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- ◆ The Valparaiso University Guild hosts its annual spring luncheon and fashion show at noon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$30. For more information, call Kyle at (313) 881-9703.
- ◆ The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit holds its 2011 herb sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club and the Grosse Pointe News host the fifth annual flower sale on the grounds of Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- ◆ Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners and Habitat for Humanity Detroit host a free 25th anniversary tour of the Morningside Community, a neighborhood of Habitat houses. The bus leaves at 11 a.m. from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, and returns at 2:15 p.m. For more information, call Pete Wilson at (313) 881-3907 or e-mail him at detpdw@comcast.net.
- ◆ The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit holds its 2011 herb sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza. Interactive workshops, tastings and presentations take place.
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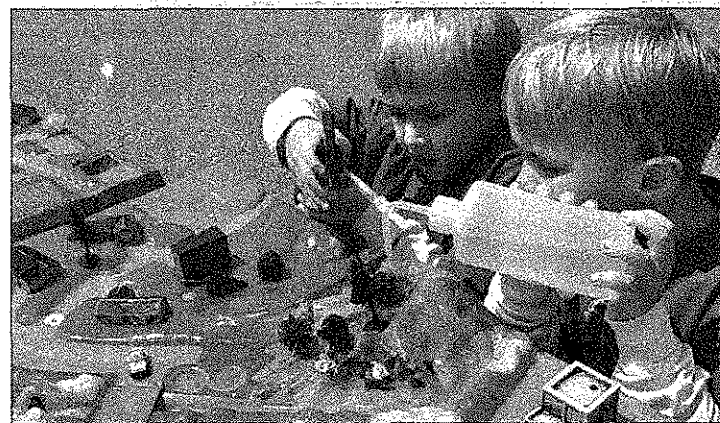
Mother's Day
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" is at 2 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

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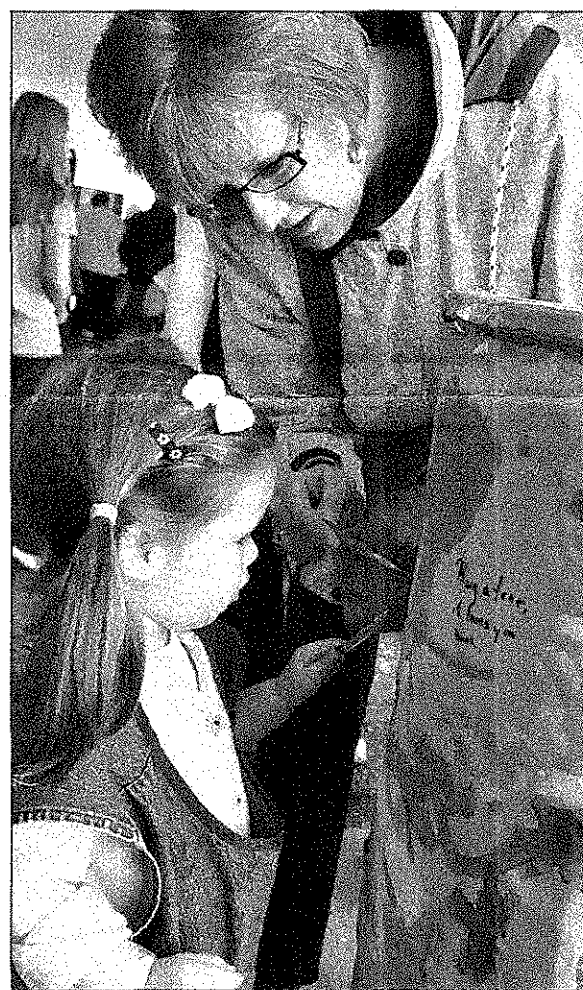


Green with ideas

Above, during a green clean demonstration at Grosse Pointe's annual Earth Day Fair Saturday, April 30, Julie Lyons Bicker and her children, Audrey and Owen, make a toxic-free surface spray cleanser and soft scrub paste combining vinegar, baking soda, water and castile soap. At right, Toni Gibson and her granddaughter, Julia Boyd, of Grosse Pointe Park, paint a recycling barrel. Grosse Pointe Academy art students will finish painting the barrel to be used for containing the school's recyclable materials.



Ian and Charlie Morse, of the City of Grosse Pointe, participate in a demonstration illustrating how runoff from pollutants, such as lawn pesticides and fertilizers flow into waterways, by using squirt bottles to simulate rain.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

City finances 101

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Municipal budget planners are sharpening their pencils as the new fiscal year nears. By the time next year's budgets are due this spring, expenses must balance revenues. Revenues keep falling, which means operating costs must, too. "We're anticipating next year a shortfall close to \$600,000," said Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager. Farms revenues are down due to another 4 percent drop in property values. The city also is forgoing lease in-

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Walls come tumbling down

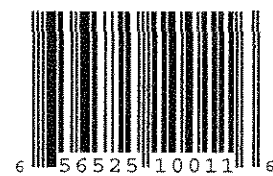
Demolition of the former Kroger grocery store building on Mack and Moross began Friday, April 29. Work started later in the year than expected, then jumped the scheduled gun. "They weren't supposed to start until Monday," said Terry Brennan, Grosse Pointe Farms public works director. Weather weighed in the decision to start early. Demolition crews had been holding back due to consecutive days of rain. "They saw the sun come out and said it was time to start," Brennan said. Once the building is gone and debris hauled away, the site will be leveled and planted with ornamental plants and trees. "By June 1, we'll have a nice, landscaped park," Brennan said.

One step closer

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

A senior housing complex in Grosse Pointe Woods moved one step closer to reality last week as the city's planning commission approved the project by a unanimous vote. The final vote in the approval process now rests with the city council, which has scheduled a public hearing on the development Monday, June 6. The Rivers of Grosse Pointe, a continuing care retirement community, will consist of condominiums, independent living apartments, an assisted living component and a skilled nursing facility. "We're pleased and proud to present this project to you tonight," developer Richard Levin told the planning commission. "This project is designed to allow residents to age in place. As the needs of our residents change, they can move within the campus, allowing for a continuum of care, even into hospice and end of life care, eliminating the trauma of moving from location to another." The development will be built on the 15-acre site on Cook Road that was once the Children's Home of Detroit. Plans call for 40 cottage-style condominiums to be built on separate cul-de-sacs around the perimeter of the property and a three-story complex that will contain 82 apartments designed for independent living, 82 assisted living apartments and a 100-bed skilled nursing facility. Also located within the main com-

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Car break-in

Some \$5 in change was stolen out of a vehicle parked overnight Saturday, April 30, at an apartment building in the 17600 block of Mack.

The vehicle's owner, a 56-year-old man, informed police of the larceny at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 1.

"(He) also reports that the ignition was damaged when (the perpetrator) attempted to take the vehicle," said an officer. "(The victim) believes the vehicle was unlocked."

Assault

A teenage witness supported a 23-year-old Warren woman's claim that her boyfriend, a 25-year-old Detroit resident, punched her in the head while arguing last week at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The alleged assault occurred at 7:39 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the hospital waiting room.

"(The man) got upset and picked up a chair and threw it," according to police.

The witness, a 15-year-old St. Clair Shores girl, confirmed the victim's account.

Hospital security detained the suspect for police.

Sees crime

Police recovered a \$650 Red Max backpack leaf blower in Detroit within minutes of it being stolen at about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, from a City of Grosse Pointe man.

Two unknown male suspects in a gray 2007 Chevrolet Impala reportedly took the blower out of the victim's truck, parked in the 18100 block of Mack.

A Grosse Pointe Farms detective witnessed the crime and pursued the suspects into Detroit.

Police found the blower dis-

carded in an alley behind Bluehill near Harper.

Jacket stolen

Someone between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, stole a pink and gray North Face jacket that an 82-year-old St. Clair Shores woman hung on the Neighborhood Club fence, 17100 Waterloo.

The woman's car keys were in a jacket pocket.

School connection

At 1:35 p.m. Monday, April 24, a woman turned over to police her daughter's alleged marijuana pipe and small supply of the drug.

The mother, a City resident, said she took the items from her daughter, 16, of Grosse Pointe Park.

"Her daughter stated she is buying the marijuana from (a Grosse Pointe Park female) senior at Grosse Pointe South High School," according to police. "(The mother) stated she caught her daughter smoking the marijuana at their cottage."

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Some of everything

Three Grosse Pointe teenagers were turned over to their parents following a traffic stop at 1:14 a.m. Sunday, May 1 on westbound Mack near Manor.

The roadside investigation stemmed from a 19-year-old Woods man driving a silver 2009 Pontiac G6 without lights.

"(I) detected the odor of intoxicants and marijuana coming from inside the vehicle," said the patrolman.

The driver had a .025 per-

cent blood alcohol level; a 19-year-old female passenger from the Woods had a .07 percent blood alcohol level; and a 17-year-old male passenger from the Park had a zero blood alcohol level, police said.

Officers reported finding a half-empty fifth of spiced rum in the girl's purse, plus wrapping papers and an empty beer can in the car.

The driver possessed an Adderall pill, but not a prescription for the stimulant, police said.

Hung up

A Grosse Pointe Park man didn't have any luck last week calling the number of his missing cell phone.

An unknown man answered the \$200 Blackberry, which the owner thinks he lost between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at a business in the 18700 block of Mack in the Farms.

"When (he) advised the person that the phone belonged to him, the suspect hung up and would not answer again," said an officer.

Familiar faces

A pair of male teenagers from the Farms were questioned at about 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, regarding their suspected break-in of a former Detroit police mini station at Canyon and East Warren.

They'd been implicated by a citizen flagging down an officer and saying the teens left the area of the mini station in a red 1999 Honda Civic two-door.

The 16- and 17-year-old teens, who are known to police, denied breaking into anything.

Yet, they were arrested on other charges upon being pulled over on eastbound Williams near Ridge.

Both teens were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. The 17-year-old also was cited for carrying a knife.

During questioning, the 17-year-old reportedly overheard police radio traffic about the alleged burglary.

"He volunteered that he and (the other teen) were at Baldock Park and had spray painted graffiti in the old mini station," said an officer. "He denied any burglary."

Belated I.D. theft

A 22-year-old Farms man told police last week that he'd been notified nine months ago by a credit reporting agency that someone opened a Comcast account in his name and obtained \$400 worth of service.

Current I.D. theft

An unknown identity thief

this month fraudulently bought two, \$1,500 gift cards in the name of a 51-year-old Farms woman.

The woman learned last week of cards bought at J.C. Penny stores in Novi and Dearborn.

Four times limit

A male motorist with a reported blood alcohol level more than four times the legal limit was caught at 9:17 p.m. Monday, April 25, on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

Officers arrested the man for drunken driving and obstructing justice. Then, due to the man's .33 percent blood alcohol level, officers took him to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital for observation.

The man had been reported driving erratically on southbound Moran. An officer, with his patrol car's emergency lights and siren activated, caught up to the man on Lakeshore, but he was slow to pull over.

Upon stopping, the man was uncooperative, police said.

"(He) reached up to (the) gear shift as if to try to put (the) truck into gear, but was grabbed and removed from the vehicle," said the arresting 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

Drunken driver I

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man with a .16 percent blood alcohol level was arrested at 2:49 a.m. Saturday, April 30, on southbound Lakeshore at Oxford for operating a black 2006 GMC station wagon, according to police.

"(His) speech was slurred and his eyes were bloodshot," said a patrolman. "(He) admitted consuming alcohol before driving."

Officers also cited the man for violating a suspended driver's license, not having valid proof of auto insurance and ignoring a red light while turning onto Lakeshore from Vernier.

Drunken driver II

During a traffic stop at 9:27 p.m. Thursday, April 28, on northbound Lakeshore near Fair Lake Lane, a 43-year-old Detroit woman registered a .169 blood alcohol level. Police arrested her for drunken driving.

Tree falls

At 2:16 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, a tree was discovered uprooted and toppled onto a power line between houses on Shorecrest.

There was concern the pow-

er line had charged a metal fence.

A DTE Energy inspection crew arrived in about an hour. A repair crew was on scene shortly before 6 p.m.

Casing Crestwood

Two Detroit men, one wanted for armed robbery, were questioned at 1:14 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, for behaving suspiciously on Crestwood.

Officers arrested both men, ages 21 and 24.

The younger man was wanted by 36th District Court for armed robbery. The 24-year-old was charged with a traffic infraction.

The men had been reported approaching a Crestwood resident, who was backing his Dodge Magnum from his driveway.

"The (men) stated they thought he was somebody else," said Sgt. James Wardowski. "(They) left the area in a dark Cadillac."

Two patrolmen pulled over the suspects on Lakeshore near Willison.

"When asked what they were doing on Crestwood, the (24-year-old) driver stated he had to use the bathroom," Wardowski said.

Officers arrested the man for violating a suspended driver's license. He posted \$100 bond the next day and was released.

Officers turned the wanted man over to Detroit police.

Knocks sign down

An unknown motorist knocked down a stop sign at Lakeshore and Shorecrest Circle some time before 11:49 p.m. Sunday, April 24.

Gas odor

A DTE Energy repair crew was requested to investigate the odor of natural gas, reported at 8:44 p.m. Sunday, April 24, coming from sewer openings in the 600 block of Lakeshore.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

A friend and nature calls

A 31-year-old Park resident exiting a bar at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, April 30, apparently was too busy talking on a cell phone to notice a police officer parked a few feet away. However, the officer saw him urinating against a building at Mack and Somerset.

The multi-tasker was issued a ticket for urinating in public.

Downed power line

A gutter fell from a house at Wayburn and St. Paul onto DTE Energy lines at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. The area

was secured until DTE made repairs.

Youths arrested

Three Detroit youths were processed for resisting, hindering and obstructing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Lakepointe and Kercheval after police received reports they were fighting and obstructing traffic.

When officers arrived, the youths walked away and did not respond to police orders to stop and remove their hands from their pockets. When detained, two of the youths provided false names. All were released to their parents.

Suspicious man

A 50-year-old Park resident was observed at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, searching a woman's purse left unattended in the 15000 block of Jefferson. He was released after it was determined nothing was taken.

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

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Woods

DWI

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was stopped at 12:08 a.m. Friday, April 29, after police observed her driving without headlights at Charlevoix and Vernier. Suspicious she had been drinking, police requested she take a Breathalyzer test, but she refused. She was held at the station pending the results of a court-ordered blood draw.

Car break-in

The passenger's side window was smashed and the dashboard damaged, but nothing was missing from a 2008 Jeep Commander parked in the 19800 block of Mack Tuesday, April 26.

Suspected marijuana

Responding to a report at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, April 28, of youths smoking suspected marijuana behind a restaurant on Mack, police chased and captured two teens, one from St. Clair Shores, the other from Harper Woods. Both were arrested for possession of suspected marijuana and resisting arrest. They were released to their parents.

Catalytic converter theft

The catalytic converter was stolen from a 1999 Chevrolet Venture parked in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center parking lot overnight Saturday, April 30.

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

—Kathy Ryan

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Correction

On page 3A of the April 28 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, under the headline, "New agenda rules, requirements," Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Brian Geraghty should have been identified as Ford Motor Co. retiree.

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Stepping out against hunger

The annual CROP walk brought out 200 participants to raise awareness of and funds to fight hunger locally and worldwide. A portion of the funds are donated to Cass Community Services in Detroit. At right, Anna Mellos and Claire Yeaman, both Pierce Middle School seventh-graders, baked 250 cupcakes. They sold them for \$2 each and donated the money to CROP.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Among those turning out for Sunday's walk was Team CCGP from Christ Church Grosse Pointe, state Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, and his wife, Mary Herring. Below, before leaving the gathering site at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Lillian Martini, of Warren, and Narissa Niarhos, of Harrison Township, decorate signs they carried during the walk.



GPN writers earn awards

Seven awards to two writers recognized the Grosse Pointe News as one of the top award-winning weekly newspapers in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2010 editorial contest.

Entries from newspapers in the United States and Canada were judged. The Grosse Pointe News is part of the non-daily newspaper category with circulation between 8,001 and 16,000.

Sports editor Bob St. John took second place in the special section category for his Back to School and Sports Preview section.

The annual section offers a pre-season look at fall sports at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

"Bob is a one-man show when it comes to sports cover-

age at the GPN," said Joe Warner, editor and general manager of the GPN. "He covers a ton of events and along with the work of our photographers, few communities with small newspapers have the coverage we have. Bob's deserving of the honor."

Staff writer Brad Lindberg earned six awards, including:

■ First place in the Feature Series category for "A Fitzgerald crewman remembers."

■ First place in the Environmental Coverage category for a series about the fight against emerald ash borers.

■ Second place in the Best News Photo category with his photo "On Ice" of a coyote killed by a Grosse Pointe Farms public safety marksman on the ice-covered waters off

Lakeshore.

■ Second place for Best Breaking News Story, for his account of the latenight search for a woman missing in Lake St. Clair.

■ Second place in the Environmental Coverage category for a series of stories about urban coyotes.

■ Third place in the Feature Series category for "Back in the Daze," about rock 'n' roll concert posters of the psychedelic era.

"Brad is very passionate about covering the Grosse Pointes," Warner said. "He knows the communities and he's not afraid to go after a story."

"I appreciate his hard work and it deserves recognition from his peers."

Also, Lindberg received five awards in April at the Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists annual banquet.

Judges said Lindberg's first-place Breaking News story about an armed robbery, "Straight down the barrel of the gun," was a "well-detailed narrative. Nicely told."

He also won third place in Breaking News coverage of the Country Club of Detroit barn fire.

His photo of a fireman at the fire won second place in the News Photo category.

"Quick response to a fire always produces the best photo," the judges said.

Lindberg also earned third place for General News Reporting and honorable mention in Features Reporting.



PHOTOS BY ANN FOUTY

The Lake House President Ted Huebner and Linda Ellis of Grosse Pointe Park.

The Lake House comes to fruition

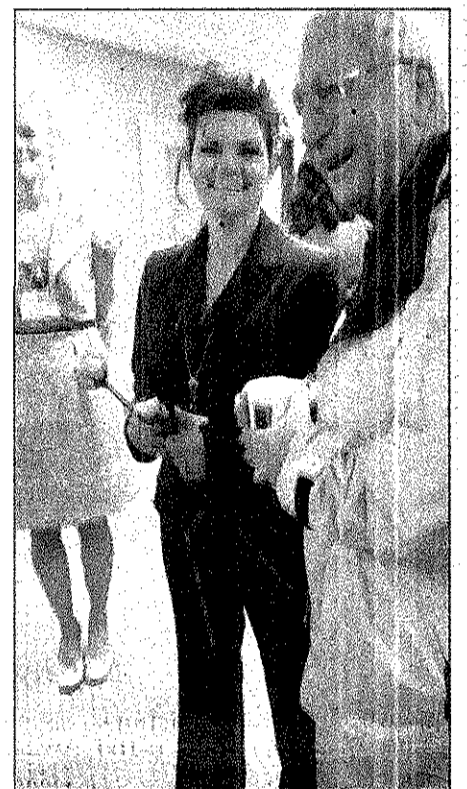
By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The long-awaited opening of The Lake House in St. Clair Shores arrived with a red ribbon cutting ceremony Sunday.

For four years, Ted Huebner, president of The Lake House's board of directors, envisioned a facility where Eastsiders with cancer, their families and friends could find respite at no cost.

"This is a safe harbor to educate, support and empower those touched by cancer," he said during Sunday's opening ceremony.

Executive director Laura Ortiz echoed



Laura Ortiz and Bill Rands, a cancer survivor, share a laugh.

Huebner's sentiments. Cancer is all around us, Huebner said, including in his family. His mother had cancer; his father is a colon cancer survivor and several close friends have been diagnosed with cancer. He said he would surmise everyone who attended the opening had, in one way or another, been affected by cancer, including Ortiz, whose son is a cancer survivor.

Michigan ranks 13th in cancer incidence. The Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Detroit are among the areas with the highest cancer and cancer mortality rates in the state, according to The Lake House brochure, with information from the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute.

"This is a dream come true," said Susan Shanaman, board of directors secretary.

When the diagnosis is cancer, she said, "Friends and family want to fix it. But they can't, so The Lake House, with its members who are going through cancer diagnosis and treatments

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City seek delinquent water payments

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Action continues in this revenue-weary city to recover more than \$100,000 in unpaid water and sewer bills.

Delinquent accounts total \$105,473.71, including penalties of 10 percent.

City of Grosse Pointe offi-

cial notified its 116 debtors by mail in March that monies due are being added to their summer property tax bills.

"The unpaid charges and penalties are considered a lien against the property," said Kimberly Kleinow, city finance director. "The dollar amount went up by approximately \$2,000 from last year. However,

there's less accounts. So, people's water bills have gotten bigger, but there's less accounts."

Delinquencies are a yearly matter.

"This is a standard, annual issue," said Mayor Dale Scrase.

Yet, this year's dunning takes place as municipal offi-

cial prepare to meet continued declines in revenue with across-the-board cuts in next fiscal year's budget.

No department is going to be untouched when it comes to dropping expenses.

Cuts for the city will average 5.5 percent per department, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Ginger Keena Hupp tells her tales with a combination of colors and fabrics, dresses and trousers, hats and shoes.

In the words of a storyteller

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

This story is about a storyteller. She uses both words and costumes to tell her stories.

Ginger Keena Hupp uses stories to help those with eating disorders, victims of child abuse and veterans who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder through her profession as a limited licensed psychologist. She uses her creative sewing skills to tell a story on stage as lead costume designer for the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

"I tell the story through costumes. At work, I am a storyteller. I listen to other people's story. I tell a story to present a solution or solve a dilemma. I help people's brains to heal," she said in the crowded second-floor Grosse Pointe Theatre costume room. "At the theater," she said, "I tell a story through the costumes."

The story of the musical version of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" is told via more than 100 costumes. And it's crunch time in the wardrobe department. Layers of fabric, yards of trim, sparkling shoes,



Ginger Hupp, lead costume designer for the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Scarlet Pimpernel," stands between Marguerite's dress on the left and a chorus member's dress.

PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

undergarments and befeathered hats must be ready this week.

"These are the most ambitious costumes I've done," said the City of Grosse Pointe resident and mother of three grown daughters.

And that's saying something. Hupp has been working with Grosse Pointe Theatre for 28 years. She has worked with Grosse Pointe South High School's productions, including "Les Misérables," "Hello Dolly" and "Pippin."

Costuming, sewing and theater are in her soul.

Hupp said she began sewing costumes for her dolls and

putting on plays while growing up in Lapeer. Her introduction to community theater was through her parents. She said she did some theater work in high school and college. Thus it was a natural step to find her way into the Grosse Pointe Theatre's costume room on Fisher.

"I walked into the costume room and it trapped me," she said.

"I made wedding gowns for a living for a while. That was a nightmare. Here is different, you are pleasing yourself. The actors aren't nearly as difficult as the brides and the brides' mothers," she laughed.

"Here you don't have to do it over and over again because that's when you get bored. I like to start from scratch."

To prepare for stage productions, Hupp begins months in advance researching the time period, studying the script and searching for fabric and colors. She and the director sit down to discuss her vision.

"To see if we can get on the same page creatively," she said.

For example, Sir Percy Blakeney, aka the Scarlet Pimpernel, must be dressed as a fop, with clothing layered in lace and floral trims and covered buttons, pastel-heeled shoes lush with embellishments. In one scene, Hupp has him dressed in a peach jacket, waistcoat, trousers and yards of lace. His wife, Marguerite, is dressed in strong colors of crimson red and gold. Set during the French Revolution it was a time of excess, thus multi-layered brightly-colored clothing was over the top with lace, trim and jewels.

Once the designs are set, the



Men's shoes created and embellished in the Grosse Pointe Theatre costume department. Historically, men were the first to wear shoes with heels. Both men and women in the "Scarlet Pimpernel" wear tri-cornered hats festooned with feathers and trim. Below, Ginger Hupp turns a round hat into a three-cornered hat. At bottom, the intricate detail can be seen on one of the cast member's jackets.



sewing begins.

For this production, Hupp and her team of 20 made corsets, panniers (side hoops), under-skirts, heavy dresses trimmed with beading, ribbons and lace and tri-cornered hats for both

men and women. They rented 20 French guard costumes, pulled about a third of the costumes from the theater's wardrobe closet and created the rest.

"We made 60 costumes from ball gowns to peasant dresses. We made coats and vests, men's trousers, hats and shoes," she said.

Under Hupp's direction, a wedding gown using two types of lace on the sleeves, two types of skirt beading, another two types of beading on the bodice and a neckline trimmed in pearls was created. Another dress has five types of trim pulled from a 1960s costume. The lace sleeves used to be curtains, she said.

Measurements, fittings and adjustments are done mindful of how quickly a costume change must be made.

"In this show, women need to go from peasant to ball gown in a couple of verses. It's

all choreographed, the pannier, underskirt, dress, shoes, wig and jewelry," she said.

Sewing is a passion, but her desire is to work in the costuming department at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

Hupp said her attorney husband, Craig, paid for a four-day millinery class in Stratford for her.

"It was so much fun. The class was from 9 (a.m.) to 4 (p.m.) every day and we went to the theater every night. This is as good as it gets," she said.

Grosse Pointe Theatre-goers and Hupp will see how good the story gets through colorful costumes created by Hupp and her helpers during the production of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" which opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"I want to sit in the house and see it. That's my paycheck," she said.



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Audio issues plague council recordings

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

City Manager Brian Vick held firm at a recent council meeting against attempts to interrupt his defense of a department head accused of meddling with municipal audiovisual equipment.

The equipment is used to record council meetings for broadcast on community access cable television channel 12.

Vick rejected implications by Councilman Dan Schulte that Brett Smith, head of public works, negligently intruded on council affairs by changing audio settings and disrupting playback quality.

"We had good audio," Schulte said at the April 19 council meeting. "Now, we don't. Audio does not go down the drain like that itself. Somebody changed the settings on the controls. And

that's a fact."

Schulte arranged last year for a technician to tune the system for optimal quality.

Broadcast caliber in January was fine. Problems returned in February, possibly because microphones picked up rumblings of a furnace blower, according to an e-mail Schulte sent April 5 to Mayor James Cooper.

Thereafter, sound reproduction degraded to being nearly indecipherable.

Schulte cited in the e-mail Smith appearing on video changing audio settings during the March council meeting.

"The best proposal in the world will not do us any good if people are going to meddle with the settings," Schulte wrote.

Schulte repeated the complaint at last month's council meeting, saying: "I see no sense in inviting anybody to come here and recommend

changes if they're not going to be left alone once they're set."

Vick explained to Schulte that the council chamber, where the recording equipment is stored in a closet, isn't secure.

"There are a lot of public meetings in this room," Vick said. "I take exception with the implication that staff — in particular, I've heard Brett Smith — (is) tinkering with the system so it's in worse condition. Of all people, we all know Brett would go 100 miles to make sure services we receive are better, not diminished. At the last meeting, when someone raised a concern about the audio, Brett did come up —"

"That's right," Schulte started to interrupt.

"Excuse me," Vick said, and continued, "— and did look at the system, trying to help the situation. The problem existed before Brett touched the system."

"Absolutely," said Schulte, now supporting Smith.

Vick continued, "To imply one of our dedicated, longtime staff members, which is respected in the community for the job he does — to imply he had done something to the system is not necessarily appropriate."

"He didn't say that," called out resident John Booth from the audience, defending Schulte. "That's a slander. That's not true."

"Excuse me," Vick said. "In an e-mail, it was stated. OK?"

Cables linking the audio system's microphones, recording gear, mixer and amplifier are subject to being disconnected or jostled when furniture in the room is reconfigured for court, committee meetings, community events and cleaning.

"If something gets bumped or turned, if anyone walks past these dials and accidentally bumps them could have im-

pact on (recording) values," Vick said.

"You're right," Schulte said. "By the time Brett got up to try and help, the damage was done. Brett didn't do the damage."

Yet, Schulte pointed out that recent broadcasts are nowhere near acceptable standards.

"As city manager, you should get right on it and get it fixed," Schulte told Vick.

Vick reminded Schulte that fellow council members accepted his offer months ago to bring broadcasts up to grade.

"There is a long-term plan I know you're working on that I'm sure will solve this problem," Vick said.

"Broadcast quality, Dan, has been an issue from day one," said Mayor James Cooper.

"If the closet's (containing recording equipment) locked, or somebody is in charge of that closet, then the controls can't be adjusted," Schulte said.

"I don't know why anybody would want to change the controls when the audio was fixed."

Schulte's comment about regulating public access to the chambers followed his opposition earlier in the meeting to

regulate public access to the chamber (see story, page 4A II).

"There has to be a bigger solution to the issues," Vick said to Schulte.

"I understand you're working on these," Vick, added, again referring to Schulte's offer to improve broadcasts.

"We look forward to seeing your proposal," Cooper told Schulte.

"We had an excellent vendor," said Schulte, switching the subject to last year's technician. "We had a world-class audio guy."

"I'm not questioning the vendor," Cooper responded. "You keep saying there's an audio problem. Let's get it fixed. Put it in the proposal. Tell the vendors this is what happens and how can we get around that."

"I did, if you'd let me finish," Schulte said. "He said the settings we have now are good for multiple applications, whether it be a council meeting, court or whatever. I don't know why anybody felt the need to change the settings. But, it was definitely done before the March meeting. By the time Brett got up and changed the audio down, it was already a mess."



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◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Cuisine Cruise is from 6 to 9 p.m. Call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 for reservations. Tickets cost \$25.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizen Commission hosts its annual senior ice

cream social from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. The event is free and preregistration can be made by calling (313) 343-2408.

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a book sale from noon to 8 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

◆ Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Deborah Wagner, Michigan Medicare/Medicaid assistance program counselor and SOC volunteer. She discusses Medicare at 7 p.m.

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods hosts an Ask the Experts presentation, "Parenting the Middle School Years," at 7 p.m. in the The Grosse Pointe Academy field house, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is free. To register, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Theatre's musical, "The Scarlet Pimpernel" opens at 8 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$22 and can be ordered by calling (313) 881-4004.

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CLOSER: Public hearing set for project

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plex will be a dining room, indoor swimming pool, hair salon, exercise facilities and a gift shop. The outdoor area features a park-like setting with a pond and extensive landscaping.

Levin estimates the cost of the project at between \$13 and \$15 million. The development is funded through CCLA6, a subsidiary of CCLA Holdings, and is owned by the Mestdagh Family Trust. CCLA Holdings has entered into a purchase agreement for the property

with current owner, Starr Commonwealth, located in Albion. Neither Starr nor Levin will release the sale price until the sale is finalized. According to Levin, final sale of the property is contingent upon approval of the project by the city.

Levin's group owns two other senior communities, and DRSN Inc, a company headed by Levin, recently acquired Riverview Hospital in Detroit from St. John Providence Health System.

"What makes this project different from other senior complexes in the area is that

there is no 'buy in' with The Rivers," he said. "With the exception of the condominiums, which will be privately bought and sold, our apartments are rental properties."

Approval of the project followed a public hearing where residents were able to ask questions of the developers.

Of concern to many was the impact of the project on the traffic on Cook Road, which already experiences heavy traffic patterns due to two schools and athletic facilities being located on the street. A traffic study commissioned by the developers indicated that there would be "a minor impact" on the daily amount of traffic.

Levin told the residents that the development expects to

employ about 150 employees spread over three shifts and shift changes would be scheduled to not conflict with school arrival and dismissal times. Also, with more than 200 parking spots on the property, there shouldn't be a need for employees, residents or visitors to park off-site.

Residents also expressed concern about the size of the project and its impact on infrastructure and city services.

Woods building official Gene Tutag said that the project complies with city ordinances, while the city's traffic safety officer, Dan Koerber, and fire inspector, Joe Provost, said they have met regularly with the developers and the project complies with traffic and fire safety requirements.

Tutag also outlined the benefits the project could have for

the city, including revenue gained from various permit and license fees, 350 to 400 construction workers coming into the city and using stores and services along Mack and the jobs the complex would create once it opens. The development would also pay property taxes.

"The site plans you are reviewing tonight are the result of many meetings we have had with the developers," he told the planning commission. "They have worked within the parameters of our zoning ordinances and have addressed our concerns."

One example cited by Tutag was the attention to landscaping details, including maintaining more than 70 mature trees on the property and putting new landscaping in place to conceal parking and mainte-

nance areas.

Sharon Maier, executive director for Services for Older Citizens, spoke in favor of the project.

"This is important for our seniors," she told the planning commission. "It gives them a choice, because they don't always want to remain in their homes, but until now they have not had any options in this area. Also, this will benefit families who won't have to drive to the west side or north of here because their parents will be able to stay here in Grosse Pointe."

The city council will hold a public hearing on the development at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, in the council chambers. Plans for the project are available for review prior to the meeting at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.

FINANCES: Townhall meeting to address issues

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come from the Kroger grocery store closing at Mack and Moross.

"It's challenging, but we're fortunate that we have some fund balance to rely on, if needed," Reeside said. "In addition, we're in an enviable position because we'd decreased our millage rate several times over the last decade. We're below the Headlee millage cap we're allowed to levy. That gives us some short-term wiggle room."

Townhall meeting

Members of the public can get an inside view of financial pressures weighing on local governments at a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"The idea is to move beyond the rhetoric and get an objective explanation of the challenges local governments face today," said event organizer, state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

Speakers include Eric Luper, director of local affairs for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

"The council is a well-respected, non-partisan group," Bledsoe said.

One problem facing municipalities is the difference between the letter and spirit of their relationship with the state, according to Peter Dame, the City's manager.

"By state Constitution, municipalities are considered 'Home Rule,' where local officials can set priorities and make decisions based on the needs of their communities, using the legal authorities granted by the state," Dame explained.

The concept is "broken," he added, when it comes to raising income and carrying out unfunded state mandates.

"Cities have been granted few options by the state to fund operations," Dame said. "All three of the top revenue sources — property taxes, revenue sharing and motor fuel taxes — are declining signifi-

cantly, while more strings are being added to the scarce dollar. It is like the state is kicking cities out of the nest before our wings are able to fly."

Bledsoe titled the townhall meeting "Cities in Crisis: Financing Local Government in 2011."

"Businesspersons tell me their business is up over last year, but property values are at least stagnant and continuing to decline," Bledsoe said. "Foreclosures are a nagging problem and a persistent drag on property values."

Tax caps work one way

Although property tax revenues are dropping in line with property values, the reverse won't happen when the economy picks up.

Under Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution, property tax increases are limited to 5 percent, or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

The measures insulate property owners from big jumps in tax bills during property value bull markets.

"Proposal A was very helpful in protecting the taxpayer because it limited the amount a person's taxable value could go up to a rate of inflation and not to exceed 5 percent," Reeside said. "That was a way to help people afford to stay in their homes. It did a good job in keeping taxes down."

Cities these days are dealing with the measures' downside.

"If property values came back up over a relatively short period of time, taxable value can only increase by the rate of inflation," Dame said. "You can't recapture those dollars. Once they're gone, they're gone."

Bledsoe senses no disposition by Michigan voters to change or repeal the status quo.

"For the most part, while the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A have been a burden to local government they've also helped restrain property tax increases," Bledsoe said. "A lot of people support that restraint."

Dane urges a more constructive partnership between state and local governments.

"(A relationship) needs to be developed that gives cities the tools it needs to address the needs of its citizens," Dame said. "But, as bad off as the situation with cities are, the plight of financing Michigan's schools concerns me even more, as children are our future."

School funding

The school budget proposal coming out of the House Appropriations Committee hurts Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods districts, according to Bledsoe.

"For the first time, they're moving to a percentage cut rather than a dollar-per-pupil cut," he said. "This means districts with a higher-than-average level of appropriations from the state will see a greater cut than those with a lower-than-average appropriation."

Funding adjustments currently are by dollars-per-pupil.

Bledsoe theorized the proposed change works to the advantage of lower-funded districts, many of which are located in out-state districts represented by ruling Republicans.

"When Proposition A was passed in the early 1990s, it locked in, to some degree, school funding," Bledsoe said. "Districts in southeast Michigan generally had higher levels of funding than districts outside."

Detroit is a lower-funded district in the region.

Grosse Pointe, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Isle and Novi are among the area's school systems with higher funding.

"Those school districts are going to be hit disproportionately during a percentage-based cut," Bledsoe said of the suburban areas.

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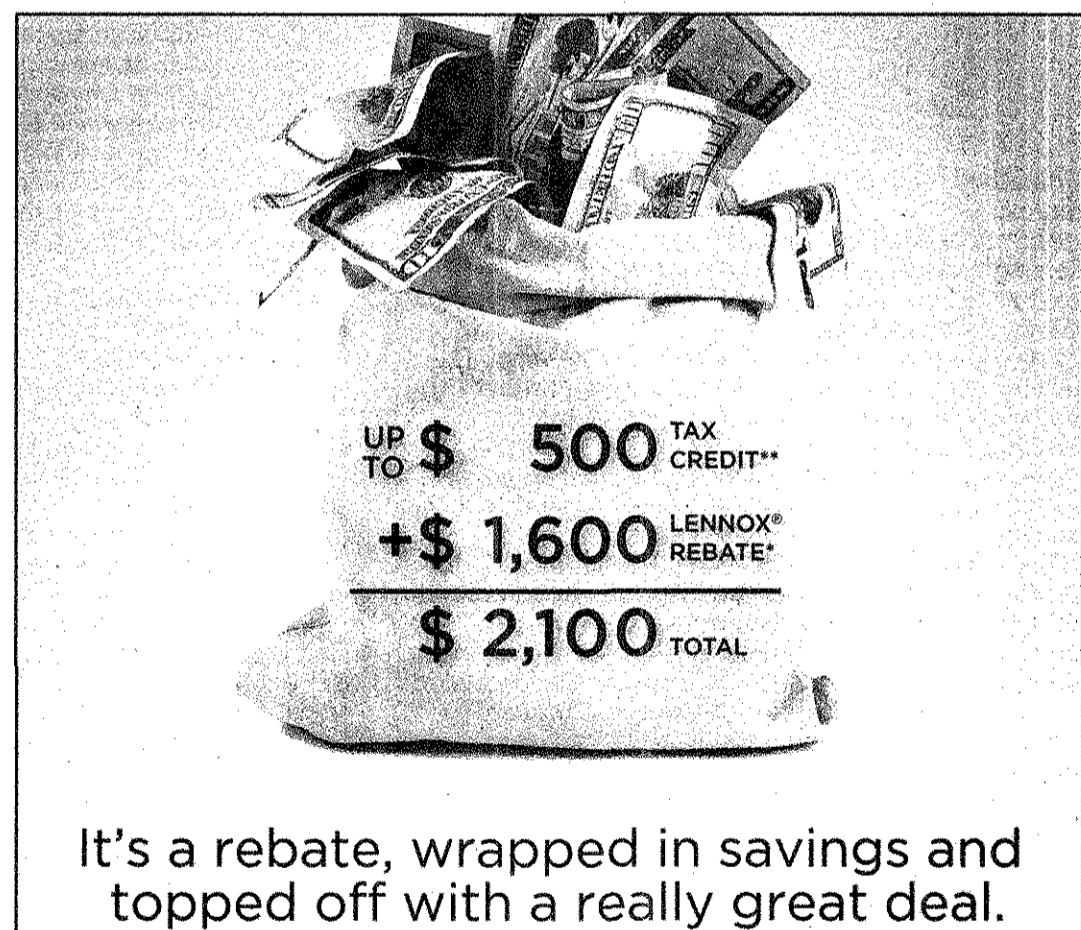
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OUR VIEW

Tackle the real issues and lead your city

Where do we begin? There's much more than planning a centennial celebration going on in Grosse Pointe Shores. And it's time for some healing. Significant ways in which the city does business have started to change. Contract discussions continue with Grosse Pointe Farms, which will pick up the Shores' dispatch duties in the next month or so.

What's next? There's a projected budget deficit that has to be balanced. State revenue sharing and tax revenue continue to plummet. Cutting out dispatch is the tip of the iceberg in Grosse Pointe Shores. More cuts have to be made. So what's being done during recent meetings? Time was taken to adopt new council rules for placing items on the meeting agenda. Shores office-holders must now ask the mayor or city manager in writing for items to appear on agendas. The council member making a request also may be asked to meet with the mayor or city manager before the council meeting.

Two sides made their arguments. Mayor James Cooper said a couple of ideas brought to the table by Councilman Dan Schulte could have been better developed with notice and communication prior to the meeting. Schulte, who voted against the new rule along with Councilman Ted Kedzierski, said the action impinges a legislator's ability to introduce ideas and materials at a meeting. This rule, which passed 4-2, shouldn't have made it to a vote. According to City Attorney Mark McInerney, "council rules cannot supersede the city charter."

And we're guessing they can't supersede the Constitution of the United States either. When Schulte and Kedzierski were elected to their positions, the council had new voices. The council isn't always harmonious in its ways. There are a lot of questions asked. Some of what's brought up may not be well-thought-out. But it may spark discussion that leads to something.

And who cares? Who wants a council that agrees on everything? Not Grosse Pointe Shores residents. Not the residents of any of the Grosse Pointes. The goal - what the residents really want here - is for Grosse Pointe Shores to survive the changes and continue with the best services their money can buy.

It's up to the council to make sure it does everything to make the right cuts and to move forward. Move forward on huge items - like the budget - and move forward on small, silly items like audio at the meetings. Get it fixed. More than ever, your residents want to hear what you have to say.

Mayor Cooper and City Manager Brian Vick, we ask you to lead Grosse Pointe Shores. It's what you've been elected and hired to do. The city has survived fine with the rules previously in place. Put all of your energy into leading the way.

We encourage all voices on the council to be heard. And listen to the residents. They want something from all of you.

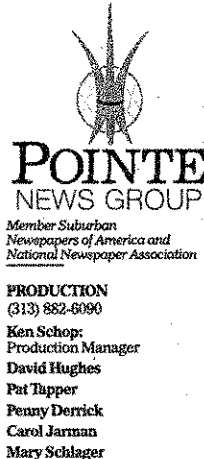
Pick your battles. Agenda protocol and fixing the sound for council meeting recordings shouldn't be taking all your time now. Bring up issues that will help get the Shores through this horrible economic time. It will never be the way it was - and this council has real work to do.

Surviving as a city should be all that matters. Otherwise you won't make it far into the next 100 years. You can do it, but you need to start today.

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Advanced agenda approval

To the Editor:
After reading the article "New agenda rules, requirements," April 28 Grosse Pointe News, I have to voice my disgust with just how out of whack the priorities of Mayor James Cooper's administration is.

Instead of debating important issues and working earnestly to solve the critical fiscal problems pushing the Shores toward insolvency, Cooper goes off on a tangent, wasting valuable time and energy to pass an anti-democratic rule he hopes will give him tighter control. A rule even the city attorney admits is not enforceable.

Why should any member of a legislative body need advance approval to bring an agenda item forward, or need approval from the hired city manager? Since when are our elected officials subservient to civic employees?

The U.S. Constitution was written to ensure Americans are free to engage in a democratic process where voters elect representatives to speak on behalf of the citizens, not to serve as puppets to a figurehead obsessed with power. Of course this doesn't apply to Cooper's four council minions who all got their initial council access by appointment, rather than by popular vote.

Residents need to wake up and realize the city charter Cooper foisted on the residents was just another means of putting more power into his own hands, while muzzling the input of independent council members and citizens alike.

If Shores voters don't think they were suckered in by the new charter in 2009, just wait until the Cooper administration proposes its 2011-2012 budget. Bet on yet another millage increase that will drive us ever closer to the new 20 mill limit voters were clearly told was only to provide for an unforeseen, dire future emergency. An increase in property taxes will drive property values down.

While Grosse Pointe News Staff Writer Brad Lindberg appears to have gone out of his way to cast Councilman Dan Schulte as antagonistic, let's remember, Shores voters sent a very strong message they were not happy with the status quo when they voted in Councilmen Ted Kedzierski and Schulte with the largest and third largest number of votes at the last election, and

sent incumbents Karl Kratz and Glen Peters packing.

If it were not for these two new, independent and contrarian voices, does anybody in the Shores really think we would have seen the line held on property taxes last year, a blue ribbon committee empanelled on the council meetings on television?

Previously, there was not even a provision on the meeting agenda that allowed council members to speak.

The lack of courage on the part of the Shores council to challenge and question the Mayor Cooper/City Manager Michael Kenyon agenda over the past decade is why Grosse Pointe Shores is in deep financial trouble today. Trouble that could have been entirely avoided with gutsy and responsible leadership.

So when I see a reporter indicate the council group supporting the status quo perceives Councilman Schulte as contrarian, I know the councilman is doing an effective job with what the citizens elected him for - to insure the policies being pushed by our mayor and city manager are not blindly rubber stamped.

DR. ROBERT E. LEE
Grosse Pointe Shores

Meeting agendas

To the Editor:
The contentious battle that rages in the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council regarding the formulation of meeting agendas is a welcome product of democracy and due process.

Majority-elected officials often promote varying the nature of the rules of debate to promote and protect their legislative agenda. Thus, as majorities become entrenched and cohesive over time, the rules become more restrictive.

Over the centuries, our federal and state legislatures have tied themselves in knots with procedural mumbo-jumbo, thereby rendering them ineffective and self serving. The concerns and well-being of the voters have become secondary to the perpetuation of the political contraption.

Such are the machinations of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council in attempting to allow the mayor to be a "gatekeeper" for those items allowed on the council agenda.

Advance notice of a request for an agenda item to be placed before the city council is not unreasonable. However, requiring a city council mem-

ber to meet with the mayor to effect an agenda item is an unreasonable tightening of the grip on the legislative process.

Consequently, the minority becomes powerless to influence the terms of debate and often finds itself watching from the sidelines as the majority works its will.

Kudos to Grosse Pointe Shores City Councilmen Dan Schulte and Ted Kedzierski who stood their ground in adherence to fundamental democratic principals regarding the council agenda procedure. The notion the expression of dissent should be muffled in a legislative body is repugnant to those rights provided in both the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Michigan.

Dissent is essential. It allows individuals, and elected officials, to see things from a different viewpoint. It allows the governing entity to "smoke out" the truth in a matter before them.

And, most importantly, it allows the political process to retain a consciousness for all the citizens which it governs.

BRUCE R. NICHOLS
Grosse Pointe Shores

Agenda items approved

To the Editor:
What Grosse Pointe Shores is doing is reprehensible.

The requirement of having agenda items approved by the mayor and city manager will do nothing but further their own agenda and not what is best for this city.

This is nothing more than a strong-arm tactic to quiet certain members of the council.

The misinformation and partial truths provided as "fact" to the public and the press is a prime example.

They continue to do what they want and not what the majority of the residents want. They want a community center, voted down not too long ago, but are still going to build it. Council members said it won't cost anything because the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation is paying for it.

The foundation is not paying for the upkeep, insurance, heating and cooling etc. It will be a community center, but they put a moratorium on public building usage. Am I missing something here?

BARB STAHL
Grosse Pointe Shores

Pay cut refusal

To the Editor:
With the exception of Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle, the council refuses to take a pay cut and/or do away with their city salary because they spend their salary on various items.

Yet the same council does not have a problem with increasing residents tax/millage rate.

Don't we also spend our salary on various items, too?

The council showed its true colors on whom it represents, themselves.

MARGARET POTTER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Shores Centennial

To the Editor:
This year is the 100th birthday of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Village was founded in 1911. Sometime this summer there will be a celebration, but we do not know yet when.

It occurred to me one fitting way to commemorate this milestone would be to identify and acknowledge the houses that were standing when Grosse Pointe Shores was formed.

We have a handful of houses still standing built in the 19th century, and another group built in the early 20th century before the incorporation of the Village.

It might be an appropriate project for the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation to research which houses these are and devise some sort of recognition for them. Possibly the owners could receive some sort of certificate they could later frame.

Maybe the houses could receive a temporary flag or sign during the month of the centennial celebration so residents in Grosse Pointe Shores can be aware of the "centennial" houses.

This is just an idea, a suggestion, that came to me from a drive down Vernier Road where I passed at least two houses built before 1900.

Happy birthday Grosse Pointe Shores!
REBECCA BOOTH
Grosse Pointe Shores

The law is the law

To the Editor:
I was dismayed to read the article quoting John Lizza, who chairs the board of review for Grosse Pointe Shores, "Tax appeal process subjective," April 28 Grosse Pointe News.

It's indicated he doesn't like public watchdogs nosing around his board of review.

To that, I say too bad. The article quotes: "In an unofficial survey, 27 municipalities were asked about it," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager. "Only two took a position that every aspect, from start to finish, had to be done in an open setting. The other ones had variations of it. So, it is one of things where there's gray area."

To that, I say too bad as well. The law is the law and what they think is irrelevant. If I hear of such a thing again, they will be reported to the state and I personally will press charges.

I am sending copies of the article to all cities in Wayne County. I am also attaching a copy of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act for any community that is in doubt.

Just like the citizens who

I SAY By Ann Fouty

Generosity comes by the bag and purse full



"They were just sitting up-stairs."
 "I was going to donate them to a resale shop but this way I know they are going to someone who needs it."
 "I don't have many, but I did bring in a few."
 These comments were made by women who dropped off their unwanted, gently-used purses, handbags and

totes at my desk last month. Those few purses added up to 134 gently used and new purses, plus wallets, coin purses and cosmetic bags. They all landed on the floor around my desk. So many came in, I was dubbed by one colleague as "the bag lady." That suited me just fine. I was collecting and having fun slowly disappearing behind a mound of purses. I was surrounded by bags courting the names of Prada, Donney & Bourke, Kenneth Cole, Stone Mountain, Gucci and Louis Vitton. There were black shoulder bags, clutches and backpacks. Satchels and

totes came in. They were prints and florals. They came in pink, navy blue, red, green, light blue and brown. One had a 6-inch light blue gorilla attached to the handle. Two were of cat motif and there were a couple Vera Bradleys. A few were beaded and others were covered with sequins. These plastic, leather and cotton bags came as a request we issued in the April 7 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. We asked Grosse Pointe women to bring me purses, wallets and various items to be put in the purse and donated to Handbags of Hope in Mount Clemens.

I filled the entire back of my car with your donations. On a sunny April day, I drove to downtown Mount Clemens where I loaded them into Jackie Bobcean's van. I met Bobcean, the founder of Handbags of Hope in February, and she told me her story. Every Christmas she and her family adopt a family, buying necessities and gifts. One year, she, her daughters, sister-in-law and friends gathered purses. They added a pen, notebook, hand lotion, facial tissues, lip balm, shampoo and conditioner and a hair brush to each purse and

donated them to a woman's shelter. Five years later, there are so many requests, Bobcean's purses are given to shelters from Petoskey to the Ohio border. Some 32,000 purses have been given out since 2006. Some women who are Handbags of Hope recipients leave home with little and others are victims of purse snatchings, Bobcean said. Feeling lost and violated, a purse helps bring some normalcy to their lives, she said. And what's more personal than a woman's purse? I was touched by the gen-

erosity of the women, from teens to seniors, who stopped by, dropped in and said "thank you for doing this." Really, you are the ones who deserve the thank you. First and foremost, thank you for showing you care and to give and give and give to women you will most likely never meet. You handed over sacks filled with purses. You cleaned closets so someone could regain a little bit of self. And second, thank you so much for reading the Grosse Pointe News. Our readers are the most generous. Thank you.

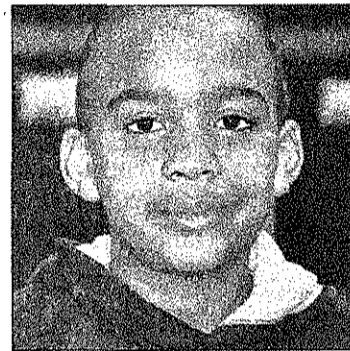
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Would you rather be able to fly or run 50 mph?

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



'Fly because then I could be like a secret agent and I wouldn't have to wait outside.'
 ANDREW CARLISE
 Grosse Pointe Woods



'Fly because that would be an easier way to get somewhere.'
 JUSTIN BELLAMY
 Grosse Pointe Woods



'Run 50 MPH because I could go as fast as most cars.'
 WILLIAM ECKERMAN
 Grosse Pointe Shores



'Run 50 MPH because I like to run and get bored flying.'
 JACQUELINE LISTMAN
 Grosse Pointe Woods



'Fly because when I was little I always wanted to fly.'
 MEGAN SWANEK
 Grosse Pointe Woods

LETTERS: The law is the law

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 elect them and the elected officials who appoint them, those in government do not get to choose which laws they enforce or obey.

ROSE BOGAERT
 Chair
 Wayne County
 Taxpayers Association
 Inc.

Real issues

To the Editor:
 Grosse Pointe Shores has long endured municipal mismanagement. Millions were borrowed to renovate a harbor few residents use, including households with boats. Nearly all families frequent the pool, but it's so obsolete we

can't host swim finals. While we distress over falling house prices, Mayor James Cooper and his minions raised tax rates, further depressing property values. The budget's short \$494,996 this year, our auditors warned us. We have a liability approaching \$800,000 for sick-pay alone, and we continue facing an unfunded obligation of up to \$11 million for current and future retiree health care costs. The mayor escaped recall by only 40 votes last year, but instead of learning from that experience, he's taken on the mantle of a tyrannical king. On April 19, Cooper and his minions — Victoria Boyce, Brian Geraghty and Robert Graziani — added an amendment to council rules and procedures by the familiar vote of 4-2 — it would have been 5-2 had David Galbenski not been excused. They want officeholders to submit written requests to the mayor or Brian Vick, Shores city manager, no later than the

Thursday before a public meeting, for placing items on the agenda. The mayor or city manager can also demand a pre-meeting before accepting any topics. This is unconstitutional because it abridges First Amendment rights. Since Dec. 15, 1791, Article I of the Bill Of Rights to the U.S. Constitution has protected "our freedom of speech; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." City Attorney Mark McNerny explained the amendment isn't legally enforceable. He said, "Council rules cannot supersede the city charter." They cannot supersede the Constitution either. McNerny didn't comment on Vick's request for a 90-day moratorium on public use of city hall, but that's unconstitutional, too. Regarding Vick, since when are elected officials subservient to employees?

Citizens in Grosse Pointe Shores — including Cooper and his minions, but not Vick, who's not a resident — own city hall. We the people have a constitutional right to use city hall to peaceably assemble, exercise our freedom of speech, and to petition the Shores government for a redress of grievances. Several residents have called for healing, but who can tolerate a tyrant? We must speak up and hold our elected officials accountable. If we don't, we'll not only lose our city, we'll forfeit our constitutional rights to the man who would be king.
 GREGORY F. WALTON
 Grosse Pointe Shores

Thanks officers

To the Editor:
 To Officer Matthew Hurner and all Grosse Pointe public safety officers:
 I have always had great respect for all of the Grosse

Pointe police departments and the officers who serve. However, after a May 1 car accident in Grosse Pointe Farms, my regards have increased immensely. Officer Hurner came to my aid and gently guided me through the process of dealing with an accident. Due to his calm and efficient manner, I was able to remain calm myself and deal with an upsetting experience. My thanks to Officer Hurner and also to all of our Grosse Pointe officers who look out for and protect us, the residents. We are the fortunate recipients of your dedicated service.
 M.E. HAELEWYN
 Grosse Pointe Woods

Regulatory agencies

To the Editor:
 Glenn Scherer's guest opinions "Abolish the EPA and NRC," March 24 Grosse Pointe News; and "The real threat to national security,"

March 31 Grosse Pointe News, are right on point. We need to ensure our regulatory agencies do their job. Their job is to protect the public instead of supporting corporate interests when those interests conflict with the safety of the public and the strength of our democracy. We also need to ensure our legislators pass laws that are fair and serve the general public interest, not special interests. Scherer notes the real problem is the influence of corporate money in elections and lobbying. When our elected officials are not beholden to big donors, they are free to serve the interests of the public and good government. American needs to confront this situation as our democracy, national values and government for the people are in peril. It is up to each of us, not "someone else" to make sure this happens. Keep sending us Glenn Scherer's writings.
 ANN KONDAK
 Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Sam Fulwood III

Little-known history makes a big difference

I'm often taken aback when I hear someone complain racial conditions in the United States haven't changed much — or are worse — than at some point in the nation's past. Anyone who says something so observably false either doesn't know or fails to respect the progressive march of history. A recent Newsweek article discovered Americans are far too ignorant of our history. The editors asked 1,000 U.S. citizens to take the nation's official citizenship test, a set of 100 questions across five categories: U.S. government, systems of government, rights and responsibilities, history and civics. According to Newsweek, 73 percent couldn't say why the nation fought the Cold War and 44 percent were unable to define the Bill of Rights. So what hope is there of comprehending the emotionally charged and difficult-to-decipher nuances of U.S. race history if nearly one-third of the people taking a basic test can't name the vice president? Or if 6 percent can't circle

Independence Day on a calendar? This ignorance may help explain why some early polls show business mogul and unabashed self-promoter Donald Trump at the top of the GOP presidential sweepstakes. Trump is shrewd enough to know you can fool enough people with nonsense to get a temporary bump of publicity that you can take to the bank. But verifiable history isn't always so lucrative. This crossed my mind recently as I participated in a panel discussion at the University of Michigan with Genevieve Houghton. She related her experiences for a wide-eyed generation that knew very little about her history-making Freedom Ride. Houghton, 83, is a modest and soft-voiced white woman who has lived a life that's the stuff of U.S. race history. On May 4, 1961, Houghton was one of two women to board a bus in Washington, D.C. as part of an interracial group of civil rights activists. They planned to ride south, testing whether southern states would follow the letter of the law to permit blacks

Houghton told students she took part in the Freedom Ride as an activist with the Congress of Racial Equality. "We wanted to demonstrate to the world there were white and black people who wanted to see a just nation," she said. "We felt we could change the world." and whites to ride public transportation across state lines. The 1960 Boynton versus Virginia Supreme Court decision outlawed racial segregation in public accommodations, but the practice prevailed across Dixie. Houghton told students she took part in the Freedom Ride as an activist with the Congress of Racial Equality. "We wanted to demonstrate to the world there were white and black people who wanted to see a just nation," she said. "We felt we could change the world." And they did. Stanley Nelson's remarkable "Freedom Riders" documentary shows Houghton and hundreds of others challenged southern racism and, in the process, altered the course of

published article in The American Prospect: "Many young white Americans care deeply about fairness and are outraged and inspired to act when they directly witness racism," Warren writes, comparing today's generation to an earlier group of civil rights activists. "A commitment to racial justice ... grows and deepens as white people find ways to work with people of color in multiracial groups." That's precisely Houghton's story. She told me she grew up in a privileged cocoon, the daughter of a conservative lawyer in suburban Washington, D.C. She saw "white" and "colored" water fountains in and around the nation's capitol, but was shushed by her parents and neighbors whenever she asked about it. "We saw things, but we really didn't see them because we didn't want to see them," she said. "We wanted to be ignorant about what was going on because it made us feel better as white people, white people with privileges." She said she left home, fleeing to New York City to escape

the confines of such narrow-mindedness. Rather than stick with her office job on Wall Street, she became active in CORE and found meaning in fighting segregation and injustice. Houghton isn't famous, and she doesn't have a reality show on television. She lives quietly in rural Indiana and has become something of a low-grade celebrity because of the forthcoming "Freedom Riders" film. Even that modest measure of attention makes her uncomfortable. "History is all around us," Houghton said. "If we do what's right, we make history. Sometimes when we do wrong we make it, too. But it's so much better to be on the right side of history." Houghton has long been on the right side of history. And if you ask me, she helped change America, which remains imperfect. But our nation is light years different — and better — than at any previous time in its history because of people like her. Sam Fulwood is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. — Americanprogress.org



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HOUSE: Facility offers a haven of education and support

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and surgery are the best support group. The strength comes in sharing," she said.

Shanaman is a cancer survivor and was affiliated with a cancer support group in Oakland County. Members going through what she was experiencing helped her maintain a positive attitude during her treatments, she said.

Doctors are good at focusing on treatment, said Carrie Dal, M.D. and board member, but not so good at the social and emotional aspects. That, she said, is the beauty of The Lake House.

Dal said she is an enthusiastic supporter of The Lake House because she saw the support provided by members of Gilda's Club, named after

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comedian, cancer patient and Michigan native Gilda Radner, to her sister, brother-in-law and their two children. Gilda's Club provided similar support and educational components as The Lake House.

Initially, Huebner explored another site in St. Clair Shores to institute Gilda's Club for eastside residents.

The plan fell through when Gilda's Club went in another direction and The Lake House's original site was discarded.

"We did a feasibility study and developed a plan. Now we have a cancer support center to complement the hospitals," said Huebner, a former Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

The Lake House offers support groups, lectures, workshops, social activities, exercise classes, arts and crafts projects, grief support, cancer-specific support, children and teen programming, nutritional guidance and resource materi-



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open The Lake House in St. Clair Shores, back, from left, board member Sarah Clarkston, board member Susan Leslie-Till, St. Clair Shores Mayor Robert Hison, executive director Laura Ortiz, The Lake House board president Ted Huebner, board secretary Susan Shanaman and board member Carolyn Schmidt; in front, from left, board member Mary Huebner, board treasurer Yvonne Greyson, board members Carrie Dal, M.D., and Joe Tompkins.

als.

First on the lecture scheduled is Dal's discussion of cancer and its diagnosis.

Bill Rands, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and a 12-year breast cancer survivor has been involved from the beginning.

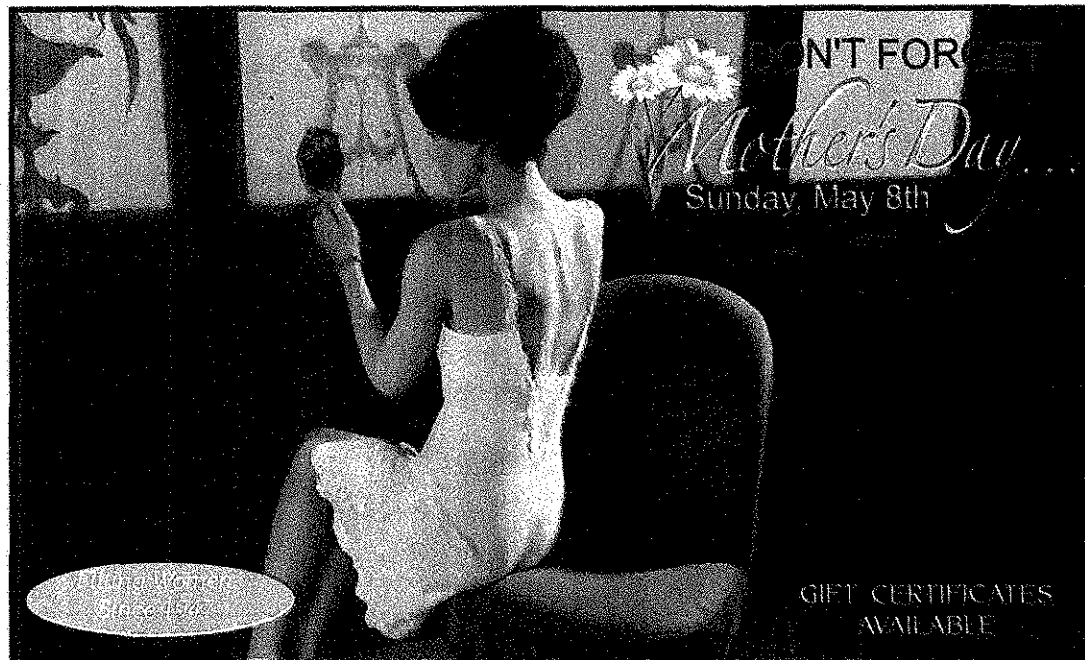
"Something like this is great for the community. It's a great start," he said.

Roman Hammes, aid for Wayne County Commissioner

Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, said "As a retired LPN, there is a need for information and referral. The county commissioner can use this as a referral."

The Lake House seeks volunteers and financial donations. There are no age limits for membership.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761 or visit milakehouse.org. It's located at 26701 Little Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores.



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Grosse Pointe News

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing On The Proposed 2011-12 General Budget And The Various Other Fund Budgets

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2011-12 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budget of the said City.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 13.0012 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2011 to support the proposed General Fund Budget. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$9,420,046 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for all funds, which is a \$886,938 or 9.42% decrease compared to the 2010-11 total tax collection of \$10,306,984. It is anticipated that the winter millage levied for Milk River Drainage tax will be 4.225 mills.

Purpose of Millage	MillageRate	Revenue Generated
General Operating	12.0060	\$7,421,214
Public Safety Pension	0.9362	\$578,689
Act 359 - Public Relations	0.0590	\$36,469
Total General Fund Levies	13.0012	\$8,036,372
EMS	0.3578	\$221,165
Solid Waste	1.8807	\$1,162,508
Total Voted Millage/Debt	2.2385	\$1,383,673
TOTAL SUMMER MILLAGE	15.2397	\$9,420,046

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budgets at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

GENERAL FUND

General Government	\$2,589,357
Public Safety	\$5,261,089
Public Works	\$1,905,177
Parks & Recreation	\$1,741,364
MIS	\$332,269
Total General Fund	\$11,829,256

SPECIAL REVENUE

Major Street	\$1,009,056
Local Street	\$886,849
Ambulance	\$505,219
Act 302 Training	\$8,000
Solid Waste	\$1,384,206
CDBG	\$20,500
911 Service Fund	\$92,605
Total Special Revenue	\$3,906,435

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Grosse Gratiot Drain (Milk River)	\$2,600,042
Total Debt Funds	\$2,600,042

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Municipal Improvement	\$117,525
Total Capital Projects Fund	\$117,525

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Parking Fund	\$287,146
Water / Sewer	\$9,550,000
Boat Dock Fund	\$144,125
Commodity Sales Fund	\$54,400
	\$10,035,671

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Workmen's Compensation	\$132,196
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$879,979
Total Internal Service Funds	\$1,012,175

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$29,501,104

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

Al Fincham
 City Administrator

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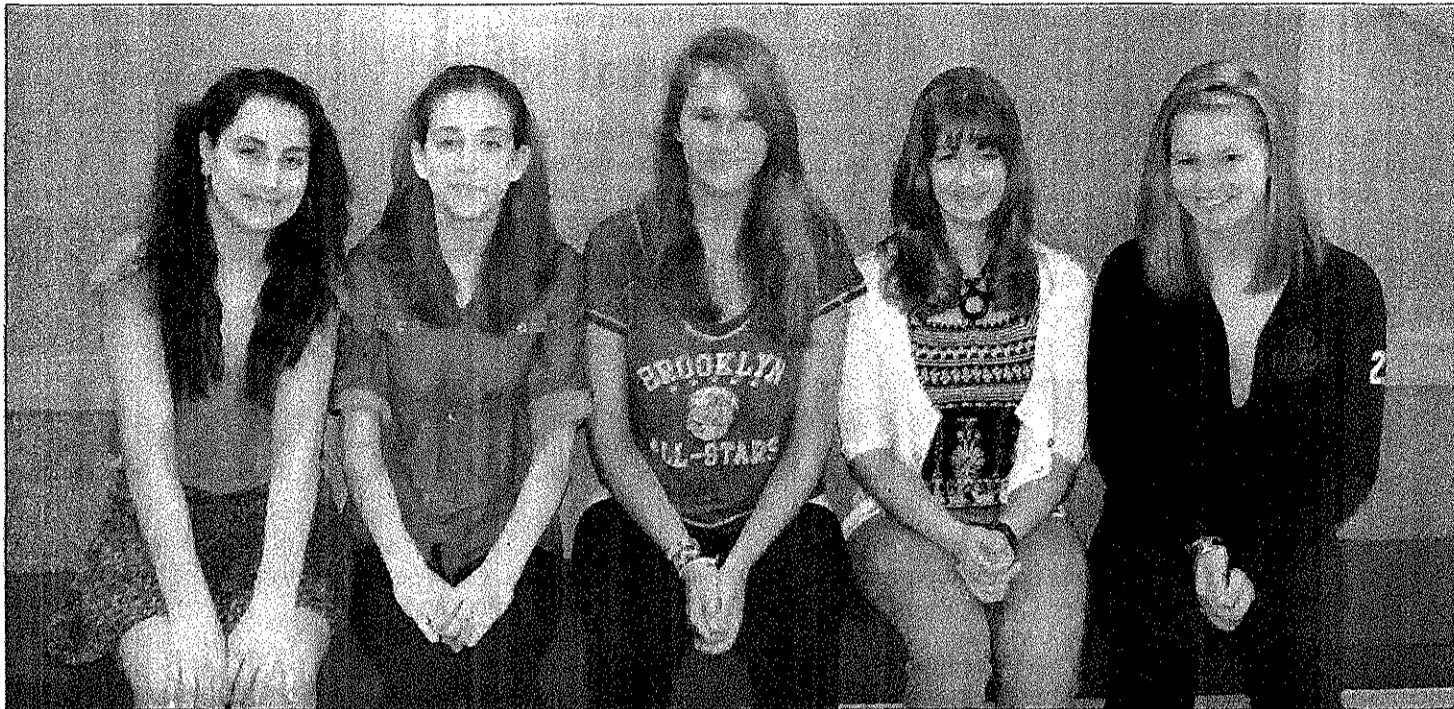
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Stossel in the Classroom winners, from left, Paige Abdella, Renata Szymanski, Dora Juhasz, Emily Hoshaw and Olivia Ritchie.

A winning script

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As part of an assignment for Todd Manns' eighth-grade English class, Parcels Middle School students entered the "Stossel in the Classroom" essay contest, endorsed by journalist John Stossel, in February.

Two months later, five students received notice their essays were selected among the best of the 7,514 entrants nationwide.

Dora Juhasz, Emily Hoshaw,

Renata Szymanski, Paige Abdella and Olivia Ritchie are among the 222 prize winners. Juhasz won second place, Hoshaw and Szymanski were semi-finalists and Abdella and Ritchie, honorable mentions.

In placing second, Juhasz receives \$1,000 and an all-expense paid trip for three (herself, a parent and Manns) to New York City to attend a Stossel show taping. Hoshaw and Szymanski each won \$100 and Abdella and Ritchie, \$50.

"I'm really excited," said Juhasz, who previously attend-

ed Poupard Elementary School. "I'm a little nervous because I'm not sure if they're going to do a recording of me to put on TV or not, but I'm still excited."

The honor came as a surprise to Juhasz who, due to the long period between essay deadline and announcement of winners, forgot about the contest.

"I kind of forgot about it," she said. "It took a while for them to announce the winners. I was in Hawaii when they announced it. Mr. Manns called

us and we were just really surprised and I was excited for it, too."

Sponsored by the Sandra and Lawrence Post Family Foundation, the first-year contest, opened to students aged 13 to 18, asked, "what's great about America?" It required students to watch a news special of the same name and to write a 500 to 1,000-word response referencing the video.

Judges, selected by Stossel in the Classroom according to

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Board selects search firm

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The search for the next Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent reached phase two last week.

After a tense discussion, the board—by a 4-3 vote—hired Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, an Illinois-based company among the nation's largest search firms for public school districts.

Suzanne Klein, superintendent since 1997, announced her retirement in February.

Prior to the vote, several board members expressed desires to first seek the best, possible internal candidates before reaching out to a firm.

"I don't necessarily think a search firm is most expeditious," Board President John Steinger said. "I think an internal candidate could be more expedient. We heard from two search firms that told us they would bring us candidates based upon the profile we provided for them. They would interview the board members and ask us, individually, 'what type of candidate do we want?'"

"And as I look at my personal preferences, I look at the condition we're in. I look at shortfalls in funding that are going to be extreme over the next couple of years. I look at: we're

spending 87 percent of our revenue stream going directly to (health and resources), and I'm not looking forward to bringing someone in here from out of state or any place else that doesn't know this community as well as it should be known."

Board Trustee Cynthia Pangborn and Vice President Joan Dindoffer sided with Steinger, citing the community's interest in an expeditious and cost-effective approach to the selection process.

Pangborn also expressed concern for the plight of Michigan and whether an out-of-state candidate, with little understanding of the state and its people, is qualified to lead one of its largest school districts.

Board Secretary Judy Gafa, Trustee Fred Minturn and Treasurer Brendan Walsh adamantly argued against limiting themselves to an internal search.

"I think the people of this community want the best possible candidate, no matter where they come from," Gafa said. "I think they have vested interest in this district, and we might have a great internal candidate, but they should be able to measure up, stand on their own against any one else

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Board approves 33 teacher layoffs

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

With a cloud of uncertainty lingering in regard to the state budget, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education took preliminary measures by approving the lay offs of 33 staff and teachers.

As part of the teacher's union contract, the board is required to notify teachers of layoffs within 60 days prior to the end of the school year.

They did so the week before spring break.

Layoffs are based on seniority, meaning those teachers bet-

ter established in the district are less likely to be laid off.

"The first steps in our budgeting process is to establish a lay-off list to protect the district from any unforeseen budgetary shortfalls for the upcoming school year," said Thomas Harwood, assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations.

In determining the extent of layoffs, the board looked at current and predicted enrollment figures for the 2011-2012 school year, high school student schedules and the district's funding source for the next year.

Of those laid off, 22 are elementary teachers or staff, 10 middle school teachers or staff and one high school teacher. Several teachers are employed at multiple schools.

Due to current enrollment falling short of projections, kindergarten took the biggest hit with seven teachers or staff laid off.

"There are teachers who are doing an excellent job for us," Superintendent Suzanne Klein said in response to the layoffs. "Some of them have been on our staff for a while, some of them are new to us. Some of them are our former students.

We welcomed them, some of the brand new ones in the fall, and they talked about teachers who were their inspiration for joining the profession.

"This is a collection of folks who were coming to work each day and doing wonderful things for our students. It is with sadness we have to do this."

The board laid off 80 teachers and staff last year, but once the state finalized its budget and projected enrollment was met, all were called back along with additional hirings.

Treasurer Brendan Walsh predicts a similar situation this

year.

"It is a great, great likelihood that some of these teachers, if not, many of these teachers will be called back," Walsh said. "It's just the nature of the system, the financial system, the contract system that this is the type of step we take."

Board briefs

Aside from teacher layoffs, the following issues were also discussed at the meeting:

- The board recognized the commitment of 11 people as distinguished volunteers.

- It was approved to start

resurfacing Grosse Pointe South's track, North's parking lot and entrances, Monteith's parking lot and restrooms at Defer, Trombly and South. They also decided to wait on re-structuring South's gym's mechanical systems.

• Several public comments addressed issues concerning the special education program. All criticized the program and sought improvements for next year.

• Though addressed, there was little update on the budget for the 2011-2012 year, as the board continues to wait for the state to finalize its budget.

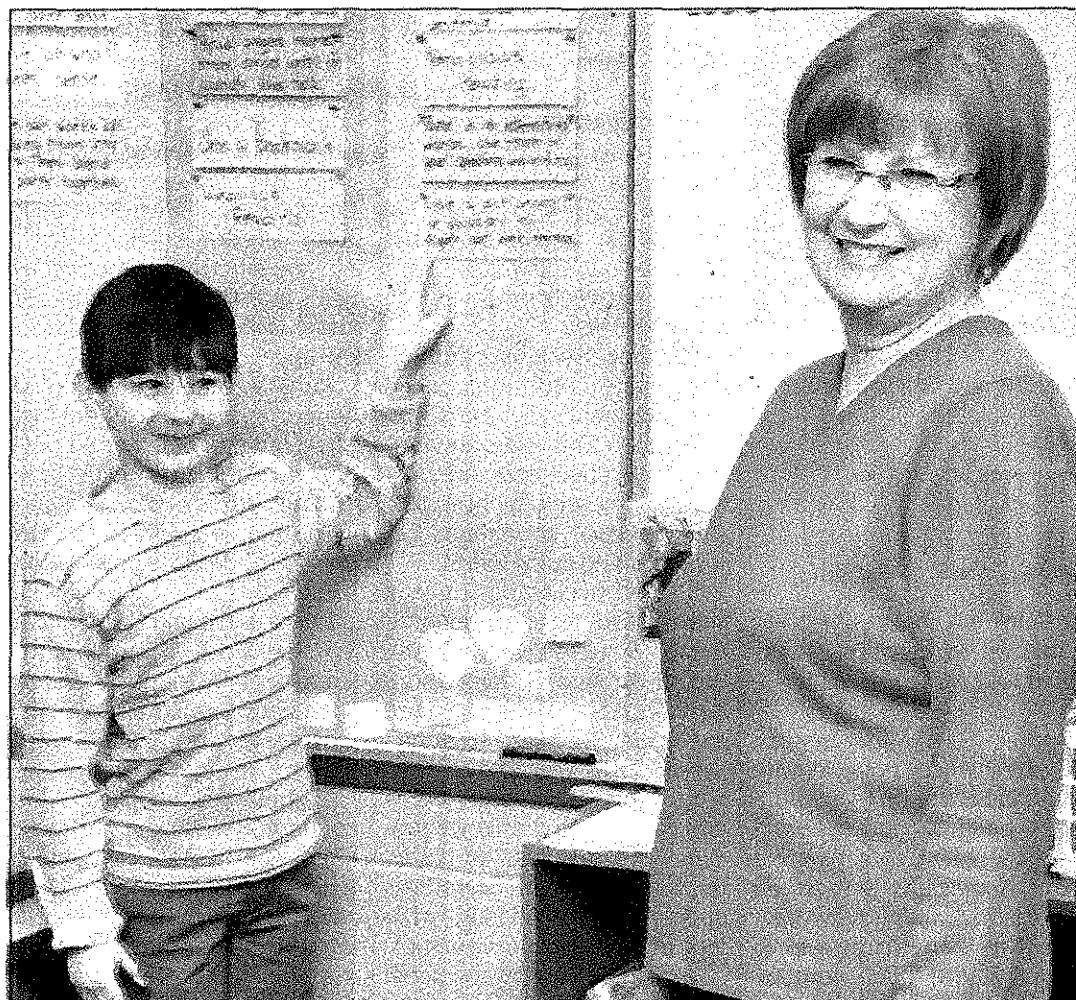


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Ferry Elementary School second-grade teacher Glenda Lassiter and Noah Lawson, the student who nominated her.

Teacher of the week

They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

This week, it's Ferry Elementary School second-grade teacher Glenda Lassiter.

She was nominated by Noah Lawson: "Mrs. Lassiter makes learning fun. She helps me understand math, science, social studies and economics."

"She makes me feel comfortable and answers many questions. Mrs. Lassiter has helped me grow and taught me to like learning."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: I have been a teacher at Ferry Elementary for 19 years and have taught first grade, second grade, and a second and third multi-grade class.

Previous work: Prior to teaching at Ferry, I taught third grade for five years at Trombly Elementary School.

Why did you become a teacher: I became a teacher because I love learning and I wanted to share that love with children. I was inspired by several outstanding teachers who made learning fun every day! By the time I was eight years old, I knew that teaching was for me.

What do you enjoy most about teaching: The most enjoyable part of teaching for me is figuring out what each child needs for optimum learning. Setting individual goals with children and then helping them to achieve these goals is quite satisfying and rewarding.

How do you feel about being nominated: I feel very honored to be nominated. It was so kind of Noah to nominate me!

Favorite subject to teach: My favorite subject to teach is reading. Good reading skills are the keys to learning and it is exciting to be able to unlock the

door that leads to a world of knowledge.

—A.J. Hakim

Nominations needed

Students, Do you have a favorite teacher who makes each school day special and exciting?

If so, show your gratitude by nominating him or her for teacher of the week.

It's open to students and teachers from all Grosse Pointe schools.

All that's required is your name and grade, your teacher's name, if he or she teaches a particular class, and your reasons for nominating the teacher.

To send in a nomination, contact A.J. Hakim via e-mail at ajhakim@grossepointenews.com.

Running for funds



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

130 parents, students and teachers district-wide participated in the second annual Defer Elementary School Dragon Fun Run. The event featured a 1K walk and 5K run and raised money to help the Parent Teacher Organization. Pierce Middle School seventh-grader, Garrett Weidig, won the 5K run with a time of 25:04. Zachary Wharton, a second-grader at Defer, placed second with a 28:34. Wharton also participated in the 1K walk.

Search: firm presents 'a great opportunity'

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that comes in and applies for this job."

Added Minturn: "It would be a huge mistake not to (look nationally) and one I would vocally and publically chastise us for. I would make that well known."

The board used Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates during its last search in 1997.

Of its 600 initial candidates contacted in 1997, the three finalists included two out-of-staters and Klein, at the time the Grosse Pointe interim superintendent.

In selecting the search firm, the board received nine responses from the 12 firms sent Requests for Proposal. At the end of March, it narrowed its choice to three firms and down to two — Hazard, Young, Attea

& Associates and Ray & Associates — during its work session the first week of April.

Each firm's bid ranged from \$14,400 to \$19,500. Hazard's winning bid is \$16,500.

James Morse and Roger Garvelink, both of whom were superintendents in similar districts (East Grand Rapids and Birmingham, respectively) lead the search team. As laid out by the board in its general timeline, Morse and Garvelink should have candidates identified by the end of May and a finalist chosen by the board by the end of July.

If all plays out accordingly, the new superintendent starts in September during a transitional period until Klein officially retires in December 2011.

"I think we've got a great opportunity in front of us," Walsh said of hiring a firm for a na-

tional search. "Whether we may have that internal candidate or not, we still have that opportunity. We lose nothing by doing that."

The following is the tentative timeline laid out by the board and the search firm:

- May 17-18 — leadership profile development forum.

- May 23 — leadership profile presented to board at its meeting.

- June 15 — state presentation and seminar for interviews.

- June 20-22 — board interviews five to six finalists; board selects two to three finalists.

- July 11-15 — board identifies finalists.

- July 18-22 — final background checks, visits and negotiations.

- July 25 — board announces successor at its meeting.

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Walking for a cure

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In preparation for its walk for juvenile diabetes fundraiser, Monteith Elementary School held a rally to teach students and staff the basics of the disease.

Fifth-graders Colin Evo and Michelle Bridges, diagnosed with juvenile diabetes in second grade and at two-and-a-half-years-old, respectively, lead the walk, taking place today.

They also participated in the rally by showing students an insulin pump (Bridges) and needle (Evo), two different methods of balancing elevated or lowered glucose levels.

Students who raised money received a sneaker-shaped certificate to place on the wall inside the school.

"I think it's nice for them to be doing this," Bridges said.

Evo added, "They're doing it for us to help us find a cure for diabetes."

As part of the rally, Principal Keith Howell invited Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation representative Sally Ruterbusch to speak to the students.

She showed an instructional video quoting statistics, symptoms and measures to prevent a sugar crash.



Above: Monteith Elementary School students joined in on the flash mob dance performed by school teachers and administrators.

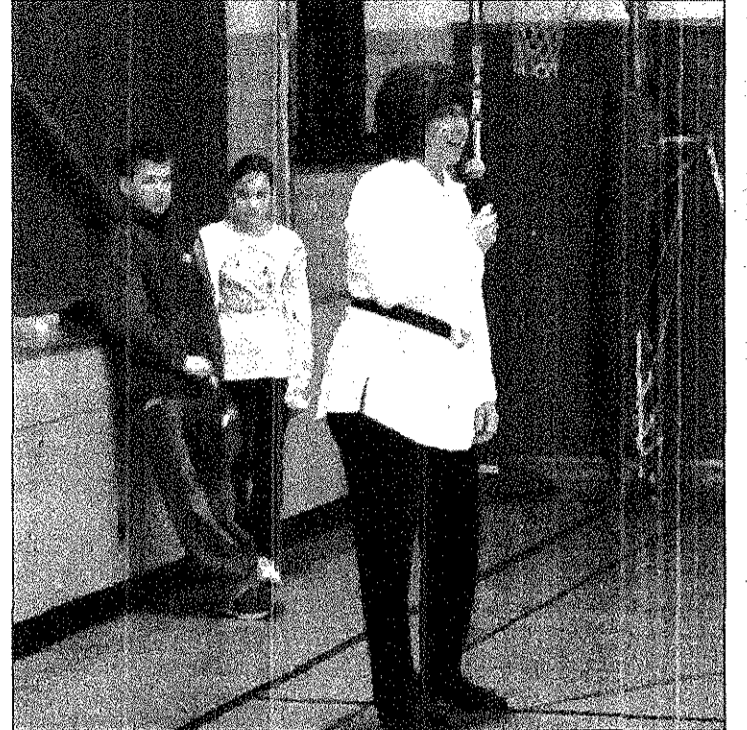
Right: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation representative, Sally Ruterbusch, lectures on diabetes, while fifth-graders, Colin Evo and Michelle Bridges, both with diabetes, stand aside.

Teachers and administrators also surprised students with a flash mob dance at the

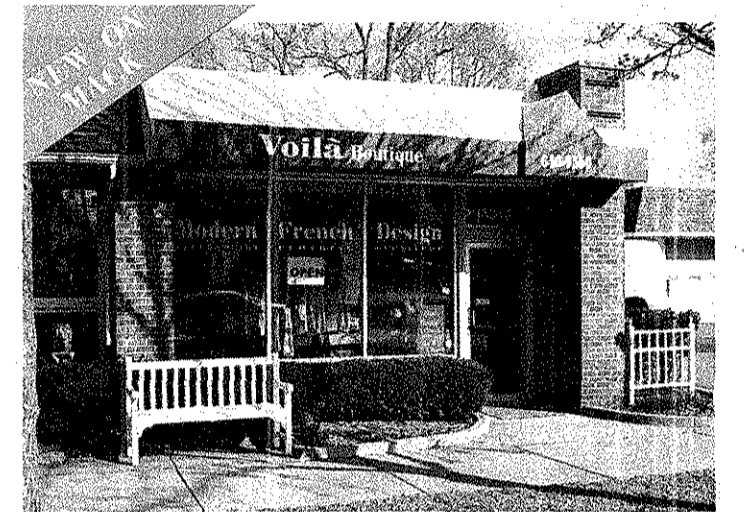
end. "We've done other health walks," Howell said.

"This year we decided to tie it to juvenile diabetes. We try to do something different every year, something to support the community, something that's kind of connected to our school.

"In the past we've had autism awareness types of programs, we've had leader dogs for the blind. This year, we just decided something for Juvenile Diabetes would be a nice thing. (The Parent-Teacher Organization), they sponsored it and put it together, and it's just something we want to give back to the community who do so many things to help Monteith."



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Teaching etiquette

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

A part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System since 2005, Sodexo Food Services recently initiated a campaign to give back to the community.

Sodexo, which provides food district-wide and to Our Lady Star of the Sea, offers a fine dining experience to select stu-

dents from each of the three Grosse Pointe middle schools.

The event is hosted at a different school each quarter. It started last week with Pierce Middle School.

The 38 students, recognized for their achievements in good behavior, received a "gourmet" Italian meal — mostaccioli, meatballs, salad, cookies and punch — while learning table

etiquette.

Michelle Knotts, general manager of the local facility, taught students the purpose of utensil placement and "dos" and "don'ts" of tableside manners.

"It's our way of just partnering with the community," Knotts said. "This is an example of a way we can recognize our children for doing great things when it's pertaining to good behavior.

"This is outside of the realm of just serving the food, but we want to be able to recognize children whenever we can for special events."

Principal Gary Buslepp selected the students based on their behaviors at lunch during April.

Each table has a "table captain," who makes sure everything is clean and chairs pushed in at the end of each lunch period.

Based on results, tables participated in a raffle in which the two winning tables were awarded the fine dining experience.

"It's a nice way to remind everybody what their responsibilities are to everyone," Buslepp said.

"It emphasizes positive behavior.

"And what can be more fun than going out and having lunch with your friends?"

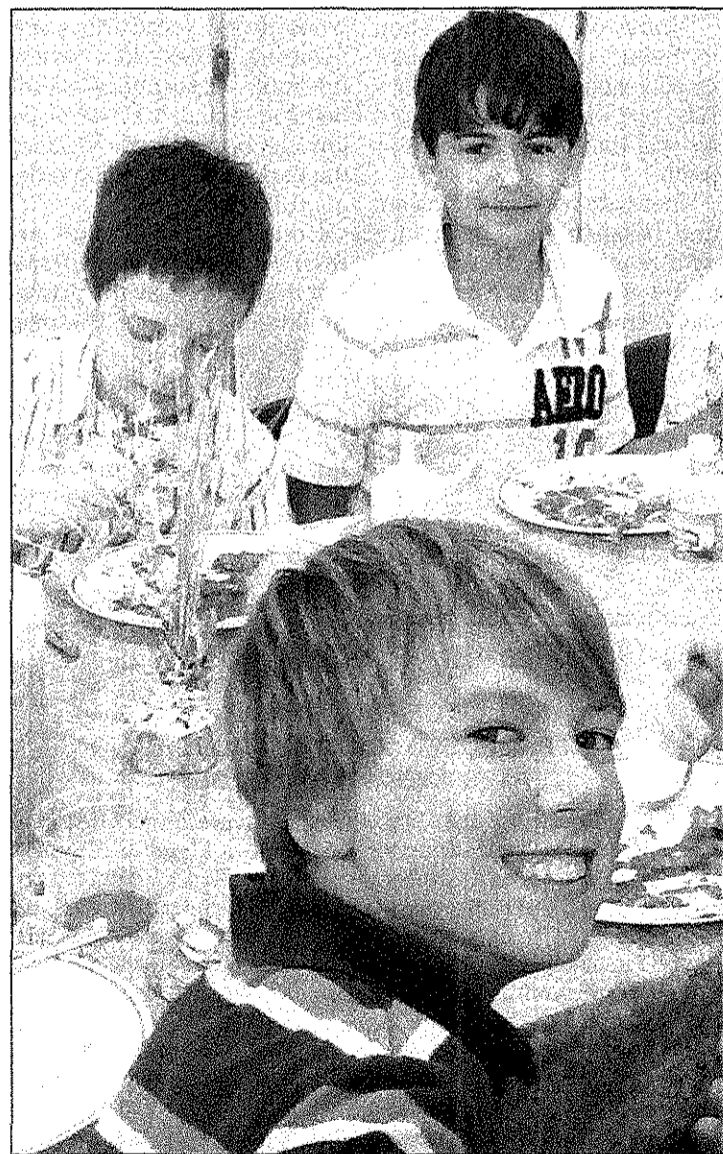


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Sixth-graders, front, Cameron Francis, Adam Pitters, left, and Adrian Iafate were among the 38 students awarded lunch.

Stossel: students 'products of a great school system'

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their expertise in education, writing and the topic, used a two-round system and scored the essays based on a standardized rubric emphasizing the students' abilities to answer the question in an articulate, clear and organized manner, with references to the video to support their analysis.

The students wrote of free speech and prosperity, business, race relations and charity. Some even personalized their responses. Juhasz began

her essay with a story about her father, whose childhood dream of becoming an astronaut was stifled due to the lack of opportunity in Hungary at the time.

"These wonderful students are products of a great school system, great teachers here at Parcels," teacher Todd Manns said. "More importantly, they, quite obviously, are products of great parenting. I am very happy and proud of their accomplishments and feel very fortunate to have had them as students this year."

School brief

A public forum to discuss the progress and recommendations of the Elementary Scheduling Committee is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, May 12, in the Richard Elementary School gymnasium.

The committee of elementary teachers, administrators and parents met for the past five months to review scheduling practices in the elementary program. Topics under review include: the scheduling of art, vocal music, physical education, library skills and Spanish.

In addition, the committee reviewed the instrumental music schedule in fifth grade, other scheduling practices that affect reading support, speech, Title I services, recess and the block schedule used in the elementary schools.

Data collected from a variety of sources and committee recommendations will be explained.

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Facility use policies coming for Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Council members are giving themselves a two-month deadline to write rules regulating public use of city hall chambers.

A concurrent task is writing a facility usage policy for the forthcoming Schroeder Park multi-purpose building. The privately-funded building is being constructed this spring behind the public works garage next to Grosse Pointe Shores city hall.

Those policy measures will work their way through the municipal parks and harbor committee before returning to city council for consideration, most likely in June.

Until policies are adopted, a moratorium exists on granting public requests to use chambers.

Most council members at the April 19 meeting supported creation of a policy for the room at city hall.

Councilmen Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte opposed. Kedzierski wanted to use chambers for a townhall meeting about the budget.

Both officials said the room is a public place and should be accessible to citizens. Neither criticized efforts to govern Schroeder building rentals or special uses.

"The reluctance of some council members to support a facility use policy is baffling," said Mayor James Cooper after the meeting.

"As elected officials, it is our responsibility to ensure that our valuable assets are protected and that their use follows set guidelines."

Policies are to address permitted uses, rental prioritiza-

tion, fees, deposits, insurance, clean-up and more, according to a proposal by Brian Vick, city manager.

Although it's routine for a city to establish operating parameters for recreation facilities or a community building, the idea of regulating public access to council chambers is new to the Shores.

The first-floor room has many incarnations.

It doubles as the municipal courtroom. It's used for various municipal committee meetings and serves as the city's two voting precincts. Blood drives are held in it. Following last winter's four-alarm house fire in the Shores, public safety officers from responding agencies thereafter met in chambers for a post-incident analysis.

The room also contains audiovisual equipment to record

council meetings for broadcast over the community cable television channel.

Chambers has for years been loosely monitored by public safety dispatchers. That ends when the public safety call center is shut down and dispatchers are consolidated in a cost-saving move with Grosse

Pointe Farms.

A contract between the cities could be ready by June.

"In late February, city administration received a request from a resident to host a seminar in the city hall council chambers," Vick wrote in his request for a policy. "The city does not currently have a facili-

ty use policy to address such requests."

"Mr. Vick was wise to bring this up for discussion at this time," Cooper said.

"The recent request by one resident to use our council chambers for political purposes only illustrates the need for such a policy."

Dispose of hazardous waste

Residents can legally dispose of potentially dangerous materials this month during the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Host city Grosse Pointe Farms holds the event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 14, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore at the foot of Moross.

The event is open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Farms, Shores and Harper Woods.

A valid driver's license is required to verify qualifying residency.

Disposing hazardous waste in weekly rubbish violates municipal ordinances.

Household Hazardous Waste Day gives residents an opportunity to dispose of such materials under controlled conditions.

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- ◆ herbicides
- ◆ insecticides
- ◆ weed killer
- ◆ rat poison
- ◆ brake and transmission fluid
- ◆ antifreeze and coolants
- ◆ battery acid
- ◆ fuel oil and gasoline
- ◆ petroleum solvents
- ◆ propane gas tanks
- ◆ oven and drain cleaner
- ◆ bleaches and disinfectants
- ◆ expired medicine
- ◆ fluorescent lamps
- ◆ furniture and metal polishes

- ◆ floor care products
- ◆ nail polish
- ◆ epoxy and solvents
- ◆ photographic chemicals
- ◆ mercury thermometers

Unacceptable materials

- ◆ unknown or unlabeled

material

- ◆ commercially generated waste

- ◆ smoke alarms
- ◆ radioactive material
- ◆ explosives
- ◆ shock-sensitive materials, such as chemical lab materials or picric acid

◆ motor oil — Farms residents can drop off this material at the Farms public works department, 311 Chalfonte, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

◆ latex paint — dispose by placing kitty litter in the open container, thoroughly dry, and dispose of the dried paint, kitty litter and container in your normal household rubbish.

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Farmers market opens for eighth year

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It may be hard to believe, but summer is coming, as evidenced by the opening of the West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Saturday, May 7, will begin

the eighth season for the neighborhood-friendly market that features fresh produce, flowers, crafts and entertainment, or, as market manager Jennifer Meldrum says, "We have something for everyone."

Especially for mothers, Meldrum pointed out.

"Come on down and shop for mom," she said. "We're not usually open before Mother's Day, but we are this year and we will have lots of things for mom."

There are traditional flowers and hanging baskets, along with homemade bakery items and a wide variety of handmade crafts and clothing from several specialty vendors.

"We will also have heirloom tomato plants, which could make a very unique gift," Meldrum said.

Or give mom the day off from cooking by picking up some ribs from Smoky Joe's,

which will once again be a weekly fixture, along with several new restaurants and cafes that have recently opened in the area, not to mention the old favorites.

The first special event of the market season is an art fair Saturday, June 11, offering works from local artists and featuring pieces from several mediums. Applications are still being accepted, Meldrum said, and can be obtained by calling the parks and recreation office at (313) 822-2812.

Hours for the market are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with special events such as the art fair running until 3 p.m. The market is open every Saturday, rain or shine, through October.

"What makes our market special is that everything we feature is locally grown or made," Meldrum said. "It's also a great place to come and visit with friends and neighbors."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2011 CITY PROPERTY
TAXES AND 2011/12 BUDGET**

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, in the Council Chambers located at 15115 E. Jefferson on the proposed 2011 city tax levy and on the proposed 2011/12 city budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk beginning May 13, 2011.

The property tax millage rate and water rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed city budget.

Jane M. Blahut
Clerk

GPN: May 5, 2011

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing Janitorial Services for Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397. Copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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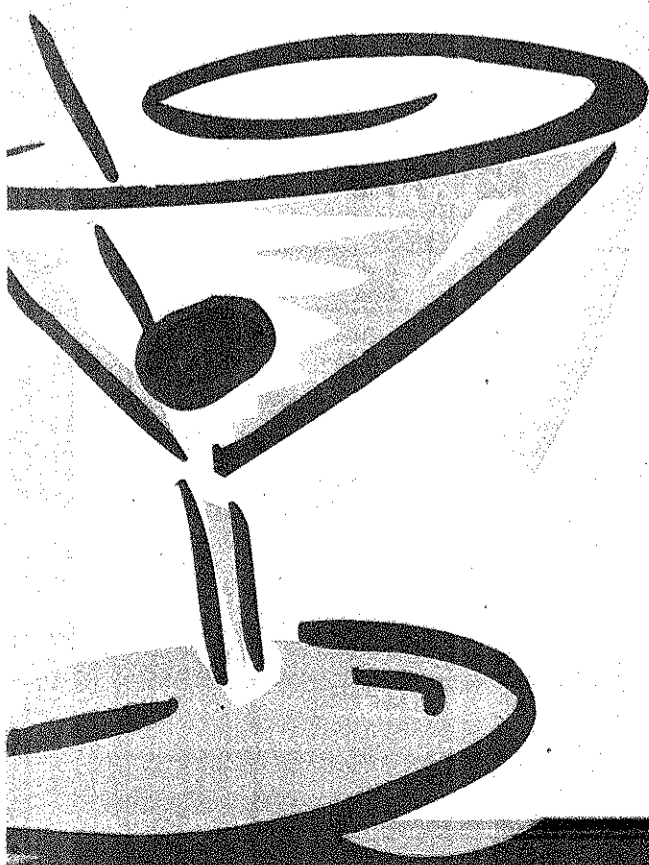
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Redesigned Sportage does Kia proud



Over the years, the Kia Sportage has developed from a small, boxy utility vehicle into a five-passenger crossover with up-to-the-minute styling and a long list of standard and optional features.

It is one of several revised and/or new nameplates Kia has brought to market in the last couple of years.

A Sienna orange car had once been in my family for years, until the matching orange and brown rust nearly ate



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Kia ordered a substantial redo of its five-passenger Sportage crossover utility vehicle for 2011. A dramatic wedge replaces a rounded box look. Below, the Sportage has ample cargo area and seems to have a thing for early blooming pansies.

white material insets and orange stitching on the black vinyl. As far as we could tell, only the steering wheel and gear shift knob featured leather, so the Sportage was more animal-friendly, less expensive and easier to care for than a compact crossover wearing skins.

Exterior styling is a departure from the usual and we thought it trumped Toyota's competing RAV4, with its older design featuring heavy slab sides.

Kia took a chance and eliminated third side windows, adding to the wedgy shape the Sportage derives from Kia's 2007 Kue concept car.

While fun to drive, the Sportage does have outside feedback in the form of road, tire and engine noise. There is an indecisiveness in the continuously variable transmission that takes some getting used to. The transmission seems to wander at speeds in the 50 mph range.

The EX model had a suggested retail price of \$24,795. A \$1,500 navigation system with satellite traffic information and rear camera display plus upgraded audio system were added to the test Sportage as was a \$2,500 premium package with the giant double sunroof, auto-dimming rearview mirror, heated front seats and push-button/smart-key start.

"We see ourselves as a value brand with fuel-efficient vehicles," Sprague said.

He says the tiny four-door Kia Soul, introduced two years ago, created a different segment and "set a kind of new pace" for the automaker, which has enjoyed 16 years of growth and recent citations for most-improved-in-quality customer loyalty.

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

it alive. But that was the 1970s. And this is now, when new cars are warranted against body perfor-

ration for significant numbers of miles or years. Korea-based Kia also was among the first automakers to offer a 100,000-mile/10-year powertrain warranty.

"Seven new products in 20 months," said Michael Sprague, Kia's marketing vice president in Irvine, Calif. "Our biggest challenges in the market have been awareness and consumer perception. Many remember the Kias of the late 1990s. We now have a turbo-charged engine and will offer a hybrid 2011 Optima in the second quarter of this year."

The 2011 Sportage is available in three trims: Base, LX and EX. Pricing starts at \$18,295 for the base model which includes air conditioning, power windows, door locks and mirrors, satellite radio capability, MP3 connectivity and Bluetooth wireless.

An SX trim with the 260-horsepower 2.0-liter turbo-charged four comes later this year.

The test EX model had all the bells and whistles, from all-wheel drive to a two-piece panoramic sunroof. It was powered by the standard 176-horsepower 2.4-liter inline four

with continuously variable six-speed automatic transmission. The EX with all-wheel drive earns fuel economy ratings of 21 miles per gallon city and 28 highway.

The automatic transmission with front drive does better: 22 city/31 highway. A six-speed manual transmission is standard on the base Sportage with front drive.

The mid-level LX improves upon the base model by adding outside mirror LED turn signal indicators, keyless entry and tinted glass. The EX trim includes 18-inch alloy wheels, roof rails, a rear spoiler and chrome body trim and door handles.

EX models also offer leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, telescopic steering wheel, illuminated vanity mirrors, automatic folding rear



seats, a dual-zone temperature control, illuminated and cooled glove box and a power driver's seat with lumbar support.

EX options include a panoramic sunroof, navigation, push-button start, rear camera display, daytime running lights and an air-cooled driver's seat which Kia says is a first in the compact CUV segment.

We liked our tester's techno orange color, though the interior orange was rather loud and did not do much for the inside door panels.

The seats feature black-and-

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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.

Raymond W. Gault

Raymond William "Bill" Gault, 90, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 23, 2011.

Mr. Gault is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; children, Henry, Kathleen, Cynthia and Barbara; daughter-in-law, Susan Gault-Brown; granddaughter, Sophia Gault-Brown and brothers, Donald and Robert.

He was predeceased by his brother, Harry.

Mr. Gault was born Aug. 14, 1920, and lived most of his life in Michigan. In the summers, he loved to work on the family farm in Cheboygan with his brothers and his aunt and uncle. As an adult, he visited the farm whenever he could.

As a teenager and young adult, he held many odd jobs including test driver at an auto company, cherry picker, archivist at the Detroit Institute of Arts, carriage driver on Mackinac Island, tour guide at Greenfield Village and a laborer at the Goodyear Tire Co.

Mr. Gault served as an Air Force pilot in the 94th bomb group in Europe during World War II. He was stationed in England and flew a B17 bomber over Germany.

When he returned home from the war, Mr. Gault attended college and started a career as a social studies teacher. He came to Grosse Pointe South High School in 1960. He moved to Grosse Pointe North when it opened, and retired from teaching in 1984. He missed the school and returned to work as an audio-visual specialist in North's library, working until his death.

Mr. Gault was a lover of learning and books and was a frequent visitor at many area libraries. He enjoyed helping others awaken their curiosity about the world.

A funeral was held April 29 at the St. Clair Shores Public Library.

Donations may be made to the Sierra Club at tinyurl.com/sierrclubdonations.

Joseph J. Palker

Joseph "Bud" Palker, 84, formerly of Torrington, Conn., passed away peacefully in his home in Melbourne, Fla., Thursday, April 28, 2011. He was predeceased by his adored wife of 62 years, Alice, in December.

He saw active duty with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Connecticut and avid supporter of their athletic programs. He was a baseball enthusiast and a semi-pro pitcher in his youth.

Mr. Palker's career work was as vice president of industrial relations with the Torrington Co. and Ingersoll Rand. He was an active golfer and former president of the Country Club of Torrington. He also served as board chairman of the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, president of the Jaycees, and was an active member of the Elks Club.

In Florida, he and his wife enjoyed the fellowship of the Suntree Golf Club community for the past 20 years. He loved golf, gardening, music, and travel. Above all, he was a devoted husband and father who will be dearly missed.

Mr. Palker is survived by his children, Tom Palker of Washington, D.C., Patricia Roddy of Dublin, Ireland, Jane Cramphin of Simsbury, Conn., Jeff Palker of Aiken, S.C. and Joann Drennan of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

He also is survived by his sister, Margaret Grivalvsky of St. Clair Shores, and nine grandchildren.

Donations to support his grandson's fight against cystic fibrosis may be made at cff.org/GreatStrides/JackDrennan5208.

Margaret Anne Bartush

Margaret Anne "Pegi" Bartush, 57, passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, March 19, 2011, at her winter home in Vero Beach, Fla., after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 21, 1953, she was the daughter of J. Addison Bartush and Marion Maxwell Bartush of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pegi attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart until it closed, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and then graduated from Northwood University. She often credited her years at Northwood for her success in the automotive industry and was awarded one of Northwood's first outstanding alumni awards for her generous support of Northwood's scholarship program.

Pegi loved her career and spent 35 years with Chrysler Corp. Beginning in Paducah, Ky., as a trainee, she would eventually pack her bags and boxes and move for Chrysler to St. Louis, Mo., Charlotte, N.C., Detroit, Minneapolis, and eventually to the company's headquarters in Auburn Hills. She held many positions such as zone manager, senior dealer and field support, systems development, senior manager of forecasting and analysis, and senior manager global programming. Pegi was proud to mentor other women as they made their way through the male-dominated ranks of the automobile industry.

Pegi's favorite place to be was on a golf course and she played whenever the opportunity presented itself. Through her extensive travels, she played some of the most beautiful courses in the world, including St. Andrew's, Pebble Beach and the exclusive Sandridge Country Club.

She was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, The Forest Lake Country Club and the Tinker Club.

Pegi will be remembered by those fortunate to have known her as generous and fun loving with a wicked sense of humor; a loyal friend, a fantastic golfer; a loving daughter; a caring sister and the best aunt ever.

Pegi is survived by her father, J. Addison Bartush; brother, Jay Bartush; sister, Susan Bartush Cugliari; nephew, Stephen Cugliari and her devoted friend, Sandy Sims. She also leaves behind Sir Baxter, her faithful rescue cocker spaniel.

She was predeceased by her mother, Marion Maxwell Bartush.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Prayers begin at 5:30 p.m.

A Mass in celebration of her life will be held at noon Monday, May 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or at detroitzoo.org/tributes/brassbutterfly; The Society of the Sacred Heart Retirement Fund, 4120 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 or at RSCJ.org or the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, 910 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 or at ovariancancer.org.

Christine Pruitt

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Christine Pruitt, 69, died Monday, May 2, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born Sept. 23, 1941, in Glasgow, Scotland, to John and Christina Malloch and moved to Detroit in 1952.

Mrs. Pruitt was a longtime employee of Comerica Bank

who enjoyed knitting, line dancing, water aerobics and walking.

Mrs. Pruitt is survived by her beloved husband, Norman; loving children, Carolyn (Kevin) Wilson, Samuel Pruitt, Christine Alfaras and John Kurtice; sisters, Elizabeth Vorgitch, Janice Schafer and Nancy Thomson and her brother, Ian Malloch. She also is survived by many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 1 p.m.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 or at cancer.org.

Mary Carolyn Harms

Life-long Detroit resident Mary Carolyn Harms, 90, died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Oakwood Nursing Center in Dearborn.

She was born Dec. 13, 1920, in Detroit to Frederick and Edith (nee Goheen) Harms and graduated from Wayne State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in teaching. She retired in 1988 as principal of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.

Mrs. Harms was a 31-year member of Christ Church Detroit where she was involved in music and volunteering her time and talents. She enjoyed traveling, attending Stratford Theatre as well as other cultural events in the Detroit area. She was also a member of the American Guild of Organists.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Inurnment will be in the church's columbarium.

Donations may be made to the music fund at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

Alice Mary Coen Robison

Alice Mary Coen Robison, 103, died Thursday, April 28, 2011.

She was born May 9, 1907, in Davenport, Iowa, the youngest of nine children of Charles and Ellen (nee Marinar) Coen. She grew up in Davenport, attended St. Mary Elementary School and graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy High School. She then attended St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

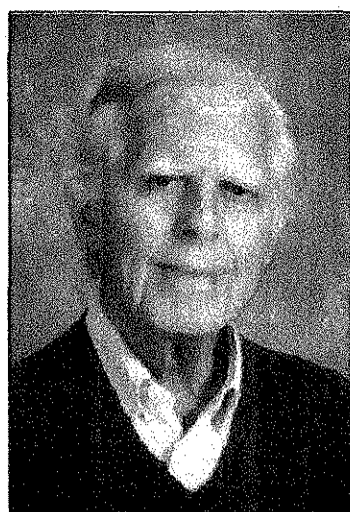
While working for the chamber of commerce and the Rock Island Railroad Lines in Davenport, she met Francis Wells Robison, a Notre Dame alumni. They married Aug. 6, 1936, in the Log Chapel at Notre Dame.

The couple moved to Detroit in 1939 and their children attended St. Philip Neri school. Mrs. Robison frequently drove the nuns to appointments, meetings or wherever they needed to go.

In 1960, the couple moved to St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Grosse Pointe Park. A few years later, Mr. Robison retired and the couple traveled to California, Louisiana, Davenport and to Notre Dame to the campuses they both loved.

Mrs. Robison was active in several groups at church. She served in many positions in the Legion of Mary and The Arch Confraternity. She enjoyed playing cards including bridge, pinocle and 500 and joined several card clubs. She continued driving others as needed, often commenting that she would rather be the doer than the doee.

In November 2003, Mrs. Robison moved to a senior in-



Raymond W. Gault



Joseph J. Palker



Margaret Anne Bartush



Christine Pruitt



Mary Carolyn Harms



Alice Mary Coen Robison

dependent living facility and continued to attend Mass daily. She also continued playing cards. If her family couldn't reach her by phone, they knew she was somewhere in the building playing cards.

In May 2007, family members from various parts of the country came to Michigan to celebrate Mrs. Robison's 100th birthday.

Mrs. Robison is survived by her children, Mary (Thomas) Flood, F. James (Marge) and Dorothy (Bob) Weir; daughter-in-law, Phyllis; grandchildren, Joseph, Molly, Maureen, Maggie, Kevin, Karen, Jennifer, Katie, Michael, Colleen, Patrick and Paul and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, F. Wells; son, E. Patrick; grandson, E. Patrick Jr. and her siblings.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A rosary will be said at 4 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 6, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Mary M. Segner

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary M. Segner, 96, died Saturday, April 16, 2011.

She was born May 1, 1914, in Bad Axe to Francis Minnick and Jennie O'Henly-Minnick. She was the daughter of a teacher and a farmer whose families settled Huron County and helped transform the Thumb area from forest to farmland. She attended a one-room school house and then graduated from Bad Axe High School.

Mrs. Segner earned a bachelor's degree in teaching from Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University. She served as both a teacher and guidance counselor. She obtained her master's degree in education from the University of Michigan. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools and for several years directed the guidance program at River Rouge High School. She was a direct, firm, but fair person who helped to create opportunities and held all of her students to high standards. It was this work that earned her the Heart of Gold award from the City of Detroit.

In addition, she loved gardening. She enrolled in classes and became a master gardener. This passion sustained her and she continued to work on her roses well into her 90s. She enjoyed education, travel, shopping, tennis, golf, swimming, visiting her childhood farm and volunteering her time.

Mrs. Segner was a past president of the Catholic Women's League, past president of the Women's City Club and a past president of the Grosse Pointe



Mary M. Segner



Andrew "Scotty" Stoddart

Garden Club. She also was a member of the Friends of the DSO.

Mrs. Segner is survived by her sister, Eleanore Allen and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard M. Segner; sister, Ann Toole and brothers, Edward Minnick, Francis P. Minnick and Angus Minnick.

She will be dearly missed by the O'Toole, Toole, Allen, Hutchens and Rossianoff families.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 4 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to The Bernard and Mary Segner Seminarian Aid Fund, Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206.

Andrew "Scotty" Stoddart

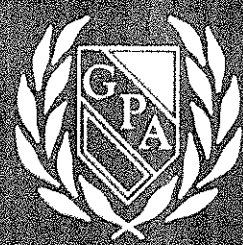
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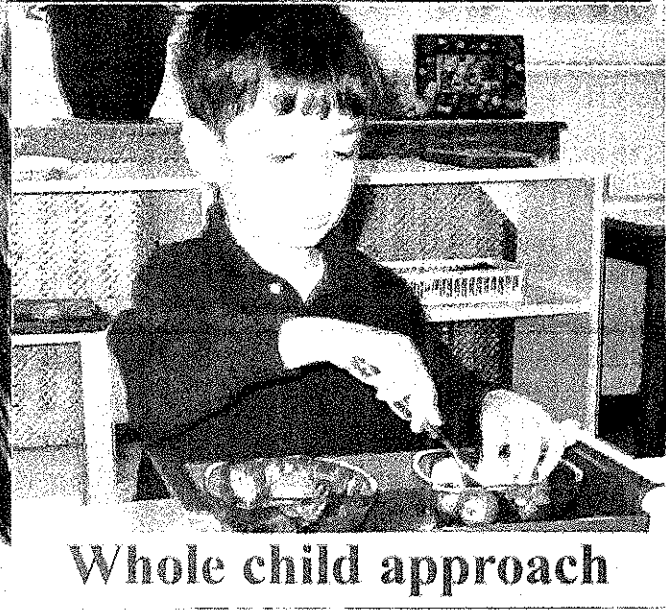
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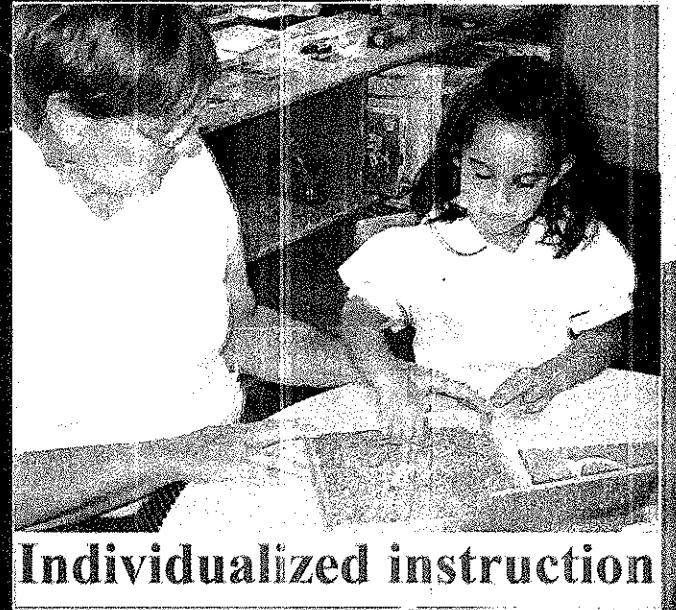
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Shopping for a cause



By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Women gather 'round. And men, too. It's time to go shopping.

But, the Tau Beta Spring Market is not just another shopping trip. It's shopping to support the Children's Center of Detroit.

"There are lots of things to do, lots of good friends, lots of good food," said Peter Kross, co-chairman of the event's preview party, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at The Grosse Pointe Club in Grosse Pointe Farms. The event continues May 13 and 14.

Having attended the preview party for the past eight years with

his wife, Peggy, the party's co-chairwoman, Kross said it "is a couples party and that's what makes it so much fun. It's a great setting with great shops."

This year the eighth annual market features 22 specialty vendors and shops from around the country. Shoppers will see both contemporary and classic jewelry, vintage handbags and note cards, men's accessories, women's, men's and children's clothing, gourmet olive oils, sea salts, teas and home and garden items while drinking cocktails and eating hors d'oeuvres.

Additionally, Kross said the party gives men ideas what their wives like for themselves, or to give as gifts.

He said he likes to keep a spring market purchase in the closet to be given "just because." To top it off, there is free gift wrapping, Kross said.

At 8:30 p.m. Thursday, a raffle ticket for a Prada 2011 spring collection, a Detroit Tigers game luxury suite,

Tau Beta Spring Market

PREVIEW PARTY
6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 12

MARKET DAYS
9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, May 13
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, May 14

LOCATION
The Grosse Pointe Club
6 Berkshire Place
Grosse Pointe Farms

an 11-by-14-inch Jane McFeeley oil painting of a house or cottage and Clara Williams jewelry gift certificate is drawn.

The best reason to attend, according to Kross, is to support the children and families who use the center.

Friday is designated as a day of sipping and shopping with a silent auction — new this year — from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cocktails begin after 4 p.m. Auction items include owners' seats at a Red Wings hockey game, a needlepoint rug, a pearl and diamond pendant, a Harbor Springs get-away, a

week of pet boarding, men's and women's custom clothing, a gift certificate to Hub 51 in Chicago and candlesticks and floral arrangement by Kloka Design Group. Saturday, guests can shop and have a light lunch at the market's café.

Founding

The Children's Center was founded in 1929 by the late Michigan Sen. James Couzens and was one of the first child guidance clinics in the country.

Its goals are to ensure every child has access to a healthy start, is healed from hurt and has a safe home of their own, said Tau Beta member Barb Detweiler.

Since its founding in 1901, Tau Beta Association has promoted charitable and philanthropic projects and services to benefit the people of southeastern Michigan. Within the past year more than 3,500 children and families have taken advantage of the Center for

Discovery, which is Tau Beta's project.

The multi-media and computer resource center allows parents to gather information on topics such as employment, resume building and free health care services.

Parents have also participated in monthly workshops including "Parenting with a Purpose." Tau Beta members assist children with homework, navigate safe websites, color, read stories and play board games, Detweiler said.

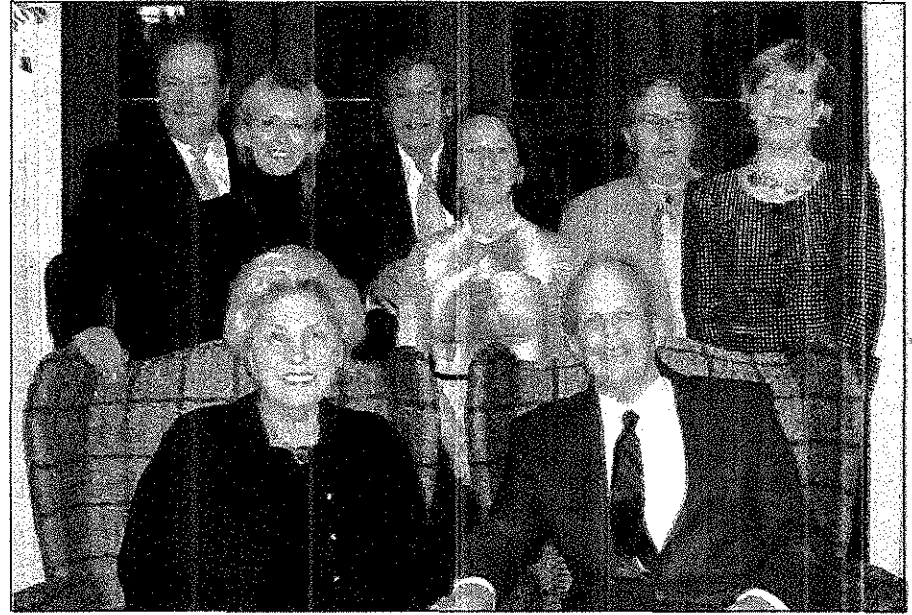
Both Tau Beta adults and its junior organization members, Tau Beta Juniors, volunteer at

both the Children's Center and the Center for Discovery.

Junior members tutor, read stories, provide computer assistance, create arts and crafts projects, host birthday parties and learn the importance of helping those less fortunate, Detweiler said.

Tau Beta members help supply and maintain The Children's Center Boutique, donate Easter baskets for infants, plant the Children's Center garden and provide turkey dinners at Thanksgiving and presents at

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In back, Mike and Drew Ebbing, Peter and Peggy Kross, Mike and Jenny Nolan; seated Thumper and George Haggarty.



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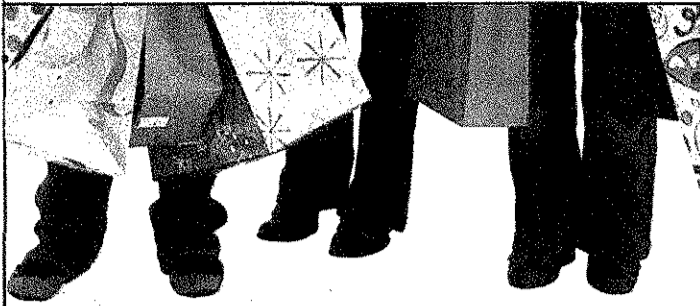
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Shopping Reviews

Puts you in the know...
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by Erika



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Mother's Day is right around the corner and every mom I know deserves a spa day. Consider these specials that can be enjoyed through the month of May - or can be purchased as a gift certificate. "Mom's Escape - Luxury Facial, Spa Pedicure and Hand Relaxer for \$125; or for a MOM to BE our "Pregnancy Package" - including a 1 Hour Prenatal Massage, Mini Facial & Spa Pedicure for \$165. This year we are offering for young moms the "Mommy & Me Nail Service" which includes an Xpress Pedicure & Manicure for MOM & Mini Manicure & Pedicure for girls (ages 5yrs - 10 yrs. old) for \$70. This is a fun idea as a gift certificate for grandma to experience with a granddaughter too! (Grandma & Me)



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Tau Beta Spring Market



Tau Beta Spring Market is coming! You can shop over 20 specialty boutiques from across the country and benefit the Children's Center of Detroit. Market Days are Friday, May 13th, 9:30 am until 7 pm and Saturday, May 14th from 9:30 am until 3pm. Margaritas at the Market are Friday from 4-7 pm (cash bar) and you can enjoy lunch at the club both days. All this fun takes place at The Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place behind GP Memorial Church. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information visit www.taubeta.org.

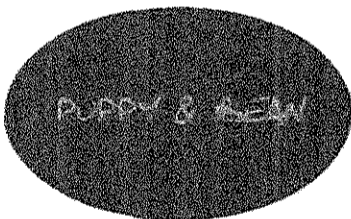
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **CENTER AUDITORIUM APPROVED:** A building permit was granted by the Farms to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association for the construction of the William H. Fries Auditorium facility.

◆ **BURGLARS ROB TWO**

HOMES IN SHORES:

Burglars forcibly entered two Shores homes and, after leaving the houses in shambles, escaped with more than \$5,600.

Police believe that because of the close proximity of both homes and the time period between the two breakings and enterings and the method of operation, both thefts were committed by the same persons. There were at least two burglars involved.

◆ **TICKETED DRIVER PROTESTS:** A parking meter violator, name unknown, let Farms police know how he, or she, felt by depositing a fine in

a convenient fine box in the municipal parking lot at the rear of the Kercheval-on-the-Hill business district.

A Farms ordinance ordains that a parking meter violator can pay a 50-cent fine by putting it in an envelope-ticket and depositing it in one of the easily accessible boxes, provided this is done within 24 hours.

Otherwise a higher fine must be paid in person at the Farms Violation Bureau.

In one envelope, the violator's fine was paid in coins and stamps. There were 42 cents in change and two four-cent stamps. The legend on the stamps, a quote from Abraham Lincoln, read: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **FIRST GROUP HOME TO OPEN THIS SUMMER:** After more than six years of looking to open the first group home for mentally retarded adults in one of the Pointes, a local organization is trying again. The Association for Retarded Citizens of Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods bought a house

on Lakepointe in the Park for \$91,000.

◆ **NO INCIDENTS REPORTED FIRST WEEKEND OF CURFEW:** It was all quiet on the Hill this weekend. The warm, summer-like temperatures brought about 30 youths out to congregate in the residential Radnor-Hall area just off Kercheval, but they "dispersed without incident," according to police.

◆ **DRINKING WATER SAFE:** The Farms will be able to treat its harbor for aquatic weeds this spring after all. A quick study last week by the state Department of Public Health determined that 2,4-D, copper sulfate and other chemicals used to retard weed growth will not enter the water supply for Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe and Highland Park.

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FROM THE MAY 4, 1961, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: All aboard

A number of Kerby School pupils took a train ride last week. They are pictured boarding the coach which took them via the Grand Trunk Western Railroad to Royal Oak from the Brush Street station. These first and second graders were well prepared for the trip inasmuch as they had been studying transportation systems for several weeks.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Friends of the library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the Classic Book Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The featured speaker is Enoch Brater, a Kenneth T. Rowe Collegiate Professor of dramatic literature and professor of English and Theater at the University of Michigan.

His topics is the new direction of Arthur Miller plays, "Broken Glass," "Mr. Peter's Connections," "Resurrection Blues" and "Finishing the Picture."

The cost is \$10 for non-members.

Jardinieres garden club

The La Societe des Jardinieres Garden Club meets at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the house of Allen and Madeliene Phillips for a Kentucky Derby party. Members are to wear derby hats. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails are served by the hosts.

Grosse Pointe Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library has an online survey relating to its services, from May 8-18.

Due to budget reductions, the staff seeks community feedback about which services are important to patrons. There are 10 questions, with a space for comments. The survey can be accessed at the library's website: gp.lib.mi.us/ and comments can be made at gplibraryservices@gmail.com.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe holds its annual meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Breakfast is served at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20.

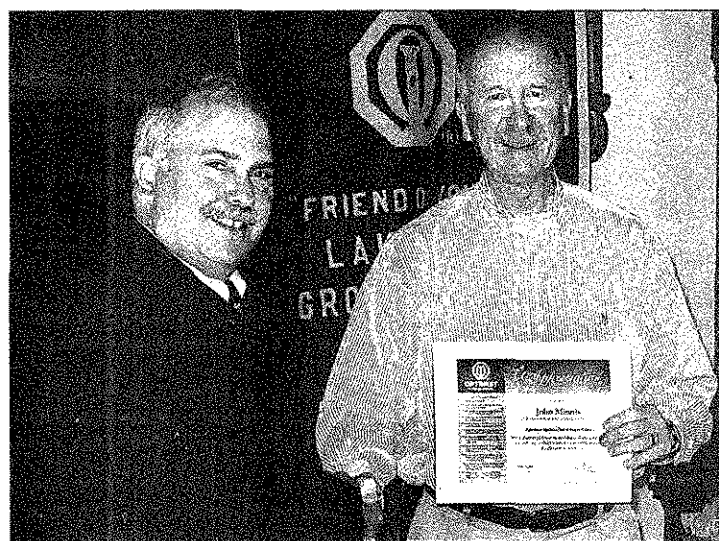
U.S. Rep. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, is the guest speaker.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 8, and checks can be sent to The League of Women Voters, 2050 Stanhope, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Include the names of guests with the payment.

Center of Lifelong Learning

Judy L. Jacobs, Ph.D. and R.N., discusses managing the stress in life from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, May 9, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

She talks about what causes stress, the different types of



Author

Author John Minnis, of Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his PowerPoint presentation of the book he co-authored, "Michigan State Fair," about the now-defunct Michigan State Fair, with the Lakeshore Optimist Club. He showed photos and news articles about the history of the 160-year fair. Its final year was 2009. Minnis, left, received a certificate of appreciation from Optimist Doug Cordier.

stress, the positive and negative symptoms and the ways to become more resilient to the negative effects.

For more information, call (313) 885-8063. A \$5 freewill donation is accepted.

The movie is "Date Night," starring Steve Carell, Tina Fey and Mark Wahlberg. The lunch entrée features meat ravioli, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages.

"Date Night" tells the tale of mild-mannered, married couple, Phil and Claire, who fear their relationship may be falling into a rut. During their weekly date night, they impetuously steal a dinner reservation, which leads to a case of mistaken identity.

The reservation was for a pair of thieves, and now a number of unsavory characters want Phil and Claire killed. If they can survive a wacky life-threatening night, they just may rediscover the passion missing from their marriage.

Reservations cost \$9 for Woods residents. Sign up at the community center before May 9.

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

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, May 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The high school Interact Club runs the meeting.

Harper Woods Rotary Club

The Harper Woods Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Eastland Mall, in the lower concourse, next to the security office.

The international theme focuses on relief efforts to Japan.

For more information, call Yvonne Barnard at (313) 886-1748, or Ellen Sue Tallant at etallant@mac.com.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts a senior safety symposium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the facility, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The Honorable Judge Ted Metry hosts the symposium with guests from Pointe Alarm, local public safety departments and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department each presenting 15-minute seminars paired with handouts and safety suggestions.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (313) 882-9600.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer Mike Ameranti and police dog, Raleigh, are guests.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The public can hear a presentation by a seasonal foods and herbs study group.

La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at a Grosse Pointe Park house.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lunch and a movie begins at noon Tuesday, May 17, at Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Traveling Rotarians

A team of seven Michigan, Ohio and Canadian Rotarians have left for two weeks in Australia and three on the island of East Timor. The team's mission is medical and includes midwives, pharmacists and a videographer. In back, from left, videographer Jana Kenrick, of Belle River, Ontario; team leader Mike Carmody, of Grosse Pointe Park; pharmacist Kierstan Hanson, of Lansing; midwife Barbara Lahey, of Toledo, Ohio; front row from left, midwife Jennifer Kelley, of Belleville; pharmacist Timothy Brady, of Tecumseh, Ontario; and midwife Debra Rossie, of St. Clair Shores. The team is to train Timorese in both midwifery and pharmacy management techniques. The exchange between the Australian and Michigan and Canadian Rotarians took 18 months to organize, according to Kim Towar, a member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and the district governor.



Rotary guests

Six Rotary Club members from Queensland, Australia, are spending three weeks in the metro area working with the ProLiteracy project to fulfill its mission of "building communities with literacy." Members for the exchange program were selected based on their expertise and skills. From left, back row, teacher, trainer and tutor Bryan Dobson; team leader and principal at School of Distance Education Charters Tower in North Queensland, John Clark; Michigan District Governor Kim Towar; and principal of Heatley Secondary College Ayr, North Queensland, Bruce Edwards; front row from left, senior sergeant, Queensland Police Service, Tyler Crosby; teacher and trainer with the Queensland Police Service Academy, Shirley Verrall; and teacher and trainer at Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Ayr, North Queensland, Narelle Hibberd.

For more information and meeting site, call Maria at (313) 885-3709 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Take a trip to Mackinac Island Friday, Oct. 21, to Monday, Oct. 24, and stay in the Grand Hotel.

Guests 50 years and older can take the all-inclusive trip for \$689 per person in a double room or \$629 per person in a triple room. Reduced pricing is available if participants drive. A 50 percent deposit is due June 28. Final payment is Aug. 28.

For details and a registration form, visit the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, or call (313) 343-2408.

Neighborhood Club

Soccer — All players must purchase a \$29 uniform kit that includes a reversible jersey, black shorts and socks, unless one was purchased in the past and still fits. Registration deadline for all leagues is May 19.

Coed instructional league — For those born in 2008. Teams

practice 15 minutes followed by a 16-minute game the weekends of June 11 - July 16. The fee is \$69.

Boys and girls instructional leagues — For those born in 2007. Teams practice 20 minutes followed by a 20 minute game on the weekends of June 11 - July 16. The cost is \$69.

Microsoft PowerPoint computer class — 6 to 8 p.m. May 17 and 18. Instructor George Guo teaches how to create PowerPoint slide shows by using templates, layouts, transitions and audio/video content. The cost is \$75. Class size is limited to eight students.

Registration can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information,

call (313) 313-885-4600.

Henry Ford Medical Center

Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage & Pierson Clinic hosts its third annual Diva for Day, a women's health expo, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in Cottage's main lobby, 150 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features free health screenings, informative presentations, massages, vendors, refreshments and gifts.

For more information, call (313) 640-2500 or visit henryfordcottage.com.

Diva for a Day follows the National Women's Health Week, May 9-13, a national effort to raise awareness about simple steps women can take to improve their health.



Benefit planners

A benefit for The Holley Institute and its clients is being planned by, back from left, Branka Megler, M.D., Beckie Cipriano, Cindy Doherty, Sr. Jacquie Wetherholt; front from left, Ardis Gardella, Mary Ann Van Elslander and Melodie Scherer. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and features dinner and dancing to the music provided by The Rhythm Society Orchestra.

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church women's group hosts its third annual women's luncheon at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, cooked by the men of St. Paul.

Music is provided by the Lincoln High School choirs under the direction of Eric Miller.

Adult tickets cost \$10 and children pay \$3. The event is at the church, 375 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call (313) 881-6670.

Ecumenical breakfast hosts wives and friends Saturday, May 7, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The day begins with coffee at 8:30 a.m. and a buffet breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by speaker, Nolan Finely, The Detroit News' editorial page editor.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

Christ Church

"The Healing Potential of Life-threatening Disease," presented by local health care professionals and Relay for Life

representatives, is from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. This is part of the church's series on resurrection.

Tuesdays Together topic is "Contemporary Understandings of Resurrection" and is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10.

First English

First English Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial present "DoOneThingDifferently," a seminar to help families improve their financial wellness, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, in the church's Fellowship Hall, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is free and dinner is included.



The seminar offers tools, resources and ideas how to make changes to impact one's life and others' lives.

No financial products are offered for sale. Call Wayne Nabors at (586) 773-7982 or Mark Berkesch

at (313) 886-4866 by May 8

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Spring sale

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds its spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. The sale includes adult and children's clothing, jewelry, boutique items, books, puzzles, toys, linens, housewares and small electrical appliances. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Ecumenical breakfast

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HEALTH POINT By Robert Dunne, M.D.

Poison Control Centers valuable resources

As an emergency room physician for 15 years, I've seen my share of tragic circumstances. It's especially difficult to see the emotionally and physically painful effects of an avoidable illness, like accidental poisonings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports nearly 82 people die each day in the United States from accidental poisoning. Nearly 75 percent of all poisonings are accidental.

We have a great opportunity to improve education and prevention of poisonings and have been working on it for half a century. This year, Poison Control Centers everywhere celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Congressional resolution designating the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week.

Recent budget compromises in Washington have resulted in a 25 percent cut in Federal dollars to poison control centers. Federal dollars account for 20 percent of total poison center

funding.

Across the U.S., there are 57 poison control centers providing free, 24-hour professional assistance to anyone in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, The Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, Guam and military personnel serving overseas. Poison centers are staffed by pharmacists, physicians, nurses and poison information providers who are toxicology specialists.

Anyone can call a poison control center to receive free information and guidance.

Whether you or a family member accidentally takes one of Grandma's pills, eats a suspicious mushroom, or ingests a cleaning product, the qualified poison control team can help. In fact, 90 percent of poisonings can be treated at home with telephone support.

During my career in emergency medicine, I also have regularly utilized the services of the center. It has vast resources and knowledge of all the databases that house information on unusual plants, industrial solvents and house-

hold products. There are board certified toxicologists on call 24 hours a day to assist with the management of the poisoned patient.

Most commonly, when someone has an accidental poisoning, it's related to medication. This can be accidental or intentional. Although pharmacies use child-proof caps, many people keep their pills in a case with the days marked on each small compartment. These are incredibly interesting to small children...and very easy to open.

The most dangerous items are pain and heart medications. Opioids, narcotic pain medications, like hydrocodone, oxycotin and methadone, are the most common cause of death. With the advent of long-acting blood pressure medications, dosage is higher and it stays in the body longer. A child weighing 30 pounds could die from ingesting a single tablet of a long-acting beta blocker or calcium channel blocker (types of blood pressure medications) if not treated.

Childhood ingestion of high

dose iron supplements, aspirin and cold medications also can cause serious problems. If caught early, treatment will help.

However, there are many types of poisons beyond pills. A poison is any substance that can harm if used in the wrong way, by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount. These products can include:

- ◆ Household cleaners
- ◆ Industrial chemicals
- ◆ Prescription medications
- ◆ Herbal supplements
- ◆ Snake bites, spider bites, or scorpion stings
- ◆ Soaps, nail polishes, perfumes
- ◆ Silica gel packaging
- ◆ Pain medications like acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- ◆ Topical preparations (creams, lotions, sprays)

Over the years, I've seen numerous public education campaigns that definitely increase awareness of poison control centers. But what really works is to integrate their capabilities into the emergency response framework.

For instance, if a mom calls

911 about a child that has ingested something, they are referred to poison control and walked through symptoms and treatment. Fortunately, 70 percent of the time, they can be treated at home.

The bottom line is to be careful with pills, cleaners and other household products. Store all products securely and out of reach of children. If you or your child accidentally ingests

something, call 911 or 800-222-1222 to contact the nearest Poison Control Center.

During my career, I've been thankful for Poison Control Centers for the resources they provide for families at home, for industry, for worker safety and for health care professionals.

Dunne, MD, is vice chief of emergency medicine at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

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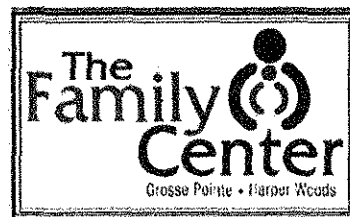
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ASK THE EXPERTS By M.L. Elrick

What can happen when private messages go public



Q. As a parent, I caution my teens frequently about the content of what they e-mail and text. I want them to be aware what might happen if they are careless. Any suggestions?

A. Everyone has an embarrassing old photo out there. It may be snapshot from the 80s, in which you're proudly displaying your freshly-coiffed mullet or new acid-washed jeans. While you wince when you see it now, at the time it sure seemed like the thing to do. And you never thought you'd regret it.

These days, messages dashed off without a thought in an e-mail, on a Smart phone, Twitter or Facebook can come back to haunt us a lot faster than that old high school photo. So how do you protect yourself?

The key is understanding the message you've just tapped out could turn into a headline someday — no matter how private it was intended.

Bitter former friends and

lovers, lawyers seeking evidence for legal cases, even fumble fingers sending a note to the wrong address can put your private business on Front Street.

No one knows this better than M.L. Elrick, whom with his partner, Jim Schaefer, won a Pulitzer Prize for their reports in the Detroit Free Press on Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's text messages.

Elrick and Schaefer used Kilpatrick's text messages to prove the mayor lied on the witness stand when he denied having an affair and trying to fire a deputy police chief investigating his administration.

One look at Kilpatrick's text messages leaves no doubt he never expected anyone but the intended recipient to see them. Instead, they made front page news, cost Kilpatrick his job and ultimately, his freedom. Many ended up in a book, "The Kwame Sutra: Musings on Lust, Life and Leadership from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick."

Elrick speaks to students and community groups about the importance of watchdog reporting and the role of the media in society. Discussing the Kilpatrick case, he said he and Schaefer didn't write the words that got Kilpatrick thrown out of office —

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Kilpatrick did.

It's a cautionary tale not just for public officials, but for everyone who communicates electronically in this digital age.

Elrick is an investigative reporter for The Detroit Free Press.

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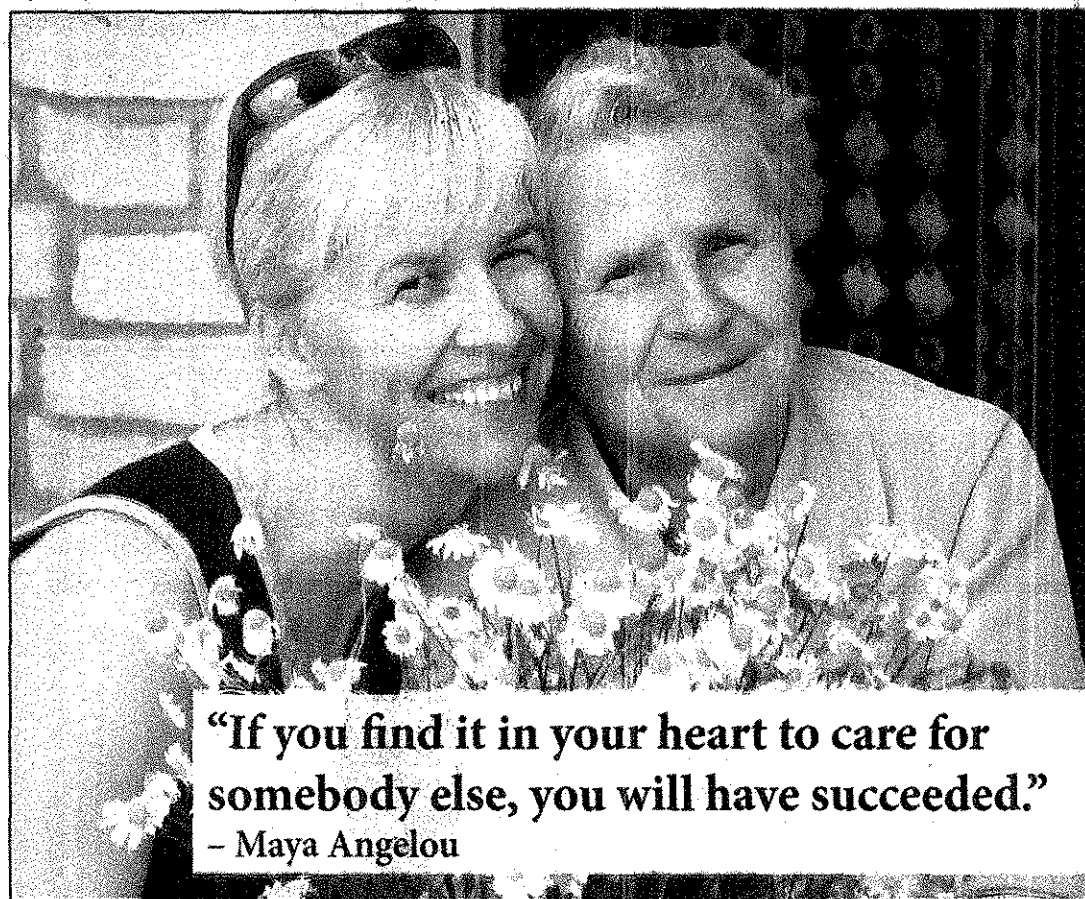
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Mom's memorial brings smiles for Mother's Day



As Mother's Day nears, I'm recalling many memories of mother-child moments that bring smiles to my face. I thought I'd share two with you.

This is my favorite, although some may not think it's as funny as I do.

The youngest of my seven children is Janice and I do believe she marches to a different drummer. One evening when she was about four, I took her grocery shopping. Her oldest brother, Char, as he is known

inside the family, came along to help.

He waited in the car in the parking lot right outside the store while Janice and I did the shopping. She wanted something I told her was located several aisles over. Off she went. At that hour there were very few in the store.

When I finished shopping, I headed for the cashier, who told me, "Oh, you must be the one. This little girl came up to me and asked if I had seen a mother in a red coat. She said she couldn't find you. I told her to keep looking, you were here somewhere."

Apparently Janice decided she had looked long enough and went to the car with her brother. "Mother is gone. I can't find her anywhere," she announced solemnly. She was-

n't crying or upset, but confused as to where I could have gone.

"Come on, we'll go look together," said Char and he put Janice on his shoulders and went into the store as I was paying my bill. She was happy to see me, her problem solved.

The second is about my son, Brad. He and his wife were soon to have their first child and they attended Lamaze classes together. The doctor told them, "I must warn you first-time mothers that newborn babies do not look like Gerber babies. Mostly they look like Winston Churchill, but they get better-looking quickly."

When labor began, Nancy and Brad went to the hospital. But after some hours, the doctor decided it was necessary to

do a C-section. When the baby was born, Brad was the first to see him. When Nancy woke up, an excited Brad told her, "We have a Gerber baby!" Thanks to the easier exit with the C-section.

I think we as a nation have become so fearful of being thought to be "Politically Incorrect" we do things that are sometimes just plain ridiculous and can do real harm.

I'm thinking of the retired prominent University of Michigan surgeon forced to resign the day before he was to become president of the American College of Surgeons. The resignation was forced by a group of unnamed women's organizations in reaction to an article he wrote in the surgeons' newsletter suggesting

semen might be a suitable Valentine's Day gift.

The women's groups said he was a part of "an old-guard generation that repressed women in surgery." They planned protests at any medical meeting he might attend.

What the groups neglected to do was research. The surgeon is known nationally for a device he invented reducing blood clots in surgery. He was also known to advocate for increasing the number of women in the surgical field. At U of M, where he spent his service years, half of the surgeons were women, in part because he hired them out of residency programs at the university.

The American College of Surgeons knew this, however, and they should be ashamed of their actions. Why didn't they

simply tell the women about the surgeon's background and say that after a lifetime of service to his profession and to women's equality, they could not possibly deny him the presidency which he so richly deserved?

Sometimes all it takes to do the right thing is guts. I think the women's groups should feel pretty ridiculous, too.

What prompted the surgeon to write the offending article? He had read about new findings into semen which suggested nature is trying to promote a strong bond between men and women. Being Valentine's Day, probably only a male medical professional could find the gift of semen funny, but it may have ruined his career.

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

SPIRIT OF WOMEN

Birthing center tours offered

For those about to be or thinking about being a mother, there are many questions. How long is labor? Can I handle the pain? Will I need a C-section? How do I decide where to deliver?

While all valid questions, deciding where to deliver can be answered by taking a tour of a hospital's OB units.

"Women in their first, second or third trimester call us for tours," said Pat Heitz, R.N., assistant nurse manager, Shery L. and David B. Cotton, M.D., Family Birth Center, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "We have also toured women who aren't pregnant, but are curious about the options available to them when the time comes."

The newly renovated Family Birth Center at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe allows healthy mothers and babies to spend days and nights togeth-

er, with minimal separation. Private rooms feature refrigerators, hair dryers, an iPod docking station, sleep chairs, gliders, flat screen TVs, technology and 24-hour care from OB physicians, anesthesiologists and pediatricians.

Heitz said many who tour the Family Birth Center comment about its calming, soothing atmosphere.

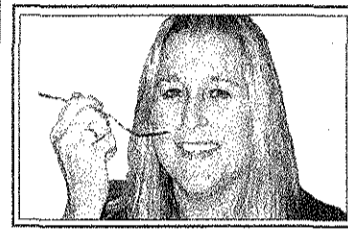
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Beaumont also offers a sibling birthday cake for families to celebrate their new arrival and every new baby is sent home in a swaddler.

Tours can be scheduled by calling Beaumont's Physician Referral at 1-800-633-7377.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Mexican fun botana style



Happy Cinco de Mayo. It's not too late to celebrate this Mexican holiday at your dinner table tonight. Have some fun and build botanas (much like nachos) with tortilla chips, refried beans, topped with avocado slices and whatever other fresh veggies you might have on hand, such as tomatoes, onions and shredded lettuce. Yummy. And easy.

Cinco de Mayo Botanas

1 bag restaurant-style tortilla chips

1 15-oz. can refried beans

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (or shredded blend)

1 cup thinly sliced onion

1 cup chopped tomato

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

1 avocado

2 cups shredded lettuce (your choice)

salsa and sour cream for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.



PHOTO BY TONY SCHERIFF

There's still time to observe Cinco de Mayo using Annie's Cinco de Mayo Botana recipe.

Spread some refried beans over each tortilla chip and arrange (half) of them side by side in a large round or rectangular baking dish. Sprinkle 1 cup shredded cheese over chips. Top with half the chopped tomatoes, sliced onion and sliced jalapeno pepper.

Arrange remaining tortilla chips (with refried beans) over top of first layer and repeat with remaining cheese, tomatoes, onions and jalapeno.

Place in a 350 degree oven

and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, giving botanas plenty of time to heat throughout and for the cheese to melt evenly.

Remove botanas from oven and top with shredded lettuce and slices of avocado.

Top with salsa and a few dollops of sour cream.

Meat lovers can add taco seasoned beef to the botanas. I made mine half with meat and the other without.

My super tasty botanas are loaded with lots of stuff that is good for you.

Really.

Local doctor honored for improving lives of blind

Henry Ford Center for Vision Rehabilitation and Research Director Lylas G. Mogk, M.D., won the 2011 Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind.

The medal honors professionals and volunteers whose dedication and achievements have improved the lives of the blind or visually impaired and

is the highest honor in the field of blindness.

"Dr. Mogk's excellence in medical care, her expertise, the book she co-wrote with her daughter, 'Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight,' and numerous articles would be sufficient to merit an award," said Paul Schroeder,

foundation vice president of programs and policy.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident is former chair of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Vision Rehabilitation Committee and a member of the Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness Editorial Advisory Board.

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Take Control

The East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday, May 9, at Bolos Academy, 17425 Mack, Detroit. The group discusses networking and employment leads.

For more information, call (313) 886-3676.

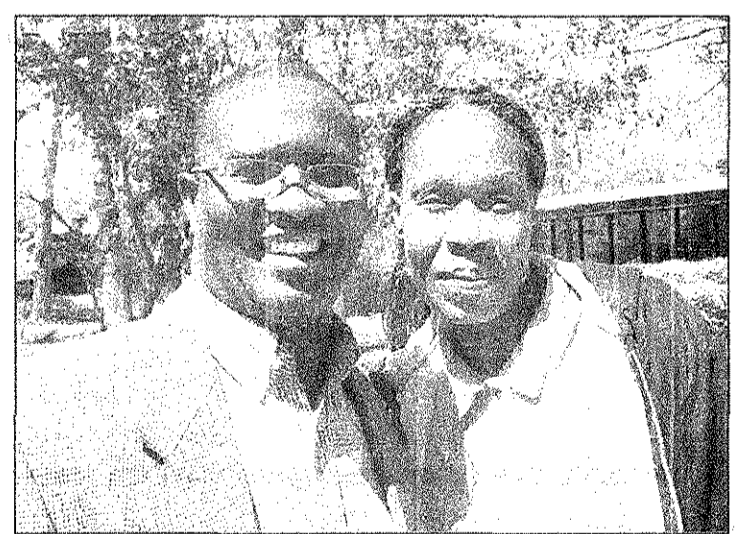
Memorial Church

The Rev. Timothy Nyasulu, and his wife, Brenda, of Malawi, discuss issues facing Christians in the couple's African country May 9 to 13 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Nyasulus speak from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 9, Wednesday, May 11 and Friday, May 13 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12.

Their topics cover the country's history, poverty, HIV/AIDS and the practice of Presbyterian church discipline in Malawi.

The event is free and the public is invited.



The Rev. Timothy and Brenda Nyasula

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a preschool art class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. To register, call (586) 777-0215.

The Women's Guild holds its annual spring rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Training & Treatment Innovations, Inc. and Tree of Hope Foundation offer training in mental health first aid from 6 to 9 p.m. May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, at the church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Participants are taught by certified social work instruc-

tors. The cost is \$20 and includes two- or four-day workshops, lunch, refreshments and materials.

To register, visit treeofhopefoundation.org.

Presbyterian Church

The Christian alt-rock band, Esterlyn, performs at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Adult tickets to the concert, "Open Your Heart," cost \$10; students pay \$5, the family rate is \$30 and children under 12 are admitted free.

Order tickets by calling (313) 886-4301 or visiting gpwpres.org/GPWP/Events/Events/2011/5/18_Esterlyn_Event_tickets.com.

The group is based in Boise, Idaho, and has three albums.

LEGO Challenge a towering success

The LEGO Challenge was a towering success.

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, some 72 entries of ships, buildings and vehicles were judged by developer Ed Russell, interior designer Jennifer Fozo, architects Dale Ehresman and Rob Wood, artist Linda Allen and Ted Everingham. With 250 attendees, the judges announced winners in four categories.

In the kindergarten to second grade group, Declan Quick, of Grosse Pointe Park, took top honors. Peter Hoffman, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Danté Deschaine, of Grosse Pointe Park, were awarded second and third place, respectively.

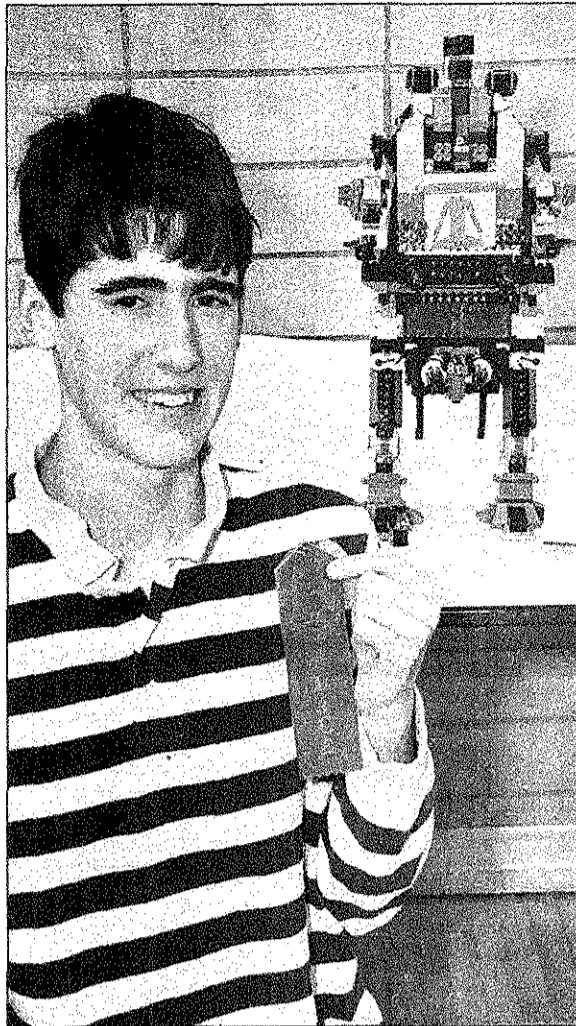
Teddy Prokop, of Grosse Pointe Woods, was first place winner in the third- to fifth-grade category. Second place was given to Trostam and Abby Guevara, of the City of Grosse Pointe. Evan Nguyen, of Grosse Pointe Farms, came in third.

In the sixth- to eighth-grade category, Logan Nguyen, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was first place winner. Second place winner was Donald Mattes, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and third place went to Nick Santrock, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Conor Tily, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was the winner in the ninth- to 12th-grade category.

"Many families requested we hold this event again next year," said Debra Liedel, the center's executive director. "In addition, many others thanked us for coming up with this creative idea for the kids to participate in. We even had some adults ask if we could include an adult category next year."

First place winners received gift certificates to Quiznos, Village Toy Company and Chocolate Bar Café. Quiznos and Whistle Stop gift certificates were given to second place win-

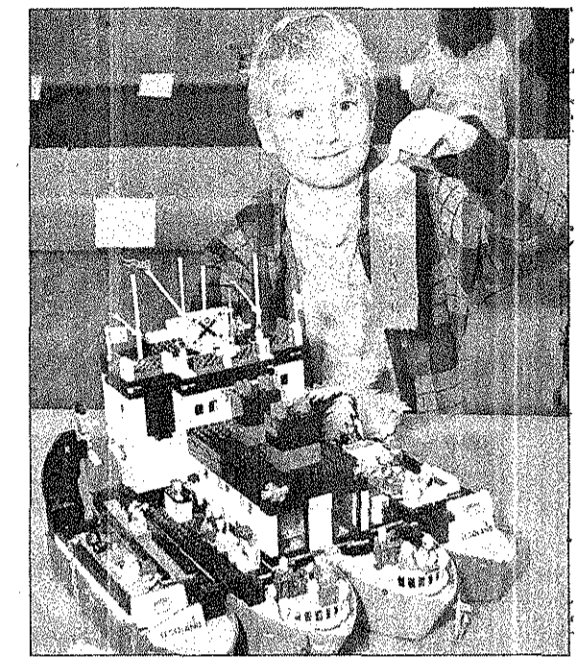


Ronco's Mech robot netted Conor Tily a first place ribbon. He is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School.



Above, Logan Nguyen won first place for his entry, "Tower of Camelot." He is a Brownell Middle School seventh grader.

Top right, Teddy Prokop, a Monteith fourth grader, won for his entry, "The Compound." Bottom right, Defer first grader Declan Quick made "LEGOLand Cruise" and took home a first place ribbon. His cruise ship opens to show two decks with people lounging, cooking and playing games.



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Grosse Pointe Theatre presents 'The Scarlet Pimpernel'

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Scarlet Pimpernel," based on the works by Baroness Emmuska Orczy, with book and lyrics by Nan Knighton opening at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Performances continue at 8 p.m. May 12-14 and 18-21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Tickets

cost \$22. Call Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004 for tickets or visit SEAT YOURSELF at GPT.org.

The play includes swash-buckling heroes, beautiful heroines, bravery, intrigue, chivalry, loyalty and passion during the French Revolution.

Sir Percival Blakeney and loyal friends set out to right the wrongs of the zealous French revolutionaries. Percival's bride, Marguerite St. Just, a

French ex-patriot, puzzles over her husband's long absences, while Britain and France puzzle over the identity of The Scarlet Pimpernel.

Cast in "The Scarlet Pimpernel" are Alan Canning, of Bloomfield Hills, as Sir Percival Blakeney; Lucy Ament, of Grosse Pointe Park, as Marguerite; Doug Clark, of Royal Oak, as Chauvelin; Elizabeth Perkin Moen, of Harper Woods, as Marie

Groscholtz; Kevin Fitzhenry, of Warren, as Armand; Sal Rubino, of Clinton Township as Mercier and Coupeau; Keith Brown, of Mount Clemens, as The Prince of Wales and St. Cyr; Rick Mason, of St. Clair Shores as Robespierre; and Charles "Chip" Davis, of the City of Grosse Pointe, as Tussaud.

The "Bounders" include: Mike Trudel, of Grosse Pointe Park, Randy Skotarczyk, of

Algonac, Peter DiSante, of St. Clair Shores, Scott Maggart, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jerry Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Scott Davis, of Ferndale.

Also in the show are: Nedra Walilko, Peter Walilko, Cyndy Nehr and Geoff Proven, all of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Jack Petz and Alexandra Miller, of Grosse Pointe Farms. The cast also includes Bill Giovan, of the City of Grosse Pointe, Cliff Levin, of Detroit, Ralph Cochran, of Harper Woods, Ellen Tabor, of St. Clair Shores, John Diebel, of Grosse Pointe Park and Jackie Pfaff, of Chesterfield Township.

Susan Davis, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the director. Terry Davis, is doing lights. Jon R. Lechner, of Warren, is the show's producer. Jay Shaheen, of Harper Woods, is the music and vocal director and Bob Foster, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the co-vocal director and the show's pianist.

Two couples from Macomb Township, Don Bischoff is the

choreographer, and his wife, Tracy, is scenic artist; and Ron Dombrowski is technical director, and his wife, Fran, is a stage manager. Nancy and Dennis McGinness, of St. Clair Shores, are also stage managers. Bill Tuthill, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is on sound. D.J. Haska, of Detroit, is dressing the set.

Costumes are by Peggy Ptasnik, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Ginger Hupp, of the City of Grosse Pointe. Debbie Martell, of Livonia, is the wardrobe mistress. Janie Burkey, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is costume assistant; Theresa Selvaggio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Barbara Bentley, of the City of Grosse Pointe, are doing the hair and makeup. Properties are being done by Arlene Marie Schoenherr, of St. Clair Shores. The 2011-2012 season line up is: "The Music Man," "The Trip to Bountiful," "Moonlight and Magnolias," and "Jekyll and Hyde."

HEADLINES: A few words from yesterday

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2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **TRAFFIC STOP UNCOVERS NEAR-FATAL ASSAULT:** A Royal Oak man was critically injured during the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 1. According to police, the 62-

year-old victim, was assaulted by a 30-year-old Hazel Park man at about 3 a.m. Tuesday in an office building on Kercheval.

The suspect was stopped driving the wrong way down McMillan. The officer found the suspect covered with blood and he had the victim's pants and wallet.

The officer found out where the suspect came from and was joined at the scene by fellow officers. They broke into the building and followed a blood trail to the victim.

◆ **TREE VANDALS TARGET PARK:** Vandals chopped down a 40-foot Norway spruce at Patterson Park. Growth rings showed the tree was 53 years

old.

◆ **VOTERS APPROVE BOND:** City of Grosse Pointe voters, by a margin of 819-189, approved the sale of \$2.6 million in bonds for the purpose of upgrading and improving Neff Park.

◆ **SUNRISE LIKELY ON ST. CLAIR:** Sunrise Development company planners have scaled-down their condo complex proposed for 1.93 acres on St. Clair a few hundred feet

south of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

City planning commissioners approved Sunrise's latest site plan and the request moves to the council for approval.

◆ **TIME'S UP:** City of Grosse Pointe council members enacted a three-minute time limit on individual public comment during council meeting.

◆ **MASTER PLAN GETS OK:** Grosse Pointe Woods' Master Plan was given its final approval last week.

State law requires each city to have a master plan. It is to be reviewed every five years.

—Compiled by Karen Fontaine

SHOPPING: For a cause

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Christmas, said Drew Ebbing, co-chairwoman of the event. The center also offers a five-week summer camp, male and female mentoring groups, tennis clinics and resource fairs.

"The center is many times the cleanest, safest and most nurturing environment that a child encounters," Ebbing said.

And many times, it is also where children in foster care visit with their biological parents.

Like all non-profits, Ebbing said, the Children's Center is hurting for funds.

"It is all volunteer and 100 percent of the profits go to the Children's Center because Tau Beta has no overhead," she said.

The vendors

Amy Draper, Chicago: contemporary jewelry

Before and Again, St. Louis: patterned T-shirts and T-shirt dresses

Bird Dog Bay, Chicago:

men's ties and accessories
Catch All, Westport, Conn.
Clara Williams, Chicago: jewelry

CMM, New York: jewelry
Judy Duffy Vintage handbags and note cards, Harbor Springs

Fancy's Folly, Sewickley, Pa.
Gaga for Kids, Charlevoix: children's clothing

Great Lakes Tea & Spice, Glen Arbor: gourmet olive oils, sea salts, tea

Home & Garden, Troy: home décor

J. McLaughlin, National: women's and men's clothing

Janet Egan Design, Dartmouth, Mass.: silk imported tunics and tops

Johnnie-O, Los Angeles: men's casual wear

Joie de vie, Harbor Springs: Rebecca Ray handbags

La Plates, Fairway, Kan.: monogrammed table top accessories and melamine plates

Lalo Handbags, Atlanta: classic handbags

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Champions

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SOCCER

RIVALS

South edges North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It just took one shot for Grosse Pointe South to edge city rival Grosse Pointe North 1-0 Monday night.

The host Norsemen donned pink jerseys to honor loved ones battling cancer or those who lost the battle to the disease.

For one half, it looked as if North head coach Chris Alston and the Norsemen would pull off an upset.

They outplayed the Blue Devils and had the better scoring chances. However, none of the shots found the back of the net.

Alston, in his first year at the helm, has juggled his lineup all season due to injuries. The injury bug continued as senior Micaela Liddane, playing her first game back after missing most of the first half of the year with an injury, reinjured her leg and took a seat on the

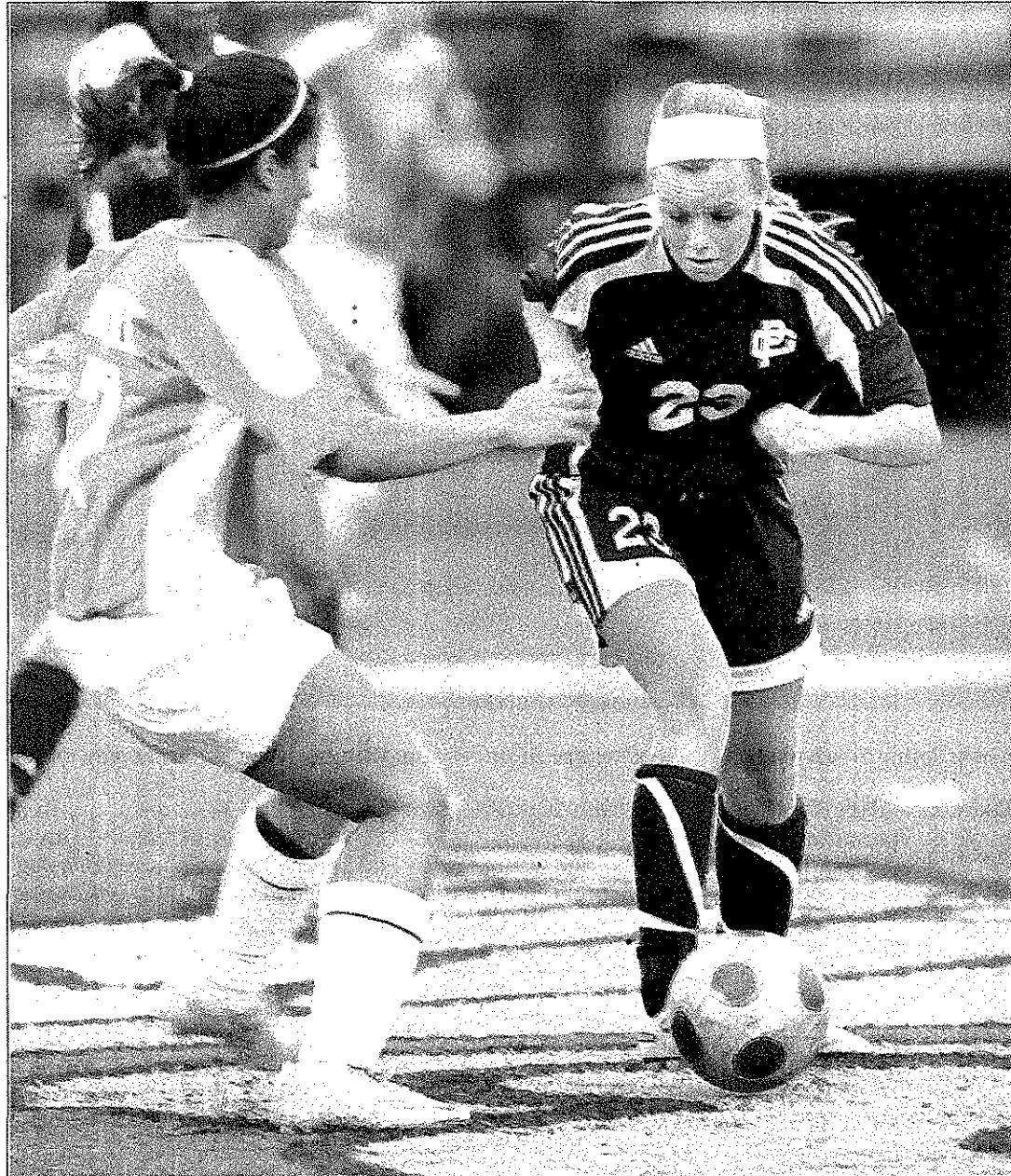


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's Gretchen Dettlinger, right, tries to get around Grosse Pointe North's Nadia McKee during the first half of the Blue Devils' 1-0 win.

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LIGGETT

Coach makes small change, yields wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' soccer team put together consecutive league victories last week, beating Bloomfield Hills Roeper 6-0 and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 4-1.

"We're starting to get on a roll after a couple of minor roster adjustments," head coach David Dwaihy said. "It was a good week for us."

The Knights had little trouble disposing of Roeper as sophomore Beth Ottosen, moving from her usual goalie spot to forward, scored the first goal and assisted on freshman Hannah Hodges' tally.

Senior Ellie Farber scored the third goal with freshman Caitlin deRuiter netting an assist. DeRuiter started in goal and switched with Ottosen in the second half.

Junior Haley Smith headed in a corner kick from sophomore Eleni Pitses to give the Knights a 4-0 lead and sophomore Ariana Castillo's goal, assisted by Pitses, made it a 5-0

game.

The final tally was scored by deRuiter off a pass from junior Morgan Hutson.

In the second victory, the Knights trailed 1-0 before roaring back to dominate the final 10 minutes of the first half and the entire second half.

"We were a little short on the bench with some girls missing due to injury and a couple away at camp," Dwaihy said. "The changes we made really gave the lineup a boost. We should get everyone back in the next week or so, which will make us a deeper team."

Farber scored the tying goal with Smith drawing an assist and Castillo scored the game-winning goal off a Pitses assist.

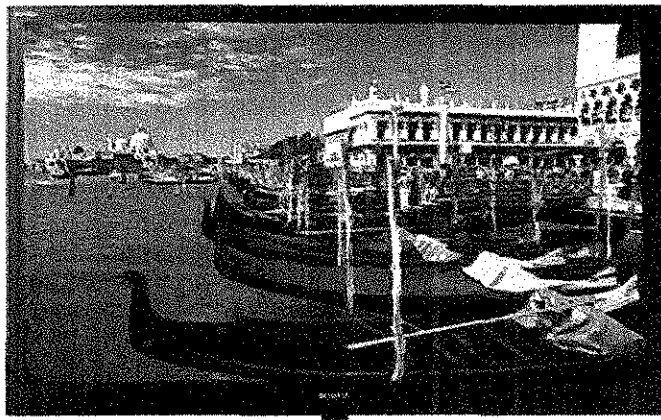
In the second half, Ottosen scored both goals, giving her three for the week.

Hodges assisted on the first goal and Pitses recorded her fifth assist of the week on the final goal.

Liggett improved to 2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 3-3 overall.

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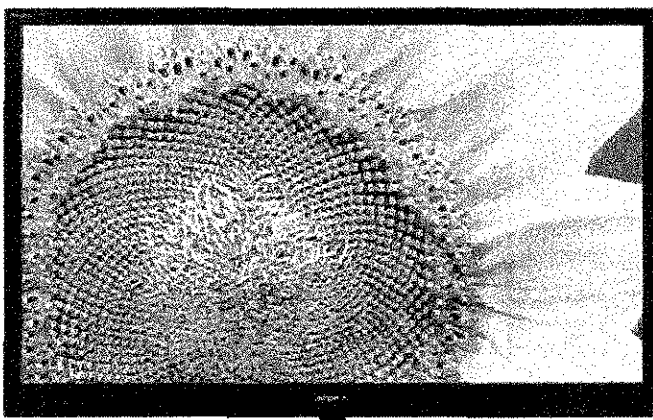
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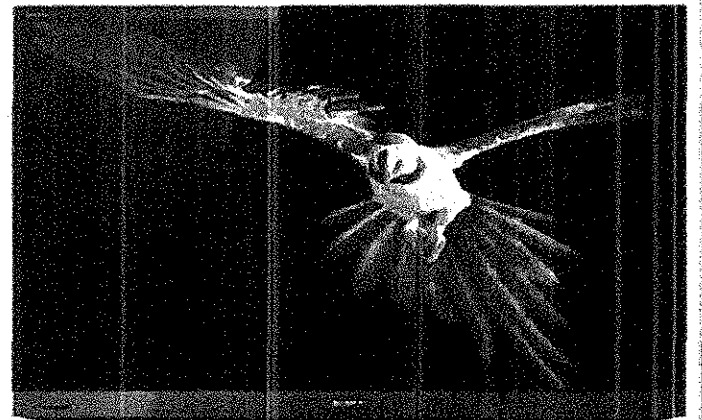
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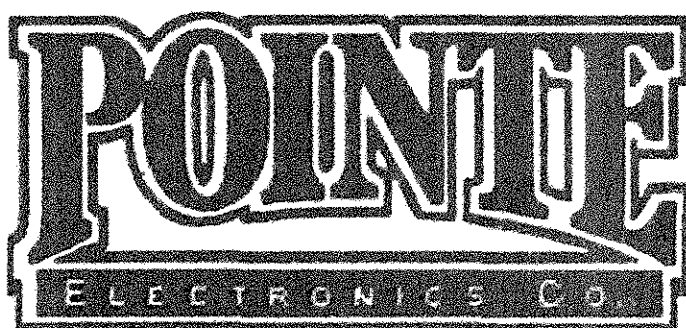


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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South played its first division game last week, beating Macomb Dakota 10-5 in front of home fans.

"It was a nice way to start league play," head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

Senior Cooper Hartman earned the win, pitching the first five innings. He gave up only one earned run on two hits and struck out three.

He had plenty of offensive support as the Blue Devils built a 10-1 lead, thanks to a two-run second inning and an eight-run fifth.

Tim Kramer belted a two-run homer in the second inning.

The home team sent 14 hitters to the plate in the fifth as several players had one RBI. Pinch-hitter Jon Parker delivered a two-run double to highlight the marathon inning.

Carmen Benedetti and Jeff Sparks were each 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Joe Aliotta was 2-for-2 with a walk and two RBIs.

Other contributors in the eight-run inning were Cam

Gibson, Matt Reno, Ross Muniga and Robby Kish.

South hosted a four-team tournament the following day and won it, going 3-0 with wins over top-10 ranked Livonia Stevenson 6-4, Port Huron Northern 10-6 and Warren Mott 14-7.

Max Kaiser was the winning pitcher against Stevenson, throwing five innings and striking out six. He gave up six hits, while Jack Doyle pitched the sixth inning to post a save.

Reno was 3-for-3 with an RBI and Benedetti added a two-run double in the third inning to help the Blue Devils post the victory. Aliotta drove in a run with a double and Alex Bedan drove in a run.

In the game against Northern, Sparks earned the win by scattering four hits and striking out two in five innings. Matt Temrowski pitched the sixth inning.

Once again Benedetti had a couple of hits, a two-run double and solo homer to drive in three, while Doyle and Kevin Reck had two hits apiece and an RBI. Nick Pangori also drove in a run.

The Blue Devils posted an-



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South players and coaches are all smiles after winning its own tournament, taking three games.

other double-digit offensive effort with Gibson going 3-for-4 with a three-run home run and four RBIs and Benedetti was 3-

for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

Reno and Kramer also had two hits apiece to back a trio of

pitchers. Kish went the first three innings, while Doyle earned the win in relief, going the fourth and fifth. Temrowski

pitched the final inning. Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 10-2 overall.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett's baseball players and coaches celebrate after beating Harper Woods in the championship game of its own tournament.

Knights win own tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' baseball team won its invitational last weekend, edging former league rival Harper Woods 2-1 in the championship game.

With one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning, senior Nate Weiss was at the plate with a 2-2 count.

In the blink of an eye, Weiss squared to bunt and delivered

the game-winning suicide squeeze bunt, plating the second run.

"I figured they wouldn't expect that with two strikes," head coach Dan Cimini said. "I had faith Nate would get the ball down. If the play didn't work, we went to extra innings, but Nate delivered a great bunt and won the game."

Weiss was also the pitcher of record, pitching four and 1/3 innings in relief.

"Nate had a quite a game,"

Cimini said. "He came in to pitch relief and pitched very well."

Senior Carl Ghafari singled home the Knights' first run in the title game.

In the first game of the day, Liggett beat Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 2-1 when junior Alex Daar hit a two-run single early in the game and pitched a complete game three hitter, striking out 10.

In the top of the seventh inning, WOLL had runners on

second and third with one out, but scored only one run when sophomore Mark Auk made a nice catch in right field, scoring the run, and Daar struck out the final hitter to end the game.

Earlier in the week, Liggett blanked Ann Arbor Greenhills 10-0 as sophomore Connor Fannon threw a three-hitter, striking out eight.

Liggett improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 5-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win Alpena Tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's baseball team won the Alpena Tournament last weekend, winning three games.

"We played very well and won the tournament with good pitching and solid defense," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "It was nice to get some wins against good competition. It helped us prepare for our tough division schedule."

In the tournament opener, senior Sean Koerber pitched six innings, striking out eight, and senior Nolan Rozich tossed the final inning as the Norsemen beat Escanaba 6-1.

Junior Joe Aluia was 3-for-3 and senior Paul Kappaz 2-for-3 to lift the offense.

Senior Anthony Shaheen chipped in with a two-run homer.

Next was a 3-2 victory over Rogers City, one of the top teams in Division 3.

"They threw their ace and it was a great baseball game," Sumbera said. "We had just enough offense to pull it out."

Freshman Salvatore Ciaravino had the game-winning hit in the sixth inning. Rozich had two RBIs with a single and sacrifice fly, while Aluia had two more hits.

Junior Brian Lentz struck out eight in his five innings of

"It was nice to get some wins against good competition. It helped us prepare for our tough division schedule."

FRANK SUMBERA,
Baseball head coach

work and Shaheen picked up the save, pitching the sixth and seventh.

The Norsemen also beat host Alpena 5-1 to clinch the championship.

Junior Chip Wujek was masterful on the mound, striking out 10 and giving up only two hits in seven innings.

Shaheen had a two-run double and Kappaz had two hits and two RBIs.

Aluia continued his solid tournament, knocking in two runs with a double and a sacrifice fly.

Earlier in the week, North crushed Roseville 14-2 as four pitchers toed the mound with Rozich earning the win.

Wujek was 3-for-3, while senior Jordan Ulmer had two hits and two RBIs.

Kappaz had two hits and an RBI, while Koerber had two doubles and three RBIs as North improved to 8-1 overall.

The Norsemen began their division slate Monday.

ST. PAUL

Lakers win again

Battling the weather, the St. Paul varsity baseball team returned to action following Easter break with an 11-0 win over St. Isaac Jogues Sunday, May 1.

David Szymanski tossed three scoreless innings, striking out seven, while Pelton Schneider closed it out for the two innings.

Offensively, Mikey Bernard reached base each of the five

times he came to bat and Joseph Haddad crushed a three-run homer in the second inning to break open a close game.

Defensively, Patrick O'Shea made a solid throw while laying down on his back at third base to get the runner at first to preserve the shutout.

The Lakers play St. Clare and St. Joan of Arc this weekend.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Richards slates hoops camp date

Grosse Pointe South hosts the Eastside Grosse Pointe Shooting Academy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in the high school gymnasium.

The camp, sponsored by Noah Basketball, is for boys and girls in grades seven through 12 and costs \$75.

Campers receive an academy T-shirt. The camp is limited to the first 60 players.

It features Noah shot analysis, Noah Arc Plot, shooting drill book, motivational quotes, 10:1 player to coach ratio and four hours of professional shooting instruction.

Players learn shooting fundamentals, catch and shoot drills, shooting off screens, shooting off dribble, finishing moves at the basket and competitive shooting contests.

Paul Galbenski is the Noah Shooting instructor and Kevin Richards, Grosse Pointe South

varsity girls basketball coach, head offensive skill trainer and Noah Select Trainer at Basketball City, is the camp director.

Register by May 27 by calling Richards at (313) 244-1523 or e-mail coachkrich@yahoo.com.

Track and field

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Ladies cruise by foe

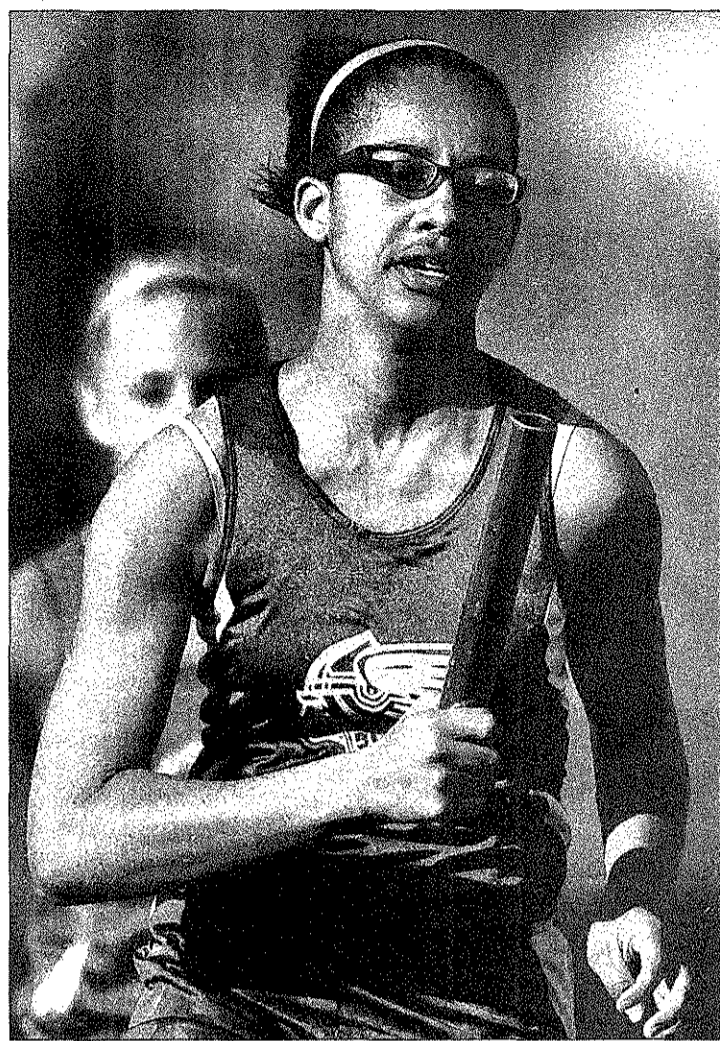
Grosse Pointe North's girls' track and field team had no trouble disposing of host Port Huron last week, winning 99-29.

The Norsemen, under head coach Charles Buhagiar, improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with the convincing victory.

Sophomore Anajai Gutierrez earned two wins, taking first in the discus with a throw of 87-feet, 1-inch, and the 300-low hurdles with a time of 56.8.

The Norsemen won each of the relay events, starting with the 3,200 with junior Katie VanEgmond, senior Kailey Sickmiller, sophomore Allison Francis and freshman Sarah Rustmann posting a time of 11:30.

The 800-relay squad of sophomores Taylor Lang, Alexiz Edwards and Emma Abessinio and Rustmann, won with a time of 1:55.7, and the 1,600-relay foursome of VanEgmond, Abessinio, Gutierrez and freshman Julia Rustmann won with a time of 4:34.6.



North's Taylor Sherrill sprints during her turn in the 400-relay.

Other individual winners were Abessinio in the long jump with a mark of 13-feet, 11-inches; freshman La'Shanay Mack in the 100-high hurdles with a time of 19.6; junior Brittany Williams in the shot put with a throw of 32-feet, 4-inches; Lang in the

100-dash with a time of 13.4; Sickmiller in the 1,600-run with a time of 5:54; VanEgmond in the 400-dash with a time of 1:03.6; Francis in the 800-run with a time of 2:48.2; and sophomore Laura O'Brien in the 3,200-run with a time of 14:20.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen edge PH

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week.

The visiting Norsemen earned a close 70-67 win over Port Huron, thanks to a 32-point effort in the field events.

"The field events were an important part of today's close meet," head coach Frank Tymrak said.

Junior Ryan Kenney won the shot put and discus with personal-best throws of 43-feet, 4-inches, and 122-feet, while senior Vadal Boyd and

freshman Nathan Jones took first and second in the long jump, clearing 19-feet, 5-inches to help the cause.

Sophomore Matt Leone tied for first in pole vault, clearing 9-feet, 6-inches, and junior Jalen Storks earned valuable second-place points in the discus and shot put.

Another major reason the Norsemen were able to squeeze out the win was the sweep in the 800-dash with junior Ed Surmont winning with a time of 2:17.0.

Senior Louis Saravolatz was second and sophomore

Jordan Radke third for the Norsemen.

Winning the 3,200-relay was Surmont, junior Nick Finley, Radke and Saravolatz with a time of 8:57.0, while the distance runners earned key victories to nab the first-place points.

Sophomore Dan Ciaravino won the 1,600 with a time of 4:57 and junior Jonathon Grymiewicz took first in the 3,200 with a time of 11:32. Adding another solid finish was senior Spencer Schott in the 1,600 with a runner-up time of 5:01.



North's Vadal Boyd won the long jump in the Norsemen's division win earlier in the week.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Ladies stand tall in Spartan Invitational

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team won the MSU Spartan Invitational last weekend.

"We specifically went to this meet as it featured some powerhouse programs from the other areas of the state," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Rockford had not lost an invitational in six years and this was our first, outside of the state finals, meeting in history."

The Blue Devils earned 111 points, followed by Rockford with 100 and Grand Ledge with 73. Other teams in the field included Traverse City Central, Okemos, Lansing Catholic Central and Haslett.

The Blue Devils' 3,200-relay team of Christina Firl, Carmen Engel, Haley Meier and Hannah Meier posted the state's best time to date with a 9:26 and the 1,600-relay foursome won with a 4:04 as Hanneh Meier's anchor leg time of 56.1 was instrumental in the victory.

The Meier sisters sparked in the open 1,600 and 800 runs with Hannah and Haley placing first and second in both events in meet-record times. In addition, Nicole Keller and Kelly Langton added depth in both races, while Firl ran a season-best time of 11:25 in the 3,200 to take fourth followed

by a career-best performance by Natalie Gay with a time of 11:50 and Carolyn Sullivan's 12:33.

Junior Caitlin Moor completed eight races, including preliminary, semifinals and final heats. She took second in the 100- and 200-dash and anchored the 400- and 800-relays with a combination of Veronica Schacht, Mia Perkins, Lily Pandy and Marissa Monforton competing with her in those two races.

Schacht also came through with a third-place finish in the 100-hurdles with Pandy giving South a fifth-place finish in the 400-dash.

Sophomore Aubryn Samaroo leaped 5-feet, 2-inches to place second in the high jump and also threw the shot more than 33 feet to place sixth. Emily Jackman's throw of 94-feet in the discus was good for another sixth-place finish.

"Our girls were extremely supportive of one another and we truly won this great meet with a combination of depth, determination, and talent," Zaranek said. "Our girls were relentless pulling points from almost every single event."

Also competing for South and setting several personal-best performances were

Caroline Wilkinson, Alexa Calas, Cara Monforton, Meredith Gilbert, Alexis DeBrunner, Allie Fowler, Madi Kaiser and Sydney Burke.

Earlier in the week, South crushed Warren Mott 120-17 to improve to 5-0.

The Blue Devils won all 17 events, including firsts by Kaiser in the pole vault, Samaroo in the high jump and shot, Jackman in the discus and Marissa Monforton in the long jump.

Moore won the 100 in 12.7 with Hannah Meier winning the 200 in 26.0. Firl won the 1600 in 5:31 with Haley Meier victorious in the 3,200 at 11:13. Schacht was a double winner taking both hurdle races and Engel added another first covering the 800-run in 2:32.

South also won all four relays. In five dual meets, South has outscored their opponents 100-0 in the relay races.

Others scoring points against Mott in the field events included Fowler, DeBrunner, Pandy, Cara Monforton, Harper Pizzimenti, and Gilbert. Distance points came from Libby Fry, Pandy, and Gay. Sprint points came from Marissa Monforton and Wilkinson. Relay points came from Calas, Rachel Forcillo, and Perkins.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils' use balance

The Grosse Pointe South boys' track and field team squeezed by Warren Mott, 71-67, last week, improving to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Head coach Werner Schienke watched his Blue Devils earn valuable points in field events, sprints, distance events and relays to beat the Marauders.

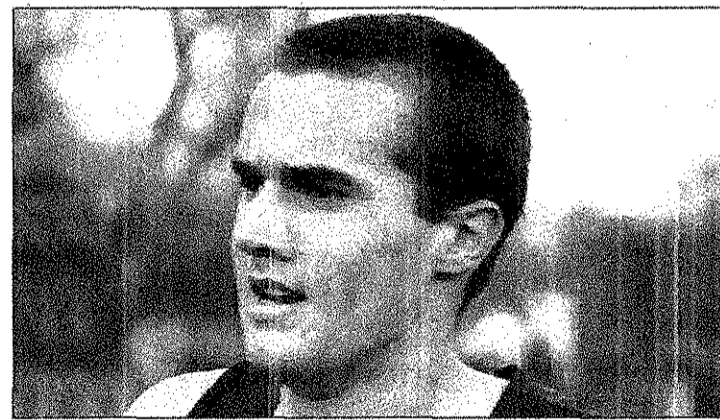
The Blue Devils' 1,600-relay team of freshman Brett Kotas, freshman Robert Whaley, senior Victor Deonta Bryant and senior Victor Mattison had to win for the team to win and they didn't disappoint.

The foursome took first place with a time of 3:40 and the Blue Devils' 800-relay squad of Mattison, sophomore James Pye, sophomore Renell Perkins and Bryant also won with a time of 1:33.4.

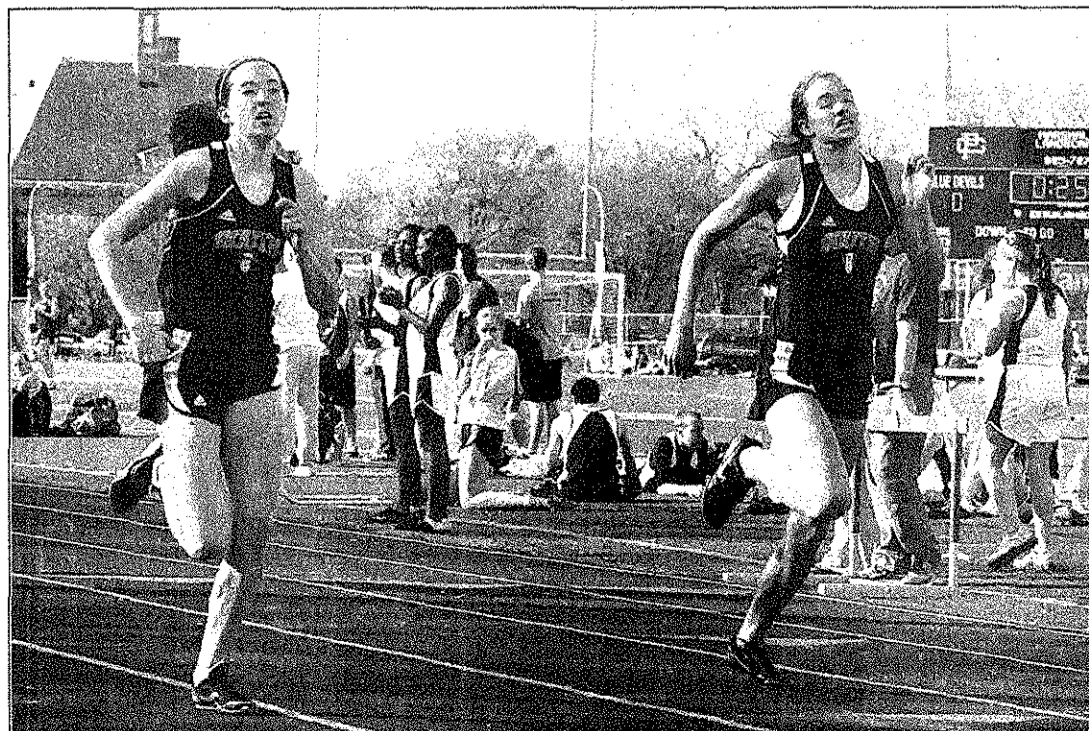
In the field events, senior Stan Scott won the shot put and discus with throws of 41-feet, 9 1/2-inches and 120-feet, respectively, while senior Steve Muer won the high jump, clearing 6-feet even.

Bryant earned his share of points, including winning the 110-high hurdles and 300-intermediate hurdles with times of 17.3 and 44.3, and Mattison won the 400-dash with a time of 50.5.

In the distance events, junior Austin Montgomery won the mile with a time of 4:38.1 and freshman Jacob Knuth took the top spot in the two-mile, posting a time of 10:44.



South's Austin Montgomery crosses the finish line in first place in the mile run in the Blue Devils' league victory.



South's Caitlin Moore, right, and Hannah Meier are neck-and-neck heading down to the wire in a sprint event last week.

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Girls lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North wins 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team was on all cylinders last week, crushing visiting Rochester Adams 16-4.

The Norsemen outscored Adams 8-2 in each half, thanks to a relentless offensive attack led by senior Mackenzie Seaman and sophomore Julia Guest with four goals apiece.

"The girls played pretty well today," head coach Bill Seaman said. "We were able to get some great looks in front of the goal and the girls were on their game."

Senior Sam Capizzo chipped in with three goals, while five other players had a goal apiece, including senior Meghan Williams.

Senior Katie Case started in goal and played the first half and junior Raquel Harrouk was in the net for the second half and had a shutout until giving up two late tallies.

Last weekend, the Norsemen kept the offense rolling, beating Salem 16-3, improving to 6-1 overall.



Grosse Pointe North's Mackenzie Seaman, left, scored four goals to lead the Norsemen to an easy win over a youthful Rochester Adams.

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Tennis

RIVALS

North, Liggett enjoy battle

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Last weekend, Liggett finished third in its tournament, earning 14 points. Romeo won with 18, followed by Grosse Pointe North with 15 and Royal Oak Shrine was fourth with one point.

"I was very proud of my team for their effort," North head coach Matt Eszes said. "Some of the girls are developing great mental toughness by persevering through their challenges on the court. Win or lose, I'm impressed with the way we are competing right now."

At No. 1 singles, Grosse Pointe North's Ali Scoggin won 2-of-3 matches, including a 6-0, 6-1 win over Medea Shandize, won 1-of-3 matches, a 7-5, 6-1 win over Shrine's Ava Mehall.

At No. 2 singles, North's Maura Bresser beat Nimet Williams 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, but lost to Shrine and Romeo. Williams beat Shrine's Holly O'Hara 6-2, 7-5, and lost to Romeo.

Wesley DeJoie defeated North's Holly Gilezan 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles. She also beat Shrine's Kelly Murray 6-0, 6-0, and lost to Romeo. Gilezan lost to Romeo and beat Murray 6-1, 6-1.

North's Marian Liddane beat Clarissa Dixon 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4 singles, and won her other matches, too, beating Romeo 6-0, 6-1, and Shrine 6-0, 6-0. Dixon split her other matches, beating Shrine and losing to Romeo.

At No. 1 doubles, Emily Broder and Madeline Mair beat North's Alyse Victor and Kelsey Richards 6-3, 6-2, plus defeated Shrine 6-2, 6-2, and Romeo 6-0, 6-2. Victor and Richards came back to beat Romeo 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, and Shrine 6-1, 6-3.

At No. 2 doubles, North's Sarah Warnez and Kiera Maloney beat Liggett's Zoe Hu and Victoria Chochla 6-1, 6-2, plus defeated Romeo 6-4, 6-1, and Shrine 6-0, 6-0. Hu and Chochla lost in three sets to Romeo, but rebounded to beat Shrine 6-0, 6-2.

Carolyn Charbonier and

Mary Nehra beat North's Jayla Hubbard and Alison Alexsy 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, as well as Romeo 6-3, 6-2, and Shrine 6-0, 6-0. Hubbard and Alexsy rebounded to beat Romeo 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, and Shrine 6-0, 6-1.

In the finals doubles flight, No. 4, Liggett's Meghan Berkery and Katherine Woodward beat North's Courtney Carroll and Dayle Maas 6-3, 6-1. They also beat Shrine 6-1, 6-0, but lost in three sets to Romeo. Carroll and Maas lost to Romeo and defeated Shrine 6-1, 6-1.

North was able to play one match last week, tying Romeo 4-4 as Scoggin and Liddane won their singles matches in straight sets. Scoggin won 6-2, 7-6 and Liddane won 6-2, 6-2.

Bresser lost 6-1, 6-1 and Gilezan lost 6-1, 6-3.

At doubles, Maloney and Warnez won 6-4, 6-2 and Alexsy and Hubbard won 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

Victor and Richards dropped a tough three-set match, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, and Carroll and Maas lost 6-4, 6-0.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-2-1 overall and 0-2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Earlier in the week, Liggett played a second straight 4-4 tie with Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

With a few veterans missing from the starting lineup, head coach Cathy Hackenberger inserted rookies into those slots.

At No. 1 singles, Shandize lost 6-1, 6-0, and Williams lost 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

DeJoie won 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3 singles, which was a huge victory, and Dixon played a 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles to give the Knights a split of the four singles matches.

Broder and Hu lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles, while Sarah Holloway and Chochla dropped a tough 7-5, 6-2 decision at No. 2 doubles.

Once again the Knights' veterans rallied as Nehra and Charbonier won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles tandem of Berkery and Woodward came away with a big 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Liggett stands 1-1-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils see improvement

Grosse Pointe South's girls' lacrosse team played well during its weekend trip to Culver, Ind.

Head coach Lauren Germaine and the Blue Devils beat Park Tudor 12-10 and St.

Ignatius 10-8 in the qualifying round before falling to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 7-5 in the finals.

Shelby Stone led the way with seven goals, while Lilly Sterr, Bridgette Champane,

Jen Ryan and Libby Griffith had three apiece.

Chelsea Merrill, Jenna Morris and Elizabeth Clem had two goals apiece during the weekend tournament. Other goal scorers were Mackenzie

Paddock and Kelsie Silzell with one goal apiece.

Defensive standouts were Maggie Steinhauer, Molly Mecke, Leah Turner and Ellen Stewart, while Christine Nabor came off the bench to chip in.

Ellie Harness posted the wins in net.

Earlier in the week, South lost 14-13 to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The teams were tied 8-8 at halftime.

It was a defensive second half as Sarah Ellis, returning from injury, played well and Hayley Altschler was solid. Clem and Stone had two second-half goals and Merrill scored, too, in a losing cause.

LIGGETT

Team effort yields victory

University Liggett's girls' lacrosse team earned its first win of the season last week, defeating Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 12-8.

"It was a great team effort with everyone making an impact in the game," head coach Tamara Fobare said.

The Knights led 9-3 at the half and kept Gabriel Richard at arm's length throughout the second half, thanks to good goaltending from Briana Bellamy who finished with 13 saves.

Chandler Warren led the Knights with five goals, while Abby Belcrest tallying three. Other goal scorers were Nozomi Yamasaki and Annie Flick.

Defensively, Rosemarie DeRoo and Kirsten Lee were solid in front of Bellamy.

On Monday afternoon, Liggett lost 17-6 to Rochester Adams as Warren, Anne Sullivan and Yamasaki scored two goals apiece.

The Knights were missing Belcrest and Daria Lewis, which left the team shorthanded against a solid Adams squad.

Liggett is 1-5 overall.



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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Squad gains important tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team took a big step toward repeating as Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet champs last week, tying Port Huron Northern 4-4.

The Blue Devils stand 2-0-1 in the division and need to beat Utica Eisenhower May 12 to claim sole possession of the title.

Northern tied St. Clair 4-4 and is 0-0-2, while Eisenhower is 1-0-1 and could win the title outright if it beats South.

St. Clair is 0-1-2 and Grosse Pointe North 0-2. All teams have make-up matches to play, thanks to several rainouts.

"It was a big tie and now we control our own destiny in the division," head coach Mark Sobieralski said.

The Blue Devils lost each singles match with freshman Brooke Willard, freshman Sydney Keller, senior Alexa Cornwall and junior Katherine Halso going down to defeat.

The doubles flights were an exact opposite as senior Julie Wittwer and junior Emma Hyde won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1, while the No. 2 tandem of juniors Clare Brennan and Carrie Lynch won 6-1, 6-4.

Senior Alana Dickson and

junior Amelia Boccaccio won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles and the No. 4 doubles squad of freshmen Samantha Perry and Katherine Krueger won 6-4, 7-6 to forge the tie.

The Blue Devils also played an exhibition match at No. 5 doubles with juniors Anna Stewart and Paige Hackenberger winning 6-1, 6-3.

South also hosted an invitational last weekend, placing second with 17 points. Birmingham Marian, the defending Division 2 state champ, won with 22 points, while Eisenhower was third with 12 points and Troy Athens rounded out the finishers with three points.

"Marion has a strong team and they were expected to win," Sobieralski said. "Our girls played pretty well and it was nice to get some matches in against good competition."

Wittwer and Hyde won a gold medal, winning all three matches, as did Lynch and Brennan and Dickson and Boccaccio.

Willard won 2-of-3 matches at No. 1 singles and the No. 5 doubles team of Stewart and Hackenberger won 2-of-3 to take second.

Grosse Pointe South is 4-1-1 overall.

Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils rip Lancers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' lacrosse team won its fourth straight game last week, beating L'Anse Creuse 7-3.

Head coach Don Wolford's squad has made it a concerted effort to play great defense. That defensive effort was in full effect in the first half against the Lancers who failed to score.

The host Blue Devils scored in the opening minute when junior Dan French tallied with senior Michael Bertakis assisting.

Senior Nick Diehl scored shortly after French, making it 2-0.

The sweetest goal of the game came midway through the opening quarter when Bertakis crossing in front of the Lancers' goalie flipped a behind-the-back shot that found the back of the net.

French scored again, giving the Blue Devils a 4-0 lead that would extend to five goals when Diehl tallied in the second quarter.

During the first half, the Blue Devils had possession of the ball for 75 percent of the time and the defense kept the Lancers from gaining any momentum whatsoever.

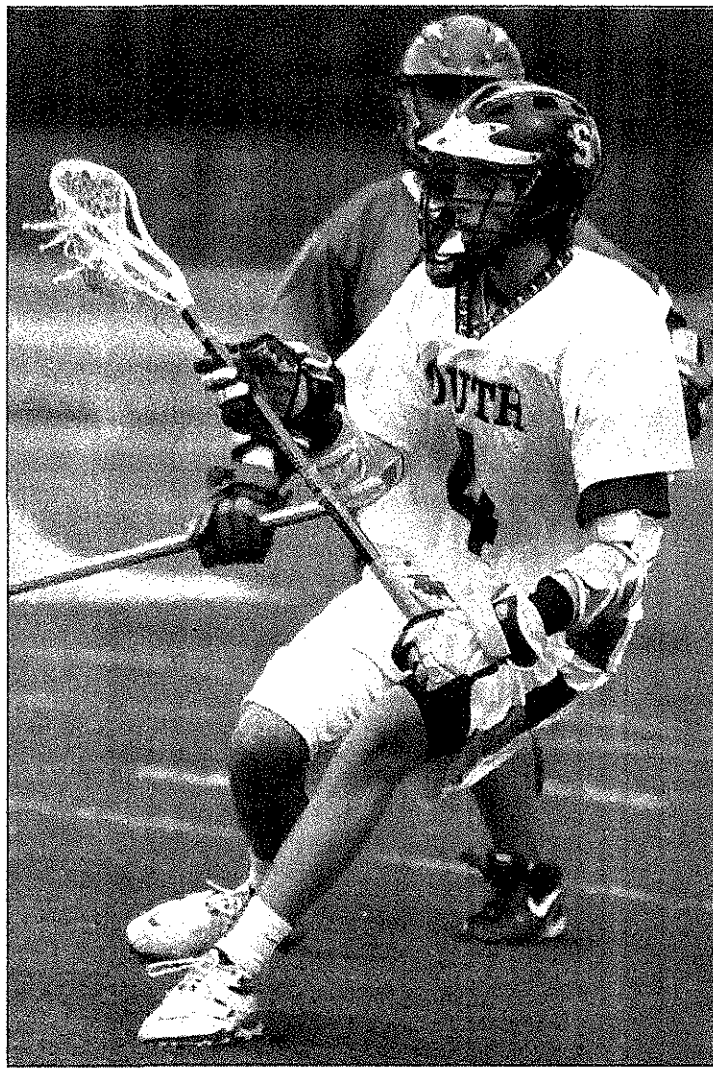
Senior goalie Jeff Blazoff had to make only one tough save in the first two quarters.

Diehl scored the Blue Devils' only two second-half goals, making it 7-0 before the Lancers' scored the final three goals of the game.

South got revenge against Romeo last weekend, winning 11-9.

The Blue Devils lost an overtime game in their season-opener to the Bulldogs.

With the victories, Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-1 in the Macomb Area Conference and 6-2 overall.



South's Dan French, No. 4, got the Blue Devils off and running with a goal early in the first quarter against L'Anse Creuse.

Softball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Softballers get division split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It had been two weeks since Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball team played a game.

Spring break and perpetual rain kept the Blue Devils away from the field and in the gym, practicing.

Head coach Nicole Crane watched her squad come-from-behind to beat Sterling Heights 10-5 last week, thanks to a six-run sixth inning.

"It took us a couple of innings to get going and I knew that would happen after our layoff," Crane said. "The girls made some mistakes, but overall I'm pleased with our effort."

The Stallions scored a run in the top of the first inning, but the Blue Devils tied it in the bottom of the second when sophomore Carley Reno scored.

Once again the Stallions grabbed a lead, scoring twice in the top of the third. The Blue Devils came back with a run in the bottom of the frame when senior Emily Wybo singled and came home on sophomore Gretchen Shirar's two-out single.

It was a 4-2 game before the home team tied it with a pair of runs in the fifth inning. Freshman Christina Tech led-off with a single and scored on Wybo's double. Wybo scored the tying run on Shirar's double.

Shirar moved from left field to behind the plate in the top of the sixth inning and she promptly picked off the player on third who was the potential go-ahead run.

Crane watched her Blue Devils plate 10 hitters in the

bottom of the sixth inning, scoring six runs on six hits.

Junior Annabella Blondell led-off with a walk and sophomore Jaya Telang singled. Senior Emma Maniere flew out for the first out, but the runner on third failed to tag up.

"That could have been a big base-running mistake, but she scored after our next hitter singled," Crane said.

Tech singled home the fifth run and Wybo continued her hot hitting, driving home what would be the winning run. The hits kept on coming and four more runs crossed the plate, giving senior pitcher Hayley Martin some breathing room.

The Stallions pushed across their final run in the top of the seventh inning, but once again Shirar picked off a runner at third base. After Martin delivered a pitch, Shirar threw a bullet to Maniere at third base.

The base runner was too far off third to get back, so she took off for home. Maniere threw back to Shirar who applied the tag for the third out. Game over.

The Blue Devils collected 16 hits with Wybo and Shirar collecting three apiece. Tech, Martin and Reno had two hits apiece, while Telang, Maniere, junior Sarah Gennaro and Blondell each had one hit.

Martin earned the win, giving up five runs on 11 hits, walking three and striking out five.

The following day, South gave up a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, losing 3-2 to Warren Woods-Tower.

With the split, Grosse Pointe South is 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division and 5-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team returned from spring break with disappointing results.

The Norsemen lost 13-5 to Romeo in a Macomb Area Conference game and the following night dropped a 9-6 home decision to one of the top teams in Division 2, Warren DeLaSalle.

Head coach Dan Preston's squad came out flat in the loss to the Bulldogs and didn't have the mojo in the first three quarters against the Pilots.

The host Norsemen began firing on all cylinders in the fourth quarter, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Against the Pilots, senior Danny D'Hondt scored twice, while sophomore Mike Sabitini, junior Julian Quinlan, senior Zach LaValley and sophomore Jay Warren tallied a goal apiece.

With the defeats, North dropped to 3-2 in the MAC and 5-3 overall.



Junior Julian Quinlan scored a goal in the Norsemen's tough 9-6 loss to Warren DeLaSalle.

LIGGETT

Knights earn first victory of year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' lacrosse team struggled early, but turned on the afterburners in the second half of an 8-6 win over L'Anse Creuse last weekend.

"Our intensity level just wasn't there," head coach Jon Bartoy said. "I told the guys at the half they have to take it to

the next level and they did it. They played very well in the second half and played aggressive, solid lacrosse."

The visiting Lancers, coming off a tough loss the night before to Grosse Pointe South, led 4-2 at the half and quickly made it a 5-2 in the early moments of the third quarter.

After that, it was all Knights as sophomore Manny Counsman scored a hat trick

to lead the come back. He also added an assist.

Sophomore Andrew Zinkel scored the Knights sixth and seventh goals, while junior Connor Wiggins had a goal and an assist.

Freshman Andrew Hyde had a goal and an assist and sophomore David Gushee scored a goal to round out the Knights' most explosive offensive game of the season.

In their season-opening losses, they scored a total of four goals.

"We're a young team and the guys were playing tentative, which you can't do and be successful in lacrosse," Bartoy said. "This game was really a step in the right direction for the guys. They played with confidence."

Liggett improved to 1-2 overall.

Golf

RIVALS

Mixed results

Grosse Pointe South shot a 642 in last weekend's Traverse City Central Invitational and Grosse Pointe North fired a 689.

"I'm very proud of our kids," South head coach Rob McIntyre said. "The second day of competition was played in tough conditions, but our kids were mentally tough to

play through them."

"Hopefully the guys learned a lot," North head coach Brian Stackpoole said. "This is a great tournament with some of the states best players competing, so it was a good experience for our guys to play against this level of competition."

—Bob St. John

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Galea's goal wins it

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bench for most of the second half.

In addition, sophomore Emily Armbruster, who missed a couple of weeks with a hamstring injury, was helped off the field a short time after Liddane and did not return.

Without two starters, the Norsemen had trouble sustaining the momentum they built in the first half and the Blue Devils were the aggressor in the second 40-minute half.

"I wanted the girls to put a lot of pressure on the ball and they didn't do that in the first half and North outplayed us," South head coach Gene Harkins said.

Harkins pulled his starters for several minutes at the end of the first half and the message was heard loud and clear. The Blue Devils dominated

the second half.

The Blue Devils scored on their most successful play — sophomore Claire DeBoer places a perfect corner kick that a teammate boots in for a goal. This time, DeBoer's pass was kicked into the net by junior Meg Galea at the 26:46 mark.

"That play has led to a lot of our goals this season," Harkins said. "Claire puts the ball in there perfectly and our girls get a good shot at it."

South sophomore Anastasia Diamond and senior Joanna Manos once again shared

goalkeeping duties for the Blue Devils and earned another shutout.

In other action, South lost 3-2 to Utica Eisenhower and beat Utica Ford 1-0.

In the defeat, DeBoer had an assist, while junior Cathy Palazzolo and freshman Dani Manning scored.

In the victory, senior Chelsea MacGriff scored off a DeBoer assist.

South is 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 7-1 overall; Grosse Pointe North is 0-1 in the Red Division and 1-3-1 overall.

LIGGETT

Mott's 40 leads to win

The University Liggett boys' golf team evened its division record at 3-3 last week, beating Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 165-202.

It was the Knights' lowest team score of the year and they were led by junior Jeff Mott, who was the medalist for the second time after posting a 40.

Juniors Chris Monsour and Robert Stanley each shot a 41

and sophomore Jake Soyka fired a 43 for the Knights' score of 165.

"Today's results were six strokes better than our best effort of the year to date," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "It was noteworthy in that we were playing in 15-25 mph winds, the course was wet in most places and the temps were in the low 40s."

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Announcements

099 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

AUTOMATION/ conveyor equipment company for sale. Profitable over 21 years; owner will work with facilitating. Details: (586)295-7695

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILL consider any select discounted land contracts up to \$1,000,000. Call 313-882-1882

102 LOST & FOUND

LOST: chain necklace; gold pendant/ green swan. (313)886-9710

Special Services

107 CATERING

TOP THIS "Gourmet Cupcakes". For any occasion, large or small. 586-337-2275, MaryAnn

119 TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL

AIRPORT SHUTTLE!
Janet, John & Tony
586-445-0373

120 TUTORING EDUCATION

EXPERIENCED Grosse Pointe teacher available for summer tutoring. Services available for students entering grades K-4. Contact Katy, 313-437-2172



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313-882-6449
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17427 Mack
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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SAS GROUP offers private or group training
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ADVERTISING SALES POSITION
InSide Sales - Full Time

Grosse Pointe News & Grosse Pointe Connection
Great Work Environment. Benefits Possible.
Must Have Sales Background.
Be Motivated & Energetic. Detailed & Organized.
Typing & Computer Skills a Must.
Email your resume to:
barbarav@grossepointenews.com
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123 DECORATING SERVICES

DECORATING Essentials. Your fabric our sewing expertise. We measure, sew and install all your home projects. 586-206-2167

SLIP covers, boat cushions, accessories, window treatments. Call Krysta, (313)885-1829.

THE Interior Makeover

Company. We reposition and re-purpose your own furnishings or stage for a quicker sale? Call Beckie (313)316-5184

128 PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHY By Bernard- weddings, celebrations, portraits, special events. 313-885-8928, 313-407-0388

PROM photos- \$35 per couple. We will come to your home or park and take your prom photos. Rhonda, 313-721-4197. www.grossepointeimages.com

Help Wanted

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

GROSSE Pointe Woods- Strong person- assist with garden, raking, clean up, chores, errands. Ideal 4 local student. Steve, 313-886-1763.

HOUSEKEEPER (live-in) needed. May include travel. Resume to: Harper Associates. cindy@harperjobs.com
Cindy, fax: 248-932-1214, phone: 248-932-3662

LANDSCAPERS/ gardeners wanted. Good pay, work and attitude. (313)377-1467

NON medical home care company, looking for care givers with experience, who love seniors. Fax resume to: 313-647-0434

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

LOOKING for a responsible, mature sitter. 2-3 days/ week, summer for a 4 and 7 year old. 313-433-8377

203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL

EXPERIENCED dental assistant needed- 30 hours/ week. Call 313-550-2385.

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL

ENERGETIC PA or NP needed for two busy neurosurgical practices. Responsibilities include office and hospital patient care. Neurosurgery, Spine, Pain Management and/ or surgical first assist experience a plus. Offices located in Detroit and Clinton Township. Compensation and benefits are highly competitive. Please Fax resume to: 313-966-0368, or send to pbekowies@med.wayne.edu

MEDICAL office registration clerk for Neurosurgery practice. Must be willing to travel to several clinic locations. Medical insurance knowledge and office experience required. Must be energetic and possess excellent analytical and written communication skills and the ability to work independently. Please fax resume to: 313-966-0368.

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Are You Serious About a Career in Real Estate?
We are Serious about your Success!
*Free Pre-licensing Classes in Grosse Pointe
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211 HELP WANTED MANAGEMENT

GENERAL maintenance position for apartment complex. Single or couple- live in; some or no experience needed. 1060 Alter Road/ Jefferson, (313)331-6971.

207 HELP WANTED SALES

CONSTRUCTION estimator, sales experience helpful, will train. Some early evenings and Saturdays. 586-776-5462

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

GROSSE Pointe North senior seeking full or part time summer babysitting in your home. Excellent Grosse Pointe references. Experienced, loving and fun. Own transportation. 313-303-3839.

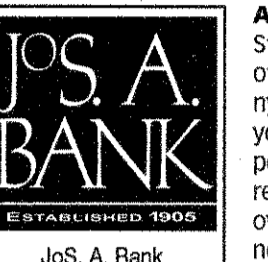
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210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT

WAIT person needed days- experienced. Apply within: Village Grill, 16930 Kercheval.

STUDENT waitress wanted. Mornings/ afternoons, early evenings. Good tips! Grosse Pointe. (313)331-3394.

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ALLIE G. Michigan State University Junior offering summer nanny/ sitting services, in your home. 6 years experience, CPR certified, responsible/ reliable, own transportation, newborn to 12 years, experience with multiples, potty training, sick children, ADHD. Multiple references. 586-904-0330

MSU nursing student looking for babysitting job, in your home. Many references, own transportation, CPR certified. Contact Olivia @ 313-244-6426

SENIOR at Michigan State looking for baby sitting job, in your home. Many years experience with newborn and other ages. CPR AED certified. Contact: 313-433-6098

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INTERFAITH Ordained Minister- Expect an authentic experience of genuine & meaningful ritual. Weddings: traditional/ alternative, funerals, christening, Rites- of- Passage. Rev. Jill Wurubel@gmail.com 586-306-7114

TIRE of cooking? I'll cook your meals for the week in 1 day. (313)790-2142

305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING

ABLE honest Grosse Pointe native to clean your home. Excellent references, reasonable rates, Catherine (586)335-0948

AMERICAN hardworking woman available to clean your home. Honest, dependable, reliable. 14 years experience. (313)527-6157

NEAT freak! 20 years experience. Great references, reliable, dependable. Sue, (586)354-3032

A+ Live-ins Ltd.

Companion Caregivers provide Personal Care, Cleaning, Cooking & Laundry, Hourly & Daily Rates. Insured & Bonded. Dee Allen - Grosse Pointe Resident. **881-8073**

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MARGARET L.L.C. House cleaning/ laundry services. Polish ladies- very experienced, excellent references, English speaking. Natural cleaning supplies available. (313)319-7657

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I'M an experienced nursing assistant, flexible, dependable, references, some weekends. Ruth, (586)773-0251

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402 ARTS & CRAFTS

KILN, electric Even-heat with sitter cone 8; \$250. (313)402-9252

404 BICYCLES

WANTED: cruiser style men's bicycle, in good condition. (313)884-1959, after 5pm

406 ESTATE SALES

ANOTHER Bernard Davis Estate Sale. 313 837-1993. 1300 East Lafayette #1907, Detroit. (Between. I-75 and Orleans Street). May 5- 7, 2011; 10am-4pm. Go to estate-sales.net for photo's and more info. See you there!!!

ESTATE/ Yard Sale. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 22201 Centennial, St. Clair Shores. Complete dining room set with cabinet & 6 chairs, Craftmatic queen medical bed, 2 Saloom captain chairs with 4 matching side chairs. Many other items.

407 FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD for sale. Sold by the semi load. 20 full cords 4X 4X 8. Call for price, 989-426-6852

408 FURNITURE

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE
2120 Allard Avenue. Friday, May 6th, 10am-5pm and Sunday, May 8th 12-5pm.

2571 & 2579 Lake-wood. Thursday- Monday, 9am- 4pm. Mens clothing, kitchen table, buffet, etc.

454 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms. Furniture; household items; vintage phones & watches; and much more. Saturday, May 7 8:30AM.

ALEXANDER ANNUAL STREET SALE
 Eleven Mile/ Jefferson. St. Clair Shores May 7, 9am-5pm May 8, 12-5pm

CHURCH rummage sale. May 7; 9am- 2pm. 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. \$3 bag sale at 1pm.

FREE coffee at our 2 family sale. Furniture, household. Friday, Saturday; 9am- 2pm. 830 Whittier/ South of Jefferson.

MULTI family yard sale. 755 Lincoln, Grosse Pointe City. Friday, May 6; Saturday, May 7; 9am- 3pm. Rain or shine... Household items, craft items, bake sale! Proceeds to Relay for Life!

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE
GARAGE sale- 1003 Audubon, Grosse Pointe Park. Small furniture, fax machine, TV, beautiful clothes/kids clothes, toys & books, great gold mirror, seasonal items... Plenty to see! Easy to find: right off Jefferson. Hours: Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm; Saturday, 8:00am- 2:00pm.

GROSSE Pointe City, 831 Grosse Pointe Court/ Mack. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:30am- 4pm. Camping, tools, computer stuff, music, more!

HUGE moving sale, everything must go! 37863 Winkler (off 16 Mile/ Lanse Creuse). May 5, 6, 7; 10am- 5pm.

ST. Clair Shores block sale. St. Clair Drive; 2 blocks South of 11 Mile, off Jefferson (next to Alexander block sale). Saturday, 9am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm.

RUMMAGE SALE G.P. METHODIST CHURCH
 211 Moross Friday, May 6 Saturday, May 7 9am to 1pm

411 CLOTHES/JEWELRY
FRIENDS of Vision ladies accessories sale. Previously enjoyed jewelry, purses, scarves and more. No clothing, no shoes. Friday, May 6th, 9am-4pm and Saturday, May 7th, 9am-noon, (half price). DIO building, 15415 East Jefferson at Somerset Grosse Pointe Park. Call 313-824-4710 for more information.

412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES
24"X 19" beaded, mahogany framed print. 16th hole cypress point with inset wooden antique club. \$350 313-820-5876

413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
PIANO with bench- Wurlitzer upright. Good condition. \$450. 313-881-8939.

WANTED- Guitars, banjos, mandolins and ukles. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522.

415 WANTED TO BUY
BOOKBUYERS LTD. Top dollar paid for quality books and libraries. Free appraisals. (313)821-8921

415 WANTED TO BUY
CASH paid for newer used paperback books & DVDs in good condition. New Horizons Book Shop, 20757 13 Mile at Little Mack. (586)296-1560

416 SPORTS EQUIPMENT
ROWER Concept II Model C; \$300. Weider weight system 1120; \$175. (313)402-9252

406 ESTATE SALES

Wanted Vintage Clothes and Accessories Paying Top Dollar For The Following: Clothes From The 1900's Through 1970's.
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 •Cufflinks •Furs •Hats •Handbags •Shoes
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 www.freshstarthomeorganizing.com
Moving Sale 23107 Alger, St. Clair Shores (Off Marter)
 Friday, Saturday, May 6, 7; 9:00am to 3:00pm
 Furniture includes, queen bed frame with dresser and armoire, 4 wonderful sofas and love seat, navy leather Lazy Boy, 2 curio cabinets, sectional with recliner and sofa bed, coffee and end tables, decorative include: Bronze lion by P Frank and elephant by Beywe, Madonna plates, Rockwell plates, Johnson Bros. Winchester and Dorchester china sets, large pedestal punch bowl, cottage ware, 2 daisy red rider rifles, Gilbert erector sets, ephemera includes vintage playbills, menus, receipts and more, shredders, Coke collectibles, Christmas, sports collectibles, including signed Riddell mini helmets, women's and men's clothing, household, kitchen, garage, Schwinn 215p recumbent bike.
 Street numbers honored 8:30 Friday only.

Animals
500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET

GROSSE Pointe Animal Adoption Society, Pet Adoption. Saturday, May 7, 12- 3pm, The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, 313-884-1551 or GPAAS.org

GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: 2 small male mix breed dogs. Female Labrador/ Terrier yellow mix. (313)822-5707

505 LOST AND FOUND
GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: female Great Dane mix, black/ white chest. (313)822-5707

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE

510 ANIMAL SERVICES

PREMIER pet waste removal service. Professional, courteous. Initial spring dog clean-ups. Weekly rates. Residential, commercial. (586)292-0533

Automotive

600 AUTOMOTIVE CARS
2008 Honda Fit Sport. Manual transmission, black, great condition. 73K miles; \$9,700 or reasonable offer. (586)344-0759

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602 AUTOMOTIVE FORD
2005 Ford Mustang GT- 8 cylinder. Flow master muffler. Extra large rims/ tires. 68,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$14,000. 313-407-9791

1998 Lincoln Mark VIII LSC- 37,800 miles. Red. Loaded, mint condition. \$10,900. (313)884-4987

605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN

2005 BMW 525i- 98,900 miles. Silver/ black. New tires. Dealer serviced. \$15,600. 313-407-4989

2006 Jaguar XJL- Winter gold. 35,000 miles. Excellent condition, 2 1/2 year warranty. \$21,000 or make offer. 586-209-8132. Must sell, due to illness!

612 AUTOMOTIVE VANS

2009 Town and Country Touring. 37,500 miles. Loaded, leather, dual televisions, all power, stow and go. \$20,995. 313-331-1664

Recreational

651 BOATS AND MOTORS

SAILBOAT 23' Classic O'Day. Two jibs, one main, 5 1/2HP motor. Swim ladder, sleeps two. Grosse Pointe Park slip fees paid (\$729). Watercraft licensed renewed (\$115). Price: \$2,500. Mark, 313-331-2378.

653 BOAT PARTS

WINDLESS "anchor", and any electronics not being used. 313-882-1882

658 MOTOR HOMES

'98 Four Winds motor home, sleeps 8, prime shape, \$18,500. (313)885-3618

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 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

306 MOROSS, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
 This gorgeous home on the golf course features beautiful furniture including green floral upholstered sofa, green silk upholstered camel back sofa, pair of pink and raspberry plaid upholstered arm chairs, mahogany round dining table with six Chippendale style chairs, mahogany server, yellow upholstered settee, Empire style sofa, mahogany dresser with mirror, lots of framed and unframed artwork, mahogany secretary, curio cabinets, patio furniture, Stark carpet, lots of beautiful decorative items, and tools. There is much more, but cannot get into home until Wednesday. You will love the selection.

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 Our numbers available 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Friday only.

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
28130 JEFFERSON, ST. CLAIR SHORES
 (North of 11 Mile Road, next to the VFW Hall)
 This home features beautiful Victorian and early 20th Century furniture including Eastlake bedroom furniture, Victorian sofa and chairs, mahogany drop front desk, drop leaf tables, painted furniture, marble top tables, spinning wheel, Haviland china, painted china, Victorian lamps, spinning wheel, wing back chairs, porch furniture, old and newer dolls, and much more. If you love furniture and decorative items from the Victorian era, you will love this sale.

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9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
360 WOODCREST, DEARBORN
 (Off Cherry Hill)
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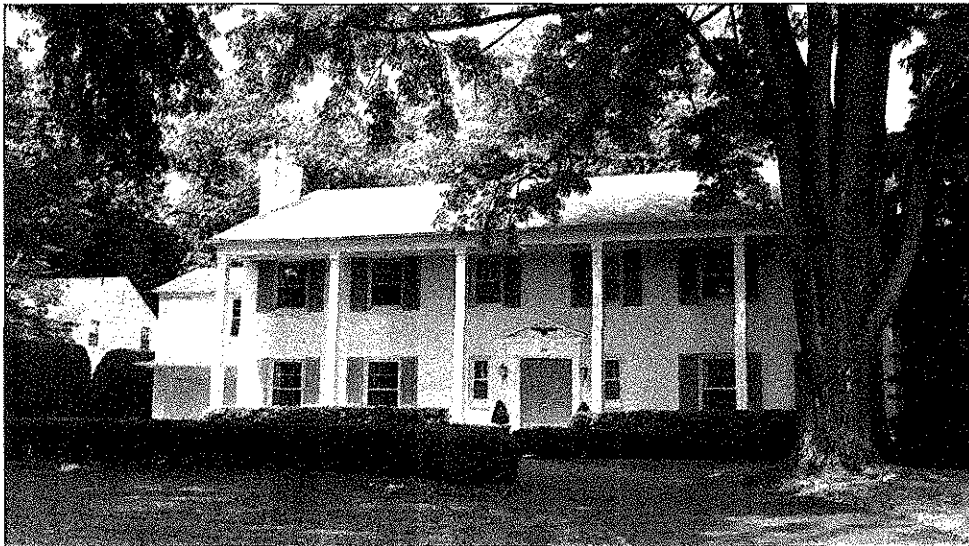
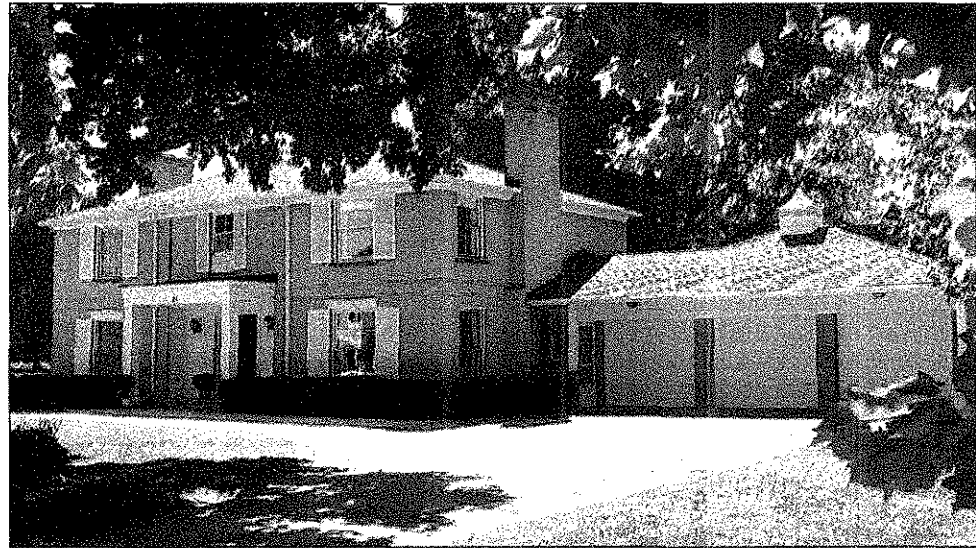
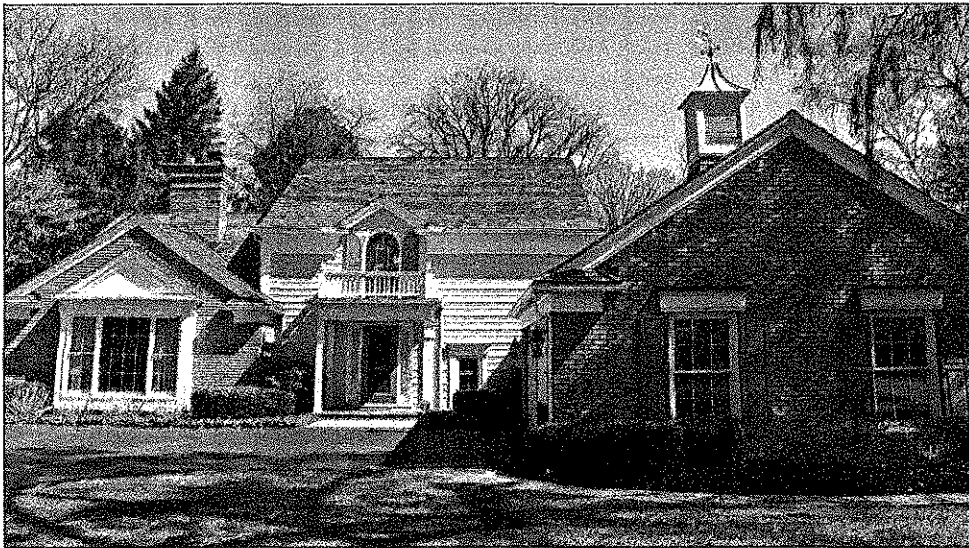
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ASK THE 'STAT' DOCTOR By Alex DePetro

Are houses selling faster in 2011?



During the past several weeks, I received a few e-mails asking if houses are selling faster this year than last.

The e-mailers said they are aware selling prices have decreased. Based on my last article, "Are houses selling faster in 2010?," April 28 YourHome, they know sales during the first quarter of 2010 were greater than the same time period in 2011 — primarily due to the tax rebate in effect last year.

Several columns ago, I referenced an article I had read which gave an average time estimate — "Days On Market" — of house for sale based upon its listing price as compared to what was considered the market price as follows:

List Price	Days On market (DOM)
+15%	400 days
+10%	300 days
Market Value	180 days
-10%	120 days
-25%	60 days

To see what's happened this year, I looked at sales from Jan. 1 to March 31 of 2011 and 2010, for the number of days from the listing date to the closed date. Typically the DOM is from the list date to the date an offer is accepted. But due to lower appraisals and other issues, I used the actual date closed.

A line chart reflects the sales activity from Jan. 1, 2011, to and including sales through March 31, 2011.

Chart 1 indicates 104 houses sold in all Grosse Pointe cities in all price categories during that time period. Approximately 40 percent were on the market for less than 100 days; 35 percent from 100 to 200 days; 17 percent from 201 to 300 days; and 8 percent for more than 300 days.

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FOR THE BIRDS By Rosann Kovalcik

Earth Day 2011

To me, there is no more fitting way to celebrate Earth Day than to spend time as close to Mother Planet as possible.

I went close to home, as there is no need to travel when you can visit the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bird Walk.

The day was overcast, which means the light would be true all day — no bright sun to wash out the bird's colors. The air was cool and crisp and held the smell of evergreen. The wind whipping from the east caused the waters of Lake St. Clair to swell and crash against the shoreline in a magnificent display of power.

I thought of my first nature buddy, my brother John. He would have



turned 54 this past week, had he not passed on. His love of the outdoors, no matter the weather, was infectious. I am thankful to him for teaching me an appreciation of varied weather conditions and to be glad to be here on Earth to experience them.

There is always something to entertain me when I am walking the grounds. The cove had some greater

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190 COUNTRY CLUB LANE GROSSE POINTE FARMS



SOPHISTICATED custom-built, one owner home offers impressive architectural details and great floor plan. The first floor features pretty living room with fireplace, formal dining room, three-season garden room which opens to brick patio, library with fireplace, first floor master bedroom with expansive closets and private bath, large kitchen with eating area and adjacent laundry and mud rooms. Fully finished lower level with media room and door to exterior, versatile upstairs with two additional bedrooms and expansion area. \$700,000.

21 LOCHMOOR GROSSE POINTE SHORES



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56 OXFORD GROSSE POINTE SHORES



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340 BELANGER GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Hard to find ranch in Grosse Pointe Farms; open floor plan with eat-in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, new roof, new full bath in basement, recreation room with fireplace and heated sun room. Large beautiful yard on corner lot. One year home warranty offered. \$164,900.

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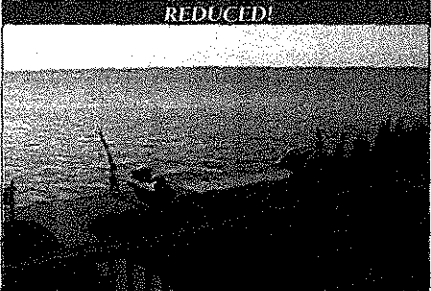
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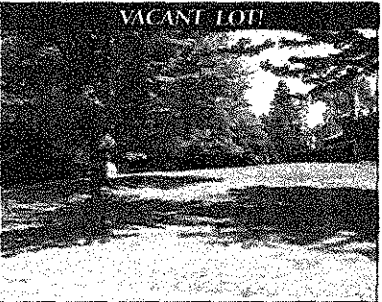
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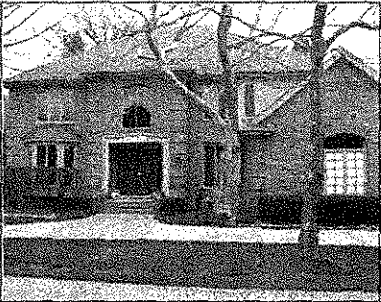
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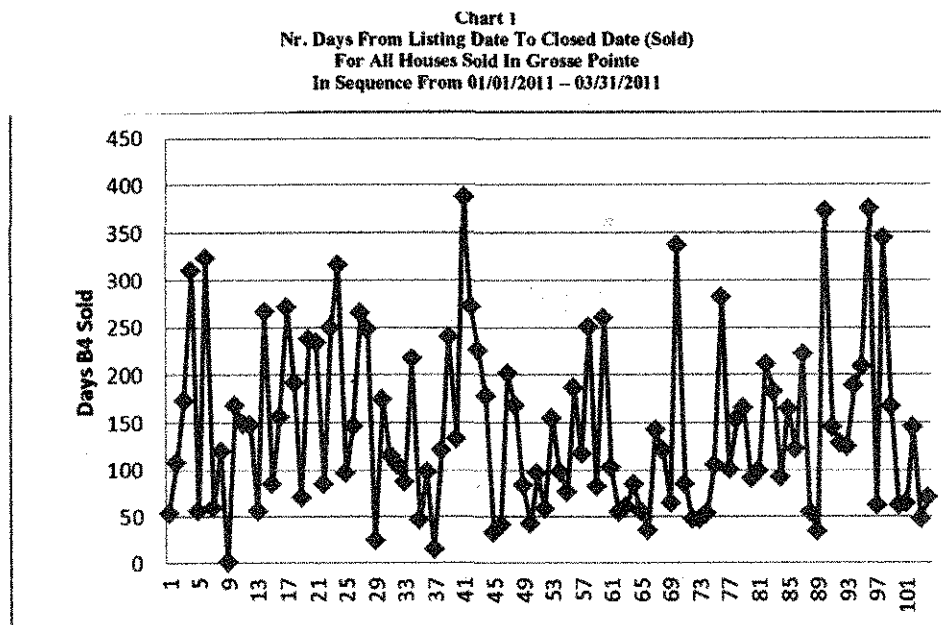
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I also looked at 2010 figures and noted 357 houses — almost 3.5 times as many — sold in all Grosse Pointe cities in all price categories in the same time period.

Table 1 seems to indicate there was a

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Days On Market (DOM)	%DOM 2011	%DOM 2010
<100 days	40%	41%
100 - 200 days	35%	26%
201 - 300 days	17%	16%
>300 days	8%	17%



higher percentage of houses sold in the 100 to 200 day range in the first

quarter of 2010 as compared to 2011. One reason could be the up to \$8,000

tax rebate credit was in effect during this period.

In Table 1 it also appears there was a higher percentage of houses sold in the 300 day range in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to 2011. That could be because there were fewer houses for sale in the \$500,000 range in 2011 as compared to 2010. Houses in that price range usually take longer to sell.

If you need any data related to your specific situation or this article, e-mail me and I will do my best to respond or address them in future articles.

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Source for all data used for DePetro's analysis: MiRealSource MLS Inc.

FOR THE BIRDS: 2011 Bird Walk

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scaup and a lone pied-billed grebe. I'm always amazed at the small size of the grebe and love to watch them dive into the water, disappearing so quickly under the surface. On the other side of the cove, a dozen bufflehead persisted, riding the choppy waters like rubber duckies.

In the maintenance area there was a large group of female red-winged blackbirds. I watched the group feeding intently and appreciated the wash of warm rusty tones over their upper-

parts. For streaks, those sported by the female red-wings are dense and uniform across their belly, unlike any other bird. Their male counterparts went a little berserk over their presence. There were lots of ear-splitting calls and much chasing away of other males in the area. The females kept their heads down and fed continuously. I guess those guys were just going to have to wait.

The male Cooper's hawk was perched close to the nest. No sign of the female. If eggs had been laid, they weren't being incubated. However, there is the possibility the nest is deep and wide enough that she can't be seen.

The red-bellied woodpecker hole we discovered was still occupied by

the male. He looked so comical with only his head sticking out as he gazed upward. Occasionally he would call while only his head remained in sight.

The pile of wood chips under the tree has been the cause of speculation. Could the male woodpecker have dug out this much wood while excavating? No other part of the tree was damaged in a way that would have resulted in this much



Gardens at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Earth Day 2011.

wood on the ground. Whatever the an-

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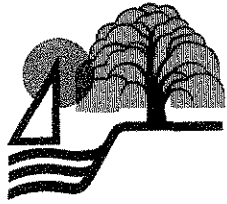


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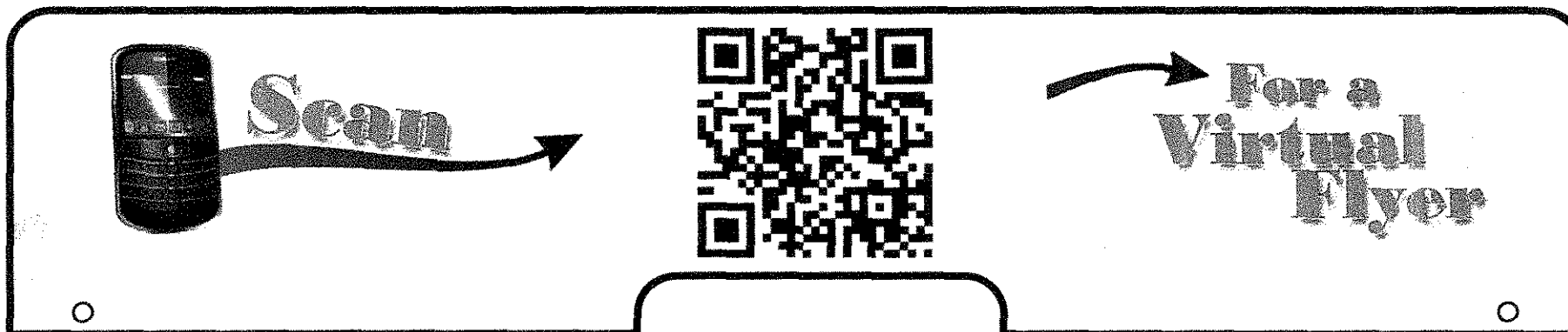
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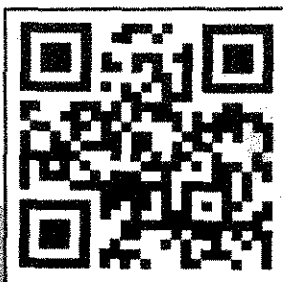
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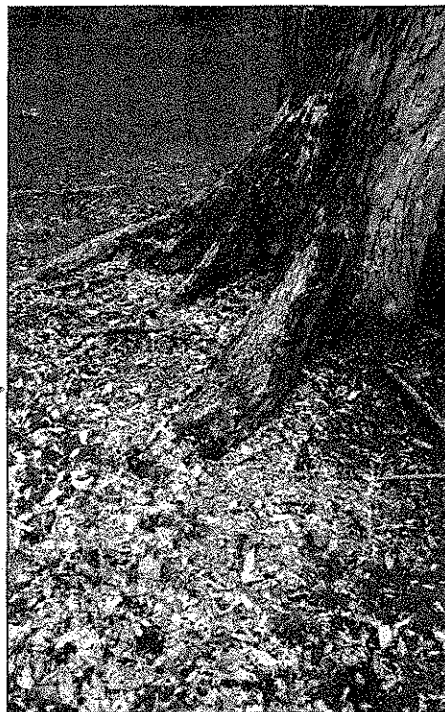
swer, I look forward to baby woodpeckers poking their heads out of the same hole and begging for food.

I loved the little blue-gray gnatcatcher flitting about with a group of black-capped chickadees. They are so dainty looking and I wonder what inspires them to be the early birds in the migration scheme of things.

A few other early migrants were working the trees on the neighboring property — yellow-rumped warblers and golden-crowned kinglets. They were moving quickly in an effort to fuel up on this cool weather day.

I ran into Curtis and Ed, two avid Bird Walk attendees also honoring Earth Day. One of the best parts about birding with beginners is their enthusiasm.

The three of us meandered about and listened to the song of the house finch as we admired the deep red coloration of this particular male. Red-winged blackbird males showed off all



Wood chips under the tree with a red-bellied woodpecker cavity.

over the grounds, much to our entertainment.

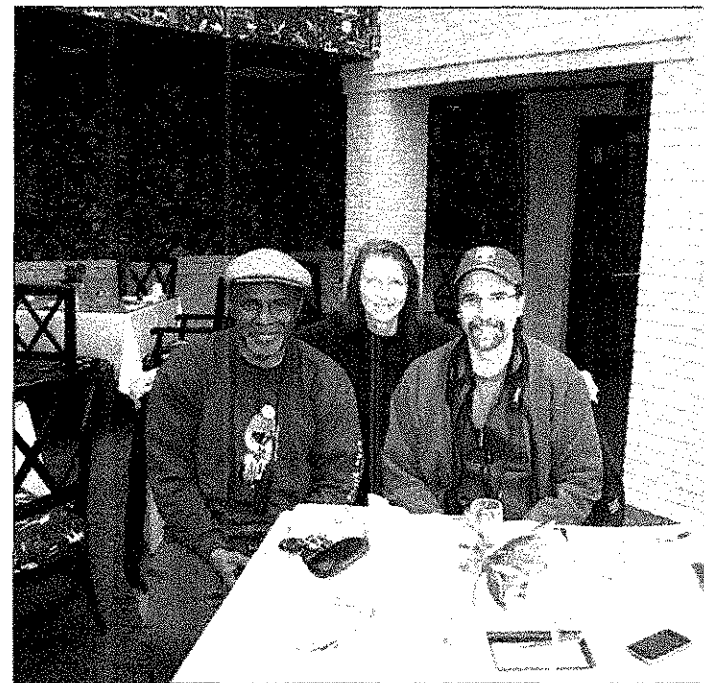
A group of 10 northern rough-winged swallows flew low over the retaining pond, swirling around in cir-

cles to catch flying insects. Every so often, one would land and we could really appreciate its delicate body.

A pair of belted kingfishers zipped down the cove, their tattletale rattle given as they flew. Because they flew the length of the cove, we were able to observe their erratic flight — a mixture of slow, down-stroked wing beats alternating with fast flutters which causes a unique pattern of stop and go movement.

At the end of the walk, a group of four common loons flew across the sky in a direct path toward the Great Lakes. Yes, the best way to honor Earth day is to get out there and experience the Earth around you!

Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird



Curtis, Rosann and Ed enjoy lunch at the Cotswold Cafe after birding at the Ford House.

feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Send questions or comments to RosannKovalcik@comcast.net. Visit wbu.com/grossepointewoods.

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