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### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

◆ Learn the proper way to prune flowering and shade trees, shrubs, vines and perennials from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26. Bring a pair of sharpened hand pruners and loppers and dress for the weather. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

◆ A women and safety seminar, "Tools to Increase Your Personal Safety," is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital conference room. To register, call (313) 884-7878.  
◆ Healthy, budget-minded meal preparation is the topic of Kathy Rinaldi and Ro Coury's seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$21.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library book sale preview night for Friends members is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.  
◆ Services for Older Citizens hosts a tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.  
◆ Mil Hurley talks about tough plants to weather tough times from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$26.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a spring book sale at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

# 'Best affordable suburb' in state

Business Week cites good schools, low crime, reasonable commute

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It didn't come as a great surprise to Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke that his city recently made a prestigious list.

Business Week magazine cited 50 suburban municipalities as being the "Best Affordable Suburbs" in their respective states, and Grosse Pointe Woods took the honor for the state of Michigan.

"I must say I'm very pleased," Novitke said, "but it shouldn't come as a surprise to Woods residents. I have always said that our city is one of the most desirable places to reside, do business and raise a family. It's nice that others recognize it as well."

The criteria real estate writer Prashat Gopal and the editors at Business Week used included population, median incomes, crime statistics, education levels of residents and test scores from local



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Grosse Pointe Woods has been recognized for its affordable housing, good schools and low crime rate.

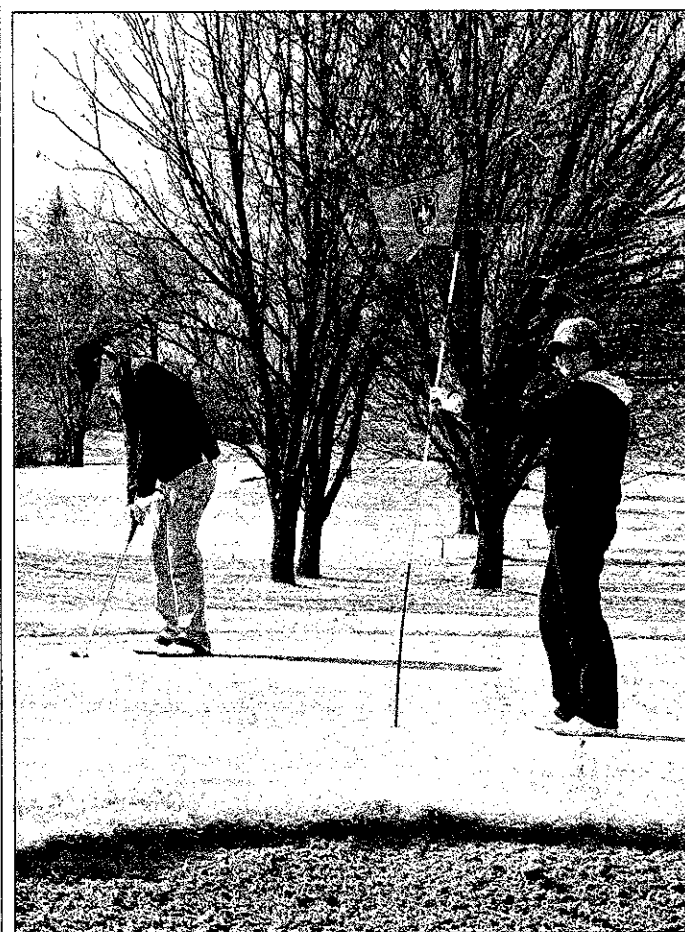
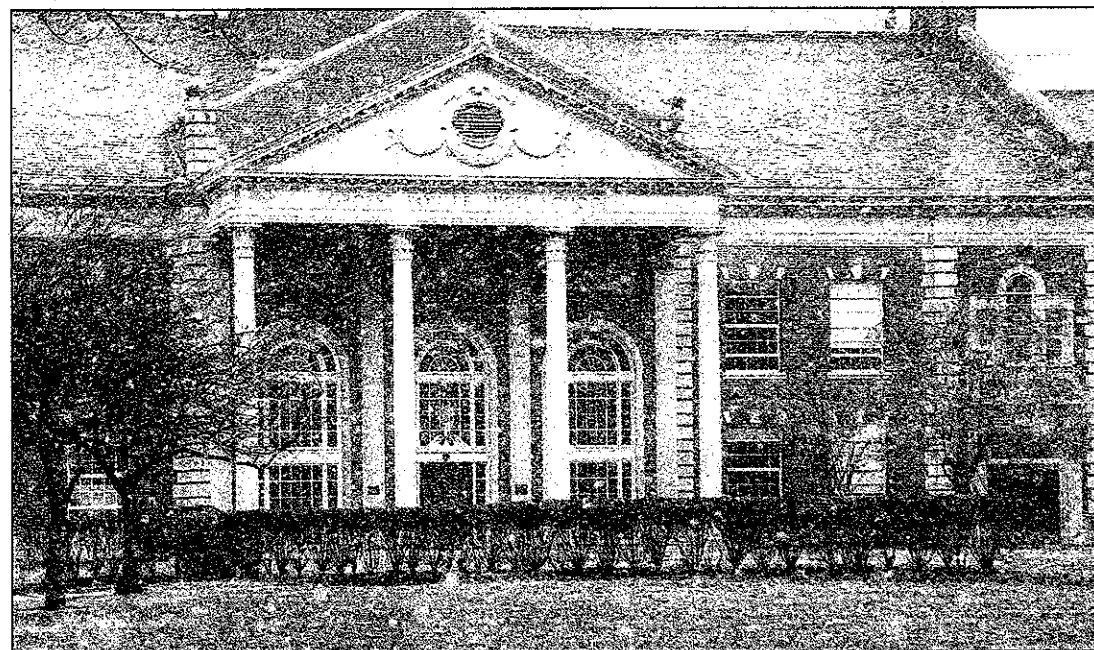
schools.

"Housing prices across the nation are being flattened by the worst economic crisis in decades," the article noted. "But it's still not necessarily easy to find af-

fordable suburbs with good schools, low crime, reasonable commutes, strong economies and a good quality of life. That's where Business Week can help. We've selected one affordable

suburb near the biggest city in each state where residents can find the best quality of life for their money in 2009."

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Weather patterns

Ah, Michigan weather. Winter made one last stand casting gray skies, cold winds and snow Saturday, March 21, belying the calendar which declared it was spring and had been so for 24 hours. The following day, the sun made a valiant effort to shine, nudging temperatures into the high 40s. That was good enough for Joel Vander Male, home for spring break from Calvin College, and his mother, Mimi McMillan, to walk the greens and hit a few golf balls. They putted the fourth hole of the short course at the Country Club of Detroit.

## THE FIVE GROSSE POINTES

# Fire truck needs under review

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Inquiries about how to more efficiently share the five Grosse Pointes' costly fire fighting equipment are not a step toward full-blown consolidation of their public safety departments, according to parties involved.

"Each community takes a lot of pride in the job their departments do," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "We want to maintain indepen-

dence. But, there may be ways to share equipment."

A Southeast Michigan Council of Governments study done at the Pointes' request recommended expanding their existing public safety mutual aid agreement to better share fire trucks and reduce redundant assets.

"We already share manpower," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "This is more about possible

See FIRE TRUCK, page 10A

## POINTER OF INTEREST

*'I've always loved the allure of glass; the way the light plays through is magical.'*

## Bill Wrobel



Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
Age: 49  
Family: Wife, Catherine; daughter, Suzanne; sons, Andrew and Benjamin  
Claim to fame: made 51-inch stained glass window  
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## Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **CITIZEN NABS CAR THIEF:** A 16-year-old Detroit boy was arrested by a Park citizen after a foot chase after the teenager crashed a stolen car against a utility pole near the citizen's home.

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHANGES:** Additions and changes to the Grosse Pointe High School curriculum are being made; some resulting from the school system's decision to graduate students only in June.

Most changes are in the foreign language program where a fourth year of French will become available. Until now, four years of study was possible only in Latin. A third year of instruction has been added in both Spanish and German and a course in Russian will once

again be offered after being eliminated for lack of interest last year.

◆ **BOUNDARY SHIFT:** Only one of 68 Grosse Pointe Woods — Harper Woods borderline property owners expressed a desire to have her property located entirely within Harper Woods. The councils of both cities reached an accord on the boundary line adjustment. State statutes permit boundary changes between communities through mutual resolutions passed by the councils of the cities involved.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS ARRESTS SHOPLIFTERS:** Two Detroit women dressed as nurses were arrested by Grosse Pointe Woods police at J.C. Penney's for shoplifting \$600 worth of merchandise.

◆ **BON SECOURS GETS \$125,000:** The McGregor Fund awarded the Sisters of Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores a \$125,000 grant for constructing and equipping the center's progressive physical and rehabilitative services department.

◆ **ESQUIRE WILL SPLIT INTO FOUR:** As the last of the Grosse Pointe Celebrity Series guests walked out the front doors of the Esquire Theater March 8, a construction crew walked in the back doors. They began the process of turning the Grosse Pointe Park landmark into four individual theaters under one roof. One house will seat 450, two will seat 250 and the final theater will be a small living room-style theater, popular in England.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **WAR MEMORIAL TURNS 50:** The Grosse Pointe War Memorial celebrated its 50th anniversary



FROM THE MARCH 25, 1999 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1999: High noon for Beanie lovers

Beanie Babie freaks Bonnie Rau, second from left, and Donna Rose brave the noontime gauntlet of shoppers at Something Special Too on the Hill for the latest shipment of Beanie Babies. Store owner Sandy Gillespie, at left, behind the counter releases new shipments of Beanies at noon. "If a shipment arrives after 12 p.m., we don't sell them until the next day at noon," said Gillespie.

with a breakfast attended by past chairman of the community center and prominent Grosse Pointe civic leaders.

◆ **FARMS DENIES HILL OFFICE BUILDING:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council turned down a plan for a new office building on the Hill. In denying a local developer's request to replace the one-story Optical Library building on Kercheval with a two-story office structure, the council acknowledged the shift from retail to office use on the Hill needs to be studied.

◆ **TAR PAPER FIRE:** Two employees of a construction company were repairing the

roof of a structure in the 300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms when a fire broke out. The workers were using a torch to apply new tar paper to a rear porch room when the fire started.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **WATER PLANT FOR EASTSIDE:** A trickle of interest has become a wave of support for weighing the practicality of a separate water filtration plant to serve the eastside. The idea was floated

during a casual conversation between representatives of Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores. Warren, Center Line, Fraser and the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority pledged to pay their financial share of a feasibility study expected to take a year.

◆ **ARNIE RETURNS:** Arnold Palmer plans to be in Grosse Pointe to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of his finest golfing achievements. Palmer, who won the 1954 United States Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Detroit, will return along with 24 other former U.S. Amateur Champions for

the Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational at the club in August.

◆ **WHITE POWDER:** Grosse Pointe Farms police are investigating a white powdery substance contained in an envelope that a suspicious man dropped off Sunday morning at a church in the first block of Lakeshore.

A female parishioner said a man entered the church at 10 a.m. and placed the unsealed, unmarked envelope in a stack of outgoing mail. The envelope contained two small packages of a suspicious material and was sent to a laboratory for analysis.

— Karen Fontanive

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Drunk driver may receive 15 years

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A teenage coed from St. Clair Shores mourned last week for four high school classmates killed in Roseville when the car they were in was hit by an alleged drunken driver.

The teen said it wasn't fair that drunks always seem to walk away "without a scratch" from causing crashes that kill innocent victims.

Many times the public never knows about how drunken drivers get tangled in their own record and face long prison terms designed to keep them from endangering society.

A drunken whirl behind the wheel may whisk an alcoholic on a 15-year trip behind bars.

Andre Lamont Thomas, 26, of Belleville, was arrested last week on his third charge of drunken driving.

"Typically, this is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail," Judge Russell Ethridge told Thomas during his arraignment Friday, March 20 in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court. "But, because you're charged as a third offender, it's now a felony."

Thomas' two prior drunken driving convictions were last year in Taylor and the year before in Farmington.

"Since you have two prior alcohol-related driving convictions, this is now a felony punishable by fines between \$500 and \$5,000, one to five years in prison or probation."

Worse yet, for Thomas, his beefed-up five-year jail term could triple because he's a habitual offender. His criminal record has convictions for felonious assault, resisting arrest and breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

"Because you have these prior felony convictions, this is potentially punishable by 15 years," Ethridge told him. "This offense (for) drunk driving makes you an habitual (offender). That means the penalty, instead of just being one to five years in prison, could be 15 years."

A city patrolman pulled Thomas over at 2:02 a.m. Thursday, March 19, for running a red light in a borrowed car at Cadieux and Mack. The officer arrested Thomas for registering a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

In addition to the drunken

driving and habitual offender charges, Ethridge arraigned Thomas for giving false information to a police officer, driving with a suspended license and committing a felony with a motor vehicle. Thomas requested a court-appointed attorney.

"At the time, I'm not working," he told Ethridge. "I'm looking to be a student at Wayne County Community College."

Thomas said he lives in Belleville with his mother.

"My daughter is in Romulus," Thomas said. "She lives with her mother. My son lives with his mother on the east side of Detroit."

Ethridge scheduled him for a preliminary examination at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26.

Ethridge set bond at \$150,000 cash, an amount Detective Ron Wieczorek hopes Thomas can't post. Wieczorek was concerned that Thomas wouldn't show up for the prelim.

"In Taylor, he never returned to court for his sentencing date when he pled guilty to the second drinking and driving offense," Wieczorek said. "I spoke with the court. He basi-

cally blew the court date off and didn't call, didn't appear."

Thomas implied that his actions had been steered by alcohol abuse.

"I don't want to drink anymore," he testified.

"A lot of people with drinking problems don't want to drink anymore," Ethridge answered.

"This has been a horrible problem in my life," Thomas said. "I would like to attend AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)."

"Every year you seem to pick up something involving a motor vehicle and alcohol," Ethridge said. "This is compounded by the fact that when you were confronted by a sentence you didn't think you could meet, you decided to blow it off and not appear in court. The court is convinced your drinking is not under control. My concern is if I release you, you'll continue to drive. You borrowed somebody's car in connection with this situation."

If Thomas posts bond, he must wear a tether and confine himself to his residence in Belleville until the prelim.

"I know I'm looking to do some type of time for this," he said.

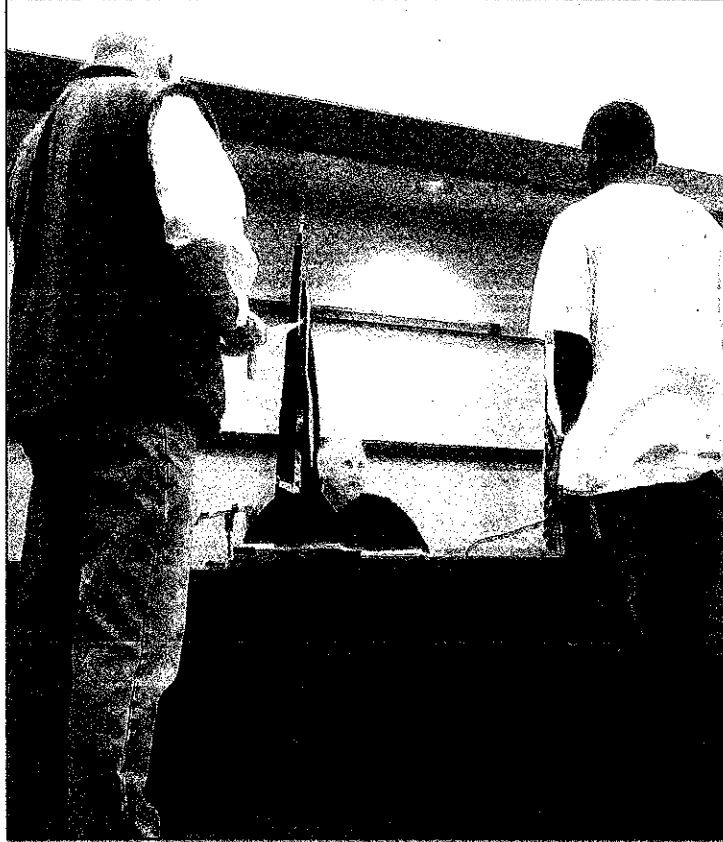


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge arraigns a habitual offender on his third charge of drunken driving. City police arrested the man one day after a drunken driver was arrested for causing the traffic deaths of four St. Clair Shores teenagers in Roseville. Detective Ron Wieczorek, at left, said, "Drunk driving is a hot topic, with four young kids from St. Clair Shores dying in Roseville."

## WOODS: Affordable suburb

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In recognizing the Woods, Gopal wrote, "The housing downturn has helped to push down home prices in this leafy suburb, 14 miles northeast of Detroit along the shore of Lake St. Clair. The area is known for its relative affluence and strong high school. About 40 percent of residents are married with children. The average commute is 21 minutes."

While that may be the commute to downtown Detroit, longtime Woods resident Maryann Judge cites her commute to the lake as a reason she loves her hometown.

"I can walk to the lake, and the drive along Lakeshore is beautiful," the 40-year resident said. "I love Grosse Pointe Woods, and I'm so proud of everything it has to offer. My neighbors are wonderful. All of our needs are close by, our shopping, our churches, our doctors. Everything we need is here."

Lisa Toenjes has lived in the Woods for 23 years, along with her husband, Paul, and their children, Matt and Jennifer.

"We love it here because it's a family-friendly community," she said. "The parks are great, and you can walk to the library and to stores. I like the fact that so many activities revolve around the schools and are so family-oriented."

According to Business Week, the average home price in the Woods is \$158,700, making it more affordable than

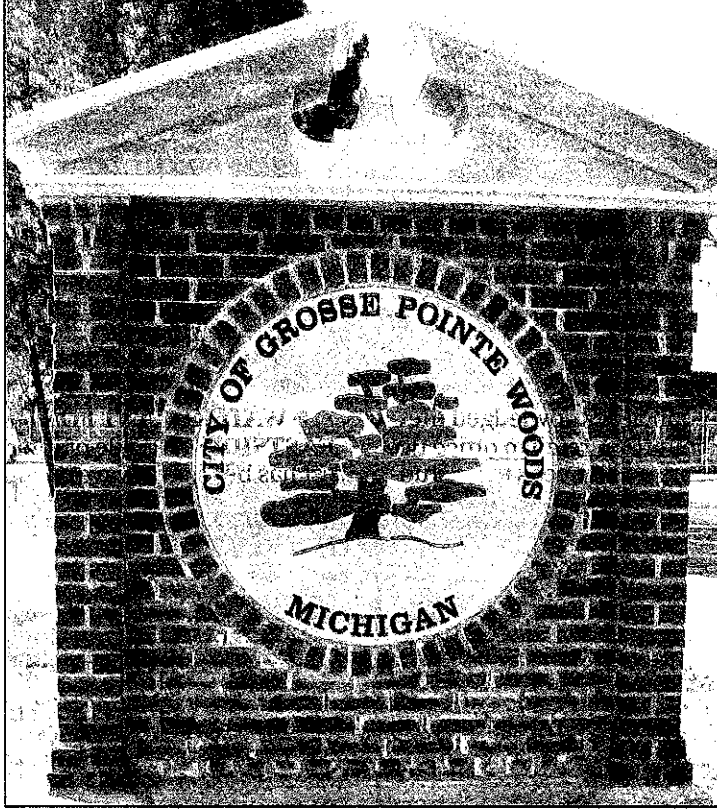


PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Welcome to Grosse Pointe Woods.

California's top 'burb, Arcadia, where the average price of a house is \$695,000. Yukon, Okla., Garth Brooks' hometown won the top spot for the state of Oklahoma, with an average home price of \$108,000. Wading River, Conn. averages

\$412,000. The honors for the best affordable suburb in the country went to Pewaukee, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee.

Meanwhile, within the City of Grosse Pointe's Cassetta family, the suburban rankings have taken sibling rivalry up a

notch. Karen Cassetta was pleased to hear that Grosse Pointe Woods, where her son, Chris, and his wife, Jessica, live made the top honors for the state.

Not to be outdone, the top suburb in Arizona is Fountain Hills, which is where her daughter, Janice, lives. The recent Wayne State University graduate moved to Fountain Hills with her fiancé, Grosse Pointe Woods native Gary Abud Jr., when both accepted teaching positions in the Phoenix area.

"I'm happy that both of my children live in such highly-regarded areas," said Cassetta with a laugh, "but, to be honest, I'm even happier they have jobs and health insurance."

While proud of Grosse Pointe Woods, Novitke said the recognition of his city speaks well of the area.

"This isn't just about the Woods, but all of the Grosse Pointes," he said. "There's always a friendly rivalry, but we really do all work together. This is a tribute to all the Pointes."

The complete list of best affordable suburbs can be found in the Lifestyle section of the Business Week website, BusinessWeek.com.

## G.P. SHORES

### Budget amended

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Declining tax receipts and interest earnings contributed to a \$28,601 drop in revenues so far this year in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The change was reflected in amendments to the 2008-2009 budget passed last week by the village council.

Budget amendments are typical as the year proceeds.

"There's no surprises," said Brian Vick, village manager. "It's typical business things."

He cited three contract settlements this year as examples of what contributed to additional costs.

"Adjustments take into consideration items that may not have been on the agenda in the original budget," Vick said.

Revisions included:

- ◆ a \$92,286 drop in real and personal property taxes,
- ◆ court fine reductions of \$65,447 and
- ◆ a \$55,182 decline in interest earnings.

See BUDGET, page 7A

## Human trafficking discussed

In every country — including the United States — women and girls are trafficked and enslaved for sex.

Sex trafficking — the transport of women and children within and across national borders for the purposes of sexual exploitation — is a \$32 billion annual industry.

A seminar on human trafficking is planned for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, sponsored by the Soroptimist's STOP TRAFFICKING campaign.

The initiative seeks to create awareness about this in-

ternational problem by encouraging local communities to mobilize for the protection of all women and girls.

Author Theresa Flores will share the story of a teen caught up in sexual trafficking and State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, will explain what is happening nationally in regard to human trafficking.

Those connected with teens and women, including parents, schools, hospitals and public safety officers are encouraged to attend.

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NEWS

POINTER OF INTEREST

**Bill Wrobel** looks at the world through rose-colored glass and yellow and blue and red glass. He takes bits and pieces of stained glass to create works of art.

# Bits and pieces

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Bill Wrobel's legacy is brilliantly colored.

For years he labored over the design and construction of a circular stained glass window for St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church on Lothrop and Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 51-inch diameter window weighs 39 pounds and incorporates yellow/golden glass rescued from two windows in the original church on Joseph Campeau.

"Three or four years ago someone found some leaded glass windows in the garage," he said. "It was stored in a large wooden, open topped case. It wasn't destroyed. It was originally a rectangular frame from the windows in the main church. Only two windows behind the altar were allowed to be taken (from the original church)."

Wrobel removed pieces from those two windows to create a golden cross in the middle of the circular window. The design was completed after listening to congregation members who reminisced about scenes in former church windows.

A white Bible was placed at the top of the cross.

Wrobel said he chose the Bible because Lutheran beliefs are Bible based. Surrounding the cross are red, blue and white rectangles resembling other stained glass windows in

the church. There are 42 pieces of original glass, 20 of them being rectangles.

"The design phase took about two months, coming back getting opinions of various people in the church," he said. "I did it part time, on the side beginning three years ago. This past November I put the pieces together."

Actual construction took 160 hours.

"A square would have been easier. It has been interesting to see the children come up to it and question whether they can touch it. I see the reverence," he said.

The father of three urges people to touch it and look through the colored glass because the outside world is much better than through clear glass, he claimed.

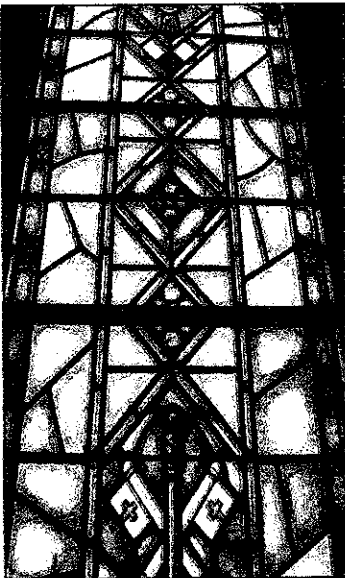
## It began ...

Twenty-five years ago, Wrobel and his bride, Catherine, couldn't afford a honeymoon so they nosed around their new hometown of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was from the Michigan/Livernois area and Catherine was from Redford Township. They met at the University of Michigan. Wrobel was majoring in computer science when Chrysler recruited him. He accepted the job before graduating, bought a house and got married.

"Chrysler called. Back then it was more difficult to turn down a job.

"Coming from the Westside,



PHOTOS COURTESY BILL WROBEL

we didn't think we could afford a home past Woodward," he said.

His best man's wife told the couple to look at Grosse Pointe property, reassuring them they could afford a house on the Eastside. For \$50,000 the couple bought a house across from the Lochmoor Club. He and his soon-to-be father-in-law fixed it up before the wedding.

"Is there anything you would like to do," he said his new wife asked him during their stay-at-home honeymoon.

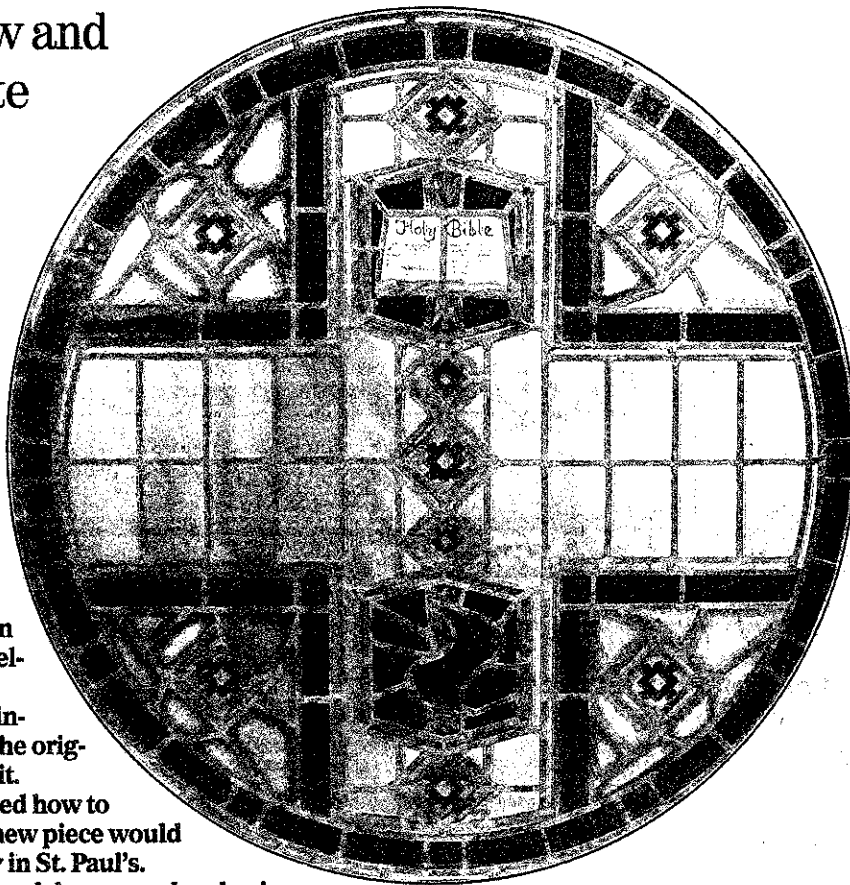
"I've always loved the allure of glass; the way the light plays through is magical. Look through stained glass; it (anything) looks better, Wrobel said.

He had seen the Glass Markit (so named after the women who ran it, Mary and

At right, Grosse Pointe Park resident Bill Wrobel created this 51-inch stained glass window for St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. The inner yellow pieces were re-claimed from two windows rescued from the original church in Detroit.

At left, Wrobel learned how to "paint" glass so his new piece would mirror those already in St. Paul's.

Below, Wrobel's winged dragon and arch window lend an air of medieval times at the Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren.



Kitty). He shrugged off his wife's suggestion of taking a class with, "how hard can it be?"

He started with a sailboat and bought the glass three times over as he learned the process.

Since then he has taken several classes, gathering tools and making stained glass art in more and more complicated patterns. He progressed from small sun catchers ("You can only have so many sun catchers," he said) to windows and doors.

Wrobel selected a curved door from a Detroit reclamation store for his Woods house. It just happened to be from an old Grosse Pointe mansion.

He repaired it and a year later

the family moved to Grosse Pointe Park and the front door was a rectangle. Five years later, a friend asked how much he wanted for the door.

"In the late 1980s, \$5,000 was a ridiculous price," he said. "It was the first piece I sold."

Two other pieces followed because the friend needed side window companion pieces.

"It's a soothing process to work on glass. It's regular and irregular," he said.

Other Wrobel pieces can be seen at Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren of which he is part owner. The medieval theme of the restaurant is reflected in two of the three front windows.

In the pub area, 11 taps are mounted on 3/8 inch square

glass tiles from Italy.

"It's kind of like painting with glass," he said of the intricately placed tiles.

The intricate pieces of his work for St. Paul's window have brought a new technique to his repertoire — painted glass.

Painted glass must be fired so the paint becomes a part of the surface of the glass and won't wear off, Wrobel explained.

He went to Germany to obtain hand-blown glass to mirror the nuances of the glass already in place in the church.

The church bought him a kiln to make the painted glass and he spent more than \$500 to purchase German glass because of its uniqueness.

Wrobel explained the glass is blown into a cylinder, oven heated and unfolded, thus the variations of thickness and the resemblance to older pieces of glass.

Piece by piece he placed the bits of colored glass, cutting metal leading to secure the pieces. He grouted and soldered one side, flipped it and soldered the other side. The petroleum-based window grout is the consistency of stiff toothpaste. It was allowed to dry and flipped again.

The next step was coating it with powdered rock, or whitening, to clean off the excess grout using various wooden and plastic utensils. It was allowed to dry for three days and declared complete.

"I'd love to do stained glass on a full-time basis," he said. "One learns that respect for the technique and you don't cut your finger. You are able to create a large thing of beauty. I hope this will serve to keep the craft alive."

Aside from relishing in working in an ancient craft, Wrobel has created works of art to last decades.

"Maybe it won't last as long as the oldest piece of stained glass found in a German monastery dating to the 1500s but maybe it will last 100 years and children can say, 'I remember him.' It's a way to be immortal; a way to be remembered is really cool.

"I did it for the church because I can. It has been gratifying. It is quite a good feeling."



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## THE FIVE GROSSE POINTES

# Road money is on its way

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It pays to have friends in high places.

Almost three-quarters of federal stimulus money issued for road repairs in north-eastern Wayne County will be used to repave streets in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The balance is reserved for projects in the Farms and City.

Funds were earmarked by the Wayne County Federal Aid Steering Committee, on which the Shores head of public works, Brett Smith, served.

Committee members distributed federal stimulus dollars throughout Wayne County.

"It was a great pleasure to sit on that committee and have the opportunity to give some kind of direction on steering these funds," Smith said.

He said the committee allocated a total of \$4,178,835 to northeast Wayne County. Projects involving the Shores total \$2,990,000.

The breakdown is as follows:

## Home values seminar topic

How to help preserve Grosse Pointe home values is the panel-driven topic of a 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, seminar, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

The free event takes place in the reception room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Panel members are: Terry Brennan, Grosse Pointe Farms code enforcement officer; Cathy Champion, Grosse Pointe Realtor and chamber foundation director; Rochelle Lento, real estate attorney for Dykema Gossett; Kim Schmidt, Community Central Bank vice president; and George Smale, Grosse Pointe Realtor and president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

Specific questions may be e-mailed to [info@grossepointechamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@grossepointechamberofcommerce.org) or call (313) 881-4722. A reservation may be made by calling the aforementioned telephone number.

Questions that may be addressed include:

- ◆ What can be done to help home values if neighborhood houses are vacant.
- ◆ Are houses in Grosse Pointe selling?
- ◆ Who should be notified if there is a problem at a neighbor's house or a vacant house?
- ◆ How to take advantage of a new house buyer's incentive.
- ◆ Why should a house be purchased now considering the economic uncertainty?
- ◆ Suggestions for possible foreclosure.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods sponsors a free Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4.

The event for 2- to 8-year olds will be at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

It will be held rain or shine. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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◆ a 2.1-mile stretch of Lakeshore from Moross to Vernier, including 1.5 miles in the Shores and .6 miles in Grosse Pointe Farms, \$2.65 million.

◆ Vernier in the Shores from the border of Grosse Pointe Woods to Lakeshore, \$340,000.

◆ St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe between Waterloo and Mack, \$360,000.

◆ Fisher, which separates the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe, between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard (Maumee), \$157,798.

◆ Jefferson in the Farms between Fisher and Lakeshore, \$671,037.

Smith and his colleagues on the steering committee ranked streets for repaving based on traffic volume and condition.

"After that, negotiations started to get these things funded," he said.

Overall, the county is expected to receive more than \$24 million in federal stimulus dollars slated for road work, Smith said.

Three-quarters of those funds are for county jurisdictional roads, such as Lakeshore, Jefferson and Vernier, which the county is responsible for maintaining. The remaining 25 percent goes to city-jurisdictional roads, such as St. Clair and Fisher.

Before the funds are received, the communities involved must pay for state-approved preliminary engineering work.

"After funds are obligated, we are able to go out for bids and start some work," Smith said.

He anticipates receiving approval by the end of summer.

"I would be safe to say we'd be starting construction at this time next year," Smith said.

# Park officer saves youngster

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Police officers will tell you that there is no such thing as a routine traffic stop and Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Ryan Willmer has the pictures to prove it.

While on patrol the morning of Tuesday, March 17, he stopped an SUV for speeding at Mack and Alter. His dashboard camera recorded the scene as he approached the vehicle, and the audio pack he wears on his belt caught the conversation he had with the driver of the vehicle, Charlotte Takach of Chesterfield Township.

On the tape, Willmer can be heard asking Takach for her license and registration, and while she explained to him why she didn't have the registration, there was a scream.

Takach's mother, Victoria Parise, was sitting in the front passenger seat and let out the scream when she saw a small child, barely 3 years old, playfully running away from his mother as they left a nearby store.

He ran into the street, and with a car just feet away, Willmer caught sight of the child, ran to him, scooped him

up and planted him safely back on the curb.

"It all happened so fast, I'm not quite sure what happened," Willmer said. "I saw him run out into the street and I just instinctively ran over to him." His car's dashboard camera caught the entire event.

Takach called the Park's director of Public Safety, David Hiller and apprised him of the incident.

"I was so amazed and so impressed at the actions of Officer Willmer," Takach said. "He did not hesitate one second. He never thought twice about his own life. I wanted to make sure the department knew about what he did."

Willmer, 29, and a seven-year veteran of the force, has become quite the celebrity as a result of his act and the publicity he received. He said while he appreciates all the attention, it was just another day for him.

"An officer has to be alert at all times," he said. "Really, I was just doing my job."

And Takach received some generosity as well.

She was let go with a warning.

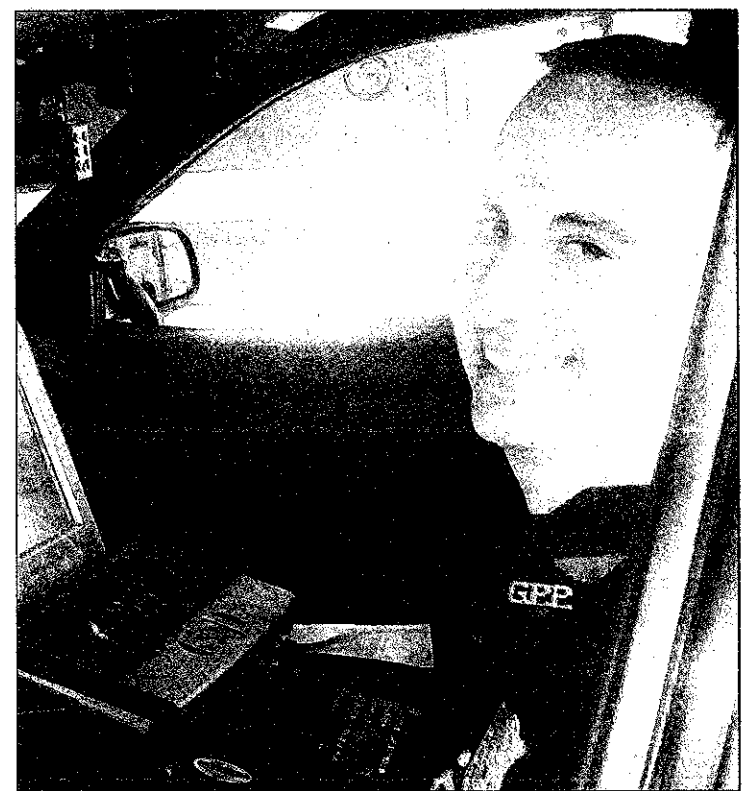


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Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Officer Ryan Willmer.

## BUDGET: Adjustments completed

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Revenue reductions were countered in part by using \$162,760 of the municipal surplus.

A draft of next year's budget is "in flux," Vick said. "My goal is to sit down with the incoming finance committee sometime in the next 10 days. That way we can go over in detail what the three-month budget is looking like."

He said finances are going to be "extremely" tight.

"Our goal is not to reduce the level of service," Vick said.

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EDITORIAL

# The Grosse Pointe News will be here!

**T**uesday's The Detroit News' top headline was "Ann Arbor to stop the presses." It was announced Monday the Ann Arbor News will close its doors after publishing a daily newspaper for 174 years. With that will be an estimated 270 jobs eliminated. Those newly unemployed can apply for fewer positions at the website replacement for the newspaper and the twice-weekly print publication that will be delivered Thursday and Sunday. The new journalism jobs will come with less pay and a cut in benefits.

Ann Arbor wasn't the only paper to announce major changes. The Flint Journal, Saginaw News and Bay City Times are cutting production and delivery to three days a week. Several others, including the Grand Rapids Press, Muskegon Chronicle, Kalamazoo Gazette and the Jackson Citizen Patriot, announced they will cut salaries and benefits and consolidate services. Gannett announced it will extend its furlough program into the second quarter, giving an unpaid week off to some. Those who make more than \$90,000 will take two unpaid weeks off. The company also announced a pay freeze for the next year.

The Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News will reduce its home delivery to Thursday, Friday and Sunday at the end of the month, while offering an e-edition every day.

Pennsylvania-based Journal Register Company, which owns dozens of newspapers in Michigan, including The Macomb Daily, The Oakland Press and The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak, recently filed for bankruptcy protection. The Trib now prints fewer editions and left the Daily Tribune building vacant as it combined operations in Mount Clemens.

The news for newspapers is horrible. These are just a few of the Michigan stories. The question is: Who will survive?

We hope all of them survive. Competition makes all of us sharper. We all have strengths, and readers win when they have choices. As times change, there will be more Internet-based options. Most newspaper readers, however, are not ready for the switch totally to the web. Most advertisers aren't ready for that switch either.

The economy has affected all of us, including the Grosse Pointe News. We've held rates to help our advertisers. We look for ways to improve our content and become more involved in the community. We believe in giving back to the community that gives so much to us. We understand our advertisers are doing everything they can to stay in business, too.

We've doubled our efforts to become more focused on what is best for them and to create ads that will get them noticed. Their survival means stability for the Grosse Pointes. The industry we are a part of is changing, and while we will change, there will still be a community newspaper delivered to our subscribers each week.

The loss of the larger newspapers — in any form — is a loss to all of us. The Grosse Pointe News WILL BE HERE, in Grosse Pointe, reporting on the local issues affecting the lives of the residents and businesses here.

A couple of our customers asked what will happen to us after these announcements were made earlier in the week. We told them "we will become a better community newspaper."

We love being here and have no plans to leave. You can count on the Grosse Pointe News.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

# Hey big spender ...

**W**hen President Barack Obama wanted to push an \$800 billion "stimulus" or "recovery" bill through Congress, he thought an atmosphere of economic crisis helped his cause. So he repeatedly warned of "catastrophe," of "a crisis that, at some point, we may not be able to reverse."

A little more than a week later, Obama moved onto his next priority, proposing a unbridled federal budget that will spend \$3.6 trillion next year and \$5.3

trillion more in the next 10 years than the Congressional Budget Office was projecting just last year. To get revenue for this budgetary explosion, Obama assumes the economy will be recovering at a nice clip next year, at a 3.2 percent annual rate.

What happened to the looming cataclysm? Obama exaggerated the downside of the economy so he could get more spending, and now he's exaggerating its upside so he can get more spending. The fixed goal is more spending. The

means — the rhetoric, the arguments, the assumptions — are flexible so long as they serve that ultimate goal.

Obama is a pragmatist in pursuit of an ideological prize, willing to zig and zag so long as his lodestar of expanded government is ahead of him.

A trope of conservative commentary about the stimulus package was that Nancy Pelosi had rolled the neophyte Obama, producing a sprawling monstrosity that betrayed his talk of pragmatism.

This missed the point — Obama's deference to Pelosi "was" his pragmatism. By giving Pelosi running room and enduring a few embarrassments, he got what he wanted, which was as much new spending as quickly as the political system could bear. If barely any Republicans could support it, so what? Bipartisanship was a means, not an end.

If Obama felt ill-used by this process, he wouldn't be proposing to duplicate it with his health care plan. Obama wants to give Congress a few principles and a \$634 billion health care slush fund, and let Congress go at it and write his health care plan. How it works

out exactly doesn't matter so much than it gets done — and government grows.

Nothing can distract from that higher call. The financial crisis is still at the heart of our economic woes, but Obama has refused to grapple with it forthrightly.

The contrast with Franklin Roosevelt couldn't be starker. Why punt on the financial crisis? Because bold action means courting considerable political risk, and that could threaten the larger spending agenda. In this sense, the spending is evidently more important than recovery for Obama.

Obama's critics who accused him of "socialism" during the presidential campaign were roundly ridiculed. What rank name-calling! The charge didn't have much resonance because the best — not particularly convincing — evidence for it was Obama's proposed tax credit for workers who don't pay the income tax.

But Obama's opponents read him well. He has the heart, if not the affect, of an ideologue. For him, above all else, the spending is the thing.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

activists, such as Love Canal's Lois Gibbs, scribbled outraged but informed letters to the editor, or sponsored public meetings and protests sure to attract a reporter from the local paper. That's one way activists marshal grassroots troops against environmental injustice.

In Anniston, Ala., for example, it was a neighborhood group called the Community Against Pollution that in the late 1990's spoke up for West Anniston, "a part of town that is largely poor, largely black, largely forgotten and largely polluted," according to John Fleming, then The Anniston Star's editorial page editor.

CAP led the charge against a grossly negligent Monsanto Corp. that let toxic PCBs leach into soils, and an equally negligent Alabama Department of Environmental Management, "more of a permit facilitator for industry than a protector of the environment," said Fleming.

But it was The Anniston Star's reporting about CAP, including the filing of a lawsuit, that helped bring the issue to the attention of the rest of the city and the state, and moved the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to act. The paper's reputation for integrity and truth-telling helped shine a light on West Anniston's plight. And corruption — whether in the form of toxic waste or government malfeasance — can't stand much light.

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## Good Samaritans

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago I was taking my daughters older car to run an errand when it stopped dead right in the middle of Waterloo near Washington.

I was quite shocked as motorists swerved quite close to me giving me nasty looks and tooting their horn.

Unable to move the car myself and berating myself for not bringing my cell phone, I was trying to decide what to do when a carload of students from Grosse Pointe South High School stopped and offered to help.

They were all very kind and managed to move the car to the side of the road for me. They also offered for me to use

their cell phones or to drive me home.

It's so easy to criticize the youth of today but maybe, sometimes, we should live by their example instead.

ANDREA CANNY  
City of Grosse Pointe

## 'Hello, Dolly!' coupons

To the Editor:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Grosse Pointe South High School musical changed from "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" to "Hello, Dolly!"

This change was made after "The Little Blue Book" Inc. was printed and distributed.

In the book's coupon section on page 331 is a coupon for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" that can be

used toward \$2 off a ticket for "Hello, Dolly!" if purchased at Posterity: A Gallery or at the door.

Tickets for "Hello, Dolly!" will be for sale, cash or check only, at Posterity: A Gallery, in the Village March 31.

Regular pricing is main floor seats, \$20; balcony seats, \$15; and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Gold Cards will be accepted.

"Hello, Dolly!" runs April 30 at 7:30 p.m., May 1-2 at 8 p.m., and May 3 at 3 p.m. All performances are reserved seating at the Performing Arts Center on Vernier.

Please come and enjoy a spectacular show and see the great talent that Grosse Pointe South has to offer!

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# Why local newspapers matter

**L**ast February, Denver's Rocky Mountain News died. In March, The Tucson Citizen followed. Hundreds of other American newspapers reduced staff and declared themselves in significant economic trouble.

Many commentators have lamented the passage of local newspapers; others foretell a not yet arrived golden age of electronic news reportage. But few have mentioned one of the biggest potential losers in the demise of print publishing: our local environment — the clean air, water, land, forests, beaches, wetlands and wildlife that

enrich our communities.

Since the days of muckraking reporter Upton Sinclair and his establishment-shaking revelations about a corrupt Chicago meat packing industry, responsible local investigative journalists have shone a withering light on corporate polluters, unscrupulous developers, dishonest officials and incompetent environmental regulators — thereby making our hometowns better, safer, more enjoyable places to live.

Likewise, local activists have relied on community newspapers for accurate unbiased reporting. With little or no money to buy publicity, environmental

activists, such as Love Canal's Lois Gibbs, scribbled outraged but informed letters to the editor, or sponsored public meetings and protests sure to attract a reporter from the local paper. That's one way activists marshal grassroots troops against environmental injustice.

In Anniston, Ala., for example, it was a neighborhood group called the Community Against Pollution that in the late 1990's spoke up for West Anniston, "a part of town that is largely poor, largely black, largely forgotten and largely polluted," according to John Fleming, then The Anniston Star's editorial page editor.

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

# New car purchase stimulates economy



I did my part to help the economy a few weeks ago. I bought a car. Now you have to understand, that was a huge step for me, as I have been an auto lessee for the last 20 years or so. Early on in my car-owning days, I realized that if there was one experience I found even more distasteful than a root canal, it was having a car serviced.

When you lease a car for only two or three years, and drive it as little as I do, seldom leaving my ZIP code, only a handful of oil changes were needed. The most attention I had to pay to it

was the bi-weekly trip to the car wash.

Really, all I ask of a car is that it starts when I turn the key, it doesn't make any odd noises, and it always gets me from point A to point B and back again. Is that asking too much? And you're almost guaranteed that with a car that isn't around much longer than 24 months and 20,000 miles.

Well, it should be kind of cute, too.

I was in a retro mode a few years ago when I put a deposit down on the new Volkswagen convertible. Not that I was anxious or anything, but I plunked down the deposit in August, and the car wasn't scheduled to come out until January.

But I ended up getting the very first Beetle convertible in the state, in a shade VW called Mellow Yellow, and as much as I loved it, along with the yellow

daffodils the dealer added to the dashboard bud vase, it came with just one small problem.

It was the only mellow yellow convertible within 100 miles for at least a year, and no matter where I went, people who knew me would say, "Hey, were you at Costco on Tuesday? I saw your car in the parking lot." Or, "Were you out a little late on Saturday night? I saw you coming down Lakeshore at 1 a.m."

It didn't take long for me to figure out that with that car, my bank robbing days were over. The whole world knew where I was. I began to look forward to the lease termination date.

I truly am a commitment phobic when it comes to cars. I enjoyed being able to toss them aside every few years. It wasn't so much the fact that I was getting a new car as it was that I

wasn't dealing with an old one. I'm already dealing with aging body parts, I didn't want to have to deal with unreliable car parts as well.

I know, I know, all you financial advisers out there are shaking your finger at me, accusing me of wasting money each month on a car I would never own. At this point, do you think my 401k would be better off if I had bought a car instead of leased? I doubt it.

But, as it happens every two years or so, the lease on my latest little red convertible was up last month. I hadn't even thought about it until I began receiving letters advising me that the dealer I had leased the car through would be thrilled to help me pick out my next car. Not so thrilled that it would let me fly on the corporate jet, but thrilled nonetheless.

Unfortunately, there was

nothing in that dealer's current line up that was moving me. I just wasn't feeling the love.

I was, however, quite smitten with a car that I would pass nearly every day as I drove up Maumee. Of course it belonged to someone else, but a visit to the manufacturer's website led me to the local dealer, and as luck would have it, there was another one on the lot just like it. I spoke with a salesman. Yes, the car was available, but he couldn't guarantee how much longer it would be there. So I did what any commitment-phobic woman would do, I went on vacation.

The car haunted me the entire time.

One last look at the financial pages said it was time to buy, not lease, so on a snowy, cold February day, I drove out to the dealership. The car was pulled up to the dealership door, an-

other woman sitting in the driver's seat. Whoa ... not so fast, sister. That's my car!

The salesman just smiled, obviously anticipating the cat fight that might ensue if the other suitor made a move on my car. She drove off on a test drive, I paced the dealership floor, checking my watch, wondering where she had taken my car. She eventually returned, the car safe and sound, then made the fatal error. She told the salesman she would think about it and get back to him the next day.

The minute she left, I pounced. Palms sweating, my checkbook crying, I committed myself to a long-term relationship, buying a car for the first time in 20 years.

So far, the honeymoon is going well. But the first time it doesn't start, I'm calling my lawyer.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## Who would you most like to meet and why?

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



'Winston Churchill because he was an important man who was nice, well respected and he was prime minister twice.'

JOSEPH SPICA  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would like to meet the Tigers baseball team because I like to watch them play and meeting them would be awesome.'

OLIVIA YATES  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Martin Luther King Jr. because he helped work on civil rights, he was a great leader and I look up to him.'

TOMMY VAN PELT  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Michelle Obama because she is already doing a lot of great things and she is inspiring to girls.'

SOPHIE LESLIE  
City of Grosse Pointe



'Barack Obama because he has broken a boundary and he is a good man who will make great changes.'

GRACE ANDREASEN  
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Schlotman history begins with Capt. Ford

The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

The Schlotman family part I  
The immense wealth generated by all of the Ford family interests allowed the descendants of Capt. John Baptiste Ford's sons to join with Detroit's wealthiest families in erecting great estates along the shores of Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe.

Stonehurst, built by Emory Ford's daughter, Stella Ford Schlotman and her husband, Joseph, stands out as one of the finest of the many magnificent homes that once graced the shoreline. The low stone wall on Lakeshore is all that remains.

The story of Stonehurst and the Schlotman family begins with Capt. Ford, a brilliant entrepreneur, industrialist and founder of one of America's great family fortunes.

Capt. Ford was born Nov. 17, 1811 in a log cabin in Danville, Kentucky. His father left to fight the British forces at New Orleans in the War of 1812 and never returned.

At age 12, John was apprenticed to an abusive Danville saddle maker. He ran away two years later to Greenville, Indiana and remained there for the next 30 years.

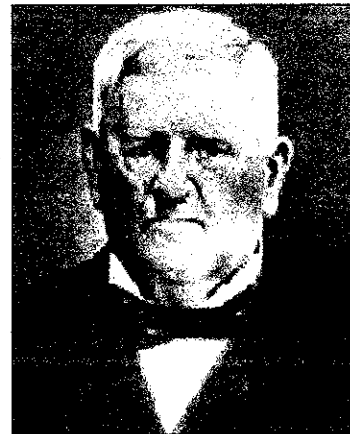
In 1831 he married Mary Bower who taught him reading, writing and mathematics. They opened a small dry goods store and later a saddlery shop that supplied the United States Cavalry during the Mexican-American war. They also operated a local flour mill.

After selling interests in Greenville in 1854, the Fords moved to New Albany, Indiana. There, Ford established several new ventures including an iron mill and foundry. He also built a boat works and operated a fleet of riverboats. His success earned him the appellation of

"Captain" Ford.

John and Mary Ford had several children but only two survived; sons Edward and Emory. It was Emory who first got his father interested in the potential of the glassmaking business. The other ventures were soon sold and J.B. Ford & Sons glass manufacturing was established. This company failed in 1872 however, because of financial difficulties.

In 1881, at age 69, Capt. Ford founded a new glass company in Creighton, Pennsylvania. In 1883 this company was reorganized as the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Others had previously had tried to compete



Capt. John B. Ford

with European plate glass-makers but failed. Ford's company became the first financially successful U.S. plate

glass manufacturer.

By producing high quality glass at a lower price than European competitors, PPG virtually ended the importation of European glass. The company was also the world's first plate glass plant to fuel melting furnaces with locally-produced natural gas.

Edward and Emory Ford, who held the positions of president and treasurer respectively, sold their interests in PPG in 1897 after a disagreement with partner, John Pitcairn. They went on to establish the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company in Ohio. This firm merged in 1930 and became Libbey-Owens-Ford.

The Ford business interests were extensive and went beyond glass manufacturing. In 1893, Ford established the Michigan Alkali Company in Wyandotte, Michigan.

The site was chosen for its proximity to resources needed to produce soda ash, a primary ingredient in glassmaking. Water from the Detroit River was used to extract salt from the deep strata running beneath the site. The salt was combined with limestone to produce a variety of sodium-based industrial and consumer products. The limestone came from company-owned quarries in Alpena where the Fords also owned

the Huron Portland Cement Company. In connection with these operations, they operated a large fleet of freighters.

In 1943, Michigan Alkali became Wyandotte Chemical Corporation which in turn became part of BASF in 1969. Huron Cement was eventually sold to National Gypsum Corp. for \$72 million in stock.

Additionally, not long after the death of his wife in 1897, Capt. Ford also sold his PPG shares to Pitcairn and at age 86, formed yet another business — the Ford City Potteries. This venture was sold and became part of Eljer Company.

Capt. Ford died May 1, 1903 and is buried in Pittsburgh.

OPINION By Joe Warner

## Animal adoption is a better answer

The economy has gone to the dogs and that's bad news for man's best friend.

As people look to cut corners in their budgets, family pets have suffered. More have been taken to shelters, and some have simply been let loose to roam the streets — as I witnessed the other day.

In Sterling Heights Saturday morning I watched as a car slowed to a stop in front of me. The female driver rolled the driver's side window down, tossed a cat to the concrete and drove away.

This was near the M-53 expressway and Hall Road, where traffic volumes are strong day and night. Through my closed windows I could hear the screams of the scared kitten, maybe 6 months old.

My first reaction was to get the license number and call the police. The second, which surprised me a little, was to do what I could to get the cat safely to me.

I've had cats as pets. Been

there, done that. Not crazy about cats.

I knew I wouldn't want to keep the cat, but I really didn't feel it should be hit by a car either. I chased and called it to me. It was scared and clawed my arms as I retrieved it.

I put it in the back seat of my car and it roamed everywhere — back window, child seat, front seat, on the floor near the gas pedal. It was happy to be back inside.

I called a friend who lives in Sterling Heights — a bleeding heart type with four cats of her own. I thought maybe she would know of a place that would take the cat. One shelter mentioned has been known to euthanize animals three days after they get there. I didn't want to leave the cat there. It had a better chance along Hall Road.

My next call to a shelter went unanswered. It was too early in the morning. The third place mentioned was Great Lakes Animal Hospital on Hayes Road in Clinton Township. I drove there and

they were open.

Inside was Angela Fallone, a very nice young woman who seemed to have a soft spot in her heart for the cat that was now standing on my dash looking at us through the window.

I explained it was abandoned by a woman from her vehicle and I picked it up. She said if I wanted it, they could check it out for me. I said I would drive the cat around, but it wasn't going home with me.

"Bring it in," Angela said. "We'll take care of it. Don't worry."

And she did take care of it. That same day a co-worker said she'd take the cat, named Ava by her children, home with her.

In the span of 30 minutes early Saturday morning, I saw the worst in someone. I don't even like cats and I couldn't abandon one. This woman thought it was acceptable to dump the cat and drive away.

I then met someone who would "take care of it." My

friend — probably pushing a city ordinance with her four cats — even offered to keep it until she could find a home for it.

I don't know the circumstances that led the woman to drop the cat out of her window. It doesn't really matter. Nothing excuses her actions.

Corinne Martin of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency said the practice of abandoning a pet is more common with cats than dogs.

"We've always had reports of people throwing cats out windows, doors, or dumping them on porches," Martin said. "It's a chicken's way of getting rid of a pet."

Martin said the economy, high unemployment in the area, changes in life including divorce, and health issues have people giving up their pets in record numbers. Lost in that is how it affects the animal.

"It's quite an ordeal for the pet, too," Martin said. "The pets are stressed because they

were thrown out of their home."

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency works to locate foster homes for pets that come to them, and get them ready for adoption. If they can't help, they will refer the pet owner to the next solution.

"There are more owner give-ups right now," Martin said. "The Michigan Humane Society will tell you the same thing. The good thing is people are still adopting. These are hard times and people are desperate."

Maybe you can't take care of your pet anymore. Just know that there is help available.

Do the humane thing. To contact Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption, call (313) 884-1551 or visit [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org). The Michigan Humane Society can be reached at (313) 872-3400 or visit [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org).

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



GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Lifesavers praised by chief

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Chief Steve Poloni likes to brag about his officers. "If I ever look good, it's not because of what I do," said Poloni, head of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores.

He credits his success to what his officers "do on a daily basis for our residents."

Poloni last week awarded a unit life saving commendation to four officers who saved a resident from dying at home on Christmas Day.

The officers were sergeants Scott Rohr and William Nicholson, and patrolmen Tony Spina and John Jabrael.

On Christmas Day, Rohr was working the dispatcher's desk when a caller reported a 50-year-old woman had stopped breathing due to choking on a piece of food.

While Nicholson, Spina and Jabrael were deployed to the scene, Rohr instructed the caller how to perform the Heimlich maneuver.

"Upon arrival, officers found the woman unconscious on the floor, blue due to lack of oxygen caused by an obstruction," Poloni said. "Spina attempted to dislodge the obstruction without success and began preparing to perform an emergency tracheotomy."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Grosse Pointe Shores officers, from left, Sgt. William Nicholson, Officer Tony Spina, Sgt. Scott Rohr and Officer John Jabrael (not pictured) received a unit lifesaving award during this month's council meeting. Shores President Dr. James Cooper is at left. Officers saved a woman's life on Christmas Day 2008.

On his last try to remove the obstruction, he succeeded.

"Officers continued respiratory support en route to the hospital," Poloni said. "By the time they reached St. John

Hospital, the patient was coming around and wanted to know why she was in the ambulance."

Poloni said if it weren't for the officers initiating advanced

life support treatment, the story wouldn't have had a happy ending.

"These officers are to be commended for their excellent work," Poloni said.

New location for March 30 women safety seminar

Due to an overwhelming response, the "Women and Safety Seminar" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Pier Park Community Center, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Previously scheduled at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, the free safety awareness forum is designed to help women recognize danger signals, reduce risk and avoid being a tar-

get of crime.

Tools to Increase Your Personal Safety is the title of the presentation given by: Daniel Jensen, the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety director; Detective Michael McCarthy; Detective Rick Good; and Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, all with the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety.

For more information, call (313) 884-7878.

FIRE TRUCK: Sharing the load

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future savings by purchasing as a group."

"Fire trucks cost hundreds of thousands if not a million dollars," said Dave Boerger, author of the report. "If we were to share apparatus expenses and figure a creative way of covering the five-community region with existing apparatus, it might preclude having to buy equipment for a period of time."

Each of the Pointes belong to SEMCOG, which has engaged in more than 250 col-

laborative projects on behalf of its 165 members in southeast Michigan.

"We've discovered through these collaboration programs that an independent third party can develop a proposal after talking to all those engaged," Boerger said.

"Then, we write a single document that, in theory, reflects the collective thinking of the group. It's one way to getting to a reasonable solution."

Boerger isn't just some theoretician.

He's the former mayor of Orchard Lake and a retired Ford Motor Co. plant manager. His role with SEMCOG is assisting member communities become more efficient, particularly during the current fiscal crisis.

"That's one thing we need to be looking at, given all of our financial constraints," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

"One key way of addressing (municipal revenue) shortfalls is through collaboration," Boerger said.

"One of the most critical costs to local governments are capital expenditures for fire equipment. Our focus totally has been on sharing high-capital expense apparatus."

The five Pointes have a total of eight pumper and aerial trucks, as follows:

- ◆ City, two pumpers;
- ◆ Farms, one pumper, one aerial;
- ◆ Park, one pumper, one aerial;
- ◆ Shores, two pumpers;
- ◆ Woods, two pumpers, one aerial.

Those trucks, ambulances, manpower and other assets are shared among the communities through a mutual aid agreement that includes Harper Woods.

Last June, firefighters from all five Pointes extinguished a house fire on Lakeshore in the Shores.

A couple of weeks ago, Harper Woods firefighters helped Grosse Pointe Woods officers put out a burning office building on Mack.

While determining the Pointes' fire equipment needs, Boerger compared the cities to similar communities. He concluded that Pointe fire protection could be maintained or possibly improved while reducing apparatus by three or four pumpers and up to two aerial trucks.

"As a result of this initiative," he wrote, "the five communities will likely not have to purchase any new trucks until the excess trucks are obsolete and taken out of commission, potentially avoiding any major fire equipment expenses by the five communities for four to seven years. In the meantime, the older trucks can be used as back-up or sold as appropriate."

There's no obligation to adopt any recommendations.

"It's something the chiefs have talked about before," said James Fox, City public safety director.

"None of the Pointes have an immediate need to buy equipment," Boerger said. "They anticipate they will in the next year or two. In anticipation of that, if they were able to work on a collaboration, they might be able to defer those expenditures four to five years."

Initial discussions took place two weeks ago.

A follow-up meeting with the five chiefs was scheduled for this week.

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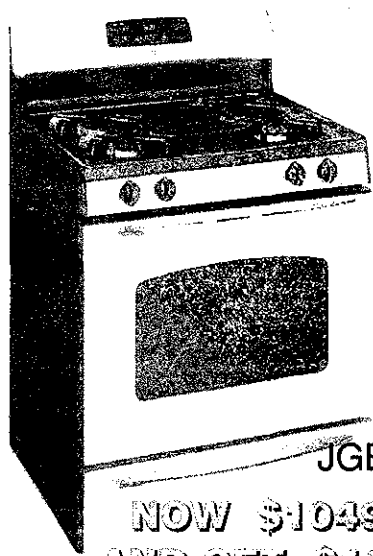
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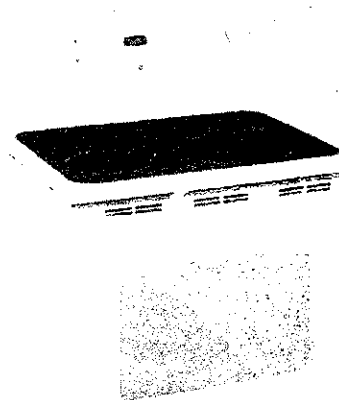
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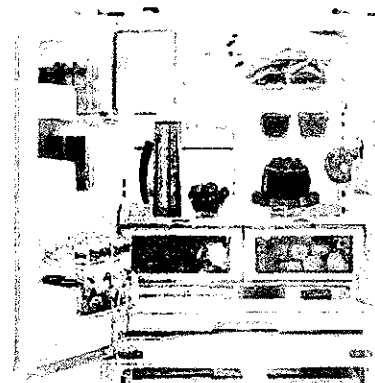
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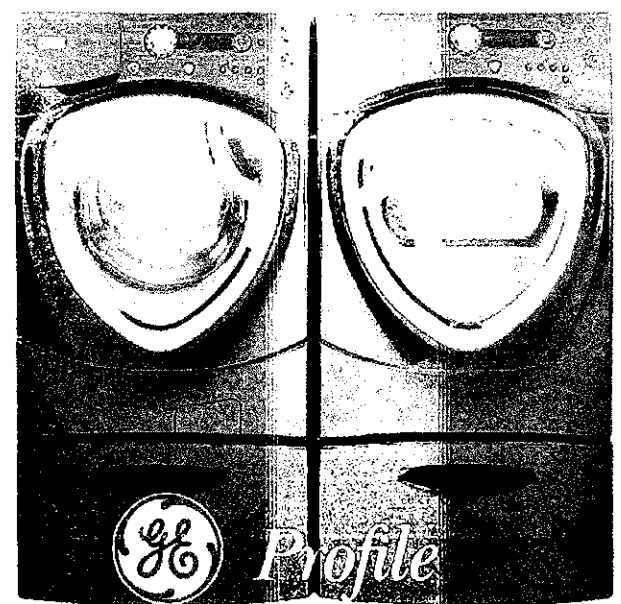
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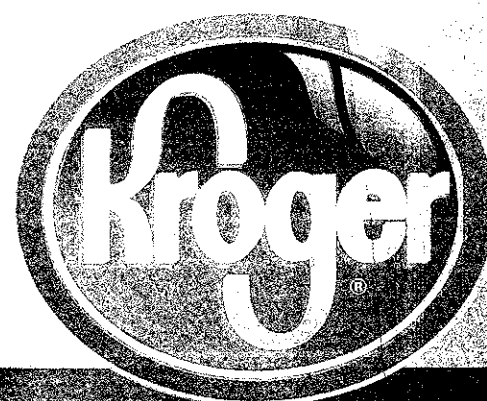
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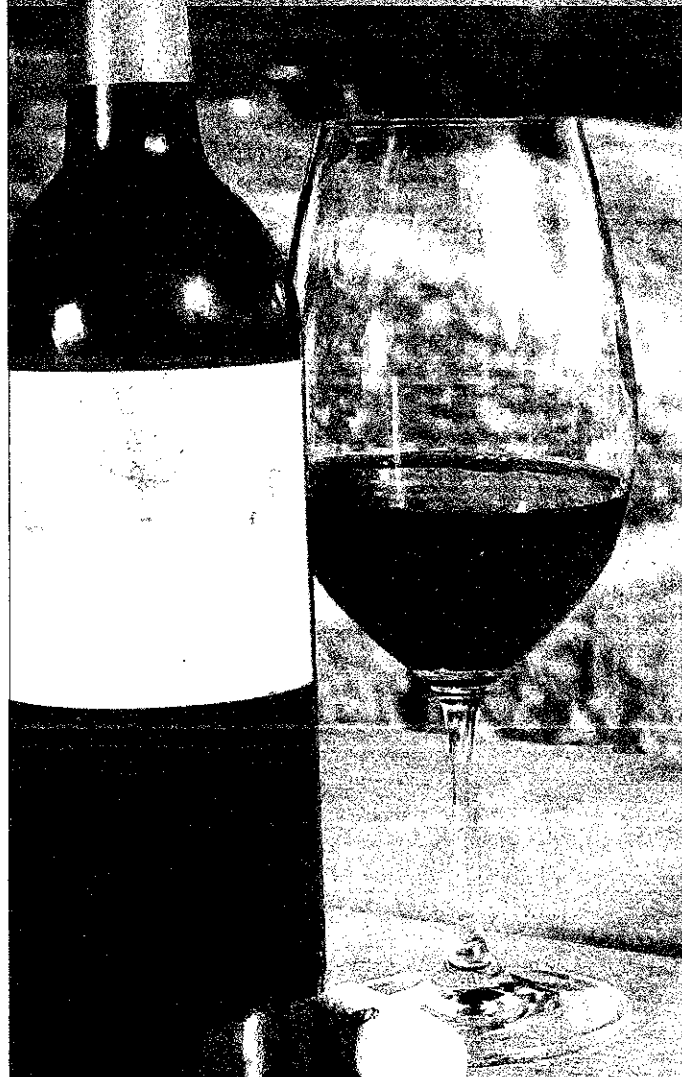
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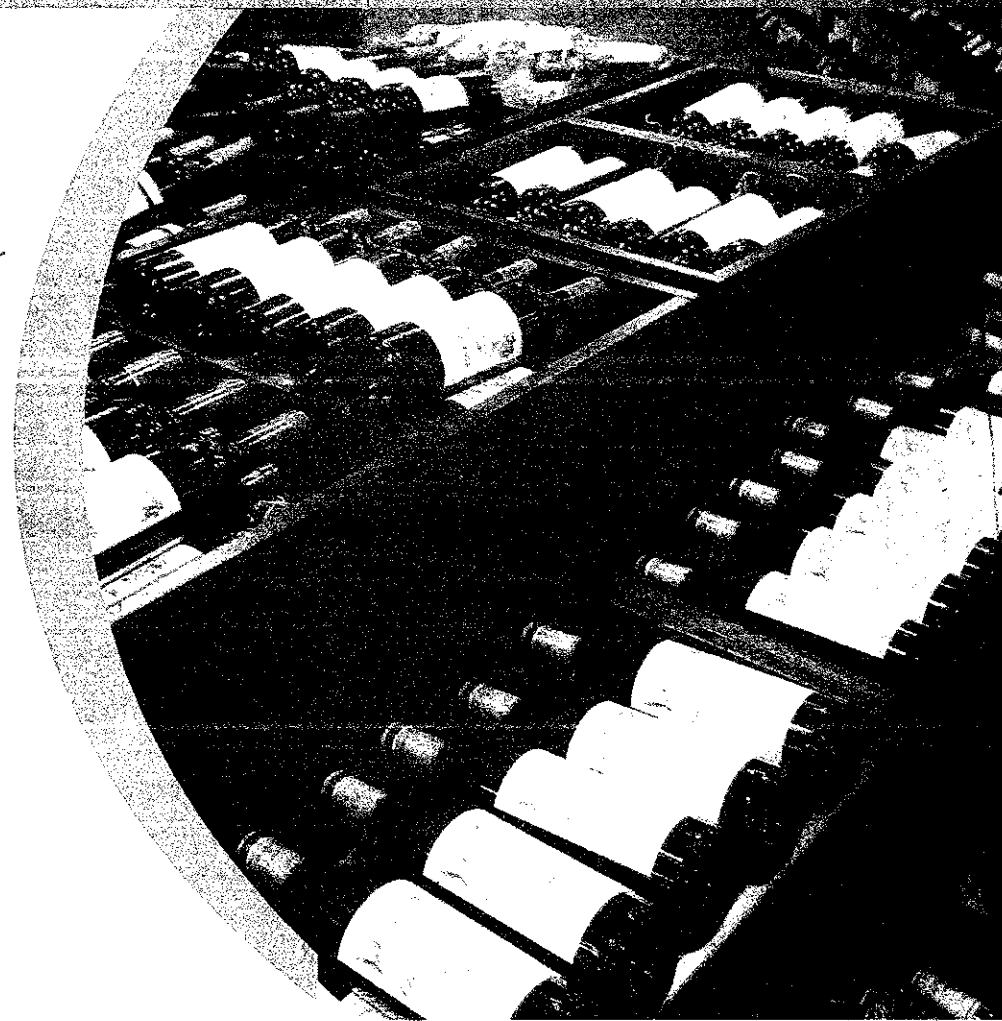
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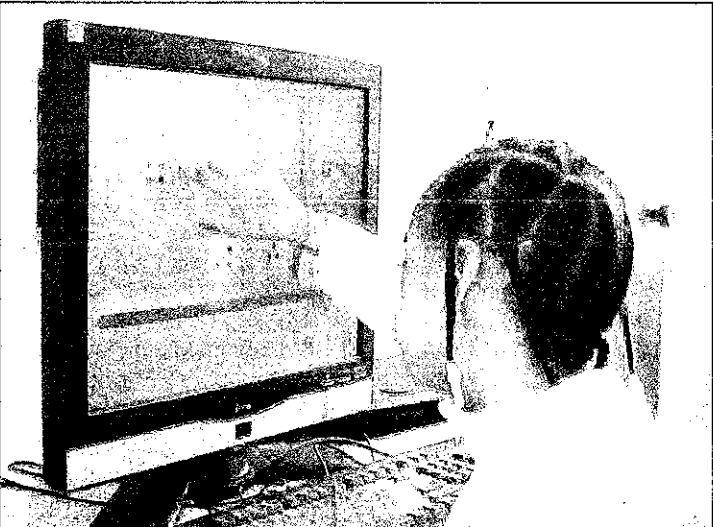
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## School for impaired children fights closure



Foundation for Exceptional Children student Terria Brown works on a touch screen computer. Teachers develop individualized lesson plans for the children and also arrange field trips.

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Tucked within the walls of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a small but nurturing program that has long wrapped its arms around developmentally disabled children is now in need of its own encouraging embrace.

The Foundation for Exceptional Children is waiting word from several area agencies on whether it will receive financial support to continue daily educational programming for children with physical and mental impair-

ments, such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome.

Holy Cross Children's Services, the agency that has sponsored the foundation for the past year, is no longer in a position to support the program, said 16-year Director Deborah Moffat.

The now defunct Children's Home of Detroit initially stepped in and offered its support in 2000 when the longtime independent charity began struggling to keep its doors open. In 2008, CHD helped find the foundation a new home at Holy Cross.

"We've been meeting and talking with a few agencies that I'm hoping will be able to help us continue our mission," Moffat said. "I'm not sure if the foundation will look the same, but I'm very hopeful that we will still be able to meet the needs of our students," she said.

The nonprofit, non-public school is celebrating its 55th year of offering educational, recreational, therapeutic and social activities for children ages 3-16. Since 1954, it has provided everything from individualized education plans, field trips and speech, physical occupational and music therapy. Additionally, a five-week summer day camp is offered to the children and their siblings that includes activities "normal kids do, but with enough support," said Moffat, including therapeutic horseback riding and swimming.

Even the school's alumni remain connected; FRIENDS offers social and recreational programming twice each month, including sporting events, dances, annual week-end trips and other supervised group activities. There are 70 people on the mailing list and usually 20 to 50 participate, Moffat said.

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## Sparty's reading party



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Sparty, the Michigan State University mascot, visited Defer Elementary School Friday, March 20, on a four-school stop in Wayne County to promote "March is Reading Month." The elementary schools — Monteith and Richard in the Pointes and Hanstein in Detroit — host four MSU graduates for year-long internships.

Left: Sparty acted out "Just a Dream" and "The Great Kapok Tree" as Shane Smith, co-director of the Student Alumni Foundation, read aloud.

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# Medical research class puts students in the OR

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

They've witnessed the Caesarean delivery of twin girls, watched a total knee replacement and even observed the wonders of liposuction — without one medical degree.

In English and economics classes, they are shining students, and around the lunchroom table, typical teenagers. But once a month, they are future cardiologists, anesthesiologists, orthopedic surgeons and researchers.

Enrolled in the pilot Applied Medical Research program at Grosse Pointe North High School, these 40 seniors are exposed to experiences not too unlike those of a first-year medical student.

The class, led by advanced placement biology teacher Susan Speirs, gives students the opportunity to walk in the shoes and scrubs of nurses, technicians and doctors, shadowing different medical profes-

sionals on a monthly rotation through partnerships with Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and Detroit Receiving Hospital.

In addition, they've welcomed visits from guest lecturers, learned about cancer and stem cell research and attended professional presentations at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. They've even conducted in-class, computerized virtual dissections on the human body.

"This is an amazing opportunity for high school students," said Speirs. "They've seen babies being born, had people encourage them in this field, considered research when they maybe wouldn't have ... when they're out in the field, they get a flavor of what it is and still learn and can figure out if it's for them or not."

Speirs also asks doctors and nurses to review her curriculum and tests.

When they're not in surgery, students — who need an understanding of chemistry and biology — spend time on lab work and case studies. Similar to cable TV's weekly medical dramas, a theoretical patient, symptoms, past medical history and what tests have been run is presented to the class and a diagnosis is reached.

The class grew out of the Health Careers Investigation Club, started by Beaumont Hospital nurse, anesthesiologist and North parent Renee Seago, her now 12th-grade daughter, Kelly, and North counselor Brian White. A year ago, 100 students were participating. Several from Grosse Pointe South High School also ride over for the program.

For the program, Seago coordinates the rotations according to the students' highest interest.

"A lot of the kids really enjoy watching the surgery because they've never seen a live operation. They like seeing the dy-



PHOTO BY AMY SALVAGNO

Allison Meier and Jon Tozzi, students in Grosse Pointe North High School's pilot class, Applied Medical Research, wrap up lab work using a virtual dissection program for the human body.

namics in an operating room between the surgeon, operating assistant, nurses, anesthesiologist — everyone works to-

gether like a team and they get to see five different jobs at once," she said.

Seago added that when the class was a club, students didn't get the in-depth study and didactic background they do now.

"They were just going in viewing workers doing the job. Now, they are doing really advanced-level study. They're able to now take that information and get into the operating room and radiology unit and be familiar with the terms they are using and all the lingo going on in the hospital," she said. "I think they are getting a phenomenal experience — something they would not get until they got to grad school."

Stephanie Schucker said she decided to take the class because she's considering nursing school.

"It seemed like a good fit," said Schucker, whose most memorable experience was watching a woman give birth. "I'm really interested in how personal the relationship is be-

tween the doctor and the patient. They seemed so comfortable."

Dan El-Hosni said he wants more experience in the health care field as he considers medical school.

"Before we decide our careers in medicine, we get to see things firsthand," he said. "You know what you're getting into." "I thought it would be a one-of-a-kind experience," said future nurse Allison Meier, whose most memorable surgery so far was a knee replacement. "Shadowing really gets you used to what you're going to see in medical school before you go."

Before each student begins a rotation, they prepare five to 10 questions about the specialty.

"They are in awe of that; to be able to come prepared with questions is great," Speirs said.

She added the program is the "pinnacle of differentiation," as the students learn so much in so many areas.

"It's a blessing to have this program and the partnerships."

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## Pirates capture DI Student is contest finalist



The Pierce Pirates team captured first place in the middle school level at the Destination Imagination regional competition.

They chose the Private DI challenge and presented their solution in a six-minute improvisational skit about the origin of a randomly selected superstition, using the styles of three different film genres randomly picked from a list the team previously researched.

They also integrated a sleuth randomly selected from a list of historical and fictional detectives they previously researched, and integrated a randomly selected surprise.

The team is pictured from left: Neal Troscinski, Jack McCoy, Rachel Griffin, Kelly Beardslee, Ben Schneider and Grace Henning. They will compete at the state DI competition April 4.

Grosse Pointe North High School junior Jacqueline Shea is one of five local finalists for the Federal Reserve Money Smart Ambassador Contest.

Shea, a student in teacher Dan Quinn's advanced placement economics class, qualified by writing an essay on the importance of money management. She will give a presentation, followed by a panel

judging. Shea has the chance at a \$10,000 scholarship and the opportunity to represent the Federal Reserve during Money Smart week in April, which provides financial educational programming to the public at no cost.

The winner of the contest will act as a spokesperson for financial literacy throughout the year and into 2010.

## North gains global insight

Three Grosse Pointe North High School students were chosen to participate in the 2009 Global Trade Mission, hosted by Automation Alley and Oakland Schools March 5-7.

Seniors Andrew Charnesky, Danielle Langlois and Chris Scott, along with economics teacher Dan Quinn, took part in a three-day business competition that paired students

with other student leaders throughout Genesee, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair and Oakland counties. They also worked with career mentors and international facilitators to develop a business and marketing plan and a group presentation.

The hands-on learning experience is designed to give students exposure to international trade.



## Mythology guru

After a fierce competition with classmates, seventh-grader Claire Zimmeth emerged the winner in the first Pierce Middle School Mythology Bee. Zimmeth, pictured left with the runner-up, seventh-grader Caroline Hall, is now entered into the national drawing for a chance at a trip for four to Greece, accompanied by Rick Riordan, author of the "Percy Jackson" books. Second prize is a trip to Camp Half-Blood in Austin, Tx.



## South symphony earns honors

The Grosse Pointe South High School symphony band earned top honors earlier this month at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 Band Festival. The group received a first division rating for its performance, as adjudicators gave high marks for individual and ensemble musicianship and the band's overall presentation. Students performed three selections for a panel of judges, and then sight-read two selections for another judge. This is the group's second consecutive first division rating at the MSBOA festival. The band is directed by Dan White.

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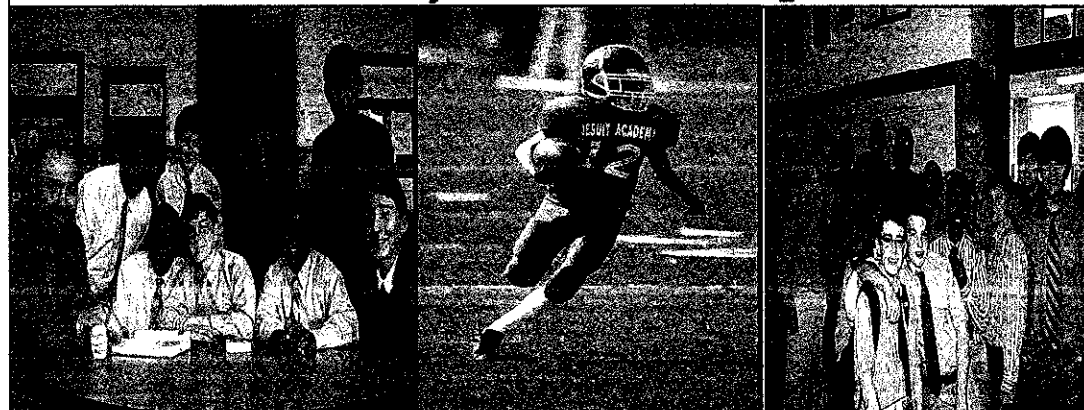
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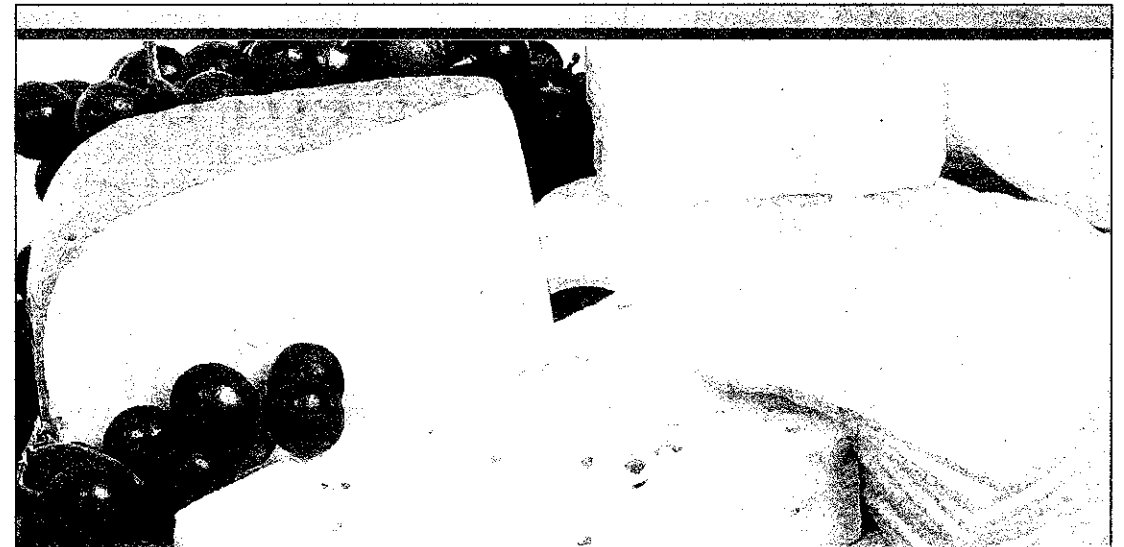
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She, like several parents and longtime supporters, are trying to remain hopeful.

Karyma Shaheed has watched her 15-year-old son, Karym, grow up in the school. She enrolled him when he was 6, about a year after he was diagnosed with autism.

"I can't imagine what we would do if they closed the school. I'm terrified to think about it," she said.

In addition to personalized lesson plans each day, Karym has gone on trips to apple orchards and plays, laced up his bowling shoes for a few games and even showed off his dance moves.

"He's really excited to do these things. He's socializing now, he has a sense of humor; he's very helpful with the children at the school. I'm very comfortable with him going there. If he could stay with them forever, that's where



Students Karym Shaheed and Keith Williams dine together during the foundation's Thanksgiving lunch last fall.

we'd be," said Shaheed, a Detroit resident. "I love the teachers there. Everyone is wonderful. You can see the love they have for the kids and I can't speak highly enough of the school. I just don't know what the parents would do if it closed. I'm a nervous wreck."

Currently, there are 20 students enrolled from throughout the metro Detroit community — 1,400 have walked through the school's doors since it first opened.

Though an annual benefit party held each year — to offer scholarships to needy children, many who come from low-income families — helps raise funds through corporate and individual sponsorships, it isn't enough.

Moffat says every little bit helps, and is grateful for the church, which has waived rent because of the situation. "I believe that there is a way to make things work out so we can continue."

**'Wiz' comes  
to Brownell**

Brownell Middle School presents, "The Wiz," Thursday, April 2 and Saturday, April 4 at the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Students will perform the modern, soulful version of the "Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m. April 2 and 1 p.m. April 4.

Tickets are \$7 and available at the door, by contacting the school office at (313) 432-3900 or at Small Favors gift shop, 20451 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

**South band, orchestra at Music Hall**

The Grosse Pointe South High School band and orchestra program presents its annual spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.

Nearly 150 members of the concert and symphony orchestras, concert and symphony bands and percussion ensemble perform.

In addition, three senior

soloists are featured. Celia Bourgeois will perform "Concerto for Viola" by Telemann; Brendon Wilson will play the solo cello portion of his original composition, "La Metamorphosis;" and Kit Clement will perform Mozart's "Rondo" for solo clarinet and wind band.

The symphony band and symphony orchestra recently earned first division ratings at the Michigan School Band

and Orchestra Association District XVI Band and Orchestra Festival, while the concert orchestra earned a second division rating.

The bands at South are directed by Dan White; James Grosse directs the orchestras.

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**St. Clare students visit 'Oz'**

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School presents the musical stage performance of "The Wizard of Oz" Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28. The play, which involves 115 students, is directed by St. Clare music and drama teacher Kim Korba and her husband, Russ. Paul Roache conducts a live orchestra of 14 professional musicians.

Dorothy is played by Arjanah Slaughter and her

friends, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion, by Joseph Colina, Charles DeDene and Patrick Roache, respectively. The Wicked Witch of the West is played by Jewel Evan and Mary Grahame Hunter plays Glinda the Good Witch.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are available at the door.

**Library shows  
classic flicks**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts its "Spring Fever Classics" film series at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Each is free and no registration is required.

"To Catch a Thief," starring Grace Kelly and Cary Grant, plays at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. "Now Voyager," starring Bette Davis and Paul Henreid, airs at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

# Liggett Lecture Series

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## Arabic Goes Global

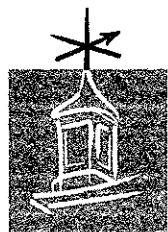


Nationwide, college enrollment in Arabic has risen almost 130% since 2002, bringing it onto the list of the Top 10 studied languages for the first time. University Liggett School alumna Karin Ryding, retired professor of Arabic language and linguistics at Georgetown University, will discuss the importance of knowing Arabic for job seekers in the new global economy.

**Thursday, April 2  
7 p.m.**

In the Dance Studio at  
University Liggett School  
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The event is free and open to the public.

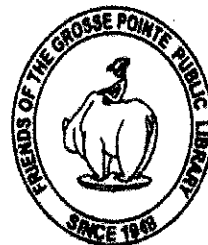


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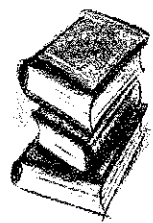
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 31: **Friends' Preview Night : Used Book Sale** - 6 to 8 p.m. Ewald Branch
- April 2 **Classics Books Lecture: W.B. Yeats: The Winding Stair and Other Poems** - Dr. George Bomstein at 7:30 pm G. P. South High School AUDITORIUM
- April 1 and 2: **Used Book Sale** - 10 am to 8 pm Ewald Branch Library, GPP
- April 3: **Used Book Sale** 10 am to 4 pm Ewald Branch Library, GPP
- April 4: **Used Book BAG DAY**- Fill a bag \$3.00-10 am to 3 pm, Ewald Branch, GPP

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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.



Joyce Emily Myers

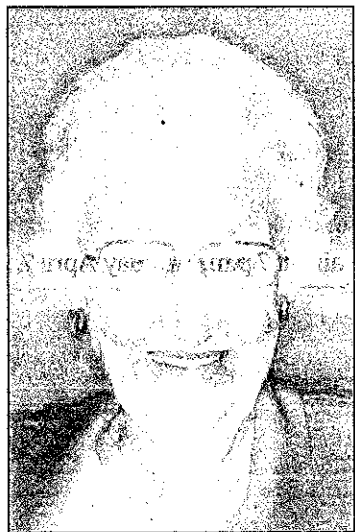
## Joyce Emily Myers

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Joyce Emily Myers, 84, died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Born March 7, 1925, in Toronto, Mrs. Myers was a homemaker who worked in the lunchroom at Defer Elementary School. She volunteered with St. Vincent de Paul and the Catholic Women's League.

She is survived by her daughter, Karyn and sons, Alan, Brian and Dana. She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene.

Mrs. Myers will be greatly missed by family and friends.



Evelene Beardslee Malcolm

## Evelene Beardslee Malcolm

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Evelene Beardslee Malcolm, 95, died Sunday, March 15, 2009. She most recently lived in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Mrs. Malcolm was born in 1914 in the family home in Detroit to Aurilla and Floyd Beardslee.

Mrs. Malcolm was a longtime member of the Colony Town Club and the Cancer Loan Closet and served on the boards of both organizations. She was active in scouting, volunteering with both Boy and Girl Scout troops. She was a member of the Metropolitan Boys and Girls Club, Heathers Golf Club, and the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

A life-long gardener, she was also a member of the Deeplands Garden Club.

Mrs. Malcolm was a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church since the 1940s. She was chairman of one of the church fairs, volunteered for many others and also served as a trustee of the church.

She is survived by her daughter, Lee Malcolm Lenz of Grand Blanc; son, John Parke Malcolm of Ann Arbor; grandchildren, Carter, Kimberly, Brian and Carlye and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, John.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Loan Closet, 23136 N. Rosedale Court, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory with the family at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).



Robert C. Frenzel Sr.

## Robert C. Frenzel Sr.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Charles Frenzel Sr., 67, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009, at his home in Atlanta, Ga.

He graduated from Austin Catholic Prep High School in Detroit and Loyola University in Chicago. He was a partner with Touche Ross and president of Prudential Bank and Trust. He was also chief financial officer for Advanced Control Systems, from which he retired.

Mr. Frenzel is survived by his wife, Connie Poole Frenzel; daughter, Dr. Kristen Frenzel-Craighead (Marc) of Atlanta; sons, Robert C. Frenzel Jr. of Dallas, Bryan T. Frenzel of Atlanta and Jeffery S. Frenzel of Atlanta; granddaughters, Alice and Audrey Craighead of Atlanta and his sister, Mary Anne (Eugene) Gargaro of Grosse Pointe Shores.

He was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Frenzel.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 27, at Holy Innocence Episcopal Church, 805 Mt. Vernon Highway in Atlanta.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1899 Central Ave., Augusta, GA 30904.



Helen Hysick

## Helen Hysick

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Helen Hysick, 92, died Saturday, March 21, 2009.

She was born July 26, 1916 in Hazelton, Pa. to Filote and Mary Wafkosky. She graduated from high school and received additional schooling in business.

She worked as an administrative assistant for the city of Grosse Pointe Park and in administration for Comerica Bank. She retired from Comerica Bank.

Mrs. Hysick enjoyed sewing and travel. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Seniors Club. Most of all, Mrs. Hysick had a great love of her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ellen (Michael) Kutschke; son, Stephen John (Peggy) Hysick and four grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 24 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Detroit, followed by interment in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.



C. Wallace Toles Jr.

## C. Wallace Toles

Grosse Pointe Farms resident C. Wallace Toles Jr. passed away Saturday, March 21, 2009. He was 86.

Mr. Toles, affectionately known as Wally to his family and friends, was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe. A 1941 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Mr. Toles attended Colgate University, served three years in the U. S. Army during World War II, and graduated from the University of Michigan.

In 1946, he joined his father in the family's real estate business, Toles & Associates, where he remained until retiring in 1984.

A long-standing member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and its predecessor organization, the Grosse Pointe Brokers Association, Mr. Toles served as both president and treasurer of the organization at various times during his career.

Mr. Toles was a lifelong summer resident of Pointe Aux Barques where he enjoyed playing tennis, golfing, hunting and boating. He was a past president of the Pointe Aux Barques Association and a member of the Pointe Aux Barques township board.

He was also a life member of the Country Club of Detroit.

Mr. Toles is survived by his stepdaughter, Lynn Carruthers (John) Park; his grandchildren, Charlotte and George and his cousin, Gretchen Carhartt Valade.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lois McKinley Toles and stepdaughter, Sue Allison Carruthers.

A private family memorial service will be held. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Country Club of Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Francis Dennis McCarthy

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Francis Dennis McCarthy, 70, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009. He had recently moved to St. Clair Shores.

Mr. McCarthy was born and raised in Detroit. He graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Notre Dame.

He worked in advertising sales for Advo.

He was a board member of Manresa Retreat House, Michigan Parkinson Foundation, University of

Detroit High School, and the University of Notre Dame Detroit Club. He also enjoyed volunteering at his children's schools.

Mr. McCarthy enjoyed sailing and sailed in numerous Mackinac races.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Anne (Marty) Montagne, Mary Katherine (Jacques) Baudeloque and Joseph; grandchildren, Maryl, Isabelle, Mac, Brennan and Jean-Luc and his sister, Mary Jo (Larry) DuMouchelle.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 21 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to University of Detroit High School, 8400 Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221; Manresa Retreat House; or and Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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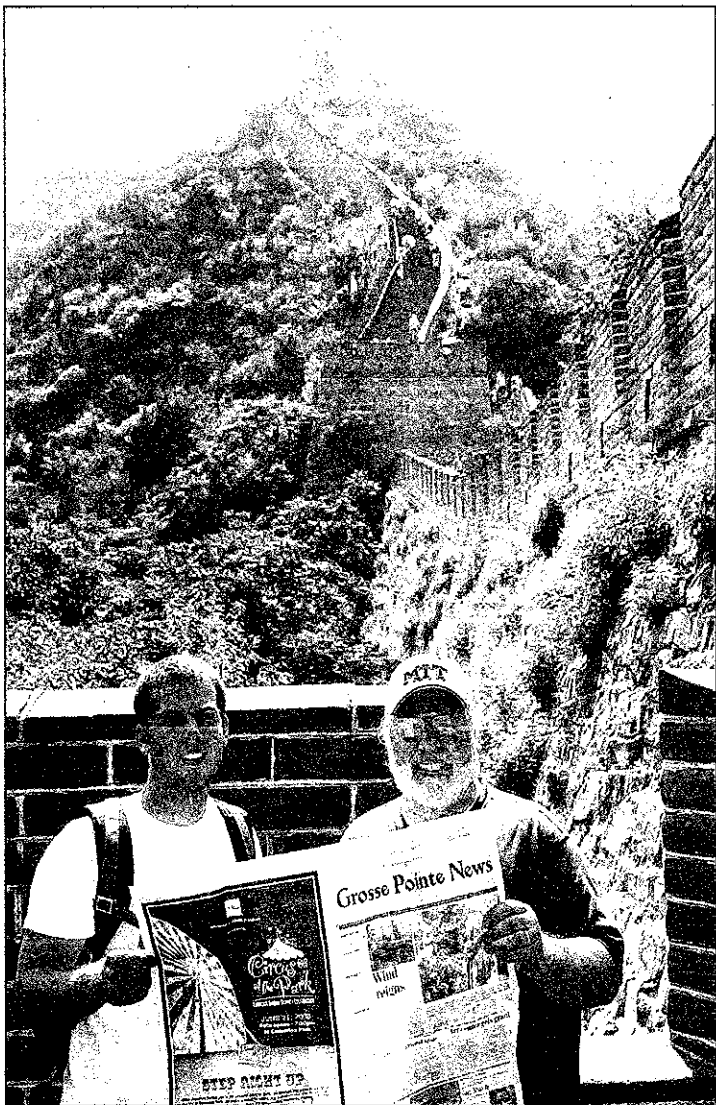
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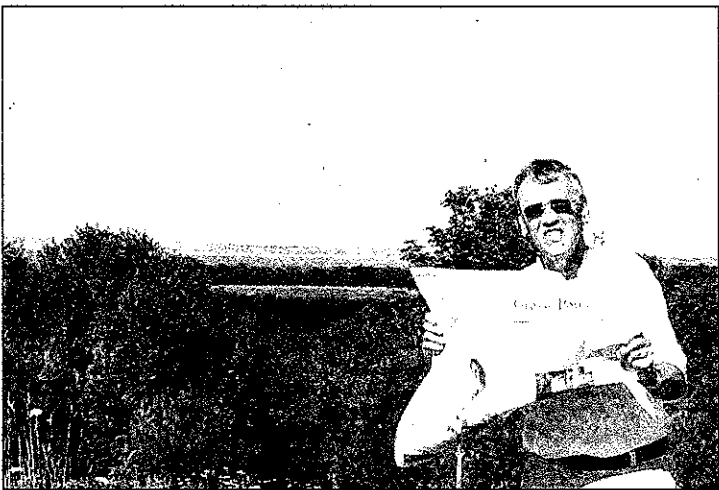
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## The China reader

Daniel and Josef Bogosian of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along to read when they visited The Great Wall of China.

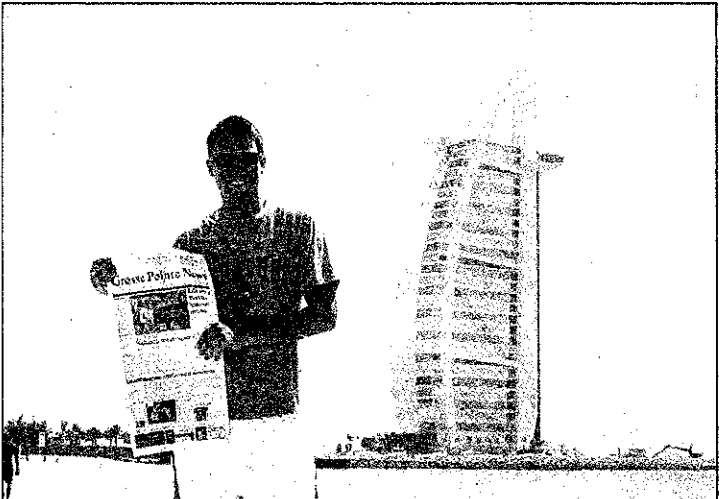


## Up North reader

Ken Van Dellen of Grosse Pointe Park reads the Grosse Pointe News on the lawn at his getaway place south of Charlevoix with his back to a view of the Leelanau Peninsula. If you like the view, the lot next to his is for sale.

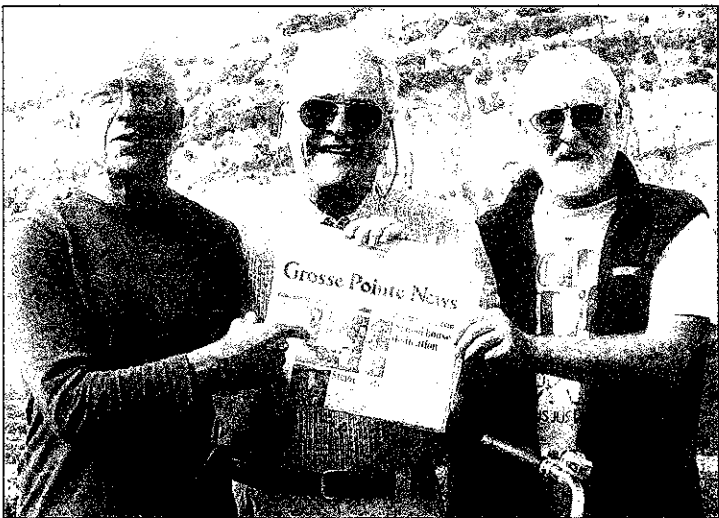
## The Berlin reader

While visiting her daughter, Roxanne Varzi, in Berlin, Germany, Charlotte Varzi took the Grosse Pointe News along. She stopped to read it at Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



## Dubai reader

Kyle Kwiatkowski of Grosse Pointe Woods and a civil engineering student at Syracuse University took the Grosse Pointe News along when he visited the Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai this summer. He spent the summer as an intern with the Dubai Contracting Company.



## The Italian readers

Former Grosse Pointe residents Bill Wachter, Portis Hicks of New York, N.Y. and Grosse Pointe resident Roger Garrett took the Grosse Pointe News along when they biked through northern Italy.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents in the School District of the City of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by April 6, 2009, shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the scheduled May 5, 2009 election.

Shall be a citizen of the United States;  
Shall be at least 18 years of age by May 5, 2009;  
Shall be a resident of this State;  
Shall be a resident of the School District of the City of Harper Woods for at least 30 days.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. Voter Registration Applications can also be obtained on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) or [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). The last day to register for the May 5, 2009, Election will be Monday, April 6, 2009. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, or if you need assistance, please call 343-2510.

Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot in the City Clerk's Office showing the Office and candidates to be elected. For the election May 5, 2009, qualified voters will be electing a candidate to the following offices:  
Member of the Harper Woods School Board of Education - (2) four year term ending June 30, 2013.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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POSTED: March 5, 2009

**Mickey D. Todd**  
City Clerk



## Jamaica reader

The Bashara family, Laura, Nancy, Bob, Jessica, Jane and Robert, took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Jamaica.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until **10:00am local time on Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities of work for this project are as follows:

Concrete Pavement Repair (Misc. Locations)	9,900 SY
Reconstruct Drainage Structures	40 EA

together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications are on file and copies may be secured on or after **Monday, March 30, 2009, after 1:00pm** at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to cover postage and handling will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications are also on file for viewing at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397.

BID SECURITY

A certified check or the included Bid Bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **ninety (90)** calendar days after the receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and/or to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, payment, and maintenance and guarantee bonds and insurance certificates.

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Cleaning and Sealing Existing Pavement Joints and Cracks in Concrete and Asphalt Capped Streets	123,000 LF
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Resists police

A 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male reportedly resisted public safety officers while being investigated for loitering shortly before noon Tuesday, March 17.

The boy was with three male friends of similar age behind a store in the 300 block of Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

"This department has received numerous complaints of juveniles using marijuana and alcohol in this area," said a lieutenant.

As the officer approached the four youths, the one youth was caught running away.

"The other three subjects stayed where they were," said the lieutenant.

The boy refused to obey officers and struck the lieutenant while being patted down, according to reports.

He was released to his mother and warned not to trespass. The case was referred to the department youth officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Prowler

Two Grosse Pointe Woods officers helped Farms police at 1 a.m. Sunday, March 22, track down a 19-year-old Detroit man hiding in the backyard of a house in the 400 block of Bournemouth.

Officers arrested the man for prowling and disorderly conduct.

A clerk at the nearby British Petroleum station at Mack and Moross said the man earlier that evening had been on the premises begging for food and money.

### Violates permit

At 6:02 p.m. Friday, March 20, a 17-year-old St. Clair Shores male with three home-town warrants for loitering was cited for operating a motor vehicle in violation of his learner's permit.

A patrolman caught him failing to signal while turning from Kerby to Mack. The teenager was driving a red 2008 Dodge Charger registered to a 38-year-old St. Clair Shores woman wanted on an unspecified \$1,000 warrant from Center Line.

"The rear female passenger (matched) the subject with the warrant," said the arresting officer.

### 31 suspensions

A 41-year-old Detroit man with 31 driving suspensions admitted the obvious during a traffic stop on Moross near Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"He admitted he does not have (a) license," said a patrolman.

The officer had pulled the man over at 7:33 p.m. Thursday, March 19, for operating a 1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette van with a broken headlight, taillight and front bumper.

### 1 stop, 2 arrests

Police said they found drugs on a man and woman being searched during a traffic stop at 1:19 a.m. Thursday, March 19, on northbound Moross from Lakeshore.

Police said the 23-year-old male driver from Harrison Township turned up three baggies containing a total of 3 grams of marijuana.

"(His) eyes were red and bloodshot," said the arresting officer.

Officers said his 24-year-old female passenger from Mount Clemens had five baggies containing 4.2 grams of marijuana, plus \$300 cash hidden under her clothing.

Officers arrested the man for drunken driving. His blood alcohol level measured .14 percent, police said. Officers also are pursuing charges against the man for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

The couple caught the attention of a patrolman by operating a silver 2000 Chrysler Sebring with an unlit license plate. A search of the car turned up an open pint of vodka and a partially smoked marijuana cigarette, police said.

### Bad timing

A 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving at 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, when he drove drunk to police headquarters.

Police said he registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

He'd reportedly gone to the station upon his lawyer's advice to file a complaint against his wife, with whom he'd recently argued.

### Bright idea

A 24-year-old Roseville man was caught drunken driving during a traffic stop. He'd failed to dim his car's bright lights for an oncoming patrolman.

A 9:24 p.m. Monday, March 16, the officer pulled the man over on northbound Moross near Chalfonte.

"He admitted to sharing a fifth of liquor with three other people (on) this date," said the officer.

The man tested positive for a .15 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

### Burglar tools

A 20-year-old Detroit man was arrested for possessing burglary tools at 2:50 a.m. Monday, March 16.

A patrolman investigating stolen cars in the area of Hillcrest and Piche spotted the man and a 19-year-old male companion from Detroit operating a vehicle on Chalfonte with an obstructed license plate.

"(The men) were wearing all black," said the officer. "(They) matched clothing description of subjects that Harper Woods was searching for (auto theft)."

A search between the vehicle's front seats turned up a hammer, screwdriver, needle-nose pliers and vice grips.

### Officer TP'd

At 11 p.m. Sunday, March 15, a Farms public safety officer was driving home from work when teenage boys in another vehicle pelted his car with unknown objects.

The officer said he'd stopped for a red light at Kercheval and Moross when four teenage boys drove by in a blue Ford Explorer. The officer said the driver and a passenger threw something at his car, impacting with two thuds.

The boys sped away, running numerous stop signs, before being caught at McKinley and Mack. By then, one of the boys, age 15, had been dropped off at his home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"All three admitted to throwing wet toilet paper at vehicles in Grosse Pointe Woods," said a Farms officer.

Police released the boys, ages 16 from the City and Farms, to their parents. When officers arrived at the home of the 15-year-old, he admitted his actions.

### Car thieves

◆ At 1 a.m. Monday, March 16, several Farms officers gave mutual aid to Harper Woods police trying to catch multiple car thieves in their city.

◆ At about that time in the Farms, an officer patrolling the 300 block of Hillcrest found a resident's blue 2007 Chrysler mini van parked askew in the street. The ignition had been damaged.

◆ On nearby Piche, police found another Hillcrest resident's blue Chrysler mini van abandoned. It, too, had a dam-

aged ignition.

◆ A vehicle stolen between 6 p.m. March 15 and 2 a.m. the next morning, in the 300 block of Hillcrest was found near the intersection of Beaconsfield and Woodman in Harper Woods. The ignition had been punched out.

◆ Between 1 a.m. Sunday, March 15 and 1:30 p.m. the next day, a Chrysler Town & Country parked in front of a house in the 300 block of Hillcrest was found with its ignition damaged.

—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 Park

### Glasses gone

Prescription sunglasses were taken from a 2007 Ford Explorer parked on Lakepointe overnight Thursday, March 16.

### Stuff stolen

Tools and a computer were taken from a 2008 Ford pickup parked on Barrington between 6 and 10 p.m. Friday, March 20.

### No garage sale

An unlocked garage was entered overnight Thursday, March 19, at a house on Three Mile Drive. A bike and leaf blower were stolen.

### Wheels taken

Four wheels were taken from a 2009 Buick Enclave parked on Lakepointe overnight Sunday, March 15.

### Attempted car theft

The owner of a 1998 Chrysler Cirrus scared away someone attempting to steal his car at 11:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 on Harcourt.

### Anniversary

Congratulations to PSO Thomas Card on his 1-year anniversary with the department.

—Kathy Ryan

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Another drunk

A 32-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman learned why Shores Officer Terrence Brown was honored recently by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for diligent enforcement of drunken driving laws.

Brown at 3:09 a.m. Sunday, March 22, pulled over the woman in a white 2006 Lincoln Navigator for disregarding the red light from Lakeshore onto Vernier. While speaking with the woman, the officer detected an odor of alcohol.

"Furthermore (her) speech was slurred," The officer said. "When asked, (she) admitted to consuming alcohol earlier in the evening."

She reportedly registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested. She was released the following morning on \$500 bond.

### Wrong way

At 3:36 p.m. Saturday, March 21, a 911 caller alerted the Shores dispatcher of a woman driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore.

Officers intercepted the 87-year-old woman and escorted her to her destination, a church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Mom thanks police

The mother of an 18-year-old St. Clair Shores male thanked Grosse Pointe Shores police for their handling of a traffic stop last weekend in which her son and three friends were caught with open alcohol in a motor vehicle.

At midnight, Saturday,

March 21, the woman's son was driving a green 2002 Jeep station wagon that a patrolman saw stopped at a blinking yellow light on Lakeshore outside Osius Park.

During a traffic stop on Lakeshore near the Milk River bridge, an officer suspected alcohol was involved.

"The driver denied but later admitted to consuming alcohol earlier that evening," said the officer.

A search of the Jeep turned up a cup containing alcohol mixed with an energy drink.

"All of the occupants (18-year-old St. Clair Shores males) admitted they were under the influence of alcohol," said the officer.

Police took the teenagers to headquarters and let them arrange rides home.

### Search party

A 26-year-old man was backing his car up his driveway on Lake Shore Lane at 11:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19, when he saw an unknown man in his garage.

"He noticed a subject standing inside the garage in front of a large toolbox," said police.

The stranger ran away. Officers from the Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and the St. Clair Shores K9 officer searched the neighborhood.

"A track led south onto Webber Place, where the track was lost," said an officer.

The suspect was described as 5-foot-8, wearing a white or light colored shirt or hoodie.

Nothing appeared taken from the garage.

### Admits drinking

A 26-year-old Detroit female motorist admitted consuming "a few" drinks prior to being investigated at 1:48 a.m. Thursday, March 19, for drunken driving on Vernier and Morningside in Grosse Pointe Shores.

She refused to take a Breathalyzer test, so officers obtained a search warrant for her blood to be drawn at a hospital for testing at a crime lab.

### Throws in towel

"Just do what you gotta do," a suspected drunken driver told officers during a traffic

stop at 10:54 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

An officer pulled over the 30-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man on southbound Lakeshore for speeding 45 mph in a blue 2000 Chevrolet Silverado.

The man registered a .20 percent blood alcohol level.

### Skeet shooter

Shortly after 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, police were told of a man in the 800 block of Lakeshore shooting a firearm toward Lake St. Clair.

Investigation revealed a Grosse Pointe Park resident skeet shooting while housesitting. He apologized for not calling police beforehand.

"(He) was not in violation of any ordinance," said a public safety officer.

—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

### 11 suspensions

A 45-year-old Detroit resident was arrested after being stopped at Mack and Vernier at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, for erratic driving and improper lane changing. A routine check revealed her license had 11 open suspensions and there were three warrants issued for

her arrest.

### No means no

A "No Turn on Red" sign means exactly that, as a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident found out at 2 a.m. Wednesday, March 18. Following the illegal turn, he was pulled over and a check of his record showed that his license had been suspended three times.

### Garage entered

A resident of Lochmoor Boulevard returned home from a long weekend away Monday, March 16 to find his garage had been entered and tools, a TV, a stereo system and a bike had been removed.

### Welcome home

While investigating a report of a loud noise and a barking dog on Roslyn at 3 a.m. Sunday, March 22, police observed a car traveling at a high rate of speed before it turned into the driveway of a house officers were investigating. The driver, who lived in the house, was returning from a trip to a fast food restaurant. Police noticed that he had blurry eyes, slurred speech and an open beer bottle in the car. A field sobriety test led to an arrest for driving while intoxicated. A blood alcohol test revealed a level of .18, more than twice the legal limit.

—Kathy Ryan

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Emergency siren on its way

A warning siren will be erected by mid-summer atop a 60-foot pole behind City of Grosse Pointe public safety headquarters on Maumee.

Conditions which could trigger the siren include civil emergencies and impending bad weather. Testing will likely be scheduled at noon on the first Saturday of each month.

"It's something we've needed for a long time," said James Fox, public safety director.

It won't cost the city anything, he added. Payment is coming from a homeland security grant administered by Wayne County.

County officials approached the city about putting up a siren to improve the area's early warning system.

"The installer wants to have it up and running by the end of June," Fox said.

Nearby residents will be alerted prior to testing.

"We don't want our neighbors to hear a horn blowing in their backyards before it goes off the first time," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

—Brad Lindberg

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#### RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until **10:30 AM local time on Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities involved in this work are as follows:

Remove and Replace 4" Concrete Sidewalk	28,000 SF
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Remove and Replace 8" Concrete Handicap Ramp (ADA Modified)	15 EA

together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

#### PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**, at 1:00 pm, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.

#### BID SECURITY

A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of bids.

#### AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

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Marshall Landscape Inc. owners Brett Marshall and Chris Mistretta.



Backer Landscaping also had a display at the expo.



The 22nd annual Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Home & Garden Expo was a huge success Saturday, March 21, at the War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Representing the board at the show, from left, are Alice Baetz, Pat Chasteen, Bobbi Sexton, expo chair Cheryl Gauss, Susie Howell, Rebecca Peltz and board President George Smale. For more information and photos, see page 8A III.



Representatives from Pewabic Pottery had a colorful display at the expo. At right, E.E. Moran representatives show medical monitoring devices.



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Grosse Pointe mayors gathered for the annual Meals on Wheels delivery. From left, Jane Blahut of Grosse Pointe Park; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar; Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace; district coordinator for the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods for Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick's office, Jackie Kalogerakos; Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit; and Grosse Pointe Shores President James Cooper. At right, Irene Eisenhart is delighted to see Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar bring her a meal. Eisenhart is the Farms' oldest resident. She turns 102 in May.



## Special deliveries made by mayors

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Warm meals were met with warm welcomes, as the mayors of the Grosse Pointes and

other local officials lent a hand to the Meals on Wheels program. The event was part of the nationwide Mayors for Meals initiative March 18.

Dale Scrace of the City of Grosse Pointe, James Farquhar Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, Robert Novitke of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Grosse Pointe Shores' James Cooper, who was accompanied by his son, were joined by Jane Blahut, the city clerk of Grosse Pointe Park, Ken Poynter, mayor of Harper Woods, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, and Jackie Kalogerakos, representing Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick's office, as they gathered at the Neighborhood Club before setting out with their deliveries to area seniors.

"This is the fourth year our mayors have participated in this National Mayors for Meals day," said Mary Rose Nelson, director of volunteer services for Services for Older Citizens, which oversees the local Meals on Wheels program. "It is anticipated that over 1,000 mayors nationwide will participate in this annual event, which is designed to raise awareness of the program."

"Seniors are the bedrock of

our community," Scrace said. "It's my pleasure to participate in this event, and not only show my support for Meals on Wheels, but for the SOC organization as well. It's such an important part of our community."

Mayors for Meals Day is an annual event sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of America as part of its national March For Meals Campaign. Designed to raise awareness of hunger among seniors, it encourages communities to involve mayors and other local officials in the Meals on Wheels program.

"It's so important for elected officials to give of their time for something like this," Killeen said. "But the real heroes are the people who volunteer regularly in their communities. The need is so great, hopefully this will encourage more people to lend a hand."

In addition to the 85 seniors it delivers meals to each day, SOC provides lunch for 40 seniors who attend the daily Food and Friendship Luncheon at the Neighborhood Club. Special trips are planned each week that attract more than 100 seniors.

For additional information on the Meals on Wheels delivery or the Food and Friendship luncheon program, contact SOC at (313) 882-9600.

## Shores officials back candidate forum

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Election debates generally benefit challengers, but even incumbents think the next round of campaigning for the Pointe's newest city council

should include a candidates forum.

"It's a fantastic idea," said Dr. Brian Hunt, a Shores trustee.

Hunt won election Feb. 24 to the new Shores city council. He thinks the race would have benefited from a campaign fo-

rum.

"It would give people a great opportunity to meet the candidates, to hear what they have to say and eliminate misconceptions," Hunt said.

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G. P. SHORES

## City begins 12:01 a.m. April 1

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The Shores is dead. Long live the Shores.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores ceases to exist at midnight April 1. So do Grosse Pointe Township, Lake Township, their respective supervisors and boards.

Upon the 98-year-old village exhaling its last gasp, the new city that replaces it takes its first breath.

The new city, named The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City begins operations at 12:01 a.m. April 1.

"Under the law, the new city succeeds to all assets and liabilities of the village and townships," said Mark McInerney, village attorney.

The inaugural meeting of the new city council is at 8 a.m. that same day.

The first order of business

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# Ford House to expand 'Eggstravaganza'

A parade, petting farm and crafts have been added to the annual egg hunt at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Easter Eggstravaganza set for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

Familiar floppy-eared fellows from the Detroit Parade Company's Big Head Corp. will lead the new Cottontail Parade on the grounds of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Participants will follow along after making Easter bonnets or crowns on bikes, trikes, wagons and strollers — adorned in spring's finest — up the estate's drive to the front of the mansion.

There they will meet the Easter Bunny who will announce the official start of the egg hunt on the estate's Meadow Lawn.

After collecting treat-filled eggs, children and their families can meet some new furry friends in the petting farm.

The grounds will be open and visitors can tour Josephine Ford's Play House.

A limited number of tickets are also available for a Bunny Lunch in the activities center. The child-friendly menu consists of pinwheel deli sandwiches, baked chicken tenders with dipping sauces, macaroni and cheese, brownies and cookies.

Tickets for the egg hunt are \$8 per person and the Bunny

Lunch can be added for an additional \$10 per person. The event is recommended for children ages 2-8.

The event goes on rain or shine — or snow. Last year's four inches of freshly fallen white stuff didn't stop 250 children from running to collect their eggs.

Reservations are required for all Ford House Easter events and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

## Egg decorating

To help get ready for Easter, The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is offering a Pysanky Egg Decorating workshop

from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1.

These European Easter Eggs are known for their beauty and tradition. Led by a representative from the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck, the workshop will help attendees learn the history of and create their own Pysanky egg.

The cost for the class and supplies is \$15 per person and is recommended for adults and children ages 8 and up.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

## CITY: April 1 begins new chapter

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will be to swear in city elected officials consisting of former Shores President — now Mayor Dr. James Cooper; former Shores trustees — now council members Victoria Boyce, Fred Mintum and Dr. Brian Hunt; and council newcomers former Village Clerk Robert Graziani, and first-time officeholders Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte.

Shores voters supported the new government structure in the Feb. 24. election.

"On behalf of our residents, I thank all those elected officials, the charter commission and the administration for all of their work this past year," Cooper said last week during the final meeting of village trustees. "I also thank our residents for their overwhelming support on Election Day and their patience and cooperation as we usher in a new era in Grosse Pointe Shores."

Cooper formally introduced new councilmen Kedzierski and Schulte.

"Congratulations on your successful election to city council," Cooper said. "Speaking for the other council members, we look forward to working with both of you beginning April 1."

Cooper and the council will be sworn in by former Shores Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce, who won a judgeship in the last election on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

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"We've been asking for that for a long time," added incoming council member Dan Schulte. "I asked for that when I ran the first time (in 2000). Nobody else wanted to join in."

The idea was brought up last week by Shores resident Bruce Vollmer.

"I propose a 'Meet the Candidates Night' held prior to the issuing of absentee ballots for the next election," Vollmer said at the regular March council meeting. "We could hold it at the Ford estate or a similar place so village residents can meet all of the candidates in person."

He suggested each person running for office could speak for five minutes followed by a question and answer period.

"Candidate night would offer the opportunity to hear directly from the candidates and perhaps eliminate any possibility of rumors and untruths," Vollmer said.

"I believe it is vitally important to offer every candidate the opportunity to address residents and hear their concerns."

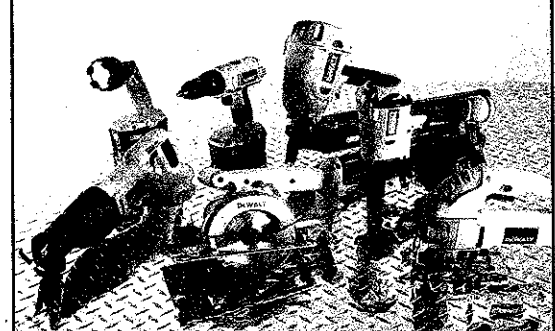
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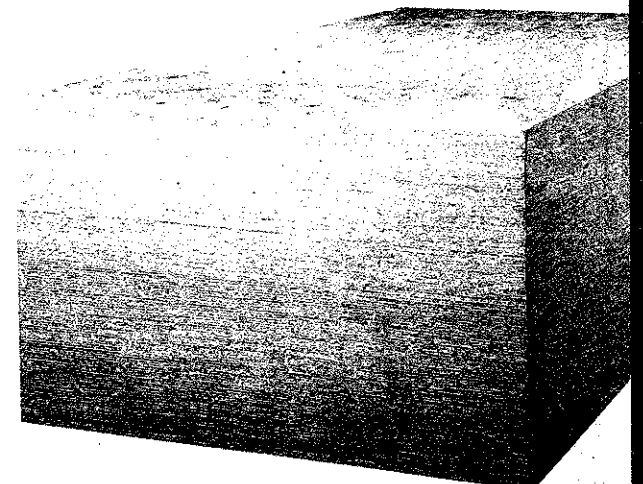
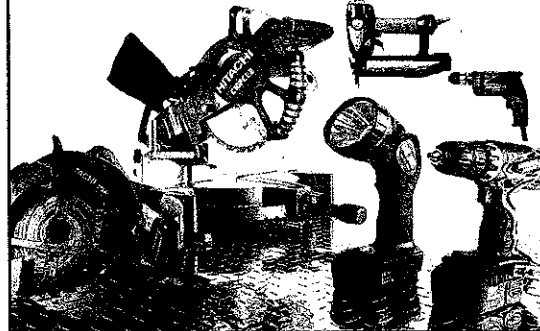
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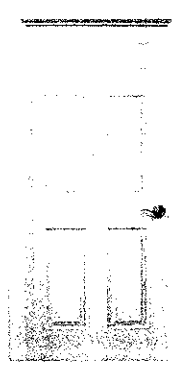
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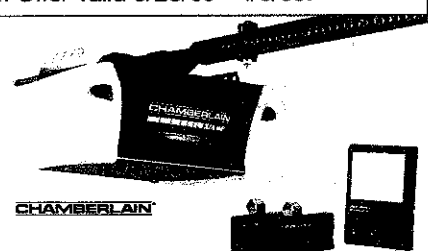
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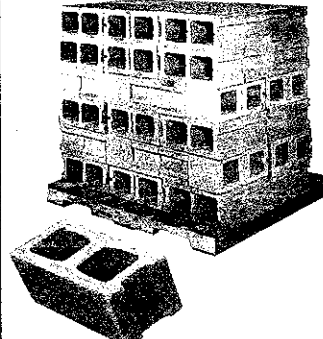
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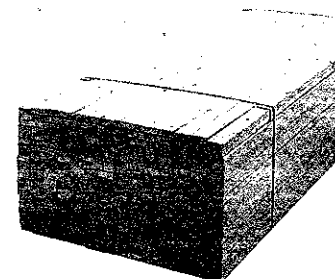


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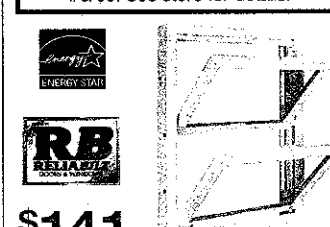
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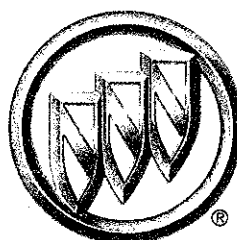
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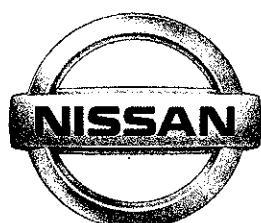
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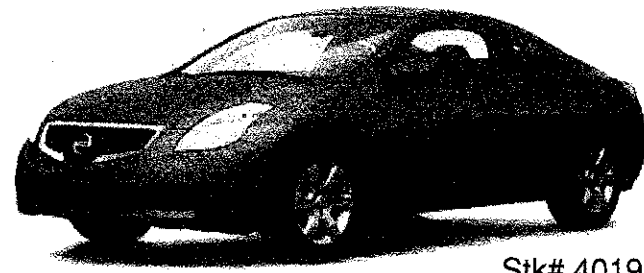
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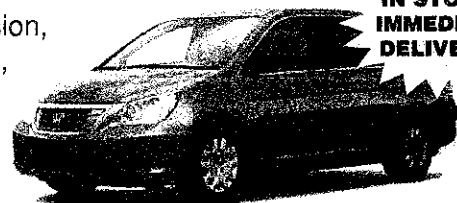
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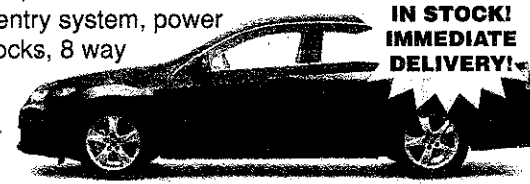
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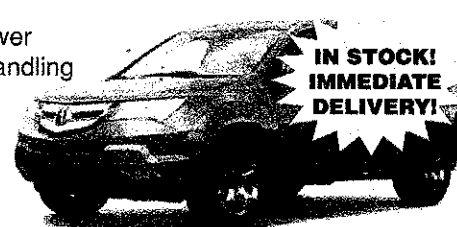
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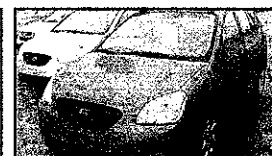
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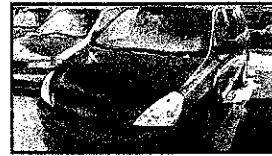
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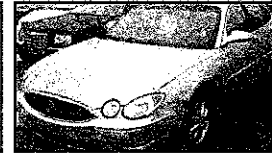
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**TEST DRIVE** By Greg Zyla

Offering 30 miles per gallon highway, the 2009 Chevy Malibu LT is listed as a mid-size five passenger sedan and offers everything a consumer expects at a very fair price.

## The all-new Malibu LT midsize sedan



LTZ versus last year's 3.5-liter V6, which is an option this year.

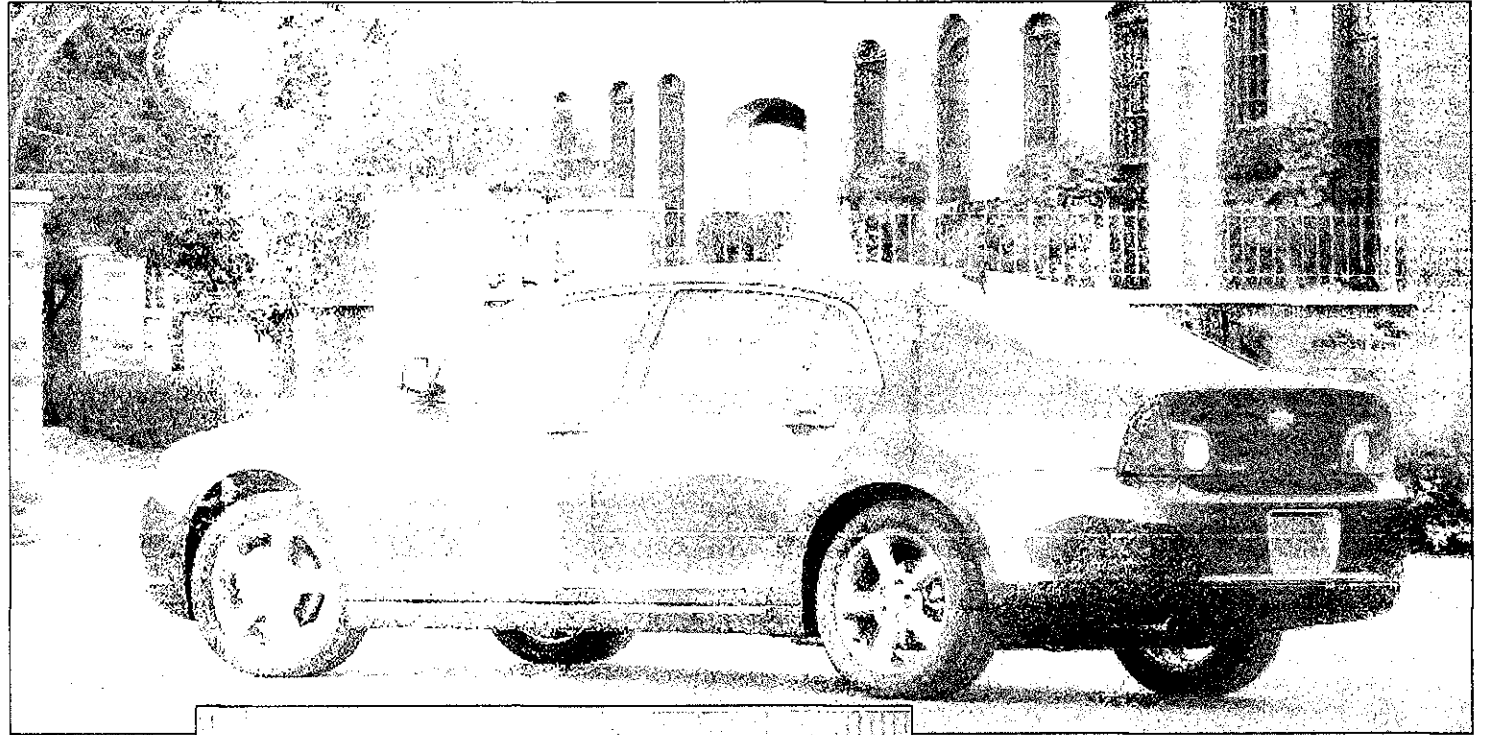
The 2.4-liter, 10.4-1 compression Ecotec 4-cylinder pumps out 169 horsepower and 160 pound-feet of torque. It achieves a commendable 22 miles per gallon city and 30 mpg highway in the LS and LT1 lines, and 22/33 mpg in the LT2 and LTZ models.

The difference in the three highway mpg comes due to a 4-speed automatic under the LS and LT1 lines while a 6-speed automatic is standard with the LT2 and LTZ. We recommend spending the additional \$695 for the 6-speed automatic if you order an LS or LT1, as the three more mpg highway will eventually pay for the transmission when you get to about 85,000 miles.

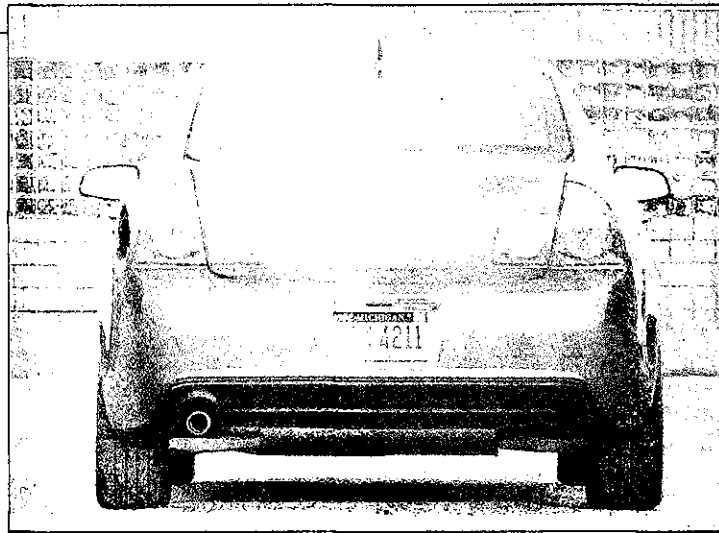
Better yet, since all Malibus utilize the Ecotec 4 engine as standard fare, why doesn't GM just put the 6-speed automatic in all 4-cylinder models? The result improves our country's overall fuel consumption situation and enhances EPA highway results.

We took our test Malibu up the winding, ever elevating mountain road leading to Lake Tahoe, Nev., and it performed fine all the way to the 9,000 foot high summit. Be it winding curve, or having enough pep on the straightaway, Malibu delivers. Underneath, a four-wheel fully independent suspension makes for smoothness, comfort and better overall handling.

Replacing the prior generation's boxy look is a confident, smooth, aerodynamic style with impressive front end and



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2009 Chevy Malibu LT

MP3 Player; XM Satellite; rear defogger; split rear seat; driver information center; steering wheel audio controls; halogen headlights; 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes; one year of OnStar services; air conditioning and lots more.

from the automotive media, although we also recommend checking out Yahoo Autos owner responses for info on how good the Malibu truly is. We rate it a deserving 9.0 on a scale of 1 to 10.

With numerous incentives and discounts available, now is a good time to visit a Chevy dealer if shopping in the mid-sized market. Our tester came in at a final price of \$23,325 including \$670 for destination and \$150 for body side moldings.

Likes: Looks, economy, interior; exterior, trunk space.

Dislikes: Make the 6-speed automatic standard, middle back seat a bit tight.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

tweaked roofline. Evident are rounded headlights, coordinated front and rear bumpers, fog lamps, split grill and a nice rear rake. Malibu's spacious 15.1 cubic-foot trunk also deserves mention as three adults were able to load most all of our belongings into the trunk.

On the safety side, all Malibus come with front and rear side head curtain air bags, front and passenger advanced air bags, front and rear crumple zones, trunk anti-trap de-

vice and seat mounted front side air bags with head protection. The result finds Malibu receiving 5-stars in the latest government crash tests.

LT1's come standard with all the powers; AM/FM/CD with seek, scan and six speakers;

vice; air conditioning and lots more.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.3-inches, 3,436-pound curb weight, 40.4-inch turning circle, and a 16-gallon fuel tank. Malibu for 2009 continues to receive raves

# VYLETEL



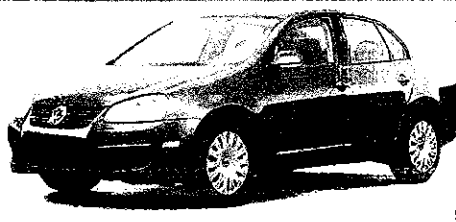
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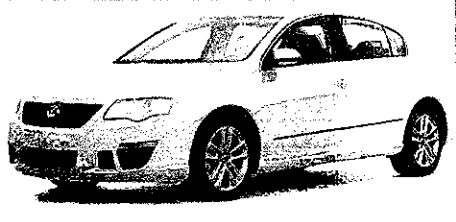


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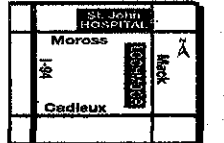
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## GROSSE POINTE SHORES



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Outgoing Grosse Pointe Shores trustees, from left, Glenn Peters, Linda Walton and Karl Kratz with President and soon-to-be Mayor Dr. James Cooper.

## Outgoing trustees honored

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Three outgoing Grosse Pointe Shores officeholders were honored by their colleagues during the final meeting of village trustees before the Shores switches to a city form of government, April 1.

"The price of cityhood has not come cheaply," said Shores President Dr. James Cooper Tuesday, March 17. "Tonight, we say goodbye to three integral parts of our council."

Departing trustees are Karl Kratz, Glenn Peters and Linda

Walton.

Cooper gave each a framed municipal photo collection as a "small token of our appreciation and these applause for a job well done."

He added, "We are all grateful for your commitment, time and talent. We would not have become a city without your help."

Walton didn't seek reelection. Kratz and Peters lost bids for new terms.

Walton served the Shores for 10 years as a village trustee, clerk and most recently as vice chair of the charter commission.

Peters has been a trustee of the village since 2004 and a trustee of Lake Township since 2003.

Kratz gave eight years of services as a trustee and, as Cooper put it, "a few pounds of flesh" supervising the total renovation of Osius Park marina.

Bruce Vollmer, a Shores resident, praised Kratz's work on the park and harbor committee.

"I believe the village and residents owe Karl a great thank you for his unpaid dedication to our harbor project," Vollmer said.

## Master plan addressed

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

One of the first tasks of the newly-created Shores city council will be to address the community's master plan.

State law requires the municipal planning commissions to restate or update master plans every 10 years.

During last week's meeting of Shores village trustees, which was the last such meeting until the community's officials convene April 1 as a city council, the procedure was outlined for working on the plan.

Trustees also formalized the process by amending an ordinance and adopting a resolution requiring council approval before the master plan becomes official.

"This may seem like having a belt and suspenders, having both a resolution and an ordinance," said Mark McNerney, village attorney. "I think it's

necessary. The state statute speaks to a resolution. We don't want to have an ordinance that isn't consistent with actual practice."

Master plans are land-use studies for the physical development of a community.

The Shores planning ordinance was considered ambiguous on the question of whether council approval is needed before establishment of a revised master plan.

"The state statute gives the council the right to decide whether it or the planning commission has final approval," McNerney said.

As Shores officials ramp-up for work on the master plan, McNerney recommended support of Ordinance 249 and the resolution. Both require council approval for the master plan to become official.

He anticipates work will begin in the next 30 to 60 days.

The process will be:

◆ The planning commission

will complete a draft and submit it to the council for preliminary approval.

◆ Once council's preliminary approval is received, under Michigan statute the planning commission will send copies of the proposed plan to neighboring communities, county agencies and other outside entities, including public utilities.

◆ Those groups will have two months to file comments. They can't veto the plan, just comment on it.

◆ A public hearing will follow. The plan can be changed as a result of comments.

◆ Thereafter, the planning commission gives its final approval.

◆ The city council gives its final approval, which constitutes official adoption of the plan.

"My guess is we'll be looking at September (or) October for final approval," McNerney told the trustees. "I think you'll be asked for preliminary approval of the plan perhaps in May."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Recognized

Sgt. Scott Rohr was honored during last week's Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting for helping capture the driver of a stolen vehicle. Rohr, a 13-year veteran of the public safety department, received the commendation for actions on July 5 during the pursuit of an 18-year-old man fleeing in a stolen vehicle.

As the suspect sped up to 90 mph on Lakeshore from Grosse Pointe Farms into the Shores, Rohr staked out the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier with spike strips.

"As the vehicle entered the intersection at Vernier and Lakeshore, Sgt. Rohr activated a spike device which flattened three of four tires on the vehicle," said Stephen Poloni, director of public safety. "We have now utilized this device twice, both times by Sgt. Rohr. Needless to say, the vehicle was forced to stop."

The driver was arrested without further incident.

"This quick reaction and outstanding performance by Sgt. Rohr potentially saved lives," Poloni said.

## Officer is MADD about drunken drivers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A few hours after being honored at a village council meeting for enforcing drunken driving laws, Officer Terrence Brown was back on the road doing what a nationwide safety organization says he does better than most: Taking intoxicated motorists into custody.

Brown, a member of the 19-officer Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department, was singled out at the March 17 Shores council meeting for earning an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"Terry had nearly 25 percent of the department's (48 drunken driving) arrests during 2008," said Shores Director Stephen Poloni.

"I'm very honored to receive this award," said Brown, cross-trained as a firefighter and paramedic. "Part of my job is to be out policing the streets, I like to think I'm making a difference out there, especially with the tragedy that happened in Roseville."

He referred to an incident the night before in Roseville where an allegedly drunken driver ran into a car containing four teenagers, killing them.

"Maybe by getting a drunk off the road, I'll save their life or somebody else's life," Brown said.

Brown was a firefighter and paramedic in Eastpointe before joining the Shores two years ago.

"I had no police experience when I started," he said.

He credited Shores field training officers James Tassie and James Wardowski for teaching him the ropes.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Grosse Pointe Shores Officer Terrence Brown.

"Both of them were tremendous help," Brown said. "A lot of my credit goes to them for their training and expertise."

Brown also received written commendation from Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

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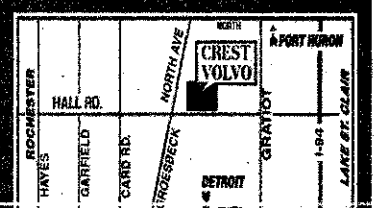
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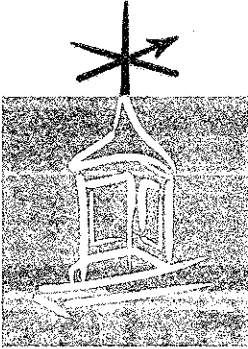
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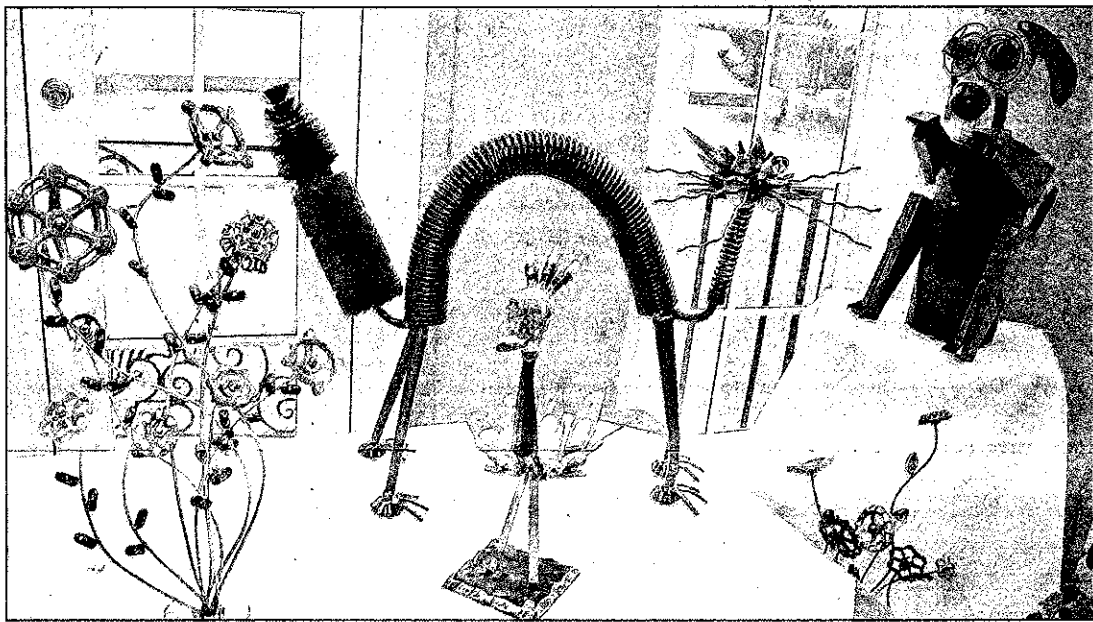
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## Home and Garden Expo

More than 1,000 people attended last Saturday's Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' 22nd annual Home and Garden Expo at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. More than 70 vendors displayed everything from home security, remodeling and roofing to landscaping and gardening, environmental air quality and more. Proceeds from the expo finance projects, such as landscaping the corner of Mack and East Warren, Christmas toy donations, Easter baskets for local families in need and donations to charities such as the Foundation for Exceptional Children. Among vendors were Jim and Donna Jalosky, owners of Iron Ivy. The company grew out of a project in which Jim used broken pieces of decorative iron works to make a trellis. He did such a good job, Donna asked him to make some flowers. The Jaloskys attend garage sales, estates sales and flea markets to find items to fashion into garden props, below. They use the ends of spoons to make flowers and the head of a golf club, the flat end of a spatula and spark plugs to make animals and faces on garden tools.



## Pointer named deputy director

Community Legal Resources has hired Matthew R. Millikin of Grosse Pointe Farms as its deputy director.

Millikin brings along his legal practice from a partner law firm in Community Legal Resources pro bono referral program, Barris Sott, Denn & Driker, P.L.L.C.

Community Legal Resources, a nonprofit in based in Detroit, matches other nonprofit organizations that

serve low-income or disadvantaged communities across Michigan with lawyers willing to volunteer free legal services.

It also creates legal education resources and publications that address the needs of non-profits.

While in private practice, Millikin represented a wide range of clients including the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee, General Motors Corporation, and the Wayne

County Airport Authority.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Millikin served as a White House aide under President Bill Clinton.

Millikin plans to implement strong internal systems and maintain and expand Community Legal Resources' relationship with the private bar by communicating the organization's mission to the broader public and strengthen fundraising efforts.



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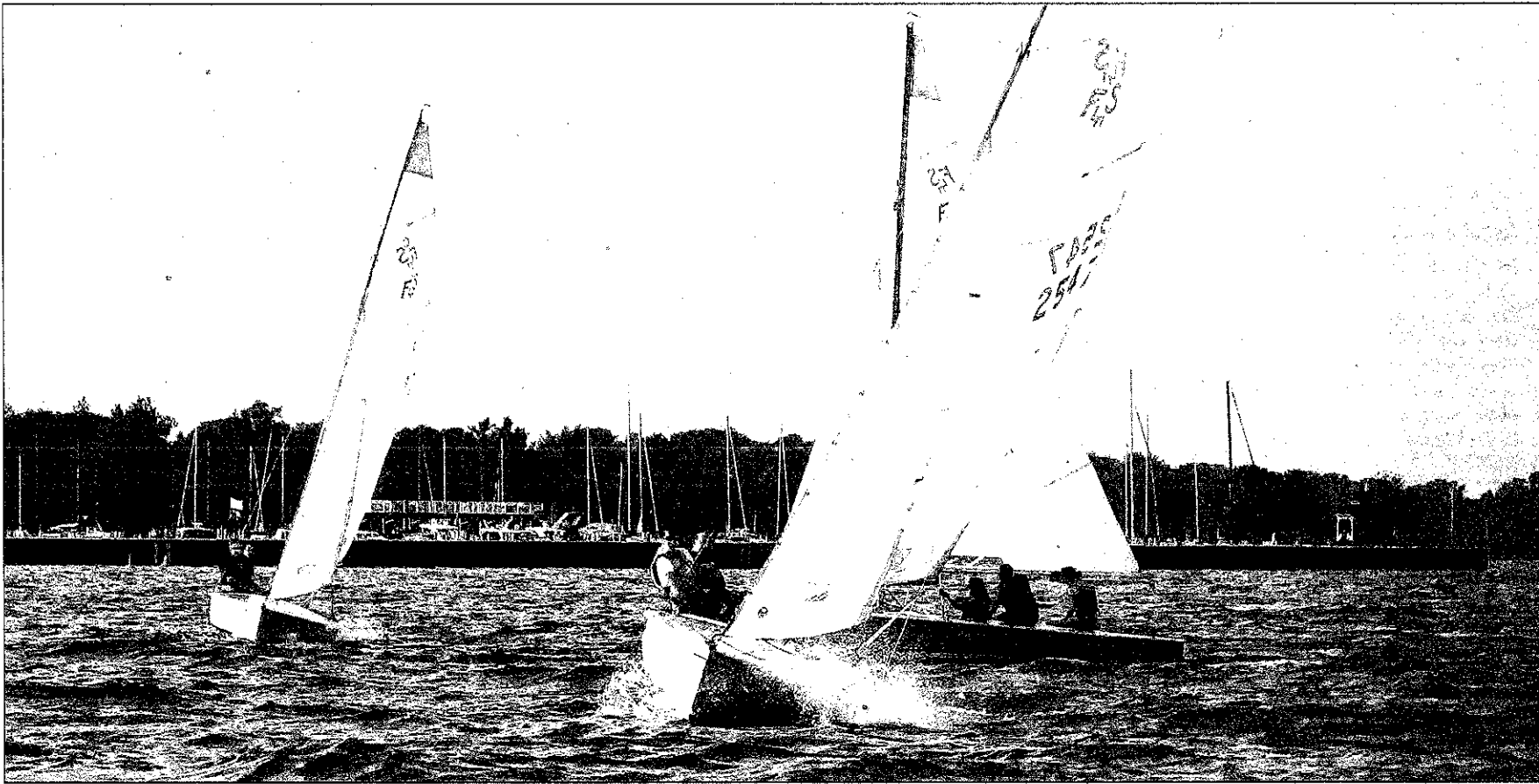


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## Sailing: For the young at heart

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

When the hearty Water Rat in "The Wind in the Willows" took amiable Mr. Mole on his first-ever boat ride on an English river, their enthusiasm could just as convincingly have been set in Lake St. Clair under the willow trees cascading over the shoreline of Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Farms.

At Crescent, there is nothing half so much worth doing during summer as messing about in boats. Sail boats.

"We sail at Crescent just about every night of the week," said Dave Simon, a club director and sailing instructor. "We race on Sunday mornings. Personally, I'm on the water five days a week and working a full work week."

Simon, an engineer from Grosse Pointe Woods, has been sailing since his early teens 35

years ago.


"Sailing offers a tremendous connection to nature," he said. "It's a very visceral experience. We're all made of 70 percent water. We need air to breathe. When your sailing, it involves the two most fundamental things there are."

For adults who want to learn to sail, Crescent offers an Adult Learn to Sail Program. Classes start in May and include 12 weeks of waterborne training from June through August.

"A big part of the classes is getting people feeling in control and mastery of the boat; controlling the forces of wind and water," Simon said. "We're emphatic that when you pass our class, you are a skipper. When you want the boat to do something, you can do that."

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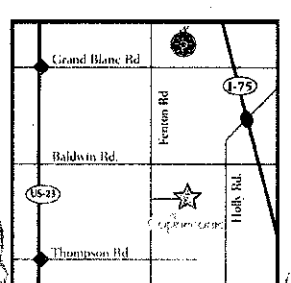
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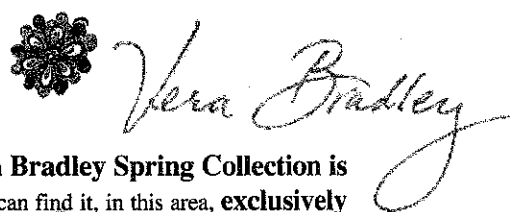




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## NEW ARRIVALS

### Jason Zachary Hubbell

Zachary and Elizabeth Hubbell of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Jason Zachary Hubbell, born Nov. 20, 2008.

Maternal grandparents are Peter and Barbara Janutol of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Steve and Debbie Hubbell of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, are the paternal grandparents.

Eleanor Janutol of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mary LaCombe of Harper Woods are the great-grandmothers.

### Fischer Andrew Austin

Torrey and Jason Austin of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Fischer Andrew Austin, born Jan. 13, 2009.

Cheryl and Thomas Teetaert

of Grosse Pointe Woods are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Kate and Robert Austin of Oxford.

Fischer is the fifth generation Teetaert to be living in the Teetaert family home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

### Edward Campbell Gmeiner

Stephen and Deborah Gmeiner of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Edward Campbell Gmeiner, born Jan. 10, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Danielle DeFauw of Grosse Pointe Park.

Linda Gmeiner of Grosse Pointe Farms and Frank "Skip" and Margaret Gmeiner of Harrison Township are the paternal grandparents.

Jeanne Gmeiner of Hendersonville, N.C. is the great-grandmother.

## SAILING: Fair winds, smooth waters

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minate in a student regatta. Early on-the-water sessions can be a madhouse.

"There are no arrows on the lake pointing where we want students to go," said Jerry McNamara, program director, City of Grosse Pointe resident and a former U.S. Sailing sailing director of the year. "It's like herding cats. Boats are all over the lake. Some guy's heading toward Canada and you have to chase him down and get him back on course."

A typical challenge for rookie helmsmen is learning to steer by tiller. Unlike a car steering wheel, which is turned in the direction a driver wants to go, a tiller is counter-intuitive.

"You push it one way to go another way," said Loretta Rehe, Crescent vice commodore from Harper Woods and the club's first female flag officer in its 76-year history. "We teach pushing the tiller away from you to make a turn. For jibing, turning when the wind is behind you, you pull the tiller toward you."

That's only half of it. "It seems like a lot of students forget to return the tiller to the middle," Rehe said. "They end up going around and around and around."

Pretty soon, students and instructors get on the same wavelength.

"After a month or five weeks, students get to where they can go out in boats by themselves," Rehe said. "What's amazing is when you give students the tiller for the first time and tell them to sail out of the harbor. At the end it's like something they've done all their lives."

"We teach basic points of sail and to feel comfortable in the boat," McNamara said. "We teach going up wind and going down wind. We want them to sail in the groove, on the edge of the 'no go' zone, the area practically right into the wind. As the program pro-

gresses, we want them to sail a course."

The practice course evolves into a race course.

"Once they start racing, there's a lot of fooling around and fun," McNamara said. "Several people from different years said they had more fun during the summer they took the program than they can remember."

Simon is gratified to help landlubbers become sailors.

"On the first day of classes on the water, we have students point which way the wind is coming from," he said. "Everybody points in a different direction. It's really funny. Now, fast forward with those same students a couple of months later. They've done a little bit of racing. They're getting ready for the regatta. Oh boy, not only do they know which way the wind is coming from, they're seeing cat's paws (ripples) on the water and seeing that the wind is shifting."

Simon added, "My favorite thing to do is look at people's faces the first time they get a sailboat out of the harbor, make it go where they want it to go and realize there are no mysteries. They've gone from being a mystified passenger to being in control."

"These are adults," McNamara said. "They want to be there. They're generally bright people, really engaged. They interact and bring out the best in each other. They develop friendships. There's a lot of good humor that goes on in those boats."

Candidates for Crescent Sail Yacht Club's Adult Learn to Sail Program are urged to register early. Classes fill early. Classes meet once a week and are available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Total course fee is \$450. The club has launched a series of free "Learn to Sail" online video classes designed to help people interested in sailing cover basic knowledge required in the adult program. More information is available on the Crescent website, [crescentsail.com](http://crescentsail.com) or by e-mailing [alts@crescentsail.com](mailto:alts@crescentsail.com). The Crescent Sail Yacht Club is located at 276 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Thomas the Tank Engine at The Henry Ford

Thomas the Tank Engine is set to roll into Greenfield Village for the Day Out With Thomas 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24-26 and May 1-3.

This event offers preschoolers and their families the opportunity to take a ride with a 15-ton replica of Thomas the Tank Engine, star of the Thomas & Friends series. Activities include a 20-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, an opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, controller of the railway, and arts and crafts, storytelling, video viewing, live music, a magician and puppet shows.

Ticket prices are \$11.75 per person for members ages two and up; nonmember tickets - which include admission to Greenfield Village - are \$33.75 for adults, \$32.75 for seniors (ages 62 and up), \$27.75 for youth (ages 5-12) and \$11.75 for children (ages 1-4). Children under one year of age are free. To purchase, call Ticketweb toll-free at (866) 468-7630, or online at [ticketweb.com/thomas](http://ticketweb.com/thomas) or [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org).

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## Detroit writers

Metro Detroit Writers acknowledges International Women's Month reading from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit. Featured readers are Allison Adele Hedge Coke, Jan Beatty, Terry Blackhawk, Jill Darling and Judy Adams.

For more information about the free event, call (313) 831-1250.

## Jazz forum

The Hot Club of Detroit performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee at the The Jazz Forum's 2009 spring concert series. The cost is \$15 at the door.

For more information, call (313) 961-1714 or (313) 885-0232.

## Garden club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Pauline Thomas is the hostess and Joanna Garrett the co-hostess.

Mark Collinson of Grandfather and Son's Painting presents the program, "Water Features and Ponds."

## Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, and Monday, April 6 at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

## Garden club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets for lunch in the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House tea room at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 3. A meeting will follow the lunch.

A tour of the garden and house for \$7 is optional. The hostess is Delores Serra.

## Questers

East Area Questers meet at 9 a.m., Friday, April 3, at Grosse Pointe City Park, Neff and Jefferson; to carpool to the Masonic Temple, where members will take a tour at 10 a.m.

Lunch, at member's expense, will be at 12:15 p.m. at Atlas Cafe on Woodward.

The suggested donation for the tour is \$25.

To make a reservation, call Liz Hardwick at (313) 886-0707 or Anne Ryan at (313) 885-5725.

## Pettipointe Questers

Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 2, for an Ann Arbor field trip. The program is "red ware." Members should meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Shores parking lot.

Make a reservation by calling Dorothy by Monday, March 30.

## Classics books lecture

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Classics Books Lecture hosts University of Michigan professor emeritus George Bornstein at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2, in the Grosse Pointe South High School Auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

His topic is W.B. Yeats's "The Winding Stair and Other Poems."

The event is free to members of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, teachers and students with identification. General admittance is \$10.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074 ext. 6, or visit gpfriends.org.

Bornstein discusses the Nobel Prize-winning poet Yeats's major volume which was first published in the 1930s. It contains some of Yeats's most famous poems (including those on Byzantium and on Coole Park) and forms a companion volume to "The Tower."

The professor will also provide a look into the poet's workshop by discussing manuscript drafts of one of the poems, the intricate arrangement of the volume, and the way in which elements of design such as the symbolic cover enhance meaning.

## Flea market

Collectibles, contemporary treasures and arts and crafts can be found at the Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 4-5.

Taking place at Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit, refreshments and baked goods will also be for sale. Guided tours of the Star Fort built in the 1840s, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen are available.

Proceeds from the flea market and tours benefit the work of the Detroit Historical Society Guild and parking proceeds will be used by the City of Detroit Recreation Department to assist with future Historic Fort Wayne programs.

Vendors can purchase tables for \$30 or three tables for \$75.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission is free to the flea market and tours are \$3 per person.

Due to the Gateway Project, those driving to Historic Fort Wayne from the north, east and west should take I-94 to Livernois and proceed south.

For more information on the flea market or to reserve a table, call Mitzi at (586) 498-

9298 or Natalie at (586) 771-1353.

## Arts & Crafts Show

Swarovski crystal encrusted flip-flops, hand-turned wooden bowls, pottery and decorative night lights are among hand-crafted items to be found at the In Praise of Hands: An Arts & Crafts Show.

Employees and friends of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital are exhibiting and selling their works from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 3 in the main lobby of the hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In Praise of Hands is a fundraiser of the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Wings of Hope team that benefits the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe. Admission is free. Local crafters can inquire about table rental and availability by calling Jan Treuter, community relations, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, at (313) 640-2577.

## Improv class

An improv/acting games workshop for parent and child bonding begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. The class designed for children 4 to 7 years old. The cost is \$19. For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

## Bunny brunch

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Sunday Brunch with the Easter Bunny, is Sunday, April 5.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for photos with brunch immediately following. Reservation deadline is Thursday, April 2.

The cost is \$17 and free for children under the age of 1. Seating is assigned and tickets must be picked up in advance. Ticket price includes tax, tip and historic preservation fee. The phone number is (313) 881-7511.

The event is open to the public and includes photos with the Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt with prizes.

Everyone is invited to don their holiday best — bonnets encouraged — to get a photo with the bunny. During brunch the Easter Bunny will table hop to say hello.

After brunch an Easter egg



## Spring market

See the latest in spring fashion when more than 20 vendors from Michigan and across the United States display their merchandise at Tau Beta's annual Spring Market, April 23 through 25 at the Grosse Pointe Club. Spring Market brings together specialty boutiques offering jewelry, clothing, linens, garden specialties and distinctive home accessories. The market benefits the Children's Center of Detroit. Admission is \$5. For more information visit taubeta.org. On Tau Beta's 2009 market committee are preview party chairwomen Thumper Haggarty and Michelle Haggarty, general chairwomen Christine Wardwell and Margie Ogden and patron chair is Barb Detwiler. Seated are Tau Beta President Patsy Gotfredson and honorary chairwoman Mary Roby. Not pictured is patron chairwoman Libby Follis.

hunt takes place on the lawn, weather permitting. Bring a basket for the hunt. Every child takes home a gift and those lucky enough to find a "special" egg in the hunt also take home one of the grand prizes.

The Easter brunch menu includes child-friendly grilled cheese sandwiches and French fries. The adult menu is a chicken casserole in a ramekin and herbed seasoned tomatoes. Make-your-own sundaes conclude the meal.

## Grosse Pointe Crisis Club

The Grosse Pointe Crisis

Club holds its 16th annual sport night Monday, April 6, at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Advanced tickets are \$70 and may be obtained by calling (313) 886-4578 or e-mailing teikhoff@comcast.net. Reservations must be made by Saturday, March 28.

Attendees will watch the men's collegiate championship game on giant television screens and be included in a raffle for a 32-inch HD-LCD TV, sports memorabilia, electronics and tools. The evening also includes a meal, 50/50 raffle and silent auction.


Founded in 1956, the crisis

club provides immediate short-term financial assistance for individuals and families. Help is given once. Each case is investigated and the people involved interviewed to determine need.

President Jim Flannery said, "People referred to us are in short term crisis. We help them get over the hump."

The crisis club also partners with other agencies to help families. Between 40 and 60 cases are helped each year.

Crises may be brought to the club's attention by members, police and fire departments, clergy, social agencies and word of mouth, its brochure said.



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**8:30 am** Vitality Plus (Aerobics)  
**9:00 am** Musical Storytime  
**9:30 am** Pointes of Horticulture  
**10:00 am** Who's in the Kitchen?  
**10:30 am** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**11:00 am** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 am** Tech Pointes

**12:00 pm** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**1:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 pm** The Legal Insider  
**3:00 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**3:30 pm** Art & Design  
**4:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Tone)  
**4:30 pm** Musical Storytime  
**5:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**5:30 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**6:00 pm** The Legal Insider  
**6:30 pm** Who's in the Kitchen  
**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** Tech Pointes  
**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** Tech Pointes

**Midnight** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 am** Senior Men's Club  
**1:30 am** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 am** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 am** Tech Pointes  
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**\$14 per adult; \$12 for seniors**  
**\$10 for children aged 6 to 10**  
**Children 5 and under eat free.**  
Carry-out service available (313) 822-1594.

The ARK is located at Wayburn and Hampton, next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Pk.





# ENGAGEMENTS

### Arena - Damman

Ginger and Stephen Arena of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Arena, to Christopher Damman, son of Susan and Warren Damman of Grosse Pointe Shores. A July wedding is planned.

### Artis - Thomas

Dr. John and Julie Artis of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sloane J. Artis, to Jason M. Thomas, son of Craig and Cheryl Thomas of Houston, Texas. A September wedding is planned.

Artis majored in vocal performance and earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Indiana University. She is a private teacher and professional singer.

Thomas majored in vocal performance at Indiana and earned both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. He is a professional singer.

### Brus - Lusch

James and Kathleen Brus of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Brus, to Patrick Lusch, son of Daniel and Mary Lusch of Harper Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Brus earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is pursuing a master's degree in elementary reading and literacy. She is a first grade teacher in Coral Springs, Fla.

Lusch earned a bachelor's degree in aviation flight sciences and is pursuing a master's degree in aeronautical science. He is a pilot with Spirit Airlines, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and is with LaLonde Jewelers and Gemologists in Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Buckley - Fox

Connie and Rick Buckley of Greenwich, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jen Buckley, to Chris Fox, son of Jane and Bill Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Buckley graduated from The Taft School in 1997 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Boston College in 2001. While at Boston, she played four years on the varsity women's ice hockey team and was captain in her junior and senior years. Buckley is the director of sales with WOR Radio, a property of Buckley Broadcasting in New York City.

Fox is a 1994 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology-zoology from the University of Michigan in 1998. He celebrated two NCAA ice hockey championships while playing four years for U of M. A graduate of U of M's medical school in 2003, Fox is completing his sixth year of neurosurgery residency at U of M Medical Center. When he completes his residency in 2010, he will enter active duty and practice neurosurgery with the U.S. Navy.

### Dosen - Boesiger

James and Susan Dosen of Minnetonka, Minn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Ann Dosen, to Jeffrey David Boesiger, son of Robert and Joanne Boesiger of Harper Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Dosen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Science degree in human resources from Loyola University - Chicago. She is a

learning and development manager with Citadel Investment Group.

Boesiger graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1989 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is vice president of Cascade Solutions.

### Egnatios - Peace

Patti Kelly Matthews and Christian Matthews III of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Noel Kelly Egnatios, to Breton August Peace, son of J. Stephen and former California Senator Cheryl Peace of Rancho San Diego, Calif. A July wedding is planned.

Egnatios is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned dual degrees in psychology and political science from the University of Michigan honors program and a juris doctorate from U of M. She is an attorney specializing in intellectual property litigation at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP.

Peace earned dual degrees in philosophy and religious studies from Stanford University, a juris doctorate from U of M and was a Clarence Darrow Scholar at U of M Law School. He is an attorney specializing in project finance at Latham & Watkins LLP.

### Ellerbrock - Klimczuk

Mark and Jean Ellerbrock of St. Clair have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn (Katy) Lynn Ellerbrock to Jonathan Randall Klimczuk, son of Ron and Theresa Klimczuk of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June 2010 wedding is planned.

Ellerbrock graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is a fifth-grade teacher at St. Mary's School in Mount Clemens.

Klimczuk graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from U of M. He is to earn a Juris Doctor degree in May from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. He is a law clerk with Blake, Kirchner, Symonds, Larson, Kennedy & Smith, P.C. in Detroit.

### Fox - Valone

Jane and Bill Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jane Fox, to Frank H. Valone III, son of Judy and Frank Valone of Mill Valley, Calif. A September wedding is planned.

Fox graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Princeton University in 2004. She worked with the nonprofit Operation Smile for four years and is to graduate in May from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore.

Valone is a 1999 graduate of Tamalpais High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Hamilton College in 2003 while playing on the varsity soccer team. He worked with Operation Smile. Valone is a third year medical student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

### Hagen - Velek

David and Marcia Hagen of Holland have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karon Hagen, to David Velek, son of Nancy Velek of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Dr. Miroslav Velek. A July wedding is planned.

Hagen graduated from Holland Christian High School. She earned a Bachelor

of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in human resources and a minor in biology from Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I. She is sales manager with Stowe Mountain Lodge, Destination Hotels and Resorts, Stowe, Vt.

Velek graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in business finance from Salve Regina University. He is attending the University of Vermont to pursue a medical career.

### Harrell - Hensley

Jerry and Barb Harrell of Macomb Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Harrell, to Tim Hensley, son of Virgil and Joyce Hensley of Harrison Township. An October wedding is planned.

Harrell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University. She is the director of education with Sylvan Learning Center in Troy.

Hensley is pursuing a degree in physical therapy. He is a sales representative with Verizon Wireless, a professional power lifter, holding state, national and world records.

### Leithausen - Livorine

Susan Leithausen-Yee of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Laurel A. Leithausen, to Anthony Livorine, son of Bridget Hart of Brighton. A June wedding is planned.

Leithausen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human biology from Michigan State University and is to earn a medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2009.

Livorine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in cell and molecular biology from the University of Michigan and is to earn a medical degree from WSU in 2009.

### Scott - Maxon

Delphine Scott of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Susan Scott to Lou Maxon, son of Barbara Maxon of Seattle, Wash.

### Smale - Pohl

Kerry Smale of the City of Grosse Pointe and Dane Smale of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Smale, to Nicholas Pohl, son of Ann Mueller of Grosse Pointe Woods and Steve Pohl of Beal City. A May wedding is planned.

### Whelan - Tinkoff

Joseph and Linda Whelan of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Allyce Whelan, to Scott Norman Tinkoff, son of Bruce and Karen Tinkoff of



Christopher Damman and Jennifer Arena



Jason M. Thomas and Sloane J. Artis



Patrick Lusch and Kimberly Brus



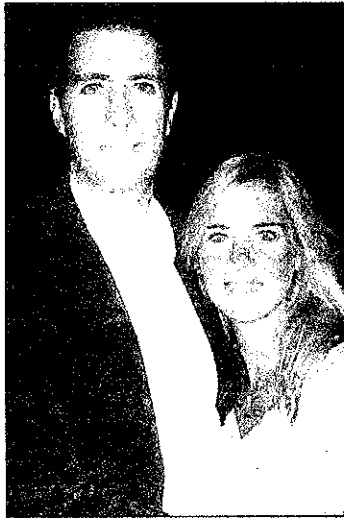
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Jonathan Randall Klimczuk and Kathryn Lynn Ellerbrock



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Scott Norman Tinkoff and Jacqueline Allyce Whelan

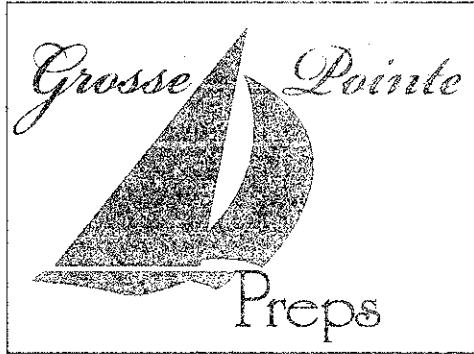


Nicholas Pohl and Lindsay Smale

2007 from Vanderbilt University. She is a health care/IT managing consultant with Cumberland Consulting Group in Washington, D.C.

Tinkoff is a 2001 graduate of Barrington High School and earned a marketing degree from Iowa State University in 2005.

He is circulation manager for School Speciality, Inc.



#### Dear Grosse Pointe Preps:

Is it appropriate to watch just the last scene of "Gran Torino?" Or is that just too GP?

SINCERELY,  
EASTWOOD FAN

#### Dear Eastwood Fan,

First things first! There is no such thing as being "too too GP." If there were such a thing, then we'd start down a very slippery slope. Grosse Pointers might worry that they are wearing too much pink and green or own too many boats — neither of which is possible.

Now to answer your question: yes, it is perfectly appropriate just watch the last

scene of "Gran Torino" (this scene, as every Grosse Pointer knows, features a character in the film driving northbound on Lakeshore with our shores of Lake St. Clair glimmering in the sun and the GPYC towering majestically in the background). Unfortunately, simply watching the scene at home alone on a loop is lackluster and is therefore not in the true spirit of GP. This is why you need to very seriously consider throwing a "Gran Torino Last Scene Party!"

Not sure how execute such an event?

No problem.

Theme parties are not only personal favorites of ours, but favorites of Grosse Pointers young and old. The invitation sets the stage, so head over to The League Shop for personalized "Gran Torino Last Scene Party" invitations. Then you'll need to decide what sort of props from the movie you'd like at your party. A fridge full of Pabst Blue Ribbon is a good start. Follow that up with a catered buffet of Asian-inspired cuisine. As a topper, you could borrow a vintage Gran Torino for your driveway, or hire talented actors from the Grosse Pointe Theatre to pretend they are in a gang and have them

hang out on your front lawn.

Although this sounds like all fun and games, dear Eastwood Fan, there are serious issues to consider. Some die-hard Grosse Pointer may try to steal your idea by throwing a "Grosse Pointe Blank First Scene Party" (Our readership is well aware that this is the scene in which John Cusack's character drives southbound on our storied Lake Shore Road). You'll either need to preemptively start planning that theme party now, or find a way to include references to "Grosse Pointe Blank" during your "Gran Torino" event.

The bottom line is that careful attention to detail is crucial otherwise you'll have GP copycats running around trying to undermine your "Gran Torino Last Scene Party."

I'd recommend you plan now and aim for a mid-to-late spring soiree.

PS. If all of this advice seems a bit daunting and has you in a nervous wreck, please calm down and take a deep breath of fresh air by simply walking up Lakeshore yourself! How better to experience the last scene of "Gran Torino" than by reliving it in person? Duh!

GROSSE POINTE PREPS



# WEDDINGS

## Hull - Fromm

Tamra S. Hull, daughter of L. Kent and Mary Jane Hull of Curtis, married Brian G. Fromm, son of Joseph L. Fromm of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Beverly Fromm, Aug. 23, 2008, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Revs. Todd Lajiness and John Wynnyky and Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The bride wore a short sleeved gown of candlelight white organza over satin with embroidered lace, seed pearls and Swarovski crystals. It ended in a semi-cathedral length train. Her fingertip veil had seed pearls and Swarovski crystals. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white hydrangeas, roses and stephanotis.

The bride's friend, Mindi Hammond of Farmington Hills, served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's cousin, Alison LeCloux of Ann Arbor; the groom's sister, Lisa Simon of Chicago; and the bride's friend, Cathy Szydlowski of St. Clair Shores.

Katherine Simon of Chicago, the groom's niece, was the flower girl.

Attendants wore light blue tea-length crepe dresses and carried hand-tied bouquets of blue and white hydrangeas.

The groom's brother, Charles Fromm of Haymarket, Va., was the best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Laurence Fromm of Poway, Calif. and Kenneth Fromm of San Francisco; the bride's brother, Steven Hull of Rochester, Minn.; and the groom's nephew, Joseph Fromm of Poway, Calif.

John Fromm of Haymarket, Virg., the groom's nephew, was the ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a tea-length rose chiffon dress with a sequined jacket. Her corsage was of hydrangeas and carnations.

Lawrence Przybysz was the organist; Kenneth Robinson played the trumpet; the groom's sister, Lisa Simon and the bride's aunt, Beth Malloch were the readers. The groom's uncle, Gordon Booth and the bride's uncle, John Goetz, recited the prayers of the faithful. Soloists were the groom's cousin, Frank Mader, and the groom's uncle, John Salvador.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan - Dearborn. She is the director of marketing with Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Detroit.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of

Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. He is engineering group manager with OnStar.

The couple honeymooned in South Africa and live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Potenga - Jensen

Nicole Marie Potenga, daughter of Marilyn Potenga of Warren, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, and the late Kenneth Potenga Sr., married Jeffrey Scott Jensen, son of Donald and Rhonda Jensen of Gahanna, Ohio, on Dec. 29, 2007, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Timothy R. Pelc officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

The bride wore a strapless white tulle dress speckled with red crystal beading and a cathedral-length train. Her veil was handmade. She carried a bouquet of two dozen red roses accented with Swarovski crystals.

Maid of honor were Lisa Rebeschini, the bride's sister and godmother of Grosse Pointe Park and Jeanette (Nouhan) Kuhl, the bride's friend of Grosse Pointe.

Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Michelle (Rau) Antonini of New York, N.Y., Susan Bianco of Silverthorne, Colo., Katyn (Szymanski) Oakley of Chicago, Kelly Hart of Berkley, Cristina Mosella of Macomb Township, Kimberly (Cernok) Danielewicz of St. Clair Shores, Georgianna Serra of Harper Woods and Stephanie Slomski of Grosse Pointe Woods; and the groom's sisters, Kristen Naderer of Cincinnati, Ohio and Kimberly Wilchek of San Diego, Calif.

Attendants wore silk crimson red gowns with spaghetti straps and a plunging neckline and back. They carried bouquets of white roses with green holly leaves.

Tom Crock of Ravenna, Ohio served as his friend's best man.

Groomsmen were friends of the groom, Chris Shaw of Columbus, Ohio, Matt D. Heinmiller of Fort Benning, Ga.; the bride's brother, Cpl. Ken Potenga Jr. of Fraser; and the groom's brothers-in-law Pete Naderer of Cincinnati and Derek Wilchek of San Diego.

Ushers were Kerry Albrecht, the bride's brother-in-law of Grosse Pointe Park and the couple's friend, Nicholas Kuhl of Grosse Pointe.

John Guinn was the organist. Nicholas Kuhl of Grosse Pointe and Anthony Nouhan of Los Angeles were vocalists. The groom's aunt and godmother, Pamela Kunze of Mapleton, Iowa, Andrew Jensen, the groom's uncle and godfather of Minneapolis, Minn., and Leo and Sharon



Mr. and Mrs. Brian G. Fromm

Nouhan, friends of the couple from Grosse Pointe Park, were the readers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2002 from Michigan State University and a Master of Social Work in 2004 from Wayne State University.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2003 from Kent State University and a Master of Business Administration from WSU in 2007. He is an engineer with Nemak.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia, British West Indies and live in Monterrey, Mexico.

## Radatz - Berschback

Emily Ann Radatz, daughter of Bill and Anne Radatz of St. Clair Shores, married Michael Scott Berschback, son of Jim and Karen Berschback of the City of Grosse Pointe June 20, 2008, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Monsignor Ricardo E. Bass of Prince of Peace Parish, West Bloomfield, and Monsignor G. Michael Bugarin of St. Joan officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Roostertail.

The bride wore an ivory taffeta halter dress with beaded bodice and layered skirting accented with a champagne silk sash and bow. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and pearl accented stephanotis wrapped in cream satin.

Elizabeth Radatz of St. Clair Shores served as her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Bonnie Berschback-Moyer, the groom's sister of Clinton Township; and the bride's friends, Sally Coomes of Eastpointe, Katie Daudlin of Grosse Pointe Woods, Maureen Fencyk of St. Clair Shores, Erin Highfield of Sterling Heights, Jessica Kalich of St. Clair Shores and Michelle Ludeke of St. Clair Shores.

The groom's nieces, Jenna and Lindsey Moyer of Clinton Township, were the flower girls.

Attendants wore tea-length dresses in iridescent espresso with pale pink sashes. They carried pale pink and cream roses wrapped in cream satin.

Best men were Jim Berschback, the groom's father of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jay Berschback, the groom's brother of Ottawa Hills, Ohio.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Scott Jensen



Dr. Francis and Dr. Michele Gonzales

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's cousin, Brian Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park; the groom's friends, Joseph Ceru of Kalamazoo, Stefan Harris of Grosse Pointe and Paul Loreda of Grosse Pointe; and the bride's brother, William Radatz of St. Clair Shores.

The groom's nephews, Benjamin and William Berschback of Ottawa Hills, were ring bearers.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length black taffeta skirt with a magenta top. She carried a clutch of cream roses.

The groom's mother wore a mauve jacketed gown. She carried a clutch of cream roses.

Scripture readers were the bride's godmother, Margaret Gantz of Farmington Hills; the groom's godmother, Mary Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park; the groom's sister-in-law, Jenny Berschback of Ottawa Hills; the groom's brother-in-law, Alan Moyer of Clinton Township. Barbara Lipinski, the bride's friend of Chesterfield Township, was the soloist.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Madonna University. She is a homemaker.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University. He is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Green Bay, Wis.

The couple took a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean and live in De Pere, Wis.

## Ritter - Gonzales

Michele Ritter, daughter of Patricia Ritter of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late David Ritter, married Francis Gonzales, son of Dr. Fernando Gonzales of Irvine, Calif., and the late Dr. Secorro Gonzales



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scott Berschback



Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart Nicholson

June 28, 2008, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Michael Pontarelli officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a white, silk faille Amsale gown with an empire waist and beaded neckline. She carried a bouquet of pink peonies with pale pink sweet peas.

The bride's sisters, Elisabeth Cannon and Kristin Mann, were the matrons of honor and the bride's friend, Lauren Mayk, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Corina Gonzales and Claire Rice; and the bride's friends, Erin Patrick and Josephine Feliciano.

Attendants wore aqua silk shantung dresses. They carried bouquets of pink peonies.

Madison Gonzales and Isabella Rice, the groom's nieces, were flowergirls.

Fernando Gonzales served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Matthias and Erick Gonzales; the groom's brother-in-law, Scott Rice; the bride's brother-in-law, Christopher Cannon; and the groom's friends, Damien Davis and Paul Stapleton.

Ring bearers were the bride's nephew, Oliver Cannon, and the groom's nephew, Max Gonzales.

The bride's mother wore a seafoam silk shantung suit and a corsage of pale pink roses.

The groom's mother chose a light blue knit suit with silver beaded accents and a corsage of pale pink roses.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Michigan and a medical degree from Georgetown University. She completed an internal medicine residency at

Georgetown University Medical Center. She is completing a fellowship in infectious disease at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, New York, N.Y.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of California and a medical degree from Georgetown University. He is completing an orthopedic surgery residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt/Columbia University in New York.

The couple honeymooned in Italy and live in New York, N.Y.

## Van Tol - Nicholson

Alicia Anne Van Tol, daughter of Paul and Cheryl Van Tol of Grosse Pointe Park, married John Stuart Nicholson, son of James and Ann Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms, Oct. 4, 2008, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. William C. DeVries officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Music Box in the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

Erin Haan, the bride's friend of Chicago, was the matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Emily Schnurr of Chicago; Rebekah Crane of Chicago; Carmie Tocco of St. Clair Shores; Jennifer Miller of St. Clair Shores; Dayna Eubank of St. Clair Shores and Karen Ferguson of Boston.

The groom's nieces, Charlotte and Margaret Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms, were the flower girls.

The groom's friend, Terence Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms, was the best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's brothers, James and David Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms and Timothy Nicholson of Chicago; friends of the groom, Christopher Campbell of Grosse Pointe Farms; Michael Gellash of Grosse Pointe; David Kazma of Chicago; David Sweet of Grand Rapids; Brian Whelan of Grosse Pointe; Ryan Lutz of Grosse Pointe; Steven Smihal of Grosse Pointe; Bradley Hohfeldt of Colorado; and the bride's brothers, Christopher and John Van Tol of Grosse Pointe Park.

Jack Nicholson, the groom's nephew of Grosse Pointe Farms, was the ring bearer.

Scripture readers were Ryan Ermanni and Court Messacar.

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College and a master's in early childhood education from the University of Phoenix. She is an elementary school teacher.

The groom graduated from Grosse Pointe South and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University. He is the deputy managing director of Siam PVS Chemicals Co. Ltd. in Bangkok, Thailand.

The couple honeymooned in Punta Mita, Mexico and live in Bangkok.

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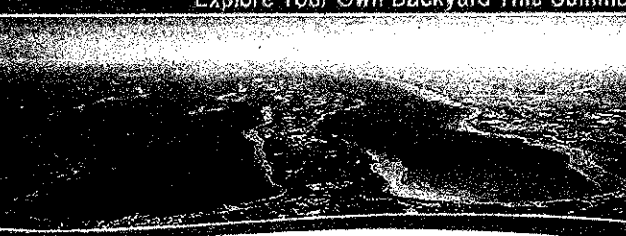
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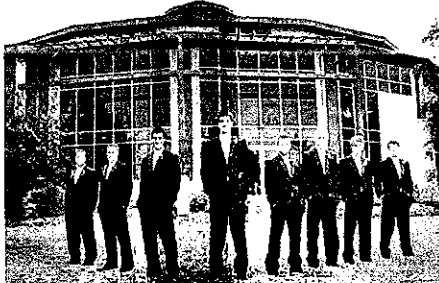





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### Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., Friday, March 27, in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker will be Dr. Clark Okulski who will speak on the topic of faith.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

### Buffet dinner

A Lenten buffet dinner will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The ARK at St. Ambrose, Hampton and Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$10 for children 6 to 10 years and \$12 for seniors.

### Jefferson Avenue

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit, presents Jazz at JAPC The Prodigal Son in New York, featuring Don Mayberry, Kevin Grenier,

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### St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20.

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### Movie night

The movie "Fireproof" will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is free.

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### Lenten project

The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its second annual Forty Days of Lent by working at the Open Door Rescue Mission in Detroit, Saturday, March 28.

For more information, call

Jeri Gleichauf at (313) 993-0848 or Lori Zurvalec at (313) 881-7084.

### Lenten service

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers two Lenten services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1.

A freewill buffet lunch follows the morning service and freewill offering supper will be served at 6 p.m. The topic of study for the services is "The Forgiveness of Sins, The Resurrection of The Body and The Life Everlasting."

The topic of the Sunday, March 29 service is "The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints."

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### Solanus Casey Center

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Bartoszek

## Lent, spring seasons of growth

Being a priest for 20 years, I think I have just about heard everything imaginable that people could give up for Lent. More than 10 years ago when I was a pastor of a large parish in the downriver area it became very obvious that maybe we needed to refocus our ideas on what we need to give up in Lent.

In the prayers we use in the Roman Catholic Rite on Ash Wednesday we ask to be blessed during this JOYFUL Season of Lent. For many people (not all) sacrifice and joyful don't go hand in hand. However, maybe if we look at Lent and the season of spring together, we might find a new perspective.

During this season of spring we just began last week, we notice how things such as trees, the grass, and the flowers are beginning to show signs of new life and growth. It might be God's way to remind us that we have an opportunity to grow during this season of Lent.

Instead of giving up something like candy, pop, pizza, beer or wine, how about giving up a really precious gift, TIME. What can we do to use our time helping someone else? Maybe it's getting involved in the community, our church, helping at a soup kitchen or shelter. Maybe it means spending more time together as a family. As I said, when I was a pastor my perspective changed.

I saw families running to every activity from

dance, ballet, hockey, football, etc. etc. When I once visited a classroom of children in our Religious Education Program, I asked how many of them sit down as a family for dinner. Most of them responded we are too busy, we don't have time. How SAD!

It was that year I decided to tell families maybe this year you shouldn't give up candy or pizza but buy it, sit down at a table, and spend time together.

Another possibility for those who strive to give something up in Lent might just be an attitude!

What attitude can we give up that might promote new growth in us to be a better family member, neighbor, co-worker and above all a better Christian.

With the season of spring comes automatic growth and change to our environment. With Lent the same thing can happen, but only if we make it happen. Hopefully, the growth and change we experience during the Lenten season will challenge us to become better people who foster healthier relationships with one another and with God.

Hopefully, the Alleluia we sing on this Easter Sunday morning will be a positive response to each of us being filled with New Life.

The Rev. Richard Bartoszek is the director of Spiritual Care at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

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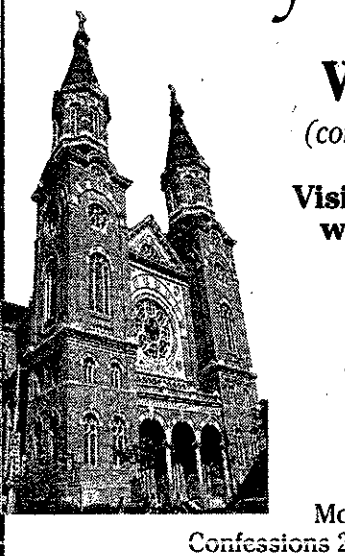
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All school, community and mental health professionals can attend the open house and are encouraged to exchange business cards and brochures.

The event is part of The Family Center's online initiative, Association of Professionals, where professionals can register their services on the center's website,

familycenterweb.org.

"The Family Center strives to create a collective, centralized hub of information, resources and referrals for families, caregivers and professionals," said Deborah Liedel, executive director of The Family Center. "We appreciate the willingness of the Woods library to hold the open house and the CARE professionals for their participation."

The goal of The Family Center — now in its ninth year — is raising healthy, resilient and successful young people. The center seeks to achieve that goal by working with parents and those who interface

with youth, including school counselors and mental health professionals.

On behalf of Grosse Pointe Public Schools System social workers and psychologists, Doug Roby, SSW and Lisa Khoury, Ed.S., said they are excited to participate in The Family Center's Meet & Greet.

"We support and participate with The Family Center in providing education and information to parents in our community regarding a variety of mental health, child development, psychological and behavioral topics," they said in a shared statement.

"The Family Center Meet and Greet is a wonderful way for the school mental health workers to directly connect with the mental health and local medical personnel in the area in order to make informed choices for referrals. It also provides a platform for the community resources to get to know us and learn how the school delivers mental health services. This common understanding then helps to promote a seamless layer of support for our students."

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"CARE is honored to partner with The Family Center and the Grosse Pointe Public Library to help inform community mental health professionals and schools of available local services, including our new office in Grosse Pointe Woods," said Anne Nearhood, CARE community organizer specialist. "We are dedicated to sustaining a healthy community through education and support for our youth and families. In order to achieve this goal, health professionals and schools need to know where to find available services."

Pat McClary, youth services librarian at the Woods branch, said the Grosse Pointe Public Library is pleased to work with The Family Center by serving as the host site for the professionals' open house.

"The mission of the Grosse

Pointe Public Library is to serve people of all ages by actively providing easily accessible information, materials, services and programs designed to meet the community's evolving educational, recreational, cultural and informational needs," she said.

"The Family Center has a history and reputation for providing enrichment programs and information for families and professionals in our community. It is a natural partnership to offer an opportunity for our library community to access yet another informational resource that improves the quality of their professional and personal lives."

Along with meeting fellow professionals, open house attendees will learn about The Family Center and its new Association of Professionals, hear about CARE and its new Grosse Pointe Woods location and services and have an opportunity to browse the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library.

For information or to RSVP, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or e-mail to info@familycenterweb.org.

For more information on its Association of Professionals, go the center's website, familycenterweb.org.

Library parking is available off Mack and Sunningdale Park off of Vernier.

## ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla Ruhana

### Recognizing postpartum depression



The birth of a baby can trigger a jumble of powerful emotions — from excitement and joy, to fear and anxiety.

But it's not unusual for women to experience postpartum depression for up to two years following childbirth.

It is no surprise women have difficulty adapting to the transition to motherhood. Societal norms and pressures lead many to believe it is a constant state of bliss.

Depending on one's support network, a new mother may feel she is neglecting her older

children and may have the distorted view she may be neglecting others while caring for the newborn. All these stressors make women vulnerable to PPD.

Symptoms of PPD include: excessive guilt; feelings of inadequacy as a wife and mother; difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much; lack of interest in the baby and/or one's self; a low level of daily functioning; including personal grooming; isolation; social withdrawal; severe mood swings, which may include euphoria, agitation and explosive episodes; and inability to focus on a task.

The frequency, intensity and duration of these symptoms are what distinguish normal, temporary "baby blues" from postpartum depression. PPD is a chemical condition caused by a fluctuation in hor-

mones and is treatable with a combination of medication and psychotherapy.

In very serious cases, women may experience postpartum psychosis, which, in addition to PPD symptoms, is characterized by suicidal or homicidal ideation, hallucinations, delusions, extreme anxiety and hopelessness and mood vacillating between despair and elation.

There is help and hope, but it is important to seek a medical evaluation if experiencing these symptoms, especially if there are risk factors for depression.

The best way to take care of your baby is to take care of yourself.

The Tree of Hope Foundation offers free weekly postpartum support groups requiring no referral or ad-

vanced registration. The meetings are held Monday — Thursday in Rochester, Troy, West Bloomfield, Commerce Township and St. Clair Shores.

For more information on PPD or support programs, contact Tree of Hope at 877-HOPE-311; visit treeofhopefoundation.org, or contact Marla Ruhana, facilitator, at (586) 447-2162 or marlaruhana.com

For assistance, contact psychiatrists Dan Guyer or Lisa MacLean at Psychiatric Services of Grosse Pointe, (313) 885-6400 or (313) 874-6613, respectively.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org or write The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Hospital leadership appointments made

Three doctors have been appointed to leadership positions with the Family Medicine Residency Program at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Resident family physicians are graduate physicians obtaining three years of additional training in the specialty of family medicine. Family medicine physicians care for individuals of all ages within the context of their families and communities, through health and illness, from pregnancy through the end of life.

As an academic program, faculty and residents have access to and implement the latest technology and techniques, while coordinating specialist care when needed.

Peter Tucker is now director of the program. He received his medical degree from the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and joined the faculty at the Beaumont Troy Family Medicine Residency in 2007. He brings five years of academic teaching experience.

Peter Rodin, D.O., is chair of family medicine. He received his medical degree from Michigan State University and



Peter Tucker



Peter Rodin

has been program director for the Family Practice Residency Program at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe since 1990.

Theresa Peters is the corporate director of Family Medicine Services and has administrative responsibility for the Family Medicine Residency Program and the Family Medicine Center located in St. Clair Shores.

Peters has been with Beaumont since 1989. She joined the Beaumont, Troy Family Medicine Program in 1999 and holds a Bachelor of



Theresa Peters

Arts degree from Sienna Heights University in Adrian. She recently received the 2008 Family Medicine Center Faculty Teacher of the Year Award.

"We are very pleased to have these talented individuals leading the Family Medicine Residency Program," said Donna Hoban, M.D., senior vice president and director of Medical Services. "At our Troy hospital, 85 percent of the family medicine residents remain in the area after graduating. Our community will benefit from the consistent availability of newly trained physicians."

## Health classes offered for 50 and up

A series of classes for those aged 50 and up are being offered by Henry Ford Cottage Hospital physicians in the upcoming weeks.

Programs are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Surgical Lounge at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms. Refreshments and take-home information are included. Free parking is available in the Henry Ford Cottage parking deck. For reservations, call (313) 640-2500.

Help for Your Hernia is offered Wednesday, April 1. Surgeons Thomas E. Knuth, M.D., John Boccaccio, M.D., and Ann M. Woodward, M.D., explain why there's no reason to put off repairing a hernia. Various options will be discussed, including the PRO-

LENE Hernia System. Done under local anesthesia, the procedure is quick and effective. Barb Babb, R.N., nurse manager for surgical services, will provide tours of the hospital's surgery center.

Vanish those Veins is addressed Wednesday, April 22 by surgeon Drew Georgeson. Exclusive to Henry Ford Health System, the TriVexSystem enables surgeons to remove unsightly and problematic varicose veins through a few small incisions, allowing patients a quicker and less painful recovery time. Men and women from age 18 to 88 are finding the highly successful, minimally invasive TriVex System to be more effective and complete, while less traumatic and painful than traditional varicose vein "strip-

ping" or laser treatment which may require additional procedures.

"Saving Face" is the topic of dermatologist Shauna Ryder Diggs, M.D., and plastic surgeon Herman Houin, M.D., Wednesday May 20. Diggs discusses the importance and benefits of antioxidants, retinol, certain vitamins, green tea, glycolic acids and sunscreen. Sample or purchase a selection of recommended products.

Houin shows how facelifts, eyelifts and other minimally invasive, outpatient procedures can help reverse the signs of aging. Some procedures may be covered by insurance.

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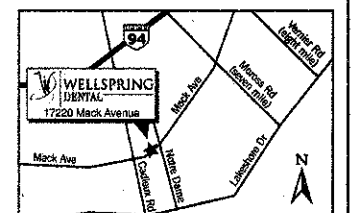
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BETTER HEALTH By Kathleen Fulgenzi, M.D.

## Colorectal cancer screening is important

Many know the right answers when it comes to taking care of our health. But it's so easy to put off screenings and check-ups.

Does it matter if you delay check-ups and "skate" for a little while?

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Before 2007, I knew about it, and certainly as a physician, encouraged my patients to get their regular screenings. But unfortunately, I delayed my first colonoscopy for two years, until age 52.

Although I had no symptoms and no family history, physicians discovered a cancerous rectal polyp that had already

gone through the bowel wall. Fortunately, there were no signs of further spread, and I am now cancer free. But to get there, I needed radiation therapy, two bouts of chemotherapy, and two surgeries.

I'm so thankful for the medical advances that saved my life and cured my cancer. However, if I had followed the guidelines and gone in for the colonoscopy at age 50, perhaps the polyp could have been eliminated before it became cancerous.

That experience has made me very passionate about encouraging my patients and others to get their regular colorectal cancer screening. If there are no symptoms or family history, your first one should oc-

cur at age 50, and then every 10 years thereafter.

Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms, but watch for the following signs and talk to your doctor if you experience them:

◆ A change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than a few days

◆ A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that doesn't go away after doing so

◆ Rectal bleeding, dark stools, or blood in the stool

◆ Cramping or stomach pain

◆ Weakness and tiredness.

Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp, which is a tissue growth that starts in the lining of the colon or rectum. Identifying and removing a

polyp early in its development may prevent it from becoming cancerous.

I recognize it's not a pleasant test and certainly something easy to delay. But colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, with approximately 6 percent of Americans developing it in their lifetime. Fortunately, screening for colorectal cancer can lead to early detection and cure — and prevent the cancer through the elimination of precancerous polyps.

The most sensitive test for the detection of cancers and polyps is colonoscopy, a test that allows physicians to examine the lining of the colon with a flexible fiber optic scope

approximately one-half inch in diameter. You'll receive medication to minimize any discomfort. Suspicious areas can be biopsied and small polyps can be removed during the procedure.

Alternative screening tests are flexibly sigmoidoscopy (which only examines part of the colon) and double contrast barium enema (an X-ray that examines the whole colon but does not allow direct visualization of the bowel lining).

For all of these tests, you'll need to clean out the bowel using a laxative solution or pills beforehand.

A widely available, but less sensitive screening test, is fecal occult blood testing, involving the collection at home of a

stool smear on three different days to be returned to the physician's office. If this test is abnormal, a colonoscopy will be needed.

Your primary care physician can determine your level or risk for colorectal cancer based on factors such as age, family history and the presence of conditions such as colitis, and recommend when screening should start and recur thereafter at what intervals.

Partner with your primary care physician and heed his or her advice on screenings for colorectal and other cancers. It could save your life.

Fulgenzi is a Grosse Pointe resident and family practice physician in St. Clair Shores.

## Six-week stop smoking program offered

Henry Ford Health System is offering a six-week smoking cessation program that applies a concept deployed in the successful 12-step alcohol sobriety process.

A Henry Ford-trained smoking cessation counselor will facilitate the weekly 90-minute sessions, but it will be the group members who turn to each other for mutual support and encouragement in their quest to stop smoking. The program is called Tobacco Free for Life.

"This program is for people who are very serious about quitting, people who have tried to quit but have been unsuccessful," says Dorothy Molitor, manager of Tobacco Treatment Services for Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

"We believe the group approach will empower the group members to help each other finally overcome this difficult challenge and lead a healthier lifestyle."

Those interested are required to schedule a free smoking assessment by calling 1-888-427-7587.

The six sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, beginning April 14 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital-Warren Campus, 13355 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren.

The program is free for HAP HMO members or \$150 for those without HAP HMO coverage. For more information, call 1-888-427-7587 or visit [henryford.com/tobaccofree](http://henryford.com/tobaccofree).

## Race for Cure scheduled for May 30

The 18th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure takes place from 7 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Comerica Park. The opening ceremony is planned for 8 a.m. Streets are closed at 7

a.m. The race and walks begin at 9 a.m. followed by the closing ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Business sponsorships range from \$1,000 and up.

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ties, visit [karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp](http://karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp).

To register a team or as an individual, visit [karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp](http://karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp).

Volunteer opportunities are available, visit [karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp](http://karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp) for more information.

Donations can be made online at [karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp](http://karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp).



## Russian reader

Bruce and Nancy Vick of Grosse Pointe Park and Cheryll and Tom Teetaert of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited the Peterhof Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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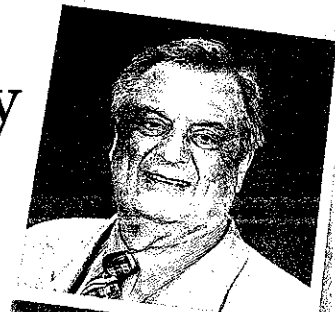
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## New surgery chief named

Richard Fessler, a world renowned neurosurgeon, has been appointed chief of surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center effective April 1.

As a neurosurgeon at Providence Hospital, Fessler pioneered a number of leading-edge medical treatments. He was the first in Michigan to treat patients with a minimally invasive option using a liquid to treat brain aneurysms. Fessler was the first in the United States to treat patients as part of a study to determine whether a specially designed

coil can prevent recurrent brain aneurysms.

Fessler graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed a neurological surgery residency at the DMC/Wayne State University.

In addition, he has completed postdoctoral fellowship training in neuroendovascular surgery at State University of New York at Buffalo, Cerebrovascular Surgery at Nagoya University in Nagoya Japan, and Neurological Surgery at the DMC/Wayne State.

## Grant writing workshops offered

Grant writing workshops are available to organizations providing breast cancer programs interested in a one-year grant from the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

Attendees will receive instructions, resources and tools to enhance their funding application.

The first is planned from 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, April 7 at Michigan Associations of CPAs, 5480 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Troy.

The second is from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 22 at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Grant consideration will be given to innovative, non-duplicated programs that offer breast cancer screening, treatment and education not otherwise available to the medically underserved populations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The grants are made possible by donations and registrations to the 2009 Susan G. Komen

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Phone number: (248) 351-1866

Detroit Race for the Cure, to be held Saturday, May 30. Approximately 75 percent of the net proceeds support local breast cancer programs in the tri-county area.

Requests for proposals are available at [karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp](http://karmanos.org/detroitracefortheindex.asp).

To RSVP for the workshops or for more information, contact Joan Dennehy at [dennedy@karmanos.org](mailto:dennedy@karmanos.org) or (248) 351-1866.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

# It's time to sprout seeds indoors



Depending what you read or who explains it, one thing is clear: starting plants from seed is an easy process and one that pays dividends.

I've waited until now to write about this because Rule No. 1 is don't sew your seeds or set out seedlings too early! This is the only "don't" rule from Renee Shepherd of Renee's Garden, a good source for "all things seeds."

With the Farmers Almanac predicting possible snow and cold weather through the end of April, I won't be blamed for suggesting seedlings will do well early on. The almanac predicts the cool air departs the Great Lakes region June 8-11 for the summer. And, for seedlings to do their best, the nighttime temperatures must consistently be 50 degrees or higher.

Whether it is on the windowsill or under a grow light, starting seeds indoors is the way to a great vegetable gar-

den. A 19 percent increase in vegetable gardening is predicted nationally. And what better way to know where your food comes from.

Here's how:

Using dampened, but not soaked, soilless seed-starting mix. Sew two seeds in each cell pack (3-inch deep pockets with drainage holes) as the seed packet instructs. Consider putting the mix into a bucket to moisten. Sprinkle with a pinch of mix atop the seeds.

Instead of cell packs, consider another option. Create a mini-greenhouse by inserting wires about a foot high into a container, creating a dome. Cover with a plastic bag and be sure the mix stays damp.

Plastic containers from fruit purchased at the box stores also work.

Or, think "outside the box" and use paper egg containers.

Whichever you choose, put the tray in a warm 70 degree spot. They do not need bright light at this point.

In about 7 to 14 days, when the first sprouts appear, move the container to a brighter spot. This is where grow lights come in handy, although some gardeners have luck growing in a sunny, warm window. Keep the grow lights on for 14 to 16

hours a day. Water frequently but sparingly to discourage fungus.

According to Organic Gardening magazine, before the first true leaves appear, two little round leaves, called cotyledons, will shoot up. When the two true leaves arrive, cut the weaker of the two seedlings back to the soil line. Don't pull it up. Water with a very diluted fish and seaweed fertilizer or compost tea.

At about five weeks, move the seedlings to larger pots. Think thoroughly cleaned small yogurt containers with holes punched in the bottom. Again, use moist seed-starting mix.

Carefully move seedling out of the original pot and place in the new pot. Cell packs are easily pushed up from the bottom for this purpose. Fill with more soilless mix.

When the seedlings are six to seven weeks old, move them outside, slowly exposing them to fresh air and sunshine for about a week. If weather predictors talk about 40 degree temperatures, bring your babies inside.

That six to seven week mark takes us into mid-May. Once your seedlings are ready to plant outside, here are the "do" rules for a good garden from Renee Shepherd:

- ◆ Do build good soil
  - ◆ Do read packet backs first
  - ◆ Do thin to the proper spacing
  - ◆ Do fertilize both organic and conventional gardens
  - ◆ Do store extra seeds properly
  - ◆ Do think in terms of early, main and late season harvests.
- Visit these websites to order seeds and for information and recipes: [reneesgarden.com](http://reneesgarden.com), [cooksgarden.com](http://cooksgarden.com) or [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org). Also, one I've not heard of before and plan to



PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN PEABODY

Above, Consider sewing seed for these bite-sized, sweet mini snack peppers, Baby Belle. Top right, neon chard will brighten up salads. Bottom right, kitchen gardens or containers are the perfect place for this easy-to-sew Asian baby leaf mesclun salad. This is a crop to get outdoors earlier in the season.

visit for "all things allium," is [dixondalefarms.com](http://dixondalefarms.com).

If you've never sewn your

own seeds, this is a good year to start.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who

lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at [kmaslankapeabody@sbglobal.net](mailto:kmaslankapeabody@sbglobal.net).

## What's going on?

- ◆ Healthy Lawn Care Workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, Oak Park Community Center. Learn about earth-friendly fertilizers, mowing, watering, fertilizing, managing weeds and mulching mowers. There is no charge. Call (248) 288-5150 to register.
- ◆ Celebrate Garden Party Week at the Eastpointe English Gardens, 22501 Kelly Road, with the following free programs:
- ◆ Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4. Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening, will speak.
- ◆ Organic Lawn Care, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4.
- ◆ Introduction to Herb and Vegetable Gardening, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4.
- ◆ Perennial Gardening 101, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4.
- ◆ Grow Your Own Fruits: Save Money, Better Taste, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5
- ◆ How to Grow Your Own Food, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8

## PARADE: Observing independence

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Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit will offer prayers and remarks on Greek Independence Day.

A proclamation from the State of Michigan honoring Greek Independence Day signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and all Greek-American members of the Michigan Legislature will be presented. United States Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, will present a proclamation on behalf of the U.S. government.

The Saturday Grand

Banquet at the Royalty House in Warren honors Demetrios and five honorees and recipients of the second annual Hellenic Heritage Awards.

The awards recognize senior members of the community that have achieved exemplary distinction in laying the foundation of their faith and culture as they immigrated and assimilated into society.

The honorees will join Demetrios and Nicholas at Sunday's parade.

"The community awaits the visit with great anticipation and excitement," Nicholas said of Demetrios' appearance. "Archbishop Demetrios is known for his philanthropy and compassion for all mankind. As a scholar, he serves as a guardian for the legacy of Hellenism and the preservation of Greek culture

and language."

A special Gold Medal of Phoenix Award from the Greek government will be presented to PFC Costas Loizos, now 82, for his bravery in the Korean War who, after hearing a cry for help on his radio in Greek from a Greek Army unit surrounded by the enemy, assisted by deploying an American unit to help. The award will be presented by Vassiliki Grivitsopoulou, vice-consul, consulate general of Greece in Chicago and Demetrios.

Nicholas will present Loizos with a just issued military edition of the New Testament and Psalms for Orthodox Christians.

Highlight of the weekend include a visit by the governor of Art, Greece, with the unit of "Evzones" and "Amalies" from

the region of Eprios and the city of Art. Under the direction of Kostandinos Dimitriou, the group will march in full uniform and costume with Evzones performing precision military maneuvers at the Grand Banquet Saturday and the parade Sunday.

Greek dance groups include the Pseloretas Cretan Dancers of Detroit, the Terpsichore Dancers of Windsor, the Hellenic Dance Company of Toledo, the Kefi Dancers of St. George Greek Orthodox in Southgate, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Dancers of Ann Arbor, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Dancers of St. Clair Shores, the Nativity Greek Orthodox Church Dancers of Livonia, the Kyklos Hellenic Dancers, and the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Dancers of Troy.

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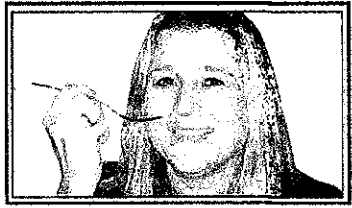
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Fish — the simple choice for dinner



**F**ish is always a good choice for dinner. Making it interesting is a different story.

This week I turned a simple pan seared tilapia into something special by adding sauteed red onion and capers and topping the fish with a Parmesan tartar. Yummy.

## Pan Seared Tilapia with Parmesan Tartar

Parmesan tartar  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
3/4 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup olive oil  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon hearty mustard (your choice)  
1/2 teaspoon  
Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon  
fresh cracked black pepper

In a small bowl, stir together the mayonnaise and the Parmesan cheese. Whisk in the olive oil followed by the lemon juice, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and pepper. Store in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

## Tilapia

1/4 cup olive oil, divided  
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced  
1 to 2 teaspoons capers  
fresh tilapia fillets (about 1/2 pound per person)

In a small skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat. Add the sliced red onion and saute until the onion becomes soft, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the capers and saute for just another minute or so. Transfer to a small bowl

and cover with foil to keep warm. To the same skillet, add another 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and heat over medium heat. Season the tilapia on both sides with salt and pepper and cook in the skillet for 3 to 4 minutes, then turning the fish and cooking for another few minutes. Transfer the cooked fish to a platter and cover with foil while cooking the remaining fish. (Add more olive oil as needed.)

To serve, arrange the

cooked tilapia on dinner plates and drizzle with the Parmesan tartar. Top with the

sauteed red onion and capers. Garnish with fresh parsley. Enjoy extra Parmesan tartar

on grilled chicken or tossed with chopped hearts of romaine.



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A little cheese, a little red onion and capers top tilapia for a fresh taste.

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## GIRLS, BOYS BASKETBALL

# Season ends with tough losses

## Champs fall short in quarterfinal

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

A 60-50 loss to Detroit Renaissance in the state quarterfinals March 17 meant the season was over.

More than that, however, it brought the end of an era at Grosse Pointe North — an era that included a Class A state championship in 2008.

"We just didn't have the energy," head coach Gary Bennett said. "And you can't afford to not have the energy against a team as good as Renaissance. We were trying, but it just wasn't there for us that night."

The energy level was not what the Norsemen had typically put forth over the course of the 2008-2009 campaign.

Perhaps the toll of being defending state champion began to show.

"I think there is something to be said for having a target on you all season," Bennett said. "Every team you play wants to be the one to knock



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH  
North senior guard Olivia Stander, right, cruises down court in the Lady Norsemen's state quarterfinal game against Detroit Renaissance.

## Lockhart's squad gives DLS a battle

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

What could have been.

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team nearly upset Warren DeLaSalle in last week's Class A regional championship game at Grosse Pointe South.

Neither team played up to its potential and when the final horn sounded, the Norsemen were on the short end of a 48-40 score, finishing the season 23-2 overall.

"We had some wide open looks with shooters who usually knock them down, but the shots didn't fall tonight," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "They played some great defense against us, but I still think we could have won the game if we shot the ball better."

The Norsemen looked to have a case of the jitters in the first quarter, falling behind 13-6.

Lockhart was able to calm his players down and they responded by cutting the deficit



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH  
Senior Paul Bramos goes up for two points in the Norsemen's easy regional semifinal win over Macomb Dakota.

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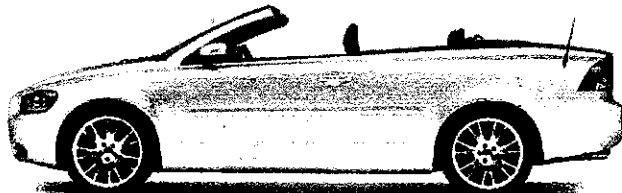


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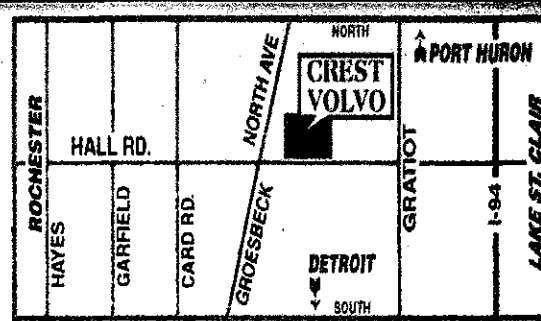
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## Figure skating

## Clutch performances lift team to finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe figure skating team is headed back to the state finals for the first time since 2002.

The squad advanced to the finals after taking third place in the District No. 1 three competitions as Grosse Pointe North freshman Kimberly Morawski was voted most valuable player.

First-year head coach Shelly Rosinski and her skaters had to finish in the top three to make the finals.

Grosse Pointe North freshman Steffi Shenouda was awarded the team's most improved honor and Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lara Willmarth was given the best sportsmanship accolade.

"The team is very supportive of each other," Rosinski said.

"They work hard every day in practice and commit to 6 a.m. practices as well (with a smile on their face).

"They are all very talented skaters and because of their hard work and dedication, they have been a great success this season. I am proud to be their coach."

Bloomfield Hills United won the competition with Christian Combined taking second.

In their first competition



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE FIGURE SKATING TEAM

The Grosse Pointe figure skating team is composed of, from left, head coach Shelly Rosinski; Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lara Willmarth; Grosse Pointe North freshman Kimberly Morawski; Grosse Pointe North senior Megan McLeod; Grosse Pointe South freshman Jade Lun; Grosse Pointe North sophomore Minna Song; and Grosse Pointe North freshman Steffi Shenouda.

Dec. 11, the team placed third overall with the Level A team

taking first place in spins and second place in jumps, while

the Level B squad was 10th. Those skaters were Grosse

Pointe South freshman Jade Lun, Grosse Pointe North se-

nior Megan McLeod, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Minna Song and Morawski, Willmarth and Shenouda.

In their second competition Jan. 7, the team was fourth overall as the Level A squad placed second in jumps and third in spins, while the Level B team was second in moves and 10th place overall.

Competing were Lun, McLeod, Morawski, Song, Willmarth and Shenoud.

In their final competition Feb. 26, they took first place overall as Level A skaters Lun, McLeod, Morawski, Song and Willmarth won spins, took second in jumps and third in moves.

Shenouda was 10th in the Level B competition to help the team earn enough points to make it to the state finals.

"The Grosse Pointe team, Bloomfield Hills and Troy United (who ended up in fourth place) were neck-and-neck throughout all three elements," said team manager Angelika Morawski.

"We were all vying for the third-place spot.

"The first and second place teams going into event No. 3 did not skate well and dropped down in placement, which opened the door for us."

The state championship is Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, in Midland.

## LACROSSE

## Coach announces college-bound student-athletes

Ken Brubaker, director of GP Select, Grosse Pointe's summer Elite travel lacrosse program, announces the advancement of several players to the college level in 2009.

Formed in 2005, GP Select helps expose its community's lacrosse players to the NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 level, as well as the nation's Club program the MCLA.

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The 2009 class of players headed to play lacrosse at the next level are:

♦ John Hogan, midfield, Grosse Pointe North '08, GP Select 06, 07, 08 - NCAA Division 1 at U of D Mercy.

♦ Sam Mott, attack, GP South HS 08 - GP Select 07, 08

- NCAA D 3 - Washington and Lee University.

♦ Alex Langton, attack, Grosse Pointe South '08 - GP Select 06 - NCAA D3 at St. Vincent College.

♦ Brice Brubaker, defense, Grosse Pointe North '08 - GP Select 06, 07, 08 - MCLA at Western Michigan University.

♦ Blaise Liederbach, lsm, Grosse Pointe South '08 - GP Select 06, 07, 08 - MCLA at University of Dayton.

♦ Peter Stern, midfield, Grosse Pointe South '08 - GP Select 06, 07, 08 - MCLA at Indiana University.

Many of these players will be on the GP Select 2009 coaching staff. Tryouts will be held June 14 at Grosse Pointe North High School.

## WARREN DELASALLE



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MILLER FAMILY

## Sparty-bound

Grosse Pointe Park resident and Warren DeLaSalle senior Ben Miller, seated, signed a letter-of-intent to run cross country and track for Michigan State University. Miller, one of the top distance runners in the midwest, has been named All-State seven times for cross country and track during his time at DeLaSalle. He also earned all-league, all-conference and all-county honors several times.

Pictured with Miller is his father, Mark, left, and mother, Diana.

## TENNIS



PHOTO BY MARY SCOTT

## Runner-up

Grosse Pointe Woods' Joe Scott took second place in the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Boys Open tennis tournament March 20 - March 22. First place in the boys 18 division was Andrew Streeter of Beverly Hills.

## SOCCER

## Friendship &amp; fun

Back in 2006, two Grosse Pointe North High School students, Jenna Shier and Jessica Watt, dreamed of playing their favorite sport, soccer, year-round instead of only during the spring season. Shier and Watt organized, recruited and created the GP Jags, an indoor boarded intramural soccer team. Their goal was to combine the love of soccer with girls who wanted to stay fit year-round and play any position they dreamed of playing for fun. The team name, team shirt design and after game celebrations were created by the players. The GP Jags played their final game Sunday, March 15, as all of the players are seniors at North High.

Pictured above are, top row from left, Stephanie Schucker, Taylor MacDonald, Karlye Pickelhaupt and Alyssa Zizio; and bottom row from left, Holly Spencer, Erika Mammen, Annie Bryk, Jenna Shier, Colleen Victor, Jessica Watt and Katie Surzyn. Not pictured is Lauren Powell.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE SHIER



## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Cunningham signs with Niagara University

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Mike Cunningham turned thousands of hours of practice into a college scholarship.

The 17-year-old senior recently signed a letter-of-intent to play college soccer for Niagara University, which finished 11-6-3 overall and 5-3-1 in the MAAC.

"I loved the campus when I made my official visit and it's perfect for what I'm looking for," Cunningham said. "I have worked hard to get to this point, but now I have to work harder this summer to get ready for Niagara's season in the fall."

Cunningham ended his senior year of high school soccer by earning Division 1 All-State honors, as well as all-league status after scoring 14 goals and 25 assists for 39 points.

"I'm excited to get this opportunity and follow in my sister's footsteps," Cunningham said.

His older sister, Anna, is a sophomore at St. Bonaventure University and is a member of the Bonnies women's soccer team.

He will be a forward for the Purple Eagles and use his speed and wicked-shot to score goals for head coach Dermot McGrane.

Cunningham has played soccer since he was a child. He honed his skills by practicing day and night.

He didn't play soccer his freshman year, instead playing freshman football for the Blue Devils.

Head coach Gene Harkins stepped into the program the next season, which prompted the change of fall sports.

"I knew coach Harkins from playing travel soccer and I knew he was an excellent coach, so I decided to play soccer instead of football," Cunningham said.

He made the right decision. Cunningham was a member of the Blue Devils' soccer team that beat defending state



Mike Cunningham

champ Warren DeLaSalle in a regional semifinal game. That season, the Blue Devils defeated Utica Ford 2-1 in double-overtime in the regional final before bowing out with a 1-0 loss to Traverse City West in a state semifinal contest.

Ironically, it was DeLaSalle that ended Cunningham's high school career in a Division 1 district championship game.

"Beating DeLaSalle in the state playoffs my sophomore year was definitely a highlight to my high school soccer career," he said. "I know that with my hard work ethic, sticking with it and put into it what you want to get out of it attitude, I can do anything I want."

He plans to work on conditioning this summer to prepare for the tough rigors of collegiate soccer.

"I will have to be the fittest I have ever been," Cunningham said. "The guys I will be playing against are big, strong and fast, so I have to be at that level."

He has received plenty of support from his sister, Anna, and other family members, father, Mike; mother, Jeanine; older sister, Claire, a student at Michigan State University; and younger brother, John, who plays baseball on Brownell Middle School's seventh-grade team.

"My family has always been there for me and they will try to come watch some of my col-



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Grosse Pointe South senior Mike Cunningham signed his letter-of-intent to play men's soccer for Niagara University. Taking part in the ceremony were, standing from left, Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director and Assistant Principal, Brandon Slone; father, Mike Cunningham; and mother, Jeanine Cunningham; and Mike, sitting.

lege games," Cunningham said. "My mom and dad have said I can do anything I want if I work hard to accomplish my goals — and they're right."

He will use his 3.3 grade point average to help him major in accounting at Niagara,

that boasts a master's program Cunningham said has a 100 percent placement rate.

"Another reason I chose Niagara is because it has the program I'm interested in," he said. "I will be able to play college sports, as well as be a solid

student in the classroom."

His final months of school will entail studying film literature, accounting, physics, macro-economics and pre-calculus.

"Now that I signed with Niagara, I don't feel as much

pressure and I feel I can relax more the final couple of months of school," Cunningham said.

"I'm going to finish out my club soccer season and start preparing for the fall at Niagara."

## HOCKEY



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## Off to nationals

Catherine (C.J.) McCarthy, above, and her teammates on the 14U Honeybaked AAA girls hockey team won the 2009 National Bound State Championship. They head to New York in April to compete in the USA Hockey National Championships where they will compete against other championship teams from around the country. McCarthy and her teammates were also the regular season league champions of the Tier One Elite Hockey League. She is an eighth-grade student at Parcels Middle School and began her playing career in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. McCarthy lives in Grosse Pointe Woods and will be attending Grosse Pointe North in the fall.

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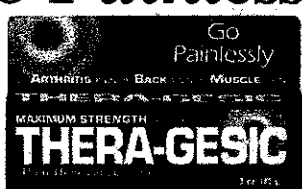
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Pilots fits

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to 21-17 at the half and tied it at 29 in the third period when senior Damien Davis hit two free throws and a basket.

A standing-room only crowd watched the Pilots, champions of the Catholic League Central Division and Catholic League playoff champs, scored the final four points of the third period to take a 33-29 advantage into the final quarter.

North senior point guard Darin Willis hit a three-pointer from the top of the key, giving the Norsemen a 36-35 lead with 5:08 left in the game.

That would be the closest the game would be as the Pilots closed out the victory with a 13-4 run to secure its second regional title in the past three seasons under head coach Greg Esler, who guided St. Clair Shores Lake Shore to the 1994 Class B state championship and an undefeated record.

The Pilots were able to hit several free throws in the final few minutes, but they also missed six, giving the Norsemen a chance to get back in the game.

"We didn't back down from the challenge of beating a great DeLaSalle team," Lockhart said. "Our guys played with a lot of heart tonight, but it just wasn't meant to be."

"You can't take anything away from this group of guys



Grosse Pointe North players and coaches celebrated after winning a Class A district title, beating city rival Grosse Pointe South.

PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

because they put together a fantastic season."

Senior Kyle Nadeau led the Norsemen with nine points, followed by Willis with eight and senior A.J. Horne with eight. Davis finished with five, while senior Paul Bramos had four, senior Gregg Blunden had three and senior Dan Calcaterra had three.

The Norsemen had trouble containing DeLaSalle senior center Kevin McCarthy, who

used his 6-foot, 10-inch frame to muscle his way to 16 points. The Norsemen didn't have anyone in the post who could contain McCarthy.

Senior Alex Marcotullio led the Pilots with 18 points.

## Season in review

Despite the Sweet 16 loss, Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team had one of the best seasons in the program's history.

Lockhart, in his first year at the helm, stepped into a program that floated near the .500 mark since the state semifinal squad of 2005 with all-state forward Mike Bramos leading the way.

"The guys play unselfish basketball and they're truly teammates with no egos," Lockhart said. "We have taken the season one game at a time and I think we have earned the respect nobody gave us

throughout the season."

To succeed, Lockhart needed his seniors, Darin Willis, Daniel Calcaterra, Nadeau, Horne, Bramos, Davis, Matt Blunden, Kyle Campbell, Desmond Malone and Gregg Blunden to play the vital role of leaders.

Mixed in with the veterans were underclassmen Troy Williams, Bryan Brown, George Greer and Balazs Juhasz.

They did just that as the Norsemen started the season with road wins over Detroit Community and Chippewa Valley before beating Madison Heights Madison in their home opener Dec. 18.

Then came wins against Detroit Denby and L'Anse Creuse before the division slate began the first week of January.

Who would have thought the Norsemen would eventually capture a Macomb Area Conference White Division championship with a perfect 12-0 mark?

The Norsemen didn't taste defeat until Feb. 4 when visiting U-D Jesuit, under former North head coach Pat Donnelly, beat the Norsemen 67-63.

The home team had a lead late in the fourth quarter, but just quite couldn't complete the win.

Included in that perfect run through the White Division was two hard-fought games against city rival Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils had a good chance to win both of those games, even without standout point guard Jarvis Wise.

Lockhart's squad dodged those two road blocks en route to a 19-1 regular season.

The Norsemen won a Class A district title by beating St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 57-45 in the first round, Detroit Finney 51-45 in the semifinals and once again Grosse Pointe South, 44-34, in the title game.

Earlier last week, the Norsemen advanced to the regional championship game by destroying Macomb Dakota 64-37.

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They run out  
of mojo

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you off. In some cases, it can make their season. But, it's up to us to match that intensity, that energy."

Against the Phoenix, that energy just wasn't there. From the opening tip, the squad looked out of sync, sluggish and simply not its usual self, particularly on the defensive end.

Offensively, Renaissance's game plan was obvious — contain junior standout Ariel Braker.

Mission accomplished. Braker was held to just 12 points, while the rest of the squad struggled to score as well.

"We knew we had to shut down Braker," Phoenix stand-out Asia Boyd said. "If we

could do that, we knew we'd be all right."

North's play made the Renaissance effort easier.

After leading by two points, 15-13, after one quarter, the wheels seemed to fall off North's train.

The team shot 1-for-9 from the field and, uncharacteristically converted just 2-of-7 free throws in the second quarter.

The result was a 28-19 Phoenix lead heading into the break.

North closed the gap to five in the closing half, but never managed to draw any closer.

"You have to give them credit, they played well," Bennett said. "I still consider us one of the best teams in the state, but we had to play each other that night, and they were the better team. They deserved to win."

The loss signaled the end of North's season, and the conclusion of a run that was once in a lifetime for many programs.

"I really don't think people know how hard it is to do what these girls have done over the past couple of seasons," Bennett explained. "Many schools never win a regional championship — these girls won two in two years, and were even able to go all the way last season. It's incredible; and something I know I'll always be very proud of being a part of."

North will carry on next season, although Bennett admits it might be more of a rebuilding year.

"We're losing some very valuable pieces," Bennett said. "We're returning some very talented players, but we can't expect to replace the seniors too easily."

"I think it's going to take a group of players to fill their shoes."

Grosse Pointe North ended its season 21-5 overall. During the last two seasons, North is 47-7 for an .870 winning percentage.

## OPINION

## More than the banners

By John McTaggar  
Special Writer

I suppose it had to end sooner or later.

I suppose there had to come a time when the girls from Grosse Pointe North would walk off the court with their heads hung low and a tear in their eyes.

A day where the hugs and celebration of last year's final game would turn to embraces of reassurance from teammates and applause of gratitude from the crowd.

I suppose there would come a day when it all would come to an end.

On March 17, against a very hungry, very energetic, very athletic, very good Detroit Renaissance team — on a day when North needed to summon all the energy it could muster — it simply wasn't there.

"They're tired," someone in the stands said, as Renaissance seemed to be one step ahead of whatever North tried. "They're just tired."

Perhaps they were.

It's difficult for fans to understand what it's like to be defending champions; to have every team circle your game on the schedule; to get the best the opposition has offer every night. It's difficult for fans to understand the weight of expectation.

"We know every team wants to beat us...badly," senior Madeline Kent said earlier in the season. "We know everyone looks at us and expects us to play well."

Perhaps, quite possibly in fact, on this night, this burden simply became too much to bear.

And there's nothing wrong with this fact...nothing at all.

What this group of girls, along with Bennett and his staff, were able to accomplish over the past two seasons is beyond the wildest dreams of many, many programs.

Bennett's been around the game long enough to know that many fans, and players, really can't appreciate the effort required and the magnitude of this program's accomplishments.

"It is such a hard thing to do," Bennett explained. "It takes such a special group of athletes, of parents, of everything. All of it kind of comes

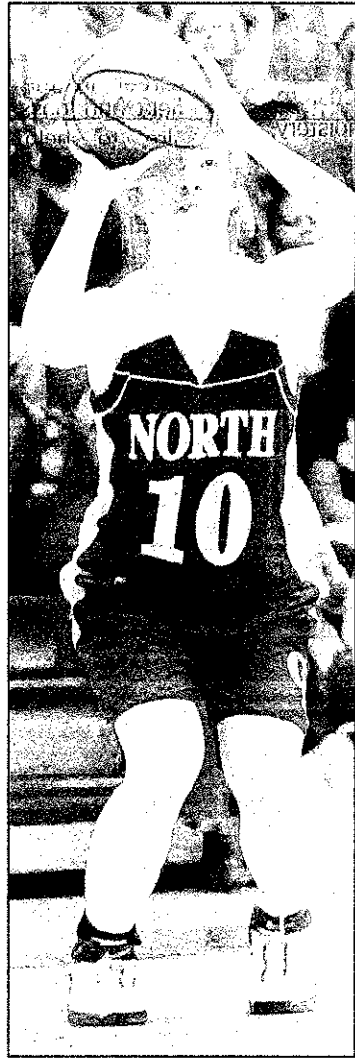


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North senior Allison Liddane prepares to shoot a free throw in the Lady Norsemen's second straight quarterfinal game.

together. It has to for the things to happen like they happened for this team. It's very rare, and something to be very proud of."

Bennett's right. It may take a while for fans, and members of the team, to fully appreciate what they've accomplished.

That said, what North has done is far more important than banners and trophies — what they've managed to do is bring a community together, give a school, a neighborhood, a city, something to truly be proud.

Like regional crowns and state championships, this accolade is tough to come by — and something that can never be taken away.

Evidence of this is clear when the stands not only have friends and relatives of players and coaches, along with a loyal group of supporters, but it also brings together alumni, neighbors and students from schools throughout the district — folks who would normally

pass on a basketball game in March, or February.

"This is the first girl's basketball game I've been to since the early 90s," said Douglas Sheppard, 66, while seated in the stands at Callahan Hall March 17. "My niece played back then, but I've been following this team for a while in the newspaper, and I thought I would come and support them today. I'm glad I did."

Sheppard wasn't alone. Scattered throughout the bleachers and gymnasium all season long were fans, both old and new, of all ages, coming together to be a part of something special — this group of players and coaches.

"I've gone to the last four or five home games and now here," Micah James said, cheering the team on against Renaissance. "I moved to the area about five years ago and have young girls who will be heading off to school in the next year or two. Who knows, maybe a few years from now I'll be here watching them play at North."

What this team has done, you see, far exceeds banners and trophies and team photos on the gymnasium wall — they've permanently etched themselves into the history, the fabric of the community. This simply doesn't happen too often.

Years from now, folks will look back and recall this team, remember the last two campaigns, and relive the excitement, the pride they felt.

And members of this program — what they've done, and they may not know this now, either, is to form a bond with teammates and coaches that will last for the rest of their lives.

Wherever life's road may lead each member of this team — there will always be a point where every path intersects.

Although state titles and playoff trophies are a tangible goal of every team, it's the intangible things that you take with you — the friendships, the memories, the pride.

It's a crucial part of my job, to be impartial, but today, I toss that rule out the window.

Today, I thank a group of girls nearly two decades my junior, and coaches, and fans, and staff members, and an entire community, for letting me be a small part of something that truly is special.

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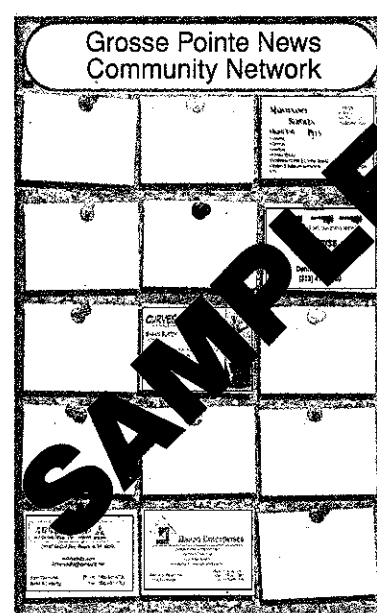
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