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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Avenue holds a sidewalk sale beginning at 10 a.m. Rain date is May 26.
- ◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents "Are Your Kids at Risk? Trends and Signs of Addictive Behavior" at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free.
- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

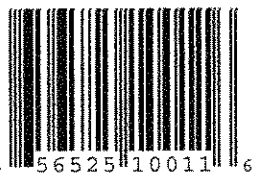
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Avenue holds a sidewalk sale beginning at 10 a.m. Rain date is May 27.

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

- Armed Forces Day**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Avenue holds a sidewalk sale beginning at 10 a.m. Rain date is May 28.
- ◆ A document shredding service is available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Windmill Pointe parking lot, corner of Barrington and Windmill Pointe Drive.
- ◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Hunting for Habitat for children is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The cost is \$7. For more information or to register, call (313) 884-4222.
- ◆ The spring perennial plant exchange, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tompkins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park, corner of Barrington and Windmill Pointe Drive. For more information, visit [grossepointepark.org](http://grossepointepark.org).
- ◆ Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage & Pierson Clinic hosts its third annual Diva for a Day.

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# Budget has no hitches or hikes

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — John Stevens not only believes in climate change, he wants more of it. He wants to turn up the heat on municipal finances and foster an "atmosphere of frugality."

Stevens, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman, joined his colleagues this week in unanimously adopting next fiscal year's city budget without a tax increase or cost cuts that greatly impact municipal services.

"We're on an upswing, it seems to me, with business picking up gradually," Stevens said. "Hopefully, we're bottoming. To come to the bottom without any deficits is phenomenal."

Yet, that bottom is deep.

City Manager Peter Dame said the city will start the new year July 1 "in the hole."

He has to "come up with" approximately \$400,000 for retirement and

health care costs, he said.

The \$5,328,454 general fund budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, starting July 1, was built on department-wide cuts averaging 5.5 percent. The cuts added to those of past years forced by a combined 47.5 percent drop in property values since 2007.

Next year's municipal property tax rate of 11.8391 mills for city operations remains unchanged from this year. So does the solid waste millage of 1.7755 mills.

"The debt retirement millage of .6344 is down slightly due to refinancing bonds," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

Although the economy may be turning around, no one at city hall expects it will soon pop up.

"Let's all hope we can get through the next couple of years in reasonable fashion, as we have so far," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

See BUDGET, page 10A

## Approval should come soon for club

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Final approval for construction of a new and expanded Neighborhood Club in the Village is expected no later than June 20.

Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council endorsed the \$7 million project this week, but are withholding the go-ahead until details of the site plan are agreed upon.

Issues concern signs, landscaping, exterior lighting and parking easements.

"These are things we can easily work out with a little extra time," said Peter Dame, city manager. "This is exactly the kind of development we want in the Village. It will create new activity and things to do in the Village. It creates traffic that will, hopefully, spill over to other uses in the Village."

Council members Monday, May 16, gave themselves until their June session to move the project forward. They're willing to hold a special meeting before then.

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## Balancing includes tax increase

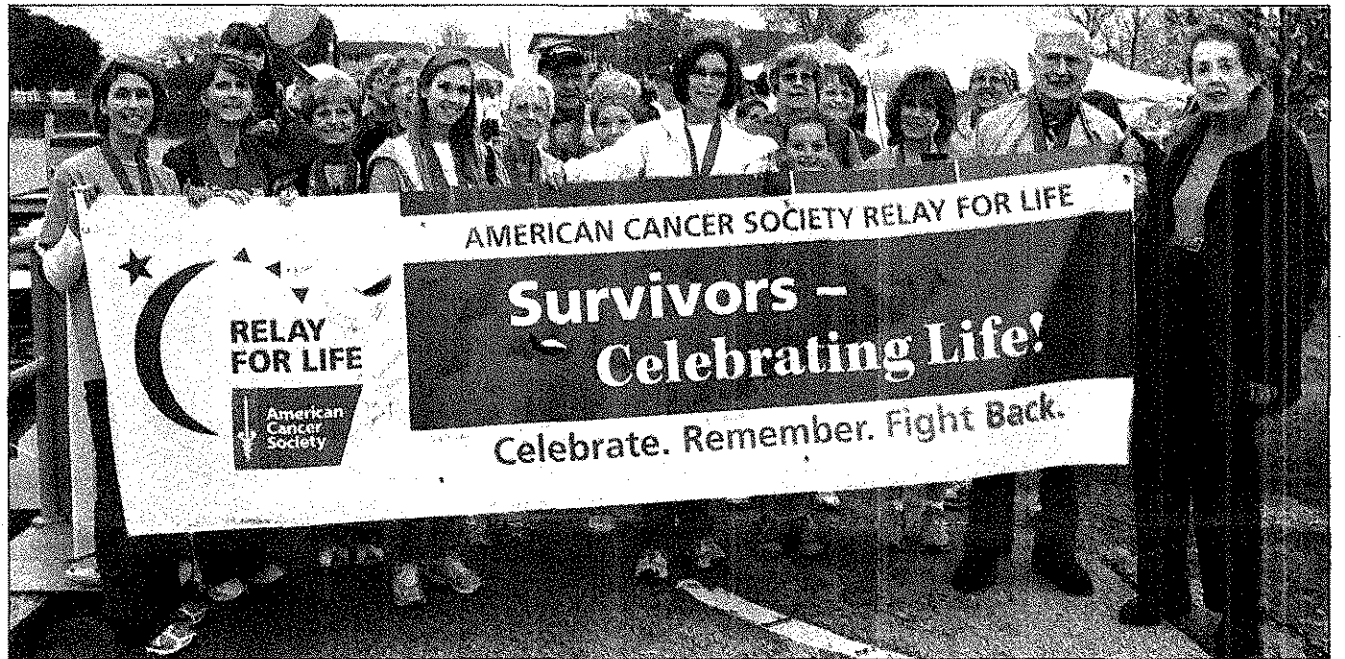
By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A budget that was months in the making took just a few minutes to pass, as the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved the 2011-12 fiscal year budget by a 6-1 vote.

The \$27 million budget, which includes a half mill increase in the tax rate and a \$300,000 withdrawal from the city's general reserve fund, reflects the tough economic times facing Michigan cities.

"It's not hard to balance the budget," said Councilman Todd McConaghy. "What's hard is maintaining the city services our residents have come to expect. There was a lot that went into this budget in order to maintain our quality of life and to make people want to live here."

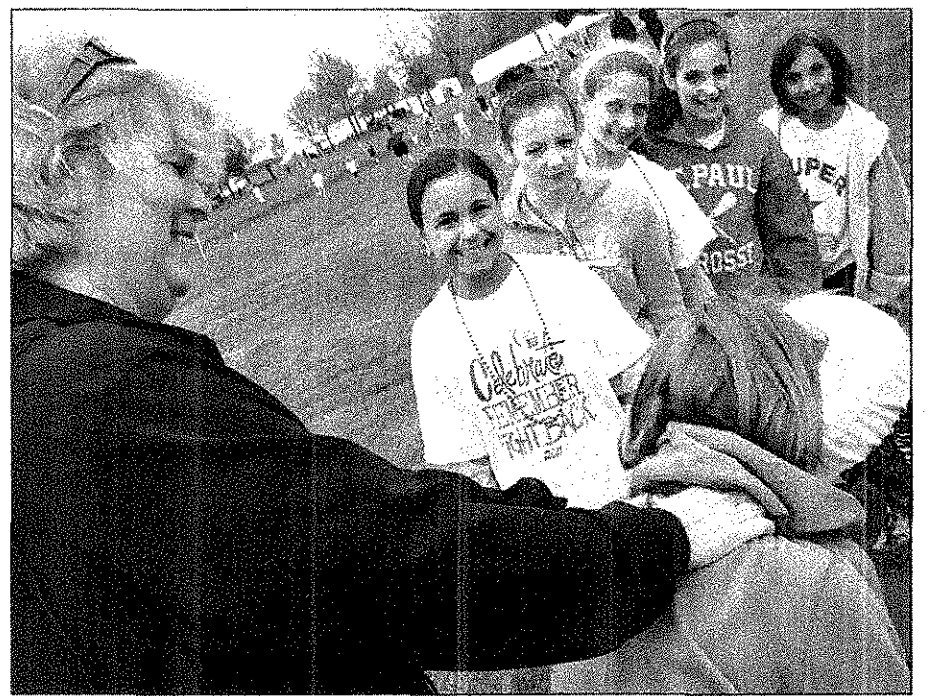
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## Relay day

Forty-five new cancer survivors took the first lap of the Relay for Life 2011 celebration last weekend in Lake Front Park. At right, Angelina Cavaliere, Anna Simpson, Katie Lesha, Stephanie Schervish and Ava Cipriano wait in line for a massage from massage therapist Jeanne Murphy.



Above, Karyn Schwartz, Lia DeCoste and Alaina Streberger makes roses from pink duct tape which topped an ink pen. The sale of the pens benefited the Relay for Life. Right, Marie High, a Pierce Middle School sixth grader, carries and egg down the red carpet to raise funds to fight cancer.



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## Another house burgled

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — There are no suspects in the two most recent home invasions in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Although jewelry was among items taken in both cases, police lack evidence to link the crimes.

"All the Pointes are getting hit with B&Es," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, head of the Farms detective bureau.

"We're seeing an increase in home invasions all around the Pointes."

Crime sprees often are the work of an individual or group.

"That's what usually happens when we have a bunch of them; some drug addict who's going to hit them until caught," Rosati said.

The latest burglary was re-

ported Wednesday, May 11, in the 200 block of Stephens. The victims said the crime could have occurred as far back as April 17.

Someone stole \$76,500 in jewelry.

"The items were taken from the master bedroom in a dresser drawer," the victim told police.

Missing are a:

- ◆ 2-carat diamond platinum ring worth \$40,000,
- ◆ heavy gold necklace worth \$2,000,
- ◆ gold, 50th birthday watch with diamonds valued at \$15,000,
- ◆ \$7,000 gold bracelet with stones,
- ◆ gold pendant worth \$1,000,
- ◆ three strands of pearls worth a combined \$10,000 and
- ◆ \$500 pearl bracelet.

"There was no forced en-

try," Rosati said.

During daylight hours on Thursday, May 5, jewelry and silverware worth a combined \$17,500 was stolen from a house on Handy.

"We have to do some pawn shop hunting to see if some of this is turning up," Rosati said.

Farms officers issued a teletype to area police departments asking to be notified if items from either B&E turns up.

Pawn shops also are supposed to alert the department if something is pawned by a Farms resident.

"It almost panned out with the Handy Road home invasion where monogrammed silverware was taken," Rosati said.

"We got a call from Livonia police about silver being pawned at a shop in their town, but it wasn't ours."

## Infrastructure wish list set

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — It would take nearly 17 years at current spending levels to put all City of Grosse Pointe roads in top form.

Given that the life expectancy of street surfaces is only seven to 10 years, such a comprehensive maintenance program during a time of budget cutbacks is as ambitious as it is impractical.

"If you fix a road, it would last half as long as it would take to do all of them," said Peter Dame, city manager.

"To upgrade all streets throughout the city would cost \$9,450,000," said Paul Weitzel, public service director. "It's difficult to come up with that kind of money."

The figures appear in an annual capital improvement plan forecast, a wish list of projects to put municipal infrastructure in A-1 shape.

The city currently allocates \$250,000 per year for street resurfacing.

"We are not able to allocate more money for streets, given our current financial condition," Dame said.

Resurfacing costs about \$500,000 per mile, meaning there's far fewer funds available than to redo the 1.1-square-mile city's 19.25 miles of roadways.

Scheduled for resurfacing this year is Lakeland from Jefferson to Maumee.

Money left over is being saved for next year. It will be spent in conjunction with a federal grant for road repairs,

according to Weitzel.

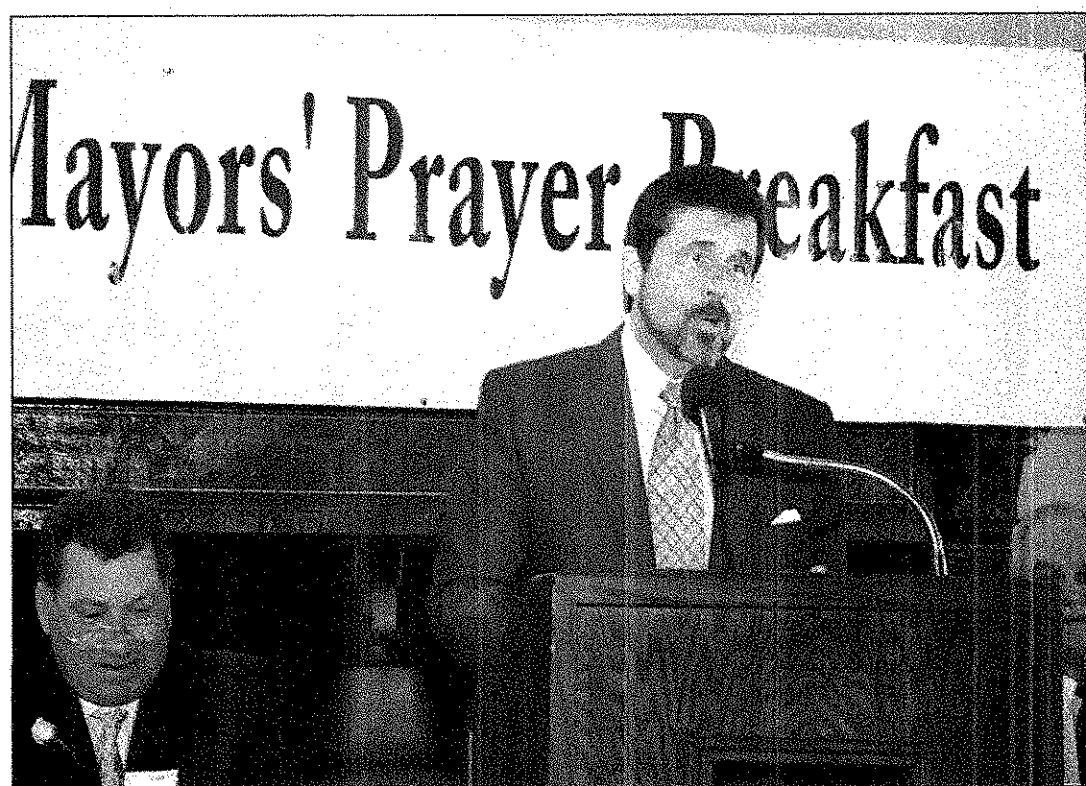
"Next year, we're going to do Washington from Jefferson to Maumee," he said. "A portion of that is Waterloo."

Street repair schedules are subject to change in keeping with changing road conditions.

"Another street might deteriorate further and need to be addressed quicker," Weitzel said. "It's a constant rotation of streets. We're doing the best we can with the money there is."

"If it hadn't been for a federal grant we got for St. Clair, Cadieux, Kercheval and Waterloo, we'd be further behind than we already are," Dame said.

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PHOTOS BY PETER J. BIRKNER

## Mayors' breakfast

Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV meteorologist, was guest speaker at the 25th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast May 5 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. At left is Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar and on right is Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter. Below, the adult choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church sang during the event which recognizes the National Day of Prayer.



## Water rates up

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Water conservation is all wet from a personal finance perspective.

Using less water may be good for planet Earth, but it's draining the pocketbooks of City of Grosse Pointe water customers.

Reduced water usage is forcing higher water rates.

A City rate increase announced this week amounts to \$2.50 per quarter for the average customer.

"Our per-unit charges actually decrease per unit consumed," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

"However, our fixed rate goes up."

The increase equals 21.44 percent.

"That's a result of people not using as much water," Kleinow said. "Fixed costs aren't changing, even though people aren't using as much water."

The City buys drinking water from Grosse Pointe Farms and pays Detroit to treat sewage.

Both systems have fixed costs for infrastructure — pipes, pumps, filters and retention basins — that need to be paid for no matter how much water is produced or sewage treated.

"When we charge per unit, we have barely enough rev-

enue to cover costs," Kleinow said.

The city's new rate structure matches Detroit's.

"Detroit has decided to place more emphasis on fixed costs as opposed to the per-unit costs," Kleinow said.

New rates were built into the municipal budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, approved this week.

"It is estimated that the (new rates) will provide the additional revenues needed in the water and sewage fund to cover anticipated water service and sewage disposal charge increases, and also provide funding for the system's capital outlay requirements," Kleinow said.

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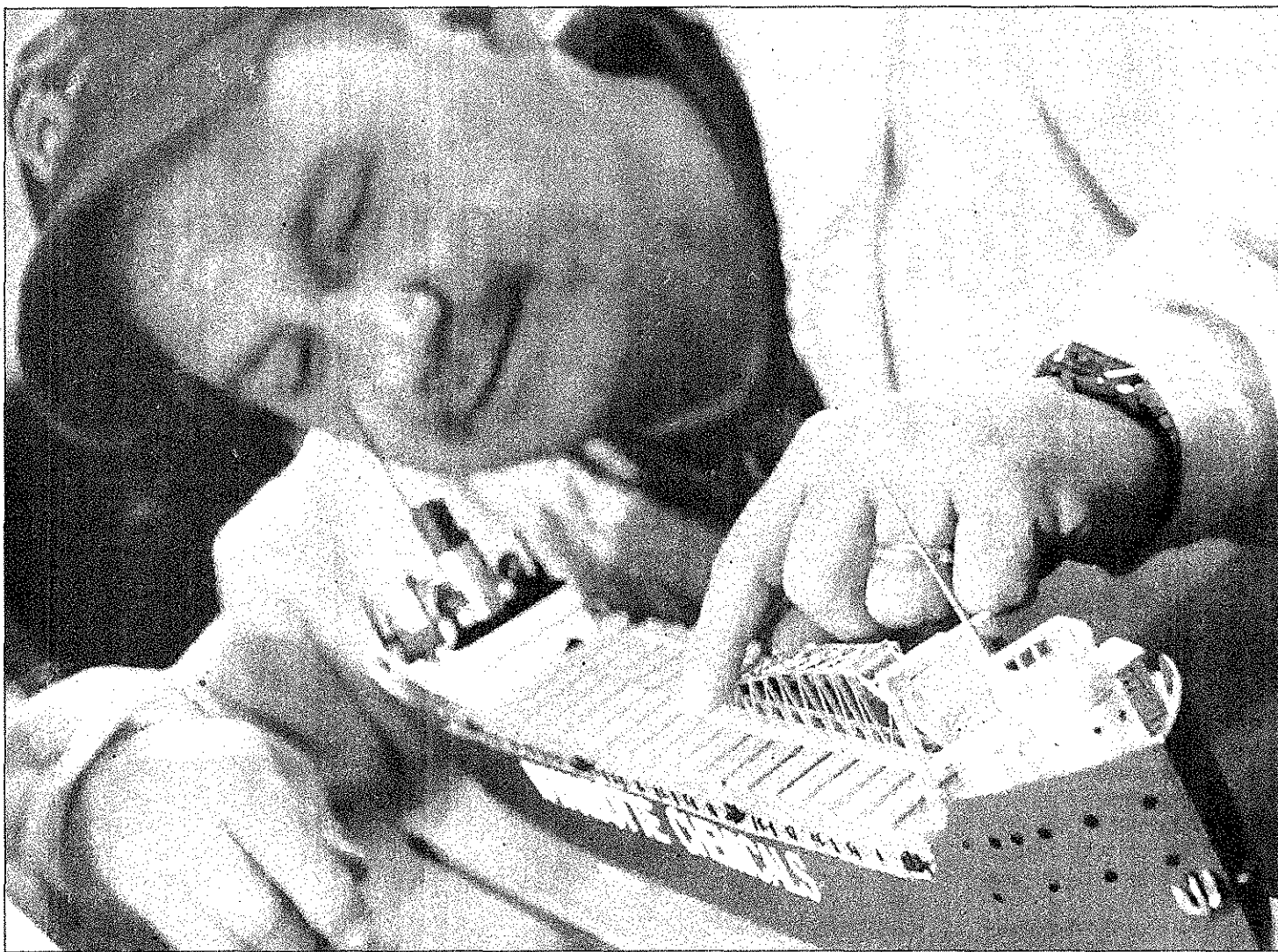
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Sam Buchanan is nearly finished making a scale model of a Great Lakes freighter. His model of the Boblo boat, Ste. Clair, is displayed at Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle in Detroit.

## From hobby to pro

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Many of Sam Buchanan's scratch-built model boats are displayed in corporate offices and boardrooms.

"I build a lot of ships for the Lower Lakes Towing Company from Port Dover, Ontario," he said. "They've hired me to build a replica of one of everything they have. I build one or two a year for them."

He sold his first wood scale model at age 17. It was of the Boblo boat, Columbia.

Now 43, Buchanan accepts commissions in addition to his main job piloting the J.W. Westcott II mailboat on the

Detroit River.

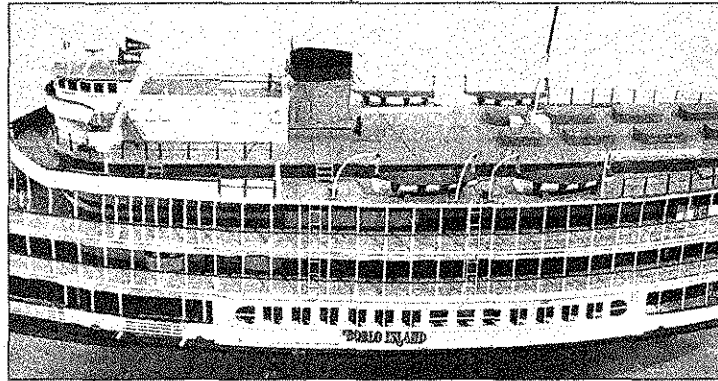
He's almost ready to deliver a 1/16-inch scale model of a freighter launched in 1908 as part of the Wyandotte Chemicals fleet.

Each of the nearly three-foot model's brass stations on the main deck has three holes for railing.

"I string each hole with monofilament," Buchanan said. "A 1,000-footer (Paul R. Tregurtha, scaled down to 63 inches) I just made had 210 stations to be strung."

He's learned to make models quickly, working three or four hours per day.

"If somebody wants something, they want it in a couple of months, not years," he said.



"When I do a ship, it's measured in hours and weeks."

He added, "The reason it takes so few hours is I've been doing it for years and know the shortcuts. I make multiple things at one time."

Wyandotte sells for less than \$2,000. A Boblo boat, such as his Ste. Claire featured at Dossin Great Lakes Museum, goes for more \$5,000.

Some of his models are pictured at boblosteamers.com, under models.

## Making model boats

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Model shipbuilders are hearty lads.

"They have to have commitment," said Norm Hart, commodore of the Great Lakes Nautical Society. "That — and the perseverance to follow it through."

The society is a model boat club headquartered in Port Huron.

A novice modeler's biggest downfall is discouragement.

"That will kill it every time," said Hart, of Port Huron.

Fellow member, Len Treppa, of Warren, advises beginners to learn the ropes by attending club meetings.

"If you have a question about a boat, somebody in the group has an answer," Treppa said. "Nobody tries to out-do anybody."

"At meetings, we normally have a boat under construction," Hart added. "It develops questions about how to do this or that. That is probably the best experience a beginner could get."

Building models involves trial and error.

"When you first look at the plans, it's tough to make out what's what," Treppa said. "After you do it a long time, you can figure it out."

Treppa is a serious modeler, but doesn't take himself too seriously.

"If I'm happy with a model, it goes," he said. "If I'm not, I take it camping. It burns really good in the campfire."

"It's craft, like anything else," said Sam Buchanan, a professional modeler from Detroit represented in the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. "I tell people starting out to pick something they like that may not be too difficult, so they can complete it with without being discouraged."

Top-flight modelers build

from scratch, not kits.

"Bowling Green State University has a huge library of Great Lakes ship pictures and blueprints," Hart said. "You can get just about any ship you want."

Many Detroit area modelers buy scale plans of Great Lakes vessels for about \$15 at Dossin.

"If you're a really good hobbyist, you probably make most of your parts," said Joel Stone, museum curator and former Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "If you're not so good, there are places you can buy them."

Modelers often make hulls from No. 1 grade pine. No knots.

"I cut my own planking," Treppa said. "The only thing I buy are balsa sheets and mahogany for cabins."

"We buy aircraft plywood once in a while to make cabins and superstructure," Hart said.

Buchanan carves hulls out of jelutong, a wood from Malaysia.

"It's similar to basswood, with a nice, tight grain, but is soft enough to carve," said Buchanan.

At 43, Buchanan is young for a ship modeler nowadays. He said his mentor is 86.

Hart and Treppa are 76 and 69, respectively.

"Most models builders I've talked to are in their 60s, and more likely in their 80s," Stone said. "It's one of those folk arts that has gone away."

He attributes the trend to modern technology's influence on lifestyles.

"When televisions had only three channels, kids would eat dinner, head to the basement and work on a model," Stone said.

"I built my first boat at 13," Treppa said. "It was a two-footer. When I was 14, I built a three-footer. I still have them."

There are three main ways to construct a hull: carve a piece

of solid wood, slab on slab (also called bread and butter) and, hardest of all, plank on frame.

Buchanan carves hulls from blueprints. He fashions templates from cardboard, then shapes the hull to match the templates.

Hart and Treppa use slab on slab, a layering technique.

They stack thin layers of wood, each cut to the general top-side outline of a particular portion of hull, from keel to main deck. Layers are screwed together and shaped.

"Once I have the hull shaped the way I want, I take it apart and cut out the inside," Treppa said. "Then, I glue the pieces together. It makes it a whole lot lighter."

Plank on frame mimics the way full-sized shipbuilders put

together wood hulls. This difficult, but authentic, method describes shaping and attaching strips of wood to frame cross-sections.

"The main thing on most boats is to maintain the center line," Buchanan said. "You've got to have everything lined up when you put it together."

A modeler's tool inventory runs the gamut.

It includes X-acto knives and blades, a lathe, planer, jig saw, band saw, miter saws, paint brushes, measuring materials, chopping block, all kinds of sanders, Dremel tools, cutters, scissors, tweezers, clamps and dental instruments.

Tools and supplies mean nothing without the modeler following through.

"You put a lot of sweat and blood into models," Hart said.

## Dispatchers offered deal

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Public safety dispatchers are due for financial farewells if their jobs are farmed out to a sister city.

The City of Grosse Pointe council this month approved a severance package if dispatchers are laid off due to consolidation.

The agreement applies to two full-time and three part-time dispatchers.

All will lose their jobs if the City's police, fire and emergency medical dispatching services are contracted to another city, most likely one of the Pointes.

The deal includes one week's pay for each year of service to the City and entitlement to unemployment compensation, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

On the other hand, the City's longest-serving dispatcher, who is 4 1/2 years shy of being eligible to collect her pension, is being allowed to collect instead of receiving severance, he added.

"We're waiving the age limit," Dame said.

A veteran dispatcher declined comment.

Dispatch consolidation is a cost-saving effort being pursued Pointe-wide in response to years of reduced municipal revenue.

"I've received proposals from the Farms, Woods and Park," Dame said. "Each proposal is different, so we need to do a thorough evaluation to assess what they're covering, what our costs are going to be and how it will be implemented."

I expect to bring a recommendation to the council sometime this summer."

His evaluation of each proposal includes visiting the communities' dispatch centers and talking to the city managers and public safety directors.

"The important thing to the success of a shared dispatch center is thoughtful advance planning to ensure it's done in a smooth transition and services are maintained throughout," Dame said.

Dame tried to retain the City's dispatch center by bidding to take over service in the Shores.

"I would have preferred to continue to operate a dispatch center here," he said. "Partnering with another city located here would have reduced both cities' costs. Since the Shores chose the Farms, I'm looking at partnering with the remaining dispatch centers."

Projected cost savings and operational changes will be part of his report this summer to council, Dame said.

Incremental consolidation is taking place with the goal of the five Pointes eventually having one dispatch center.

Grosse Pointe Shores officials this month approved contracting dispatch duties to the Farms.

Another sign of pending change in the City is a new public safety telephone routing system.

Non-emergency callers are greeted by a recording and prompts to various internal departments, including the shift supervisor, youth officer, the front desk and more.

## Four seek council spots

A political newcomer has thrown his hat into the ring for a seat on the Grosse Pointe Park city council.

John Teodecki, 50, has filed to run for one of three seats that will be up for election this November.

Incumbents Robert Denner, 59, Daniel Clark, 60, and Gregory

Theokis, 64, have also filed and will be seeking re-election.

Mayor Palmer Heenan, 89, will be running unopposed. No one filed to run against the 14-term mayor.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

- Kathy Ryan

## From the GM

If you had problems placing a call to the Grosse Pointe News Tuesday, May 17, you weren't alone according to our service provider, AT & T.

A business line outage af-

fected the state of Michigan for nearly two hours, according to its spokesman. The problem was fixed by 3 p.m.

- Joe Warner

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Lois Baker** has always worked, so the concept of retirement seems so strange. Then again, so do her plans for retirement.

# Wash and rinse for the canine set

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff writer

Lois Baker's retirement is going to the dogs. Literally.

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident, who gives her age as "60-ish," always wanted her own business. She has worked for several years for public agencies and the thought of being her own boss always appealed to her.

"I had been looking at franchise opportunities, but they were always so expensive," she said, "and I was not even sure what I wanted to do, or exactly what field I would be interested in."

An ad offering for sale a local business caught her eye and led to her becoming the new owner of the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods two years ago.

"I have always been a dog owner and a dog lover and a dog washer, at least with my own dogs," she said, "but this has been a whole new experience."

With a resume long on management and business experience but decidedly lacking in dog washing expertise, Baker took over Grosse Pointe Dog Wash and is proud to say she's learned a lot and the canine spa is doing well.

The business caters to dog owners on several levels, allowing them to come in and wash their own dogs or leaving them for Baker and her staff to wash and groom.

Owners choosing to bathe their canines will find counter-height wash stands with convenient steps for Fido to climb on its own, eliminating bending down and washing the

family pet in a bathtub or lifting the dog into a laundry tub. Shampoo and conditioner is provided as part of the fee, which is based on the size of the dog.

And the nicest part, Baker says, is that "you take your dog home and the mess is left behind."

Unlike those backyard bathers who pull out the garden hose and the dishwashing detergent on a hot Saturday afternoon, Baker stresses the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash allows for warm water and dog-friendly shampoos.

"No cold water for the poor pooch," she said with a laugh, "and they come out smelling wonderful."

But how exactly did Baker end up with a master's degree in public administration in one hand and a bottle of dog sham-



Lois Baker gives Serena the full spa treatment while her owner, Chuck DuCharme, of the City of Grosse Pointe, enjoys not having to clean up after her. Baker owns Grosse Pointe Dog Wash in Grosse Pointe Woods.

covered, it works well on fish, relating how a customer brought in his dog he had taken ice fishing with him.

"The dog had been rolling around in dead fish and it took all our power to get that dog fresh and clean," she recalled.

She will be taking a few weeks off from all her jobs, as she travels in mid-May to Turkey with her daughter, Nini and a friend, where they will spend time with the friend's fami-



Oliver, a Burmese mountain dog, appears to be singing in the shower at the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash as his owners, Frank Accavitti and Dawn Cunnell, of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Baker look on.

ly in Istanbul and the Aegean coast.

"I have to admit, my children thought I was wacky," she said. "But when I found this business was for sale and I began to look into it, my husband said to go for it, and I couldn't be happier. It was really something that just clicked and I'm so happy I took the opportunity."

Baker's husband, Chuck, is an attorney. Her three children are grown, with son, Chip, in Grosse Pointe Farms, daughter, Megan, in Royal Oak and Nini in Chicago. While they were growing up and attending St. Paul Catholic School and Grosse Pointe South High School, Baker was an active school volunteer. She was also a member of the Junior League of Detroit.

The Baker household also includes Basil, the basset hound and Gabriel, a Tibetan spaniel.

"They were my only dog experience," Baker said, shaking her head. "Little did I know they'd become my inspiration." She still has what she de-

scribes as her "real job" Monday through Friday, but spends nights and weekends at the dog wash.

"I have been fortunate that I have been able to find great employees," she said. "My niece has been with me since the beginning, and I have a great staff. We've grown to two groomers and three assistants."

Baker said that her customers, both the two-legged and the four-legged, make the business even more enjoyable.

"I have met the nicest people, not to mention their dogs," she said, noting with a laugh that she has never been bitten.

"I was actually brushing a pit bull's teeth the other day," she said. "And the bigger the dog, the bigger baby they are. You should see the big dogs that come in here and just lay down in the tub."

One of the special services offered at Grosse Pointe Dog Wash is skunk odor remover, which hasn't been in great demand due to a lack of skunks in the area, but as Baker dis-

covered, it works well on fish, relating how a customer brought in his dog he had taken ice fishing with him.

"The dog had been rolling around in dead fish and it took all our power to get that dog fresh and clean," she recalled.

Then it will be back to the dog wash, where she sees herself working well into her retirement, which she plans to do "maybe sometime in the next five years," but she doesn't see it interfering with her golf game.

Baker and her husband, Chuck, are avid golfers, playing at the Detroit Golf Club where they have been members for several years.

"Golf is really Chuck's passion, and then I started to play when the kids got older," she said. "But I definitely plan on being on the golf course."

In the meantime, Baker can be found, after her day job, donning her apron and welcoming customers, even with all the spring rain.

"We love muddy paws," she said.

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## PRIDE OF THE POINTEES

The following area students graduated from Western Michigan University in December 2010: **Harrison M. Janness, Catherine A. McClary and Timothy B. Smolenski**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Brittany S. Gilpin, Joseph L. Jensen and Andreana C. Tassopoulos**, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Michael Atsalakis, Dain E. Pearson and Steven S. Slaughter**, all of Grosse Pointe Park; and **Michael T. Czarnecki, Jonathan J. Gay, Marc A. Mercer, Grant A.**

**Pennefeather and Barclay F. Smyly**, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Elizabeth Grace Watson has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The daughter of Glenn and Martha Watson of the City of Grosse Pointe, she is a sophomore at Cranbrook Kingswood School.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Ferris State University: **Andrew Buchholz, Stephen Flynn and Carolyn Gough**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Nathan Manikas** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Christie Caputo** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Joseph Rhodes** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Ferris State University in December 2010, with a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management.

**Jennifer M. Ulmer** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University in December, 2010.

**Allison Faden Crow** graduated "with high distinction" from University of Michigan, Dearborn in December 2010. A 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, she is the daughter of Ann and the late Allen Crow of Grosse Pointe Park.

**Marjorie Liggett**, daughter of Bob and Vicki Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores, has

been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at College of the Holy Cross.

**Lauren Flanagan**, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, graduated with honors from Michigan State University in May 2011. She is the granddaughter of Rosemary Flanagan of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Jay Williams**, son of Susan and Jim Williams of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at the University of Notre Dame.

**Nick Monforton**, son of Marty and Paula Monforton of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Michigan State University. He is a 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Emily McLaughlin** received an E. Maynard Aris Award for Outstanding Scholarship in economics and management at Albion College and was elected to the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of William McLaughlin of Grosse Pointe Park and Suzanne Antonelli of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Krysta Schroeder** received a President Bernard T. Lomas Project 250 Award at Albion College. She is the daughter of Krys and Patricia Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



Pvt. Blake W. Osborn

**Pvt. Blake W. Osborn**, 20, graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in March. Osborn completed 13 weeks of intensive training as one of 75 recruits in Platoon 2021, Golf Co., 2nd Battalion. While in training, Osborn achieved the highest swim qualification level as well as expert shooter, 1st Class CFT and PFT. He reports to Camp Geiger for Infantry Training Battalion.

A 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Osborn is the son of Susan and Mark Osborn of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Army Pfc. Katy M. Sullivan** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. The 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of Mary and Brian Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Army Spec. Nicholas D. Pezda** graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. A 1998 graduate of DeLaSalle High School and 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, he is the son of Mark Pezda of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Backpack stolen

A green, Eddie Bauer backpack, which a 15-year-old City male left unattended outside Farms Fresh Market, 355 Fisher, was stolen between 2:40 and 3:10 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

The \$50 backpack contained \$550 worth of eyeglasses, the victim told police.

Officers hope to identify the thief in a security video of the area.

### Wrong house

At 1:28 a.m. Saturday, May 7, a drunken 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested after knocking on the back door of a house on Rathbone Place that he mistook for the residence of a friend, according to police.

"(His) speech was extremely slurred," said an officer. "(He) emitted a strong odor of intoxicants. (He) appeared to state

he was attempting to contact his friend."

The man registered a .238 percent blood alcohol level

— 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

### Sitting ducks

Two more teenagers joined hundreds that over the years learned the parking lot at St. Paul church and school is a bad spot to chug alcohol.

Police patrol the lot regularly, as at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 14, when an officer reportedly caught two female teenagers with alcohol in their systems.

An 18-year-old Farms resident had a .14 percent blood alcohol content, while a 17-year-old Woods resident's blood alcohol measured .069 percent,

the officer said.

Both teens, found in separate cars parked in the lot, were released to their parents.

"(The) parents were advised the subjects were receiving a break," said an officer. "If caught again, there would be no further breaks."

### Paraphernalia

Police arrested a 33-year-old Detroit woman for numerous infractions, including obstructing officers and possession of marijuana, during a traffic stop at 5:31 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in a parking lot in the 18800 block of Mack.

The woman also is being investigated for a crime in another suburb.

During the traffic stop, prompted by the woman making a prohibited U-turn on Mack at Kerby, the woman gave police a false name.

She also possessed 1.2 grams of marijuana and assorted paraphernalia, including rolling papers, a scale and a kit for making marijuana ciga-

rettes, officers said.

Officers said the woman's purse contained a pawn receipt for a full-length mink coat that may be related to an "open case" in Eastpointe.

### Open garage

A red, Raleigh bicycle with black handle bars and basket was stolen during the night Wednesday, May 11, from an open garage in the 200 block of Ridge.

"(A resident of the house) stated he forgot to shut his garage door before going to sleep," said an officer.

### Party's over

An 18-year-old Farms male has used up his goodwill with hometown police.

Officers told the teenager and his parents he's through getting free passes when suspected of breaking the law.

The latest incident occurred shortly after 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

A patrolman spotted a skateboarder hanging onto the suspect's vehicle heading eastbound on Kercheval near Lewiston.

As the officer approached, the skateboarder halted, but the driver kept going, police said.

The driver eventually stopped, by which time the skater left the area. The officer doubted the driver's claim not to know the skater.

"(The driver) had a carefree attitude about the incident and obstruction," said the patrolman.

Yet, he wasn't arrested. The officer said he gave the man a "break," as did another officer two or three weeks ago when the suspect was "lying."

"Both parents agreed this department is not to give (the teen) any further breaks," said the patrolman. "Both parents stated his behavior has changed for the worse in the previous months."

### Mo-ped

A 35-year-old Detroit man was cited at 4:11 p.m. Sunday, May 8, on northbound Moross for riding an unregistered, motorized Schwinn bicycle.

The man was released on \$110 bond and warned to ride the mo-ped in "pedal mode only," police said.

— 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 driving

A 17-year-old male from St. Clair Shores registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level prior to his arrest at 11:42 p.m. Friday, May 13, for drunken

driving.

A patrolman pulled over the suspect for weaving a 2002 Chevrolet pickup on Vernier and Lakeshore.

### Scream

A 22-year-old woman living on Crestwood called 911 at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, to report a scream.

"(She said) that about an hour ago, she heard a scream and thought it was an animal," said a dispatcher. "Now, she just heard two more screams and thought it to be a woman."

Officers investigated and found nothing.

### Marijuana card

A 50-year-old Detroit man, pulled over at 5:03 p.m. Monday, May 9, for weaving a tan, 2001 Jeep on northbound Lakeshore from Vernier, notified police he had a permit to carry a loaded, 9 mm Smith & Wesson pistol on his hip.

Officers secured the weapon and conducted a roadside investigation.

"A baggie of marijuana was found in (the man's) left front pocket," said a patrolman. "(He) informed (me) he had a medical marijuana card, which was confirmed."

The man registered a .054 percent blood alcohol level, which police suspected under-reported the true percentage. They arrested the man for drunken driving and took him to an area hospital for a blood test.

A nearly empty 1/2 pint of vodka was found in his vehicle, police added.

Officers also arrested a 61-year-old male passenger from Detroit on two outstanding warrants, from Detroit and Oak Park, and possession of a steak knife.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Hide and lock

It was a bad week to be an owner of a Global Positioning Satellite navigation device, as at least five were taken from cars this week in the Woods, as well as one attempted theft. Both portable and dashboard versions were reported taken.

### Purse taken

A parent attending a sporting event at Grosse Pointe North High School Friday, May 13, returned to her car at 7 p.m. to find a window smashed and her purse containing her wallet, prescription sunglasses, credit cards and cash was missing.

### Retail fraud

A 53-year-old Harper Woods resident was detained by employees at the Kroger store on Mack at 11:50 a.m. Thursday, May 12.

The male subject left the

store with a cart full of food without paying. According to police, this was the third day in a row that he was essentially eating and drinking for free. The suspect insisted to store personnel that since the items in his cart totaled less than \$200, he should only be charged with a misdemeanor. Store officials informed the suspect that they don't consider the sale price of items, only the original price, so his cart did contain more than \$200 worth of food and beverages. He was arrested and charged with retail fraud.

— Kathy Ryan

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Home invasion averted

An alert neighbor called 911 at 10 a.m. Monday, May 9, to report a suspicious car driving up and down the 1400 block of Yorkshire that turned into a driveway.

Two males exited the car and went to the backyard of the house. Responding officers stopped the vehicle and located and detained the two subjects in the backyard. The driver was arrested for not having a driver's license and his two passengers were charged with trespassing. One of the passengers was on parole, the other has a criminal history.

### Dude, that's my car

A resident of the 1300 block of Devonshire getting ready for work at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, looked out his front window and observed a man pushing his GMC Yukon down his driveway. The resident yelled out of his window and the would-be-thief abandoned the Yukon and jumped into a waiting van.

### The party's over

Police issued several minor in possession tickets after breaking up a party at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, May 14, in the 900 block of Berkshire.

### No card needed

Officers responding to an alarm at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, May 15, at a business in the 14000 block of Kercheval found the front door smashed and an automated teller machine missing from inside the store.

### They're back

It appears that scam artists are back. Residents of a house in the 1100 block of Lakepointe recently called police to report two men at their door attempting to gain entry by convincing them they needed to check on a utility problem.

— Kathy Ryan

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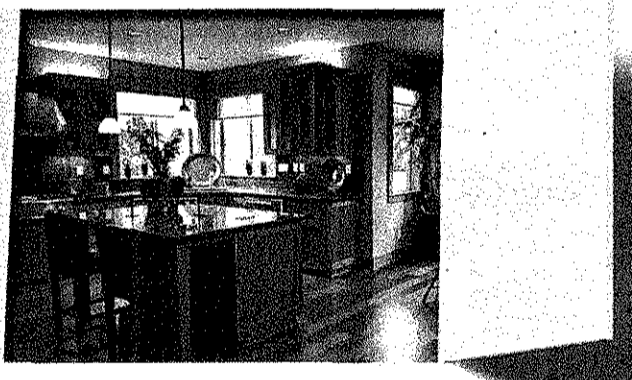
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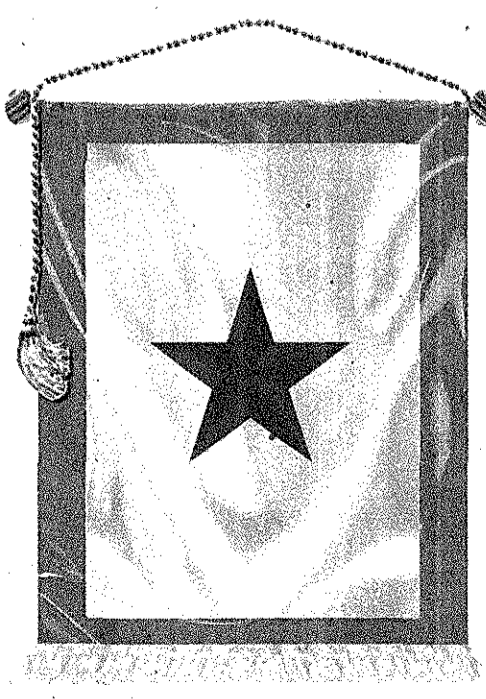
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# U-M experiences yield great memories

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Playing college football for the University of Michigan lives deep in the heart and soul of those good enough to wear the famous winged helmet.

Grosse Pointe North graduate Karl Tech Jr. recently completed four years of playing for the Wolverines. He was a line-backer and followed in the footsteps of his father, Karl Tech Sr.

"I had the time of my life playing major college football for U-M," Tech Jr. said. "It's something I will never forget."

"I only got to go in for two plays during my career as a walk-on, but I'm proud I made it on the team and earned a degree from one of the best universities in the country."

"My son and I were sharing a story about Bo

(Schembechler), who at the last Michigan Football Players reunion he attended in May, 2006, was reflecting in his talk on how lucky we all were for having had the chance to be a part of the great Michigan football tradition," Tech Sr. said. "All the great coaches and players that over the past 125 years had left a legacy of excellence."

"He closed his talk by saying his own humble way ... this experience wasn't at all about what we did for Michigan ... it was all about what Michigan did for us. My son and I are forever grateful for that message."

Tech Sr. played football at U-M under Schembechler in the late 1970s and early 1980s with players Stanley Edwards, Anthony Carter, Butch Woolfolk and John Wangler.

Some of Tech Jr.'s teammates went on to star in the National Football League. But

the last three years the team struggled to find consistency.

"My freshman year I walk in to the locker room and there was Jake Long," Tech Jr. said. "He was massive and it was amazing I had the chance to be on a team with some great players."

He entered the football program at 175 pounds and left it 5-foot, 10-inches, and 195 chiseled pounds. His musculature is now at an all-time best.

Tech Jr. played defensive back on the scout team and had the fortune of defending Mario Manningham, Chad Henne, Mike Hart and Jake Long. All four are currently playing in the NFL.

His first year was under Lloyd Carr and the Wolverines finished 9-4, beating No. 9-ranked Florida 41-35 in the Capital One Bowl.

His final three seasons were

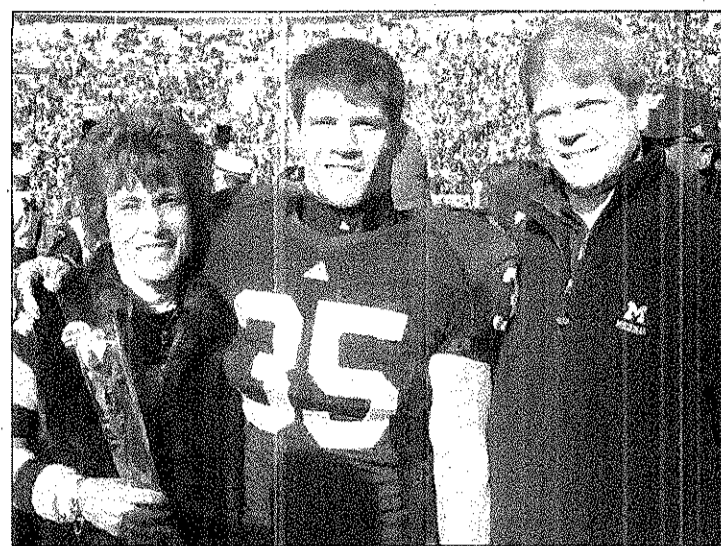
spent under the tutelage of Rich Rodriguez. In 2008, the team finished 3-9, followed by 5-7 in 2009 and 7-6 last fall with a 52-14 loss to Mississippi State in the Gator Bowl.

"This was an amazing four years and I already miss it," Tech Jr. said. "I miss the camaraderie with my teammates and working out to get ready for the next game. I would have loved to be on a Big Ten championship team and played in a Rose Bowl. We didn't, but I still had the time of my life."

"However, I received a great education and I'm ready to be a professional."

He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and recently started an internship at Borg Warner.

He decided to play football even though he was accepted to U-M's tough engineering



Karl Tech Jr. parents, father Karl Tech Sr., and mother, Cindy, take part in the pre-game ceremony honoring the football program's seniors.

school. His dedication to practice, lifting weights and watching a solid grade point average. ing film didn't stop Tech Jr.

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## No turning back on Mack

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — City leaders crossed the Rubicon Monday in their campaign to capture a grant for Mack Avenue streetscape improvements.

Now, there's no turning back.

The council committed itself to the project by resolving to put up \$350,000 to receive a \$640,000 enhancement grant from the Michigan transportation department.

The city's pledge equals its requirement to match roughly 1/3 of the grant.

"Basically, this commits you to the project," City Manager Peter Dame told the council Monday, May 16.

Streetscape enhancements consist of decorative street lights, landscaping, sprinklers, new rubbish containers, benches and bike racks, according to Dame.

Installation of the new features are scheduled to coincide with replacement of a water main along the Mack commercial district. Combined projects are estimated to cost \$2 million and cause half the disruption if done separately.

City officials plan to match their share of the grant by withdrawing \$250,000 from the Ruth Hoffman Estate Trust, plus tapping Mack property owners for a special assessment totaling

\$100,000.

"If you don't pass the assessment on businesses, you're still on the books for the match," Dame told the council. "If we don't come up with the special assessment, we have to find somewhere else to get it."

Some \$995,000 in bonds will be issued for water main replacement and be repaid from the water and sewer fund, Dame said.

The city has already received conditional approval for the state grant, according to Dame.

The special assessment is pending.

Mack property owners, not necessarily the business owners, will be assessed by linear foot, according to John Jackson, municipal planning consultant.

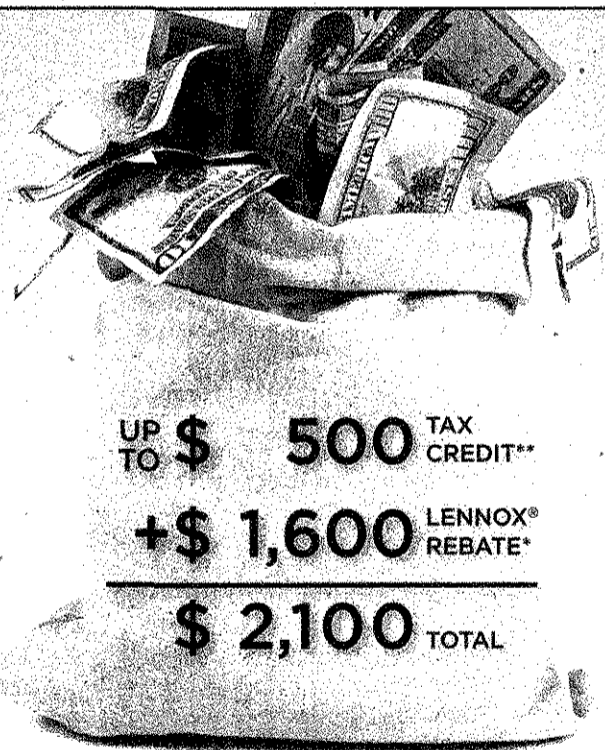
Dame said he intends within the next couple of weeks to formerly notify the district's property owners of intended assessments.

"We have to go through a public hearing process to allow businesses to know exactly what their assessment will be," he said.

Two meetings on the topic with business representatives have been "generally positive," Dame said.

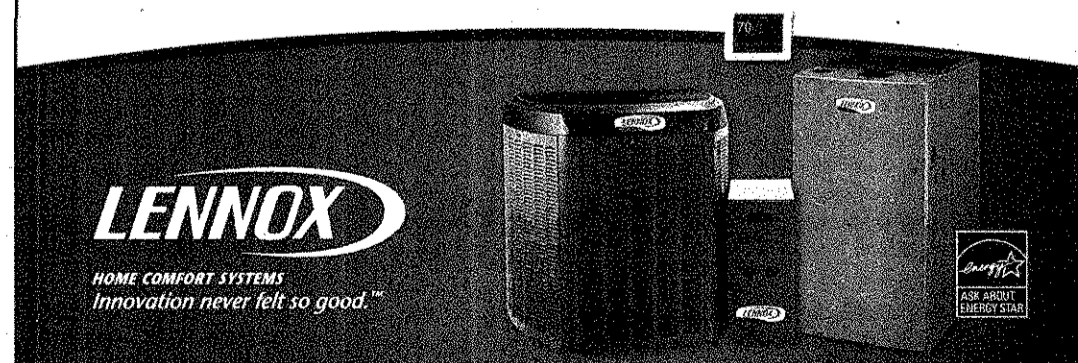
He said he plans to let the assessed parties spread out payments over three years "to make it easier on them."

Dame expects to request construction bids in August.



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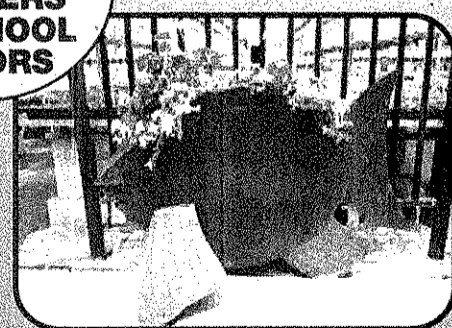
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GUEST OPINION By Glenn Scherer

## Climate change: Neck deep in the 'Big Muddy'

**T**he Mississippi River has risen to levels never seen in United States history — lapping levee tops and threatening cities and hamlets from Memphis to the Gulf of Mexico. Floodwaters cover an area the size of Connecticut; the result of a record 90 inches of precipitation in the Midwest.

Some would point an accusatory finger at human-caused global warming. But as any climatologist will tell you, no single weather event is attributable to global warming.

Meanwhile, Texas is in flames. The Lone Star State has endured the seven driest months on record, with drought parching 98 percent of its land. No one has ever seen the like of it, with 2.2 million acres already scorched black by wildfires.

Still, as many scientists will emphatically state, no one weather event can be identified as being caused by climate change.

Out West, record snowpack, a staggering 200 percent above normal, has brought severe flood risks to Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Meanwhile, eastern Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona are enduring drought and gearing up for an equally severe fire season.

Of course, as any Obama administration official will gladly testify, no one weather event can be traced back to climate change.

In Vermont, Gov. Peter Shumlin has declared a state of emergency along Lake Champlain, which has reached record flood levels. Nearly 600 houses have been impacted so far, and it's still raining — relentlessly.

Of course, as any freshman Tea Party congressman will insist, no one weather event can ever be said to be created by human-caused climate change.

And who can forget last April when 312 tornadoes smashed the Southeast, with a record-setting 228 twisters spawned in a single day. Some of those killer funnel clouds were a mile wide and stayed on the ground across several states.

Of course, as any Exxon or Koch Brothers-funded climate change skeptic will scold you, no one weather event can ever be seen to be the result of human-caused climate change.

Go out in your backyard, stick a thumb up in the air or look at what is blooming today, and you'll likely know. "The times are a changin'" — fast. Your community and mine is likely hotter, drier, colder or wetter, with nastier storms than you or your grandparents ever saw.

But... as any Fox News anchor will assert, no single weather event can ever be seen as being the product of human-caused climate change.

But, how about thousands of weather events? Shattered heat records. Drought records. Deluge records. Winters grown milder and shorter. Summers grown longer and brutally hot. Ice caps melting, ice shelves collapsing, glaciers in galloping retreat. It's exactly what climate modelers began forecasting two decades ago.

Except, they told us these sorts of catastrophes wouldn't hammer us until 2050 or later. Heck, Greenland wasn't supposed to melt significantly until after 2100, but it is melting significantly now. Global coral reefs are dying, global food harvests are in decline and food prices are breaking records now because of changing climate.

Still, we're a nation with its head in the sand. Worse, like a drug addict whose connection just got dry, we're sniffing out fossil fuel under every rock; rapping the Canadian tar sands; readying drilling platforms in Arctic seas and Gulf deepwater; and turning vast swathes of rural America into a pincushion of drilling rigs fracked for natural gas.

This spring, President Barack Obama called for an enormous expansion of the dirtiest, most polluting industry of all. Under his plan, new coal mining operations will increase U.S. climate change emissions by more than 50 percent beyond what we're producing currently.

Condemn the risks. We need our energy fix! Meantime, the Mississippi rolls on. "We've never seen anything like this," said Tamara Jenkins, flood victim of Frayser, Tenn., talking to CNN. "I was scared not knowing what's going to happen or where we can go from here."

Well, Jenkins, you may not know what's going to happen next. But obviously, the fossil fuel industry, our president and congress do. And they have complete confidence the way ahead is safe. We're clear sailing into a global warming-free tomorrow.

After all, Jenkins, every fool knows no single flood of biblical proportions can be attributed to human-caused climate change. Just ask Noah.

Scherer is senior editor of the Blue Ridge Press.

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## LETTERS

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### Atheism

To the Editor:

Atheism is growing and developing, becoming a more popular — even mainstream — idea and practice.

With the fast-paced life of today, surrounded by technology and comforts of all kinds, it is easy to become dazzled by the instant gratification, by the ease, carefree religious beliefs.

That is the standard of living for many of our youth today, especially those between ages 13 and 25, for whom atheism is a misunderstood concept of cool.

My question here is why is it atheism has become a part of today's pop culture? I know many young people — whose ages range from 13 to 25 — who claim to be atheists. Their reasons being there is no logic in a "bearded old man telling all of us what we have to do."

Another thing I have observed about these young people is their atheism seems to be specifically pointed at the Christian religion, as opposed to all others — Hinduism, Judaism, Islamic. Another observation: In most cases, their own parents are religious.

I personally would link today's growing atheist rate to the growth of teenagers seeking acceptance or be part of the "in" crowd perpetuated by twisted infantile adults.

I think a religion or belief is very healthy and beneficial in a young person's life because early on it sets up a code of acceptable conduct and establishes hope in a bleak world.

It would be especially helpful for teens and young adults undergoing a time of discomfort and confusion.

My priest once gave a homily saying we are all fair-weather believers. When our country was founded, in the days when hard toil and labor was the equivalent to "just another day at the office," we founded it based on the principles of religion. We needed a god then, to aid us in our endeavor to colonize America.

The slaves, when working hard under the hot sun, sang songs of glory and hope to God, desperately believing he would free them.

But today, when we have computers to think for us, cars to move for us, electricity to keep us warm on winter nights, when food is no longer a necessity or luxury but a simple five steps away in the fridge, we become comfy and spoiled. Suddenly, religion is obsolete — "uncool" — and God or Jehovah or Allah is just another bedtime story, false "things" that make promises they cannot keep.

It was easier then to have a strong faith in God because

without it, there was nothing else. Today, if you pray that you'll pass a level in your game and you don't, God becomes a fraud.

While I respect the position of those who choose this path, I am very skeptical of the premise or basis in which they formulate their concept and I strongly disagree with it.

I am born and raised Catholic and I believe atheism is an unhealthy path for a youth to follow, for it is a destination that leads to nowhere — a place with no hope or inspiration, only darkness.

A god — no matter how you conceive him to be — should always be there for you, working in ways no human could ever understand. A god is a tutor, mentor, quite force much stronger than reason with whom you trust through strong faith, not tangible evidence.

If for some strange, inconceivable reason there is no god, why should we not believe in something? For without belief, without hope, without faith, life is a vicious cycle.

JOSHUA COLINA  
St. Clair Shores

### Bike path

To the Editor:

As an avid cyclist, I was ecstatic when I first heard of plans for the Grosse Pointes to put in bike paths throughout the city.

However, as debate over the bike path progresses, I have become somewhat disappointed with the action, or rather lack of action, being taken to ensure that this is not just a dream, but also a reality.

For one, I am concerned that an agreement on a bike route and cooperation between all the Pointes will not be reached by September 2012, the time in which the money must be used. It would be such a disappointment to see \$100,000 lost for this innovative project.

The current prospected path also concerns me, since Lakeshore was so quick to be eliminated from the path. In my family, my brother, sister and I all bike a lot. Two out of the three of us have been hit by cars, in Grosse Pointe. The time I was struck by a car, I was riding my bike on the sidewalk along Lakeshore. Cars usually roll through stop signs when turning onto Lakeshore and are not used to looking for fast moving objects on the sidewalk, only on the roads. For this reason, I now only bike on the road.

Lakeshore is a great road for cyclists because there are few stop signs, lights and parking lanes. But it concerns me when cars ride so close that I can al-

most feel their side mirror brush my shoulder.

Even though a bike lane on Lakeshore would cause driving lanes to be narrower, this would not actually affect cars until they are passing a cyclist, and this happens already without a bike lane. It's busy streets, like Lakeshore, where bike paths provide cars with a reminder that cyclists may be present and an indication of a safe passing distance.

I hope to see the Pointes follow through on this smart and innovative idea because everyone should be able to enjoy the health benefits and enjoyment of cycling, all while feeling safe out on the roads!

MARINA METES  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Cutbacks

To the Editor:

I can only speak for my household budget, but during troubled economic times, I must make cutbacks on things I would like to have.

Hmmm, seems to me government bodies should be doing the same thing.

Grosse Pointe Woods city employees think the citizens should pay for their professional magazines; I think this can be cut. If these magazines are so important and informational, they can make the purchases and take a tax cut for a business expense.

The costs for conference should also be cut back, if not eliminated for a year or two. Seems to me a lot of networking can be done via computers and/or telephone conferencing.

Perch Derby and other recreational activities are nice, but are they really the responsibility of government to provide them? The activity building is nice; does the city charge a user fee for those residents using the facility?

Seems Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos-Howell is the only council member who is willing to make these difficult decisions. For this I thank her.

I hope we will have residents run for council who are leaders and able to make tough decisions in making financial cutbacks and treat the city's budget as a household budget. Stop increasing our taxes and/or millage rate. Our budgets are running dry too!

MARGARET POTTER  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Action Auction

To the Editor:

I wish to express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the Grosse Pointe community for its support of The Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction 2011. It was a wonderful success.

Special thanks go to our general chairs, Emily and Tom Scupholm and Anita and Jack Valente, and to advisory chairs, Mollie and Geoff Donaldson, for their tireless energy and incredible skills in crafting such an amazing event.

Many thanks also go to Kathy and Bill Whelan for serving as our honorary chairs.

The evening was a splendid

example of community spirit. I am pleased to announce that Action Auction 2011 raised approximately \$435,000 in net proceeds to support Academy excellence in education and the availability of scholarship funds. The Academy is blessed to be the beneficiary of so many loyal individual, family, business and corporate supporters. All told, over the last 44 years, Action Auction has raised close to \$13 million to support the Academy advantage.

The entire team of auction volunteers is to be commended for their efforts individually and as a group and we are most grateful for their commitment.

PHIL DEMARTINI  
Head of School  
The Grosse Pointe Academy

### Neon lights

To the Editor:

In the news, "Council sees the neon light," March 3 Grosse Pointe News, was the decision to lift the neon sign ban in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The ban, which has been in effect since 1975, had started being enforced. The ban was put in place to "preserve the character and appearance of the Mack Avenue shopping district." Some people would say neon signs on storefronts make the city look "ugly" or "garish."

I support the decision to lift the ban on neon signs — and I don't think they look ugly or garish.

Neon signs let potential customers know businesses and stores are open. People driving down the street are more likely to notice businesses if they have a bright sign on the storefront. If customers don't know stores are open, customers can't frequent stores and businesses. If there aren't enough customers, stores will eventually close.

Grosse Pointe Woods doesn't need any closed or vacant stores. Ultimately, neon signs help the economy.

Also, some neon signs have existed at businesses for decades. To just start enforcing them now is unfair. Those businesses have existed and thrived, thanks to neon signs. Without them, people will think the stores have closed.

Neon signs are also an issue of free speech. Store owners should be allowed to have a sign for their business, whether it is neon or not.

I totally support the decision to lift the ban on neon signs. The fact so many signatures were obtained shows a lot of people agree with me.

If I were old enough to vote, I would have definitely signed the petition to remove the ban.

RACHEL H. HACKETT  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Tax assessment

To the Editor:

After reviewing the article last week, I felt obligated to share my experiences with the Grosse Pointe Park tax assessors.

I have disputed my taxes five times through the years and have always been treated with

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I SAY By A. J. Hakim

# Kitano's Japanese films



On occasion, I'd like to use this column to introduce you to books, films, music or other entertainment you might otherwise not consider.

This is one of those occasions. And the entertainment in thought is a Japanese-language film from director Takeshi Kitano titled, "Dolls" (2002).

Kitano is known for writing and directing films about the

Yakuza — an organized crime syndicate in Japan. Most are graphically violent, with cinematography masked in a hue of gray-blue.

With "Dolls," Kitano strays from his typical depiction of gangster violence, electing instead, for something even more haunting — emotional violence; love, and the sacrifices made in its name.

Told in three parts, the film is an abstract exploration into doomed love, destiny, fate, morality and metaphysics. It opens with a bunraku performance — Japanese puppet theater — of a scene from Monzaemon Chikamatsu's, "The Courier from Hell," in which the courtesan begs her lover to cease from committing

foolishness for her sake.

A foreshadowing of what's to come in the film, which segues into live action with a shot of Matsumoto (Hidetoshi Nishijima) and Sawako (Miho Kanno) wandering aimlessly, bound together by a rope. It's later explained the "bound beggars," as they're known, were engaged, but Matsumoto's parents forced him to call off his engagement to marry his boss' daughter.

Upon hearing the news, a devastated Sawako unsuccessfully attempts suicide and suffers severe brain damage. Matsumoto, burdened with guilt, breaks away from his new, comfortable and safe existence and devotes himself to Sawako. Both are left homeless

and penniless and forced to wander hypnotically through natural landscapes, stylized only in their purity of light, color and angle.

The bound beggars weave the three parts together, only in that, through their wandering, they introduce the spectator to characters from the other two stories.

In the film's second part, Hiro (Tatsuya Mihashi), an aging Yakuza boss, reminisces of a past love of whom he left heartbroken on a park bench three decades earlier during his initiation as a Yakuza. Women were considered a complication to the Yakuza.

Vowing never to let go, the woman, Ryoko (Chieko Matsubara), sits on that same

bench every Saturday for the next 30 years, two boxed lunches in tow as she awaits his return.

The third story focuses on Haruna (Kyoko Fukada), a beautiful pop star, and Nukui (Tsutomu Takeshige), her oldest, most devoted fan.

A car accident disfigures Haruna — she loses an eye — and forces her into a self-inflicted isolation from the world. Crushed by the news, Nukui takes drastic measures for a final chance to meet Haruna.

Each story in "Dolls" is a vision of blind sacrifice. The three lovers — Matsumoto, Ryoko and Nukui — are possessed with the notion of how their lives should be, turning a blind eye to anything outside

their own selfish acts.

Ultimately, they force their own fate.

The film is beautiful — each shot captures the Japanese landscape as though taken from a painting — yet, Kitano adds a cruelty to it by placing such desperate characters within the purity of the landscape.

And while Kitano strays from the usual, stylized gangster violence, his depiction of a sad, almost hopeless world, proves all the more cruel.

If you enjoy "Dolls," here are a few more films by Kitano:

- ◆ "Violent Cop"
- ◆ "Boiling Point"
- ◆ "Fireworks"
- ◆ "Kikujiro"
- ◆ "Brother"

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## If you could be a teacher what would you teach?

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



'Social studies because it's my favorite subject and my fifth-grade teacher gave me my love of social studies.'

RACHEL HILU  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Physical education or music. PE because I like getting active and music because I like to sing and write songs.'

COLLEEN COLBERT  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Physical education or a hockey coach because I like to play hockey and it would be fun to coach.'

AUSTIN ALBRECHT  
Grosse Pointe Shores



'Math because I am good at it and I love multiplication.'

ALEX SILUK  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'First grade or science because I like kids and I used to play teacher and I love exploring.'

SAMANTHA KARWOWICZ  
Grosse Pointe Woods

WARNER'S CORNER By Joe Warner

## The Big Three in the city

I grew up in Michigan. My dad used to work for General Motors. Sans a hand-me-down 1981 Honda Civic from my grandparents, I've only purchased cars from the Big Three. Sedans, sports cars, SUVs and even a mini van at the turn of the century.

The mini van was super handy for getting our daughter and groceries in and out. It was also an absolute zero when it comes to cool factor.

I understand the plea to buy American, though that line is sometimes fuzzy when it comes to engines from Mexico, transmissions from Europe and assemblies in Canada.

The next thing I always hear is "where does the money go? That's what makes it American."

Again I was fuzzy when Chrysler had Daimler in front of it. Or now, when Italian automaker Fiat works toward majority ownership of Chrysler Group LLC.

In Michigan, our upbringing includes multiple speeches about supporting the Big Three. And I agree — even if it means some parts and duties are shipped out.

The quality and looks have come a long way for the United States automakers. While some in government scoff at gasoline prices, hoping it boosts us into the electric age in auto development and sales, I'm here to tell you I didn't see any electric cars pulling boats and campers on my trip to northern Michigan last week. With the luggage, bikes, toys and golf clubs packed into a Volt, I'd have to strap the

kids to the roof.

"You won't swallow bugs if you keep your mouths closed."

While I don't hound people about buying "American," I was dismayed to see a two-year Taxi of Tomorrow study of thousands of people in New York City led to the announcement by Mayor Michael Bloomberg that of the three finalists, which included a Turkish automaker and Ford Motor Co., Nissan will get the contract.

The first of the Nissan NV200, a mini van-type vehicle, will hit the NYC streets in 2013. The 10-year agreement will rid the city of the iconic Ford Crown Victoria cabs and pay Nissan approximately \$1 billion.

Fuel efficiency was not a factor in choosing the cab, but its

environmental sustainability was, according to Bloomberg's website. Plug-ins for wireless devices and a transparent roof panel to allow passengers a view of the skyline received high marks for the Nissan vehicle.

I'm sure many of you have been in New York cabs. Sightseeing is hard to do when you're bracing for a multi-vehicle crash. The only time I'm looking up is when I'm praying to God we reach our destination without loss of life or limb.

Charging my iPhone, iPad or laptop? Really? I can't wait a few minutes? At cab prices, you're hardly taking them around town to look at landmarks. You take a cab to get somewhere in particular. You don't say "start driving and I'll think about it." The cabbie will

be happy to drive around.

"Ten dollars, \$11, \$12 ..." What's disturbing about the NYC decision is that when there was a chance to decide between a Turkish car I've never heard of, Ford Motor Co., or a Japan-based, Mexico-built Nissan, they chose to give the \$1 billion to Nissan. Even the company from Turkey said they would build the cars in Brooklyn. But rather than keep any of the production or profit in the U.S., New York City took the Nissan mini van.

Ford was there on 9/11 with millions in cash, vehicles, people and other resources. So were Chrysler and GM. I read where other car companies didn't help, but from what I could find, both at the library and on the Internet, I can't say that's the case.

They may have been sup-

portive, but not in the same way the Big Three stepped up.

Bloomberg has asked us to stay committed to New York as the healing continues 10 years after terrorists changed our country forever.

Loyalty is a two-way street. Taxi cab riders in New York will soon be able to charge their laptop or smartphone. They'll have a view of the skyline by looking through the roof. Good for Nissan. Thanks, Michael Bloomberg. Since you have a net worth of more than \$18 billion, you probably don't care about a billion dollars staying here for jobs in the U.S.

You can be on our list of favorite mayors, right after Kwame Kilpatrick.

Joe Warner is general manager and editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

GUEST OPINION By President Barack Obama

## Nominations for 2011 Citizens Medal

Last year I asked the public to help identify outstanding Americans I should consider for the Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor.

After receiving more than 6,000 nominations, I invited 13

outstanding Americans to the White House to receive the medal and be recognized for their service.

It's time to do it again.

Like last year, we're looking for Americans who have performed exemplary deeds of service outside of their regular

jobs and provided inspiration for others to serve. You can view the full criteria and get started on a nomination by visiting [whitehouse.gov/citizens-medal](http://whitehouse.gov/citizens-medal).

I know there are thousands of citizens out there who meet these criteria — I read their let-

ters every night and I meet many of them in my travels around the country. I also know many times their contributions go unrecognized. The 2011 Citizens Medal is a chance to recognize the everyday heroes in your community.

Here are a few examples of Citizens Medal recipients from last year:

◆ Betty Kwan Chinn was homeless as a child in China and became mute. When she came to America, Betty found

her voice and her calling. Today, she provides meals to the homeless in her community twice a day as expressions of gratitude to a welcoming nation.

◆ Susan Retik Ger is a widow who lost her husband on 9/11 who found cause in educating and training Afghan widows and their children.

◆ George Weiss, Jr. is a veteran of World War II who founded the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad, a group of more

than 125 volunteers who have performed final military honors at more than 55,000 veterans' funerals.

Their stories are powerful reminders of the impact an individual can have on his or her community and on the world.

If you know someone like Betty, Susan or George, take a moment to nominate them for the 2011 Citizens Medal before May 30.

Obama is the 44th president of the United States.

GUEST OPINION By David Plouffe

## Oil subsidies and you

As gas prices hit \$4 a gallon, oil companies such as ExxonMobil announced skyrocketing profits — while still receiving billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies.

Here's a quick update on three important steps:

◆ Ending oil and gas subsidies. Oil companies are receiving \$4 billion a year in taxpayer subsidies. President Barack Obama has called on Democrats and Republicans in Congress to stop subsidizing

the oil and gas industry so we can afford to invest in the clean energy economy of tomorrow.

◆ Oil market fraud. Recently, Attorney General Eric Holder announced a working group focused on rooting out the cases of fraud in the oil markets that might affect prices.

◆ Reducing dependence on oil. Obama unveiled his Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future that set a goal of reducing U.S. imports of foreign oil by a third in a little more than a decade. To do this, we have to increase domestic energy pro-

duction; reduce demand for oil by building cleaner, more efficient vehicles; and fully utilize alternatives to oil in the transportation sector, such as natural gas and advanced biofuels.

These are difficult issues to tackle, and all Americans have to work together to move forward.

For years, politicians in Washington have kicked this problem down the road, but we cannot afford the price of inaction any longer.

Plouffe is senior advisor to President Barack Obama.

## LETTERS: Dispute taxes

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respect and professionalism. Whenever I asked for information in the office it was given to me with instruction how to better evaluate my case.

When I went for my review, I

was allowed to sit in on the one before my appointed time. I was welcomed and the assessors have always been helpful and polite. How they can sit there and review days of cases and still be cordial is a wonder; it is certainly a thankless job.

They probably could put a sign up in the waiting room inviting attendance, but it is a trying experience and I do not think giving my presentation to a large crowd is something I would look forward to.

Later, my first-time appointment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal was also an interesting experience. The judge was very impressive with his knowledge of the law and insistence on following the proper procedure. I was very impressed with him and felt that I was treated fairly.

Regarding getting guidelines to dispute your taxes, all you have to do is go to the office and ask questions.

DICKRUZZIN  
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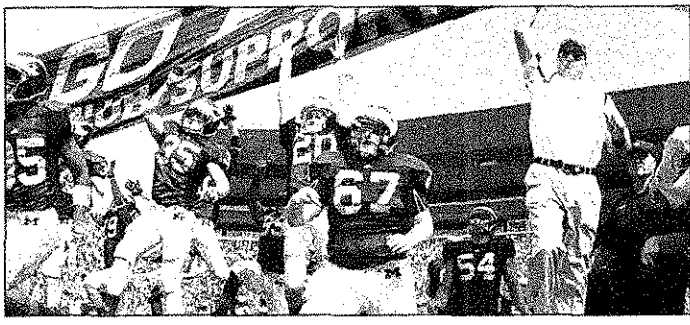


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**Karl Tech Jr. honors the tradition of hitting the sign when running out of the tunnel and onto the field.**

## GREAT: Lessons go beyond football

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There have been only a handful of football players at U-M to earn an engineering degree.

"I not only had to work hard in the classroom with my tough academic schedule, but my football schedule was tough, too," Tech Jr. said. "I sure learned a lot about time management."

"I know my son received one heck of an education and learned a lot of skills playing

football," Tech Sr. said. "He is ready to move on to the next phase of his life and I know he will be successful."

Tech Jr. is the oldest child. He has two brothers, Drew, who attends U-M Dearborn, and Chad, a senior in high school, and a sister, Christy, a high school freshman.

He is a role model for his siblings and has set a solid example of how working hard and having confidence can make a positive impact in life.

## TAX:

### Councilwoman argues cuts aren't deep enough before hike

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Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle was the sole dissenting vote on the budget, chiding fellow council members for not agreeing with her that spending cuts should come before tax increases.

"I proposed \$197,500 in spending cuts which were rejected by this council," she said, reading from a prepared statement. "Salaries for this council, conferences and educational stipends for employees, parties at country clubs, just to name a few. I cannot in good conscience support this budget."

Howle's proposal to cut council salaries has long been a bone of contention with fellow members of the council, with several indicating they use their \$3,750 annual stipend to support various city projects. Mayor Robert Novitke urged Howle to return her salary if she feels that strongly about it,

but she has declined to do so. Woods resident Stephanie Mann agreed with Howle on several points, and urged the council to reject the proposed budget.

"I realize you have reviewed this budget line by line because I did too," she told the council. "But you didn't go far enough. I found \$50,000 more in cuts you could make."

Mann was the only resident to speak against the budget, while residents George McMullen and Richard Shetler, Jr. spoke in favor of it.

"I have attended many of the committee of the whole meetings on the budget, and I know you have detailed this budget down to the last dollar," McMullen said.

"I can appreciate the hard work that went into this budget," Shetler said. "Vigilance was used in keeping the general fund intact and I thank you for your hard work."

City administrator Skip Fincham said cost containment has been a top priority

with the city for several years, and that a 15 percent reduction in employees has been put in place without a reduction in services. He added that administrative salaries have been frozen, employees are taking furlough days and health care cost increases have been passed on to employees and retirees.

"We have been financially conservative," he said. "Our employees have picked up additional duties without a reduction in the services our residents expect and what makes Grosse Pointe Woods the city that it is."

While Councilwoman Vicki Granger voted in support of the budget, she expressed concerns over the reductions taken in construction funds for infrastructure repair.

"We were doing five or six million dollars a year in road repairs and water line maintenance in previous years," she said. "We have had to cut those funds. We know it costs \$1 million just to do one city block,

and the money is just not there."

But even as the budget was approved, Councilman Art Bryant reminded everyone that it was merely a work in progress.

"We tried to hit a middle road with this budget," he said. "We tried to reduce cost, but not gut departments. We'll continue to look at all items throughout the year."

One of those items, Bryant said, is the increase fuel costs, noting that the rapid rise in costs came just as work was concluding on the budget and budgeted amounts had to be adjusted upward.

Also noting the increase in fuel costs, Mayor Robert Novitke reminded residents that just as their household costs are going up, so are those costs to the city, including utility and maintenance costs.

"We're feeling those rising costs as well," he said. "This is a responsible budget and allows us to prepare for the future."

## WISH:

### City will re-apply for state loan

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The projected cost of replacing most of the city's water mains is equally pie in the sky. The job would cost \$12.1 million, more than twice the general fund budget for next fiscal year.

Yet, replacement of a water main on Mack is scheduled this year.

"A report in 1995 indicated that to increase water pressure for water usage at home and for firefighting, it would be best to have a large main circling the city," Dame said. "That's why we're proposing to do the large water main on Mack."

The pipe is 16 inches in diameter.

"It would be the second of four legs on the overall water system improvement," Dame said. "That's one of our 10-year water system improvement plans."

Sections already completed run under Cadieux from Jefferson to Kercheval and under Jefferson from Cadieux to Roosevelt Place.

The projected cost of closing the circle is \$3.1 million.

As for the sewer system, inspections in 2009 indicated a need for repairs totaling \$3.7 million.

Dame said the city failed to qualify for a low-interest loan

from the state to do the work, unlike last year when a grant helped upgrade the Neff Road pumping station.

"We have applied twice, and will again in June," Dame said of the sewer grant. "We'll find out in November if our ranking has increased. If we're not able to get the loan this November for sewer repairs, we should plan to fix them ourselves."

He anticipates seeking a bond next year to do about half the job. Bonds would be repaid with revenue from the water and sewer fund.

"We are at the point where we can't wait for the state to give us a low-interest loan," Dame said.

## BUDGET:

### After squeezing, city hopes for growth

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He thinks residents are going to start feeling the effects of continued budget reductions.

"It doesn't appear to me that you have places to work the budget in a way that isn't going to broadcast to the public that things have changed," Walsh told Dame.

"The public is going to see dramatic changes in how city services are offered."

Some of those changes may come with closing the public safety dispatch center and consolidating its duties in another city.

Glen Watson, a resident and member of a citizens advisory committee that met last year to recommend budget reductions, said the city has "squeezed everything we can squeeze."

His focus turns to growth.

"Henceforth, its economic development, developing partnerships with major employers and doing everything the city can to attract more people to come here," Watson said.

He cited construction of an expanded Neighborhood Club proposed by the current club officials in partnership with

Beaumont Hospital as "the kind of thinking that can keep us going."

For the past handful of years, cities have been dealing with declining property values and, hence, property tax revenues. State aid and interest income also dwindled.

Now comes inflation.

"We probably have another difficult year and another one after that," Watson said. "I'm pleased to see the council looking at partnership programs and using every resource you have to expedite projects to help people who want to do business here."

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# CLUB: Details to be ironed out

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if possible. "This is the kind of thing that will strengthen the community," said Councilman Chris Walsh, of the proposed two-story, 39,743-square-foot fitness, health and office facility targeted for construction on the site of the current Neighborhood Club.

Construction would be impossible without the club landing Beaumont Hospital as a tenant and associate, according to club finance director, Sean Bruce.

"In this day and age, non-profits work better when they partner," Bruce said. "For us, it's a win-win proposition having Beaumont as a tenant."

Although planned roughly on the club's existing footprint, the new facility is bigger due to the addition of a middle school-sized gymnasium, locker rooms and a 4,500-square-foot warm-water swimming pool with shallow end for children learning to swim.

Additional first floor features include an entrance off St. Clair, not Waterloo, as now; a

lobby and reception area, child care center for people using the building, Beaumont physical therapy suite, a fitness center and aerobics room, according to Ed Pocock, one of the building's architects from Hobbs & Black Architects in Ann Arbor

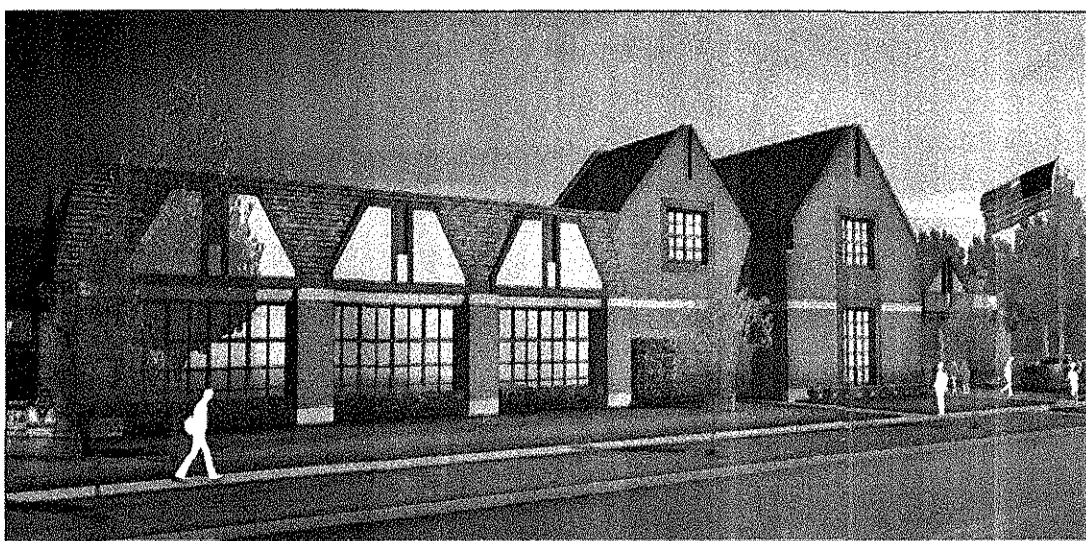
The second floor contains conference rooms and classrooms, a preschool operated by the club, club administrative offices and space leased to Beaumont for a child development center.

The basement contains utility equipment.

All four facades are in a Tudor style, constructed of brick, simulated stucco and wood.

"It's outstanding," said Councilman John Stevens. "It's spot on," added Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

"This goes back to the master plan about 10 years ago," Bruce said. "The community spoke about things they need, including a warm water pool. Our building now doesn't have a lot of activity. It was built as office space. We want the community and our constituents to



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A new Neighborhood Club to replace the existing club will be built on the same site, but with the main entrance off St. Clair, as rendered.

have active space."

Although the council wanted to approve it Monday, the project wasn't ready for final action.

The meeting was for public review of the site plan. The council also had to grant developers a special use application required of projects in the Village having more than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area.

"Typically, this is a two-stage process; a hearing and approval," said Mayor Dale Scrase.

"We want to make sure issues raised by the public are fully addressed as we'll as questions by the council," Dame said.

Club officials, citing the or-

ganization's centennial this year, invite the public to a groundbreaking ceremony for at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 21.

"In a year of change, one thing that remains constant is

the Neighborhood Club's commitment to youth, adult sports and healthy activities throughout the community," Amy Roy, club marketing and communications director, said in a news release issued after the council meeting.

"This is the kind of project that transitions the rest of the community into the Village," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

On-site parking is 26 spaces short of 133 required of a facility of its type and size. To compensate, club officials opted to pay \$234,000 into the Village parking fund.

"That money will go to expanding parking in other areas of the Village," said John Jackson, executive vice president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultants. "The parking supply we have in the Village is sufficient to handle their parking demands."

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## WEEK AHEAD:

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

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a free women's health expo and day of fun, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cottage main lobby, 150 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, call (313) 640-2500.

### MONDAY, MAY 23

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The board packet is available at each branch.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

### TUESDAY, MAY 24

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School jazz ensemble performs at 7 p.m. at the Hard

Rock Cafe, 45 Monroe, Detroit. The Pierce Middle School jazz band also performs. A portion of food and drink proceeds benefit the jazz program.

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Academy and CARE host a meet and greet from 9 to 11 a.m. at the academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. School, mental health and health professionals can attend. For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m., hosted by Diane Woolsey Interiors, 86 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### THURSDAY, MAY 26

◆ The combined Grosse Pointe North and South high school concert bands, symphonic bands and orchestras perform a free spring outdoor concert at 7 p.m. on the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center front lawn, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Mom's Night Out, a Grosse Pointe North Parents Club fundraiser, is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Ardmore Park Place, 26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Door prizes are included in the \$35 admission price.

◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Thoresen at kthoresen@gmail.com

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 18, 2011, provided the Mayor's comment about the Annual SOC awards on page 8 are corrected to reflect that this event took place this year, and not last year, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting April 27, 2011.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 93539 through 93637 in the amount of \$566,922.65 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve the request to repair the DPW garage ground hoist in the amount of \$11,369.00 which includes removal of the old and replacement of a new in-ground cylinder assembly by the Oscar W. Larson Company.
- 2) To introduce and place for first reading "An Ordinance Requiring Handbill Distributors to Obtain a License and to Register with the Police Department; Providing for Exceptions and Days and Hours for Distribution and Penalties for Violations" as a substitute for an ordinance regulating handbills as introduced and placed for first reading on March 21, 2011.
- 3) To approve payment to the Bank of New York in the amount of \$854,287.50 for the annual principal and interest payments on the 1995, 1999 and 2001 Tax Road Bonds and the Library Improvement Bond; \$10,000.00 interest on the 1995 Series Bond; \$571,625.00 principal and interest on the 1999 Series Bond; \$116,675.00 principal and interest in the 2001 Series Bond and \$155,987.50 principal and interest on the Library Improvement Bond.
- 4) To approve payment to Cortis Brothers Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$4,480.00 for Progress Payment No. 5 on the Johnston Park Tennis Court Renovation Project, #180-096.

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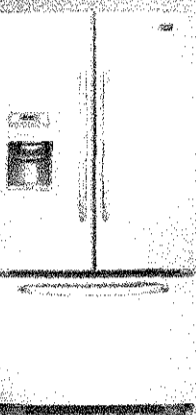
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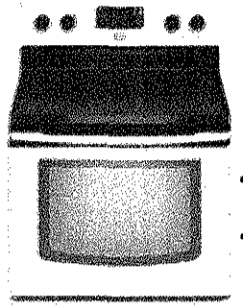
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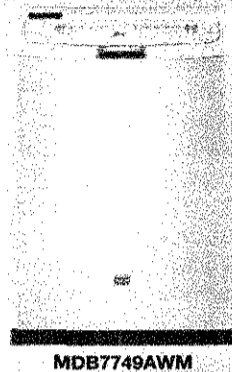
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## North, South students shift gears

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

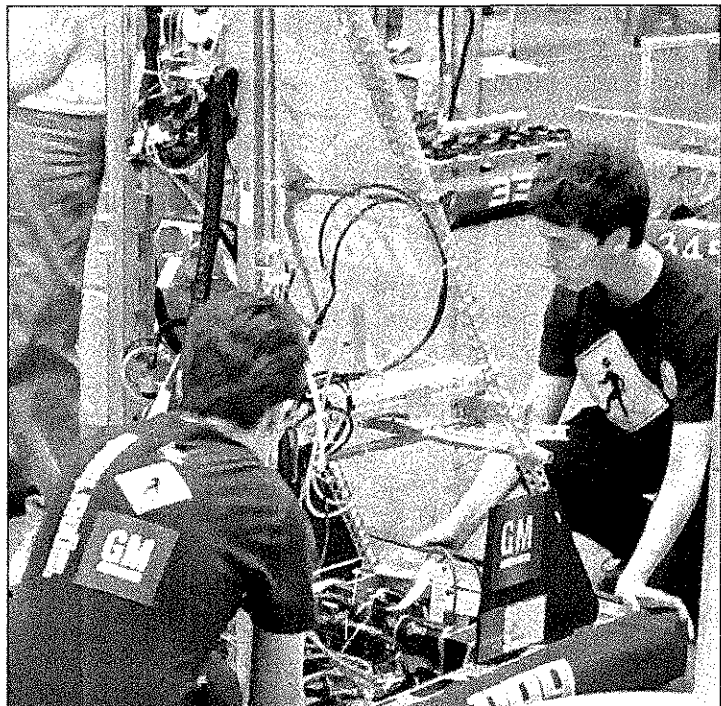
For six weeks, half the Grosse Pointe North auto shop switches gears.

Approximately 50 students and mentors take over the room, preparing a robot for competition.

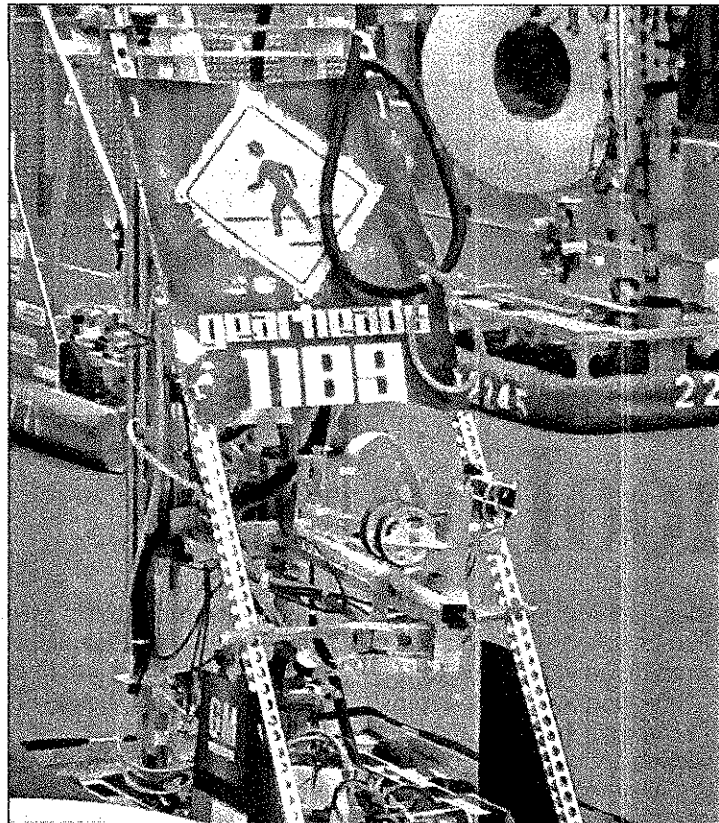
They work with advanced engineering and design tools such as computer-controlled milling machines for precision chassis modules and 3-dimensional Computer-Aided Design software to model and design subcomponents. In between, they use lathes, drill presses and hand saws to measure, cut, assemble and program the parts to create the remote-controlled robot.

The group is the Grosse Pointe Gearheads, a collaboration of students from both North and South, as well as their mentors — parents and local experts in engineering and design. Together, they compete in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics program, an international organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to inspire high school students in engineering and technology.

The organization sponsors annual competitions, presenting teams with a “game” and the rules to abide by in creating a robot to match the parameters of the competition. And while the teams meet year-



Above, two members of the Grosse Pointe Gearheads, Team 1189, prepare the robot for competition.



Right, the robot prior to competition.

round to brainstorm ideas, actual building is restricted to that six-week period.

In its 11th year, the Grosse Pointe program, Team 1189, provides students interested in engineering and design with a medium to develop and hone skills not otherwise taught in a general education environment, as well as social skills.

“There’s so much more in the teaching and learning aspect,” team sponsor and North physics teacher Don Pata said.

“It’s really all about the kids. The focus is developing kids in such a way that they get the skills to be effective people. That’s what we’re trying to do.”

“When I look at it from an educator’s perspective, I see the things about it that are important in terms of student development and team member development. If the kids learned a lot, and they took ownership of something, that’s way more important than to say the robot was awesome.”

The team is divided into two functional areas — bot build and everything else. Of those two areas, there are four sub-groups — control, strategy, build and design — with several mentors per group. In all, there are about eight volunteer mentors assisting students in communications/public relations, design, FIRST education, controls, capitalization, strategy, fabrication and web/imager.

Essentially, students in the everything else area market the team.

Said Pata, for the team to travel to one overnight and two local competitions, as well as purchase extra tools or parts, if needed, costs often exceed \$15,000 a year. The everything else teams raise that money to fund the program. They develop pitch presentations to sell the concept to local businesses.

General Motors (provides parts), Peninsula Capital Partners, LLC and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (\$5,000) also sponsor the team.

“Among the valuable lessons

of the program are collaboration, communication and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed in building a competitive robot,” public relations mentor Mark Cornillie said. “The FIRST program also emphasizes community service, and the Gearheads get involved in several ways.”

Gearheads extends beyond the workshop. They also serve the community, offering students the chance to further develop and improve social skills.

They raise money for UNICEF at Halloween and volunteer for Global Re-Leaf in the spring. Members created a green/social program, where they collect school supplies and clothing left by students at both high schools at the end of the year.

The team assembles and organizes the materials and donates the supplies to the Detroit Public School System and the clothing and miscellaneous items to non-profit organizations.

And whether in the workshop for that six weeks or in the community the rest of the year, teamwork remains the focus.

“Plan, work together and communicate with each other,” Pata said. “Those are the skills for the kids to learn to be effective, not only with the robot, but in life as well.”

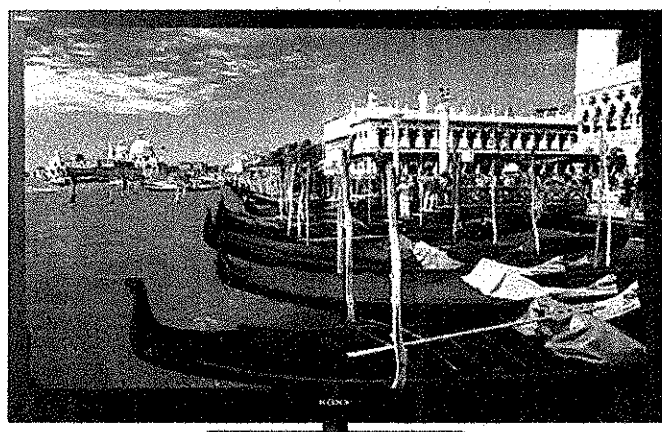
Cornillie added: “These kids already have the aptitude. What they benefit most from is learning to work together.”

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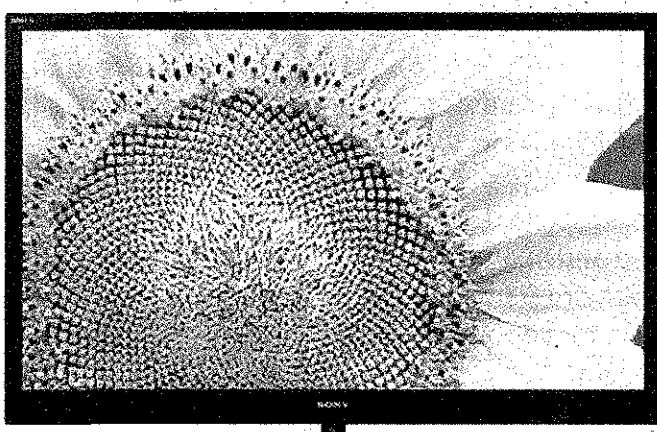
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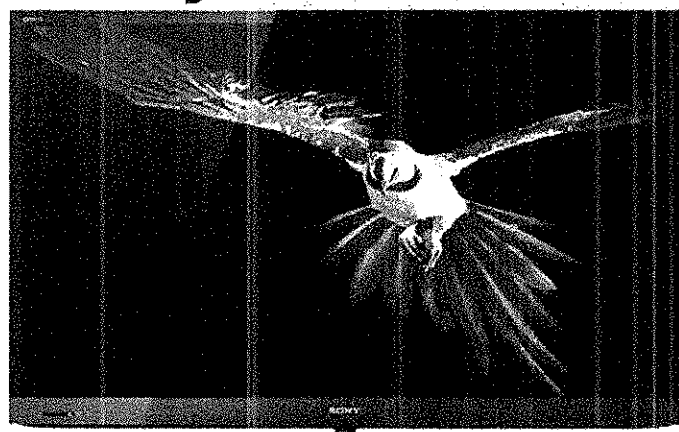
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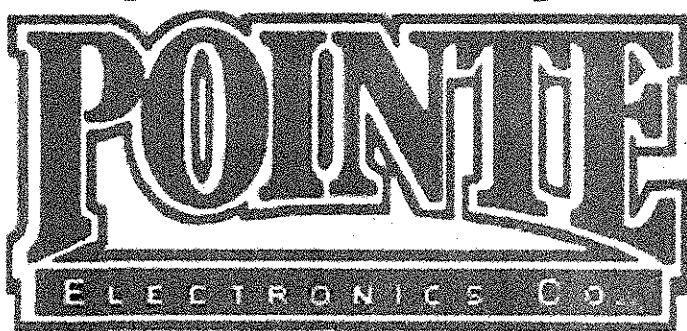


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# A need for improvement

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

This is the first in an on-going series exploring the Grosse Pointe Public School System special education program and the director of student services Deborah Jackson's plans to improve it.

Wrought with instability and misdirection for nearly a decade, the school district's special education program lacks the vision and guidance to build a functional and sustainable foundation, parents said.

At a recent board meeting, they raised concerns about the district hiring a new special education director every year for the past seven and past failures to comply with state-mandated practices. Parents focused mainly on inclusive education,

which gives special education students — who comprise 10 percent of the district's student population — an opportunity to progress alongside their non-disabled peers.

But all ended their comments with a common anecdote — embrace and support Deborah Jackson as the new director of student services.

Jackson arrived in August off a stint in the Bloomfield Hills district and spent the past year adjusting to the operational differences in Wayne and Oakland counties.

"My theme has been, 'all ideas are good ideas and the best ones stay on the table,'" Jackson said of speaking with staff, administrators and parents. "While establishing my relationships with teachers, administrators, instructional assistants, related service

providers and parents, they have brought ideas and concerns regarding student services improvement plans to my attention.

"These include implementing common strategies aligning best practice through all buildings and all classrooms for all students. Where each building tends to be unique in addressing the individual needs for their students, we are working together to share a common language of best practice throughout the district."

What Jackson considers among the most important — and of the best means toward improvement — is to incorporate a Universal Design for Learning for all students.

According to the National Center for Learning Disabilities, UDL is a "re-

search-based framework for designing curricula — that is, educational goals, methods, materials and assessments — that enable all individuals to gain knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for learning.

"This is accomplished by simultaneously providing rich supports for learning and reducing barriers to the curriculum, while maintaining high achievement standards for all students."

According to Jackson's research, implementing that approach improves graduation rates for students with special needs and creates environments for learning through personal curriculums, providing students access to general education settings and, ultimately, a high school diploma.

By law, the district is responsible for students with special

needs until age 26; meaning they must have access to opportunities beyond the classroom.

But in its current state, the district provides little opportunity for them to participate in vocational education programs despite its potentially vast offerings.

"When we consider placement for students, we need to consider the least restrictive and add benefit," Jackson said.

"Where are they going to benefit educationally in the environment? That's where Grosse Pointe is rich compared to other districts where they have wonderful opportunities to consider all those opportunities."

Through Jackson's advisement, improvement is already in effect. The district opened the Community Campus (Full

Circle program) to support opportunities for students in transition and post-secondary success.

Full Circle is an upscale resale shop and a subsidiary of the Association of Retarded Citizens, providing opportunity for students with special needs to develop social and occupational skills in a community setting. The district voted to take over operation during its last meeting.

"One of the biggest successes just coming to Grosse Pointe is their forethought in their meeting the post-secondary needs of the students with that Full Circle program," Jackson said.

"That is something that is best practice and it is something other districts can model in how to meet their needs within the community."

## School briefs

### North, South concert

Prepare blankets and lawn chairs — the Grosse Pointe North and South instrumental music students perform their annual concert outdoors on the front lawn at North.

The concert is 7 p.m., Thursday, May 26, and is free to all. Snacks are available for a nominal fee.

Should it rain, the event moves indoors.

### South choir performance set for June

The four Grosse Pointe South choirs showcase graduating seniors in their show, "Broadway 2011" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center.

glee, advanced women and Pointe Singers perform songs from Broadway musicals.

The concert is at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 3-4. Tickets are on sale at Posterity: A Gallery or online at gpsouth-choir.org.

### Used book sale

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment Board of Delegates is hosting a used book sale.

The fundraiser is from 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The non-profit group uses proceeds from its fundraisers to support learning activities in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Donations of children's used books, DVDs and CDs suitable for kindergarteners to high school seniors are being accepted.

Donations can be made at any of the three drop-off locations — Grosse Pointe War Memorial, any of the Grosse Pointe school libraries and select area coffee shops.

Games, volunteer readers, music, dancing, snacks and refreshments are provided.

For more information, contact the foundation via e-mail at gpfae@groups.facebook.com.

### South car wash

The Grosse Pointe South baseball team is hosting its annual car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at the Fifth-Third Bank on Kercheval.

## Out to the ball game



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Maire Elementary School's service and safety squad and student council enjoying an afternoon Detroit Tigers baseball game at Comerica Park.

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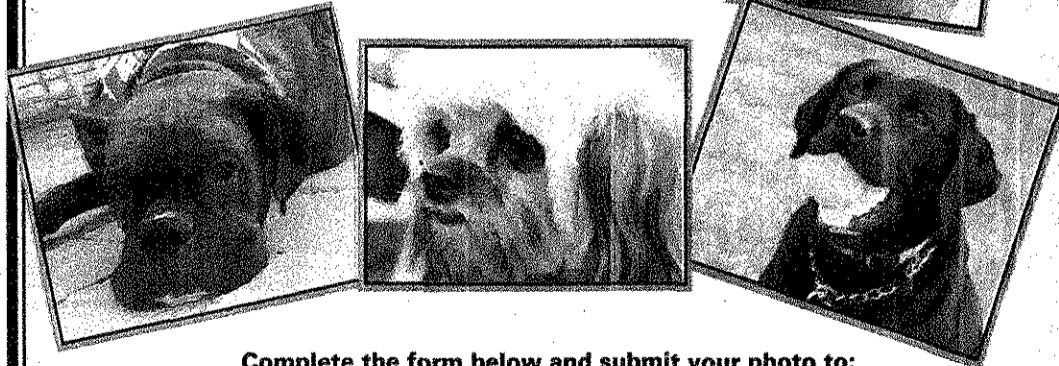
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# Teacher of the week

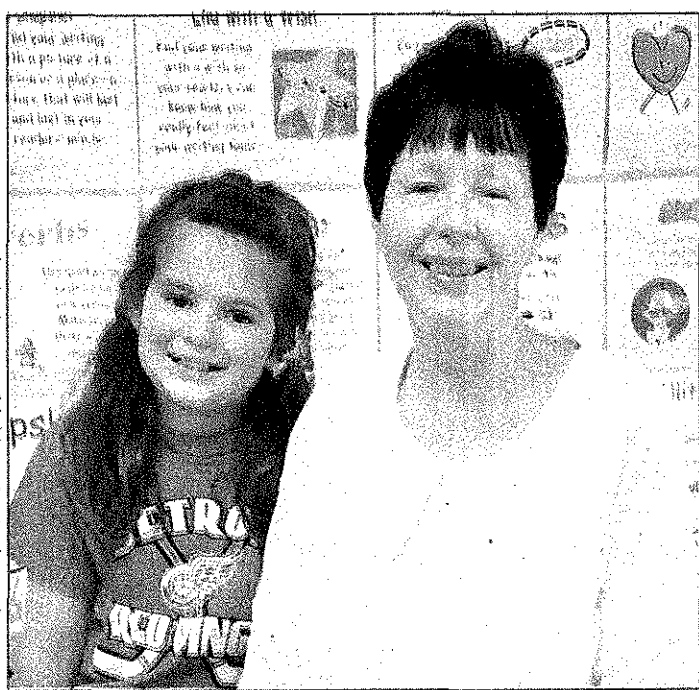


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Second-grade teacher Sandra Lombard with Hannah Lapensee, the student who nominated her.

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

This week, it's Monteith Elementary School second-grade teacher Sandra Lombard.

She was nominated by Hannah Lapensee: "Miss Lombard is an incredible teacher. She helps me with reading, writing, math, science and everything else. Each student wrote a persuasive essay to a cute stuffed bunny to convince the bunny to go home with him or her. After each student read on the microphone and the bunny was deciding who to go home with, enough friends joined the bunny so that each student took a bunny home.

"Personalized books with photos and text are given to each student as well. The love, patience, kindness and incredible dedication to the children makes Miss Lombard the kind of teacher I will never forget. I will love her forever."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school:** I have worked for 12 years at Monteith.

**Previous work:** Lee Warras hired me in 1987 to teach at Kerby Elementary School. Previous teaching experience was at a parochial school.

**Why did you become a teacher:** My mother, Charlene Lombard, taught in elementary school, middle school, high school and in adult education, with majors in English, French,

business education and Social Science. She is truly the highest example for others to follow, both in teaching and in her personal life.

I spent many evenings in her classroom, helping her to prepare for the week's lessons. Now, she comes to work with me and is an amazing teacher and mentor.

**What do you enjoy most about teaching:** Our principal, Keith Howell, continually generates new ideas. He is willing to meet with us personally and to stretch our professional limits so that each child will experience optimal learning. It is invigorating to integrate these ideas into educational practice.

**How do you feel about being**

**nominated:** I am only a representative of my colleagues at Monteith, who are dedicated to providing students with the best education possible each day.

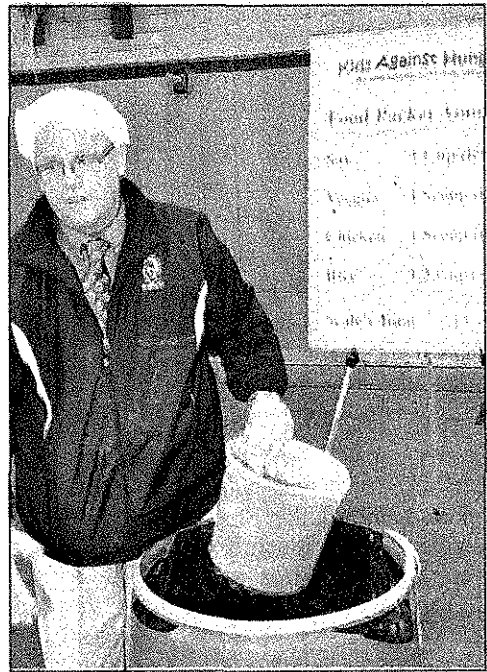
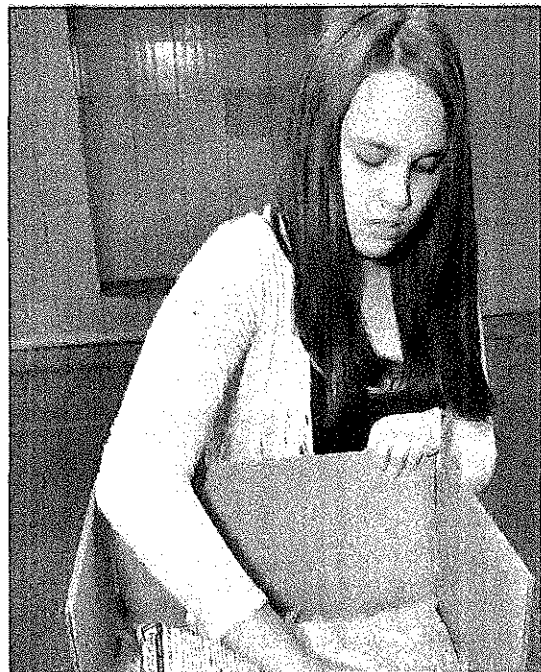
### Nominations needed

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.

To send nominations, contact A.J. Hakim via e-mail at [ajhakim@grossepointenews.com](mailto:ajhakim@grossepointenews.com).



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, Babe Carlisle packs the bags into boxes. There were 10,000 bags in all.

Right, Pierce principal Gary Buslepp refills a bucket of soy granules.

## Stopping hunger

Brownell, Parcels and Pierce Middle Schools students participated in a Kids Against Hunger event at Parcels.

The 72 students packaged

10,000 bags of food, with one-third benefitting Wolverine Human Services in its community centers for children, another third for children statewide, and the final third

for children in other countries.

A gift from the Anne R. Hudson Memorial Fund to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education helped fund the event.

## A Day in the life

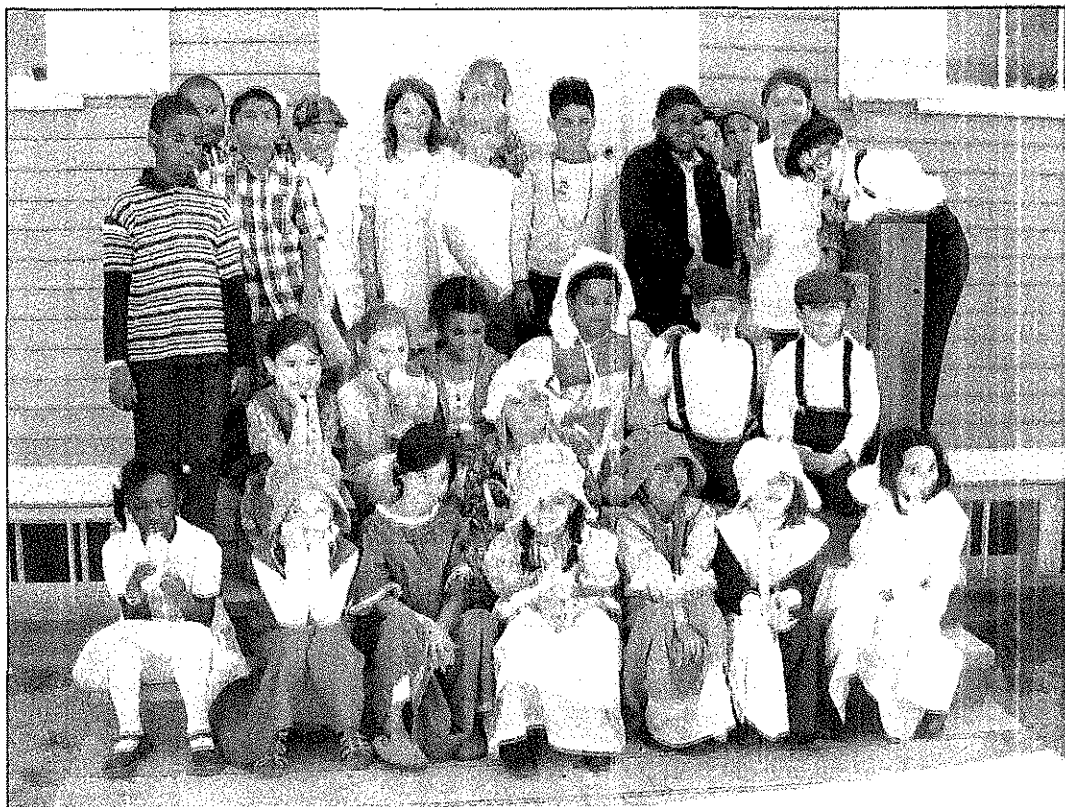


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Defer Elementary School teacher Lynn Konczal's second-grade class experienced life inside Miller School, a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1800s, during a recent field trip to Greenfield Village. To authenticate the occasion, students donned attire representative of the era, and used slate boards and chalk and shared books.

## Pierce students take home gold

Training, researching and writing began in October for the Pierce Middle School seventh-graders competing in the 25th Michigan Social Studies Olympiad.

And the nearly six months preparing for the state level paid off as the students are now state champions.

Run similarly to the Olympics, the event, open to students in grades four to 12, themed, "The Future, Life in the Year 2111," featured on-site and off-site competitions across the state. Students were awarded with gold, silver and bronze medals, with Pierce receiving 18 golds, six silvers, a bronze and two honorable mentions.

More than 50 schools participated in the event.

The students earned gold medals in quiz bowl (last

year's team placed third), original drama script, historical biography (Grace Muawad portrayed Theodore Geisel as Dr. Seuss), persuasive essay (Lauren Pankin wrote about the right to die) and collage poster (Anna Piccione).

Piccione's poster, depicting her vision of a future with hovercrafts and the Earth used for green space, was donated for display at the request of the Walter P. Chrysler Museum.

It's on display through Tuesday, May 31.

"I am especially proud of my Olympians because they chose to compete in what are, historically, the most difficult events requiring the greatest effort and long-term commitment," teacher Jeannie Brousseau said.



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Left, Pierce seventh-grader Anna Piccione.

Above, Piccione's artistic poster of the future was requested for display by the Walter P. Chrysler Museum, where it is through Tuesday, May 31.

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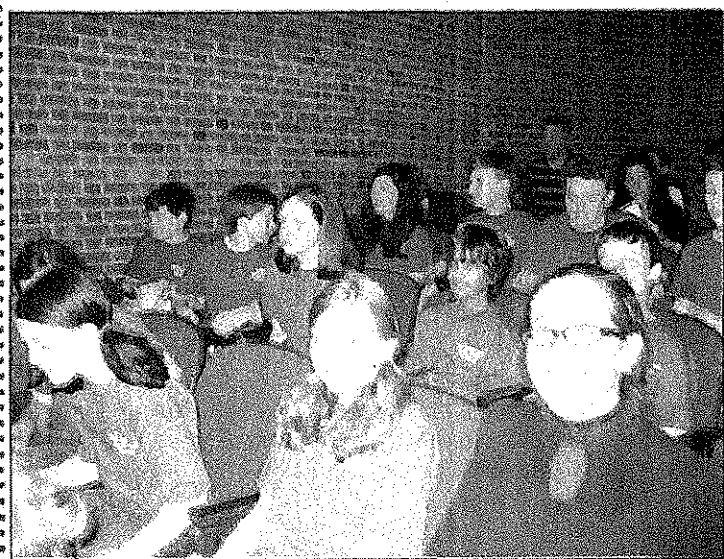


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Pierce Middle School's on-site team at the opening ceremonies held at Fraser High School. Front row, from left, Nina White, Hannah Connors and Lauren Pankhurst, dressed as Madame Curie. Middle row, from left, Daniel Kuhnlein, J.D. Norris, Gianna Manchester, Evan Arora and Garrett Weidig. Top row, from left, Olivia Lang, Matthew Kennedy, Devlin Francis and Michael Rose.

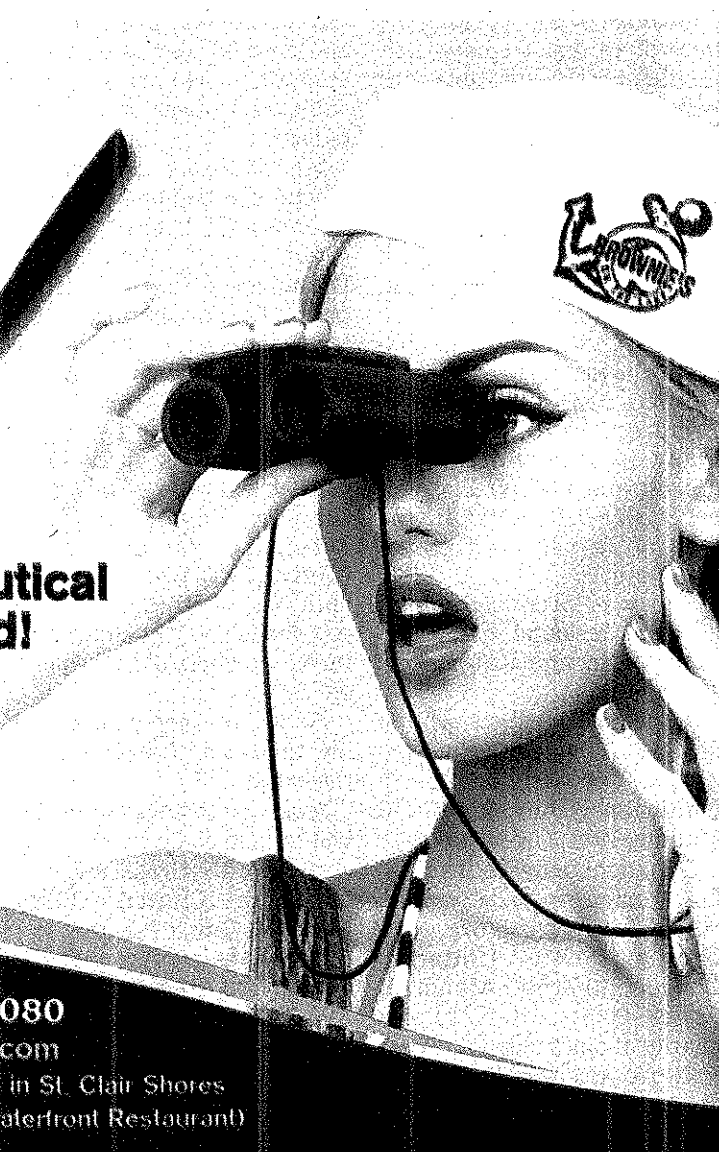
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# OBITUARIES

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.

## Frederica S. Rentschler

A funeral Mass for Frederica S. Rentschler will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Monsignor Halfpenny of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church will officiate.

Mrs. Rentschler, a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident, passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, in Palm Beach, Fla., after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

## Lois Mangus Scott

Lois Mangus Scott, nee Dupuis, died Sunday, April 10, 2011. She was 84.

Born Oct. 21, 1926, she was fiercely proud of being from Detroit, where she was born, educated, resided and brought a special brand of kindergarten teaching to many hundreds of children, mostly on the eastside.

Lois was a 1944 graduate of Mackenzie High School, later earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University.

She taught at several schools, including Clark and Guyton elementary schools and Burton International School. She also served as a consultant and curriculum developer for Title I programs and Early Childhood Education.

Upon her 1987 retirement, this record was celebrated in a commendation by then-Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young.

She later served as a consultant on teacher training for Michigan State University.

Music was a large part of Lois' life. She played "a little" piano and guitar and sang in the choir at Mackenzie and WSU, often performing there in the annual production of "The Messiah." She sang in the Guyton school chorus and that of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, of which she was a member for 50 years.

Lois was a patron of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and of Chamber Music at the Scarab Club and the Kerrytown Concert House. She enjoyed attending a wide range of other musical and cultural events, often including jazz venues, enthusiastically in support of the area's and Detroit's finest performers.

Because of her touching the lives of so many others, Lois would rarely venture out without being greeted by a former student, parent or friend.

Lois is survived by her husband, Raymond Scott; children Beth (DeRyckere), Mark (Kay), Debbie (Leo) Connelly, Wendy (Biernat), Kevin (Andrea) and Ross; step-children, David, Deanna, Michael (Elaina), Jerry (Ramona) and Jennifer (Paul) Naife and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lois was especially influential in the lives of Jennifer and grandson, Sean.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Robert S. Mangus Sr. and son, Robert Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made in Lois's name to radio station WRCJ at wrdjfm.org, the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or a charity of one's choice.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Rebecca Joy Butler

Rebecca Joy "Becky" Butler, 20, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011, of pulmonary hypertension.

The daughter of Timothy and Beverly Butler, Becky was born May 7, 1991, in Taegue, South Korea, and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2009 where she played tennis.

She attended Purdue University and later transferred to Wayne State University. A business major, she was a proud member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Becky is survived by her parents; brother, Wynn Butler, also of Grosse Pointe Woods; grandparents, James E. and Hazel Goodale of Collierville, Tenn. and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She also is survived by her dear friend, Kyle Campbell of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A memorial service was held May 14 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or The Gift of Life, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Express condolences or share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## Richard Gordon Stanley

Richard "Dick" Gordon Stanley, 77, died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Born April 30, 1933, in Boston, Mr. Stanley completed military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas in 1950 and served a four-year enlistment in Germany during the Korean conflict. Upon completion of his assignment, he attended Boston University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. He lived and worked as a cost engineer and project manager in Massachusetts, Saudi Arabia and England before moving to Michigan in 1980.

Mr. Stanley will be remembered for his positive outlook on life and his friendly disposition. He was never happier than when making new friends at church, on his travels or at Starbucks or Trader Joe's. He delighted in introducing people to those he thought should meet.

He loved to travel, often visiting friends and family in Europe. He was an avid reader and enjoyed discussing books and ideas. He was a good cook, but never followed a recipe.

Mr. Stanley's concern for others who endured the same pulmonary disease as he, Alpha-1 Anti-trypsin Deficiency, afforded him opportunities for sharing his extensive research with physicians and patients to enable them to take an active role in treatment options.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his beloved wife of 24 years, Carole Hindle; children, Robert (Loretta) and Jennifer (Christopher) Wieland; grandchildren, Killian, Kate, Annabelle and Christophe and many members of his "collected" family.

He will be deeply missed by his family and friends around the world.

A service celebrating his life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to the Alpha-1 Foundation, 2937 SW 27th Avenue, Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133 or the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

## Michael "Mickey" Burke

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Michael "Mickey" Burke, 79, died Friday, May 13, 2011.

Born May 25, 1931, in Detroit, he was the youngest son of Cyril J. and Estelle Burke of Grosse Pointe Park. He graduated from Malvern Preparatory School in Malvern, Pa. and the Villanova School of Business at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. After college, Mr. Burke enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps, where he was promoted to first lieutenant.

After leaving the Marines, he joined Cyril J. Burke Inc., a company his father, founded in 1927. He eventually became president and chairman of the company that later became Burke Equipment Co. and Burke Rental Inc.

Mr. Burke was active in charitable and social organizations. He served as a board member emeritus for Lourdes Nursing Home, co-chair, along with his wife, of the Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, member of the Otsego Ski Club where he served as the first chairman of the club's advisory board of directors, president of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Men's Guild, board member of Michigan National Bank, board member of Michigan National Bank Leasing Co., member of St. John Hospital and Medical Center board of trustees, president of Detroit Area Construction Equipment Dealers Association, member of the board of the Grosse Pointe Academy and member of The Hundred Club. In 2007, Mr. Burke and his wife, Sharon, were named distinguished volunteers of the year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Additionally, he was a life member of the Detroit Athletic Club and a member of the Country Club of Detroit and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Burke is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon Ann (nee Kelly); children, Kevin Michael (Amy Callaway), Kelly Oliver (Peter), Brian Patrick (Carol Hagermoser), Sean Timothy (Kerryann Wallace) and eight grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother, John C. Burke.

A funeral service was held May 18 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. John Hospital Cardiology and St. John Hospice, c/o St. John Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Arrangements were handled by Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home, Mount Clemens. Memorials can be left online at Michael-Burke.Forever Missed.com.

## Margarete Dennis

Margarete Dennis, 73, died Thursday, May 12, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

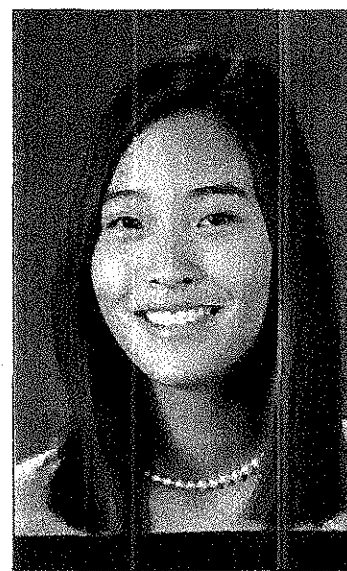
She was born in Heuchling, Germany in 1938 and came to the United States in 1951. She lived briefly in Mundelein, Ill., and then moved to Detroit.

After finishing high school, she got a job at Detroit Bank & Trust, later Comerica, where she enjoyed a 35-year career. She started in bookkeeping, became a teller, and eventually launched a long-term career in information systems, where she retired as a senior systems analyst.

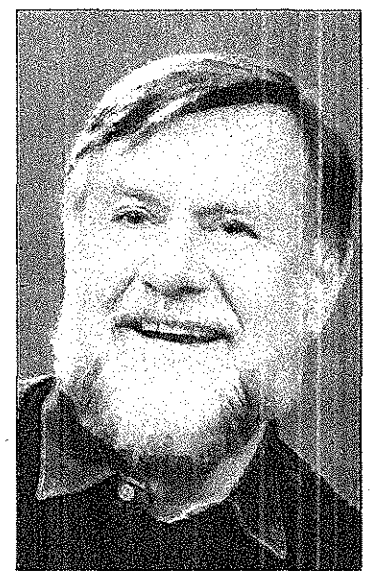
It was at Detroit Bank & Trust where she met Wilfred, who became her husband of



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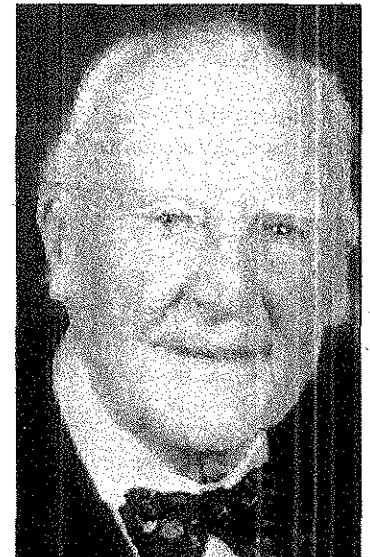
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Margarete Dennis



The Honorable John Feikens

51 years.

Mrs. Dennis was a great cook and avid reader. She was an active grandparent and loved attending her grandchildren's activities and sporting events.

Mrs. Dennis is survived by her beloved husband, Wilfred E.; mother, Helen Weber; children, Donna (Brian) Satterfield and Marianne (Dan) Schermerhorn and grandchildren, Emily and Kate Satterfield and Maggie and Jack Schermerhorn. She also is survived by her brother, Otto (Betsy) Weber.

She was predeceased by her father, Joseph Weber.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

## The Honorable John Feikens

Former U.S. District Judge John Feikens, 93, died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at his home.

He was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Clifton, N.J. and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College, Grand Rapids in 1939, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan in 1941.

Judge Feikens practiced law in Detroit, where he headed the firm of Feikens, Dice, Sweeney and Sullivan before taking the bench. He received an honorary degree from the University of Detroit in 1979, and from the Detroit College of Law in 1981. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Calvin College in 1972.

Judge Feikens received his appointment from President Richard M. Nixon as a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan on Dec. 1, 1970. He became chief judge Oct. 4, 1979, and served in that capacity until March 1, 1986, at which time he took senior status.

Among many other affiliations, Judge Feikens served as Michigan's Republican state chairman from 1953-57; co-chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission from 1964-68; member, board of trustees, New Detroit, Inc., from 1968-70; member, board of trustees of Calvin College, from 1968-74 and member, committee of visitors of the University of Michigan Law School.

Judge Feikens was predeceased in 2007 by his wife of 67 years, Henriette D. Schulthouse.

He is survived by his children, Jon (Beth), Susan (Norman) Sevensma, Barbara

(Luke) Reinsma, Julie (Ric) Vanderhaagen and Robert (Beverly); grandchildren, Jeff Feikens, David (Eileen) Feikens, Kristin (Jason) Jorgensen, Karlin (Mike Tyson) Sevensma, AnnElise (Mike) Kastelin, Nathaniel Reinsma, Marika Reinsma, Sarah (Chris Verkaik) Vanderhaagen, Laura (Sam) Gustafson, Kimberly (James) Stephens, Eric (Holly) Feikens and Julie Feikens and great-grandchildren, Emma Feikens, Julia Feikens, Jack Feikens, Nadia Tyson, Autumn Tyson, Paul Stephens and Charlotte Kastelin. He also is survived by his sister, Pearl VanderHart and sister-in-law, Dot Bel.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Calvin College, designating the John Feikens Pre-Law Scholarship, and sent to Calvin College Development, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Express condolences at verheyden.org.

## Rita J. Vermilion

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Rita J. Vermilion, 84, died Thursday, May 12, 2011.

Born April 10, 1927, in Detroit, to Simon and Angelina DeMaggio, she attended St. John Berchman Elementary School and St. Anthony High School.

She married Salvatore "Mark" Vermilion in 1947 and moved with him to his family farm near Los Angeles. The couple later moved to Detroit, where Mrs. Vermilion supported her husband as he finished his undergraduate degree and dental school.

Graced with a beautiful soprano voice, Mrs. Vermilion was known to burst into song at a moment's notice. She enjoyed performing and sang with several choral groups, including the Judelaires, the Tuesday Musicals of Detroit and the choirs of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. She performed as a soloist and in choruses for numerous charity variety shows and the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

She also sang at weddings and funerals for family and friends. Her repertoire included everything from Broadway show tunes to classical pieces to sacred music.

When their children were grown, Mrs. Vermilion and her husband fostered several babies whom they tenderly cared for until the children were adopted.

Several years after her husband died of cancer, she married Gus Redmond, a dear friend of the couple. Mr.



Rita J. Vermilion

Redmond, also succumbed to cancer a few years later.

Mrs. Vermilion participated in the Stephen Ministry at her most recent parish, St. Mary of the Hills in Rochester Hills. She was a hospital gift shop volunteer at Beaumont Hospital in Troy and the former Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

An enthusiastic bridge player, she belonged to several bridge groups and also enjoyed a variety of card games and rummikub. Most recently she assembled hundreds of challenging jigsaw puzzles with caregivers and friends.

She loved gardening and always created cheerful flower beds for her home. She enjoyed knitting and made blankets and baby items for the special people in her life.

A gracious hostess, Mrs. Vermilion loved preparing her special recipes and hosted many parties and family celebrations at her home. She enjoyed traveling and visited many countries, but her favorite travel was to visit her siblings, children and grandchildren throughout the country.

Imbued with a wonderful sense of humor, she kept everyone laughing and looking at the bright side of life, even during her struggle following a massive stroke.

Mrs. Vermilion is survived by her children, Mark A. Vermilion, Joseph M. Vermilion and Mary Rose Vermilion Ph.D.; sister, Theresa Cantlon; seven grandchildren; stepchildren, Tom, Jim, Rick, Steve and Mary Redmond and their families; many nieces and nephews, and the loving caregivers who befriended her during her infirmity.

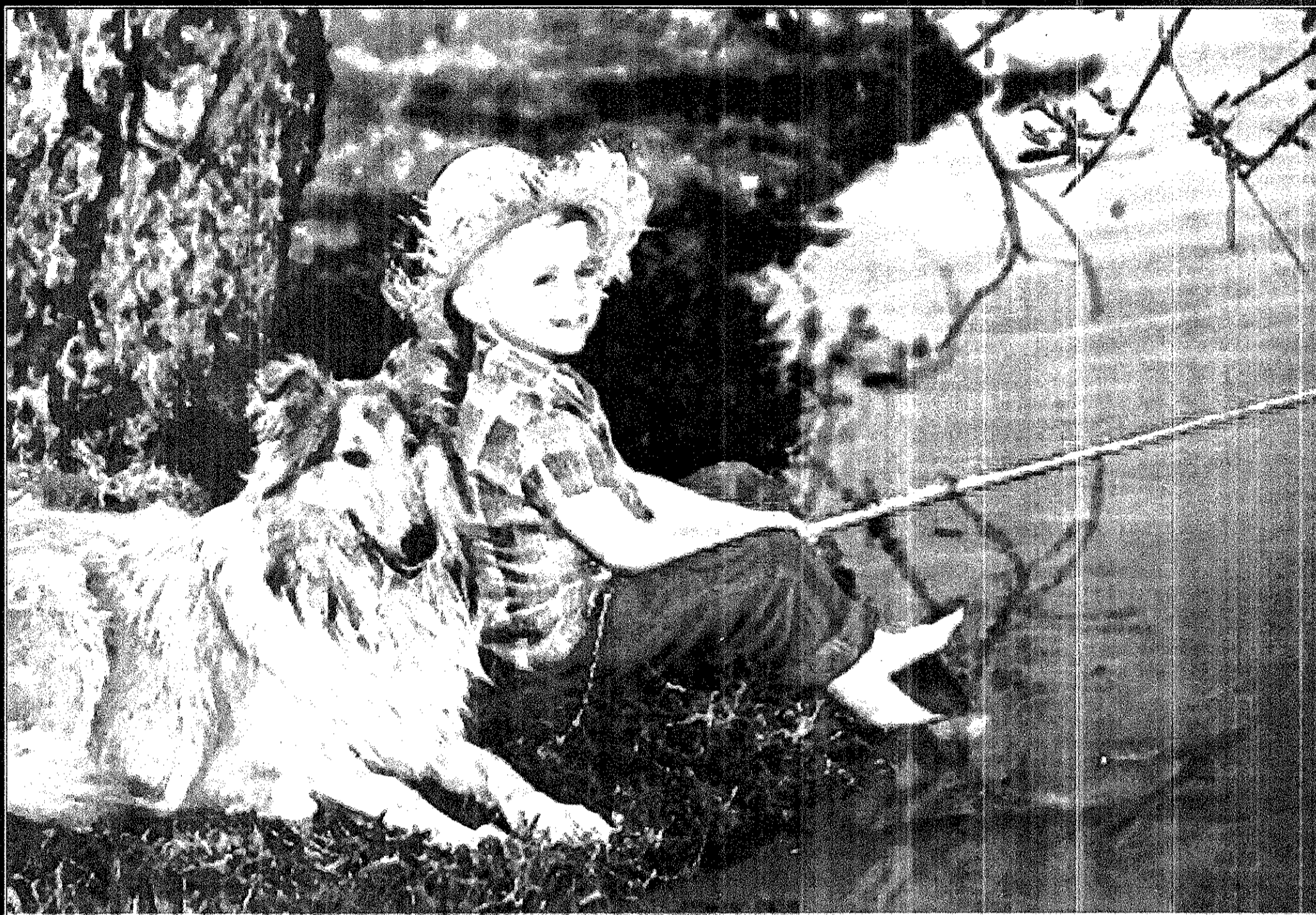
Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road, Troy. A scripture service will be held at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Visitation begins at 9 a.m.

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From our readers

# Through her strength and our memories, every day is Mother's Day

By Penny Faber Milliman  
Special to the Grosse Pointe News

Her name was Connie and she was my mother.

It began innocently enough. My mother was 10 years old and the year was 1941. It was springtime in Grosse Pointe. The kind of day where heavy woolen coats that had seen the worst of winter were flung in piles on the playground at St. Clare of Montefalco.

The next day Connie came down with a cold that worsened to rheumatic fever and she was bedridden for nearly a year.

She had to learn to walk again and her heart sustained irreparable damage to the mitral and aortic valves. Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin would be available at the corner pharmacy within four years and would nearly eradicate the disease, but not soon enough for my mother.

Although much more fragile, Connie went back to school the following year. She joined the Detroit Yacht Club swim team against the wishes of my grandparents, George and Lucille Curran, who constantly worried about the physical limitations of their daughter.

Connie decided to compete in a swim race to Bob Lo Island and the teenager in her neglected to inform her parents. When the Coast Guard pulled her from the Detroit River during the race, my mother had suffered the first of the many strokes that would chart her life.

Connie married my father, Bill Faber Jr., at the age of 22, but her weakened heart brought warnings from doctors not to bear children. Undeterred, my parents wel-

comed their first-born, my brother, just nine months later. Again the warnings came, but my mother's dream of a big family brought me along nearly three years later.

The next seven years brought five more children and cardiac arrest with my youngest sibling. Both my Mom and baby sister survived, but at 33, my mother's heart had simply worn out and she was quickly slipping away from us.

It was June of 1965 and my father ushered my brother and I into my Mom's hospital room at Bon Secours where a priest stood at her bedside.

She wasn't expected to make it through the night we were told as the priest recited the last rites. Only 8 years old, I remember holding her hand and complaining about a recent haircut one of her sisters had given me. My only concern was that she please fix it when she returned home.

When the sun came up, my mother was still alive which bought the doctors' time. They approached my father with the suggestion of open heart surgery, which was still in its infancy in the '60s. The surgery was risky, but my 33-year-old mother of seven children under the age of 10 was playing her last card.

My distraught father gave the doctors the green light.

My mother made medical history with the placement of one of the first teflon heart valves and came home to us during the waning days of that summer.

Although doctors predicted Mom would only live another five years, her will to live championed again and she was there beaming at my high



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Penny Faber Milliman, right, with her expectant mother, Connie, and brother Bill Faber in a 1958 photo taken for a Mother's Day section of the Detroit News.

school graduation, my college graduation and dressed in powder blue on my wedding day. She loved my husband, Dirk, and we grew even closer before she finally left us in the spring of 1986. She was only 54 years old.

My mother was sick or in the hospital often, due to nine strokes and several surgeries

and had an oxygen tank by her bed at all times.

I remember my six brothers and sisters and I sneaking past the nurses at Bon Secours and Beaumont Hospital so we could all say goodnight to her all at once. In later years, when we lived on Kensington in the Park, we would walk to Bon Secours to see her after school.

Yet, I don't think of her in solely that way. I remember the woman who was always smiling. Who sang to the radio while she cooked breakfast for her large family. Who would return from a lengthy hospital stay and pile us all in the station wagon for a trip to Kmart to buy a book of our choice.

I remember the woman who

taught us how to make a "Fox and Geese" trail in the snow and play "Kick the Can" in the summer. The woman who always made sure our birthday cakes were homemade and not store-bought.

And the woman who, while hospitalized, would slip from room to room cheering up fellow patients while dragging her I.V. pole behind her. Although it stole so much from her, she never let her sickness get her down. I can honestly say that I can never recall her bemoaning her lot in life. Not once. In fact, she felt God had blessed her.

When she died, Connie left behind a husband, seven children and five grandchildren. Against all odds, she lived long enough to see five of her children marry and enjoy a brief stint as a grandmother. Since then there have been more weddings and the arrival of 17 more grandchildren.

The woman who was warned that bearing children would cut her life short has a legacy of 38 family members today. In both her and my father's honor, this close-knit group gathers twice annually from around the country. And although it's been 24 years since I last saw my mother's beautiful smile, I still feel her presence and strength.

I hold onto the memory of her laughter and her ability to always see the gift of each day and the hope of every tomorrow.

*Penny Faber Milliman, a former Grosse Pointer, is a photographer, artist and newspaper publisher. She lives in Haslett with her husband, Dirk, and two children, Callan and Logan.*

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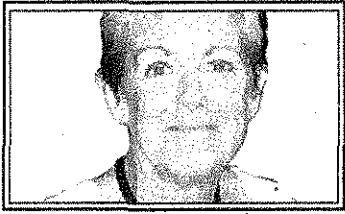
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**Grosse Pointe News**



**AUTOS** By Jenny King

# Mazda5 puts beauty atop practicality



**M**azda is wrapping its re-designed 2012 Mazda5 in a stylish exterior that, with its wavy sides, can't help but turn heads.

Yet Mazda promises this six-passenger vehicle is ready to deal with family life, plus a variety of uses suited for a small mini van.

Tagged a "multi-activity vehicle" by the company, it features a diminutive third row with seating for two, plus second-row captain's chairs with walk-through space between. Mazda has given the Mazda5 theater-style seating, with second and third rows raised slightly to provide back-seaters good visibility and relieves the "stuck-in-the-back" complaining.

Mazda notes the second-row captain-style seats should cut back on children whining about another invading their personal space.

Our time with the 2012 Mazda5 was brief, but pleasant. The driver enjoys a sense of space with good visibility and easy-to-reach controls.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING



The 157-horsepower 2.5-liter MZR 14 engine comes with either a six-speed manual transmission or a five-speed auto-

matic. This engine replaces a smaller 2.3-liter four, yet matches the fuel efficiency of the smaller four, Mazda says.

**Mazda is following the current minivan design trend with wavy sides to soften its practical, utilitarian abilities. Mazda calls its 2012 Mazda5 six-passenger vehicle a multi-activity vehicle.**

The company adds the sixth gear on the manual is "tall," allowing for earlier shifting and a more quiet, fuel-efficient operation at higher speeds.

Mazda's Active Adaptive Shift design provides the new five-speed automatic transmission with the performance and response Mazda Zoom-Zoomers expect, the company says.

Part-throttle downshifts are delivered in sync with the

nudge of the accelerator during passing. When the car is braked aggressively, the transmission also downshifts to add engine braking, according to the company.

Mazda says this same 2.5-liter engine powers its Mazda3, Mazda6 and CX-7 nameplates. It is rated at 21 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway.

This puts the Mazda5 at the head of the fuel economy pack

among competing minivans, the company says.

**Mini versus mini**

The 2012 Mazda5 has an overall length of 180.5 inches, a width of 68.9 inches, all sitting on a 108.3-inch wheelbase. This helps give it adequate passenger space and the short front and rear overhangs enable better handling and parking ease, Mazda says. The vehicle's turning circle is 36.7 feet.

The Honda Odyssey minivan, in comparison, rides on a 118-inch wheelbase, an overall length of 202.9 inches, is 79.2 inches wide and 68.4 inches tall. It has the same 36.7-foot turning circle.

The Mazda5 continues with sliding rear side doors, which hug the vehicle when open. Mazda and others experimented in the past with front-hinged rear side doors which tend to be quite wide. The sliders work much better in a tight parking space or the garage.

Mazda says it increased the suspension spring rates to address linear roll and improve straight-line stability at highway speeds. Stiffness is increased in the lower arm mount front suspension bushings for a more direct, linear feel to steering, Mazda reports.

Mazda says this new multi-activity vehicle adapts to practical, haul-everyone-around living or to an active-lifestyle existence, which seems to mean packing up your mountain bike and surf board and spending the weekend conquering nature.

The split third-row seats fold beautifully into the floor of the cargo area. Best we could do with the second-row

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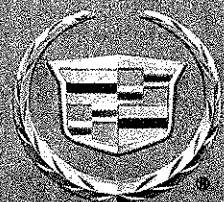
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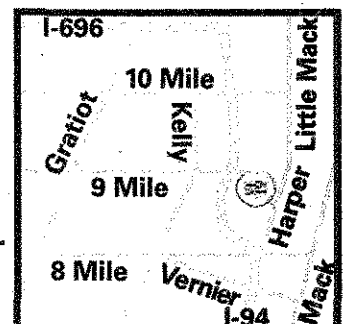
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**MAZDA5: Redesigned for 2012**

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seats was remove their headrests and push their backs atop the seats. The resulting storage space is not completely flat and did not appear to be able to accommodate bikes with both wheels in place.

The third row seat accommodates two, but there is almost no legroom. The second-row seats can be moved fairly far forward, but then those passengers may be not content.

The 2012 Mazda5 is available in three trim levels: entry-level Sport, Touring and top-grade Grand Touring. The Sport has either a six-speed manual or five-speed automatic transmission.

Standard features include 16-inch alloy wheels with all-season tires, power mirrors, air conditioning, power windows and door locks, AM/FM/CD/MP3 stereo with

six speakers, remote keyless entry system and steering wheel-mounted audio and cruise controls.

The Touring is equipped with a five-speed automatic transmission, 17-inch alloy wheels, rear liftgate spoiler, fog lamps, Bluetooth hands-free phone and audio and leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. It is available with a power moonroof, in-dash 6-disc CD changer and Sirius satellite radio.

The top-of-the line Grand Touring model adds a power moonroof, xenon headlights, automatic on/off headlights, heated door mirrors, rain-sensing windshield wipers, driver's seat lumbar support adjustment, heated front seats, in-dash 6-disc CD changer, leather-trimmed seats and Sirius satellite radio.

The test Mazda5 was a Grand Touring model with a \$23,875 price tag and starts at just more than \$19,000.

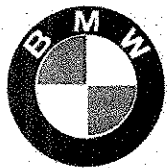
The front-drive Mazda5 is assembled in Hiroshima, Japan.

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Second-row passengers enjoy captain-style seats with arm rests, above. Third row seats disappear into the floor of the Mazda5 cargo area, right.



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Honda is back in the game with its new CR-Z, so don't hesitate if you're looking for a small, fun, sporty and economical car all in one.

# 2011 Honda CR-Z Hybrid



but offers real get up and go punch when driven in sport mode. Sport mode is one of three push button driving selections available to the driver, the others being normal and economy.

**T**his week, it's Honda's all-new "retro" 2011 CR-Z 3-door we're driving, complete with a Hybrid integrated motor assist and idle stop feature — base price: \$22,560; price as tested: \$23,310.

Starting at \$19,315 for the entry level model, CR-Z also comes as a CR-Z EX, \$20,905; and the top line CR-Z ES Navi, \$22,560. There's no difference mechanically, as technology and stereo features make up most of the difference.

I call CR-Z a retro because it sure brings back memories of past Hondas, especially the Insight, which was the first hybrid to grace U.S. highways in 1999. That Insight was even smaller and lighter, and featured a 3-door hatchback with a difficult to see out of rear window. Also similar to the original Insight is CR-Z's lack of second row seats and the hybrid-developed electric motor assist — good for 13 horses.

In looking at yesteryear, CR-Z also isn't too far removed from Honda's CR-X, another popular Honda two-seater from the 1980s.

However, just as Honda scored big points bringing Insight to market 12 years ago, the manufacturer receives kudos from this writer for offering a car aimed at a younger demographic that not only gets 37 miles per gallon highway,

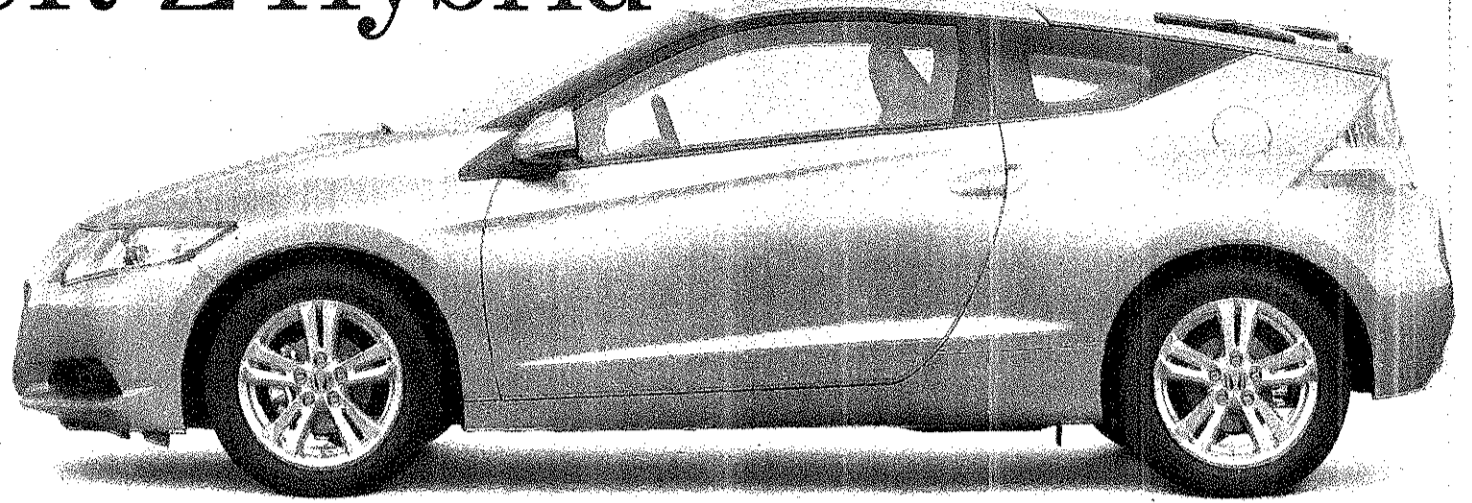
Although one may think 37 mpg highway isn't that great for a small hybrid, I, too, felt the same initially. However, my 21-year-old son and co-driver quipped; "what's better...a fun car for a young driver with a heavier foot that gets 19 mpg or one that can deliver 31 and 37 (EPA estimates, city/highway) even when driven on the tougher side?"

Thus, the genes of this automobile offer a sporty little car that packs some real punch in a small package. Power comes from a 122-horsepower 1.5-liter 4-cylinder producing 128 pound-feet of torque. And CR-Z responds with authority, thanks to its overall weight — or lack thereof — and dimensions. Specifically, CR-Z is the smallest car sold in America and weighs 2,637 pounds.

Our tester came with a 6-speed manual transmission, (to my knowledge another hybrid first for Honda) which allows 0 to 60 mph in about 8.4 seconds with some "quick shift" work. If you opt for the more conventional automatic CVT transmission, city mpg goes up to 35 while highway moves to 39.

Outside, you'll find CR-Z easy on the eyes with some nice styling touches and the hatchback feature. Inside, CR-Z's two-seat format is similar to current day siblings Insight and Fit.

Our tester came with the navigation system as standard

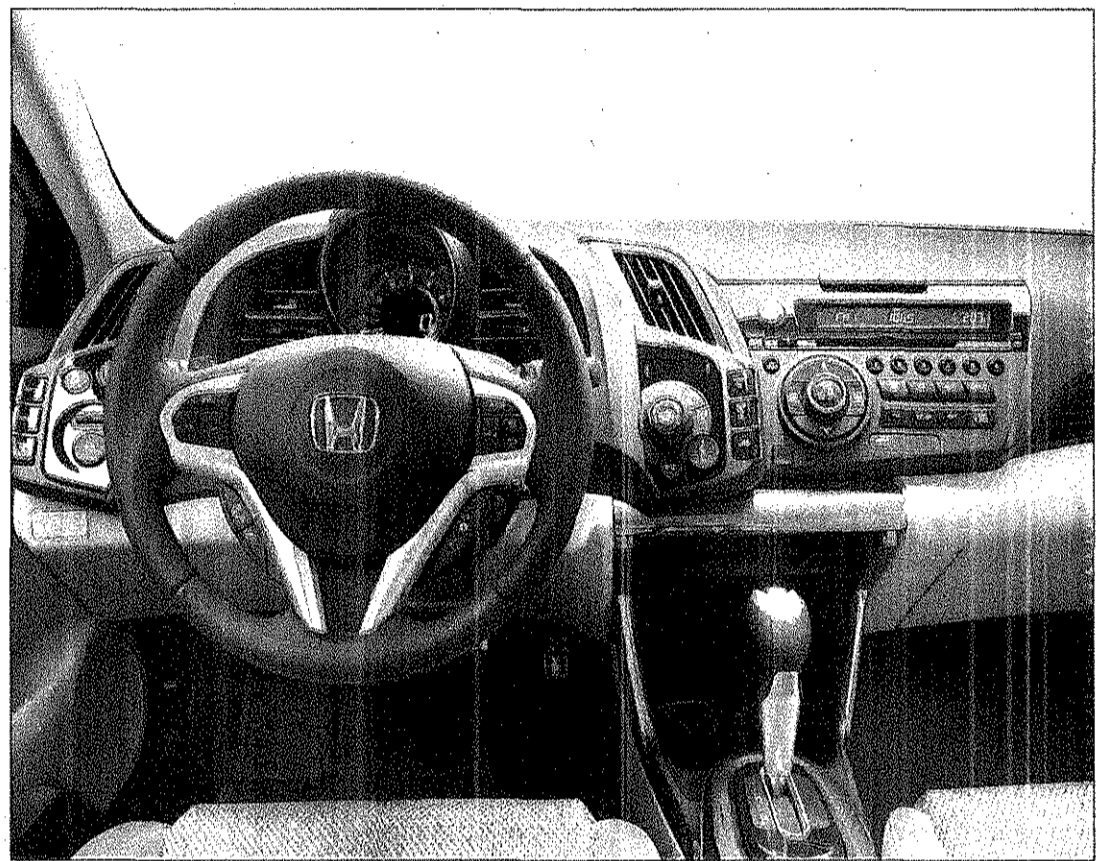


2011 Honda CR-Z Hybrid

equipment. I won't harp too much on "Navi" systems, as those who read my column know a \$79 Garmin will fill the bill. Instead of a back seat — which you can get in foreign countries — Honda offers a storage bin setup. I believe some sort of rear seat, even a fold down with small dimensions, would add to sales feasibility in the U.S. market.

Regardless of CR-Z model chosen, Honda delivers all of its top safety equipment including 4-wheel ABS disc brakes, vehicle stability with traction control, 16-inch tires on nice alloys (17s available and recommended), hill assist, electronic brake force, daytime running lamps, and way more.

As for creature comforts, a 360-watt 7-speaker MP3/WMA high-end stereo comes with the EX, as does all the powers, cruise, aluminum shifter, steering wheel controls, three cup holders for two people, rear defrost, tilt and telescopic wheel, great instrumentation, air conditioning, Bluetooth and much more. The suspension is MacPherson strut up front with a torsion beam rear setup



outback. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 95.6 inches, 10.6 gallon fuel tank, 35.4-foot turn diameter and 26.1 cubic

feet of cargo space behind the driver. Likes: Performance, fuel mileage, looks, Honda reliability, it's a hybrid.

Dislikes: Rear seat possible, so why not? Blind spots, rear visibility. Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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**Carol Dunitz** always knew she would write about a leading lady. What she didn't know is she would reach back to her childhood to find the perfect subject.

## French actress back on stage

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

As a young girl growing up in Detroit, Carol Dunitz was compared to French actress Sarah Bernhardt by her mother for Dunitz's childhood actions. Decades later, Dunitz is bringing that same actress to life in her one-woman, original musical, "Bernhardt on Broadway," at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Bernhardt, a star in the late 1800s through the early 1920s, is portrayed through stories and 11 songs written by Dunitz over the course of a year.

The "dramady," a combination of a drama, comedy and musical, came to life after the Ann Arbor resident read more than 100 books in both French and English about Bernhardt. During the two-hour performance, Dunitz speaks in English with a French accent and uses a smattering of Yiddish. She compares her style of music to that of Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Richard Rogers and George Gershwin.

"It is rich in terms of content and portrays a slice of life in the 1890s," Dunitz said of her material. "Historical buffs will enjoy it — and Francophiles.

"She (Bernhardt) played more than 150 roles, including young men," Dunitz said. "She starred in 'Hamlet' (playing Hamlet) at Stratford on Avon."

Bernhardt was the first superstar performing only in French and traveled around the world, coming to the United States nine times, Dunitz

said.

"She went everywhere and played to sell-out crowds. She had more than 1,000 marriage proposals. She was the most famous actress of her time. She was the first star to appear in a full length film. She was a real trail blazer. She knew how to market herself. She was progressive," Dunitz said.

Bernhardt, according to Dunitz, was also the first to endorse products, including perfume, automobiles, soap, make-up and wine.

Following graduation from University Liggett School, Dunitz earned degrees from Wayne State University and University of Michigan. At the latter, she earned a degree in speech, communication and theater. Using her degrees, Dunitz has made her living in marketing and advertising.

"I'm blessed with talents. If I don't do anything with it, I won't accomplish anything," she said.

With a talent for performance and an interest in theater, Dunitz said her interest came alive procuring a lead in a youth summer camp production of "Oklahoma" and fueled by seeing the musical, "Gypsy," at the old Shubert Theater in Detroit.

She said she knew someday she would write about a leading lady, presumably Ethel Merman or Bernadette Peters, but recalling her mother's comparison, Dunitz took up Bernhardt.

"I've always had a dream and now it was time to put my nickel down," she said of her endeavor.



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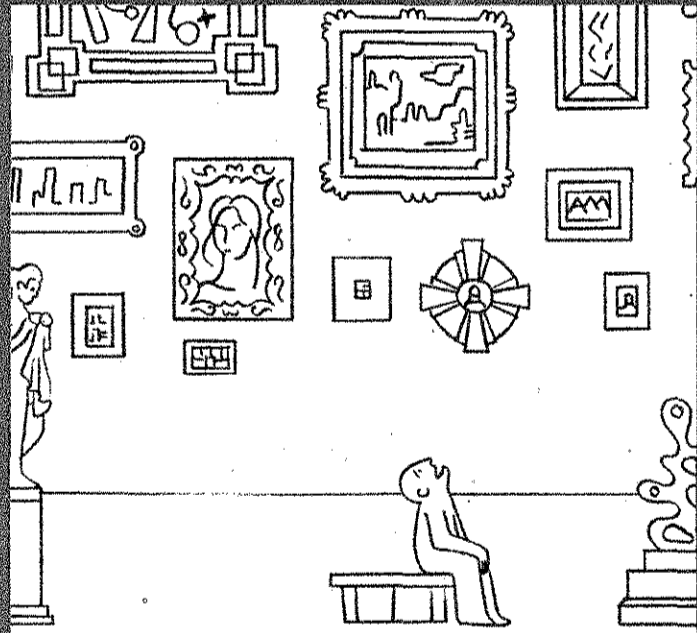
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# Soroptimists trafficking message saves Michigan woman's life

By Sally A. Schuman  
Special Writer

A Warren woman's life was saved due to the Grosse Pointe Soroptimists "Stop Trafficking" message.

For three years, the Soroptimists have been raising awareness and educating the public on human trafficking, becoming the "voice for the many women trapped in sexual slavery."

This year's presentation, "Human Trafficking: The Hidden Highway 2011" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial included testimony from Warren Police Department Officer Kevin Barnhill who helped rescue a Warren woman trafficked to Toledo, OH.

What he learned from a 2009 trafficking presentation, co-sponsored by the Soroptimists, sent off "red flags" while taking a report from a Warren mother regarding her missing daughter. His new knowledge led to the arrest of the man responsible for abducting the woman's daughter.

When arrested by Ohio police, the man was en route to Indianapolis to further traffic the woman. His arrest led to an ongoing FBI investigation of trafficking routes.



Standing, from left, Officer Kevin Barnhill, Warren Police Department; Katie LaRoche, 2010 Miss Michigan; Amy Allen, victim witness specialist, Department of Homeland Security; and Deena Policicchio, director of outreach, Alternative for Girls.

"Two weeks ago changed my whole perspective, Barnhill told the audience. "Trafficking became very real and I wondered, how many opportunities have I missed? When I heard, 'You saved a life today' chills went through my body and I had tears in my eyes."

Also speaking during the event, co-sponsored by Zonta International of Detroit, was Katie LaRoche, Miss Michigan 2010 and recipient of a Quality of Life Award for her commitment to community service.

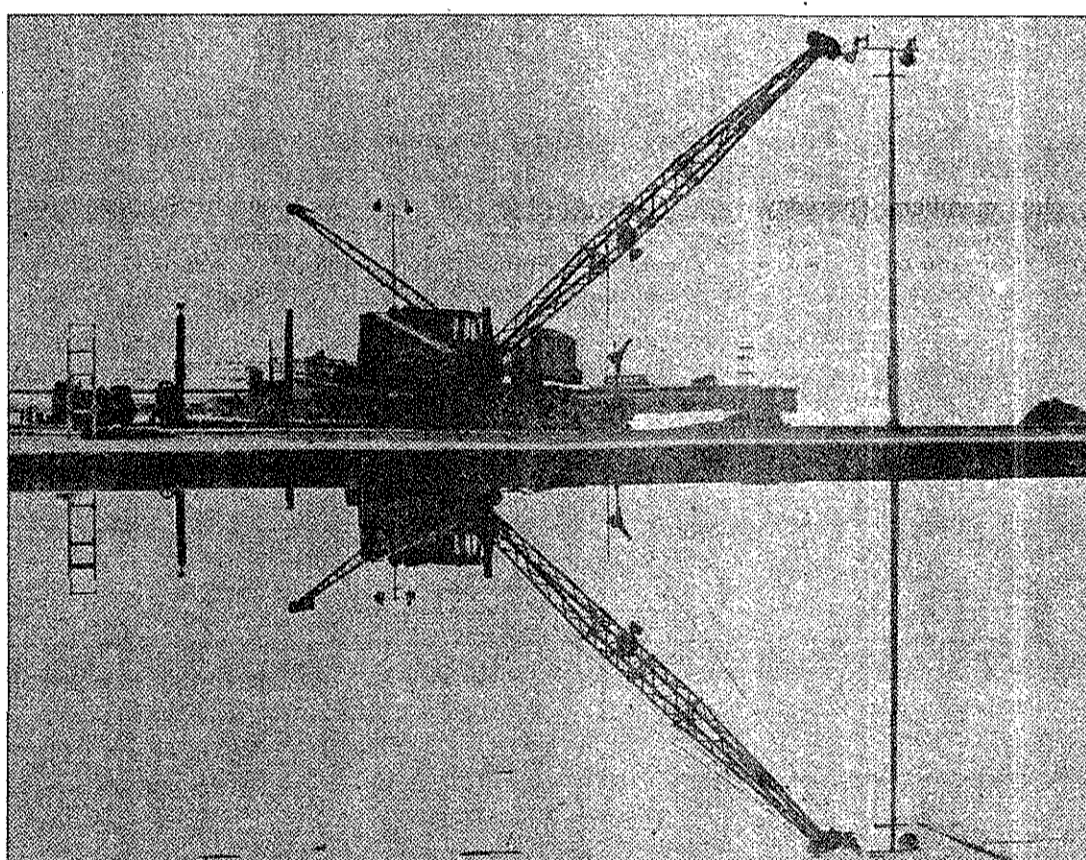
LaRoche said while in Central America, she saw

children's brothels in Belize and fought back by aiding anti-trafficking efforts in Nepal where young girls were being sold in the open market by the Snakeheads, the Chinese mafia.

LaRoche started a non-prof-

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### Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE MAY 18, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1961: Mechanical pattern

Still waters at the municipal pier in the City of Grosse Pointe formed a reflecting pool for the heavy equipment being used on the expansion and improvement program being conducted there.

**Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.**  
Compiled by Karen Fontanive

### 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **TWO DIE IN LAKESHORE ACCIDENT:** Speed claimed the lives of two persons and left one in the hospital in critical condition, the



Gregory S. Miller, a 1993 Graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was recently awarded a Doctoral Degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics from Wayne State University, Department of Biology. Dr. Miller has accepted a position as a Research Associate with the Wayne State Medical Department Of Pharmacology in collaboration with the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

aftermath of a crash on Lakeshore.

The driver, a 23-year-old Detroit man, was killed instantly; one of his companions, a 20-year-old Detroit man, died within four hours after the accident. Another passenger, a 19-year-old St. Clair Shores woman, was still in the hospital in critical condition.

The accident occurred as the driver was traveling south on Lakeshore, at a speed of 65 miles an hour or more, and was making the curve at the Macomb County border when he lost control and crashed into a tree east of the roadway.

◆ **CITY TO BUY 12 VOTING MACHINES:** Grosse Pointe City Council approved the purchase of 12 automatic voting machines at a cost of \$1,849 each, plus an estimated \$200 for shipping.

◆ **FARMS COUNCIL APPROVED RECORD BUDGET:** The Farms council passed a record budget for the fiscal year 1961-62 and approved retaining the same tax rate prevalent last year.

The approved budget is \$1,253,000, just \$16, 866 more than that of the 1960-61 budget, and the rate still remains \$17.37 per \$1,000 local assessed valuation.

The total assessed valuation of property in the Farms has been set at \$52,941,310.

### 1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **APPEALS COURT ORDERS EARLY ELECTION IN PARK:** A sweet victory for the city of Grosse Pointe Park turned sour with a Michigan Court of Appeals emergency ruling. The court overturned a decision by a circuit court judge granting the city its request to hold a special election with the primary in August. The appeals court ruled the election must be held between June 10 and June 20.

The firefighters, opposed to the planned merger of their department with the police department, were ecstatic after receiving the news.

◆ **ACADEMY AUCTION RAISES MORE THAN \$500,000:** The final receipts weren't in, but as of Monday morning, organizers of the Action Auction that raised funds for the Grosse Pointe Academy, had brought in more than \$500,000.

### 2001

10 years ago this week

#### ◆ **LOVER'S FIGHT CAUSES LOCKDOWN AT FERRY:**

The latest fight between a 15-year-old local girl and her live-in adult boyfriend literally spilled onto the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The spectacle sent the girl to the hospital with minor head injuries, forced the lockdown of an elementary school and frightened residents unfamiliar with police running through backyards with weapons drawn.

◆ **BLACK MARK:** Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers received several similar reports involving some sort of black tar or paint being dumped on the hoods of cars.

◆ **SCHOOLS TO SEE MORE MENTAL HEALTH HELP:** Grosse Pointe elementary and middle schools are likely to see increased mental health staffing in its buildings next school year.

The increase, as much as an additional half-time position in most schools, has been in response to parent surveys, a district middle school study recommendation and principal requests.

### 2006

Five years ago this week

#### ◆ **SUNRISE: IS IT RETAIL OR OFFICE?:**

Sunrise Development wants another bite of the apple.

A week after receiving permission to construct a four-store condominium complex in the Village shopping district, company officials have come back for more. Now they want to open a sales office in a first-floor Kercheval storefront.

◆ **DTE PROMISES MORE POWER:** This summer should be better — power-wise — for residents and businesses in the north end of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Last year, the residents and business owners there experienced a series of brownouts that left them furious.

◆ **POLICE CLOSE OPEN HOUSE PARTY:** Grosse Pointe Farms police ticketed nearly 30 residents from the Pointes and nearby suburbs, caught at an open house party on Roland. Three Pointers had prior convictions for underage drinking.



# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rotary's youth exchange student, Hugo Vergel, is the speaker.

## Ford house

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts Dorothy McLeer, a naturalist from the Environmental Interpretive Center in Dearborn, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21. She leads children in "Hunting for Habitat," a nature scavenger hunt. The cost is \$7.

For reservations, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

◆ The ninth annual International 5K Run/Walk for Celiac Disease is from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 22. For more information, visit [tccsg.com](http://tccsg.com).

◆ A behind the scenes tour of life as a staffer is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 28. The cost is \$15. For reservations, call (313) 884-4222.

## Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Harper Woods Rotary

The Harper Woods Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at Eastland Mall, in the lower conference, next to the security office.

For more information, call

Yvonne Barnard at (313) 886-1748, or Ellen Sue Tallant at [etallant@mac.com](mailto:etallant@mac.com).

## Le Leche League

The Le Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets Tuesday, May 24 at 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information and location, call Jessie at (313) 417-1944 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

## The Lake House

The Lake House, a resource for those touched by cancer, holds a free orientation at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and 5:15 p.m. Thursday, May 26.

The facility is located at 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

The phone number is (586) 777-7761.

## Soroptimist

The Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe holds an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Positive Images, Inc., 700 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

The house for addicted adult females and their families facing difficulties due to chemical dependency was refreshed via a \$7,000 grant from the Soroptimist.

## Women's Connection

In recognition of the Women's Connection 30th anniversary, Sandy Soifer, executive director of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, speaks to club members Thursday, May 26, at the Lochmoor Club 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse

Pointe Woods.

The evening begins with social half hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The organization is a women's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment of women in their business and personal lives.

For reservations or more information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

## Sea Scout

Learn about the Sea Scout sailing and power boating program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Walter F. Bruce Post 1146 VFW, 28404 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Members between the ages of 13 and 21 can join the water-based organization to participate in activities such as, sailing, power boating, all water sports and other outdoor activities recognized by the Boy Scouts.

For more information, call (586) 764-0682 or e-mail [letsboating2011@hotmail.com](mailto:letsboating2011@hotmail.com).

## Parkinson's Support

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26.

Dr. Shana Krstevska from Henry Ford Hospital discusses movement disorders.

For more information, call Betty Rusnack at (313) 884-5778 or Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356.

## Boat club

The Grosse Pointe Farms

Boat Club has its annual members-only appreciation barbecue from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 27, at Pier Park.

Bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Meat and beverages are provided.

New applicants are accepted at the barbecue.

For more information, call Tanya Naumeko Bartoszewicz at (313) 881-2495.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center offers a day at the Greektown Casino Thursday, June 9. The bus leaves at 11 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. and includes round-trip transportation on motor coach, time to play at the casino and \$20 in bonus play. Each participant must bring a valid photo ID to receive the incentives.

Grosse Pointe Woods residents pay \$5 and non-residents pay \$7. Lunch is at your expense.

To register or for more information, visit the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, or call (313) 343-2408.

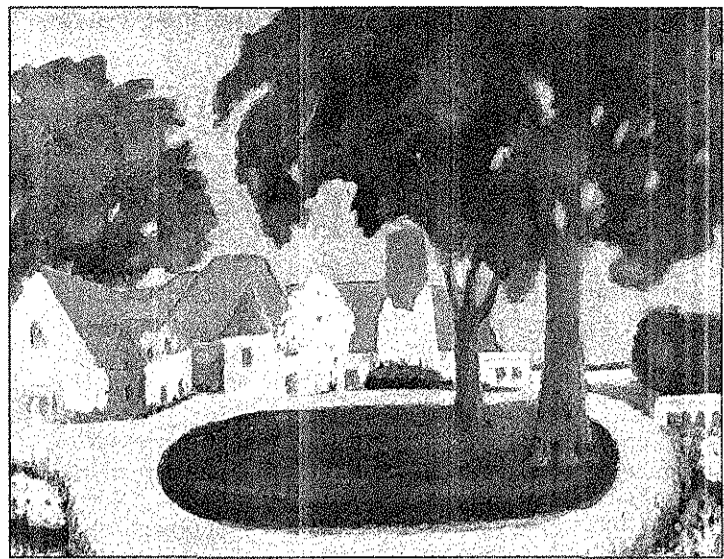
## Neighborhood Club

Swimming lessons for special needs children are offered between 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, June 20 — July 25 at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. The one-on-one lessons are 30 minutes.

The cost is \$80. To register, go to the club at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call (313) 885-4600.

◆ **Self esteem class** — June 20 - 24. For children ages 9 to 13. The cost is \$59. Children learn positive ways to deal with strong negative emotions and discover simple ways to "store" happiness for times when they need it.

◆ **Aventura Spanish summer camp** — July 18 - 22 for children ages 6 to 11 years in



Izzy Donnelly's painting of the 1927 European-style estate of Dr. and Mrs. David Cotton in Grosse Pointe Park. Donnelly is the director of education for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Room 105A Barnes Early Childhood Center. The cost is \$120 plus \$10 materials fee.

A July 11 - 15 ca. [is for children 3 1/2 to 5 years in Room 105A Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20900 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$85.

## Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's annual summer fundraiser begins at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Wallace Frost house on Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park. With the theme Lilac Time, the event celebrates the aviation and gardening passion of the original and current owners.

A strolling supper with music in the Monet-inspired garden, a vodka-tasting table and white-glove wine bar are highlights of the event. Docent-led house tours are available and vintage autos and planes are on display.

The 1927 European-style estate was built in 1927 for Ross W. Judson, former president of the Continental Motors Corporation and aviation pioneer. The current owners are Dr. and Mrs. David Cotton, who have restored the manor.

Lilac Time is set in a French village where a lilac farm has

been turned into a British air field during World War I.

Event sponsors are: Russell Development Company and Molly and Mark Valade; Beaumont, Gandelot & Associates, Alan Marschke Oriental Rug Gallery, John A. and Marlene Boll Foundation, Carolyn Candler and Charles Leahy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Cracchiolo, Kozi Vodka, Richard and Jane Manooagian Foundation, The Charles R. Whitney Foundation, Talmer Bank and Trust, Ruth Glancy, DuMouchelles, Ray Laetham Buick GMC, Northern Trust Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Alandt, Diane and Doug Dossin, Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, Dr. Cheryl Wesen and Dr. Richard Baumgarten and Dr. Clark J. Okulski.

For reservations, call (313) 884-7010. Attendance is limited.

## Deadline

Club and church information to be included in the Thursday, June 2, issue is due by noon Thursday, May 26.

Club and church information to be included in the July 7 and 14 issues is due by noon Thursday, June 30.

To submit items, e-mail [afouty@grossepointenews.com](mailto:afouty@grossepointenews.com)

## What's happening

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial honors members of the military with a 10 a.m. Memorial Day service Monday, May 30. All communities can attend to the free program on the lakeside lawn.

Lt. Col. Philip R. Sheridan, vice wing commander select, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, gives the address. Music is provided by Joe Armijo, Dave Pas, Harrison Krasner, Heather Albrecht, the Pierce Middle School sixth grade choir and bagpiper Mary Beth Nicholson.

The service is observed by residents and includes members of the nation's armed forces, local scout troops, community volunteers and veterans' organizations.

Register for programs by

calling (313) 881-7511.

**Come Dine with Us!** — 6:30 p.m.



Wednesday through Saturday, May 18-21. Dinner is served in the ballroom and costs \$17.95; children's meals cost \$8.95. Reservations are required.

**Oil 101 Everything Everyone in Modern Society Should Know About Oil** — 7

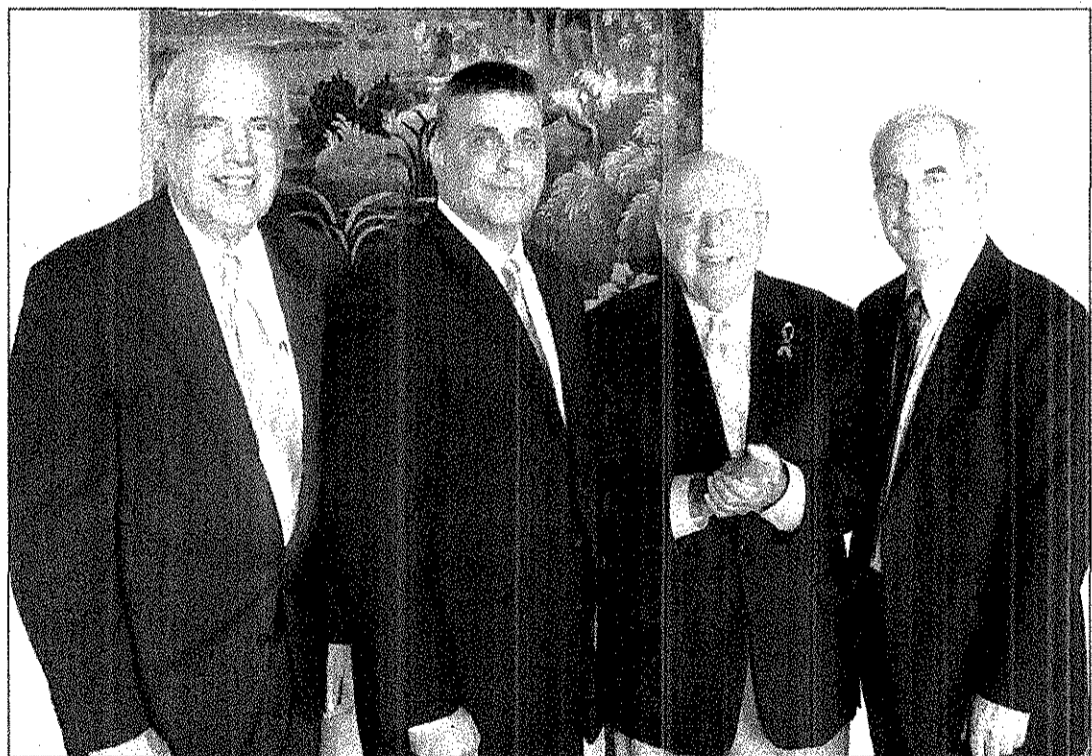
to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19. Geologist and Wayne State University professor Charles

Barker discusses key issues regarding the strategic resource, petroleum. Cost is \$24.

**Grosse Pointe Driving School** — May 23 - June 9 for

Segment I, a program for students 14 years, 8 months and older. Cost of Segment I is

\$282 for 12 classes. Segment II is for those who have completed 20 practice hours with a parent and have received Level I license. The Segment II program runs May 31, June 1 and 2. Cost is \$48 for three classes. The program is directed by instructor Mark Avolio.



From left, William J. Giovan, Lt. Col. Constantine Leon, John C. Prost and Mark R. Weber.

## Two join War Memorial board

Air National Guard Lt. Col. Constantine Leon and John Prost are new members of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors.

Board chairman William J. Giovan said the pair will help ensure the War Memorial continues its work as an educational and cultural resource for Southeast Michigan.

"It is a great privilege to officially welcome Col. Leon and Mr. Prost to the board of directors of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial," Giovan said. "They each bring a unique perspective, a wealth of experience and a professional commitment to this organization and the communities we serve."

"Through their life-long dedication to public service, they both bring a special spirit to our work commemorating those who have guaranteed our nation's freedom. Their insight will strengthen our abilities to serve the community."

Leon serves as the 127th Wing Comptroller, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, where he manages a budget of more than \$115 million. Through his leadership, Leon

has increased base operating funds allowing for the training of civilian employees and secured additional funding to prevent job loss.

He was appointed first field-level functional area manager, responsible for overseeing the financial management personnel program and orchestrated a manpower study impacting more than 1,200 positions across the 54 states and territories.

Leon also volunteers for many base and community programs targeting community enrichment.

Prost is an award-winning civic and business leader in the Grosse Pointes. He has been in the insurance industry for more than 40 years and last

year was elected to the Michigan Insurance Hall of Famer.

He also served on Grosse Pointe Park City council and as president of the Detroit Athletic Club. He is the host of "The John Prost Show" on WMTV and received the Pointer of Distinction Award from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in 2010.

Leon and Prost join board members Glenn R. Brown, Susan Davies, Don Joseph DeSeranno, Steven Hicks, William G. Jennings, D. Mark Krueger, Patrick Moran, John O'Brien, Theresa Selvaggio, S. Gary Spicer, Anne Ugval, Beverly Curtiss Walsh, William W. Browncombe, Giovan and Mark R. Weber.

## TRAFFICKING: Addressing needs of at-risk girls

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it two years ago called, "83 Counties - 83 Lives." Each county is asked to raise \$100, the cost of saving a girl's life in Nepal.

Also speaking was Deena Policicchio, director of Detroit Alternative for Girls, an outreach program that fights trafficking by addressing the needs of individuals at-risk and those coming out of the sex industry.

Offerings include an after-school program for girls ages 6-18; a shelter for homeless or runaways girls ages 15-21; a transitional program aimed at building independent living skills; outreach and educational services; and a safe choices program.

Speaker Amy Allen, a victim wellness specialist with the Department of Homeland Security, shared her knowledge of human trafficking in both the labor and sex trade.

She explained human traf-

ficking developed as gangs of drug dealers realized trafficking humans was not only more profitable, but less risky. "You can sell a human being over and over again; they're a reusable commodity," she said.

Allen helped rescue three sisters, ages 13, 15 and 17, trafficked from Honduras and sold for sex in a bar for nine months; and an eight-year-old girl held as a sex slave in a trailer with only a mattress and a teddy bear.

"We ask why don't these people run away? We are oblivious that the No. 1 threat used on them is they will go to jail. That fear is real," Allen explained.

"They won't call the police for help because they fear the police."

She told the story of 16 girls held as slaves in a residential dwelling. When the house caught fire, the girls hoped to

be rescued. "The firefighters walked out without even questioning why 16 girls were in one room. These girls were waiting for someone to ask them if they were safe and no one did.

"Awareness is key."

Allen reiterated educating utility workers, police officers, firefighters and anyone who has potential access to a residence is key to rescuing victims of human trafficking. Educating the general public is also important, as one person can save a life, speakers said.

If sex trafficking is suspected, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's 24-hour toll-free hotline at 888-373-7888 or the Department of Homeland Security at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE.

For more information on human trafficking or to get involved, visit [soroptimist.org/trafficking/trafficking.html](http://soroptimist.org/trafficking/trafficking.html).

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**CHURCHES**

**PASTOR'S CORNER** By Rev. Fred Harms

# Who needs the stone removed

**T**his is the Easter season of the church year. It is a time to remember we are on the Easter side of Good Friday. We need the assurance from the early Gospel witnesses "that because Christ lives; we shall live also."

"There are many who need the transforming message of resurrection. There are those entombed by bitterness and grudges. Perhaps we are numbered among them. Do we have some unresolved issues with family members, neighbors, schoolmates or co-workers keeping us in a daily death? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Grant us resurrected relationships, O Lord."

There are many who have endured years of chronic pain and are at their wits end. Perhaps we are entombed also by illness, pain and fear that keeps our bodies in bondage? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Unbind us and set us free."

There are those tormented by past mistakes of their own making or perpetrated by others. Are we entombed by old tapes that play over and over in our heads, bringing condemnation and questions of unworthiness and self-doubt? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Restore us to health."

There are those who are in the tomb of addiction and see no light from within their cave.

Are we captives of an addiction that keeps us entombed? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Allow for those enslaved to be free."

There are those who are still in mourning over the death of loved ones. Are we torn up with grief and sorrow that doesn't seem to ever dissipate? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Bring hope and comfort in your resurrection promise."

There are those who no longer gather in the community of the faithful, because their faith has been shaken to the core. Do we feel like one of the walking dead in our faith journey, struggling with unresolved issues and questioning our very future? We pray — "Roll the stone away. Grant us renewed faith and purpose, O Lord."

Yes, we all, at some point, need the stone rolled away from that which entombs us.

This Easter season, let the promise be true that the resurrected Lord comes to you and to me with the renewing gift of new life, forgiveness and eternal life.

*The Rev. Fred Harms is the senior pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.*



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Guests received coupons to redeem for prizes at a table tended by Brownell Middle School students Maddie Schebil, left, and Luke Bove, right. Emily Virga, center, used her coupons for a Hot Wheels car.

# Carnival atmosphere

The smell of popcorn and sounds of laughter filled Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Saturday, May 7, during a carnival for The Judson Center members. The center provides support for mentally challenged adults. Bowling was David Brown's sport.

# CHURCH EVENTS

ends at 8:15 a.m.  
For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts the concert "Music of Johann Sebastian Bach," at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22. The music is performed by the Christ Church Schola and Orchestra. Adult tickets cost \$15 and students pay \$5.

## St. Hyacinth

St. Hyacinth Catholic Church shows the film, "Dom Polskis

Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia," at noon Sunday, May 22, in the school hall, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit. The film explores the immigrant's struggles, the culture and religious backgrounds.

Donation is \$8. Refreshments are served.

For more information, call (313) 922-1507.

## St. James

Samuel Gregg, Acton Institute director of research, discusses Roman Catholic trends and ecumenical possibilities at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Gregg has written and spoke on questions of political economy, economic history, ethics in finance and natural law history. He has a Master of Arts in political philosophy from the University of Melbourne and a doctor of philosophy degree in moral philosophy and political economy from the University of Oxford.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

## St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a preschool art class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 24. To register, call (586) 777-0215.

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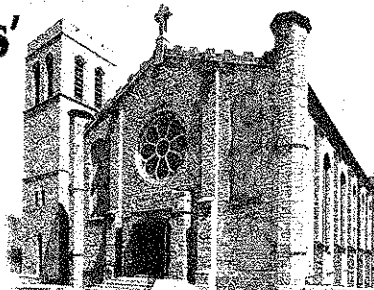
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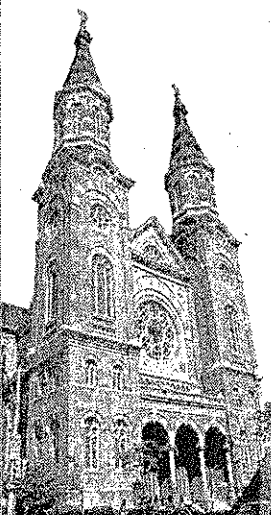
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Peter C. Smith, Preaching  
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OPERA REVIEW By Dina Winter

# 'Rigoletto' a sublime, powerful thriller

Michigan Opera Theatre presents an old favorite

**T**his extraordinary work of "Rigoletto," is based on the creative genius of two towering figures, Victor Hugo, the author of the "Les Miserables," and Giuseppe Verdi, the greatest Italian opera composer of the 19th century, in my opinion.

When Verdi, who was always looking for a good story, first read Hugo's drama, "Le Roi S'Amuse" (The King Amuses Himself), he cried out, "This one cannot fail!" In fact, it became, and remains, one of the most popular operas in the repertoire, worldwide.

Hugo's original story dealt with the attempted murder of King Francis I. Due to the political climate of the time, Verdi had to make several changes to the storyline for his libretto to pass muster with the censors. The setting had to be changed from France to Italy; the king had to be demoted to a duke, and his residence had to become a palace in Mantua. But the drama that unfolds is still one of the most powerful in all opera.

The court jester, Rigoletto, is



Todd Thomas playing Rigoletto

a hunchback and deformed. His primary task is to amuse

the duke and encourage his every depraved wish. The

duke has an eye for the lovely ladies at court — and elsewhere. His philosophy is light-hearted: "This one or that one, they're all the same to me" he sings in the first act.

Rigoletto, using wit and mockery, helps choose his next amour, and every courtier's wife, sister or daughter is at risk. The jester is, understandably, not well liked. In fact, though the courtiers fear the duke and his power, they are eager for an opportunity to get back at Rigoletto.

In the first act, in the midst of the revelry at court, Count Monterone, majestically sung by Rod Nelman, breaks in on a party and reviles the duke for ruining his daughter. When Rigoletto mocks Monterone, the old man curses him saying, "You, who laugh at the suffering of a father, be accursed!" This is a powerful scene and Rigoletto, who is very superstitious, feels this curse as a terrible omen.

Rigoletto has a deep secret which he succeeded in keeping. He has a beautiful young daughter, Gilda, whom he adores as the only creature on Earth who gives him solace and joy. He keeps her concealed in a remote part of town, under the care of Giovanna, a companion hired to protect her from the eyes of the world.

Imagine what a writer like Hugo will do with such a theme and what Verdi, with his mastery of melody and unerring sense of theater, will make of this drama. What unfolds is a tale of youthful innocence, love, revenge and the supreme sacrifice of a young girl who gives her life to save the duke, the man she has come to love. She leaves a wretched father with the pain of knowing he caused the death of the dearest thing in his life.

In all great theater, it is not so much the what, as the how it all unfolds that makes the difference. And in opera, we have the music, which permeates the heart and soul, and teaches us what words alone cannot. Verdi called this drama, "one worthy of a Shakespeare." You will never be quite the same after you experience it.

In this production, Todd Thomas is a deeply moving and convincing Rigoletto, vocally as well as dramatically. Rachel Gilmore, as Gilda, has an exquisite purity in her voice which reaches heavenly heights; and tenor, James Valenti is handsome and winning as the duke whose life is saved by Gilda's sacrifice. The paid assassin, Sparafucile (Alain Coulombe) and his sister and accomplice, Maddalena (Carla Dirlikov), do their work effectively. So

do courtiers, Marullo (Andrew Grey), Borsa (Jason Wickson), Count Ceprano (Edward Hanlon) and the entire cast in this outstanding production with impressive costumes and effective settings.

Highlights include an exquisite rendering of Gilda's first act aria, "Caro Nome;" Rigoletto's heart-rending plea to the courtiers to return his kidnapped daughter; her beautiful and moving confession to her father and his furious "Si, vendetta" (Yes, vengeance!), to which Gilda's desperate pleading for forgiveness of the duke goes unheeded; and the famous quartet (nella figlia dell'amor), is a true work of genius. Conductor Steven Mercurio is a titan in the pit and director Bernard Uzan creates magic onstage.

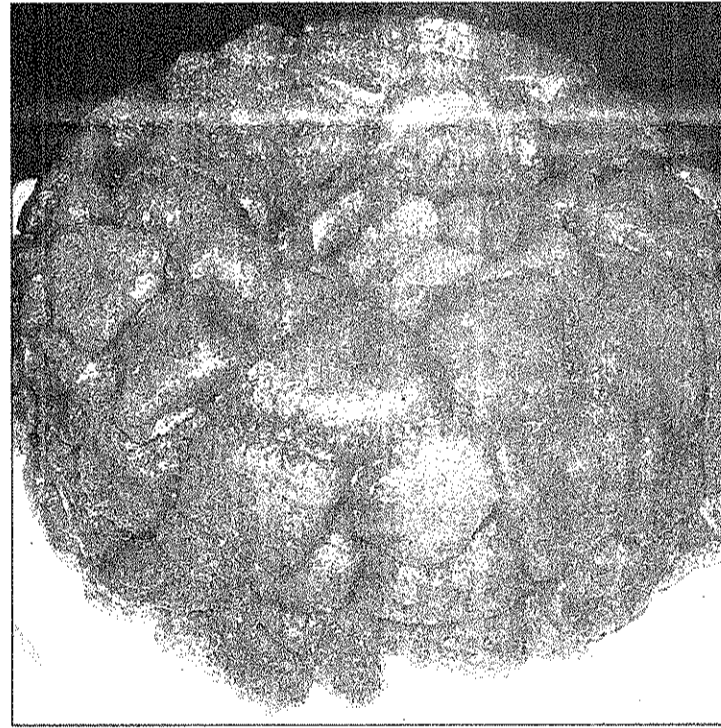
Whatever flaws of coordination between conductor and singers we heard at the opening performance were not evident at the dress rehearsal, and were, in my assessment, largely due to "battle fatigue."

I highly recommend this performance. It will touch you deeply.

Call for tickets at (313) 237-SING. Remaining performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 and a 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, matinee.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Monkey bread — fun to make, fun to eat



Monkey bread is the hit of any breakfast.

**L**ast weekend my family celebrated my parents 56 years of marriage. It real family day that meant lots of mingling in mom's kitchen. My sister, Colette, brought monkey bread to the party.

Monkey bread is similar to cinnamon buns only the round bundt cake is little pieces of dough baked together with a sweet cinnamon butter glaze. Yummy. It's fun to eat because everyone just pulls from the bread.

### Easy Monkey Bread

1 cup sugar  
3 teaspoons cinnamon, divided  
1 - 4 can package refrigerator buttermilk biscuits  
1 stick butter  
1 cup brown sugar, packed  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Thoroughly grease a bundt style pan with butter. Set aside.

Combine sugar with 2 teaspoons of cinnamon in a large Zip-Lock style bag. Set aside. Remove the (10) biscuits from the tubes, one tube at a time. Cut each biscuit into quarters.

Working in batches of eight quarters (two cut biscuits) at a time, drop the dough into the cinnamon sugar bag and shake to coat. Place in the greased bundt pan. Repeat until all of the dough quarters are in the pan. Grab a partner and save



some time.

In a small sauce pan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in brown sugar and the remaining 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Cook and stir for just a few minutes.

Carefully pour the mixture

evenly over the dough. Bake at 350 for 35 to 45 minutes (depending on your oven). Cool for just 5 minutes, then carefully turn out the bread onto a cooling rack lined with waxed or parchment paper.

Cool for at least 10 minutes before serving. Transfer to a serving platter, stand back and watch them come.

Monkey bread will be the hit at an end of the school year party. Flip out the bread and top with sprinkles in your school colors.

## CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

### Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery's two newest exhibitions, "Wearable Ceramics" jewelry and an exhibit featuring local artist Elizabeth Lurie's new works, open from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 20.

The wearable ceramics exhibit puts a contemporary twist on the use of clay and other non-traditional materials in jewelry. Sixteen artists representing six countries feature their craftsmanship combining gold, silver and semi-precious stones.

"The wearable ceramics exhibit shows the innovative, avant-garde elements of ceramics," said Terese Ireland, executive director of Pewabic Pottery. "It's a beautiful display of the artists' fine craftsmanship configured into functional jewelry."

The Lurie exhibition features her new figurative works in the series, "Woman in a Garden."

A Michigan artist, she began her career with classes at Pewabic Pottery in the 1970s.

Both exhibits are free and open to the public, and run through July 4.

Pewabic Pottery is open to the public year-round and offers classes, workshops, lectures and tours to children and adults. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call (313) 626-2000 or visit pewabic.org. Pewabic Pottery is located



Wearable art in the form of a mouse-blue pendant.

at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

### Palmer Woods Music

The Palmer Woods Music in Homes series hosts guitarists Sean Blackman, Wayne Gerard and Larry Fratangelo at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 28.

For the location, call (313) 891-2514 or visit palmerwoods.org. Tickets cost \$35.

### Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoological Society's annual Sunset at the Zoo fundraiser takes guests back in time to party like it's 65,000,000 B.C. from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 17.

The 21-and-over event is held rain or shine. Presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions, the event features a strolling supper offering recipes from 40 area restaurants, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment by Larry Lee and Back in the Day, dancing, live and silent auctions including "zoo-nique" experiences, and access to the zoo's animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "safari chic."

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### Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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1:00 pm The Soc Show  
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
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2:30 pm Legal Insider  
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
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4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
5:30 pm The Soc Show  
6:00 pm Legal Insider  
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
9:00 pm Art & Design  
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture  
10:00 pm The John Prost Show  
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 pm Senior Men's Club

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# TV executives need to pay attention to Baby Boomers



With the Baby Boomers beginning to gray, TV executives have begun to think maybe they should pay some serious attention to older folks.

I say "amen" to that because TV today is truly a mess. I cannot believe I have some 60 channels from which to choose and frequently find nothing worth watching.

The best thing I've found on TV lately is reruns of *Frasier* on WADL weeknights from 7 to 8 p.m. What does that say about me?

These executives have begun extending a tentative toe into mature programs with "Blue Bloods," starring Tom Selleck, age 66. Kathy Bates, 62, has the lead role on "Harry's Law" and Steven Tyler, 62, is fast becoming the favorite judge on "American Idol."

TV executives have long operated on the belief they needed shows appealing to ages 18 to 49 years because they were most likely to buy new products, switch brands, and spend on everything from cars to soft drinks.

As some 80 million Baby Boomers begin to age out of the coveted demographic — the oldest boomers are turning

65 this year and the youngest, 47 — it's dawned on these executives these mature adults watch a disproportionate amount of TV and control half of all U.S. consumer spending.

They also realized this new crop of aging viewers isn't like previous generations who were winding down their spending at age 55. This new group buys iPads, redecorates, splurges on vacations and postpones retirement.

The ageism, said Matt Thornhill, president of the market research firm the Boomer Project, began as the post-War generation came into adulthood. Shows like ABC's "Charlie's Angels" and "Happy Days" were hugely popular and hugely valuable for advertisers.

Networks charged advertisers a premium to reach to these 18- to 59-year-old viewers. Today, on the top-rated "American Idol," where the average viewer age is 44, Fox can charge \$35,000 for 30-seconds, about \$46.78 a viewer. The number of viewers determines the rate.

A 30-second ad on "The Good Wife" costs, on average, \$108,000 in the fourth quarter of 2010, or about \$25 a viewer, according to SQAAD INC, a media-research firm. Viewers 55-plus make up nearly 60 percent of its weekly audience, a fact duly noted by TV executives.

Last year, a study of so-called Alpha Boomers — those aged 55 to 64 — found they are willing to change brands, spend on technology, use social net-

working sites and purchase online. They spent billions annually on food, cars, personal care and other products.

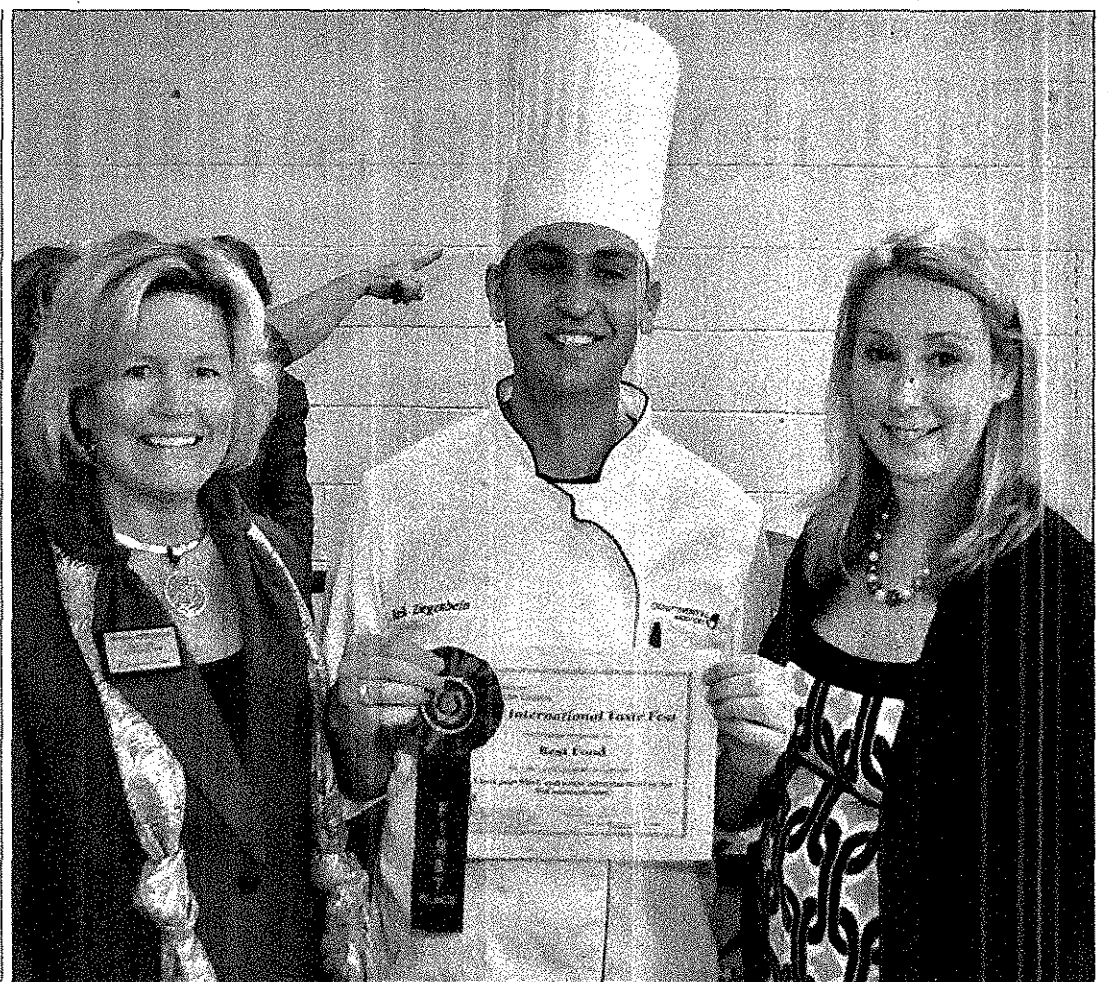
Networks are anxious to cash in on these people, so we'll be getting more and hopefully better programming. I say hopefully because ABC has a "Charlie's Angels" remake in development, NBS is developing a pilot about *Playboy* bunnies, while ABC is working on one about Pan Am flight attendants, all set in the '60s.

Baby Boomers may want to stay young eternally, but I hope they have matured sufficiently not to wallow in sentimentality about their younger days.

I feel compelled to say a few words about Social Security. I hear Social Security as being an entitlement program and already broke, necessitating massive changes which could include requiring people to work until age 70, or reductions in the current payments.

If the federal government would pay back the money it borrowed from the Social Security Trust Fund, Social Security would be amply financed for years. Let's make it impossible for the government to take funds in the future, perhaps by a half percent — taken from workers' salaries and eliminate the cap that ends payments into the fund by higher salaried folks. Then the Social Security system would work exactly as it was designed to work.

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## Taste Fest

The first Services for Older Citizens International Taste Fest featured more than 30 local businesses cooking up a variety of foods from different countries and sampled by more than 130 seniors last month. Seniors said the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, representing England, served up the best meal — a chilled minted English pea soup with crème fraiche, popovers and roasted red peppers with whipped butter. First-place winner for the best decorated table went to Grosse Pointe Urgent Care, representing Poland. From left, Donna Buchanan, Ford House group sales director, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House chef Erik Ziegenbein and SOC Executive Director Sharon Maier.

## CULTURAL: Reception, tours and music

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Tickets range from \$150 to \$600.

A benefactor party is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Grosse Pointe house of Lois and Gail Warden for those purchasing \$600 benefactor tickets.

A VIP reception is 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 17, at the zoo for those purchasing \$600 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets.

To buy tickets, call (248) 541-5717 and press 3; for more information and to order tickets online, visit [detroitzoo.org/sunset](http://detroitzoo.org/sunset).

The Detroit Zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Adult admission is \$12, senior citizens pay \$10 and children pay \$8.

♦ The Detroit chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers hosts its 22nd annual Bowling for Rhinos at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Thunderbird Lanes, 400 W. Maple, Troy.

Bowlers can register individually or as a team of four or five. Registration fee is \$10 and includes two games, shoe rental, pizza, soft drinks, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

Bowlers should collect a

minimum of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Participants who raise \$50 or more receive a Bowling for Rhinos T-shirt. All donations are tax deductible.

Registration forms are available at [aazkdetroit.org](http://aazkdetroit.org). Forms and fees are due by June 4.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717.

### DIA

Founders Junior Council, a young professionals auxiliary of the Detroit Institute of Arts, hosts "Cirque: Detroit Unmasked" from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the DIA.

Music is provided by DJ captn20 and percussionist Jared Sykes. Dress is "imaginative cocktail."

"We are thrilled to be bringing Cirque, our largest fundraiser of the year, back to the museum with a focus on our great city," said Nicole Wagner, council president. "We are looking forward to celebrating with the next generation of metro Detroiters who are committed to continuing the progress of our great

city for years to come. With the funds raised by this event, we help support one of Detroit's world-class cultural institutions, the Detroit Institute of Arts."

Tickets are available at [circquedetroit2011.com](http://circquedetroit2011.com) or by calling (313) 833-4025. Tickets range in price from \$95 to \$175.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Adult admission is \$8, senior citizens pay \$6 and youth pay \$4.

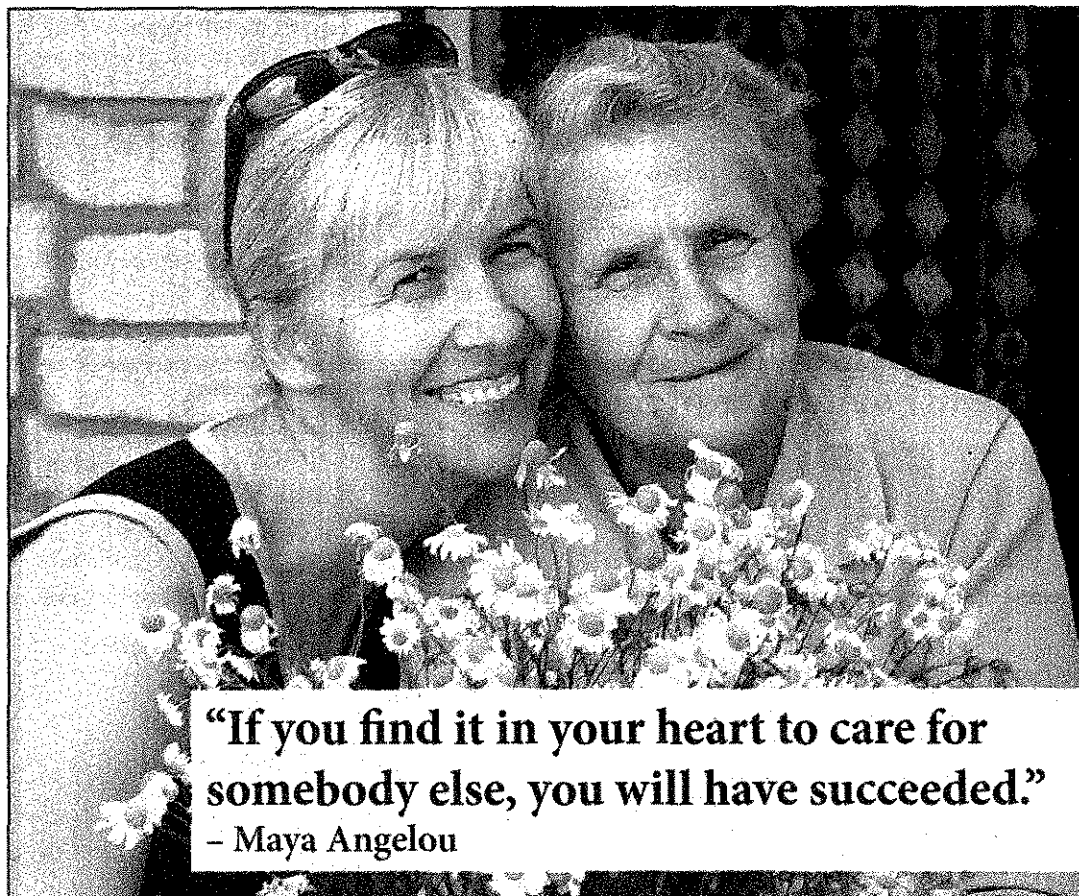
### DHM

The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, offers free admission Sunday, June 19, July 17 and Aug. 21.

Docent-led tours of the museum's signature Streets of Old Detroit are offered from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-1805.

### DSO

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, Friday, July 1, Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3, in the Walnut Grove Historic district of Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla K. Ruhana

# Is there a new sense of entitlement?



**Q.** What is going on within this society? I feel I can't even relate to my friends anymore!

I no longer enjoy socializing, as the things that seem alright to them are NOT alright with me. Their reactions frustrate me too, as if I am some prude. The truth is I have not changed; they've changed and appear to be so laid back with regard to parenting. Can you help me?

**A.** It sounds like you have strong beliefs and adhere to your values in terms of parenting and feel frustrated as others in your circle seem desensitized?

**Q.** Yes, that is exactly how I feel, they minimize their child's MIP's and seem to sweep things under the rug. I feel aggravated and frustrated. Am I wrong?

**A.** Many things contribute to parental views of their children's behavior. Television does impact us in ways many do not consciously recognize, i.e., the behavior modeled, which should be viewed as entertainment, many begin to copy. Other contributing factors might be traits of narcissism, which we in the field of mental health are seeing more and more in our practice, and their own abuse of substances.

**Q.** I can't begin to tell you the number of adults I see running or rolling through stop signs, abusing alcohol or marijuana, yet telling their children not to do the same. My husband and I hosted a party recently and I was shocked at

the number of guests who never replied to our RSVP and showed up at the party!

**A.** This is nothing new, I hear the same from many others, this lack of accountability, a sense of entitlement, sort of an unspoken sense that the rules do not apply to them?

Everyone's lives and time are of great value and it seems many feel frustrated. As result of many guests' sense of entitlement by having no regard for your feelings and disregarding your RSVP, stress can be added on so many levels, i.e., caterer, space etc.

**Q.** It also feels they are a bit condescending when I address my own teenager's drinking and they merely dismiss my concerns and those of their children too!

My friendships feel so one-sided. I often feel like what happened to my friends? It's as

if I am speaking a foreign language, like I am no longer understood by them! Any ideas as to what has changed?

**A.** I can tell you their behavior is nothing personal. Many are in denial in terms of their own behavior and choices. They might get defensive and insinuate you are overreacting to justify their own behavior. Throughout life, people change and depending on their circumstances, many make bad choices on a multitude of levels.

**Q.** How do I handle this, as I feel I can no longer relate to them? When a crisis occurs, they call, yet act as if we never had previous discussions about avoiding fires in our lives! It gets tiring, not only with my friends, I see parents at school minimizing their children's detentions, bad grades and so forth. How do I stop feeling irritated?

**A.** My suggestion is to distance yourself from people who do not follow the same rules and spend time with those who "get it."

You will find we have no control over the behavior of others, but we can model good behavior to those we encounter, as well as our children. When you surround yourself with other parents who are "switched on," your life becomes less stressful and your energy and time can be spent in more productive ways. Your children will then be surrounded by others modeling good behavior.

Granted, these frustrations will likely still occur and be apparent from time to time, yet the frequency will diminish. The energy will be different, as your friends will be like-minded and respect you.

Often we need to look at who we choose to surround ourselves with and why. Then we

can make necessary changes and experience more quality of life.

Our children are our future, you do have some control over the behavior you and others model. We want to avoid instilling in our own children the notion they are entitled, do not have to follow the rules and do not have to be accountable.

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To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org). E-mail questions to [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

## Foot fractures first sign of osteoporosis

Unexplained foot fractures may be the first sign of osteoporosis, a bone thinning disease affecting more than 28 million Americans and accounts for 1.5 million bone fractures a year.

According to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, osteoporosis is frequently referred to as the "silent crippler," as it often progresses without symptoms or isn't diagnosed until a person experiences pain from a bone fracture.

Georgeanne Botek, a

Cleveland, Ohio, foot and ankle surgeon, explains the porous nature of bones in people with osteoporosis makes them more susceptible to bone fractures, especially in the feet.

"Because the bones are in a weakened state, normal weight-bearing actions like walking can cause the bones in the foot to break," Botek said. "In fact, many patients visit their foot and ankle surgeon suffering from foot pain only to find out they actually have a stress fracture, without having experienced an injury."

While osteoporosis is most common in women more than 50 years old, younger people and men are also affected.

Early symptoms can include increased pain with walking accompanied by redness and swelling on the top of the foot.

" Oftentimes patients don't seek treatment for their symptoms for weeks or even months, thinking the pain will pass," Botek said. "The best advice is, don't ignore foot pain of any type. Early intervention can make all the difference in your treatment and recovery."

Foot and ankle surgeons can diagnose osteoporosis through bone densitometry tests, which measure calcium and mineral levels in the bones through low-dose radiation X-

ray, or possibly through a routine X-ray.

"This is why prevention and early intervention are key; women should make sure bone densitometry tests are part of their wellness examinations when indicated by their physicians," she said.

If the diagnosis is osteoporosis, it's important to protect feet from stress fractures. Wear shoes that provide support and cushioning, such as athletic running shoes, to provide extra shock absorption and protection. Custom orthotics may also be recommended to protect the foot from pressure and provide shock absorption, particularly during exercise.

## Speciality hospital joins Beaumont

Select Specialty Hospital is moving into Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The organization leases 30 beds on the third floor of Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, providing a specialized medical center operating as a hospital within a hospital.

Select Specialty Hospital treats patients requiring longer acute care hospitalization for critical and complex medical and surgical conditions. The hospital is staffed by physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, case managers, physical and occupational therapists, dietitians and pharmacists.

"We are pleased to be able to offer a seamless transition

to long-term acute care for patients at Beaumont and other hospitals in the community," said Donna Hoban, M.D., senior vice president and physician-in-chief, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Select Specialty Hospital offers a variety of programs, including pulmonary/ventilator weaning, infectious disease and complex wound care.

"Long-term acute care is the only service Beaumont Hospitals currently does not provide," Hoban said.

"The relocation of Select Specialty's services will keep this much-needed service in our community and add to the continuum of care offered at our hospitals."

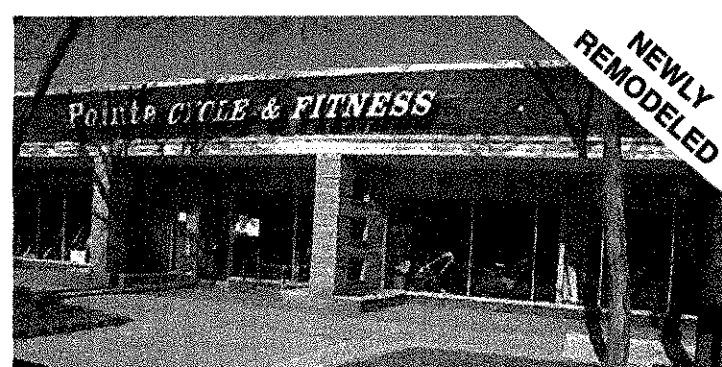
## Short continues as committee secretary

Mary Ann Short of Grosse Pointe Farms, vice president of marketing and communications at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, has been re-elected to a second two-year term on the Public Affairs and Marketing Network Steering Committee.

The network is a cooperative venture of academically-based, comprehensive, clinical, basic and consortium cancer centers as designated by the National Cancer Institute in Washington D.C., or are member organizations of the Association of American Cancer Institutes. It works in association with the National Cancer Institute's Office of Media Relations and Public Affairs to further public awareness of cancer research, prevention, detection and treatment.

The PAN network was created to share information and resources among the public affairs programs of United States-based cancer centers; to enhance public understanding of the nation's cancer research effort; and to address collectively critical issues of common concern.

She joined the staff in 2006.

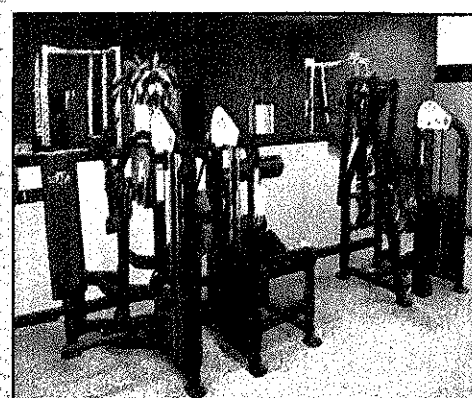


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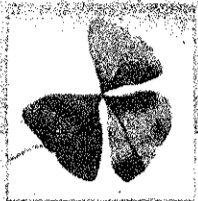
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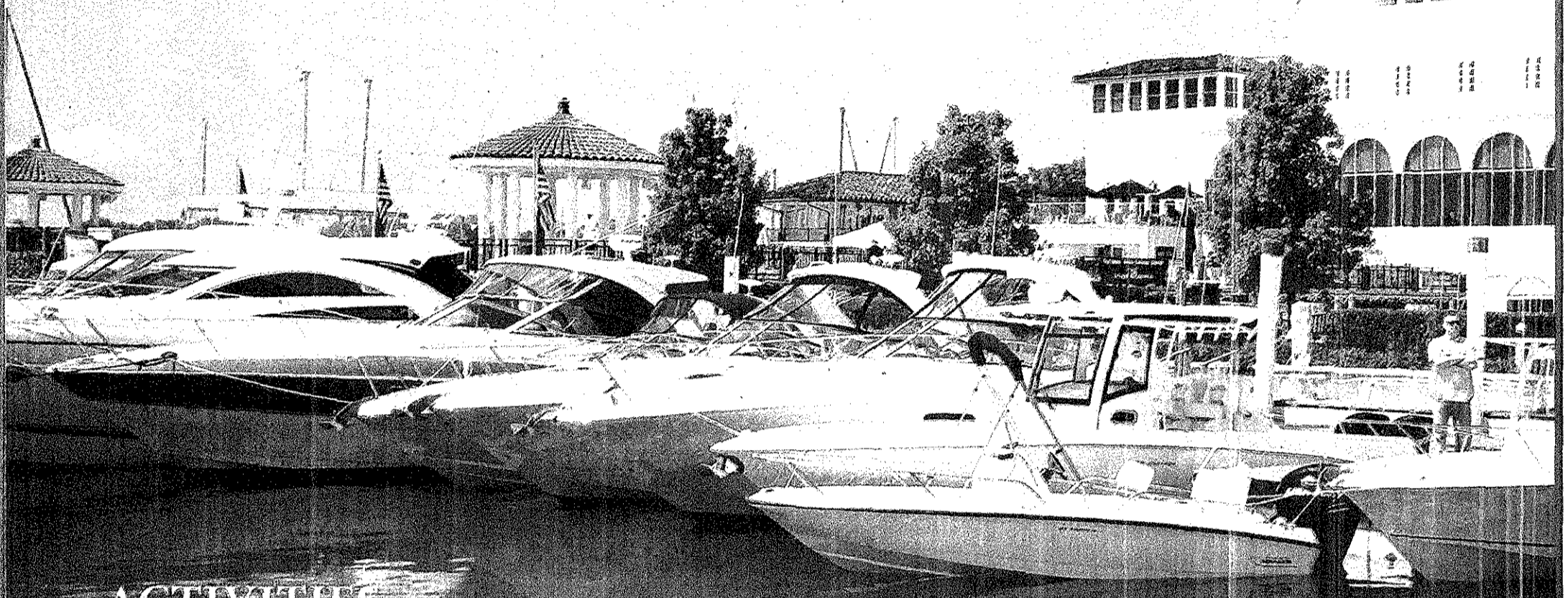




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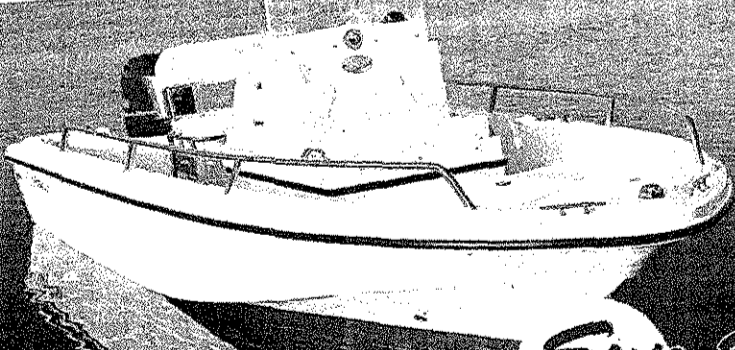
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South's girls' track team blows past MAC White Division foes **PAGE 2C**

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**BASEBALL**

## South beats rivals to win tourney title

By Justin Hicks  
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South finished a perfect 3-0 Saturday at the Grosse Pointe Invitational with victories over Grosse Pointe North, University Liggett and Detroit Country Day.

Sophomore Carmen Benedetti led the Blue Devil offense with six RBI on five hits.

Junior Tim Kramer added four hits and five RBI and senior Jeff Sparks picked up three hits while batting in four runs.

Grosse Pointe South kicked off the tournament with a 4-0 victory against Liggett.

Ross Muniga doubled in the bottom of the first, picking up an RBI to give the Blue Devils its first lead of the day. Kramer extended the lead with a two-

run homer. Liggett's best chance at a comeback came in the third inning when sophomore Conner Fannon stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded. The Blue Devils dodged the threat when Fannon flew out to deep center field.

"Conner almost had a grand slam against South," said Liggett head coach Dan Cimini.

"That ball gets out and it's a completely different ball game."

Kevin Reck pitched three hitless innings for the Blue Devils, striking out five before being relieved by Cooper Hartman in the fourth. He pitched the last three innings, allowing the lone hit of the game and striking out two.

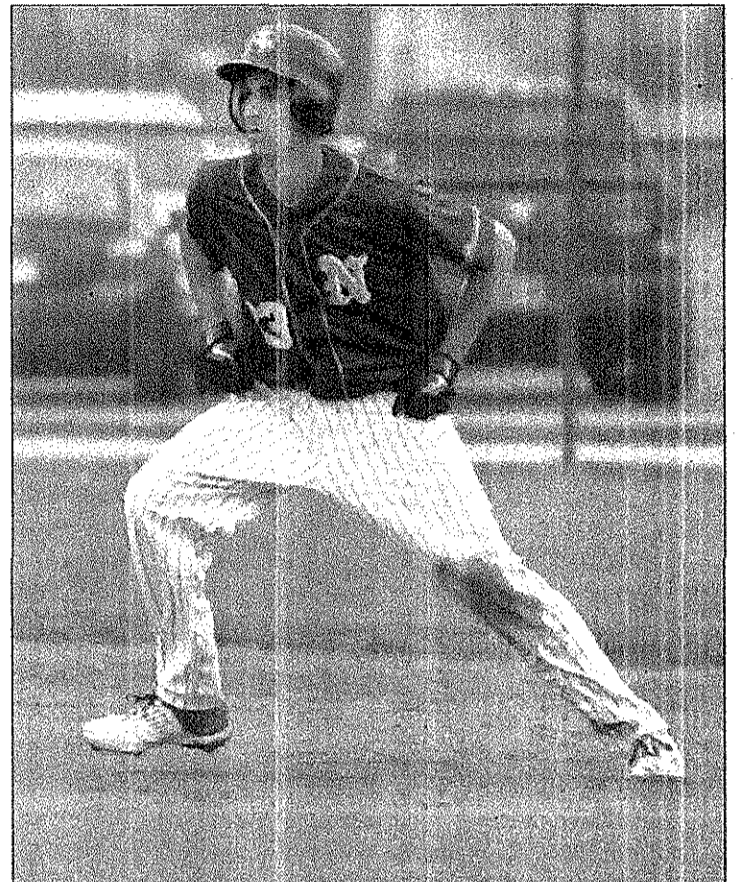
"(During) the first game we didn't hit the ball well and they threw their ace," Cimini said. "We competed against a DI school and that's why we're in these tournaments — to make ourselves better."

Country Day was a tougher challenge for Grosse Pointe South in its second game.

The Yellowjackets took a 1-0 lead in the second inning and added four runs in the third, but the Blue Devils battled back.

Back-to-back doubles in the fifth inning by Alex Bedan and Charlie Sorge got the Blue Devils on the board. The team added five more runs on five hits in the inning to take the lead back.

Country Day's Michael Azzopardi hit a two-run homer in the top of the final inning, but the Blue Devils rallied in the bottom of the inning. With one out and the bases loaded, Jon Parker hit a sacrifice fly and Kramer hit a walk-off single to give the Blue Devils an 8-7 victory.



Grosse Pointe North's Paul Kappaz takes a lead-off from second base during the Norsemen's one-run loss to Liggett.



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Grosse Pointe South's Cam Gibson, right, and Liggett catcher Dominic Jamett watch the flight of the ball during the Blue Devils' 4-0 win over the rival Knights.

To wrap up the day, Grosse Pointe South took on Grosse Pointe North, winning 15-7.

Benedetti and Sparks each knocked in four runs for the Blue Devils, including a three-run shot off the bat of Sparks. As a team, Grosse Pointe South out-hit its rival 15-10.

A six-run first inning gave the

Blue Devils a comfortable lead and although the Norsemen recorded a six-run third inning of their own, the Blue Devils scored six more runs in the bottom of the same inning to put the game out of reach.

Grosse Pointe South is 18-4

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## Track and field

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

# Ladies win dual title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team cruised to the Macomb Area Conference White Division dual meet title last week, crushing visiting Utica 121-16.

Head coach Steve Zaranek watched his Blue Devils destroy each of the five division foes by an average score of 121.6-15.4.

The Blue Devils won every event against the Chieftains. They flexed their overall depth and improved their dual meet record to 7-0 overall.

In the field events, sophomore Aubryn Samaroo won the shot put with a mark of 31-feet, 11-inches and the high jump, clearing 5-feet even, while junior Emily Jackman won the discus with a toss of 99-feet, 6-inches.

Sophomore Marissa Monforton and senior Sydney Burke took first in the long jump and pole vault with marks of 16-feet, 6-inches, and 9-feet, 6-inches, respectively. Burke's mark tied the 2001 pole vault record.

The Blue Devils' 3,200-relay team of freshman Alexa Calas, junior Hannah Wheeler, junior Kelly Langton and sophomore Christina Firl won with a time of 10:19 and the 800-relay squad of senior Veronica Schacht, freshman Lily Penty, Monforton and junior Caitlin Moore also won with a time of 1:48.0.

The 400-relay team of sophomore Mia Perkins, Monforton, Schacht and Moore cruised to first place with a time of 51.4 and the 1,600-relay foursome of Calas, Langton, junior Mackenzie Feringa and Firl placed first with a time of 4:19.

In the sprints, Schacht won both hurdle races, winning the 100-high hurdles with a time



South senior Sydney Burke cleared 9-feet, 6-inches to tie a school record in the pole vault.

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

of 14.8 and the 300-low hurdles at 47.1, while Moore won the 100-dash with a time of 12.7 and sophomore Hannah Meier won the 200-dash with a time of 26.3.

Hannah Meier and sophomore Haley Meier took the top spot in the 400- and 800-dashes with times of 56.3 and 2:32 to help the Blue Devils sweep the sprints. The time of 56.3 broke her own school record set last year as a freshman.

Finally, sophomore Nicole Keller won the 1,600-run with a time of 5:37.1 and senior Natalie Gay placed first in the

3,200-run with a time of 12:51.

Other top placers was Cara Monforton and Caroline Wilkinson, who placed second in the hurdle races, while Libby Fry and Meghan Dziedzic helped the Blue Devils sweep the 3,200-run with Nicole Keller, Carolyn Sullivan and Gay taking first, second and third in the 1,600-run.

Firl, Haley Meier and Hannah Meier came through the line together in the 800-run to tie for first place.

Last weekend, South competed in the 16-team Dakota

Invitational as Schacht smashed her own school record in the 300-hurdles with a first-place time of 45.2 and Hannah Meier broke her own meet and stadium record in the 1,600-run in 4:53.

In another meet record-setting performance, Hannah Meier teamed up with Carmen Engel, Firl and Haley Meier to run the fastest 3,200-relay in the state this season, posting a time of 9:16. It was also a meet and stadium record.

The Blue Devils also won the 800-run as Haley Meier had a time of 2:20.

## LIGGETT

# Ristovski wins two events

University Liggett's girls' track and field team placed fourth out of six in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Head coach Sarah Dickinson watched Haleigh Ristovski win the 1,600- and 800-runs with times of 6:32.21 and 2:58.75 to lead the Knights.

Jaquoia Burns took third in the 400-dash with a time of 1:12.72 and the 800-relay squad of Burns, Emily Ubik, Nina Hampton and Sloane Klene was second with a time of 2:14.20.

In the field events, Ristovski and Klene placed fourth and fifth, clearing 3-feet, 11-inch-

es, and in the long jump, Tina DiLoreto was fifth with a mark of 11-feet, 6 1/2-inches.

The boys placed fifth in the meet with Patrick Diaz taking third for the Knights with a time of 50.15 in the 300-intermediate hurdles.

The 400-relay team of Harley Dixon, Peter Jachim, Antonio Malkoun and Raymond Walker was fourth with a time of 59.65 and the 3,200-relay foursome of Morgan Walker, Veeral Patel, Diaz and Aaron Robertson took fourth with a time of 11:59.0.

Walker also earned a sixth-place finish in the 100-dash, posting a time of 13.0.

— Bob St. John

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

# Ladies drop to .500 with defeat

The Grosse Pointe North girls' track and field team didn't have enough depth to overtake division champion Romeo last week.

The Norsemen, under head coach Charles Buhagiar, lost 95-42, winning only four events.

Sophomore Emma Abessinio won the long jump with a mark of 14-feet, 1-inch,

while junior Katie VanEgmond was victorious in the 400-dash with a time of 1:02.56.

Sophomore Allison Francis won the 3,200-run with a time of 12:28 and the Norsemen's 1,600-relay team took the top spot with a time of 4:37.

Grosse Pointe North dipped to 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

— Bob St. John

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

# Norsemen lose

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team slipped to .500 in its division last week, losing 93-44 to dual meet champion Romeo.

Head coach Frank Tymrak and the Norsemen won only three events against the Bulldogs.

Junior Jalen Storcks won the discus with a throw of 134-feet,

9-inches, and senior Louis Saravolatz won the 800-run with a time of 2:04.

In addition, the 1,600-relay team won with a time of 3:38.1.

The Norsemen dropped to 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and has one meet left before regionals.

— Bob St. John

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

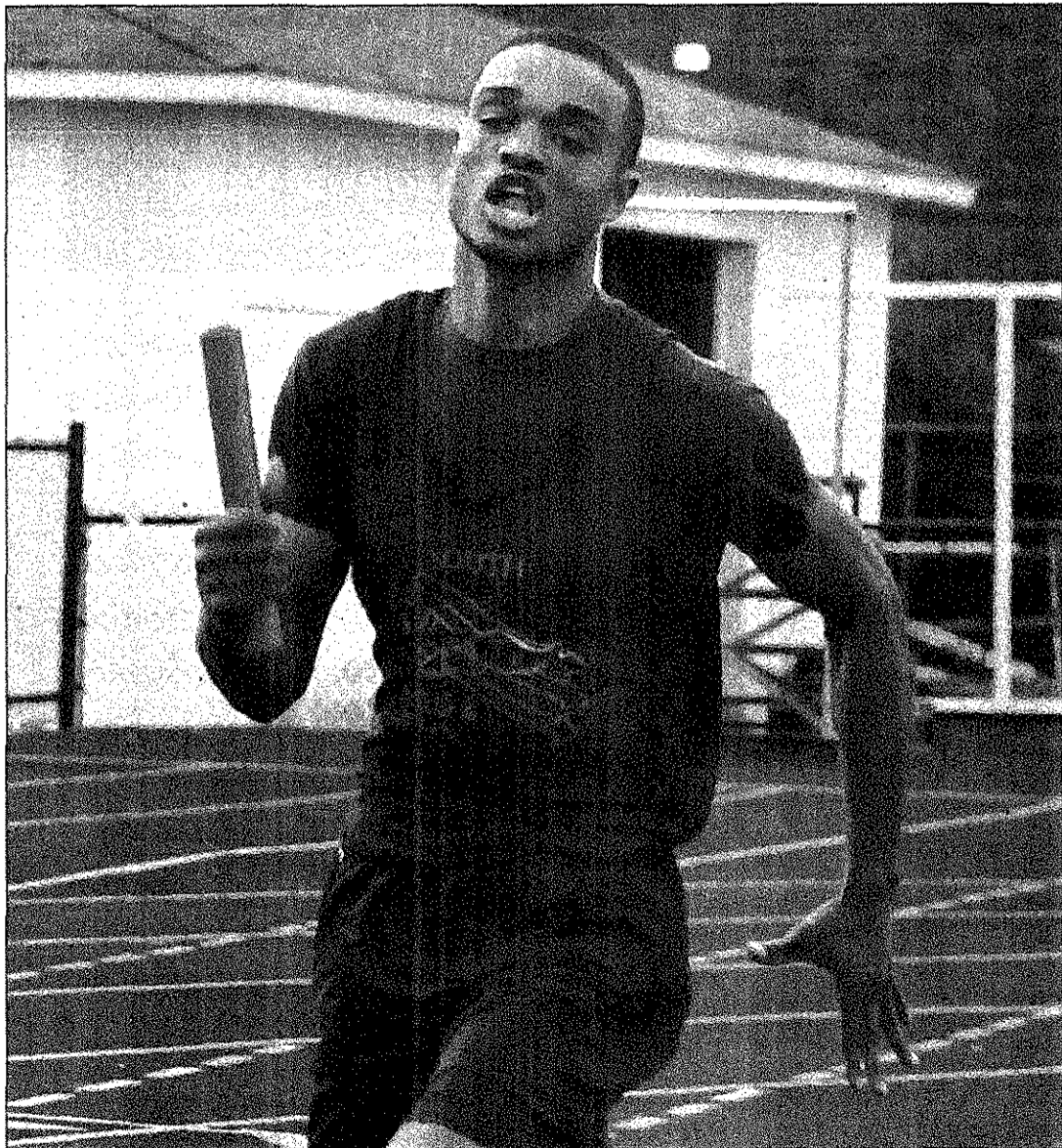


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# School record

Grosse Pointe South senior Victor Mattison broke the school record in the 400-dash, running a time of 48.9. In addition, Rob Whaley broke the freshman record in the same event, posting a time of 50.3. Unfortunately, the Blue Devils lost 99-38 to Utica, finishing 3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

## Golf

# Consistency leads to wins

The University Liggett boys' golf team beat Marine City Cardinal Mooney 172-204 last week.

Caleb Ninivaggi led the way with a 41, followed closely by Chris Monsour with a 42, Jeff Mott with a 43 and Robert Stanley with a 46.

"We had what was probably our most consistent rounds of the year in a match," head

coach Dan Sullivan said. "We had five players and an alternate that broke 50."

Despite cold, wet and windy conditions, Liggett got revenge, beating Plymouth Christian and Bloomfield Hills Roeper. The Knights shot a 174, while PC had a 187 and Roeper had a 190.

Ninivaggi led the way with a 42, followed by Jake Soyka

with a 43, Monsour with a 44, Stanley with a 45, Mott with a 46 and Morgan Walker with a 48.

The Knights' home course had only six playable holes, so the three teams played a revamped nine hole course to get the match in before the state playoffs begin.

With the wins, Liggett improved to 7-4 overall.

## LOCHMOOR CLUB

# North wins Challenge Cup, earns bragging rights

For the first time in the five-year history of the Challenge Cup Grosse Pointe North won beat Grosse Pointe South, 362-366, at Lochmoor Country Club.

The real winners of the day were the student-athletes of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The turnout was outstanding and the participation was as well with the team captains lining up teammates to play in the outing.

Grosse Pointe North's banner raising ceremony is in the winter sports season and the Athletic Booster Club will handle it.

While the ultimate goal is to

raise funds — some \$70,000 has been distributed to each school to date, thanks to this event — the "real" trophy is bragging rights to see which booster club fields the best top six teams.

"This is a joint effort between the two schools, local businesses and most importantly, our booster clubs," said Grosse Pointe North Club President Steve Skorupski. "Both clubs donate 100 percent of cup profits to their respective school's athletic programs. It is like its own stimulus package."

Monies come from team participation, auction items and community support.

"Sponsorship levels from the community were close to that of last year, which in this economy is very heartwarming," said Suzanne Conroy, Grosse Pointe South's president. "As boosters, we recognize the importance of athletics in our student's lives, and that the business community continues its support of this even validated our efforts."

Lastly, a big thank you to our lunch sponsor National Cone Island on a spectacular job as always, and an even bigger thank you to Wells Fargo and Tim Cunnean for being the Challenge Cup sponsor.

— Bill Doetsch



## Baseball

## RIVALRY

## South trips North

By A.J. Hakim  
School Writer

On consecutive nights, the Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team surrendered multiple-run leads in the latter innings to its cross-town rivals, Grosse Pointe South.

And on consecutive nights, North failed to overcome its squandered runs, eventually falling in both contests, 11-9 and 10-7 (10 innings), respectively.

"We're probably our own worst enemy," North coach Frank Sumner said. "We've been kind of struggling all year with having a lead and not being able to get the out.

"Basically, I think we walk too many guys, put too many base runners on and we're always playing from the set position, always trying to stop a rally, instead of getting the 1-2-3 inning and getting back out there and hitting."

Hitting and scoring haven't been the problem, as evident in the Norsemen's 16 combined runs in the two games. It's the team's propensity to break down in the latter innings. In each of its last four games — all league games — North ceded leads.

During last Tuesday's game at South, North held leads of 5-0 and 9-3. Joe Aluia hit a two-run home run and Chip Wujek was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

But South chipped away at its deficit with a five-run fourth inning and took over the lead with three runs in the fifth. Sophomore Carmen Benedetti was 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs, Cam Gibson 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Ross Muniga had three hits with an RBI. Kevin Reck pitched the last five innings and struck out nine in the victory.

"He's just hitting the cover

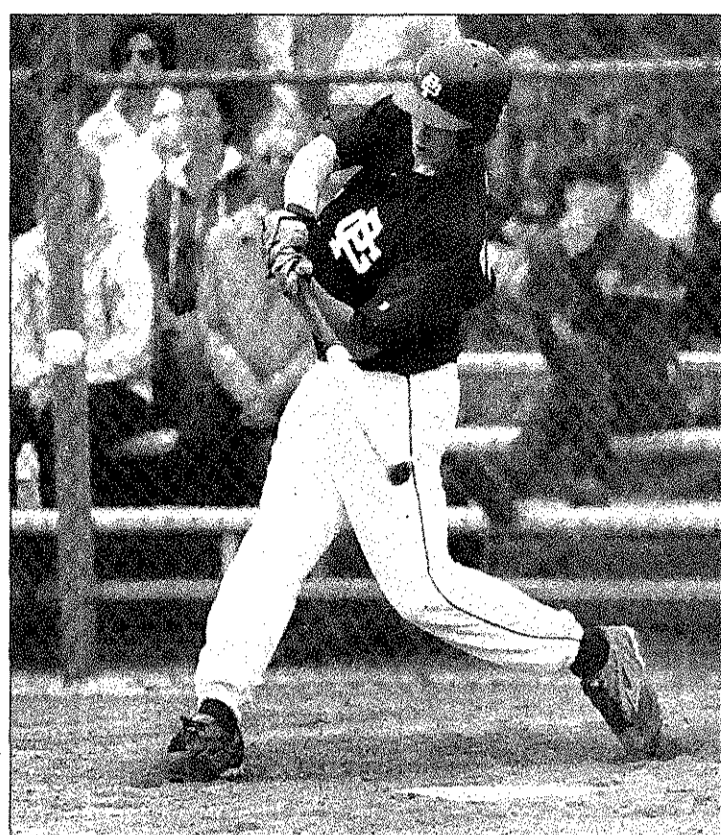


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**Grosse Pointe South's Carmen Benedetti, left, launches a home run in the Blue Devils' first of two wins against the Norsemen. Benedetti is hitting .597 with 38 RBIs, 12 doubles and six home runs.**

off the ball, and he's just really carried us," South coach Dan Griesbaum said of Benedetti. "He's just done a tremendous job. When he's up there, you know something good is going to happen. He's going to be a good one."

Again last Wednesday, North carried a 6-2 into the fourth inning and a 7-5 lead into the seventh. But with two on and two outs, George Fishback's routine grounder to second base rolled under Aluia's glove, scoring Jack Doyle.

On the subsequent play, Matt Reno tied the game with an infield single that also sparked controversy in whether he beat out the throw at first base. Jon Parker scored on the play.

"I thought we had it, thought we were out of here with the win," Sumner said. "It's hard. The old adage, 'you grab defeat from the jaws of victory.' It wasn't meant to be."

Griesbaum added: "Whether he did or didn't, that's the umpire's call. Sometimes they're going to go for you and sometimes they're going to go against you."

Benedetti eventually broke the tie in the 10th inning with

his sixth home run of the season. Doyle, Joey Aliotta and Robby Kish combined to allow one run on four hits in the final seven innings. The trio also struck out 11 and walked one. Parker and Gibson each hit home runs for South, while Aluia hit one out for North.

Wujek pitched six and two-thirds innings and allowed seven runs on 14 hits, while striking out six and walking three.

"Unbelievable yesterday and today," Griesbaum said. "The thing about this team is, they know they're never out of it. We've got some good bats in the line-up and we know we're always going to stay in the game. All we have to do is stay positive and chip away. We just believe that, at any point, we can come back, and that's what happened yesterday and today."

South is 5-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and North is 0-6.

South carries a .361 team batting average.

"I have to give North credit for not giving up," Griesbaum said. "They came back in the tournament game. All three games were tough."

## TOURNEY: South beats North, ULS

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## University Liggett

Liggett held on to beat Grosse Pointe North 5-4 in its second game of the invitational.

The Knights got on the board in the second when they loaded the bases on three singles. After a walk scored the first run of the game, Nate Weiss hit a single, scoring a second to take a 2-0 lead.

A two-out Norsemen fielding error kept the third inning alive and Kevin Allen made his opponent pay, doubling to left and sending two more runners home to make it a four-run game.

Grosse Pointe North added one run in the third on an RBI single by Jordan Ulmer.

Fannon and Ulmer exchanged home runs in the fifth and the Norsemen cut the lead to just one run after a two-run shot by Anthony Shaheen in the sixth.

Ulmer came to the plate with a chance to even the score with two outs, but struck out to end the comeback.

"They had some power hitters; I had to work the count a little bit," Fannon said. "I got my curve ball going, and I was picking the corners on my fastball."

Fannon recorded the win, giving up four runs and striking out 10 batters.

"Conner was huge," Cimini said. "He's been struggling a little with his control, but he's one of those kids who when he's throwing strikes, he can

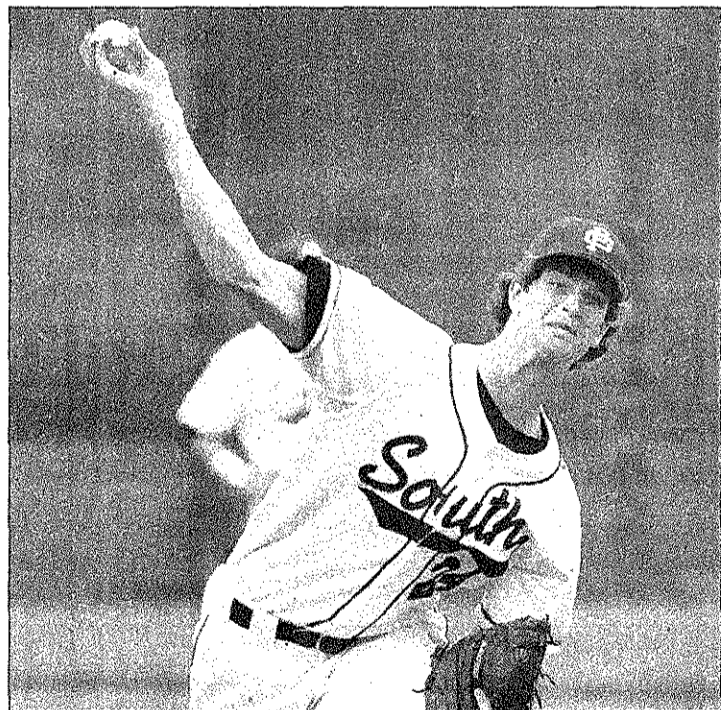


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**Grosse Pointe South's Kevin Reck threw bullets during his time on the mound against Liggett.**

beat anybody."

Grosse Pointe North's Sean Koerber struck out four batters, picking up the loss.

After winning by such a slim margin, the Knights knocked off Country Day by a 10-0 mercy to cap off the day.

The fourth inning proved big for Liggett, picking up seven runs on a grand slam by Joseph Simon and a three-run shot by Fannon.

Country Day failed to mount a comeback in the fifth inning, falling down in order to Weiss.

With two outs in the bottom of the fifth, the Knights scored two runs to reach the 10-run mercy rule.

Weiss finished with five strikeouts, allowing no runs on three hits for the Knights, who are 14-2 overall.

## Grosse Pointe North

The Norsemen opened the day on a rough note, falling to Country Day 16-0 in just four

innings.

"Today is prom and we're not playing very well," said Sumner. "We pitched well, but made some mistakes in the field and that hurt us."

Despite playing on its home turf, the Norsemen gave up 13 runs in the first inning.

Junior Jack Karle faced 18 batters in the first inning and was relieved by Salvatore Ciaravino in the fourth inning after giving up a homerun to Matthew Wagnitz.

Opposite Karle, Country Day's Robert Kuhn struck out five, throwing a shutout four innings.

The first inning was the only opportunity the Norsemen had to score, producing zero base runners in the final three innings.

North finished 0-3 in the tournament, and Country Day finished 1-2.

Grosse Pointe North is 8-10 overall.

## Softball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils win title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Nicole Crane is all smiles after her Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team won a second straight tournament last weekend.

Two weeks ago, the Blue Devils won the Fitzgerald Tournament and last weekend they captured the East Detroit Tournament.

"These wins are giving the girls a lot of confidence," Crane said. "We're playing

competitive softball and winning games, which is the most important thing right now."

The Blue Devils beat Sterling Heights, Warren Lincoln and host Eastpointe East Detroit, improving to 14-5 overall.

Senior captain Hayley Martin earned the win against Sterling Heights, while junior Bridg Walkowski was the winning pitcher against Lincoln and East Detroit.

Offensively, junior Bella Blondell hit a two-run homer

against East Detroit, while junior Carolyn Lanza drove in four runs against Lincoln.

Other offensive standouts were junior Sarah Gennaro, sophomore Carley Reno, sophomore Shirar, freshman Christina Tech and senior Emily Wybo.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils beat Sterling Heights 7-2 in a Macomb Area Conference Gold Division game. With the win, the Blue Devils improved to 4-2 in the league.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Strickland lifts Norsemen

By Mitch Gatzke  
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team hosted a double-header against St. Clair Shores Lake Shore last Friday.

The first game was good news for the Norsemen as they defeated the Shorians 7-2.

At the opening of the game, it looked like it would be a close game, but the host Norsemen used a five-run third inning to take the lead and they never looked back.

The inning was highlighted by the three-run homer by Nicole Strickland.

Lake Shore managed to get

two of those runs back in the top of the fourth, but that was all they would score.

The second game rendered a different result for the girls even though they gave up the same amount of runs.

Lake Shore won 2-0 in a game that saw the Norsemen struggle to get the hits they needed to capitalize on their scoring chances.

The best example of this was the top of the fifth inning which the Norsemen left the bases loaded.

Good defense from both sides was the story. Outfield catches by Danielle Haggerty and Lauren Bogosian kept the

bases clear for pitcher Amy Zaranek, who pitched both games for North.

Zaranek gave up just four runs on the day, only two were earned.

North head coach, Bill Taylor, said afterward that the difference in Lake Shore pitching from game one to game two was the reason his team failed to score.

He continued, "We have three league games coming up next week so we're hopeful that we can get some wins."

Grosse Pointe North is 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 8-11 overall.

## LIGGETT

## Knights nab two wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' softball team rebounded from six straight losses to sweep Warren Macomb Christian in a doubleheader last weekend.

"We needed those wins after dropping a few games in a row," head coach Ted Alpert said.

"The girls played well and didn't make an error in either game. Our defense hasn't been the greatest and it cost

us a few games."

The Knights dominated both games as every player in the lineup contributed by getting a big hit, scoring a run or making a play in the field.

Earlier in the week, Liggett lost 14-9 and 8-2 to Center Line, plus dropped a 12-10 decision to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

In the opener against Center Line, sophomore Colleen Klimek was 3-for-3

with a sacrifice fly and five RBIs. At the moment, Klimek is the Knights' most consistent hitter and leads the team in most statistical categories.

In the loss to Northwest, senior Tess Bandos led a first-inning rally after getting hit by a pitch and eventually scoring.

Freshman Danielle Lorant had two run-scoring hits and junior Susie Stefani had a couple of RBI singles.

Liggett is 3-3 in the MIAC and 12-11 overall.

## G.P. SOUTH

## Sign up for South alumni game

The Grosse Pointe South baseball alumni game is 1 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at the South baseball diamond.

"Whether you still play, or haven't picked up a bat in years, your participation will help make this game a fun experience for all," said Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club member Don DeLaura. "Please help us spread the word through an old-fashioned call, email, twitter, facebook, etc."

"We are also inviting you to join the 2011 GPS Dugout Club. If you would like to join the Club, please click on the web site for details, or call any of the Dugout Club members."

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Grosse Pointe North college signings



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## Dominican-bound

Grosse Pointe North senior Micaela Liddane, seated center, signed a letter-of-intent to play women's volleyball for head coach Sandy Rowley at Ohio Dominican University. The Panthers are in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with local colleges Wayne State, Hillsdale, Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley. Joining Liddane for the celebration are, standing from left, North varsity girls' head basketball coach Gary Bennett, Jeanne Lizza Liddane and Michael Liddane; and seated from left, Maria Liddane and Thomas Liddane.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## Smooth as ice

Grosse Pointe North senior Taylor Moody, seated center, will play women's ice hockey for head coach Jeff Wilson, standing far right, at Michigan State University in the fall. She made it official after signing her letter-of-intent last week. Taking part in the ceremony were, standing from left, Joe Lucchese, North girls hockey assistant head coach, Brian Moody, Maudi Moody, LaFray Seel and Wilson; and seated from left, Brian Moody Jr. and Bryn Moody.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## Running up north

Grosse Pointe North senior Kailey Sickmiller, seated center, signed a letter-of-intent to run women's cross-country for head coach Jenny Ryan at Northern Michigan University. Joining Sickmiller during her celebration were, standing from left, Alynne Sickmiller, Craig Sickmiller and Tyler Sickmiller; and seated from left, Connor Sickmiller and Lauren Sickmiller.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## The love of baseball

Grosse Pointe North senior Sean Koerber, seated center, was joined by, standing from left, Frank Sumbera, North varsity boys baseball head coach, and Milissa Pierce, North counselor; and seated from left, Tammy Koerber and Dan Koerber, while he signed his letter-of-intent to play men's college baseball for head coach Del Young at Owens Community College.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## Big Ten country

Grosse Pointe North senior Laine Maher, seated second from left, signed a letter-of-intent to row for the University of Wisconsin's women's crew team under head coach Bebe Bryans. Joining Maher during her ceremony were, standing from left, Jack Maher, Brennan Brophy and John Maher; and seated from left, Kelly Maher, Ann Louwers and Kit Maher.



Grosse Pointe North college signings

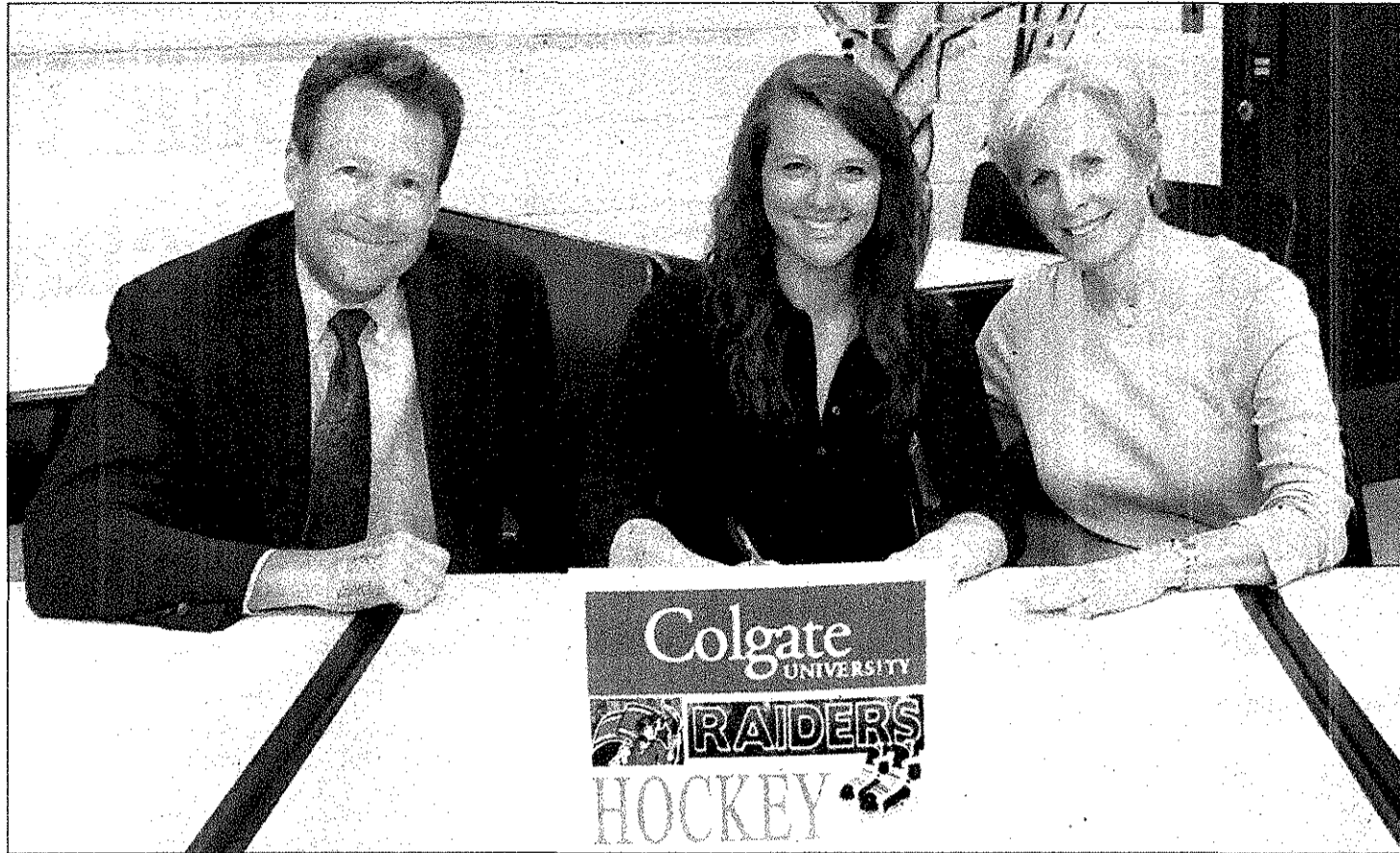


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# Hockey excellence

Grosse Pointe North senior Katie Case, was joined by her parents, Jim Case and Beth Case, when she signed a letter-of-intent to play women's ice hockey for Colgate University, located in Hamilton, N.Y. The Red Raiders are coached by Scott Wiley and play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference. They were 11-19-3 this season and 8-12-2 in the ECAC. Case played hockey for some of the nation's best travel teams, including a squad based in Canada, this writer.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

# He is a Spartan

Grosse Pointe North senior Doug Zade, seated center, signed a letter-of-intent to play men's tennis for Michigan State University and head coach Gene Orlando. The Spartans, a member of the Big Ten, finished 19-8 overall and 3-8 in the conference. Joining Zade for the ceremony were his parents, Ralph and Donna Zade. Zade was the Norsemen's No. 1 singles player his junior year and this season he spent the fall playing tournament tennis.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

# The next level of lax

Grosse Pointe North senior Sean Seaman, seated center, is playing men's lacrosse for Oberlin College next year. Seaman will play for head coach Topher Grossman. This season, the Yeoman are 7-9 overall, including 4-2 on their home turf. Joining Seaman during his ceremony at North were, standing, his father, Bill Seaman, and seated from left, friend Andrew Visser and twin sister, Mackenzie Seaman.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

# Lady laxer

Grosse Pointe North senior Emily Turnbull, seated center, was joined by mother, Barb Turnbull, right; brother, Patrick Turnbull, left; and her North varsity girls lacrosse head coach Bill Seaman, standing; during a letter-of-intent ceremony last week. Turnbull will play women's lacrosse for The College of Wooster in Ohio. The Fighting Scots are coached by Liz Ford and finished 10-6 this spring.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

# K-Zoo-bound

Grosse Pointe North senior Nolan Rozich, seated center, is going to be a two-sport collegiate student-athlete the next four years. He signed to play for Kalamazoo College and joining him during his ceremony were brother, Aaron, sister, Abby, and mother, Patty. The Hornets' gridiron team is coached by Jamie Zorbo and finished 3-7 in the fall, while the baseball squad coached by Matt Rix, finished 17-21 this spring.



## Tennis

## RIVALS

# North, ULS tie, 4-4

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett battled cold, windy weather conditions Monday afternoon in their non-league match.

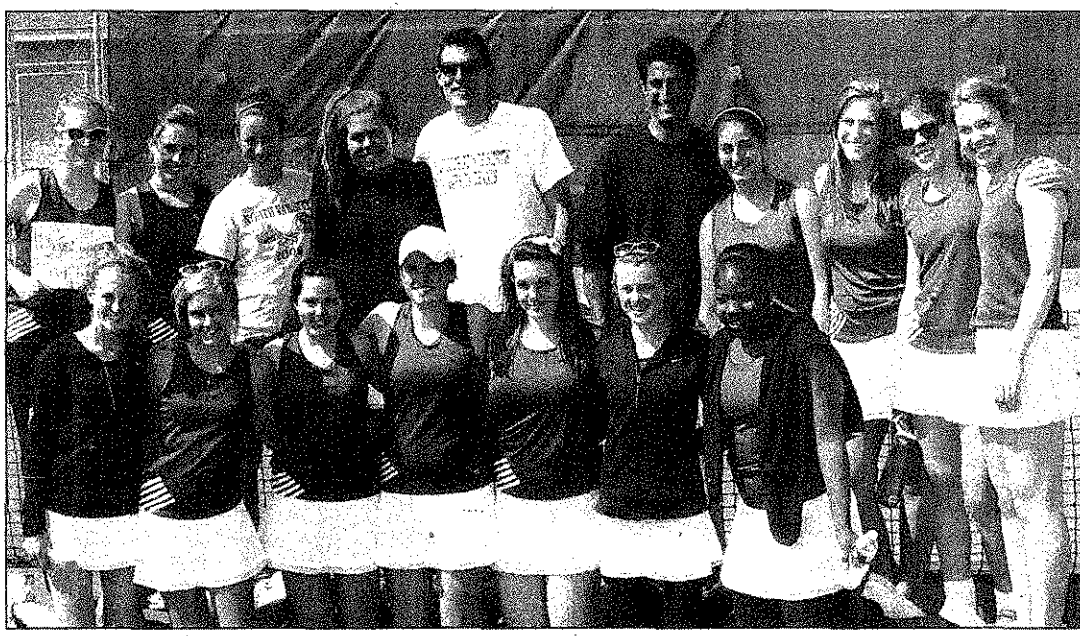
They tied 4-4 and most of the matches were tight.

"I'm thrilled with how well the girls have played the past couple of weeks," North head coach Matt Eszes said. "We're in nice shape heading into the regionals."

At No. 1 singles, North's Ali Scoggin beat Medea Shanidze 6-1, 6-0, while Liggett's Nimet Williams defeated Maura Bresser 6-3, 6-4.

Holly Gilezan won at No. 3 singles for North, beating Wesley DeJoie 6-2, 6-2 and Maria Liddane helped the Norsemen win the No. 4 singles match, defeating Clarissa Dixon 6-2, 6-3.

The Knights were able to gain the tie by winning three of the four doubles matches, led by the No. 1 tandem of Emily



Grosse Pointe North coaches and players celebrate after a recent tournament.

Broder and Madeline Mair, who beat Kelsey Richards and Alyse Victor 7-5, 6-3.

The Norsemen's No. 2 doubles team of Kiera Maloney and Sarah Warnez beat Jasmine Policherla and Zoe Hu 6-2, 6-2, but the Knights came back to win at No. 3 doubles with Mary Nehra and Carolyn Charbonier defeating Alison Alexsy and Jayla Hubbard 7-5, 4-6 (10-6).

Liggett also won at No. 4 doubles with Katherine Woodward and Meghan Berkery beating Natalie Rusinow and Erin McCarthy 2-6, 6-3 (10-8).

The last two doubles teams played 10-point super tie breakers instead of a full third

set.

In other action, North lost 6-3 to Macomb Area Conference Red Division foe St. Clair.

Courtney Carroll and Dayle Maas won at No. 5 doubles, while Liddane was a winner at No. 4 singles.

The Norsemen's final win was posted by the No. 2 doubles squad of Warnez and Maloney.

"While St. Clair won the match, the ladies continued their amazing run of excellent play against state-ranked opponents," Eszes said.

North was on the court two days later and beat a foe it has lost to the past several years, Grosse Ile.

The Norsemen won 5-3 with

No. 1 singles player Scoggin and Liddane posting victories.

The No. 1 doubles team of Alyse Victor and Richards won, as did the No. 2 doubles tandem of Maloney and Warnez and the No. 4 doubles team of Natalie Rusinow and Erin McCarthy.

"Nat and Mac won the fifth and deciding match with all eyes watching," Eszes said. "Congratulations to the entire team for their effort and determination."

"North is soaring high and proud right now, which is perfect timing with regionals and divisionals right around the corner."

Grosse Pointe North is 5-5-2 overall; Liggett is 3-2-4 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils co-champs

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

As advertised, the Macomb Area Conference Red Division was one of the most balanced in its history.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team had a chance to win the division with a win over Utica Eisenhower last week.

The Blue Devils won the four doubles matches and lost the four singles matches to play a 4-4 tie.

"All of the teams in our division are competitive, which made for some great tennis matches this season," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "I'm proud of the girls for battling. We lost seven seniors from last year and had pretty much a new lineup; so for the girls to win a share of the title is great."

"I can't wait for the division tournament. Every point is going to be crucial."

South finished 2-0-2 in the MAC Red, tied with Port Huron Northern with the same record. St. Clair and Eisenhower tied for third with a 1-1-2 mark and Grosse

Pointe North battled, but was winless.

The lineup Sobieralski has set includes singles players Brooke Willard, Sydney Keller, Alexa Cornwall and Katherine Halso.

The doubles teams are Julie Wittwer and Emma Hyde, Carrie Lynch and Clare Brennan, Alana Dickson and Emily Boccaccio and Samantha Perry and Katherine Krueger. Anna Stewart and Paige Hackenberger played No. 5 doubles.

As a warm-up for the state regional tournament, South finished third in the Holly Invitational last weekend and tied No. 1-ranked Clarkston 4-4 as the No. 4 doubles team of Perry and Krueger came through with a clutch win to earn the tie.

"The girls are really playing well and gaining more and more confidence," Sobieralski said.

In the Holly Invitational, Willard won the No. 1 singles flight, while Wittwer and Hyde and Lynch and Brennan also took home a gold medal.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-0-4 overall.

## Lacrosse

## RIVALS

# Teams battle cold temps

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' lacrosse team beat city rival University Liggett 18-7 Monday afternoon.

The girls have become used to playing in cold, windy, wet conditions and it was much of the same on the grass field at Liggett.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an 11-4 halftime lead and cruised in the second half as head coach Lauren Germaine watched several underclassmen score in the final 25 minutes.

Leading the way were seniors Elizabeth Clem with two goals, and Shelby Stone with two goals and four assists, plus juniors Chelsea Merrill with one goal, Lilly Sterr with two goals and one assist, Libby Griffith with two goals and Sara Ellis with one goal.

Other goal scorers were

Jenna Morris with two, Mackenzie Paddock with two, Bridgette Champane with three and Christine Naber with one.

"We have played some tough games and this was another tough one on the schedule," Liggett head coach Tamara Fobare said. "The girls are playing hard and our newer players are learning the game."

Sophomore Chandler Warren scored three goals to lead the Knights, while junior Abby Belcrest and senior Nozomi Yamasaki had two goals apiece.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 13-11 to Troy Athens and 12-7 to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, falling to 1-9 overall.

"We're making strides in the right direction and playing better," Fobare said. "We had a couple of tough losses."

South celebrated senior night last week as Ellie Harness, Hayley Alshuler,

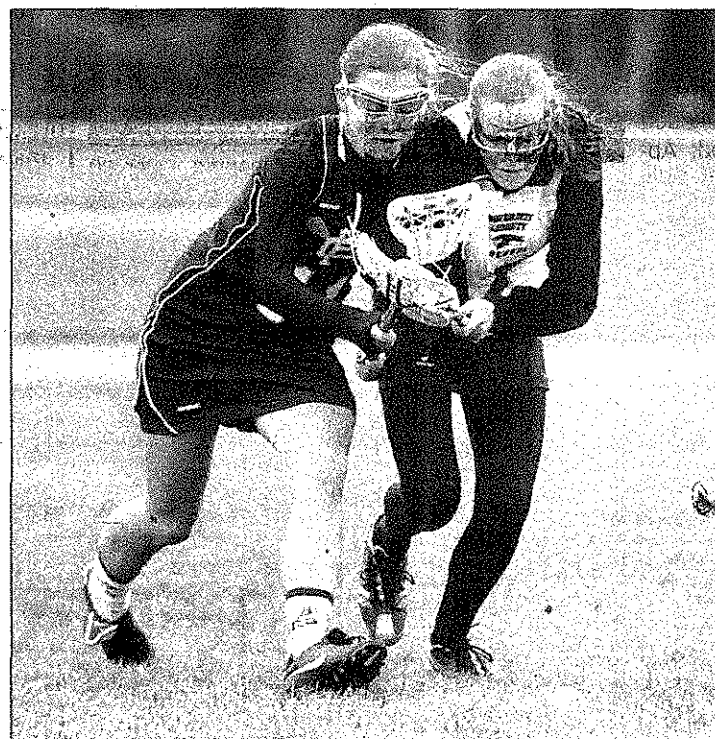


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Liggett's Chandler Warren, right, and South's Chelsea Merrill battle for possession during the Blue Devils' victory over the Knights.

Kelseie Sizell, Molly Mecke, Leah Turner, Clem and Stone were honored.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, they lost 11-5 to No. 3-ranked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, leaving their record at 6-8 overall.

The visiting Cranes scored

the first five goals before Griffith tallied. Stone scored twice in the first half, but the Blue Devils trailed 8-3.

In the second half, the defense stiffened, allowing only three goals, but they could only net two as Paddock and Stone scored.

## Soccer

## LIGGETT

# Playing well

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' soccer is hanging tough in the race for a division title.

Last week, the Knights beat Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 5-2 and edged Bloomfield Hills Roper 1-0 in overtime.

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rules mandate teams must play overtime if tied after regulation.

"It took the girls a little while to get used to the bigger field," head coach David Dwaihy said. "I give them a lot of credit because they played us tough and we get them in the first round of the district playoffs, so we know they will be ready to play us."

Midway through the overtime, senior Ellie Farber scored the game-winning goal with

freshman Caitlin deRuiter netting the assist.

The Knights had no trouble putting away Northwest, scoring twice in the first couple of minutes.

Freshman Hannah Hodges scored in the opening minute with Farber drawing an assist. Farber had one of the prettiest goals of the season a minute later, scoring on a free kick from 30 yards out.

Sophomore Ariana Castillo, assisted by Farber, and senior Annalisa Provenzano, assisted by sophomore Ashley Webster, also tallied in the first half, giving the Knights a 4-1 advantage.

The Crusaders scored to make it a 4-2 game, but sophomore Eleni Pitses scored an insurance goal with several minutes left.

Liggett improved to 5-2 in the MIAC and 7-4 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Ladies win again

Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team had a light schedule last week, winning its only game, 2-1, over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Head coach Gene Harkins and the Blue Devils were in another tight Macomb Area Conference Red Division battle.

The host Blue Devils edged

the Titans 1-0 earlier this season and this game wasn't decided until freshman Dani Manning scored with under two minutes left in the game.

Senior Chloe Jacob scored early in the second half for South, which improved to 4-2-1 in the MAC Red Division and 8-2-1 overall.

—Bob St. John

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

# Norsemen tested by top 12 teams

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team hosted University of Detroit Jesuit last weekend, losing 9-5.

From the beginning of the game, the Cubs controlled the play, but turnovers proved costly and the host Norsemen were able to take advantage to score two goals.

The Cubs managed to get

"These games are a good indication of what team we have," head coach Bill Seaman said.

The Norsemen had a 5-4 lead before losing 7-4 to host Cranbrook Kingswood and came back to tie Troy 8-8.

The Norsemen had the one-

goal lead and possession of the ball. Seaman called a timeout to run a play. A goal would have given the visitors a nice two-goal cushion heading down the stretch, but they turned the ball over and just like that the Cranes scored to tie and then tacked on three more to win the

game.

Senior Mackenzie Seaman had three goals and sophomore Julia Guest added one in the defeat. The two game road swing concluded with the draw to the Colts. Earlier in the week, North beat Flushing 16-7 to stand 8-3-1 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

# Norsemen's losing streak a concern

Grosse Pointe North's boys' lacrosse team hosted University of Detroit Jesuit last weekend, losing 9-5.

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The Cubs managed to get

those two goals to tie it early in the second quarter and for the rest of the half it was all the visitors. They proceeded to score another three goals to take a 5-2 halftime lead.

The Norsemen came out of halftime looking like a different team and scored two goals through hard work and a lot of offensive chances to cut the

deficit to 5-4.

The Cubs scored to retake a two-goal lead and it seemed to take away all the momentum the Norsemen built up.

A late third quarter goal by the Cubs gave them a 7-4 edge going into the final period.

Top performers for the Norsemen were Zach LaValley, who scored two goals and

added an assist, and Sean Seaman, who also netted a couple.

North also played Macomb Area Conference foes Utica Eisenhower and Warren Consolidated last week, losing 11-1 and winning 20-7.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-4 in the MAC and 6-7 overall.

—Mitch Gatzke

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Tough defeats

Grosse Pointe North's girls' soccer team dropped a pair of 1-0 games to division foes Utica Ford and Chippewa Valley.

"We can't get over the hump," head coach Chris Alston said. "We have been in every game and losing these tough one-goal games is frustrating because I know how hard the girls are playing."

"We just can't seem to catch a break."

The Norsemen fell to 0-4-1 in the Macomb Area Conference

"We have been in every game and losing these tough one-goal games is frustrating because I know how hard the girls are playing. We can't catch a break."

CHRIS ALSTON,  
North soccer coach

Red Division and 1-7-2 overall.

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HARPER Woods, 20202 VanAntwerp. Friday, Saturday, Sunday; 9am-5pm.

HUGE Grosse Pointe garage sale. Saturday & Sunday 9am-7pm.

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MOVING. Must sell everything. 19654 Blossom Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods.

MULTI family yard sale. Grosse Pointe Woods, 966-980 Hidden Lane.

MULTI-family garage sale - 345 Ridge Road. Friday, 8:30-11:30.

MULTIFAMILY 5 Hampton. Friday & Saturday, 9am-4pm.

MULTIPLE family sale. Saturday, May 21st. 548 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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SPRING fling yard sale- Grosse Pointe City, 768 Rivard.

ST. Clair Shores, 22432 Statler (Jefferson). Friday, Saturday, 9am-5pm.

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