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#### Week ahead

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- ♦ The Grosse Pointe Chapter of the League of Women Voters hosts a Town Hall meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is Child Health Advocacy - Hope and Help for Every Child. Dr. Herman Gray, CEO and president of the Children's Hospital of Michigan; Paul Giblin, director of the Helppie Institute for child health advocacy at Children's Hospital and Theresa Holtrop M.D., will be the presenters.
- ◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

♦The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue and Grosse Pointe Woods host an Easter egg hunt for children 2 to 8 years old from 11 a.m. to noon on city hall grounds, 20025 Mack Plaza. All children must be accompanied by a parent. To register, pick up a coupon at Flagstar Bank, city hall, Josef's European Pastry Shop or Rainy Day Art Supply.
- ◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Fill up a bag for a bargain price.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Palm Sunday ♦ The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace will be presented at 4 p.m. at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn. Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$45. For more information, call (313) 943-2354.

### **MONDAY, APRIL 6**

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods

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THE FIVE GROSSE POINTES

# Aerial fire trucks immune from cuts

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

doused the notion of watering down the fleet of three aerial fire trucks.

"There was consensus among the chiefs that we definitely need three (aerial) ladder trucks," said James Fox,

City of Grosse Pointe public safety di- nary analysis of public safety cost-cut-

A preliminary cost-saving analysis by The Pointe's public safety chiefs have the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recommended reducing the Pointes' three aerials to two or one. "We don't feel that's going to work,"

The reduction appeared in a prelimi-

Fox said.

ting options prepared by SEMCOG. Pointe administrators requested the analysis for ways to cut the cost of providing firefighting service.

A revised study will result from a meeting last week between SEMCOG and the Pointe's five public safety direc-

"They're going to review new statistics we gave them and factors they hadn't considered on how our mutual aid agreement works," said Stephen Poloni, chief in Grosse Pointe Shores. "They'll have a new report in a couple of weeks."

See TRUCKS, page 6A



For Ted Flack, Kurt Hohn and Mark McCrindle, saying "toy boat" three times is no trouble. The trio belong to the Detroit Model Yacht Club and capitalized on the first weekend of spring to sail their remote control craft at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. For families with the larger sized boats, seeing an ice-free lake and temperatures heading into the 50s, it's time to launch.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

# A horse tail

The young students in Phyllis Henry's Grosse Pointe South High School child care class had a surprise visitor Tuesday. Romey the Pony stopped by as part of the lesson on farm animals. The children learned about ponies from South senior Hayley Satterlund. Alex Hetzler, 5, was dressed for the occasion in cowboy boots and a shirt decorated with horse shoes. "I've never seen a horse," he said. "This is pretty exciting." His classmate, Shannon Green agreed, adding she wants her own black and white pony. Romey, a 12-year-old mare, is owned by the Satterlund family and lives at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Zack Potter and Satterland are brushing Romey's tail.

# Music on the Plaza series announced

Bring the family, lawn chairs and picnic baskets to The Village Festival Plaza in Downtown Grosse Pointe for this season's free outdoor concerts held at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Grosse Pointe North and South High School Jazz Bands. This traditional se-

David Cleveland and Dan White. June 11 — No concert

June 18 — The Taslimah Bey Jazz Quartet. Ragtime is where it all started and pianist Taslimah Bey plays it well. June 25— Alvin Waddles'

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### POINTER OF INTEREST

ries opener is co-conducted by

A former student who went on to become an art teacher nominated me for the award."

# Claudia Stieber



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Park Age: 54 Family: Husband, Tom; two grown children Claim to fame: Michigan Art Education Teacher of the Year

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#### Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

♦ DUTCH ELM WAR: The five Grosse Pointe communities are in the throes of preparations for their annual war against the dreaded Dutch Elm disease, each waging an independent battle according to their ordinances.

◆ BURGLARIES PLAGU-ING POINTE POLICE: Pointe police have been ordered to be extra alert as a number of burglaries were reported in the City, Farms, Woods and Park. Investigations are under way in all cases.

♦ CITY OKS BUDGET: The Grosse Pointe City Council has approved, two months ahead of last year's schedule, a recommended alltime high budget of \$673,350 for the 1959-60 fiscal year. The new budget includes raises for all city employees.

◆ PARK RECOMMEND-ED: The Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club will focus community attention on the 13 acres at the foot of Three Mile Drive once used by the Army and now owned by the city. The club recommends a "passive occupancy park," meaning no team games can be played in the park.

1984
25 years ago this week

♦ FIRE RIPS SHORES
HOME: A faulty space heater
may be to blame for a twoalarm fire that caused about
\$90,000 in damage to a
Fairford Road house in
Grosse Pointe Shores.

More than 20 firefighters from the Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms battled the blaze which investigators believe started in the first floor den of the brick and wood colonial.

The homeowners had left the house about 4 p.m. and when they returned at 6:15 p.m. found the electric garage door would not open.

The woman homeowner entered the house through a side door, opened the door to the den and discovered the fire. She fled to a neighbor's house and called police.

♦ CITY SAYS THANKS
FOR GAZEBO: A large, but
quiet crowd was on hand to
watch Mayor Palmer Heenan
and members of the city
council accept a gift of
\$65,000 from the estate of the
late Leonard B. Willeke.

The money is to be used to construct a large gazebo at Patterson Park in honor of Willeke, a prominent architect and Park resident who died in 1970.

◆ ARSON AT SCHOOL: Grosse Pointe Park police are investigating a case of arson at St. Clare School that was reported by a truck driver about 3 a.m.

The fire was set in a trash can filled with books near the Charlevoix entrance to the grade school.

Someone entered the building without forcing any doors, smashed classroom door windows on the second floor and started the fire. There was no serious damage to the building.

1999

Ten years ago this week

♦ ST. AMBROSE RE-QUEST NEEDS MORE STUDY. While calling the project a good one, the Grosse Pointe Park planning commission requested more traffic studies be performed before the city council considers approving a request by St. Ambrose parish to allow expansion of church facilities. The request would require the closing of Wayburn near Jefferson.

◆ CAR FLIPS: Grosse
Pointe Park public safety officers were called to the corner of Bedford and North Vernor after receiving a report of a rollover automobile accident.

When officers arrived, they found a car on its side with the driver trapped within. The driver suffered minor injuries.

2004
Five years ago this week

◆ BROWNELL OUT-BUILDING RAISES STINK: Plans for an athletic field room in between the back of Brownell Middle School and Williams street is not going over well.

At a meeting of residents, Brownell principal Mike Dib explained the building would have two bathrooms, one for girls and one for boys, and room for storage. It would be the size of a three-car garage and 17 feet tall at its peak.

Residents were concerned about safety, liability, aesthetics and maintenance costs.

♦ GOPEDS LEGAL?
Warmer weather is bringing out the "gopeds" — motorized scooters and skateboards.

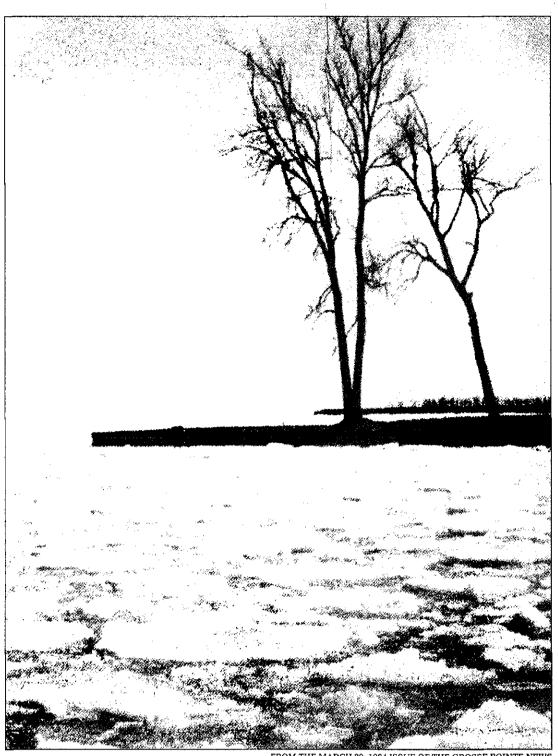
Grosse Pointe Woods public safety warns that gopeds must be licensed.

In order to be licensed by the Secretary of State, gopeds must have a head lamp, stop light, brakes, horn, muffler and rear view mirror.

♦ AMMO DUMP: An employee of a store on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods called public safety officers to help dispose of some unusual items found in the trash can at the store's customer service desk: gun ammunition.

Woods public safety officers removed 16.22 caliber bullets, a .45 caliber bullet and a .38 caliber bullet.

r bullet. — Karen Fontanive

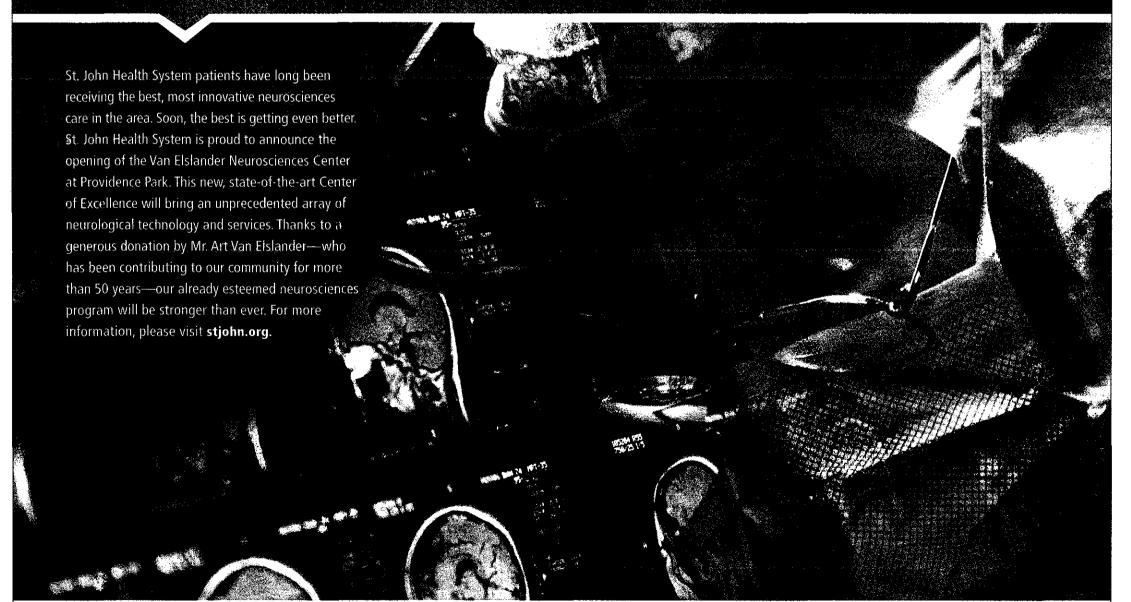


1984: Lakeside beauty

It's taking a while, but "Old Man Winter" is finally starting to loosen his grip on Michigan. Lake St. Clair is still dotted with giant lily pads of ice, but it's a far cry from when a person could nearly walk to Canada across its frozen surface. A stroll along the lake is convincing that this is a funny time of the year; not yet spring, yet no longer winter. But blue skies and lots of sunshine will soon change that, as the ice finally disappears and these lonely elms once again begin to bloom.

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# A dream come true

#### Pointer proud to come back to Detroit with Book Cadillac's 24grille

Megargle is right where he wants to be. through their company, Entourage He's in the Motor City, celebrating at 24grille, the Westin Book Cadillac based restaurant he and his business partners opened Feb. 2.

Megargle, a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe North graduate, is proud to be back in Detroit and part of the revival of down-

"The Book Cadillac belongs to Metro Detroit," he said. "In Grosse Pointe and everywhere around here, people talk about their memories of the Book. I wanted a local touch with the restaurant we developed."

24grille, with a private dining area, a champagne bar and a wide range of food, including many classic Midwestern favorites on the menu, is also about to open spa19, a full, world-class spa next to the restaurant. The names spa19 and 24grille celebrate the Book Cadillac's original 1924 opening. A \$200 million renovation came before the Book reopened late last year.

Megargle, whose father started in the champagne bar restaurant business with Chuck Muer, influenced his decision to follow his dream.

"I started clearing tables at a restaurant in St. Clair Shores when I was 15," he said. "That first week on the floor. I knew exactly what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Make people happy and share what I could learn."

After high school he moved to Louisiana to study hospitality business administration. In New Orleans, he was a food and beverage manager for Isle of Capri Casinos, where Megargle operated a multioutlet restaurant department, and later become the youngest executive in the \$7 billion company.

He returned to Detroit and managed the award winning Seldom Blues and Jazz Supper Club at the Renaissance Center and Mosaic in Greektown. He also served as food and beverage director at the Troy Marriott.

He worked his way closer to his dream with a business partnership. Three friends 3821 or visit bookcadillacwestin.com or in real estate, all under 30, created the con-

It's Final Four weekend and Bob cept with Megargle that is now 24grille Restaurant Group.

> "We wanted a comfortable, casual environment with great food," Megargle said. "I wanted to be near my family and give back to Detroit. My mom taught me the hospitality part. I want people to feel like they are at home. She's my biggest mentor. I want people to feel comfortable here, just as she always made people feel comfortable at our home."

> The restaurant, located on the first floor along Michigan Avenue, features everything made from scratch. Even dressings, some cheeses and ice creams are made on location.

> "Everything is hand-crafted and it's pretty darn good," Megargle said.

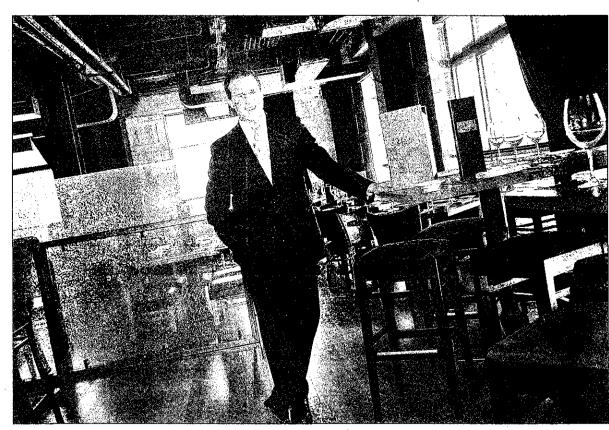
The restaurant offers lunch and dinner, with an option for take-out. The dining area seats 80. The seats another 20 and private dining for 30 is available. In warmer weather, a patio dining area will open with 45 seats.

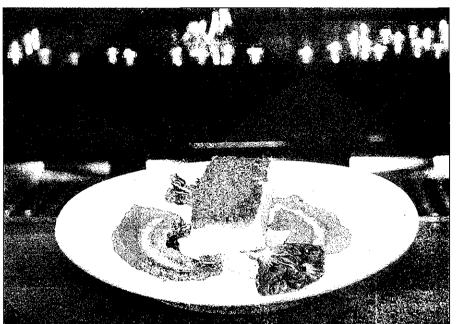
"The best part of my job is that I don't have a job," Megargle said. "This is my passion. This is my life. I look at this as fun. All of my associates have come here from other

restaurants I've managed. It's one of those most wonderful things I've gone through. I'm glad to be home.'

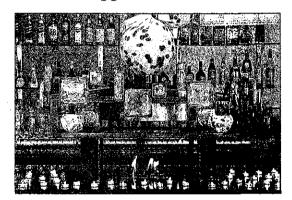
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For more information, call (313) 964spa1924grille.com.



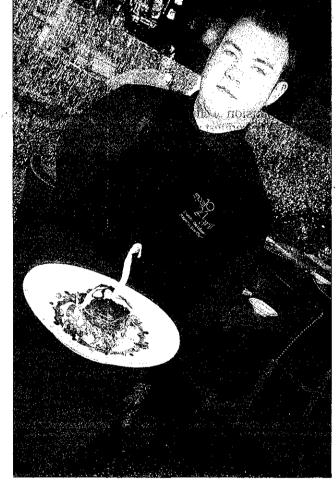


Bob Megargle stands in the main dining area of 24grille. At left, sea bass with a pistachio crust, carrot puree, bok choy and chive oil. Below, an island near the main dining area features a relaxing bar, complete with flatscreen TVs to catch the scores of the big games.



Photos by Renee Landuyt





Bottom left, a private dining area near the champagne bar and the 19spa scheduled to open this spring, features an area for 30 guests. At left, executive chef Jason Gardner holds a plate with braised short ribs with shaved garlic, wilted escarole, gold raisins and a horseradishhollandaise sauce.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Drug firm immunity opposed

#### Democratic backed-bill partially supported by **Bledsoe**

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Timothy Bledsoe is on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives wondering if there will be consequences to voting against a bill backed by his Democrat party brass.

"I'll be making my first vote against the leadership this afternoon," he said Thursday, March 26. "I'm curious to see in terms of attracting businesshow that's going to go over."

The bill he opposed was part of a three-piece set of legislation to repeal a drug immunity law in Michigan. Bledsoe supported two-thirds of the pack-

◆ He voted for a bill he cosponsored that would repeal a state law shielding pharmaceutical companies from product liability.

maceutical firms to be sued under the state Consumer Protection Act.

◆ Yet, he went against the party by opposing a bill making immunity retroactive to when immunity was granted in

"Can you imagine a legislature that undertakes a policy, then comes back later and reverses that policy?" Bledsoe said. "That sends a disastrous message to businesses thinking of locating in Michigan. Businesses more than anything want a stable political environment. This is just a sign of instability. It's very unfortunate es to Michigan."

All three bills passed. Bledsoe survived his mutiny.

"The Majority Floor Leader (Kathy Angerer) came by when she saw my negative vote and said, 'Are you sure you want to vote against this?' I said yes," Bledsoe said. "I've not heard anything more about it. So, the leadership took it in stride."

The 1996 law Bledsoe voted ♦ He supported another bill to repeal grants drug compa-

he cosponsored allowing pharnies immunity in Michigan have to accept that fact that's products harmed or killed.

> "It was wrong to pass the immunity bill," he said. "But, we

when their FDA-approved the way its been for years. We shouldn't go back after the fact and change the rules of the

# Mayors host 23rd annual Day of Prayer breakfast

Grosse Pointes and Harper the first Thursday of May as an Woods plan the annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast for 7:30 a.m., Thursday, May 7, in the Main Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore.

Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, is keynote speaker. Harold will share her experience as Miss America, including initiatives she supported aimed at protecting young people from harassment and empowering them to abstain from drugs, sex and alcohol.

The 23nd Annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer. Signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman, the National Day of Prayer is

The mayors of the five an annual observance held on invitation to people of all faiths to pray for the good of the na-

> Support from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and from ticket sales provide \$500 scholarship for one student from each of the area high schools — Grosse Pointe North High School, Grosse Pointe South High School, University Liggett School and Harper Woods High School.

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#### **NEWS**

#### POINTER OF INTEREST

Claudia Stieber is honored as teacher and mentor; but also enjoys being a student. This artist enjoys working in, learning and teaching a variety of art forms.

# Student honors art teacher

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

While artists leave a legacy of paintings, pottery or photographs, art teachers leave that and more: a legacy of students they have challenged, motivated and inspired.

For art teacher Claudia Stieber, one of those students has complimented her on two fronts. Jessica Styre not only became an art teacher herself, she nominated Stieber to the Michigan Art Education Association as Teacher of the Year, and Stieber learned recently that she was selected for that honor.

"Jessica recently started teaching in the Warren Fitzgerald school district," said Stieber, "and as a new teacher, she called me and asked me to mentor her. I helped organize her classroom and worked with her on lesson plans. It was a wonderful experience to work with her."

Stieber, of Grosse Pointe Park, brought 20 years of teaching experience to her mentoring role, not to mention enthusiasm and dedication.

"I love what I do," she said without hesitation.

Stieber has a degree in art education from Western Michigan University, with a major in textile design, but admitted with a laugh, "You have to doodle in everything." She also has a master's degree in art education from Wayne State University.

She has taught art at Roseville High School for 20 vears, and while she's busy teaching, she's also learning, which is where her "doodling" during college comes in handy.

"We offer a wide variety of classes at Roseville, including the basics like drawing and painting, but also photography, jewelry design and ceramics. I teach it all."

And sometimes she has to learn it as well.

Roseville started offering a photography class about five years ago when someone donated dark room equipment to the school.

"I took classes at Oakland Community College in photography and learned how to manage a dark room," she said. "I didn't have much experience in photography, but I made it happen."

And she keeps it happening, even with the advent of digital,

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Claurdia Stieber works on artwork in her office. Her artwork runs the gamut from watercolors and oils to photographs, pottery and basket weaving to jewelry.

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"A lot of schools have eliminated dark rooms, which I believe is a mistake," she noted. "My students really enjoy the development process while working in the dark room, when the image begins to appear right before their eyes. They are always asking to spend more time in the dark room. And it's a process they take to other classes, as well, as they have to apply what they have learned in chemistry and math classes."

The popularity of the dark room has led Stieber to begin "hoarding" dark room sup-

"Digital photography has and paper more difficult to find," she said. "I read the classifieds and when I see supplies, I buy them and store them in a freezer, which prevents them from deteriorating."

But that doesn't mean Stieber isn't teaching digital photography.

"You have to be versatile," she said. "I have my students make a pin hole camera, which really teaches them the basics, but I also incorporate digital imaging and we work with varprograms ious

Photoshop." While some schools are do-

ing away with art classes, renewed its commitment to art and music.

"Roseville just passed a huge bond that allowed the system to expand the fine arts rooms, as well as adding on to the vocational education program," she noted. "It's sad, with the No Child Left Behind, that we don't recognize that not every student is college-bound. We have to ask ourselves who will fix our cars, build our houses and make home repairs. We need trade school grads.

"And we also need to ensure that the fine arts are taught as well. It gives every child a

made film, chemical supplies Stieber is proud her district has It would be a crying shame to eliminate fine arts. It will kill creative expression. Students need to balance right and left brain activities.'

Stieber encourages that balance in her classroom by stressing to her students how art incorporates lessons they have learned in other subjects as well.

"I apply academic subject matter whenever I can. When drawing, I use math by using ratios, perspectives and scale. I use science when we talk about color and light and pig-

mentation." Stieber has even found a way to incorporate a social studies lesson.

"This is a project where I am asking my students to think outside the box," she said. "I'm having my students make kites and I'm asking them to visually represent what America means to them. I want them to think of all the things our country has been going through recently, with the election, the economy, but they can't use words. They must illustrate it."

While she appreciates the honor she received from the Michigan Art Education Association, Stieber, always the teacher, is looking forward to a student also being honored by the same organization at the Michigan Youth Art Festival set for May at Western Michigan University.

Her student, Christian Phister, will exhibit an awardwinning piece at the event.

"This is a true celebration of the arts," said Stieber. "It brings together band, orchestra, dance and visual art students for four days on the WMU campus. The kids get to stay in the dorms and experience college life and see what their peers are doing."

It will also be a time for Stieber to reflect on her own award, where she was judged by her peers on her work in the classroom, within her district and within her community.

And while she contributes to the art community, she learns from it as well. Her work, which can be seen throughout her home, includes delicate watercolors, oils and photographs. She has several pieces of pottery displayed in her living room, many of which she made in a pottery class she took through Grosse Pointe Community Education with "a great group of people," she said. Handmade baskets, made in basket-weaving classes, sit atop her kitchen cupboards. Her kitchen, on occasion, turns into her studio as well.

"I make jewelry with glass beads that I make in my kitchen," she said. "I always seem to have something going."

Even in the midst of a family wedding. Her daughter, Leslie, is getting married in April and Stieber, in lieu of a guest book, has created a large plate commemorating the event that guests can sign.

Once summer arrives, Stieber will be sailing with her husband and probably taking a

But one thing that's not on her "to do" list is retiring any time soon.

"I can't leave now. I just got a new classroom," she said with a smile.



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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** 

# Treasurer finds simple way to increase funds

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

Working within the mindset that every little bit helps, Grosse Pointe Woods treasurer DeeAnn Irby came across a simple way to raise \$100,000. The best part is the new revenue will be relatively painless for Woods residents.

The city issues tax bills twice a year, and while the winter tax bill carries a I percent service charge on the total amount residents and busiticed that the summer tax bill didn't include the charge.

"In the past, there was a 1 percent service charge applied to only the Wayne County

the summer tax bill." she explained to the city council. "If we were to charge that 1 percent to the entire bill, the city could generate \$100,000 in income.'

And that \$100,000 would go a long way toward offsetting a projected \$170,000 fund balance transfer in the 2009-10 city budget. The estimated cost of the service charge to taxpayers will average about \$15 per year.

"It's not a big amount," said nesses must pay, it was no- councilman Art Bryant. "I would be in favor of this rather than increasing our millage rate."

The council had been discussing an increase in the

millage and the school tax on millage rate, from 12.9897 to 13.1814, but the increase in the service fee could put those talks to rest. The city is facing a projected \$1 million decrease in tax revenue this year, based on declining home values.

"If we could raise \$100,000 by applying this service charge, that means we will not have to take money from reserves," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "I'm also opposed to raising the millage rate, and this would allow us to keep our millage the same as previous years."

The budget will be presented at the April 6 council meeting. A public hearing on the budget will be held in May.

### **TRUCKS:** Do more with less

Continued from page 1A

Hiller expects the second draft will be as cost-conscious as the first.

"This is an economics-driven aid agreement. time," he said. "If we can save money by consolidating costs, its something we have to look

"It's going to come down to our city managers, councils and mayors to tell us the direction they want us to go."

The collective Pointes have three aerial trucks based throughout the district. The south end is covered by a truck can respond to minor fires," owned by the Park. The north Hiller said. "If a fire goes to

end is served primarily by a multiple alarms, we're going to truck owned by Grosse Pointe Woods. Grosse Pointe Farms covers the middle.

"Geographically, they're located perfectly," said Dave Hiller, Grosse Pointe Park public safety director.

If aerial trucks are needed in other areas of the Pointes, apparatus and manpower are deployed according to a mutual

The SEMCOG study also recommended reducing the Pointes inventory of eight pumper trucks to five, one each per city.

"In years to come that's a possibility," Hiller said. "That may not be bad." The chiefs want each city to

have at least one pumper. "If each city has a pumper, it

bring in additional equipment anyway under the mutual aid agreement."

Pointe departments routinely call in a second alarm for working fires.

"If we get a working fire, I only have manpower for one truck," Fox said.

"If we could get by with one pumper each, that would be OK with me."

Modern fire departments can function with less apparatus than in the past.

"Trucks can do a whole lot more than they used to do," Hiller said. "Whereas in years past we'd go to a second alarm to bring addition apparatus and equipment, nowadays, when we have a pumper pumping 1,000 gallons per minute, we need manpower, not equipment:"

# **AHEAD:**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6** 

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City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8** 

♦ The Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe host a stop human traf-

ficking awareness campaign at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Author Theresa Flores and State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Hamtramck, present local and national information about human trafficking for sex enslavement. There is no charge.

♦ Sport concussions is the topic of Michael McMillan's talk at the Partners in Parenting lecture from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Barnes Early Elementary Childhood Center, Room 108, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The lecture is aimed at middle and high school athletes.

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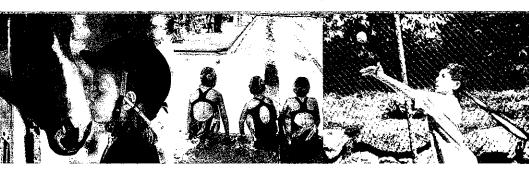
◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts business af-

ter hours at 5:30 p.m. at Faircourt Dental & Wellness, 20040 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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 Local Business Networks, Grosse Pointe Chapter, meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at the AAA Michigan office, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.



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# Preliminary waived in drunken driver case

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Two young men with the disheveled look of having spent the night in jail sat side-by-side in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

"Who are those two guys," a police officer was asked.

"One's a drunk. The other's

This story's about the drunk. Andre Lamont Thomas, an prosecution on his third drunken driving charge, on March 26 waived his right to a preliminary hearing in City

Municipal Judge Russell Wayne County Circuit Court.

Thomas, of Belleville, has cently." accumulated so many drunk-

latest charge boosted him to habitual offender status subject to spending 15 years in

Thomas has been in jail since his arrest March 20 in the City, unable to post \$150,000 bond.

Thomas' court-appointed attorney, Jeffrey Chilton, asked Ethridge to reduce the bond to \$1,000. Chilton sweetened the deal by adding that if Thomas admitted alcoholic facing posted bond, he be made to wear a global positioning tether and be restricted to his mother's house in Belleville.

"The safety of the public is of prime importance given the serious nature of this offense," Ethridge scheduled Thomas Chilton said. "I think we're all for arraignment April 9 in thankful that no one was hurt. like we had in Roseville re-

en driving convictions that his to four teenagers killed by an alleged drunken driver.

> "The tether would add some protection to the public at large," Chilton said. "I don't believe Mr. Thomas is a flight risk."

to \$15,000 and ordered the tether.

Thomas, an unemployed father who lives separately from his two children and their respective mothers, seemed disappointed. Officers led him back to jail.

"Hang tough, Mr. Thomas," Chilton told him.

Chilton said the underlying aspect of the case is alcoholism, a disease.

"Treatment and rehabilitation are key at this point," he

Chilton didn't rule out re-The Roseville reference was solving the case before trial.

"There are approximately 20,000 felonies run through Wayne County each year," he said. "Virtually 90 percent are resolved through plea negotiations."

Detective City Ron Ethridge lowered the bond Wieczorek ranked public safety above Thomas' need for substance abuse treatment.

"His driving record is horrible," Wieczorek said. "We're glad to get him off the road. He has a problem of failing to ap-

pear in court on certain things. In Taylor, he failed to show up for sentencing on a drinking and driving offense. That's why I wanted a high bond. Taylor will be getting him when we're done with him."

Thomas was driving a friend's car when pulled over for running a red light at Mack and Cadieux. Police efforts to seize the vehicle were rejected by prosecutors.

Even though there was forfeited."

probably cause to seize it, after reviewing the circumstances the Circuit Court prosecutors office has decided to return the vehicle to the owner because constructive ownership cannot be established," according to a letter from Brian Moody. deputy chief in the county foreclosure unit, special operations. "If Thomas violates any drunken driving laws in the future, the vehicle will be

# **Starr Commonwealth** mulls CHD options

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

Starr Commonwealth is looking to the past as it deter-Pointe. Three former Children's Home of Detroit trustees will be named to its board this month.

While the names have not been announced, Starr president and CEO Martin L. Mitchell released in a written statement: "Our trustees represent a diverse background of skills and professionals. though all share common bonds — a passion for volunteerism and care and concern for the most vulnerable children in their community. We response from Children's said. Home trustees, with several on the Starr board."

This announcement comes on the heels of a "get acquainted" meeting held last week between Grosse Pointe Woods city officials and officers of Starr responsible for the now-shuttered 13-acre CHD property on Cook Road.

"It was a good meeting," aid Woods City said Administrator Mark Wollenweber, who attended the meeting along with Public Safety Director Michael Makowski, "It was a chance

to get to know each other and ty advised as what they may we were able to discuss some of the options Starr is considering regarding the property."

The options — residential mines its future in Grosse or community-based services for children; some level of collaboration to provide access to specialized therapeutic education; or the possible sale of the property with proceeds being transferred to Starr's current programs --- were discussed, but no decisions were

According to a statement issued by Dana Jacob, spokeswoman for Starr, there's no timeline for a decision, but the nonprofit hopes plans are in place by early summer.

"Starr presented their ophave been delighted with the tions to us," Wollenweber

"No decision has been members stepping forward made, but we told Starr that Starr in 1913 as a home for with an interest in continuing they must keep the communi- troubled boys.

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be planning. We also indicated that we would be happy to see a portion of the property go back on the tax rolls."

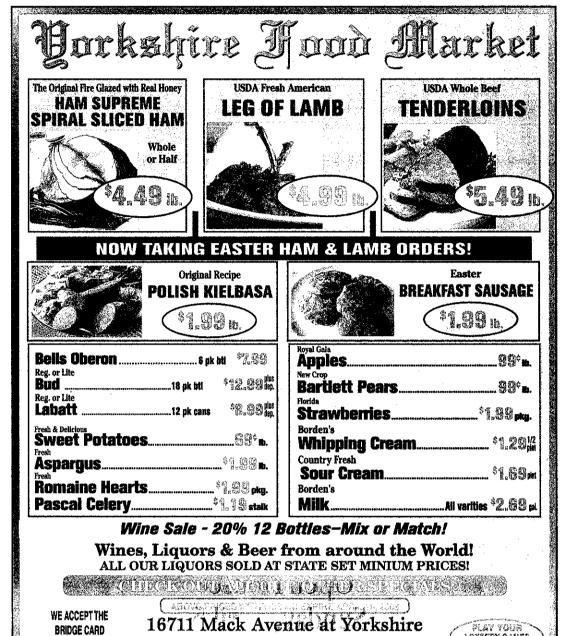
One decision Starr has made, according to Jacob, is the Children's Home of Detroit Warren campus will be sold.

The home traces its history back to 1836, when one was established in Detroit for children who were orphaned by a cholera epidemic. It moved to its current location on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1950.

Starr Commonwealth, based in Albion, operates several community-based and residential treatment programs throughout Michigan and Ohio.

It was founded by Floyd

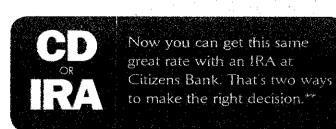
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# City to host egg hunt **April 9**

Organizers hope Mother Nature has her sunny side up for the City of Grosse Pointe's Spring Egg Hunt scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at Neff Park. Park officials expect the fifth

annual event will go over easy.

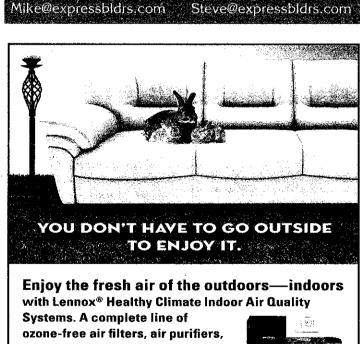
Egg hunters will shell out \$2 per bag to poach eggs hidden in the park. Bags hold eggsactly 10 eggs. Once bags are filled with the permitted amount of 10 eggs per child, raffle tickets inside the bags can be turned in for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Village Toy Company.

Eggs can be turned in for a bag of candy. Hensforth, Peter Cottontail will give out chocolate suckers.

Hard boiled hunters who scramble to find one of 18 golden eggs will receive a prize.

Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras for photo opportunities. Parents and residents are also reminded to bring park passes along with their \$2 for each child to gain entry into the park.

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**EDITORIAL** 

# Down and then up again in the Motor City

the Cobo fight, singing council members, text message scandals and at-tacking Jay Leno for heading to the suburbs to reflect on what has happened this week. On Monday, President Barack Obama delivered a speech that didn't

etroit can take a short break from

provide much comfort in the Motor City. Out was General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner, replaced by new CEO Fritz Henderson. Wagoner was asked to step down by the President's Automotive Task Force.

President Obama said restructuring plans submitted to save General Motors and Chrysler didn't go far enough "to warrant the substantial new investments that these companies are requesting." He went on to say GM will have 60 days to work with creditors, unions and other stakeholders to "restructure in such a way that would justify an investment of additional tax dollars; a period during which they must produce plans that would give the American people confidence in their long-term prospects for success." Chrysler will have 30 days to secure a deal with Fiat. ABC News reported Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne was here Tuesday meeting with Chrysler officials.

While there is much more to it, President Obama said more brands could be eliminated - which has put dealerships on edge. The government, the President said, does-

n't want to run the auto companies. Yet, the government is running the show. A few years ago, the chairmen of the Big Three couldn't get any face time in Washington. Now Washington sits in the driver's seat.

Henderson on Tuesday delivered his first news conference, saying bankruptcy isn't out of the question. He also said there will likely be additional plant closings – and with that - additional job losses.

No one knows the future of the Big Three. Along with that, the trickle down of all auto-related jobs in Metro Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan are on the edge

President Obama said the U.S. Government will back all warranties, while the Big Three have come up with incentives to help secure consumer confidence.

The money is available for car loans. But with 10 percent unemployment in Michigan and 22 percent in Detroit - both leading the nation - workers aren't spending money on a new car right now. They are worried their job could be gone tomorrow.

Even with help offered by Chrysler and General Motors to cover part of the loan for a period if buyers become unemployed, other factors in this economy have wiped out consumer spending.

We can only hope that Washington understands that. I guess GM stands for Government Motors. Hopefully it's handled better than the AIG bonus fiasco. What do you think?

# Now for the good

All eyes in the world of sports will be on Detroit this weekend as Ford Field hosts the Final Four in men's college basketball. Thousands will converge on Metro Detroit – and then downtown for two semi-final games Saturday and the championship game on Monday night.

The best part - Michigan State has made it to the Final Four, which means thousands more, even without tickets, will party downtown. The economic impact is huge for the few days of events, concerts and, of course, the games which will be televised on CBS.

Many Pointers will join in the fun just down the road. Enjoy the time responsibly. We're sure some national media will play the video of the Tigers celebration that got out of hand in 1984 or that Spartans loss in the tournament a few years back when a Taco Bell and several sofas were sacrificed. We're better than that.

Enjoy the party - without accelerants. We've had

enough bad press. Go Green! Go White!

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#### Public television

To the Editor:

We all know the inner workings of government are complicated and often inaccessible.

Thankfully, for more than three decades, cable companies have been providing the monies for public, educational and government television channels to be broadcast within local communities.

These PEG channels allow cable viewers a connection to their local government workrooms, thus making their local governments more transparent and therefore accountable to its citizens.

For the last 30 years, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's WMTV5 along with our other local PEG channels 12, 20 and 22 have been your PEG providers, able to televise candidate forums; local, state and federal representatives; school board meetings; forums about the Great Lakes: and many other topics about people and

issues of local interest to residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

In 2006, the Michigan Legislature passed the Video Franchising Legislation, PA 480. The legislative intent of this bill was to ensure municipalities would receive 2 percent of gross cable revenues to fund operations of local PEG channels.

While this agreement was on the table, no cable companies voiced opposition to this deal.

Now, just more than two ings from their own living years later, while cable rates continue to go up, cable companies are demonstrating their irreverence to PEG channels by refusing to pay the 2 percent. Cable companies claim the 2 percent directive was not in the PA 480 agreement.

Without these funds PEG

channels would cease to exist. In response to this problem, bills have been introduced that would fix the loophole being utilized by cable companies ensuring that communities re-

Passage of HB 4576 (Barnett, D-Farmington Hills) and SB 397 (Thomas, D-Detroit) will guarantee communities are able to save PEG channels.

PEG channels are a vital service citizens use to stay connected to government. Municipalities aren't asking for anything other than for legislators to make good on the PA 480 promise.

Our communities through WMTV5 are counting on the 2 percent of gross cable revenues to keep our studios open and to upgrade our equipment to keep up with the digital television transition.

At WMTV5, we are counting on the 2 percent to keep government transparent and accessible to everyone.

Please contact state Rep. Tim Bledsoe timbledsoe@house.mi.gov or (517) 373-0154 to voice your concern about this important topic.

TV5 Operations Manager Grosse Pointe War Memorial

### G.P. North coaches

To the Editor:

As a Grosse Pointe South High School parent, I had the pleasure of watching the Grosse Pointe North High School boys varsity basketball team play a couple of playoff games recently.

I was struck by the cohesiveceive enough money for their ness of the team. With 10 se-

PEG channels to survive. niors on a team it indicates to me the desire of these young men to represent their school in a program they all support and have supported since their freshman year.

With five starters, the other five seniors were willing to be in a supporting role who would play during games at the discretion of their coaches.

These five reserve seniors could have played neighborhood club basketball, but obviously they saw a reason to come practice on a daily basis, even during school vacations, in order to be a part of their school team.

This reflects directly on the coaching staff they admire and respect. The coaching staff is apparently viewed by players as being willing to get the best out of all of the players and therefore keeping them interested in the program. They have been able to instill team spirit, hard work, and respect for each other with the goal of KERMIT POTTER winning for their school program.

Congratulations to the coaches for keeping the best players at North interested and involved with the school team.

The Grosse Pointe North students should be thankful for the solid and very impressive boys basketball program the coaching staff has built using the talent at the school. It is a program that deserves admira-

> MIKE NABER Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

# Final Four with our moms

rowing up in our household meant lots of entertaining, as there always seemed to be relatives or neighbors arriving for some type of event.

Mom relished having people in for dinner and dessert no matter the season. These soirees were always preceded by some cleaning. Of course, the anticipation of arriving guests always raised our excitement level, but also our level of concern because we wanted everything to be per-

This coming weekend, Detroit will experience the anticipation of arriving guests as we host the NCAA Final Four at Ford Field with our Michigan State University Spartans on display. The event has been sold out for quite some time and people will be arriving from all across the country. National media will be focusing on the games, but also on our city.

Every time one of these colossal events takes place in the "D," we hold our breath hoping our preparations were adequate and our guests leave with a high sense of satisfaction. We want their stay to be flawless.

What is disturbing though is



as these events take place, we seem to wait for a miscue because we have seen the attacks on our city by the media in the past and thus we have become paranoid and insecure. We look forward to being a host city, but we are more than happy when everyone leaves.

The days afterward are always filled with trepidation as we await the reviews coming in commenting on our hospitality and, of course, our city.

Perhaps to insure a successful event we need to harness the power of all the moms in the community. We can ask them to be our goodwill ambassadors - making sure all the dusting and cleaning has been completed and everyone is on their best behavior.

In my own case, our mom would gently cajole us about our deportment and we knew it would not be prudent to disappoint her. It worked every time!

So as Detroit hosts the Final Four, let's adhere to the CBS campaign of "Stand Up and Be Proud" because if we are nothing else, we are excellent hosts. And if our guests don't think so, then they can deal with our moms!

My column, "Some of my favorite quality things," printed in the March 19 Grosse Pointe News, included restaurants, vacation sites, hotels, historic sites and even a favorite snack.

You were either interested, informed, intrigued or invigorated - I love alliteration. Perhaps some of you were just bored. In any event, I have moved on and this week am providing a list of things I disdain. Maybe some of them are on your list too.

◆ When most of the snow recently melted, it revealed streets full of debris and loads of leaves some people forgot to rake up in the fall. After an hour of raking, I cleared my lawn of leaves and mentioned to some of my neighbors I was inscribing the leaves on their lawn with a special marker so if more leaves show up on my property I will know the origin and rightfully return them to the owner.

♦ When the snow fell last winter it glistened and provided a white fluffy blanket of enjoyment. But after a couple of weeks it shown a gray dingy

color that marred the landscape.

◆ Heard a commercial the other day for men's suits discounted so much the department store stated they were "unable to reveal the makers of the suits." Now come on. The last thing a store needs to do in this economy is to taunt me with undetailed information. My plan is to call the store and state: "Due to my financial situation, I am not able to tell you whether or not I will be buying one of your suits." Stay tuned.

◆ The Detroit Tigers will have "Opening Day" Friday, April 10, which happens to be Good Friday. My plans are to attend the game with my son, which has been a yearly tradition. The problem is, being good Catholics, we are not supposed to eat meat on that day, but what is a ball game without a hot dog smothered with mustard and onions! I wrote to the Vatican asking for a dispensation but to date have not received a reply. Maybe if we don't eat meat on Thursday before Good Friday, it will suffice.

♦ We have woods and wetlands behind our home. It is beautiful in the spring and fall and during the summer, the

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# Technology's purposes bypass this user



fter attending a seminar last year about keeping up with kids and technology, I promptly created a Facebook account - and let it sit idle for 10 months. Finally, after receiving several e-mails from people asking to be my friend People want to be my friend?! - I decided it was time to learn how to use this communication tool.

First, I had to send an e-mail to the Facebook powers that

be to remind me of my password. Once I got that, I logged on and leaped in.

There were a few "friend requests." One happened to be a childhood friend whom I haven't seen in 30 years. Once you are friends with someone you have access to their profile. So I promptly looked through my friend's friends and found some high school classmates.

That led to searching for other high school classmates. The law of diminishing returns is at work on Facebook. The further away you are from having graduated, the fewer the people on Facebook. For example, my high school's class of 2006 has about 120 Facebook members out of approximately 250 graduates;

about 60 people from my graduating class of 400 in 19-something have a Facebook page.

Found a few more friends from college and then it was on to my husband's account. I stole a few of his friends. Then my cousin asked to be my friend. Once I accepted, I started getting friend requests from several relatives. Hello! You are already my relative, -- do you need to be my friend, too?

But my son said the purpose is to have as many friends as possible and I can honestly say I like all of my relatives.

There is outrage among Facebook users these days. The home page was recently changed and longtime users are up in arms. I can't complain, of course, because I can't tell the difference. Not

entirely true. The homepage of Facebook used to ask, "What are you doing?" I found that a rather stupid question because obviously I'm on Facebook. How else could I read this message?

But apparently I was supposed to write something like, "Karen is wishing she had responded to that ad and was undergoing a mini-facelift."

Now it asks, "What's on your mind?" Way too much or nothing at all.

Facebook has groups you can join. You are notified when your friends join different groups. One of my friends is a fan of tomatoes; another is a fan of high heeled shoes. Sometimes there are things I iust don't want to know about my "friends."

My friends send me flowers and hearts and dancing bananas and all sorts of things. What do I do with these? This is where I consult my son.

"Oh, just ignore that," he says as he clicks something and it's gone forever. "Why do you have that?" Click and it's gone. "Just ignore that." Click and it's gone. I have no idea what he is doing and what is happening on my friend's side. Maybe I've just totally offended someone and don't even know it.

I also get notified that my son, who added me as his friend because he felt sorry I didn't have enough of them, changed his profile photo. First question: Why? Second question: How?

There has to be some re-

deeming quality to all of this otherwise why would so many people use it? (Two hundred seventy-five million worldwide.)

OK. I know. Let me search the name Fontanive. Jackpot! There are 218 people with the last name Fontanive with a Facebook page - and only one who's a known relative. I am single-handedly inviting each one to be my "friend." Now, my son can't tease me for not having enough friends.

'Why are you inviting these people you don't know to be your friend?" he asks.

I really don't get this. But it doesn't matter. My husband has informed me that Facebook is passé. If I really want to be cutting edge, I have to Twitter.

#### STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

# Which cartoon character are you most like 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



'Phineas from Phineas and Ferb because he is very active and he has a big imagination.

HOLLY DAYWALT Grosse Pointe Park



'Sponge Bob Square Pants because he is smart and I sound like him when I laugh.'

HAILEY CLARKE Grosse Pointe Park



'Lucy from Charlie Brown because we are both kind of bossy and she is a leader.'

**GRACE MUAWAD** Grosse Pointe Park



'Sally from Charlie Brown because I like to pester people like she does and we are both kind of nosy.' MEG CULLEN Grosse Pointe Park



'Isabella from Phineas and Ferb because she is outgoing and always tries to help people. TAYLOR PETERS Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Stonehurst meets its fate, ends era



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

This is the second of a twopart series.

n 1914, upon returning from a three month honeymoon abroad, Joseph Schlotman and his new wife. Stella Ford, began construction of Stonehurst.

It was one of the grandest of the great mansions that once lined the shore of Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe.

The Schlotmans hired Albert Spahr of Pittsburgh to

design the 40-room, Early English Renaissance manor that was to occupy a 30-acre site flanked by the estates of Stella's three siblings.

Spahr had previously designed "Fairholme" a half-timbered Tudor style mansion at 585 Lakeshore for Stella's sister, Hetty (Mrs. Elmer D. Speck). Their brother, Emory Leyden Ford, also chose Spahr as the architect of his imposing manor house at 485 Lakeshore.

Stella's other sister, Nell, and her husband, Dr. Harry N. Torrey, hired local architect, John Scott, to design an elegant Beaux-Arts mansion, named "Clairview," at 575 Lakeshore. It was here at Clairview that the Schlotmans resided while Stonehurst was being built.

In 1917 the Schlotmans moved into their new house with daughter Josephine and three months later, their



Stonehurst mansion was built by Joseph and Stella Ford Schlotman on Lake St. Clair.

daughter, Patricia, was born.

The Schlotman mansion, which cost an estimated \$2 million, was built about 500 feet from the lake shore. The circular driveway and entrance were on the garden side of the house.

After passing under the glass porte cochere, through heavy wrought iron doors and up a twin flight of marble steps, visitors entered the great hall with its carved oak paneling, ornate ceilings and grand staircase.

Directly ahead and several steps down was the marble and stone atrium. This reception room with its elaborately carved fireplace and bronze water nymph fountain looked out through the arched door sun porch.

Important paintings, furniture and Oriental rugs were found throughout the house. The second floor included five master bedrooms, all with baths and fireplaces, and Stella Schlotman's sitting room off of the master suite.

A spacious ballroom where many parties and charity events were hosted occupied the lower floor. The maid's quarters and storage and cedar rooms were on the third

On the garden side of the house were the formal gardens, terraces and pond. Further back was the greenhouse complex, the seven-car garage and the head gardener's and chauffeur's houses.

After her husband's death in 1951, Stella Schlotman con-

tinued to occupy the mansion and it remained the scene of parties, debuts and charity events. She died in January, 1974 at age 95.

Stonehurst survived for 57 years but could not escape the wrecking ball. In February 1974, a final charitable event was held and the public was allowed a last look at the prop-

The contents, fixtures and valuable materials were stripped and auctioned off in April. The house was demolished shortly thereafter and the property, by then reduced to about 10 acres, was subdivided into more than 20 lots for new houses.

The homes of Stella Schlotman and the other Ford siblings met the fate of so many of the great Grosse Pointe mansions that now live on only in street names that echo those of these once grand estates.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

# The shame of American International Group Inc.

ow, that's cost efficiency. It took a mere \$165 million to discredit the entire \$11.6 trillion edifice of bailouts, capital infusions and guarantees that have accompanied the financial meltdown.

The bonuses AIG wants to pay its employees are a pittance compared with the \$170 billion it has received in government bailouts, a trifling .097 percent. But nothing so angers the gods of populism as the word "bonus" - surely some genius is formulating a suitable euphemism even as we speak.

President Barack Obama wants to try to block the bonuses, and other administration officials talk of making AIG pay back the government for the amount of the bonuses. Fine, but where do we go to get the other \$169.835 billion

AIG has been the bailout from hell, dysfunctional and opaque. The government has had to restructure its rescue over and over, throwing billions more into its maw. Only now have we learned the identity of the true recipients of the bailout, the so-called counterparties to AIG's credit default swaps, financial firms strewn around Wall Street and the globe, from Goldman Sachs to Deutsche Bank and France's Societe Generale.

AIG first got bailed in the days after Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy put the financial system on the brink and policymakers didn't have the nerve to let another financial giant go down. It was the right call at the time, but the lesson of the AIG fiasco is obvious: Government needs to disentangle itself from the financial sector as rapidly as it responsi-

There is nothing about bonuses that's inherently blameworthy. Wall Street has a compensation system that tends to pay lower salaries and higher bonuses --- so what?

But that doesn't account for political sensitivities, inflamed by the association of bonuses with Wall Street excess.

AIG's top 7 executives are foregoing bonuses this year, a nice gesture but an insufficient one when \$165 million is going to employees in the financial products unit whose recklessness brought AIG, otherwise a profitable insurance company, to its knees. The political provocation would only be worse if AIG decided to spend \$165 million to take executives of its German and French counterparts on a lavish golf junket in a fleet of Gulfstream

AIG is caught in a public-private netherworld. The government owns nearly 80 percent of it, and government officials handpicked the current CEO, Edward Liddy.

The government nonetheless dares not directly run the company, since dealing with complex financial instruments is beyond government's core

competence — and apparently beyond even the core competence of many Wall Street firms. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is hardpressed just to run his cabinet department.

Republicans and Democrats are now stumbling over one another to give AIG a good

populist beat-down, and no one should pity AIG. But what everyone in Washington wants to ignore is the banking system, festooned with \$1 trillion or \$2 trillion worth of bad assets, may still need more government attention rather than

Obama has been taking a

pass on cleaning up the banks in favor of passing Great Society II because the issue of the banks is too politically diffi-

Guess what? It just got hard-

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review and a writer for King Features Syndicate.

### DISDAIN: Least favorites

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cool night breezes whistle through the trees. What also swirls through the trees is the pungent aroma of a skunk that has either met its maker on the road a quarter mile away or has decided the eau de parfum it discharges is something of which I am fond. Wonder if I

were to leave some Tic Tacs in the woods and the skunks digested the contents it would dispel their smell. Any biologists in the audience?

♦ Now that gas is less than \$2 a gallon again, does anyone really fill his or her tank with E85-FlexFuel which I have never located at a filling station. We were told this was the wave of the future — making petrol from corn - and as such, the price of corn skyrocketed to \$8 a bushel. Now that gas prices have dropped so has the price of corn, which is now \$3.50 a bushel. But guess what? The

price of corn products has not dropped in unison. My jar of Orville Redenbacher popping corn is about the cost of a bushel of corn. Where is the justice!

Time to go. We are experiencing 40 mph winds today and it may be a good time to rake my "neighbors' leaves" onto the road and let them be blown down the block. Hope the smell of Peppy La Pew has dissipated when I go outside!

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

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

#### and the second of the second **City of Grosse Pointe**

#### Sign of spring

An unlocked, \$400 red Trek mountain bike was stolen while parked between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, near the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village.

#### Really drunk

A 55-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man registered a .234 percent blood alcohol level just shy of three times the state's legal limit — during a drunken driving arrest at 8:10 p.m. Friday, March 27.

A cell phone caller warned police that the man was driving a black 2007 Dodge Nitro erratically on southbound Notre Dame from Maumee.

"(I) observed the vehicle drive over the road and up the driveway (in the 400 block of) 700 block of Rivard were out of Notre Dame," said the arresting officer.

#### Caught on video

An unknown woman appeared on a security video at about 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, shoplifting approximately \$150 worth of fragrances from a pharmacy in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the Village.

"(The) suspect was seen placing fragrances in her cart, ducking behind a store display (and) placing the items under her jacket," said a public safety

Police said the woman appeared to be about 40 years old. She wore a white baseball cap and brown jacket.

#### **Blood** evidence

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The owners of a house in the

property and discovered it had been burglarized.

"There was a small hole broken through the glass of (a rear) door," said an investigating officer. "The hole was just large enough to reach through and unlock the door."

Officers took a sample of blood from the door near the broken glass.

"The only item reported missing was a 26-inch Toshiba television taken from an upstairs bedroom," police said.

- Brad Lindberg If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at

#### **Grosse Pointe Farms**

#### Murder query

(313) 886-3200.

Detroit homicide investigators got involved when Farms police at 5 a.m. Friday, March 27, recovered a loaded, stolen .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol from the van of a 60-yearold Detroit male motorist.

During questioning, a Farms officer found a hollow-point bullet on the front floorboards.

The driver reportedly denied knowledge of the ammunition. but said "he dropped somebody off at St. John Hospital who had been shot in the stomach," said Officer Timothy Harris.

Detroit police confirmed that a surgery patient had suffered an abdominal wound.

A Detroit officer reportedly told Farms police "a homicide may be involved with the case."

Farms officers had pulled over the driver on Mack near Radnor for failing to dim the bright lights of his maroon 1992 Dodge Ram. Police found Lights out two empty pint liquor bottles in the vehicle. They recovered .9

The chrome Glock 23 pistol drunken driving. had been stolen in Redford.

"Detroit evidence techs (will) run ballistics on the firearm regarding (a) possible homicide," police said.

### B&E

A resident of the 300 block of Hillcrest returned home at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, to learn that someone had stolen his computer and related items. Losses approached \$1,800.

There were no signs of forced entry.

Items also were reported stolen from the home of a 17year-old male neighbor.

"When (I) attempted to make contact (with the neighbor, he) refused to open the door or allow entry into the home," said a public safety offi-

Items taken from the town last week when their Hillcrest residence consisted of adult daughter checked the a white Apple iMac computer, a white Hewlett Packard printer, and a Nintendo DS game system, game cartridges, video game remote control and game console case.

– 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**

#### Lock your bikes

A unlocked Hot Rocks mountain bike was taken from a bike rack at a school on Kercheval between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March

#### Lock your cars

An unlocked Honda parked in the 1300 block of Berkshire was entered and money was removed overnight Wednesday, March 25.

Golf clubs and power tools were taken from an unlocked Saturn parked in the 1400 block of Balfour sometime between Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27.

#### Lock your garage

A Toro snowblower was taken from a garage on Westchester around 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

— Kathy Ryan

#### The state of the s **Grosse Pointe Shores**

A 66-year-old female mograms of marijuana and one torist from Grosse Pointe er, who retrieved him from Vicodin pill from the driver's Farms was arrested at 12:03 headquarters at 1:15 a.m. 28, for a.m. Saturday, March

She'd been pulled over on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore for operating a black 2006 Jeep without headlights. Police said her blood contained .13 percent al-

### Video evidence

A security video shows an unknown white man driving up a private drive in the 700 block of Lakeshore, exiting his vehicle and urinating on the front door.

"He was wearing a baby blue long-sleeve top with blue jeans and a hat," police said. "(His) urine was noted on the front door. The (resident) states he does not know the (man) or vehicle involved."

Investigators said the incident occurred during the

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** 

# **Coed violence** is on the rise

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

An out of control 14-year-old is the latest instance in the Grosse Pointe Public School System's growing trend of female high school violence.

The girl received an immediate five-day suspension for alleged assaults last week at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"It does appear there is an increase in females being involved in these types of assaults," said Detective Mike McCarthy, the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety youth offi-

Four Farms patrol officers responded to the incident at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, March 26. The girl had been reported outside Room 226 fighting a 17-yearold male student when teachers attempted to resume order.

"(A teacher) stepped in front of the female trying to separate the two students while another teacher tried to control the male student," according to an investigation by Officer John Mikesell. "(One teacher) said the female student punched him several times in an attempt to get to the other student."

An assistant principal took the girl to the main office.

"The (girl) became physically violent again and assaulted an assistant principal at which time another school official had to again restrain her," McCarthy said.

According to an initial school investigation, the girl said she was having words with the male student when he hit her in the face.

The male student said the girl "came after him and tried to hit him and he punched her in the face with a closed fist to defend himself," Mikesell said.

Both students live in Grosse Pointe Park.

Police are pursuing charges against the girl through Wayne Juvenile Court, County McCarthy said. There are no charges filed against the male student.

McCarthy said the initial fight developed from a dispute between two groups of girls.

"There's been an ongoing problem involving two groups of female students," he said. "It appears this altercation stemmed from a male student possibly being friends or an acquaintance with the other group."

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#### Wrong crowd

A 15-year-old St. Clair Shores boy was picked up and questioned at 12:37 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, for walking suspiciously in the shadows on Lakeshore near Osius Park and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"(He) was walking in the grass avoiding street lights," said a patrolman. "(He) was uncooperative."

Officers contacted his mothindicated

arrested three times and has wrong crowd," police said.

### Mutual aid

Five Shores officers operating one fire engine, an ambulance and two squad cars helped Grosse Pointe Woods officers extinguish a basement fire in the 21200 block of River Road.

--- 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**

### Car egging

evening of Wednesday, March police at 10 p.m. Saturday,

March 28 her car was extensively egged. She told police she suspects three men who had worked with her son, but had been fired from their jobs.

#### Some friend

Police investigated a suspicious pedestrian in the area of Van K and North Rosedale. When they arrived, they found a rather disoriented man who carried no identification, but police did find a crack pipe in his pocket. The man told police it wasn't his, he was merely holding it for his friend. He was taken to the station, fingerprinted, and when his id was discovered, so was the fact begun to hang out with the he was wanted on three outstanding warrants in Detroit.

### Suspicious van

Two girls riding their bikes home from Ferry School Friday, March 27 reported being approached by a woman, age 50 to 60 years of age, who was driving a "rusty green van" and asked them for directions to a local grocery store. The girls pointed in the general direction of the store, but when the driver pressed them for better directions, the girls felt uncomfortable, rode home and reported the incident to their parents. Police were called, searched area parking lots, but could not find a van matching the description.

### A Prestwick resident notified Not a routine stop

While on routine patrol around 1 a.m. Sunday, March 29, an officer noticed an expired plate tag on a 1998 Oldsmobile Bravada. He activated his lights, but the vehicle kept going. He then activated his siren and ordered the car to stop via the loudspeaker, but the car kept driving for several blocks, eventually pulling into a driveway on Kenmore. The driver, who the officer identified as a male, got out of the car and entered the home. The officer called for backup and to impound the Bravada. As the vehicle was being impounded, a female came out of the home and told police she was the one driving the car, didn't notice the lights or siren and had just gone into the home to get her driver's license. When police asked permission to search her home, she declined. The vehicle was impounded and the case has been turned over to the detective bureau.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department, (313)



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# Women advised to fight their attackers

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

For women, personal safety can be a matter of extremes.

If somebody tries to take your property, give it up.

If somebody tries to hurt you physically or make you get into a car, fight like mad.

"Whatever you decide to do, do it hard," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Grosse Pointe Farms detective bureau. "If you defend yourself, do it all the way. If someone tries to hurt you, kick, scream, bite, go for their eyes. Make all the noise you can. You have nothing to lose."

Then escape.

"It's been shown if you let an attacker take you away from the scene, the risk of injury and death greatly increases," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. "Your odds are better if you fight back."

The best defense is to avoid dangerous situations.

"It's the rule of three," Rosati said. "Don't go to risky places, don't put yourself in compromising situations and be careful of the company you keep." He advised people to trust

their own judgment about assessing possible risks.

about things," Rosati said. making yourself a better tar-

"Follow your gut."

Body language can deter at-

"Predators go for the weakest target," Rosati said. "Somebody who seems alert and confident is not as likely to be a target.'

People put themselves at risk by not being aware of their surroundings.

"While walking to your car at the mall, don't be on your cell phone," Rosati said. "Walking while listening to music on an iPod is a sign of weakness to someone who wants to prey on you because you won't be able "We all have a gut feeling to hear them approach. You're

"By looking at a person you consider a threat, and letting that person know you know he's there, sometimes scares off the attacker to seek a vulnerable target," McCarthy said.

Police said these rules apply to men and women, but more so to women because they're likely to be at a physical disadvantage to stronger male attackers.

Women hoping to even the odds by carrying a gun had better be able to draw fast and aim straight.

"If you're going to carry a gun, carry it on your person,"

fumble through your purse to get a gun, you're already done. Perpetrators work on the element of surprise. He's already got the jump on you anyway."

"Bad guys use the element of surprise on their victims," McCarthy added. "That's why its important for women to know what to do with an instinctive response."

Most times, gun ownership is a liability, Rosati said.

"There's more accidental shootings in the home than there are bad guys warded off with them," he said.

McCarthy added, "Statistics show that having a gun in your home will injure somebody in your family far more times than using it against an intruder or somebody trying to assault you in your home.'

He cited a May 2008 policy statement from the American

get. Instead, walk briskly, head Rosati said. "If you have to Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry:

"If a gun is stored in the home, the risk of homicide increases three-fold. The risk of suicide increases five-fold. Guns also are 43 times likely to be used to kill a family member or someone known to a family than to kill a stranger."

A study by the Centers for Disease Control Prevention found it 22 times more likely that a gun in the home will unintentionally kill an innocent person before it's used in self defense, McCarthy said.

Farms police last week conducted a women's safety semi-

"For anyone who couldn't attend, call the Grosse Pointe Farms detective bureau any time for additional advice and tips for self protection," McCarthy said.

# Town hall meeting

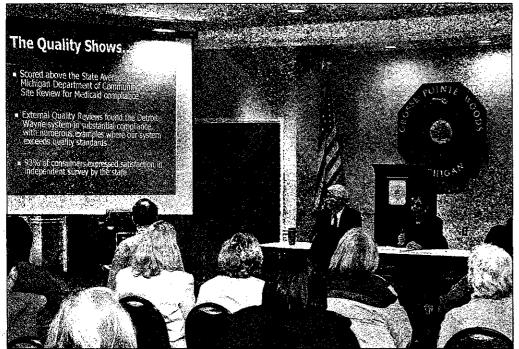


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-City of Grosse Pointe, introduced several Wayne County officials to his constituents during a March 25 town hall meeting at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. About 100 participants learned about mental health services available through the county and were updated on summer road projects in the Pointes. Attending from Wayne County were Veda Sharp, director of mental health services, James Jackson, director of the Wayne County Road Commission and Bob Contrad and Ken Kucel, from the county road commission. Those with questions regarding Wayne County services can call Killeen's office at (313) 224-0920.

# Pony Keg case heads downtown

By Brad Lindberg

out, legally speaking.

The husband and wife pro- Justice in downtown Detroit. prietors waived their right to a Municipal Court. They hope insaid.

"When you waive your right to have a preliminary examination, the case is bound over to happy with our investigation." Wayne County Circuit Court possible trial," City Municipal stocking their store on East

Judge Russell Ethridge told the Warren at Lodewyck with officers from city, county and

Party Store might be tapped fendants for arraignment April 9 at the Frank Murphy Hall of

City Detective Ron preliminary hearing last week Wieczorek is confident in the in City of Grosse Pointe case against store owners Woody Garmo, 61, his wife, stead to avoid trial by working Khiloud Izzat Garmo, 49, and out a deal with prosecutors on a clerk Theo Mekhael Yousif, 51. host of felony charges, police All live in Sterling Heights and remain free on bond.

> "We have a lot of evidence," Wieczorek said. "We're very

The three are charged with for proceedings, including a multiple felonies for knowingly

defendants March 26. "You will liquor and cigarettes fenced by state jurisdictions prior to a raid not be back in this court again." shoplifters of stores in the City of the business Feb. 23. Ethridge scheduled the de- and Grosse Pointe Farms.

> Felony counts consist of receiving and concealing stolen ty stolen by shoplifters targetproperty, tax violations and two counts of conspiracy. Each violation is punishable by up to five years in prison.

vestigated by law enforcement idence, police said.

Police said the Garm Yousif admitted buying propering Kroger and pharmacies in the Village and on the Hill.

A burglar last year admitted selling a half-dozen watches at The Pony Keg was being in- the store stolen from a City res-

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## **MUSIC:** To suit all tastes

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July 23 — No concert July 30 — The Johnny Trudell Jazz Orchestra. An evening of swing with legendary bandleader and trumpeter Johnny Trudell.

Aug. 6 — Rodney Whittaker MOTP's favorite performers Jazz Quartet. This Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra bassist will cap off another MOTP sea-

The rain location is Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, two blocks west of the Festival Plaza. For more information, call (313) 886-7474.

### City of Grosse Hointe Woods, Michigan **NOTICE TO BIDDERS RUBBISH AND YARD WASTE BAGS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk. 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following items for a one-year period (07/01/09 - 06/30/10):

- Bids received until 9:15 a.m. for Rubbish Bags: up to 15,000 sleeves (50 Bags/Sleeve)
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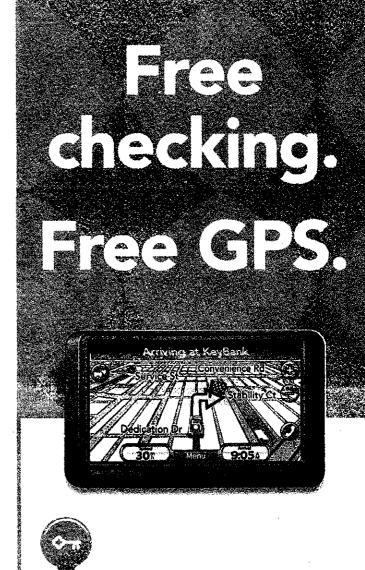
Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the

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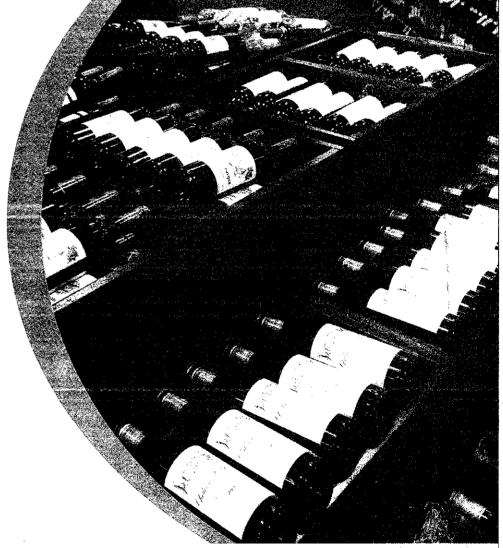
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**OBITUARIES** 

# District layoffs likely to cure budget shortfall

By Amy Salvagno Staff Writer

For Grosse Pointe Public School System officials, it may seem simpler to fit a camel through the eye of a needle than to solve the \$5.4 million budget looming overhead.

Faced with reductions in state funding and the ever increasing costs of staff health care and retirement benefits, the administration is weighing the likelihood of laying off nearly 60 school employees, from classroom assistants and teachers to clerical workers and non-instructional staff.

Personnel expenses make up about 85 percent of the budget.

This year, districts throughout Michigan are looking at a possible \$59 per pupil reduction in the state foundation allowance, a proposal in Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2009-10 state budget. For Grosse Pointe, that's a \$486,000 cut. And enrollment numbers far below initial projections could result in another \$10,025 loss.

Currently, there are 8,544 students in the district. According to school officials, that number is expected to drop next fall to 8,402 and in the 2010-11 school year, to 8,283. By 2013, enrollment could be down to 8,100 students. The district currently collects \$1,892 per student.

And because the foundation

grant is based on the number of cation policies." students, not house values, the Pointes can't increase taxes to make up for the loss.

an indirect impact is in the 6 mills each homeowner pays, which goes directly to the state to be redistributed. Because home values are declining throughout Michigan, the state receives even less, which then decreases the foundation al-

Officials with the state are also expected to reduce 20J funds by 39 percent, or \$633,000 in the district. That funding brings higher-spending, hold harmless districts, such as Grosse Pointe, up to their allowed pre-Proposal A per pupil level. These districts agreed to support Proposal A - designed to equitably fund school districts — to raise standards and support for schools in need without tearing down those that were doing well.

"I wish the economic environment was more predictable these days. Your level of frustration is common in school boards around the state," said state Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D -Grosse Pointe, who attended a recent board of education work session on the budget. "School boards and parents need to start advocating. Only through that are we going to secure good outcomes in terms of edu-

If stimulus money from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act comes through, Where home values do have both per pupil and 20J funds would be restored. Even so, the district would still face a \$4.3 million shortfall.

"The bottom line is, we have a pretty sizable number we have to deal with," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support

Because the budget process is still in the early stages, the district is seeking feedback from the community "in order to make cuts the community supports and understands, said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist.

What can't officials control? The major cost increases of employee pensions, STEP - an automatic pay raise when a teacher earns additional credit hours or another degree - and medical costs, says Fenton. The district pays health care for current employees and also contributes to the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System. These costs have grown to consume a substantial portion of the budget.

To save on health care, Fenton said the district has audited its insurance accounts and negotiated rates far below

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# Easy being green

The 2009 green-themed Maire Fair March 28, featured environmentally-friendly games and activities, including a book swap, recycling drive, tin can auction and a spot to drop off printer ink cartridges and batteries.

Dominic Salvaggio tosses a foam cutout through the hole at the Recycle Toss game.

At left, Gabby Grobbel picks a prize from Alison Pomaville, an Earth key chain, after turning in her game passport.



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# Yeats is featured poet

Books Lecture Series features W.B. Yeats' "The Winding Stair and Other Poems" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The talk is presented by George Bornstein, C.A. Patrides professor of literature Nobel Prize-winning poet's gpfriends.org.

The Friends of the Grosse major volume, which contains Pointe Public Library Classic some of his most famous works. Bornstein also provides a look into the poet's workshop, discussing manuscript drafts of one of the poems.

Admission to the lecture is free to all current Friends members, as well as to teachers and students with identifi-

cation. General admission is \$10. emeritus at the University of For more information, call Michigan. He discusses the (313) 343-2074, ext. 6, or visit

# Magic with a message

Through the use of magic and illusions, Allan Head of Dynamic West Assemblies, Inc., emphasized to Parcells Middle School students the importance of self-confidence and good choices during his "Magic of Self Esteem" show.

Head's prevailing message to the sixth-, seventhand eighth-graders stressed the importance of selfconfidence as they accomplish goals and avoiding negative behaviors, such as the use of cigarettes, alcohol or drugs.

Above, eighth-grade algebra teacher Debra Duffy laughs nervously after being volunteered to assist with the illusion of being sawed in half.

Right, Pearce Reickert helps Head demonstrate the magic rings — first separate, then somehow amazingly connected.



# Environmentalist to speak

The Grosse Pointe Public Library features a presentation by environmentalist, educator, author and activist Bill McKibben at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

McKibben will center his discussion, "The Most Important Number in the World: Saving the Planet and Maybe Even the Auto Industry," on the current economic status and the potential of a green economy as part of the economic recovery in job creation.

McKibben is a frequent contributor to many national publications, including The New York Times, Harper's, the New York Review of Books, Orion Magazine and Rolling Stone.



Bill McKibben

he currently is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College and resides in Ripton, Vt.

Admission is free but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Central Library branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220, for more information.

# New district technology is learning of the future

By Amy Salvagno Staff Writer

Classrooms throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System have finally caught the wave of the education fu-

purchase and will soon install a range of new technology

Farms, for math, science and grams and equipment. technology resources. A portion of the grant was allocated last year for the district's robotics program and the pilot Applied Medical Research course.

According to The district is beginning to Woloszyn, manager of tech- Pierce, Parcells and Brownell nology, both Grosse Pointe middle schools followed suit. North and Grosse Pointe Elementary school officials through a \$1.3 million state South high schools have been will present their plan at the grant. The Section 99 funds evaluating different types of board's meeting later this were brought to the district technology since last April, month. through former state Rep. Ed even bringing in vendors to Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe demonstrate various pro-

In January, officials from North presented the school's spending plan — what types of hardware and software they'd like - to the board of education. Last week, repre-Steve sentatives from South and

technology curriculum spe- was excited."

cialist Michael Spears - to bring all classrooms up to a new level of technological capacity required in today's schools

"We projected it would take three years to install and upgrade the technology, so the grant money gave us a huge jump-start on the project," he said. "It came together quite together, started looking at media form. technology and the superin-

The goal is for each class- Board website that other room to have the same setup within two years.

One of the purchases is the SMART Board interactive white board.

"The software that comes with these is what really makes the classroom lesson planning better for teachers," Woloszyn said. "They can by surprise. We put the plan now integrate things in multi-

"The board is Woloszyn says the funding tendent (Suzanne Klein) told screen, so it's highly engaging further developed the dis- us we had this wonderful for students. It works very trict's technology plan — grant that we can use to start well as a classroom tool. And completed last June with funding the plan. Everyone there are a bulk of lessons available from the SMART

teachers have developed, so a science teacher or a math teacher, for example, can get a lesson and copy it and then adapt it to their classroom."

Several teachers have also ordered supplemental equipment, from wall projectors that take the place of old overhead projectors to document cameras that display three dimensional images of static or moving objects to response clickers that act as an in-class voting system for either true or false, numerical or multiple choice questions.

North math teacher Marti Steiner is piloting three applications: the board, camera and clickers. The interactive board, she says, allows her to save her notes daily and email or post them on her web page for absent students.

With the clickers, she can quiz her geometry class — the instant question feature ensures that all students are responding and she can instantly check for common errors and address them in her lesson plan.

And the document camera is saving time in class "since I no longer have to waste time redrawing complicated diagrams. Problems and pictures can be quickly lifted from textbooks and worksheets and saved into my notes," Steiner noted. "The possibilities of these types of technology are endless."

The SMART Board can incorporate multimedia because it is connected to the Internet and a DVD player, said fellow North math teacher Greg Johnson.

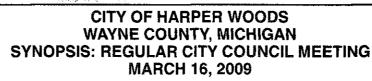
The accompanying software "allows for interactivity via touch or the provided pens. Written work can be saved for future sessions and can be exported for e-delivery," he said.

In addition, new textbooks are becoming available with online and DVD resources.

"These allow teachers to quickly display textbookbased information quickly to students.

"Teachers can display a diagram, chart or graph from the book, bring it into the software and interact with it," Johnson added. "This saves both time in the classroom and provides the students with an exact view of the diagram."

Woloszyn said some of the technology will be installed during spring vacation and the rest over the summer.



The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M. ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Hugh Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED To excuse Councilperson Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment. To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 2, 2009.

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

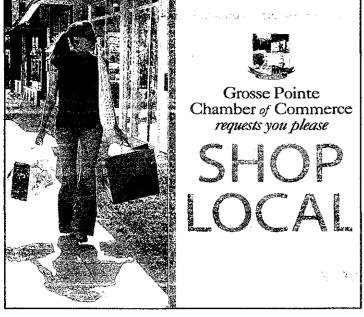
To approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 86860 through 86970 in the amount of \$468,471.63 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

To approve the following contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the resurfacing

of northbound Harper from Manchester to 8 Mile and southbound Harper from 8 Mile to Hollywood in the total amount of \$1,030,100, of which \$842,000 are federal funds and \$188,100 required City matching funds: MDOT Contract No. 08-5413; Control Section STU 82457; Job Numbers 104193 and 105124 and Project Number STP 0882(323) and STP 0982(018), and further, to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor Published: GPN: 4/2/2009

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk





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# Committee reps needed

Parents and student repre- lum. sentatives are needed to serve on an English language arts letter of interest and resume sub-committee to review in by Monday, April 6, to Susan late spring the Grosse Pointe Allan, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Public School System's K-8 Pointe, MI 48230. Call (313)

Those interested can send a spelling and grammar curricu- 432-3040 with questions.

# Skating club hosts show

Skating Club presents its 38th Willhite, features skaters of all annual Reflections on Ice at ages from the St. Clair Shores the St. Clair Shores Civic Learn to Skate program and

Show times are 7:30 p.m. program. Friday, April 3; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4; and 2 national and international p.m. Sunday, April 5. competitors from the club. Advanced ticket prices are \$9 along with a special perforfor adults and \$6 for children mance by national and interand seniors. Prices at the door are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children and seniors. Group discounts are available.

The event, directed by 5350.

The St. Clair Shores Figure Claire LaDue and Brenda Arena, 20000 Stephens Drive. the Grosse Pointe basic skills

The show includes regional, national medalist, Grant Hochstein.

For more information, call (586) 774-7530 or (586) 445-

### **BUDGET:** Community input sought

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other school districts. Officials have also instituted a coordination of benefits for several bargaining groups. STEP costs are part of that settlement.

The layoff of nearly 60 employees would affect each school level: 18.5 positions at the elementary, including social workers; 6.4 positions at the middle school; 13.2 positions at the high school; and 13 positions in the special education department. Parents at the work session meeting protested the elimination of 2.2 positions at the two high schools: the music department accompanists.

With the layoffs and expenses such as architectural and environmental contracts, the district would reduce the budget shortfall.

Again, if federal stimulus money comes through, 13.3 positions would be restored.

While it may seem officials should be cutting from areas that would have less of an impact, Fenton said those alternatives are all dried up.

"Unfortunately, five years of multi-million dollar cuts have removed the easy options and some of those — like the six-period school day — are still things that are hard to accept. We have a tradition of excellence to uphold both in our students' achievement level and the depth and breadth of program offerings," he said. "Few other districts can say they have 20 advanced placement courses, six foreign languages, Grammy award-winning music programs, nationally recognized journalism classes and sporting teams that range from football to ice hockey to synchronized swimming.

"The district has worked very hard to keep cuts away from the classroom and to not raise class sizes while maintain a healthy fund equity - \$19.2 million — and a strong credit rating. The administration, secretarial and facilities staff have all been cut tremendously, as

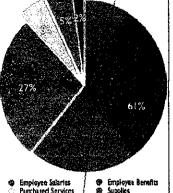
have supplies and workshops. The cuts are now hard."

Fenton said energy costs are another concern. While usage has decreased significantly through bond and sinking fund initiatives that have made buildings more energy efficient, rising rates mean the district continues to pay more.

As officials prepare the budget, they are also looking at developing potential long-term financial savings or revenue streams, as the problems of today are "probably not going to go away for awhile," Fenton

Those options include: School building reorgani-

- · Change in the high school schedule
- · Negotiations with all employee groups
- Expand the number of contracted employees
- Renewal of the Sinking Fund millage, which expires this year
- · Approval of another voted bond issue
- Non-voted bond issue pri-
- marily of energy-related issues
- Open a preschool program



The district's budget is largely made up of staff salaries and benefits. Officials will likely lay off nearly 60 employees to cut the \$5.4 million shortfall.

in the elementary schools

- · Share services with other school districts
- Shorten the work year for 12-month employees
  - · Shorten the school year
- · Reconfigure administrative and supervisory employees
  - Those with suggestions or

ideas for the budget can e-mail the board at school board www.gpschools.org.

# South prepares for 'Dolly'

South High School students are preparing for the upcoming musical, "Hello Dolly," Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3 at the Grosse Woods.

The classic musical returns to the district after a 20-year absence when musical director Melissa Johnson-Smith, is Andy Haines and technical director Dan Vicary first teamed up. The lead actors then are rus numbers, including the fanow Hollywood stars: Matt played Letscher, who Cornelius, is featured in ABC's Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 "Eli Stone" and "Brothers and Kercheval, City of Grosse Sisters," and Lisa Lo Cicero, Pointe, or online at who played Irene Malloy, is an gpsouthchoir.org.

More than 100 Grosse Pointe actress on the soap opera, "General Hospital."

The role of Cornelius will be double cast by Sean Buckley and Rob Montgomery. The part of Malloy will be double cast by Pointe Performing Arts Center, Alex Papas and Lara McCann-707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Moran. The character of Dolly will be played by both Katie Gilbert and Nicole Pytel.

The musical, directed by Ellen Bowen, choreographer based on the book, "The Matchmaker," and features dancing, singing and large chomous waiter's gallop.

Tickets are available at

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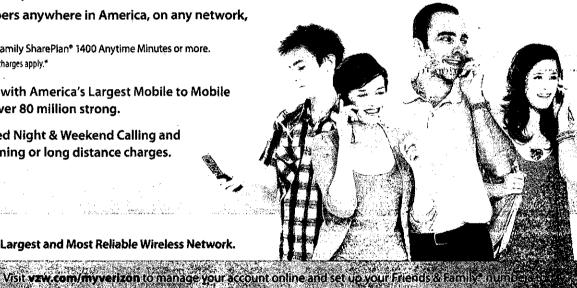
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## ULS alumna to lead talk on learning Arabic language linguistics, Karin Ryding,



**Karin Ryding** 

University Liggett School alumna former Georgetown University pro- to the public. For more inforfessor of Arabic language and mation, call (313) 884-4444.

speaks from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the dance studio at the school's main campus, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Ryding will talk on the im-

portance of learning the Arabic language, opportunities available for Arabic speakers and the best way to prepare for Arabic study. Ryding was recently pre-

sented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Association of Teachers of Arabic, and was elected to the executive council of the Modern Languages Association.

The lecture is free and open

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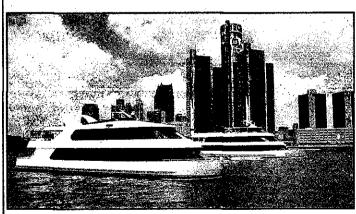
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# JBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

#### Jean G. Bridge

Jean G. Bridge, 86, of Bellaire, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Sunday March 29, 2009, at Meadow Brook MCF in Bellaire.

She was born July 15, 1922, in Saginaw to Fredrick O. Guider and Olive I. (nee Moffat) Blasier and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1939. In 1941, she married William Bridge. Together they raised three children, all of whom graduated from Grosse Pointe High School.

Mrs. Bridge is survived by her daughter, Marcie (Dan) Grabruck of Alden; grandchildren: Kristy (Dave) Bedenko of Macomb Township, David Scott Trent of Shelby Township, Stephanie (Jay) Mark of Orlando, Fla., Allison Bridge of Grosse Pointe Park, Emily Bridge of Denver, Kristin Palmer of Mancelona, and Laura (Kyle) Bailey of Grand Rapids and 10 greatgrandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, William; daughter, Susan Trent and son, Richard

Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will take place in the summer in Saugatuck.

Arrangements are being handled by Covell Funeral Home of Elk Rapids.

#### Cyril Howard "Bud" Draper Jr.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Bud Draper passed away at his home Wednesday, March 25, 2009, surrounded by his family.

The day after graduating the U.S. Army and served in education instructor Europe during World War II under Gen. George Patton. Memories of the war and liberating concentration camps stayed with him, and his family said he never complained about anything throughout the rest of his life.

After the war he went to business school where he found the two great loves in his life: the art of selling and Marie, his beloved wife of more than 58 years.

50 years in the furniture business. After working for several furniture manufacturers and an upholstery company, he opened Draper's Fine Furniture in St. Clair Shores in 1965. He also owned and former students. operated the Scott Schuptrine store in Grosse Pointe Farms until he sold that business. Marie Howard Interiors in Michigan Design Center in Troy was his final business venture which he operated with his wife until they both retired in 1999.

Mr. Draper's happiest mosailboat, Summer Sale, all J. Henning (fiancée Amy around the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay. The family enjoyed many summer cruises on the lakes.

He was a 32-year member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Borg. Club. He also was a 47-year member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. where he served as head of the trustee and finance committees and administrative neralhome.net.

board. Most importantly to the kids at church though, he was the yo-yo champion for many years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Marie; sons, Gordon, Ron and Glen; daughters-in-law, Michelle, and JeriLynn; grandchildren, Rachel, Rebecca, Troy, Selena, David (Julie) and Jeff (Lauren) and great-granddaughter, Adia.

Mr. Draper's family said there was nothing he loved more than a good laugh with friends and family. He brought smiles and loud laughs everywhere he went for all of his 82 years. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 4, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. In honor of Mr. Draper's favorite color, the family requests attendees wear something blue.

Memorial donations may be made to The Memorial Committee, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083.

Arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of Michigan.

#### James S. Fazio

James S. Fazio, 81, died Thursday, March 26, 2009.

Mr. Fazio was born in Detroit to Joseph and Sarah (nee Iaquinta) Fazio. He graduated from Northeastern High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University. He began his from Eastern High School in teaching career with Detroit at Campau Elementary. He retired after more than 30 years with Detroit Public Schools, his last job as a counselor at Finney High School.

Mr. Fazio served in the U.S. Navy in Japan. He was a member of the Gas House Gang barbershop singing group in college and refereed high school basketball games

throughout the Detroit area. His family said Mr. Fazio was always happy to see and Mr. Draper spent more than hear from former students and give them support and encouragement using the "jive" talk for which he was known.

His passing is mourned by his family, friends, and many

Mr. Fazio is survived by his brother, Ross J. Fazio; sisterin-law, Virginia Fazio; sisters, Rosalie Fazio, Katherine (Royce) Richards, Janet (the late John) Henning; nieces, Ann Marie (Jerome) Aliotta, Mary (George) Lutfy, Sarah (Brendan) Walsh; nephews, Ross J. "Chip" Fazio Jr., John ments were sailing his 36-foot F. (Dawn) Henning Jr. David Komitzky); his many grandnieces and grandnephews and the families of Joe and Council Rhonda and Margaret "Maggie" Cooper

> Inumment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were handled by Price Funeral Home in Troy.

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### **Marian Kelly Ferry**

Marian Kelly Ferry died peacefully Sunday, March 29, 2009, at the age of 99.

She was the daughter of Ethel Moore Kelly and George Malin Davis Kelly of Natchez, Miss. She was a graduate of Natchez High School, Bradford Academy, and Vassar College, class of 1931. She married Dexter Ferry in 1933 and they lived in Grosse Pointe and Northport for the 67 years of their married life. Dexter Ferry died in 2000.

Mrs. Ferry maintained many friendships in Grosse Pointe, Northport and Natchez, and was a loyal member of the Historic Natchez Foundation and the First Presbyterian Church of Natchez. She was also a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Among her many civic activities, she was on the boards of the Merrill Palmer School, the Women's Committee of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Neighborhood Club, and the University Liggett School Parents Association. Active for many years in the Garden Club of Michigan, she was its president in 1960-61.

Mrs. Ferry is survived by her son, Mason (Mary Kaye) of Grosse Pointe Woods; her daughters, Marian Ferry Williams (Gray) Chappaqua, N.Y. and Julia Ferry Hale of Portland, Maine and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Historic Natchez Foundation, 108 South Commerce Street, Natchez, MS 39120.

Arrangements are being handled by Wm. R. Hamilton Detroit, Mr. Draper enlisted in Public Schools as a physical Co. and Grosse Pointe Cremation Society.

#### Robert Boyd Hunter Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Robert Boyd Hunter Jr., 66, died Saturday, March 21, 2009 in San Francisco.

He was born March 19, 1943, in Oakland, Calif., and attended Grosse Pointe High School. He graduated from Acalanes High School in Lafayette, Calif. in 1961 and attended Yale University, UCLA, and UC Berkeley.

Known as Boyd to family and friends, Mr. Hunter spent many years as a writer, typesetter and layout artist for publications in New York City and Berkeley, Calif. and became accomplished in computer graphics and digital media. His talents and interests in theater, film, television, and music were the dominant forces in his life and inspired the activities he most loved to share with friends and family.

As a boy, Mr. Hunter was active in the Grosse Pointe Children's Theatre and wrote, directed and filmed an amateur film at age 15, and another in Lafayette at age 17. Throughout his youth, he directed and performed in community theater productions in Grosse Pointe and in the Bay Area, and went on to study drama, film and music at the university level.

of his life, he read voraciously



Bud Draper Jr.

about such topics as the history of the Disney animation studios and the history of color film technology. Taking special excitement in the 2008 births of his nephew's triplets, he compiled two CDs of favorite Disney songs dedicated to the babies.

Mr. Hunter is survived by his mother, Dorothea Hunter Fox; sisters, Molly Hunter Giles, Sarah Hunter Ferries (Jeff) and Patricia Hunter Fisher; niece, Kathryn Weis; nephew, Nathaniel Weis (Sally); grandniece, Olivia Weis and grandnephews, Cooper and Hunter Weis.

He was predeceased by his Robert Boyd Hunter Jr. father, Robert Boyd Hunter.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice By the Bay, 17 East Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Larkspur, CA 94939 or hospicebythebay.org.

#### Fritz Salden

St. Clair Shores resident Fritz Salden, 74, passed away the morning of Tuesday, March 31, 2009, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Koln, Germany, in 1934, Mr. Salden emigrated to the United States in 1957. He founded A-OK Machine & Tool Company with the late Selim Rahme. He remained an avid outdoor enthusiast on land, sea and in the air to the very end.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (nee Guenther) and daughters, Molly (Doug) Radtke and Karin (Bernd) Sieber.

A memorial celebration will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

### **Keith Armiger Scripps**

Former Grosse Pointe resident Keith Armiger Scripps, 76, died Friday, March 20, 2009, in Staunton, Va. Mr. Scripps was the great-grandson of James Edmund Scripps, founder and publisher of the Evening News Association, later The Detroit

Mr. Scripps, who had been living in Washington, D.C., was born in Detroit and graduated from The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa. He was a member of the Naval ROTC while attending the University of Southern California.

He worked for Begg Inc., Ciplinger's Magazine and Scripps International, Inc. He also held numerous patents, including innovative carbon monoxide and smoke detector designs produced and marketed by Generation 2.

Mr. Scripps is survived by his sisters, Diane Ashfield Scripps of Los Angeles and Virginia Scripps Semmes of Cismont, Va.; brother, William Edmund Scripps of San Diego; sons, Keith Armiger Scripps Jr. of Los Angeles and Prewitt Semmes Scripps of Staunton, Va. and grandchildren, Trevor York Scripps and Eliza Semmes Scripps of Los Angeles.

He was predeceased by his During the last three years former wife, Mary Martin



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**Keith Armiger Scripps** 

#### C. Wallace Toles

Grosse Pointe Farms resident C. Wallace Toles Jr. passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. He was 86.

Mr. Toles, affectionately known as Wally to his family and friends, was a life-long 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 life-long summer resident of Pointe Aux Barques where he enjoyed playing tennis, golfing, hunting and boating. He was a



**Marian Kelly Ferry** 



Fritz Salden



C. Wallace Toles

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, resident of Grosse Pointe. A Carruthers (John) Park; his 1941 graduate of Grosse 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.

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

### Maerose N. Walton

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Maerose N. Walton, 80, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Walton's family said she enjoyed a long and eventful life. She will be deeply missed by her family.

At Mrs. Walton's request, no service was held.

# PRIDEOFTHE POINTES

daughter of Charlie and Shelley Murphy of Grosse t, graduated 2008 from Pointe Park, December Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design. She is a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Craig Huntsman, a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, was named to the Dean's List for

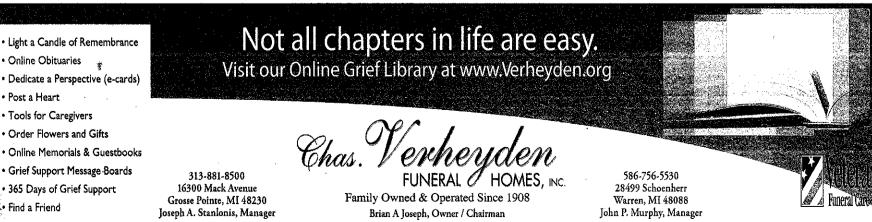
Elizabeth Ann Murphy, the 2008 spring and fall semesters at Michigan State University. He is the son of Kevin and Colleen Huntsman of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe South High

School graduate Timothy Stevens was named president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Albion College. He is the son of Lee and Barbara Stevens of Grosse Pointe.

Alexandra Leheta graduated from Albion College with a teaching degree in English education and ethnic studies. A graduate of University Liggett School, she is the daughter of Boris and Swetlana Leheta of Grosse Pointe Park.

Eric Jenkins, a graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Albion College. He is the son of James W. Jenkins and Marsha K. Hall-Jenkins of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Tau Beta's Spring Market started as a way to raise money to help children and their families shape their futures and it has turned into a fun event to get together with friends.

# Creative fundraising

By Patti Theros Special writer

Fresh flowers, a needlepoint belt, hats, totes, clothing, jewelry and home accessories are just a few items available at the Tau Beta Spring Market April 23 -25.

Taking place at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms, funds raised at the shopping fest benefit the Tau Beta Center for Discovery, a multi-media resource center and library at The Children's Center in Detroit.

"It's a fun event with more than 20 vendors from all over the United States," said Tau President Patsy Gotfredson. "This is our sixth year for the Spring Market and it is Tau Beta's premiere fundraiser."

Gotfredson helped develop the Spring Market some six years ago when the group was seeking new and creative fundraising ideas. She later chaired the event for several

The benefit kicks off with a



Thursday, April 23 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door.

A raffle with a grand prize of "A Neiman Marcus Day of Luxury" that includes a spa treatment, dinner and a \$1,000 shopping spree at the Neiman Marcus Somerset store is featured. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance or at the preview party. The winner will be announced that night.

Spring Market shopping days are from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 and 9:30 preview party from 6 to 9 p.m. a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April



Vendors to the Spring Market offer home accessories, hats, flowers, jewelry and more.

snacks are offered in the Tau Saturday for consultations.

25. Admission is \$5. A light Beta Café and Neiman Marcus lunch, refreshments and makeup artists will be on hand

"It's a great time to get together with friends and shop, knowing that the proceeds go

to a worthy cause," said Tau Beta member Paula Cornwall.

#### The Children's Center

Since 2004. Tau Beta has partnered with The Children's Center of Detroit. By offering volunteer and fundraising assistance, it hopes to further the center's mission: "To help children and families shape their own futures."

The center offers the largest number of specialized programs for at-risk youth of any child and family agency in Michigan and serves about 5,000 children a year, according to Chief Operations Officer George Winn.

"We appreciate everything that the Tau Beta Association is doing for us," he said. "Our center serves Wayne County residents from birth to 25 years old. There is a growing need for our services.

We have some 65 to 95 intake calls per week. The economy is having an impact on our services because of the increase in unemployment in the

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Tau Beta Spring Market





In times like these we need each other - it's that simple. And the ladies of Tau Beta are counting on you to support the 6th Annual Tau Beta Spring Market by joining in this year's festivities and Market days. Before I tell you about all the fun you will have and the wonderful items you will shop this year, I want to tell you why you'll want to do this. Tau Beta lovingly and with great commitment, supports The Children's Center in Detroit, where the motto they live up to is, "Developing Strong Children and Successful Families". You can truly make a difference in the lives of these children and their families, all of who are working hard to be successful in life. This year, all funds raised, will benefit the Tau Beta Center for Discovery, a multi-media resource center and library at The Children's Center.

Now, for the fun! Held at The Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place in the Farms, the Preview Party will be held Thursday, April 23rd from, 6pm-9pm. There you will find more than 20 specialty boutiques from California to Massachusetts offering unique jewelry, clothing, rugs, garden ware and home accents. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. A raffle will be held, with the Grand Prize being a Neiman Marcus Day of Luxury, including a spa treatment, lunch and \$1000 shopping spree at the Somerset location.

The Spring Market Shopping Days are on Friday, April 24 from 9:30 am - 7:30 pm, and Saturday the 25th from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. For Preview Party / raffle tickets or more information, please call 313-884-7687 or visit www.taubeta.org. God bless you for your support!

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### MARKET: Helping local families

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In addition to offering financial assistance to the center, Tau Beta members volunteer at the Center for Discovery.

"Tau Beta's relationship with The Children's Center is highly successful and very important to the lives of vulnerable children and families in the Detroit community," said Spring Market Patron Chair Libby

"Within the past year, more than 3,500 encounters have occurred in our Center for Discovery," said Follis. "In our multi-media and computer resource center, parents have gained valuable information on topics such as employment, resume-building and free health care services.'

"Parents have also participated in monthly workshops including Parenting with a Purpose," said Spring Market Patron Chair Barb Detwiler. "Our Tau Beta members assist the visiting children in a myriad of ways including homework assistance, navigating safe websites, coloring, reading stories, and playing board games."

"The most rewarding part of volunteering at the Center for Discovery is the positive attitude the children have and their desire to learn," said Maureen Follis, volunteer coordinator. "Whether it is interacting with an educational computer game or working with House." one of the Tau Beta volunteers in the learning resource area, the personal satisfaction the children gain is not only gratifying to them but gratifying to their parents and caregivers as well and it feels great to be a part of that."

so volunteer by tutoring, read-



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 Godfredson and honorary chairwoman Mary Roby.

ing stories, providing computer assistance, creating arts and crafts projects and hosting birthday parties.

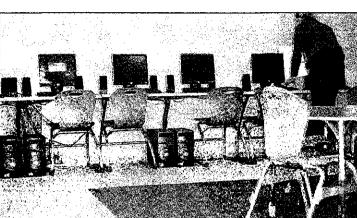
# 2009 Spring Market Honorary Chairperson

Spring Market 2009 will honor longtime Tau Beta member Mary (McKean) Roby.

"I joined when I was in high school at the Country Day School (now University Liggett School)," said Roby, a member for more than 60 years. "I had two older sisters who were members of Tau Beta. At that time, the junior members volunteered at the Hamtramck Community

Roby attended the University of Colorado and worked as a legal secretary in Denver for five years. She returned to the Grosse Pointes where she married Doug Roby and raised a family.

Throughout the years Roby Tau Beta junior members al- has served as a Tau Beta board member, trustee and



The Center for Discovery is a multi-media resource center and library at the Children's Center in Detroit.

treasurer and helped train junior members.

This year's Spring Market committee includes: Chairs: Margie Ogden and Christine Wardwell; patron chairs Follis and Detwiler; Preview Party Chairs Thumper and Michelle Haggarty; and Mary Roby.

For more information about Spring Market, the preview party, and/or raffle tickets, call (313) 884-7687 or visit taubeta.org.

This year's vendors include: Brooke Boothe Design, Peter Beaton, Fancy's Folly, McAdoo Rugs, KEP Designs, Pointe Plantsmith, Silk Road Importers, Monogram Goods, Threads, Jane Shook, Catch All, Heather Moore Jewelry, Clara Williams Collection, Brave Brown Bag, Caroline's Cakes, Pears & Bears, Splits 59, Heather Lane Pottery, Thatcher Spring, Smathers & Branson, MIJA Jewelry, and Thomas Pink Menswear.

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students, all graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, were named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester:

Elizabeth Lawlis, daughter of James and Susan Lawlis of Grosse Pointe Farms: Emily McLaughlin, daughter of William McLaughlin of Grosse Pointe Park and Suzanne Antonelli of Grosse Pointe; Christopher Creighton, son of James Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park and Lela Baugh Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park; David Haberkorn, son of Charlene Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Park; Elizabeth Heimler, daughter of Charles Heimler of Berkeley, Calif. and Marna Batten of Grosse Pointe Farms: Tyler Lattimore, son of Scott and Julie Lattimore of Grosse Pointe Farms; Kerri Marowske, daughter of Garv and Kathleen Marowske of Grosse Pointe Farms; Andrew Miller, son of Darryl and Kathryn Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms; Brent Parshall, son of Donald and Melinda Parshall of Grosse Pointe Park; Katherine Ross, daughter of Bert T. Ross and Joanne E. Fitzgerald Ross of Grosse Pointe Park and Timothy Stevens, son of Lee and Barbara Stevens of the City of Grosse Pointe.

University Liggett School graduate Allison Jones was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of Bruce A. Jones and Margaret M. Pierron of Grosse Pointe Woods.

#### Correction

◆ Tanya Naumenko Bartoszewicz is the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club commodore. She was misidentified in the March 5 edition.

◆ In the March 26 issue, should have identified the parents of Breton August Peace as former California Sen. J. Stephen and Cheryl Peace.

# AREAACTVITES

#### Questers

Fox Creek Questers No 216 meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the home of Georgieanne LeDuc. Co-hostess is Doris Adler:

Nancy Bierley will present a program on collecting wooden molds.

#### Garden club

The LaSociete DesJardineres Garden Club meets at noon Thursday, April 2, at the home of Mary Lou Smith. Members are to bring an item to support the troops, which will be sent by Team Selfridge Family Relief Fund.

Lunch will be provided by the hostess.

#### **Antique show**

The Blue Water Antique Dealer Association Spring Antique Show will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at New Haven High School, 57700 Gratiot, New Haven.

Admission is \$4 on Saturday. Sunday's admission is a donation of a nonperishable food item for the local food bank.

Antique appraisals will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The cost is \$5 with a limit Farms. For more information, of two items.

Couglin Jewelers will be buying gold.

#### Easter egg hunt

Children ages 2 to 8 are invited to an Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, on the lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. Pick up an entry coupon at Flagstar Bank, 19733 Mack; Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall; Josef's European Pastry Shop, 24450 Mack: and Rainy Day Art Supply, 20507 Mack. The event will be held rain or shine and is sponsored by Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue and the Grosse

### **War Memorial**

The 2009 Mom to Mom sale will be Saturday, April 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Early bird admission is \$2 for those attending 9:30 to 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., admission is \$1. No strollers are allowed.

### Day trip

A day trip filled with beauty, butterflies and history is being planned by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The 2009 Spring Mix takes participants on a trip to Grand Rapids and the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, the Gerald Ford Museum and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Burial Site from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

The visit coincides with the annual butterfly exhibit at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, recognized as the nation's largest temporary exhibit of tropical butterflies. Thousands of butterflies fly free in the indoor tropical forest in the Lena Meijer Conservatory. Guests can have lunch at the café and some free time, followed by a tram tour.

Guests continue to the Gerald Ford Museum to view the exhibit, The White House in Miniature. This scale model of the White House took more than 35 years to research, design and construct. Among the features are tiny, working televisions, portraits and carpets that reproduce the originals. Guests can also view other exhibits and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Burial Site.

The cost is \$76 per person and includes coffee or tea prior to departure from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, admission to all events and museums, a tram tour, box lunch for the return trip and

Lunch in Grand Rapids is at the expense of guests.

For reservations, call (313) 881-7511 by April 10. For more information, visit warmemorial.org.

#### Classes

Youngsters can discover yoga in a program, "Kids Becoming Yogis," designed for children 6-9.

Certified YogEd instructor Amy Pugliesi will lead the course. The class meets for five April 25 through May 23.

Advance registration cost is \$78 and \$83 on the day of the

Thursday Night Knitting Club, open to beginners and intermediate students. The class is from 7 to 9 p.m.,

beginning April 23 for five

weeks. The advanced cost is \$55 and \$60 on the day of the Beginners need a set of needles, size 6 to 8, a ball of medium weight varn, worsted or

double knit. Beginners will learn all the basic stitches, casting on an doff and other skills. More experienced knitters should plan one challenging project to expand their skills.

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe call (313) 881-7511.

#### Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School.

monochrome and three color color general photos for critiquing.

Nonmembers are welcome. For a calendar of events, visit grossepointecameraclub.org or contact the club's president Mike Floria, gpcc.club@comcast.net.

#### Herb society

The Herb Society of meets from 7 to 9 p.m. AAUW-GP and sent by Wednesday, April 8, at the Monday, April 6, to Kyle Metry, Grosse Pointe Methodist Church, Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic is 300 years of Detroit cooking.

### Spanish club

Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup group meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit Woods. meetup.com.

### Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speaker Sally Beghen of the Grosse Pointe Woods police department will talk about "Personal Protection for Women." She is the first and only female officer on the Woods force.

Call Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, April 4 for reservations.

For more information about the club, call Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 or Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

### La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe Park Ewald Library. For more information, call Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

### Palette club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets at 7 p.m.

private bus transportation. Thursday, April 9, at St. Clair Shores Civic Center, 20000 Stephens. Carol Lachiusa will give a watercolor demonstra-

Open painting sessions are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111, St. Clair Shores Community Adult and Education Building, 23055

#### Easter brunch

Easter brunch will be served weeks on Saturdays, from at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12.

Brunch and tour of the Ford Catherine Bernas leads the House costs \$33 for adults and \$18 for children.

> The cost for the brunch alone is \$25 for adults and \$13 for children.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

#### **AAUW**

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, hold its annual meeting Saturday, April 18, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A reception and registration begin at 10 a.m. Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. followed by recognition of this year's educational foundation honorees Lucie Beard and Jane Rudolph for their service to the club.

Scholarships in their names will be awarded to Macomb Community College and Members may submit a Alternatives for Girls. The scholarship recipients will be honored.

The program, The Future of AAUW — Are We Still Relevant in the 21st Century, with speaker Sally Doty. AAUW-MI finance vice president and candidate for president of the state organization will be presented.

The annual meeting will conclude with the election of officers.

United 28800 Jefferson, St. Clair 211 Shores, MI 48081.

#### Panhellenic Association

Detroit Alumnae The Panhellenic Association presents Our Shining Stars, the Spring Scholarship 2009 Luncheon Saturday, April 25, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe

Social hour begins at 11 a.m. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and the awards and basket raffle is at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 and reservations must be in by Friday, April 10, by calling Kay Van De Graaf at (586) 943-9397 or (586) 776-4861.

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bear's tea party

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Tickets are \$60 and include live band music, dancing, a

silent auction and dinner. For more information, call (313) 824-1200.

#### Guild dinner

The 49th annual Guild Dinner of St. John Hospital & Medical Center will be Wednesday, June 3, at Penna's of Sterling, 38400 VanDyke, Sterling Heights.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the 10-item Irvin, M.D., the Physician of America/Grosse Pointe unit brunch is \$20 and payable to the Year Award; Charles E. Stumb. the Lifetime Achievement Award; and John Prost will be given the Distinguished Service Award. Proceeds benefit the hospi-

> Tickets are \$200. For ticket information, underwriting, sponsorship, advertising and patron opportunities, call Kathy Taranto at the guild office (313) 343-3674.

# Tax help

Free tax counseling and preparation for taxpayers of middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 years and older, is available from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2 at Services for Older Citizens, 171500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For an appointment, call (313) 882-9600.

League of Women Voters

From left, Jennie Silva, her daughter, Ella, Sophia Puzzuoli and Michael and Cindy Banaszewski

are preparing for the ChariTea Party, presented by The Family Center's Circle of Friends, from 2:30

to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. A child's ticket costs

\$25 which includes refreshments and a new 15-inch plush animal, costume and T-shirt. The adult

cost is \$15. Each family is asked to bring a new teddy bear to donate which will be distributed to lo-

cal pediatric centers and hospital programs. For more information, contact Silva at (313) 510-0134

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is seeking members.

This is a nonpartisan political organization that works to increase understanding of public policy issues. For more information, call

343-0771 or visit (313)grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

Club notices should be emailed to afouty@grossepointenews.com.

#### ChariTea party

Children have an opportunity to dress up and join a tea party with their family from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Peter J. Cracchiolo will be at the Grosse Pointe Farms given the Philanthropic Pier Park in a benefit for the Program of St. John Hospital Service Award; Charlene B. Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

> In addition to the beverages and finger foods, children may stuff and dress a 15-inch teddy bear or other plush animal and take part in learning games.

Participants are encouraged to bring a new "comfort bear" of their own to be given to children at Grosse Pointe's three hospitals.

"What a great way to spend

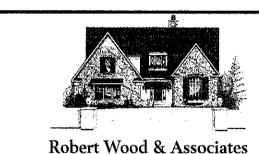
a wonderful spring day," said Jennie Silva and Cindy Banaszewski, co-chairs of ChariTea Bear's Tea Party. "It's sure to be a memorable event for us and the children while at the same time bringing attention to a great cause and organization. It is going to be a fun time for all ages and family members."

Sponsors for the tea party are Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, HP Foundation, Barnes Early Childhood Center and the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation.

Comfort bears for hospitalized children may be dropped off during school hours at The Family Center office at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The animals will be donated to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Emergency Services for Kids. Meade Pediatric Oncology and Find a Friend, Beaumont Hospitals.

The event costs \$25 for children and \$15 for adults and includes one animal, costume and T-shirt per child. The registration deadline is Friday. April 10. Seating is limited to

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenter web.org.



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# Teams, sponsors step up for '09 Relay For Life

Momentum is building for the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe as teams and sponsors get on board for this American Cancer Society signature

"As of our first team captains' meeting on March 11, 23 groups of family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors have banded together and registered as official relay teams, and two sponsors have committed their support," said Mark Cohn, volunteer chairman of the event.

The Relay For Life is a team approach to raising funds that culminates in the 24-hour celebration event. Teams create their own names and personalities, then raise funds during the months preceding the relay set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

Fundraising efforts are as individualized as the teams, but include everything from bake sales, bowling tournaments and on-line donation solicitation through the relay website: relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.

In addition, teams raise funds by selling luminaria bags decorated and named in honor or memory of people who have faced cancer. As part of the ceremony, the candles are lit, illuminating the relay path throughout the night reminding everyone of the true purpose of the relay.

At the relay, teams set up campsites in the park and con-



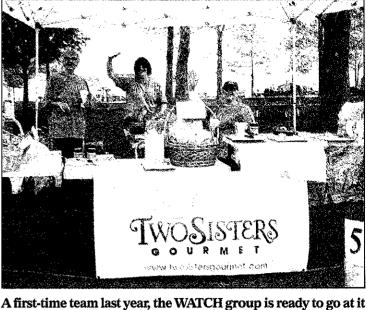
The All-Knighters, from University Liggett, is one of the teams returning for the 2009 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

of skill, silent auctions, and sales. Throughout the 24 hours, each team will have at least one walker on the luminaria-lined

Teams and captains now signed on include: All Knighters - Mary Grech; Brenda's Angels — Denise Grosse Pointe News — Barbara Schoof; Duckman Team -Matthew Buckman; Cure Hospital Wings of Hope -Cruzers — Matta Homsy and Nick Minanov; DiMauro/Fisher Family — Hunter Hughes; J's Team — Joe DeMauro and Crew — Julie Borushko;

Whittaker; Grosse Pointe Marchers South Blue Devils — Nicholas Provenzano and Brandon Grosse Lanyon; Pointe Congregational Church — Allison Scarfone; Grosse Pointe Hunt Club — John Hill; Vethacke: Henry Ford Cottage Patricia Flanigan; Hughes

tinue fundraising with games Gordon Fisher; Christ Church McGarvah Team — Taylor to the local business members Eagles Wings — Harriett McGarvah; Michelle's Mighty Michelle Lemerond; Sasha's Outdoor Voices — Sasha Ovshinksy Murphy; Shelley's Gang — Mark Cohn; Starbucks — Deborah Johnson; SWAT (Students With A Target) — Maiya Dempsey and Claire Eckert; Team UP & Win The Fight — Geoff and Patti Tischbein; U.U. Uniters — Kathy Konwiak; WATCH -Sheryl Hogan; Van Pelt/French been instrumental to our in-



'Sponsorship is so very important to the success of our relay," said Cohn, "and I am very happy to report that Henry Ford Cottage Hospital is our Gold Sponsor again this year. We also are extremely grateful of The Hill Association who have annually supported this event as a Bronze Sponsor.

"Maybe most significant, is our returning media sponsor -The Grosse Pointe News," Cohn added. "The publisher, editor and staff at the news have been outstanding over the past several years, helping us to make sure everyone in Grosse Pointe knows about this event. The Grosse Pointe News has

Team — Kate Van Pelt and creasing growth and success since the Grosse Pointe Relay began in 2005. We are extremely grateful for that."

> There's still time to gather a team. A Team Captains' meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Potential teams also can contact relay chairman Mark Cohn at mscohn54@att.net or Dorothy Busignani, ACS community representative at (248) 663-3418, relayforlife.org/grosse

> All funds raised by the American Cancer Society Relay For Life teams support education, advocacy, research and services to cancer patients and their families.

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X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish

# Tattoo is another expression of love for child



ed has always wanted to get a tattoo. But like many people, he could not decide what and where - and how

Tattoos have become more socially acceptable and nearly everyone with a tattoo has a cool piece of art. Ideas, though, are endless. And overwhelm-

What to choose? Dragons like those crazy kids? Barbed wire like the football players? Void of clever ideas, he delayed for years. Recently it hit him. Get a tattoo of who he loves the most, our 8-year-old son, Andrew.

It was an "a-ha" moment.

On March 14, a friend skillfully created a tattoo of Andrew's face on Ted's upper right arm based on Ted's favorite picture of Andrew at 2 years and 10 months old. An X was added in a clever place to symbolize Fragile X Syndrome, which is what affects Andrew - and our family - on a daily basis

It took two hours because portraits are detailed and take much longer to tattoo. It was painful. The idea that your arm becomes numb and you don't feel pain after the needle first hits your skin is a lie. It hurts. A lot.

It was still sore days later. All in all, according to Ted, it was worth every pain and pen-

ny. What better way to show love for a child?

What better way to demonstrate a commitment to finding a cure for Fragile X than a percause? What better feeling than knowing Andrew is always with Ted, no matter where he goes and what he

The ultimate reward has been Andrew's response. It's all worth it when Ted

says, "Andrew, who is this?"

Andrew smiles and points to himself.

Andrew cannot speak, but he understands the universal language of love.

Ted has never been a tattoo guy, whatever that means. But love will make you do strange

things.

it in different ways. Grosse Pointe residents

Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langdan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome [fragilex.org]. Send questions or comments to

# Hernia center opens at Cottage hospital

ters exclusively dedicated to hernia repairs and the only one in Michigan is now open at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Hernia repair is the second most common surgical procedure performed in the United States, with an average of 700,000 outpatient surgeries done annually. Last year alone, Henry Ford Health System per-

formed 2,800 hernia repairs. "The creation of the Hernia Center at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital means patients will have access to a specialized team of surgeons and a dedicated staff whose primary focus is providing the most advanced procedures and care for hernia repair," said Thomas

surgeon.

A hernia is a weakness or tear in the abdominal muscle which allows tissue or an organ, such as the intestines, to protrude through the weak area. It can cause a noticeable bulge under the skin, which most often results in significant pain and discomfort.

The symptoms tend to worsen when additional strain occurs, such as standing for long periods, having a bowel movement and/or lifting heavy ob-

Hernias tend to be more

At the Hernia Center,

One of only a handful of cen- Cottage Hospital Hernia Center mized by a pain catheter that cus on both clinical treatment delivers local anesthetic direct-48 hours. By the third day, patients report only some remaining discomfort, and within two weeks, can return to all post-surgery sports and activi-

> "The Hernia Center at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital has optimized every step of repairing hernias for patients, with a fo-

and service, in order to ensure ly into the incision for the first the best possible outcomes," according to John Boccaccio, M.D., Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Hernia Center surgeon.

While there are 100 general surgeons within a 50 mile radius of Detroit who perform hernia repairs, there are currently no practices that specialize in hernia surgery.

#### Classes at healing art center common in men than women, but both genders are suscepti-The Valade Healing Arts ing classes and services.

Center, located within St. John Hospital and Medical Center, offers a variety of caring-heal-

Call (313) 647-3320 to register for all classes, which are all held on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center on the hospital site.

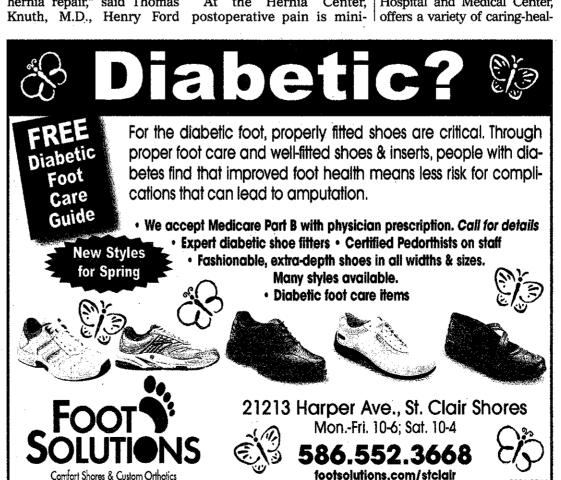
Reiki Level 1 — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese, hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of Reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use this energy in their own lives and in service to oth-

ers. The cost is \$125. Intro to Reiki Evening — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese healing method. Participants will receive a free mini, handson Reiki session. Reiki energy healing and the benefits of using Reiki is explained.

Beginner Tai Chi - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 21 -May 26. Experience the ancient Chinese martial art of Tai Chi. Learn to relax, improve balance and flexibility and respiratory and cardiac status through gentle movements and breathing techniques. Students will study the International 24 Form. The in-

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# The funny, the enlightening, the interesting



n my many readings, I come across information that is funny, enlightening, and/or interesting. I thought I'd share some of them with you.

These are true and funny: Some seniors are objecting to Iowa's decision to change the Department of Elder Affairs to the Department of Aging. The renamed agency's acronym, DOA, traditionally means Dead on Arrival.

"You can't have acronym like this when you're referring to elderly people," said State Rep. Dave Heaton, 68. "I am offended." The department's communications director

promises the new name will be abbreviated to "DA."

A 79-year-old Florida woman received an urgent invitation to join the U.S. Marines. The letter arrived by "priority overnight" mail. "Dear Opal," it began, "Do you think you have what it takes to be a Marine? Are you prepared for one of the most demanding challenges you will ever face?" Opal says she isn't sure, but she plans to report to the local recruiting office any-

Senior women will not be surprised by this from Forbes magazine. While only 8 percent of American women have "hour-glass" figures, defined as a waist that measures 9 inches or less than the bust, most clothes are still designed to fit that shape.

A Washington Post writer notes she and her middleaged friends are, by and large, a remarkably healthy lot. So why are they so terrified of illness? She blames the health care industry.

"By constantly reminding us to be on the lookout for illness, the medical establishment has essentially eroded our sense of well-being," she said. The health care industry, she adds, believes scaring people is the best way to get them into their doctor's office. "What's lost in all of this is the belief that we can cope with life and live in the fact of its abiding uncertainties."

Even the drug industry can't eliminate such worries. The writer plans to eat right and exercise, but not watch every fluctuation of her bone density or cholesterol level. She says she'll reduce her anxiety by "tuning out the medical scare

I think this is tongue-incheek. It comes from Slate.com. "We don't hear much these days about 'the culture of poverty," the writer

"The term describes the 'self-destructive behavior' of the poor that 'imposes significant costs on the nation at large." He says one reason may be because the market turmoil is making us all feel a little bit poorer.

"Or perhaps it's because the most disturbing pathologies these days aren't those exhibited by the 'underclass,' but by the 'overclass.' Instead of failing to provide for their children, as young inner-city men sometimes do, 'twice-married, middle-aged Wall Street daddies' disavow any responsibility for 'the consequences of their insane financial mis-

with the underclass 'a pervasive sense of victimhood. After Bear Stearns 'succumbed to wounds that were almost entirely self-inflicted,' CEO Alan Schwartz told his employees that 'we here are a collective victim of violence."

Perhaps, the writer says, it's time for an enterprising researcher to set up shop at a hedge fund and study the "the pernicious culture of affluence."

There's help for seniors who yearn to make senior moments a thing of the past. Now you can, with online services that kick in when your memory fails.

For instance, if you're tired of scribbling memos to yourself - and misplacing them visit Evernote.com.

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Managing sports concussions

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to your account) and the service stores and catalogs it. Save to-do lists, photos and even copies of business cards. Basic service is free and \$5 monthly for a premium account which includes more storage and faster image recognition.

And if failure to remember appointments is your personal Waterloo, try Snoozester.com or WakeUpLand.com. Both websites send timely reminder calls in the spirit of a doting concierge (monthly plans start at less than \$5.)

If you join the service, always be sure never to include any confidential or sensitive material in your e-mails.

I take no responsibility for the claims of these services, but do intend to look into them.

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net





# The Greece readers

Murray and Margaret Davis of Grosse Pointe Woods and Judy and Bob Jogan of Grosse Pointe Park took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Aegina Port, Greece. 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. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

## CLASSES: Restorative learning

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structor is Melissa Zwicker. The cost is \$54 for the six-week session.

Lunch and Learn — noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday. April 14. Bring a lunch and listen to It Works When It Counts, presented by Dr. Thomas J. Karas. Decades of scientific research indicate long-term recurring stress poisons the body and freezes the thought process and decisionmaking ability. Karas addresses how to handle stress. The cost is free.

Got Stress Yoga — 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays, April 8 - May 20. Refresh and renew stretches and guided deep relaxation. Poses may be done in a chair or on the floor. The cost

Restorative Yoga and Reiki - 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 8 — May 20. Restorative yoga is a gentle, relaxing practice using a flowing sequence of poses supported by props for full relaxation and balance. Manage the effects of chronic illness such as cancer, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis and stress-related conditions with passive yoga. Receive

p.m. Fridays, April 24 — May 15. Ease stiffness, muscular tension and increase balance, this gentle yoga class designed around the needs of each stu-

with a combination of yoga dent. Yoga poses may be done in a chair or on a mat. The cost is \$40.

Aura Photography — 20minute appointments scheduled from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. The aura is an energy field that radiates through and around all living things.

Participants get a color photo of their aura and chakras. This information is for educational and entertainment pur-

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poses. The cost is \$25.

Healthy Weight and Shape Group Workshop — 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays April 8, 15, and 29. This workshop includes three two-hour sessions to guide participants through the process of a positive, healthy change through medical hypnosis. Techniques for stress management will also be taught. The \$180 cost includes CDs and materials for home reinforcement.

it can be to play an athlete before they have fully recovered. Current research demoneveral years ago, Randi and Andrea strates that even though an collided while trying athlete reports feeling fine, to "head" a ball durtheir brain may need more ing a soccer match. time to heal. Andrea broke her nose and Randi sustained a concussion.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Michael McMillan

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the hospital where she was ob-

served and released. The emer-

gency room doctor told her

mother to watch for drowsi-

ness, vomiting and headaches.

The doctor said she could play

in the next match if she was

despite what the ER doctor

said, it was dangerous for

This situation made me real-

ize that many doctors, coaches

symptom-free.

Randi to play.

The brain is a remarkable machine. it uses more oxygen and glucose than any other organ. But after a concussion, the brain isn't able to use the normal amounts of oxygen and glucose. Short-term memory, reaction time and processing speed are often affected and leave the brain more vulnerable to a second injury.

If an athlete gets hit in the head before fully recovered, Two days later, Randi was the results can be catastrophic dressed and ready to play. I or even fatal. This condition is "Second told her mom and coach that called Impact Syndrome.

> The second blow to the head doesn't have to be as hard as the first. This is particularly true in children and adolescents.

New guidelines have evolved over the past few years to help trainers and physicians decide when it is safe to return an athlete to play, including computerized neurocognitive tests used by many professional sports teams. Doctors now recognize how dangerous concussions can be if not managed correctly and that it takes more than assessing physical symp-

Evaluating an athlete's thinking with one of the newly developed computerized programs can provide valuable information.

Michael McMillan is a licensed psychologist on staff in pediatric department at St. John Hospital since 1987. He has interests in medically related psychological issues such as diabetes and head injuries. The Wayne State University graduate also has a private practice in Rochester Hills. He can be reached at (248) 853-9058 or michael.mcmillan@stjohn.net

Save the date: McMillan will provide a presentation on sports concussions and answer questions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The free program, Sports Concussions, is part of the Family Center 2009 Partners in Parenting Enrichment Series. To register, call (313) 432-3842.

E-mail questions info@familycenterweb. org. the Family Center is a 5012 (c) (3) nonprofit community organization that depends on donations. To volunteer or contribute, familycenterweb.org or call (313) 343-3832.

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OPERA REVIEW By Dina Soresi Winter

# 'Elixir of Love' at MOT

aetano Donizetti was a master of comedic and tragic elements in opera.

His skill and genius include "Lucia di Lammermoor" (perhaps his most famous opera) and "La Fille du Regiment" (The Daughter of the Regiment).

Last Friday, Michigan Opera Theatre presented a star-studded cast in yet another of Donizetti's masterpieces, "L'Elisir D'Amore" (The Elixir of Love), a work written in 14 days. "Elixir" is scheduled for a short run, ending Saturday, April 4.

The plot is simple. Poor boy Nemorino loves rich girl Adina and yearns to win her. His plans are dashed when handsome and bold Sgt. Belcore (Dalibor Jenis) comes to town and sweeps her off her feet. He is about to marry her when Dr. Dulcamara, an itinerant quack. arrives on the scene.

Dulcamara has remedies for wrinkles, a bad complexion, liver complaints, bedbugs and "the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to." Among these is a potion guaranteed to make whoever consumes it irresistible to the opposite sex.

The amusing twists and turns of the plot keep the audience laughing and smiling.

Nemorino in the Friday and Saturday performances was performed by tenor Stephen Costello, who has a voice of world class quality. Because of its beauty, subtlety and ease of production, "Una Furtiva Lagrima" ("A Furtive Tear") was one of the highlights of the

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In the same cast, Ailyn Perez played an adorable and charming Adina. Her most exquisite and nuanced singing was in her duets with Dulcamara in the second act and with Nemorino in the last scene where she confesses her love for him.

Dulcamara (Burak Bilgili) was a convincing braggart of a salesman who seemed able to sell anything and make one believe it would work.

The very good-sounding baritone, Dalibor Jenis, did a fine job interpreting the overconfident and somewhat impudent Belcore.

Director James Robinson creates a charming stage setting by transporting a little town in Italy to small town U.S.A. The costumes were tasteful. The large gazebo, placed stage center, served as the production's focal point.

There are some delightful comic moments and the acting thoroughly convincing. Totally baffling to anyone possessing even a modicum of knowledge about "Elixir" was trading a platoon of soldiers for a football team. The most plausible explanation for this bizarre substitution is the latter are aspiring tenors who wish to follow in the footsteps of the great Pavarotti, who was one mean footballer before he found his way to super stardom.

During the Sunday matinee Adina was sung by Amanda Squitieri, a crystal-clear soprano with warmth and brilliance. Tenor Scott Ramsay was an

impressive Nemorino. Let's not forget Giannetta

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(Juliet Petrus), who plays Adina's friend. Her two sterling high Cs at the beginning of the opera set the tone for the glories to come. The well-prepared chorus, under the direction of Suzanne Mallare Acton,

conviction. As usual, the orchestra, under the baton of Stephen Lord, is to be commended for a high quality performance.

sang and acted with verve and

This is a wonderful show to drive one's economic blues away. It's beautifully sung, charmingly acted and has a happy ending. For two pleasant hours, be entertained by lovely music, smiles and laughter - and leave with a song in your heart.

Tickets are available for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 4 performance. For more information, call (313) 237-7464 or visit MichiganOpera.org.

### Spring Fling at zoo

Young professionals can mix and mingle among the butterflies and hummingbirds at Spring Fling from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Detroit Zoo.

The 21 and older professional networking event takes place in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Ticket prices are \$15 for zoo, Detroit Young Professionals, Fusion and After 5 Detroit members and \$20 for non-members. Those sold the evening of the event are \$20 for all guests.

The price includes one free drink and complimentary hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening. A cash bar will be available for beer, wine and specialty drinks.

Purchase tickets online at detroitzoo.org. All proceeds benefit the Detroit Zoological Society.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750.

#### A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

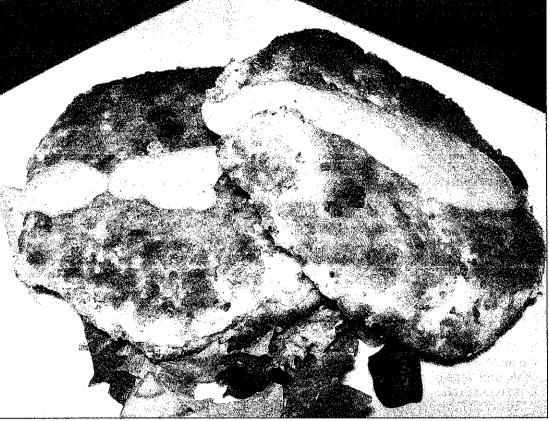


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Creating a meal from leftovers is the sign of a great cook.

# Creating a distinctive meal

good cook is someone who can follow a good recipe. A great cook is someone who can open the refrigerator, look at what's inside and create a vision.

Making a tasty meal contrived from what's on hand is just what I did with leftover mashed potatoes. I turned them into dinner. My mashed potato pancakes were infused with peas, parsley and Gruyere cheese. Yummy. (In these economic times, no one can afford to waste food.)

> Mashed Potato Pancakes with Tangy Mustard Cream Sauce

(Makes about 11 pancakes)

1 tbs. olive oil, plus 6 tbs. for 1 cup diced onion

5 cups mashed potatoes

Salt and pepper to taste 3 eggs 1 cup frozen peas 1 cup chopped fresh parsley 1 1/2 cups shredded Gruyere

cheese 1 cup corn flake crumbs

Heat 1 tbs. of olive oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add diced onion and sauté until the onions begin to brown, about 5 minutes, stirring once or twice.

Meanwhile, place the mashed potatoes in a large bowl and use a potato masher (or fork) to "remash" the cold potatoes.

Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Add onions to the potatoes along with eggs, one at a time. Stir until the mixture becomes smooth. Fold in the peas, parsley and shredded Gruyere cheese. The mixture should be wet, but firm.

Place the corn flake crumbs in a shallow dish. Form the mixture into patties using a 1/2

cup measure for size. Carefully coat each patty with crumbs on both sides. Heat 2 to 3 tbs. of olive oil in a large, no-stick skillet over medium heat. Place four patties into the hot oil (make sure you give the oil time to get hot!) Cook the potato pancakes for at least 5 minutes before flipping. You want a deep golden crust to form on each side of the pancake.

Repeat until all of the pancakes have been cooked, adding more olive oil to the pan as needed.

To prepare the tangy mustard sauce, combine 1 cup heavy cream (or half & half), 1/2 cup spicy mustard, 2 tbs. honey and 2 tsp. apple cider vinegar in a small sauce pan.

Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, until the sauce thickens a bit. Serve potato pancakes hot with a drizzle of tangy mustard

Add a fresh garden salad and you've got dinner. (A vegetarian delight!)

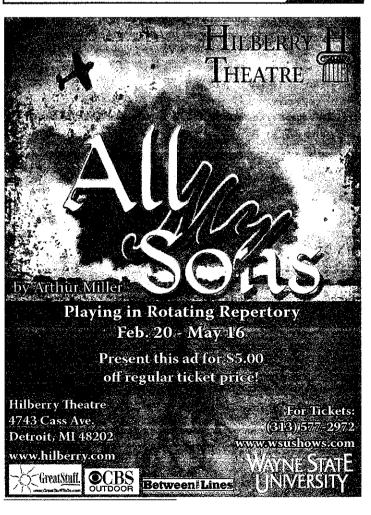
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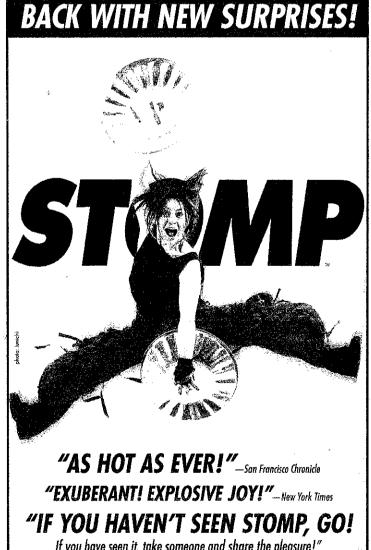




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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### **Buffet dinner**

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#### Congregational church

Grosse Pointe The 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, April 4.

A celebratory brunch at the church will be held at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, April 5.

For more information, call Jeri Gleichauf at (313) 993-0848 or Lori Zurvalec at (313) 881-7084.

#### **Detroit Concert Choir**

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For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

#### Holy Week

Holy Week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begins with a Holy Communion service at 8:15 a.m., Sunday, April 5, a 9:30 Todesbanden," a composition a.m. contemporary service and

an 11 a.m. traditional Procession of the Palm. The study for the day is "The

Triumphant Entry." Sunday School is at 9:45

Maundy Thursday, April 9, service is 7 p.m. with communion. The study is "The Last Supper."

On Good Friday, April 10, "The Death of Jesus" is presented at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12, "The Resurrection of Our 521-1894. Lord" will be presented at the 7 a.m. sunrise service, the 9 a.m. contemporary service and the 11 a.m. festival worship. Communion will be served at

each service. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

#### St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20.

The Royal Eagle dining facility offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, April 2 and April 9. All proceeds go toward the completion of the monastery.

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#### Seder

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council members and guest will observe the 21st annual Passover Seder Thursday, April 9.

For the time and place, call the Jewish Council at (313) 882-6700.

Seder commemorates the freedom of the Jewish people from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. A service at which the story of Moses and the Exodus is retold reminds all present that religious freedom and freedom from persecution is the right of all people.

See CHURCHES, page 8A

# WORSHIP SERVICE



### **Grosse Pointe Baptist Church**

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of the first Lord's Supper GOOD FRIDAY, April 10 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

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Sunday, April 12



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Holy Week Schedule

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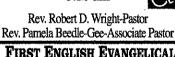
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#### **HOLY WEEK** SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30am Palm Procession & Holy Eurcharist Rite II

Holy Monday and Tuesday, April 6 & 7 7:00pm Evening Prayer

> Holy Wednesday, April 8 7:00pm Tennebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 9 7:30pm Holy Eucharist & Homily

Good Friday, April 10 12 Noon - 1:30pm Good Friday Liturgy 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, April 11 10:30am Prayer Service 4:00pm Family Easter Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt Following 4:00pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 12 8:00am Festival Eucharist & Sermon

10:30am Choral Eucharist & Sermon



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#### MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9, 2009 11:15 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Holy Communion Celebrated at Both Services

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 2009

11:15 A.M. Passion Service 7:30 P.M. Traditional Tenebrae Service Holy Communion Celebrated at Both Services

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# Celebrate spring at DHM

#### Hop into history

The inaugural Egg-stravaganza — a Celebration of Spring for families is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Hosted by The Detroit Historical Society, this event features an Easter egg hunt through the Streets of Old Detroit exhibit and "Hop Into History Hunt," a scavenger hunt program for children ages 5-12.

Admission is free for children 12 and under, as well as Detroit Historical Society members.

Other event highlights include children's craft activities, refreshments and two Family Fun Variety Shows by the "funny puppet guy," Richard Paul.

Guests can explore some of the new museum exhibits on display including Detroit's Classic TV Personalities which features artifacts and original broadcasts from seven local TV luminaries.

**CHURCHES:** 

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**Upcoming** 

events

New to the Collection features recent acquisitions, such as a pair of ice skates worn by Detroit Red Wing forward Dan Cleary during the 2007-08 Stanley Cup championship season and an extravagant wedding dress from the once famous Jean Schell Bridal Salon.

Detroit's Chinatown, opening that day, focuses on the untold history of this unique cultural area and attempts to preserve it.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60-plus), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the museum's lot is \$4 at all

For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit detroithistorical.org.



Soroptimist awards were given to, from left, Florence Dunklin accepting for Judge Leonia Lloyd, Anna Schulte, Svitlana Andursyshyn, LaVonaca Keaton and Milad Rabban.

# Soroptimist's honor women in community

#### **Stations of the Cross**

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts the ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 10.

Stations will be situated on the east side and will be the point of departure for devotions and prayers on Christ's passion. A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose.

A freewill offering will be accepted.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday services, April 5. Services on Maundy Thursday, April 9, are 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. The Good Friday Passion service, April 10, with Holy Communion is at 11:15 a.m.; Tenebrae is at 7:30

For more information, call (313) 884-5090.

#### Mom to Mom sale

Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a Mom to Mom sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25. For rental table information, call Patti Cleland at (313)

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, a volunteer service organization that seeks to improve the lives of awards March 11. The Women's Opportunity

Award of \$2,000 was presented to LaVonaca Keaton of Andursvshyn with her children to begin a new life. She is studying to become a registered nurse. Keaton said she tells her children "that this is what you are unexpected obstacles."

In memory of Soroptimist Sue Neilson, the second Women's Opportunity Award of \$1,000 was given to women and girls, presented Svitlana Andursyshyn. She its scholarship and service worked as a medical assistant in a Ukrainian cancer hospital before emigrating to the United States in 2004. attends Detroit. After 19 years in an Macomb Community College abusive marriage; Keaton left to finish her certification to become a nurse.

The winner of the Violet Richardson Teen Award, which recognizes a young woman for her volunteerism have to do in life when there in the community, is Anna Schulte. She volunteers at

Hospital, Services for Older Citizens Special and Olympics. Schulte received a \$500 cash award and a donation of \$250 was made to Beaumont in her name.

The winner of the Virginia Wagner Educational Grant of \$2,000 is Milad Rabban. Rabban said she will use the award to help pay costs at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

"Even though I have a long journey to becoming professionally successful, I will con- in tinue to apply myself with the 25

Beaumont Grosse Pointe of spirit that has always pr pelled me towards exce lence," she said.

Making a Difference fo Women Award was present ed to Judge Leonia Lloyd the 36th District Court & Detroit. She works win women who are recovering from drug addition and protitution. Lloyd suppors Positive Image, Inc., a thenpeutic rehabilitation centr for women in Detroit.

For more information about Soroptimist, which has been Grosse Pointe for years, same diligence and tenacity grossepointesoroptimist.org



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**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Capizzo's college decision coming soon

By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

What do you get for a high school junior celebrating her 17th birthday, today, April 2?

That would be a girls soccer state championship ring which Grosse Pointe North's Nikki Capizzo is anxious to obtain if things go according to plan this season.

"We were so close last year, so this year we have to go out and win the state championship," Capizzo said. "We have a good team returning and some good newcomers."

Capizzo is the Lady Norsemen's "quarterback" this season, starting at center mid-

"It's my job to feed Olivia (Stander) and let her score, as well as our other forwards," Capizzo said. "I'm ready to handle the load and ready to contribute in any way possible."

She hasn't scored many goals during her first two years on the varsity squad, but her versatility makes her a valuable piece of the puzzle. Her quickness, toughness and keen field awareness will be a key component for first-year head coach Jen Nadeau.

"I love challenges and I'm not afraid of bigger and stronger players because I can use my speed to beat them to the ball," Capizzo said. "I'm not the tallest (5-feet-3 3/4inches, she claims), but I would say I will be the first player to the ball."

It began in the third grade when she played soccer for Richie Carron.

She played travel soccer for years, donning jerseys for teams called the Dragons and

Her passion for the sport and thousands of hours of



Nikki Capizzo

college scouts.

After receiving letters from several colleges, her choice has been narrowed to Oakland University, Western Michigan University and Savannah College of Art and Design, a private school in Savannah,

"Western's campus and soccer facilities are fantastic and Oakland is close and has some good facilities," Capizzo said. "SCAD is a relatively new soccer program, but the school offers exactly what I'm interested in pursuing, the campus is beautiful and it's always sunny.

"It's a tough decision and it's one I have to make soon."

WMU is a Division I program and competes in the Mid-American Conference. while Oakland is also a Division I program and competes in the Summit League.

SCAD is in the NAIA and competes in the Sun of 200 girls. Through the past Capizzo's headstrong atti- Conference against teams several weeks, Capizzo has tude has paved the way for her such as Webber International University, Warner University. St. Thomas University, Florida Memorial University, Embry-Riddle University, Northwood University, Johnson & Wales University, Ave Maria University and Southeastern

University. The Bees play their home games across the bridge in practice has been noticed by Hardeeville, S.C., in one of the

nation's most historic cities.

"Tony and I want the best for our daughter and SCAD would be an ideal fit for her, but I wouldn't mind if she stayed close to home and went to Oakland," said Capizzo's mother, Sue. "However, I think she will go down south and I would support her decision 100 percent. It's a great school and she will be playing college soccer. What more can Nikki ask for?"

"I just want to go to college where I can play soccer and get a degree," Capizzo said. "I can't go wrong in making a decision because all three schools are great.'

SCAD began women's soccer team in 1992 for head coach Lew Tate, who was 3-28 the first three seasons.

Since then, Neil Cunningham (1995-2000) and current head coach Andy Williamson have won 124 games with 78 losses and 16 ties for a .605 winning percent-

"In a way, it will be nice to get the decision out of the way so I can concentrate on playing for North and doing well in school."

In addition to trying to lead the Lady Norsemen to a state title and deciding where to play her collegiate athletics, Capizzo is in the midst of trying out for the Olympic Development Program squad.

Capizzo began her ODP journey as one among a pool made each cut and is now one of 16 players. "The talent level is incredi-

ble," she said. "I feel good about making the final squad. but the final cut isn't until the summertime so we can complete our high school season and not worry about it."

The ODP's philosophy is to identify players of the highest



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CAPIZZO FAMILY

Nikki Capizzo, No. 4, will play center midfield for the North girls soccer team this season and is

consistent basis, which will Lady Norsemen with the gradlead to increased success for the U.S. National teams in the international arena, its website

mulling over where she will play college soccer.

said. Soccer isn't Capizzo's only sport. She's played basketball, ran cross country and travel

She gave up the other sports, has competed on the Lady Norsemen's girls' team the last three seasons.

This winter, she had 10 goals and 16 assists in 14 games for North, which lost 2-1 to Ann Arbor in the state semifinals. She earned all-state honorable mention this season.

caliber on a continuing and the main scoring threat for the teacher in the L'Anse Creuse south near Savannah.

uation of the league's secondleading scorer, Alexa Quinlan.

"We had a lot of fun playing hockey and we came so close to making it to the finals," she said. "I like playing hockey, but I love soccer too much to give it up to play hockey.'

grade point average with a curriculum of honors chemistry, math, classics, history, speech

and one of her favorites, art. She gets her athleticism from her father, who was an outstanding athlete while attending Servite High School in Detroit, and artistic ability Next season, Capizzo will be from her mother who is an art

School District.

With her high school soccer team kicking off this week, Capizzo will be ready to lead the Lady Norsemen hopefully to a state title in June.

And, she will pick her college in the next week or two.

"Sue and I support Nikki Her academics are just as and we know it's a tough deciexcept for hockey where she important. She carries a 3.8 sion," Tony Capizzo said. "I know one day the decision will come to her and she will feel good about what choice she makes, whether it is close to home or in Georgia."

Capizzo is sure when she graduates from college, she will pursue a career in the art or advertising field either in the metro Detroit area or down

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Davies earns prestigious Scholar-Athlete award

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Jack Davies has been honored as a Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award recipient.

He received a \$1,000 college scholarship and honored at halftime of the Class C boys basketball state championship game Saturday, March 28, at the Breslin Center.

Other Class A scholarship honored were Michelle Gaedke, Dearborn Edsel Ford; Brian LaFleur, Carleton Airport; Michelle Lapin, Berkley; Philip Mathew, Ann Arbor Huron; Macy Merchant, Wayland Union; Rebecca Moore, Allen Park; Katherine O'Leary, White Lake Lakeland; Amanda Quartz, Garden City; Christian Roehmer, Mount Pleasant; Kieran Scott, Warren DeLaSalle; Michael Steltenkamp, Birmingham Seaholm; and Patrick Vaughn,

Warren DeLaSalie. Davies was nominated by South boys cross country head

coach, Tom Wise, who retired at the end of the season. "It was an honor just to be nominated, but to be named as a scholar athlete is an even bigger honor I wasn't planning

on receiving," Davies, 17, said. South Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Brandon Slone told Davies he earned the accolade.

"Moving up each step in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE POTRAIT PLACE **Jack Davies** 

scholar-athlete process was an honor in itself," Davies, a senior, said. "I can use this scholarship money to help me pay for college.'

Davies is a four-year letter winner in cross country and track and field. He was the captain of the cross country team this past fall and will be a captain this spring for his final season of high school track.

"It was a no-brainer as Jack completed all of the criteria," Wise said. "He is a bright kid, a hard worker and those were the props.

"He has been running No. 2 for the past two seasons on our high school team. He has tremendous form. I think he can mature into a top-flight college runner."

Davies was one of the top runners for the Blue Devils in plans to compete in cross the fall, helping the team make country, indoor track and field

it to the state finals again.

In the state meet, Davies was second for the team and 117th overall, posting a time of

The team was also one of the best in the Macomb Area Conference, winning the dual and division meet titles.

"We had a good year," Davies said. "We wanted to send him (Wise) out on a good note, which we did by making it to the state finals again and I, personally, had a nice season.

"I ran pretty well throughout the year and I'm ready for my final year of high school track.'

His resume is impressive. He is a four-year letter winner in cross country and track and field.

He was the cross country team captain in the fall and is one of the track and field team

captains, too. Davies earned academic allstate honors in each sport three years running and qualified for the state finals in cross country his final three seasons.

Last spring, Davies made it to the track and field state championship meet in the mile and is a two-time Michigan Interscholastic Press Association High School Award winner.

He also has earned allleague, all-regional and indoor

track all-state honors at South. While in college, Davies



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DAVIES FAMILY

Jack Davies, center, earned a win in one of the Blue Devils' dual meets last spring. His best event joy." is the mile.

and outdoor track and field. nearly a dozen colleges to which he applied.

"I made sure I could run cross country, as well as track, at the colleges I applied to," Davies said. "I'm being patient, but it's tough because I want to know what school I will be attending so I can contact the coach."

His colleges of choice range from here in Michigan to out

room, carrying, as he called it, 'a good grade point average."

The courses he has during his final semester of high school are advanced placement literature, advanced placement environmental science, advanced placement caladvanced placement European history and Latin IV. "I'm really happy I

took Latin," he said. "It has helped me in other classes, including my European history class that I

really en-His academic en-

deavors include National He is waiting to hear from Honors Society Cum Laude member as a junior and senior; four year member of the Latin Club; sports editor for Grosse Pointe South's newspaper, The Tower; and team leader for the Jamaica Youth Mission trip last year.

Even though his time in college will be spend practicing his athletic abilities, his academics will take him through a pre-med curriculum.

"I want to be a doctor, but He also excels in the class- I'm not sure what kind of doctor," Davies said.

"I have been good as focusing my time to get good grades and do well on the athletic field, so I don't see much changing during college.

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culus AB, new philosophies of new coaches and new teammates while in college and pushing myself to be better."

Davies is the oldest child of Camilla and John. He has two younger brothers, James, who is a freshman at South, and Tom, who is a sixth-grader in middle school.

"I'm glad James decided to run on the cross country team with me this fall and on the track team this spring," Davies said. "It's nice to share these moments with my brother before I'm off to college. It means a lot to me.

"Cross country helped me make the transition from middle school to high school and I hope it has done the same for James."

Davies' final goal in high school is to earn All-State in the mile, the 1,600-yard run. He has to finish in the top 8 in the state in the championship meet Saturday, May 30.

His goals epitomize the message he talked about in his essay quote he sent to the state as part of the scholar-athlete award process.

He wrote, "Gaining the extra yard on the rush or the extra pop on the swing, legally or illegally, may seem like the most important thing in the world in the heat of the moment, but in the long run, the lesson of morality found in sports will have the greatest impact both "It will be tough, but I will do individually and on future gen-

#### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Manning pumped for baseball season

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett School's Jeremiah Manning has the confidence of a champion as he prepares for his final season of high school athletics.

The 17-year-old senior who lives in Detroit has been a productive member of the Knights' athletic programs his first three years.

This season, he took a more mature role as leader, which he accepted with quiet dignity and grace.

Now, head baseball coach Dan Cimini is calling on Manning to step up his game, both as a starting pitcher, a first baseman and maybe even a centerfielder.

"I am ready to pitch and my arm feels strong," Manning said. "I feel I can be effective and get hitters out with my three pitches (fastball, change-up and split-finger fastball).

The 6-foot-2-inch, 185pound Manning is a chip off the block. His father, Darrell, is 6-foot-2-inches and 230 pounds of solid muscle. At 53, he still has the build of a superb college athlete, which he was when he helped Eastern Michigan University make the grees. 1976 College World Series title game, which was a 7-1 loss to Arizona.

That 1976 EMU team finished 46-16 overall and won the Mid-American Conference with a 12-3 mark.

Among the players were Bob Owchinko, Jerry Keller, Thomas Boutin and Bob Welch, all drafted by Major League Baseball squads. ready watched his only son During his time in college, Darrell Manning earned un- this winter, playing power for-



University Liggett School senior Jeremiah Manning is expected to be one of the team leaders in batting, as well as pitching and in the field, whether its playing first base or outfield.

"That team was great and we made it all the way to the College World Series championship game," he said. "I had a lot of fun playing baseball and it's nice to see Jeremiah enjoying the game, as well.

"I can't wait to watch Jeremiah and the ULS team play this spring.'

The senior Manning has alshine on the basketball court dergraduate and graduate de- ward for an undersized been a little more selfish and it originally happened at our more than 200 yards and a Saturday, April 4.

Knights squad.

"I had fun playing for coach (Sidney) Johnson and playing basketball for ULS," Manning said. "Our season didn't exactly go the way we wanted it to, but we had fun and played as a team."

Manning was one of the top scorers and rebounders for the team, and surprisingly had more assists due to his solid passing skills out of the low-

"I wish my son would have

score a few more points, but game against Cranbrook," he truly is a team player and made sure his teammates got involved in the offense," Darrell Manning said.

Manning dislocated a finger toward the end of the regular season and missed the final few games. He returned to the lineup in

time for the Knights' Class D district semifinal game against Detroit Midtown Academy. Unfortunately, they lost.

Manning said. "I knew right away something was wrong, but the finger feels a lot better and I will be ready for our baseball season opener."

Manning has played basketball for several years, as well as football, excelling at quarterback and wide receiver.

He played on the Knights' gridiron squad his freshman season and had a chance to show his quarterbacking skills "The finger hurt a lot when in the final game, throwing for

couple of touchdowns.

ULS didn't field a varsity football team the past three vears, but will in the fall.

"I wish we would have had football because I really like playing it," Manning said. "It's unfortunate, but now I have to focus on baseball."

Manning's finger has healed and allowed him to go full force in practice. His pitching has been solid and he anticipates having an outstanding senior year on the diamond; hopefully leading the Knights to a Division 4 state champi-

"I'm going to do my best and I know my teammates will do their best each and every game," Manning said. "This is it for my high school career."

He is just as solid in the classroom, fielding a 3.0 grade point average.

"My wife (Ethelyn) and I decided it would be better to send Jeremiah to Liggett because we know how important it is to get a good education and we put that a higher priority than athletics." Darrell Manning said. "We definitely made the right choice."

The large homework load took a time of adjustment for Manning, but his hard work will pay off as he pursues an engineering degree from Michigan State University in the fall.

He plans to enroll early and take summer classes.

Manning's older sister, Darralyn, graduates this spring from Florida A&M with an undergraduate degree.

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# 'Cimini' ball aims for long playoff run

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

It's back to business for head coach Dan Cimini and his University Liggett School boys baseball team.

Last season, the No. 1 ranked Knights finished 27-1 overall, losing to Metro Conference rival Lutheran Westland in a Division IV regional championship game.

They also lost three all-state players, Curtis Fisher, Patrick Gustine and Mike Thomas to graduation.

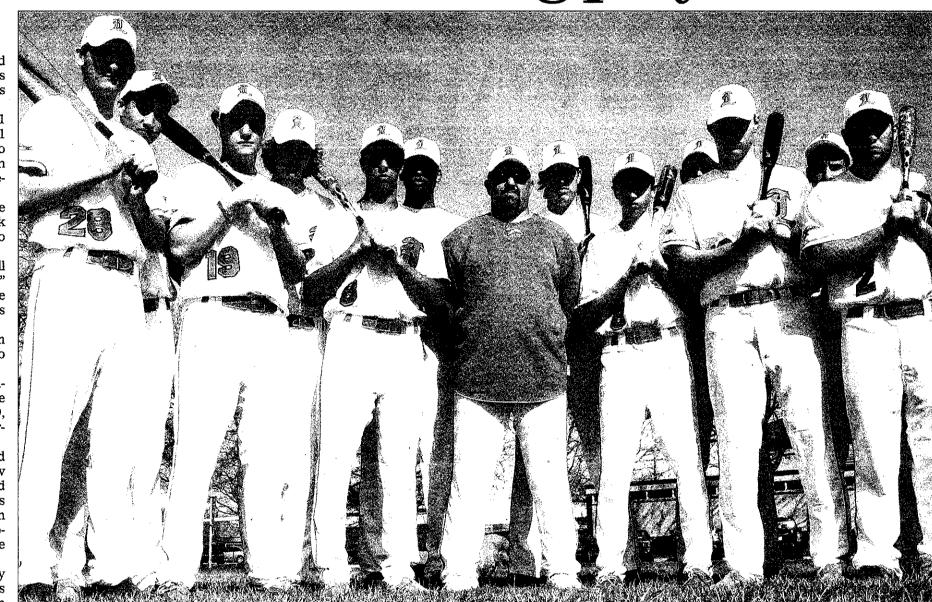
"We're young, but they will be a good baseball team," Cimini said. "We lost our three big guys, but I like the players and I love our pitching staff.

"I'm proud of this program and the players we have will do a nice job."

During the past four seasons, Cimini's squads have won 108 and lost only 19, which is an .850 winning percentage.

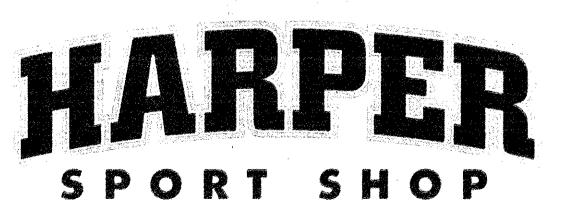
The 2009 Knights will be led by returning seniors Andrew Malaski, Tommy Graves and Jeremiah Manning; juniors Mark Ghafari, Joey Shannon and Skippy Faber; and sophomores Dominic Jamett and Joe Simon.

Newcomers to the varsity squad are junior Chris Ralstrom, sophomores Mitch



See KNIGHTS, page 2D Head coach Dan Cimini, center, has his 2009 University Liggett School boys baseball team ready to defend its back-to-back Metro Conference titles.



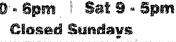


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#### **Boys baseball**

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Senior-based Norsemen ready to roll

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

This could be another magical season for Grosse Pointe North's boys' baseball team.

The Norsemen, coming off a strong 2008 campaign that ended with a disappointing loss to rival Grosse Pointe North in a Division 1 district title game, has 10 returning letter winners who are hungry for success.

"We have a great group of players who have had a lot of time outside to practice, which has been nice for a change," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We have some solid returning players who will lead us this season. We always want to get deep in the state playoffs and that is what we play the game for."

It all starts with pitching and the Norsemen have one of the best at the top of the rotation, senior Josh Cok. He was 7-2 with a 1.63 ERA, striking out 71 in 56 innings pitched last season.

"Josh is our No. 1 who throws strikes," Sumbera said. "We're pretty deep pitching wise, which will keep us in a lot of games."

Junior Nate Lewis is No. 2 on the staff, going 5-0 with a 1.19 ERA a year ago, while seniors Brett Reardon and Kevin Remus will also pitch for the Norsemen.

Other seniors are John Michael Guest, who will start in centerfield; Kyle Cordova, third base; Mike Rahaim, left Mike Tolliver, first base/pitchfield; Aaron Cisco, catcher; and Drew Tech, outfield.

Juniors on the squad are Teddie Williams, infield/pitcher; Tony Casano, infield/pitch-



Grosse Pointe North head coach Frank Sumbera, center, will rely on senior captains, from left, Joshua Cok, Brett Reardon, Aaron Cisco and John Michael Guest.

infield/pitcher; Palazzolo,

infield/catcher/pitcher; Brandon D'Agnese, outfield; Kirk Gowen, catcher; Mitchell Capp, infield/outfield; and

Sumbera also has two

sophomores on the varsity squad. They are Paul Kappaz, who will play infield and pitch. Richardson, and Nate Maiuri, who will outfield/pitcher; Mike Held, play first base and pitch.

the squad who should be able to hit the ball and score runs," Sumbera said. "We have a lot of senior leadership this season."

Cisco, in limited at-bats, led the team with a .429 batting average. He is followed by Rahaim at .382, Cordova at .368, Lewis at .325 and Reardon at .306.

The Norsemen were moved

finishing second in the White a year ago.

"It might be one of the best conferences in the state," Sumbera said. "You have three recent state champions and the rest of the teams are very good. Three or four losses might win this thing and there might be more than one division champ."

North plays 10 division the

Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower, Chippewa Valley and rival Grosse Pointe South.

"Our schedule is tough, but we like to play the best competition we can to make us better prepared for the state playoffs," Sumbera said. "We're ready to have some fun."

In nonleague competition, Norsemen face up to the Macomb Area games against Macomb Kalamazoo Central, defend- Kalamazoo Central.

"We have some big guys on Conference Red Division after Dakota, Sterling Heights ing Division 1 state champ Birmingham Brother Rice, Detroit Renaissance, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Utica Ford, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Warren Mott and Fraser.

> They also compete in the Milan, Alpena, L'Anse Creuse North and Grosse Pointe tournaments.

North opens its season Wednesday, April 8, against

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

### Blue Devus are young, igry ior successiui season

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Griesbaum is fielding one of his youngest ever baseball teams at Grosse Pointe South, but that doesn't make a difference when it comes to setting goals.

"We're a little inexperienced, but our goals don't change,' Griesbaum said. "We want to win the league and advance to the final four."

Griesbaum lost 16 seniors from last year's 23-11 team that won a district title before losing 4-1 to Royal Oak in a regional semifinal. Of those 16 seniors, nine are playing college baseball this spring.

Leading the charge this season are captains John Hackett, a returning starter, and Keith Sklarski, who finished his hockey season as one of the top forwards on the team.

The only returning player with pitching victories under his belt is junior Bobby Peltz, who was 3-0 with a 0.70 ERA. He will anchor the rotation,

Sklarski, Matt Reck, Carl Brecht, Chris Shirar and Anthony Riashi.

Rounding out the battery are catchers Mike Cimmarrusti, Cooper Hartman and Alex Bedan.

The rest of the squad is composed of Leif Rodney, Will Ferrara, Kelly O'donnell-Daudlin, Brad Remillet, Pat Kennedy, Billy Mestdagh, Alex Koski, Charlie Getz, Andrew Lajdziak, Andy Vanderschaaf, Ryan Miller and Stephen Walworth.

"It's an opportunity for the guys to step in and show me what they have," Griesbaum said. "We're working hard and we should be a better team when we get ready for our division schedule, which starts with Grosse Pointe North.

"Our newcomers will get a chance to play, which is why we play scrimmages and nonleague games," Griesbaum said. "We're looking forward to the season."

The Blue Devils, who won

which might also include the Macomb Area Conference White Division title with a perfect 12-0 mark a year ago, moved up to the Red Division this season.

Along with the Blue Devils. the Red is home to Grosse Pointe North, Macomb Dakota, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower and Chippewa Valley.

"All of the teams are good, so every game will be close," Griesbaum said. "We will be up for the challenge."

The challenge continues with a nonleague slate that contains Warren DeLaSalle, Birmingham Brother Rice, Utica, Utica Ford and Catholic Central.

The Blue Devils will also host four four-team invitational's and will take a trip to Cincinnati during spring break to play Cincinnati Moeller, Milford and Cincinnati Oak Hills high schools.

Grosse Pointe South opens its season Saturday, April 4, hosting an invitational, beginning at 10 a.m.



Head coach Dan Griesbaum's team captains for this season are Keith Sklarski, left, and John Hackett.

# **KNIGHTS: Team has** solid pitching

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Gatzke and Nate Weiss, and freshman Jeff Mott.

The Knights should be able to score a lot of runs as Graves and Jamett will be in the key RBI spots in the lineup.

Cimini's pitching staff will also be as good as last season with Graves and Manning setting the tone as the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the rotation. In addition, Simon, Faber and Weiss will see time on the

"Tommy has the potential to have a very strong season on

4-inches tall, that fastball will Cimini said. seem like it is coming in at 90."

Manning didn't need to pitch last season, due to Fisher, Gustine and Graves leading the rotation. However, this season Manning, a southpaw, is being counted on to provide leadership, a good batting average and wins.

The Knights are the twodefending Metro time Conference champions, going 11-0 last season and 22-1 the past couple of years, losing only to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in

Once again, Cranbrook Kingswood will provide solid opposition, as will Macomb Lutheran North and Lutheran Westland, which plays the rematch Friday, April 24, at ULS.

"This is our last year in the the mound," Cimini said. "He is Metro and it would be nice to throwing 86 mph and at 6-feet- win it a third straight season,"

Other than the 11 conference games, the Knights face several teams they will play next season as members of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference; Plymouth Christian, Huron Valley Lutheran, Bloomfield Hills Roeper, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Franklin Road Christian.

They will also face Summit Academy North, Pontiac Academy for Excellence and Ann Arbor Greenhills in nonleague action. The Knights also host its annual tournament Saturday, May 9.

"Our goal is always to win a league and district title and go as far as possible in the playoffs," Cimini said.

University Liggett School's season opener is Saturday, April 4, against Plymouth Christian Academy.

#### **SPORTS**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Ball team has tools to compete

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball team has a shot to win a division title this season un-Crane.

coach Brian McDonald is away.

Last year's squad finished 10-17 overall, losing 5-3 to L'Anse Creuse in a pre-district game.

Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with Warren Huron, Roseville and Warren

catcher Morgan Bedan and sesecond baseman Jacqueline Reno. Senior Nicole Piccione, an outfielder, is the Dakota invitationals. only other upperclassman on the roster.

Others are junior third baseman/outfielder Shannon Gianino, sophomore shortstop Emma Maniere, junior outfielder Kayla Lewis, sophomore pitcher/first baseman der interim head coach Nicole Hayley Martin, sophomore outfielder Emily Wybo, junior She is taking charge of the outfielder Erica Babb, junior

team this spring while head outfielder/second baseman Victoria Chrumka, sophomore first baseman/outfielder Aisha Rodney and junior pitcher/first baseman Keely O'Connor. Crane will be busy as her Lady Blue Devils have a

This season, the Lady Blue packed schedule that includes Devil will compete in the nonleague games against Chippewa Valley, Harper Woods, Port Huron Northern, Lincoln, L'Anse Creuse, Port Fraser, Grosse Pointe North, Utica Eisenhower, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and Leading the way are senior Eastpointe East Detroit.

In addition, the team will play in the Macomb Classic, Northwest High School and

South will have played two games after publication.



Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball team captains are seniors Morgan Bedan, left, and Jacqueline Reno.

**Girls softball** 

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Experience key to season

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

A year older and wiser will help Grosse Pointe North's girls' softball team win more from their mistakes. games than last season.

"We have a lot of returning seniors with experience," head  $\ \ ready\ to\ take\ the\ next$ coach Bill Taylor said. "We improved a lot last season when our younger kids learned from BILL TAYLOR, their mistakes. Now, we think we're ready to take the next step."

Taylor has 13 girls on his varsity squad, including seniors Matthew, Krysta Schroeder, Maddie Kent, VanRaemdonck, Perna, Allison Meier and Katie Martin.

Junior Teresa Collins is also a returning player who will catch and play the outfield.

Newcomers to the Lady Norsemen are sophomores Constance Bahr and Michelle

We improved a lot last season when our younger kids learned Now, we think we're step.

North softball head coach

Perna and freshman Amy

"The girls have more confidence than this time a year ago," Taylor said. "Our defense season. Hopefully I have a lucky 13 (players).'

The Lady Norsemen will Macomb Area Conference White Division.

half of the division a year ago, but that should change this season with the senior leadership.

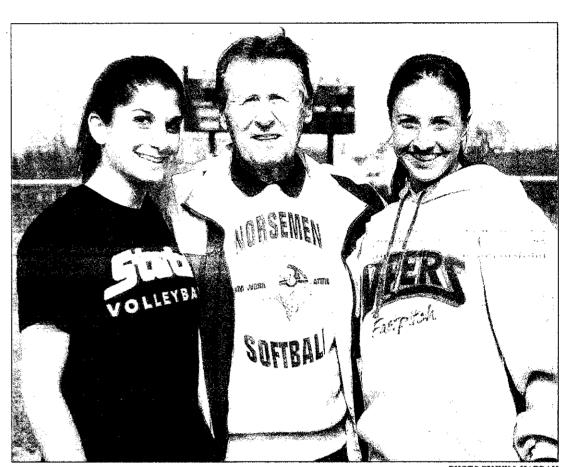
Title contenders are Marine City, St. Clair and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore. Their other division foes are Utica and Utica Ford.

In nonleague action, Taylor's squad faces Chippewa Valley, Grosse Pointe South, Anchor Bay and Utica Eisenhower, plus it will compete in the Macomb Classic, Michigan Stars and Romeo tournaments this spring.

"We have a full schedule with good teams," Taylor said. should be better, which will cut "I would rather play the Meghan down on the number of untougher teams to get our girls earned runs we gave up last used to playing at a higher level, which we need come state playoff time."

Grosse Pointe North opens once again compete in the its season at 4 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Chippewa Valley.

They finished in the bottom ready to have fun," Taylor said.



"The girls are excited and Head coach Bill Taylor, center, and his Grosse Pointe North girls softball captains, senior Krysta Schroeder, left, and Samantha Matthew, are ready for what hopefully is a successful season.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Team fueled by youth

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls softball team is young and inexperienced heading into the 2009 campaign.

Only three seniors are on the squad, Megan Amicucci, Megan Brandon and Kristin Peterson, and two juniors, Jessica Warfield and Ashly Monicatti.

The rest of the squad is composed of freshmen and sophomores; so it will be a baptism by fire for most of the Lady Knights, under head coach Jim Schmidt. "We lost our all-star battery

of Taylor Brown and Danielle Vespa and we're a very young team this season," assistant coach Ted Alpert said. "It will be a learning experience for the girls.'

Freshmen Susie Stefani and Sloane Klene should provide some pop in the lineup, despite their lack of varsity experience. "Pitching and catching will

determine how far we go," Alpert said. "We have always been able to score runs and we're aggressive on the base paths, but we

understand our defense has to

be good, too." The Lady Knights finished in Conference a year ago. As usual. Macomb Lutheran North fields a division title contender, but the rest of the teams Athletic Conference.



Seniors Megan Amicucci, left, and Kristin Peterson are veterans on a ULS girls' softball team loaded with underclassmen.

change from year to year.

Christine Tomey will be assisting the Lady Knights. She will be working with the pitchers as they try to make a smooth transition to the varsity level.

This is the final season the the upper half of the Metro Lady Knights will compete in the Metro Conference. Starting next fall, they will be a member of the Michigan Independent

Most of their nonleague foes are members of the MIAC, including Plymouth Christian Academy, Huron Valley Lutheran and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

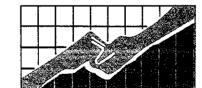
The Lady Knights will also face Ann Arbor Greenhills in a nonleague game.

Schmidt's ULS softball team opens its season today, Thursday, April 2, at Plymouth Christian.

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#### Girls lacrosse

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Lady Norsemen's offense is explosive

Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team has the talent to make a long run in the state playoffs at the end of May.

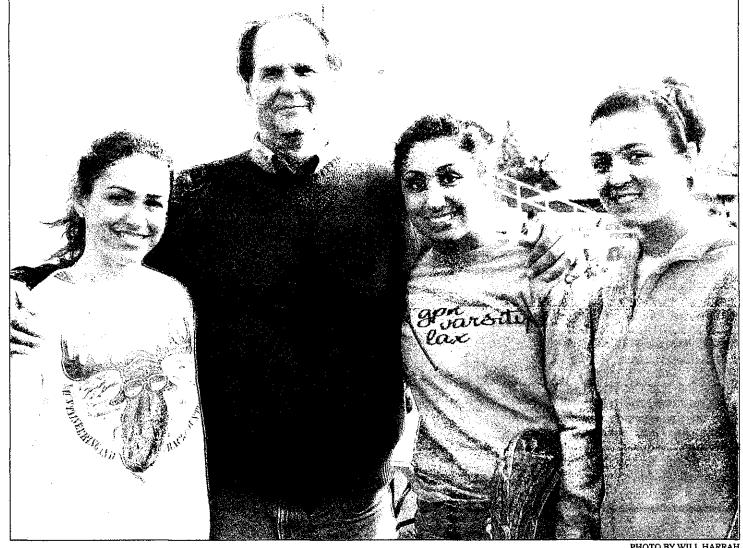
Head coach Bill Seaman has a ton of offensive standouts and a talented goalkeeper. He hopes that combination mixes well with a solid defense.

"We will definitely be able to score goals, but will we be able to prevent them?" Seaman said. "I'm always optimistic because we have a solid group of players and veterans on this squad.

"We will get a big test when we play Cranbrook. We will know where we stand among the top teams in the state after that game."

Seniors Alexa Lucchese, Alexa Quinlan and Adriana Badalamenti, along with junior Molly Youngblood, lead the way. Other standouts are Mackenzie Seaman, Sarah Hawkins, Lindsey Jara and goalkeeper Katie Case, who is one of the state's top hockey players.

The Lady Norsemen opened their season last week, beating Flushing 13-4 and Farmington 9-8.



Head coach Bill Seaman, second from left, chose talented seniors, from left, Alexa Quinlan, Adriana Badalamenti and Alexa "We were on top of things Lucchese to captain the 2009 Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team.

against Flushing and played very well at both ends of the field," Seaman said.

"We, for the most part, played a good game against Farmington, with the exception of several minutes in the second half."

With the score tied at 8, Lucchese scored the gamewinning goal with only 25 seconds left to lift the host Lady Norsemen past Farmington.

Lucchese scored four goals, while Badalamenti had three and Quinlan had two to lead the offensive charge.

In the Flushing contest, Quinlan had five goals and assists. two Badalamenti had three goals and two assists and Seaman had three goals and one assist.

Hawkins and Jara also tallied in the lopsided victory. "We have a lot of girls who

will score goals for us," Seaman said, after his Lady Norsemen improved to 2-0 overall.

Also on North's schedule are Flint Powers, Lake Orion, University Liggett School, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Grosse Pointe South, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Livonia Ladywood, Rockford, Farmington Hills Mercy, Warren Regina, Troy and North Farmington.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Lady Blue Devils learning against tough foes

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' lacrosse team heads into the building and growing to do this of the state tournament."

der head coach Lauren Germaine.

season with a young squad un- season," Germaine said. "Our goals are realistic. They are to finish with a winning record "We definitely have some re- and make it past the first round



Team captains for the 2009 season are, from left, junior Melanie Parke, junior Katherine Palms, senior Annie Hartz and senior Christie Greiner.

only five three-year players, including senior Christine Greiner and junior Torie Palfy, who will anchor the offense and defense, respectively.

They will miss the leadership provided by Ashley Michelle Thibodeau. Martinelli and Melissa Oddo. The latter two were defensive

Germaine will see many underclassmen lead her team, including junior Katherine Palms, junior Shannon Burke, junior Melanie Parke, junior Annie Hartz, junior Lindsey Thibodeau and sophomore Kelsie Silzell.

The Lady Blue Devils return Jackie Stevens are ready to little more offense as Palms step up, too, with their leadership.

> Newcomers to the team, sophomore Haley Atshuler, junior Tara Bolton and junior Terra Saigh, will learn on the job for the Lady Blue Devils. Others on the squad are ju-

niors Mary Cather Hudock, junior Emma Hull, junior Hanna Doyle, junior Jennifer Ryan, freshman Elizabeth Griffith and sophomore Ellen Farber.

The Lady Blue Devils opened their season with losses to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 14-4, Farmington Hills Mercy, 12-7, and Troy, 15-8.

After struggling in the open-Seniors Molly Smith and er, Germaine's squad found a

scored four times and Smith twice in the loss to Troy. Palfy led the defense and added an assist.

led 6-1 midway Troy through the first half before Parke tallied off an assist from Ryan. Late in the opening half, Greiner scored with Park recording the assist.

Smith led the team with three goals against Mercy, while Doyle and Greiner also scored as the Lady Blue Devils dropped to 0-3 on the young season.

In the opener against Pioneer, Palms had to play goalkeeper due to an injury to the starter.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Lady Knights heavily rely on underclassmen in '09

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls lacrosse team has not one senior on the roster this spring.

"It's a little unusual, but that is the way it is," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "I know the girls on the roster will learn a lot this season, especially the freshmen who came out."

The Lady Knights will rely on juniors Natalie Boll, Kelly Usakoski, Liz Smith, Ai Yamasaki, Maggie Zinkel and Morgan Ellis to lead the team.

it, good endurance and good stick handling skills," Fobare said. "They know how they can rally the troops, so they're definitely our leaders."

Others to watch are sophomore defender Nozomi Yamasaki and sophomore goalkeeper Alex Halladay.

"This will be an interesting season, which is our 50th," Fobare said. "We play hard and have fun competing against some very tough teams like Pointe South, Bloomfield Hills

"The juniors have good spir- Cranbrook Kingswood, ASH (Academy of the Sacred Heart) and DCDS (Birmingham Detroit Country Day)."

The Lady Knights also face Warren Regina, Rochester, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richad. Canton and a new foe, Toledo Notre Dame Academy.

"It will be fun to play a homeand-home series with Notre Dame Academy," Fobare said. "I like playing teams we never

ULS played its season open-Grosse Pointe North, Grosse er yesterday, Wednesday, April 1, at Grosse Pointe North.



#### Girls soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# New coach, same objective for Lady Knights

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Head coach David Dwaihy takes over a veteran based University Liggett School girls soccer team.

Long-time head coach David Backhurst retired from the girls' program, leaving his assistant for the past six seasons at the helm.

coach "I'm grateful Backhurst has provided some outstanding leadership and I've learned a lot as his understudy the past few seasons," Dwaihy said. "It's a little overwhelming right now, but he has helped fill me in on the little details I have to take care of now that I'm the head coach.

"It does help that I know the girls and we have a lot of upperclassmen who are talented soccer players."

Seniors Charlotte Waldmeir, Quinn Scillian, Alex Boll, Tori Jovanovski, Morgan Stinson and Whitney Baubie are reanchors of the Lady Knights.

Senior Janaya Gripper is itive touch to the roster. new to the team. She has earned all-state honors in field hockey and ice hockey this made the varsity squad that is season, so her presence on the composed of 19 players. team, Dwaihy said, adds a pos-



University Liggett School's girls' soccer team will be led by seniors, from left, Alex Boll, Tori Jovanovski, Janaya Gripper, Quinn turning letter winners and the Scillian, Charlotte Waldmeir and Whitney Baubie.

Two freshmen, Emily Johnson and Morgan Hutson,

"We have a lot of leadership

and a lot of underclassmen, after our break." which bodes well for our future," Dwaihy said. "I haven't played a rigorous conference had much time with the team, but we will be in full swing when the girls return to school

As always, the Lady Knights and nonconference schedule.

In their final year in the Metro Conference, ULS is a teams

contender, looking to beat favorites Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Macomb Lutheran North.

The rest of the conference Livonia

Westland, Harper Woods, Rocheter Hills Lutheran Northwest and Hamtramck.

"It would be nice to win the Metro Conference in our last season as a member," Dwaihy said. "I think we have the talent, but it will come down to just how strong Lutheran North and Cranbrook are."

In nonleague action, the Lady Knights face Summit Sports Academy, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills Roeper, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Royal Oak Shrine.

"Our schedule is very tough," Dwaihy said. "It definitely will prepare us for the districts, which has the No. 1 in it, Plymouth team Christian."

Dwaihy brings a wealth of knowledge to the head coach position. He played for Grosse Pointe North, as well as Kalamazoo College.

He has also coached soccer as various levels outside of the high school game.

He makes his ULS head coaching debut Friday, April 3, when the Lady Knights host Summit Sports Academy.

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Lady Norsemen one of top teams in state

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

It's state finals or bust for Grosse Pointe North's girls' soccer team.

Two years ago, the Lady Norsemen made an improbasemifinals before losing 5-0 to Rochester.

rible second half of the regular Haas, to play a pivotal role in season, but somehow found a helping the Lady Norsemen play better because every way to make it to the state limit the number of goals team in the Macomb Area championship game, losing 4-0 to Ann Arbor Huron.

Both of those teams played under the guidance of head coach Chip Stencel.

He resigned last fall and his replacement is Jen Nadeau. who guided the North girls' field hockey team to one of its finest seasons in history this

She brings a wealth of soccer knowledge to a team loaded with talent and picked as a title contender.

"The 2009 varsity women's soccer team has been training and conditioning in preparation for one of their strongest

strength coming into their McKee, as well as two-time season based on seniority, as well as returning varsity play-

Nadeau has strengthened the team's defensive unit. She is counting on her defenders, junior Alyssa Bruno, sophoble run to the Division 1 state more Meg Bergeron, junior Sarah Bigham, freshman Sam Last season, they had a hor- and senior captain Bridgette year. against compared with last

Senior Holly Spencer is back in goal and ready to go. Her backups are newcomer, senior, Jasmine Kennedy and junior Hannah Colborn.

"Our motto this season is to compete and that we are looking forward to "playing under pressure ... it is a privilege.

"Our goalkeepers have been busy, as we have added a new keeper (Kennedy) to the roster to deepen and even out our talent in net."

juniors Nikki Capizzo and season will be competitive," Sami Filippelli, and senior Nadeau said, "GP North varsiseasons thus far," Nadeau captain Paula Kennedy. They ty women's soccer 2009 is said. "With nine seniors on the will be setting up forwards ready to get started and comroster, GP North has a lot of freshman newcomer Nadia pete.'

"Dream Team" player, senior Olivia Stander.

Other forwards are seniors Sarah Kinnear, Karyle Pickelhaupt, Sarah Hilu and Lauren Walsh; sophomore Mariana Kouskoulas and junior Lindsay Brown.

North should be more con-Langer, junior Amanda Gay sistent scoring goals than last

> The offense will have to Conference Red Division is good.

North will battle preseason favorite Utica Eisenhower, rival Grosse Pointe South, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Ford and Chippewa Valley.

In nonleague action, the Lady Norsemen face Fraser, Warren Cousino, Utica, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Auburn Hills Avondale, Rochester Adams ·Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

"All-in-all, we are striving The midfield is patrolled by for success as our league this



New head coach Jen Nadeau, far right, has a talented Grosse Pointe North girls soccer team led by senior captains, from left, Olivia Stander, Paula Kennedy and Bridgette Haas.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Harkins' squad has the makeup of a champion

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team has some unfinished business after last year's state playoff run ended with a 1-0 loss to city rival Grosse Pointe North in a Division 1 regional title game.

The game ended shortly after the half due to repeated lightning strikes.

For nearly a year, the thought of what-if has led the players to work a little harder, jog another five minutes and kick an extra 10 shots on goal during offseason workouts. They have to wait a couple of

months to get to the playoffs, but before that, they might put together a solid regular season and could never get the offense Bowman was lost for the sea- iunior Rae Sklarski. under head coach Gene

there and better last year's mark," Harkins said.



Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer captains this season are, from left, senior Meryl Ethridge, junior Rachel Sklarski and senior Emma Brush.

They were solid defensively, "The girls have worked hard but that only led to several and they anxious to get out close losses and a few ties scattered throughout the schedule.

"We weren't consistent on The Lady Blue Devils hov- the offensive end, but I think ered just under the .500 mark that started when (Katherine)

son with an injury," Harkins said. "She is back and the offense should be much better."

Bowman is one of the top offensive threats for the Lady Blue Devils, joining sophomore Emily Flom, senior Erika Lanza, senior Ellen Muniga Kay, senior Emma Brush and and sophomore Chloe Jacob.

Other forwards are sophomore Sarah Ventimiglia, senior Katherine Corden, sophomore Natalie Sohn, freshman Charlotte Burns, senior Anna Schulte, junior Katherine

be strong, led by senior goalie Lauren Jacob. Her support sysincludes freshman Galea, junior Anastacia Harris, senior C.J. Jarboe, senior Stephanie McShane, senior Meryl 1-1. Ethridge, junior Jaclyn Onstwedder, freshman Madison Ethridge, senior Hannah Orlicki and sophomore Chelsea MacGriff. .

"We have three freshmen on the varsity this season and they will see a lot of minutes," Harkins said.

South will make a run at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division title, but it won't be easy as the entire league is tough.

Joining South and Utica Eisenhower are Grosse Pointe North, which made the Division 1 state title game, Chippewa Valley, which will be very good this season, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica Ford.

The schedule didn't do the sion contests.

The defense will once again team any favors as they opened with three of the toughest teams in the state, Novi, Troy Athens and Troy.

> After playing the trio of powers, South is 0-0-3, tying Novi 3-3, Troy Athens 1-1 and Troy "That was a brutal stretch of

games, but I feel we can com-

pete with anyone after playing pretty well against those schools," Harkins said. Brush scored the Lady Blue Devils' first goal of the season

early in the second half against Novi, cutting the deficit to 2-1. Burns, off a pass from

Sklarski, tied the game with 10:22 left. Defense ruled the next two

games with Jacob coming up with several big saves to preserve the ties. In other nonleague action,

South faces Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Utica and Romeo.

Their final 10 games are divi-

#### Boys lacrosse

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Blue Devils get back to basics

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' lacrosse team is coming off a historic season.

Last spring, the Blue Devils advanced to their first-ever Division 2 state semifinal, losing 12-8 to host Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

However, offensive standouts Sam Mott, Garrett Cox and Alex Langton graduated, leaving a hole in the lineup.

Several other top-notch players graduated, but that Blazoff. hasn't deterred head coach Don Wolford from focusing on winning this season. "We don't have that go-to

guy with a cannon for a shot. which means the guys have to step up, work the ball and run the offense to get those open shots," Wolford said.

This season's returning players are seniors Pat Pawlowski, Chris Thomas, John Conway, John Lovasco, Lyle Baumgarten, Kevin Macconnachie, Dan Gerow and Matthew Gaggin; and ju-

niors James Morris, Paul Ferriole and Pat Gregory.

Other team members are Roger Vandenbussche, Kevin Ginnebaugh and Mike Harrison; juniors Nick Monforton, Alex Krebs, Spencer Ray, Nicholas Faiver, Nelson, Peter Kurt Hollerbach, Bill McCaughey, Max Reitzloff, Andrew McCoy and Matt Hughes; and sophomores Nicholas Diehl, Andrew Liederbach, Thomas Shields, Chris Smith and Jeff

The Blue Devils' schedule is challenging with Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Warren DeLaSalle, Forest Hills Eastern and Ann Arbor Pioneer on the list.

In addition, they face city rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, along with Romeo, L'Anse Creuse North, Farmington, L'Anse Creuse, Warren Woods-Tower, Utica Eisenhower, Romeo and Warren Consolodated.

Wolford's squad officially



Head coach Don Wolford is counting on senior captains, from left, John LoVasco, Danny Gerow, Lyle Baumgarten and Matt Gaggin, to lead the South boys lacrosse team this season.

3-1 to L'Anse Creuse North. "We played pretty well de- stead of just on net because sively, which I saw at times in overall.

more shots on the goalie, in- "We need to step it up offen-

began the season last week, fensively in each game, but too many of our shots have the first couple of games, but beating Romeo 7-2 and losing offensively we need to get been offline," Wolford said. not consistently enough."

Grosse Pointe South is 1-1

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Bartoy aboard to continue success

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys' lacrosse team is coming off a monumental 2008 season in which it made a nice playoff

That was with a veteran line-

up under head coach Chris and coach, John Bartoy. Hartley.

A few changes and here it is,

spring 2009. Hartley resigned to take another administrative position at a school in Seattle, leaving the program in the hands of accomplished lacrosse player

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"I asked a few people about the job when it was posted (Robb McIntyre and Ken Brubaker) and they told me to take it," Bartoy said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to build what Chris Hartley created."

Bartoy played lacrosse and ice hockey at Harper Woods Notre Dame before playing lacrosse at Central Michigan University.

His assistant coach, Carl Doppelberger, played college lacrosse at Albion.

"Carl and I have been

Bartoy is leaning on returning seniors Jack Fisher, Andrew Callewaert, Brandon Woods and juniors Dan Zukas, Rory Deane, Mac Decker, Jake Hamel to be the top perform-

men Austin Petitpren, Boris Canzano and Dave Gushee, who Bartoy said will not be intimidated playing at the varsity

ground running, which is great as we prepare for our opener," Bartoy said. "The attiguys are hungry to keep the winning going from last year's team."

The season ended with a 9-6

friends for a long time and I'm happy to have him as my assistant," Bartoy said. "We're a young team, but we have some good leadership from our seniors and juniors."

Goldberg and Jonathan Others to watch are fresh-

"Everybody has hit the

Last year's magical season included victories over city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

regional semifinal loss to I have, so let's see what hap-



PHOTO BY RENATO

Senior Jack Fisher is one of several seniors who new coach John Bartoy is counting on to lead the University Liggett School boys' lacrosse team this spring.

tude is very positive and the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook pens." Kingswood.

> Bartoy was McIntyre's assistant coach for the boys' ice hockey team, so he is familiar with most of his players.

> "I want to build this program into a consistent winner," Bartoy said. "I like the players

The Knights' 2009 opponents are Rochester Adams, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Romeo, Grosse Ile, Cranbrook Kingswood, Grosse Pointe South, Ann Arbor Greenhills, L'Anse Creuse, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Grosse

Pointe North and Royal Oak.

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Norsemen have making of offensive juggernaut

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Preston has his Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team ready to roll for the 2009 season.

His Norsemen had their moments of greatness a year ago, but this season is shaping up to be even better, thanks to an experienced group of veterans.

Last year's underclassmen on the squad were Robert Rader, Thomas Walworth, Joe Youngblood, Nicolas Rochte, Dimitrios Avouris, Jeremy Payton, Antonio Avila, James Tocco, Kenneth Harlan, Nicholas Ireland, Brandon Davenport, Ian LaValley, Scott Brown, Paul Joseph and Troy Seelev.

Despite losing 14 seniors to Mary's, Grosse Pointe South, graduation, Preston still has a L'Anse Creuse and ULS. potent squad that will lean on experience to pave the way through the schedule, which included a 14-2 win over Romeo and 12-4 victory over Warren-Sterling Unified last week.

"We have a pretty special team this year with eight returning starters, including all three on attack," Preston said. "Our expectations are set pretty high this season.

"We have an extremely talented offense and a young, but athletic defense held together by our three-year starting goalie, Nick Rochte."

playoffs is loaded with perennial Division 2 powerhouses DeLaSalle, Country Day, St.

"If we continue to progress, get better every day, and practice like we play in games, we should have a good run into the playoffs," Preston said.

Davenport had 12 points in the two wins, while Youngblood had eight, while Tocco and LaValley each had seven points.

Rochte allowed only six goals and made 22 saves in the two games.

Also on the slate are Grosse Pointe South, L'Anse Creuse, L'Anse Creuse North, Utica Eisenhower, Warren DeLaSalle, Flint Powers, The Norsemen's region University Liggett School and Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

North plays at L'Anse Creuse Tuesday, April 7.

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#### **SPORTS**

### Girls track and field

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Driven to keep record intact

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team has 103 members this spring for head coach Steve Zaranek

"In addition to a solid core of very talented, hard working group of first-year runners, Zaranek said.

"Our goals this year include challenging to win both our league and state regional titles pole vault and distance. and, hopefully, qualifying a finals."

The Lady Blue Devils' top re-Gilbert, who set a new school record in the shot put last season and broke it this winter during the indoor season; juathlete on the team running Monforton, long distance specialist; senior and Veronica Schacht. Pilar Mackey, high jump; se-



Captains for South's 2009 track and field team are seniors, returning veterans, we have a from left, Jane Harness, Sarah Youngblood, Chelsea Gilbert and Clare Conway.

Zaranek is also expecting dozen or more girls to the state excellent contributions from Jane Harness, Margaret Levasseur, Clare Conway, turners are senior Chelsea Harper Pizzimenti and Kathleen Nelson in the distance and sprint events.

First-year runners Carmen Engel, Madi Kaiser, Ivana nior Katie Steen, most versatile Kakos, Kelly Langton, Cara Marissa sprints, distance and long Monforton, Caitlin Moore, jump; sophomore Natalie Gay, Hannah Wheeler, Elise Corden

"With our high numbers and nior Sarah Youngblood, hur- excellent start with practices,

dles and high jump; junior we are very optimistic that this Amanda Ray, sprints; and season should be another very sophomore Sydney Burke, successful one for our team," Zaranek said.

> The Lady Blue Devils have been first or second in the state regional every year since 1983, including winning 12 regional titles in a 16-year span.

They have won 18 league titles in the past 23 seasons and their dual mark record since the program began in 1979 is 215-22, which is a .907 winning percentage.

The Lady Blue Devils are once again favorites to win the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Other contenders are Romeo and Utica.

#### **Boys track and field**

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Norsemen get bumped up to MAC Red Division

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team has moved up to the Macomb Area Conference Red Division for the first time in school history.

The Norsemen dominated the White Division the past couple of seasons, which prompted the advancement to the MAC's toughest division.

"We will have some new challenges competing in the Red Division for the first time ever," new head coach Frank Tymrack said.

North is now challengers of Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower, Port Huron, Sterling Heights and Macomb Dakota.

"We will be more multi-dimensional this season because we will need our kids to try to specialize in more events," Tymrack said. "We have a nice group and we're looking forward to those new challenges."

Senior captains John Poole, discus; Andrew Charnesky,



Grosse Pointe North's new challenge is competing in the MAC Red Division. Leading the way are captains, from left, Theron Carter, Darius Wilcox, Andrew Charnesky, Matt VanEgmond and John Poole.

VanEgmond, 3,200-meter run, each competed in last year's state championship meet.

The other captains are seniors Theron Carter, sprinter and relays, and Darius Wilcox, sprinter and relays.

Others who should stand out are senior pole vaulter Paul Chabot, senior distance runner favorite, Stevenson.

300-meter hurdles; and Matt Mark Balle, and junior sprinter Adam Devine.

"We have a great coaching staff, which really helps our kids prepare for the tough season," Tymrack said. "Our goal is to be at our best for the state regional meet in Mav."

North's first meet is Tuesday, April 7, at home against league

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Lady Norsemen prepare for MAC Red competition

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls track and field team has said goodbye to the Macomb Conference White Division and hello to the toughest, the Red.

coach Charles Head Buhagiar and his Norsemen will now be running against Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota, Sterling Heights and Port Huron.

charts, the Lady Norsemen will have plenty of star power with returning state final competi-100-meter and 400-meter dash; junior Aretha Frazier, long jump; junior Krystal Bush, 300meter hurdles; junior Haley Abessinio, 400-meter dash; and sophomore Micaela Liddane, 3,200-meter run, leading the way.

The team is captained by meets, the Lady Norsemen will Saturday, May 30.



Despite the move up the Captains, from left, Zyanya Wright-Servais, Allison Liddane,

Avida Johnson and Haley Abessinio will lead the Lady Norsemen in a new division this season, the MAC Red.

Liddane, Avida Johnson and Abessinio.

The Lady Norsemen might not have the sure numbers of their larger competitors, but

Besides those tough division championship

tors, senior Anitra Peoples, Zyanya Wright-Servais, Allison compete in the Sterling Heights Invitational Saturday, May 2, the Dakota Invitational Saturday, May 16, and the County Meet Friday, May 22.

The Red Division meet is they will be able to match them scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at Dakota, and the state meet

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Blue Devils favored to win White Division

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' track team is in perfect position to win a division title this

Head coach Werner Schienke has a lot of depth to help the Blue Devils navigate through the Macomb Area Conference White Division against Port Huron Northern, Anchor Bay, Warren Mott, Romeo and Utica.

Senior captains Edwin Gay, Mike Bellovich, Jack Davies and Dan Holley lead the team, which is 66 members strong. Davies and Gay made it to

last year's Division 1 state championship meet, competing in the 1,600-meter run and 3,200-meter run, respectively. The Blue Devils have tradi-

tionally been a strong distance event team and the same can be said of the 2009 squad. Other seniors on the squad

are Alex Action, Adam Brewster, Dan Dickson, Reid Dixon, Vincent Dusina, Martin Fleszar, Christian Giancarlo, Steven Haberkorn, Carl Henrichs, Davis Logan, Chester Simmons and Alex Parker.



South's track and field captains for the 2009 season are seniors, from left, Edwin Gay, Mike Bellovich, Jack Davies and Dan Holley.

Other than the five league Friday May 15. dual meets, the Blue Devils Detroit Country Day, as well as Relays, Sterling Heights Luther Invitational and Dakota Invitational.

On Thursday, May 21, South will host the Blue Devils Relays for freshmen and sophomores, Highland Park, Roseville and and a state regional meet rival Grosse Pointe North.

South's regional competitors compete against Birmingham are Detroit Central, Detroit Denby, Detroit Finney, Detroit run in the Stevenson Titans Kettering, Detroit Martin King, Detroit Northwestern, Detroit Osborn, Detroit Pershing, Detroit Southeastern, U-D Jesuit, Eastpointe East Detroit,

Co-ed sailing

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# New coach has new attitude

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

sailing team has a new coach at the helm, Sergie Lie.

School graduate and long-time brings his energy to the high school level for the first time.

"I'm excited to be a part of this program and I think I can help the team improve," Lie said. "We have a nice group of nice things this spring."

Lie is relying on the leadership of seniors Spencer Colpaert, Christian Gouin-Davis, Alex Hume and Sarah every kind of weather, except Somes.

The rest of the team is composed of juniors Julie Griffin,

Steven Jones and Brooke Lyon; sophomores Nicholas Henrichs, Nicole Rhodes and The Grosse Pointe South Sarah Schulte; and freshmen Benjamin Cornillie, Madison Eger, Andrew Malley, Blake The University Liggett Utz and Matthew White.

"I'm pretty familiar with sailing and lacrosse coach most of the kids since I have coached them in summer programs," Lie said. "This is a nice opportunity for us to build a nice program and compete against the best in the area."

The Blue Devils practice out sailors who want to do some of Crescent Yacht Club and will travel to Chicago for the first couple of regattas of the sea-

"We pretty much sail in for lightning, extreme cold and very windy conditions," Lie



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Junior Steven Jones, left, and senior Spencer Colpaert are the 2009 captains for the Grosse Pointe South sailing team.

Co-ed crew

**GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED** 

# **Grosse Pointe** ready to battle

The Grosse Pointe Unified crew team is ready for action this

Thanks to hundreds of hours of practice in the early morning on nearby rivers and waterways, seniors Nicholaas Allen, Nicholas Blanzy, Taylor Freeman and John Sullivan, have the squad preparing for its next event, the Cincinnati Invitational Saturday, April 11.

Head coach Dick Bell will guide his squad to six other competitions this season, including the Hoover Cup Regatta Saturday, April 18, the Dossin Match Race-Belle Isle event Sunday, April 26, and the Rockford Match Race-Lansing Sunday, May 3.

Joining the seniors on the co-ed team are juniors Jonathan Allen, Allison DeClercq, Andrew Fields, Katharine Hubbard, Bridhid Klick, Erin McGarry, Alexandra Moot, Colin Moot, Rose Pawlowski and Rachel Sanford; sophomores John Blanzy, Alexandra Chrumk and Peter Cornillie; and freshmen Jeanette Llorens, Chris Montague, Anita Shah and Chloe Walker round out the large roster.

The final three events for the team take place Friday, May 15, which is the Midwest Juniors Rowing championship in Cincinnati; Saturday, May 23, in the Midwest Championships; and Thursday, June 11, in the Youth nationals at Harsha Lake.

— Bob St. John

#### **Boys golf**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# New coach, same goals

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' golf team is ready to roll under new head coach Rob McIntyre.

Last year's squad lost to rival Grosse Pointe North in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet slate, but came back to edge their rivals to take first in the Red Division Tournament at The Meadows with a 316.

Coming back this season the team is led by junior captain Tommy Pendy and junior ascaptain sistant Matt Temrowski. Both were right there when it counted the most Red Division the Tournament behind then-senior all-stater Tim Shield.

"We have a very competitive talent pool of nearly all underclassmen," McIntyre said. "We started off earlier than ever before and I think we're ahead of time.

"We're excited to start the Chippewa season and we feel we can be a good golf team this spring."

Mike Muiler is the only sescorers should be juniors James Brophy, Evan Inger and Matt Taflinger, as well as sophomore Conrad Tech, who



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Junior Tommy Pendy, left, is the captain of South's boys' golf team and junior Matt Temrowski is the assistant captain.

is new to the varsity team.

The Blue Devils are once again the team to beat in the the game in terms of practice division, but the competition improved. North, Valley, Utica Eisenhower, Romeo and Utica Ford each field stronger players, which will push the Blue nior on the squad. Other top Devils to shoot consistent scores match-in and match-

> The Division I district tournament shouldn't be a problem

to navigate, but the regional tournament is going to be

McIntyre's squad plays the eight division matches, along with four invitational's.

"Our guys are going to set goals and I know one of them is to get to the states," McIntyre said.

They open the season with a home match Tuesday, April 7, Eisenhower against Gowanie Golf Club.

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Team preps for wins

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' golf team is ready for the challenge of what should be a competitive 2009 campaign.

"We're ready to go and we have had some nice practice time outside, which is a little unusual for this time of year," head coach Brian Stackpoole said.

Leading the Norsemen are seniors Robert Okonowski and Matt Jankowski, and juniors John Freismuth and Eric Sandmair.

Others on the squad are in alphabetical order, sophomore Steve Demers, freshman Scott Dornbrock, sophomore Michael Gula, sophomore Zack Hanna, freshman Patrick Hastings, junior Alex Plomaritis. sophomore

Christian Vervaeke and junior dual matches, so we decided

Kevin Zak.

The Norsemen are coming off a solid 2008 season in which they finished 13th in the Division 1 state finals and Conference Red Division dual Evans Gill, Desmond and St. meet championship.

It's going to be more difficult to repeat as champs since each of the Norsemen's four division foes have solid ros-

"This will be the most competitive the division has been in a long time," Stackpoole said. "We have our work cut out for us if we want to repeat as champs, but we can do it."

Utica Ford, Utica Eisenhower, Romeo and in the Red Division. North faces each squad twice.

"We don't have very many which hopefully is a 'go."

to compete in several tournaments that include some of the best teams in the state,' Stackpoole said.

The Norsemen will be in the won a Macomb Area Traverse City Central Tee-Off, Phillip invitationals, along with the Wayne County Tournament which coaches are trying to build up to coincide with the popularity of the Macomb Tournament.

Stackpoole also said the team is close to changing its home course from Greystone Golf Club to Lochmoor Country Club, which is right down the road.

"It would be very nice to Grosse Pointe South are also have Lochmoor as our home course," Stackpoole said. "We're waiting to hear word,



Head coach Brian Stackpoole, center, has two solid senior captains in Matt Jankowski, left, and Robert Okonowski.

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Interest rises for golf

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett School's co-ed golf team should enjoy a solid season under head coach Dan Sullivan.

Last year, the Knights posted a .500 record, thanks to improvement from all of the golfers in the program.

"There is a signicant interest in golf at Liggett, which is great to see," Sullivan said.

For the first time in his tenure, Sullivan is going to have to conduct a tryout, as 17 student-athletes expressed in- North, terest in playing on the team.

This season, senior Marc Hames is aiming to earn a spot in the Division IV state finals. He was close last season, missing by a stroke.

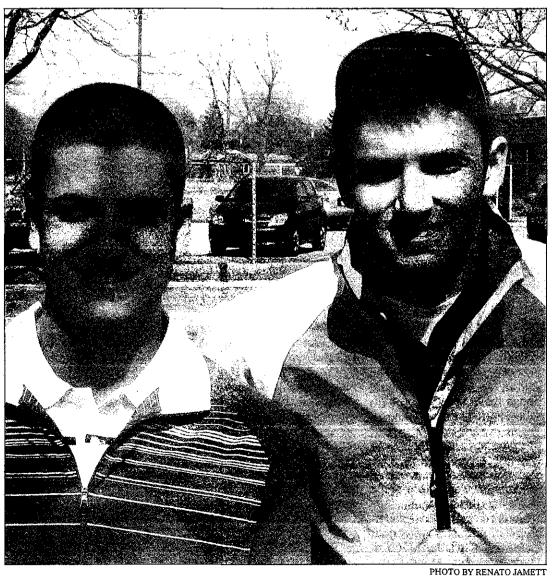
Besides Hames, seniors Kyle Keith and Jacob Dombrowski, along with sophomore Morgan Walker, should be the top scor-

ers for the Knights in 2009. The Knights' schedule is challenging with matches against Southfield Christian, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Macomb Lutheran

Lutheran Northwest, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Plymouth Christian Academy, Oakland Christian and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

In addition, they will play in three tri-matches at the end of April and two Conference tournaments.

"The Metro Conference competition is very tough, which makes it tough for us, but our kids will do the best they can," Sullivan said. "We're looking forward to a nice sea-



Seniors Drew Amato, left, and Marc Hames form a solid duo for the University Liggett School co-ed golf team.

#### **Girls tennis**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Veterans take aim at defending state title

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The pressure isn't as great for the Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team to repeat as Division 1 state champions as one might think.

coach Head Mark Sobieralski lost several key members of the team, but that doesn't mean the Lady Blue Devils are giving up on the chance to repeat. They're aiming to have fun, play hard and let the chips fall where they

"We're not as experienced as last year, but that just means other girls will get a chance to step in and start for us." Sobieralski said during an interview this past winter.

For his coaching efforts last spring, Sobieralski is being nominated for National Coach of the Year.

To be in the mix, he won the Regional Coach of the Year, state coach of the year and Midwest coach of the year, which encompasses Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and West Virginia.

While Sobieralski waits, he is busy coaching and having fun with his defending champs. The winner will be determined at the national convention in Minneapolis June 22.

This year's squad is led by senior captains Stephanie Skau, Lizzie Hyde and Sarah VanWalleghem.

Each has state finals experience. They made it to the finals of their respective flights in last year's finals.

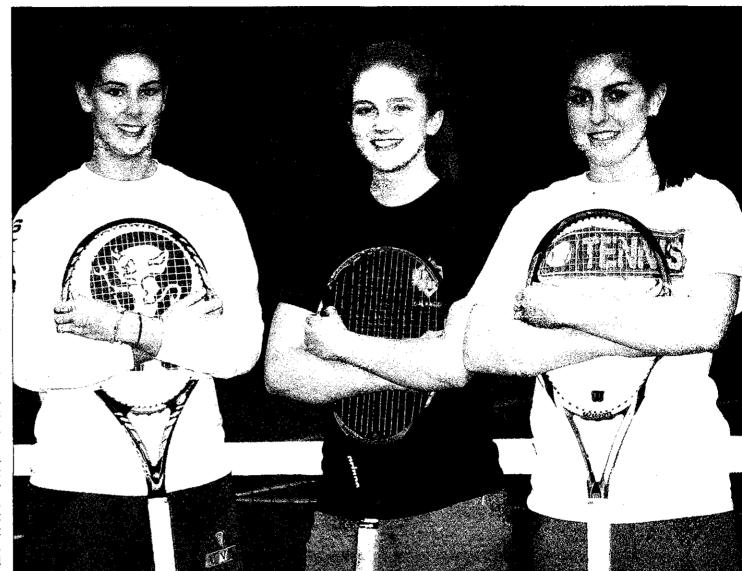
The Lady Blue Devils are once again favored to win the Macomb Area Conference Red Division title.

The competition will be tougher from all of the teams, Chippewa Valley, Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North, St. Clair and Port Huron Northern, but South is still the team to beat.

Their nonleague slate is tough. It includes dual matches against L'Anse Creuse, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Troy, Farmington Hills Mercy, Brighton Saline, Birmingham Seaholm.

They will also compete in two home quad matches, as well as the Holy Invitational Saturday, May 9.

South will once again host a Division 1 regional tournament Thursday, May 14, at Elworthy with Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Technical, Detroit Martin Luther King, Detroit Mumford, Detroit Pershing, Eastpointe East Detroit, Royal Oak, Troy, Troy Athens, Warren Mott and Warren Cousino.



Grosse Pointe South's captains this season are seniors, from left, Stephanie Skau, Lizzie Hyde and Sarah Van Walleghem.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Lady Knights aim to get back to states

By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls' tennis team is ready for a productive season under third-year head coach Cathy Hackenberger.

Last season, the Lady Knights won a regional crown and finished fifth with 15 points in the Division 4 state

Williamston won the title with 21 points, followed by Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian with 18, Kalamazoo Christian and Kalamazoo Hackett with 16 and ULS with

"We are planning to definitely make states again, be as competitive as last vear and make the top five," Hackenberger said.

"We didn't have to fill too many slots and now we have a full junior varsity team, which will help us in the long run."

Returning for the Lady



Team captains for the University Liggett School girls' tennis team are seniors, from left, Kate Shannon, Catherine Vatsis and Claire Peracchio.

Knights are captains Kate Kingswood, Shannon, a senior; Claire Perrachio, a senior; and Sophie Mair, a junior.

Senior Catherine Vatsis is back at No. 1 singles and said final high school season.

Ellis, junior Sarah Pollick and junior Nicole Smith.

Hackenberger will have assistance from coach Jeff Goode, who has worked at the collegiate level at University of Detroit Mercy.

"I want the girls to be serious about tennis, but I also want them to have fun and have fun with their teammates," Hackenberger said. "I can see those traits with this group of girls, which is great."

This will be the Lady Knights' final season as a member of the Metro Conference, which includes perennial state power Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Flint Powers.

Livonia Clarenceville and Hamtramck.

"We strengthened our schedule quite a bit because the state realigned our regionshe is looking forward to her al and put in four teams that made last year's state finals," Other returning competi- Hackenberger said. "Our girls tors are sophomore Medea have to play a little tougher Shanidze, junior Morgan competition to be ready for the regionals."

> Hackenberger's nonleague competition comes from Flint Powers, Grosse Pointe North, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Portland, Ann Greenhills, St. Mary Catholic Central, Almont, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, Warren Cousino and Warren Regina.

> Of those schools, Greenhills finished 20th in the Division 4 finals, Sacred Heart was 15th. Flint Powers was 12th, Almont was 10th and Gabriel Richard tied for eighth.

> ULS opens its season today. Thursday, April 2, hosting

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH** 

# Optimism runs high for Lady Norsemen

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' tennis team is ready to make some noise this season under head coach Matt Eszes.

"Everyone is doing well and they're practicing hard in preparation for what should be a fun season," Eszes said.

Last year the Lady Norsemen competed in the Division 1 state finals and made it to the second day of competition.

This season they have been placed back in Division 2, which should help them earn more points if they make it back to the finals.

The top returning singles players are Ariana Conti, Lauren Gilezan and Kim Woods, while the top doubles players are Claire Mulier and Stephanie Schucker, who have been a team since their freshman vear.

"Claire and Stephanie are a great team," Eszes said. "You don't see a pair of girls compete as a doubles team throughout their four years of Detroit Central, high school like Claire and Stephanie.'

Stephanie Malouf, Amanda Josefiak and Emily Biegas are also returning letter winners who will be called upon to Hazel Park, St. lead the Lady Norsemen to the promised land.

Others who should do well for Eszes are Maura Bresser, Heights Mary Allemon, Alyse Victor and Holly Gilezan.

Team members have set their sights on a top two finish the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"For years we have finished last week, winfour in our division, but we ning the Fraser feel we have the talent to challenge for second behind South," Eszes said. "You never know what can happen, but I think South is the team to

beat." Chippewa Valley, Utica Fraser. Eisenhower, Port Huron Northern and St. Clair join North and South in the Red

different this season compet- their first set, but came back Lauren Gilezan was runner- Schucker and Allemon.

Detroit Denby, Detroit Finney, Detroit Northwestern, Detroit Osborn,

Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling

and Warren Woods-Tower. The Lady

Norsemen opened their season in style Invitational, beating L'Anse Creuse North, Sterling Heights

Stevenson and Conti and Karen

the No. 1 and North's regional foes are No. 3 singles flights. They lost take the title matches. ing in Division 2. They are to win the next two sets to up at No. 2 singles, as was the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT ESZES

Head coach Matt Eszes, standing center in background, was all smiles after his Grosse Pointe North girls ten-Huntsman won nis team won the season-opening Fraser Invitational.

No. 1 doubles team of second at No. 2 doubles, as did the No. 3 doubles tandem of Josefiak and Biegas took Bresser and Holly Gilezan.

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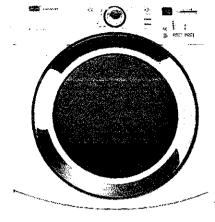
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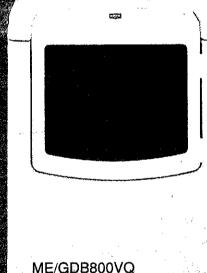
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