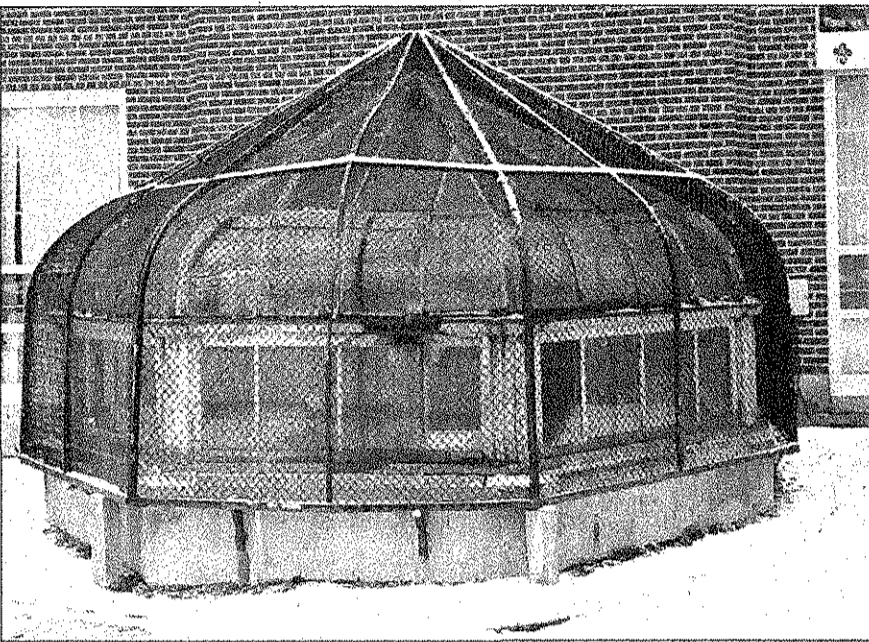
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Revitalizing the past with next generation

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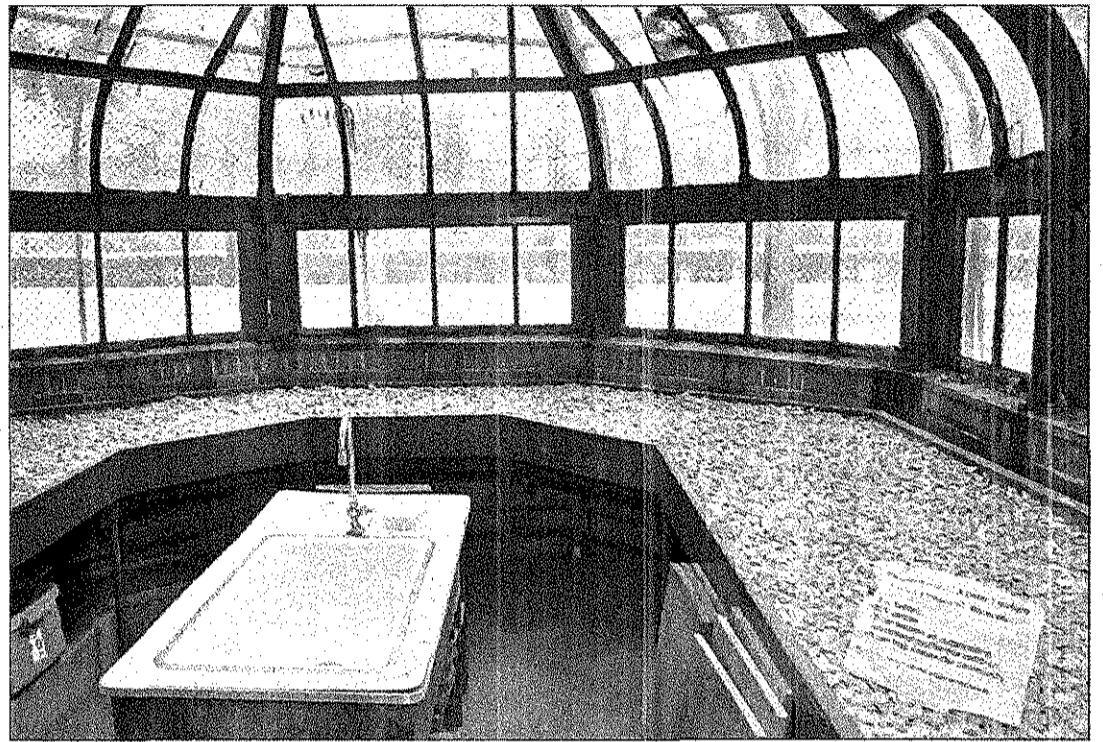
Linking the past with the future is the goal of Michele Hodges of Grosse Pointe Park.

She and a small group of Defer Elementary School parents and local preservationist expert Amy DeBrunner have been working for two years to revitalize and refurbish the 1920s-era greenhouses at Defer and Trombly elementary



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY AMY DEBRUNNER

Above, the outside of Defer's greenhouse shows the need for refurbishing. Right, inside Defer Elementary School greenhouse.



schools and Grosse Pointe South High School. Hodges doesn't call herself an avid gardener, but rather an interested parent who believes in preserving the past to enrich the future of Grosse Pointe students.

"If we don't understand our past, then we can't respect our future. We need to preserve our assets," Hodges said of the greenhouses. "Defer has a historical designation, we must adhere to that and respect that."

Grosse Pointe South High School's Mom's Club Preservation Committee asked DeBrunner to create a master plan for the three greenhouses because of her historic preservation experience, most recently with South's renovations.

"The reason for this program was to create purpose for the greenhouses," DeBrunner said,

via e-mail.

The renovation pilot program began with Trombly's greenhouse, built in 1927 on the Essex Drive side of the school later used as an extension of the kindergarten room.

"It housed plants; used in the summer as the central location for the school's plants," said Principal Walt Fitzgerald.

The Green Squad — a group of first through fifth graders who collect recyclables — took it

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MICHELE HODGES,
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over, using it as a nursery for growing seeds. Last year 2,000 plants were produced.

The environmental team began several years ago, but interest was waning because it only had one job. The chance to expand its function renewed enthusiasm, Fitzpatrick said.

"They have developed an understanding of what it takes to care for a garden," he added.

Having interest and enthusiasm are two elements to begin a garden project, but learning the components to entice the growth of healthy plants is key. The students needed the help of an expert.

Both Trombly and Defer students have bene-

fit from Farmer Trevor of Urban Farming, an organization devoted to using vacant land to plant crops. He works one-on-one with Trombly students, teaching the essence of farming.

"He came last year for several months, getting down on their (children's) level, teaching them the classification of plants, soils, fertilizers and the amount of food that can be produced," Hodges said. "The kids looked forward to seeing him."

"He has come back to work with the squad. He has an incredible way with working with children," Fitzpatrick said.

As the children's interests grew, so did the parents.

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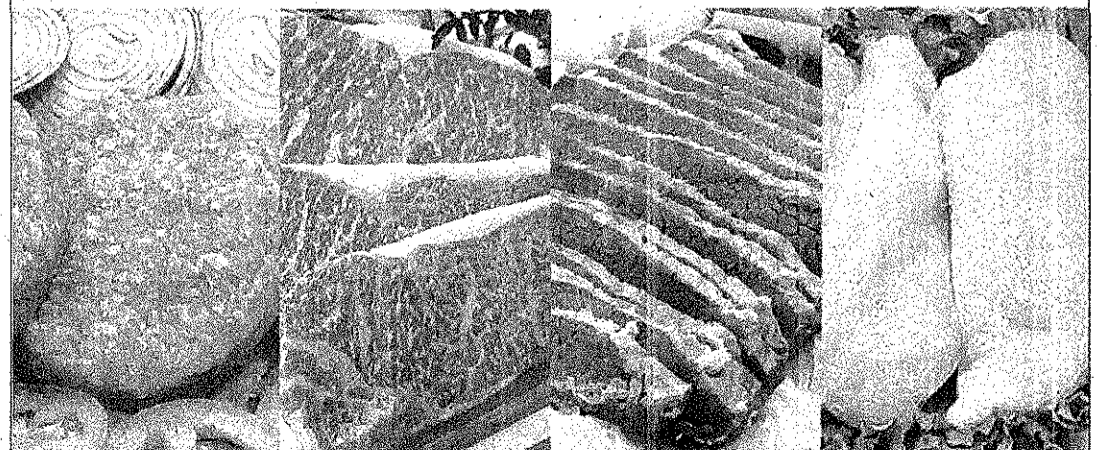


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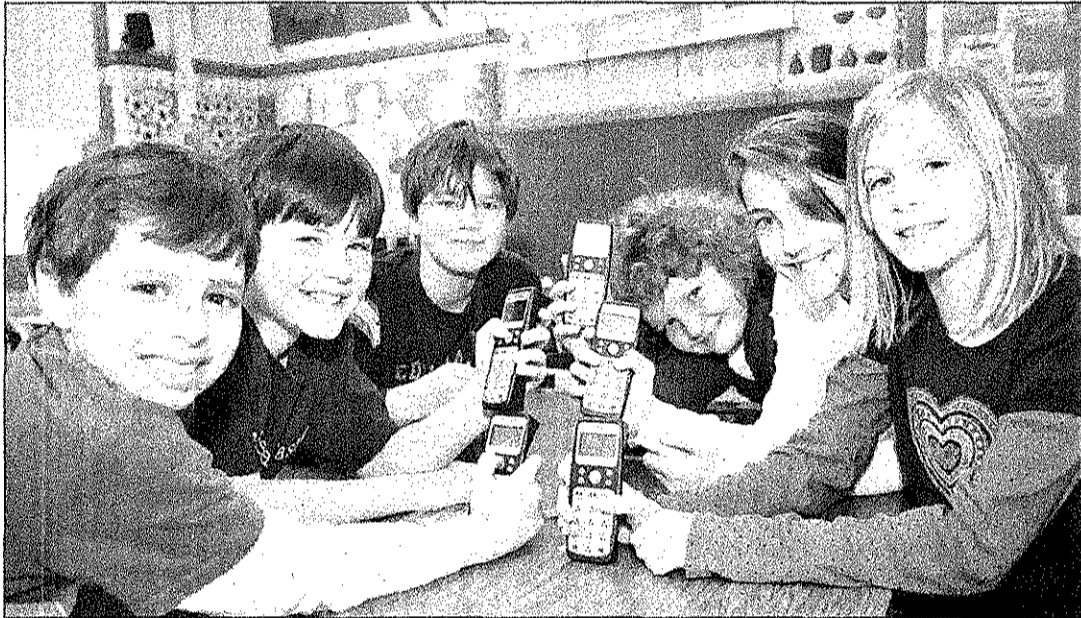
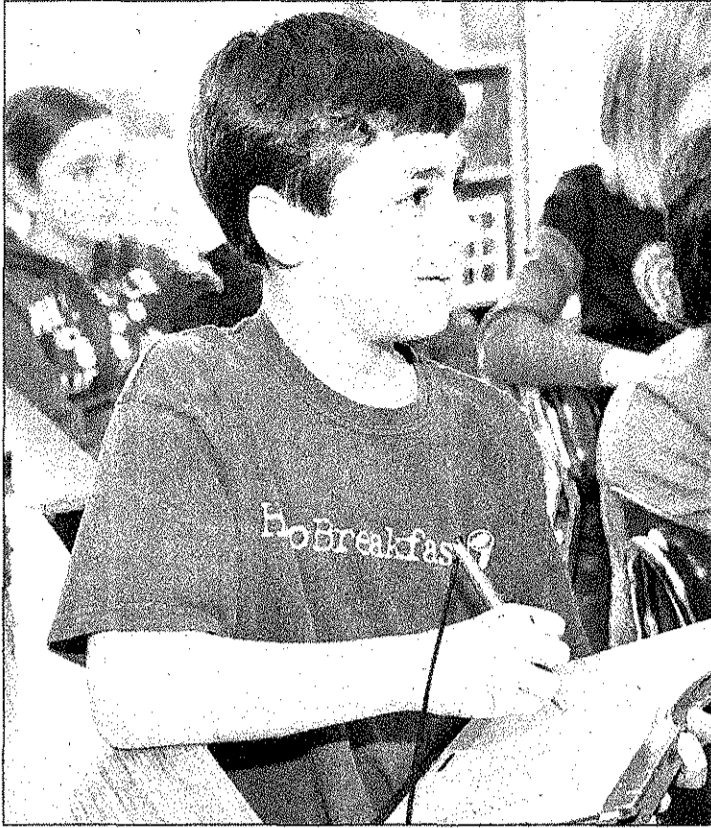
Foundations partner to improve education

In its efforts to enhance education within the district, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education announced last week it has exceeded its fundraising goal.

The foundation, in collaboration with the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, raised \$830,000 in private funds, an excess of \$80,000. The fundraiser began just more than a year ago, when the Boll Foundation challenged the GPFPE to raise \$250,000, and offered to match \$2 for every \$1 raised.

With the money, the GPFPE is installing SMART Boards and other interactive learning tools inside every classroom, an effort accelerated by the additional funds.

"Our family is thrilled with the success of the classroom technology campaign," Kristine Boll Mestdagh said. "The educational benefit and

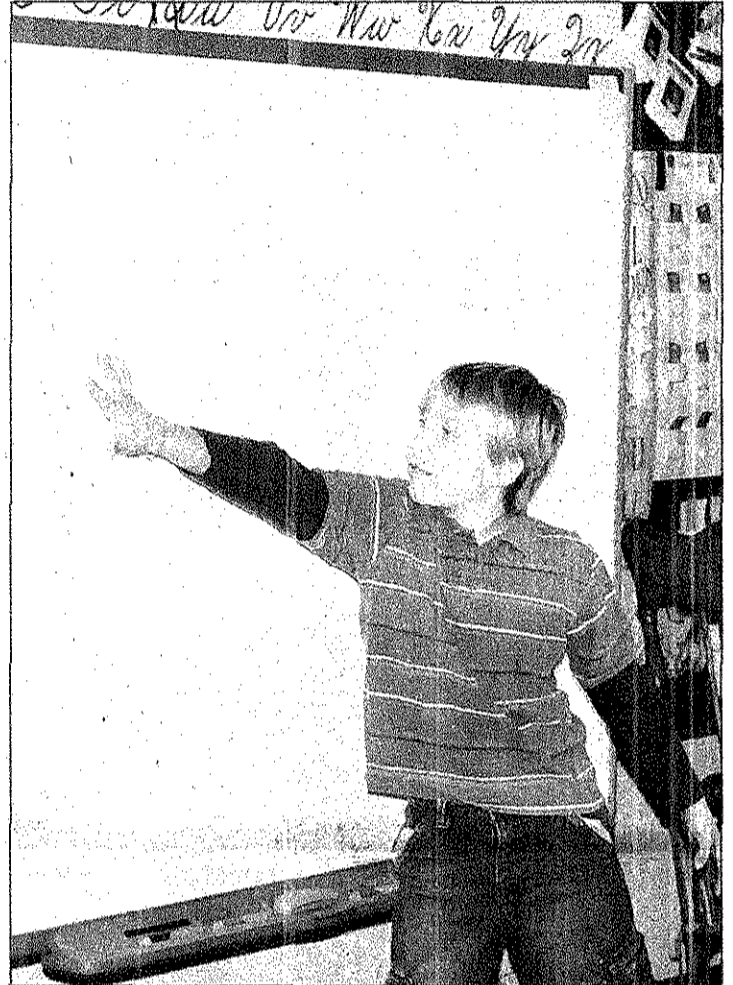


impact of this technology is remarkable and will serve both students and teachers today, as well as in the future.

"We were especially pleased that the community at large enthusiastically accepted the GPFPE's challenge and contributed an additional \$330,000 toward the campaign."

In addition to the donation from the Boll Foundation, hundreds of parents, teachers, students, business partners, sponsors and district residents contributed to the campaign, which also included donations

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Top left, Angelo Pendolino of Grosse Pointe Farms uses a table displaying his work on the SMART Board.

Top right, JaRon Houston of Grosse Pointe Woods, a Grosse Pointe North student, uses a SMART Board.

Bottom left, John Sanocki, Michael Knust, Tim Korski, Mary Reinman, Mary Sullivan and Ellen Post, all of Grosse Pointe Farms, hold clickers, like the game show "Jeopardy," indicating how many students are answering questions accurately. This helps teachers quickly gauge how many students have mastered concepts and determine if lessons need to be repeated or not.

Above, Trombly Elementary student Anthony Kolesky of Grosse Pointe Park uses a SMART Board. The school's parent teacher organization helped raised funds for the purchase of the technology.

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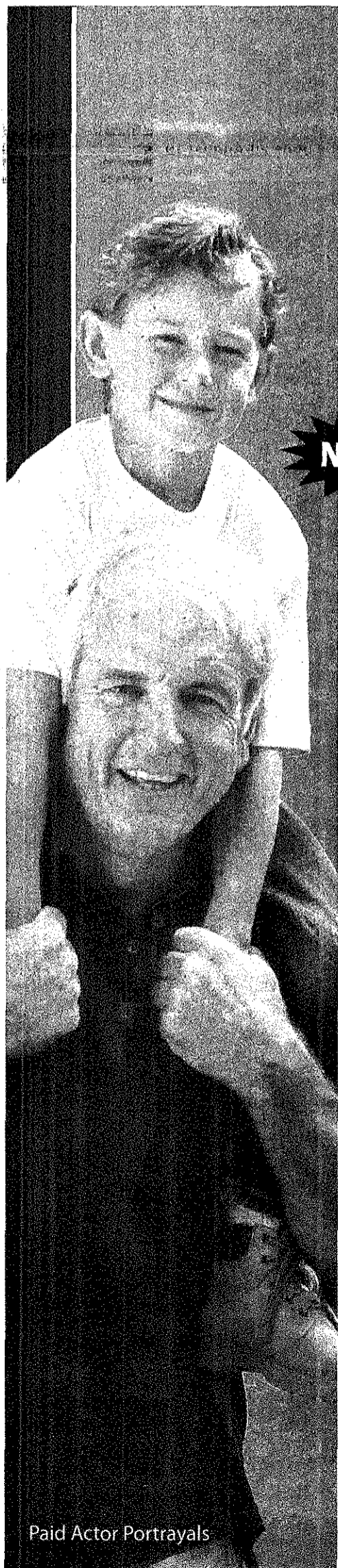
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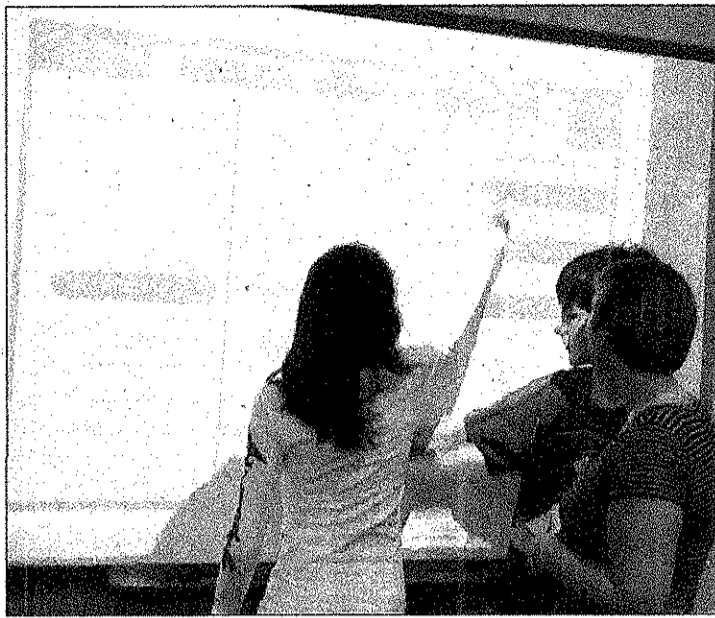
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Parcell's holiday bazaar provides upgrade



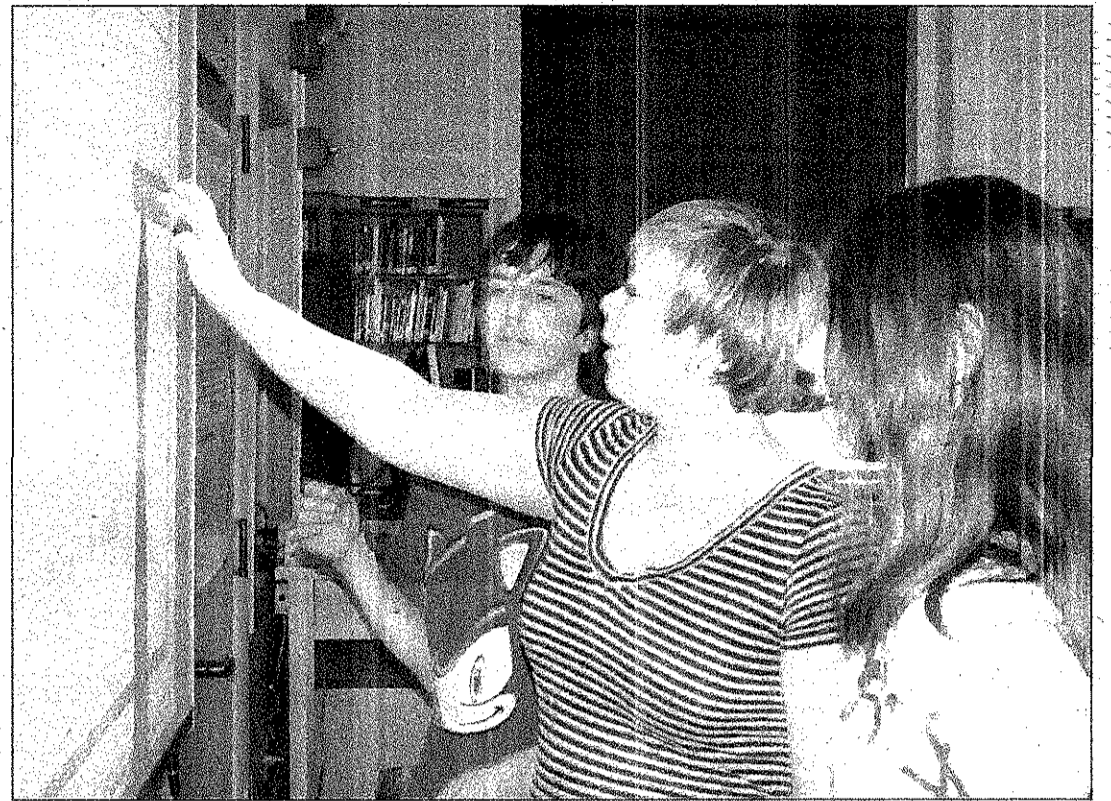
Above, Caroline Lopatina, Avery Stalker and John Leone use a SmartBoard to enhance a lesson.

Parcells Middle School is getting a technological upgrade.

The Parcells Parent-Teacher Organization recently donated \$10,000 in funds saved through the years from its annual Holiday Bazaar, the school's lone fundraising event now in its 35th year. That donation was matched \$2 for every \$1 by the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation.

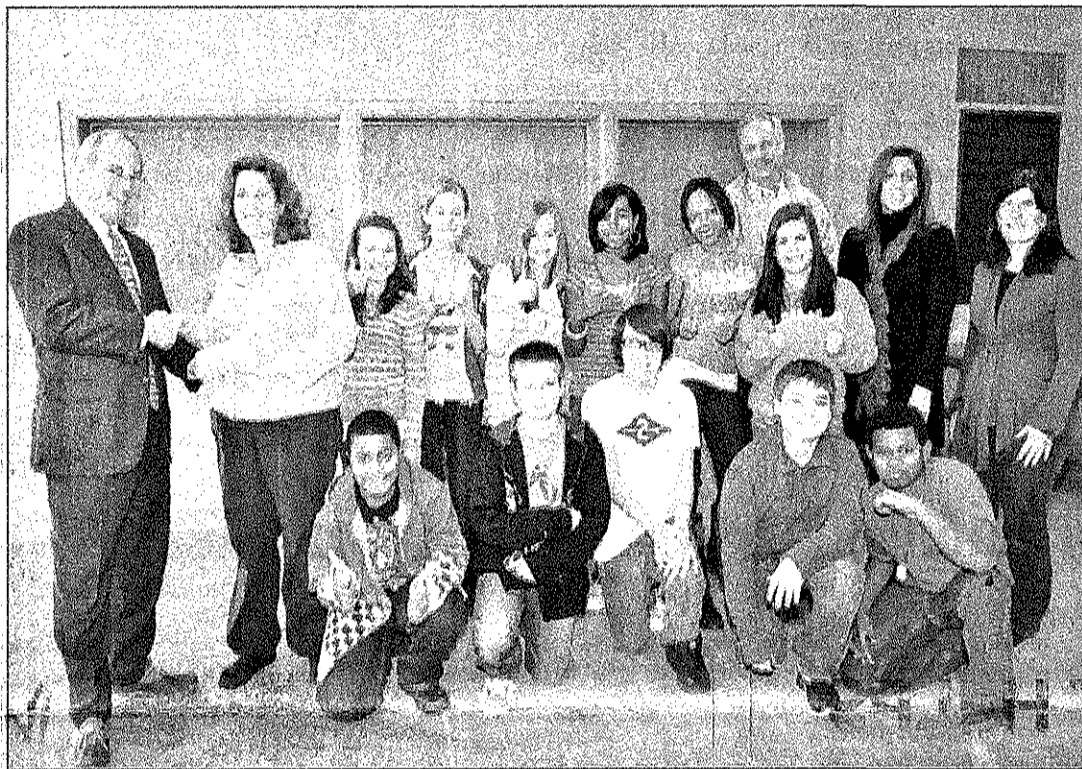
The \$30,000 contribution, made to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, enables Parcells to install SMART Boards, interactive white boards that enable students to more easily explore the educational components of real-life situations. Boards will be in nearly half the classrooms.

"We need good schools for our children's education and for our property values," said Mike Thoits, president of the PTO. "But funding from Lansing is no longer sufficient. We, the community,



From left, John Leone, Avery Stalker and Caroline Lopatina use a SmartBoard purchased by the PTO.

Below, kneeling from left, Cameron Jackson, Michael Byrne, Tony Guarini, J.P. Nevetta and Mainza Snapp; standing from left, Bob Bury, Kim Waldner, Olivia Hoover, Chloe Bigwood, Rebecca Flynn, Kynadi Echols, Ashli John, Mark Mulholland, Kelly Baranek, Michelle Rees and Mary Beth Nicholson.



must therefore step up and help. The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is a wonderful vehicle because donations are tax deductible and the money stays in our school district."

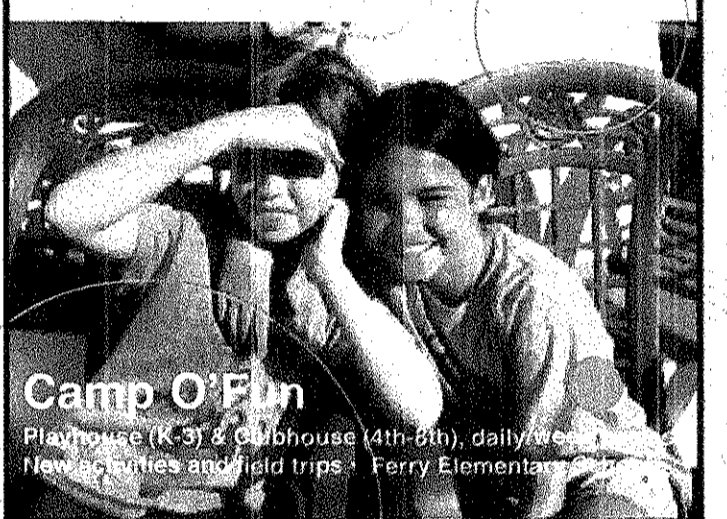
The campaign began more than a year ago when the Boll Foundation challenged the school's foundation to raise \$250,000 and offered to match money raised to a maximum of \$500,000. While some schools already have taken advantage of the campaign and have installed the SMART Boards, Parcells had only one to start the school year.

Seeing the need to enhance the school's educational system, Parcells principal Mark Mulholland rallied for immediate action.

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Fundraising
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date assistance during the September Back to School night, calling for contributions. In response, teachers voted to donate their "Jeans Fund" to the school foundation. Those contributions helped get the ball rolling.

That's when the PTO offered its help and made its donation.

"If the economic downturn

and inclement weather in the last two years had tremendous negative implications on the PTO's fundraising efforts, the board would not have considered any expenditures," Mulholland said in a press release. "But the quality of return Bazaar participants and influx of new artificers has kept a steady clientele and a healthy show in attendance for all these past unpredictable two years.

"So, after all the accounting was closed on the 2010-2011 holiday bazaar, the Parcels PTO voted to use its cache to improve its students' educational environment through technology."

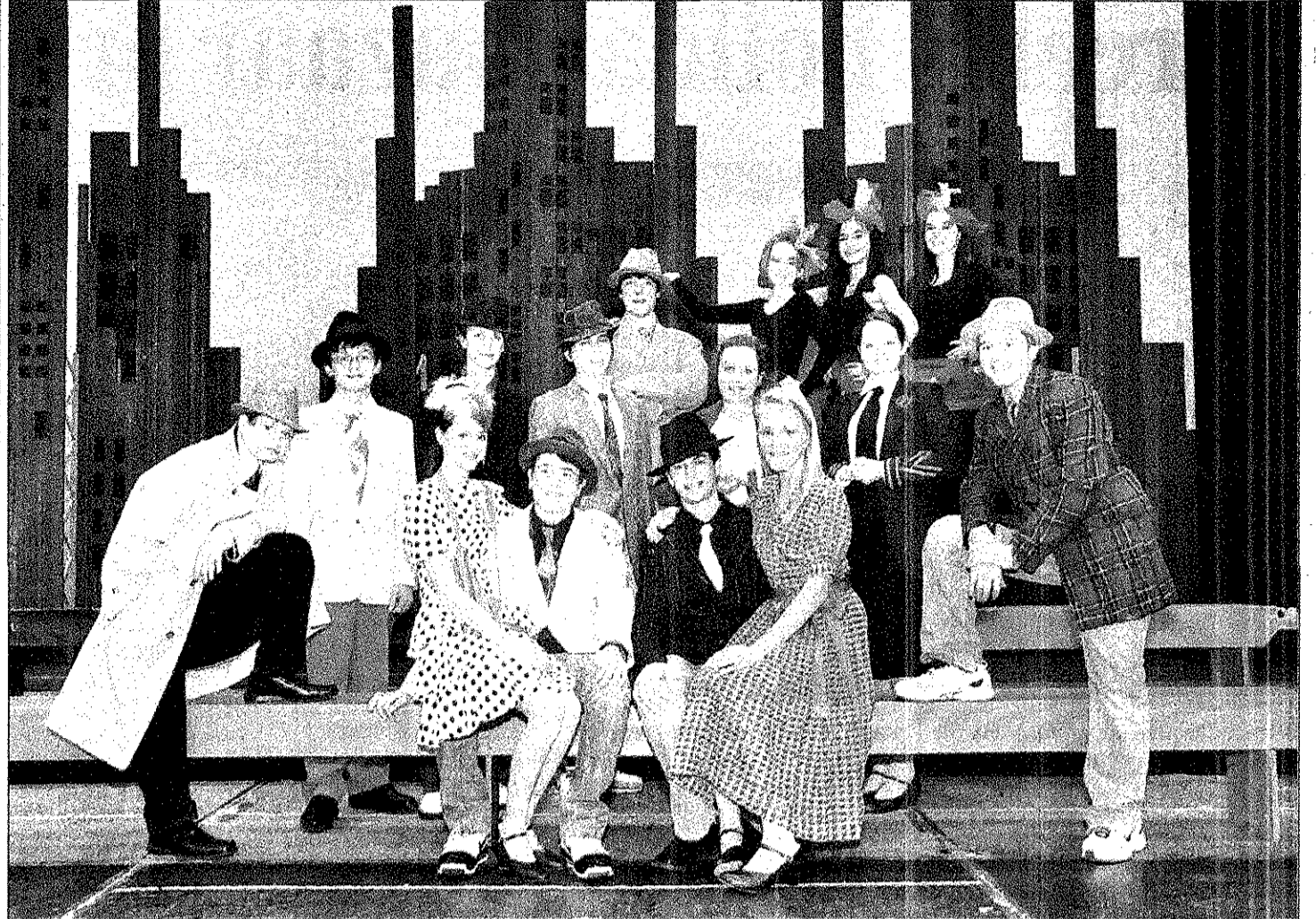


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**GARDENERS:
Sprouting green thumbs**

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"There is a tremendous amount of interest," Hodges said. "We have a ton of support from the parents." Support has come in the form of volunteers and money. Proceeds from Defer's 85th birthday celebration festivities last year, a donation from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Grosse Pointe Music Academy and an anonymous donor has added up to \$5,000. It's a beginning in the restoration project.

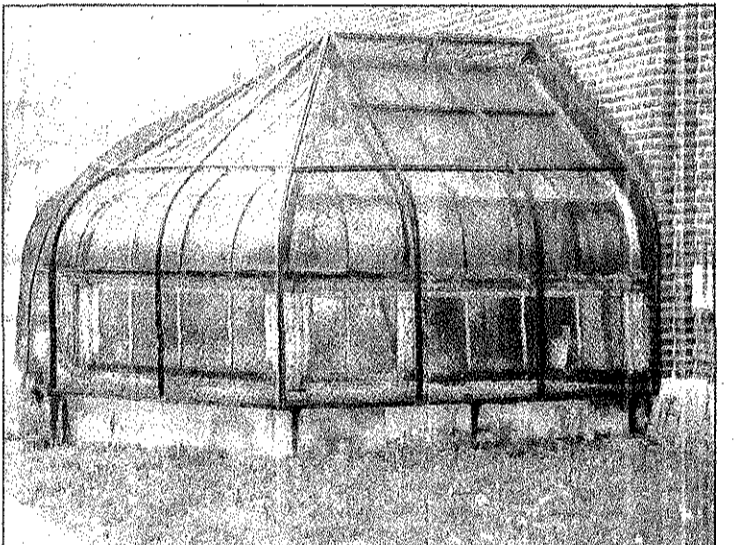


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Trombly Elementary School greenhouse, built in the late 1920s, has recently been used for storage and is in need of repair, both inside and out.

However, the first estimates of refurbishing the three greenhouses is \$500,000, Hodges said. In the meantime, Defer Brownie and Girl Scout troops and the Green Team — fourth and fifth graders who collect recyclables and turn off lights and computers during lunch hour — have taken over the greenhouse, planting seeds and nurturing plants. Fitzpatrick said he would like to see the greenhouse renovated, with a chance to add it to the curriculum. For example, the first-graders learn the plant cycle. "This would supplement what the classroom teaches and take it to the next level. It enriches the curriculum," he said. "The ideal would be to bring the classrooms to use it as a science lab." The Green Squad begins the vegetable plants and transplants them in the Community Garden on Mack and Alter and shares other seedlings with students at O.W. Holmes Elementary School in Detroit. "They have a community garden and are kids just like us," Fitzpatrick said. Defer is also partnering with Community Garden and is seeking more partnerships and volunteers to keep the program plowing forward. "Our challenge is that the (Trombly) greenhouse itself is in great disrepair," DeBrunner said. "It affects the ability to grow healthy plants. Farmer Trevor has commented more than once how much healthier the plants would be if the holes in the windows were repaired, the ventilation system was functioning and the temperature could be controlled." Therein lies the problem and the solution — linking yesterday's architecture with today's commitment.

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OBITUARIES

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

John Russell Breckenridge

John Russell Breckenridge died peacefully Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011.

Born Nov. 19, 1927, to Catherine and Russell Breckenridge, he is survived by Gloria, his beloved wife of 64 years; his children, Craig Breckenridge and his wife, Laurie; Robb Breckenridge and his wife, Cher; Laurie Hanna and her husband, Cameell and Heather Brush and her husband, Brad.

He will be missed by his grandchildren, Buffy Leigh VanDyke, Keeley Stempin, Robin Mancinelli, Megan Faber, Katy Weresley, Cameell Hanna, Emily Drake, Kyle Breckenridge, Carly Hanna and Haley Brush. He also will be missed by his six great-grandchildren, Abby, Kellan, Luke, Finlay, Ella and Gabriel and his sister, Celia Krausmann and her husband, Dick.

Mr. Breckenridge and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1958. In 1961, they built the house they loved and lived in for 47 years.

His other love was spending time at the family cottage on

Georgian Bay in the small town of Lion's Head, his mother's birthplace, in Ontario, Canada. His family will always have fond memories of their time spent there.

Mr. Breckenridge followed in his father's footsteps and became a horseshoer after leaving the Merchant Marines in 1948. Together with his father and two sons, they continued shoeing horses until 1978. At that time Mr. Breckenridge and his two sons transitioned Russell Breckenridge Company into a forging business manufacturing horseshoes and automotive parts.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. A luncheon will immediately follow at the church.

Donations may be made to First English Lutheran Church Building Fund, 800 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Hilaire "Buff" Huvaere

Life-long Grosse Pointe Park resident Hilaire "Buff" Huvaere, 84, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Born in Grosse Pointe Park Feb. 15, 1927, he was predeceased by his wife, Mary C. Huvaere (nee Almond).

Mr. Huvaere is survived by his sons, Gerard (Christine), Gregory (Isabelle) and Gary (Susan). He was the beloved Papa of six grandchildren and

three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 7 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Carolyn Kirkpatrick

Carolyn Kirkpatrick, nee Linthicum, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Medilodge in Howell after a 40-year battle with multiple sclerosis. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe for 28 years and Largo, Fla., for two years.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was the salutatorian of her high school graduating class and received her R.N. degree. She was a traditional and devout Catholic. She volunteered her time at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and attended Mass every day, then went to breakfast with her friends at Ram's Horn. She was also proud of her achievement as a life-long member of Weight Watchers.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick lived life to the fullest. She loved to play bridge and traveled to Ireland, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is survived by her children, Michael (Alice Ayres), Kelly, Christopher (Kristen) and Matthew (Linda); grandchildren, Megan Martzloff, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Caitlin Kirkpatrick and John Russell Kirkpatrick II and sister, Rose Luke.



John Russell Breckenridge



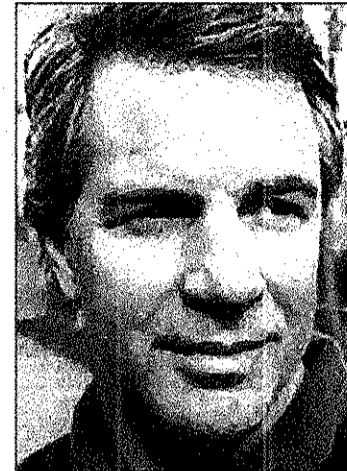
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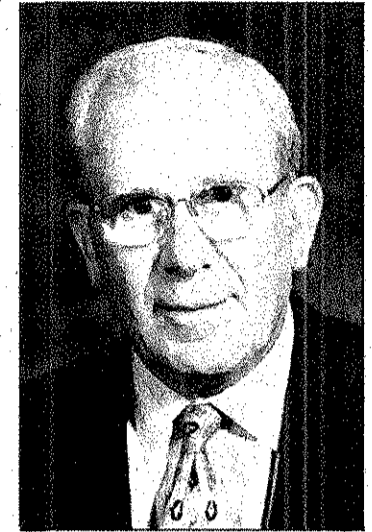
Carolyn Kirkpatrick



Elizabeth Mills Jones



William Bradshaw Kendall



Richard M. Larson

She was predeceased by her sisters, Josephine MacFarland and Catherine Cassidy.

Services were held at National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak.

Donations may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 31311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 or Medilodge of Howell, 1333 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843.

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Elizabeth Mills Jones

Elizabeth "Betty" Herring Mills Jones died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, in San Mateo, Calif., due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was 89.

Born May 14, 1921, in Ottawa, Ill., to Richard D. Mills and Grace Herring Mills, she was raised in Ottawa with her brothers, Robert "Bob" and Dan and her sister, Barbara.

She graduated from the Emma Willard School in New York in 1939 and received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College in 1943, where she did honors research in physiology. She earned a master's degree in physiology at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1946.

Mrs. Jones taught at Barnard College in New York City, and subsequently developed and administered the Liver Research Laboratory at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago under the direction of Dr. Richard B. Capps. The laboratory's research work added greatly to the understanding of the epidemiology and clinical manifestations of Viral Hepatitis A.

She married Don P. Jones M.D., in 1959. The couple lived in New York City and Cambridge, Mass., while Dr. Jones completed his post-graduate medical training. The couple then settled in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Jones volunteered at the Grosse Pointe Public Library and was active in the Wellesley College Alumnae group.

After her husband's retirement, the couple moved to Belmont, Calif., where they joined the Friends of the Belmont Library and enjoyed their part in the development and building of the new Belmont Library.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, Don P. Jones of San Mateo; her daughter, Elizabeth (Stef) Jones Maruch of San Carlos, Calif., and seven nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Robert Mills, Daniel Mills and Barbara Tuite.

William Bradshaw Kendall

Architect William "Bill" Bradshaw Kendall of Troy, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, died suddenly Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011.

Mr. Kendall was born Sept. 19, 1954, and raised in Grosse Pointe Park. He attended

Trombly Elementary School, Pierce Middle School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1972. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in architecture from the University of North Carolina, a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Illinois and later he received credentialing for project management.

From age 9, Mr. Kendall knew he wanted to study architecture. He was employed by several Detroit-area architectural firms, including Albert Kahn Associates, G. H. Forbes and Dewulf Associates. In 1986, he opened his own firm in Grosse Pointe Farms, designing many renovations in the community, as well as a renovation to a Hinsdale, Ill., design by architect Harold Zook.

One of Mr. Kendall's most rewarding and longest lasting responsibilities was when he agreed, in 1994, to chair the Construction Committee for Christ Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, to build an addition to the 75-year-old gothic-style church.

Kendall, a life-long member of Christ Church, volunteered his expertise in this position for more than five years, devoting incalculable hours to what became like a daily, full-time job. The addition was dedicated in 2000 at which time Mr. Kendall said the building will be here for the community for the next 100 years.

Mr. Kendall was an avid and capable athlete, excelling at baseball, golf and later becoming a professional bowler. He enjoyed the outdoors and gardening and loved canoeing and fishing on the Au Sable River. He loved to cook and entertain for his family and friends. It was important to him to have dinner with his family at the dining room table every evening.

Mr. Kendall loved art, structure and design detail. His mastery of digital photography provided photographic essays of the construction and completion of the Christ Church project. As the addition came to a close, Mr. Kendall changed hats and chaired the Building Oversight Committee and was a founding member of the Gifts, Acquisitions and Furnishings Committee for Christ Church. His keen and long-term guiding vision for this committee has allowed it to continue to provide significant gifts, including stained glass windows and the refurbishing of multiple art and furnishing projects to Christ Church.

Mr. Kendall is survived by his wife, Patrice Waggoner-Kendall; children, Warren, Sean and Renee; stepchildren, James (Brienne) Waggoner and Jaclyn Waggoner; brothers, James and Warren Kendall and his sister, Patricia Kendall Boyd.

He was predeceased by his parents, Warren F. and Shirley Devereaux Kendall.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Kendall's life will be

held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, noting the Kendall Memorial: Gifts, Acquisitions and Furnishings, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Richard M. Larson

Richard M. Larson passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2011.

Leaving the world a better place, he is survived by an adoring wife, Meria Ellena Larson; son, James Mathew Larson; daughters, Janet Marie Larson and Patricia Ann Larson and six grandchildren.

Mr. Larson was born in Detroit Aug. 6, 1928. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Albion College with a degree in business. He had a 50-year career in finance and was deeply rooted as a Rotarian. He fully loved Michigan. He was a fan of Michigan football and the Detroit Tigers. Mr. Larson loved skiing, boating and the arts. He especially loved opera and ballroom dancing.

His family said Mr. Larson coveted life-long friendships and taught love and kindness by his actions. He will live in their hearts forever.

Services were held Feb. 25. Donations may be made to Michigan Opera, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

Express condolences or share a memory at cremationmichigan.com.

Lois Davis Johns

Former Grosse Pointe resident Lois Davis Johns, 90, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011.

Born April 19, 1920, in Quincy, Mass., she was the daughter of Ralph W. and Lois Snyder Davis.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and a gifted musician.

Mrs. Johns is survived by her son, Robert Johns of Greer, S.C.; grandchildren, Kara (Aaron) Davis and Taylor Johns and great-grandchild, Landon Davis.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard B. Johns and daughter, Marsha Johns.

The family will hold a private ceremony at a later date in Greer and a private burial will be held in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church — Marsha Johns Memorial Nursery, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Theodore A. McGraw

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Theodore Alexander McGraw, 94, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011.

He attended The Grosse Pointe Country Day School and graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., and Yale University.

Mr. McGraw was a member of the Yondotega Club, Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club, Huron Mountain Club and the River Club of New York City and the Leash Club of New York.

Mr. McGraw served in the U.S. Army during World War II from April 1942 to January 1946 in both the European and Pacific theaters. He was with the 755th Engineer Parts Supply Company.

Mr. McGraw is survived by his daughter, Kathryn (Charles) Berry; son, Theodore A. (Christy) McGraw Jr. and grandchildren, Samuel and Nicholas Berry and Palmer McGraw.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, in December 2010.

Donations may be sent to The Huron Mountain Wildlife Foundation, c/o Philip H. Power, 5075 Warren Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Esther Michael

Detroit businesswoman Esther Michael, nee Ganem, passed away Monday, Feb. 14, 2011. She was 83.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Michael and her sister, Janet Ganem. She is survived by three remaining siblings, current Grosse Pointe residents Isabel Saigh and Leila Fuher and former Grosse Pointe resident Philip Ganem.

As the proprietress of Detroit's preeminent Middle Eastern restaurant, The Sheik Café, she greeted every customer as though they were a part of her family, regardless if it was their first visit or their 100th.

This exceptional customer service was taught to her by her father, Fadel "Fred" Ganem, who opened the Sheik in 1946 at the corner of Lafayette and Randolph streets in Detroit. He taught her the customer always came first, regardless of who they were or from what level of society they came.

This strict adherence to unrivaled customer service and unwavering attention to providing the finest Middle-Eastern cuisine came with high honors. In the 1980s, Mrs. Michael achieved one of the highest honors a restaurant owner could when the Sheik earned the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu award. She gladly traveled to France to accept the honor.

Mrs. Michael was a proud advocate of Detroit. She counted many city officials as her friends and restaurant patrons included hundreds of local, national and international

officials. Her customers weren't always political. There were many from the glitterati set, too.

One of the Ganem family's major contributions was helping Danny Thomas establish the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The kick-off meeting was held at The Sheik Café, with Fadel Ganem providing the food and meeting space, along with financial resources. The task of continuing to support St. Jude's was passed down to the daughters of both men — Esther Michael and Janet Ganem, and Marlo Thomas.

Mrs. Michael traveled extensively including trips to her parent's birthplace, Ajloutoun, Lebanon, Puerto Rico and throughout Europe, but she always came home to Detroit. She chose for her last residence a high rise apartment in Detroit adjacent to the park dedicated to her late friend and former Detroit City Councilwoman Erma Henderson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27, at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit.

Robert John Outland

Robert John Outland, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Friday, March 4, 2011. A memorial service will be held at noon Tuesday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Outland was a patent attorney for Fildes and Outland P.C., in Grosse Pointe Woods, and, prior to that, worked at General Motors for 48 years. He served in the U.S. Army during and after World War II. In addition, Mr. Outland was a dedicated family man and an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Outland, son of Clyde W. and Edna Mae Outland, was born and raised in Flint. After graduating from Flint Central High School in 1945, he entered the General Motors Institute co-operative engineering program. After one term, he was drafted into the army, serving his country until April 1947. Returning to GMI after his discharge, he graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1952. He was elected to membership in the Society of Automotive Engineers in 1954.

From 1952 to 1961, Mr. Outland worked as a mechanical engineer at the electro-motive division of General Motors Corp. in LaGrange, Ill. He also began graduate study in law at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. In 1961, he transferred to the GM patent section and worked for two years at its Washington, D.C. office as a patent searcher while completing his law degree at American University's Washington College of Law. He was awarded a juris doctor degree in 1963.

Mr. Outland was transferred to the main office of the GM patent section in downtown Detroit in August 1963. He was admitted to the Michigan State Bar, joined the American Bar Association, and was registered as an attorney by the U.S. Patent Office in 1964. In 1993, after

30 years in the patent section and a total of 48 years with the corporation, he retired from General Motors.

After his retirement, Mr. Outland joined Chris Fildes' patent law office in Grosse Pointe Woods and the firm was renamed Fildes and Outland. Mr. Outland continued to work actively as a patent attorney for the firm until his passing last week.

Mr. Outland was a life-long adherent of Christian Science and an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Grosse Pointe Farms, for more than 40 years. He served the church in many capacities including as an usher, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, board member and chairman, treasurer and first reader. He also served as chairman of the building committee when the church edifice was being constructed in 1967.

Mr. Outland was married to Ruth Joy Strickland in 1953. He is remembered dearly by his wife; children, Patricia (Mike) Perry, Ruth M. Outland, Keith Outland and Carol (Rick Knickerbocker) Outland; grandchildren, Joy Tegtmeier, John (Sara) Tegtmeier III, Michael Perry, Elizabeth (Jared) Joels, Steven Kistler, Andrew Kistler, Carissa Outland Knickerbocker and Chloe Outland Knickerbocker; great-grandson, Japhet Tegtmeier; sister, Ruth O. Sharpe and brothers, Gerald (Doris) Outland and Jack (Betty) Swick.

Donations may be made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 282 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Bethany Tlusty

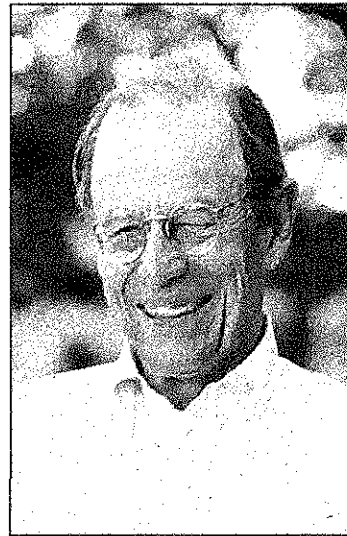
After a yearlong struggle, Bethany Tlusty died peacefully Friday, Feb. 18, 2011.

Bethany Wright was born Sept. 9, 1920, in New Jersey and moved to Michigan as a young child. Educated in the Detroit Public Schools, she particularly enjoyed her years at Eastern High School, where she was editor of both the newspaper and yearbook. An education major at Wayne State University, Mrs. Tlusty's college years were enriched by her experiences on the university newspaper and friendships she made in Delta Gamma Chi sorority.

During World War II, she was a volunteer in the Red Cross. She worked in England, France and Germany serving coffee and doughnuts to G.I.s.

After the war, Mrs. Tlusty taught in Japan, teaching the children of servicemen in post-war occupation. It was there she met Albert Tlusty. After a whirlwind courtship, they married at Christ Church Grosse Pointe Sept. 10, 1948. The couple lived in New York City where daughter Christine "Tina" was born in 1952. Following Mr. Tlusty's death in 1955, mother and daughter returned to Detroit where daughter, Linda, was born in December of that year.

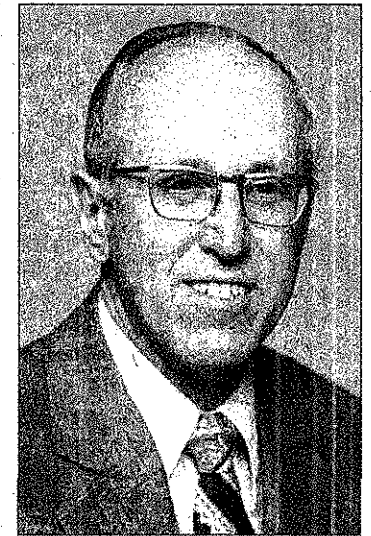
Mrs. Tlusty returned to teaching shortly after her daughter's birth. After many



Theodore Alexander McGraw



Esther Michael



Robert John Outland



Bethany Tlusty



Harriet T. Tatti

years teaching in Detroit, she taught at Ferry Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods. She retired in 1988 having taught first and second grade there for 19 years.

After retirement, she purchased a condominium in Clearwater, Fla., and became a "snowbird," splitting time between her homes in Michigan and Florida.

Friendships made at each stage of her life were important to Mrs. Tlusty. She was a driving force for many years in the Eastern High School annual reunions. She continued to meet with her sorority sisters as often as possible, considering these some of her most treasured friendships. She was active in P.E.O. Sisterhood, serving in several elected offices. She valued her teaching colleagues, both during and after her teaching years. In Florida, she continued her volunteer work with in the condominium associations. Over the past 20 years, she became a much loved and respected figure among the residents.

Mrs. Tlusty is survived by her daughters, Christine Tlusty and Linda (Patrick) Watkins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert.

A private burial service will be held later this spring.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 26957 Northwestern Hwy., No. 120, Southfield, MI 48033.

Harriet T. Tatti

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harriet T. Tatti, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011.

The daughter of Peter C. and Amelia M. (nee Lachat) Marchand, she graduated from St. Paul High School in 1952. She married Paul Tatti, April 3, 1970, at St. Philomena Church in Detroit.

Mrs. Tatti was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed gardening. She was a "mall walker" who walked regularly for many years at Eastland Mall.

At Christmas, Mrs. Tatti would display her collection of more than 25 Santa Claus figurines and dolls from shelf-sized to a full-sized, 6-foot tall model.

She was a longtime member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Tatti is survived by her husband, Paul; children James and Julie (fiancé Eric Mikey Peters); sisters, Adele Hoffman, Beatrice Dutts, Sr. Teresa Carmel, Charlotte Beaupre, Barbara Fioretto and Mary Hynes and her dear friend, Anita Orkis.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 7th, 21st and 22nd 2011. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 7th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 21st from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 22nd from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Appeals made by mail must be postmarked by March 22, 2011 and received by March 25, 2011.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will hold a public hearing under the provisions of Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, to consider the following:

An application for site plan review and special land use submitted by the Rivers of Grosse Pointe for a Continuing Care Retirement Community ("CCRC") to be located at 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa Hathaway, MMC
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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REPROGRAMMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development Block Grant.

The following activities are proposed for programming of 2011 funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final reprogramming amounts are subject to the approval of Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2011 PROPOSED PROGRAMED PROJECTS	AMOUNT
ADA Ramp Detectible Warning Plates	\$44,020
Senior Services (SOC)	\$11,780
Joint Grosse Pointe Senior Housing Rehabilitation - SOC	\$30,000
Administration	\$6,200
Total:	\$92,000

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Jerome J. Shanley

Jerome J. Shanley, 76, of St. Clair Shores, died Sunday, March 6, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born Oct. 6, 1934, in Brooklyn, N.Y. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany.

Mr. Shanley is survived by his wife of 52 years, Beverly; children, Kevin (Julie) Shanley, Tracy (Jeff) Clarke and Susan Shanley; grandchildren, Andrew and Allison Shanley and Tyler and Hailey Clarke and brothers, Charles (Sharon) Shanley and Richard (Bernice) Shanley.

He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10, at St. Athanasius Church, 18720 13 Mile Road, Roseville.

Inurnment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to St. Athanasius at 18720 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066.

Wallace Guertler

Wallace Guertler, 82, of Birmingham, died Sunday, March 6, 2011. He was a former Grosse Pointe resident for more than 50 years.

Mr. Guertler was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. As a pilot he survived a fire on a mission where he had to bail out over Japan.

He was a graduate of Michigan State University

and an enthusiastic fan of the university's athletic teams.

Fly fishing was Mr. Guertler's passion. He enjoyed making his own lures and wearing them on his fly hats. He also loved to cook and garden.

His family said everybody loved him and his sharp wit. He had a rare gift of making people feel comfortable.

Mr. Guertler is survived by Jean, his wife of 27 years; daughters, Susan (Kenric) Socks and Karen Guertler; stepchildren, Becky (Jim Bobbitt) McKinnon and Julie (Brian) Janks and grandchildren, Locklin, Jaclyn, Kaitlin, Alyssa and Wesley.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Marilyn and stepdaughter, Sara (Bill) Rudcki.

A private service was held. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at americanheart.org.

Express condolences or share a memory at DesmondFuneralHome.com.

Betty Sue Tarrant

Betty Sue Tarrant, nee King, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2011, in Detroit. She was 83.

She was born March 21, 1927, in Logan, Kan., the daughter of a locally-prominent family.

After graduating from Colorado Women's College, she worked in the airline business before marrying and returning to Logan in 1949. There she gave birth to her first child, David, in June 1950. In this same timeframe she endured both the death of her father, as well as a divorce.

Following a period of singlehood, she married Curtis Tarrant who pursued a career in education, advancing through a series of opportunities across Kansas. First, a year in distant and dusty Leoti, where her second child,

Kipp, was born; then three years in the small railroad town of Burrton before moving more permanently to Hill City, where she and her husband raised the two boys and settled into the community.

In addition to maintaining the household, Mrs. Tarrant worked as a part-time librarian, was active in church and other community activities, and enjoyed vacationing in the mountains of Colorado.

During this period, the couple developed an interest in recreation vehicles and they towed a travel trailer on many weekend and vacation get-aways.

They also purchased and renovated a Victorian-era home showcasing Mrs. Tarrant's dogged determination to achieve perfection in the smallest detail.

Later, the lure of better employment led the family to return to the Burrton area. Mrs. Tarrant concentrated on raising her second son and enjoying the many good friends she had maintained from her previous stay in the area.

She also was pleased to see her oldest son succeed in college, marry, and follow the footsteps of her own father into the automotive business.

Mrs. Tarrant and her husband moved to Garden City, Kan., where she worked full-time for a local high school. During this period, she endured the tragic suicide of her youngest son, but also enjoyed the blessing of her grandchild's birth.

Later, the couple retired to Bella Vista, Ark. where they lived in a lovely wooded area with plentiful wildlife and enjoyed various hobbies, as well as their many good friends who retired in the same area.

After many good years in Arkansas, Mrs. Tarrant and her husband moved to the Detroit area to be close to family.

She will always be remembered for her sharp and retentive mind, resilience and adaptability to the many chal-



Jerome J. Shanley



Betty Sue Tarrant



Clara M. Tomaszycy

lenges in life, as well as a charming gullibility that made her easy to tease.

Mrs. Tarrant is survived by her son, David; daughter-in-law, Maud and grandson, Steve and a host of other relatives and friends who shared her life.

She was predeceased by her husband, Curt and son, Kipp.

Mrs. Tarrant's ashes will be interred next to those of her husband's in the columbarium of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, where they were members.

Clara M. Tomaszycy

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Clara M. Tomaszycy, nee Jastrzemski, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011. She was 83.

She was born Aug. 13, 1927, in Detroit to Frances and Francis Jastrzemski and attended St. Hyacinth Roman Catholic School.

Mrs. Tomaszycy was an avid singer and a member of the St. Hyacinth Choir and the Polonaise Choral. She enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles and was a faithful

Detroit Tigers fan.

Mrs. Tomaszycy is survived by Chester, her loving husband of 59 years; children, Christopher (Nancy Ann) Tomaszycy, Arthur (Joan) Tomaszycy, Joseph Tomaszycy, Mary (Gregory) Knoche, Camille (Peter) Cracchiolo, Ann Marie (David) Stevenson, Carl (Katie) Tomaszycy, Stephen (Kathy) Tomaszycy and Bernadette (William) Tackonis and 29 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 28 at St. Hyacinth Roman Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to St. Hyacinth, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211.

Express condolences or share a memory at WujekCalcaterra.com.

David Edward Wagensomer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident David Edward Wagensomer, 48, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

A 1981 graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School, he owned the Edwin Paul Spa in Grosse Pointe Woods and David Edward Inc. construc-



David Edward Wagensomer

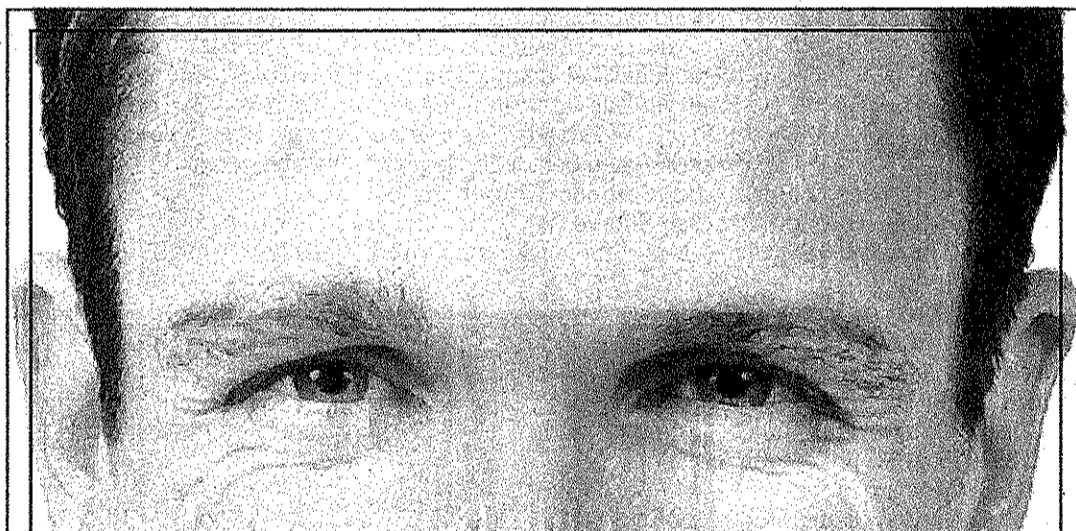
tion company.

Mr. Wagensomer is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth; adoring children, Sarah and Evan; mother, Barbara; sisters, Kathryn (Terry) Cosgrove and Janice (Rich) Gillies; brothers, Greg (Maggie) and Paul (Lisa) and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Edward.

Mr. Wagensomer will be greatly missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

Funeral arrangements will be available at a later date. Visit grossepointhenews.com for funeral information.



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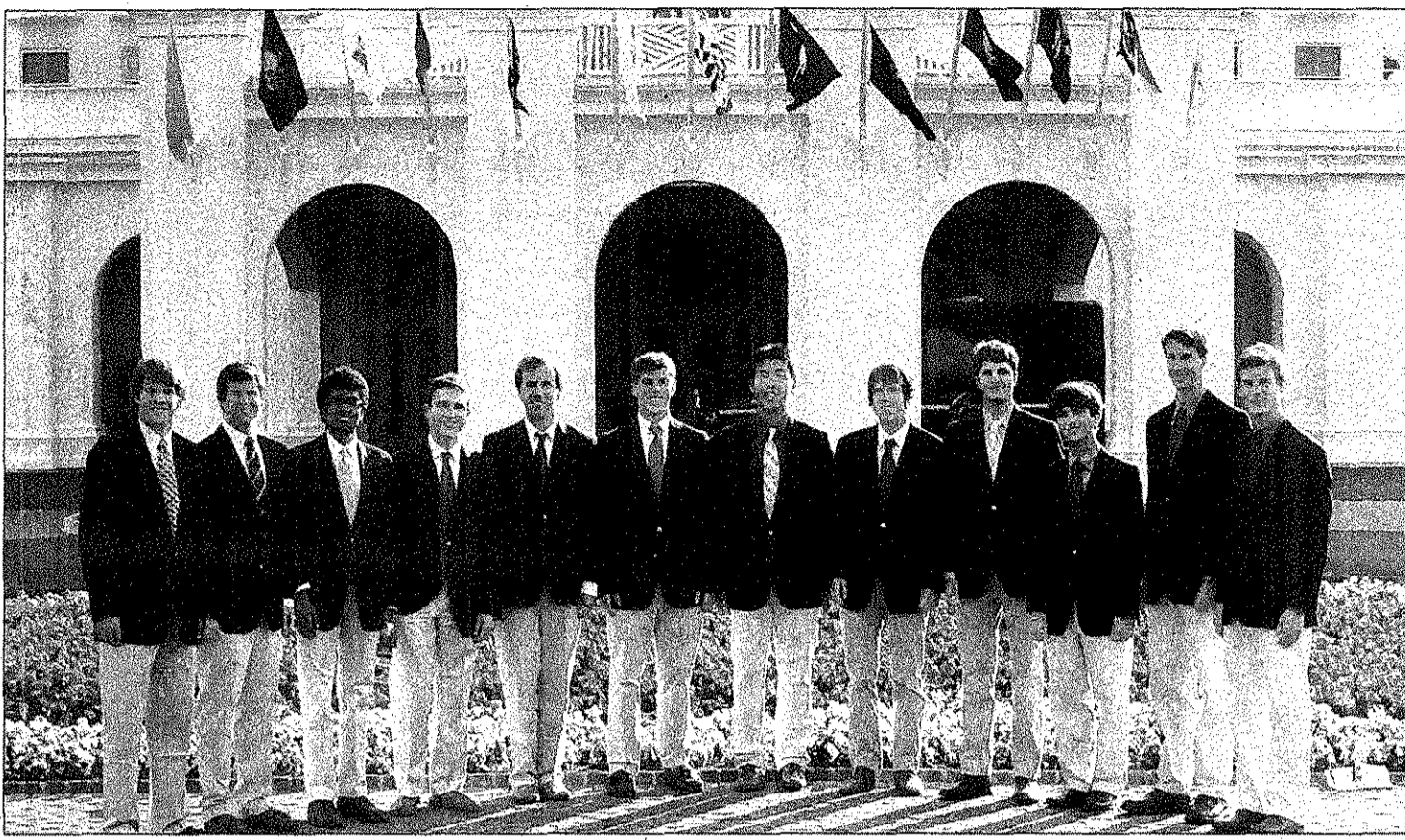
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Princeton Nassoons

The Princeton Nassoons, the third oldest collegiate a cappella group in the country, take the stage at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Founded in 1941, the Nassoons have performed throughout the world in venues ranging from the king and queen of Jordan's residence, to the White House and The Tonight Show. Made up of 14 Princeton undergrads, the Nassoons perform songs featuring four-, five- and six-part harmonies, exclusively arranged by current and former members. Christopher Brownell of Grosse Pointe Farms, a Princeton sophomore, is a member. Also featured are the Grunyons, a local a cappella group. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased by calling (313) 882-5330 or via the church website gpm-church.org. Tickets are also available at the door, as space permits.

Daddy-daughter dance goes Pointe-wide

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Next week's Pointe-wide daddy-daughter dance is more than a night to remember for fathers and their little girls.

It's also a mixer for the five Grosse Pointes.

Recreation directors are collaborating on what they hope is a better event at what they know will cost less per city than if separate dances were produced individually.

"In lieu of the economic situation, why not do things that can be done jointly, enhance a program and spread the cost?" said Dick Huhn, Grosse Pointe Farms recreation director.

"We've been trying for years to collaborate," said Melissa Sharp, Grosse Pointe Woods recreation supervisor. "The challenge has been that our parks are residents-only."

Holding the dance on school property side-steps residency requirements.

The dance is 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 19, in the Grosse Pointe South High School main gym.

"This is the first program we are hosting jointly to maximize savings," Huhn said.

Lower per-city costs are reflected in lower ticket prices.

Tickets cost \$8 per individual, down from \$15 each the Farms charged when holding residents-only dances at Pier Park.

Attendees are to register in advance with their respective recreation departments. Registration is requested by Friday, March 11 to help line

up supplies.

Daughters should be ages 12 and under. Each girl gets a corsage. A light menu is offered. Attire is semi formal.

Local businesses are donating supplies and services. Food comes from Village Food Market. Music is provided by Jason Parent of Pro DJ Services. The Grosse Pointe News is media sponsor.

This is the first time in recent memory dads and daughters in the City and Park will have a dance organized by their recreation departments.

"This is a great opportunity, especially because the City doesn't have a facility to do it," said Chris Hardenbrook, City director of parks and recreation.

Classmates at elementary schools that draw students from more than one community can socialize at the combined event.

"It's a great opportunity for all the Pointes together to do one large, better dance than an individual one would be," said Hardenbrook, whose budget has been cut more than any other City department in response to reduced municipal revenue.

"Dads asking about it have been excited," said Terri Solomon, Park recreation director.

Nearly 20 couples from the Park registered two weeks before the dance, she said.

"I'm looking forward to being a chaperone and seeing girls dressed up with their dads," Solomon said.

The Woods has a good history of daddy-daughter dances.

"We started it at the Lake Front Park activities building, but grew out of it," Sharp said. "So many people were registering, we moved it to the community center. Then, we offered two or three sessions because it was so popular."

One father and his daughter came every year.

"We got to see his little girl grow up," Sharp said. "It's adorable. The dads are glowing and the girls are feeling so special."

"Hopefully, this will be a continued event and open doors to more joint events and programs in the future,"

Hardenbrook said.

Register

Residents from the five Pointes can register for the dance by calling their respective parks and recreation departments at:

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 343-5257
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 343-2405
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 822-2812 x201
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Woods officials irked by rate increases, ask for backup

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

When the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department proposed double-digit rate increases, Grosse Pointe Woods city officials said "not so fast."

Of concern was the method used by the department to determine the 18.2 percent increase for Woods' residents. In a letter to the Detroit water department, city officials questioned the rate increase and asked for clarification as to how the rate was determined.

"To assist in this endeavor, we ask that you provide full disclosure regarding backup information used to determine the proposed rate," the letter said. "Clearly, it is our responsibility to represent and protect the citizens and business owners in all matters relating to public services."

Specifically, the letter, signed by the mayor and all six city council members, requested an explanation of the methodology used in collecting data to reach the increase, clarification of the proposed rate increase and requested details of internal

controls used by Detroit Water to prevent financial abuse. Woods officials also requested copies of the department's accounting audits for the past 10 years.

"Like most in the area, our community is experiencing an unprecedented economic situation," the letter said. "As elected officials, and in the spirit of transparency, we have an obligation to research the cause of this increase."

Woods officials also requested information regarding Board of Water Commissioners' meetings be provided to the city at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

In anticipation of rate increases, the Woods has already taken some steps to reduce water costs to residents, including the installation of a 500,000 gallon water reservoir at the public works yard.

Woods city engineer Scott Lockwood attended a public hearing held by Detroit Water in late February and spoke with department representative Chris Brown.

While Brown could not comment on the city's letter, he said he would respond at a later date.

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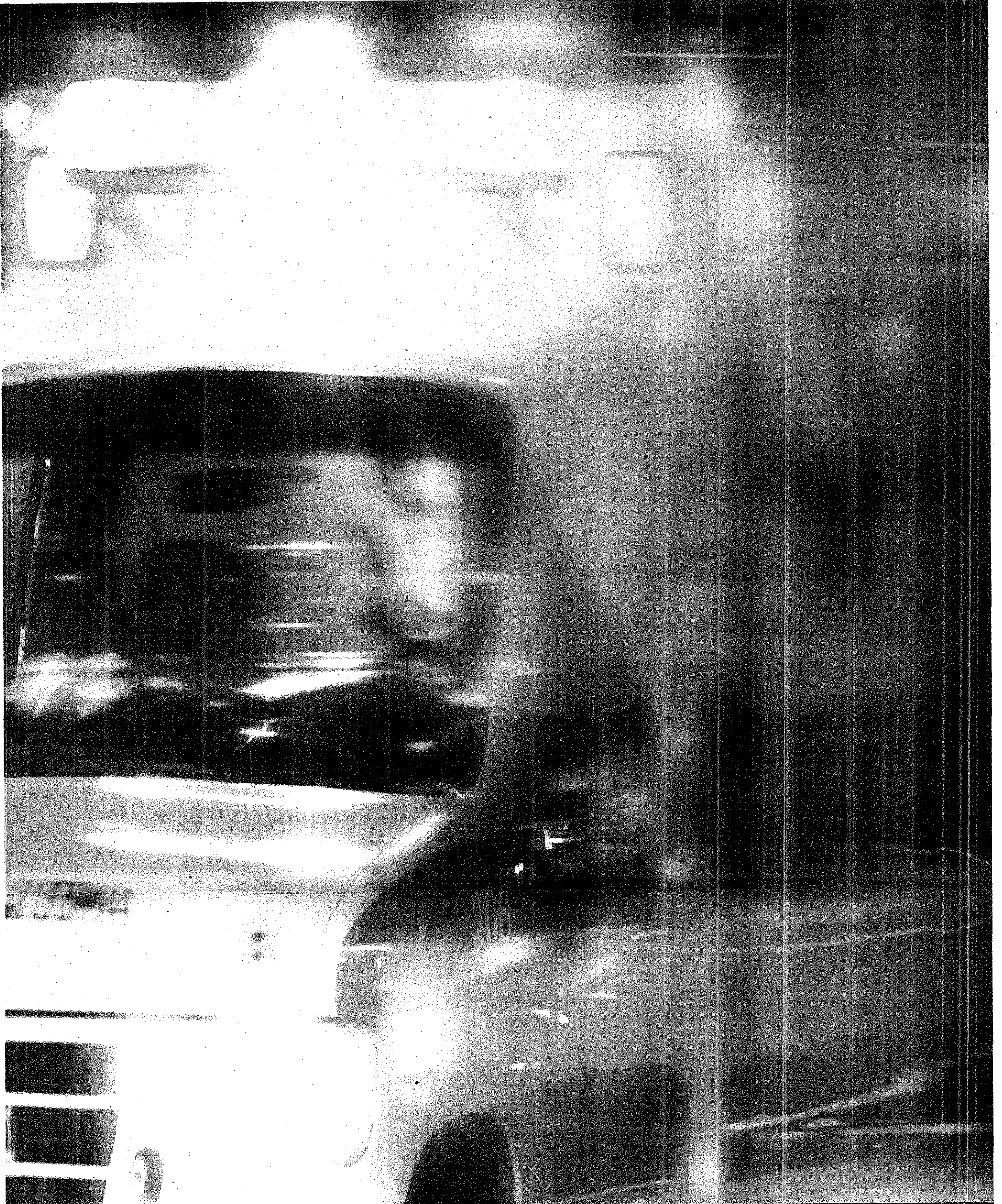
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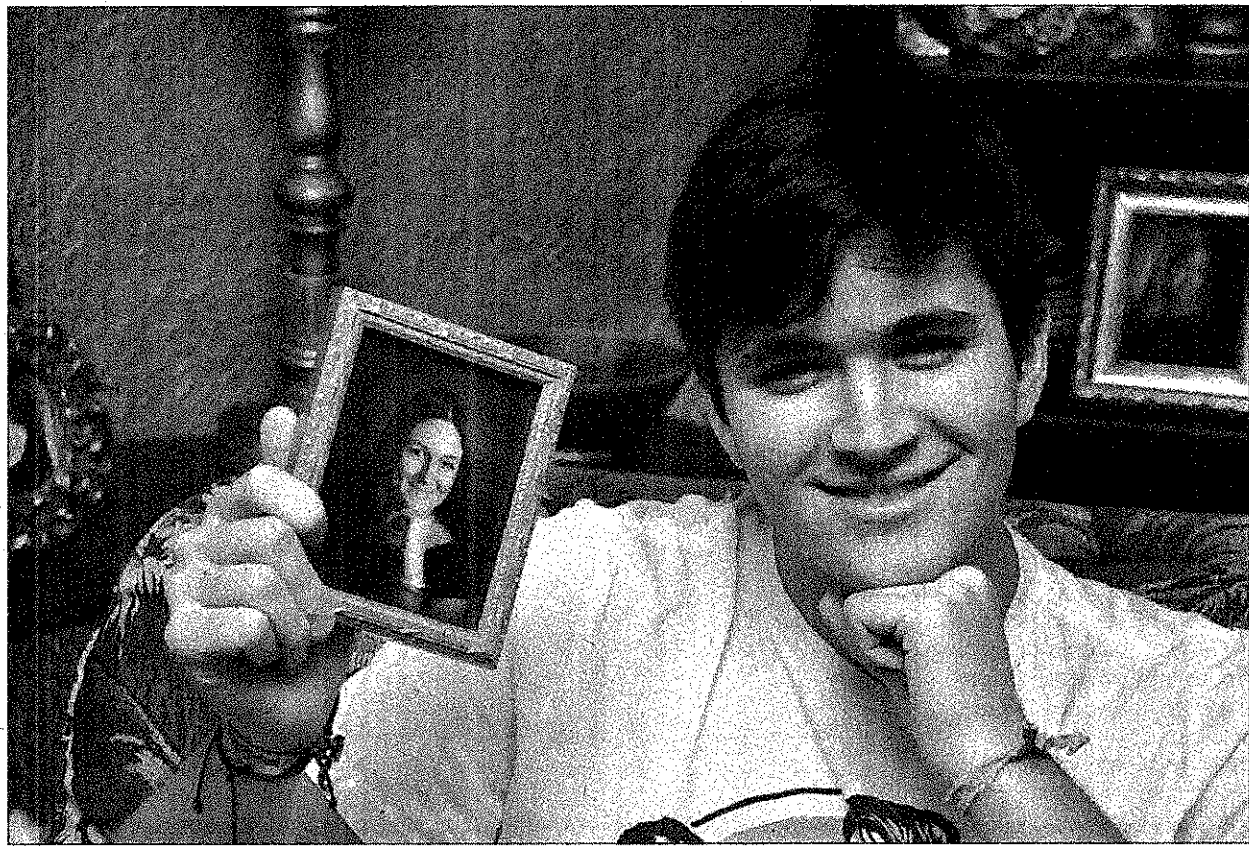
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Hugo Vergel Riascos holds a picture of his sister, Daniela, a Rotary exchange student in Grosse Pointe in 2003 who lived with the Smolenski family.

Tipsters receive award for helping with robbery case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Jim and Val Champine have a framed commendation to go with notches on their belts for helping put an armed robber in jail.

The married crime-fighting duo from Grosse Pointe Woods was awarded this week by neighboring Grosse Pointe Farms for alerting police last August to an armed robbery in progress.

Jim Champine said the honor was unexpected, but welcome.

"It's very nice of the Farms to recognize something we should do," he said of citizens' responsibility to help keep the peace. "We'll put it on the wall."

The Champines' tip drew officers to the crime scene before the robbery victim had time to call police.

"It was remarkable," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "We've been preaching for years the importance of residents calling us about anything that looks out of the ordinary. That's what leads to great arrests."

The Champines were walking on Mack near Moross Aug. 6, when they saw a man pull a bandana over his face, reach into his waistband and enter Mr. A's Family Market & Pizzeria.

Jim Champine used his wife's cell phone to call 911.

"While keeping a calm demeanor, they reported what they observed, and provided detailed information to the dispatcher," according to the Director's Civilian Award issued this week.

Officers from the Farms, Woods, City and Harper Woods soon caught Arneen Jamar Taylor, 32, of Detroit, and recovered a handgun and stolen money.

Taylor is serving a minimum 12 years in prison.

"Outstanding job, no doubt about it," Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati told the Champines during the award ceremony.

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RENEE LANDUYT

A good place for an exchange

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Hugo Vergel Riascos was told by his older sister, Daniela, and older brother, Diego, Grosse Pointe was a good place to live.

As the third sibling in the Rotary Club student exchange program, Vergel Riascos flew from his home in Cucuta, Colombia, to Michigan, taking up where Daniela and Diego left off in 2003 and 2006, respectively.

"They told me I would go to a good area and that I would be in a good neighborhood and people in Grosse Pointe are healthy and rich," he said. "Detroit, they said, was not un-

nice. You don't go there a lot. I was excited to stay with Kim and Dave. The Landuyts were the perfect family."

Former Grosse Pointe residents Kim Towar, who is a Grosse Pointe Rotary Club member, and her husband, Dave Coulter, hosted the 17-year-old for two weeks in August, taking him to the Les Cheneaux Islands.

Vergel Riascos was assigned to Grosse Pointe and unable to live with Towar, a Harrison Township resident.

He spent the next 5 1/2 months with Dave and Helen Landuyt in Grosse Pointe Park where he became a member of the family,

which includes 17-year-old Madeline and 13-year-old Michael.

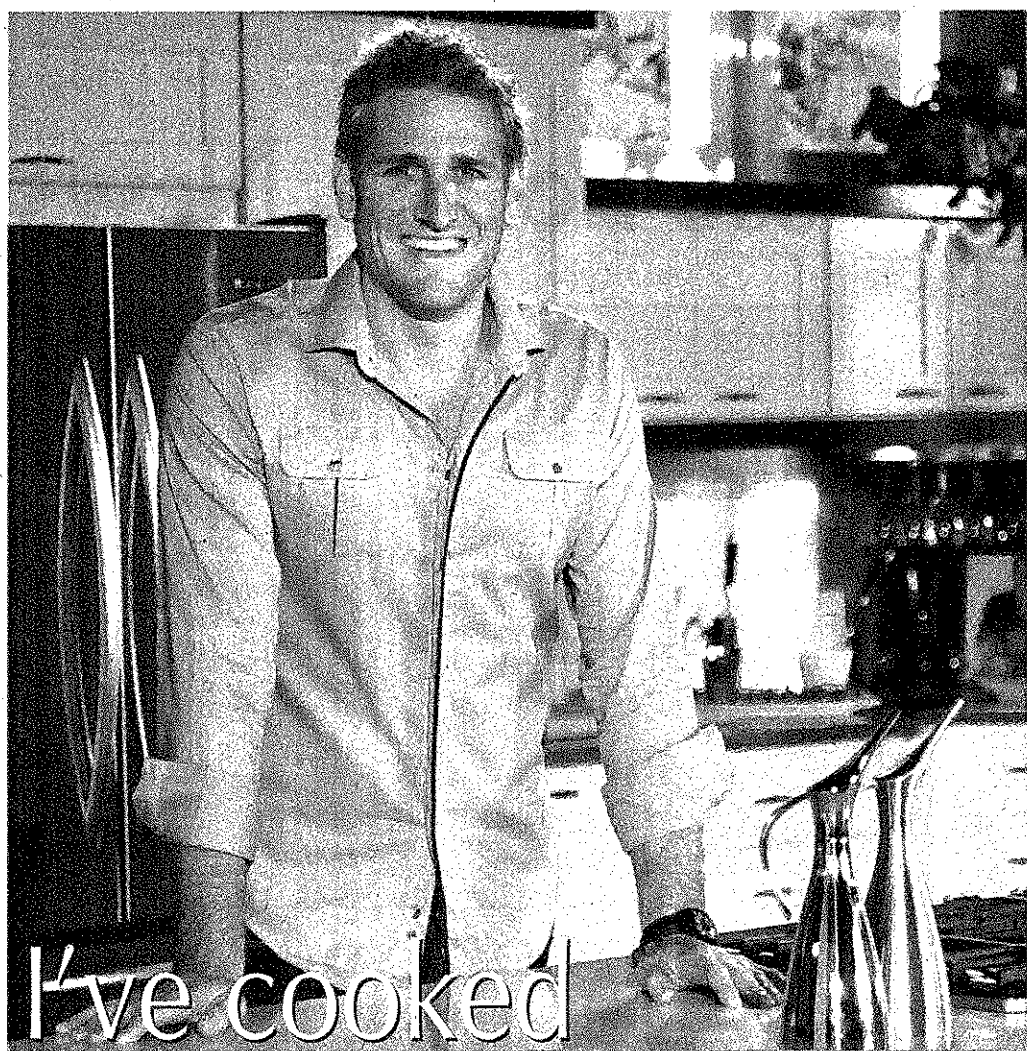
"It was cool to instantly have an older brother," Michael Landuyt said.

Dave Landuyt said, "It was great to raise another son without having to worry about paying for his college."

It was Helen Landuyt who expounded on having Vergel Riascos in the house.

"Hugo gave us an immeasurable gift. He taught us about his Colombian culture, his family traditions and the fun people can have when they open their hearts and minds," she

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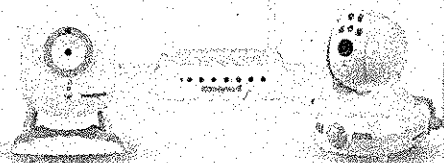
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Speaking against state budget

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michigan Democrats took a bath last Election Day, but they're not washed up, according to state Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park.

"We have an identity to get back for ourselves," said Johnson, guest speaker at last month's meeting of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club.

Democrat fractiousness contributed in the November election to the party losing the state House of Representatives and governorship, and Republicans retaining the state Senate, according to Johnson.

He said there's a movement by Republicans to put Democrats "on the shelf."

"I have to hand it to Republicans," Johnson said. "They put together a program that says we're going to box (Democrats) in and box them out."

United opposition is key to retaining power.

"We're going to have to get on the same page," Johnson told club members. "It's that simple. We have to engage our people."

Johnson is in his first term representing Senate District 2. The district includes the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Highland Park and part of Detroit.

Before winning the seat, Johnson served two consecutive terms in the state House.

He's chagrined by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's recommendation to slash state spending in a one-year swipe.

"After having thoroughly reviewed this new governor's proposed budget, he might be one of the most out-of-touch people I've ever come across in politics," Johnson said. "Nowhere in any proposal I would have put forward, would I have suggested that you take \$1.8 billion out of the budget in one calendar year. That's fiscally irresponsible."

Johnson said it took many years for the state to fall into a budget crunch, and Snyder shouldn't try to pull it out in one year by increasing taxes on lower-income earners and pensioners.

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EXCHANGE: Students gets a great taste of American traditions and culture

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said. "The process of hosting an exchange student is like any relationship, but even more intense and fast-paced. It requires understanding and patience for both the student and the host family, but especially when you have the opportunity to meet a young man like Hugo. It is definitely worth it. The experience both educates and inspires you."

His present host mother, Paula Smolenski, who lives in the City with husband, Don, echoes the Landuyts thoughts. Vergel Riascos is the family's 18th exchange student.

"They (the students) are wonderful and it's a wonderful way for us to have another teenager. We get to meet people from different cultures. They are the cream of the crop," she said. "Hugo is the best."

Vergel Riascos returns the compliments saying, "The best change was I love my host families. I have no problems."

Leaving behind a close-knit family and friends was an adjustment, but he keeps in contact via Skype and Facebook.

"I'm a very friendly guy and have lots of friends. We go to movies and clubbing (in his hometown). The city is safe so we can do whatever we want."

"I'm close to my family. On Sundays we go to my grandmother's house. She has a pool," he said.

Instead of the 80-degree weather to which he is accustomed and spending time at the pool, Vergel Riascos has seen Michigan State University and University of Michigan football, the Red Wings and the Tigers games.

The Landuyts took him to Chicago where he saw Colombian native singer, Shakira. He went backstage to watch a pre-concert warm-up. Once the show got under way, Vergel Riascos was invited on stage to dance with her to the tune "Waka, Waka." The video can be seen on YouTube.

He has also seen Lady GaGa and been to Marco Island, Fla., for two weeks.

Vergel Riascos attends South with a senior status, taking Spanish, his native language; American history, art, business explorations and acting, none of which are transferable. When he returns home in June, Vergel Riascos has another year of school before going to college, where he said he would like to major in film production.

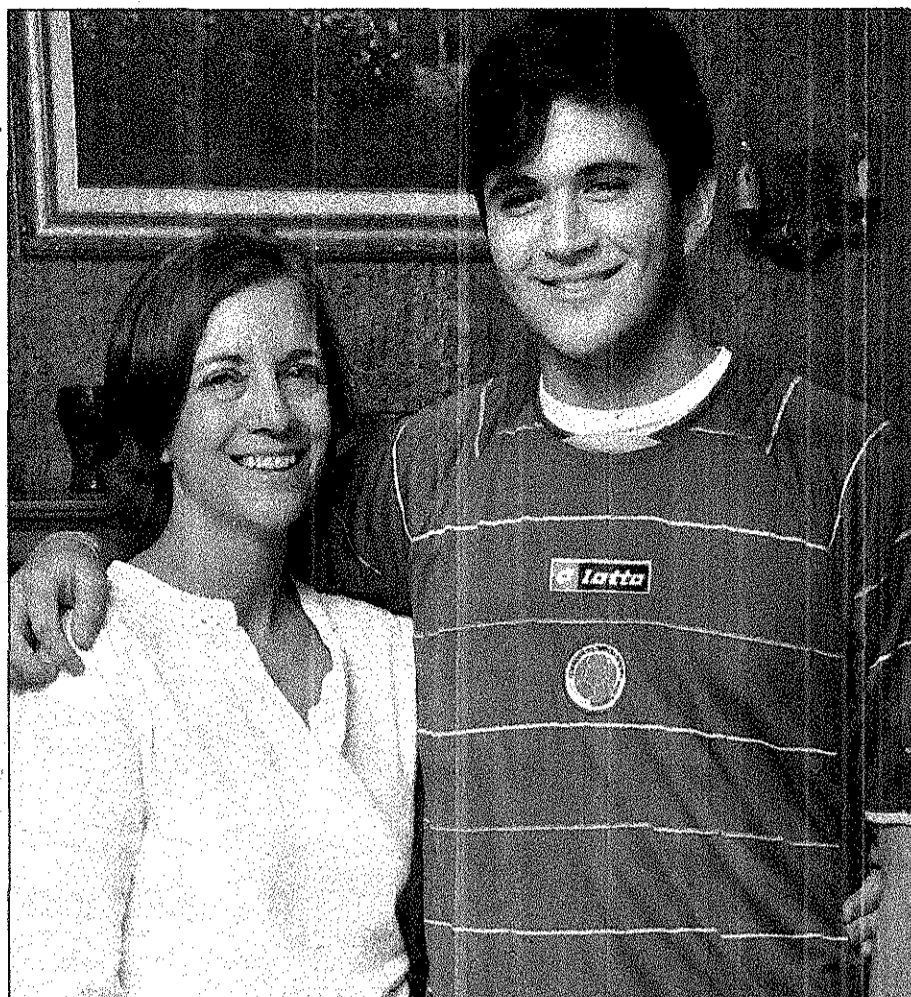
Moving about with several hundred South students was just one of the many adjustments he tackled. The school he attends in Cucuta has 300 students from elementary through high school.

Another change for him was prepackaged, prepared food. "The biggest surprise was the food. The American food is not bad, but my food is better. We cook all day long and make it fresh," he said.

Another change was the lack of household help. "We have cleaning ladies who come in all week to do the cleaning, laundry and ironing," he said.

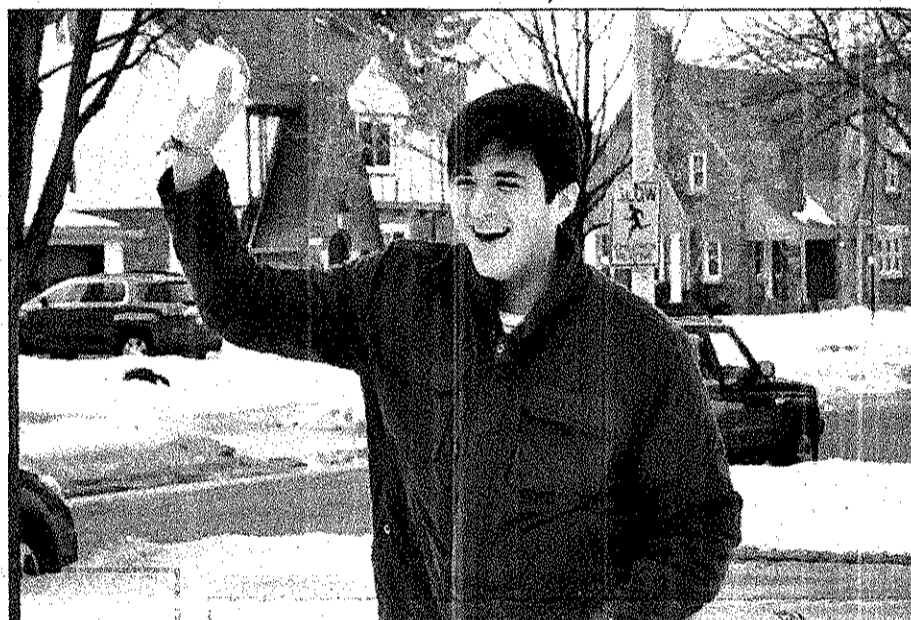
They help his parents who work together in an advertising agency in Cucuta, the capital of the North Santander Department near the Venezuelan border. His mother is also an architect.


Until Vergel Riascos sees his family in May at a Rotary convention in Chicago, he fills his days with school — and watching the snow fall, another new experience.



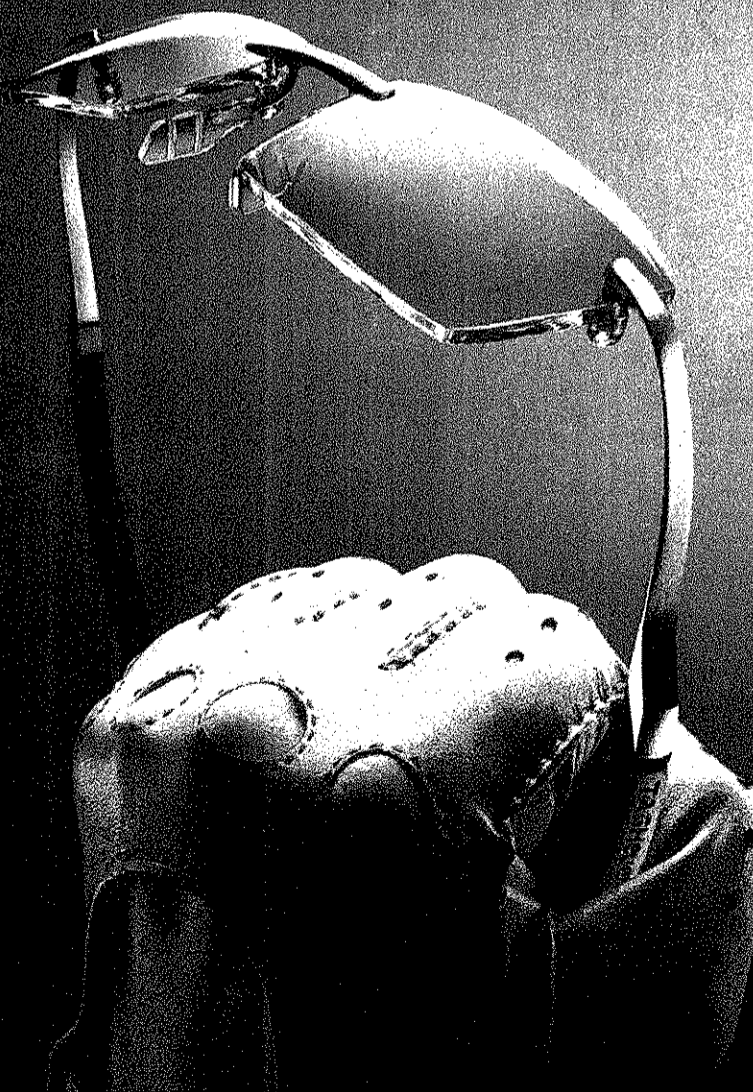
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Paula Smolenski and Hugo Vergel Riascos. Below, Vergel Riascos had seen snow before coming to Michigan. What he hadn't seen was snow falling.





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Beautification commission

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission elected its 2011 members. They are, in the front row from left, treasurer Gerald Hilton; Joyce Cook; chairman Angelo DiClemente; Kelly Martin - Rahaim; and Erin Rozycki. In the back row from left, Grosse Pointe Woods council representative Vicki Granger; Maria Nederhood; department of public works representative Debbie Mathews; Sally Sterr; vice chairman Dennis Hyduk; Mayor Robert E. Novitke; Kevin Ketels; Walter Schwartz; Janet Hagen; Phil Hage; Eric Reiter; and corresponding secretary Carol Suater. Not pictured is recording secretary Bill Allemon.

Panel advises council to define costs, not benefits

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The current generation of Grosse Pointe Shores retirees could be the last to enjoy medical benefits deemed too costly for a city with declining property values and municipal revenue.

An advisory group recommended this month the city attack its projected, unfunded obligation of at least \$8 million for retiree health care by replacing a defined benefit plan with one that defines costs instead.

"When you're in a hole, stop digging," said James Anderson, a member of the city's Blue Ribbon Committee. "We're in an \$8 million hole

here."

The 12-member volunteer committee of Shores residents was assigned to find lower-cost alternatives to the municipal post-retirement health care policy.

Committee members, in a 14-page report presented March 1, unanimously recommended the city switch future and current employees to a defined contribution retirement medical benefits fund.

"The simplest way to stop digging is to make change for new employees," Anderson said, suggesting immediate implementation for future hires. "That at least stops the bleeding."

He added, "Our vision is, some day, everybody would be on this plan. Everyone you get


in the program, you're knocking \$100,000 to \$300,000 off that unfunded liability."

Efforts to amend health plans of current retirees could cause legal problems, Anderson added.

The committee was appointed last June and met monthly through February.

"The biggest concerns we have regarding retiree health care costs are the projected, unfunded obligation of \$8-to-\$11 million for current and future retiree health care coupled with an unknown, uncertain future for health care costs, and an uncertain future for tax revenue for the city," Anderson said. "It puts the city in an untenable position of not being

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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 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.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
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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

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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.

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BUDGET: Representative endorses shared sacrifice when it comes to state budget cuts

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"Since the governor has no creative ways to protect people, seniors and children while he deals with this budget, its irresponsible of him to think he can take that kind of money out of the system and it wouldn't hurt people," Johnson said.

He proposed eliminating the Michigan Business Tax over a

two-year period, not one.

"That would take out about \$900 million this year and \$900 million out next year," he said.

Johnson said the Headlee Amendment limit on property tax increases should be reexamined.

"There are people in our and (Snyder's) party who are going to want to see changes to the tax code," Johnson said. "Major changes to the tax code

and the way we collect money and charge people for property tax and fund schools should have been one of the first things on (Snyder's) list of how we reinvent Michigan."

Timothy Bledsoe, in his second term as the Grosse Pointes' Democrat state representative, said Snyder's budget proposal is the talk of Lansing.

"Most conversations are about the budget, where

there's room for compromise, where we might reduce cuts to education and find a little extra revenue," Bledsoe said.

There's talk of raising the proposed 6 percent flat tax on businesses to 7 percent.

"That would yield enough money that we wouldn't have to tax pensions," Bledsoe said. "That's something I would support."

Johnson addressed the Democrat club in the same room at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial where last year (now

former) state Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, spoke to the Eastside Republican Club.

Bishop said Michigan's deficit would be erased if every state employee took a 5 percent pay cut and paid 20 percent of the cost of their health benefits.

"It's a \$1.6 billion solution to a \$1.6 to \$2 billion problem," Bishop said at the time.

Bledsoe, who with other legislators has taken a 10 percent pay cut, anticipates Snyder bargaining with state public

employee unions for concessions, both salary and benefits.

"There was a bill last year that asked state workers to contribute 3 percent of their gross salary toward retiree health care costs," Bledsoe said. "I was one of a handful of Democrats who voted for that bill."

Another bill in the current term makes salary cuts open-ended.

"I will vote for that," Bledsoe said. "I fully endorse the idea of shared sacrifice."

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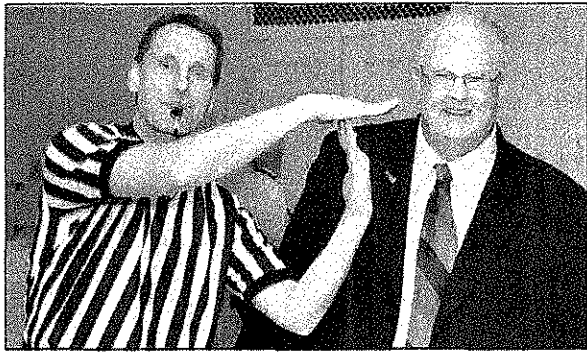
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Mr. Bruce's neighborhood



John Bruce retired from his job as executive director of the Neighborhood Club after 40 years and 60 years of involvement with the club. Last week, he was feted at his retirement party by, among others, Dave Charvat, who gave Bruce a "time out." Having come from refereeing a game, Charvat said he learned everything he knows about refereeing at the Neighborhood Club. Below, Bruce talks with, from left, Fred and Rhondi Kreger, of Grosse Pointe Park, and his sister, Kay Boemer, and brother-in-law, Dick Boemer, of Wisconsin.



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The Neighborhood Club Board of Trustees presented executive director John Bruce with a quilt made of team T-shirts, some dating back 40 years, the number of years Bruce held the club's head position.

Pictured are board members, from left, Nancy Smith, Mary Roby, Cynthia Hempstead, Neighborhood Club President Peggy King Scully, Bruce, Mike Bernard, Ellen Durand and Don Lindow.



Bird talk Monday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Birds fly, walk, and swim. They hunt and fish and bathe. They sing and chirp and dance and preen. The birds Rosann Kovalcik likes best quoth nevvemore.

She favors ravens, common ravens.

"I love their family structure," said Kovalcik, winner of the last two annual Grosse Pointe Birding Challenges. "They're very mated to each other. I love watching their courtship display and how they fly with each other."

Too bad for Kovalcik that ravens hardly ever fly south to the Grosse Pointes. The upper part of Michigan's lower peninsula is about as close as they come.

No worries. Kovalcik has a lot of other species to choose from, given the magnet Lake St. Clair is to birds.

"Birds use Lake St. Clair year-round as a stopping-off place for migrants, a food source for summer residents, and food for winter residents," said Bill Rapai, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society.

Rapai and Kovalcik address an informal public meeting next week about area birds.

The free event, "Feathers Over Water: The Birds of Lake St. Clair," is at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

"The focus will be on the relationship between birds and lake," Rapai said.

Rapai lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and has gone on bird-watching trips to Cuba.

"Our tour guide, a paleornithologist from the Museum of Natural History in Havana, said that at one time, the biggest predators in Cuba were 8-foot-tall owls that hunted in tandem."

Kovalcik is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack. Birding satisfies her love of the outdoors and happenstance.

"I find the diversity of birds fascinating," she said. "As I'm out and about, finding them by sight or sound is always a challenge — and a delight because it's unpredictable."

She's been on the lookout lately for red-bellied woodpeckers.

"They've crept up this way from the southern United States based on population increase and people feeding birds," she said.

Kovalcik and her teammate in last year's birding challenge

spotted a record 67 species in one day.

Her checklist for a February birdwalk at the Ford House ranged from red-tailed hawk to black-capped chickadee and downy woodpecker to Carolina wren.

They're among more than 230 species of birds Rapai said frequent the area at various times of the year. Recent visitors include bald eagles seeking open water fishing grounds.

"Where Lake St. Clair empties into the Detroit River, I counted 23 bald eagles yesterday," Rapai said the last week of February.

Eagles often perch on Peche Island and atop navigation towers in the shipping channel. Open water lures eagles from up north, where colder weather and ice-covered lakes restrict access to fish.

"Birds have to find food," Kovalcik said. "When it's not breeding season, they're going

to go where there's a good, open food source. We've had a little more freezing during the last couple of years in Michigan. That's concentrated eagles in that one area. As soon as the weather changes, they'll move back up to smaller lakes throughout the state so they can be back on breeding territory."

Lake St. Clair is getting cleaner, which improves its food production.

"We have more kinds of food all along the food chain," Kovalcik said. "Plant matter feeds fish. Fish feed major amounts of ducks, swans and eagles."

The lake's shallowness gives bottom-feeding aquatic birds easy access to food.

"As you drive along Lakeshore, you'll see Canada geese with their little fannies in the air and legs dangling," Rapai said. "They're trying to

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION OF GREEN ZONE PIZZA FOR A TRANSFER OF TAVERN LICENSE

A public hearing will be held before the City Council on application of Markus Wiederkehr for Green Zone Pizza for transfer of an existing Tavern License from another community permitting the sale of beer and wine for consumption on premises at 17008 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. Said hearing will take place on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Mon.-Fri. 313-885-5800.

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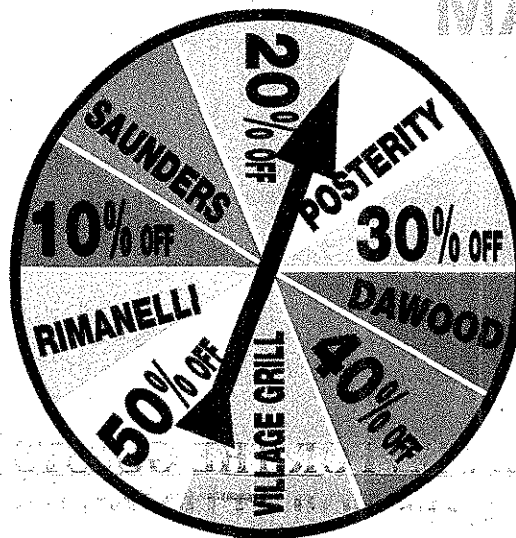
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What causes depression?

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Symptoms

- persistent sad mood
- loss of interest in pleasurable activities
- changes in appetite and weight
- inability to sleep or oversleeping
- irritability and restlessness
- fatigue
- excessive guilt, hopelessness, of worthlessness
- decreased concentration
- thoughts of death and suicide

Who is affected?

Approximately 17 million American are affected by depression each year. That is 1 out of 5 people experience depression. Women are twice as likely as men to suffer from depression. The research suggests that married women and those who stay home with small children have a higher rate of depression. Less than half of people suffering

from depression seek help. We need to take better care of ourselves.

Can depression be treated successfully?

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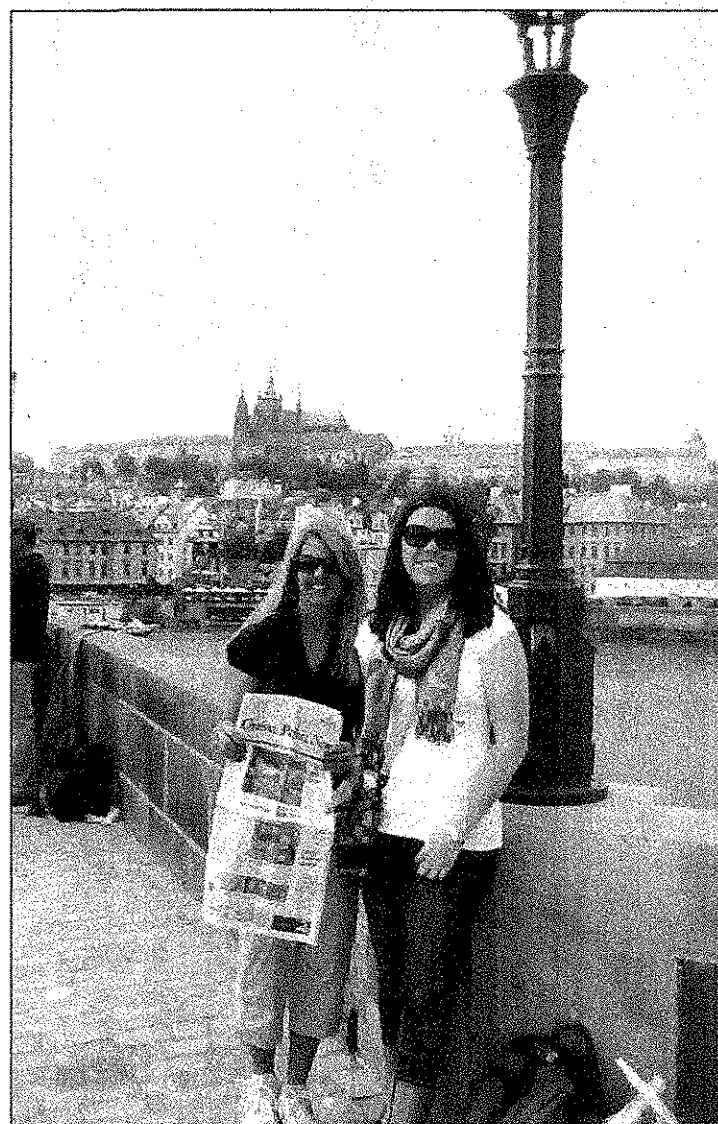
- pinpoint the life problems that contributed to their depression and aid them in resolving these conflicts
- identify negative or distorted thought patterns that contribute to feelings of depression
- help people regain a sense of control and be more fulfilled in life

Why seek treatment?

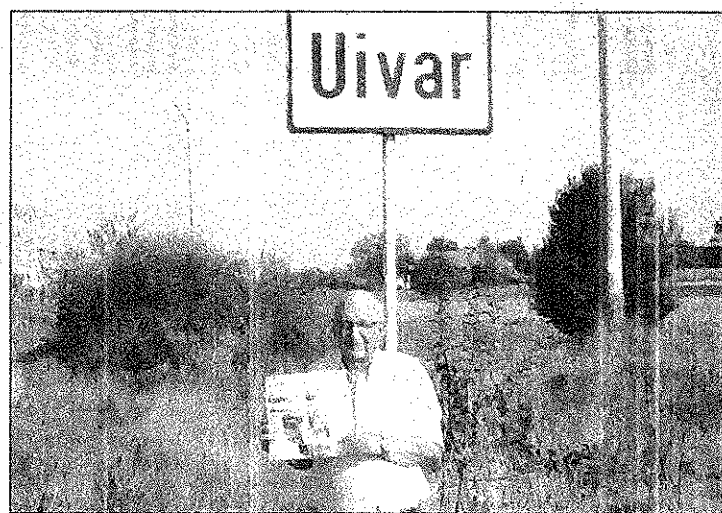
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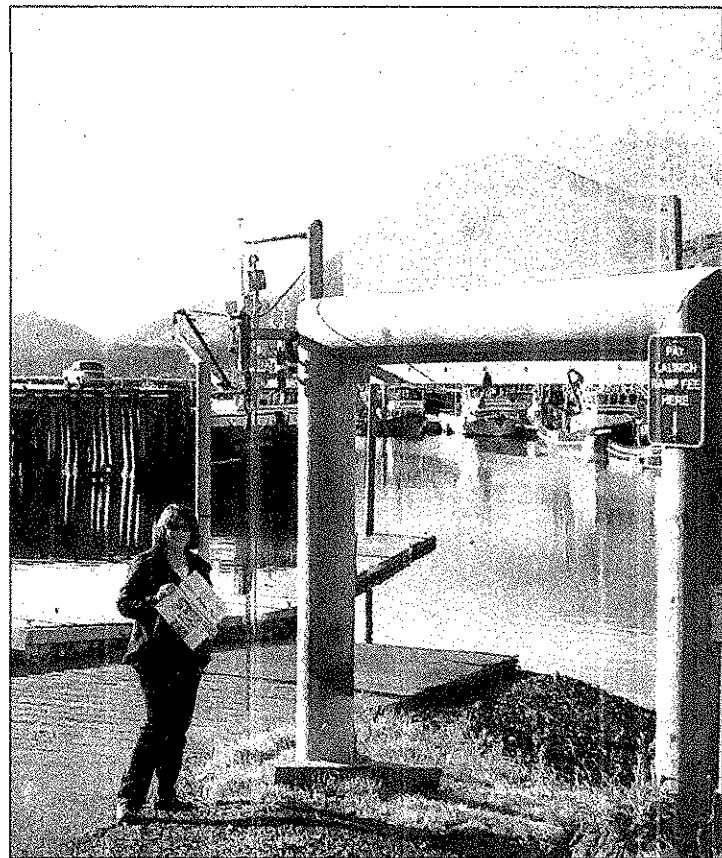
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Mary Aubrey-Rogers and Ashley Rogers of Grosse Pointe Woods on the St. Charles Bridge in Prague, Czech Republic.

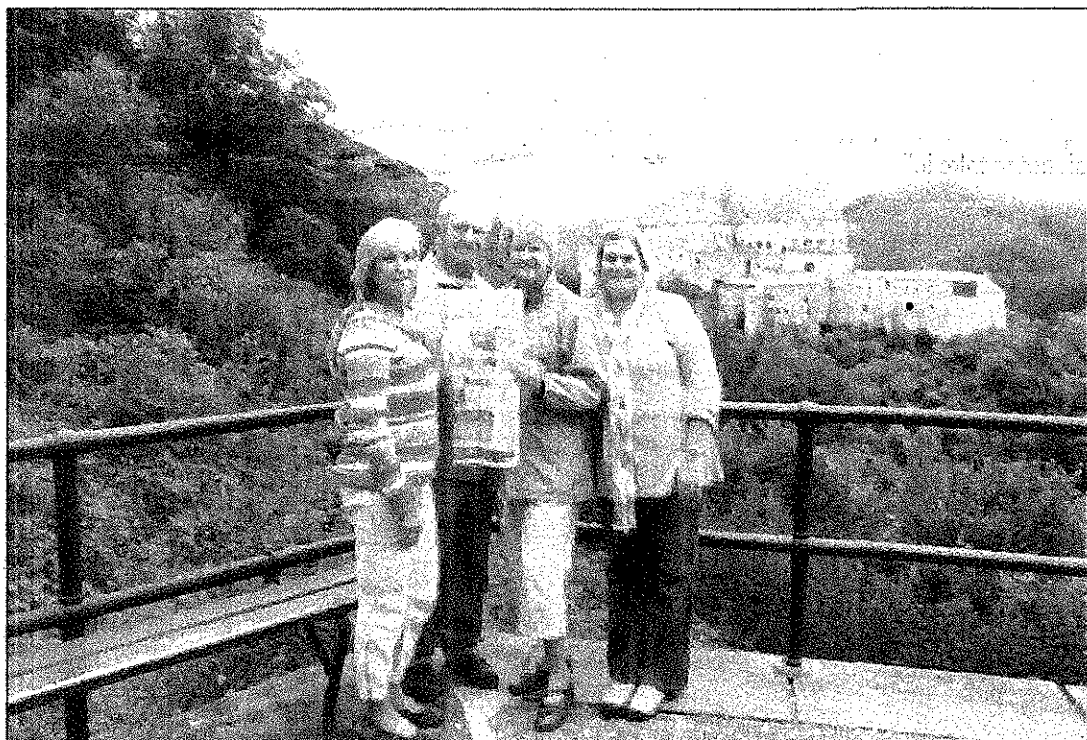


City of Grosse Pointe resident Marvin Vinande traveled to Uivar, Romania, the birthplace of his grandparents.

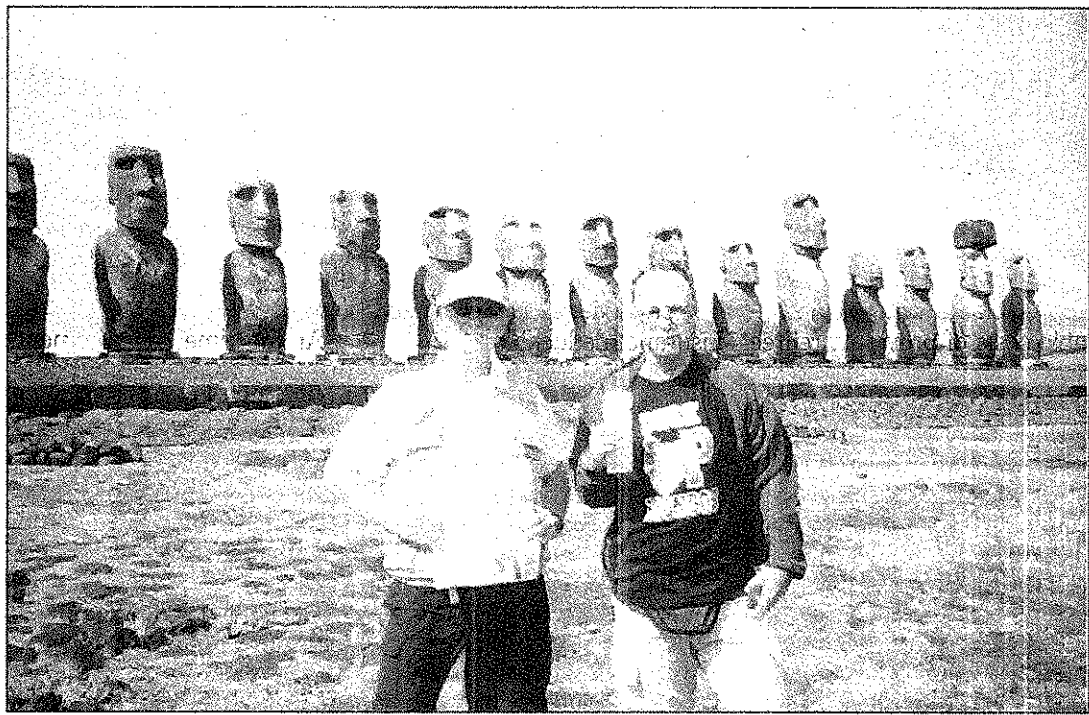


Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sandi Miller in Kodiak, Alaska.

At left: Grosse Pointe Shores residents Mike and Linda Brady in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.



Pictured with Castle Vianden in Brussels, Belgium, in the background are, left to right, Kelly Martin-Rahaim, Dick Martin, Shirley Martin and Susan Martin.



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jerry Keith and Rufus McGaugh of the City of Grosse Pointe pictured before the Moai on Easter Island.



In Golan Heights, Israel, left to right are Rosemary Hastings, City of Grosse Pointe, Patricia Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods, Joan Long of the City of Grosse Pointe, William Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Pat Pokorny of St. Clair Shores.

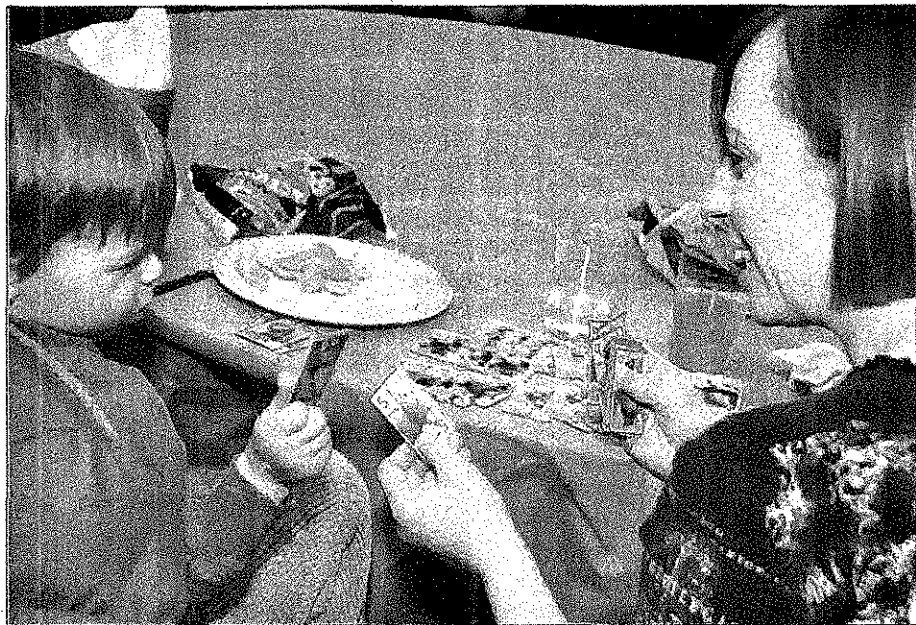


The Bielski family in Poland in front of the Nicolaus Copernicus statue at Jagiellonian University. From left are Ewa Bielski of Grosse Pointe Farms and Elizabeth, Christian, Christopher and Miriam Bielski of Grosse Pointe Park.

Movie date



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Grosse Pointe Woods mothers and sons gathered at the community center Saturday, March 5, to watch "Toy Story 3," and make a craft together. Above, 4-year-old Axel Cooper rewards his mother, Michelle, with a hug. Above left, Connor Trosst sits on his mother, Jessica's, lap during the movie. At left, David and Sheri Storrs play "go fish" with a deck of cards from the day's goodie bag.

BIRD: Forum celebrates feathered

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reach vegetation on the bottom." Some ducks eat vegetation, others eat fish. "They swim under water, catch a fish, come back up, gobble it down and go down for another one," Rapai said. "There's also ducks that eat zebra mussels." Birds also eat gobies, another invasive species. Birds are benefiting from last summer's big hatch of gizzard shad, a species native to the Great Lakes. "They died off with cold temperatures," Rapai said. "There's a lot of savaging going on now among gulls eating dead gizzard shad. That's one of the things that attracted so many bald eagles this winter." "Feathers Over Water" is hosted by State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe. "I've been struck by the seasonality of the bird population along the shoreline and on the lake," Bledsoe said. "I wanted to talk about this fabulous natural resource at our doorsteps. Lake St. Clair is a major migratory flyway and something we need to have better appreciation of." Residents planning to attend the event are asked to RSVP to Bledsoe's office by calling (517) 373-0154 or sending an e-mail to timbledsoe@house.gov.



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PANEL: Switch to defined contribution plan would help control costs

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able to manage our future." From the city's perspective, problems with the existing defined benefit approach include unpredictable and uncontrollable costs of providing retiree health care, according to the report. Advantages of a defined contribution plan are predictable and manageable costs. "Once somebody retires under a defined benefit plan, the city continues to have liability for that person until they pass away and until their spouse or dependents pass away," explained Brian Garves, presenting the report to the committee of the whole, comprised of the mayor and all city council members.

The open-endedness of a defined benefit plan makes it difficult for city officials to budget future costs.

"The beauty of switching to a defined contribution plan is that it is definite," Garves said. "There would be a defined contribution for each employee each year of service. That contribution, or liability, to the city would end whenever that employee's employment with the city ends. It would close the book in terms of any further responsibility on the city's part for that retiree's health care."

The report mirrors in overall concept what Councilman Ted Kedzierski proposed since being elected in April 2009.

"I've been saying over and over again our need to cut costs," said Kedzierski, chairman of the finance committee — which is another name for the committee of the whole.

Garves, Anderson and Kedzierski agreed the tough part of changing health care plans is implementation.

"You're changing peoples' benefits," Kedzierski said. "Nobody likes change."

Enactment requires city council ratification.

"If we want to articulate what the savings is, we have to spend \$5,000 to \$8,000 to hire an actuary to actually calculate the savings for each aspect of the plan we want to implement," Kedzierski said.

"We can't afford to wait," he added. "Legacy costs are crippling us."

A preliminary budget forecast released last week puts next fiscal years' operating deficit at \$490,000, Kedzierski said.

The Shores has 38 employees. All but nine are represented by one of four unions. The

city has 29 retirees, health care benefits for whom also cover spouses for a total of 53 persons.

Under the current plan, all retirees:

- ◆ pay a net \$250 health care insurance deductible,

- ◆ must use Medicare if eligible and

- ◆ receive dental and vision coverage.

- ◆ Health care is paid 100 percent by the city for retirees with 20 years of service.

- ◆ If the retiree worked 10 years, the city pays half the cost.

- ◆ The city pays nothing for retirees with less than 10 years of service.

- ◆ A retiree's spouse receives the same coverage as the retiree.

- ◆ If the retiree dies, the spouse receives coverage until death.

Under the proposed defined contribution plan, employees make tax-free contributions

each year of service to a retiree health care trust fund. The amount grows in compounded fashion each year until retirement, when it can be withdrawn tax-free to pay health care expenses.

"At the time of retirement, that person has an account from which they can be reimbursed for medical costs," Garves said. "When they pass away and their spouse passes away, whatever is left over reverts to the city and stays in that trust fund."

"But it can only be spent on behalf of the benefactors," Anderson added.

The recommendation benefits the Shores with a plan that "allows the city to continue providing the level and quality of service desired by attracting good, high-quality candidates to work for the city," Anderson said.

Likewise, he said it provides employees a flexible retirement health care plan that "is

competitive in the marketplace, adaptable to the different needs of each employee, under the control of the employee or retiree and rewards healthy living. Young people, especially, would be very foolish not to take it."

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Pro tem John M. Szymanski.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Pro tem John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 19, 2011, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the School District of Harper Woods Election Coordinating Committee meeting held January 17, 2011, the Local Officers Compensation Commission meeting held January 31, 2011, and the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held January 31, 2011.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 92885 through 92989 in the amount of \$226,228.30 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$19,713.36 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2010. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of \$9,993.55 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (4) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7,397.73 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of December 2010.
- 2) To approve payment to Zuniga Cement Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,072.88 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2010 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-129.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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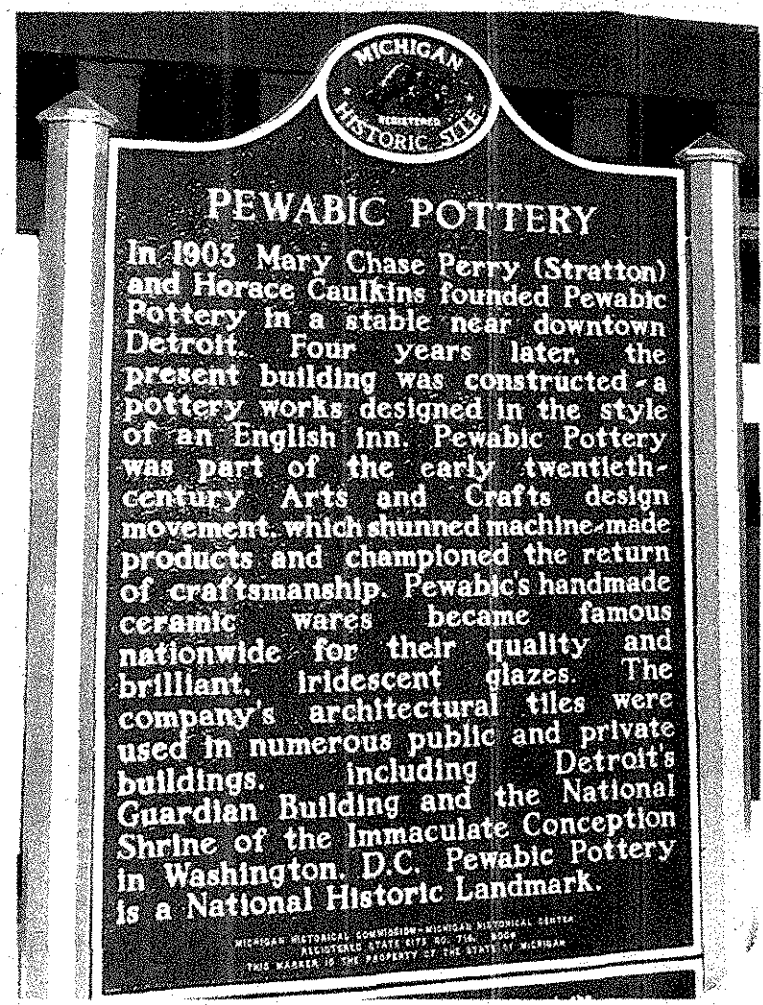
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GYMNASTICS

Ladies unite to earn spot in state finals

Grosse Pointe United's gymnastics team is making its first trip to the state finals since 1984.

Head coach Courtney Law watched the girls qualify for the finals by taking second place in a regional meet held at Plymouth High School.

The host school won with 146.975 points, followed by Grosse Pointe with 138.575 and Plymouth Salem with 137.625.

The top three teams advanced to Friday, March 11, team finals at Kenowa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.

Grosse Pointe got off to a fast start on the floor exercise, typically one of the team's strongest events. Grosse Pointe North senior Heather Koresky led off with a score of 8.65, followed by Grosse Pointe North junior Ashley Krynski, who had the identical score.

Next was Grosse Pointe South junior Fran Kay, who recorded an 8.6 and Grosse Pointe North senior Brittany Rizzo and Grosse Pointe South junior Sarah Fentin each scored an 8.9.

The team finished the event with three scores of more than 9.0 as Grosse Pointe South junior Madi Kaiser had a 9.0, Grosse Pointe South sophomore Aubryn Samaroo had a 9.3 and Grosse Pointe North sophomore Emma Abessinio

had a 9.45.

Moving to the vault, the gymnasts performed difficult routines, but did not score as well as they could, according to Law.

Grosse Pointe North freshmen Samantha Rogers and Caitlin Gaitley had a 7.975 and 7.85, respectively, while Fentin followed with an 8.0. Kaiser had an 8.075 with Kay and Samaroo posting a pair of 8.225s.

Abessinio had an 8.3 and Krynski an 8.35.

"Even after our vault scores were much lower than we were hoping for, I told the team that we were still in the mix to make the top three," Law said. "We knew that we still had two strong events left to make up for vault and the girls did not give up."

Grosse Pointe rebounded on the uneven bars, scoring one of the highest team totals of the season. Samaroo had a 7.050, followed by Krynski with a 7.650, Rizzo with a 7.850, Fentin with an 8.1, Kaiser with an 8.5 and Koresky and Abessinio with a pair of 8.75s.

The final event was the balance beam.

"It can be hard to compete on the beam last after a long day, so all week in practice we worked on ending on the beam," Law said. "The girls



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team earned its first spot in the state finals since 1984, thanks to its runner-up finish in last weekend's regional.

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Girls basketball

North, Liggett capture district titles

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Defense key to defending district title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

When practice began in November, not many people thought Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team would continue its run of success.

The last three years, the Norsemen have won a Class A state championship and made the quarterfinals each season.

Then came the graduation of some all-state players and solid contributors, leaving head coach Gary Bennett with an inexperienced, youthful roster lacking in height.

An 0-3 start to the season wasn't what the doctor ordered, but Bennett knew these tough games would pay off in the long run.

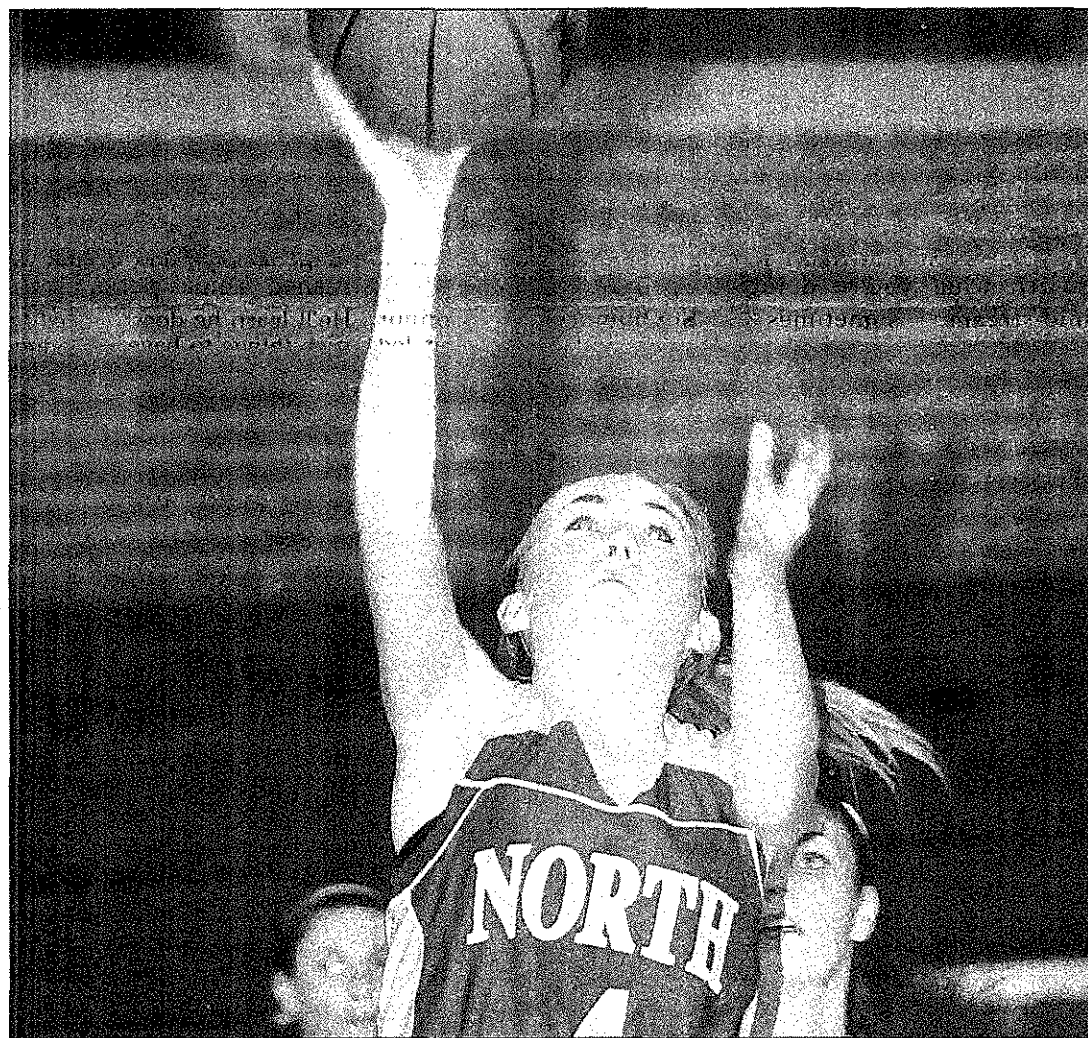
The long run did indeed continue last weekend when North beat St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 41-27 to win another district championship. This title came on city rival Grosse Pointe South's floor.

"The girls work hard in every practice and in every game and this is what happens when they work at a goal," Bennett said. "I have to give



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's coaches and players, above, celebrate after winning a Class A district championship. Below, Grosse Pointe North senior Micaela Liddane scores two points during the Norsemen's title victory over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.



Lake Shore credit because they gave us a battle, but I think we wore them down with our defensive intensity, especially in the second half."

The Norsemen's full-court pressure forced the Shorians' guards out of their rhythm and it was evident as Lake Shore had 17 turnovers and didn't get many good looks at the basket.

The Norsemen led 6-0 early, but the Shorians cut the deficit to one point twice in the opening quarter. When the horn sounded, North held a 13-9 lead that was extended to 24-17 at the half when senior point guard Micaela Liddane drove the lane and hit a layup at the buzzer.

The defensive intensity and relentless cuts on offense were crucial in a pivotal third quarter in which the Norsemen won 14-7 to really put the Shorians in a hole, 38-24.

In the opening four minutes of the fourth quarter, Bennett had his girls spread the court, passing the ball around the perimeter, taking precious minutes off the clock.

At one point, the Norsemen had five guards on the court to keep possession of the ball, limiting the Shorians' opportunities to get back in the game.

Each team scored only three fourth-quarter points as the Norsemen patiently watched the clock hit zero, clinching another district championship.

"The girls exceeded our expectations," Bennett said. "They continue to work hard against every team and now we will get ready for Regina."

Sophomore Taryn Kiah had 15 points and six rebounds to lead the Norsemen, while Liddane had nine points and sophomore Anajai Gutierrez had eight.

Other scorers were freshman Maria Liddane with seven and senior Kia Tyus with two. Despite not scoring, senior Nikki Strickland, sophomore Breann Reveley, sophomore Emily Armbruster and sophomore Anna Giordano gave the Norsemen solid minutes on both ends of the floor.

Sophomore Lauren Koeppel,

junior Gabriela Causley and sophomore Stavroula Variamos were unable to play due to injuries.

Making this district title even more amazing was Bennett usually had only seven healthy girls available for practice as injuries decimated the roster.

All but four girls missed a game this season due to an injury.

In the district semifinals, North defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview 52-33 as Kiah scored another 15 points and Gutierrez had 10.

Strickland and Micaela Liddane also had eight points apiece as the Norsemen outscored the Huskies 11-5 in the second quarter and 17-9 in the third to build a 37-20 lead.

In the three district games, the Norsemen gave up double-digit points in a quarter only twice in 12 quarters. They gave up 15 in the first quarter against Grosse Pointe South and 13 in the fourth period against Lakeview.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 13-10 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights drub PEC Prep in title tilt

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team made it back-to-back district championships last week, crushing Detroit PEC Preparatory 71-20 in the title game.

For second-year head coach Wayne Gigante, this is just the first step in the program's quest to make it to the Final Four.

"We have to do the little things it takes to win, like play defense and rebound, or else our run in the state playoffs will be a short one," Gigante said after the Knights won a huge non-league game against Detroit Martin Luther King at the end of the regular season.

Right from the get-go, the Knights were all business. They built a 13-0 lead three minutes into the game before settling into a 23-6 first-quarter advantage.

It was 41-13 at the half and 62-16 at the end of the third quarter.

It was a fun night for all the players as 10 of the 12 players

scored at least two points, including freshman Bre Andrews, who had a game-high 23 points. She scored more points than the entire PEC team.

Junior Madison Ristovski had 12 points, while junior Andrianna Evangelista had 12, sophomore Haleigh Ristovski had eight and fellow starter, sophomore Ariana Castillo, had four.

The Knights had 14 points from the bench players as sophomore Amber Baldwin and freshman Caitlin deRuiter had four points apiece, followed by freshmen Rosie DeRoo with three and Angelia Evangelista with three points apiece.

Despite not scoring, the Edmonds sisters, senior Grace and freshman Sarah, had two rebounds apiece.

As the girls went to center court to receive their medals from Liggett Athletic Director Michelle Hicks, sophomore Julia DeRoo received a hearty applause from the fans.

DeRoo tore her ACL in a game in early February and was done for the season. Despite not playing, she has been on the bench, cheering on her teammates.

Liggett improved to 21-1 overall heading into regional play.

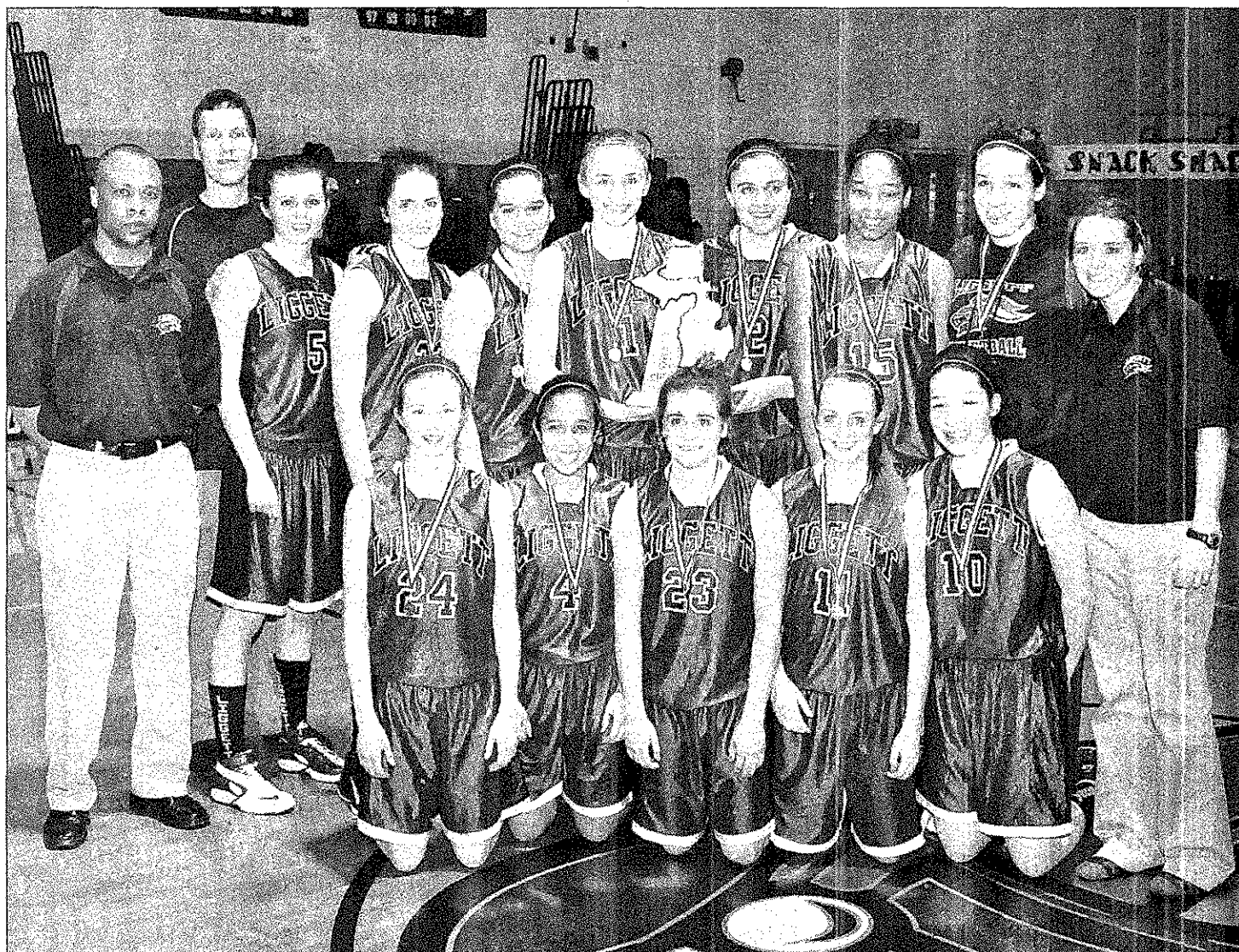


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University Liggett players and coaches are all smiles after winning a second straight Class C regional championship, crushing Detroit PEC Prep 71-20 in the title game.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get defensive, beat Lakeview

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team is playing its best hoops of the season and at the perfect time.

After losing their final Macomb Area Conference White Division game, 54-50, to Utica early last week, the Norsemen upset the No. 7 ranked team in Class B, Detroit Frederick Douglass 59-54 and Monday night beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview 48-36 in the first round of the Class A district playoffs at Grosse Pointe South.

"We got after them (Lakeview) defensively and held them below 40 points and we held a good Frederick Douglass team to 54 points,"

head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We can be a very good basketball team when the guys play smart, play good defense and make good decisions with the basketball."

Both teams struggled in the opening five minutes of the first quarter and after the opening quarter, the Norsemen led 9-8.

Lockhart watched his Norsemen put its game in second gear in the second quarter, outscoring the Huskies 19-9 to take a double-digit advantage, 28-17, into the intermission.

"We struggled to find any consistency in the first five minutes and both teams couldn't do much, but then we started to play harder and force some turnovers," Lockhart said. "Our seniors are starting

to lead by example and they played very well tonight."

The Norsemen's defensive rebounding was sound as junior Dondre Young had 10 rebounds and junior guard Jamal Williams had eight rebounds. The Norsemen finished with 35 rebounds against a physical Lakeview front-line.

The Huskies could never find their consistency, thanks to the Norsemen's pressure defense that contested every shot and kept pressure on their guards, forcing them out of their comfort zone.

Lockhart's game plan was executed to perfection. He had the chance to scout the Huskies a couple of times before the playoffs and the extra work paid off.

Young put an exclamation

mark on the playoff win with a dunk midway through the fourth quarter. He finished with three points and three blocked shots to go with the double-digit rebounds.

Senior George Greer led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, followed by junior Adam Andrzejczak with nine, Williams with eight, senior Allesandro Dutta with eight, senior Chris Collins with four, junior Derrick Morris with three, junior Clark Ditzhazy with three and Young with three.

Dutta hit two big three pointers among his three baskets and he made two big threes in the upset victory over Frederick Douglass.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-15 overall.



Grosse Pointe North's Derrick Morris goes up for his only basket in the Norsemen's win over Lakeview.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

LIGGETT

Knights feel the heat, get upset in playoffs

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

Despite an eight-point lead at halftime, the University Liggett boys' basketball team was stunned Monday night, falling to Plymouth Educational Center Preparatory 52-47 in the first round of the state playoffs.

Echoes of "I believe that we

will win," rang through the Liggett gymnasium, and on paper it seemed to be a clear favorite.

The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference champion Knights carried an 18-2 record, overshadowing PEC Prep's 9-6 mark.

"We were not prepared to lose," Liggett head coach Sidney Johnson said. "It was

an excellent season for us, but it's hard to really appreciate it when our kids go out in the first round."

Prior to the tipoff, everyone in attendance dedicated a moment of silence to Fennville High's Wes Leonard, who died Thursday following his school basketball game.

As the game got under way, Liggett looked strong early.

A 5-5 tie was broken by an 8-0 run, which included steals by senior Carl Ghafari and sophomore KeVaughn Jackson. Ghafari finished with eight points in his last game at Liggett and Jackson added four.

Struggling at the free-throw stripe, Liggett shot 38 percent, making just 3-of-8 attempts in the first half.

The teams traded buckets in the second, each scoring 12 points, and the Panthers went into the locker room trailing 27-19.

"We've got a lot of younger players, so it's difficult to switch what you're doing mid-stream sometimes,"

Johnson said. "We had a lead when they switched defenses late in the game and we had

'We were not prepared to lose. It was an excellent season for us, but it's hard to really appreciate it when our kids go out in the first round.'

SIDNEY JOHNSON,
University Liggett boys basketball head coach

trouble scoring."

Led by an eight-point second half from junior Terrick Griffin, PEC Prep heated up in the third. Nichols Redmond, Immanuel Davis and Marcus Berry each added eight of their own points in the game.

Sophomores Connor Fannon and Eric Ewing led the Knights with 11 and 12 points respectively, but the

duo was held to four points each in the second half.

"Eric's our leading scorer, but I thought he was a little off balanced on some of his shots today," Johnson said. "He's usually a knock-down mid-range shooter, and I think he rushed some possessions. He'll learn he doesn't need to rush things to have a produc-

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team was back on the court after a 10-day layoff.

The host Blue Devils didn't make it easy, but beat St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 62-54 in the first round of the Class A state district playoffs.

"Lake Shore played hard and gave us everything we could handle, but we found a way to win," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "It's one game at a time and we were able to get a good effort to win a tough game."

The Blue Devils were badly outrebounded and didn't shoot particularly well, but forced 20 turnovers to score several easy transition baskets to thwart the Shorians at every corner.

They opened a 29-19 lead in the second quarter and settled in on a 31-25 halftime lead.

The Shorians used a 5-1 run

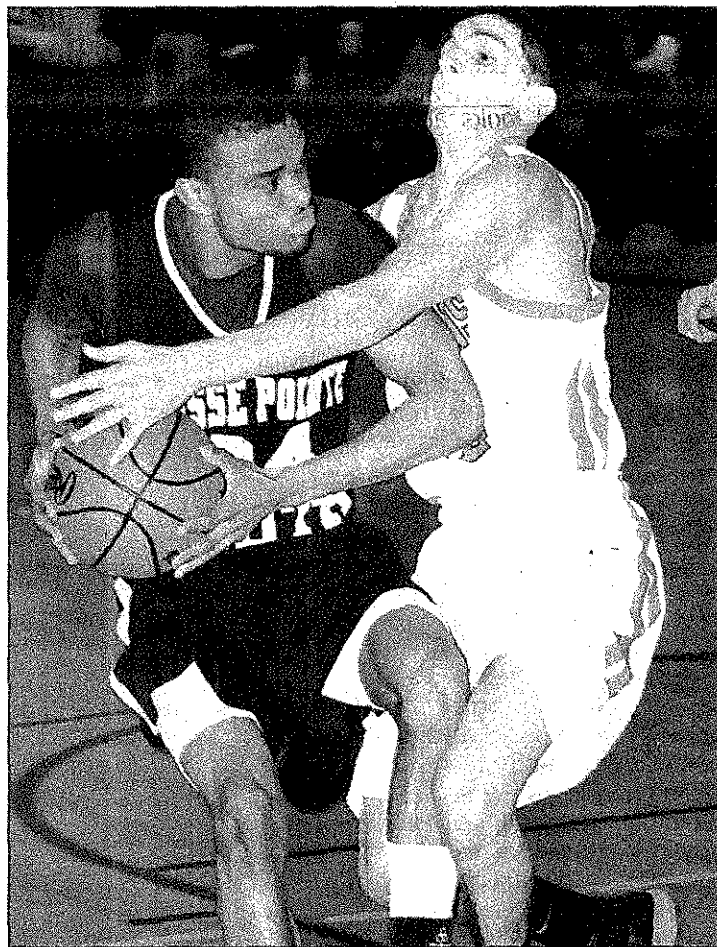


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Grosse Pointe South senior Victor Mattison scored 14 points in the Blue Devils' playoff opening victory over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

to cut the deficit to a basket, 32-30, but once again the Blue Devils turned up the defen-

sive intensity, forcing a slew

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Girls hockey

North beats Liggett in quarters, South wins, too

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South advanced to the semifinals of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state playoffs Monday night at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The Norsemen blanked city rival University Liggett 6-0, while the Blue Devils beat Port Huron by the same score.

Head coach Scott Dockett watched his Norsemen beat the Knights for the third time this season, thanks to six different players scoring a goal.

Seniors Megan Bergeron, Kailey Sickmiller and Taylor Moody, plus sophomores C.J. McCarthy, Sara Villani and Julia Henderson scored for the Norsemen.

Junior Emma Huellmantel posted the shutout for the Norsemen, while the Blue Devils sophomore Anastasia Diamond did the same against Port Huron.

Junior Claire Boyle led the way with two goals, while seniors Andrea Marshall, Christina Daudlin and Lorna Burns, and junior Marissa Monforton, had a goal apiece.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 19-3-1 and Grosse Pointe South improved to 17-3-

1. Liggett beat Livonia Ladywood 3-1 in a Division 1 play-in game last weekend.

The winner of the Nos. 7 and 8 seeds in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League advanced to the Division 1 playoffs, while the loser ended its season.

Head coach Laura Aiken and the Knights already beat Ladywood twice in the regular season, 3-2 on home ice Nov. 30 and 3-2 in overtime Jan. 22 on the road.

The lucky number was three again as the Knights used a sustained attack and great goaltending by senior Mariah Passalacqua to beat the Blazers and advance.

"We knew we could beat Ladywood again, but we had to play well to do it," senior captain Medea Shanidze said. "It's a nice win for us and now we move on."

The Knights' leading scorer, junior Haleigh Bolton, scored twice, while sophomore Hannah Mason tallied once to lead the team.

Shanidze added two assists and Aiken also had solid performances from fellow senior leaders Keegin Fisher and Natalie Peracchio.

With the win, Liggett ended its season 10-14 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett's Hannah Mason, left, scored a goal in the Knights' big win over Livonia Ladywood.

Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights upset by CD

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sometimes the best team doesn't always win.

University Liggett boys' hockey team was the favorite heading into its Division 3 regional championship game at Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

The Knights outshot the Yellowjackets 34-14, but lost 2-1 when the home team used a two-on-zero breakaway to score past junior goaltender Joseph Davenport with only 38.3 seconds left in the third period.

"Our defenseman was in position to make the play, but Country Day's player interfered with him, creating the two-on-zero break," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "It was a penalty all the way, but they didn't blow the whistle and Country Day went in and scored the game winner."

"With or without that play, we didn't play well enough to win the game. It was a bad time to not play up to our potential. It's a disappointing ending to a nice season and this will stay in the pit of my stomach for a while."

The Knights had every opportunity to win the game, storming Country Day netmin-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

University Liggett goaltender Joseph Davenport makes a save during the Knights' regional final against host Country Day.

der Nathan Grathwohl, but the puck only found the back the net once.

The Yellowjackets scored a power play goal at the 4:01 mark of the second period, but the Knights tied it when sophomore Jake Soyka tallied a power play tally at the 9:32 mark of the third stanza.

Junior Jake Hodges drew an assist.

The visitors outshot the Yellowjackets 13-5 in the opening period, 12-6 in the second and 9-3 in the third as Davenport suffered the tough defeat, stopping 12-of-14 shots, while Grathwohl stopped 33-of-34.

The Knights won their pre-regional tournament, beating St. Clair 6-2 and Marysville 1-0.

McIntyre didn't have any nervous moments in the victory over St. Clair as sophomore Manny Counsman scored just 46 seconds in the opening period with Soyka netting an assist.

Counsman's shot slid along the ice at a turtle-like pace and

somehow slid past Saints goalie Chipper Gauss.

Counsman added his second goal of the game four minutes later, scoring an unassisted short-handed tally.

Soyka scored to give the host Knights a 3-0 lead at the 11:09 mark of the second period. This power play goal was assisted by sophomore Cameron Marchese and Hodges.

Freshman Jake Jerome scored a huge power play goal with only 43.6 seconds left in the second stanza. Junior David Gushee and sophomore Mark Auk had assists.

At this point, the home team was in total control of the game, leading 4-0 and outshooting the Saints 22-7.

Each team scored twice in the third period with Andrew DeDeckere and Blake Biewer scoring for the Saints, and Hodges and Soyka for the Knights.

Junior Connor Wiggins assisted on Hodges' goal and Counsman had the assist on Soyka's tally.

Sophomore Nate Gaggin earned the win and was the winning goaltender for the Knights' nail biting win over the Vikings in the first round of the state playoffs.

Hodges scored the lone goal and Gaggin earned one of the three stars, making several key saves in the final two minutes when the Vikings had an extra attacker on the ice.

Liggett finished its season 20-7 overall.

NORTH & SOUTH

Pilots oust North, South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Nemesis Warren DeLaSalle, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 2, knocked out Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North from the state playoffs last week.

South head coach Jamie Bufalino and the Blue Devils were eliminated 5-1 in a pre-regional title game.

The Pilots struck first, scoring late in the first period, but Blue Devils senior Andrew Holder tied it with only eight seconds left on the clock.

Bufalino and the Blue Devils stole the momentum and went into the first intermission tied 1-1 with the Pilots.

After that, the Blue Devils were tied up as the Pilots scored four unanswered goals to win the game, ending South's season and advancing to a regional final against league foe Birmingham Brother Rice.

Grosse Pointe South ended its season 15-10-1.

North head coach Scott Lock and the Norsemen took it on the chin, 6-1, in a pre-regional semifinal Tuesday, March 1.

"If we play like we did Saturday night (a 3-2 win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central), we will be OK," Lock said while watching his team during the pre-game warmup.

The Norsemen played well in the opening period, netting eight shots to the Pilots' eight, but trailing 1-0 on a goal by senior Aaron Yarden.

In a matter of four minutes in the second period, the Norsemen's season unraveled

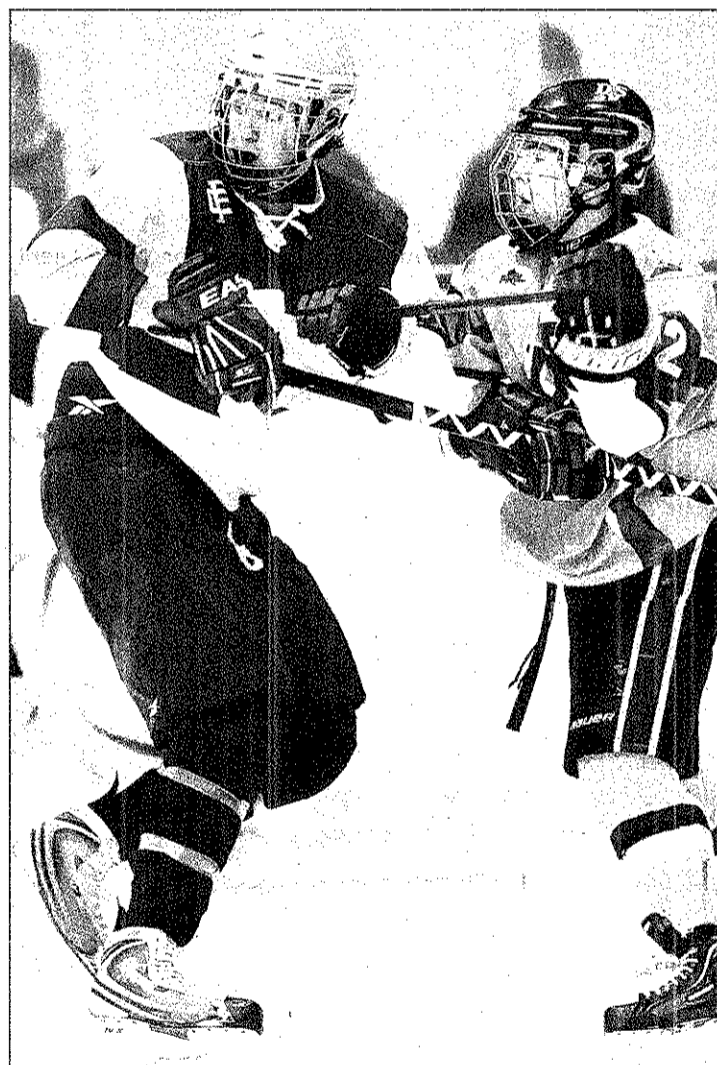


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Grosse Pointe South junior Marty Moesta ties up a DeLaSalle forward during the Blue Devils' pre-regional title game with the Pilots.

as the Pilots turned a one goal advantage into a four goal lead with three special teams goals that prompted a goalie change from senior Jeff Ryan to junior Chip Wujek.

The Pilots scored a power play goal at the 12:55 mark, a short-handed tally at the 10:18 mark and another power play goal at the 9:00 mark.

The Norsemen got on the board at the 3:45 mark when sophomore Jack Stander sent a pass to junior Scott Dornbrock, who threaded the needle on a pass to junior Joe Aluia who buried a power play goal past Pilot net-minder Jake Theut.

DeLaSalle flexed its No. 1 ranking in the third period, outshooting North 16-4 and scored two more goals to end the Norsemen's season in the first round of the state playoffs.

It was the third time the Pilots beat the Norsemen this season.

Grosse Pointe North ended its season 10-12-3.

South had an easy time in its pre-regional semifinal, blasting Fraser 10-2 as Holder had a hat trick and senior Jess Martinelli had two goals.

It didn't look like a run-away in the opening period as the underdog Ramblers led 2-1 as

Jake Swindell's two goals offset the Blue Devils' opening tally by senior Max Corbett one minute into the game.

The Blue Devils quickly regrouped and dominated the final two periods, outshooting the Ramblers 23-6 in the second period and 13-1 in the third to win the shot battle 51-17.

In the process, they put nine goals on the board to officially end the game with 1:17 left when senior Chris Flanagan's tally put the eight-goal mercy rule into affect.

In the second period, Holder scored twice, while junior Geoff Welsler, senior Nolan Monforton and sophomore Ryan Maher tallied one goal apiece.

In the third period, Martinelli scored a power play goal and added his second at the 3:36 mark, while Holder completed his hat trick at the 6:09 mark and Flanagan ended the contest.

Drawing assists in the game were sophomore Thomas Marantette and Monforton with two apiece, and senior Sean Milavec, Maher, Martinelli, junior Marty Moesta, Welsler and sophomore Jake Corden with one apiece.

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LIGGETT: Loss sours great year

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five game."
Back-to-back three pointers by Redmond cut Liggett's lead

to one point, and a jumper by Terry Miller gave PEC Prep its first lead of the game with 1:35 left in regulation.

"PEC Prep got hot, a couple kids knocked down shots, and our guys lost our poise a little bit," Johnson said.

The Knights' attempt to tie the game fell short, and after sinking a mid-range shot and a pair of free throws, the

Panthers walked off the court with a 52-47 victory.

In their last games for Liggett, senior Dominic Jamett scored nine and Ghafari had eight.

"Carl is a heck of a player, but I didn't think he had his best game," Johnson said. "He's usually very steady, averaging three turnovers a game at the most, so that was

uncharacteristic of him."

"Dom's a warrior inside and one heck of a rebounder, but he got into foul trouble early and he had to decide to play offense and defense without fouling," Johnson said. "They're both excellent players and we're going to miss them a ton next year."

Liggett finished its season 18-3 overall.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Grapplers come up shy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Three local wrestlers competed in last weekend's Division 1 Individual Finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Grosse Pointe South senior Reggie Lewis, along with Grosse Pointe North senior Jadon Cook and junior Shawn Miller enjoyed the prestigious Grand Marsh Assembly at 1:30 Thursday, March 3, and proceeded in the Grand March at 2 p.m. in front of hundreds of spectators.

Matches began at 2:15 March 3 and the second round of competition began at 8:30 a.m. the following day.

Lewis lost his first match by pin to Holt's Tyler Culp in the 285-pound division. He was eliminated from medal contention after losing a 6-5 deci-

sion to Rochester Hills' Stoney Creek's Serge Andreou in the consolation first round.

Lewis finished the season with 32 wins, while Cook ended his year with 26 victories.

Cook lost his opening match in the 215-pound division when Oxford's Prescott Line pinned him and he was pinned by White Lake Lakeland's Alex Sokoll in the consolation first round match Friday morning.

Miller had the most wins of the three, 45, but he lost both his matches to lose out in the medal chase.

Miller, 171-pound division, lost an 11-2 major decision to Southgate Anderson's Tomas Gomez March 3 and came back to lost a 9-2 decision to Midland's Knute Hoffman in the consolation first round the next morning.

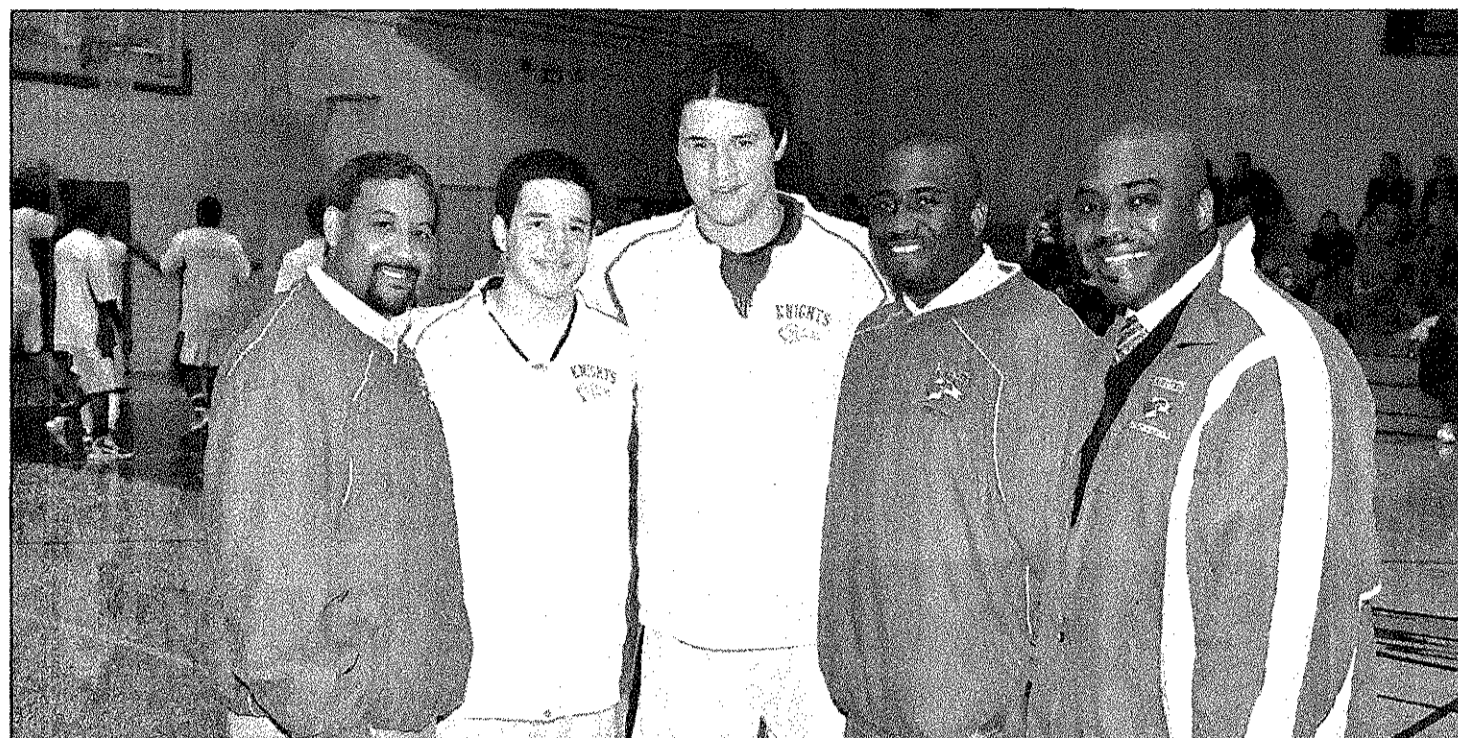


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University Liggett seniors Carl Ghafari and Dominic Jamett, second and third from left, were honored by their coaches, fans and friends at a ceremony held during their final regular season home game last week.

SOUTH: Guys pull out big victory

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of turnovers and converting those into baskets.

Junior Tim Kramer's steal at half court and lay-up at the end of the third quarter gave the home team all the momentum as they led 47-34.

Once again the visitors chipped away, scoring the first nine points of the fourth quarter to get within four

points, 47-43.

Grauzer called a timeout and pumped up his players with an emphatic talk.

They quickly went on an 8-2 run to lead 55-45 and the rest was history as the Blue Devils hit several free throws to win the playoff opener.

Seniors Victor Mattison and Brandon Barkley led the way, scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Other scorers were senior Alex Bedan with nine points; Kramer with eight; senior Corbet Conroy with seven; senior Cooper Hartman with six; junior Joe Srebernak with four; and senior Nick Diehl

with two.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 10-11 overall.

"This is March Madness," Grauzer said. "You can't look past any team because it only takes one bad outing to end the season."

"We earned the right to move on to the next game in the state playoffs and now we need to play better against a very good East Detroit team."

South lost 59-51 at East Detroit Feb. 1 and opened its division schedule with a 55-39 home loss to the Shamrocks.

"They're fast and we have to find a way to slow them down."

GYMNASTS: Team steps up to win

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were really ready for the event."

Grosse Pointe North junior Anna Brucker led-off the event with a 7.05, followed by Samaroo with a 6.3. Kay was next with a 7.0, while Rizzo and Krynski posted a 7.375 and 7.775, respectively.

Abessinio came in with a 8.475 on a picturesque routine

with only a minor misstep on the dismount and Koresky had an 8.625 for a flawless routine.

Fentin hit all of her tough skills to score an 8.775 and Kaiser did the same, anchoring the team with an 8.85 for two of the highest scores on the beam all day.

"We knew what our team score was, but we had no idea where we would place until the final results were announced at the awards ceremony," Law said. "It was a very nerve-racking wait."

"This also wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our assistant coach, Christine Spada, and our for-

mer head coach, Cathy Hubmeier, who spend countless hours working with all of these girls."

In addition to making the team finals, several gymnasts qualified for the individual state finals Saturday, March 12. Abessinio qualified in the all-around competition by placing fifth in the regionals.

On the uneven bars, Abessinio, Koresky and Kaiser will compete, while Kaiser competes in the balance beam with Fentin.

Abessinio also qualified on the floor exercise and is joined by Samaroo on the event.

— Bob St. John

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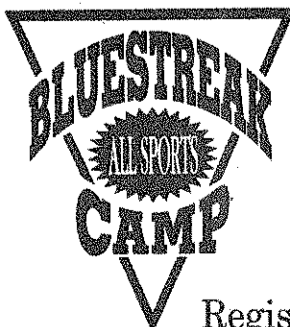
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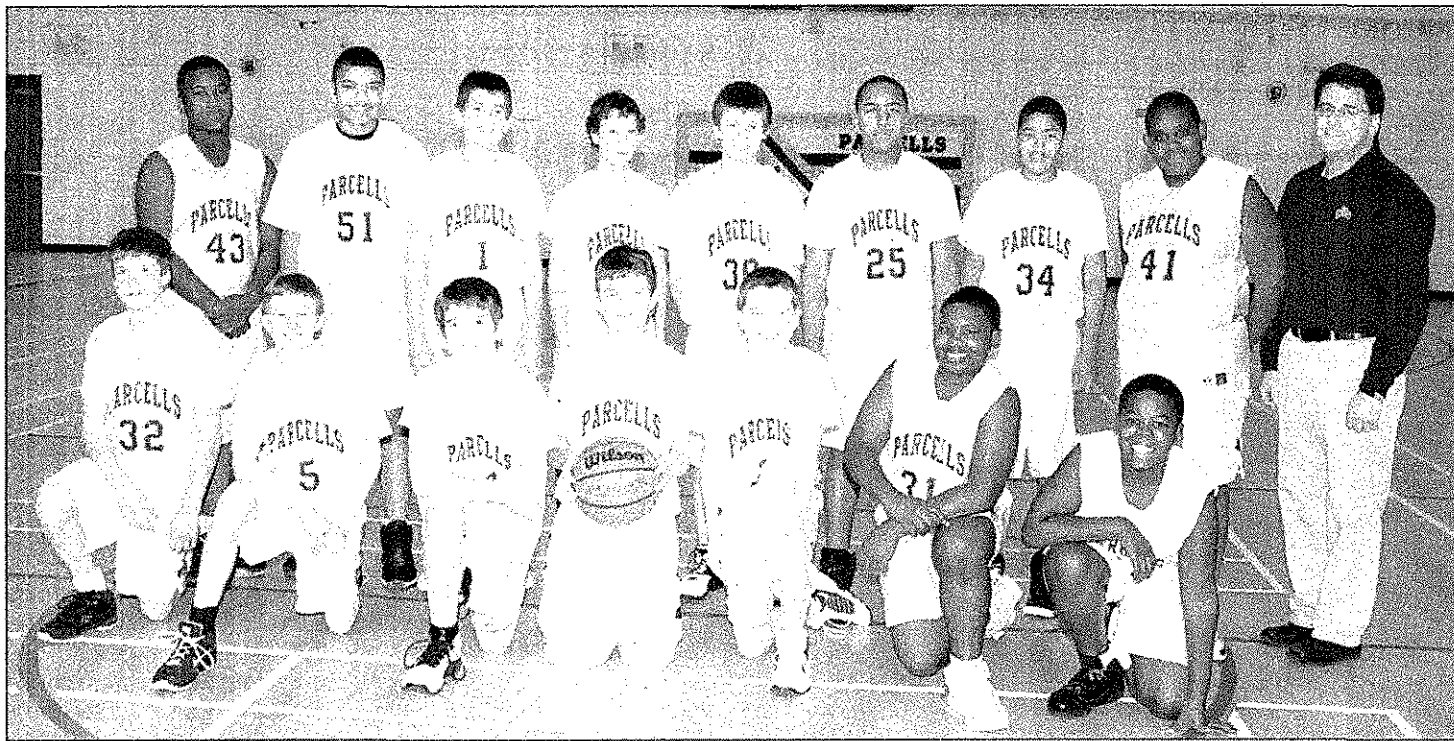


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Perfection

The Parcels Middle School seventh-grade boys' basketball team finished the season a perfect 12-0 and division champions. The Panthers averaged 41 points per game and held the opposition to less than 30 points per contest. Besides beating city rivals Pierce and Brownell, Parcels also defeated Jefferson, Kennedy, Clintondale and South Lake. Pictured above in the front row from left are, Josh Marck, Luke Drieborg, Jack Kennedy, Alex Kracht, Mitchell Blaine, Jeffrey Redd and Brandon Terrell; and standing from left are, DaeQuan Pope, Jeremiah Walton, Kent Strobl, Geoff Smith, Mitchell Zacharias, Lawrence Bryant, Troy Fowler, Givonne Terry and coach Paul Veltri.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Spring tune-up

Grosse Pointe South sophomores Hannah Meier, left, and Haley Meier, right, competed in the state indoor track championships Saturday, Feb. 26, at Eastern Michigan University. Hannah won the mile with a state-record time of 4:55, leading from start to finish, while Haley was second with her best-ever time of 4:56, which was also the third fastest indoor mile time in state history. In the middle is South freshman Kelsie Schwartz, who was fourth with a time of 5:05. South's outdoor track and field season starts in April.

FOOTBALL



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Heading south

Grosse Pointer and Birmingham Brother Rice senior Tom Schneider, right, is playing football next fall for head coach David Brown at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Joining Schneider in the picture is legendary Brother Rice head football coach Al Fracassa. Missouri S&T was founded in 1870 as one of the first technological schools west of the Mississippi River. It is one of the nation's top technological research universities producing engineers, scientists and innovators.

HOCKEY



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Repeat champs

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**24 monthly payments of \$379.00. Total due at signing is \$1,767.18. Security deposit waived. Tax and \$595.00 acquisition fee included in payment. 10,500 allowable miles per year. Per Approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. RCL Renewal is for returning Ford leases. Must take delivery by 3/31/2011. Plus plates.

2011 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED 4WD
 WHITE PLATINUM MET TRI-COAT, PECAN PERFORATED LEATHER, RAPID SPEC 302A, VOICE ACT NAV SYSTEM, 3.5L V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION



24 MONTH LEASE PAYMENT
\$439⁰⁰** /MO.
 STK# K2400

MSRP **\$45,970⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$40,651^{53*}**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **- \$750⁰⁰**

YOUR PRICE \$39,901^{53*}

**24 monthly payments of \$439.00. Total due at signing is \$2,268.14. Security deposit waived. Tax and \$595.00 acquisition fee included in payment. 10,500 allowable miles per year. Per Approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. RCL Renewal is for returning Ford leases. Must take delivery by 3/31/2011. Plus plates.

2011 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED EL 4X4
 ROYAL RED METALLIC, CHARCOAL BLACK BUCKET SEATS, RAPID SPEC 300A, POWER MOON ROOF, 5.4L 3V SOHC V8 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION



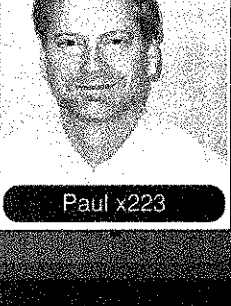
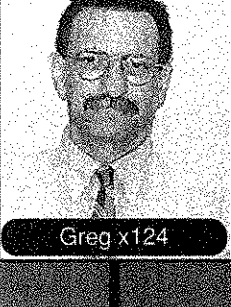
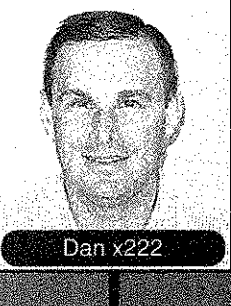
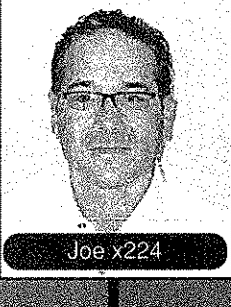
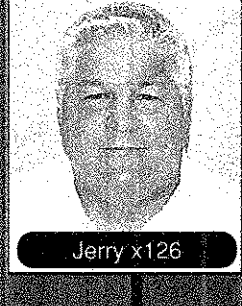
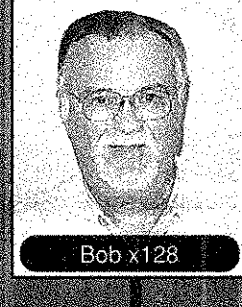
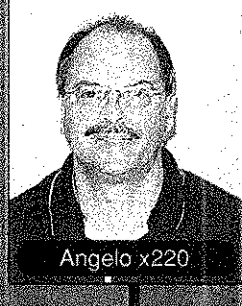
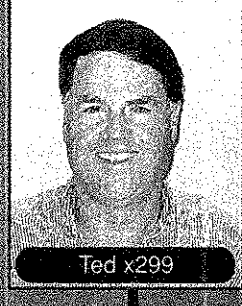
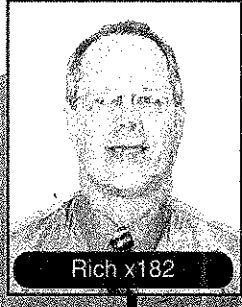
24 MONTH LEASE PAYMENT
\$679⁰⁰** /MO.
 STK# K1543

MSRP **\$52,415⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$47,551^{94*}**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **- \$750⁰⁰**

YOUR PRICE \$46,801^{94*}

**24 monthly payments of \$679.00. Total due at signing is \$2,862.48. Security deposit waived. Tax and \$595.00 acquisition fee included in payment. 10,500 allowable miles per year. Per Approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. RCL Renewal is for returning Ford leases. Must take delivery by 3/31/2011. Plus plates.

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