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President's Day

◆ State Sen. Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park, hosts a coffee hour from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Caribou Coffee Company, 19419 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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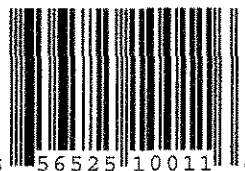
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Frosh get shout-out

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

LANSING — The invincibility of youth almost boiled over last week when Gov. Jennifer Granholm endorsed game-

changing legislation being pushed by a group of freshman lawmakers bent on bucking the system.

The governor was minutes into her State of the State speech when she told a joint session of the legislature to follow the lead of first-term representatives trying to advance the state budget deadline by three months.

"It makes me feel really good," said a smiling first-term Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

Bledsoe is lead co-sponsor of a House resolution seeking a constitutional amendment forcing lawmakers to finish work on the forthcoming year's budget by July 1.

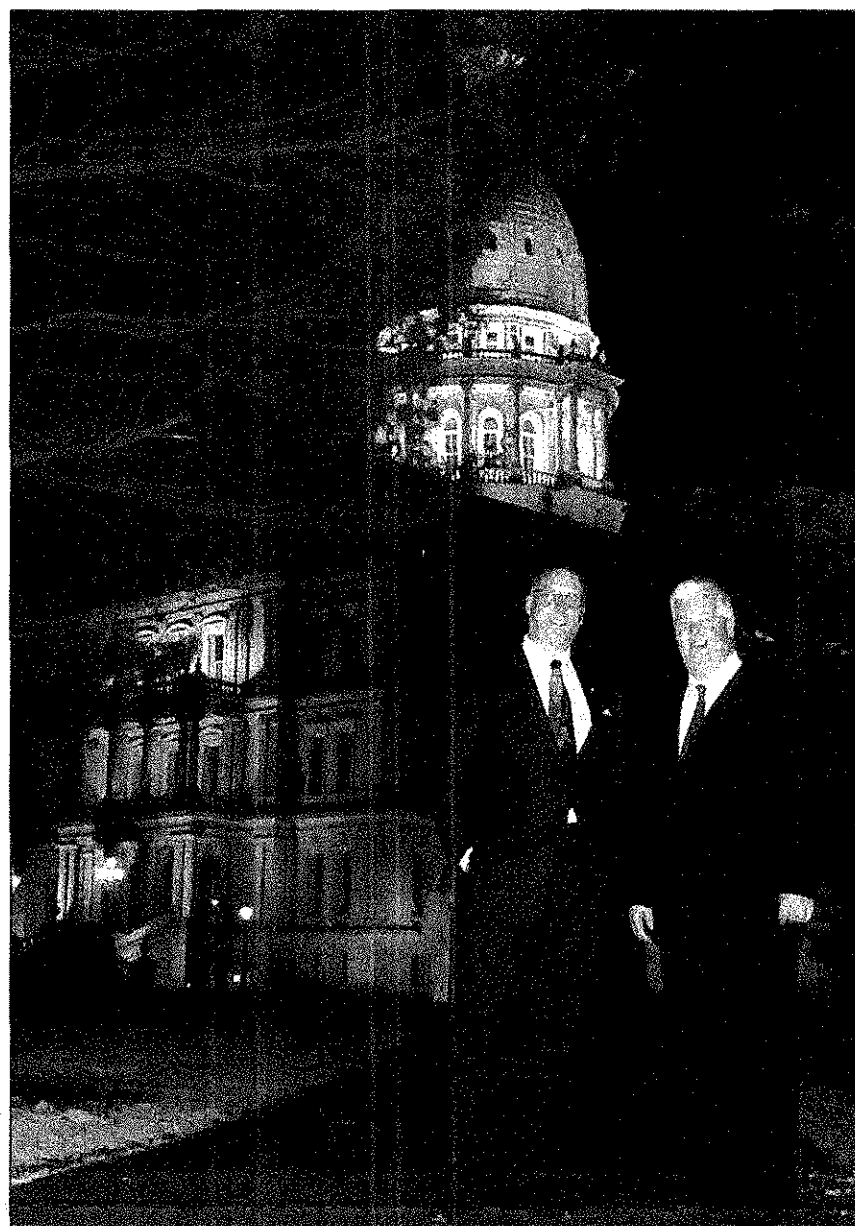
The current deadline of Sept. 30 comes too late in municipal and local school officials to accurately forecast the receipt of state shared revenue and similar payments.

"There is a broad consensus among business groups, labor groups — everybody who is involved in state government, par-



Gov. Jennifer Granholm said in her final State of the State speech Feb. 10 that governing Michigan during a recession "has had its moments."

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PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, left, and Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen leave the Capitol after Granholm's speech.

It's still chili



Derek Foltz with Ice Sculptures Ltd. creates a snowman of ice at Grosse Pointe Park's Chili Fest held last weekend. For more photos, see Page 3A.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Adults laughed along with children who fell to the ground during a tug-of-war contest.



Layoffs loom in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores might be slightly under water financially, but its mayor doesn't want budget-tighteners to go overboard and slash labor costs beyond what the market will bear.

"After we do all these things, I hope we have employees who want to work for us," said Mayor Dr. James Cooper, referring to anticipated labor concessions, including reduced fringe benefits for all employees. "We have to be careful how much we amend things because I don't want to run off the people we have now."

With the city already \$210,000 in deficit and a \$400,000 property tax revenue shortfall expected for the coming fiscal year starting in June, Shores leaders "need to make some very significant decisions," according to City Manager Brian Vick.

"If I don't have concessions from the unions, we're going to have to take some serious steps," Vick said at this month's finance committee meeting. "We are not in this by ourselves. Other communities are wrestling with this identical situation of taxable values reducing to the point of significantly effecting services."

Vick said he's exploring "community-changing proposals" that could save large amounts of money. Ideas include consolidating departments.

Public knowledge of the Shores' financial situ-

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Budgeting borers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

With municipal budgets barren as tree branches this winter, city officials have turned over a new leaf in the costly fight against emerald ash borer.

Long-term efforts to protect ash trees from borer infestation have been or are likely to be reduced in Grosse Pointe City, Farms and Shores; while in the Park, city forester Brian Colter said the battle was lost before it began.

"The epidemic is over," said Colter, who discovered the invasive borer on the eastside in August 2002. "By the time it was discovered here, it had already been here for years. It was a lost cause to try to save ash trees."

Emerald ash borer have killed millions of ash trees in Michigan and other Great Lakes states. The flying, wood-boring insect from Southeast Asia is believed to have entered North America during the late 1990s as larvae in wooden crates of manufacturing parts imported to western Wayne

County.

"There are still ash trees that haven't died in Grosse Pointe Park, but for all intents and purposes, we're post-emerald ash borer now," Colter said. "For example, two years ago, we lost more than 300 street ash trees. That's twice as many as American elms we lost in the worst year of Dutch elm disease. Now, we're looking at removing 30 ash trees this year. That's not an epidemic because of the proportion of trees we will be removing."

Instead of trying to save ash trees he considered doomed or not worth the expense, Colter cut down infested trees and replaced them with other species.

"Of 1,200 original ash trees we had on city property — basically between streets and sidewalks — we removed 1,000 of them and replaced almost all of them," Colter said. "Replacement trees I planted in the fall of 2002 are as big now as the trees I had removed. The good thing about trees — they grow."

Farms

A mile up the road in the Farms, an emergency program to inject ash trees with insecticide began soon after Colter's discovery in the Park.

The commitment was rewarded by the state with a one-time grant to help fund annual tree injections costing about \$20,000. Injections have continued ever since.

"We've decided to go forward with our emerald ash borer program," said Terry Brennan, Farms public service director. "We have a lot invested in it already; too much to turn back now."

This summer, however, he hopes to test a less expensive insecticide on a portion of city-owned ash. The chemical, TREE-age, could be a long-term cost-saver because it requires applications only once every three years.

"We're going to do a 10 percent sample this summer, and probably a much larger sample next summer if those trees come out healthy," Brennan said. "We also are considering purchasing equipment so our guys can do treatments in-

Census critical to Michigan

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The 2010 census is more than a head count.

Compilation of the 10 answers on the survey, among other things, determines how federal money is allocated locally and the number of the state's Congressional seats.

"Times are critical," said Partnership Specialist Brian White. "There are two Congressional seats (Michigan) stands to lose and financial support from the federal government. We're counting pennies across the state. If people are not counted, police are lost, hospital beds and city services are lost."

All information on the survey, to be in mailboxes by March 15, is confidential.

Every household receives a 10-question sheet. White said it takes about 10 minutes to complete the survey and should be done as soon as residents receive it to reduce the chance of either losing it or forgetting about it.

He urged residents to make sure snowbird neighbors receive their Michigan survey and return it by April 1.

If forms are not returned, a replacement sheet will be mailed, followed by a census worker knocking on doors.

Centrally located sites are being chosen for residents to pick up a lost survey sheet. Other sites, yet to be designated, are to be staffed by census workers 15 to

20 hours a week. They are able to answer questions pertaining only to the surveys.

The census is a snapshot of everyone residing in the United States, both citizens and non-citizens. This count is required every 10 years by the U.S. Constitution to determine both the population and the number of U.S. House of Representatives seats designated to the state.

Data collected is used by businesses to locate retail stores and new housing. Local municipalities use the data to determine where new roads are needed and where hospitals and schools should be located.

For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

Contingency planning under way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Recall petitions had yet to be certified last week when the Grosse Pointe Shores city attorney was assigned to research consequences of the mayor and four council members being removed from office during a special election.

Proponents of the assignment said municipal leaders and residents need to prepare in case a recall election results in the removal of five of the city's seven office holders.

The election could be held May 4.

Opponents said it was a waste of money to pay the city attorney \$220 per hour to research something that in a few days might be moot.

In the meantime, City Manager Brian Vick and representatives of the Wayne

County elections commission continue examining hundreds of signatures on five separate petitions advocating the recall of Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Brian Hunt and council members Victoria Boyce, Robert Graziani and Frederick Minturn.

All are being targeted, mainly, for what their critics characterize as fiscal irresponsibility. The five targets supported a 1 mill tax increase. The city also has a \$210,000 deficit.

"We've had about 3 1/2 days of reviewing signatures so far," Vick said at a special city council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 2. "All five petitions have been worked through."

Names and signatures of petitioners are being examined to make sure they're valid. Questionable petitions will be challenged and rejected. If

enough signatures are thrown out, the recall will be canceled.

"We've gone through signatures and prepared a preliminary list (of challenges)," Vick said. "Now, it's a matter of going back over them before we return that information to Wayne County."

Cooper, Boyce and Graziani supported having the city attorney study statutes and case law to determine what happens if the recall succeeds against all or some of the office holders. Councilmen Hunt and Minturn did not participate in the vote due to excused absences.

Councilmen Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte, who opposed the tax increase and are not recall targets, opposed assigning the attorney work that may not be needed.

Kedzierski wanted the matter tabled for two weeks, when

the petitions will most likely have been approved or rejected.

"Then, we can have our city counsel advise us," he said.

"I'm not thrilled about seeing us spend any more money," said Schulte. "I have a hard time going to citizens to pay for this."

Boyce opposed the possibility of having to retain a personal attorney.

"It's a city issue," she said. "I don't see why I should have to pay for it out of my pocket, to determine the future government of Grosse Pointe Shores, should the recall go through."

The vote united two residents who often attend council meetings and voice opposite opinions.

Janice Pemberton, a recall supporter, told Cooper et al,

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Bledsoe will seek another term

Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

LANSING — Once is not enough for Timothy Bledsoe.

The freshman Democrat state representative from the City of Grosse Pointe will seek a second term in Lansing.

"There are opportunities to make this place work better," Bledsoe said last week at his desk on the House floor shortly after attending Gov. Jennifer Granholm's eighth and final State of the State address.

As with his first campaign for office, Bledsoe said he won't accept political contributions from lobbyists during a run for reelection.

Bledsoe, a political science professor on leave from Wayne State University, is the first Democrat to represent District 1 comprising the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit.

Bledsoe weighed the satisfactions and frustrations of real-world political office before deciding to seek another two-year term. Even term-limited Granholm lamented in her speech that politics "has had its moments."

"Quite frankly," Bledsoe said, "until we make this legislature work better, I don't see how we're going to move Michigan forward."

"You try to put all of the pieces together and all of a sudden, a piece pops up that could be a deadly barrier to getting things done."

Bledsoe belongs to a freshman caucus that Granholm praised for its bipartisanship. Many of Bledsoe's legislative proposals are supported by members of both political parties.

"I think I am making progress on some fronts," he said.

He is lead co-sponsor of a bill introduced by Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Brighton, to advance the state budget deadline to July 1. The move is forecast to help municipal governments and school boards plan their respective budgets.

"I talk to Bill more than to anyone in my own (Democrat) caucus," Bledsoe said.

"It's mutual," Rogers said. "It seems to be a pattern for us."

Rep. Larry DeShazor, R-Portage, another freshman tired of partisan roadblocks, is working with Bledsoe to retain experienced lawmakers by extending term limits.

"Things we start in the House get stopped in the Senate and vice versa," DeShazor said. "I'm fed up with it. It's an honor to be working side-by-side with Tim."

News of Bledsoe's cross-party cooperation has filtered down to Grosse Pointe Shores resident Vito Cusenza.

"Bledsoe is a Democrat, but I don't think he's a way-out

Democrat," Cusenza said at a January Shores city council meeting.

During a legislative retreat two weeks ago in Lewiston, representatives discussed economic issues that have dominated Michigan's agenda since before the recession went nationwide.

"We focused mostly on the budget and how we're going to deal with this horrible budget mess we're faced with this year," Bledsoe said.

House Democrats released a statement recently that Bledsoe returned to the state \$15,767 unsent from his annual office budget allotment. The savings ranks him fifth among the state's 110 representatives, according to the release.

"I like to run a frugal operation," Bledsoe said. "I don't pay my staff as much as others do and I don't hire as much staff. I sent out one newsletter all year. Some reps send out all kind of stuff throughout the year."

His "report card" for 2009 legislative year included perfect attendance and participation in all 688 votes cast in the House.



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Well deposits cut in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There's less risk to reserving a boat well this summer at Osius Park.

The 50 percent non-refundable deposit announced this year has been cut by two-thirds.

A revised policy approved this month by the Grosse Pointe Shores city council maintains the 50 percent deposit, but marks only 15 percent of the total annual rental fee as nonrefundable.

New rules mean that a well renting for \$1,000 per season requires a \$500 deposit by Feb. 15. Of that deposit, \$150 is non-refundable. The \$350 balance is refundable.

The formula applies to all wells in the municipal marina, which was renovated two years ago yet remains unfilled.

Shores officials approved the policy last week during a special meeting. The revision corrects a mistake in this year's harbor rule book that required a nonrefundable 50 percent deposit.

"Our goal is to fill the mari-

na," said Brian Vick, city manager. "We don't want to do anything that inhibits that or forces people to go to private (marinas). Changing to a 15 percent nonrefundable portion should eliminate that concern."

Council action followed a special meeting the previous week of the harbor committee attended by boaters.

"We took their comments, had a good discussion and arrived at a 15 percent deposit," said Councilman Dan Schulte, liaison to the harbor committee. "Everybody seemed happy with that."

Deposits next year will be reduced to 15 percent of the total seasonal fee.

The deposit will be non-refundable. The change wasn't made this year because some boaters have already placed 50 percent deposits on wells this summer.

"We want to change as little as possible since we're entering the season right now," Vick said.

"The timing, we think, will be better next year," said Brian Geraghty, committee chairman.

Park unveils storm warning system

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

"Oh, you'll hear it."

That was Public Safety Director David Hiller's response to a question regarding the efficacy of a new storm warning system that is being installed in Grosse Pointe Park.

He told the Park city council work is nearly complete on an emergency warning system alerting residents to multiple problems, but will primarily be used for severe weather alerts.

The system's mechanical apparatus was recently installed on a pole located on Kercheval between Balfour and Nottingham. It now awaits electrical work by DTE, and is expected to be fully activated within three months.

"The system is state of the art," Hiller told the council. "It is computer generated and operated and can be controlled at several levels, including at the

county, community and local level."

The system, with a cost of \$25,000, was paid for by Homeland Security funds distributed through Wayne County.

It is similar to systems already installed in Grosse Pointe Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Our top priority is the security and safety of our residents," Hiller told the council. "When the money was made available, we knew we could use this system to improve security for our community."

Hiller is to determine what conditions will generate its use. He also said residents will be alerted as to when testing of the system will begin.

"We're just waiting for DTE to complete the wiring. We actually had to give the pole that it is mounted on its own address," he said. "Once that is done, we'll be ready."

Family of missing woman suspects foul play

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Somebody knows something.

That's the belief of the family of missing Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joann Matouk Romain. They implore anyone with information to come forward and help police find her and bring her home.

"I really believe that she is alive," said Michelle Romain, 29, Joann Romain's oldest child. "She did not take her own life. She would not have done that. We absolutely believe this is a case of foul play. We believed it right away."

Romain, a 55-year-old mother of three, was last seen about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Her car was found parked in the church driveway by a Farms police officer on routine patrol. He reported finding footprints in the snow that led from the car, across Lakeshore, and stopped at the lake. According to police re-

ports, there were no footprints returning from the lake to the car.

Michelle Romain said her mother was last seen by family members at 6:10 p.m. when Joann Romain dropped off her son at their house in Grosse Pointe Woods and told him she was going to get gas for her car.

When Michelle Romain returned home about 8 p.m., she was concerned that her mother was not there, and she was unable to contact her by her cell phone. Michelle Romain began calling relatives and friends of her mother, but none had been in contact with her. Knowing that her mother had planned to attend a 7 p.m. service at St. Paul, she decided to drive to the church. As she was leaving the house to go to the church about 9 p.m., a Farms public safety car was pulling up in front of the family house. An officer asked Michelle Romain about her mother's car.

"I called family members and we went right to St. Paul," said Michelle Romain. "When

we got to the church there were divers in the water and a helicopter over the lake. They had taped off her car and an area by some trees by the lake."

According to family members, the Grosse Pointe Farms police believed that it was a suicide, but the family strongly denies it and questions the evidence that the Farms police used to arrive at that conclusion.

"They keep talking about the footprints," said Michelle Romain, "but those footprints were too big to be my mother's. My mother also shuffled when she walked, and each one of the prints in the snow was very distinct, not at all like someone who shuffled their feet. And they talk about a scarf being found on Lakeshore, but it was not my mother's scarf."

Finding some humor in a situation where there is little, Michelle Romain spoke of the "butt print" found on the sea wall.

"The footprints were too big



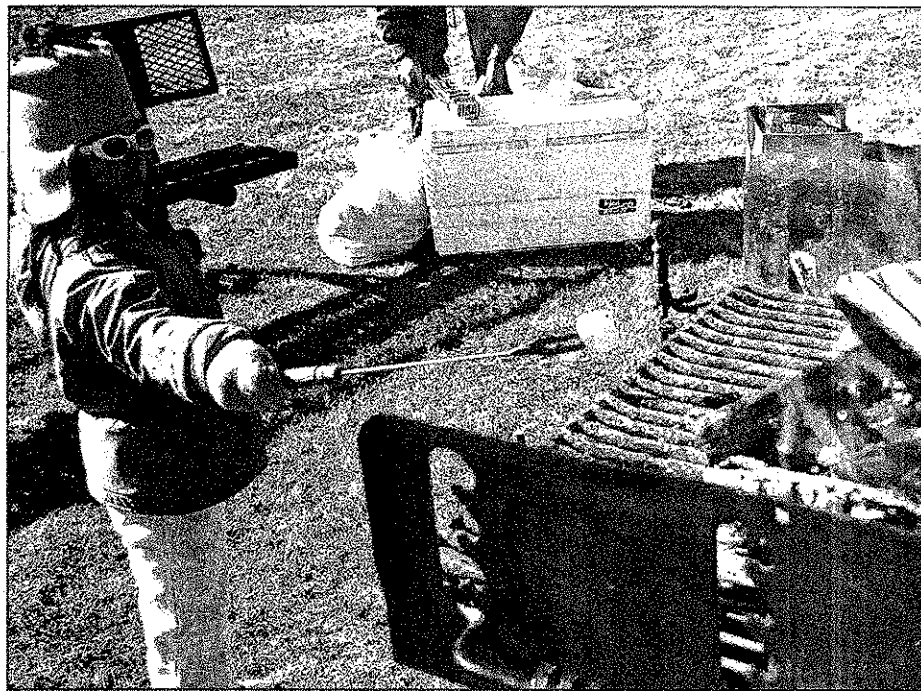
Joann Matouk Romain

and the butt print was too small," she said with a wry smile.

That night, at the scene, the family requested that a tracking dog be brought in, but the police said that the dog would not have been able to pick up a scent because the snow was "too contaminated."

Romain's brother, John Matouk, and her husband, David Romain, from whom she is separated, both said Joann

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Chili time

Despite the lack of snow, Grosse Pointe Park residents found plenty to do last weekend during the annual Chili Fest. They could play games, ice skate, watch ice carving demonstrations, ride the horse-pulled trolley, make crafts and roast marshmallows. Boy Scouts from packs 86, 19 and 147 gave children a sleigh ride across the grass. At left, Mia Tedesco roasts her marshmallow over an open flame preparing to eat a gooey s'more. Below, 3-year-old Preston Auld finds stepping in close is a sure way to get the ball through the hole and score a point.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Below, Hailey McDonald, front, and Ellie Liedl practice their ice skating moves. Bottom right, ice hockey was replaced with tennis court hockey and a foam ball served as the puck.



Ellie Smith took advantage of two activities during the chili fest — face painting and making a treat for birds. She rolled a peanut butter covered pinecone in bird seed.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

The sights **Anne Kopf** visits on the West Coast are far from the tourist stops. Kopf is seeing real life as she serves her country in a volunteer capacity.

Service through AmeriCorps

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Anne Kopf wanted to serve her country without joining the service. Thus she selected service in AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

For 10 months, the 23-year-old from Grosse Pointe Shores is working in the Pacific region

'This is a great opportunity to serve the country without carrying a gun. I am going to be in places I wouldn't normally go.'

ANNE KOPF
Grosse Pointe Shores

on various projects. She is part of a 298-member group serving Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Guam and American Samoa.

Her current project is building low-income housing in Mecca, Calif., done in conjunction with the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition.

Kopf, who graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004 and has a degree in graphic design from Illinois Wesleyan University, is on an 11-person team constructing three- and four-bedroom, one-story houses.

"It's a self-help project," she said, explaining the family who will live in the house must provide 40 hours a week in sweat equity.

"Many are migrant farmers working in agriculture," she said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANNE KOPF

Paint brush in hand, Anne Kopf is working with the AmeriCorps house construction project in Mecca, Calif., in conjunction with Coachella Valley Housing Coalition.

The team of six females and five males live together and work a 40-hour week, Tuesday through Saturday. They also train together, which she said requires a certain amount of mental strength.

"Living with 11 people in four bedrooms is tough," she said. "But it's better than others who live in YMCAs with cots. Being with people, you must work on relationships. We are in the middle of nowhere. We read a lot. It's hard to be away from family

and friends. You have to be mentally strong."

AmeriCorps takes over the lives of its members, assigning them to a specific region in the United States and projects on which to work. It provides housing, transportation, a small living stipend, shirts and sweatshirts with the AmeriCorps logo, cargo pants and steel-toed shoes.

The stipend is not much, Kopf said, but "we don't need much here."

One extra AmeriCorps requires is physical fitness.

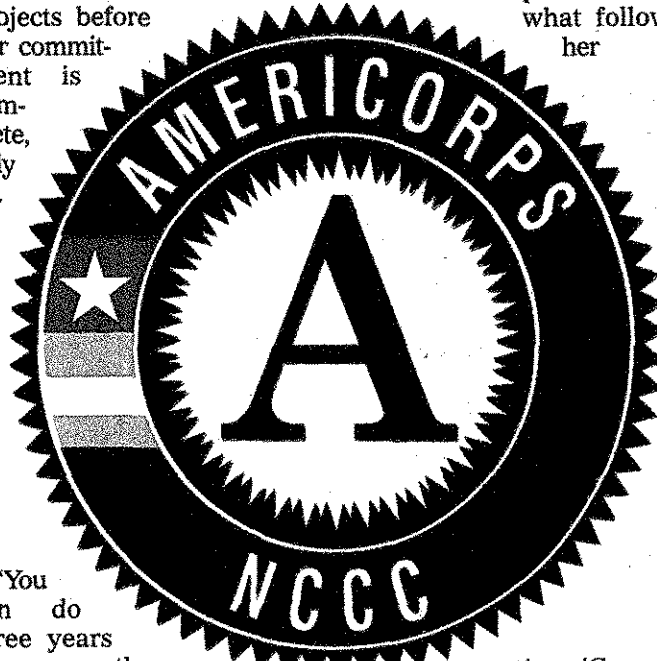
"Three days a week we work out. We do core training, running to help out with construction. We do push-ups and sit-ups and run 1 1/2 miles. They try to encourage a lifestyle," she said. "It's tougher than I thought it would be."

When her 10 weeks in Mecca concludes, she will be assigned to another project somewhere in the Pacific re-

gion. Ultimately, she will complete four two-month projects before her commitment is complete, July 29.

(Navy)," she said.

Kopf is unsure what follows her



"You can do three years of the AmeriCorps program," she said. "This is great opportunity to serve the country without carrying a gun. I am going to be in places I wouldn't normally go."

Prior to joining AmeriCorps, she coached the Grosse Pointe Gators and 1 1/2 years after college graduation.

"I was discussing my future with a friend a year ago. This was a convenient time in life to serve my country for a year. My boyfriend is in the military

AmeriCorps service whether it might be working in graphics, moving to Florida or going to graduate school.

Those who complete their service earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 to use for further education or pay off student loans.

"It is good in that aspect," she said.

Whatever comes next, Kopf said of AmeriCorps, "It's a good experience."

AmeriCorps

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Anne Kopf of Grosse Pointe Shores is a team member at an AmeriCorps housing project in southern California.

As last week's
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(Jim Bonaboom),

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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Christopher W. Graves received a Bronze Star for meritorious service while assigned as a logistics advisor for the 11th Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division, military transition team, Tal Afar Iraq. A 1990 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he is the son of Susan Fradeneck of St. Clair Shores.

Sara Crandall, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame. She is the daughter of Sheila and Rob Crandall of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lauren Brayton was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Michigan State University. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, she is the daughter of Jeff and Mary Ellen Brayton of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mark Balle, a sophomore at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Mark and Pamela Balle of Grosse Pointe Shores and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Ethan Brock was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Albion College. He also was accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at the college. Brock is the son of Edward and Arlene Brock of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Elizabeth Bryk, a junior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of David and Mary Bryk of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Christopher Creighton, a junior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of James Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park and Lela Baugh Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Austen Ditzhazy, a junior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of John and Darby Ditzhazy of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Caitlin Fuhrmann, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Marshall Fuhrmann of Eastpointe and Kimberly Fuhrmann of Monroe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Kimberly Leverenz, a sophomore at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She also was accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at the college. She is the daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Melissa Light, a senior at Albion college, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Daniel and Pamela Light of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Kerri Marowske, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Gary and Kathleen Marowske of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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People in Business

Theros joins Butzel Long firm

Louis Theros joined Butzel Long as a shareholder in its Detroit office.

He practices employment litigation, labor, advising and counseling on statutory employment compliance and gaming law.

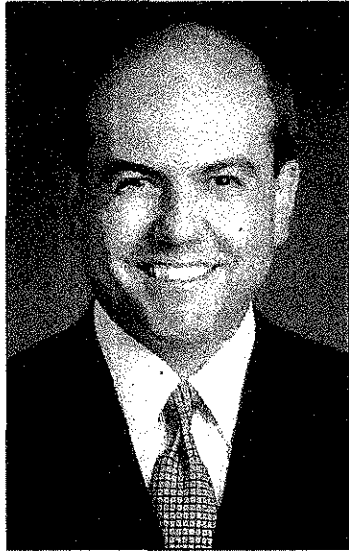
Theros has more than 20 years experience in employment discrimination and harassment matters, including handling large class action employment disputes. He also has extensive experience in handling arbitrations arising from collective bargaining agreements and unfair labor practice complaints and served as counsel on various traditional labor issues, including organizational campaigns and collective bargaining agreement negotiations and implementation.

Theros is listed in Best Lawyers in America and is named in Michigan Super Lawyers, both since 2007.

He serves on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council where he was mayor pro tem from 2005-2007; is vice president of the Michigan Ice Hawks Youth Hockey Club; and vice president and secretary of the Senior Citizen Housing Committee for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association 371.

Theros is former president of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and serves as a trustee of the association's charitable arm, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Foundation.

He graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1989 and earned a



Louis Theros

Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1985.

G.P. Shores attorney on youth board

George V. Cassar Jr., of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a member of the Don Bosco Hall Board of Directors.

The Detroit-based, non-profit agency provides human services support to Wayne County youth and their families.

"It was important for me to not only be on the board of directors of an organization that serves such a vital service to the youth of the metropolitan community, but to join an organization that I could relate to and one I felt I could really make a difference in," Cassar said.

"Don Bosco Hall is committed to improving the lives of children and families that, without the help of the organization, may have never had the chance to improve their lives in such a remarkable way. I personally know the importance of



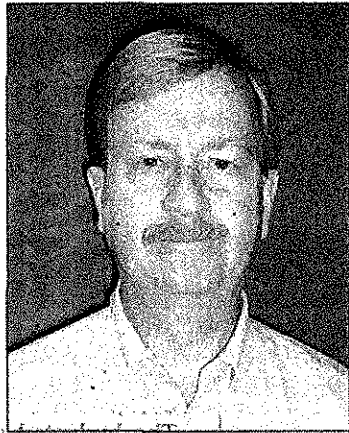
George V. Cassar Jr.

having community support and the value of a solid education as a kid, especially when finances are scarce and your dreams seem all but impossible."

As a board member, Cassar is involved with the organiza-

tion's social media initiatives and gathering financial and non-financial support for Don Bosco Hall and its activities.

Cassar is an attorney with Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C. in Southfield.



Ed Irvine

Flame Heating names VP

Ed Irvine of Grosse Pointe Park is the new vice president of home energy analysis for Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical.

Irvine's duties include residential energy audits, testing houses for energy-related issues, diagnosing indoor air quality problems and monitoring energy efficiency loss. He is responsible for spearheading Flame's E3 program (energy efficiency evaluation) — a whole house energy audit designed to help homeowners reduce energy costs and waste.

The program identifies air leaks within the home that may not be obvious to the homeowner.

Irvine had been in managerial and sales positions with machine tool companies, where, at one, he earned two machinery patents.

Shores copies City survey

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores residents will be surveyed soon about which municipal services they like, dislike and to what degree.

Answers will help municipal leaders manage declining revenues to increase, maintain, reduce or eliminate services in line with resident preferences.

City Manager Brian Vick is basing the four-page survey on one distributed in the City of Grosse Pointe, where he was an administrator for the first 10 years of his career.

"I thought it would be beneficial to use their's as a template and also (as) a benchmark," Vick said.

Residents will sound off on hypothetical consolidation — complete or partial — of the Shores with another city or cities.

"Those are your big savings," Vick said. "Everything is on the table. We need input from the community where they'd like us to begin."

Budget projections indicate

declining Shores property values will cause a \$400,000 drop in property tax revenue the coming fiscal year.

Members of the city council last week agreed the survey might be a good way to gauge services that residents hold dear and those that are expendable.

"The survey may or may not give clear direction," Vick said. "Everybody will want the best services."

He wants to distribute the survey "post haste" by mail. He anticipates spending \$600.

Questions included in the City survey were divided into such categories as basic services, expenditures, revenues and intergovernmental cooperation.

Residents were asked to rate the value of such things as:

- ◆ tree trimming and replacement,
- ◆ eliminating sidewalk snow clearing,
- ◆ adding a property tax levy for road repairs,
- ◆ entering into agreements with other cities to share municipal services, such as public

safety, public works or more. "Are the borders of the Grosse Pointes sacred?" Vick asked rhetorically. "Is it sacred to have a (police) vehicle in (the Shores) that says 'Grosse Pointe Shores' on it? If it says 'Grosse Pointe' public safety, is that adequate. Those are real savings."

A section of overarching questions asks residents if they are willing to pay higher taxes to preserve existing services. If not, are they willing to reduce services or even cut taxes and services.

"The intent of the survey is to say, 'Where do you want to be?'" Vick said. "We need to see if the size of the budget we have is the desired size of government. The staffing level we have now provides those services. If we want to change those services, we change the size."

Vick plans to adjust the survey slightly to measure the value of things particular to the Shores, such as whether public safety officers should be trained in basic emergency medical services or advanced life support.

Break-ins plague neighborhood

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Lock your cars.

And just in case you didn't hear it the first time, Grosse Pointe Woods police remind residents to lock their cars.

"Entering an unlocked car is a crime of opportunity," said Woods public safety director Al Fincham. "And this appears to be a one-person crime wave."

What Fincham was referring to were the overnight hours from Monday, Feb. 1 into the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 2 when at least

six cars were entered and valuables removed. Five of the incidents occurred on Hollywood, one on Hawthorne. All were discovered and reported the morning of Feb. 2.

Among items taken were cash, a ski jacket and a navigation system. All the cars were unlocked. In one instance, two cars parked in the same driveway were entered.

"The detective bureau is investigating, and we have a typical list of suspects," Fincham said. "In cases like this, it is usually someone from the neighborhood."

Fincham reminds residents not to leave valuables in cars, even if they are parked in a driveway. He also reminds residents that even when they don't leave valuables in a car, they oftentimes leave a garage door opener, which a thief could easily use to open the garage.

"Think how many items you have in your garage you don't want stolen," he said. It was also noted that with an attached garage, entry could easily be made into the house.

"Just lock your cars," Fincham said.

Relay kickoff meeting set Feb. 25

The Grosse Pointe News has renewed its support to the American Cancer Society as the official media sponsor for the 2010 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

This year's event takes place from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, until 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

"The management and staff of the Grosse Pointe News are proud have the opportunity to participate in this important community effort, fighting a disease that affects all of us directly or indirectly," said Joe Warner, general manager and editor. "This is important to

everyone."

Ads and articles promoting the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe will appear in the paper. A four-page special section will highlight the Relay on Thursday, May 20.

Prior to the event, teams of family, friends and co-workers come together and focus on raising money by asking others to support them via the Relay website — www.relayforlife.org/grossepointemi, — and by holding fundraisers.

During the event itself, all the teams come together for a big camp-out — 24 hours filled with music, games, inspira-

tional and sometimes emotional ceremonies, and festive fundraising activities at the various campsites, all the while team members take turns, relay-fashion, walking the Relay path as a reminder that cancer never sleeps.

To learn more about forming a Relay team, contact chairman Mark Cohn at mscohn54@att.net.

A Relay for Life of Grosse Pointe "Kickoff Meeting" on Thursday, Feb. 25, beginning with registration at 6:30 p.m. and a program at 7 p.m., at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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**WEEK
AHEAD:**

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- ◆ A Snow White craft can be made from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.
- ◆ Family movie night at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park., is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The movie is "Snow White."

- ◆ Film critics Corey Hall and Jeff Meyers review this year's Academy Award nominees with film clips from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Vespa winner

Charlotte Sabino of Grosse Pointe Park won the \$50 Vespa donated to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce by chamber member Joe Ricci.

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Special Olympics

Grosse Pointe public safety officers Tim Harris (Farms), Kyle Seidel and Ryan Schroerlucke (both with the Woods) were among more than 500 volunteers last week at the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games at Schuss Mountain in Mancelona, and at Grand Traverse Resort in Acme.

More than 1,100 athletes from around Michigan participated in Winter Games. "Our job was very rewarding," Seidel said. "We placed medals around their necks at the end of their downhill ski events and could see the pride each and every one of them had of their accomplishments." Celebrating the achievements of Michigan's Special Olympics are (top, back row, from left Michigan State Police Trooper Rich Hall (Kalkaska Post), Farms PSO Harris and Woods PSOs Seidel and Schroerlucke. At left, a young athlete hugs Schroerlucke after he presented her with a medal. Above, PSO Harris shares a smile and a medal with an athlete who earned it in the downhill ski competition.

SHORES: Councilman offers reduction ideas

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ation is hindering Vick's efforts to negotiate shared municipal services from a position of strength.

"We're not treated as equals," he said. "That's a concern of mine. Everyone knows our financial situation. It's written in the (news) paper. It effects how we negotiate with other communities with regard to services. Is another Grosse Pointe interested in providing public safety (to the Shores)? Maybe. Can we get as good a deal if they think we're desperate? Probably not."

"We all want to save money, but it's not an easy thing," Cooper said.

Dr. Raymond Rahi, a Shores resident attending the meeting, was sympathetic to a point.

"We don't want to lose employees," he said, "but each of us in this room over the past year or two have seen our salaries and bonuses impacted. Everybody has to realize that times have changed. We have to cut back."

Councilman Ted Kedzierski, chairing the meeting in the excused absence of Councilman Dr. Brian Hunt, wants to cap an employee sick bank that rewards employees for not taking time off from work for medical reasons.

The bank has come to the forefront with the recent retirements of the former city manager, his assistant and the park director.

In general, Kedzierski said he wants to "modify benefits to make them a little less generous and a little more cost efficient. Twenty-five percent of our budget is legacy costs, not including sick pay."

Specifically, he'd:

- ◆ Cap the total sick pay benefit at \$10,000, half payable at retirement, the balance to be paid three years thereafter.

- ◆ "Right now, we owe more than \$350,000 for non-union sick pay," said Kedzierski, adding that the figure represents only 42 percent of the total sick day liability.

- ◆ "We have to be careful about this conversation," said Vick, regarding open discussion of matters dealing with labor negotiations.

- ◆ Abolish overtime, for which \$115,000 has been budgeted this year. The budgeted amount probably won't be used due to a clamp-down already in place, according to Vick.

- ◆ Reduce legacy costs, which, at \$580,000, comprises 12 percent of the

current budget.

Kedzierski said he'd reduce legacy costs by:

- ◆ Freezing the non-union pension plan and converting it to a 401K plan.

- ◆ Copying the state's employee retirement plan by adding five years to the Shore's current 25 years of service needed to collect full retirement benefits.

- ◆ Adopting the state's retirement benefit multiplier of 1.5 percent, a 1 percent reduction from the Shores' current 2.5 percent multiplier.

- ◆ Switching from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan.

- ◆ Reducing retiree second-to-die lifetime health care coverage, which continues lifetime coverage to a retiree's spouse after the retiree dies.

"Legacy costs are acting as an anchor on the city," Kedzierski said. "If we were overfunded like the City (of Grosse Pointe) and (Grosse Pointe) Farms, our negative fund balance disappears and we have a rainy day fund."

Vick is bracing for litigation over labor issues.

"There's a lot of sensitivity to benefit packages and union contracts," Vick said. "We are talking to legal council on a variety of benefits: legacy costs, those types of things. In case I don't get concessions, I may have to implement furloughs now. There is no sense in waiting until June."

Seventy-six percent of Shores employees are unionized, according to Vick. Public safety employees are divided into four unions.

"If I don't get concessions, we go to four-day work weeks," he said.

He said he'll seek new union contracts having higher deductions for employee health care coverage and higher standards for retirement benefits.

"The unions understand this," Vick said. "It's a question of if they understand the financial situation the community is in. And how much they're willing to give. These are decisions that have to be made to keep city hall open. They included significant changes in the way we do business just to keep the doors open."

He plans in March to provide the council a list of service changes if concessions aren't won.

"We have two choices: to increase the millage or for me to bring something on budget," Vick said. "I can't lay off employees without changing services."

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GUEST OPINION By David Madland

Getting out of unemployment

The employment figures recently released by the Department of Labor show mixed news for workers. Unemployment fell to 9.7 percent in January 2010 from 10 percent in December 2009.

Only 20,000 jobs were lost last month, and temporary employment increased, which is a harbinger of future job growth. This slowing of labor market losses, combined with last week's positive gross domestic product figures, show reasonably strong signs the economy is starting to recover. That's the good news.

The bad news is the same figures show the economy lost more than 1 million more jobs during the recession than previously estimated and unemployment — especially long-term unemployment — remains at troublingly high levels. More than 14 million Americans are out of work, there are six job seekers for every available job and 4 in 10 unemployed workers have been pounding the pavement searching for a new job for at least six months, a record level.

The labor department's revisions of employment figures show the economy shed 8.4 million jobs during the recession, instead of the 7.2 million, as previously estimated. To give a sense of how big this jobs hole is, we would need to create 350,000 jobs per month for the next 24 months just to recover what we have lost since the recession began, and that's not even compensating for population increases. The United States has sometimes been able to create such high levels of job growth after a recession, but job growth during the most recent economic recovery was much, much slower. After the 2001 recession, it took several years before we saw any consistent job growth and 350,000 were created in only two months of the entire economic cycle.

The mixed news from the recent jobs report continued on many levels, but the overall direction of the labor market is trending up. The employment-to-population ratio — an indication of total labor market strength — rose slightly to 58.4 in January from 58.2 the previous month. The average work week increased by 0.1 hour to 33.9 hours for the month, indicating companies are starting to need additional labor.

Temporary help increased by 52,000 in January and has averaged nearly that level for the past four months. Rising temporary help is often an early indicator of increasing payroll in future months.

But long-term unemployment hit a new record again this month. More than 41 percent of the unemployed have been looking for a job for 27 weeks or more, a post-World War II high. And though total unemployment was down, that was in part because more people have stopped looking for work. There were 2.5 million people in January 2010 only marginally attached to the labor market — those who would like a job but didn't actively look during the past four weeks. This is an increase of 400,000 from a year ago.

Women inched closer to parity with men, and now hold 49.9 percent of all jobs. The employment-to-population ratio for men 20 years and older is now 66.4 percent, meaning only two-thirds of adult men have a job right now. Prior to this recession that figure had never fallen below 70 percent since World War II. This is a remarkable drop in men's employment and we cannot move forward until we've addressed this problem.

Yet job losses continued in male-dominated industries last month. Construction lost 75,000 more jobs in January — the 31st month of employment declines — and transportation and warehousing employment fell by 19,000.

State and local government layoffs were a particular drag on the economy. State governments shed 18,000 workers and local government 23,000. And more than 15,000 of these state and local government job losses were in education.

What our economy and workers need now is another boost in spending to ensure job growth is faster and more widespread throughout the economy. A few sectors of the economy are creating jobs, but most businesses are not hiring because they do not see sufficient demand for their goods and services. A basic step to boosting demand is to get the unemployed back to work.

Employing more people doesn't just get those workers back on the job; it affects the momentum of the economy, which ultimately creates the cycle of private sector job creation that we need. Unemployed workers have few dollars with which to purchase goods and services, and giving them a job injects an immediate boost to their family budget and our national economy. We need to build on the successes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and use scarce federal dollars in the most efficient way to boost demand and get the unemployed back to work.

The Center for American Progress has put out such a plan, which calls for infrastructure investment and aid to state and lo-

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WELL GIRLS, SEEING HOW ALL THREE OF US HAVE A VEHICLE IN FOR REPAIRS DUE TO THE RECENT NEWS REPORTS OF NOT ONLY TOYOTA, BUT FORD AND GM CARS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE ACCELERATOR STICKING, AND BEING THAT NONE OF US HAVE A SECOND SET OF WHEELS OTHER THAN MY BICYCLE, I THINK WE SHOULD RETHINK OUR TRAVEL PLANS OF DRIVING TO FLORIDA. ANY SUGGESTIONS?



LETTERS

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Village recall

To the Editor:

Last night's Village finance committee meeting of the whole foretells political stalemate for the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council until the results of the recall vote this May are counted.

Two of the three sitting members of the finance committee were absent at what was the first meeting of the finance committee, expanded to a new committee of the whole following the announced filing of the recall petitions.

With only three months to go before the council must decide the millage increase and submit a budget for next year, this meeting was the first opportunity to begin the budget draft.

Yes, the Village is only just beginning the process for budgeting for next year. What happened: Most of the meeting was devoted to hand wringing by the city manager, mayor and the two recall named

council members concerning the legal status of Village governance post-recall should they be turned out of office, and whether to authorize the Village attorney to deliver an opinion paid from deleted Village funds as to the ramifications for Village operations were the recall to succeed.

The rest of the meeting was spent debating whether or not to survey the residents about possible reductions in service and an open forum for ideas as to how to cut expenses.

At the last Village council meeting, the head of the finance committee plus the senior finance member promised to have a draft of the new budget ready for the council meeting in two weeks — not likely now.

Instead of action, what we have is council majority disbelief and denial, coupled with a fear of announcing cuts lest it spur the recall effort to success — a total "lame duck" council until mid-May.

The official village budget work is unlikely to proceed until after early May.

So what is the good news? Will this tragedy end in the death of the political entity known as Grosse Pointe Shores? What a mess!

But therein lies hope for the Village. Democracy works best when it is at its messiest because people get emotionally involved and committed.

So people who support recall, now is the time to work on your own budget for the Village for May, because unless you people do the work, there will be no budget for the start of the next fiscal year, inviting state oversight and control.

JOHN BOOTH
Grosse Pointe Shores

League celebrates

To the Editor:

Ninety years ago, Carrie Chapman Catt first proposed a league of women voters to "finish the fight" and work to end all discrimination against women.

And so the League of Women Voters was founded on Valentine's Day 1920, six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Today we are a grassroots organization with 850 leagues throughout all 50 states. Although the league is known widely for our voter education efforts, the League of Women

Voters of Grosse Pointe has been an institution in the Grosse Pointes since 1950, working on immigration issues, fair and impartial selection of judges and health care reform, just to name a few.

The league is strictly non-partisan, but we have always been political, advocating to effect change at the national and local level.

As we enter into a new year, we don't know exactly what issues will confront the Grosse Pointes. We do know the league will be there doing what it has been trusted to do for more than 90 years: Discussing the important issues, asking the difficult questions and demanding accountability from our local government.

Our members join the league because they know that what ever happens to our democracy over the next 90 years, it should be up to us, the people.

The League of Women Voters is the organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement, and this year, on our 90th anniversary, we hope you will stand with us in this work. If we don't do it, who will?

For ways to become involved with the league, please call (313) 343-0771, or visit our website, grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org.

WILHELMINA GIBLIN
President
League of Women Voters

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Be my valentine — or not!



Many of us have plans for Valentine's Day. Mary and I will be having a romantic dinner at one of our favorite restaurants — The Early American Room in the Dearborn Inn.

Then we'll be off to a "Valentine's Rock N' Roll Spectacular Concert." For you early rock n' rollers, you might remember some of the acts that will be performing: The Platters, "Great Pretender," Eddie Holman, "Hey There Lonely Girl," The Flamingos, "I Only Have Eyes For You," The Mystics, "Hush A Bye," and The Reflections, "Just Like Romeo and Juliet."

For you youngsters out there, these were huge acts back in the '50s and '60s when music actually had words you could understand and say in front of your children.

We will be acting groovy — another word from the '50s — and having a wonderful evening. Maybe we can find a sock hop somewhere too — another '50's tradition.

Whatever the case, hope your plans will include your favorite companion.

Valentine's Day also has a somber meaning for our family. It was on this day 19 years ago my dad had a heart attack and subsequently died a month later. At his funeral I gave the eulogy and mentioned dad always had a flair for the dramatic and thus his Valentine's Day heart attack and death on St. Patrick's Day and burial on the first day of spring was his way of forever embedding those dates in our minds. Actually he didn't have to do that because we would never forget him.

Dad started his last Valentine's Day by giving mom a huge heart-shaped box of candy. He then went outside to clear the snow with a snow blower. Returning to the warmth of their house, he sat down, had a heart attack and was in coma until he died.

Mom had that box of candy when she passed 10 years later. I know mom and dad are together again on this day. Knowing my dad, I'm sure he has enlisted one of those heavenly angels to deliver another box of candy to mom. Love prevails — even in eternity. So Valentine's Day in our family certainly has a special meaning for us.

There are others I wonder

what plans they will have for this special day and what memories they will cradle in their hearts.

Wouldn't it be interesting to find out what Tiger Woods is doing for Valentine's Day? Wonder if he will be sending cards to all his girlfriends. And what would the cards state — "Be My Valentine but don't tell my wife!" Tiger is probably still contemplating why he followed the Nike commercial admonition of "Just Do It!"

Former senator and presidential candidate John Edwards has a dilemma too since he has two Valentines to send out — one to his wife who has filed for divorce and one for his girlfriend. Anyone know if there is a Valentine card that states, "You Are My Secret Valentine With A Child I Just Acknowledged After Two Years." And who can forget all his campaign speeches about ethics and morality? What a joke!

How about Hugh Hefner. Does he send out Valentine cards to all the bunnies or does he just make a general announcement. He has had so many, shall we say, interactions, it must be difficult to send out cards. I'll bet his Valentine's Day card reads: "To whom it may concern — You may or may not have been my Valentine but since I am

now 84 years old you should understand if I don't remember you. Happy Valentine's Day anyway." Somehow I think the words from the Julio Iglesias/Willie Nelson song is always playing in the Hefner mansion:

"To all the girls I've loved before
Who traveled in and out my door
I'm glad they came along
I dedicate this song
To all the girls I've loved before."

And who can forget the Governor of South Carolina, Mark Sanford, who proclaimed his "soul mate" was not his wife but a lover in Argentina. He took a trip to visit her while his aides stated he was hiking in the Appalachian Mountains. He gets this card from his wife: "Happy Valentine's Day Putz! Now go take a long hike in the mountains."

So there you have it — cards for every situation. However you celebrate this day, make it special for yourself and someone else. I'll be with my special Valentine on this day. Will you be with yours?

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

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I SAY By Amy Salvagno

Finding love, adventure on the isthmus



Long before Match.com and eHarmony, when personal ads weren't accessible, there was the date gate.

A single U.S. soldier, looking for a dance partner or evening companion to the NCO Club each Friday and Saturday, had his pick here.

Assigned to an Army base near the central coast of the Pacific Ocean, cut out of the jungles of Panama, an eligible bachelor in uniform had too few chances to find a lifetime love.

But along a two-lane road, at an entrance where housekeepers, gardeners and civilian workers were allowed in each day, a soldier could at least happen upon someone to share conversation, coffee and a few laughs.

Or maybe, at this time of year, a valentine.

I believe the military did what it could to give families and servicemen and women stationed overseas some sense of normalcy while they were away from the familiar. We had a swimming pool, a recreation center, a movie theater that aired films six months after their U.S. release and even a carnival here and there.

I'm not sure the date gate — as it was affectionately nicknamed — was an original idea, but it became notorious none-the-less.

The gate was actually a pedestrian entrance onto Fort Clayton — where I lived from fourth- through sixth-grade — that let in local Panamanian residents who showed up for work each day. But when the weekend came, it morphed into a quasi-singles mixer. Soldiers were allowed to sign in two guests each evening, so the line of prospective bachelorettes formed early — and with quite the competition.

Apparently, as young as my brother and I were back then, we were still pretty observant. In the back of our family-station wagon, on the way to the commissary, we'd exclaim, "Look,

Mom, it's the date gate!"

The two of us were close companions in our elementary school days and took advantage of the adventure living in an exotic, untried environment. We explored the jungles in our backyard, avoiding run-ins with snakes and poisonous frogs, and ate from the native banana and coconut trees.

On our way home from school, we'd take a peek at the creek across the street from our house, looking for the caiman crocodile who enjoyed sunning himself on the rocks each afternoon.

Then we'd climb up into our tree house — built in a palm tree — with bottles of Coca-Cola and Orange Crush, which were sold door-to-door by the crateful. We'd stare down at the tiny-tailed agouti — the rainforest's version of a squirrel — creeping out of the jungle, realizing we were out of sight.

We searched trees that sprouted high up into the sky for different species of monkeys, spied on the praying mantis that perched itself on our car and followed the trail along our driveway of leaf cut-

ter ants who could take down an entire bush, piece by piece, like little workmen. Frazzled the teeny insects were destroying the garden my mother had created, my father, armed with a can of gasoline, headed into the jungle, determined to destroy the nest. When the ground around him began to sink like quicksand, he realized their home turf was more than he could conquer.

For three years, my brother and I circled our bikes around Fort Clayton's 2,180 acres and practically lived at the pool. The only time we were shuttered inside was during the rainy season, from May through November. Like clockwork each afternoon, storm clouds would gather and show-ers would fall, but never for very long. And we kept busy building pillow forts and lining up plastic toy soldiers for war.

For weekend getaways, our family would drive to beaches on the Atlantic side of the country. Lodging was available on Fort Sherman, which was located at the northern end of the Panama Canal. For a long time, it was the center for the Army's jungle warfare train-

ing. I remember it as the place I learned to ride waves with a boogie board and where we strolled the ruins of the Spanish Fort San Lorenzo, which overlooks the Rio Chagres, a rough river that empties into two oceans.

Our base was located near the Pacific opening of the Panama Canal and overlooked the Miraflores Locks, which cruise liners, cargo ships and banana boats passed through. When we took fishing trips on nearby Gatun Lake, our little Jon boat would often get caught up in the large vessels' wakes as they sailed by.

To enter Fort Clayton at the main gate — usually coming from the commissary or Post Exchange — vehicles' passengers had to flash a military ID card. Then they'd get a salute. From there, we'd usually stop to check our mail at the on-base post office.

As a young girl, I long wondered why there were bars on nearly all the windows of our house — and by house, I mean a 900-square-foot cinderblock military duplex my mother miraculously made feel like home. During my 11th birth-

day party, I found out why. As my brother opened the kitchen door to head outside, he came face-to-face with a stranger holding a machete. The man was stuffing a ball of masking tape into our deadbolt in hopes of returning later — to an unlocked house — to rob us. My dad, a carton of ice cream in hand, had just returned from the store, saw the intruder and chased after him, at least to my memory, with a baseball bat.

In fifth-grade, I wore a yellow ribbon to school for nearly six months, waiting for my dad to come home from serving in Operation Desert Storm. I think that was more frightening than watching a snake slither by the tire swing in our backyard.

There was some normality thrown in with the extraordinary: Much like my peers back in the states, I got braces and color-coordinated the bands at different holidays; learned how to use the Dewey Decimal System; and cheered for a youth flag football team — and then never again.

And yes, I even had a valentine — though I assure you we did not meet at the date gate.

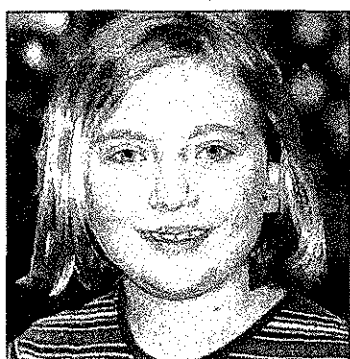
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

How should we celebrate the people we love every day?

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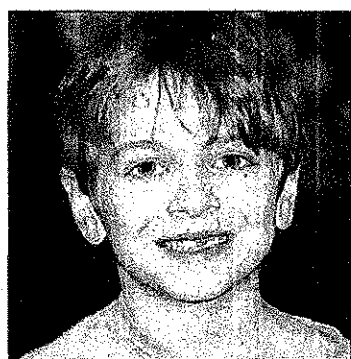
'Give a heart shaped-box filled with chocolates, write cards and give the people you love a big hug.'
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'Give them candy, give them hugs and compliments.'
NATALIE CLEXTION
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'Make jewelry for them and be patient if you are asked to do something.'
LAINE JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Park



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HENRY COYLE
City of Grosse Pointe



'Do the dishes for mom and dad when they are sick and serve them breakfast in bed for every holiday.'
WILLIAM CRADER
City of Grosse Pointe

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Early businesses in the Grosse Pointes



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

At Jefferson Avenue and Nottingham is an attractive woman's apparel shop. The Marguerite Incorporated, ensembles, daytime and evening dresses, millinery, lingerie and hosiery may be purchased. In the Punch and Judy theatre building is a dress shop, (The Judy) giving much the same service. This is at Kercheval and Fisher Road. Both of these shops supply the demands of women of refinement and discrimination.

There are two very interesting book stores in the Kercheval shopping district.

Margaret Snow Sanger, and the Doubleday Doran Book shops incorporated, conduct the "Little Book Shop" at 17116 Kercheval Avenue near Cadieux Road. This shop has all the facilities which characterize the Double Day Doran Book Shops, which "Fortune" in its February issue calls "The most progressive and best managed chain of book stores in America." A comprehensive stock of the books of all publishers is carried, including a large selection of children's books. Greeting cards and personal stationery also are sold. A rental library is part of the Shop's services. Other facilities of this little shop include: Complimentary advance copies of "Books" and famous weekly literary supplement of the New York Herald Tribune, Complimentary copies of "The Book Dial" a carefully compiled and edited magazine, devoted to current books, and available exclusively through Double Day Doran Book Shops. The Telegraphic Delivery of books to New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and oth-

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A second book shop is located in the Punch and Judy Theatre Building and is a branch of the "Sign of the Mermaid" a book store in Detroit. Both this shop and the very inviting Florist shop next door, owned and operated by Arthur Passelk, are especially attractive and unique, having walls and ceilings of antique pine which gives a very home-like appearance.

"The Junior League Little

Shope" operated by the "Junior League" of Grosse Pointe is an especially fine gift shop. The dainty hand made articles of the handicapped are sold here. It is located with the Little Book Shop at 17116 Kercheval Avenue. Across the street is a Sanders Confectionery store. This is one of the many branches of the Sanders Company of Detroit. Fine candy and ice creams, bake goods and lunches are their specialties. G and R McMillans is one of the largest grocery stores in Grosse Pointe, it is located at Kercheval Avenue and Cadieux Road.

Besides being widely known as importers, McMillans are state distributors for the finest and best known brands of wines and liquor. Their wine department contains imports from France, Germany, Austria and Italy.

Also domestic wines from California and New York State. This large store has a very complete and attractive grocery, fruit, meat, bakery and candy departments. Almost every kind of imported food may be

procured here. A high class of trade is served, as almost every

type of imported food stuffs may be purchased.

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cal governments, along with direct investments in job creation through initiatives such as expanding our national service programs. And there is growing momentum in the White House and on Capitol Hill for these types of job creation policies.

President Barack Obama laid out his ideas for promoting immediate job growth in his State of the Union address: \$30 billion from the Troubled Asset Relief Program for community banks, a jobs tax credit for small businesses who hire workers or raise wages, eliminating the capital gains tax credit on all small business investment, putting Americans back to work building infrastructure and rebates for home efficiency.

The House of Representatives has already passed a jobs bill that would

redirect \$75 billion of TARP funds toward infrastructure investment and aid to state and local governments, which would immediately boost demand in the economy.

The Senate now needs to act. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recently announced a package of job creation bills the Senate will soon take up. The bills are set to include improved access to credit for small businesses, investments in infrastructure and energy efficiency, aid to local governments, increases in youth summer job programs, and targeted tax in-

centives to spur immediate job growth.

Congress is taking action on job creation legislation. And this months' jobs numbers are a stark reminder that they need to do so quickly.

The recovery is just starting to take hold, but we are in a much more massive jobs hole than previously thought and need rapid job creation to get out of it.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe
15 suspensions

A 30-year-old male motorist from Detroit, pulled over at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, on Mack near Cadieux for operating a Ford Explorer with defective taillights, was arrested for violating 15 driver's li-

cense suspensions.
Keep on truckin'
A Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe emergency center security video shows a female patient in a \$500 wheelchair being pushed out of the hospital at about 1:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1. The wheelchair was not returned.
—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
Oblivious

A man driving a dark blue Chrysler 300M gave police sev-

eral reasons to investigate him for drunken driving at 9:40 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, on east-bound Mack near Cloverly.
"He swerved from left to right lanes and was unable to maintain a straight path of travel," said an officer. "He would slow and pull to the curb but continue to drive in the metered parking lane. At one point, (he) stopped, then continued to drive again."
The man registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level. "He admitted drinking shots" at a bar in St. Clair Shores, said police.

Sleepy time guy

A 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, arrested for drunken driving at 1:22 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, admitted consuming "a couple" of drinks before operating his 2006 Subaru Legacy station wagon in the area of Mack and Moross, according to the arresting officer.

"(He) appeared to be falling asleep at the wheel while stopped at the light at Mack and Moross," said the officer. "The vehicle almost struck a row of parked vehicles in front of the service station at Mack and Gateshead."

During an investigation near Fisher, the man acted fumbly, stumbly and spoke with slurred speech, according to police.

He refused to take a Breathalyzer test and was taken to an area hospital for a blood test.

Jewelry gone I

Five pieces of woman's jewelry with a total value approaching \$2,000 was reported missing last week from a house in the first block of Lewiston.

The victim has a suspect in mind.

Reported missing are a yellow gold 14 karat sapphire and diamond ring, a heavy gold chain, two light-weight gold chains and a silver Tiffany heart necklace.

Pistol missing

A man who moved 10 years ago from the 200 block of Provencal to Ann Arbor reported to Farms police last week that he may have done so with-

out his handgun.
The man realized his .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver has been missing since making the move in 2000.

"With all the contractors in the home (the man) is unsure if the gun was lost or stolen," said an officer.

Armed

A 21-year-old St. Clair Shores man, investigated at 9:37 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, for a traffic infraction on westbound Mack near East Warren, was arrested for possession of a loaded Jennings 9 mm handgun, said the arresting officer.

The man's record included a 2006 conviction for felony assault with intent to commit armed robbery, police said.

An officer monitoring the area of Mack and Moross pulled over the man for operating a 1999 Chrysler 300M with bright headlights.

"He made several furtive gestures toward the center console and was waving his arms and yelling from inside the vehicle," said the officer.

Upon ordering the man out of the car, the officer saw a portion of the handgun sticking out from under the driver seat.

Jewelry gone II

Nearly \$2,000 worth of men's jewelry was reported missing last week by a man who told police he hosted four open houses last October and November at a dwelling in the 300 block of Ridgemon.

Missing are a gold chain with Christ pendant, gold wedding band, diamond gold solitaire, ruby gold solitaire, onyx ring with small diamonds, onyx pinky-sized ring, a watch and \$13 worth of Susan B. Anthony coins.

Sleepy time gal

A 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman arrested for drunken driving at 1:35 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, admitted drinking "a lot," according to an arresting officer.

The officer had roused the woman from sleeping at the wheel of a 1999 Chrysler Cirrus parked with its engine running on Lakeshore near Elm Court.

When awakened, "(she) put the vehicle in drive and began to drive forward for approximately 10 feet," the officer said.

The woman reportedly refused to take a Breathalyzer test to determine her blood al-

cohol level.
Consequently, police obtained a search warrant for a sample of her blood to be drawn at a hospital for testing.

—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

Fire run

A problem with a chimney that would not draw smoke brought public safety officers to a house on Lakepointe the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 4. A fan helped remove the smoke.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Public Safety Officer Daniel Kolar on 15 years of service and to Sgt. James Hoshaw on 19 years of service.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Intercepted?

A teenage male from Dearborn with a history of breaking into cars was arrested early one morning last week operating a 2002 GMC suspiciously slow on southbound Lakeshore near Renaud.

A patrolman cruising the area at 2:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, saw the a 17-year-old man at Vernier make an illegal turn from northbound Lakeshore and proceed slowly.

"(He) has previous convictions for larceny from autos," said the patrolman.

The GMC was occupied by four additional teenage males from Dearborn.

Officers arrested the driver for violating multiple driver's license suspensions. The man posted \$300 bond and was released.

Overdone

Burnt toast triggered a false fire alarm shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at a house on Lochmoor.

—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

Locker larceny

The principal of Parcels Middle School told police a female student who stayed after school for volleyball practice Thursday, Feb. 4, found a man rummaging through her locker. He ran from the locker room when she entered. Nothing was taken. The student said the suspect was a white male in his early 20s.

—Kathy Ryan
If you have information on this or any other crimes, contact the Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

PLANNING: Opponents say action premature

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"The vote you just took is exceptionally premature. All of those questions will be distinctly addressed as soon as there is a decision on signatures. To spend taxpayers money on this is very irresponsible."

"Maybe Dan's got a point," said Harry Kurtz, a recall critic. "Maybe we should be waiting to see if this is going to turn out to be a bogus deal or if it's on the level. It would be a concern to spend money on (attorney fees) if that was the case."
"We need answers because

we need to run the city," Cooper said. "If we're all recalled and there's no city government, what happens? Who makes the appointments (to fill vacant seats)?"

He said he presented the question to county and state officials, but received no clear answer.

"Their suggestion to me was, 'Talk to your counsel,'" Cooper said. "We need to have our corporate counsel look into it and report back to us at the Feb. (16) council meeting. Obviously, if the recall isn't successful, we continue on as we

are."
"It would be irresponsible of us not to have some planning going on, regardless," said Boyce.

"I'll probably have somebody in my firm look at it," said Graziani, an attorney.

To prepare for contingencies, Cooper said the mid-May meeting of the pension board has been advanced to April.

"If we have no government after May 4, there is nobody to make a decision," he said.

An audit of the pension plan and health care trust has been moved up to late March.

BORERS: There are fewer trees to treat

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house."
Brennan wants to save as many ash trees in the Farms as his tight budget allows.

"The Farms has consistently respected the value of the trees," he said. "There is more value to them than just being a tree. They cool the environment. They help control the environment in your home; especially larger, mature trees."

City

In the City of Grosse Pointe, a \$14,000-per-year injection program begun in 2004 ended last year, with one exception.

"We have a 53-inch ash tree as you walk into Neff Park," said Frank Schulte, public service supervisor in charge of trees. "That's the only one we're injecting. We're spending about \$400 per year on it. We're trying to save that one. That's about all we can do,

budgetwise."
Schulte likes some ash trees better than others.

"There's two varieties of ash, the Green Marshall, which is not a very nice tree," he said. "It has bad growth habits. But, the autumn purple white ash has great growth habits and beautiful fall colors. It's an outstanding tree. I hate to see it go. But, everything comes down to money."

Shores

In the Shores, injections were scaled back a couple of years ago.

"We're going to continue to inject some smaller trees and hold back the tide," said Brett Marshall, head of the Shores tree board and owner of a tree care company.

Shores injections of county-owned ash along the Lakeshore median has stopped altogether, which is why most of them are dead, gone and re-

placed with saplings.
Fewer trees means fewer injections, which reduces pressure on static or declining budgets to protect the city's remaining trees.

"We're not going to discontinue treatments at all," Marshall said. "It's just that there are fewer trees to treat."

Back in the Park, where Colter's budget has been reduced 20 percent this year, the city is unlikely to win its 11th consecutive Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

A cornerstone criteria for the award is spending more money on trees than the previous year.

"We were one of only three Michigan communities to reach the foundation's Sterling Award, signifying we got the Growth Award for 10 years," Colter said. "This year, we're spending less because of budget cuts."

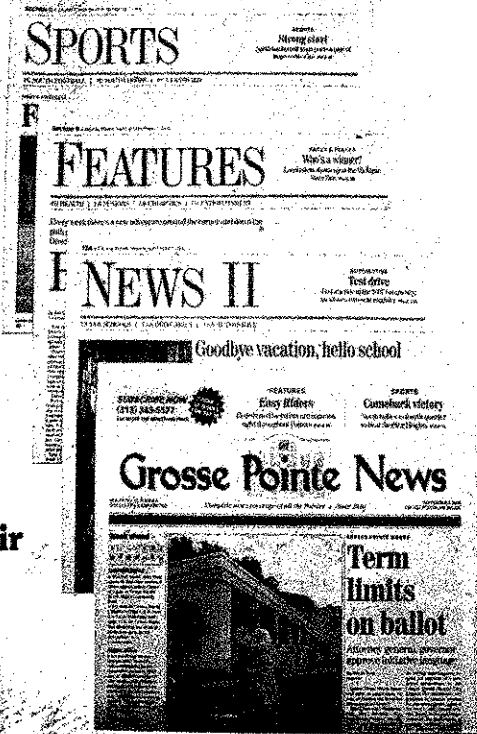
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Sgt. Robert Bensinger
Traffic Safety Section

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 20, 2010, provided they are corrected to reflect under Mayor Pro tem Szymanski's comments West Bloomfield should replace Rochester Hills, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on January 25, 2010.
- 2) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2010 Goal Setting Session.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 89736 through 89870 in the amount of \$315,102.35 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$6,753.04 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of December 2009.
- 2) To accept the proposal dated January 14, 2010 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$46,200 for the 2009 audit.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Tim Killeen, left, the Grosse Pointe's Wayne County commissioner, listens to the State of the State address as guest of Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, right, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

FROSH: Trying to change the culture in Lansing

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ticularly local government and school board officials — that a July 1 budget deadline makes a lot of sense," Bledsoe said.

The resolution's lead sponsor is Bill Rogers, R-Brighton.

He said Granholm's endorsement was "music to my ears. As a freshman caucus, we're trying to change the culture. It is not easy to do. We have to do some changes. We are willing to stick our necks out. Now, we want action."

Another freshman, Rep. Larry DeShazor, R-Portage, supports the July deadline, but would rather require two-year budgets with May 15 deadlines.

"There's no urgency up here," DeShazor said about entrenched partisanship that stalls legislation. "There's second- and third-termers up here who are still fighting with each other."

Legislators the past two years missed the current budget deadline. Blown deadlines have caused everything from shutdowns of state services to put-downs of Michigan as a place that can't get its house in order.

"The budget process is broken — it's a last-minute, crisis-driven disaster," Granholm scolded legislators. "A bipartisan group of freshmen in this House of Representatives have called for a constitutional amendment that will require us to complete the budget by July 1."

Lawmakers would be docked a day's pay for each

day the deadline isn't met.

"From here on out, let's make movies in Michigan, and let California make budget dramas," Granholm said.

Tax breaks

Bledsoe said he liked Granholm's speech, the last she'll give in her final, term-limited year of office.

"She seemed to be suggesting that we can't go on with business as usual, that we have to break from the past and undertake some fundamental reforms in how we do business in Michigan," Bledsoe said. "I'm glad to hear she is staking out that ground. That is going to set the stage for the legislature to tackle some of those tough problems."

He didn't join most of his party colleagues when they stood and applauded Granholm's words about using tax credits to lure movie companies.

"We are being overly generous with film industry tax credits," Bledsoe said. "I would like to look at pulling back on those. For the most part, those are people coming from out of state are here for a few weeks. Is that the way to develop the Michigan economy? I'm not convinced."

Revenue sharing

To Palmer Heenan, mayor of Grosse Pointe Park and a lifelong Republican, it is frustrating to see new businesses win tax breaks while municipalities receive reduced revenue sharing.

"We meet our financial responsibilities," Heenan said. "State and federal govern-

ments have no concern for taxpayers. Every year the last three or four years, the state has balanced its budget by reducing our share of the gas tax and our share of sale taxes. We're supposed to get a percentage of those."

Tim Killeen, the Grosse Pointe's Wayne County commissioner and a Democrat, attended the speech as Bledsoe's guest.

"I'm lobbying committee chairs on revenue sharing," Killeen said. "Out of our roughly \$2 billion county budget, about \$1 billion is pass-through dollars from Michigan and general fund dollars in terms of revenue sharing. It rolls down hill in this business. The county is near the end. Cities are at the end."

Working together

In light of declining municipal revenue, leaders of Grosse Pointe communities are searching for ways to share or combine services to save money.

"There always had been enough money in Michigan that cities could do their own thing," Killeen said. "That is no longer true."

Charles Pugh, newly-elected president of the Detroit city council, said Detroit and the suburbs should work together.

"This economy is hurting us all," Pugh said. "Property taxes are down. Income taxes are down. Unemployment is up. That affects people in Grosse Pointe and Detroit. We need cooperation between the Grosse Pointes and the city, especially the eastside."

son's case.

"We have nothing new to report at this time," said Detective Sgt. Andrew Pazuchowski, the lead investigator on the case. "We have followed up on every tip we have received. We have asked for assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office."

The Michigan State Police have been conducting polygraph tests. Two tests have been administered.

"There will be more, but we have to work within the state police's schedule," said Pazuchowski. "We expect to administer six or seven before we're done."

Pazuchowski urges anyone with information to contact Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

"Someone knows something," said John Matouk.

"We just want her home," added Michelle Romain.

FAMILY: Family hires investigator to help with search

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Romain was scared of water and never would have walked to the lake.

"She was terrified of water, she wouldn't even go out in a boat," said David Romain.

The family believes that she was abducted, but it was not a random abduction, that she left St. Paul with someone she knew.

According to her sister, Kathy Matouk, Romain believed she was being followed. She also thought her phone line was being tapped, so she disconnected her landline. She used a post office box because she thought someone was tampering with her mail.

"She was very concerned and had become very distraught," said Kathy Matouk. "I spoke with her the Sunday before she disappeared and asked her permission to take

her concerns to the police. We actually spoke twice on that Sunday. She was scared of something, but she said she felt better after she attended church."

The family does not believe that Joann Romain's diabetes affected her or that an insulin reaction caused her to become disoriented.

They also maintain that she never would have left her purse, which contained \$1,300, on the front seat of her car and just walk away.

The family has hired a private investigator, who continues his investigation. Hundreds of reward posters have been posted, tips have been called in to both the family and the police. Even psychologists have contacted the family.

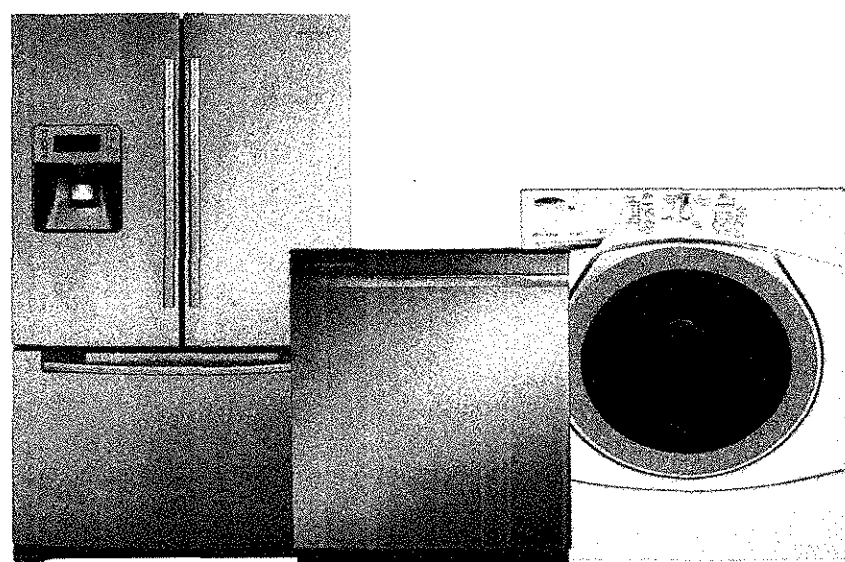
The case has been turned over to the Grosse Pointe Woods police, and they are pursuing it as a missing per-

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Budget work intensifies

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

As state legislators receive this week the 2010-11 budget proposal, Grosse Pointe school officials are rolling up their own sleeves to tackle challenges that didn't drift far from last year's toiling.

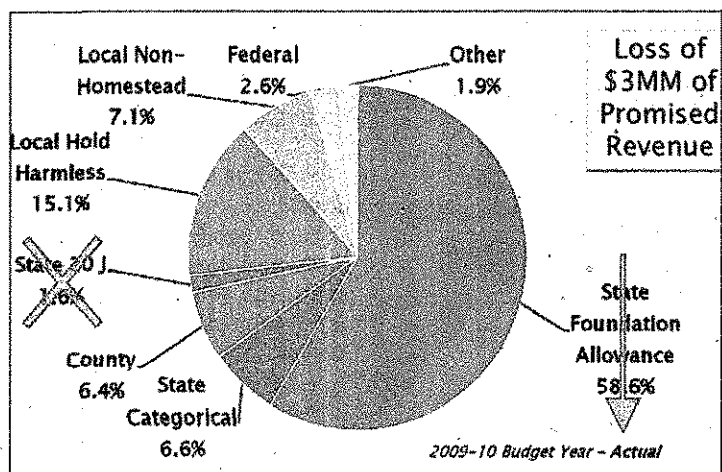
Board of education trustees get a first look at the next fiscal year financial plan Monday, Feb. 22, but already have a picture of the hurdles in store, including the likelihood of more staff layoffs and plummeting funding from Lansing.

Board treasurer Brendan Walsh painted a bleak illustration at the most recent meeting as he presented parameters the administration will follow to develop the budget.

"We're dealing with the most significant problem the district has faced, at least in my memory," Walsh said. "We really felt it was important to give the background information necessary for you to have the same context and the same data to understand what we're dealing with."

"In this budget, we aim to deliver services to our students so each can perform to the best of their abilities, but there are problems in that mission given the budget dynamics of Proposal A and some revenue pressures."

The state supplies 65 percent of the district's \$100 million operating expenses



A graph illustrates where the Grosse Pointe school district receives its general fund revenue. In October 2009, it lost \$3 million when the state, trying to balance its fiscal year budget, cut out 20J funding and chopped per pupil funding.

through the State Foundation Allowance, funded by the School Aid Fund. Districts receive per pupil revenue from the foundation allowance, but it's tied to enrollment.

The School Aid Fund, which has no local involvement, is highly susceptible to the state's economic conditions, Walsh noted.

Last October, three months after the school board adopted the 2009-10 budget, the state chopped per pupil funds and the 20J funds the district receives — a loss of \$3 million in revenue.

Another per pupil cut is expected this year.

And while the district deals with declining funds, it's trying to manage an increase in personnel expenses, from

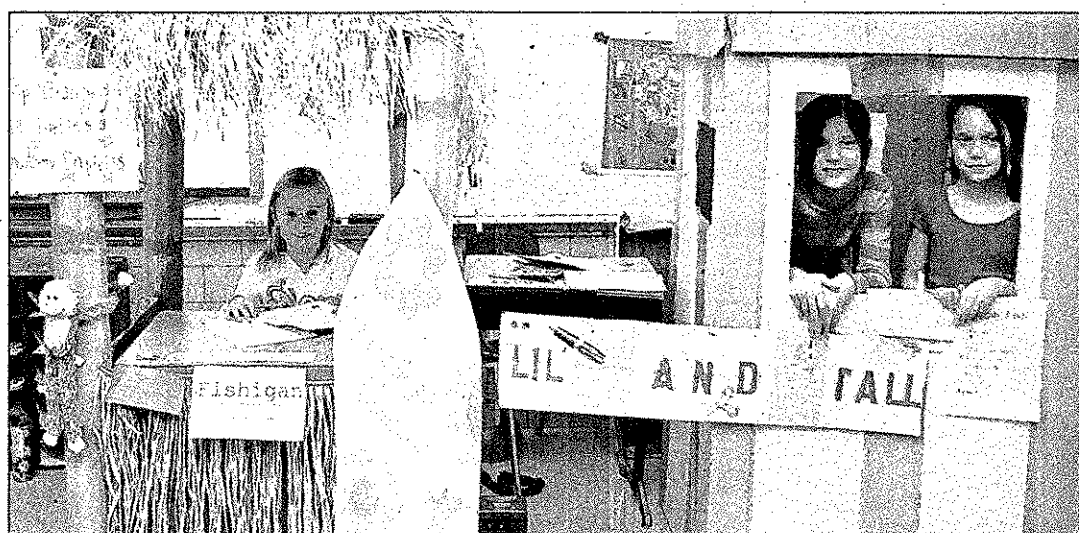
salary to rising retirement and health care costs, which have outpaced scaled reductions in students and staff.

"Despite a gradual reduction of employees over the last three years, the scale of employees to enrollment is out of skew. It doesn't scale naturally down with the scale of enrollment," Walsh said, referencing a chart comparing the number of employees to compensation.

In the 2009-10 school year, 35 fewer employees have cost more than 950 employees did in 2008.

Walsh expects retirement rates this year to be 58 percent higher than they were in 1999. He charges unfunded li-

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Business out of a box

Monteith Elementary School fourth-graders in Jim Fisher's class donned a different hat for a recent class unit: Business owner. Students created their own small storefront from cardboard boxes, each with its own speciality: a roadside stand that sold trees, a dollar store and Club JC, complete with a disco ball and music. Children used a special currency to shop from the unique establishments. Top: Caroline's Cabana, managed by Caroline Weaver, offered hemp bracelets and turtles made from beach shells. Next door was 'Lil and Tall by ElleAnna Casterline and Maddy Martinbianco, which sold school supplies. One avenue of shops consisted of The Sweet Treat Bakery, run by Lilly Reinhard and featuring homemade goodies; ABC's Entertainment, managed by Alex Haring and Charlie Weiss, offered a massage chair and video games; The Walking Taco, run by Evan Nyquist; and The Peace Palace, where Adam Weinkauff sold tie-dye shirts.

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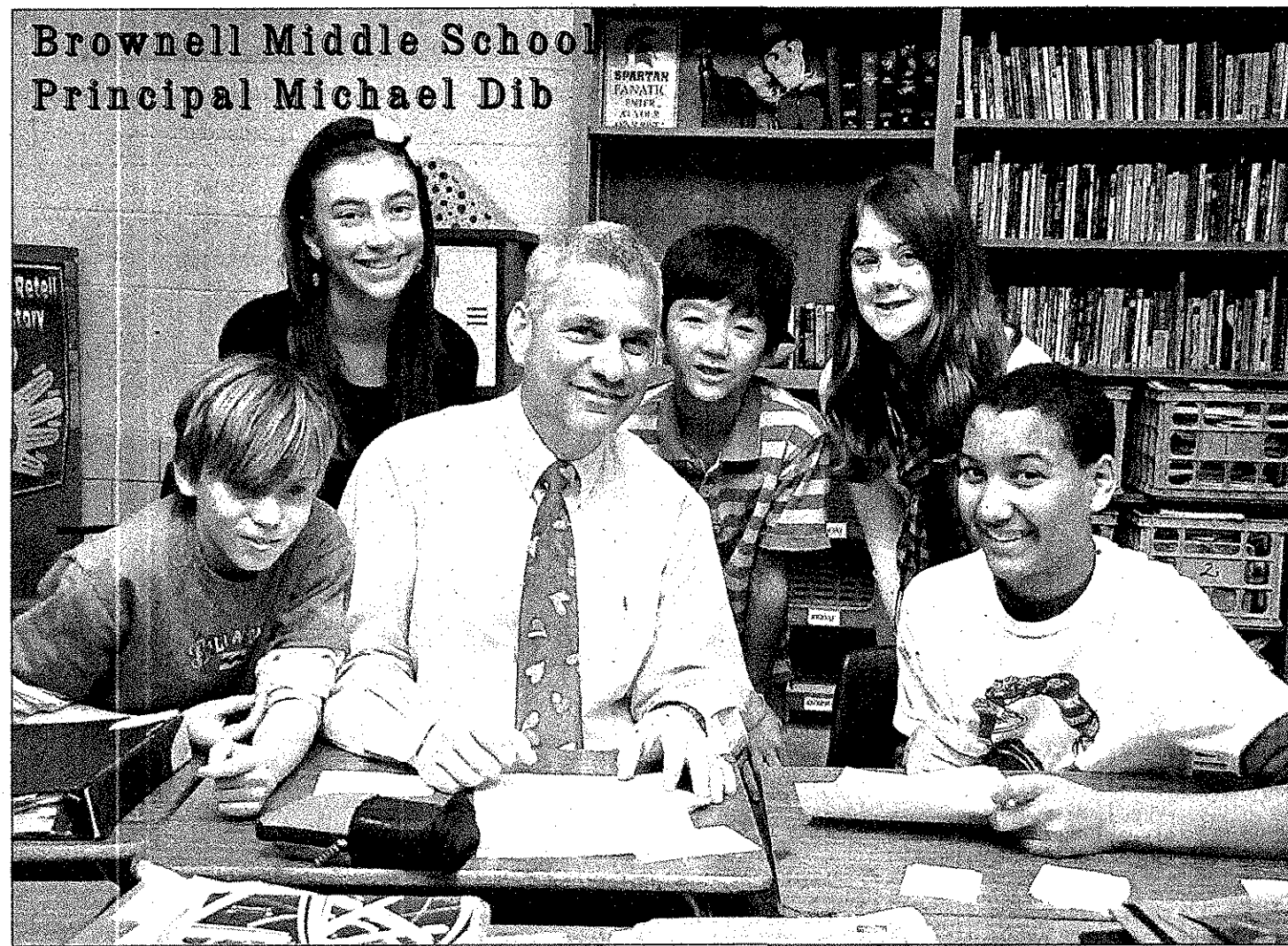


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Michael Dib says he's lucky to be principal of the Grosse Pointe Farms school. He's pictured with, back row from left, Ariana Serventi, Andy Jakub and Megan Kramer, and, front row from left, Ryan Austin and Noah Marion.

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

• Hometown: Fraser

• **Background:** Dib's father worked for Die Engineering at General Motors and retired in 2007. His mother, a former nun, earned her nursing degree when he was in high school and works at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township. Dib is the oldest of four children.

• **Family:** Married 30 years to Nancy; father to two

daughters, ages 22 and 24.

• **Education:** Associate's degree from Macomb Community College; bachelor's degree from University of Michigan at Dearborn; master's in reading from Oakland University; doctorate in educational leadership and curriculum development from Western Michigan University.

Dib's doctorate classes were held at Macomb and recalls the university's student pilots flew the professors in from Kalamazoo to Selfridge Air National Guard base and took

them back at night.

• **Jobs up to this point:** In high school, Dib was hired as a little league coach through the Fraser recreation department. From there, he was asked to run after-school activities at the elementary schools, such as floor hockey and dodge ball.

He also worked as a busboy, dishwasher and parking attendant at a restaurant, and in the 80s, he was hired as a census taker.

While earning his master's, Dib was a second- and fifth-

grade student-teacher in Plymouth Canton schools, a district he chose because "it was a growing district."

From 1980-81, he taught sixth-grade in Fraser, but was laid off because the district was closing some schools due to declining enrollment.

Dib was hired as a fourth-grade teacher at Poupard Elementary School from 1981-82. He was laid off again and hired at Richard Elementary School to teach second-grade from 1982-83.

Out of a job again from 1983-84, Dib remained in the Grosse Pointe school district

as a substitute teacher. He was called back to teach fifth-grade at Mason Elementary School from 1984 to 1991.

He returned to Poupard from 1991-95 as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher.

Dib applied to a number of principal positions at like-districts throughout metro Detroit, but in 1995, he was hired as principal of Maire Elementary School.

He left for Brownell in 2000.

• Why did you decide to become an educator?

I just really enjoyed that part (while coaching) of working with kids. It really spring-boarded me into wanting to be a teacher.

• What is your favorite food?

Beef tenderloin, medium rare, and jumbo Alaskan king crab legs — and lots of butter. And banana cream pie for dessert.

• What are your hobbies?

Fishing and attending high school athletic events. And trying to keep up with my daughters.

• Where is your favorite vacation spot?

We have a place in Caseville.

In the U.S., Sanibel and Captiva islands, near Fort Myers, Fla. We rented Usher's home for a family reunion there once.

I've been to two Olympics, in 1984 in Los Angeles and in 1996 in Atlanta. We took a motor home to both.

I've also been to the Amazon rain forest in Peru with an educational group.

I've gone salmon and halibut fishing in Alaska and British Columbia and have a sailfish and marlin fishing trip planned to Guatemala in February 2011

• If you could go any place, where would it be?

I'd like to go up toward Maine, the northeast. It's the only place in the U.S. I haven't

been.

• Anything the Brownell community may not know about you?

I am a professionally trained Santa Claus. I worked at mall and attended events around the metro area for eight years, from age 18-26.

I went to Santa school — a man ran a one-week program at Macomb Mall. You have to know the names of the reindeer. You never know if the children have parents, so you ask them, "How are your folks?" You never say, "Ho, Ho, Ho," because it can scare the kids. And, when asked, you say, "I'm as old as my tongue and a little older than my teeth."

I met my wife in the Santa castle — she was a pixie.

• What are your days like as principal?

Some say no two days are the same, but I say no two hours are the same, which is a good thing.

My goal is to get into every classroom once a day. Just by being visible and in the classroom and around the school each day, that's how you learn who the kids are.

• What do you enjoy about your job?

Being a principal is kind of like being a grandparent. Hopefully, I have a little bit of life experience and a little bit of wisdom.

I can visit classrooms and go in and out and stay as long or as short as I want.

I can get to know all the students in the school, have fun and interact with the students all day long.

I just enjoy watching and observing what a great job our teachers and staff do every day. Even with budget challenges and increased class sizes, our teachers continue to challenge our kids to excel.

I just feel sorry for all the people in the world who will never have the privilege of being the principal of Brownell Middle School.

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Mosaic makers

Several Maire Elementary School students helped put together a mosaic that will hang near the entrance of Children's Hospital of Michigan. The mosaic design is based on the play, "How Jackson Saved the Sea," written by Maire mom Sara Fischer Hodges and performed by the school last spring. Students helped cut the tile pieces into smaller ones and used adhesive to position each and form the underwater picture. Some 12,300 pieces of tile were used to make up the mosaic.

Open enrollment at GPPK

Grosse Pointe Pre-Kindergarten, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, has on-going enrollment.

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al lunch hour.

Parents can tour the facility while it is in operation. Children may start school the day they turn 2- and a-half.

For more information or to schedule a visit, call Director Sarah Babcock at (313) 886-4747.

Mom to Mom sale returns in March

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, furniture, toys, baby items 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 ckm2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 885-5998, ext. 1.

Teacher of the Week

This week, it's **Maire Elementary School second-grade teacher Linda Whelan.**

She was nominated by student Emma Naporano: "She is very nice and helpful. She makes learning fun. My mom says Mrs. Whelan will make me ready for fourth-grade by the end of this year, even though I will be going into third-grade."

Years at the City of Grosse Pointe school: 15

Previous work: After graduating from Wayne State University, I taught first-grade for five years: two years at Defer Elementary School, one year in California and two years in Ohio. Later, I moved back to Michigan and taught in Anchor Bay for 10 years, teaching second- through fourth-grade, and conducted workshops for teachers at the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Why did you become a teacher?

From the time I was a small child, I listened to my Grandma Keegan share her memories of her time teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and living with her students' families. I spent countless hours 'playing school,' dreaming of the day that I would be a teacher. My dolls and stuffed animals were my students. I cut out paper report card covers, glued ledger sheets inside and recorded their grades.

As I grew older, my dream of teaching never wavered.

Shortly after I turned 14, my father passed away, and I came face-to-face with new experiences that truly solidified that career choice. My stay-at-home mother entered the work place, and so did I.

I wanted to help my mother

in raising myself and my two sisters, Kathy and Patty, who also became teachers. I was determined to be self-sufficient and from that point on I always had a job — many jobs!

During that difficult and busy time, the hours I spent tutoring and babysitting young children were the most rewarding. It felt magical, as if I were the children's Mary Poppins and anything was possible.

I watched the excitement on my little charges' faces when I arrived at their homes with my satchel full of activities for their lessons or for the hours I was there as their babysitter. I saw them become fascinated with the books, puzzles, games and paints that I brought, and those moments resonated most with my desire to pursue teaching as a career.

Lastly, I was inspired by the many sisters of the Dominican order who taught me at St. Paul High School, right here in Grosse Pointe. I had the utmost admiration for their dedication to their students and their passion for teaching.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Think about the joy you'd experience when cultivating a beautiful flower garden. That's what I get to do every day. Each day I walk into my garden and marvel at the miracle of its development.

It's a one of a kind perspective, watching each child flourish in their learning environment. Each child is so unique, so special. It may be their wit, sense of humor, lightheartedness, inquisitiveness, friendliness, shyness, diligence, patience, sincerity, to name a few qualities. It's an absolute pleasure and privilege to watch each child mature socially and intellectually and support them

in that process.

How do you feel about being nominated?

I am fortunate to be part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, which has so many outstanding educators, students and supportive parents. It's an honor to be recognized by the Grosse Pointe News, but more importantly to be nominated by Emma! One of the most incredible feelings a teacher can have is realizing that they have had a true impact on the lives of their students.

Some years ago, while visiting with my colleagues at (Superintendent) Dr. Suzanne Klein's annual kickoff to the

new school year assembly, a man approached me — not just walking, but running through the crowd. He wrapped me in a bear hug and excitedly shouted, "Mrs. Whelan! Mrs. Whelan!" I stepped back, confused. He began to tell me his story. His name was Jim Fischer and he had been recently hired as a first-grade teacher in Grosse Pointe. I had taught him in third grade in Anchor Bay... more than 30 years ago.

I was overwhelmed by his excitement. He remembered so many details of the year he was a student in my classroom. He began to share his memories: How I had developed a love of poetry for him and at

Christmas that year, he wanted only poetry books; how when we received a new student and classmates began teasing him, how I had taught them acceptance, respect and other life skills. He spoke of how I had taught spelling and writing. He revisited classroom rituals, bulletin boards and more. He said he wanted to pass along to his students everything I had taught him that year.

His memories truly touched my heart and that is why I am so thrilled to have been nominated by Emma. I hope Emma and her classmates, too, will leave their second-grade experience in June equally prepared to pursue their life passions.

Favorite book to share with students:

There is a collection of picture books written by my mother-in-law, Gloria Whelan. My second-graders ask to have them read aloud over and over: "A Week of Raccoons," "Bringing the Farmhouse Home," "Friend on Freedom River," "The Listeners," "The Three Mile Bridge," to name a few. Also, I use her novels for units of study. "Silver," "Friends," "Next Spring An Oriole," and "Miranda's Last Stand" are some that are perfect for the second-grade reading level and feature children as the storytellers.

—Amy Salvagno

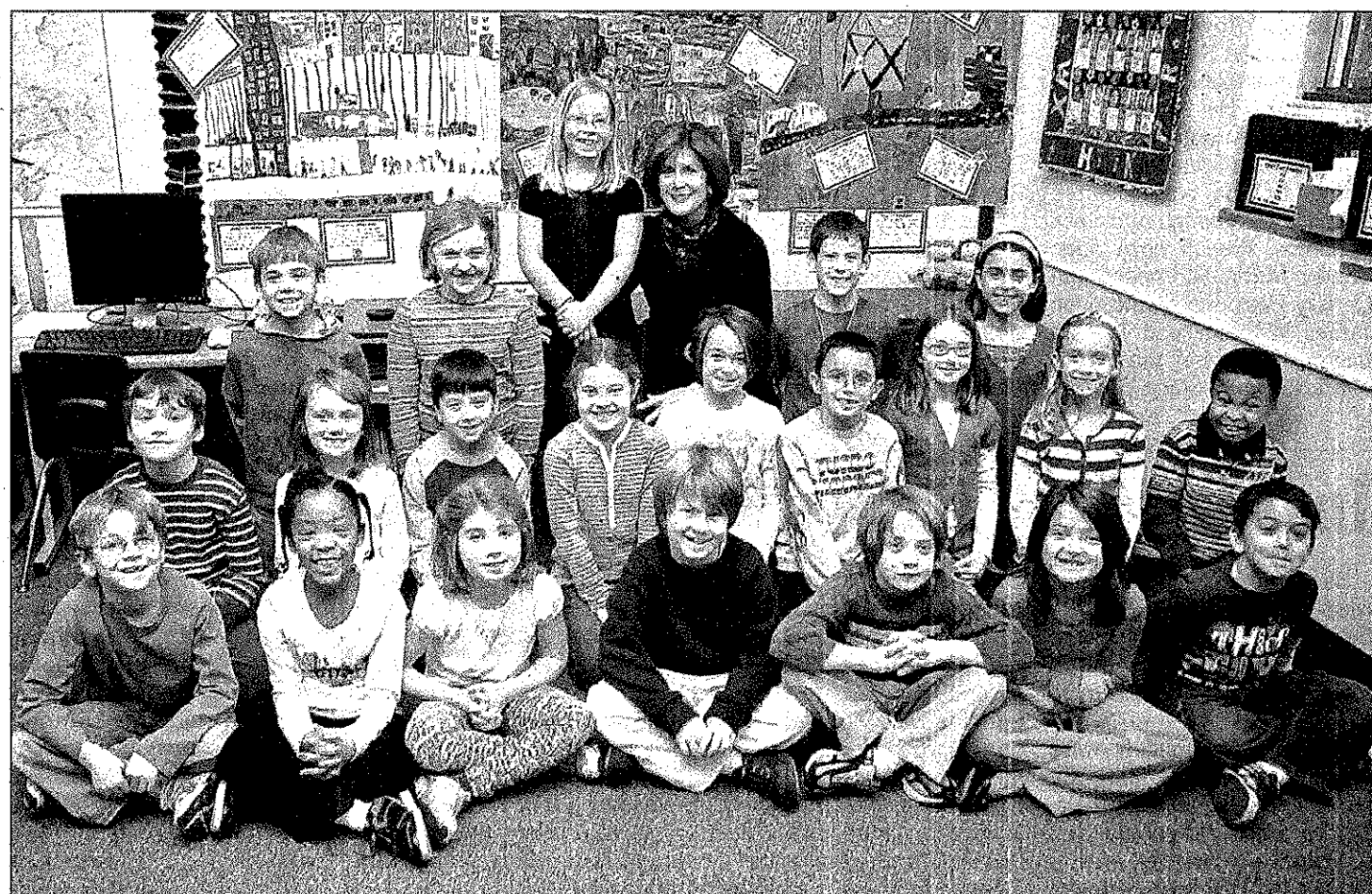


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Linda Whelan is surrounded by her second-grade students, including Emma Naporano, center, who nominated her.

BUDGET: Board tries balancing act

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ability — the difference between the benefits that have been promised to current and future retirees and what will be collected in dedicated taxes and Medicare premiums — with driving up costs.

Walsh said the district also invests more than the average of the top 70 districts — Grosse Pointe is 30th — in the state in several categories: 50.3 percent in basic instruction compared to 46.4 percent; 34.6 percent in teacher salaries compared to 29.2 percent, for example. In administration, it allocates 9.9 percent in administration compared to 11 percent.

When the unexpected cuts came in October — a mandate from Gov. Jennifer Granholm — the district turned to its fund equity. It soaked up a \$2.2 million wound, but dropped below 17 percent of the general fund revenue.

Walsh said if the district avoids corrective action in the next two years, it will be in a deficit position.

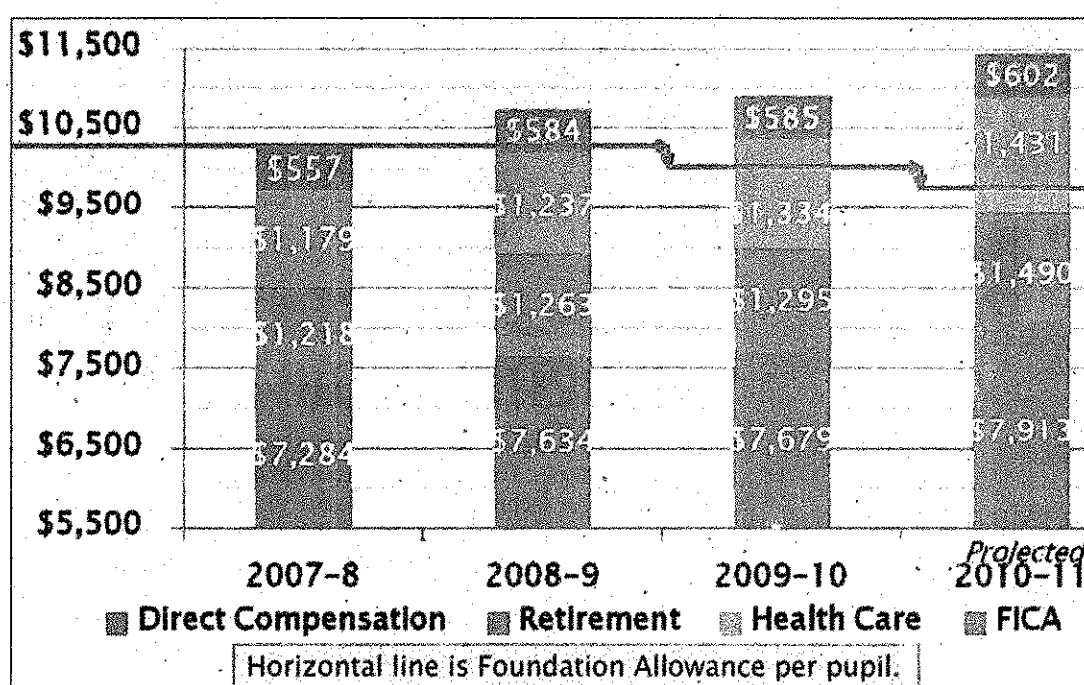
"I think we're all fully aware and frankly, sadly aware, of what some of that has been," he said. "Some of us can talk about the reduction of the middle school day from seven periods to six that cost 14 teachers, the concessions custodians took in response to their pressures."

"We can talk about the fact that half of our high school students are really in a six-period day. We can talk about the community that has invested in a sinking fund tax that probably preferred not to that allowed us to release pressure off the general fund."

"Really, the challenge we have now is that corrective action is getting more and more difficult and it's leaving more and more scars."

One in particular — the possible layoff of 60 employees.

"We are here to solve prob-



A graph shows the decrease in per pupil funding from the state, but the escalation of staff costs due to health insurance premiums and retirement coverage.

lems and meet our goals, and to solve problems is to understand it's a group cause and a group cause is not assigning blame," said Walsh.

"We have certain constraints we have to deal with. They're very specific and they're very difficult right now. If we continue to treat the symptoms and not the root cause, then this problem just continues to manifest itself year after year."

"I don't expect it's going to get any easier."

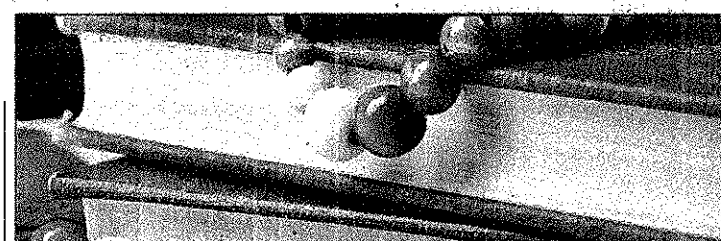
Walsh said it's going to be a challenge to keep some of the goals set forth in the district's strategic plan.

"We have to reevaluate all of our tactics to ensure achievement of all our goals. The most significant is not rolling anything forward," he said. "We've done that historically. We're starting from scratch, taking a zero-based

approach.

"If we take a blank sheet of paper, knowing what are goals are and knowing what our financial constraints are, what would we do?"

Walsh asks those involved with or interested in the school district to stay informed — through Facebook, Twitter, the district website and meetings — and offer comments and feedback at schoolboard@gpschools.org.



Teacher's Pet

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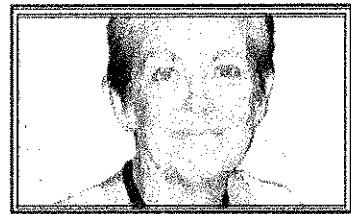
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Sleek design and plenty of interior space can be found in the 2010 Toyota Yaris, where small is good and standards run high.

Little Yaris: big in safety, economy



Yes, the Toyota Yaris is small. In fact, it's very small, measuring up to 170 inches in length, depending on body style.

Small is good when it comes to parking in structures and lots with a proliferation of "compact car only" signs. Small is good when it comes to parallel parking. Small is good if you wash your car by hand. Small is good when it comes to filling the gas tank. Small is good if you like to open the front passenger door without unbuckling your seat belt or getting out and going around the car.

Small is good when it comes to finding space in your garage.

Small is good if you are planning a circus act or an assault on a world record that involves packing record numbers of people in a vehicle.

Yes, the Toyota Yaris is small. But this subcompact runs with the big guys when it comes to safety features.

When it introduced the 2010 Yaris lineup last fall, Toyota announced it was adding its Star Safety package as standard equipment. That includes vehicle stability control, traction control, antilock brakes, brake force distribution and brake assist — all designed to get you where you want to go safely.

Also standard are side-mounted air bags for the front seats and side curtain air bags to protect both in the front and rear.

The suggested retail price sheet that came with the Yaris five-door liftback said government safety ratings — crash tests with side and front impact — were not yet complete for this vehicle, except for the four out of five stars it got in the rollover test.

Checking up on competing vehicles in the Yaris class-size and even a bit bigger showed only the BMW Mini passing muster with a five-star rating. Others matched the Yaris' four stars in rollover situations.

Our brief experience with the Yaris had us think it better to order a subcompact with the brightest possible exterior color — ours was sapphire blue. We were passed on the freeway one dull, gray morning by a silvery Yaris hatchback whose color made it very hard to see. And that wasn't just because it needed a wash. We see this as a more subtle safety issue.

There's a 1.5-liter, 16-valve four-cylinder engine under all Yaris hoods. This 106 horsepower engine can be mated to a five-speed manual or a four-speed automatic transmission.

EPA fuel economy ratings for both combinations show only a 1 mile per gallon difference on the highway between the manual and the automatic. Given the stop-and-go character of urban driving, we'd opt for the automatic, which finally eases into fourth gear at just less than 40 mph.

The EPA fuel economy num-

bers are 29 city and 35 highway with the automatic and 29/36 mpg with the shift-it-yourself manual.

Rear seat leg room is comparable to that in economy class on most airlines. Here's an exception: The middle spot on the three-person rear seat is way better than the same post on the plane. It may be not very wide, and head room is minimal, but the space between the two front seats adds knee room for the back-seater and reduces the closed-in feeling. Yaris' front-wheel drive eliminates the drive shaft lump that steals leg and foot room in rear-drive cars.

There are things to consider when buying a subcompact, which may or may not include — or even offer — these features. The expanded rear window on a liftback or hatchback

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The five-door liftback, above, is probably the handsomest member of the Yaris family. The 2010 Yaris family photo, right, features the subcompact's three available body styles: Two-door hatchback, four-door sedan and five-door liftback.

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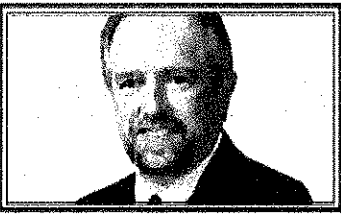
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Dodge and Chrysler minivans are tough to beat and can be ordered to fit numerous budgets. They drive well, look good and offer outstanding value.

2010 Chrysler Town & Country Limited



This week, we're driving the 2010 top-of-the-line and fully loaded Chrysler Town & Country Limited, direct from the minivan originators that saved a floundering Chrysler Corporation back in 1984 with its Plymouth and Dodge minivans.

To this day, Chrysler still offers one of the best minivans available, a fact proven by German craft master Volkswagen, which chose the American based Chrysler company to produce its new VW Routan minivan in North America at its Windsor, Ontario plant — now that's news!

Although other manufacturers may have caught up to Chrysler with their own minivans, they still haven't passed the American manufacturer for top billing and overall "founder" respect. Chrysler's 2010 minivans, which include sibling Dodge Grand Caravan, still offer the best return on investment, interior roominess and clever cargo ingenuity that surpass the competition.

As for pricing, even though our tester — \$41,415 — came with every option conceivable, Town & Country starts at \$25,175 for the entry LX model, while Grand Caravan SE bases at \$23,175. Add numerous buyer incentives and dis-

counts, and you could well be driving off in one of these 2010 models for a great price.

Town & Country's government crash safety ratings also deserve top billing, as 5-Star ratings in frontal crashes for driver and passenger and 5-star for side impacts for front and rear passengers put Chrysler at the top of the class. Add a 4-Star rollover rating, and you can drive anywhere with a carload of passengers knowing the safety factor is well taken care of. All Chrysler minivans come standard with front driver and passenger air bags, and a full three rows of side curtain air bags. Additional standard safety items include rear park assist, rear back-up camera, 4-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, electronic stability with traction control and brake assist, keyless entry, remote start and power adjustable pedals.

Under the hood, front drive Town & Country Limited features a more powerful overhead cam 4.0-liter V6 that puts out 251 horsepower, yet still delivers a creditable 17 city and 25 highway EPA. These mileage numbers come thanks to a standard 6-speed automatic overdrive transmission, which is not standard equipment on the LX with the 3.3-liter V6 — 17/24 EPA. The mid-level Touring model does come with a 6-speed automatic, yet produces 16/23 EPA from a 3.8-liter V6 — 16/23 EPA.

Following a 2009 style tweak, Chrysler's minivan exterior motif is still more muscular and somewhat boxier than most, but nowhere near the "boxy" we see in some of the vehicles today. I still feel Chrysler and

Dodge minivans look "correct," and maintain the heritage started 26 years ago.

All Town & Country minis are 7-passenger vehicles, but the Limited offers outstanding amenities and a beautifully appointed cabin. You'll enjoy heated seats in the first two rows, standard "Stow and Go" second row buckets and a third row bench seat, all of which fold under in an easy manner for more cargo space. The nice touch Overhead Surround Lighting is inviting, while the "conversation" rear view mirror allows driver and front passenger a full look at all passengers in the rear seats. Three-zone air conditioning, second and third row window shades, and a standard media center with Sirius Satellite, 9-speaker, 506 watt CD/DVD/MP3/Stereo with audio jack and a 6.5-inch touch screen display come as standard fare.

Our tester included an optional media upgrade that adds navigation, 30 Gig hard drive that can hold 4,250 songs, iPod control, Auto Dim rear mirror with microphone, Uconnect phone with voice, and a few other tweaks for \$1,300 more.

The most expensive option is a \$2,020 Dual Screen DVD Entertainment system with second and third row overhead 9-inch video screens, an additional DVD player, wireless headphones, video remote controls and real time Sirius Traffic reports. I recommended this option for those who take long trips with children or adults.

Other options that push the price higher include \$600 for the unique "Swivel & Go" seating package that features third

row swivel screen — for movies or games — and a storable table to enhance the tailgate parties or camping trips. Also on the option list is a tow group for \$600 that increases tow capacity from 1,600 to 3,600 pounds, child booster seats for \$200, power folding third row seat for \$595, and an engine block heater for \$35. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 121.2-inches, 20.5-gallon fuel tank, 17 inch



2010 Chrysler Town & Country Limited

tires and chrome wheels, up to 144 cubic feet of cargo space depending on seating arrangement and 4,621 pound curb weight.

Likes: Looks, current discount pricing, interior, Stow n'

Go seating, lots of cargo room, 6-speed automatic.

Dislikes: 8-passenger model not available, city fuel mileage suspect.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

YARIS: Five-door liftback

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is best served with a window defroster and a washer-wiper. Some kind of light to mark power windows/locks controls and the ignition slot is very helpful for nighttime driving.

In that respect, the Yaris was lacking. And we thought the lighting on the instrument panel too low, even when it was adjusted to its brightest setting. The daytime backlighting was superior.

We'd choose antilock brakes for a car of any size, though there are some veteran drivers who think they are not necessary.

A certain amount of road and engine noise has been characteristic of small cars. The Yaris was no exception.

The test car did, however, have a dandy radio/CD player. The latter took its discs one at a time — but we find we can only listen to one at a time, anyway. Audiophiles might like more in the way of speakers. We found the existing ones quite adequate.

The base Yaris five-door liftback has a sticker price of \$13,305. Small is good when it comes to monthly payments.

The test Yaris priced out at \$17,204, including delivery. Its

best option was a \$1,970 package that comprised power windows/door locks/outside mirrors; a sliding, fold-flat rear seat; an audio system prepped for satellite radio and rear window wiper and defroster. That would be money well-spent.

Features such as cruise control and remote keyless entry were extra-cost options. A \$110 all-weather package included a larger window-washer tank with low-level warning light, heavy-duty heater with rear heater duct, heavy-duty starter and daytime running lights. We'd add that one to our shopping list, as well.

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

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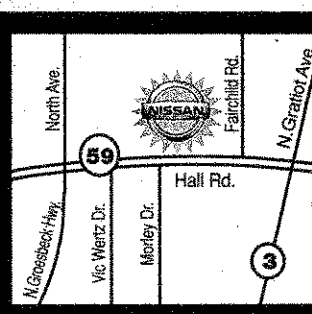
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OBITUARIES

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.

Betty Evans Bradley

Betty Evans Bradley, 93, passed away peacefully under the care of hospice at St. John Hospital, Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. She was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born Aug. 8, 1916, in Detroit to Russell and Hazel Evans. A graduate of Southeastern High School and the Detroit Business College, she worked at the Bodman, Longley law firm.

During World War II she transferred her legal secretarial skills to the FBI, where she met and married William, "Brad," her husband of more than 68 years. After raising her two children, she returned to part-time work at local real estate companies.

A world traveler who received two certificates, one from Air France and one from British Airways for breaking the sound barrier on their supersonic Concord jets, Mrs. Bradley was always ready for another stamp on her passport. She traveled on intimate barges through the small villages of France, on the refurbished Orient Express and everything in between. Her favorite destination was anything English, spending her holidays at an English Country manor for all the traditional Christmas and Boxing Day celebrations.

Mrs. Bradley was a tournament level bridge player who relished her competitive bridge games at the local clubs. Bridge parties at her home with her friends were another highlight of her life. Always a voice for society's underdogs, she gave endlessly to local, national and international support groups and causes.

An avid reader and lover of books, Mrs. Bradley would consume the New York Times daily and Sunday editions, local newspapers, national magazines and polish off one or two mystery novels every week. Reading by her crackling fireplace of a covert meeting with Smiley's People or a double agent of Mi5 on the misty docks of the Thames, took her pleasantly into the wee hours of the night.

She was a member of the Detroit Boat Club, Lochmoor Club, English Speaking Union, Circumnavigators, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Daughters of the British Empire, Michigan Humane Society and Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Mrs. Bradley is survived by her husband, Brad and two children, Ann of New York City and Bill of Grosse Pointe Park.

A private service was held. Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 18519 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48236 or Planned Parenthood, P.O. Box 3673, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Mildred Viola Wishman

Harper Woods' resident Mildred Viola Wishman, 101, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, in Harbor Springs.

Mrs. Wishman was a homemaker who enjoyed baking, loved desserts and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Iola Campbell and Carol Matyniak; grandchildren, Cheryl Allen, Linda England, Scott H.C. Campbell, Suzanne Matyniak and Thomas Matyniak; great-grandchildren, Alexander C. England and Trevor M. England; her sisters, Dorothy Janssen, Elizabeth Ronne and Evelyn Freeborn and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl and her brothers, Charles Karn, Fred Karn, John Karn, Frank Karn, George Karn and Walter Karn.

Memorial donations may be made to Bay Bluffs Nursing Home, 750 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Charles L. French

Charles L. French, Jr., 83, of DeLand, Fla., passed away Tuesday Feb. 2, 2010.

He was born March 27, 1926, in Grosse Pointe and served in the U.S. Army infantry during World War II in France where he earned a Purple Heart.

He married Julia Landuyt Jan. 25, 1947. Following his tour in the military, he served on the Grosse Pointe Park police force in various capacities for 20 years.

In 1977, Mr. French moved his family to DeLand where he purchased and operated the Boulevard Motel for five years.

He enjoyed fishing and Florida Gators football.

Mr. French is survived by Julia, his wife of 63 years; daughter, Linda (Bill) Sabocik of DeLand; grandson Adam (Allison) Sabocik and great-grandson Aiden Charles Sabocik of Lake Worth, Fla.; sister, Kathryn Christman of Westchester, Calif. and cousin, Audrey Faust of Bloomfield Hills.

Arrangements were handled by Lankford Funeral Home in DeLand.

Susan D. Reames

Grosse Pointe Park resident Susan D. Reames, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010.

She was born April 1, 1939, in Chicago to Lawrence Donovan and Marion Beadle Dinnis.

Mrs. Reames was an English teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School and an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

She enjoyed reading, classical music and shopping, as well as going to the theater and symphony.

Mrs. Reames is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Wood; son-in-law, Gary D. Wood; grandchildren, Evangeline Wood, Ashley Wood and Caitlin Wood and great-grandchild, Jayden Wood.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leslie "Buddy" Reames and sister, Deanna Graham.

A funeral service was held Feb. 10 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Inurnment was in the church's columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers Club, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Include Susan Reames Scholarship on the check's memo line.

Dorothy Ann Marcereau

Grosse Pointe resident Dorothy Ann Marcereau, 100, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, in Applewood Nursing Home in Woodhaven.

She was born March 15, 1909, in Detroit to Phillip and Katherine (Schulte) Clemens. On Sept. 12, 1932, she was united in marriage with Henry Bernard Marcereau of Marine City.

Mrs. Marcereau was a member of the Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in Detroit. She enjoyed exercising, walking and the Neighborhood Club in Grosse Pointe.

She is survived by her children, Dorothy Ann Depriest of Dearborn, Dr. Robert (Linda) Marcereau of Grayling (formerly of Mount Clemens) and Alicia Kathryn (Daniel) Cooke of Leesburg, Fla.; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Henry and siblings, Phillip Clemens, Irene Andrews, Alvina Pesche and Eleanor Clemens.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market Street,

Mount Clemens, with the Rev. Michael N. Cooney officiating. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. at the church.

Kathleen Mary Peabody

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kathleen Mary Peabody, nee Maslanka, 58, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, after a battle with cancer.

She was the first-born child of Polish American parents, Chester and Irene Maslanka. Born in Highland Park, she grew up near her grandparents in the Polish enclave of Hamtramck, later St. Clair Shores and Warren and graduated from Cousino High School. Work on her high school newspaper and yearbook, led her to pursue a degree in journalism and English from Oakland University.

Mrs. Peabody's professional life began with a public relations position for the Girl Scouts and progressed to communications work with the Psychiatric Center of Michigan. She was public relations director at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe during the mid 1980s and helped facilitate the hospital's merger with Henry Ford Health System before becoming executive director of the Wayne County Medical Society from 1989 to 1995. Following her successful battle with breast cancer in 1991, she, along with two colleagues, formed the Mozart Group, a professional fundraising consultancy.

Her interest in the link between cancer and the environment spurred Mrs. Peabody to become a master gardener. She worked on numerous Detroit-area community green projects and educated others about the correlation between plants and cancer.

From June 2003 to December 2008, she was the executive director of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, a frequent public speaker and the garden columnist for the Grosse Pointe News.

Mrs. Peabody volunteered with numerous professional and community activities. In her early years, she was a candy-striper at South Macomb Hospital, and helped with fundraising efforts for the local public broadcasting station. She supported many metro Detroit activities including the Detroit Garden Center, nonprofit PR Network, Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications and Leadership Detroit. Later, she became active in the Garden Writers Association of America, the Herb Society of America and the Michigan Society of Association Executives.

Following her cancer diagnosis, she became an advocate for the American Cancer Society, Race for the Cure and Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

Her family described Mrs. Peabody as a friendly and humble woman, a people person who embraced life with a sense of humor and a love of music and made the best of any situation — regardless of the challenge. She helped and inspired those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mrs. Peabody is survived by her husband, Bill; brothers, Dan and David; stepdaughters, Elizabeth (Michael) Lucas and Diane (Michael) Reterstorf; granddaughters, Emerson Ruth and Greta Rose Reterstorf and parents-in-law, Rosemary and Bill Peabody Sr. She was predeceased by her parents.

A celebration of Mrs. Peabody's life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.



Betty Evans Bradley



Susan D. Reames



Kathleen Mary Peabody

Thomas G. Sieber

Grosse Pointe Park resident Thomas G. Sieber, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010.

He was born Dec. 11, 1940, in Milwaukee, Wis., to John and Evangeline Sieber. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963 and a Master of Science degree in 1966, both from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Sieber began his career at Union Carbide but became a business entrepreneur with multiple personal business enterprises including Seagull Enterprises, The RPM Group, MUS Inc., VisionView and RPM Innovations.

His family said he was a family man and a loving husband who lived his life to the fullest. He was an intelligent man who, as an engineer and metallurgist, created properties that had no reason to be created.

Mr. Sieber enjoyed golf, boating, motor sports, laughter and business. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Clinton River Boat Club.

Mr. Sieber is survived by his wife, Cheryl; daughters, Elizabeth Garant and Ellie Sieber; sons, Jonathan Sieber and Tommy Sieber and his sister, Nancie Williamson.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 30 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms with interment in the church's columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Margaret Mary Meathe

Margaret Mary Meathe died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010.

She was born Feb. 8, 1919, the eldest daughter of William and Mary Meathe of Grosse Pointe. She was the sister of, and predeceased by, John, Joseph, Edgar, Phillip, George, Howie and Ann Meathe. She also was predeceased by her beloved husband, Jack Blum.

Ms. Meathe is survived by her nephews, Patrick (Maryann), Larry (Marie) and James (Mary) Traver and Cullan (Jenny) Meathe; nieces, Chrissy (Tim Mertz), Carol (Jacques Bossonney) and many great nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Monday, Feb. 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Light a candle and share a memory at verheyden.org.



Mildred Viola Wishman



Thomas G. Sieber



Lucy Causley

Lucille Grace Causley

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lucille Grace Causley, 18, of Harbor Springs and Colorado died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2010.

She was born April 5, 1991, in Detroit to Richard and Susan Causley. She lived in Grosse Pointe Woods the first 10 years of her life. She moved to Harbor Springs with her family in 2001.

Lucy participated on the Harbor Springs middle and high school ski teams, the Harbor Soccer travel teams, the Harbor Springs high school soccer team and played clarinet in the middle and high school bands. She continued her high school education at the Lowell Whiteman School in Steamboat Springs, Colo. where she participated in ski racing and the school's foreign travel program. Last year she traveled with her school group to Vietnam and Cambodia, sightseeing and performing service projects.

She graduated from Lowell Whiteman in June 2009 and chose Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., to pursue a major in outdoor leadership and resort management.

Lucy loved the outdoors, hiking, camping and canoeing, especially in Ontario, Canada, where she attended Camp-Bill-O-Wood for many summers. She also loved the mountains of Colorado and the fresh waters of the Great Lakes.

Her family described Lucy as an outgoing and joyful human being. She embraced life, people and skiing. She spread her love, enthusiasm and happiness to all. She will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Lucy is survived by her father and mother, Richard and Susan Causley; brother, Tom; sister, Anna; grandmothers, Delores Causley and Kathleen Candler and her aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends who loved her deeply.

Memorial donations may be made to The Lowell Whiteman School, 42605 RCR 36, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 for a scholarship being created in her name.

A funeral service was held Feb. 7 in Petoskey.

Arrangements were handled by Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs.



Charles L. French



Margaret Mary Meathe



Marion MacKenzie

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 also is survived by her brothers, Frank and Ed, both of Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, Jan. 28 at St. William Catholic Church in Naples with entombment following at Naples Memorial Gardens.

Share a memory at fullerfuneralhome.com.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 28 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, Mrs. Mackenzie's obituary should have stated she is survived by her brothers, Ed Wilberding and Frank Wilberding of Grosse Pointe Farms.

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Virginia Tompkins

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Virginia Tompkins, 92, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, at her home after a brief illness.

She was born July 7, 1917, in Clarion, Iowa, and christened Mary Virginia Webb by her parents, Jessie Duer and H. Eugene Webb. As an infant, she moved to Detroit with her family. She graduated from Central High School.

Growing up and as a young adult, "Ginnie," as she was known to family and friends, loved spending summer days with her family and friends at the Webb family cottage on Hickory Island. She received a degree from Lasell College in Newton, Mass. For 13 years she was secretary to her father in his Detroit lumber business. During World War II, Mrs. Tompkins served in the American Women's Service Speakers Bureau and held a student aircraft pilot's license.

After marriage to John A. "Jack" Tompkins in 1949, she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms, where she lived for 61 years.

She was active in numerous community activities, including service as chairwoman of

both the American Lung Association Women's Committee and the Cinderella Ball. A life member of the Junior Group of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, Mrs. Tompkins also served as a docent for the Detroit Institute of Art's "Art to the Schools" program. She was co-founder and first chairwoman of the Women's Association of the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, and a member of the steering committee of the annual jubilee to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan. For 13 years, until 2009, she was a volunteer teacher's assistant and tutor for first graders at Richard Elementary School.

Mrs. Tompkins was an active and ardent member for more than 50 years of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving in many capacities including on the board of trustees. She also enjoyed 50-plus years of active membership in the Detroit Athletic Club and the Country Club of Detroit.

Mrs. Tompkins was an avid bridge player and was awarded the rank of lifemaster. She especially enjoyed gardening and golfing and was a prodigious reader, extensive world traveler and frequent attendee of various cultural and sports events. The Michigan Opera, Detroit Tigers and Michigan Wolverines have lost a devotee. Her husband enjoyed multifaceted business and sports interests. Her family recalls that she often said, "Jack was always going somewhere, and I al-

ways had my hat on."

Most of all, Mrs. Tompkins cherished time with her family. They said she had an inquisitive nature and a great passion for life. Her quiet wisdom and dignity was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Mrs. Tompkins is survived by her sisters, Ann MacDonald and Edith (Eugene) Pfaff; children, John A. (Paula) Tompkins Jr., Marianne Kassab and Virginia (Dean) Liprini and grandchildren, Jessie and Clara Kassab and Joshua and Nicolas Liprini. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Jack in 1993, and her siblings, Wendell Webb, Betty Jeanne Wood, and Dorothy Hoffman.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, 26777 Halsted Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-3560.

Nancy Jo Norman

Former Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Jo Norman, 49, of Sarasota, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010.

Ms. Norman grew up in Grosse Pointe and spent a

month each summer in Greenville, Ala., with many cherished family members. At 17, she attended Berklee College of Music, went on to the University of Tampa and ultimately earned her baccalaureate degree from the Honors College of Oakland University. She had a passion for music and played several instruments by ear. She was also a talented sculptress, photographer, painter and poet. She was proud of earning her FCC license in the 1980s.

Ms. Norman loved horses, dogs, swimming and sailing. She was an accomplished barrel racer and once sailed from New York to the Caribbean with only two crewmates. Her family said she was like Annie Oakley when she rode and a pirate when she sailed. She was a self-taught gourmet cook.

Though she traveled extensively, having visited Granada, Costa Rica, England, Ireland and Wales, Ms. Norman's single biggest joy was raising her beloved daughter, Nancy Bilyeu.

Her family said Ms. Norman, a devout Christian, had a kind and generous heart. She was a free and gentle spirit and could light up a room with her smile. She will be dearly missed.

Ms. Norman is survived by her daughter, Nancy Bilyeu; son, Petie; parents, Nancy Walker-Kahle and Larry Kahle; sisters, Lois Ellen, Juliette Kay McMillan, Laurie Kahle-Elicone and Susan Leah Norman-Bricken and her brother, William Walker.



Virginia Tompkins



Nancy Jo Norman

Visitation was held at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes in Sarasota.

Gloria Atzel Crane

Gloria Atzel Crane, 82, "Litta" to her friends, died peacefully following complications from a stroke Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in Lisle, Ill. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

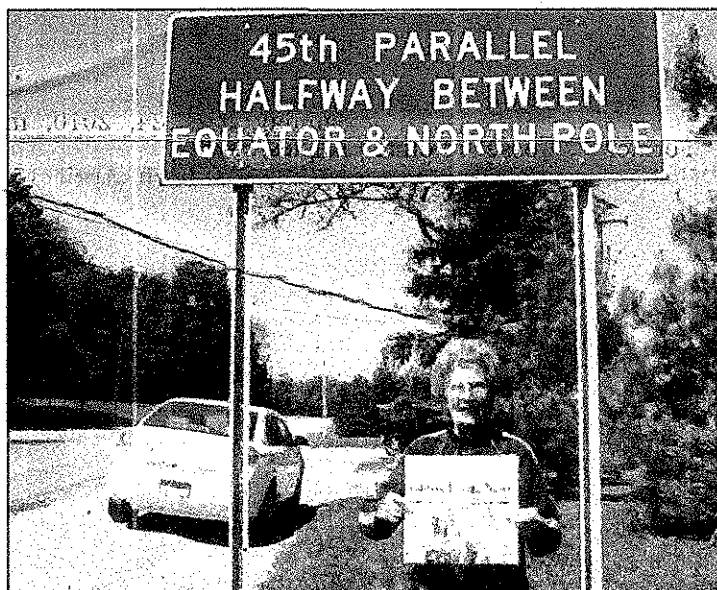
Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, she moved with her husband, Dr. James M. Pierce Jr., to Grosse Pointe in 1958. She was a devoted and loving mother. She was active in volunteer activities at Wayne State University and a founding member of Friends of Wayne State University. Additionally she volunteered at The Liggett School and was for a time a member of The Liggett School Board of Trustees. She was divorced in 1982

and in 1995 married her college sweetheart, E. Clifford Crane, and they moved to Cincinnati.

Mrs. Crane is survived by her husband of 15 years, E. Clifford Crane; children; Holly (Jeffery) Hudson of Harbor Springs, Matthew (Sharon) Pierce of Newport Beach, Calif.; Anne (Dave) Flood of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; David Pierce of Hoffman Estates, Ill. and Robin (Tony) Armour of Chicago; stepdaughters, Laurie (Randy) Graham of Bay Village, Ohio and Melissa (Bob) Abbott of Cincinnati and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 703 Compton Road, Cincinnati.

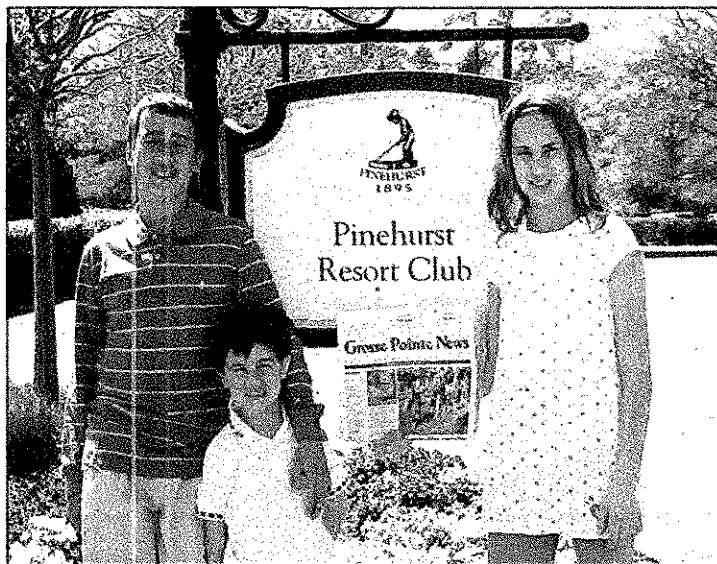
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Margot Kahl of Grosse Pointe Woods at the 45th parallel sign just north of Suttons Bay.



Sgt. Arthur U. Scott, serving with the United States Marines, has the Grosse Pointe News sent to him at Camp Barber, Afghanistan.



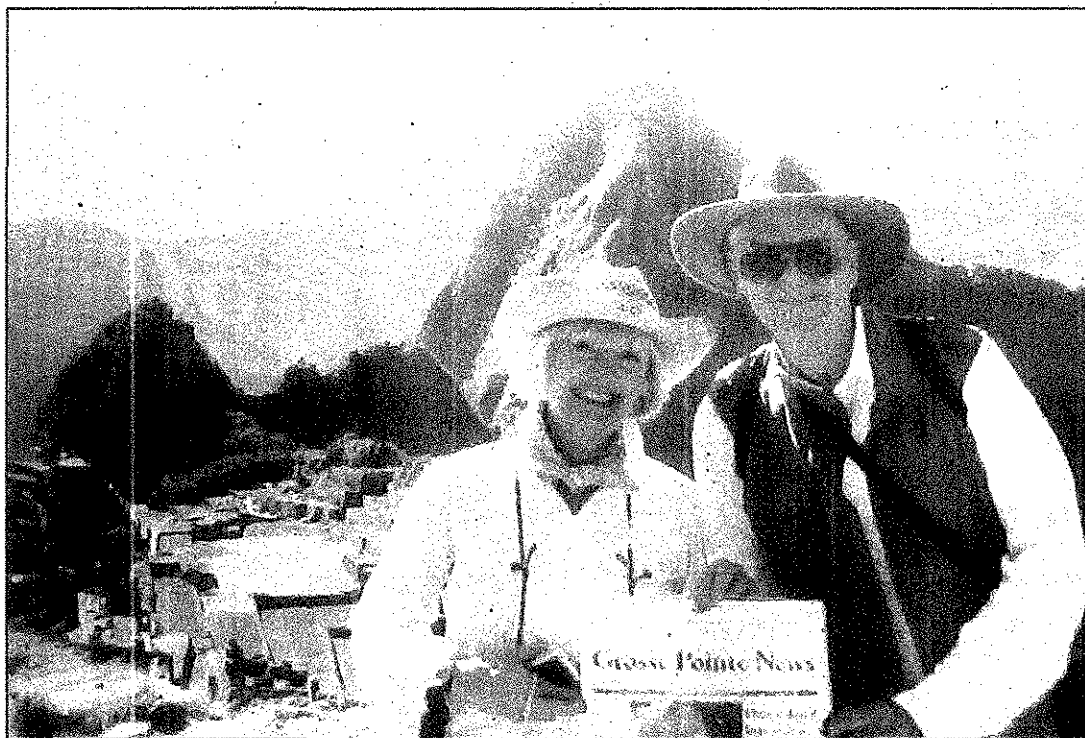
Grosse Pointe Woods residents Ryan, Kyle and Erin Armbruster visiting their grandparents in Pinehurst, N.C.



Flo Stahl of Grosse Pointe Farms visiting her grandchildren, twins Chris and Tim and Katie in Bermuda.



Samantha Yee of Grosse Pointe Farms celebrating her 9th birthday at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



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Hundreds of people walk together in the spring. Their goal is to raise funds to help **stop hunger and poverty**. This year, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church hosts the event.

CROP Hunger Walk



PHOTO BY PATTI THERON

Children at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's nursery school in St. Clair Shores painted bowls for the pre-CROP Walk event, "Empty Bowls." In the front row, from left, Jacob Haack, George Safadi, Spencer Bandi, Connor Nosek, Ian MacLachlan and Emily Giffer; middle row, from left, Nicholas Northey, Bruce Rix, Nicholas Kopko, Mia Pellerito; last row, from left, Adam and Annabel Ayrault and Kailee Gillich.

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

An old African proverb says, "If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together."

This proverb sums up the 31st annual Grosse Pointe/St. Clair Shores area CROP Hunger Walk, May 2, hosted by Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Every year hundreds don CROP Walk T-shirts and tennis shoes and walk either 1 or 5 miles. Together they walk to help stop hunger and poverty here and around the world through self-help initiatives.

Of the funds raised, 75 percent are distributed by Church World Service and 25 percent are donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Last year Gleaners provided more than 30 million pounds of food to more than 430 soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in Southeastern Michigan.

The acronym "CROP" stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The CROP Hunger Walk supports the work of

Church World Service by helping alleviate the causes of hunger.

"Church World Service was one of the first groups to help in Haiti," according to Antoinette Lloyd-Evans, assistant regional director of Church World Service in Michigan.

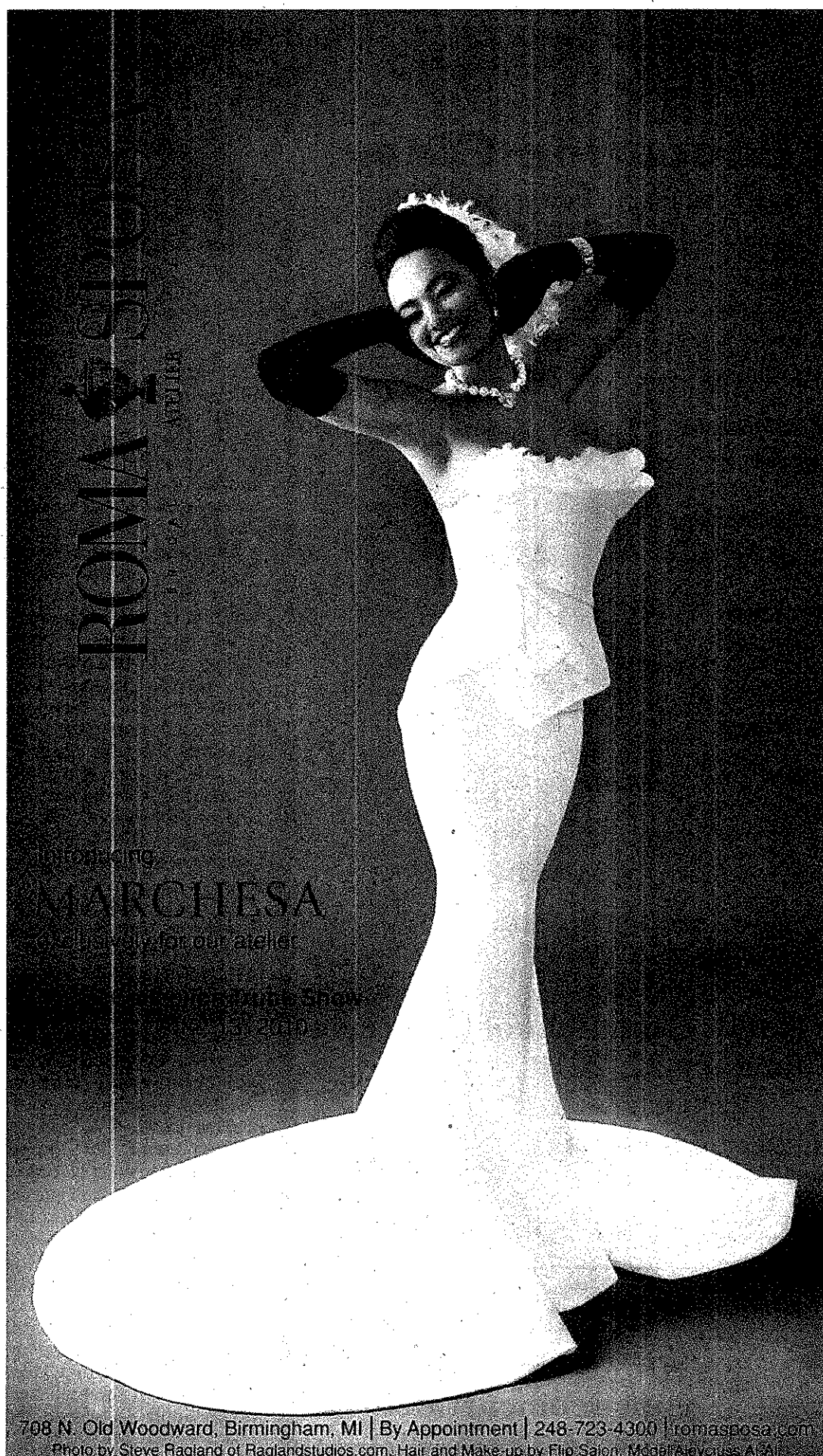
"And locally," she adds, "CWS continues to play a role in the continuing saga of U.S. Gulf Coast rebuilding, as families still struggle to rebuild their lives post-Katrina."

To help the organization's endeavors, some 2,000 communities nationwide hold CROP Hunger Walks centered around the theme, "Enough for all."

For the past two years, the Grosse Pointe area walk has been hosted by First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Walkers from about 17 area churches and organizations raised more than \$30,000 last year.

"We are glad to join our new host, Assumption Greek

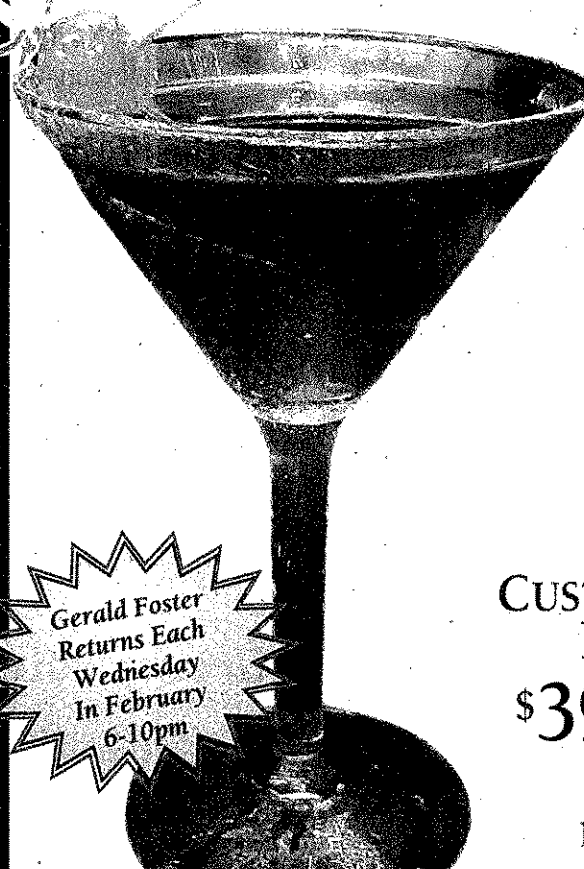
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CROP: Stepping out against hunger

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Orthodox Church, for the 2010 CROP Walk," said The Rev. Jerry Elsholz of First English. "Walkers and donors in the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores churches have given selflessly and generously when we hosted the walk in 2008 and 2009 and we are glad to be a part of the walk again.

"We are hopeful that new congregations/individuals will join the walk this year."

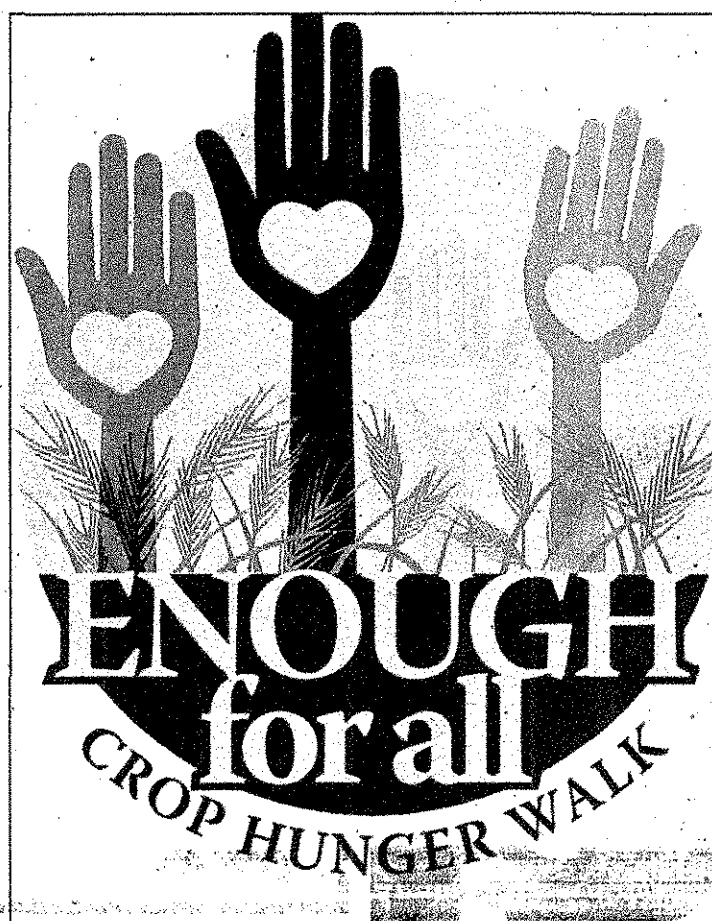
According to Bonnie Mellos, CROP Walk chairwoman, all churches and organizations that participated last year are "on board" this year.

"One of our goals is to add new churches and encourage senior groups, youth groups, sports teams, Brownie troops and scouts to join us," she



PHOTO BY PATTI THEROS

Members of Assumption's Kalosomatics exercise program plan to take part in the 2010 CROP Walk. From left, Dolores Healy of St. Clair Shores, Margot Kahl of Grosse Pointe Woods, Brinn Bruch of Grosse Pointe Woods, instructor Pat Peabody of Grosse Pointe Farms, Josephine Ortisi of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jackie Adamaszek of Grosse Pointe Woods



said.

This is Mellos' fourth year participating.

"It's more than just the money raised for CWS and Gleaners. We are taking a stand as a community to raise awareness for hunger and poverty that affects millions of people locally and billions of people worldwide," she said.

"It's a great ecumenical event for everyone. People of all ages can participate in this event. Strollers and pets are welcome."

New this year is the walk's "rolling" start time. Participants can begin their trek anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

"It's easy to walk one mile and give about one hour of your time from start to finish," Mellos said. "That's a small fraction of the day to do something for others."

Those interested in participating can contact their indi-

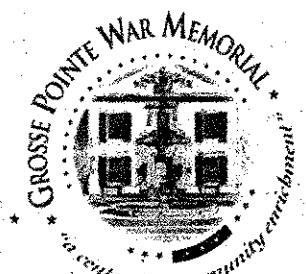
vidual church or attend the next recruiter's meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Assumption, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Assumption's church office at (586) 779-6111 ext. 3 or visit churchworldservice.org. Direct donations to the Grosse Pointe Area CROP Hunger Walk can be made at cropwalkonline.org/grossepointemi.

To kick off the walk, Assumption is hosting an "Empty Bowls" fundraiser Feb. 28 to raise money and awareness. The event includes a variety of soups donated by area restaurants, bread, cheese and dessert. Bowls decorated by area organizations serve as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty.

All proceeds benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

What's happening



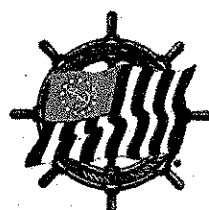
Here's what's coming up at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for programs and more information on these and other classes and events, call (313) 881-7511.

The Savvy Guide to Saving, 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18. — Learn how to save thousands of dollars on household items and groceries with information presented by instructors Sheila Edwards and Anamarie Sabbagh. Participants learn how to get gift cards to favorite stores and rewards for trips and hotels. Familiarity with the Internet and e-mail is helpful. The cost is \$17, plus \$7 for materials, payable at the time of registration.

Mommy and Me Time Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27. — Guests may wear tiaras or hats and bring dolls and stuffed animals to the lunch in the Alger House. A fashion show presented by Village Palm, a Lilly Pulitzer specialty boutique, features matching mommy and me outfits.

The menu for adults: California croissant club sandwich with turkey, fruit garnish, cookies and hot chocolate. Children's menu is chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit garnish, cookies and hot chocolate.

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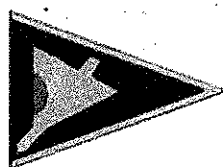
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The final day, customers can fill a bag for \$1.

Lakeside Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Center, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

Edward Stross demonstrates charcoal drawing. Refreshments are served.

The club also meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the St. Clair Adult Education Center, 23055 Masonic, St. Clair Shores, to discuss painting techniques and to paint.

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers

meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

Josephine Rothrock's topic is "Pre-1950 Jukeboxes." Betsy McCormick is hostess and Beth Simpson and Judy Mathews are co-hostesses.

Grosse Pointe Historical Society

Children, 8- to 10-years-old can make felt heart pockets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 884-7010.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts an "Enchanted Evening" from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

The event includes dinner and a candlelight tour of the house.

The cost is \$45. For more information and reservations, call (313) 844-4222.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. John Gibson, director of the Detroit Public Library's Burton Collection, is the speaker.

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, and Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Director of communications and public relations for The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Laura Varon Brown, speaks about transitions and

the media.

Reservations must be made by Saturday, Feb. 13, by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081.

For more information, call Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 or Pamela Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

Neighborhood Club

Microsoft Excel Step-by-Step is offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18 at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The cost is \$65.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

Poets Follies

Poets Follies meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Tommye Blount of Novi, Nandi Comer and Detroit Kim Hunter are featured poets.

Blount wrote "Cave Canem XI Anthology;" Comer is the author of "Mas Médula;" and Hunter wrote "edge of the time zone."

Grosse Pointe Theatre

"Art," a Tony Award-winning play by Yazmina Reza, opens

at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Produced in the Purdon Studio Theatre by the Grosse Pointe Theatre, the play can be seen at 8 p.m. Feb. 20, 26 and 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 and 28.

Tickets cost \$12 and may be purchased on-line at gpt.org or between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the box office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Actors include Ron Bernas of Grosse Pointe Woods, Rick Mason of St. Clair Shores and Nick Szczerba of Woodhaven. Vonnice Miller of St. Clair Shores is the director.

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

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Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary club offers tickets to an "Afternoon at the Symphony" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Orchestra Hall. The concert's theme is "Bach and Beethoven." Adult tickets cost \$30; a child's ticket is \$15.

For more information, call Liz Landers at (313) 884-5518.

Assumption Cultural Center

Kalosomatics exercise class is offered free for the entire month of February at Greek Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

New students receive a \$10 gift certificate toward the spring session if they continue through the winter session.

◆ Women's kalosomatics is 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

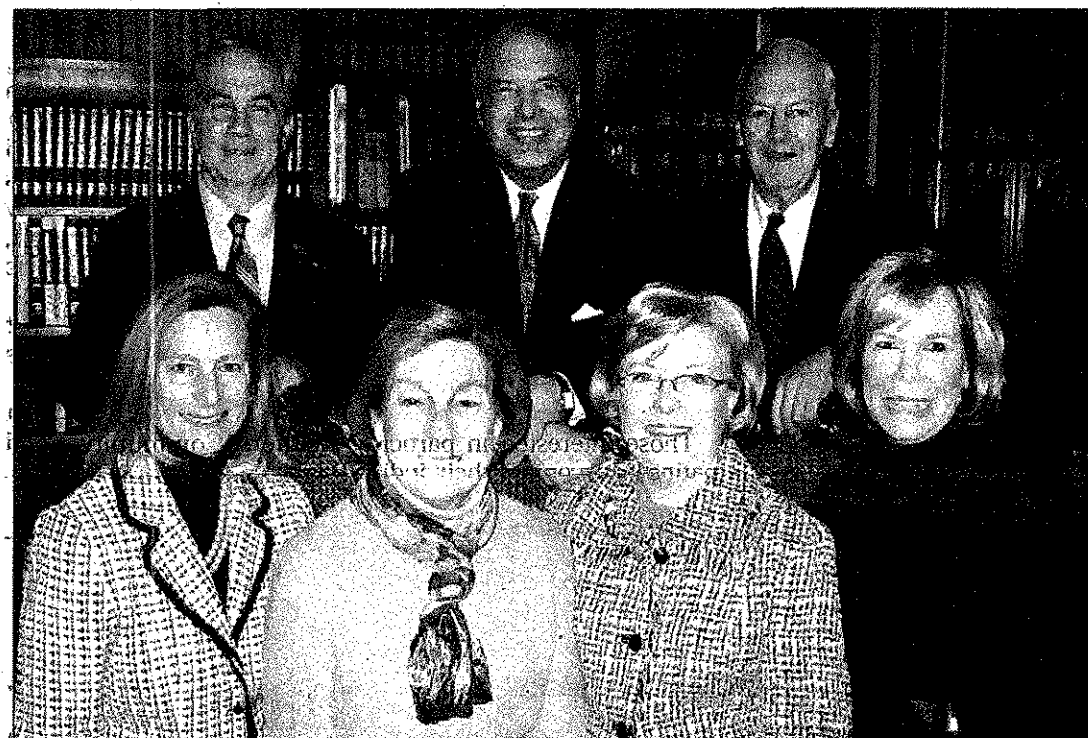
◆ Women's kalosomatics with more cardio is 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

◆ Co-ed kalosomatics cross-training and aerobics is 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday

◆ Co-ed moderation is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

◆ Co-ed stretch & stroll chair aerobics is 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

For information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.



The Alger House's 100th Anniversary Committee, back row from left, Grosse Pointe War Memorial President Mark R. Weber, the Hon. William J. Giovan and Daniel R. Beck. In the front row, from left, Mary Ann Bury, Billie Deason, Linda Lloyd and Clarinda Ray. Also on the committee but not pictured are Col. David Augustine, Suzy Berschback, Don Joseph DeSeranno, Lisa Mower Gandelot, Ginger Keena Hupp, D. Mark Krueger, Arlene Lewis, Claire Perry, S. Gary Spicer Sr., Celia Wade and Diane R. Zedan.

Committee sets up two Alger House festivities

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial has two events marking the 100th anniversary of the historic Alger House.

The dinner/dance and a community celebration day are designed to increase awareness of the nationally registered building, to ensure its continued preservation and fund the Patriots Scholarship Fund.

A volunteer committee, co-chaired by Linda Lloyd and Diane Zedan, was formed in 2009 to design the events, titled "Come Fly with Me!"

"Come Fly with Me!" takes place at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17, during which Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alger welcome historic reinactors portraying Henry Ford, the Wright brothers and Thomas Edison at a cocktail reception in the Alger House followed by a strolling dinner in the adjacent Fries Crystal ballroom.

The historic guests are portrayed by members of the Grosse Pointe Theatre. Music is performed by the Rhythm Society Orchestra and the Satin Dolls. Tickets are \$250 and include a patron reception, or \$100 for friends.

Reservations can be made by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

The free Community Celebration Day is

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 23, with children's games, attractions, guided tours of the Alger House, historic guests, old time photograph opportunities, antique car rides, military equipment displays, music and entertainment. There is a minimal charge for food and some attractions.

Both events are at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Also commemorating the anniversary is the March release of "Images of America — Grosse Pointe War Memorial," a book with 200 photographs of the Alger House by Grosse Pointe authors Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback.

The 100th Anniversary Committee is comprised of community volunteers Col. David Augustine, Daniel R. Beck, Suzy Berschback, Mary Ann Bury, Billie Deason, Don Joseph DeSeranno, Lisa Mower Gandelot, the Hon. William J. Giovan, Ginger Keena Hupp, D. Mark Krueger, Arlene Lewis, Lloyd, Clarinda Ray, Claire Perry, S. Gary Spicer Sr., Celia Wade and Zedan.

For more information, visit warmemorial.org

Pewabic Pottery features sculptures by DePauw

Pewabic Pottery hosts a contemporary exhibit featuring sculpture from William DePauw through Sunday, March 7. All works are available for purchase.

A graduate of Northern Michigan University, DePauw attended post baccalaureate studies at Wayne State University before heading to Tulane University in New Orleans, where he received a

Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics. DePauw teaches at Tulane University as a professor of practice in the Newcomb Art Department.

"William DePauw is an amazing ceramic artist who studied right here in Detroit and we're pleased to have the opportunity to share his work with Detroit's art community," said Terese Ireland, executive director of Pewabic Pottery.

"This unique exhibition will display a selection of abstract forms with surfaces that reference both the human body and the landscape," said a Pewabic spokeswoman.

Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, is open to the public year round. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (313) 822-0954 or visit pewabic.org.

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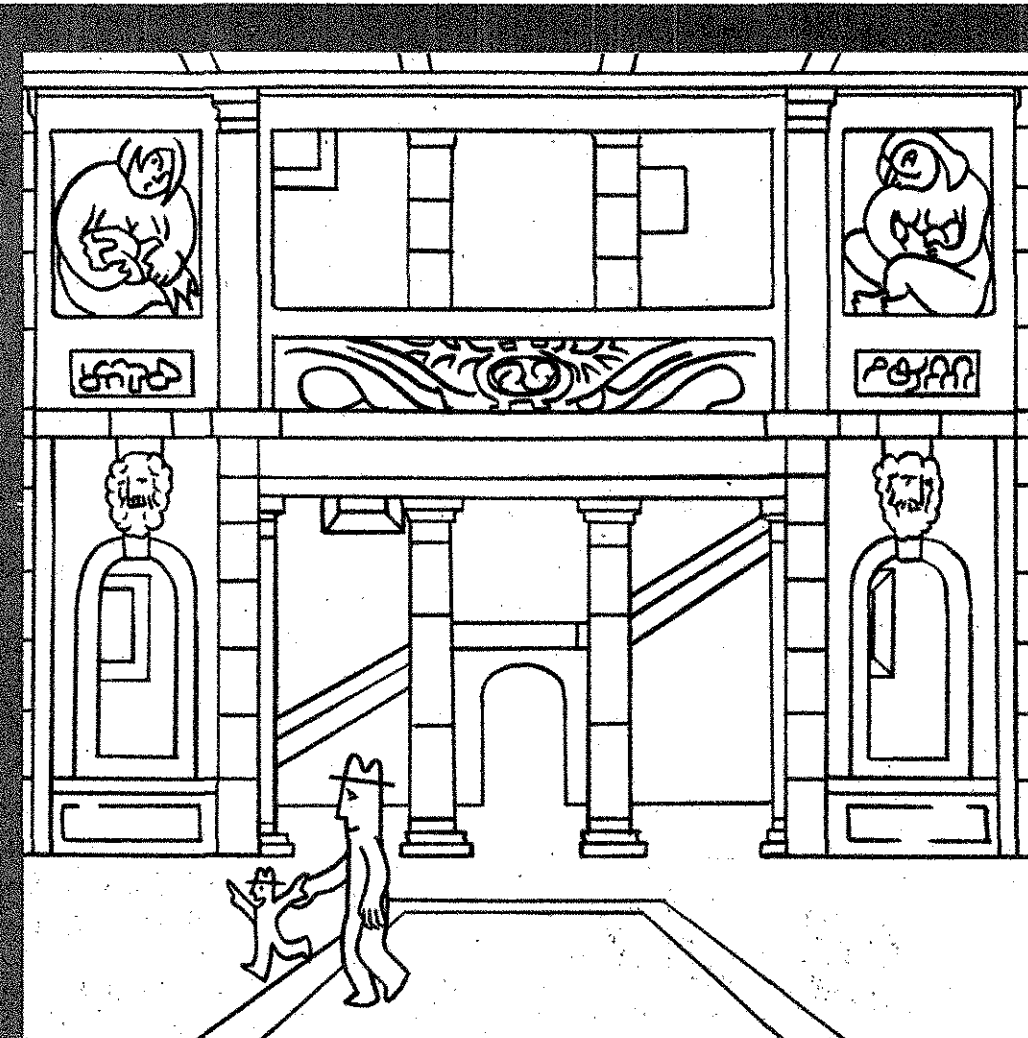
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The Rev. Fred Harms of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is the speaker.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

St. James

"The Gospel According to John" is the topic discussed by the Rev. Patrick Halfpenny at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$5.

The event is sponsored by the Lay Theological Academy.

Mom to Mom sale

St. Margaret of Scotland, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts a Mom-to-Mom sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Early bird admission, 8 to 9 a.m., is \$2. Regular admission is \$1.

For more information, call Justine at (586) 296-7965.

Revival Church

Revival Church meets at 5:15 p.m. for prayer service and 6 p.m. for worship, Sunday, Feb. 14, in the First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (313) 799-3473.

Career networking group

The Eastside Take Control group, an ecumenical career networking group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

The topic is "Going Through Transition."

For more information, call Sarah Sharp at (313) 822-2814.

First English

The Lenten season begins at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, with Holy Communion, imposition of ashes and a freewill offering buffet lunch following at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Holy communion and imposition of ashes are also offered 7 p.m., preceded by a freewill offering supper at 6 p.m.

Lenten meals continue every Wednesday through March 24.

An ongoing Lenten theme is continued during regular Sunday services.

The topics include: Sunday, Feb. 21 Jesus' baptism; Wednesday, Feb. 24, Jesus' summary message; Sunday, Feb. 28, Jesus' sermon on the mount; Wednesday, March 3, Jesus' parables; Sunday, March 7, Jesus' "I Am" sayings; March 10, Jesus' miracles; March 17, discipleship; March 21 Jesus' transfiguration; and Wednesday, March 24, "The Great Commandment."

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Battle of the Bands

Auditions for Battle of the Bands is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Grosse Pointe Congregational

Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Auditions are open to bands and solo acts. Seven acts will earn spots at the Saturday, March 20, event.

Register by calling Alison Scarfone at gpcc-ed@sbcglobal.net before Friday, Feb. 19.

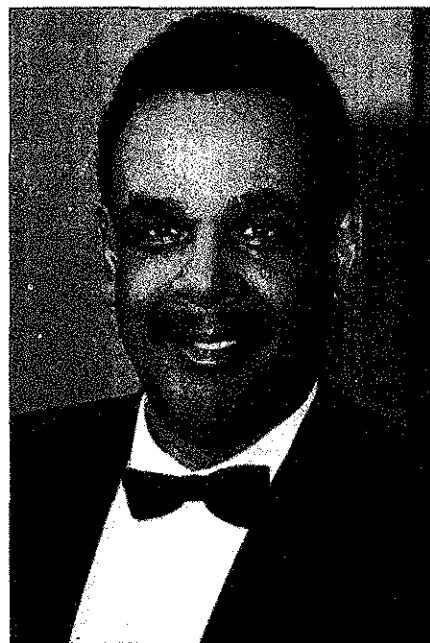
St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts "Music in the Woods" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

Norah Duncan IV directs the mixed ensemble of 30 voices representing the Wayne State University Concert Choral who perform "Hungry Angels" by Robert Harris, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by Adolphus Hailstock and "Hehlehlooyuh" by James Furman.

Gavin Craig, St. Michael's music director, performs "Prayer" by Fela Sowande on the organ.

Donation is \$10.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

What do I have to give?

The book, "Three Cups of Tea," tells the remarkable story of a man who has given everything to improve the lives of impoverished people. Author Greg Mortensen, founder of the Central Asia Institute, began his life of philanthropy in the mid 1990's by building a school in a remote village in northeastern Pakistan. As the story of this first mission unfolds, an unexpected dilemma presents itself. As Mortensen finalizes plans to build his school, leaders from the surrounding area corner him, demanding he build in their villages too. He is inundated with requests from communities every bit as needy and deserving as the one he has committed to help.

Mortensen recognizes the need, but is unable to do anything about it.

I regularly deal with requests for help. Whether its people who have thumbed through the phone book and picked my church out of the list, people who knock on my office door, or people panhandling at the expressway off-ramp, there's no shortage of need in my community. I ignore or redirect a lot of these requests.

There are agencies in our area better equipped to take care of people in need than I am. And if I started giving handouts, I'd be out of money in no time. I respond to handout requests with a mix of cynicism and apathy: on one hand I can't tell if the request is coming

from someone who genuinely needs help; on the other, I can't possibly help everyone in need. My default is to say, "I don't have anything to give you."

Yet I worship this God who says, "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow" — when you now have it with you." (Proverbs 3:27-28)

My faith confronts me with an imperative to give when I have the capacity to do so. To continually evaluate what I have and whether I need it, to continually evaluate when someone else's need supersedes my own; to continually opt to give.

In his book, "The Life You Can Save," Peter Singer insists every person must address the same dilemma. Although Singer does not share my religious convictions, he agrees we all bear a moral imperative to give. His argument is every dollar you or I donate has the potential to save a life. In evaluating whether you can afford to give, Singer asks, "Do you have an extra dollar?"

Whether your motivation is a divine directive or an innate desire to save a life, ask yourself the question: "Do I have an extra dollar?" If you do, don't withhold it. Find someone in need and give it away.

Van Arragon is the minister at First Christian Reformed Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

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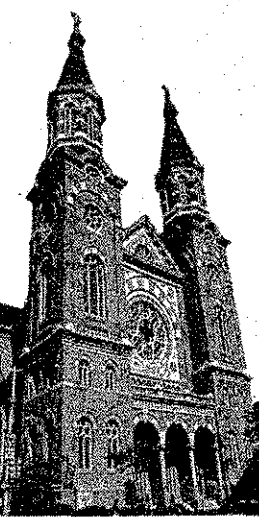
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HEALTH POINTS By Jeff and Debra Jay

Heroin used as recreational drug



Dear Jeff and Debra:
Grosse Pointe is one of the best places in the country to raise children. Yet, I think parents need to know we aren't protected from some of the harsher realities of life. Heroin is here.
My daughter tells me local teens are using heroin as a recreational drug and some are addicted. I was stunned. I immediately asked her if she had used it and she said she hadn't. We sat down and talked about the facts — and horrors — of heroin addiction. I asked her to promise me she would never

try it and that she would stop socializing with anyone who uses it.
Even though she gave me her word, I know kids can make bad choices, especially when friends pressure them. What can I do to protect my daughter?
-SHOCKED MOM

Dear Shocked:
Heroin is widely available throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Detroit is a transshipment area to other communities in Michigan and Ohio. Large quantities of heroin are transported here from South America, Mexico and Africa.
It should surprise no one that youth search medicine cabi-

nets for prescription mood-altering medications. The popularity of Vicodin and OxyContin has soared, among others. Youngsters find buying pills on the street more expensive than buying heroin. Since heroin now comes in a powder that can be snorted or smoked, teens assume it isn't as risky. A national poll found that 40 percent of high school seniors do not believe there is a great risk in trying heroin.
Caitlin Gibson of the Washington Post, in her two-part series, "When Heroin Hits Home," asks: "Why would their kids — children of supportive parents — get involved with heroin?"
One answer, according to neuroscientist Edythe London, is: "It's something that the nice folks with the successful kids

in nice schools are not paying attention to."
London also explains the part of the brain responsible for decision-making — the prefrontal cortex — is still developing.
No matter how "adult" our young people appear, their brains tell the true story. Mix drugs and friends and an immature frontal lobe, and you have a recipe for trouble.
A Grosse Pointe co-ed and 20 month recovering heroin addict describes how she got started: "I asked my guy friend to let me try some heroin. After that we were buying it and shooting it together."
She warns parents: "Heroin is available and prevalent in middle class suburbs. Parents have the misconception that it's not available or that their

kids won't try it. We're known as Generation Rx. No one is immune from addiction."
Parents who tell themselves their children won't take drugs, increase the risk.
By putting on blinders, they fail their children. When it comes to drugs, communicating, observing, and learning are key.
Know your daughter's friends and where they hang out. Most teens drink or use drugs at a friend's house. Encourage them to hang out at your house and monitor their activities. Keep your mood-altering prescription drugs in a lock box, discarding left-over pills immediately. Store alcohol in a secured cabinet. Young people don't start with heroin; but they can end up there.
Initiate a family discussion to set up a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drug use. Determine consequences of vi-

olating the policy.
Put the plan on paper. Talk about testing as a useful tool if you suspect her of taking drugs but she denies it.
Here are some helpful web sites: drugfree.org — presents a wide range of information, including "The Parent Tool Kit," samhsa.gov — publishes the online "Family Guide: Keeping Youth Mentally Healthy and Drug Free;" and allpurposescreening.com — offers confidential drug testing services in Grosse Pointe.
Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They are co-authors of "Love First," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They can be reached at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kim Steggles

Developmental assets for children



Q. What are the 40 developmental assets and why are they important for children?
A. The assets are the building blocks that help our children grow to be happy, healthy and productive individuals. They are divided into two main types (External and Internal) with four categories in each area.
External assets consist of:
Support
Empowerment
Boundaries and expectations
Constructive use of time
Internal assets consist of:
Commitment to Learning
Positive values
Social competencies
Positive identity

Q. What makes this theory different from other parenting theories?
A. Using this theory can show changes in the following:
From: Young people's problems
To: Young people's strengths
From: Young people absorbing resources
To: Seeing them as a resource
From: Blaming others
To: Claiming responsibilities
Q. What are the principles of asset building?
A. All young people need assets
Everyone can build assets
Relationships are key
Asset building is an ongoing process
Consistent messages are crucial
Repetition is important
Q. How will these assets help my child?
A. They will exhibit success in school by getting

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more As and Bs; they will be more apt to help friends and neighbors; the child will value getting to know people of many different racial and ethnic groups; and they will be leaders in life.
Steggles holds a Masters Degree in counseling and is

working toward a doctorate. She has 10 years experience as a clinical therapist and specializes in postpartum depression, anxieties and adjustments in individual and marital therapy. She can be reached at (248) 551-1462 or KSteggles@beaumonthospital.com.

Urgent Care opens in Grosse Pointe Woods

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor
Grosse Pointe Urgent Care, 20311 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, opened with a ribbon cutting last week. It is the ninth facility operated under Michigan Urgent Care.
This is the first medical care facility of this type in the Grosse Pointes, said owner Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D. A year and a half of study was done before selecting the site to service all five Grosse Pointes.
Staffed from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 365 days a year by medical doctors and a physician's assistant, the clinic offers both adult and pediatric illness and injury care. The clinic also has digital X-ray, EKG, an on-site lab service, testing for strep throat, mono and pregnancy. Arsiwala said the clinic personnel pro-

vides flu and H1N1 shots, vaccinations, tetanus and hepatitis B shots, as well as offering sports physicals for \$25.
"The clinic's focus is on quick and compassionate care, pro-

vided always with a priority on quality care," he said.
The cost of seeking care at this type of facility is less than visiting an emergency room.
"Insurance companies are

encouraging members to use lower cost facilities," Arsiwala said.
Joining the practice is Dr. Menal Salem, Dr. Sanjukta Sridharan and physician's assistant Richard Neal.



From left, Mable Arsiwala; Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala; Grosse Pointe Woods Building Official Gene Tutag; and Mayor Robert Novitke at the grand opening of the Grosse Pointe Urgent Care.



From left, Mable Arsiwala; Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala; Stephanie Ariswala; Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Grosse Pointe Woods building official Gene Tutag; State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia; building owner Gus Panagos; Dr. Manjula Amarnath; lead physical therapist Joan Phillips of Beaumont, Grosse Pointe; and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Director of Member Services Jennifer Boettcher at the ribbon cutting for the Grosse Pointe Urgent Care.

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Woods Senior Club

Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Club newly-elected officers were sworn in by Woods City Clerk Lisa K. Hathaway. From left, club treasurer Beverly Henry; vice present Mary Palmer; President Ann Zapala; Hathaway; Mayor Robert E. Novitke; and club secretary Angelo DiClemente. Club meetings are from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. For more information, call Zapala at (313) 881-5788.

CULTURAL EVENTS

3 Million Pound Challenge

The Grosse Pointe Rotary collects books, food and clothing Friday, Feb. 12 through Sunday, Feb. 14, during the Motown Winter Blast.

Five collection sites on Woodward by Campus Martius are available.

This is part of the 50 Rotary southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario clubs' project to collect a million pounds each of books, food and clothing to be distributed locally, nationally and internationally.

Locally, Crossroads of Michigan and Maxtrix Human Services will be recipients of the collected material.

For more information, visit winterblast.com, or call Bob Bashara at (313) 670-3461.

Belle Isle Nature Zoo

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo hosts African storytelling at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

Detroit Zoo staffer Tonzia Maxwell teaches native dances of the Republic of Congo at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

Senior Spotlight



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Carolyn Nantroup practices piano with the goal of entertaining guests at senior citizen centers.

Carolyn Nantroup

Grosse Pointe Woods resident volunteers at The Family Center

A teacher for 32 years, Nantroup and her late husband fostered horses for the Michigan Humane Society in

Lakeport.

While teaching in Yale, Nantroup showed her students how to make soap and candles to help raise money for the restoration of a nearby one-room school.

She volunteered at the Children's Home of Detroit from 1995 until it closed in 2008. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club and its president; is on the Grosse Pointe Garden Center board; and assists with annual garden tours; helps at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, in healing service; and volun-

teers for the Belle Isle Botanical Society and at the Family Center helping with mailings and office work.

"I try to help in the community as much as I can," Nantroup said.

"When you belong to a group or an organization, you try to help out as much as you can, but if you don't have a lot of time, you can help out once or twice. It's important to make a difference by helping others."

Lately, Nantroup is practicing playing the piano because she wants to entertain at senior centers.

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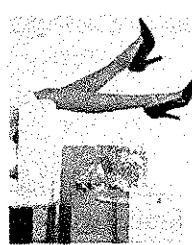
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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Shakespeare Festival offers more innovative program



The Stratford Shakespeare Festival of Canada is planting itself firmly in the prime turf of the global theater landscape.

It is hard to imagine any company offering a more innovative, prestigious and cosmopolitan program. This summer, in its 58th season, we can count on its four theaters and the resort-like atmosphere of Stratford, Ontario, to be buzzing with exciting performances and world famous talent.

Great actors for whom the festival was a proving ground that paved their way to international stardom now return eagerly to take part in its artistic and entertainment eminence.

Topping the list is Christopher Plummer, rated as one of the world's finest actors in any medium. This time he is Prospero, in "The Tempest," one of Shakespeare's greatest and most fascinating roles.

Longtime Stratford patrons who saw Plummer as Hamlet, Henry V, Antony, Cyrano and Bernard Shaw's Caesar, will

thrill at the prospect.

They will also recall Brent Carver as a superb Teyve in "Fiddler on the Roof" and an absolutely irresistible King of the Pirates in "Pirates of Penzance." He returns this summer as Jaques in "As You Like It" and in a premiere revival of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." Carver also credits being motivated to rejoin the troupe after successes and awards in such challenging venues as New York's Broadway where he was hailed in "The Kiss of the Spider Woman."

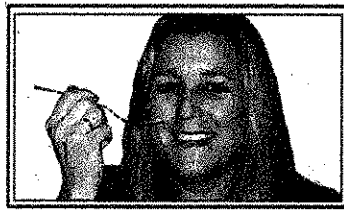
Directing the Brel show is another impressive talent making a return to Stratford but in a different way. Stafford Arima left Canada for acclaim in New York where he won an Outer Critics Circle award and in London's West End with a production of "Ragtime" nominated for eight Olivier Awards including Best Director. He credits experience as a young member of the audience and "the poetry, talent and craftsmanship" of the festival productions as an important part of his education.

An innovation this season is to see Shakespeare for the first time in the intimacy of the 250 seat Studio Theater where Assistant Artistic Director Dean Gabourie stages "The

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Recipe honors two holidays



Valentine's Day and Fat Tuesday are too close for comfort this year. I made some double chocolate crinkle cookies in honor of each special day. This scrumptious recipe came from Virginia O. McCoy, my weekly food stylist. The dough must chill over night in the refrigerator, so make sure to plan ahead.

Double Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter, melted (1 1/2 sticks)
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
2 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 12 oz. package semi sweet chocolate chips
3/4 cup confectioners sugar

In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Slowly melt butter in a small sauce pan over low heat. Stir in sugar and cocoa. Transfer mixture to a large bowl. Using an electric mixer, beat in eggs and vanilla.



PHOTOS BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Make a double batch of chocolate crinkle cookies, one for your sweetie's Valentine's Day treats and one for Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Beat in the dry mixture a bit at a time until well combined. (The dough will be dense.) Stir in chocolate chips. Place dough in an airtight container and chill over night in the refrigerator.

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Two Gentlemen of Verona" as well as "Do Not Go Gentle," a one-man show about Welsh poet Dylan Thomas. In the poet's role is past festival star, Geraint Wyn Davies. They are already primed to take it to New York after the summer season.

Other prime members of the company in big roles this year are Seana McKenna and Tom McCamus, both with many years of illustrious work there.

Anyone who has seen these actor's great characterizations will anticipate a spicy image of McCamus as Captain Hook in this summer's production of "Peter Pan" and McKenna as the idealistic Paulina in Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale." The actors will surely be titillated by their scandalous roles as the Marquise de Merteuil and her lover, the Vicomte de Valmont, in "Dangerous Liaisons" adapted from a book banned in France in 1824 for portraying the sexual ruin of two young women. Apparently the Parisians loved it.

"Peter Pan," of course, is considered a children's play and is intended as an offering to families. Yet adults also love it and it is possible that Director Tim Carrol, winner of multiple awards for his production of "Twelfth Night" in London, may bring exceptional depth to the grown-up im-

plications of the plot. In any case, he will surely have eager collaborators in McCamus and the boyish Michael Theriault who is back this year to play the title role.

To emphasize efforts to bring young people to its audience, the festival is offering a free ticket to anyone under 18, accompanied by an adult and with proof of birth date, to attend a performance of the play on their birthday.

A festival feature is its openness to the works of contemporary playwrights, especially Canadians — and there are some greats.

One is Michel Tremblay several of whose hits have already appeared at the festival. This year the company's shining leading lady, Lucy Peacock, plays a role written in tribute to Nana, Tremblay's mother who inspired his art with her skill as a storyteller while exasperating him with her exaggeration. From that combination we would expect a tour de force. Peacock has demonstrated often she can deliver.

A more recent discovery is George F. Walker whose "King of Thieves" is on the bill at the Studio Theater. It is a timely adaptation of "The Beggars Opera" in which Mac the Knife is recruited by the FBI in a sting against corrupt bankers and is constructed as a musical tale of deception.

Walker has a special talent for criminals, dishonest officials and amoral businessmen, yet has woven into it a love story that shines through the corruption. His play, "Zastrozzi," at the studio last year was an eye-opener.

In recognition of the New York musical as another classic form, Stratford is reviving the Andrew Lloyd Webber hit, "Evita." Familiar to fans are Juan Chioran as Juan Peron with the dynamic Chilina Kennedy as the charismatic Evita. Hailing originally from Argentina, Chioran feels a special affinity for his role. The pair is being directed by Gary Griffin who's "West Side Story" was one of last year's hits.

The other musical revival is Cole Porter's perennially exuberant "Kiss Me Kate," starring Chioran, Monique Lund and Kennedy. One more international influence is U. K. Director John Doyle whose resume includes more than 200 productions with two recent Tony awards.

Counting on this theater to be up to its usual standards, it is tempting to see all performances. Barring that, it is even more difficult to choose just a few. We can only say, "try!"

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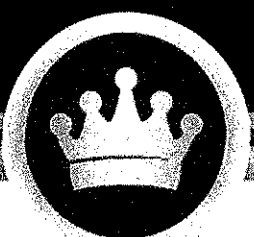
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

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50 years ago this week

◆ **PIPE WRENCH THIEF GETS INTO ANOTHER PARK RESIDENCE:** The burglar who last week broke into four Park homes and a doctor's office, added another breaking and entering to his record, but was apparently frightened away before he could do any looting.

The method of operation by the burglar is similar to that of Jan. 31 when four other Park homes were forcibly entered. In each case, the thief or thieves, used a pipe wrench to force the door lock.

◆ **PARK RESIDENTS BATTLE PROPOSED FENCE ORDINANCE:** Passage of a proposed fence ordinance was given a temporary setback at a public hearing before the Park council when a group of homeowners protested enactment of the law.

The proposed ordinance would prohibit fences in the front yards, and elsewhere limit fences to four feet in height, except those on the rear lot line, which may be six feet in height. A permit will be required for all fence construction. The law will not apply to fences already constructed.

◆ **OLDSTER HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR YOUNGER GENERATION:** Mrs. John Jenkins of Washington Road has many good things to say about two high school students who came to her aid last week.

While walking in the Village, Mrs. Jenkins, who is more than 90 years old, fell at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame, hitting her forehead on the pavement.

Just at that moment, Robert

and Clifford Carpenter of Lakepointe were driving by and stopped to help. They offered to take Mrs. Jenkins to the hospital or home, whichever she preferred. She chose to go home and they took her there. They helped get her upstairs and then got an ice bag fixed for her.

"The boys were so concerned that they called me later in the evening to see if I was all right. It seems you only hear about the bad ones among young people today, but there certainly are some nice ones around," said Mrs. Jenkins.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS ORDINANCE REJECTED:** The Farms city council voted against adopting the "first floor retail only" ordinance which would have restricted service-oriented businesses in the Hill district in favor of retail businesses.

◆ **MERGE PARK POLICE AND FIRE:** Grosse Pointe Park should combine its police and fire functions into one department, according to a report released by a commission charged with studying the matter.

◆ **TEEN ORDERS BRACES OFF AT GUNPOINT:** Two gunshots were fired in a Mack Avenue dentist' office when police subdued a 13-year-old Woods boy who was forcing a dentist at gunpoint to remove his braces.

2000

Ten years ago this week

◆ **SHORES ELECTORATE TO VOTE ON PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BUILDING:** Later this month, Grosse

Pointe Shores residents will have the chance to vote on whether or not the village should build a 5,000-square-foot community building on the grounds of Osius Park.

◆ **TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR THE BLIND:** City fathers in Grosse Pointe Woods will likely mine next year's budget for money to buy a special traffic signal that will help blind people cross safely at Mack and Vernier, the city's busiest intersection.

◆ **STUDENTS SPEAK OUT ON OPEN AND CLOSED CAMPUSES:** Students voice a resounding "yes" for open campuses at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools.

More than 50 students at South attended an after-school meeting to voice their opinions and 35 students met with the interim principal before school.

About 20 kids met before school with an assistant principal. An afternoon open forum was canceled and rescheduled.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **POWER OUTAGE AFFECTS 900 HOMES IN WOODS, SHORES:** About 900 Detroit Edison customers in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores were without power for about 11 hours February 8.

The outage, caused by a faulty transformer, occurred about midnight and caused problems with the computer systems at the Shores municipal office and canceled classes at Grosse Pointe North.

◆ **MACK-MOROSS MUGGING:** A woman was threatened with a gun before being battered and robbed behind stores on Mack between Moross and Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ **EMBEZZLEMENT:** The



1985: Ready, aim, fire!

You'd better prepare to duck when you're around these two. Heather Whitten, 8, and brother Andrew, 5, are standing on the entranceway to a nearly 10-foot-tall igloo built in their grandparents' backyard on Ballantyne Road. This ice palace, which measures nearly 10 feet in diameter, was the handiwork of the snowballers' mother, Cynthia Whitten and uncle, The Rev. Jack Fabian. The igloo took nearly two days to finish, and the kids liked it so much they ate pizza in there for dinner one night last week.

Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety arrested a 44-year-old Woods woman on one charge of embezzlement over \$20,000.

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Rivalry weekend on ice

Norsemen boys sweep Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North/Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey rematch was much closer than the first game played back in December.

In the first meeting, visiting North skated right through South, winning 8-1. However, last weekend, the host Norsemen had to work hard to earn a 4-2 over the Blue Devils.

"South outworked us at times in the first two periods, but I thought we played a strong third period," Lock said. "It wasn't pretty, but it was a win and got us closer to our goal of .500."

"We put up a great fight in the second time around," South head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "Giving a team like North 10 power play opportunities has proved again a deadly dose."

Junior Eric Marshall gave the Blue Devils the lead, scoring an unassisted goal at the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North sophomore J.P. Lucchese, center, looks for a goal-scoring opportunity in the rivalry game between the Norsemen and Blue Devils last weekend.

See BOYS, page 4C

Blue Devils girls ease by Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team completed a regular season sweep of city rival Grosse Pointe North, winning 3-2 last weekend at City Sports Arena.

"I think North outplayed us in the first couple of periods, but we really played well in the third period," South head coach Bill Fox said. "It was a tough win and a big one."

"If a couple of bounces go our way, we could have won this game," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "It's a tough loss, but I'm happy the girls played a good game."

The Blue Devils blitzed the Norsemen 6-1 in the first game of the season, but this game was much tighter.

It was a 2-2 game until senior Julia Solecki scored a power play goal with 2:30 left in the second period. Sophomore Claire Boyle and senior Shannon Gianino had assists on what turned out to

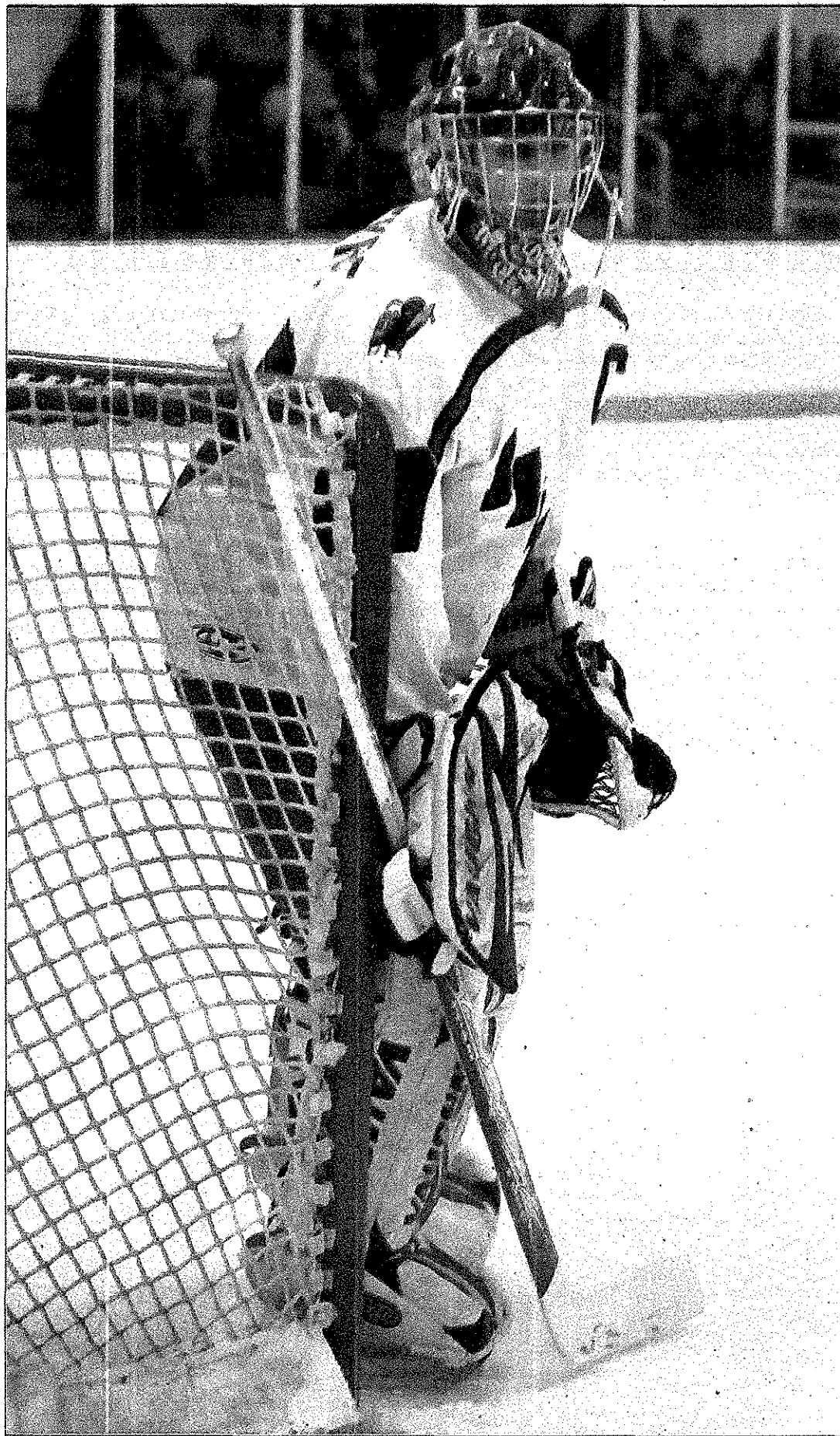
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Grosse Pointe North's Taylor Moody, left, scored two goals, while Grosse Pointe South's Ana Harris, right, had an assist in the Blue Devils' win over the Norsemen.

LIGGETT



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior David McIntyre keeps a keen eye on the opposition during the Knights' home game against Auburn Hills Avondale.

Knights gain sweep over Country Day

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Minus two of its top forwards, Liggett's boys' hockey team blanked host Birmingham Detroit Country Day 2-0 last weekend.

Senior Jake Goldberg and freshman Mark Auk missed the game, leaving head coach Robb McIntyre to juggle his lineup.

"Country Day really wanted to beat us after we beat them pretty good earlier this season," McIntyre said. "They came out flying, but we were

able to withstand the flurry and come back to win the game.

"This was a nice win for us." Senior Dan Zukas and sophomore Conner Wiggins scored goals for the Knights and senior David McIntyre posted the shutout.

"David played very well and he stepped up for us," McIntyre said. "He made some huge saves, including one in the final minute."

In other games last week, Liggett blasted Auburn Hills Avondale 8-0 and Fraser 6-2, improving to 17-0-1 overall.

Against Avondale, McIntyre earned the shutout, while Goldberg and Zukas had two goals apiece.

Other goal scorers included senior Patrick Gushee, sophomore Austin Pettipren and Wiggins.

The Knights trailed Fraser early in the first period before their skilled players took over. Zukas, Goldberg and Wiggins were among those who scored for the undefeated Knights.

"The game got a little feisty in the last period, but we were able to get another win," McIntyre said.



Freshman Jacob Soyka rips a slapshot in the Knights' game with Avondale.

2C | SPORTS

Boys swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils cruise in division showdown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title last week, pummeling Macomb Dakota 120-56.

Both teams came into the meet undefeated in the division, but the visiting Blue Devils made sure they were No. 1.

They took first and third in the opening event, the 200-yard medley relay, as Craig Campbell, Cam Laney, Mac Day and Cam Johnson won with a time of 1:46.81 and the squad of Joe Zampardo, Roby Boggs, Sam Effinger and Luke Hessburg placed third at 1:50.00.

Matt Mandel and Matt Schmidt had a first- and second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with Mandel posting a time of 1:51.71 and Schmidt coming in at 1:56.11.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Ryan Graham was second with a time of 2:13.48. He was followed by teammates Wayne Brackett and Zampardo with times of 2:18.05 and 2:19.52.

The Blue Devils swept the 50-yard freestyle with Joe Hessburg winning with a time of 23.17. Campbell was second and Michael Shook took third to put more distance between themselves and the Cougars.

Kyle Eschenburg won the diving competition with 231.05 points, while Pat Mulier and Daniel Fisher took second and third, and in the 100-yard butterfly, Mandel won with a time of 58.09.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Johnson was second with a time of 51.87 with Shook and Luke Hessburg taking third and fourth.

Schmidt won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.15, while Campbell was first in the 100-yard backstroke, posting a time of 1:00.49. In the same event, Boggs and Zampardo took

'Both teams came into the meet undefeated, but the visiting Blue Devils made sure they were No. 1.'

second and third.

Laney won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.04 and the Blue Devils' 400-yard freestyle relay team of Johnson, Mandel, Day and Campbell won with a time of 3:30.26, which was nine seconds ahead of second-place Dakota.

Later in the week, head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils battled two ranked teams, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Blue Devils beat Catholic Central 129-57, but lost 106-80 to Pioneer, leaving them 10-4 overall and 4-0 in the MAC Red Division.

Schmidt, Laney, Zampardo and Johnson came in second in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:42.69, while Campbell and Shook placed second and third in the 200-freestyle.

Gunderson watched Mandel, Joe Hessburg and Johnson sweep the 50-freestyle, turning in times of 22.09, 22.96 and 23.12, respectively.

Eschenburg was second in diving, earning 233.95 points, while Mandel and Campbell continued their solid week by winning and taking second in the 100-freestyle with times of 48.45 and 49.18.

Shook was second in the 500-freestyle with a time of 5:00.00 and the Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Johnson, Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Mandel won with a time of 1:29.50.

Laney won the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:02.33 and the 400-freestyle relay squad of Shook, Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Mandel took second to end the double dual meet.

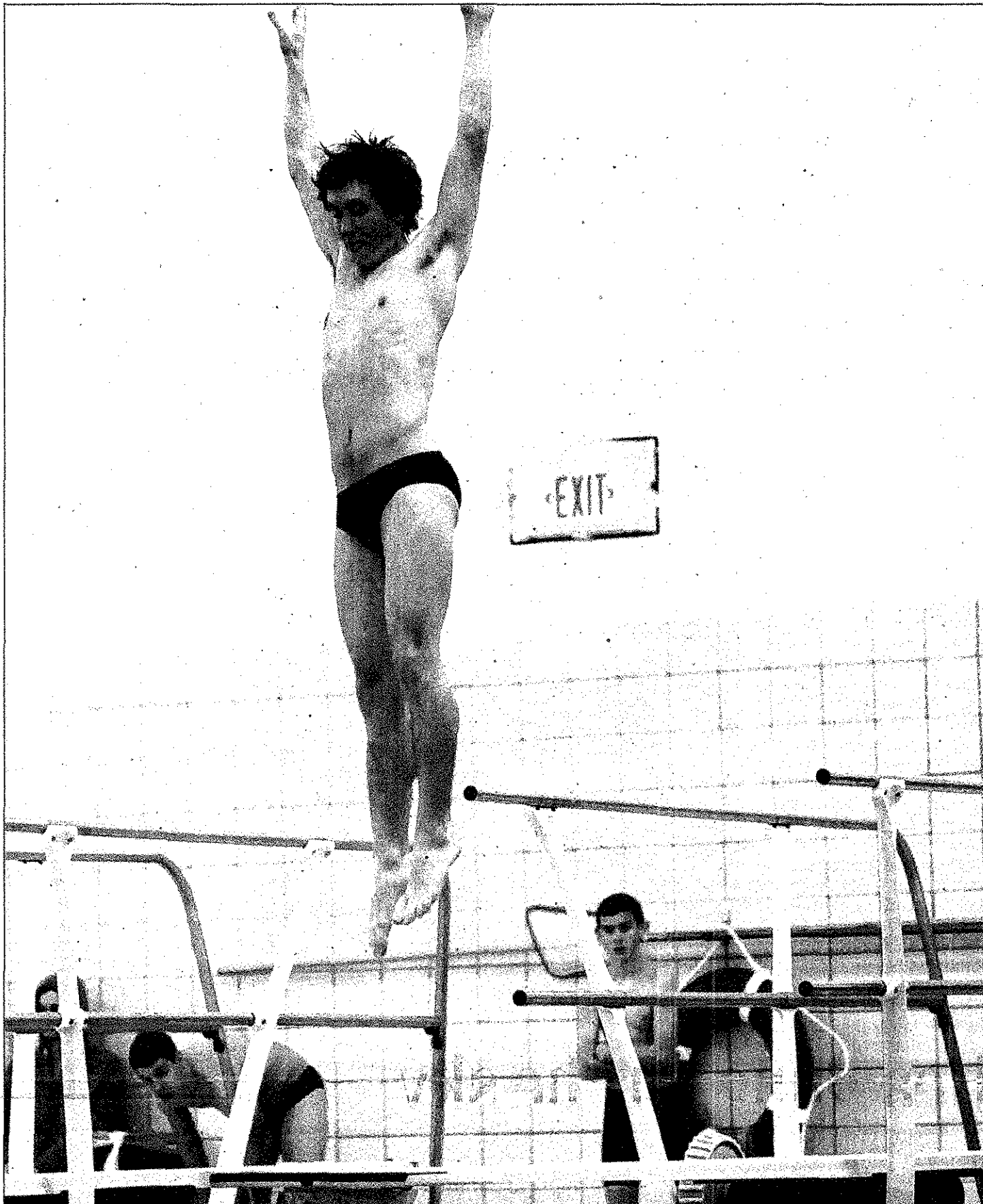


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Kyle Eschenburg had a nice week in diving, beating his Macomb Dakota foes and finishing second against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Guys battle champs

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team lost 95-91 to Farmington last week.

Justin Rakowicz won the 200- and 500-yard freestyles to lead the Norsemen. His time in the 500 was a state-qualifying one.

Other winners were Robert Tripp in the 100-yard freestyle and Matthew Leone in the 100-yard backstroke.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Leone, Andrew Kopacka and Bernardo Simoes in the 50-yard freestyle; Tripp, John Kohler, Peter Cherry, Steve Schoenith, Paul Hanna and Simoes in the 100-freestyle; James Spencer in 200-freestyle; Leone in the 100-backstroke; Evan Williams in the 100-butterfly; Alex Fly in the 200-individual medley; and Joshua Garvin and Mitchell Gross in diving.

In other action last week, North lost 110-76 to Novi Detroit Catholic Central as Rakowicz won the 500-freestyle and Tripp took first in the 200-freestyle with state-qualifying times.

Those were the only victories the Norsemen had against the Shamrocks.

Season-best times were turned in by Peter Shea, Tommy Milne and Michael Rieth in the 50-freestyle; Tom Vigliotti in the 100-freestyle; Scott Adelson, Ryan Seago and Michael Seago in the 200-

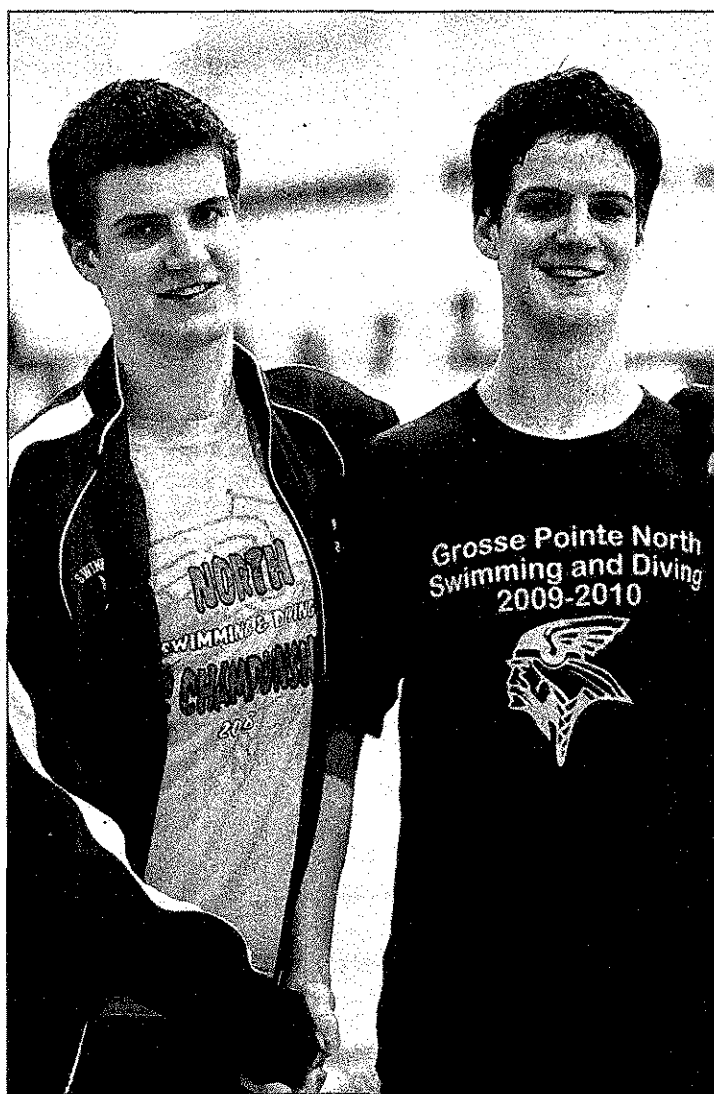


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The Seago brothers, Ryan, left, and Mike, have enjoyed a successful season thus far with Grosse Pointe North's boys' swimming and diving team.

freestyle; Gordon Russell in the 500-freestyle; Connor Yeager in the 100-backstroke; Fly and Eric Reardon in the 100-breaststroke; Cherry in the 100-butterfly; Louie Saravolatz and Reardon in the 200-IM; and Garvin and Gross in diving.

Last weekend, North traveled to Ann Arbor Pioneer, the defending Division 1 state champ and winner of four state titles since 2003.

The Norsemen lost 140-46,

dropping to 4-5 overall.

Rakowicz was the lone champ, winning the 200-yard freestyle and had a state-qualifying time with his second-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Yeager and Michael Rieth in the 50-freestyle; Kohler in the 100-freestyle; Michael Seago and Kohler in the 200-freestyle; Kopacka in the 100-breaststroke and 200-IM.

LIGGETT

Knights stay unbeaten

Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team improved to 5-0 last week, beating Hazel Park 105-65.

Head coach Mike Mullinger watched his swimmers maintain a slim lead, 35-27, at the break, but they put their game into second gear in the second half to win in a romp.

Mallory Jamett won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:23.57 and Ben Gellman was third at 2:46.70, while Connor Borrego won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:40.52 and Tori Wuthrich was third at 3:11.49.

In the 50-freestyle, the Knights finished second, third and fourth as Nick Valice,

Veeral Patel and Jacob Osborn had times of 29.66, 29.91 and 30.82, respectively.

Kara Zmyslowski won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:17.93 and Brian Gutermuth won the 100-yard freestyle at 1:04.88. Other top performers in the 100-freestyle were Patel and Stavros Bricolas with times of 1:10.28 and 1:12.42.

Jamett and Wuthrich took first and third in the 500-yard freestyle, posting times of 5:05.38 and 5:49.25, while Zmyslowski and Borrego won the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:13.32 and 1:23.41, respectively.

In the backstroke, Bricolas was third at 1:26.74 and Mary Nehra was fourth at 1:36.76, and in the breaststroke, Gutermuth was third with a time of 1:24.62.

One big key to the win was the Knights' victories in the three relay events.

Zmyslowski, Gutermuth, Bricolas and Valice won the 200-medley relay with a time of 2:17.61 and the 200-freestyle relay.

In the final event, the 400-freestyle relay, Jamett, Valice, Borrego and Gutermuth won with a time of 4:46.51 and the foursome of Bricolas, Patel, Osborn and Zmyslowski was second at 5:13.79.



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Liggett swimmers, from left, Mallory Jamett, Kara Zmyslowski and Tori Wuthrich have been at the top of their game this season.

Competitive cheerleading

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

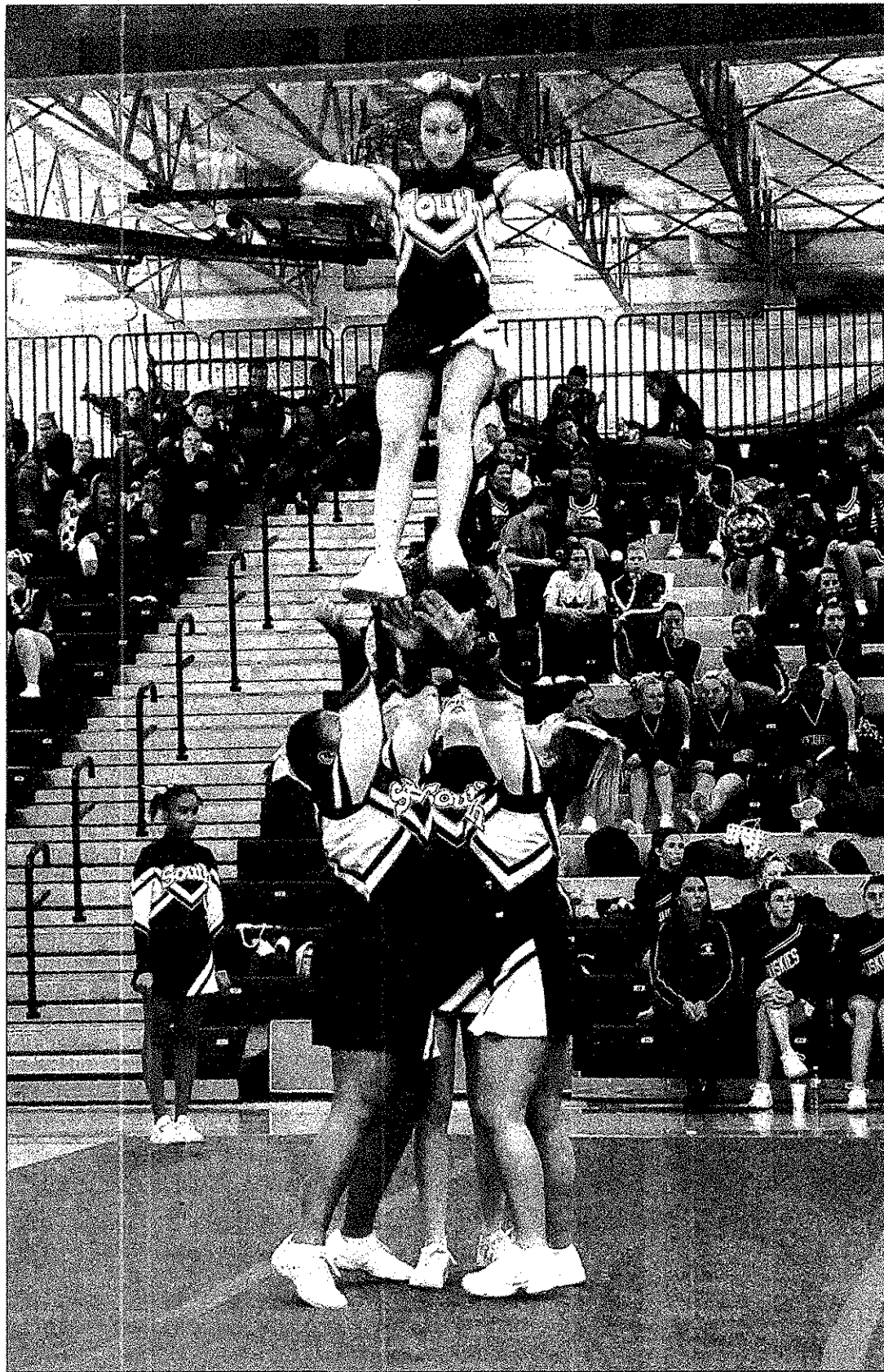


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Reaching for the sky

Grosse Pointe South's competitive cheerleading team is preparing for the stretch run of the season during the final couple of weeks of February. The Blue Devils compete in the Macomb Area Conference Silver Division with Eastpointe East Detroit, Warren Fitzgerald, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Madison Heights Madison, Port Huron Northern, New Haven, Sterling Heights, L'Anse Creuse and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

SWIMMING

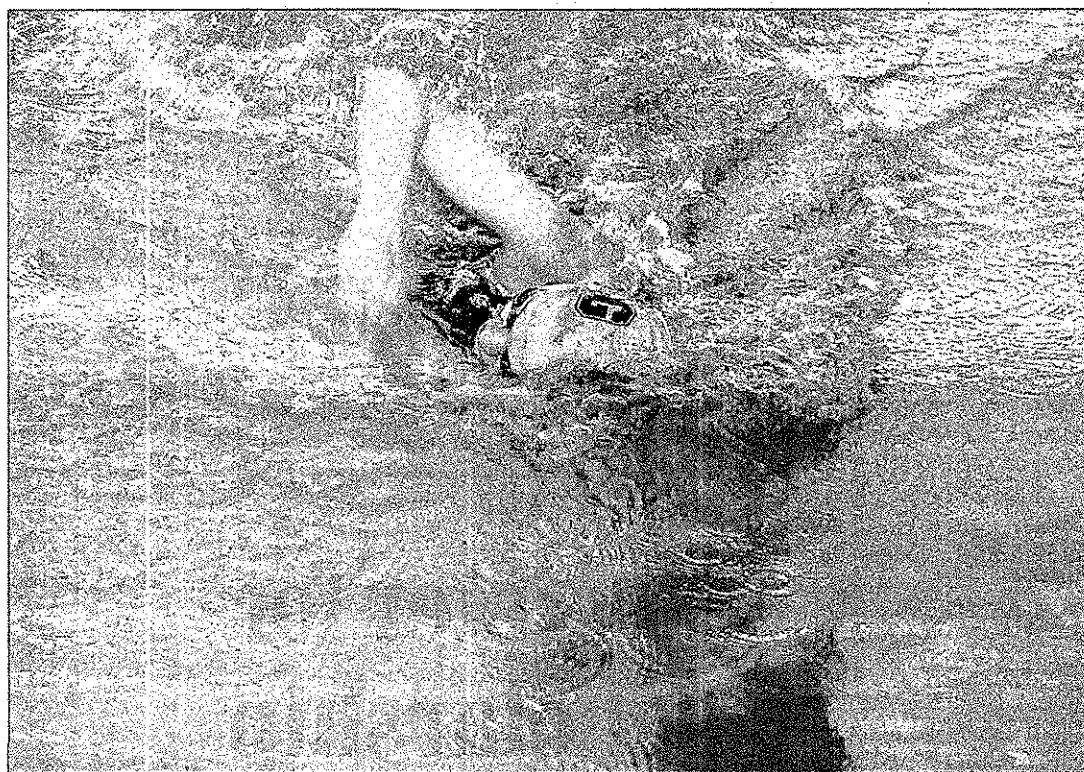


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Gator pride

Emily Mlynarek, a Grosse Pointe Gator, swims the 200-yard freestyle during the recent meet held at Grosse Pointe South High School. The Gators' program is running on all cylinders.

BASEBALL

Registration fees provided

Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation have teamed up to provide financial resources for Grosse Pointe residents in need of financial help to make Little League baseball available.

Although Babe Ruth League Baseball is not currently providing a community baseball league, directors decided to provide financial support.

Assistance is available to all three of the Little League organizations that support Grosse Pointe residents. It is open to players of all ages.

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Each family can receive about \$100 per ballplayer toward the registration cost.

Those involved in receiving

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Community-minded supporters of baseball activities wanting to help with this effort can by sending a donation to either the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation or Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe at P.O. Box 36026, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Gymnasts dispose of another opponent

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team kept its record perfect, beating Fraser 136.35-131.90 last week.

In the first event, vault, Emma Abessinio won with an 8.5, followed by Madi Kaiser and Heather Koresky, who tied for second with an 8.45.

Sarah Fentin and Lauren Krieger also competed and tied for third with a score of 8.35.

On bars, Kaiser was second with a 7.9 and Abessinio and Ashley Krynski tied for third with a 7.8. Aubryn Samaroo had a 7.65, followed by Brittany Rizzo with a 7.8 and Fentin with a 7.6.

Each competitor earned a regional-qualifying score in the event.

Kaiser continued her solid meet, winning the beam with a 9.1.

Other top scorers for the

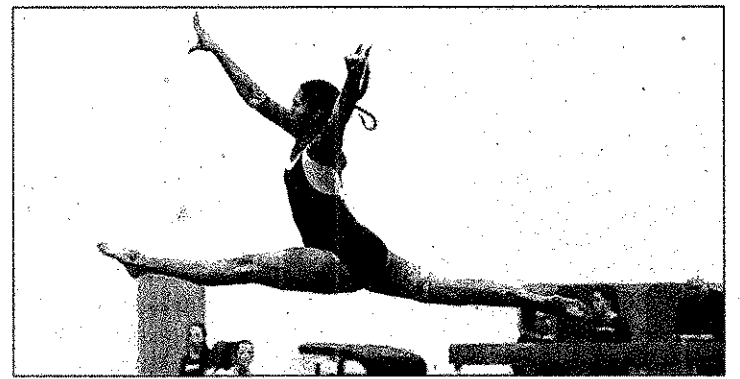


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Aubryn Samaroo had a great floor routine, scoring a 9.25, which was second to teammate Lauren Krieger.

team were Fentin with an 8.75, Abessinio with an 8.6, Krieger with an 8.0, Krynski with a 7.15 and Emily Griffith with a 6.65.

In the final event, the floor exercise, Krieger won with a 9.45 and Samaroo was second with a 9.25. Abessinio also earned a top score, netting a

9.1 to help the team beat Fraser.

Kaiser also competed, earning an 8.8, followed by Fran Kay with an 8.65 and Lydia Fuller with an 8.15.

Every girl who competed on the floor exercise earned a regional-qualifying score.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Grapplers earn medals

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team placed third in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Gold Division Tournament at Center Line.

St. Clair Shores Lake Shore won the title with 200 points, followed by Center Line with 162.5, South with 153.5, Warren Lincoln with 140, Clawson with 117.5, New Haven with 39, Mount Clemens with 29 and Madison Heights Madison with 26.

Head coach Pat O'Donnell watched as Sergio Rodriguez, Andrew Stieber and Nolan Goodall won gold medals.

Rodriguez, competing in the 103-pound class, pinned Lake Shore's JaQuan Moore and Stieber pinned Center Line's Ryan Laskie in the title matches.

Goodall, 130-pound class, pinned Clawson's Mike Francis to top the Blue Devils' performers at the tourna-

ment.

Alex Romer, 135 pounds, took home a silver medal, as did Neil Leising and Reggie Lewis at the 140- and 285-pound classes.

In the consolation finals, Deonte Bryant won at the 152-pound class, as did Zack Donatello at the 189-pound class.

Ryan Ennis, 119 pounds, lost in his consolation championship match.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen finish fifth

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team finished fifth in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference White Division championship meet at Sterling Heights.

Warren Woods-Tower won the title with 182 points, followed by Utica Eisenhower with 150.5, Utica with 129.5, Sterling Heights 108, North with 96, Port Huron with 80, Eastpointe East Detroit with 48 and St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 42.

Head coach Bryan Lorenzo and his Norsemen had one gold medalist, Patrick Salazar, who pinned Eisenhower's Andre Ameye in the finals of the 112-pound division.

Paul Menth was second in the 119-pound class, losing to Steve Zajac of Lakeview and Alex Doetsch earned a silver medal in the 171-pound class,

falling by a 10-5 decision to Eisenhower's Joe Valente.

Tom Mulvihill was also a silver medalist in the 215-pound class, getting pinned by Chris Folden.

In the consolation rounds, John Testori won the 130-pound class and Evan Lock was runner-up in the 189-pound class.

Earlier in the week, the

Norsemen lost 51-15 to Romeo and beat Warren Fitzgerald 39-36 in tune-up matches before the division tournament.

Leading the way for the Norsemen were Salazar, Menth, Stu Haigh, Testori, Zack Kaiser, Wilson Fisher, Leyoun Harvin, Doetsch, Jajuan Henderson, Lock and Mulvihill.

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BOYS:
Second game
closer

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4:04 mark of the opening period.

Less than a minute later, the Norsemen scored when sophomore J.P. Lucchese tallied, assisted by seniors Steve Herron and Shane Johnston.

Senior Alex Tomovski, right out of the penalty box, received a perfect pass from sophomore goalie Chip Wujek and skated in all alone on South sophomore goalie C.J. Schebil.

After a deek, Tomovski slid the puck past Schebil for the Norsemen's second goal.

At the 6:12 mark of the second period, Herron scored a power play goal with sophomore Scott Dornbrock and senior Matt Lucchese netting assists. That would prove to be the winning goal.

The Blue Devils kept up the pressure and made it a one-goal game when junior John Wendzinski scored off an assist from senior Wes Cimmarusti.

Bufalino had his Blue Devils in position to post an upset, thanks to outshooting the Norsemen through the first

two periods.

The Norsemen took control in the third period, clamping down on defense and putting more pressure on Schebil.

They were able to get a huge insurance goal midway through the third period when freshman Brad Werenski lifted a backhand shot for a tally. Matt Lucchese had the lone assist.

"Schebil made countless big saves for us in what has been his biggest game of the year," Bufalino said.

Wujek and the Norsemen defense tightened up in the final period, limiting the Blue Devils' scoring chances.

Earlier in the week, South lost 6-1 to Birmingham Brother Rice as junior Jess Martinelli scored.

North also played earlier in the week, beating Port Huron Northern 4-0 as senior Mike Held stopped 20 shots to earn the shutout.

"Mike played very well in net and the guys were able to get a win in a tough place to play," Lock said.

Matt Lucchese had two goals to lead the Norsemen in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-5 in the MIHL and 8-10 overall; Grosse Pointe South stands 3-2-1 in the Metro Hockey League and 7-10-1 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

The battle of No. 18s went to Grosse Pointe North senior, Matt Lucchese, left, but it was a lot tougher, thanks to a solid effort from South freshman Thomas Marantette, right, and his teammates.

GIRLS:
Goalies
play well

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be the game-winning goal.

Despite having the lead, the Norsemen actually outshot the Blue Devils 20-14.

In the third period, the Blue Devils picked up the pace and sent 10 shots on North sophomore goalie Emma Huellmantel, who made several spectacular saves to keep it a one-goal game.

"Emma played a great game and kept us in it with a strong third period," Dockett said.

"We could have blown the game open in the third period if a couple of those shots get by the goalie," Fox said. "Our goalie (senior Maggie Miller) came up with some nice saves, too, and didn't let in a goal during her time in net."

Miller came in when the Norsemen tied the game early in the second period. She came with a couple of solid saves and earned the win in relief.

The Blue Devils grabbed a 1-0 lead when Boyle scored an unassisted shorthanded goal at the 10:18 mark of the first period.

The Norsemen came right back and tied it at the 1:56 mark when junior Taylor Moody tallied a power play goal with junior Kailey Sickmiller netting the lone assist.

The tie lasted all of 10 seconds after senior Rae Sklarski scored at the 1:46 mark. Solecki and senior Ana Harris had assists.

Moody's second goal of the game tied it at the 11:14 mark of the second period. Freshman Natalie Skorupski had the assist on the power play goal.

Earlier in the week, North battled its other city rival, Liggett, winning 5-0, as

Huellmantel was the No. 1 star, posting the shutout.

It was the first time the Knights had been shutout in a couple of years.

"Emma made some outstanding saves, especially in that first period when it was still scoreless," Dockett said.

"I had a couple of good practices with my goalie coach the couple of days before the game, which really got me pumped up," Huellmantel said.

She made two saves on senior Paige Counsman early in the first period that gave the Norsemen a boost, including a break-away attempt with 6:08 left and another when Counsman deked a defenseman and had a point-blank shot was smothered.

Skorupski scored the game-winning goal with 2:43 left in the opening period on a wicked wrist shot that found its way an inch under the crossbar over junior goalie Maria Passalacqua's glove hand.

Sickmiller made it a 2-0 game with a goal a minute later. Freshmen Sara Villani and Jaccelynn Sherry drew assists.

The Norsemen scored two more goals in the second period. Villani scored at the 8:52 mark with junior Megan Bergeron and sophomore Jennifer Cusmano getting assists, and Cusmano tallied at the 1:53 mark with Bergeron netting the lone assist.

In the final period, Sickmiller scored again with freshman Bryn Moody getting the assist.

"I don't think we played up to our potential, but we got the win which is the most important part," Dockett said.

"The girls weren't skating fast and kind of going through the motions, but they made the plays, played good defense and Emma was outstanding."

Liggett completed its week with a tough road game against Port Huron, losing 3-1, dropping to 8-7 in the Michigan Metro Girls High



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North goalie Emma Huellmantel, right, could have been the No. 1 star after making several tough saves.

School Hockey League and 8-9 overall.

South won its game earlier last week, 3-0, over Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

"Country Day played us tough, but we were able to get a lot of scoring opportunities to get the win," Fox said.

Sklarski had two goals and Boyle added another, while Harris had two assists to lead the Blue Devils.

Solecki, Gianino and sophomore Marissa Monforton also

had assists.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 15-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall; Grosse Pointe North dropped to 10-5 in the league and 11-6 overall.

Team USA

Before the North/South game, parents were selling Team USA Women's Hockey shirts autographed by Angela Ruggerio for \$20.

The shirts are still for sale

around the area with the proceeds extended to the USA

Women's Ice Hockey program this year.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Register for
scholarship

Former male and female Grosse Pointe Farms-City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League players who are completing their senior year in high school are eligible to apply for the Bob Wagner Memorial College Scholarship.

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To obtain information or to request an application, contact your high school guidance department or send an e-mail to georgemackenzie1@aol.com or write the Bob Wagner College Scholarship Committee, c/o George C. Mackenzie, 231 Kenwood Court, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North hits .500

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After a tough 1-5 start, Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team has hit the .500 mark at 7-7 with last weekend's 61-47 win over Port Huron Northern.

"We're starting to play better team defense and getting more aggressive on the defensive end, which is making a difference," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We're also getting consistent play from our big men, Balazs (Juhasz) and Chris (Collins)."

The visiting Huskies came out on fire in the opening quarter, outscoring the Norsemen 16-9. Five turnovers allowed the Huskies to get easy transition baskets.

Lockhart watched his players gain momentum in the second quarter, winning 19-5 to take a 28-21 halftime lead.

Northern kept it close in the third quarter, but Juhasz dominated the paint in the fourth quarter, scoring 12 points and senior guard Troy Williams had seven as the Norsemen outscored the Huskies 22-13 to win the Macomb Area

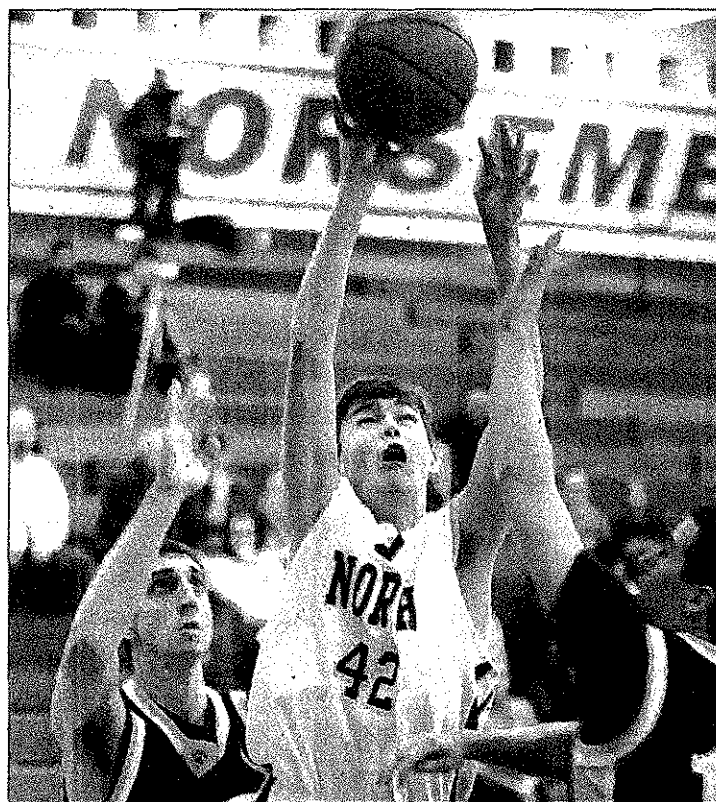


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Sophomore Will Ritchie, No. 42, goes up strong for two of his five points in Grosse Pointe North's division win over Port Huron Northern.

Conference White Division game.

"We're getting our young guys, Will (Ritchie) and Adam (Andrzejczak) into the flow," Lockhart said. "Bryan (Brown) had a quiet game since teams are starting to shadow him, which is giving other guys open looks and they're making those shots they weren't early in the year."

Brown was held to four points, but had seven huge assists. Williams finished with seven assists to go with his 10 points and two steals.

Juhasz finished with 23

points, making 11-of-12 shots, while Collins had seven points. Ritchie and Andrzejczak each scored five points with senior Dean Butts adding three. Senior Desmond Malone and junior George Greer had two points apiece.

Lockhart's nine-man rotation worked to perfection as he received solid guard play from Greer, Butts, Brown and Williams with Malone, Ritchie, Andrzejczak, Collins and Juhasz guarding the paint.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-2 in the MAC White Division.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils in stride

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for Grosse Pointe South to get over its tough loss to Grosse Pointe North.

The Blue Devils' girls' basketball team blew out host St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 61-17 following the loss in the rivalry game.

Head coach Kevin Richards watched his players jump out to a 21-6 first-quarter lead and extend the margin to 21 points, 35-14, at the half.

"We had two intense practices following the disappointing loss and the girls looked focused tonight," Richards said. "We just have to continue get-

ting better and get ready for some big games ahead of us."

The Blue Devils made sure the Shorians wouldn't make a comeback after outscoring the host team 16-3 in the third quarter and 10-0 in the final stanza.

Senior Chloe Srebernak paced the Blue Devils with 17 points, followed by freshman Claire DeBoer with nine, junior Aisha Rodney with eight, freshman Christina Flom with eight, junior Taru Madekivi with seven, sophomore Caitlin Moore with four, senior Katie Hamm with three, senior Kathleen Raymond with three and sophomore Catherine Palazzolo with two.

Others who played well, but

did not get onto the scoreboard were sophomore Carmen Engel and senior Theresa Zettner.

With the win, Grosse Pointe South improved to 11-3 overall.

Coming up are tough road games Tuesday, Feb. 16, against L'Anse Creuse, which should be for the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title, and Monday, Feb. 22, against the No. 1 ranked team in the state, Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

They also host Warren Cousino in the final regular season game Wednesday, Feb. 24.

"Those games will help us prepare for the state tournament," Richards said.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen give solid effort

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team won its 13th straight game last week, beating St. Clair 61-26.

The visiting Norsemen put the clamps on the Saints in the opening half, outscoring them 17-5 and in the opening quarter and 17-6 in the second to take a commanding 34-11 halftime lead.

They kept up the pressure in the third quarter, outscoring the Saints 15-8 to build a 49-19 ad-

vantage.

The rest is history as head coach Gary Bennett was able to get his starters some rest and his younger players valuable minutes.

Senior Ariel Braker led the way with 13 points, eight rebounds, five assists and four steals and senior Kayla Womack had 11 points and five steals.

Everyone on the roster chipped in. The Norsemen are getting contributions from more than the seniors, which has made them a more com-

plete team with the state playoffs coming up.

Junior Micaela Liddane had seven points, six assists and three steals, while senior Kamille Hamzey had six points and senior Christine Bedway had six rebounds.

Freshman Taryn Kiah had seven points, followed by freshman Emily Armbruster and junior Kia Tyus with five points apiece and junior Nicole Strickland had four points and three assists.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 13-1 overall.

LIGGETT

1-and-1

Senior Mark Ghafari and the Liggett boys' basketball team split its games last week, losing 44-35 to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and beating Detroit Old Redford Prep 54-38. The 35 points scored against Oakland Christian were a season-low, dropping the Knights to 9-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. They rebounded to pound Old Redford, improving their overall record to 10-2 overall.

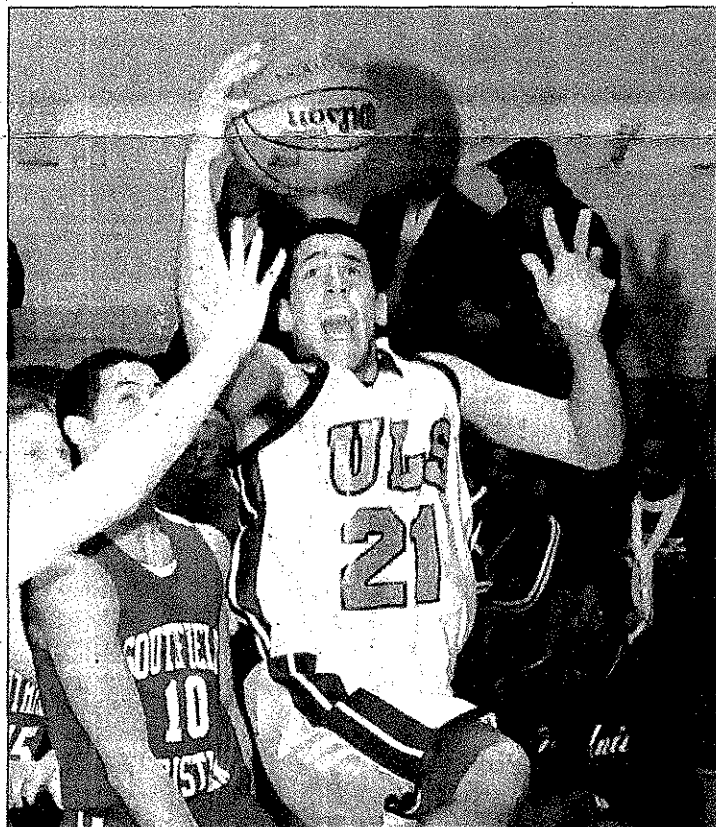


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LIGGETT

Knights get OT victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' basketball team is on a collision course with top-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian after winning twice last week.

The Knights beat host Lutheran Westland 55-32 and three nights later had to go into overtime to beat host Bloomfield Hills Roeper 56-53.

"We had some balance against Roeper and played a very good high school basketball game," head coach Wayne

Gigante said. "We're getting more comfortable out there and everyone is getting to understand their role on the team."

In the win over Lutheran Westland, the Knights had a huge 38-point lead early in the fourth quarter before putting their game on cruise control.

The rematch with Roeper was much different as they never held more than a seven-point lead throughout the game.

Each time the Knights would jump out to a lead nearing dou-

ble digits, Roeper would come back and hit a big hoop or two to make it interesting.

Senior Hannah Baird led the Knights with 16 points and five assists, while sophomore Madison Ristovski added 12 points and 13 assists.

Sophomore Adriana Evangelista chipped in with eight points, followed by freshmen Haleigh Ristovski with seven, Julia DeRoo with six and Ariana Castillo with six.

Liggett improved to 9-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 13-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Choppy waters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team lost its conference crossover game with St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 50-37, last week.

"We didn't play well and we didn't give a good effort tonight," head coach Jim Twigg said.

The host Blue Devils struggled early, training 18-8, before using a 14-8 second quarter to cut the deficit to 22-21 at the half.

It was all Shorians in the second half as the visitors were quicker to the ball and hungrier on the offensive end as they outscored the Blue Devils 28-16, including 13-6 in the fourth quarter.

Junior Corbet Conroy led the Blue Devils with 10 points, followed by junior Brandon Barkley with nine and junior Alex Bedan with six.

Two nights later, South battled a good Rochester Adams team on the road and lost 58-41, falling to 3-9 overall.

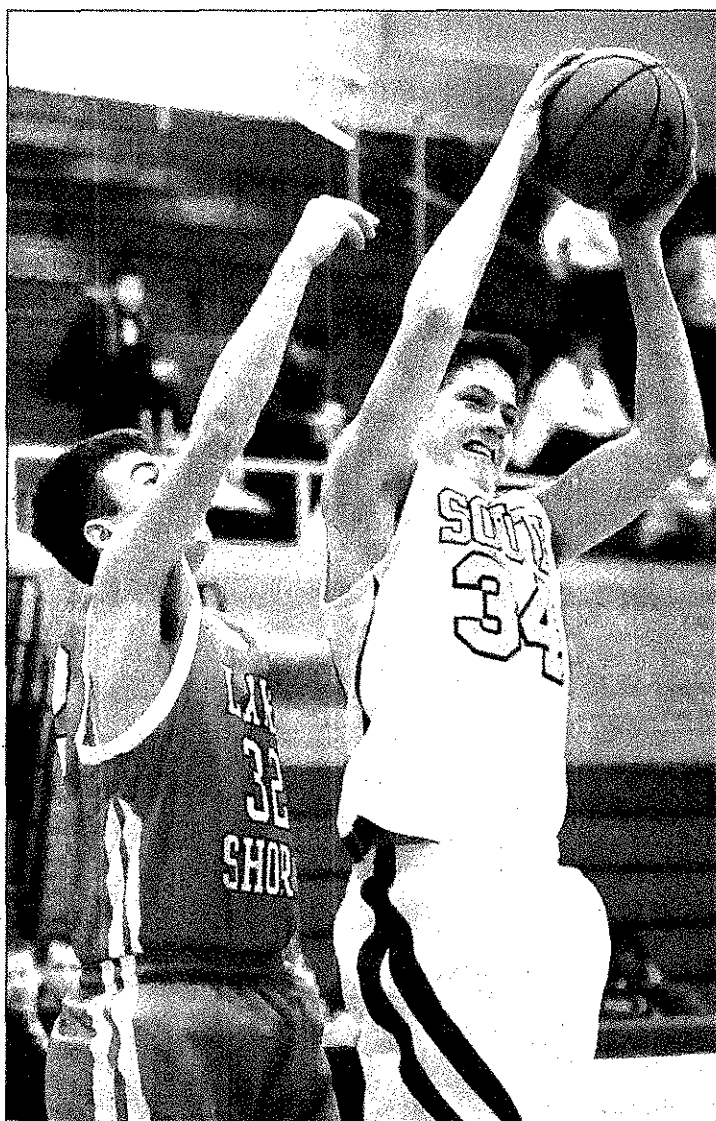


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Junior Cooper Hartman, No. 34, grabs a rebound during South's home loss to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

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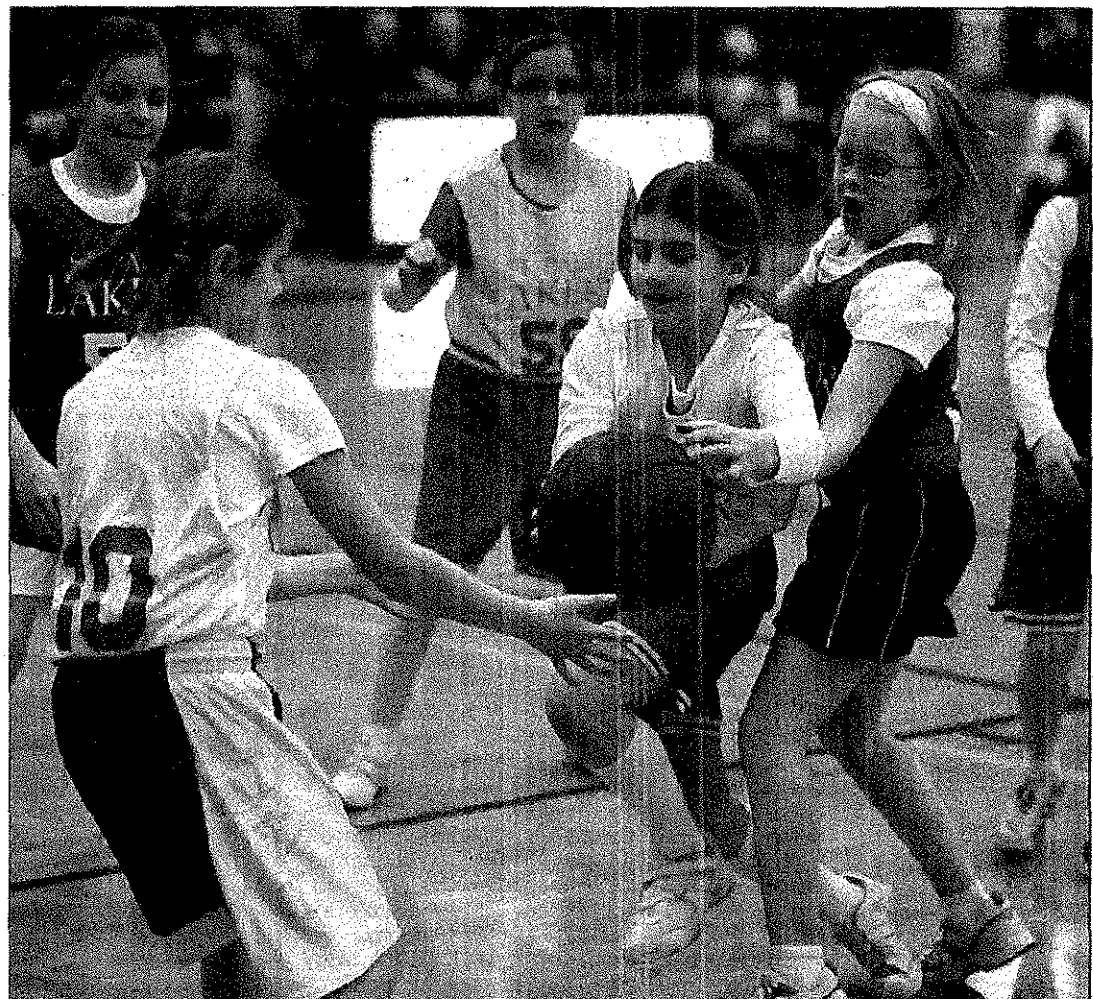


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Fundamentals

St. Paul's third- and fourth-graders played a game during the halftime of the Grosse Pointe North/Grosse Pointe South girls basketball game Friday, Jan. 29, at South. The girls, coached by Patrick Rennell, Sarah Graves and Kelly Liederbach, are learning the fundamentals during the season. Pictured above, from left, are Carolyn Frederickson, Lauren Kanan, Kathleen Carroll, Kathryn Bird, Sarah Gormley and Isabelle Thibault.

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