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◆ The Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$22. For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

◆ The Every Other Friday Ladies Night Out Bible Study at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, meets at 6 p.m. in the church. Instructor Kris Allen's topic is "Living Beyond Yourself" and is based on the DVD-based program, "Fruit of the Spirit" by Beth Moore. For more information, call Allen at (586) 489-6829.
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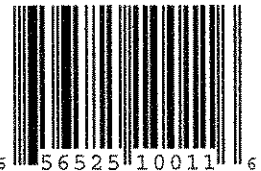
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Shores recall signatures filed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Recall petitions for five Grosse Pointe Shores officials have been submitted to the Wayne County elections office.

Recall proponents are targeting Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Brian Hunt; and council members Victoria Boyce, Robert Graziani and Frederick Minturn.

An uncertified tally of signatures provided by an elections employee totaled

enough for all five targets to appear on a May recall ballot.

Boyce, Graziani and Minturn received more signatures than votes in the February election.

"I didn't expect that number of people would sign on to recall," Minturn said. "I don't recognize the names on the petition as people I know personally or as those who have always supported me in the past. That tells me that we need to do a much better job of communicating to our residents things taking place and

our plans for maintaining the excellence of our community."

Petitions were filed Tuesday, Jan. 19. The recall is being spearheaded by Dr. Robert E. Lee.

Lee began the campaign when a 1 mill tax increase followed the former village being rechartered as a city. Lee and others feel hoodwinked by the new charter, billed as a cost-saver, yet which lets the city council raise taxes beyond

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Breaking news

Information about the petitions came after press time for the Jan. 21 Grosse Pointe News.

Complete stories were filed by staff writer Brad Lindberg on grossepointenews.com Jan. 20 and 21. Watch the website for breaking news throughout the week, with complete information in the next edition of the paper.

Warm up in the Woods

Plenty to do at weekend festival

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Mother Nature is providing a blast of winter at just the right time.

Grosse Pointe Woods invites residents to enjoy some winter fun at its annual Winterfest celebration from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at Lake Front Park.

A chili cook-off and a cookie bake-off may warm up residents taking advantage of an inflatable slide, ice skating and a SCORE-O competition. A hot dog lunch is served and guests can sample the chili and cookie offerings. There is no charge, but reservations are required and can be made by calling the community center office at (313) 343-2408, or online at parks@gpw-mi.us.

"We look at Winterfest as a great opportunity to get residents out of their houses and into our great park," said city councilman and recreation committee representative Todd McConaghy. "It's a fun family event."

Winterfest 2009 drew a record crowd of nearly 600 people, according to recreation supervisor Melissa Sharp, and a similar turnout is expected this year.

"We are always trying to promote outdoor activities," Sharp said, "and winter is no exception. This is a great day for people to come out and enjoy all our park has to of-

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PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

A great moment

Grosse Pointe South packed the house in honor of graduate Chris Getz, above, who had his No. 11 baseball jersey retired during a ceremony at halftime of last weekend's Grosse Pointe South rivalry boys basketball game against Grosse Pointe North. Getz was all smiles as his family, friends, former coaches and fans were on hand for the event. For the story about Getz, see page 4A for the results of the basketball game, see page 1C.

Fincham bids farewell

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Skip Fincham doesn't know how to retire.

He's pulled the plug on work twice in three years, yet took off only five days.

Fincham, former chief of public

safety and assistant city manager in the City of Grosse Pointe, started a new career this week as public safety director in Grosse Pointe Woods.

When he retired in 2007 as City chief, he took off a Saturday through Monday, then started the following Tuesday as assistant city manager.

Between his current switch from

the City to the Woods, he took off last Saturday and Sunday.

"After 36 1/2 years with the City, it's bittersweet to leave," Fincham said.

"I have no idea where the time went. I remember the day I walked in the door, July 1, 1973. I'm going to miss

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PHOTO COURTESY OF: CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hockey was a hit at last year's City of Grosse Pointe Winterfest.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Winterfest Saturday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Winterfest in the City of Grosse Pointe is 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Neff Park.

The sixth annual festival includes curling, ice sculpting, broomball, arts and crafts, ice skating and a petting farm of 30 animals, said Christopher Hardenbrook, City director of parks and recreation.

A catered pig roast costs \$5 per person. There will be several warming fires, free hot chocolate and s'mores available throughout the day.

Winterfest is open to all City residents. A valid park pass is required. Standard guest policies apply.

"Attendance at Winterfest has been in-

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Animal adoption group moving to Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A bad week turned into a really good week recently for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Notified by their landlord that they would lose their lease at their Mack Avenue office location, the animal welfare group was sent scrambling to find a new location.

"We were told that we had 30 days to vacate," said Corinne Martin, GPAAS executive director. "We didn't have a clue what we were going to do."

That's when Realtor Jim Saros stepped up. He has a building available on Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park he thought would work. For Martin and her collection of four-legged charges and all that goes with them, including cages, food and carriers it was love at first sight.

"Jim heard about our dilemma and contacted us," Martin said. "He really has made it possible for us to have a new home. To be honest, when we found out we were losing our lease on the Mack location, we didn't know what we were going to do, and we hardly even knew where to begin. When Jim presented this location to us, it was perfect."

Saros was only too happy to oblige.

"I found out through a mutual friend that they were being forced out of their office," he said. "This is a wonderful organization, and I felt it was important to keep them in our community. I know these are tough economic times, and I felt I could help. But I'm coming out ahead, too, as I now have a great tenant. They are great people who work for a great cause. It really is a win-win situation."

The new location, formerly the home of Park Winery at 15230 Charlevoix, will give GPAAS

nearly double the capacity, from its present 900 square feet to 1,500 square feet.

"We will have plenty of room," said Martin. "We take donations of food, carriers and crates, and we needed storage space for those items. We also, obviously, needed a building that was pet friendly. People are in and out of here all day long with their animals, so we really couldn't move into an office building. We need a storefront-type setting. And we're a nonprofit, so we needed a very reasonable rent."

And while Martin didn't want to discuss the financial arrangement, she did say that Saros was "doing us an enormous favor on the rent."

Also lending a paw is Tony the Mover.

"We take possession of the building Feb. 1 and should be moving in between Feb. 8 and 15. Tony had offered to move our belongings into storage if we had to, but now we'll be able to move from here directly to our new location. We can't thank him enough."

The familiar GPAAS logo that adorns the sign on the building on Mack will also be moving, thanks to Embree Sign in Grosse Pointe Park, who will be moving the sign to the new location as soon as the permit is approved.

Martin stressed that through the move animal adoptions will continue on Saturdays at the Neighborhood Club, and the society will keep the same phone number, (313)



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Corinne Martin and Mookie check out the new home of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society on Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park. The nonprofit animal welfare group will take possession of its new quarters Feb. 1.

884-1551.

"We expect to be fully settled by Feb. 15," she said. "Stop by and say hello."

City looks to sick bank for answers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The employee sick bank offers no relief to overseers of cash-strapped Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bank, representing money owed employees for not taking allotted time off work due to illness, exceeds \$700,000 in a city on file with the state for having a negative \$210,000 unreserved general fund deficit.

Councilman Ted Kedzierski wants to withdraw the benefit for non-union employees.

"The question is, can we do it?"

he said.

The city attorney has been asked to find out.

"Our current policy presents an opportunity to make adjustments in the (sick bank) liability," said Brian Vick, city manager.

As for unionized employees, Vick hopes to pare down the sick bank benefit along with other unspecified concessions.

"It is something I want to negotiate and bring it on par with what we're trying to do with all other employees," Vick said.

He won't reveal specific concession targets while negotiations are

under way. Doing so would be "like playing poker with your opponent sitting over your shoulder," he said.

Almost every topic discussed at this month's meeting of the Shores city council touched on finances. Members of the council even debated whether to cancel the annual chili cook-off. The event last year cost \$3,000 and drew only 80 people.

"If we were to cut a function, this is one," said Councilman Dr. Brain Hunt.

It was decided to hold a scaled-back cook-off Feb. 28 at one-third the cost of last year.

"It's always been a great event, no matter who shows up," said Mayor Dr. James Cooper.

Kedzierski agreed: "This is a feel-good event."

As virtually every Michigan city deals with reduced revenue due to declining property values, property tax revenue and state revenue sharing, the Shores learned last week it won't forego as much income as thought.

Values drop

Wayne County officials informed

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TV meetings poor quality

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

As Grosse Pointe Shores begins the second half of a six-month trial period of televising city council meetings, broadcast quality hasn't been up to par, according to the councilman who proposed the airings.

"At least six meetings were either broadcast late or had some interruption, (including) music playing over them so you couldn't hear the

See TV, page 11A

Chilly-Fest twice the fun

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's annual Chilly-Fest is twice the fun this year, with festivities at both Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks.

The event is noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

"We'll be featuring horse-drawn carriage rides again this year, but they won't be moving between the parks like they did last year," said Elena Karam of the parks and recreation department. "It just took too long to move between the two parks."

But whether residents start at Windmill Pointe or Patterson Park, there's plenty to occupy young and old at both locations.

Patterson Park features ice skating at the Hutton Ice Rink and a snowboarding demonstration on the sledding hill, as long as Mother Nature provides the snow. That also holds true for the planned snowman building contest. Regardless of the conditions, complimentary hot chocolate is available at the warming lodge.

The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park provides a warm setting for purchasing a hot dog and chili before venturing outside for snowshoe demonstrations and ice fishing off the pier.

New this year at Windmill Pointe are snowmobile rides.

There is also several prizes to be had, including a chance to win an ice sculpture, to be delivered to the winner's house.

And perhaps the best part of Chilly-Fest? There will be s'more stations at each park.

"We look forward to residents enjoying the day," said Karam.

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Coyotes pester Ford estate dog

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A chain-link fence kept three coyotes last week from breaking into the kennel of a dog trained to keep geese off the Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate. Hank, a border collie owned by the 65-acre lakeside estate in Grosse Pointe Shores, was reported beset at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Three public safety officers called by a security guard arrived on scene to find the coyotes running away toward Lakeshore.

"Hank was perfectly safe," said Ann Fitzpatrick, the estate's vice president of external relations. "His kennel is completely enclosed. He's nice and safe."

As the coyotes barked at Hank, Hank barked back.

"I've never heard him bark," Fitzpatrick said. "It shows that he was disturbed."

It was the second time in two weeks police answered coyote problems at the estate.

"Coyotes have been seen

more recently at night," Fitzpatrick said. "I understand there was one out on the ice."

A police marksman was ready to shoot the animal but didn't because of bird watchers on the property.

Hank is the estate's second goose-chaser. He replaced Shiner, who died.

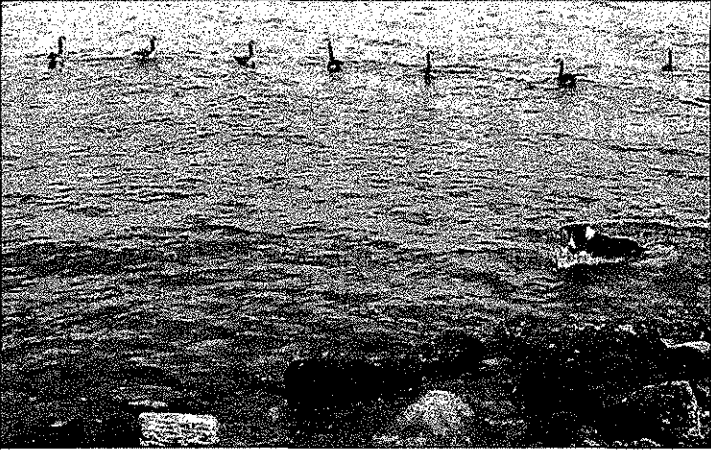
As with Shiner, Hank was trained to hone his natural herding instinct to chase, not bite, geese, thereby keeping the grounds relatively free of goose droppings.

Hank is more of a people person than Fitzgerald sometimes can stand.

"He tried to get in my car with me," she said. "I said, 'Hank, I'm not a dog person. We've had this discussion.'"

It's been busy year on the estate for wildlife.

"There was a deer here last summer," Fitzpatrick said. "It got out. Then, we had beavers. They were chewing down trees. There was a dam. I said, 'Do you think we could tell them to take the trees that have emerald ash borer?'"



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Hank the dog is trained to keep the Ford Estate clear of geese. A deer entered the property last summer. So did beavers. Now, the focus is on coyotes. There have been no reports of bears or elephants.



Fox: 'Coyotes are wily'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A dead dog in November and increased coyote sighting ever since have convinced City of Grosse Pointe police to get rid of the animals once and for all.

"We've contacted trappers," said James Fox, public safety director. "They're setting up traps at the Lochmoor Club in

Grosse Pointe Woods because they had an incident recently where a dog was killed. When (trappers) check the traps early next week, they'll tell us if they've had any success."

If so, Fox might allow traps to be set in the City.

Trappers in Grosse Pointe Shores last year failed to catch coyotes.

"Coyotes are wily," Fox said.

City police have been gunning for coyotes since one killed a resident's dog last November on Dodge Place.

"We've had about three or four more sightings since last month," Fox said. "At that time, coyotes were hanging out mostly down by the lake. They've wandered further north, all the way to Kercheval now."

As the predators expand their range, City officials are spreading the word.

"We sent out a letter to residents south of Jefferson," Fox said. "We're going to have to expand that."

Information posted on the municipal website about coyotes has been included in the forthcoming edition of the city newsletter, due for mailing this week.

Thieves target Chrysler brands

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Sunday was not a good day to own a Chrysler product in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Thieves smashed windows in four cars and stole in-board stereos and global positioning systems.

The thefts occurred between 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

"We know we need to be

proactive on this one," said Lt. John Ross of the Woods public safety department. "We are always reminding people not to leave portable GPS devices in the car, but these in-board units present a new challenge."

Two incidents occurred in the parking lot behind St. John Hospital.

The driver's side window of a Dodge Charger was smashed and an in-board GPS system

taken. A 2008 Dodge Van was entered through a broken passenger window and a touch screen radio system was removed.

A Chrysler 300 parked on Newcastle was minus a driver's side window and an in-board GPS. Between 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. the front passenger window of a Jeep was broken in a parking lot on Mack near Cook Road. A flat panel

stereo system removed from the dash.

"It's obvious that someone was picking out particular cars," Ross said. "We all just need to be extra vigilant, and the public safety department is taking these incidents very seriously."

Anyone with information on these or other incidents is asked to contact the Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

The Cooke crumbles in the Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jim Cooke fell on his sword before being sent home on his shield.

Cooke, knowing his \$69,000 salary riled cost-cutters, has announced he'll retire March 15 as Grosse Pointe Shores full-time recreation director.

"He could see the handwriting on the wall," said Councilwoman Victoria Boyce. "He made it easy for us."

Cooke's 31 years with the Shores makes him the longest-standing employee in the city. The tenure rates epochal standing with City Manager Brian Vick.

"We will be looking to make a transition from the post-Cooke era," Vick said.

Vick plans for a part-time replacement, possibly a teacher, with no fringe benefits.

"This has potential savings of \$50,000 to \$60,000," Vick said.

City officials also are consid-

ering withholding \$37,500 due Cooke for unused sick time.

"The current sick-time liability of the city is approximately \$750,000," said Councilman Ted Kedzierski. "The non-union time (of that) is close to \$350,000. I don't know if we're duty-bound to pay — money that's not in the budget, I should add."

"We'll be talking about this," Vick said.

The Shores becomes the only Grosse Pointe without a full-time park director.

Cooke didn't return calls requesting attendance figures last summer at Osius Park, but he'd been praised since taking the directorship 10 years ago for beefing up recreation programs. Cooke spent the first two-thirds of his time with the Shores in the public works department.

City leaders trying to correct a negative \$210,000 unreserved fund balance while maintaining services are concerned that shedding year-

round parks director represents a bit of icing taken off the cake that is Grosse Pointe Shores.

Kedzierski won a seat on the council this year campaigning for cost cutting. Yet, he knows that "compromising services" in the Shores will make the community less attractive.

Cooke's resignation comes when Shores officials are courting home buyers with free boat wells in the municipal harbor, which Cooke oversaw.

Vick will search for a new director to work 800 to 1,000 hours, less than half expected of a full-time employee. Because Cooke also did groundskeeping and, as Vick said, "knew everything about the (swimming) pool," Vick anticipates having to hire a second part-timer to work another 900 to 1,000 hours.

A teacher on summer break might fit the profile.

"Given the economic climate, I'm sure we'd have a number of applicants however

we chose to pursue the position," Vick said. "I'd like to attract a professional with experience in the recreation field or swimming. I'd also take tennis."

"A swim coach at (Grosse Pointe) North (High School) used to be a summer guy at one of the parks," said Councilman Fred Minturn, a North graduate.

When Vick was assistant city manager of the City of Grosse Pointe, the part-time park director was replaced by full time employee Christopher Hardenbrook. Vick did the hiring.

"We were able to expand off-season opportunities," Vick said. "When you have a full-time person without a community center, they really have to earn their keep. They have to be proactive in program development. That's what we saw with the City, someone who brought in a bunch of new programs. The Shores did that when Cooke came on board."

Property for sale

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The For Sale sign is out for a 13-acre plot in Grosse Pointe Woods formerly known as the Children's Home of Detroit.

Starr Commonwealth of Albion announced its decision to sell the site on Monday.

Signature Associates of Southfield, a commercial real estate firm, is handling the sale.

"A price has not been established," said Starr's communication director Dana Jacob. "The price will be determined with the buyer, but it will be the fair market value."

garding the site and will meet with the listing agent.

The property, at 900 Cook Road, housed the Children's Home of Detroit for more than 50 years before it closed in November 2008, citing a lack of demand for residential treatment facilities for children. Built to house 85 children, the census was 28 at the time it closed.

In February 2009, the CHD board of directors voted to transfer the assets to Starr Commonwealth, a non-profit child and family service agency. According to a prepared statement from Starr President and CEO Martin Mitchell, proceeds from the sale will be used by to benefit at-risk youth and families in the metropolitan area.

According to a press release issued by Starr, the decision to sell the property was made by the Starr board of trustees because, "Starr's management team concluded that currently and in the foreseeable future there is no viable or consistent model to serve youth in this type of residential setting, which provides 24/7 supervision, education and treatment therapies for teens."

"Starr Commonwealth's mission is to create positive environments where children flourish and we know it is our duty to use the resources entrusted to us from the Children's Home of Detroit to serve children," Mitchell said. "By selling the property, we can reinvest much-needed funds into Starr's current Detroit program offerings and locations."

University Liggett School is interested in the property, as is Senior Community of Grosse Pointe, with hopes to build a \$36 million, 68,000-square-foot nursing home.

"We also will search for a new location to house our growing services in metropolitan Detroit. We have made a firm commitment that in re-deploying these assets, the history and legacy of Children's Home of Detroit will remain a visible and vibrant part of our work."

Woods city officials decline to estimate the value of the property. According to City Administrator Mark Wollenweber, the city will take an active role in talks re-

Well perk launches

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Home buyers in Grosse Pointe Shores can shove off.

A perk christened this month gives them a free boat well for one year in the municipal harbor.

have three years from either buying or building a house to occupy a free well for one year. The offer is good for the first three years of residency.

If no wells are available during those years, the home buyer loses out.

"The offer applies to buyer-residents only," said Councilman Dan Schulte. "Not renters, speculators or investors."

Established slip renters won't be effected.

"We're not going to kick out a paying customer," said Schulte, the council's liaison to the harbor committee.

Schulte raised the idea in December. The council last week approved it unanimously.

Wells occupied for part of a season qualify as full year occupancy. Likewise, people buying houses during summer months can delay receiving a boat well until a full season to follow.

Supporters hope the "Buy a home, get a well" promotion helps boost harbor occupancy and house sales.

If the city lacks a well matching the size of a buyer's boat, the buyer can chose a larger well, if available, Schulte said.

The promotion is "one of the cornerstones" of the municipal harbor committee's "fill the harbor" initiative, said Brian Geraghty, committee chairman.

"We'll do the best we can," he said. "We'll move boats around to accommodate everybody."



School benefit

A (Habeas) Chorus Line performs, "The Days of Swine Neurosis," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is a fundraiser for Mairre Elementary School. Last year's show raised \$7,000. The musical parody troupe satirizes local issues, international events, politicians and celebrities to show tunes, pop numbers and several original songs. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance or at the door. Contact Liz Naporano at (313) 640-4137.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Chris Getz returns home to enjoy a night dedicated to himself. His alma mater, Grosse Pointe South, hosted the ceremony during halftime of the North vs. South boys basketball game last weekend.

South retires MLB star Getz's No. 11

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South High School's best-ever baseball player came home last weekend to a hero's welcome.

Chris Getz, a 2001 South graduate, had his No. 11 baseball jersey retired during halftime of the Blue Devils' varsity boys' basketball game against city rival Grosse Pointe North.

"I never thought something like this would happen," Getz, 26, said. "It's quite an honor to share a moment like this with my family, friends, coaches and fans."

Getz is the first player from South to ever play Major League Baseball. He is currently the starting second baseman for the Kansas City Royals as he enters his sophomore season in the pros.

Last year as a rookie, he played in 107 games at second base for the Chicago White Sox, hitting .261 with a .324 on-base percentage, a .347 slugging percentage and .670 on-base plus slugging percentage. He had 28 multi-hit games.

He finished the season with 98 hits, including 18 doubles, four triples and two home runs. He drove in 31 runs, scored 49 runs and stole 25 bases in 27 attempts, which

was the best stolen base rate in the American League.

Defensively, he had one of the best gloves in the Majors, finishing with 501 chances, 196 putouts and committed only seven errors for a .986 fielding percentage.

"I think I had a pretty solid rookie season," Getz said. "I had a few injuries I had to deal with, but for the most part I was happy."

He broke a finger and strained an oblique, landing him on the disabled list, which is why he played in 107 of the White Sox's 162 games. The oblique strain led to a sports hernia and surgery.

He was drafted by the White Sox in the sixth round of the 2002 amateur draft, but decided to play college baseball. He was also drafted in 2005 by the White Sox in the fourth round of the amateur draft.

He was traded Nov. 6, along with third baseman/outfielder Josh Fields, for Mark Teahan.

"Playing professional baseball is a dream come true," Getz said. "My best moment was Opening Day last year when my name was called during the pre-game ceremonies as the starting second baseman for the White Sox."

"It's a day I will never forget."

Getz's solid rookie season



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum, right, unveils the jersey worn by Chris Getz, left. The No. 11 is officially retired.

earned him a spot on the Topps Major League Rookie All-Star Team, along with former White

about the team and excited I'm a part of it," Getz said. "I think we have a good, young nucleus."

Getz joins a franchise rich in history that includes MLB Hall-of-Famer George Brett and members of the 1985 World Series team with Hal McRae, Darrell Porter, U.L. Washington, Frank White, Amos Otis and Willie Wilson.

After getting drafted in 2005, Getz played in the White Sox's minor league system at Great Falls, Kannapolis, Birmingham and Charlotte before getting the call-up in 2008 and appearing in 10 games.

He played his freshman year of collegiate baseball at Wake Forest in the ACC, but transferred to the University of Michigan for his sophomore and junior years, hitting .305 as a freshman, .364 his sophomore year and .386 his junior year.

During his junior year for head coach Rich Maloney and the Wolverines, Getz had 88 hits, 58 runs, 32 RBIs, 29 stolen bases and a .461 on-base percentage.

"I liked playing for coach Maloney and before that, coach (Dan) Griesbaum at South," Getz said. "I keep in contact with coach Griesbaum and he really taught me a lot about how to properly play the game."

Getz was a member of South's 2001 state championship team, earning the save of the win over Grand Ledge.

"I brought him in to close with one out and two men on in the seventh inning with us leading 2-1," Griesbaum said. "I was a little nervous, to say the least, but you would have thought Chris was playing a pickup game somewhere."

"I think he knew that the game was over. He promptly struck out the next guy, got shafted by the umpire and walked the next one on a 3-2 pitch, and then struck out Grand Ledge's best hitter to win the game and send us into a frenzied victory celebration."

Getz was an instant success at the high school level, leading the Blue Devils, finishing his four years as one of the best-ever hitters in school history.

"It was readily apparent when Chris arrived as a freshman that he was going to be something special," Griesbaum said. "But when he hit over .500 as a sophomore against excellent competition, that's when I knew exactly how special he was."

"The thing that separated Chris from the others, aside from his talent, was the way he handled himself. He had a quiet confidence and never got rattled about anything. He carried that same confidence with him to the University of Michigan and all levels of the minors, as well as his rookie season with the White Sox."

Getz hit his first Major League home run June 19, 2009, off Cincinnati Reds' Bronson Arroyo in the fourth inning and had the pleasure of watching teammate Mark Buehrle throw Major League Baseball's 18th perfect game July 23, 2009, against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Despite all of the success, Getz remains humble. He's close with his family and friends and performs as much charity work as possible.

"It's great to see the kids' faces light up when we see them," Getz said. "Working with charities is very rewarding and signing autographs is

something special because the kids never forget. Playing professional baseball in front of thousands of fans is an awesome feeling."

"But more important than Chris' talent and what he's accomplished, he has always carried himself with class and has been a great role model to our younger players and the community, as well," Griesbaum said. "He is a credit to his wonderful family and has represented the Grosse Pointe South baseball community, as well. He has certainly helped put South baseball on the map, so to speak, not only in Michigan, but nationally as well."

"Athletes like this only come along once in a long while and I feel very blessed to have been able to coach him."

Griesbaum was on hand, along with Getz's father, Art, mother, Betsy, and sister, Megan, during the jersey retiring ceremony in front of a standing-room only crowd at South last weekend.

Before the game, Getz spent an hour at a meet and greet, talking to fans and signing autographs.

Getz will have a couple of weeks to soak in the ceremony before heading to Surprise, Az. Feb. 21 for the beginning of the Royals' spring training. His first Cactus League game is Friday, March 5, against the Rangers and the Royals' season-opener is Monday, April 5, against all squads, the team he rooted for as a youngster, the Detroit Tigers and Justin Verlander.

"I have to work hard to perform better than I did last season," Getz said. "I think I can hit .300 and really play a key role for Kansas City."



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Chris Getz signs a baseball for Kevin Kornmeier as his friend, Craig Buhler, awaits his turn during the Meet and Greet before the basketball game.

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"I was a little shocked when I heard I was traded, but I had a chance to meet the fans in K.C. at Fanfest and they're excited

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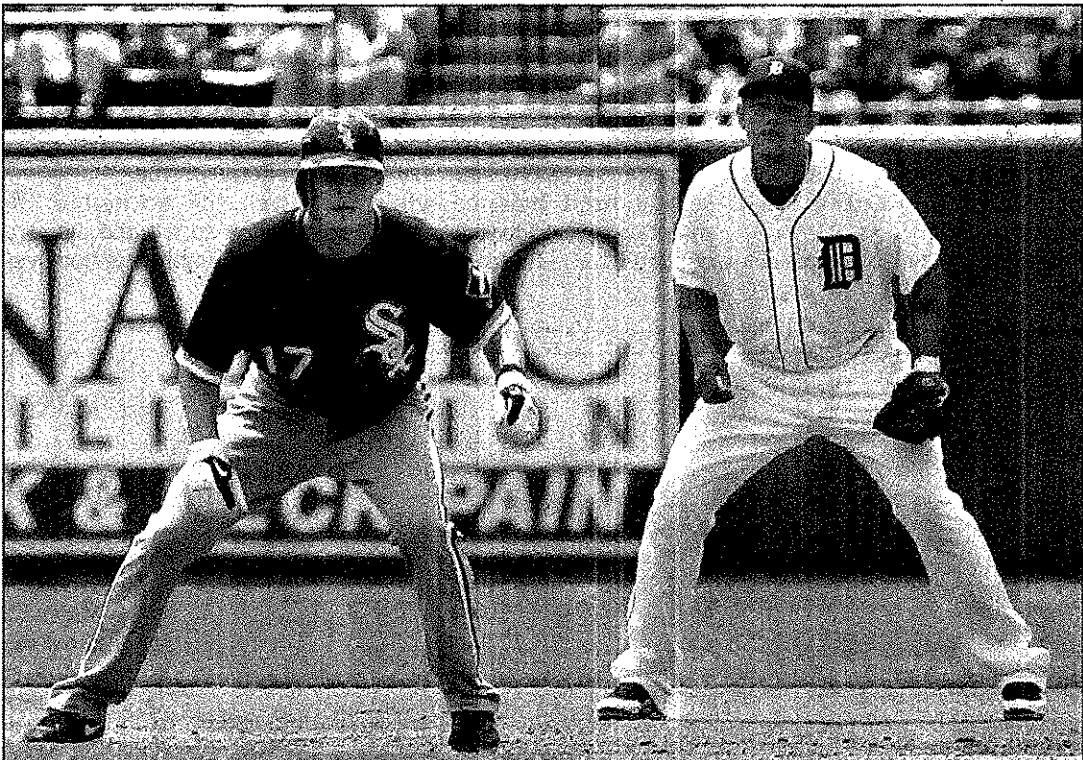


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Chris Getz, left, takes his lead-off with Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera to his right. The photo was taken July 24 when Getz was a member of the Chicago White Sox.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

City looks to save

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores might contract refuse collection to a private company to save money.

Rizzo Services has offered to take over the job for the same rate it charges Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We're in the process of looking at those numbers and seeing where the savings is," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

Savings is expected to come from cutting full-time personnel in the department of public works.

"Our legal council has advised that we could privatize," Vick said.

Residents would notice the change, a consequence Vick said will be evaluated when weighing potential cost savings.

Rizzo "wouldn't provide door-side pickup," Vick said. "The service Shores residents have is top drawer. In the

Shores, if you can get it to the curb, we take it away. That is not the case if you have a privatized system."

Trash would be collected in plastic bags, not garbage cans.

"I understand the bag concept," Vick said. "Workers compensation claims — lifting those cans — is killer. That is probably our No. 1 concern with DPW."

If the deal goes through, the Shores also will join Grosse Pointe Park in contracting rubbish pickup.

Rizzo currently has a three-year contract to handle Shores recycling.

The company is contracted to pick up recyclables once per week.

In another cost-cutting possibility, that schedule could be changed to biweekly or once per month, depending on residents' wishes.

"There are pros and cons to this," Vick said of the overall topic. "It is healthy discussion."

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County officials examine petitions

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rates the village would have been allowed.

"This recall started over the raising of taxes," Lee said. "It was the lack of long-term fiscal planning and the duping of the citizenry to adopt this charter that raised the tax limit to 20 mills. People want a fiscally responsive, transparent government that treats people with respect."

Two first-term members of the council, Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte, aren't targeted for recall. They weren't in office when the charter was written and opposed the tax increase.

"It is very disappointing that a vocal minority can have such an influential affect on our residents," said Cooper. "Grosse Pointe Shores will now have to spend even more money and time because of them."

Resident John Booth signed the recall petitions.

"The best way to beat a recall is to come up with a budget that makes sense and addresses these tax issues," he told targeted officials at this month's council meeting. "You guys, if you want to hold your seats, have three months to figure it out."

Next step

County officials have seven days to examine the petitions and verify the number and legitimacy of signatures. Likewise, the officeholders being targeted have 30 days to challenge the petitions.

"If challenges are filed, we at the Wayne County Clerk's office will go out to the community and check the challenges against the voter registration roles," said an elections employee. "After that, if it proceeds further, there will be an election. It might be a special election. We're not sure right now."

The breakdown of signatures compared with results of the Feb. 23 election are:

Mayor:
James Cooper — 538, 694;
Council:
Victoria Boyce — 522, 414;
Robert Graziani — 527, 485;
Dr. Brian Hunt — 514, 534;
Frederick Minturn — 524, 430.
Cooper was unchallenged in

the election. Boyce, Hunt and Minturn were incumbents. Graziani had been village clerk. Minturn also serves on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

"It is important as a community that we collectively do whatever is necessary to ensure that we receive the best possible services for Grosse Pointe Shores while being fiscally responsible," said Graziani. "A divided community will jeopardize the ability to effectively implement workable solutions to these issues. As a first-time council member, I will continue to do my best toward accomplishing these objectives with the support of our residents."

Lee's petition drive resulted in about 25 percent more than 394 signatures needed to put an officeholder on the recall ballot, according to the county's preliminary count.

"I think it would be very unlikely that enough signatures could be challenged to set our effort back," he said.

If the signatures pass muster, "a special election is conducted on the next regular election date to fill the office vacancy," according to the Michigan recall procedures.

Both Lee and Cooper see the recall as an opportunity to raise community awareness.

Lee said, "Regardless of how

the election turns out in May, I think we're going to bring a higher level of responsibility and behavior to our city government."

Cooper said, "This is a wake-up call to our residents to make a stand against those who would attempt to take over our city."

During the petition drive, Shore's auditors announced the city had a negative \$210,000 unreserved fund balance.

"We have to operate in a much more businesslike fashion than we have in the past," said Kay Felt, one of more than two dozen people who helped circulate petitions. "We have to be very judicious about how we spend our money. This council has to do a better job of listening to the community."

Booth is concerned the city's financial situation could lead to a state takeover.

"If we don't make the cuts we need to save our town, then others will make them for us," Booth said. "We have to do it on our own."

The loser of a recall election must "immediately vacate his or her office upon certification of the vote," according to the state guidelines.

Candidates seeking to fill a nonpartisan, local office made vacant by a recall must file a nominating petition.

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fer." Mayor Robert Novitke and councilwomen Lisa Howle and Vicki Granger judge the cookie contest, while Woods Municipal Judge Ted Metry presides over the chili contest, along with councilmen Art Bryant and McConaghy.


Cooks and bakers must pre-register by calling the Lake Front Park office. Cookie contest entrants should bring three dozen cookies. Chili entrants must bring one gallon of hot chili, which is to be served from city-provided chafing dishes. Set up begins at 10:30 a.m. Judging starting at 10:45

a.m. and winners are announced at 11:45 a.m.

"We look forward to everyone coming down to the park and enjoying the games and events we have planned for Winterfest," said Sharp. "With this new blast of cold weather, our ice rink should be in great condition, so bring your skates." Photo by Brad Lindberg

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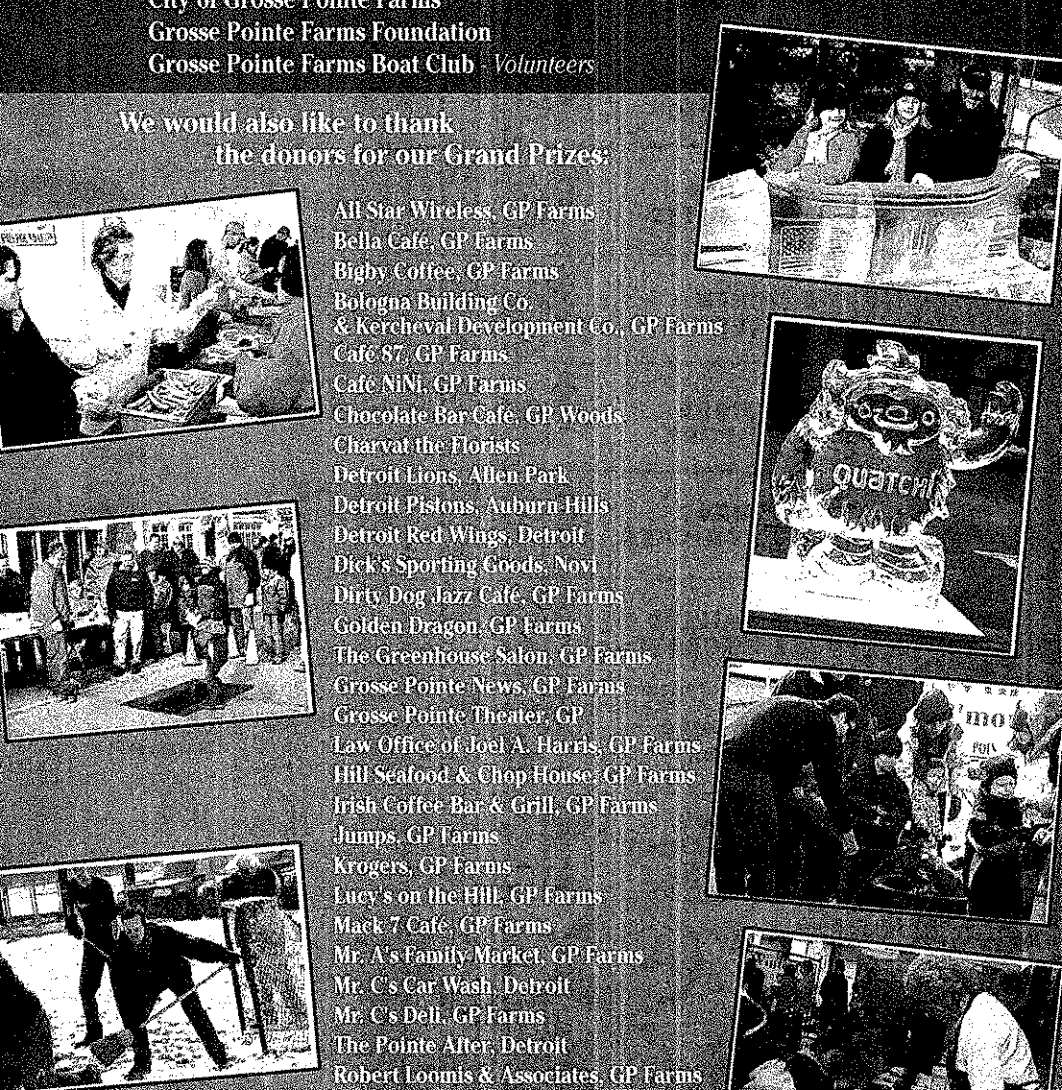
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FAREWELL: Retirement short for Fincham

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the people I worked with.”
“He was a marvelous asset to the citizens,” said City Mayor Dale Scrace. “We are dearly going to miss him. He’s not going far, but its not like having him down the hall. We are truly grateful for his years of service.”
James Fox, current city chief, worked his entire career in the City with Fincham.

“He had a very close relationship with the citizens, business owners and city council,” Fox said. “He was very adept at answering their concerns. On a personal note, he helped me tremendously how to handle policies and procedures. He was a great teacher. I’m going to miss that advice.”

Now Fincham, rarely addressed by his first name, Al, has the best of both worlds.

“I had a wonderful career in the City and I’ll still be serving the residents of the Grosse Pointes, now in Grosse Pointe Woods,” Fincham said. “It’s all about the Grosse Pointes as a whole community, all five of them.”

That may be truer one day than he thinks. City councils have been talking lately about how to save money by sharing services among the Pointes.

“There’s been talk about consolidating public safety since before I came on the job,” Fincham said.

Fincham grew up in the Farms. He attended St. Paul Catholic School and got his first job as a firefighter at age 19 in a township near Dayton, Ohio.

Two years later, in 1973, he started with the City as a firefighter. In 1978, the department switched to public safety.

Fincham is a firefighter at heart. He used to own a 1926 American LaFrance fire engine that he drove around the Points in parades and to visit children at elementary schools.

He enjoys the way a public safety department lets patrol officers become part of the

community fabric.

“Residents are customers we provide services to every day,” he said. “In order to do that, you have to have a close connection. It’s not the type of connection where people only see us on the downside of things.”
He wants officers to be approachable.

“Merchants in the Village know our officers on a first name basis,” Fincham said. “It allows business owners and residents a greater comfort level, and they’re more apt to call us when they need us. We want to be part of the community.”

Fincham’s innovations while head of City public safety include spearheading an effort for all five Pointes to obtain thermal imaging cameras. Officers use the cameras to search for fire otherwise hidden inside walls. He also established a canine unit.

His worst day on the job was March 18, 1978.

“That was when my good friend (Officer Richard Tucker) was killed at the Helin fire on Windmill Pointe (in Grosse Pointe Park),” Fincham said.

His best day?

“There’s been a number of them,” Fincham said. “Attending the FBI National Academy was a personal highlight.”

His years as assistant city manager erased barriers, mainly perceived, separating the municipal and law enforcement departments at city hall.

“I’ve had an opportunity to see the other side of the management issue,” Fincham said. “I had an opportunity to work with staff that, as police chief, I never had an opportunity to work with. They’re wonderful.”

He’s learned that city administrators aren’t the enemy.

“We’re all in this together,” Fincham said.

His wife supports his decision to head Woods public safety.

“I knew when I retired in 2007 that I’d be back in law enforcement,” he said.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Opening may be left unfilled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The assistant city manager job in the City of Grosse Pointe will go unfilled in the short run, and possibly forever, as a cost-saving measure.

“There will be no new hires in the foreseeable future,” said Mayor Dale Scrace.

The opening was created

when Al “Skip” Fincham this month accepted the job of public safety director in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“We’re going to figure out how to divvy my duties up among existing staff,” Fincham said.

The same thing was done in July when the public services supervisor retired.

“We didn’t replace that posi-

tion,” Fincham said. “We divided his duties among existing staff.”

Scrace said no firm decision has been made not to fill the assistant manager position, but doing so is doubtful.

“We’re not advertising or looking for an assistant city manager at this point,” he said.

Meanwhile, Fincham’s duties are being dispersed

through the existing staff.

“The City has had a hiring freeze in place since early last year,” said Peter Dame, city manager. “Skip’s position will not be filled, due to budgetary constraints. His duties will be split primarily between the city manager and the city clerk.”

“Whether that becomes permanent, time will tell,” Scrace said.

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creasing steadily over the years,” said Hardenbrook, hired about 10 years ago to establish municipal recreation opportunities year-round.

Head swimming coach, Kate Muelle, an art major at the University of Michigan, is organizing winter-themed arts and crafts activities in the park’s warming house.

“The Detroit Curling Club will demonstrate games, give pointers and lessons on our refrigerated ice rink,” Hardenbrook said. “There will

be open skating after that.”

Hockey and broomball are scheduled for the natural ice rink, depending on weather.

“To be fiscally responsible, we’re not doing the dog sled this year,” Hardenbrook said.

“Just to have them cost \$2,000. That didn’t include insurance (of) \$700 to \$800.”

Instead, he’s built upon a petting zoo that made a hit during the fall harvest festival.

“It’s always great to see little kids who have never seen a pig or goat before,” Hardenbrook said. “We had a variety of about 10 animals for the fall

harvest. To have a variety of 30 animals is really exciting.”

He plans to have an exotic petting farm visit in summer.

“That includes a white tiger and snakes,” Hardenbrook said.

Hardenbrook grew up in rural Michigan and comes by outdoor recreation naturally.

“I’ve always enjoyed the outdoors and experiencing anything that brings people outdoors,” he said.

He was the youngest child in his family and learned self-reliance early.

“I had to keep myself busy,”

he said. “My nearest neighbor was a half mile down the road. I always did things I’d love to share with somebody.”

He likes to share with others his love of the outdoors.

“My motivation behind events such as Winterfest, the fall harvest and all the other programming is to get people outdoors to recreate and enjoy the outdoors,” he said.

For more information about Winterfest or City of Grosse Pointe recreation programs, call the Neff Park office at (313) 343-5252 or visit grossepointecity.org.

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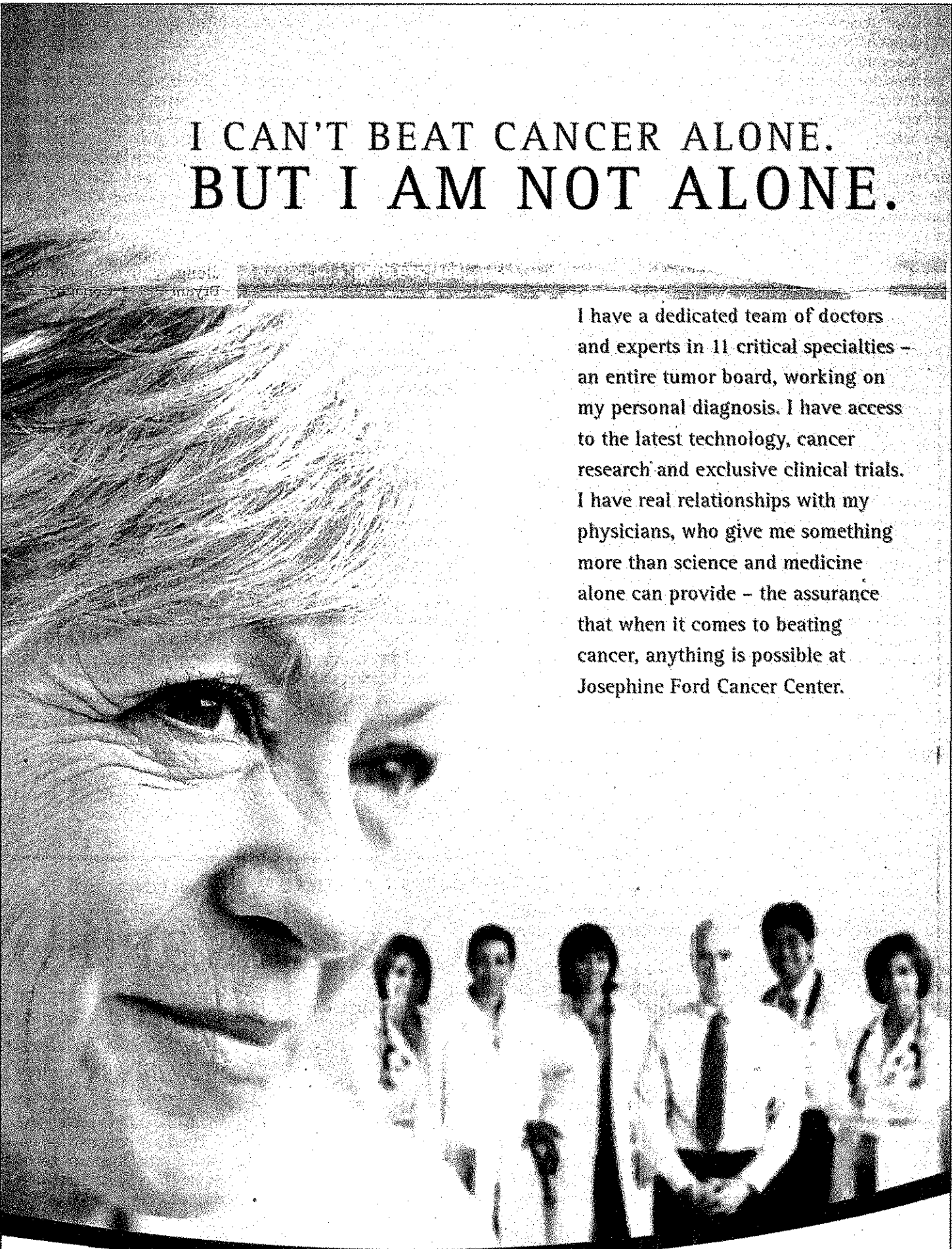
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GUEST OPINION By Michael Ettlinger

Time to collect from Wall Street

Talk about a happy coincidence. The federal government needs money to deal with the budget deficits that will persist long after the Great Recession is over. And there's a well-heeled potential source for those funds that's rolling in dough and owes us big. That well-heeled source would be Wall Street. And it's time to collect.

Let's recap, in brief, the financial industry's performance in recent years. Wall Street made dangerous gambles that put the entire global economy at risk. Those gambles came up snake eyes. Since then the entire world has suffered terribly as it tries to claw its way back.

Actually, that's not quite accurate. It's an exaggeration to say the entire world is suffering. Take, for example, Wall Street. Its profits? Beating every other industry. Bonuses? Going strong.

In getting to this ennobled position from the brink of annihilation, our nation's financiers got a little help — from you and me. At critical junctures in 2008 when the Wall Street was on its knees, the U.S. government, led by the Bush administration, came in with the capital needed to shore up the industry when no one else would. Some of that's been paid back, some not. Some of those financial institutions didn't need the direct cash, but most of them would also have gone down if we hadn't propped up the rest of the industry.

Those infusions of capital were, however, just a part of what has been done to help the financial industry. The Federal Reserve and the Treasury department have also taken dozens of steps — involving trillions of dollars — to make Wall Street profitable.

The argument for taking these steps was the nation needs a financial sector and we were at risk of not having one. Nevertheless, the record profits and bonuses suggest that the mark was overshot. While the rest of the country seems to just be getting a basically functional economy that's still very much hurting, Wall Street is raking it in. It hardly seems fair.

Not everyone on Wall Street was equally culpable and the industry gets to share its culpability. Bush administration regulators, practicing their blind faith in the perfection of markets, did let it all happen. But current public officials are trying to make sure it doesn't happen again by reforming the regulatory system so if we hand over the keys to the economy to incompetent, narrow-minded or foolish regulators it will be harder for them to drive it into the ditch.

The response of many Wall Street players to these reform efforts? They are, shall we say, trying to "shape" the legislation. They know they can't get away with being opposed to reform, but they've made clear from the beginning what's OK with them and what's not. They're like drunken drivers who know they wouldn't have much credibility if they called for the legalization of drinking while driving, but when it comes to deciding whether the standard for drunkenness should be a blood alcohol level of .06 percent or .10 percent, well, they're quite expert in these things and feel free to — for the good of the nation — offer their expert advice. In fairness, some of that advice may be public spirited, but much of it is just an attempt to keep up their extremely lucrative — if dangerous — business as usual.

But there's another idea, which much of Wall Street may like even less. It's the financial transactions tax proposed by Obama. The idea is to impose a small tax on trades of stocks, bonds, derivatives and other Wall Street financial instruments.

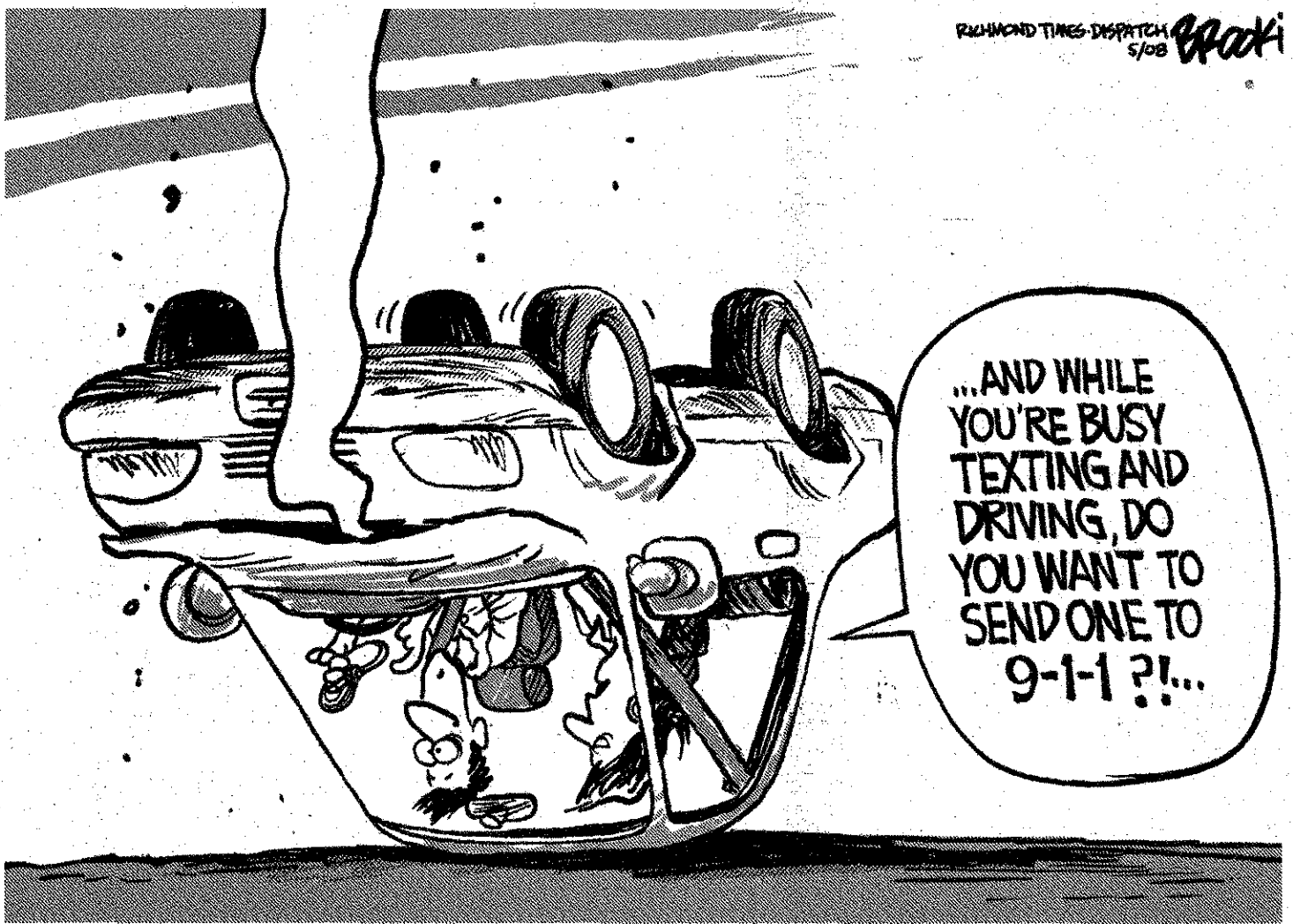
Because trillions upon trillions of dollars worth of these instruments are traded back and forth every year, it's estimated a tax as small as a tenth of 1 percent to a quarter of 1 percent — 10 to 25 basis points in the lingo of Wall Street — could easily raise between \$50 billion and \$150 billion per year.

This idea has not been well received by the industry. Opponents on Wall Street make two basic arguments: First, they argue, financial transactions of the sort that would be subject to the tax could easily be moved anywhere in the world so if you tax them, they will go. Even if the actual transactions aren't moved elsewhere, derivatives based on those transactions — placing bets on how such a transaction would turn out without actually buying or selling the object of the transaction — could be done anywhere in a mirror market, tax free.

Second, they argue some transactions that are helpful to the economy wouldn't be profitable even at these extremely low rates. This argument posits that traders who buy and sell constantly while making tiny profits on their many transactions would be driven from the market because the tax would eat mightily into those tiny profits.

Advocates of a financial transactions tax say this second consequence is a good thing since these traders are actually bad for the economy — causing market volatility and exacer-

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Extremist Supreme Court

To the Editor:

When I was in school, conservatives railed against decisions made by Chief Judge Earl Warren's Supreme Court as activist and extreme, asserting the Warren court overturned established precedent without proper legal reasoning and with a social/economic agenda.

An often-cited example was Griswold versus Connecticut, 1965, in which Justice William O. Douglas added a right to privacy to the U.S. Constitution.

With the current Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in Citizens United, progressives should have grave concerns about the direction of Chief Justice John Roberts' court. This ruling, which overturns more than a century of contrary precedent, permits corporations and labor unions to spend unlimitedly on political campaigns.

In invalidating campaign finance laws on alleged First Amendment free speech grounds, the court has taken another large step in its extremist agenda to advantage "haves" at the expense of "have nots."

Bush versus Gore allowed the forces of privilege to win just one election. The Citizens United gives them an advantage in every electoral contest.

There used to be a saying "the Supreme Court judges read the newspaper." At this point, the only paper they can be reading is the Wall Street Journal.

This state of affairs makes it imperative future vacancies on the Supreme Court be filled with jurists who will watch out for the interests of the "little guy."

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Watch you pets

To the Editor:

I've been reading the articles about small pets and coyotes with interest.

As the owner of the local nature store, I have had many discussions with customers about pets and their safety.

With many years experience as an avid bird-watcher and naturalist, I am surprised at how many people are unaware of the possibility their cat or small dog may fall prey to a great-horned owl or bald eagle, both of which can be found in our area.

The great-horned owl is a night-time hunter and is very capable of taking cats and small dogs as prey. After striking, the owl would take its prey to a perch to eat as opposed to eating it on the ground.

There is always a chance your small dog or cat could be prey for a great-horned owl.

Although bald eagles most often eat fish, carrion and ducks, there have been reports from other communities of them taking small dogs and cats.

At the store, we currently get at least one report each day of bald eagle sightings in our area.

Unlike great-horned owls, bald eagles are daytime hunters.

If owners want to act in the best interest of their pets, cats should be kept inside at all times and small dogs should be attended when they are outside at all times.

ROSANN KOVALCIK
Grosse Pointe Woods

City public safety

To the Editor:

Last week, a questionnaire was distributed throughout the City of Grosse Pointe allowing us residents the rare opportunity to "vote" for the individual City services we most want our taxes to pay for.

This is an excellent reason in self-government at any time, never more so than now in these hard times.

To put my two cents' worth in, I can't say strongly enough how much we need to preserve and maintain our Office of Public Safety.

A safe neighborhood contributes greatly to the value of

our homes and shopping business areas. Not only this, but each public safety officer is trained for two jobs: firefighter and police officer.

If their numbers are reduced or hours limited, we are exposing ourselves to slower responses to any emergency for your child, parents and yourself — right when we need the fast responses to which we are accustomed.

For City of Grosse Pointe residents who have not returned survey sheets, please remember this when making your assessments.

If you have already returned your survey sheet, please take extra time to let our council members know how much you value our public safety officers and their lifesaving dedication to all of us in the City.

EUGENIE DURANT
City of Grosse Pointe

School projects

To the Editor:

Kathy Ryan's column, "Post traumatic project disorder again," Jan. 21 Grosse Pointe News, made me laugh out loud.

My third-grader just brought home her first big project with a choice of media. She picked diorama.

Just hearing that word brings me back to an ill-fated project of my own involving a Buster Brown shoe box to tell the story of President Lincoln's assassination.

Shudder.

Luckily, I was able to convince my daughter to pick something else.

Kathy, your column was a keeper!

MARGIE CARROLL
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Obama's anti-Wall Street jag

"We want our money back" is a battle cry you'd expect from a tea party rally. Such lack of nuance. Such grasping materialism. Such us versus them populism.

All the great and good should be expected to recoil from such a grubby sentiment. If it weren't for the fact President Barack Obama has made the line the centerpiece of his call for a new tax on banks.

A year into his presidency, Obama is attempting a brazen misdirection.

In his 11th-hour speech in Boston boosting Martha Coakley's failed Senate candidacy in Massachusetts, Obama said: "Martha is going to make sure you get your money back. She's got your back. Her opponent has got Wall Street's back." Subtle.

Obama's hackish anti-Wall Street jag tests the proposition: Whom do people despise and mistrust more? The bankers who nearly went bust but for a government bailout, or the politicians who bailed them out and now want to tax

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them under false pretenses?

There are only two things wrong with Obama's "get our money back" justification for the bank tax:

1) He's largely going to tax institutions that have already paid back their TARP injections, with interest. He leaves untouched the real sinkholes for federal funds — the bankrupt automakers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and AIG.

2) Taxpayers are unlikely to see a dime of the revenues from the bank tax, which will be devoted to whatever spending priority Congress alights on next.

The tax is a transparent political ploy, the only kind of transparency Obama has actually delivered. It even has a stereotypically Orwellian name, the "Financial Crisis Responsibility Fee" — because in Washington, the only two things that are inevitable are

death and slippery names for new taxes.

There's a genuine public-policy concern here: The "too big to fail" major banks have an implicit government guarantee.

There should be a resolution mechanism to take over and unwind these institutions in an orderly fashion when they fail, the way the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation does with smaller banks.

If a new tax were intelligently dovetailed with such an effort, it might make sense. But a punitive approach better suits Obama's political needs.

He needs a villain as long as he can't plausibly tout his own record.

The Associated Press reported recently its analysis "found there was nearly no connection between stimulus money and the number of

construction workers hired or fired since Congress passed the recovery program."

The stimulus has succeeded most directly at "saving or creating" government jobs, reinforcing the impression that government is fattening itself as the rest of the economy struggles.

Obama's curse is most of what made him so winsome in 2008 was a pose. If he had been serious about a new kind of politics, he would have stood up to Nancy Pelosi and tamed his own runaway ideological ambitions, but that would have been hard and uncongenial.

Now, he resorts to the easy expedient of dumping on Wall Street in a paint-by-numbers political play — negative, poll-driven, dishonest, eager to cast about for someone to blame.

It's why, given a choice between Wall Street and Washington, most people will take neither.

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

The 'challebges' of cell 'phobes'



I received a snazzy new cell phone for Christmas. Not because I needed one, but because my daughter did (hal) and it was a buy one, get one free deal.

This phone is much more phone than I need and more than I even know I don't need. It has Facebook access, but the screen is way too small for me to read and even when I zoom in, I have to scroll up and down and back and forth to read it. That is annoying

and time consuming. I can't fathom why the under 25-set doesn't get that.

It has many other features that I know nothing about and will probably never use.

However, its one feature I know I need is a qwerty keyboard.

There are lots of things about me my kids poke fun at. Mostly having to do with the generation gap. I can laugh along knowing one day they will get theirs.

But the one thing they make fun of me for to which I take tremendous objection is texting too slowly. After all, I am an award-winning typist, albeit from 30 years ago. Just wait now that I have my qwerty keyboard!

OK, why did the cell phone

As any typist knows, one uses the same finger to type the letters v and b, so by separating them with the space bar I now type things like, "You are ib so much trou le. Get home bow!"

maker put the space key between the v and the b?

As any typist knows, one uses the same finger to type the letters v and b, so by separating them with the space bar I now type things like, "You are ib so much trou le. Get home bow!"

No, I am not using all 10 fingers on my cell phone keyboard as my husband pointed out, but I still want to use the left thumb for b, and n should be the first letter on the bot-

tom for my right thumb.

Is this too much to ask? And what does "Sym" mean? (No, I haven't read the manual because that would be so uncool.)

It seems to be a quasi-shift, making the shift key a quasi-shift key. Are two quasi-shift keys better than one full shift key?

Now that I realize I will not be an award-winning texter, can you tell me why texting has taken over the world? Cell

phones were supposed to make it convenient to call people. Does anyone under age 25 use a cell phone for that purpose?

Let's just change the name to something witty like "text machine."

Why is it that children, with ear buds in, can hear parents whispering at the other end of the house, but can't hear their cell phone ring or the indicator for a text message? I know, it's on vibrate and they can't feel it. Likely story.

I, on the other hand, don't have selective hearing. I really can't hear the whispering or my cell phone.

And why, when I provide my children with cell phones so I can check on their safety, do they not answer when I call or

text? The 16-year-old's excuse is that he's driving — "This is Michael's friend (insert name here). He can't text right now because he's driving. Very carefully, I might add." Yeah, that makes me feel better.

The 13-year-old's excuse is "we were in the basement and we don't get any signal down there. You should have just called (insert name here)'s regular phone."

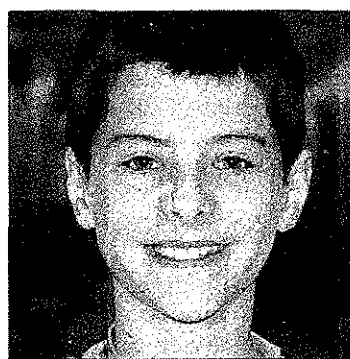
Sure, every parent enjoys getting phone calls at 10:30 p.m.

I will always be cell phone-challenged. I will never be an award-winning texter. My children will probably never learn to "hear" their phones. And, by the time I remember to switch thumbs for b, everything will be voice activated.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is your dream job?

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



'To be a football player for the New England Patriots and be a running back.'

CALVIN RILEY
Grosse Pointe Woods



'To be a children's doctor so I could take care of kids, make people healthy and give back to the community.'

PIPER ADDISON-JAMES
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would like to be an astronaut in space and a fry cook at a restaurant.'

CHRISTIAN PERRINO
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I want to be a professional swimmer and compete in the Olympics.'

JIMMY MAZZOLA
Grosse Pointe Shores



'A fashion designer in California and I would design dresses, business outfits and lots of other clothing.'

LILLY REINHARD
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Whatever happened to message slips?



Quality professionals pride themselves in being efficient and are always searching for ways to improve their approach to improving processes.

One of the methods for doing so is to have modern, up-to-date communication systems. Most in the quality profession probably have the customary Blackberry and the latest iPhone. I like to think I am a technology geek, but sometimes communication processes change so rapidly that it is difficult to stay current.

Let me explain.

Just the other day our son, Bill, Jr., sent me a text message directing me to open up an e-mail on our computer which he had just sent from his iPhone. Upon doing so we

discovered a video from their vacation that had been filmed moments before he sent the text message.

To someone my age it was mind-boggling. Bill, Jr. had filmed their vacation antics with his iPhone then text messaged me about it. Then forwarded it to our laptop.

I'm just happy to have a cell phone where I can talk to others — all the other accessories are just confusing to me.

As I thought about the revelations in the world of technology, I thought back when the closest thing we had to innovation were pink message slips in the office which we used to communicate with others. Some of you will remember those notes with messages such as who called, who wanted to see you and who returned a call.

I suspect prior to those pink message slips people just scratched out notes on scraps of paper.

As I thought about the progress we have made in communication, I wondered where it all started. Perhaps

cavemen communicated by banging two rocks together similar to Morse code. That method was probably followed by the town crier — a person who made public pronouncements in the streets. Town criers usually wore white breeches, black boots and a tricorn hat. Today, an outfit like that will either get you arrested or mugged.

I think next in the line of communication might have been Indian smoke signals. The signals could be altered to curl in spirals, ascend in puffs or circles, or in some cases, just parallel lines.

Watching old western movies, I was always amazed someone could actually read this type of communication. Usually it was Tonto, the Lone Ranger's constant companion. That method today would be banned by the Environmental Protection Agency and Tonto would be arrested for initiating global warming.

Maybe the telegraph followed in line with our next means of communication. It

was always interesting to watch a bespectacled operator pound out a message to someone in an adjacent town.

Alexander Graham Bell then entered the scene and we all scrambled to install the latest invention — the phone.

Growing up in Kansas, I can remember our phone in the kitchen with a side crank that connected us with Molly the operator who would then connect us with a nearby neighbor. I suspect Molly listened in on our conversations and this was no doubt the first instance of privacy invasion.

When dial-up phones came into existence it was hailed as a marvel and we all had to have the latest invention. I can recall our having a "party line," which meant there were two people in town who had the same phone number.

There was a unique ring on our phone so we knew the call was for us. Sometimes though we would pick up the phone to make a call only to discover our "party line" was using the phone.

Those were always embarrassing moments. You can imagine our excitement when push button phones were introduced.

How about the excitement when a long distance phone call came through — especially if you were in the yard.

Someone would call breathlessly about the long distance call and you would double time it into the house because those calls were expensive. Today, most of us have unlimited call service which includes long distance anywhere in the nation.

At about this time, I think fax machines came into vogue. It provided instant information from office to office, but few people knew how to change the ink bottle so sometimes it sat idle for days.

Watching old movies from World War II gave us another method of communication — Morse code, flag waving or light flashing signals from ships.

Somewhere about this time megaphones were used, but maybe I'm thinking about singer Rudy Vallee who used one as his trademark. And let's not forget Harpo Marx and the horn he used to communicate and Clarabell the Clown with a similar means of communicating.

Then came car phones.

While I was working for a local bank, I was given a car phone as an experiment. The phone was the size of a large brick and the electronics for it were stored in a large suitcase in the seat next to me — not very suitable for traveling.

All of a sudden cell phones emerged and now everyone seems to have one. And of course there is e-mail, voice mail and the ever-present beeper.

Our automobile has OnStar, which means there is a hands-free phone we can utilize. With various towns and cities making the use of cell phones illegal, we use this phone quite often.

Wonder how long it will be before mental telepathy makes its appearance? Welcome to the future!

So from a simple pounding on stones, all the way to phones that feature e-mail and access to the Internet, we certainly have come a long way.

Well, time to go. Our local town crier just notified me it's time for dinner. "On my way, dear!"

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

COLLECT: Wall Street tax on trades

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bating bubbles and crashes. The traders counter that they supply important liquidity to the market — because of them anyone who wants to buy or sell a share in anything can find a counterparty because the traders are always in the market. This, they argue, makes investing more attractive — and more investment is good for everyone.

On the one hand, it's a little hard to believe a tiny tax would drive off or eliminate a book of business we particularly care about — and it would be foolish to take the opponents arguments at face value on this any more than on regulatory reform. On the other hand, it's

hard to know. Off-the-record conversations with people on Wall Street elicit different answers.

Instead of trying to figure that one out, let's give Wall Street a choice. They either get a financial transaction tax or offer an alternative way for us to tax them. After all, they can surely afford to be taxed. This is an industry that, if defined narrowly, handles upward of \$50 trillion worth of transactions in a year. Defined broadly, the dollars are in the hundreds of trillions of dollars.

It's an industry where one large player, Goldman Sachs Group Inc., can offer up \$16.7 billion in bonuses for one year in the midst of the Great Recession. It's an industry that — with a huge amount of help from taxpayers — is now turning enormous profits. It's an industry that enjoys substantial tax breaks with the capital gains and dividends top rate at less than half the rate of other

income and the "carried interest" loophole benefiting the best-paid traders. It's also an industry that really does owe something to the rest of the country.

Let's say to that industry: U.S. taxpayers want \$150 billion per year out of you. If the financial transactions tax creates the bad incentives you've described, then fine — come up with something different. You're the experts. There are only two rules. Your alternative financial services tax has to raise \$150 billion per year. And no sneaky business — a tax that's on your industry but really comes out of the pockets of the people who clean your offices or targets middle-class 401(k) pension savings won't cut it.

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Michael Ettlinger is vice president for economic policy at the Center for American Progress.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Repeat customer

The manager of Kroger in the Village told police he recognized the 48-year-old Detroit man arrested at 9:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, for shoplifting \$100 worth of baby formula and dog food.

Taken off road

Records show that the driving privileges of a 41-year-old Detroit woman had been "suspended indefinitely" prior to her arrest last week for a traffic violation.

A patrolman stopped the woman at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, on Mack near Cadieux because her 2001

Ford Explorer lacked a valid license plate.

"(She) also had two prior suspensions requiring plate confiscation," said the arresting officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wrecking crew

Three pedestrians on the Hill flagged down a Farms patrolman at 12:44 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, to report a single-vehicle car crash on nearby Hall Place.

The officer found the

wrecked car, a silver Cadillac CTS, in the roadway near Radnor Circle.

Its driver, a 41-year-old Farms man, registered a .259 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving. Subsequent readings taken a short while later at headquarters increased to .29 percent.

Police said it appears the driver turned the car from Kercheval to Hall Place, jumped one curb, then the other, hit a large tree, traveled 30 feet along the sidewalk, ran over a "No parking" sign and hit another tree.

"Multiple witnesses said the vehicle was doing approximately 60 mph east on Kercheval, but no one saw the accident," said the investigating officer.

Illegal alien

Farms police caught an illegal alien from Mexico during a traffic stop at 6:07 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, on east-bound Mack near East Warren.

"He admitted his unlawful status," said the arresting officer.

The man was a passenger in a car whose driver had been pulled over for operating a white 1995 Pontiac pickup with defective equipment. The driver, a 28-year-old Pontiac man, had 12 driving suspensions and was arrested.

Possible sighting

A missing Grosse Pointe

Woods woman may have been seen outside St. Paul Catholic Church on Lakeshore the night she disappeared.

A 33-year-old Detroit man reported to Farms police five days after the disappearance of Joann Matouk Romain that he saw a heavy-set woman wearing a dark trench coat standing on the church side of Lakeshore.

"(He) states it was on (Tuesday) Jan. 12, around 6:45 or 7 p.m.," said a Farms officer. "(He) stated he did not think anything about the incident at the time."

The sighting matched the date and time Romain, wearing dark clothing, was believed to have attended church services. A patrolman that night found her locked car at the foot of the church driveway. Shoe prints believed to be hers led to Lake St. Clair.

The man made his belated report at headquarters Sunday, Jan. 17.

"On (Saturday) Jan. 16, his mother asked him if he had heard about the missing woman," said an officer. "(He) then remembered the earlier incident."

Burnt food

A residential fire alarm sounded at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at a house in the 300 block of Touraine.

"We have a slight cooking problem here," said an investigating officer. "We're trying to help the homeowner turn off the alarm."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Minors get leg up on drinking law

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

Underage drinkers can just say no to police.

State law lets a person under age 21 suspected of consuming alcohol refuse a law officer's command to take a preliminary chemical breath test.

Officers now must ask permission.

"A police officer can request the person to take the test, but, they cannot compel a preliminary breath test," said Mark McInerney, Grosse Pointe Shores city attorney. "They cannot punish for refusal to take a PBT."

If someone refused to take the test, police could mandate one by getting a search warrant.

An ordinance passed this month in the Shores adopts a change in state law giving minors the right to refuse taking PBTs.

The state change came from judicial rather than legislative

action.

"There have been several court decisions, including by the Michigan Court of Appeals in approximately October, that say police officers cannot compel the PBT test absent a search warrant," McInerney said.

Until now, officers could make suspected underage drinkers take a breath test to determine blood alcohol content.

"The state statute provided that the officer suspecting a minor of having had something to drink could compel that person to take a PBT," McInerney said. "The new ordinance makes that correction."

The ordinance puts the city in compliance with state law.

"Frequently, this comes up when there's a house party," McInerney said. "We would only have the opportunity to get a search warrant. It's questionable whether officers would do that."

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Public Notice - Ordinance No. 390

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinance:

The City of Grosse Pointe ordains:

I. Section 42-10 shall be added to the Grosse Pointe City Code as follows:

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It is hereby declared a nuisance for a qualified primary caregiver under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act to dispense, sell, offer to dispense or offer to sell medical marihuana on or within 1000 feet of any property owned or used by any preschool or primary or secondary school. Each instance of dispensing, selling, offering to dispense or offering to sell shall be a separate offense.

This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

GPN: 01/28/10

—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

Lawn mower thefts

A Craftsman lawn mower was taken from an unlocked garage in the 1100 block of Maryland between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The next day, police responded to a larceny of a lawn mower in progress complaint and arrested a suspect pushing a lawn mower in the 1200 block of Maryland at 2:23 p.m.

MDP

Overnight Wednesday, Jan. 20, the tires on a 2007 Chevrolet Impala parked on Balfour were slashed.

Suspects caught

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, police attempted to stop a 1998 Dodge Caravan with an improper registration. A chase ensued which ended after the vehicle crashed. There were no injuries. Three suspects were taken into custody.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Lt. James Armbruster for 28 years of service and Public Safety Officer Joseph Poirier for 21 years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fire report

Shores dispatcher Judy Chauvin kept firefighters on track last week when she interceded in a 911 call she transferred to Grosse Pointe Woods headquarters.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Chauvin answered a 911 call from a woman reporting a garage fire in the 800 block of Hollywood in the Woods.

Chauvin switched the call to the Woods and stayed on the line while the caller made the report.

"The caller stated to (the) Woods dispatcher that the fire was on Hawthorne," Chauvin said. "(I) cut in and stated that the caller, who was shaken, had originally reported the fire on Hollywood. (The caller) apologized and stated the fire was, indeed, on Hollywood."

B&E

A neighbor saw two unknown men run from a house on Webber where a burglar alarm sounded a few minutes before 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The men left the area in a dark blue Ford Explorer or similar type of vehicle outfitted with "bright blue lights," the neighbor told police.

Officers traced two sets of footprints in the snow to the house's back door.

"The alarm caused the suspects to leave the area from the direction they came," said an investigator. "(There was) no physical evidence to indicate entry (puddles of water,

snow or mud) at the open rear door."

Scam prize

A man calling from a Jamaican telephone number has been pestering an 83-year-old Shores woman about winning a prize.

"The caller proceeds to inform the (woman) that she is to send a Western Union check to the prize company to cover the cost of taxes," said a public safety officer.

When questioned, the caller hangs up.

The man has called three times per week for a month from (876) 296-6786. Calls last week to the number weren't answered.

This type of scam comes and goes, recently by people calling from Jamaica trying to con senior citizens into sending money they'll never see again to qualify for prize money they'll never get.

Xmas decorations

Two Shores residents reported outdoor Christmas decorations stolen last week.

◆ On Wednesday, Jan. 20, a resident on Moorland Drive said a wreath had been taken off his front door.

◆ During the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 19, a Christmas wreath and extension cord were stolen from the front window of a house on Hampton.

Dog found

At 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, a Shores woman walking her dog in the area of Oxford and Morningside was followed home by a small tan terrier.

The woman notified police in the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods and sheltered the dog overnight.

At 7:35 a.m. the next morning, a nearby resident reported her Wheaton terrier had escaped its invisible fence the night before. A reunion was arranged.

—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

Purse snatching

A 26-year-old Newcastle resident left her purse in her car while she returned briefly to her house at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

As she was returning, she observed a 1990s minivan pull up next to her car and the occupant jump out and grab her purse from her car. She gave chase, but could not keep up. She was able to get a partial license plate, but police were not able to find a match. The purse contained cash, credit cards and a cell phone.

GPS taken

Surveillance tapes are being reviewed following the theft of a GPS device from a car parked behind a business on Mack at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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Answers: Shores looks for ways to erase deficit

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Vick this month that Shores' state equalized property values will go down 7.5 percent this year compared to guesstimates three months ago approaching 20 percent.

The small portion of Shores property in Macomb County will lose 8 percent value, Vick said.

The Wayne County reduction means a \$400,000 loss of property tax income, equal to about 12 percent of payroll.

"It would be naive of me to say that is something I could get from the unions," Vick said, referring again to concessions. "I am in negotiations with public safety officers. They know the financial situation. No community around the state has gotten that kind of concession from their union. There are other things on the table we have to get as well. Whether it's wages, legacy costs, health care — all of those are on the table."

Vick cited Wayne County's

percentages when ranking the Shores' property value declines with those of the other Grosse Pointes:

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods: 11.3.

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms: 10.5.

◆ City of Grosse Pointe: 9.3.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores: 7.5.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park: 5.2.

While efforts in the Shores are to win labor concessions and rescind fringe benefits, non-union employees are in a pay freeze.

"This is the first time, maybe ever, we did not issue cost of living checks," Vick said. "That was a savings of just under \$150,000. Salaries and wages are below the budgeted line item. We are staying on top of

overtime."

Kedzierski, an accountant, is more concerned with the cost of fringe benefits than of salaries.

"The health care report shows we're supposed to fund 29 percent of salaries for current-year and post-retirement health care," he said. "The pension factor, depending on department, is about 20 percent. So, 20 plus 29 (percent), you have a 50 percent load factor. That doesn't include disability and other things that may be applicable — deferred compensation for those eligible."

Vick agreed.

"There is a structural problem with fringe benefits in government," he said. "When you

have an employee leave at age 50 and they're retired, potentially, longer than they were employed... But, this is not (just) a Shores issue. It's everybody."

Despite the financial situation, Vick said the city is "in relatively good shape" for next fiscal year.

"We are operating on a very tight budget," he said. "Literally, every purchase is one of those situations where we're having to vet out if it's something that needs to be done, something that can wait or if there's an alternative way of providing that service."

Spreading the load

Vick is in discussions with

representatives of other cities about ways to save money by sharing services.

"Those conversations are going to lead to what I believe was the intent of (the) Headley (Tax Limitations Amendment): collaborative efforts, smaller government and consolidation."

He said the talks are wide-ranging and include consolidating services related to parks, recreation and public safety. He even said, but did not propose, the Shores could save money by turning over public safety to the county, as did Mount Clemens.

"These are the ways you save one-half million and \$1 million," Vick said.

Resident John Booth, a supporter of a recall campaign of the mayor and four council members (excluding Kedzierski and Dan Schulte, both elected this year) for supporting a 1 mill tax increase, said city officials need to save money before things get worse and the state steps in to do it for them.

Schulte is frustrated that the city hasn't drawn up a multi-year financial planning forecast.

"We need a plan that is forward looking," he said, "that we can really get down to what expenses we can live with and what expense we have to do without, what we can afford, not what we want."

TV: Needs work

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meeting," said Councilman Dan Schulte. "These glitches are inexcusable."

Meetings have been scheduled to be broadcast three days per week since November on Cable TV Channel 12.

Airings are up for review in three months. Council members said they'd consider residents' wishes when deciding to continue or stop broadcasts.

Broadcasts that start late turn off viewers, according to Schulte.

"When a resident turns on the TV at 6:30 p.m. expecting to see a council meeting and it's not there, they may check back in five minutes," he said. "If it's still not there, they're going to get locked into another program. There goes that audience."

To keep costs down during the trial run, the city is airing meetings recorded on a security camera installed years ago in a rear corner of council chambers.

"We need to get a better camera," Schulte said. "There's some people who don't know which of us is which with that camera. We're not talking about a big investment. If we're going to broadcast the council meeting, we should do it properly."

His benchmark for quality are televised meetings of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

"I don't know why we can't make a one-time investment in hundreds of dollars to put up a decent camera and system so it runs properly all the time," Schulte said.

Council meetings are scheduled to be shown at:

- ◆ noon Tuesdays,
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays.

Bridal event offers free prizes

The Biggest Wedding Bridal Event features a \$20,000 giveaway from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

First prize includes a reception for 150 guests at Barrister Gardens, invitations by Sizemore Selectives, a four-hour DJ package by Shea Sounds, \$1,500 in flowers by Mancuso's, \$500 in tuxedos by President Tuxedo and more.

Second prize is a wedding show for 50 guests at Barrister Gardens, 50 chocolate shower favors by Chocolate Matters and a shower cake for 50 by For Goodness Cakes!

The event, offers discounts and free gifts for the bride-to-be from hundreds of vendors.

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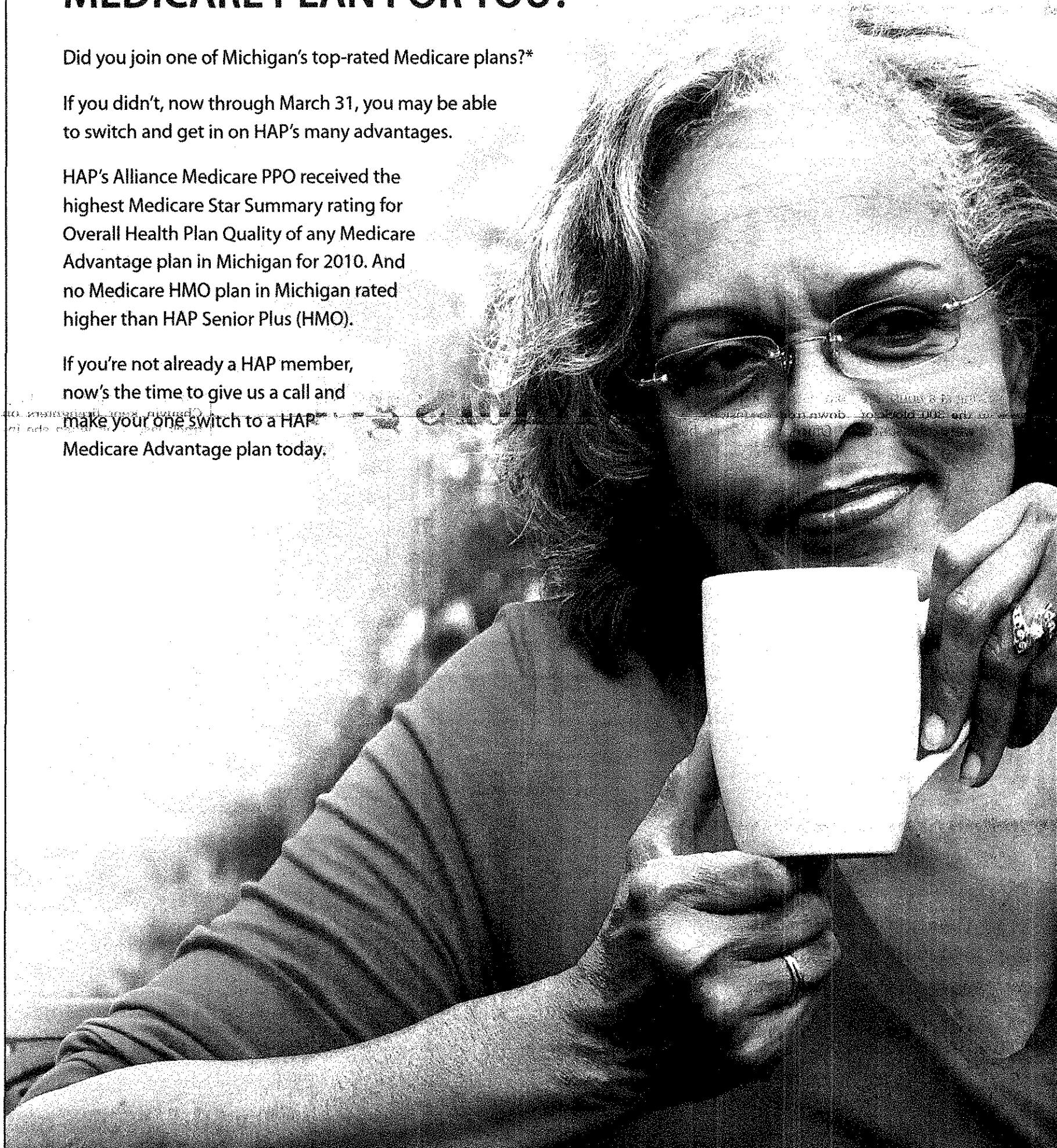
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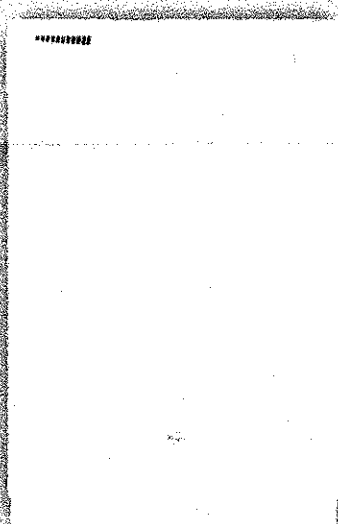


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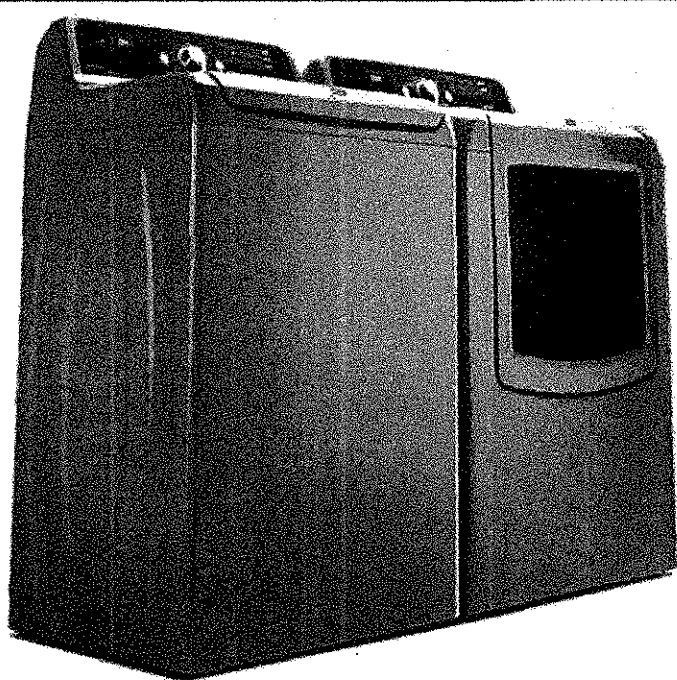
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Board officers elected

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

On an evening that fell on the last Monday of a month honoring school board members across the country, the newest Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustees took their place at the table already piled high with budget challenges.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein officially swore in Cindy Pangborn and Tom Jakubiec, along with returning trustee Joan Dindoffer, who begins her fourth four-year term on the board. Jakubiec was also elected to a four-year seat. Pangborn fills the three-year term left by former trustee Ahmed Ismail.

The annual organizational

meeting Monday, Jan. 25, included the selection of board officers.

John Steininger was nominated as president, a position he was elected to by a unanimous vote. Dindoffer, who first declined a nomination for president by Brendan Walsh, was elected vice president, also in a unanimous vote.

Walsh, who has served in both capacities in prior years, was unanimously elected treasurer.

Judy Gafa was nominated as secretary, but before she could be elected, Jakubiec asked to discuss the position and nominated Pangborn. Gafa's nomination went through first — she won 6-1. Jakubiec cast the dissenting vote.

Following the election, each trustee was asked what they would like to do with their compensation of \$30 per meeting. There are 12 regularly scheduled meetings each year.

Trustees are allowed to direct their funds to any school system program or any district-related organization or program. They also can give directly to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Trustees may choose to refuse or receive compensation.

Gafa asked hers be donated to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, while Walsh directed his toward the district's Latin Club.

Jakubiec chose to receive his pay, which he said he will save and donate at a later time.

Pangborn also chose to keep her compensation, saying by doing so, she was publicly encouraging people to join the board.

Minturn declined pay. Dindoffer followed "because there have been questions about compensation," she said.

Steininger accepted his pay to donate to the 100 Club, a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters seriously injured or killed in the line-of-duty.

Before the board moved onto agenda items, Klein presented them with a gift in honor of School Board Recognition Month: A passport to a technology tour in one of the district's schools.

Concert raises funds

Grosse Pointe South High School's Greece Student Ambassador Choir performs a preview of songs it will sing in Greece and Crete during a trip Feb. 12-20.

The concert is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The evening also includes per-

formances by South's freshmen choir, along with choirs from Brownell and Pierce middle schools.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or online at gp-southchoir.org.

Proceeds help defray the cost of the Greece trip.

'Up Anchor' auction set

The St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School "Up Anchor" auction is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The event includes a strolling dinner, open bar, live auction items, classroom projects, raffles and an afterglow featuring a live band.

The online invitation can be viewed at paperlesspost.com/events/73757-d9d3ab01/guests/2854531-80e3375e/card.

Ticket prices are \$85 per person through Friday, Jan. 29, and \$100 thereafter. Proceeds benefit St. Paul School.

Bell could ring for all-day kindergarten

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Officials for the Grosse Pointe Public School System are mulling the feasibility of offering a free all-day kindergarten program for the 2010-11 school year.

"It's always been on our plate," said Mason Elementary School Principal Elaine

Middlekauf, citing a committee's recommendation from a few years ago. "If we could build a school from the ground up, we would want all day kindergarten ... it meets the needs of students and the needs of the community."

Sue Banner, supervisor at Barnes Early Childhood Center, said the sentiment among the district's elementary

school principals is to establish the all day class.

She noted GPPSS has lost several students to private and parochial schools that provided the program. She added 330 districts out of 781 in the state offer all-day kindergarten.

The district currently offers extended day kindergarten — half the day is instruction, the other half is child care — for a

fee.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustees tabled a proposed six percent increase — \$4,080 — in extended day rates when the option for all day kindergarten was presented.

The fees are used to pay the costs of classroom salaries and benefits and extra supplies for the half day the children are in

school in a child care setting. The increase is partially due to health and retirement costs and state licensing requirements for classroom assistants, said Lee Warras, executive director for instructional services.

The all-day program would not require assistants, he added.

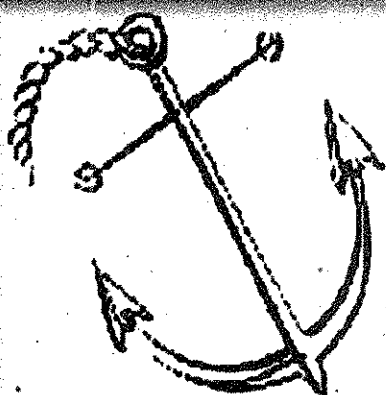
The board will wait to make a decision until February's meet-

ing where district officials are asked to outline the feasibility of instead offering all-day kindergarten.

Warras said he will gauge interest among parents — a survey is up at gpschools.org — and conclude a cost.

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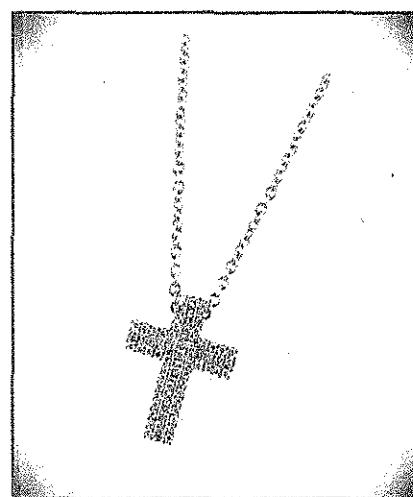
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Maire sets scene for hospital mosaic

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

An adventurous story, carved out of a mother's imagination and brought to life on a school stage, will long be inscribed in a place that prescribes hope and healing.

Children's Hospital of Michigan is devoting a colorful mosaic to Maire Elementary School and its students, who raised \$1,000 last spring with the performance of "How Jackson Saved the Sea."

The original play, written by Maire mom Sara Fischer Hodges, was performed live by

30 students and professionally recorded. It later aired at the Detroit facility on the TVs in young patients' rooms.

"How Jackson Saved the Sea" developed from a children's book Hodges began before her now third-grade son, Jack, was born. The story is set in Nantucket and follows the journey of a little boy on his way into the seaside town.

Talking animals, birds and sea life — who share a universal language and communicate with children — seek the help of Jackson, played by Hodges' son. Jackson's new friends give him an underwater bubble helmet to show him rotting barrels filled with poison. He must then tell his father, an expert scuba diver, about the problem — minus the bit about talking sea creatures. With help from Jackson's grandfather, who spoke with the animals when he was a child, the trio head out on a fishing trip right over the polluted spot of the ocean.

The hospital matched Maire's donation with another that came in, and decided to use some of the money to create a mosaic.

The picture — 4-by-6 feet in size — incorporates the tale's underwater theme and was designed by Maire art teacher Michael Heenan and Children's Hospital art advisor Grace Serra.

Student actors submitted a drawing based on their submerged characters. Children who played the role of a human or animal painted something found in the ocean — coral, starfish, lobsters or clams, for example.

"I'm excited for the kids," Heenan said. "The fact that it's going to Children's Hospital and that it be permanent is exciting. It will be the first thing they see on the way to the ER — it puts their minds at ease and makes something that might be traumatic a little less



traumatic."

He and Serra blew up the students' images to scale and sketched them in chalk atop a large cement board. The students meet later this week to help Heenan and Serra piece together the mosaic with colorful tiles. The finished project is expected to be completed and dedicated in March.

"Kids' art is the best," said Serra, who praised Heenan's involvement. "I always say that you get great results with a great leader. He quietly said, 'I'll have the kids do this,' and came back with fabulous drawings. I love that they're not only going to physically make it, but it's actually theirs."

"It's absolutely stunning to me. It's a project that became

bigger than everybody involved," said Hodges. "It's such an incredibly positive experience for these kids. They've been able to not only be a part of the actual event that raised the funds, but they are part of where these funds are going and get to participate in the final result. The kids are going to see the impact this kind of fundraising has on our community."

"I feel a lot of pride for the whole thing, on behalf of everyone who worked on it. And the enthusiasm has really been uplifting. It's been one of the most fun and fulfilling things I've ever done."

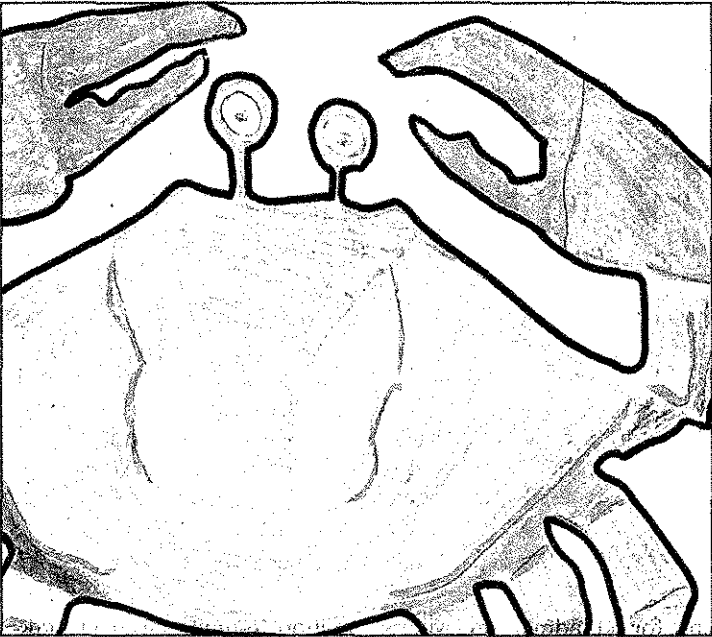
Serra was linked to Maire by Erin O'Meara, mother to one of the student actors and director of volunteer services at the hospital. She also sits on the design team committee Serra chairs. O'Meara approached the school community to come up with the theme for the mosaic.

Serra said the hospital's lower level already has a nautical theme — the underwater mosaic meets the tone perfectly.

"The (committee) goal is to make the hospital a more complete healing environment. It impacts the quality of care, especially for children," Serra said. "What our design team established is to have unity, and each floor would have a theme. It's a way to organize visual images."

"This will be at our night entrance. A lot of times, children come at night, and when they enter the hospital, it will be the first thing they see. Hopefully, it will be an exciting, wonderful thing and change their whole experience."

Serra says the hospital, strapped for funds, reaches out



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY GRACE SERRA

Top, a mosaic created with drawings by Maire Elementary School students, above, will hang at the after hours/emergency entrance at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

to the community for help.

"We work with many schools because we think it's a great fit to teach community service through art," she said.

"Children can make a large difference in people's lives. It really impacts not only the patients, but the kids who create the art."

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3. Finalists will be asked to bring 1 dozen finished cupcakes for Judging Day Event on Sunday, March 7.
4. Cupcakes must be **edible and of standard size** (no mini cupcakes or jumbo cupcakes).
5. Winners will be judged on originality, appearance and taste of cupcakes and celebration story.
6. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finalists. Contestants must be present to win.

INCLUDE: Recipe Name • Ingredients • Directions

Recipes and directions may be typed on a separate sheet attached to this form.

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Teacher of the Week

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

Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week, it's **Richard Elementary School reading specialist Beth Rainbolt**.

She was nominated by fourth-grader Leah MacKay: "Mrs. Rainbolt is a nice teacher. She is a F.A.S.T. reading specialist and she's very good at what she does. She makes everybody feel special. I love Mrs. Rainbolt."

Years at Richard: Four

Previous work: Before coming to Richard, I taught seventh- and eighth-grade English for three years in Searcy, Ark.

Why did you become a teacher?

I have many family members who are teachers, and I always knew I would be a teacher. I mainly became a teacher because of my aunt, Carol Thompson. She taught seventh-grade reading. I used to visit her classroom to meet her students and watch her teach. She loved her students and they loved her. I always wanted to teach just like her.

Another teacher who in-

spired me was Ruth Rothenberg. She taught my English classes when I attended Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School. She is a great teacher and she taught me to write essays. It helped me so much when I went to college.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Being a reading teacher is special because I see students from every grade, and I often see the same students year after year. The saddest part about teaching is watching students move on to the next grade at the end of the school year. As a reading teacher, I don't have to say "goodbye" to many of my students. I get to say, "See you next fall."

How do you feel about being nominated?

It was such an honor and a great surprise to be nominated. One of the best parts about teaching has been learning more about the families at Richard Elementary. It has been a pleasure to work with students just like Leah MacKay. Leah, like many of the students at Richard, always tries her best, takes responsibility for her homework and class work and treats teachers and stu-

dents with respect.

Favorite book to share with students:

"The Tale of Despereaux," by Kate DiCamillo is my favorite book to share with third-grade students. It's much better than the movie. I think the book is always better than the movie.

Despereaux is a mouse who doesn't act like a mouse. He doesn't hide from humans and he fights rats. He even falls in love with a princess! In the "Tale of Despereaux," Ms. DiCamillo addresses the reader in each chapter.

My favorite line is on page 25: "Reader, you must know that an interesting fate (sometimes involving rats, sometimes not) awaits almost everyone, mouse or man, who does not conform."

When we read "The Tale of Despereaux," my students and I feel like Ms. DiCamillo is talking directly to us!

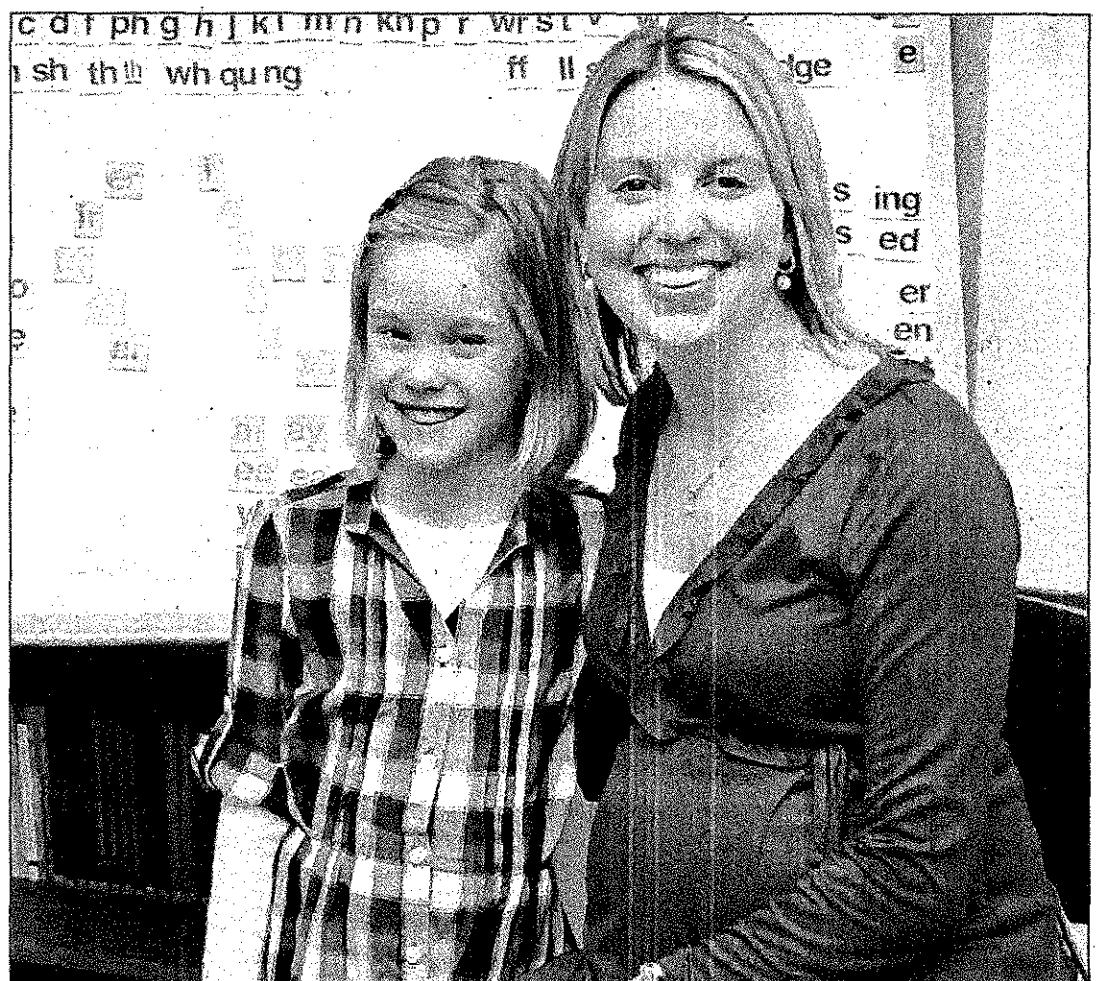


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—Amy Salvagno Reading specialist Beth Rainbolt with Leah MacKay, the student who nominated her.

Mom to Mom sale

Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual spring Mom to Mom Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

Shoppers can arrive from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for \$2 early bird admission or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$1 admission. Moms with strollers will be admitted after 10:30 a.m.

Children's clothing, furni-

ture, toys, baby items — including strollers, baby swings and Exersaucers — and maternity clothes are featured. Items are located at the individual tables and inside the big item room.

Table rental applications are currently being accepted. To rent a table or for more information, e-mail Karen at ckkmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 885-5998, ext. 1.

TABLED: All-day option weighed

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ing of all that's involved, including the chance of children not

being at their home school," Warras said. "There may be 20 to 35 families who may be asked for one year to go to another building."

But, he added, that scenario could be likely with the extended day program — higher rates may shrink class sizes and force different sections to combine outside a home school.

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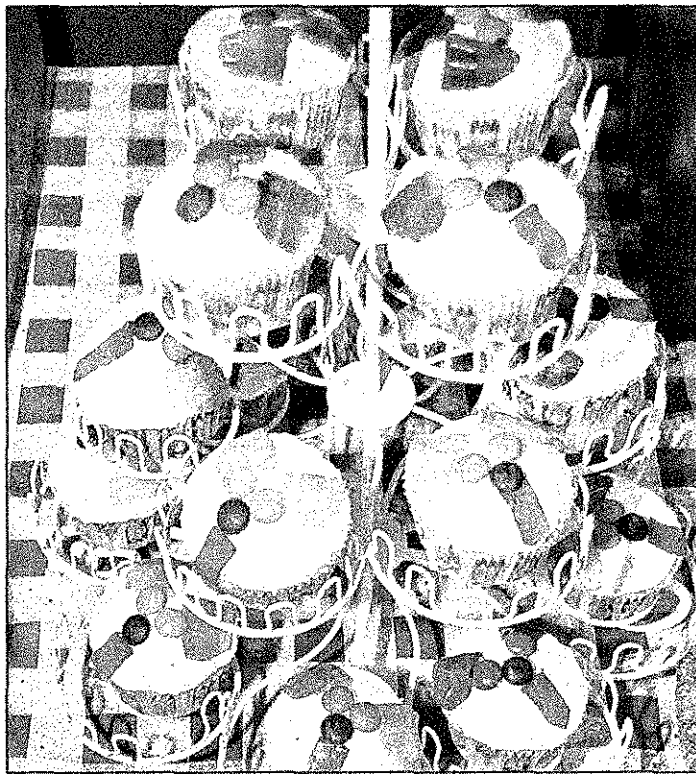
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Spaghetti and sweets

Defer Elementary School's annual spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the PTO drew 265 guests Thursday, Jan. 21. School staff served students and their families and auctioned off desserts they baked from scratch. Children vied for teddy bears in creative games and entered raffles to win sweet treats. Top left: Five-year-old Elle Bojarczyk puts a ticket in the raffle can in hopes of winning a doughnut snowman. Top middle: Teacher Jane Nugent placed Fruit Roll-Ups and candy pieces atop cupcakes to create her Pupcakes. Top right: Jack Glover high-fives Mikey Walsh after he wins one of the raffle prizes — secretary Patty Divirgil's Chocolate Nut Bark, made with dark and white chocolate, nuts and pretzels. Left: Second- and third-grade teacher Shelley Denison serves up noodles while Principal Ron Wardie spoons on the sauce.

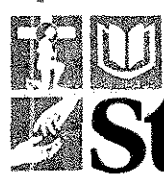


The bands played

The north-end Band-O-Rama and the all-district String Extravaganza entertained crowds at concerts this month. The gyms at both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools showcased more than 1,000 musicians and the district's instrumental program from grades 5-12.

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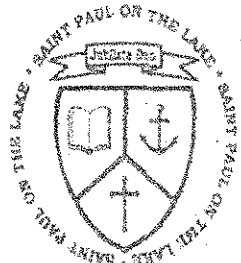


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OBITUARIES

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

George Fellows

Grosse Pointe Farms resident George Fellows, 74, died Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, from complications related to Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Fellows was born in upstate New York in 1935. He graduated from forestry school and served in the U.S. Army. In 1960, Mr. Fellows married Detroit native Jeannie Grzanka and graduated from Michigan State University in 1961. He was a certified public accountant and worked in the accounting profession until he retired in 2005.

Mr. Fellows was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed camping and woodworking. He enjoyed spending time with this family and orchestrated many family ski trips and vacations. He coached his sons' Little League baseball teams for many years. He loved watching sports, especially the Tigers and the Red Wings.

Mr. Fellows is survived by Jeannie, his wife of 49 years; daughters, Theresa (Ken) Bechard of Birmingham, Kristin Fellows (Lawrence Graessle) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Karen (Josh) Moss of Bloomfield Township; sons, Michael (Jaque) of West Bloomfield, Thomas Weldon of Lebanon, Tenn., David (Eleanor Allen) of Englewood, Colo., and Timothy (Annie) Weldon of Franklin; and grandchildren, Sean Moss, Quin Fellows, Alex Fellows, Lucas Fellows and Caroline Weldon.

His family said they will miss him greatly. He was kind, quiet, loyal and cared deeply for his family.

Mr. Fellows was inurned with military honors at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to Kadima, 15999 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Marion Wilberding MacKenzie

Marion MacKenzie, 85, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, in Naples, Fla.

She was born April 15, 1924, in Detroit to Frank and Mary

Wilberding and attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart before earning her college degree at the University of Detroit.

Mrs. MacKenzie and her husband, Gordon, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a group of couples in Naples who call themselves the 49'ers. The couple shared a sense of fun and adventure which took them around the world, including two extended stays in England. They thoroughly enjoyed their Saturday lunches in the country. Mrs. MacKenzie especially enjoyed day trips to London scouring for antiques, and absorbing the rich culture of the city.

Mrs. MacKenzie was the ultimate partner in life and career. She shared in her husband's automotive career with her characteristic elegance, modesty and quiet thoughtfulness.

She was a person of deep faith and remained a devout Roman Catholic her entire life.

Mrs. MacKenzie is survived by her husband and her sons, Blair, John, and David, who said she was loved by everyone who knew her and widely considered one of the great moms of all time with her nurturing kindness and warmth. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brothers, Frank and Ed.

A funeral Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at St. William Catholic Church, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples with entombment following at Naples Memorial Gardens.

Share a memory at fullerfuneralhome.com.

Gordon R. Mantay

Harper Woods resident Gordon R. Mantay, 92, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 30, 1917, in Detroit to Henry and Helen Mantay who had immigrated from Germany. He graduated from Southeastern High School and received his bachelor's degree in business from the University of Detroit.

Mr. Mantay spent his early career as an accountant at General Motors Corp. and then became manager of a newly developed computer system at Ford Motor Co. He retired from Ford in 1975.

After retirement, he earned his real estate license. He also became a ham radio operator and befriended people throughout the world.

Mr. Mantay was an avid golfer, winning two senior championships in his 80s. He also was interested in music and Bible study. He was a long-time member of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church where he was a tenor in the choir as well as a past treasurer.

Mr. Mantay is survived by Angeline, his wife of 72 years; children, Larry (Brenda), Kenneth (Nancy), Dale (Julie), JoAnne (Sam) Thompson and Cathy (Jim) Wynne; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His family said Mr. Mantay hoped to be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and Christian.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or St. John Hospice, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Manuel L. Papista

Manuel "Mike" Louis Papista, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.

He was born Dec. 8, 1930, in Detroit to Gust and Anthony Papista who emigrated from Greece. The couple owned Papa Gus's tavern in Hamtramck where the entire family worked. Mr. Papista often commented that he learned a great deal about people from working at the tavern. A union lawyer who frequented the family tavern inspired Mr. Papista as a child to become a lawyer.

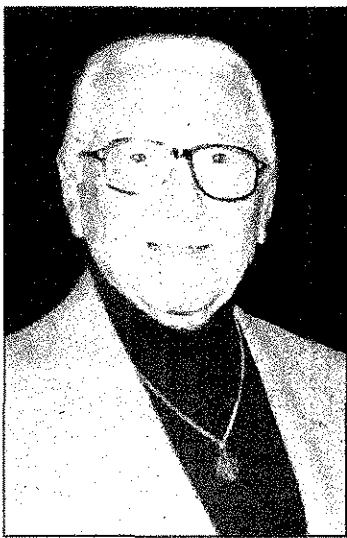
Mr. Papista graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit where he played varsity football, basketball, track and baseball. He also competed in summer sandlot ball and loved playing in Tiger Stadium. He was valedictorian and class



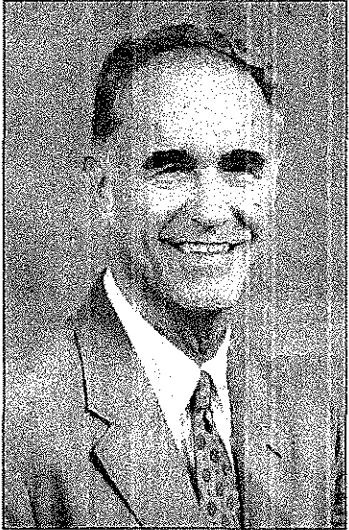
George Fellows



Marion MacKenzie



Gordon R. Mantay



Manuel "Mike" Papista



John Daniel Rohrer

president his senior year.

Mr. Papista attended the University of Michigan where he earned a baseball scholarship and also played football. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

He completed his first year at the University of Michigan Law School, then postponed his studies to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict as an information and education sergeant at Fort Knox, Ky.

After completing military service, Mr. Papista returned to the Detroit area and began teaching U.S. history at South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores while studying nights at the Detroit College of Law. He earned his law degree in 1958.

Shortly after becoming an attorney, Mr. Papista formed the law firm, Lipton, Papista, & Garfinkle, P.C. in downtown Detroit. His practice focused on business, real estate and probate and estate law.

Mr. Papista met his wife, Louise, an elementary school teacher, through mutual friends. They married in 1961 and completed their master's degrees in education together at Wayne State University.

As a young lawyer, Mr. Papista was active in Democratic politics and was a lifetime member of the Hellenic Bar Association.

He was dedicated to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Saint Clair Shores. For more than 48 years, he served on the church council. He was recognized by Archbishop Spyridon with the Medal of St. Paul for his commitment and service to the church. In 2008, Mr. Papista received the Hellenic Heritage Award honoring his longtime service to the Greek community.

Mr. Papista enjoyed sports, travel and theater, especially Shakespeare's plays. The fami-

ly spent many memorable summer days at the family cottage in Lexington. His family said he loved, encouraged, and inspired family and friends and will be remembered for his caring and compassion for others.

Mr. Papista is survived by his wife, Louise; his daughter, Anthony; son, Costa; daughter-in-law, Lisa, and granddaughter, Eva. He also is survived by his sister, Theano Johnson; brother-in-law, George Johnson, and sister, Alexandria Mallos.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

John Daniel Rohrer

John Daniel Rohrer, 90, of Fort Myers Beach, passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

He was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Detroit and moved to Fort Myers Beach from Grosse Pointe in 1979. He graduated in 1942 from the University of Michigan with a degree in music education and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

Mr. Rohrer retired in 1978 from the Grosse Pointe Public School System where he was the principal of Ferry Elementary School. He was the first president of the

Sandarac Condominium Association, serving from 1980 to 1990. He served as president and was on the board of directors for the Fort Myers Beach Library, and was a former president of the Southwest Florida Jazz Society for several years.

Mr. Rohrer is survived by his daughters, Linda J. McMullen and partner, Glenn Curtis, of Belleville, Suzanne C. Young and husband, Kevin, of Novi, and Kathy J. Custer and husband, Lonnie, of Naples, Fla.; grandchildren, Lisa, Kevin, Paula, Eric, Kerri, Brian, James, Michael and Theresa and great-grandchildren, Kayla, Taylor, Austin, Hunter, Brendan, Rachel and John Daniel. He was predeceased by his parents, Willard and Margaret (nee Bell) Rohrer and his beloved wife of 64 years, Theresa M. Rohrer, whom he married in 1940.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Sandarac Social Room, 6660 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach.

Donations may be made to the Fort Myers Beach Library, 2755 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Fort Myers.



Anna and Emme Simpson of Grosse Pointe Woods in Sedona, Ariz.

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Nick and Judi Dara of Grosse Pointe Farms on Broadway in New York City.

PRIDE OF THE POINTIES

Grosse Pointe North graduate **Alexandra Pullen**, daughter of Daniel and Jaime Pullen of Grosse Pointe Woods, received an Albion College Briton Award given to students who earn a minimum ACT score of 22 (SAT 1,020) or a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

The following students received Albion College Presidential Scholarships given to students who graduate from high school with a grade point average above 3.7 and an ACT score above 27 or an SAT score above 1,220. These students are: **Krysta Schroeder**, a

graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; **Jeffrey Simon**, son of Kathrine Simon of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; **Jenna Simon**, daughter of Ronald and Kristine Simon of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; and **Catherine Santrock**, daughter of Jeffrey Santrock and Laura A. Larson of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. Santrock also received a \$1,750 music department scholarship.

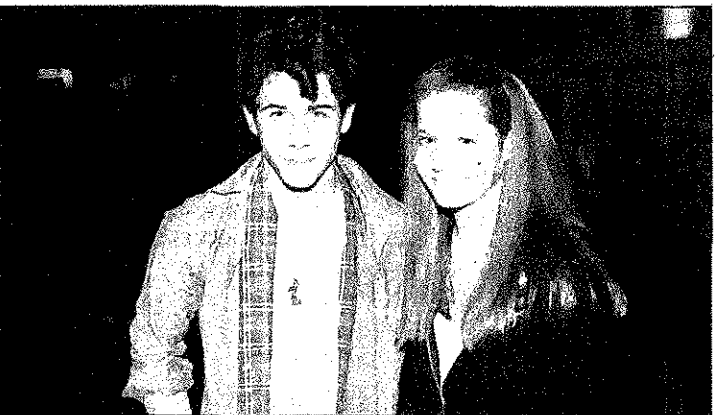


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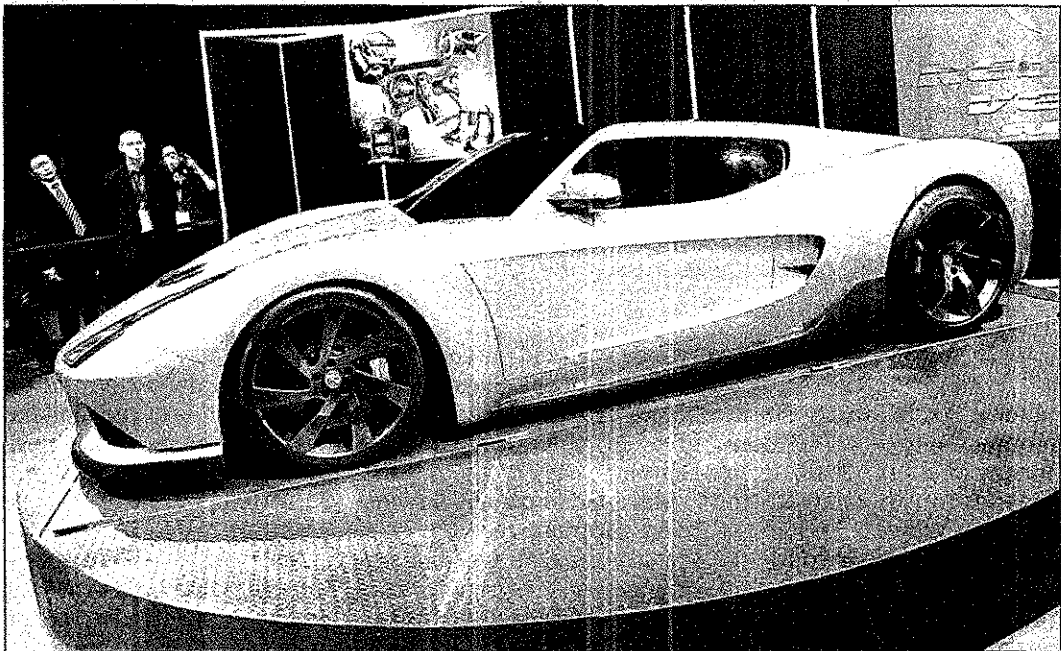
Annie Smith of Grosse Pointe Woods was a lucky winner of a "meet and greet" with Nick Jonas when he was in Detroit recently for a concert with his band, Nick Jonas and the Administration, at the Fox Theatre. The Grosse Pointe North freshman won the opportunity through the Jonas Brothers Fan Club website. Smith spent about five minutes with Jonas, who was in town promoting his new album, "Who I Am." She remembers thanking him and saying how nice it was to meet him, but not much else. "I was starstruck," she said.



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2010 Hyundai Santa Fe

Hyundai presents the U.S. debut of the 2010 refreshed Santa Fe at the 2010 North American International Auto Show. The 2010 Santa Fe features a revised exterior and new powertrains with six-speed transmissions which improve both fuel economy and vehicle performance.



Revenge Design Verde Supercar

The all-American Verde Supercar has a manufacturer suggested retail price of \$190,000 and is capable of 0-60 in 3.5 seconds. It has a top speed of more than 200 mph. The Verde is slated for OEM production in late 2010. The recently released 400 horsepower Hp2g Hybrid 100 mpgge engine runs on E85 fuel combined with its own recharge energy. The Verde comes standard with Revenge's signature leather and carbon fiber race-bred interior.

Lincoln MKX

Mark Fields, president of The Americas, Ford Motor Co., unveils the 2011 Lincoln MKX. The MKX also debuts the "MyLincoln Touch" interface, which abandons conventional buttons and knobs for a network of capacitive-touch controls spread about the neatly designed dashboard.



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

If you don't plan on spending your weekends chasing 4x4s in some remote mountain range, the 2010 Honda Accord Crosstour might be your best bet for overall traction, room and car-like appointments.

2010 Honda Accord Crosstour AWD



This week, we're testing Honda's brand new 2010 Accord Crosstour AWD, which combines the looks and comfort of a sporty sedan with the multi-purpose aspects of a crossover utility vehicle — base price: \$34,020; price as tested: \$34,943.

Notable is the fact Honda's Crosstour is one of the first crossover utility vehicle style models that sits lower to the ground more so than competing models.

Additionally, where rival models in the segment look like SUVs or wagons, Honda's norm is not what the CUV crowd has come to expect, as the sporty looking Crosstour has lots to offer those who need the room and versatility CUV models offer.

Crosstour starts with the 5-passenger platform that also serves up Honda's most popular car, the Accord V6 Sedan. The exterior styling still resembles Accord, but designers then added a larger front grille, wedge-shaped D-pillars and a rounded rear design to accommodate larger interior and cargo dimensions.

The flowing roofline narrows smoothly into the rear of the vehicle, complementing the overall motif and concealing the unique cargo area that can adapt to objects that are too big

to fit in the trunk of a normal sedan.

Crosstour even offers some under-floor storage compartments and reversible cargo area floor panels for muddy or soiled objects. The cargo area offers a big tailgate that is easy to operate, and I especially like how Honda designers work the flared front, resulting in a vibrant, solid, sporty car look.

All Crosstour models come with a 271-horsepower V6 engine that produces 254 pound-feet of torque and mates to Honda's 5-speed automatic transmission. For off-road lovers, the Accord Crosstour offers 6-inches of ground clearance and Real Time automatic 4WD. You'll note the lower ground clearance might not offer the "over the rocks" agility some of the other SUV/CUVs offer, but the end result is much better entrance ability for passengers, with no need to climb up and into via side steps.

Listed as a five-door premium CUV, Crosstour's unibody build allows an excellent fully independent suspension underneath, with double-wishbone up front and multi-link rear suspension out back. This setup offers a more comfortable ride and driving experience.

Standard safety equipment includes a stiff yet resilient body structure to better handle impacts, Vehicle Stability Assist, dual-stage front air bags, driver's and front passenger's side air bags and side curtain air bags.

On the high-tech side, Crosstour offers Honda "firsts" such as automatic transmis-

sion lateral G-force gear hold control and automatic RPM rev-matching when downshifting, which eliminates the possibility of the wheels locking up if downshifting at too high a speed.

As for being quiet, this is one of the quietest vehicles we've driven, thanks to things such as Honda's Active Sound Control for cancellation of certain types of engine noise.

Available EX or EX-L trim, our EX-L came loaded with standard equipment such as all the powers, dual zone climate control, projector beam headlights, leather-trimmed seating surfaces with heated front seats, auto day/night dimming rearview mirror, 18-inch aluminum wheels with 225/60 R18 all-season tires, auto on/off headlights, memory driver-side seats, HomeLink transmitter, cargo privacy cover, 360 watt 6-disc stereo with Kevlar cone speakers, aluminum dome-type front tweeter speakers and a USB audio interface.

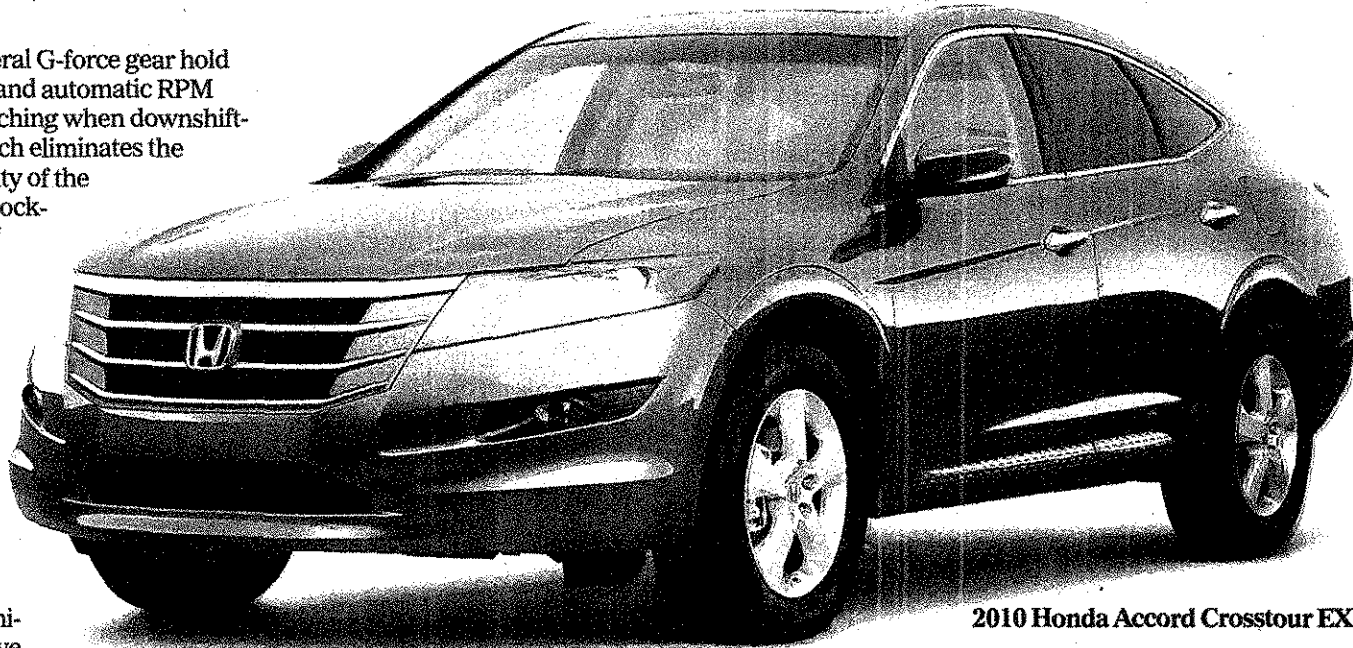
On the road, you'll enjoy spirited acceleration, car-like maneuvering, excellent handling, 4WD traction and the room of a nice size SUV.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 110.1 inches,

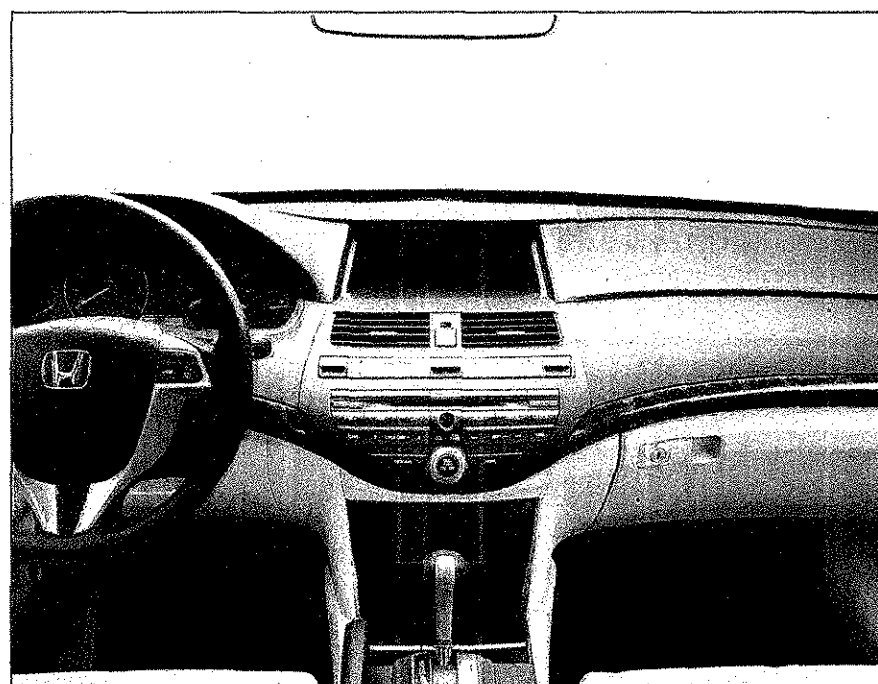
EPA of 18/27 for 2WD and 17/25 for the AWD, 25.7 to 51.3 cu. ft. of cargo room depending on rear split seat configuration and an 18.5-gallon fuel tank.

The only option on our tester was body side moldings for \$213, which pushed the final tally to \$34,943 with \$710 for destination included. Pricing for the 2WD starts at \$29,670, and your Honda dealer will gladly explain all the standard features that make Crosstour a viable competitor in this heavily populated segment.

I feel Honda comes out shin-



2010 Honda Accord Crosstour EX



ing with its new end product, as Crosstour could be an AWD vehicle that reshapes the CUV segment for the better.

Likes: Design, lower ground clearance, car looks, premium

quality throughout. Dislikes: No 6-speed automatic transmission available.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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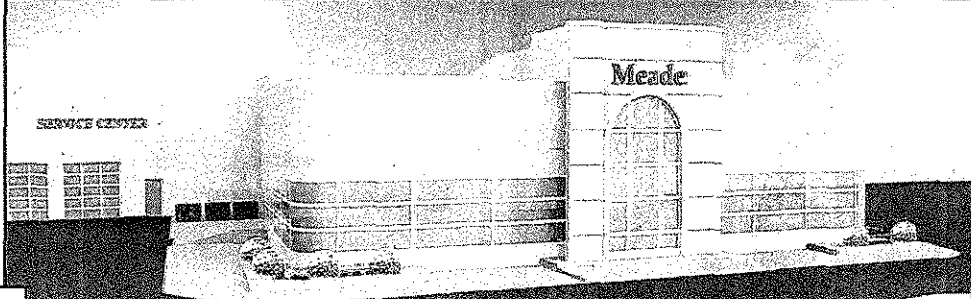
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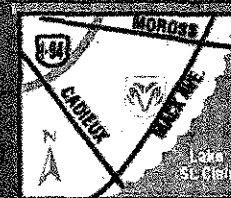
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AUTOWIRE By Derek Price

Volkswagen's new GTI has distinctive red trim around the grille opening, carrying on a longtime tradition in this sport-compact trendsetter. It's sophisticated, cute, practical and stands apart from the crowd.

Sporty Volkswagen lives up to reputation

If you're shopping for a compact car, there are a few things you can always expect to find, such as a low price and good gas mileage. But what about refinement?

Unfortunately, most small cars aren't on the leading edge of technology, smoothness and sophistication, and buyers generally don't mind. They're looking for something affordable and efficient.

The Volkswagen GTI, though, is different.

This compact car aims, above all else, to be refined. It's a little more expensive than most commuter cars, but it feels a lot more expensive, with the kind of performance, comfort and tech gear that you'd normally expect from a luxury brand.

Take the GTI's transmission. Normal cars in this class would have either a manual or automatic transmission, nothing fancy. But the GTI comes with one of the most impressive

pieces of technology in any car at any price: A Direct Shift Gearbox.

The DSG is something you'll often find in exotic sports cars. Essentially, it's a robotic manual transmission that offers the perfect combination between a stick-shift and an automatic.

Like a stick-shift, it offers ultra-fast shifts that make the driver feel connected to the car. But like an automatic, there's no clutch pedal to get in the way. You can change gears with the paddles on the steering wheel, or you can leave it in fully automatic mode for normal cruising around town.

Another big difference is under the hood. Where most small cars would have a regular four-cylinder engine that may or may not sound like a lawnmower, the GTI adds a turbocharger and intercooler to create a powerplant that's as powerful and smooth as anything in its class.

Step on the gas pedal and

the GTI responds with a torrent of torque that can easily spin the front tires. It makes 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque, absolutely ridiculous high numbers for a car this small, so it definitely lives up to the GTI's legendary performance.

And really, that's the story of the GTI. As much as it's a great car, one with the mechanical precision that feels so wonderfully German, it's ultimately a vehicle that lives within the broad shadow of its hot-hatch predecessors.

Volkswagen brought the original GTI to America in 1983, spawning a whole new type of car, the sport-compact, with its powerful engine in a small package. It was a hit right from the start.

It was also noted for its distinctive style. The classic GTI has black paint with little bits of red trim, big wheels and a sporty body completing the package. Today's GTI continues the trend with a strip of

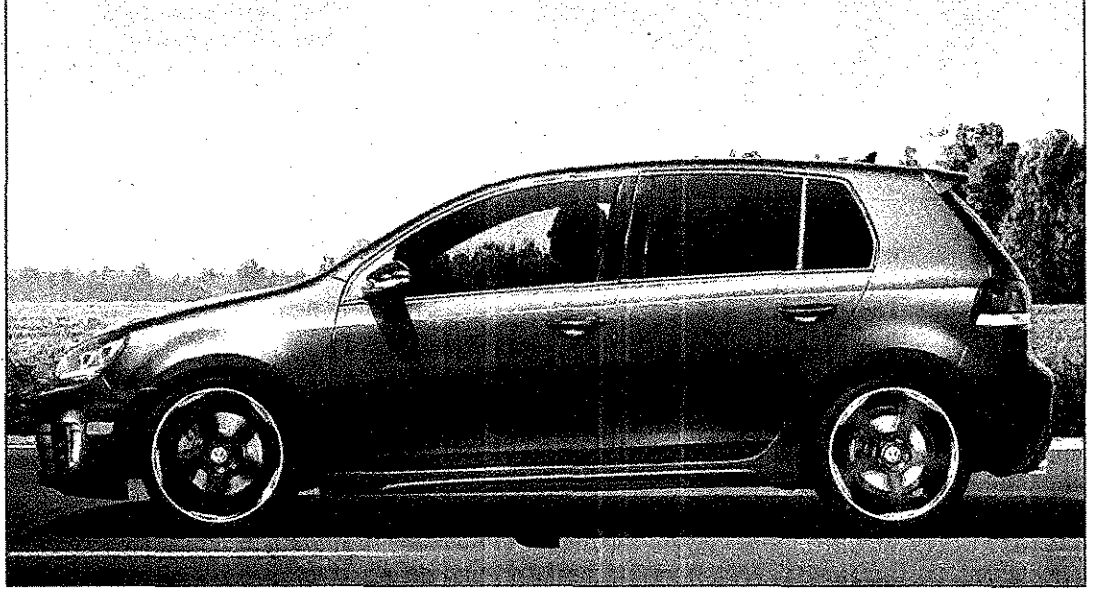


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The 2010 Volkswagen GTI

red trim around the grille and some huge, old-school phone dial wheels that evoke the 1983 original. It's stylish, but not in a flashy way, more like the kind of style hardcore VW enthusiasts would notice more than ordinary drivers.

Again, it's all about refinement.

The suspension is also surprisingly advanced. It's fully independent, with an unusual rear layout that improves handling and provides more space in the cabin. The details are

boring, but the results are outstanding, with incredible grip, poise and control in the corners that you notice at speed.

What was tested? The 2010 Volkswagen GTI four-door with the Direct Shift Gearbox transmission and a base manufacturer suggested retail price of \$24,990. Options on the test car: A power sunroof for \$1,000 and the navigation package for \$1,750. The total MSRP as tested including the \$700 destination charge is \$28,440.

Why avoid it? The base cost is just under \$25,000 with the awesome DSG gearbox.

Why buy it? It's fast, refined and smart looking. It's nostalgic, too, with throwback styling that evokes the original hot hatch of the 1980s.

Best of all, it's about more than gas mileage and the window sticker.

— AutoWire.Net

2011 Sonata

Hyundai Motor America introduced the all-new 2011 Sonata at the Los Angeles Auto Show. This marks the world auto show debut for the latest version of the popular midsize sedan, introducing Hyundai's "Fluidic Sculpture" design language. The 2011 Sonata launches with a fuel economy of 23 miles per gallon city, 35 mpg highway.



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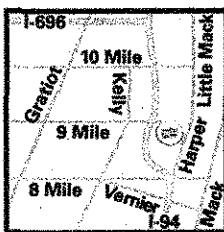
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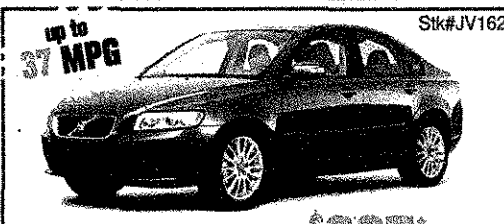
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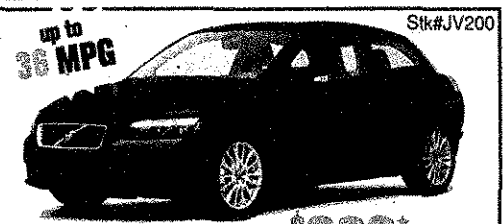
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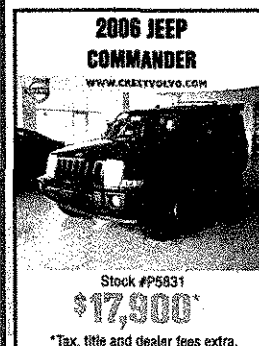


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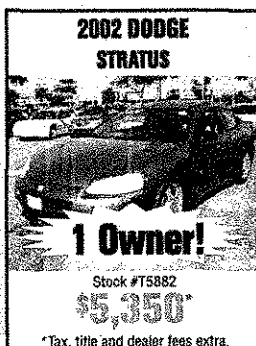
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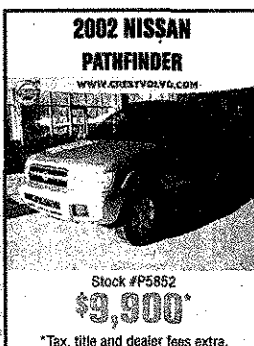
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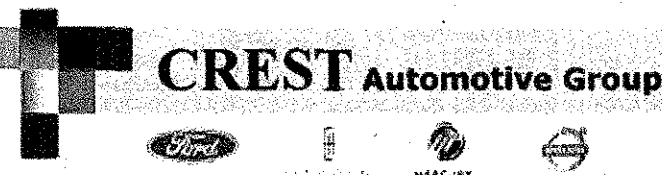
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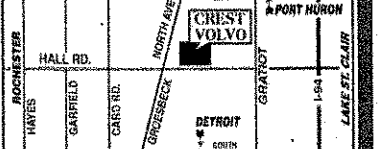
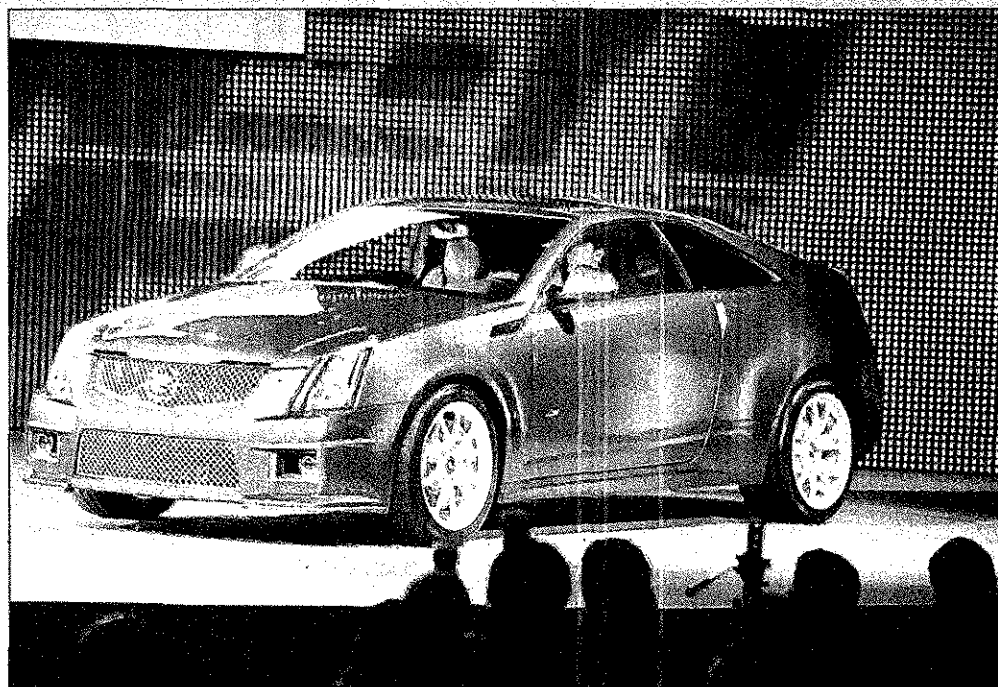




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Best Concept Vehicle

The General Motors GMC Granite design team poses with the concept vehicle after winning the EyesOn Design award for Best Concept Vehicle Jan. 12 at the North American International Auto Show. Team members are, left to right, Peter Blades, Frank Saucedo, Gael Buzyn, Clay Dean, Ray Miller, Juho Suh and Gulya Kuldjanov.



Cadillac CTS-V Coupe

Cadillac recently announced the 2011 CTS-V Coupe unveiled at the 2010 North American International Auto Show. It combines the new CTS Coupe's dramatic design with the 556 horsepower supercharged V-8 engine from the CTS-V sedan. The result is a luxury sports coupe aimed at driving enthusiasts.

"The CTS-V Coupe marries our most potent and sophisticated technology with our most dramatic production design," said Bryan Nesbitt, Cadillac general manager, to the press at the North American International Auto Show.

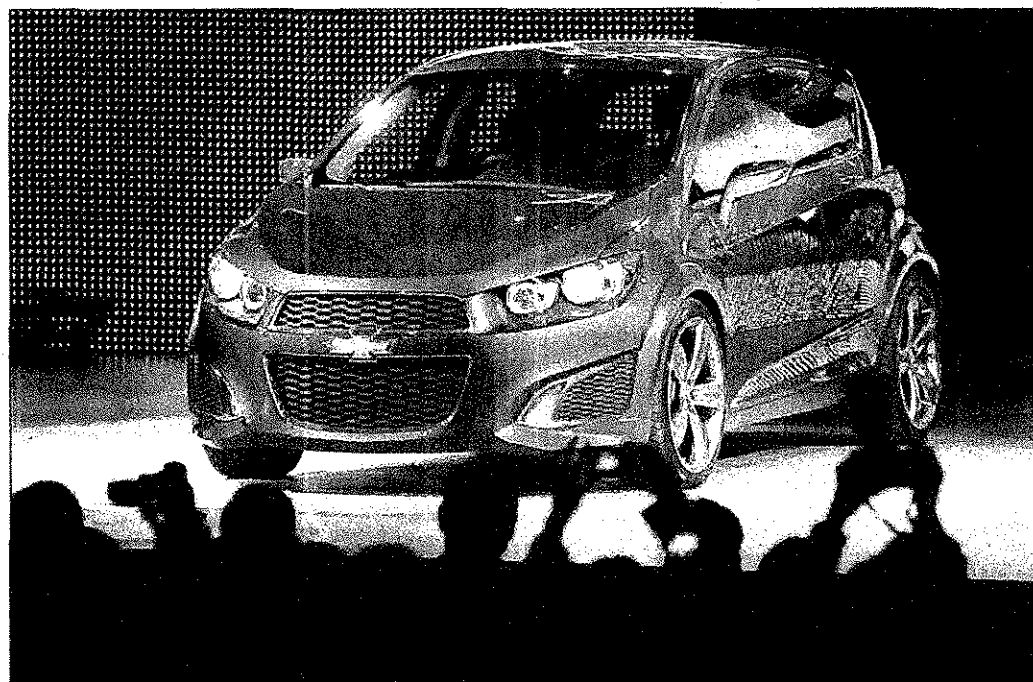


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Aveo RS Show Car

Chevrolet introduces the Aveo RS show car, a European-inspired hatch look designed to appeal to young enthusiasts, at the North American International Auto Show. The five-door front-wheel drive subcompact with 19-inch wheels hints at the next-generation Aveo.

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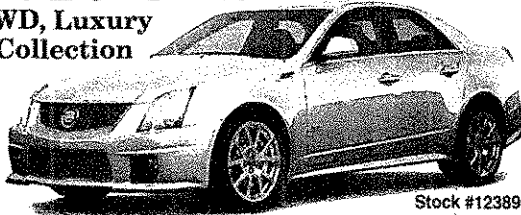


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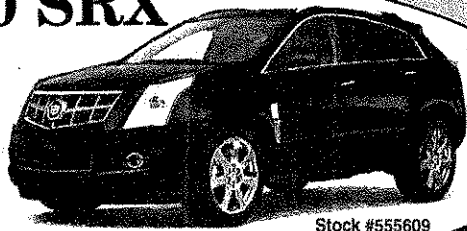
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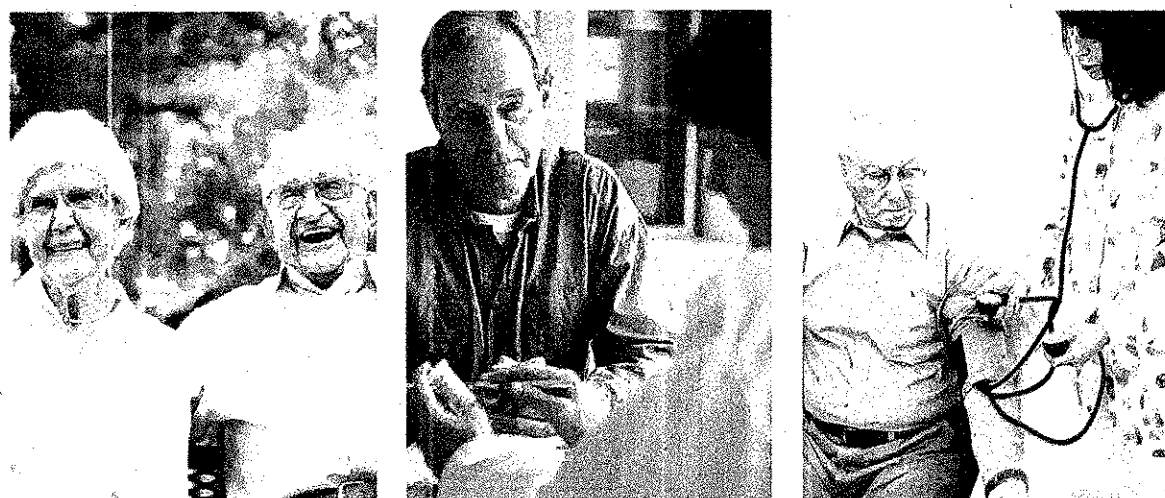
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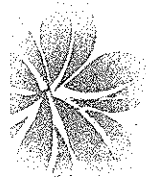
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Planning for your own future

Just as you take inventory of your parents' resources, so should you evaluate your own. We believe that if you take the time and make the effort to get ready for the final stages of your life, as difficult and as expensive as some of those preparations may be, you will make that part of your life far more secure and fulfilling than it would otherwise be for both you and your loved ones.

You'll find helpful advice for planning for the future – whether for your parents or yourself – in Stages of Senior Care: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Making the Best Decisions.

This resource guide, written by Home Instead Senior Care founders Lori and Paul Hogan, is designed to help adult children make informed, confident plans and decisions.

Plan today for your tomorrow.

Where you will end up on the curve and how much care, if any, you will need, depends on a number of variables.

1. Shoot for the galapagos but prepare for the worst. By all means plan for a comfortable, exciting retirement. But plan simultaneously for the time when that wonderful retirement might be cut short, gradually or suddenly, by accident or disease. Any of us could spend months, or perhaps years, with our physical or mental aptitudes in disheartening decline.

2. Prepare now. And you should begin to plan immediately, because as you likely know from the experience with your parents that brought you to this book to begin with, if you wait for an emergency to begin planning, the emotional and financial difficulties will be multiplied.

3. Prioritize. Think sensibly about the basic needs in your life, beyond food and other essentials, and focus on what you could give up and could not give up.

4. Buy a home to last. If you are moving, either within your current area or many miles away, contemplate the kind of house you will want not just next year, but in 10-15 years, when you are likely to be less enthusiastic about climbing flights of stairs.

5. Estate planning. Everyone, and certainly everyone with children, should have a formal, comprehensive, written estate plan that designates a power of attorney for someone else to act in their behalf.

6. Will. You can't assume that your children or other heirs are going to apportion whatever money you leave in a way that you would consider fair.

Make your wishes clear and legal in a will. Even when the financial consequences of dying without a will are small, the emotional repercussions can be tremendous.

7. Advance directive. This

document is as crucial as a will (and is sometimes referred to as a living will) and emotionally might be even more difficult to face. The document states your wishes in case some terrible accident or medical episode leaves you near death with little or no chance of recovery. It also creates a health care proxy, a relative or friend who can make the decisions associated with such an event on your behalf.

8. Power of attorney. You should give someone the power of attorney to act on your behalf if you are disabled in an accident or by an illness. Even though you will likely recover to take care of your own finances and sign important papers, in the meantime someone will have to sign the papers for the mortgage refinancing or the lease on the summer cabin. Give your power of attorney to an alternate as well.

9. Last wishes. You can do your family a great favor by providing final instructions which address the following questions and other issues which are important to you. Don't put the burden of making these decisions on your children.

10. Long-term care protection. One way is to reinforce the income you expect from savings and the equity in your home with long-term care insurance.

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Eliminate headaches by making informed decisions

By Patrick M. Simasko

What is Medicaid? Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that pays for health care services for 1.5 million low-income Michigan residents. This benefit is provided at an annual cost of almost \$9 billion. As the single largest and fastest growing program administered by the State, Medicaid is currently allocated nearly 25 percent of the state's revenue.

How does a person qualify for Medicaid? There are many qualifications a person must meet in order to receive Medicaid benefits. One of the qualifications is that a single applicant's countable assets cannot exceed \$2,000. For married couples, the at-home spouse is entitled to keep half of the countable assets up to \$101,650. For both single and married applicants, one car, personal property and up to \$1,500 face value of life insurance remain exempt.

What are the critical changes to Medicaid brought about by the Deficit Reduction Act adopted by Michigan on July 1, 2007?

Home: The applicant's homestead, and all adjoining land, is still exempt as long as the equity is less than \$500,000 Dollars. A homestead is defined as where a person lives, is buying or owns a life lease. Adjoining land is defined as land that it not completely separated by land owned by someone else. Typically this in-

cludes your house and the adjoining lot, but it also can include a farmhouse and the adjoining fields. Further adjoining land does not have to be contiguous, the land can be separated by a road, river or easements. The old Medicaid rule had no equity limit on the value of the homestead. What this means is that planning is now crucial if the equity in the client's house exceeds \$500,000. Home equity loans or reverse mortgages can be obtained to reduce the equity, but the family must be cautioned that lending institutions, as well as insurance companies, require that the home be occupied.

Income Producing Property: Michigan also changed the income producing real property exclusion that previously existed. Under the new law, only \$6,000 of equity in rental property may be treated as exempt property only if it produces a 6 percent annual rate of return. The old Medicaid rule excluded 100 percent of the rental property as long as it generated a 6 percent rate of return. This new rule effectively eliminates the rental property exclusion as a Medicaid planning technique. Since this rule has been eliminated, if a client has a family cottage or Florida condominium, the property will have to be listed for sale for at least 30 days prior to applying for Medicaid benefits in order for the property to be considered unavailable. Once sold, the proceeds from the sale



would then be treated as a countable asset.

Irrevocable Funeral Contracts: Funds placed in an Irrevocable Funeral Contract or Irrevocable Life Insurance Funeral Contract as well as those funds used for the purchase of burial space will be treated as an exempt asset.

Gifting: This is the most significant change. Under the old law, a person was allowed to make gifts to divest their assets in anticipation of needing Medicaid benefits in the future. The old law had a 3-year look-back period for transfers from a trust. Now there is a 5-year look-back on all transfers. The total amount of money a person can give away within the 5-year period is \$196. Not one gift, but add all of the gifts together. The issues of Christmas presents, charitable donations, wedding presents etc. were not addressed but will have to be dealt with on a case by case basis.

As the baby boomers continue to grow older and the state budgets continue to shrink, expect many more changes in the

near future as well as the not so distant future. Many planning opportunities are still available even though the laws have changed. With enough time and the help of an elder law attorney you can still save yours or your loved ones life savings.

If you know of someone that is in a nursing home and not receiving Medicaid or someone that may need to go to a nursing home and has questions or needs help applying for Medicaid, have them contact my office at (586) 468-6793.

What is Estate Recovery? Estate recovery is a program by which the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will, under certain circumstances, try to recoup the expenses paid on behalf of Medicaid recipients from their estates. This includes nursing home services, home and community-based services (the MI choice program), and hospital and prescription drug services provided while the recipient received either of the above.

When did Michigan's Estate Recovery Program begin? Estate recovery is a Federal Medicaid program requirement. If a state operates a Medicaid program (and all states do so) it is required to seek recovery for the cost of providing nursing home care benefits from the Medicaid recipient's estate after recipient's death. Michigan was the last state to implement an estate recovery program that went into effect on Oct. 1, 2007.

Can the State take my home? It is possible that the state could take a person's entire estate after his/her death, leaving nothing for the heirs or other intended beneficiaries.

Can you lose your home if you are on Medicaid? No. Michigan's estate recovery program only affects people who began receiving Medicaid to help pay for nursing home care after Sept. 30, 2007. In addition, federal law limits estate recovery to persons who receive Medicaid services after age 55 or who are permanently institutionalized, regardless of their age.

What happens to the money that is recovered? The state must return a portion of the funds that are recovered to the Federal Government based on the rate at which the Federal Government matches the states spending for Medicaid. In Michigan the federal share is 55% of any recovery. The state can use the balance for any purposes and is not required to put the recovered

funds back into the Medicaid program.

Do you have to sell your home if you are going into a nursing home? No. Estate recovery from a person's home does not take place if the Medicaid recipient has one or more of the following persons residing in the home: a surviving spouse, a child who is under age 21, a child of any age who is blind or disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration, or a "caretaker relative" who was residing in the Medicaid recipient's home for at least two years immediately before the Medicaid recipient entered a nursing home and provided care that allowed the Medicaid recipient to live at home rather than in a nursing home or a sibling who has a equity interest in the home who resided in the home for at least one year immediately prior to the Medicaid recipient's admission to a nursing home.

Can Estate recovery be avoided? Yes. So long as an individual has the proper estate plan in place.

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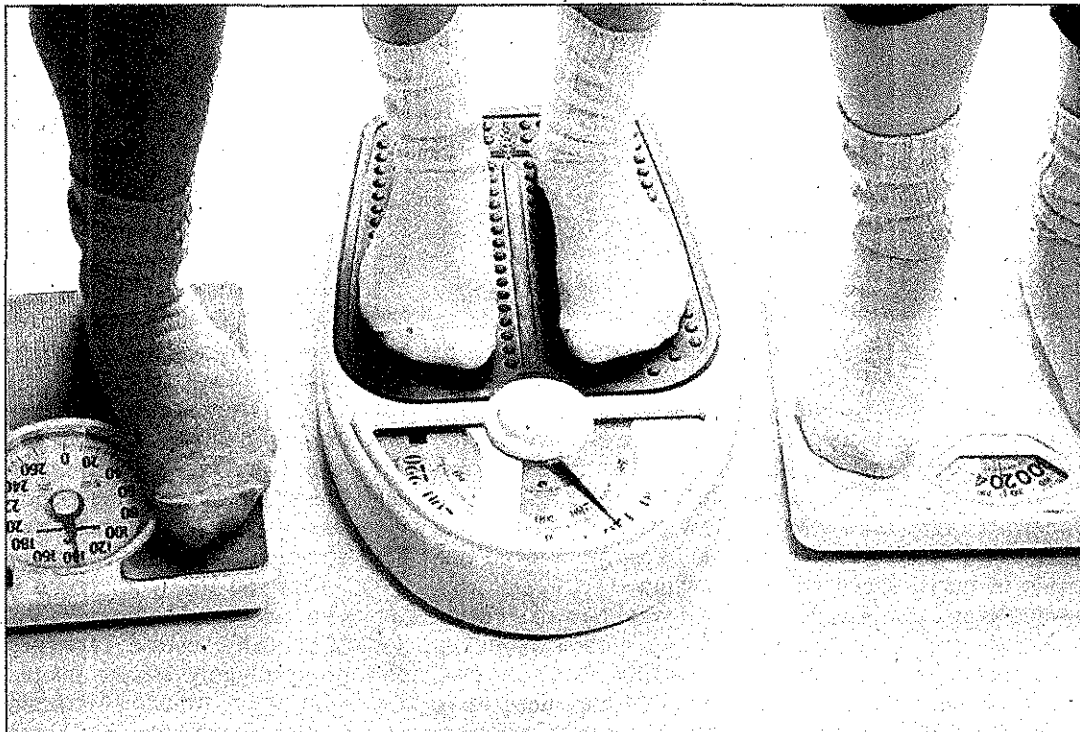
Dietary tips to keep seniors going strong

When it comes to our bodies, age has no bearing on how attentive we should be with respect to what we eat. No one is ever too young or too old to disregard their diet.

However, a healthy diet is perhaps more important for seniors than any other age group, with the exception of infants. For seniors, a healthy diet can strengthen the immune system and promote bone health, making seniors less susceptible to sickness and less likely to suffer harmful injuries should they slip and fall.

The following diet tips can help seniors stay healthy, strong and comfortable.

◆ **Include fiber in your diet.** Seniors commonly suffer from constipation. Though uncomfortable, this condition is often preventable. Oftentimes, foods high in fiber are crunchy or more difficult to chew, which is problematic for seniors with dentures.



However, dentures don't have to preclude seniors from enjoying a diet with a healthy amount of fiber. Instead, seek

alternate sources of fiber, such as fresh fruit or cooked or baked vegetables.

◆ **Drink fluids.** As we age,

we start losing our sense of thirst.

Doctors recommend seniors have between six to eight

glasses of fluids per day. Drinking water, for instance, helps us maintain energy while helping the body perform a variety of functions, including transporting oxygen and nutrients to cells and building new tissue and cell membranes. Drinking enough can also help prevent constipation.

It's important for seniors to drink fluids each day, even if not feeling thirsty.

◆ **Include protein in your daily diet.** Protein is integral to a healthy diet, regardless of a person's age. But seniors can especially benefit from protein's ability to strengthen the immune system, hence lessening their likelihood of falling victim to colds or other ailments that can act as gateways to bigger problems. Fish, poultry, eggs and lean meats are good sources of protein.

◆ **Reduce, but don't eliminate, fat from your diet.** Because our metabolism slows

as we age, it's important to reduce the amount of fat in our diet as we age. However, reduction is not synonymous with elimination. Fat should not be eliminated from seniors' diets, as it can still prove a valuable energy source. But seniors should reduce the amount of fat in their diet to combat their slowing metabolism.

◆ **Calcium is essential to bone health,** and too little calcium in a senior's diet can increase susceptibility to osteoporosis, which weakens the bones and increases the likelihood a fall can lead to a broken bone. For seniors with digestive problems who cannot comfortably drink milk, consider including non-fat powdered milk in recipes. Also, lactose-free milk can enable people to drink milk and get valuable calcium. If none of these options work out, consult a physician to discuss calcium supplements.

How to easily and effectively increase energy levels

The work week can be exhausting. By the end of the week, the taxing nature of work can take its toll.

Several easy to instill lifestyle changes can help people regain their energy levels and head into the weekend rejuvenated instead of put through the ringer.

◆ **Turn the lights and television off** when going to sleep. Keeping the lights on or falling asleep to the television interrupts quality sleep. Lights on while sleeping hinders melatonin secretion, essentially throwing the body off track and forcing it to reset. This can negatively impact energy levels when it comes time to get out of bed. Make the bedroom as dark as possible when it's time to go to sleep. This will encourage a sounder sleep and could help increase energy levels.

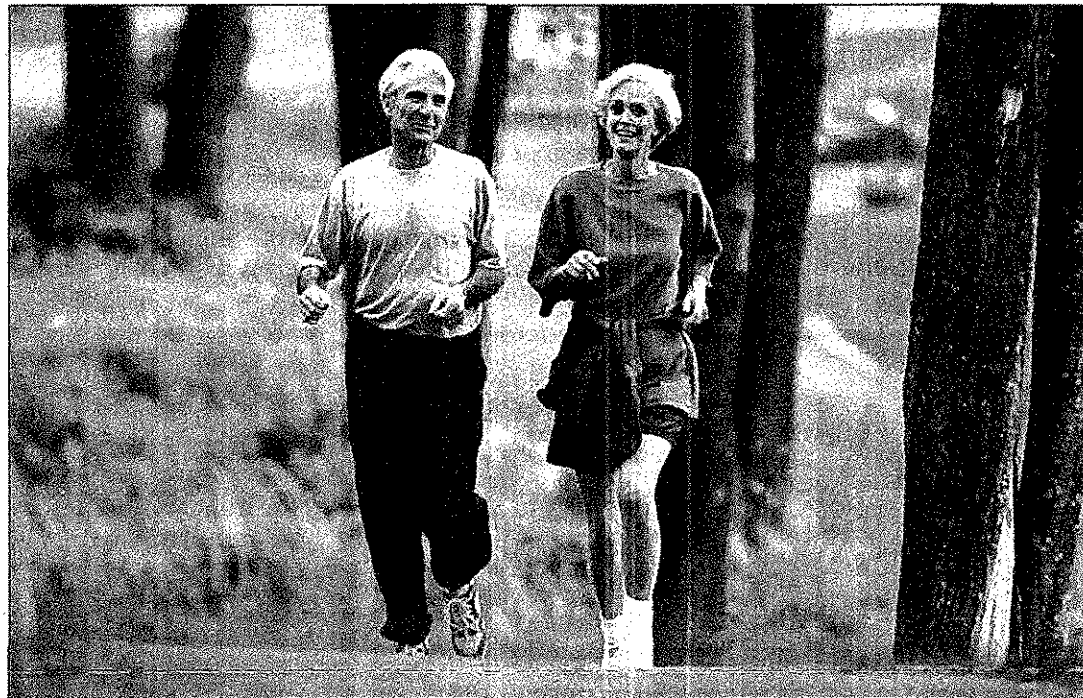
◆ **Don't eat big meals at night.** The digestive system is most active during the daytime, which enables the body to use food for energy much more effectively. It's best to eat a large meal during the daytime.

When a big meal is eaten at night, the digestive system is slowing down at that point and it is much more difficult to digest food and convert it to energy.

◆ **Stretch regularly.** Stretching helps maintain blood flow by reducing clogging of the arteries. The more freely blood flows, the more energy one will have.

◆ **Emphasize cardiovascular activities and exercise.** Cardiovascular exercise, which can include walking, jogging, using the treadmill, etc., helps to lower blood pressure, decrease body fat and reduce cholesterol among other benefits. Each of those things can do wonders for energy levels. While one might initially struggle to muster up the energy to include regular cardiovascular exercise in a daily routine, once it's begun many find it gets easier as they go. That's because it's working, increasing energy levels.

Spending some time away from home or work while walking, jogging or using a treadmill can prove a valuable source of relieving stress.



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Stocked with professionals and volunteers, **The Family Center** has been providing a variety venues to answer parenting questions to maintain a quality of life in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Community enrichment

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Enrichment is the single word to describe the mission of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods by its Executive Director, Deborah A. Liedel.

"It's for young moms to meet and share parenting issues; for caregivers, grandparents, nannies and day care providers. We are an enrichment," Liedel said.

Enrichment is a component in maintaining the quality of life Grosse Pointers have come to expect.

To provide that enrichment, she explained, a host of professionals and volunteers are needed. It is The Family Center acting as the hub for collecting both the questions from its audience and disseminating answers provided by 50 to 75 professionals. Professionals include teachers, counselors, therapists, psychologists, pediatricians, attorneys, dentists and motivational coaches.

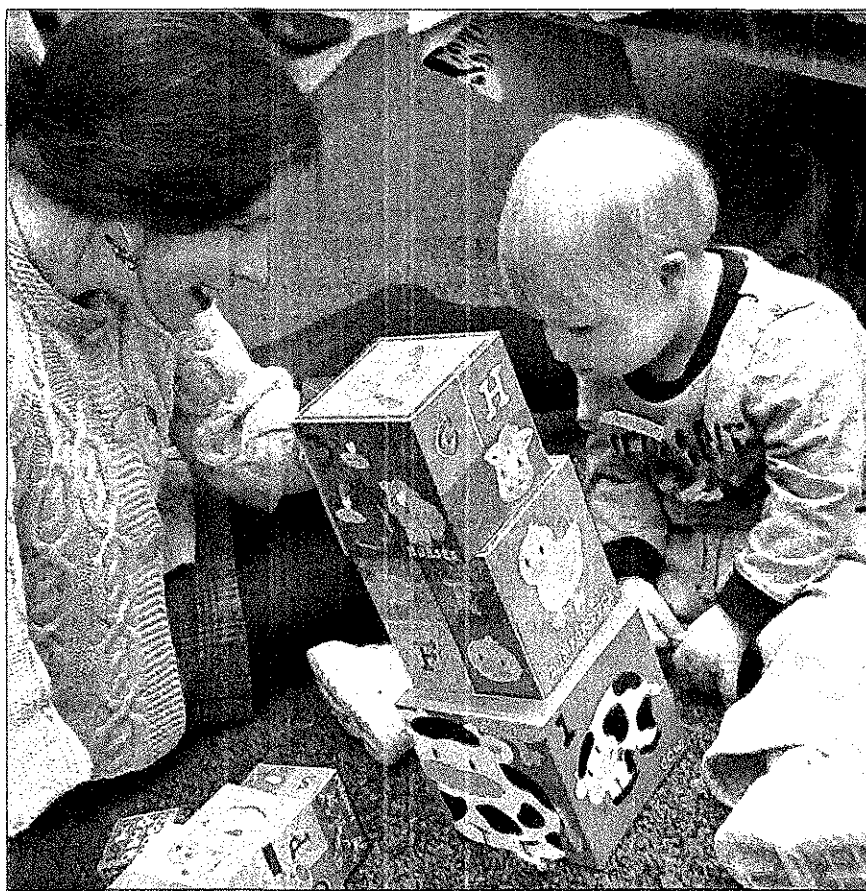
As with all nonprofits, the center relies on its 100 volunteers and hands-on board of directors to be the spokes and ambassadors to the parents, grandparents and caregivers who are raising children and in need of locally generated information.

The center was developed in cooperation with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, to provide a parent-



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Above, Avery Lampe, 2 1/2 years, and 16-month-old A.J. Beck "decorate" cupcakes in preparation for the Cupcake Challenge. Left, Play Central's teacher Julie Bellovich helps Nicholas Monette with a stacking puzzle.



help program, she explained.

Rather than being reactive, The Family Center makes it possible for caregivers to be proactive by answering questions that arise while raising children from birth to college. It provides the tools to assist in a healthy growth process.

"As a parent, I am aware of the challenges of raising healthy and successful children," said founder Diane

Strickler. "But as I look at societal changes and youth trends, I realize that parenting can be a daunting task today. Parents and all those who work with our youth, must think about such things as media influences and the impact of technology on their children as well as deal with a fast pace of living, competition and the increased incidence of autism and learning disabilities.

"The Family Center was founded to support and enrich our community families and provide access to the resources needed to build healthy, resilient and successful kids."

"We don't do hand-holding," Liedel said. "We are a community-based pre-

vention program. The Family Center is a community investment.

"I want healthy families in my community. Preserving families is preserving the community; it's tying

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Meet and greet

The Family Center's Association of Professionals recently hosted a meet and greet for school, mental health and health professionals at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. These twice a year meetings provide an opportunity for local professionals working with families to share information. For more information about the association, call (313) 432-3832 or visit info@familycenterweb.org.

CENTER: A bonding experience

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back to the community."

And it's the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods communities The Family Center relies on for financial support. It is a 501 (c) (3). The Grosse Pointe Public School System provides the center its space, telephone and technology. After all, she said, school-aged families are a large percentage of the center's base.

"That is our audience," Liedel said. "We put (program) fliers in the schools."

Fundraisers, such as the first Cupcake Challenge, hosted by the Circle of Friends, is the fundraising arm of the center.

Families may submit a cupcake recipe for judging and children may enter a coloring contest. Final judging of the top nine cupcake recipes is Sunday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5 or \$10 per family.

The cupcake challenge celebrates the center's ninth year of operation and provides another platform for family engagement, joining May's ChariTea Bear Tea Party, the fall hayride and the December Holly Fest. The latter three are major fundraisers for the center.

"The cupcake challenge is a family bonding event," Liedel said.

Speaking of the ChariTea Bear's Tea Party, Liedel said, "It's a tea party and an enrichment program teaching etiquette, fine and gross motor skills. It's not just a fun social event, but it's learning."

Likewise, Play Central is a place for caregivers to play with their toddlers while socializing with other families in an open play setting. It is from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe and from 9 to 11 a.m.



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Circle of Friends committee members in the front row from left, cupcake challenge co-chairs Linda Whitman and Victoria Strickler; and Beth Moran, board member; in the back row, Deborah Liedel, executive director; Patti Steele, board member; Lisa Domas, Circle of Friends chair; and Diane Strickler, founder, working on the first Cupcake Challenge to benefit The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Deadline for challenge entries is Wednesday, Feb. 10, and may be mailed to The Family Center — Cupcake Challenge, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 with a check for \$9. Judging is from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. Not pictured: Cindy Banaszewski, challenge co-chair.



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Executive Director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Deborah A. Liedel.

Wednesdays at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$3 per visit



The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods provided a moonwalk during a walk/run at the Farms Pier Park last year.

and coordinated by Carla Whitton, an early childhood educator.

Baking cupcakes and playing are what's fun about The Family Center. Its serious side is to provide programs for caregivers to be proactive, Liedel said. Through its newsletters, website and weekly Grosse Pointe News columns, a wealth of information is provided.

Topics addressed by professionals through mid-week lectures have covered kindergarten readiness, transition from middle school to high school and alcoholism in students.

Partnerships with professionals, such as Whitton, and Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, parents and caregivers can be confident their questions will be answered confidentially, Liedel said.

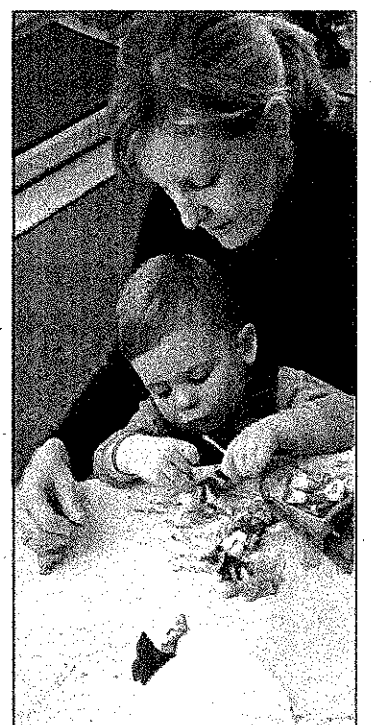
Both The Family Center and Beaumont are enthused about the new partnership because their goals are the same, pointed out Dr. Donna Hoban, Beaumont's senior vice president and director of medical services.

"Beaumont Hospital is committed to investing in health, wellness and prevention programs that add to the quality of life for our community. Partnering with The Family Center provides the perfect venue to maximize awareness and make available to our

community the resources to achieve a healthier lifestyle," Hoban said.

"We work closely with The Family Center in presenting educational lectures based on the interests and need of The Family Center's client," said Suzy Berschback, Beaumont's manager of community affairs and advocacy.

The Family Center's clients is the community, an enriched community.



Kristin Gunn watches her 19-month-old son, Patrick, put a dog sled together during their time at Play Central.

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Light hors d'oeuvres, fondue and California and Michigan wines are served.

For more information, call Marlane Washington at (313) 378-9018 or visit grossepointesoroptimist.org.

Palmer Woods Music

The Dwight Adams Ensemble presents a Mardi Gras celebration at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30, at a house in the Palmer Woods district.

Tickets cost \$35 and may be purchased by calling (313) 891-2514 or visiting palmerwoods.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic is a preview of the Rotary gala.

Boating skills

A nine-week boating skills and seamanship course is from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 2, at the West Marine shop, corner of 10 Mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The course covers state boating course requirements, navigation, piloting, boat handling, highway signs, lines and knots equipment and trailering.

The cost is \$45. Register at the first class.

For more information, call Mike Lucier at (586) 504-0054.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m.



Alger anniversary

The Historic Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial is observing its 100th anniversary with a gala April 17 and a Community Celebration Day May 23. Co-chairs for the anniversary celebrations are Diane Zedan and Linda Lloyd.

Participants learn about care and safety tips including holding, bathing, feeding, crying, sleeping and illness in the first year of a child's life.

The cost is \$30.

"The Ins and Outs of Autism" is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, city of Grosse Pointe and sponsored by the hospital.

Lori Warner Ph.D. from Beaumont's Center for Human Development discusses the early warning signs of autism versus typical development, diagnosis and treatment in this free program.

For more information, call 800-633-7377.

Bal Masqué

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe holds a bal masqué (masked ball) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in the Activity Center of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The theme is famous lovers and costumes or cocktail attire are encouraged.

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

For information and reservations, call Sara at (248) 842-2397 by Friday, Jan. 29.

Grosse Pointe Historical Society

Izzy's Valentine Medley: Pocket Valentines is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Children 8- to 10-years-old make felt heart pockets and are served hot chocolate.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Reservations are due by Thursday, Feb. 11, and may be made by calling (313) 884-7010.

Neighborhood Club's classes

Spring training

The Neighborhood Club batting cage is available for rent Sundays in February and March and the first two Saturdays in March.

The batting cage offers a Jugs Jr. baseball and softball pitching machine, soft toss machine, batting tees and a youth pitching mound.

Times and dates are: Noon to 6 p.m. Sundays: Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Fee: \$40 per hour or \$25 per half hour.

Reservations can be made for the current week only beginning Feb. 1.

Lower blood pressure

Through the Neighborhood Club, Beaumont Hospitals offers a class providing information about what normal blood pressure is and how to be proactive with blood pressure changes from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Attendees also learn about Beaumont's Heart and Vascular "7 Tests for \$70."

The class is free.

Marie Boyle Reinman, RN, director, cardiovascular services, Beaumont Grosse Pointe teaches the class.

To register, call Beaumont at 1-800-633-7377.

Baby sitter course

Beaumont Hospitals offers a certified baby sitter class in two sessions from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, and Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Neighborhood Club. Classes focus on the responsibilities and challenges of baby sitting through lectures, group discussions and role-playing. The class is aimed at children 10 through 16.

The cost is \$45. Cindy Miller, a certified instructor, teaches the class.

To register, call Beaumont at 1-800-633-7377.

Digital camera use

Digital camera fundamentals taught from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at Parcels Middle School, Room 108, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, includes pixels, resolution, exposure modes, basic camera settings and image editing software.

The cost is \$20.

Microsoft PowerPoint

A two-night Microsoft PowerPoint computer class is taught by George Guo.

Students learn how to create PowerPoint slide shows by using templates, layouts, transitions and audio/video content from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4.

The cost is \$65 and the class is held in the Bodman Computer Center at the Neighborhood Club.

Class size is limited to eight.

Estate Planning Basics

Learn how to avoid probate and common mistakes and ensure family and financial goals are met from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

The cost is \$10. For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

Registration for the aforementioned Neighborhood Club classes may be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Group members babysit their grandchildren and gather to exchange information.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Grosse Pointe Library

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson speaks at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium.

Beaumont Hospital

Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe offers a "Big Brother, Big Sister" class for children ages 3 to 6 years from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Connelly Auditorium at the hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

Children learn what a new sibling will bring to the family and parents learn about sibling relationships and adjustments.

The cost is \$20.

"Baby Care and Safety" class for new parents is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Connelly Auditorium at Beaumont.

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What's happening

Here's what's coming up at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To register for the programs, prices and more information on these and other classes and events, call (313) 881-7511.

Grosse Pointe Antiques Road Show, Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — An opportunity to learn how much an antique is worth. Area experts provide appraisals of antiques and collectibles. Bring only items which can be carried, no weapons. Appraisals are \$8 each, six item limit.

2010 Travel Informational Meeting, Monday, Feb. 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Learn about the Northern National Parks tour, at 5:30 p.m., July 16-23; and a Tuscany, Italy tour, at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 2-11.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Thursday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Walk-ins are welcome. Babysitting and transportation are available.

Our Maritime Heritage: The South Channel Lights, Thursday, Feb. 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. — For 150 years, two lighthouses have guided mariners on Lake St. Clair. Chuck Brockman narrates a story which encompasses the Civil War through today.

Middle School Valentine Dance, Friday, Feb. 5, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. — Open to all 6th through 8th graders who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Advanced reservations

are necessary. Students must obtain a War Memorial ID card. No door sales are sold.

Hunters of the Sky, Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. — Live hawks, falcons and owls will be shown by Francie Krawcke and the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society.

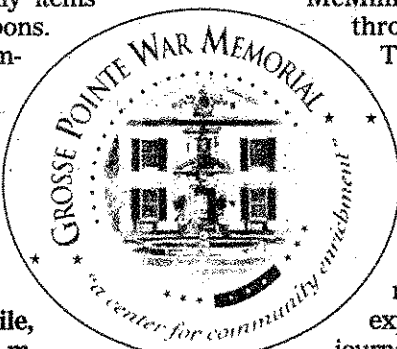
Armchair Travel Show, Tuesday, Feb. 2, and 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. — Travel guru, Stewart McMillin, narrates his journey through Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Bangladesh, Yemen, Bahrain, Oman and Dubai.

The Feb. 9 show features Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Through his PowerPoint presentation, artifacts, displays and maps, McMillin shares his experiences during his 88-day journey.

The cost is \$22 for each show.

To register, call (313) 881-7511. **Text Messaging, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.** — Learn the impact of social networking websites on society and children. Author and educator Jerry M. Nehr is the presenter. Also offered again March 18.

How to Make 2010 the Happiest Year Ever, Wednesday Feb. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. — Author Bob Bedard teaches how to make 2010 a positive, peaceful and successful year.



Safe driving primer penned by local man

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Arthur Hoffman knows about collisions, their impact and consequences. He spent his career in the General Motors product safety division.

He has turned his years of knowledge into a short and to the point book, "Don't be a Dummy," a primer on automotive safety.

"I think most people are unaware of the consequences of

their driving," he said. "The driver needs to be responsible and know how fast the car is going. (The driver) must pay attention to the road condition."

Hoffman, formerly of St. Clair Shores, said putting smaller cars and electric cars on the road alongside the large SUV is a dangerous combination.

"Small cars don't do well in a collision with a larger car. I have found few people aware of the consequences of ex-

ceeding the speed limit and the proper operation of a vehicle, the hazards," he said.

Speed and negligence are probably the main cause of accidents, Hoffman said.

"Negligence coupled with speed and the inability to control the vehicle means less braking capacity, the longer it takes to stop the vehicle. There are distractions that cause accidents. Drinking makes things worse," he said.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday Jan. 29, in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cantor Roger Skully of Beth Tephilath Moses Synagogue is the speaker.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Judaism: The Faith of Jesus

St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a free lecture by Rabbi Maria Hornsten from Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

She discusses "Judaism: What Jews Believe and Practice" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, in the church social hall.

For more information, call the parish office at (313) 647-5000.

Christian Singles

The Single Way, an interdenominational group for Christian single adults, meets at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at a member's St. Clair Shores house. The events features a game night and complimentary pizza.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more in-



Rabbi Maria Hornsten

formation, call (586) 774-2119 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Career networking group

The Eastside Take Control group, an ecumenical career networking group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

The topic is "I Am, Statements and Self Identity." For more information, call Gina Homminga at (313) 882-3000.

The group also meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Grace for "skill scramble."

Attendees rotate through 12 stations, spending 20 minutes at each station. Each area is lead by an expert in a particular employment area.

The stations include: applying for federal jobs, emerging

careers, networking face-to-face, understanding the stages of grief in job loss, behavioral interview tips, resume/cover letter critique, polish up the 30-second elevator speech, social networking using LinkedIn and Facebook, branding, working the plan, furthering your education and getting support.

Revival Church

Revival Church meets at 5:15 p.m. for prayer service and 6 p.m. for worship, Sunday, Jan. 31, in the First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (313) 799-3473.

Music in The Woods

The "Music In The Woods" concert features the Wayne State University Concert Chorale at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Featured choral works are "Hungry Angels" by Robert Harris, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by Adolphus Hailstork and "Hehlelooyuh" by James Furman.

Donations from the concert series benefits the restoration of the Skinner 705 organ.

For further information call (313) 884-4820 or (586) 465-8166.

Suggested donation is \$10.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Walter A. Schmidt

Following God is loving, burden-free relationship

What does it mean to be a child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ, a true Christian, if you will?

As we look at scripture, our Lord Jesus Christ has some powerful words for us.

Paraphrasing scripture, Jesus speaks of denying ourselves and taking up your cross and following him. He tells us to love God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves.

He lifts up that we are to go and make disciples. He directs us to do unto others as we would do to him.

Now all of what I have lifted up has strong Biblical background, and I certainly would not deny their importance. Unfortunately, I believe this emphasis has often led to a misunderstanding of what it truly means to be a child of God.

I say this for when we look at scripture as a whole the emphasis is not upon "thou shalt, and thou shalt not," it is not upon you had better do this or else.

No, rather I would argue the emphasis in God's word is upon relationships.

Right from the beginning of scripture we are told that we, as humans, are made in the image of God.

A central part of that notion

is since we are in God's image that means we can have a relationship with God. In fact, I would suggest God created us in his image so he could have a relationship with us, we with him, and we with others, for all humans are made in God's image.

When we look at scripture, we see the "direction" if you will, is always from God to us, not the other way around. First of all, we are made in God's image, but how often we want to make God as we want him to be, in our image. It is God who created us, it is

God who called Abraham, it is God who led the people of Israel out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land, it is God who continued to guide and direct his people throughout the Old Testament era, and then God's greatest revelation, the gift of his son, Jesus the Christ, God become man to show us his love in a very personal and human way.

Why did God do these things and why does God continue to shower us with his love and care; not so that he can tell us what to do, but rather because God wants to be in relationship with us. God desires a loving relationship with all of his children.

Now using our imperfect human relationships as an example, when we are in a loving relationship with family

and friends we want to do what is best for each other, right? We do not view helping or caring nor being there for each other as a chore that we have to do, we rather respond out of love and care. Yes, the 3 a.m. feedings and the dirty diapers can become burdensome, but it is always a labor of love.

Is it not really the same with our relationship with God? When we are in a loving relationship with God we respond, we worship, we serve, we reach out that hand of care.

We follow God's will not because we have to, not even because God's will is that which is best for us; rather we respond because we want to, because we are compelled by God's love.

Again to paraphrase scripture, we love because God first loved us.

Yes, God's will has its place as guidance and direction and to show us our need of a savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. However, being a child of God is not about following a bunch of rules, it is being in a loving relationship with God who promises to never stop loving us!

Schmidt is the senior pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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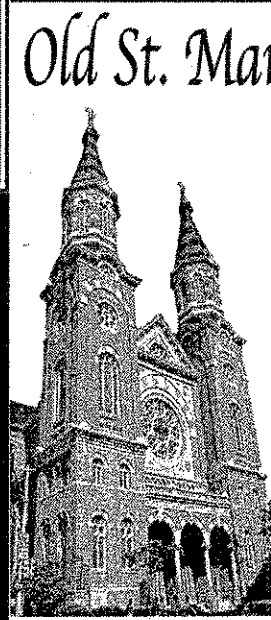
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Jan. 31- Worship Services at 9 & 11 a.m.

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of Officers



ENGAGEMENTS

Druzynski - Bolton

David and Suzanne Druzynski of Fraser have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bridget Druzynski, to Jeff Bolton, son of Michael and Barbara Bolton of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Druzynski earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in interior design from Wayne State University and is a kitchen design specialist with Lowe's.

Bolton graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2003 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from WSU. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and management at WSU and is an admissions officer with WSU.

Farr - Regan

Kevin and Linda Farr of Petoskey, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth Farr, to Patrick Alan Regan, son of H. George and Linda Regan of Lowell. A July wedding is planned.

Farr graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human biology from Michigan State University in 2008. She is a neurophysiologist.

Regan graduated from Lowell High School in 2003 and earned an Associate of Applied Sciences degree from Lansing Community College in 2005. He is to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation maintenance management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2010. He is an avionics technician.

Hackleman - Potts

Jay and Carol Hackleman of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beth Hackleman, to Christopher Potts, son of Roger and Anita Potts of Eastpointe. A July wedding is planned.

Hackleman earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in communications from Thomas Edison State College and is an orthodontic technician.

Potts earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Bob Jones University. He is a project manager with Russell Building Company.

Keating - Hiller

Paulette Keating of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jaclyn Keating, to J.R. Hiller, son of Jim and Sandi Hiller of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned. Jaclyn Keating is the daughter of the late William Keating.

The bride-to-be graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2000 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from Wayne State University. She is the administrative assistant with Blake, Kirchner, Symonds, Larson, Kennedy & Smith of Detroit.

Hiller graduated from North in 1997. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is an attorney in Shelby Township.

Johnson - Clark

William and Karen Johnson of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Johnson, to Jonathon Clark, son of John and Christine Clark of Grosse Pointe Shores. A July wedding

is planned.

Johnson graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2004. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University in 2007 and a master's degree in accounting from MSU in 2008. She works in the tax department at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Detroit.

Clark graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 2003. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Albion College in 2007 and is pursuing a master's degree in special education at Wayne State University. He is a second grade teacher at Huron Academy in Sterling Heights.

LaBash - Brege

Charles and Cathy LaBash of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth LaBash, to Adam Joseph Brege, son of Thomas and Barbara Brege of Caledonia. An August wedding is planned.

LaBash graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2001 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design in 2005. She is an elementary art teacher for the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Brege graduated from East Kentwood High School in 2002 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from U of M in 2006. He is an accountant with Crowe Horwath LLP in South Bend, Ind.

Messacar - Gottfredson

Hal and Katy Messacar of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jody Marx Messacar, to Lawrence (Kip) Gottfredson IV, son of Lance and Kathie Gottfredson of Punta Gorda, Fla. A November wedding is planned.

Messacar graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2000. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Brown College in 2004 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the American University in London, England in 2006. She is the assistant director of admissions at Argosy University in Chicago, Ill.

Gottfredson graduated from University Liggett School in 1994 and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Villanova University in 1998. He is a strategic sales manager for Classified Ventures in Chicago.

Passage - Breedlove

Michael and Susan Passage of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie Passage, to Scott Patrick Breedlove, son of Terry and Nancy Breedlove of Northville, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Passage graduated from Oakland University in 2007, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing through Oakland's Accelerated Second Degree program.

Breedlove graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in 2006. He works for Union Music Company.

Plackman - Kimmel

Reinhold and Lora Lee Plackman of LaSalle, Ont., Canada, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mori Anna Plackman, to Geoffrey Andrew Kimmel, son of Gail Bradford of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Henry



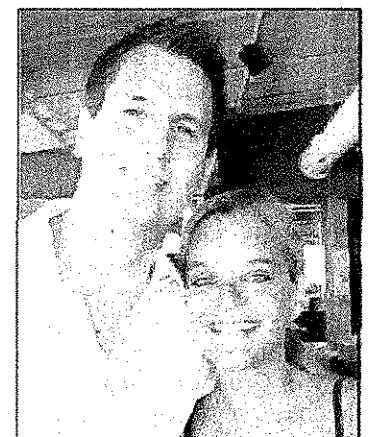
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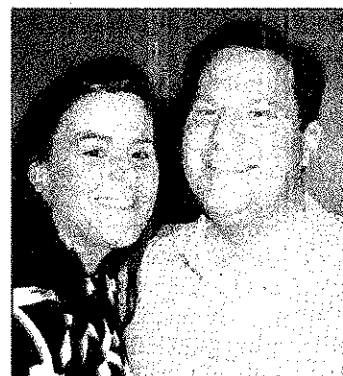
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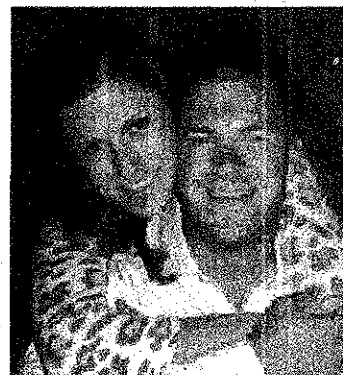
Scott Patrick Breedlove and Jennifer Marie Passage

Purdy - Holbrook

Mr. and Mrs. David Belfore of Landrum, S.C., formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Louise Purdy, to Daniel Michael Holbrook, son of Michael Holbrook of Novi and Suzanne McGee of Fraser. A November wedding is planned.

Purdy graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1995.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University in 1999 and a



Mori Anna Plackman and Geoffrey Andrew Kimmel

Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University in 2008. She is a global purchasing director with Lear



Daniel Michael Holbrook and Lindsay Louise Purdy

Corporation. Holbrook graduated from Lakeview High School in 1995 and is a project manager and consultant with IBM.

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WEDDINGS

Bavinger - Caire

Brooke Catherine Bavinger, daughter of Dr. James Bavinger and Dr. Catherine Clayton of Plant City, Fla., formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Michael Thure Caire, son of Dr. Michael Caire and Nancy Caire Miller of Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 19, 2009.

The Rev. R. Bruce Bavinger performed the ceremony at the Innsbrook (Fla.) Resort and Golf Course, which was followed by a reception at the resort and golf course.

The bride's sister, Rebecca Leigh Bavinger, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's childhood friends, Christina Leon and Krista Gonc; the groom's sister, Elizabeth Couch; college friend, Emily Remington; and medical school friends, Melanie Elliott and Mary Catherine Baker.

Edward Alan Brock served as his friend's best man.

The bride attended Wake Forest University and earned a bachelor's degree in history. She is a fourth-year medical student at the University of South Florida and plans to pursue a residency in pediatrics.

The groom attended the University of North Carolina and earned a bachelor's degree in biology. He is a fourth-year student at the University of South Florida.

He plans to pursue a residen-

cy in internal medicine. The couple live in Tampa.

Scallen - Pontone

Kathleen Scallen, daughter of Timothy and Deborah Scallen of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Daniel Pontone, son of Gregory and Donna Pontone of Roseville, on Aug. 1, 2009, at the Christ Community Church in Roseville.

The Rev. Tim Tyler officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Villa Penna in Sterling Heights.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown featuring a satin bodice with beaded embroidery, an organza ballgown skirt and a chapel length train. She carried a full bouquet of cream hydrangeas.

Danielle Bacon of Roseville was the matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Mary Van Hartsma of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Meghan Welch of Charlotte, N.C., the groom's aunt, Jennifer White, of St. Clair Shores, Judy Bacon of Madison Heights, Amanda Nara of Hazel Park, Jenny Orzechowski of the City of Grosse Pointe, Sandy Owens of Warren and Ellie Barterian of St. Clair Shores.

Isabelle Bacon of Roseville was the flowergirl.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thure Caire

Attendants wore full length fern green gowns of their choosing and carried bouquets of cream and green hydrangeas accented with deep purple lisianthus.

The groom's brother, Christopher Pontone of Roseville, served as best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Joseph Pontone of Roseville, the groom's uncle, Richard White of St. Clair Shores, the groom's cousin, Joshua Wolak of Nashville, Tenn., Ken Chida Jr. of St. Clair Shores and Sam Makled of Roseville, Jared Ragazine of St. Clair Shores, Michael Kuiper of Roseville and James Lee Bacon II of Roseville.

Ushers were the groom's cousins, Andrew and Alex Odoerfer of Macomb Township.

The bride's mother wore a champagne lace shift gown with a ribboned pattern and a matching sheer jacket. Her cor-



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pontone

sage was comprised of cream roses.

The groom's mother chose a chocolate brown sleeveless gown with a beaded bodice and jewel neckline. She also had a cream rose corsage.

Soloist was the bride's cousin, Morgan Scallen. The bride's great-uncle, John C. Schwarz, gave a special commentary.

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Oakland University. She is a producer and writer at MCCI, Mort Crim Communications in Southfield.

The groom graduated from Zoe Christian Academy and Oakland, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering. He is a student at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills.

The couple honeymooned at Bear Trail Couples Resort in Whitney, Ontario and



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Michael Streffling

Algonquin Provincial Park. They live in St. Clair Shores.

Whiteley - Streffling

Heather Marie Whiteley, daughter of Robert and Marjorie Whiteley of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Jonathon Michael Streffling, son of Dale and Patricia Streffling of Norton Shores, on Sept. 11, 2009, in Norton Shores.

Mike Cameron officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Oakridge Golf Club in Muskegon.

The bride wore a strapless, floor length gown with ivory and champagne beading and a medium length train.

Nicole Kueny of Muskegon served as her friend's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Laura Parker of Armada, Sara Hogle of Muskegon, Megan Moliassa

of Flint, Courtney Doody of Traverse City, Leah Arndt of Davisburg and Rachel Lawless of Tawas, all college friends of the bride.

Clare Hoban, the bride's cousin, was the flowergirl.

Attendants wore alternating orange solid dresses and orange floral print dresses with matching floral print shoes. They carried bouquets of orange and yellow Asiatic lilies with red berries and greens.

The groom's brother, David Streffling of Queens, N.Y., served as best man.

Groomsmen were Scott Cameron of Cape May, N.J., Matt Knoll of Grand Rapids, both friends of the groom; the groom's cousin, Steven Smothermon of Niles; and Bobby Whiteley of Grosse Pointe Farms, the bride's brother.

Kaiden Cameron of Cape May was the ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a yellow floor length dress.

The groom's mother chose a champagne-colored floor length dress.

The bride's godmother, Nancy Hoban, and the bride's college roommate, Megan Archer, each gave a reading. A string quartet provided music.

The bride earned a doctor of physical therapy degree from Grand Valley State University and is a physical therapist.

The groom earned a doctor of physical therapy from Andrews University in Berrien Springs and is a physical therapist.

The couple honeymooned in Ludington and live in Ventura, Calif.

ENGAGEMENT: Brides to be

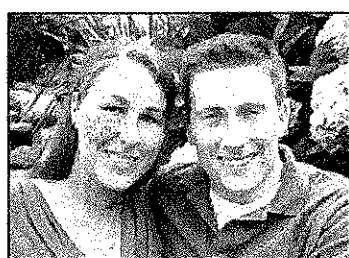
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Rigoli - Burrows

Ross and Lynn Rigoli of Grand Haven have announced the engagement of their daughter, Whitney-Beth Rigoli, to Justin Mark Burrows, son of Mark and Christine Burrows of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Rigoli graduated from Grand Haven High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in social work in 2008 from Ferris State University. She is to earn a master's degree in social work in May from Grand Valley State University.

Burrows graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2003. He is a 2007 Michigan State University graduate earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in international re-



Whitney-Beth Rigoli and Justin Mark Burrows

lations from MSU's James Madison College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He is to graduate in May from The George Washington University Law School with a juris doctorate degree.

Sterling - Kilgus

Mr. and Mrs. John Sterling of Jerome have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisha Sterling, to Todd Frederick Kilgus, son of Lynne and Fred Kilgus of Grosse Pointe Woods. A February wedding is planned.

Sterling earned a Bachelor of



Todd Frederick Kilgus and Lisha Sterling.

Arts degree in communications from Oakland University.

Kilgus earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University. He is the president of Energy Components Group.

Shapiro - Smullen

Michael and Eileen Shapiro of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily



Tim Smullen and Emily Erin Shapiro

Erin Shapiro, to Tim Smullen, son of Kevin and Jane Smullen of Cincinnati, Ohio. A May wedding is planned.

Shapiro graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in art and design from the University of Michigan. She is the senior creative director with Interbrand Design Forum in Dayton, Ohio.

Smullen graduated from CD Hylton High School and earned a Bachelor of Business degree and a Master of Taxation degree, CPA, from the University of Cincinnati. He is a financial analyst III with Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati.

ANNIVERSARY

Robert A. and Zita H. Wright Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores observed their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 23. The couple married in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Jan. 23, 1960.

A reception was held at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The couple has four children, Donna (Joseph) Duquette, Robert (Regan) Wright, Michael (Alison) Wright and Stacey (Michael) Bell; and nine grandchildren.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Moran

Provide age appropriate learning experiences



Q. Does my child need to know letters and numbers before kindergarten?

A. It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with experiences to help him/her gain skills and build a foundation for school. But, do children really need to identify colors, shapes, letters and numbers before entering kindergarten? The answer is YES!

Kindergarten is no longer just play time. It is now like first grade used to be and our children need to be prepared. It is often a difficult task because children want to have play

time and as parents, we want to be sure our children are prepared for kindergarten. Expectations include first grade skills. There are now state guidelines on what a child needs to know as a kindergarten student.

The big question is, "How can I teach my child the academic skills and still make it fun?" Parents will often say when they get out the flash cards, their child runs or cries. There are so many ways to teach academics and make it fun.

Q. At what age should my child be able to perform certain skills?

A. Children 2 1/2 to 3 years old should:

- ◆ Know colors
- ◆ Use words to request
- ◆ Identify three basic shapes (circle, triangle, square)

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- ◆ Repeat a simple sentence (I want a cracker.)
- ◆ Name pictures in a book
- ◆ Listen to a short story
- ◆ Know parents' names

- ◆ Know first and last name
- ◆ Compare sizes (big and little)

For 3 to 4 year olds:

- ◆ Colors
- ◆ Four basic shapes
- ◆ Count by rote
- ◆ Learn and repeat songs and finger-plays
- ◆ Identify animals and the sounds they make
- ◆ Match and compare familiar objects as to color, form, and size (put all the red blocks in the red container)
- ◆ Hear likenesses and differences in sounds
- ◆ Describe pictures and tell actions
- ◆ Know age

For 4- to 5-year-olds

- ◆ Show interest in learning letters and numbers
- ◆ Recognize upper case letters
- ◆ Recognize lower case letters
- ◆ Recognize the numerals 1-10

- ◆ Count by rote
- ◆ Identify the various sounds the letters represent
- ◆ Count the correct number of items in a row
- ◆ Match a numeral with that number of items
- ◆ Hear likenesses and differences in sounds
- ◆ See likenesses and differences in pictures
- ◆ Speak clearly
- ◆ Copy specific printed shapes or designs
- ◆ Know address and telephone number
- ◆ Print first name without copying
- ◆ Use imagination and creativity in play
- ◆ Problem solve

Moran is an ECP teacher at Barnes Early Childhood Center and can be reached at (313) 432-3803.

TO YOUR HEALTH By Nathan Wagstaff, M.D.

Chronic Pelvic pain shouldn't slow a woman down

Women in their 30s often have a lot on their plate. Many are married, have children and significant responsibilities within their house.

Others also maintain a job outside the house, not to mention friendships, church/civic activities and other extended family responsibilities.

It's a lot to manage in tip-top shape...and much harder with chronic pelvic pain, which affects about 15 percent of women in the United States at some point in their lives, with peak incidence at 30 years old.

Chronic pelvic pain occurs in the area below the belly button and above the hips, and remains for at least six

months. The pain can be steady or come and go. It also may be mild, or severe enough to interfere with daily activities.

That's why I started the Female Chronic Pelvic Pain Clinic. Because this condition is complex and may be caused by numerous factors, a clinic dedicated to just this issue can greatly help.

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- ◆ An assessment of psychological effects resulting from the pain disorder and any psychological contributors to the pain.

The pain may be caused by numerous reasons. It could be endometriosis, a long-term infection like pelvic inflammatory disease or a sexually transmitted infection, fibroids, an ovarian cyst, irritable bowel syndrome, a chron-

ic bladder problem like interstitial cystitis, or past/present sexual abuse.

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With patience and diligence, many women can find relief. Treatment can range from medication to diet/lifestyle medications, physical therapy, bladder irrigations, trigger point injections, or minimally invasive surgery, all of which are available through the clinic.

Don't continue to live in pain. Let 2010 be the year you find health and the strength to be the mom, wife, employee, community leader, or friend you want to be...without being hindered by chronic pelvic pain.

Call 866-501-DOCS for a referral.

Wagstaff is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and a member of the International Pelvic Pain

Society.

He works to find the source and a treatment plan for chronic pelvic pain.

Classes offered at Valade Healing Arts Center

The Valade Healing Arts Center offers several classes in February.

Intro to Reiki

The ancient Japanese healing method of reiki is discussed during a free class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

There is an opportunity to experience a mini, hands-on session.

Reiki I

Participants learn the history, basic hand positions and ways to use reiki energy in their lives and helping others.

The class is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and costs \$135.

Reiki II

Students learn reiki techniques for distance healing and furthering mental, spiritual and emotional healing from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The cost is

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Lunch and Learn

"Dreams — Unlocking the Secrets of the Subconscious" is presented by Frank Garfield, a certified medical hypnotherapist, international author and lecturer, from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

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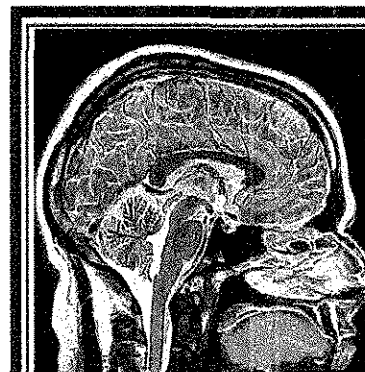
Therapy special

A river rock massage costs \$60 in February. Reservations

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Detroit Historical Society ball raises \$177,000

Some 300 people attended the 2009 Detroit Historical Society Ball Friday, Dec. 4, to help raise funds for the society.

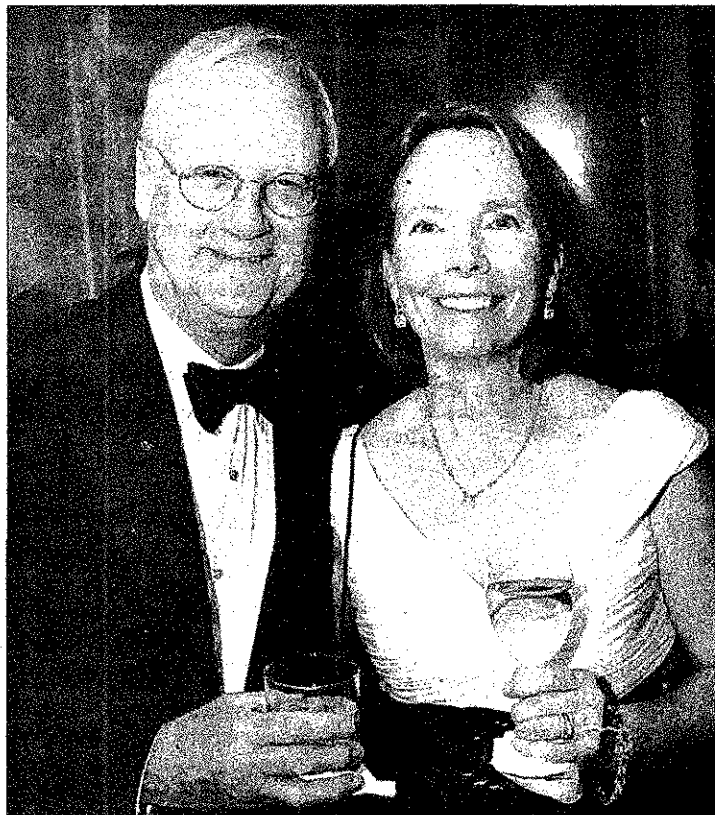
A total of \$157,000 was raised at the event, plus \$20,000 for the society's "Adopt-a-Class" program, which helps schools pay for field trips to the Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

For the second year, the ball featured Detroiters taking to the floor in a "Dancing with Detroit's Stars" competition. Mark Douglas, president of Avis Ford in Southfield, and his wife, Tiffany, market development manager for Bank of America, Michigan won.

This year's ball also included a live and silent auction with proceeds benefiting the society's exhibition and educational programs.

The event was co-chaired by Dr. Vivian Carpenter Barfield of Birmingham, Beverly Hall Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe, Nancy A. Smith of Bloomfield Hills and Lois Warden of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Huel Perkins of Fox 2 News



Detroit Historical Society President Sandy McMillian and Joan Bayer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

and radio personality Jim Johnson served as master of ceremonies.

Ball sponsors were Ford Motor Company — entertainment; Wolverine Packing — auction; Miller Canfield — dance; Penske Corporation — décor; Comerica Bank — print; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan — hors d'oeuvres; St. John Health — desserts; Bartech Group — beverages; Matilda R. Wilson Fund — valet sponsor; W.J. O'Neil Company — favors; and Hour Detroit and Fox 2 — media.

The historical society is responsible for the overall management and operations of the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, and the Collections Resource Center on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne, as well as development, membership, marketing, public relations, special events and volunteer activities.



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From left, Beverly Hall Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe, Nancy A. Smith of Bloomfield Hills, society CEO Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, Lois Warden of the City of Grosse Pointe and Dr. Vivian Carpenter Barfield of Birmingham.



From left, Diane Dossin of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, society trustee Sheila Stone of Huntington Woods and society trustee Doug Dossin of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1960

50 years ago this week

◆ **SHORES GARAGE FINISHED:** The Shores' new municipal garage has been completed, giving the Village nearly 11,000 square feet of space for the storage of municipally-owned vehicles and equipment.

The erection of the new garage and remodeling of the old garage adjoining it, and the construction of a five-car garage for vehicles of Village employees, took about 55 working days and cost about \$54,000.

◆ **SCHOOL BREAK:** Students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System will enjoy a two-day recess from classes Jan. 28 and 29 to mark the end of the first semester. This is the first year the school system is not graduating any students mid-year. All students will graduate in June.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **PUNCH & JUDY FACELIFT:** Saying it was time to look at other plans for the now-vacant Punch and Judy Theater, Robert G. Edgar, co-owner of the Pointe landmark, presented a conceptual and feasibility plan to the Farms city council calling for a complete interior renovation of the site at a cost of more than \$1 million.

The highlight of the renovation would be a first-floor restaurant divided conceptually by an atrium running the length of the building and soaring three stories to an overhead skylight.

2000

Ten years ago this week

◆ **WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS COMING:** If all goes right, in the next few months Grosse Pointers could have a new way to access the Internet. Metricom spoke to the Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees about obtaining permission to place radio transmitter units on utility poles in the village's rights-of-way.

◆ **POINTES DIG IN HEELS ON DREDGING ISSUES:** Low water has local officials lining up to apply for dredging permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

By December 1999, water levels were nine inches below average. Several months of above average precipitation will be needed to counteract the rapid decline in water levels of the last two years.

Assuming that does not happen, the Pointes want to be able to dredge their marinas to increase their depth.

Dredging without a permit is a federal offense.



FROM THE JAN. 24, 1985 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1985: Think you've been cold?

This young lady was caught completely unaware and was found frozen outside the Fries Ballroom at the War Memorial.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS ENTER WOODS' NEWEST HOME:** The first of about 50 residents started moving into Grosse Pointe Woods' newest, largest and, perhaps, most well-appointed homes this week: Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods.

It is the only senior-specific housing in the Grosse Pointes.

◆ **FARMS HARBOR REVISIONS:** If you've ever tried to board a boat in the older section of Grosse Pointe Farms harbor, you know why city leaders want to rip up the place and start over.

Skippers and guests must leap three or more feet of water and touch down on a narrow forepeak or, if a vessel is moored stern-first, a cockpit.

Revisions include installation of finger docks, or narrow walkways, jutting from main docks and running parallel to moored boats. This would require widening the wells which would result in fewer docking spaces.

Compiled by K. Fontaine

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Favorite salad finds place at the table

Seven-layer salad has been a longtime favorite of my family. My mother's take is a mixture of crunchy greens nestled under a thin blanket of mayonnaise topped with shredded cheddar cheese.

This more than delicious salad is prepared a day in advance, making it a perfect choice when you're in charge of the meal. I usually make the salad in a 9 - by - 13 glass dish, but if you have a trifle bowl, you can double up the layers for a stellar presentation.

Marguerite's 7-Layer Salad

1 package of three hearts of romaine, chopped

1 1/2 cups diced celery

2/3 cup finely chopped scallions

1 - 12 oz. package frozen peas

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

2 teaspoons sugar

3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Place the chopped romaine in a glass 9 - by - 13 dish.

Scatter the chopped celery over the lettuce, followed by the chopped scallions. Spread the frozen peas over the scallions.

Using a spatula, carefully spread the mayonnaise evenly over the peas. Sprinkle the sugar over mayonnaise, then scatter the shredded cheddar over the top. Cover securely with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator overnight and until ready to serve.

The mayonnaise layer becomes just the right amount of dressing in this salad that seems to toss itself as it's being served.

I made a second 7-layer salad, substituting the scallions with finely diced red onion, replacing the peas with canned black beans (drained and rinsed), and adding 1 package of taco seasoning to the mayonnaise (omit the sugar). I used shredded jack cheese in this south of the border 7-layer.

I'll be serving both at my annual Super Bowl party in a couple of weeks. Yummy.



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A big salad for the Super Bowl next month.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Brown's buzzer-beater sinks South

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

With 2.2 second left in the game, Grosse Pointe North head coach Matt Lockhart screamed from the team's bench for a timeout.

Immediately, whistles blew and his squad ran and huddled around their coach.

The Norsemen had battled back from 12 points down to start the final quarter and now trailed 47-45 to rival Grosse Pointe South.

The gym was packed not only for the jersey retirement of South graduate and Major League Baseball player Chris Getz, but also the renewal of one of the state's best prep rivalries — North vs. South.

Fans screamed at each other from one side of the gym to another as the atmosphere was electric since the opening tip.

"We drew up a play," Lockhart said. "We wanted Bryan (Brown) to come off a screen and get open enough to get the pass. We knew we had two seconds so he could take a dribble or two and try to square up for a shot. That's the way we drew it up. That's how it went."

With sophomore standout William Ritchie standing along the baseline of his own basket, the whistle sounded and the play began. South defenders waved their arms and stayed

with their defensive assignments.

However, just as the coach drew it up, Brown broke across the court toward the sideline, the screen was executed to perfection and the senior was open just long enough for Ritchie to throw a 30-foot strike.

"It was definitely who we wanted to have the ball in that situation," Lockhart admitted. "He's our shooter."

As the clock wound down, 2.2 seconds ... 1.2 seconds ... Brown took two dribbles as he turned toward the basket just beyond the half-court line, squared up, and elevated.

A split second after he released the ball, the horn broke the dead silence that had come over the once rowdy gym.

"I knew it had a chance when it left my hand," Brown said.

A moment later, the ball bounced off the square on the backboard and into the basket — the gym erupted with cheers from the North contingent. South players fell to the floor in disbelief while their rivals and fans jumped and rushed the court.

Final score: North 48, South 47.

"He'll never forget that shot as long as he lives," North assistant Warren Gravlin said,



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See HOOPS, page 3C

Grosse Pointe North senior Bryan Brown launches the game-winning shot from near halfcourt that beat rival South, 48-47.

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LIGGETT

Defensive effort intensifies in victory



Sophomore Madison Ristovski, right, played tough defense and scored 26 points in Liggett's win over Plymouth Christian.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A poor defensive effort led head coach Wayne Gigante to make sure his Liggett girls' basketball players get the point — defense wins games.

The Knights, coming off the tough loss to top-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, went on the road to Ann Arbor Greenhills early last week.

They won the game, 70-53, but it was the lack of defensive intensity that Gigante wasn't happy with.

"We did not play good defense at all," Gigante said. "We have to get after the opponent and we didn't do that in that game."

Freshman Haleigh Ristovski, coming off two tough road games, hit five three-point baskets and finished with a career-high 24 points to lead the Knights. Sophomore Madison Ristovski and senior Hannah Baird chipped in with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

"We had a good day of practice and I think the girls will respond well," Gigante said during pre-game warmups of the Knights' home game against Plymouth Christian.

He was right as the Knights jumped all over the Eagles, leading 17-4 after the opening quarter and 32-7 at the half. They gave up only 18 points through three quarters before finishing with a 56-33 victory.

"Now that is more like it," Gigante said. "The girls have to realize they have to play tough defense all the time. They did that tonight. This was a solid effort, but it would have helped if we made some of those layups we missed."

Madison Ristovski had a game-high 26 points, followed by Haleigh Ristovski with 11, sophomore Andriana Evangelista with six, freshman Julia DeRoo with four and freshman Ariana Castillo with four.

Liggett improved to 6-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 9-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen put defensive clamps on Fraser



Senior Ariel Braker, left, shown here against Ford, is making it a habit of turning in double-doubles for Grosse Pointe North.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North had two big road games last week, ending the first half of the division slate.

The Norsemen made a statement, crushing Fraser 47-19, thanks to a 24-2 run through the opening half that led to a 35-9 halftime advantage.

"I didn't think we had our legs early on, even though we had a nice lead," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We didn't have a very good practice the day before, but the girls went out and won another game."

The Norsemen's defense was outstanding, forcing the Ramblers into 26 turnovers, including five in a row early in the second quarter that allowed the visitors to take the huge halftime lead.

Not one of the Ramblers scored more than four points and the 19 points allowed were a season-low for the Norsemen. The previous low was 24 set Dec. 8 against Okemos and Jan. 13 against Utica Eisenhower.

Senior Ariel Braker had 17 points, seven rebounds and four blocks, plus was instru-

mental in leading the full-court press that led to the 26 forced turnovers.

Senior Kayla Womack had 14 points, followed by senior Kamille Hamzey with seven.

Earlier in the week, North beat host Sterling Heights Stevenson 56-49 in a first-place showdown in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"The girls really played well against Stevenson," Bennett said. "They made it difficult for Stevenson's guards and were effective on the press."

The visiting Norsemen led 32-20 at the half, thanks to a 20-8 second quarter spurt.

The Norsemen were able to keep the Titans at arm's length the entire second half to win the showdown.

Braker was in all-star form, scoring 13 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and five steals, and dishing out five assists.

She had plenty of help as Womack had 12 points, followed by senior Christine Bedway with 10, Hamzey with nine and junior Micaela Liddane with eight.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-0 in the MAC Red Division at the halfway mark of the division schedule.

Stevenson lost again and is tied for second with Chippewa Valley at 3-2, followed by Utica Ford and Fraser at 2-3 and Eisenhower at 0-5.

On Monday night, the Norsemen took the 120-minute trek to Saginaw to face Arthur Hill in a non-league game.

"This should be a fun game to play," Bennett said. "They're a good team."

The Norsemen struggled early, trailing 10-6 after the first quarter and 21-17 at the half.

They put together a dynamic second half, outscoring Arthur Hill 40-24 to win 57-45.

Braker had a triple-double, netting 15 points, 17 rebounds and 10 steals.

In addition, she had eight assists and four blocks as the Norsemen improved to 11-1.

Womack chipped in with 15 points, followed by freshman Taryn Kiah with 10, Liddane with six and three assists, and Bedway with four.

Coming up Friday, Jan. 29, is the annual North vs. South game at South.

North has dominated the series in recent years.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net 'team' win in key division contest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Caitlin Moore scored a career-high 19 points to lead Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team to a 52-34 win over Mount Clemens last week.

"The girls played hard and they played well without Chloe (Srebernak), who was sick," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We were able to get a lot of steals and easy baskets tonight."

The host Blue Devils jumped all over the Bathers, taking a 12-4 first-quarter lead and extending it to 26-11 at the half.

Moore scored nine of her points in the second quarter and added six in the third period and four in the fourth.

"Caitlin was our go-to player tonight," Richards said. "All of the girls played a nice game and we need this kind of effort to beat Cousino."

The Blue Devils won the third period 15-8 to open a 41-19 lead. They played out the fi-

nal eight minutes.

Senior Taru Madekivi had 10 points and junior Aisha Rodney had 12 rebounds and four assists.

"Aisha has improved her game a lot and that has made us a better team," Richards said. "She is really working hard."

Freshman Claire DeBoer had six points, eight rebounds and five steals, while sophomore Carmen Engel had five points and six steals.

Senior Katie Hamm also had five points, followed by Rodney with four, senior Theresa Zettner with two and freshman Christy Flom with one.

Richards was hopeful he would have a full roster two nights later when the Blue Devils traveled to Warren Cousino, who was a game behind in the standings after losing 62-45 to EAnse Creuse.

"We have to focus on trying to keep the ball out of the guards' hands," Richards said. "She runs their offense, so we have to make her job difficult."

It will be a tough game."

Richards was right as the Blue Devils were in a battle against Cousino, trailing 11-9 after the opening quarter and 18-12 at the half.

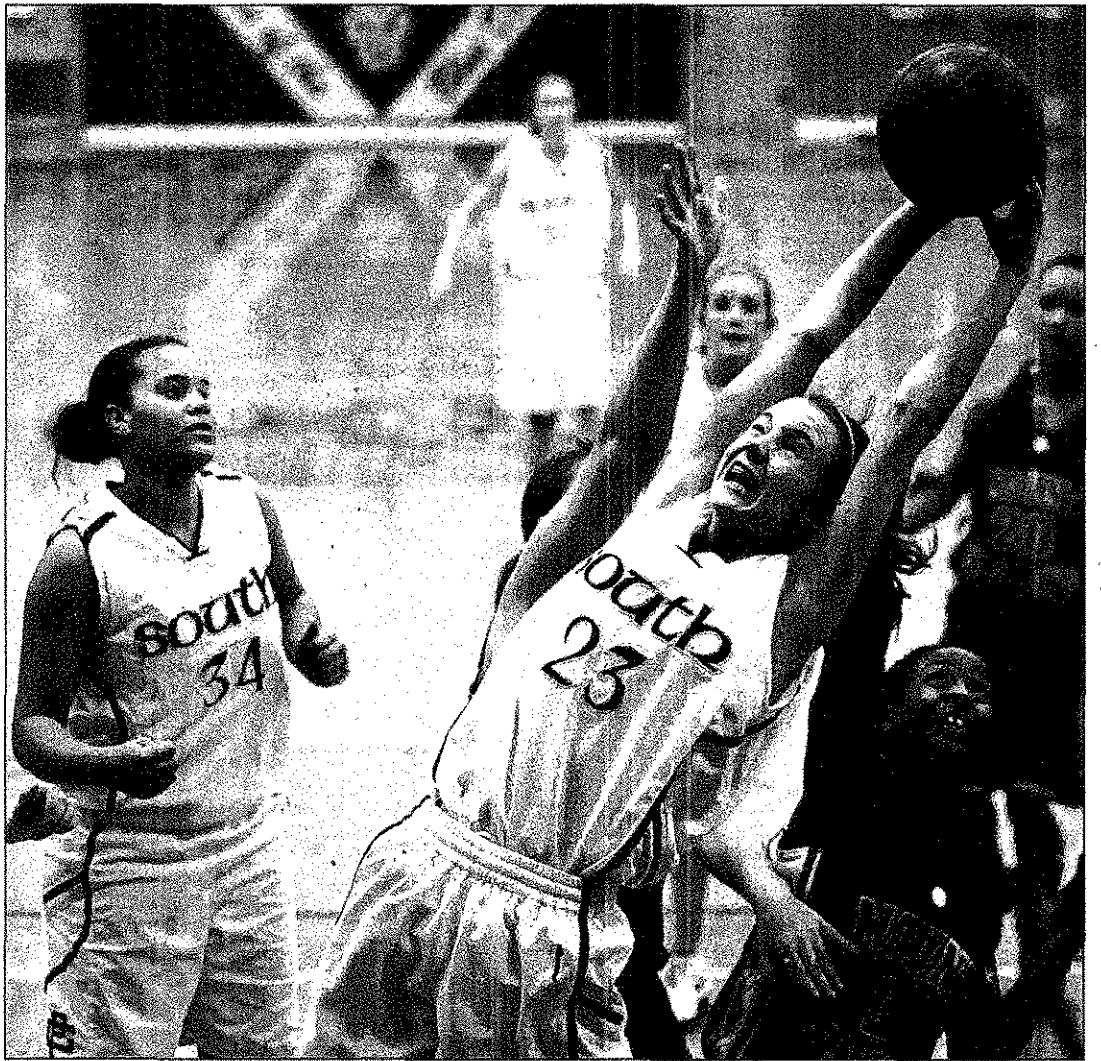
The teams played an even third period, setting up a gut-wrenching fourth quarter in which the Blue Devils outscored the Patriots 24-9 to win, 43-34.

Nobody could stop Rodney, who dominated the game at both ends of the court. She has 20 points, 13 rebounds, five steals and three blocks to lead the Blue Devils to sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

Srebernak was back in action and had nine points, six rebounds and five assists, and Moore continued her solid play, scoring eight points.

Hamm hit a big fourth-quarter basket to help the squad take the lead for good.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-0 in the division and 10-2 overall.



Freshman Claire DeBoer, No. 23, and junior Aisha Rodney, No. 34, gave South a big rebounding advantage in the Blue Devils' wins over Mount Clemens and Cousino.

HOOPS: Rivals play a classic

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while fans hoisted Brown onto their shoulders. "He never will. Unforgettable."

Brown knocked down four 3-pointers in the second half, after struggling with his shot in the opening two quarters, and finished the game with 14

points.

"Believe it or not, these kids actually practice shots like that," Lockhart said. "They play a game called 'Tips,' where you have to shoot every shot from half-court."

Admittedly though, Lockhart says the game didn't have to come down to Brown's bomb at the buzzer.

"We make our free throws and we don't need that shot at the end," the Norsemen coach said. "I talked to the guys about that in the locker room right after we all could get in there af-

ter the game. We have to make those if we want to be successful. This kind of thing doesn't happen that often."

North was just 3-for-10 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Much of the contest North was off the mark, scoring only two points in the opening quarter and trailing 25-16 at the break.

"We couldn't make anything," Lockhart said of the first half. "You have to give South credit. They played good defense, but we just couldn't make a shot when we did get a

good look."

In the fourth quarter, however, the Norsemen's defense began to clamp down.

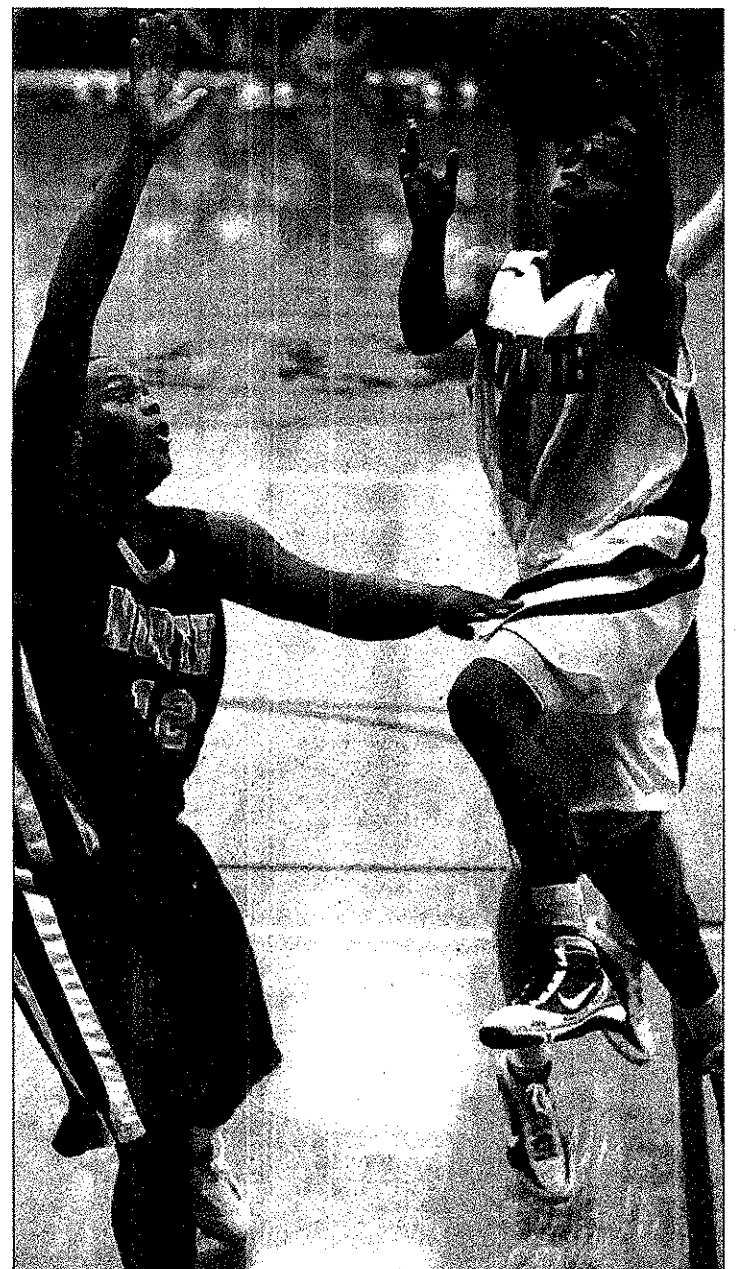
"That's really what put us in position to have a chance," Lockhart said. "We started to play much better defense in the fourth quarter and it showed on the scoreboard."

North's new-found defensive prowess sparked a flame that ultimately led to the team outscoring the Blue Devils, 24-11, in the quarter.

"We've lost a lot of close games this year," Lockhart



Grosse Pointe North senior Bryan Brown, center, is carried off the court by classmates after hitting the winning half-court shot to beat rival Grosse Pointe South.



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South senior Jarvis Wise, right, goes up for two points with Grosse Pointe North senior Desmond Malone defending.

said. "Mostly because we didn't make our free throws, and we made some mistakes that are a part of being kind of inexperienced. This was a big win though."

Not only because of the way it happened and who it was against, but also because we've got to learn how to win. We've got to get some confidence. I hope this does this for this team."

North, 3-7 overall, 2-2 MAC White, was led by senior Balazs Juhasz, who scored two of his 12 points with 20.2 sec-

onds left in the game to bring the Norsemen closer.

Corbet Conroy recorded a double-double, 12 points and 12 rebounds, for the Blue Devils, which fell to 1-4 in the division and 2-7 overall.

Earlier in the week, North lost 55-38 at home to Utica, while South also lost a home game, 70-68 in overtime to division-leading Roseville.

Conroy had 20 points to lead the Blue Devils, while junior Victor Mattison had 13, senior Jarvis Wise had 10 and junior Alex Bedan had 10.

LIGGETT

Knights earn tough home victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' basketball team has reeled off four wins in a row since the last-second loss Jan. 8.

Last week, the host Knights beat Allen Park Inter-City 66-59 and won three nights later 53-51, over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"The teams in this league

(Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) are very competitive," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "It takes a solid effort every game to win these games, which has helped make us a better team."

In the road game against Greenhills, junior Dominic Jamett had a season-high 16 points and was a force on the defensive boards. He had plenty of help from senior Mark

Ghafari and sophomore Eddie Thomas, who scored 23 and 20 points, respectively.

Freshman Eric Ewing added five points in the win.

In the home victory over Northwest, Ghafari had 25 points, including four straight free throws in the final 30 seconds that sealed the outcome.

The Knights trailed 13-12 after the first quarter, but outscored their foe 14-10 in the

second stanza to grab a 26-23 halftime advantage.

The second half was nip-and-tuck, but the home team was able to make some key plays down the stretch to get the "W."

"The guys were patient on offense, working to beat Northwest's changing defensive looks," Johnson said. "The guys played very well tonight, but we have to continue to get better."

Thomas and senior Joe Shannon chipped in with 10 and nine points, respectively, as Liggett improved to 7-1 overall and in the MIAC.

Next is a home game Friday, Jan. 29, against Parkway.

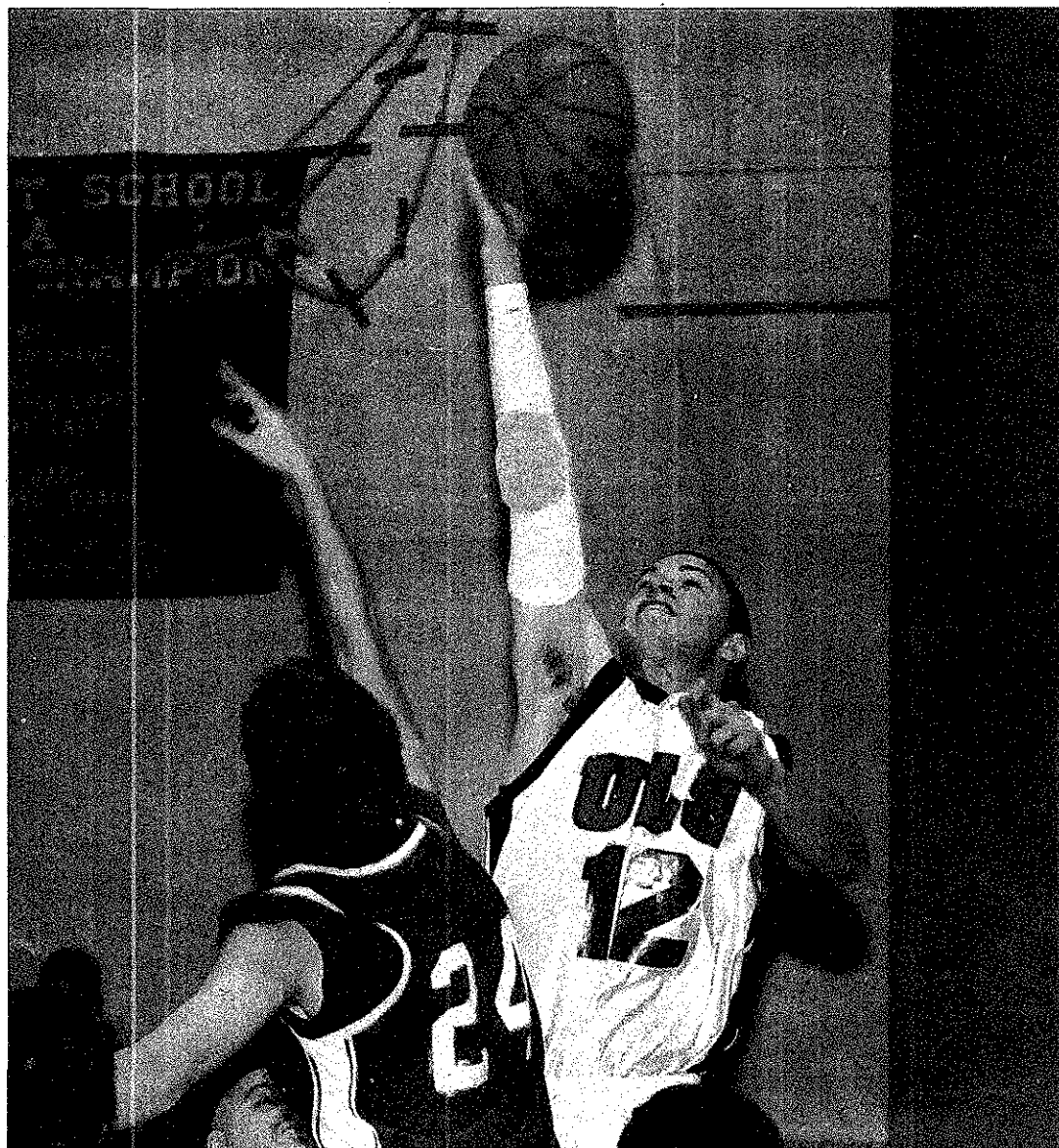


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Junior Dominic Jamett grabs this rebound in Liggett's league win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Senior Julia Solecki has been a consistent offensive contributor for Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team.

Blue Devils crush two more foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team is making short work of its foes.

Last week, the host Blue Devils blasted Northville 10-3, improving to 11-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

"We take every team on our schedule seriously," head coach Bill Fox said. "We have to play that way because everyone gives us their best game and you never know how things will go unless I have our kids playing their best."

Everyone got into the offensive flow against the Mustangs, including sophomore Claire Boyle, who had one goal and six assists for seven points.

Seniors Ana Harris and Rae Sklarski chipped in with four points apiece. Harris had a hat trick and an assist, while

Sklarski had one goal and three helpers.

Other goal scorers were junior Dylan McColl, sophomore Marissa Monforton, senior Emma Hull, two, and senior Shannon Gianino.

"We never take anyone lightly," Gianino said the day before the game. "Coach Fox always makes it a point to tell us to play our best each and every game."

Adding assists were senior Julia Solecki, sophomore Carly Verkuilen, junior Chantal Chuba, junior Lorna Burns, Gianino and the Monforton sisters, Marissa and Cara.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils beat host Plymouth-Canton-Salem 8-0.

South, the two-time defending state champ, is in first place in Division 1 with 22 points, and Port Huron is also undefeated and in first place in Division 2 with 24 points.

The two meet Saturday, Jan. 30, at McMorran Ice Arena.

LIGGETT

Hat tricks lead Knights to wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Paige Counsman's hat trick led Liggett's girls' hockey team to a 4-1 win over Walled Lake last week.

After playing scoreless hockey for most of the opening period, Counsman put the Knights on the board with a goal at the 5:34 mark. Senior Morgan Ellis had the lone assist.

Three minutes later, Counsman had goal No. 2 with sophomore Haleigh Bolton and freshman Aria Ganz-Waple drawing assists.

Ellis scored a huge goal that game with only 25.7 seconds left in the opening period. Her shot from the point on a power play eluded Walled Lake's goalie, giving the home team a 3-0 lead. Counsman had the assist.

It was a 4-0 game when Counsman completed her hat trick with a tally in the final minute of the second stanza. Bolton had an assist.

The Wild was able to avoid

the shutout, scoring at the 9:35 mark. Knights goalkeeper Mariah Passalacqua didn't see many shots come her way, but after losing the shutout, she shut the door.

In other action last week, the Knights blanked Livonia Ladywood 5-0 and lost 5-4 to Ann Arbor.

Bolton had a hat trick against Ladywood and Counsman added two more to help beat the Blazers. Passalacqua had the shutout.

This time, Ann Arbor was able to pull out the one-goal victory, avenging last year's one-goal loss to the Knights.

"We played very well against Ladywood, but not so great tonight," head coach Laura Owczarski said following the home game against Walled Lake.

It's going to be tough to catch Grosse Pointe South in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings as Liggett fell to 7-3 and 8-4 overall. South is undefeated at 11-0.



Senior Paige Counsman had a hat trick in Liggett's 4-1 win over Walled Lake.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Gymnasts stay perfect

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team won its meet Monday, Jan. 18, 133.45-120.4 over Tecumseh.

On vault, Madi Kaiser placed third with an 8.45. Other standouts were Heather Koresky with an 8.4, Sarah Fentin with an 8.25, Lauren Krieger and Emma Abessinio with an 8.2, Brittany Rizzo with an 8.15, Ashley Krynski with an 8.3, Fran Kay with an 8.15, Emily Griffith with an 8.0 and Lydia Fuller a 7.75.

Emma Abessinio took first with an 8.5 on bars. Fentin and Ashley Krynski each had a 7.75, while Brittany Rizzo and Koresky each scored a 7.7.

Other top scorers in the event were Kaiser with a 7.25, Krieger with a 7.2, Emily with a 6.05 and Kay with a 5.05.

On beam, Krieger placed second with a 9.0 and Kaiser was third with an 8.85. Koresky scored an 8.0, while Fentin had a 7.95.

Rizzo followed with a 7.8, while Abessinio had a 7.65. More top scorers were Griffith with a 7.95, Kay with a 7.75, Krynski with a 7.45, Anna Brucker a 6.7 and Madison Frame a 5.9.

In the final event, the floor exercise, Krieger won with an 8.95. Close behind were Abessinio and Fentin, who had scores of 8.75 and 8.65, respectively.

Kaiser finished with an 8.35, followed by Rizzo at 8.25, Krynski and Fuller at 7.6, Kay at 7.45 and Griffith at 7.0.

Head coach Cathy Hubmeier and the gymnastics team improved to 3-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen come up short

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the fourth time this season, Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team came up a goal short on the scoreboard.

Last week the Norsemen lost 2-1 to undefeated Port Huron. The Norsemen also lost 4-3 and 3-2 in overtime to Cranbrook Kingswood and 3-2 in overtime to Ann Arbor earlier this year.

"Port Huron is a good team with a good goalie," head coach Scott Dockett said.

"We had plenty of shots on net, but she made the key saves."

The visiting Lady Icehaws led 2-0 after the first two periods, despite getting outshot by a 2-to-1 margin.

The Norsemen's offense was constantly in the Lady Icehaws' zone, firing shot after shot, but most were taken without any traffic in front of Taylor Cook or right at her.

Finally, with 1:34 left in the

game and with the extra attacker, junior Megan Bergeron scored with sophomore Jennifer Cusmano and freshman Jaccelynn Sherry netting assists.

With goalie Emma Huellmantel anxiously watching on the bench and the Norsemen skating with a sixth forward, Cook came up with a slew of key saves in the final 94 seconds to keep the Lady Icehaws undefeated and sent the home team to another close defeat.

The Norsemen's defensive trio of junior Taylor Moody and freshmen Natalie Skorupski and Catherine McCarthy, did a solid job containing the Lady Icehaws' offense that came into the game averaging six goals a contest.

The Norsemen also played two road games last week, beating Walled Lake 9-2 and Livonia Ladywood 7-0, improving to 8-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 9-5 over-

all.

Against Walled Lake, Cusmano had a hat trick and two assists and junior Kailey Sickmiller added two goals and one assist.

Sherry also had a three-point night, netting one goal and two assists, while Moody had one goal and one assist.

Other goal scorers were Bergeron and freshman Bryn Moody.

Netting assists were Skorupski, freshman Sara Villani, freshman Sarah Richardson and junior Rachel Neveux.

In the win over Ladywood, Sickmiller had the hat trick and Bergeron added two goals and one assist. Skorupski and freshman Melanie Mermiges also tallied.

"Emma played very well against Ladywood when she was challenged," Dockett said. "It was nice to score some goals after getting only one against Port Huron."



Junior Taylor Moody and her defensive teammates did a nice job of limiting the high-scoring Port Huron team to only two goals.



Grosse Pointe Unified's Lauren Krieger was ready and focused on this floor routine, which she won to help the team improve to 3-0 overall.

Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Road games add zest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The unbeaten streak continues.

Liggett's boys' hockey team improved to 12-0-1 with three more wins last week.

The Knights started with a 4-2 home win over Dexter as senior Rory Deane had two goals. Seniors Dan Zukas and Jake Goldberg also tallied.

It was transfer student Conner Wiggins' first game of the season. Due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association rules, Wiggins had to sit out the first semester after transferring from L'Anse Creuse.

"We were missing (Jake) Soyka, so I put Wiggins in his place and he played pretty

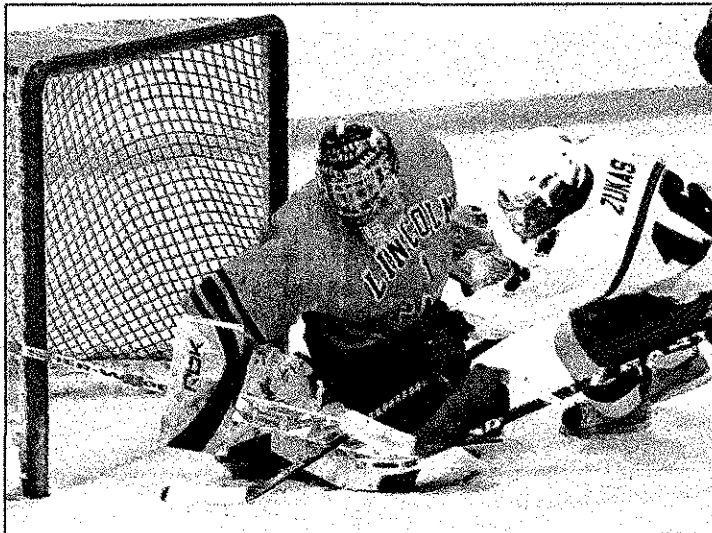


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Liggett senior Dan Zukas, shown above scoring a goal against Lincoln Park, is on pace to finish with one of the best-ever point totals in school history.

well," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "Dexter is a solid team and this was a good win for us."

Last weekend, the Knights had a two-game road trip to Kalamazoo, beating Mattawan 6-3 and Portage Northern 5-2 to stretch the unbeaten streak to 13 games.

"Mattawan is in first place in their division (Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference) and played us tough," McIntyre said. "We were slow and sloppy in the first period, but came back to get the win."

The Knights trailed 3-1 after the opening 15 minutes and

for the first time this season, faced a little adversity.

McIntyre watched his team respond favorably as six different players tallied to win. Goal scorers were Zukas, Goldberg, Dane, Soyka, freshman Mark Auk and sophomore David Gushee.

The following afternoon, the Knights trailed 2-1 after two periods.

"I told the guys they had one period to come back and beat a team that we were clearly better than," McIntyre said.

They found the focus, scoring the next four goals to win. Deane had a hat trick to lead the comeback.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

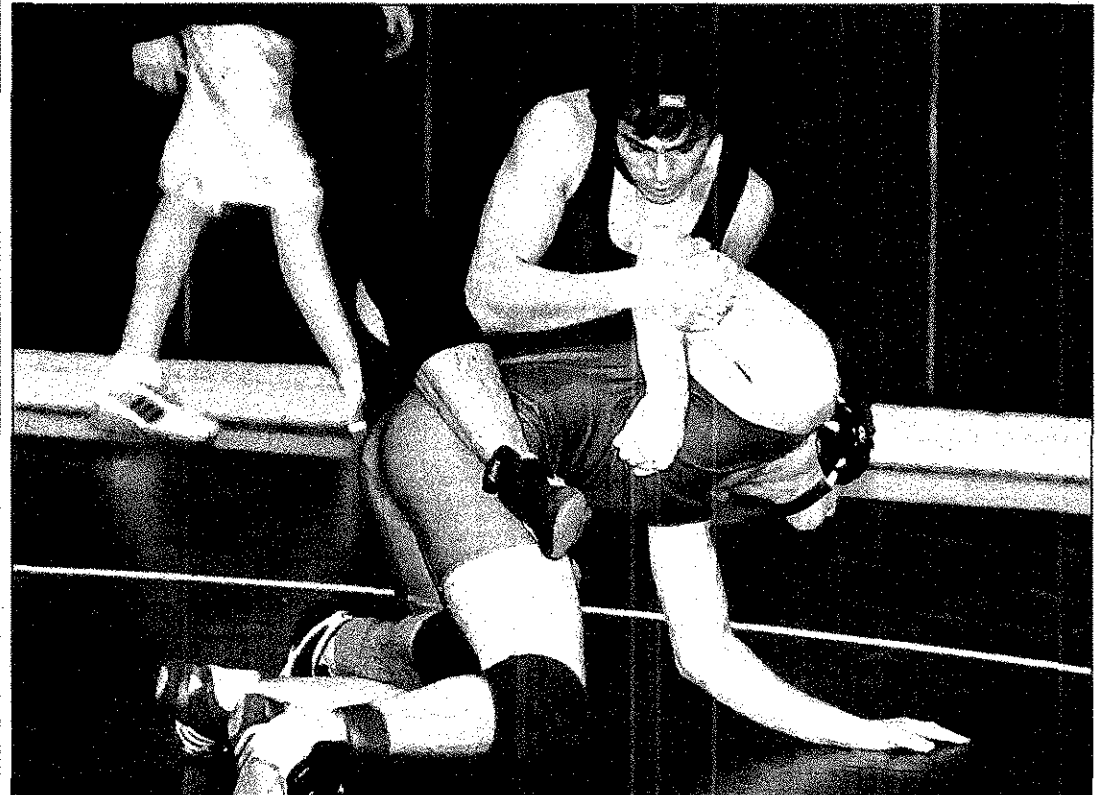


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Gains a split

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team split its Macomb Area Conference Gold Division dual matches last week, beating Madison Heights Madison and losing to Warren Lincoln. Leading the Blue Devils were Sergio Rodriguez, Andrew Stieber, Alex Romer, Deonte Bryant and Zac Donatello. Last weekend, Nolan Goodall, above on top, and Neil Leising each won 4-of-5 matches in the Sterling Heights Stevenson Team Duals. For the week, Rodriguez won seven matches, while Reggie Lewis was 5-0 in the weekend tournament.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Closing in on a title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's looking too easy. Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team cruised to another easy division win last week, beating Romeo 119-67.

The host Blue Devils won most of the events, including senior Matt Schmidt taking the top spot in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.11 and sophomore Joe Zampardo placing first in the 200-yard individual medley at 2:17.67.

Junior Cam Johnson won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle with times of 23.87 and 53.38 and senior Kyle Eschenberg won the diving competition with 191.10 points.

Junior Craig Campbell and sophomore Luke Hessburg also won individual events, tak-

ing first in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle with times of 59.43 and 5:22.40, respectively.

Schmidt came back later in the meet to win the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.50 and junior Roby Boggs took care of business in the 100-yard breaststroke, winning with a time of 1:05.74.

In the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Johnson, junior Ryan Graham, senior Michael Shook and Campbell won with a time of 3:33.88.

South improved to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. It is tied for first with Macomb Dakota.

The teams meet for the dual meet title Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Dakota.

In other recent action, South competed in a quad meet, beating Hartland 115-

71 and losing 118-68 to Northville and 132-54 to Saline.

Mandel won the 50-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 22.30 and was second in the 100-yard freestyle with another state-qualifying time of 50.54.

Shook was second in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 4:56.88 and Campbell was fifth at 5:03.62.

Laney was third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.53 and the Blue Devils rounded out the meet with a third-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Campbell, Shook, Joe Hessburg and Mandel had a time of 3:25.73.

This was the Blue Devils' toughest meet to date. They now stand 7-2 overall.

In other action, the Blue Devils host a double dual meet Saturday, Feb. 6.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Team nets 1st MIHL victory

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team earned its first league win of the season last week, blasting visiting Port Huron Northern 8-2.

Sophomore J.P. Lucchese, a transfer student, played his first game of the season and scored a goal a little less than two minutes into the game.

Sophomore Scott Dornbrock and senior Mitchell Capp drew assists.

The goal gave the Norsemen a 2-0 lead.

Sophomore Joe Giordano tallied in the first minute of the game with sophomore Joe Aluia and Capp netting assists.

The Norsemen scored five



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Scott Dornbrock, left, is enjoying a solid sophomore season for Grosse Pointe North.

goals in the opening period before the Huskies scored. They kept the pressure on to get that elusive win in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Capp had a huge night, scoring a hat trick and adding two assists for a five-point game.

Aluia had two goals with senior Matt Lucchese also tallying and adding three assists for four points.

Giordano added two assists, while Dornbrock had four

helpers. Senior Steve Herron, freshman Brad Werenski and senior Alex Tomovski also had assists in the lopsided victory.

Three nights later, head coach Scott Lock and the Norsemen lost 4-1 to state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, ending their modest two-game winning streak.

JP Lucchese scored his second of the season, giving the Norsemen a 1-0 lead.

North stands 1-4 in the MIHL and 5-9 overall.

TRAVEL HOCKEY



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Top notch

Alex Mager, left, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Adam Polack, of Grosse Pointe Farms, both goaltenders, led the Midget AA Troy Sting hockey team to first place in their Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League division. In league play, the two posted five shutouts and held opponents to only 18 goals in 14 games. In combined totals for the season, they posted 13 shutouts in 43 games and kept their goals against average to 1.6, playing top teams from Michigan, Arizona and out East.

Practicing and game play continues and intensifies as they, along with their teammates, focus on the upcoming Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 3 championship playoffs, as well as the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League playoffs.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Depleted team drops meet

Grosse Pointe North's boys' swimming and diving team lost its division meet last week, 112-77, to Macomb Dakota.

Head coach Mike O'Connor had to juggle the lineup because he was missing several competitors who are injured and/or ill.

Leading the way for the Norsemen was Christian Mellos, who won the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, which was a state-qualifying time.

Robert Tripp also won two events, the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke, while Joshua Garvin won the diving competition.

Season-best times were posted by James Spencer, Paul Hanna, John Hales and Chris Schoenith in the 50-yard freestyle; John Kohler, Michael Seago, Matthew Leone, Eric Reardon, Andrew Kopacka, Connor Yeager and Evan Williams in the 100-yard freestyle; Mellos and Ryan

Seago in the 200-yard freestyle; Tripp and Louie Saravolatz in the 100-yard backstroke; Williams in the 100-yard breaststroke; Tripp, Hanna and Peter Cherry in the 100-yard butterfly; Hanna in the 200-yard individual medley; and Garvin and Mitchell Gross in diving.

North dipped to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-2 overall.

Next is a home meet Feb. 4 against Catholic Central.

YOUTH SWIMMING

Gators ready for next meet

The Grosse Pointe Gators swim team continued its success at the BAC Winterfest High Point Swim Meet, held in Royal Oak last weekend.

The High Point meet is one where swimmers earn points for individual events. In addition to earning medals for individual events, points are totaled for the whole meet in each age group to determine the overall winner.

Eight swimmers in each age bracket receive trophies.

The Gators placed seven

'The Gators second annual Romp in the Swamp is Jan. 29-31 at Grosse Pointe South High School.'

swimmers among the High Point honorees, including boys' winners Cameron Francis 10U, Devlin Francis 12U, Patrick Jackson 13/14 U and Nick Yoo 14U. Girls' winners were Catie Deloof 12U,

Jennifer Maiorana 12U and Gabby Deloof 13/14.

The Gators second annual Romp in the Swamp is Jan. 29-31 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

There will be 575 of south-east Michigan's best swimmers filling South's 12 lane swimming facility. State qualifiers abound in the field and there will be serious competition for the top spots.

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