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THURSDAY, FEB. 18

◆ Poets Folies hosts poetry readings by Tommye Blount, Nandi Comer and Kim Hunter from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Pat Hopper of Hopper Communications discusses Twitter at 5 p.m. at Northern Trust Bank, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. This event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.
◆ Oscar Night at the Library is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Film critics Corey Hall and Jeff Meyers review the 2010 nominations.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

◆ Wayne State University Music Department and St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, present "Music in the Woods" at 7:30 p.m. at the church. A \$10 freewill donation is accepted.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Mitra Rahnama of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

MONDAY, FEB. 22

◆ State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a town hall meeting about Asian carp from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guest speakers include members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Wayne State University Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, Clean Water Action and the League of Conservation Voters.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High

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Capt. Jeffrey Griffin talked with dignitaries in the town of Pointe des Latanier, Haiti. As commander of the U.S.S. Normandy, Griffin and his crew provided medical supplies and food to an island cut off from its normal supply route as a result of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

EARTHQUAKE

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

U.S. Navy Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey T. Griffin and his U.S.S. Normandy crew recently completed a humanitarian mission to Haiti.

"I was happy to provide relief," said the Grosse Pointe Park native.

The crew of 330 was under way within 15 hours of being assigned to Operation Unified Response, arriving Jan. 16 at the Haitian island of La Gonave, some 30 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince. The ship, with a displacement of 10,000 tons, spent 21 days delivering water, food and medical assistance to an area hit by a 7.0 earthquake Jan. 12. Due to the devastation, regular supply shipments from Haiti's mainland to the island had halted.

The ship's helicopter detachment launched daily from Normandy delivered 75,142 pounds of food and water and 3,000 pounds of medical supplies throughout the Port-au-Prince area. The detachment conducted medical evacuations of 107 injured Haitians to medical treatment facilities throughout the area.

Many of those treated had arrived via ferry from Haiti. Griffin said medical needs included burns, broken bones, cuts and trauma caused by the earthquake. Those treated ranged from children to the elderly.

"I'm very proud of the crew; they were flexible from the get-go, the way they adapted to the mission and the way they gave their hearts to helping the people of Haiti," said Griffin. "Much credit also (goes to) the pi-



PHOTOS COURTESY U.S. NAVY

Some 30,000 meals of special humanitarian dehydrated food were delivered.

lots, the air crewmen, the maintainers — for what they were able to do to help victims get vital necessities and transport them to medical facilities that could help treat them."

Its crew delivered 125,000 meals of special dehydrated food mix donated by the not-for-profit organization, Kids Against Hunger; more than 1,000 gallons of water; plus other foodstuffs including peanut butter, bread and ready-to-eat meals, during a series of assessment and assistance visits to town.

Normandy personnel performed duties in air surveillance and managing the military data link, as well as being a ready deck for incoming helicopters needing fuel. Normandy's crew began the assessment and assistance missions Jan. 23, about a week into opera-

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

How'd he get there?

Dead man's fate puzzles investigators

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms Lt. Richard Rosati is at opposite ends on his two biggest cases so far this year: a woman missing for a month and feared drowned in Lake St. Clair, and a man who died Monday of head wounds shortly after being found unconscious in a pool of blood in a Lakeshore driveway.

"I know everything about the woman who is missing, but I don't have a body," said Rosati, head of the detective unit. "In (the man's) case, I have a body and don't know anything about him."

The case of the woman, 55-year-old Joann Matouk-Romain, missing since Jan. 12, has been transferred to police in her jurisdiction of residence, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The man found this week, Raymond Schroeder, 47, of St. Clair Shores, remains a

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Wild night ends in E.R.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two male stabbing victims got more than medical care last week at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

The men, Detroit residents aged 42 and 38, entered the hospital emergency center at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, bleeding from multiple knife wounds.

Hospital personnel called police a half-hour later when the men's injuries and stories didn't add up.

The older man had deep slashes to the right side of his neck and right thigh and was carrying \$3,721.50 in cash. The younger man was wounded less severely in the left hand and buttocks and had \$2,300 in cash.

Both men initially denied knowing each other or how they got stabbed, police said.

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Recall signatures meet threshold

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Petitioners trying to recall the mayor and four council members of Grosse Pointe Shores are a step closer to forcing the issue.

A sufficient number of valid signatures appear on five recall petitions to force a recall election in May, according to the Wayne County clerk.

The petition signatures were

certified Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Each recall target has until Thursday, Feb. 18 to challenge the findings, according to Caven West, deputy director of the Wayne County elections division.

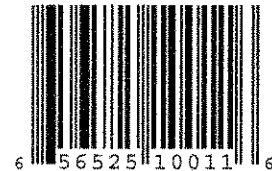
"Any challenges or issues raised must be brought to the county clerk," said West. "We'll take a look at those and determine whether the signatures

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Grosse Pointe Shores Recall petition tally

Officeholder	Recall signatures validated	Recall signatures submitted	Votes received in the Feb. 23 2009 election
Mayor:			
Dr. James Cooper	488	538	694
Mayor Pro Tem:			
Dr. Brian Hunt	466	514	534
City Council:			
Victoria Boyce	474	522	414
Robert Graziani	482	527	485
Frederick Minturn	471	524	430

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

It's time for city foundation's first project

By Joe Warner
Editor

Improvements to the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building landscape would have to wait for better times if funded by the city.

Day-to-day operations are a challenge with cuts in state revenue sharing and lower income from property taxes.

Recognizing the need for continued improvements in spite of the economy, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation formed in 2008 to fund and complete civic projects not covered by the city's budget.

The group's first project is a brick paved garden walk complete with benches and a large clock located in front of the Mack Avenue municipal building.

Memorial brick pavers, along with four benches, will soon be sold to offset the cost of the project.

"It will help create an area for some of the city's events," said Peter Ahee, a volunteer member appointed by the city council and mayor. "It's the first of many projects to improve the quality of life in Grosse Pointe Woods."

The Ahee family, along with foundation president Mark Fossee and his family, led the



PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

This photo illustration shows a clock similar to the one at Tullymore golf resort near Stanwood in front of the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building.

way in support of the foundation and its first project.

"It's a chance for us to help our city. It's a long-term investment in the community," Ahee said, adding opportunities for residents to lend a financial hand are in the works.

The 15-foot, four-dial Howard post clock replica is being produced by Electric Time

Company Inc. of Medfield, Mass. Ahee said the face design resembles one at Tullymore golf resort near Stanwood. Brick pavers, benches and landscaping surrounding the clock are estimated to cost about \$40,000.

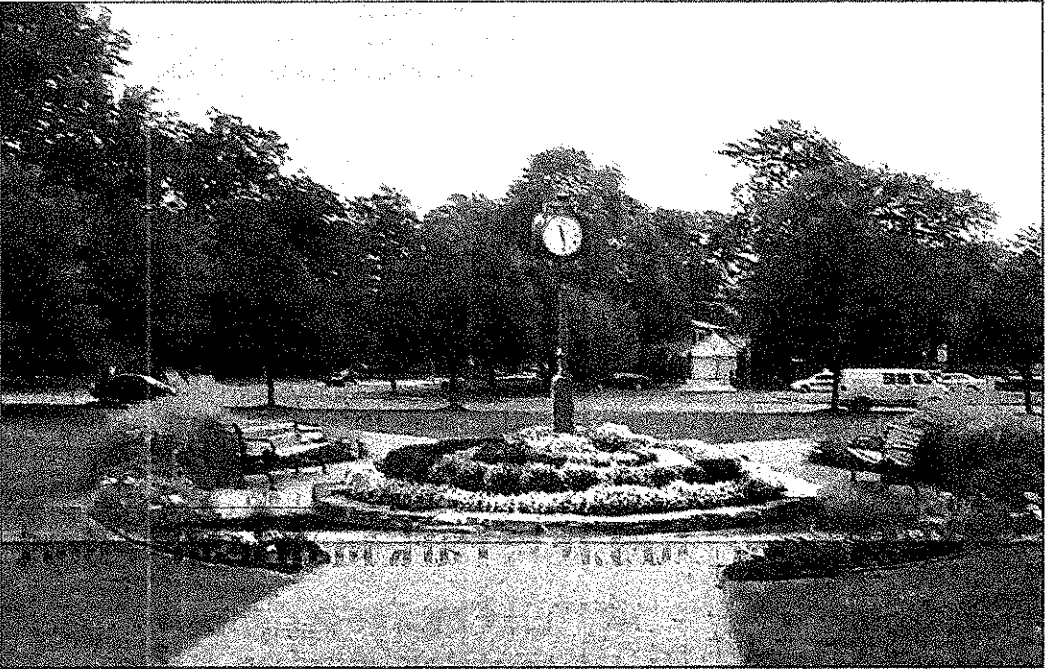
"We're hoping this will help create a focal point for events in the community," said foundation board member Liz Rader. "We're very excited to have this as our first project."

Fossee said the foundation's goal is to fund improvements to community landmarks and beautification projects in the business district.

"Our city offers treasured recreational facilities like Ghesquiere Park and Lake Front Park, which are vibrant spaces enjoyed by many community groups, from seniors walking along the trails, to families enjoying picnics along the lakefront, to hundreds of children participating in Little League or swimming lessons," Fossee said.

Along with Ahee, Rader and Fossee, the foundation board includes Matt Cullen, Kevin Hendrick, George Koueiter, Robert Nederhood, Mike Neme, Dr. Edward Vermet and Mark Zmyslowski.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is a nonprofit Michigan corporation, dependent on donations. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, visit gpwoods-foundation.org or contact the foundation at: Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Property tax appeal 101

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Gary Severn sees no sense in homeowners paying more in property taxes than they receive in city services.

"Our theme is we're all happy we live in Grosse Pointe; we love the services and everything; we just want to make sure we're paying the proper amount," said Severn, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtor's government affairs committee.

Severn and other Realtors demonstrate how to appeal property tax assessments at a seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium. Admission is free.

Last year's seminar attracted a standing-room crowd, Severn said.

"It's becoming more and more important that people make sure the assessment on their property is correct," said Severn, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and agent with Real Estate In The Pointes. "At this point, lower assessments usually translate into lower tax bills."

The seminar's main speaker, Mike LeVan, of Adlho & Associates, shows how to identify and appeal a property's state equalized value.

In addition, Randi Repicky, branch manager of Johnstone & Johnstone Real Estate in Grosse Pointe Farms, discusses recent real estate trends.

Severn characterized the evening as "property tax appeal 101."

Attendees receive a "how to" brochure and a tax appeal worksheet to gather factual information needed to make credible appeals.

"A lot of people go to their board of review and say a lot of unsubstantiated things, like, 'My house is not as good as you assessed it,'" Severn said. "The key is for people to document that information; work with their Realtor on the values of similar properties in their area and sales that have taken place in the last year."

Applicants who fail at the board of review can appeal to the state tax tribunal, an often time-consuming process.

"The biggest thing is for people to get the appropriate information and slug at it," Severn said. "Don't give up. We saw a case last year where someone who kept pursuing it ended up saving well over \$10,000 in property taxes."

People who haven't appealed their property tax assessments are the ones who "tend to have the higher tax bills," Severn said.

He added, "The Proposal A pop-up tax was putting assessments higher than needed. Even if

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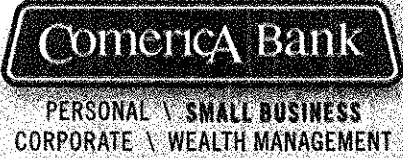
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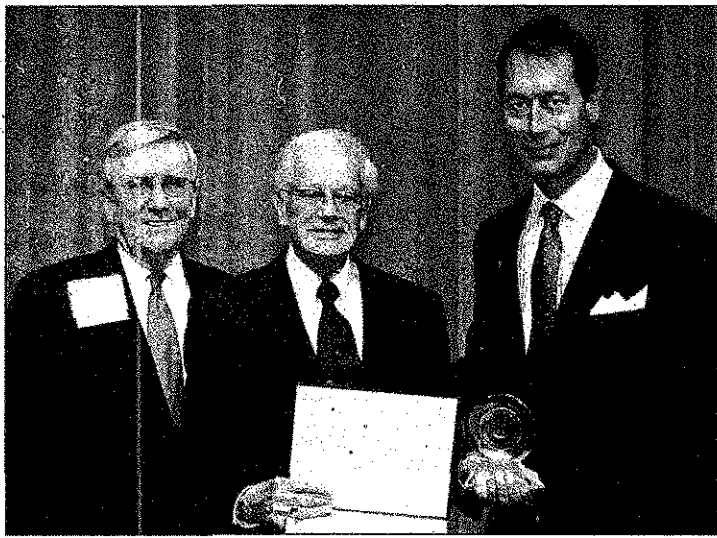
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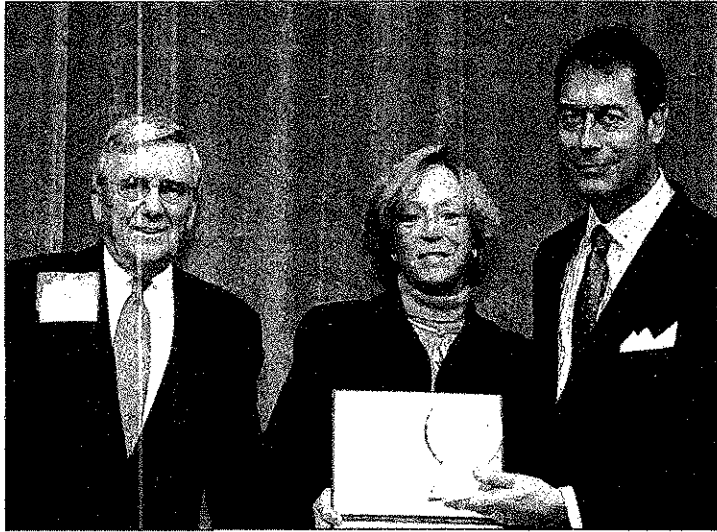
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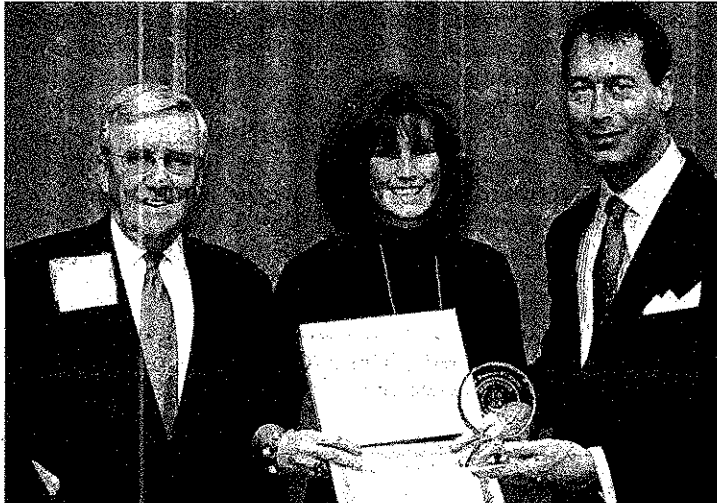
Pointer of Distinction awards



The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presented its fourth annual Pointer of Distinction Awards last month to eight people in four categories. Allen G. Dickinson, center, received a Community Service Award from chamber board member Ted Everingham, left, and chamber chairman Ed Russell.



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House President Kathleen Mullins was presented the Excellence in Business Award from Everingham and Russell.

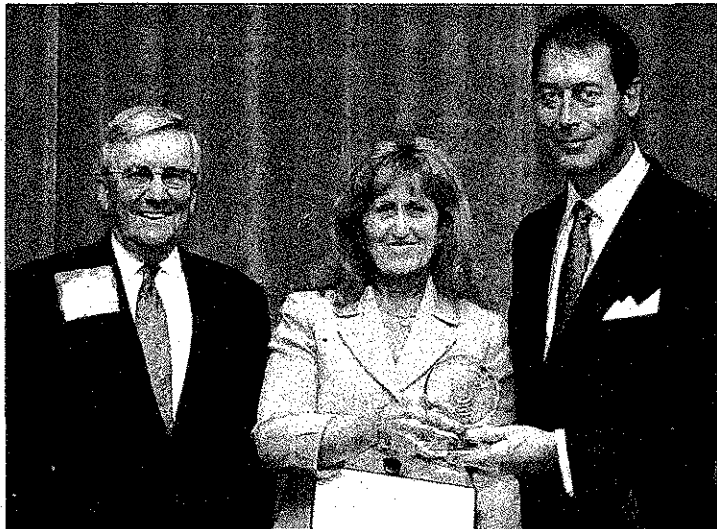


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Lori Stefek of Stefek's Auction House was presented the New Business Enterprise Award by Everingham and Russell.



Grosse Pointe South High School student Julia Jacovides receives a Youth Achievement Award from Everingham and Russell.



Everingham and Russell present Kimberly Schmidt of the Community Central Bank with the Excellence in Business Award.



Mary Grech of University Liggett School received a Youth Achievement Award from Everingham and Russell. Also honored were William C. Rands III, who received a Community Service Award and Mark Selley of Burger Pointe with the New Business Enterprise Award.

Governor's budget proposal maintains school funding

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The governor's state budget proposal for next year maintains the current level of K-12 school funding and reincarnates the college promise grant as a post-graduation income tax credit.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's \$46 billion budget for fiscal year 2011, outlined last week in Lansing, includes education allocations that has one Grosse Pointe office-holder wanting more funding and another happy about not losing anything compared to this year.

The officials belong to opposite political parties but both are invested in Michigan's educational future.

State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, a Wayne State University professor, wants Granholm to restore 20J cuts made to the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and other higher foundation grant public school districts.

"Job No. 1 is restoring those monies," Bledsoe said. "If this budget does not include the restoration of those monies, it's going to have a very hard time winning my support."

Andrew Richner, chairman of the University of Michigan board of regents and the Pointes' former three-term Republican state representative (1997-2002) from Grosse Pointe Park, is relieved the budget proposal maintains last year's nearly \$1.4 billion funding of 15 state public universities and 28 community colleges.

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- State Rep. Tim Bledsoe

"In this economic environment, that's probably the best we could hope for," Richner said.

"These institutions play a critical role in educating and training our citizens for the new Michigan economy," according to Granholm's budget recommendation presented Feb. 11 to a joint session of the Senate and House appropriation committees.

She also proposed restoring the Michigan Promise grant. She'd switch it from an up-front award for tuition payments to a back-loaded \$4,000 tax credit for graduates who work one year in Michigan.

"Many students and parents I've been talking to are looking for help paying for college, not some kind of after-the-fact funding opportunity from the state," Bledsoe said.

He also wants to reverse Granholm's line-item veto last year of 20J funding to nearly 40 higher-spending school districts.

Funding designated 20J maintains per-pupil funding levels of higher-spending districts to pre-Proposal A levels, enacted to even out spending among all districts.

"Grosse Pointe, Harper

Woods and those other districts were singled out for exceptional cuts," Bledsoe said. "That's several million dollars in Grosse Pointe schools. Harper Woods, on a per-pupil basis, saw the most substantial cuts in Michigan as the result of her veto. There seems to be this thinking by the governor that schools use this money for popcorn parties."

Granholm recommended revenue sharing be maintained at last year's total level exceeding \$1 billion.

The figure consists of \$603 million mandated by the state constitution based on a community's population, and \$429.1 million allocated by statute.

"We can't cut constitutional revenue sharing," Bledsoe said. "We can only cut statutory revenue sharing. That already has been cut dramatically to the point there's not a lot left."

Granholm cited Michigan's evolving economy when recommending the state sales tax be reduced 1/2 percent to 5.5 percent, yet expanded to include services.

"In 1950," she wrote in her budget, "the sale of services in Michigan accounted for only

40 percent of consumer spending. That figure has now grown to over 66 percent. Our tax system has not kept pace with these economic changes and must be reformed in order to recognize consumer activity that is more reflective of a diverse and global economy."

Bledsoe said, "It's not clear to me that we have achieved all of the cost savings from our government's services we need to achieve before we go back to taxpayers and ask them to do more."

He added, "If we're going to come up with new revenue, the first thing we should do is restore cuts to the 39 school districts that lost their 20J funding last year when the governor line-item vetoed that."

The next step is for lawmakers to adopt the budget and return it to Granholm for enactment.

The governor wants lawmakers to adopt a June 30 budget deadline recommended by a bipartisan group of freshmen representatives, including Bledsoe.

The current deadline is Sept. 30. Lawmakers for the past two years missed it, causing partial shutdowns of state government.

"I'm hoping there's going to be a desire to make amends for some mistakes made in recent years; mistakes by the leadership in delaying the budget until last September and even beyond," Bledsoe said. "It's going to be awfully hard to get a budget done in such a challenging financial setting in an election year."

Carjacking victim wants her car back

By Joe Warner
Editor

A 63-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman handed over the keys to her car after a man put a gun to her head outside an eastside Detroit business.

The brazen carjacking took place at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 at Warren and Radnor.

"I came out of (an office building) and noticed a man looking at me," said Anne, whose last name is being withheld by the Grosse Pointe News. "As I got in the car I felt a gun at my head. He said, 'give me the keys to your f----- car.' I did and went back into the building. He followed me and put the gun to my head again inside the building. He said, 'give me your f----- purse.'"

Anne said she turned her head and looked down the barrel of the small-caliber handgun. She gave her purse to him without hesitation.

"He ran to my car and sped off," she said. "He must have started the car as I was going in the building and then followed me inside."

Anne said Detroit police responded quickly to her call for help and began searching for the red 2002 Pontiac Aztec. The vehicle's license plate is 5HA F35. A University of Detroit School of Law alumni sticker is attached to the back window.

"I was in shock," she said. "It was the middle of the day. I'm a disabled senior citizen."

The 35-year Grosse Pointe Park resident said security cameras may have captured images of the suspect, described as a thin, dark-skinned black male wearing shoes, pants, hoodie, jacket

and a shirt, all in black. She said he has a thin nose, an unkempt beard and "looked like a drug addict."

While the young Detroit officers who responded were confident they would find her car, a follow-up call by a detective Saturday "didn't seem so positive," Anne said.

She said she has been a victim of several crimes. As a Detroit school teacher she said she was beaten while breaking up a fight. She's had three cars stolen and four thieves targeted, but failed to steal, her vehicles. She was mugged once and now carjacked and robbed.

"I thought I was pretty tough, but this has knocked the wind out of me," she said. "I keep seeing the gun pointed at my eye when I turned my head. I'm still having anxiety attacks."

Anne's purse contained credit cards, her license, phone and other personal information. She said her Discover card was used soon after the robbery.

Grosse Pointe Park police swept her house before she returned. She had the locks changed, sets her alarm at all times and said her pit bulls provide a little comfort.

"The police have been very good," she said. "I'm scared after this. It was in the middle of the day."

The Aztec was a crossover produced by General Motors for seven years. The unique-looking vehicle featured an optional camping lifestyle package with a tent and fitted air mattress that folded from the back tailgate area.

"It was a cult car," Anne said. "I loved that thing and I want it back."

RELIEF: Park man leads effort

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tions, when it visited the town of Petit Trou de Nippes, which lies on the northwestern coast of Haiti's southern claw. Normandy's other missions were on the island of La Gonave, to include Pointe a Perrot, Boden, Pointe des Latanier and Au Parc; Pointe des Latanier and Au Parc were revisited twice and Boden three times.

The Normandy's crew had finished its holiday leave Jan. 11 with all the crew returning to the ship's home port of Norfolk, Va., Griffin said.

"We were making final Mideast preparations," he said of the hours prior to getting an early morning change

of orders call. "We took on additional water, food supplies and extra crew members."

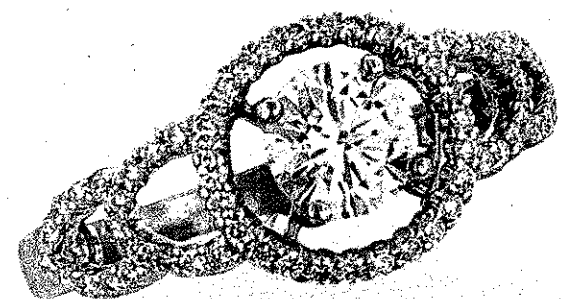
Griffin described the small towns on the island as "the lowest end of the low spectrum. It's a poor area. It's subsistence agriculture."

With 24 years in the Navy, Griffin has seen poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America, thus seeing the Haitians poverty was not as wrenching for him as many of the younger crew.

"It was not as big a shock (for me) as some crew members," he said.

The U.S.S. Normandy is back on track to leave in the spring for the Mideast as part of the U.S.S. Harry S. Truman strike group.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Bufalini, in his time, has played many parts

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

His is a voice few would likely forget.

And, despite decades dabbling in radio, TV and film, so is his humility.

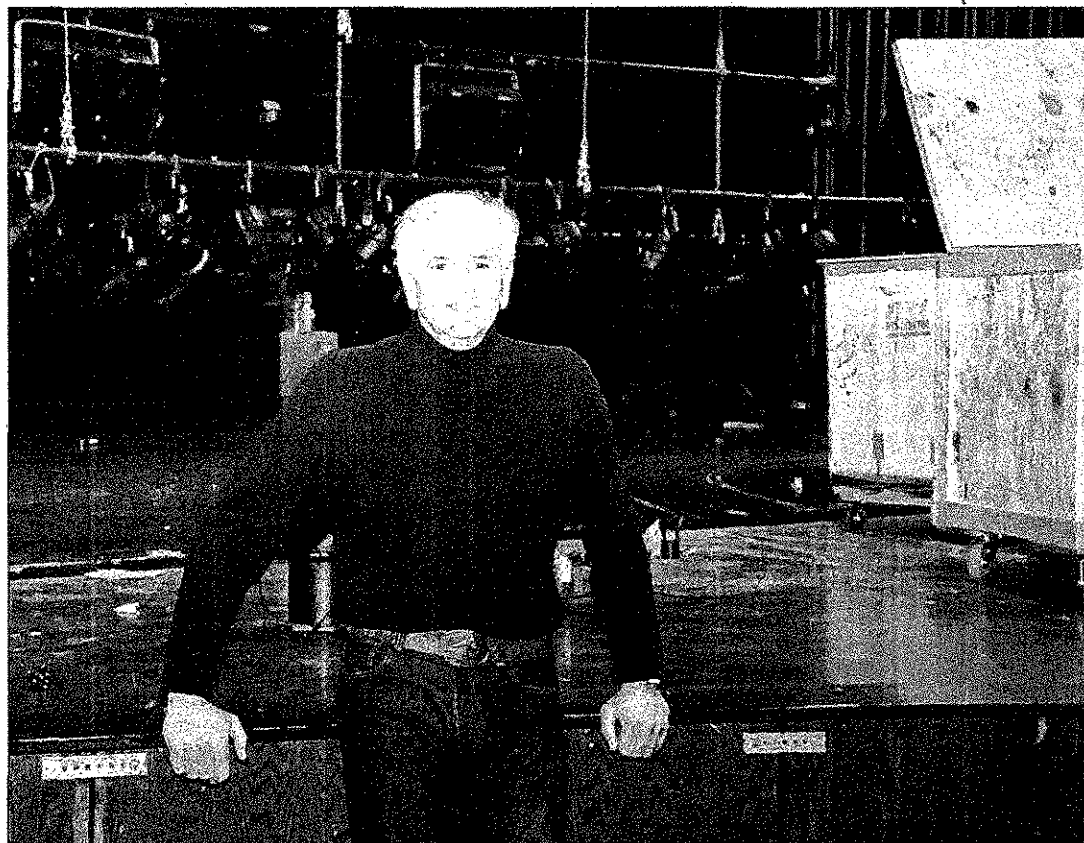
Marty Bufalini considers his deep-seated place in the public eye as nothing more than of the work he's been called. And only recently he has relaxed to the recognition that comes his way.

"To me, it's just a job," said the City of Grosse Pointe resident. "It (attention) used to bother me a lot. Then it dawned on me that what I do brings enjoyment to people. It makes them happy."

Around town, Bufalini has donned a number of roles that may rouse remembering: The award-winning broadcast journalist can be seen or heard reporting news, traffic and weather on stations including WJR, WWJ and Fox 2; he's lent his voice to commercials for The Somerset Collection, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Michigan Lottery, to name a few; he's starred in TV ads for companies including Motor City Casino, Northwest Airlines and Lincoln Mercury; and he's performed in plays at the Attic Theatre, Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The versatile writer, actor and director also produces the annual live radio productions of "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

And, on the big screen,



Marty Bufalini finds joy not only on the screen and stage, but also behind the scenes. He's directing Grosse Pointe North High School students for their upcoming musical, "Crazy for You."

Bufalini has appeared in such feature films as "Renaissance Man," "True Romance," HBO's "61*," and Lifetime's "Prayers for Bobby."

Bufalini recently finished locally filming "Alleged," the story of the Scopes Monkey Trial and the creation-evolution debate with Fred Thompson and Brian Dennehy; and "Trust," directed by David Schwimmer and starring Clive Owen, whom he hadn't previously heard of, and Catherine

Keener, whom he called delightful and funny.

Of his roles in independent films, Bufalini has had only one — "Offshore," about outsourcing — that required travel abroad. He found himself in India for nine days.

But perhaps his most recognized character by the local community is as Walt Kowalski's lawyer in "Gran Torino." Clint Eastwood cast Bufalini without first meeting him.

When they shook hands at filming, Bufalini said he was a little star-struck.

"I was pretty flabbergasted," he recalled. "At one point, there was a script change and he came over ... I knew I needed to listen to him, but all I could hear in my ear was, 'Go ahead, make my day.'"

"You realize, though, this is your job ... we're all in the same boat professionally and you need to have that professionalism to inter-

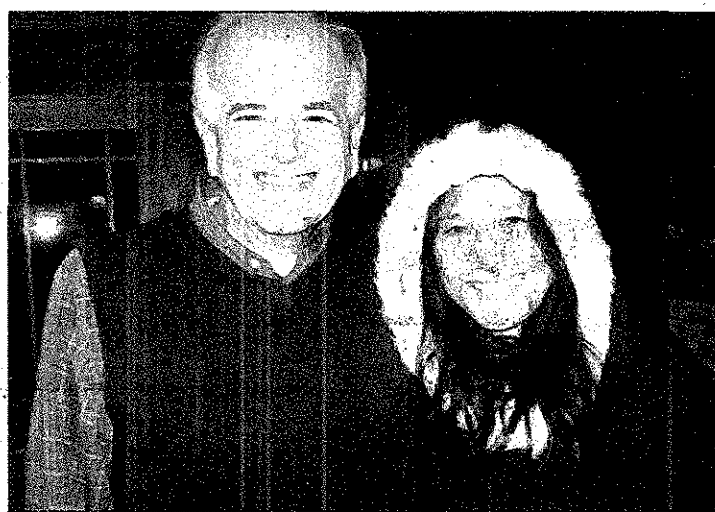


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Bufalini, pictured with actress Catherine Keener, recently finished filming his role in "Trust," which is directed by David Schwimmer and stars Clive Owen and Keener.

The 59-year-old father of four and husband to wife, Judi, may never have dreamed of his success. Fresh out of high school "opportunities and income" drew Bufalini to radio and freelance voice work.

Then, theater came into the picture. Film work soon followed.

"I never studied acting — except by doing. A lot of training came from watching directors and working with others who had training," he said.

"At a very young age, I had the audacity to audition for a Shakespearean play ... I was holding my own around actors who had years of training."

For a short time, Bufalini served as an adjunct professor of radio and TV performance at Wayne State University.

And for the past seven years, he has directed plays for Grosse Pointe North High School.

"I tell them what I told my college students: It's show business and never forget the bigger of the two words is business. And it's a tough business."

Bufalini is currently preparing students for the March 4-6 performances of "Crazy for You."

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't think there was the talent pool. There is real hype for drama, theater and film," he said.

One night, Bufalini showed drama students the classic films, "His Girl Friday," and "Laurel and Hardy."

To his surprise, they wanted more.

"It's very, very fulfilling to be able to share whatever knowledge you may have. It's an absolute joy to watch kids grow as individuals and as an ensemble and to watch them gain the self-confidence that comes with that."

Bufalini says many actors are shy.

"So it's a lot of fun being able to crawl into someone else's character. They pay us to pretend — to still be a child and pretend and create these worlds."

The experienced artiste is admittedly bashful — about watching himself.

"I can't stand seeing myself on camera," he said.

Still, his place on screen and stage is not taken for granted. "It's not the voice. It's what you do with it," he said. "If I've been given a gift, then I need to give back."

When Bufalini isn't acting or directing, he's working with his second love — classic cars. Four sit in his garage, including a 1926 Dodge Deluxe Sedan and a 1925 Gray Touring. He's also an automotive historian for the Henry Ford Museum.

PRIDE OF THE POINTIES

Nathan Masserang, a junior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Donald Masserang of Grosse Pointe Woods and Elaine Kress of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Emily McLaughlin, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of William McLaughlin of Grosse Pointe Park and Suzanne Antonelli of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Andrew Miller, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Darryl and Kathryn Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms and a

graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Emily Liggett, a sophomore at Bucknell University, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Robert and Vicki Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Marjorie Liggett, a freshman at The College of the Holy Cross, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Robert and Vicki Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Roberta Liggett, a freshman at Eckerd College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Robert and Vicki Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Jayne Mitchell, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of David and Rhonda Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Scott Moore was named an Albion College fellow. To attain this honor, students must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive semesters. Moore is a senior majoring in biology. He is the son of Donald and Sandra Moore of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Katherine Ross, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Bert T. Ross and Joanne E. Fitzgerald Ross of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Catherine Santrock was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at

Albion College. She is the daughter of Jeffrey Santrock and Laura A. Larson of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Krysta Schroeder, a sophomore at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is the daughter of Krys and Patty Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Robert Sessions, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of David and Sara Sessions of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Jeffrey Simon was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Kathrine Simon of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Jenna Simon was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Albion College. She is the daughter of Ronald and Kristine Simon of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Timothy Stevens, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Lee and Barbara Stevens of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Christoph Tallerico, a senior at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Randall and Siglinde Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Shoplifting

Two unknown women were reported at about 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, shoplifting a purple, crystal studded Monya purse from a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the Village.

The women reportedly left the shopping district in a silver-colored Honda bearing a Michigan "Great Lakes Splendor" license plate illustrated with the Mackinac Bridge and sun on the horizon.

Police traced the plate number to two women living in St. Clair Shores.

Car larceny

Boat parts worth \$100 were reported stolen out of a 2004 Ford Explorer parked in the 17300 block of Mack between 9:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

The vehicle's owner said its rear window had been smashed.

Color him bad

A house painter believed to be a resident of Harper Woods is accused of skipping out on a \$10,000 job in the City of

Grosse Pointe, despite having received a \$5,995 down payment.

A City man made the payment by check Friday, Feb. 5. The check was cashed the same day at a party store in the area of Gratiot and 16 Mile, police said.

"The suspect had performed painting services for (the resident) in the recent past and has been dependable," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Swept away

There are no suspects in the theft of a \$300 Snapper 5200 snow blower from a garage in the 400 block of Calvin.

The theft occurred between 5 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

Drugs found

A 24-year-old Detroit man was cited for possession of marijuana that police discovered during a traffic stop at 12:49 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, on

eastbound Mack near East Warren.

Police said the man had 2.7 grams of marijuana. He posted \$300 bond, was released and scheduled for a Wednesday, Feb. 17, hearing in Farms municipal court.

Jewelry missing

A \$12,900 diamond ring is among a possible \$500,000 to \$1 million worth of jewelry a woman reported missing last week from her house on Merriweather.

The victim realized her collection could have been missing since August 2009.

"(She) does not remember the last time she saw the items," said an officer.

Bag taken

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, a City man reported the belated theft Monday, Feb. 1, of a black bag from the front seat of his unlocked Ford F-150 pickup truck parked in the 100 block of Kercheval on the Hill.

Drunk on Mack

A 56-year-old Detroit woman registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

An officer caught her operating a Ford Taurus eastbound in the westbound lanes of Mack near East Warren.

House burgled

Burglars ransacked a house in the 300 block of Country Club Lane sometime between 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and 3 p.m. the next day.

No one was home at the time.

Forced entry appears to have been through a broken storm window on the northwest side of the house, police said.

"There were numerous jewelry and coin boxes laying empty on the floor throughout the house," said an officer. "The rear door on the south side of the house was found open. There were footprints in the snow leading to the broken window."

—Brad Lindberg
If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Natural gas

A DTE Energy repair crew was notified shortly after 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, of natural gas odors in the area of Ballantyne between Wilson and Fontana, and in the area of Lakeshore and Shoreham.

At 11:57 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, DTE was notified of a natural gas odor in the area of Fairford and Ballantyne.

Barking dog

A Moorland Drive resident reported a neighbor's dog barking at 4:25 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. The problem is known to police.

The resident reportedly told a public safety dispatcher that she was "supposed to let the dispatcher know that the dog barked and the dispatcher was to inform the shift supervisor and the shift supervisor (is) to inform the chief immediately upon seeing him."

"Same was done," said the dispatcher.

Missed coyote

A napping coyote almost took the big sleep shortly before 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, on the ice of Lake St. Clair about 250 to 275 yards off the 900 block of Lakeshore.

A resident had reported "a coyote that has become a nuisance to the village and other cities in the Grosse Pointe" sleeping behind a snow pile.

"Two shots were attempted towards the coyote," said a public safety officer. "Both shots missed. The coyote was last seen running toward the (municipal) park."

Off road

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man is suspected of driving a silver-colored 2005 Hummer on the Lochmoor median in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shores police detained the man at 1:02 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and turned him over to Woods police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

RECALL:
Signatures verified by city, county representatives

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are sufficient or insufficient. If they are sufficient by Feb. 23, we'll call a special election May 4."

Targeted for recall are Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Brian Hunt and council members Victoria Boyce, Robert Graziani and Frederick Minturn.

Each target received more than the minimum 390 valid signatures on recall petitions to move the effort, according to the county's count.

"It shows the power of concerned citizens exercising due democratic process the law gives us," said recall organizer Dr. Robert Lee.

Signatures were reviewed last week against voter registration rolls. Recall proponents observed the vetting at Shores

city hall conducted by city administrators and county representatives.

"It took a total of six full working days over a period of 10 days for three employees to work through those signatures," Cooper said. "I can't imagine the cost of that to the taxpayers. On top of that, they had to accomplish their normal workload."

The signature breakdown is:
◆ Mayor Cooper, 488
◆ Mayor Pro Tem Hunt, 466
◆ Council members:
◆ Victoria Boyce, 474
◆ Robert Graziani, 482
◆ Frederick Minturn, 471

Lee targeted the officeholders for passing a 1-mill tax increase last summer. The increase followed a winter election in which Shores voters agreed to recharter the then-

village into a city form of government. Reorganization had been billed as a cost-saver.

"They did not give the people an honest assessment of the city's fiscal health before they duped everybody into voting for that charter that raises our (maximum allowable) property tax to 20 mills," Lee said.

Auditors in November said the city had been reported to the state for having a \$210,000 unreserved fund balance deficit.

"People got upset when it came out that we have been under fiscal watch by the state," Lee said.

Shores City Manager Brian Vick said last month that press coverage of the city's financial situation is putting him at a dis-

advantage when trying to negotiate cost-saving union contracts and potential agreements to share services with other cities.

"To claim the newspapers are doing the city in because they're publicizing the financial shape of the village is incredible," Lee said. "If anything, public knowledge of the Shores' fiscal crisis ought to show the unions that the city has nothing to give, in terms of renewing unsustainable benefits; and it ought to show other municipalities that we have a serious reason to partner with them in making municipal service more efficient. That's what the press is for, to keep information in the public eye that needs to be in the public eye."

TAX:
Appeal seminar at War Memorial

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someone had a relatively low state equalized value, it would not have affected their tax bill as much as now because property values in the Grosse

Pointes have dropped 40 to 45 percent from their heyday. Once you have your property's SEV lowered, it's going to continue to be low. So, you're going to see benefits over the next few years."

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WEEK
AHEAD:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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School library.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23


◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business Before Hours at 8 a.m. at the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ "The State of Real Estate in Grosse Pointe" is the topic of a free public seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial ballroom, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and J.P. Morgan Chase, highlights real estate statistics, trends for the Grosse Pointes, short sales, incentives, roadblocks, assessment appeals and credit scores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host University of Michigan professor Ralph Williams for the lecture, "If We Be Friends: Shakespeare and His Audience" at 7:30 p.m. in Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6, or visit gpfriends.org.

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FATE: Police seek answers in man's death

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"suspicious death" under investigation in the Farms, Rosati said Tuesday morning.

A Farms rubbish collection crew found Schroeder at about 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, lying on his back in the driveway of 46 Lakeshore, bruised and bleeding from the back of the head. He was wearing street clothes, including hiking boots, shirt, sweatpants and jacket. He had no wallet.

"There was no identification on him, but he had EKG leads on his chest and a possible intravenous mark on his hand," Rosati said.

Farms medics took him to St. John Hospital.

"His core body temperature was 78 degrees," Rosati said.

Schroeder died an hour later from head trauma, Rosati said.

About 1 1/2 hours earlier, at 12:59 a.m., Schroeder had acted against medical advice and checked himself out of St.

John, where he'd received a sedative during treatment for ulcerative colitis, Rosati said.

Video at the 24-hour BP service station at Mack and Moross, across the street from the hospital, shows Schroeder at 1:30 a.m. buying something, leaving and walking south on Moross toward Lakeshore.

"He had his wallet on him," Rosati said. "How he got to 46 Lakeshore is the mystery."

The house is 2.5 miles from the hospital.

"He may have thought he was walking home and made the wrong turn, being disoriented," Rosati said. "He had some medication in him from the hospital. Plus, he was sick. Still, the wallet is something we're hoping to find."

Schroeder left his house keys and a fanny pack at the hospital," Rosati said.

"I'd say this is just a case of a very sick and disoriented man who wandered off and ended up collapsing," Rosati said. "I

would say there is no foul play."

Residents of the Lakeshore house have nothing to do with the incident, Rosati said.

Police attributed Schroeder's head injuries and bruised knees to him falling repeatedly on the dwelling's walkway.

"He obviously hit his head on the cement pretty hard," Rosati said. "It looked like he had gotten up and tried to steady himself on a minivan. You can see his hand (prints) kind of slide all around the minivan. Then, it appears he walked up the walk and fell at least three times in the snow on his way up to the porch."

Bloody fingerprints indicate he touched the front door knob, rang the doorbell and braced himself against a wooden frame while looking in a porch window.

Rosati believes Schroeder was seeking help, not attempting burglary.

"Apparently, he wandered back and collapsed in the driveway," Rosati said.

Schroeder had been in and out of St. John twice last weekend.

His mother had driven him to the hospital at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

"He had abdominal pains," Rosati said. "He was admitted to the hospital at 11:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Saturday. On Sunday, Feb. 14, he decided to leave at 9:45 p.m. He was asking for pain killers, but the hospital wouldn't give him any because his blood pressure was too low.

He came eight minutes later to the ER (emergency room), at 9:53 p.m. He stayed in the ER until 12:59 a.m., Sunday. He left against medical advice."

Police learned who Schroeder was Monday afternoon when his 67-year-old mother from Marine City came to visit him at the hospital.

She was told he'd left, but that an unidentified man had been brought in and died. She wasn't shown her son's body. She identified him by his clothing.

"The mother was extremely broken up," Rosati said. "She

was crying her eyes out."

Rosati asked St. Clair Shores police to check Schroeder's house.

"There were two cars in the driveway, both covered with snow, one stolen from St. Clair Shores," Rosati said."

Schroeder's brother, 36, of Kimball, near Port Huron, was scheduled to identify the body Tuesday morning in the Wayne County morgue.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call Grosse Pointe Farms public safety at (313) 885-2100.

WILD: Attacker will 'take care of it himself'

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A while later, the younger man told the following story to Lt. Eddie Tujaka:

"He stated that (the older man) has just gotten out of prison, so (at 2 p.m. that day) he took him to an 'oasis' on Algonquin near Freud (in Detroit) for female 'entertainment' (and) narcotics."

The older man and a woman went in a room, from which the other man heard fighting.

"(I) went into the room (and) saw the female holding (the older man) down while two males were stabbing (him) and trying to get his cash," the victim reportedly told Tujaka.

The younger man said he defended his friend, helped him escape, and suffered stab wounds in the effort.

"(He) was stabbed and slashed in the buttocks (by his attackers) removing \$2,300 in

cash from his rear pocket," Tujaka said.

Rather than seeking medical attention, both men decided to "clean up" at the younger man's house in the 1500 block of Alter.

The older man's condition "got worse," so they obtained a ride to Beaumont from a woman they didn't know.

Due to the severity of the older man's wounds, medics transferred him to St. John Hospital.

The older man checked himself out of the hospital at 5:40 p.m., saying he had to pick up his two sons at day care, Tujaka said.


"His wife is in the Wayne County Jail for three counts of attempted murder for firebombing an occupied house," Tujaka said.

The man, who violated his parole for weapons and rob-

bery charges, said he won't prosecute his attacker. He prefers to "take care of it himself," Tujaka said.

Tujaka forwarded his report to Detroit homicide investigators.

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GUEST OPINION By Rick Dryfuss

Pension obligation

Imagine a world where you can earn generous retirement health care benefits while politicians pass the unaffordable costs on to your neighbors' children and grandchildren.
Further imagine a system where elected officials, who maintain a symbiotic relationship with your employees union, attempt to hard-wire this intergenerational transfer into law so that your benefits won't be reduced as the costs climb.

Welcome to the world of government employment. Bills in the Michigan Legislature would allow local governments to sell "pension obligation bonds" to help pay the retirement health care benefits of local government employees — and make the risks for future taxpayers even worse.

To understand the irresponsibility of pension obligation bonds, remember an employee's retirement benefits should already be "paid-up" when he or she retires. In other words, governments should be setting aside enough money during an employee's career so the cost of his or her total lifetime retirement benefits has been saved up by the time the employee retires.

But where is the political incentive to properly prefund retiree medical liabilities when policymakers can simply defer paying the costs until an employee retires? After all, a pay-as-you-go approach allows local officials to overpromise benefits while creating a mirage of manageable costs.

If the real costs had to be paid up front, taxpayers would revolt. Instead, the costs are thrust upon the next generation of taxpayers, many of whom are too young to vote. The result is an unsustainable Ponzi scheme.

But what happens when you have deferred the maximum cost permitted by law and the result is still deemed unaffordable? Rather than reduce benefits or cut other spending, legislators propose to float a bond, known as a "pension obligation bond," to finance these unaffordable benefits.

The theory is to borrow monies at a relatively low interest rate — for example, 4 percent — and invest the proceeds within a pension or health care trust fund to earn an assumed high rate of return, such as 8 percent.

Whatever the theoretical merits of this financial arbitrage, the practical reality is it simply creates more risk and more debt for the current and next generation of taxpayers.

To see the problem, ask yourself this question: Would you borrow on the equity of your home and invest the money in capital markets, hoping for an 8 percent annual return? If this investment proposition gives you pause — and it should — you understand the fundamental risks associated with pension obligation bonds.

According to a May 1, 2008, Bloomberg.com story, former investment bank chairman and New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine called these bonds: "The dumbest idea I ever heard. It's speculating the way I would have speculated in my bond position at Goldman Sachs." He added: "It's lousy public policy."

Worse, the connection between the pension obligation bonds and the newly fortified pension plan or health care trust fund will typically be forgotten. A false sense of reduced debt will then indirectly finance new spending. This continues the cycle of overpromising and underfunding benefit plans.

For instance, the Bloomberg article goes on to describe how former Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell sold \$1.29 billion in pension bonds in 1999. While trying to balance the city budget, Rendell's successor, John Street, did not make full contributions to the fund. As a result, Bloomberg reported, "The city has about 54 percent of the funds it needs to pay pension benefits over the next 30 years, about the same as in 1999 before it sold the bonds."

Unfortunately, Michigan legislators may make a similar mistake. House Bills 4074, 4075 and 4077, which have already passed the Michigan House, and the recently introduced Senate Bill 927 would permit county and municipal governments to issue pension obligation bonds for their retiree health care costs.

The bills would make it harder to reduce the benefits to something more reasonable.

One can only hope state and local policymakers will refrain from passing on this rashly incurred debt to future generations and instead modify government employees' pension and other retirement benefits to make their costs current, affordable and predictable.

In the process, Michigan should reject pension obligation bonds. Indeed, such instruments should be outlawed altogether.

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Shores recall

To the Editor:
Regarding a recent quote attributed to me in the Feb. 11 Grosse Pointe News, "Contingency planning under way," it is important to note the recall petitions, submitted in the Shores, apparently had a combined total of 241 signatures declared invalid upon examination by officials.

Declared invalid for reasons that included signatures of people who aren't legally registered to vote in Grosse Pointe Shores, signatures that don't seem to match voter registration files or numerous duplicate signatures.

Unfortunately, all of this wasn't discovered until after a recaller spokesman proclaimed what turned out to be grossly inflated numbers at a recent council meeting.

It is noteworthy the rejected signatures include a total of 12 signatures, submitted on behalf of the recaller spokesperson and another member of his family, that were ultimately determined to be invalid.

However, the inflated numbers had already been widely

reported in the newspapers before the 241 invalid signatures were identified.

This is just another example of what residents in the Shores have been facing lately. Distortions and innuendo are also being spread by a small group of people, including some who have a long history of acrimony in local affairs, failed election campaigns or involvement with lawsuits against their own community and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This has also been a painful experience for the families of those who voluntarily serve our small community — perhaps imperfectly at times but always in good faith — for countless hours, without much appreciation.

It's time for residents to stand up against this travesty that impacts all the Grosse Pointes.

We, as Grosse Pointers, share a common school and library system, a park swim team league, the wonderful Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Neighborhood Club as well as our important public safety mutual aid pact.

The promotion and publication of non-constructive, personal attacks against individuals, who time and time again contribute generously to the well-being of our community, is unconscionable.

It also creates the impression Grosse Pointers in general lack the ability to address the current financial challenges, faced by all Michigan communities, in a civilized, reasonable manner.

What might that impression do to undermine our property values? Ask any Realtor.

If character assassination can happen in Grosse Pointe Shores, it can happen anywhere in the Pointes.

I urge everyone to learn the facts and judge for yourselves. Don't take the word of individuals who might have hidden agendas or a history of obstructive behavior.

All the Pointes are facing challenges right now with the downturn in our economy. Working together, side by side, to address these difficult questions is the only answer.

I urge my fellow Grosse Pointers and Shores neighbors especially to speak out against the negative aspects of a recall.

Support your friends and the volunteer citizens who are being unjustly attacked.

HARRY KURTZ
Grosse Pointe Shores

Defeat recall

To the Editor:
I write in response to the letter published in the Feb. 11 Grosse Pointe News, "Village recall," in which the writer

opined the recall election in Grosse Pointe Shores demonstrates how "democracy works best when it is at its messiest."

Nothing could be further from the truth, especially in our communities where experience shows Democracy works best when it is most consistent and most dependable for the citizens.

It has been my observation — except in instances of public corruption, not at issue in the Shores — recall elections typically involve efforts by voters who have lost out in the normal electoral process to attack legitimately elected officials, usually after those officials have made difficult decisions.

While I don't reside in the Shores, I strongly suspect the underlying dispute has something to do with that dreaded "t-word" — taxes. If so, there are implications for all of our communities, given declining property values.

I hate to see duly elected officials sidelined because they addressed public revenues as part of their elected duties.

Once we adopt the extremist anti-tax viewpoint, our communities won't maintain a superior quality of life for very long, and we'll have difficulty recruiting the best and brightest into public positions.

There's something in recall elections which smacks of poor sportsmanship. "My candidates don't win, so I'll undermine the candidates who did."

I hope the Shores voters see through this petty angst and soundly defeat the recall.

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Just wondering in bewilderment



Every now and then I like to relax in my comfortable La-Z-boy chair and contemplate what is going on in the world and how it impacts my life.

Being retired gives one that option. Obviously it is beyond me to change a lot of these items but perhaps there is someone reading this who has the ability and power to do just that.

Here's what I'm wondering about on this overcast, misting day:

◆ Just wondering why we have so many food recalls, particularly with meat? We never had any recalls when I was growing up in the '40s. Maybe we were eating contaminated food back then but never knew it. Or just maybe our digestive systems were stronger. And we never had to worry about defective baby car seats, because there weren't any. And since

we are all about quality, why do we keep having recalls on items for youth such as cribs?

◆ Just wondering why we keep importing lead-laden products from China. The latest products to be concerned about are women's leather purses. Based on experience, let's conclude everything coming out of China has elements of lead and appropriate warnings have to be issued. We just had to return two necklaces we bought as presents for our granddaughters because of the possibility of a carcinogen. Guess what the country of origin was. Right, it was China. Therefore, can anyone tell me why we are still importing these contaminated products?

◆ Just wondering if phone calls are really being recorded for "training and quality assurance." Based on some of the assistance we get from certain phone jockeys, I doubt it.

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for the operator but, as luck would have it, a company I called the other day stated that option no longer exists. Go figure.

◆ Just wondering if there are actually some people with rotary dial phones. Certain recorded customer service lines state, "Please hold for the next representative if you have a rotary dial phone." I wonder if these people also have a scrub board in place of a washing machine.

◆ Just wondering if the Detroit Lions will ever in their lifetime appear in a Super Bowl. And if the team ever has a winning season, what will late night comedians do for joke material. Seems the Lions and the Super Bowl are mutually exclusive.

◆ Just wondering if anyone ever purchases that E85 fuel. It is made from corn and as such, production of this substitute for gasoline has raised the price of corn and popcorn. And there are few stations that stock it. Someday those E85 labels on the backs of our vehicles will be collector's items. What a joke.

◆ Just wondering why organizations that are downsizing

find it necessary to escort long-term employees out the door with armed guards? Are these employees that dangerous and what could they possibly extract from the company that is so valuable? Most companies have a mission statement indicating, "Employees are our most important asset." Yeah, right!

◆ Just wondering what "Bluray" is. I just learned about high definition television so don't boggle my mind with anything else. Whatever happened to crystal radios!

◆ Just wondering why so many people are enamored with Facebook. I had my own page for a while but people who I had never been friends with while growing up now want to be my friend. And of course reading someone's Facebook status and learning he or she woke up and then spent the morning trimming their nose hairs has little appeal to me. On the other hand, trying to quit Facebook gives you a guilt complex because the site almost infers you are abandoning all your friends. Friends. I hardly knew most of

I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

More perfect days on the horizon



There wasn't a breath of wind. The trees stood silent. Surrounding the base of the dark gray bark was an inch of crusty snow. No addition and no subtraction of precipitation had moved across its feet in the past six weeks.

The lake was frozen solid. Ice ridges two feet high stretched from one end of the five-mile bay to the other.

Close to shore, past winds had swept the snow away and sand lay still. It wasn't warm nor pliable nor was it clean sand washed by the water

every few seconds. Today it was frozen. Frozen sand. No footprints large or small, no animal tracks round or hoofed dented the beige sand. It was just frozen awaiting May when the sun would warm the grains and prepare for another summer of feet running across it in pursuit of all that vacations offer.

Stepping off the shore onto the smooth ice there were tiny captured air bubbles stopped in an instant when Winter waved his cold hand over the fresh water. Some lined up — forming shapes similar to miniature lightning bolts.

Mounds of frozen water an inch high dotted the shoreline. The perfectly round water had swelled at the exact moment temperatures dropped to capture the movement.

Bare spots, small areas swept clean of snow were too



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

The calm of a winter day sets the backdrop for a family gathering.

rough to ice skate but good enough for a slide with boots. The slide ended with a gentle bump on the next ice pile.

It was a picture of contrasts. In the shipping channel, a

lone freighter's super structure's tip was just visible above the 30 foot ice dams. Canadian Progress cautiously plodded behind the icebreaking tug Mobile Bay; the Progress hav-

ing delivered a load of salt to South Chicago. An hour passed while the two ships' captains took their time piloting through the gray waters. The Progress and Mobile Bay were the last two ships of the season, for the U.S. Coast Guard closed the shipping channel later that day.

Behind and above the ships was the blue sky. It was the perfect, as always, backdrop. It was a blue Sherwin-Williams is unable to reproduce. No clouds stood by, it was just blue sky. Even the pale yellow sun didn't mar the flawless blue sky. It kept its distance in the southwest, biding its time when it could return to its full brilliant in-your-face hue. It, too, kept the winds playing somewhere else.

Outlined some 10 nautical miles away was an island populated by trees. From one tip

to the other, the gray tree outlined island stood surrounded by frozen water. They were all biding the cold winter months until they should show spring and summer their true colors — green, green and more green.

The tree line is broken by a perfectly straight white stick — a silent lighthouse. It's light is out today. At night, the 300 mm automated acrylic optic light whirls around and around in an old mariner's dance with a tune which sings — guide ships, guide ships, guide ships.

Across the water's expanse, the day's calm gently settles outside, providing an inside setting for a family celebrating its togetherness after months apart; it lets the laughter and the stories endorse the music for the day with the subtle suggestion there are more perfect days on the horizon.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you were an environmental superhero who would you be?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



'Earth Man so I could save the planet and fly around and plant trees.'

BEN FARBBER
Grosse Pointe Park



'I would be Rescue Girl so I could save animals from floods, fires, storms and earthquakes.'

CAITLIN HOUTING
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'Clean-up Girl and I would pick up litter and give people a ticket who throw cigarettes from their car windows.'

RAEGAN RYBICKI
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'I'd be Forest Keeper so I could save endangered species and make sure they had more space to live.'

JOSHUA ECKERT
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'Animal Girl and I would save animals from people who trap them.'

KATIE MARALDO
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FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Historic gardens in the Pointes

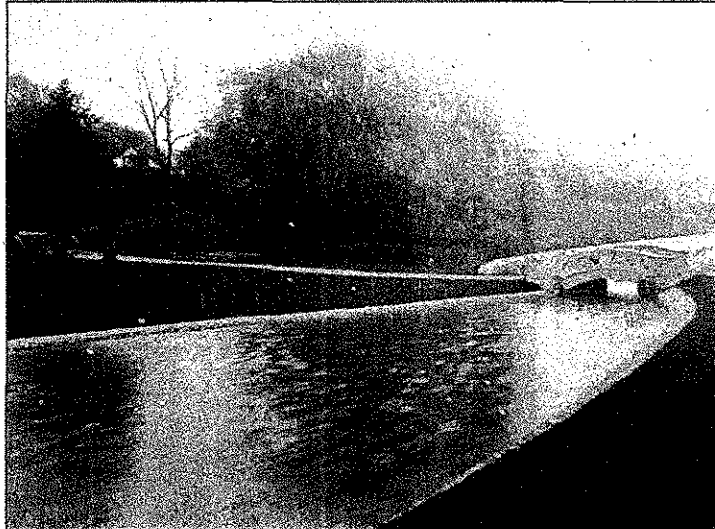


The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

This is part one in a two-part series.

Old maps in the Detroit archives show outlines of gardens in Grosse Pointe in the earliest days of its history. No trace remains of the French and English gardens, except here and there, an old apple orchard or venerable pear tree.

About 10 miles above the center of Detroit, Grosse Pointe projects into Lake St. Clair. This shore is noteworthy of its stretch of mile after mile of beautiful houses and gardens. These however, are all modern, for even the oldest dates no further back than the early 80s when certain Detroiters, desiring the lake air and country quiet for their growing families, gradually bought up the old French farms along the shore.



The shores of the lake and river were lined with picturesque windmills and the air was full of legends and superstitions.

Until about 1900, the houses of these old "habitants" and their gardens and windmills lined the shores. The road that separated the farms bore thin, as now the names of the early owners; Rivard Boulevard, Vernier, Cadieux and others, thus distinctly defining the boundaries of their holdings, whose land titles go back to the time of the Grand Monarch.

"There were 31 grants of land on the water given under Sieur de La Cadillac from 1707 to 1710," says C. M. Burton, "and 57 others from 1734 to 1753 given by the French governor at Quebec."

Seven miles from Detroit is a place once owned by Sieur Joseph Serre-dil Saint Jean. His claim is recorded as being "on Lake St. Clair and having an orchard of pear trees and fine gardens of flowers and vegetables." The present owner, Mrs. Dexter M. Ferry, whose house and gardens stand on this long vanished "plantation," possesses the original deed.

A mile east on the shore is one of the largest farms belonging to the Rivard family. Of its gardens there remains an orchard of 11 ancient apple trees in whose midst stands a

magnificent great pear, which making the 12th in number, was called, "Judas tree." This is on the property now owned by Dr. Fred Murphy.

The Rivard farm is divided among four owners today; Mrs. Frederick M. Alger, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray Sales and Mrs. Huch Dillman. Beautiful gardens owned by Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, Mrs. Paul Deming, Mrs. Francis Dwyer, Mrs. B. H. Butler, Mrs. D. Ruckes, Mrs. Percival Dodge, Mrs. John Dodge and Mrs. John Dyar, now stand where once were the farm and gardens of Josette Galignon, noted for her roses from France.

The most interesting and pretentious house in Grosse Pointe at this early period was the mansion built by Alexander Grant sometime between 1774 and 1780. This house, to which in a letter to relatives in Scotland, he refers as "a good mansion house and all the buildings, fine garden and large orchard," was created on a plantation of 639 acres, a frontage of nine acres on Lake St. Clair, and a depth of 71 acres.

The "commodore" as Grant was called, was a great personage in his day. The younger son of a Scotch laird, he came to

Canada in 1757. When Gen. Amherst found it necessary to develop a navy to protect the British interests, he put young Grant, who had seen sea service, in charge of a sloop of 16 guns. Later he was made the first British commodore in Western waters, in command from Niagara to Mackinac with headquarters in Detroit. It was

a settlement of utmost importance to the English, as it was their gateway to all western operations.

Grant married Threse Barthe, a well-born French girl, and it was for his wife and ever increasing family he built his house on the highlands of the lake and planted his gardens and his orchards.

WONDERING: Facebook entries

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the people who wanted to be my Facebook friend! And what is Farmville?

♦ Just wondering why President Barack Obama thinks going tie-less makes him look cool. I want my president to dress appropriately, especially in the Oval Office, and not appear as if he is going to a Jimmy Buffet concert! Say what you want about President Bush, but he always

looked presidential. And when I wrote to him and Laura recently in Dallas, they responded.

♦ Just wondering why teachers and professors are not measured based on accomplishments in the classroom. If there is no level of learning taking place, why should someone be allowed to retain his or her job. Many of us in the workplace are measured on presentation, deadlines, deliverables and follow-up. Shouldn't teachers be subjected to the same criteria and if there are any deficiencies, shouldn't they be put out to pasture just as those in the corporate world?

♦ Just wondering who

would win in a no-holds barred cage fight between the Michelin Man and the Pillsbury Dough Boy. My vote is for the Michelin Man. The Dough Boy should have Mr. Clean stand in for him. Actually Gumby could whoop all of them!

♦ Just wondering why we are so interested in the lives of the Hollywood community. Most are shallow, overindulged scatterbrains who contribute little intellectually to society. Listening to award acceptance speeches demonstrates these cinematic script readers have difficulty assembling words into sentences.

♦ Just wondering if anyone

has ever been arrested for removing a tag from a pillow or a mattress since supposedly doing so is illegal and "punishable by law." And if arrested, do you get a padded cell?

♦ Just wondering if anyone who subscribes to the Grosse Pointe News actually reads my column. And if so, do they consider me cerebral, humorous, interesting and compelling or just a "whacko" who should be locked up in a tagless pillow padded room and forced to read Facebook entries all day from people who have rotary dial phones. Just wondering!

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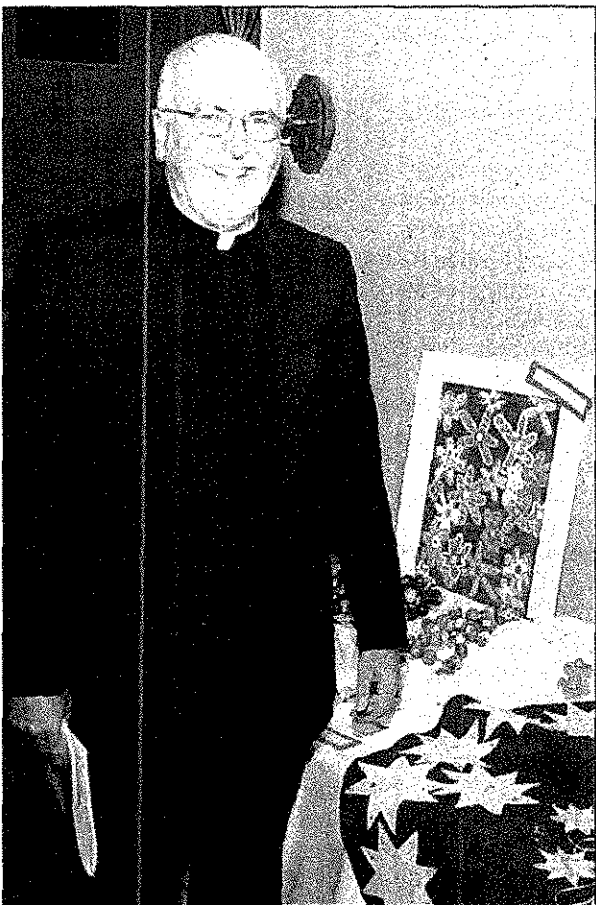
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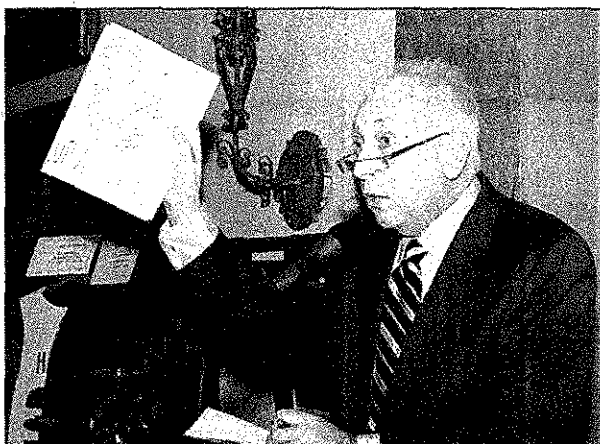


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Up anchor

St. Paul Catholic School's auction, "Up Anchor," featured items which were bid on included sports equipment, items made or painted by school children, jewelry, a fur coat and gift baskets, among other things. This year's auction chairwomen were Kathy Gregory and Sharon Kuchta. The honorary chairs were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quilter.

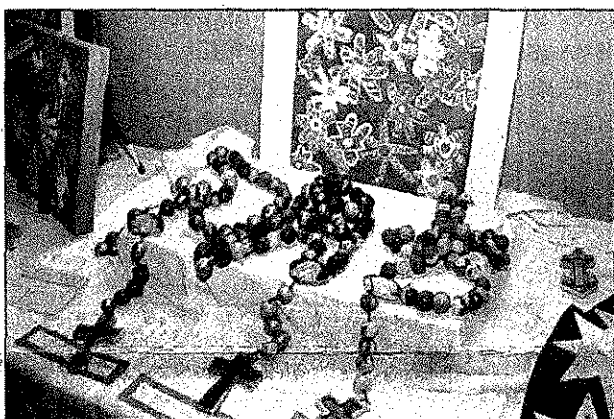
Left, Msgr. Patrick F. Halfpenny said this is one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year. "The Teacher-Parent Guild Auction allows our Blue Ribbon School leadership to offer an education and faith formation program unsurpassed in the Archdiocese of Detroit," he said.



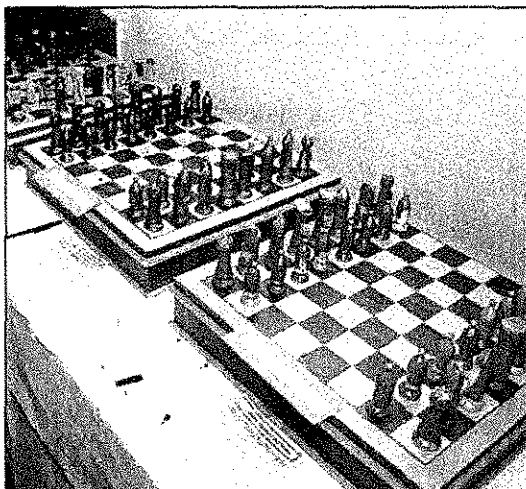
Far left, Paul W. Smith was a special guest for the evening.



Near left, Bob DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle's Art Galleries was the auctioneer for the event which raised thousands of dollars for the school.



Center left, the rosaries were handcrafted by second grade students.



Below left, three chess sets were painted by St. Paul students.



Below, the school was filled with anxious bidders.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
19617 HARPER AVENUE
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A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00p.m. In the City Council chambers off the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of:

Receiving comments or suggestions regarding the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate residents.

The City of Harper Woods expects to receive approximately \$97,000.

The primary objectives of the Community Development Program are to assist low to moderate income families, preserve neighborhoods, assist in replacing the urban infrastructure and to assist in meeting special needs of seniors and physically disabled wherever possible.

LOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Kelly Road Census tract 5516 Blocks	Streetscape improvements: Concrete, landscape, electrical	\$52,860
City Wide	SOC minor home repairs: Assistance to elderly and handicapped based on income	16,000
City Wide	SOC Chore Program	9,220
City Wide	Pointe Area Assisted Transit: Handicapped transportation based on income	9,220
City Wide	Administration: Program Management	9,700
TOTAL		97,000

The City of Harper Woods will apply for housing rehabilitation funds estimating the amount to be \$30,000, which will be administered by Services for Older Citizens.

Please write or call the Office of Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225 313-343-2518

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MICKEY D. TODD,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: Councilman Roby.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety and Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilman Roby was excused from attending the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2010, were approved as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the fence permit appeal for Mr. Webber of 251 Moran Road, subject to specific changes to the height of the fence.

The Council denied the request from the Grosse Pointes/Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority to approve House Bills #5558 and 5559; and further approved the hiring of Lobbyist (Andrew Richner of Clark Hill at a price not to exceed \$5,000).

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- The reappointment of the Board of Review Members, each to serve a 3 year terms.
- Payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, for various legal services rendered on behalf of the City.

The Council received the following Reports and ordered them placed on file:

- 2008 Annual Permit Report – Public Service
- Six-Month Financial Report
- Investment Report – October 2009
- Public Safety Report for the month of January 2010

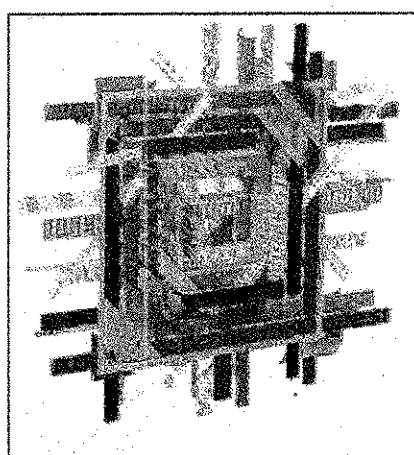
Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.grossepointefarms.org

James C. Farquhar Jr.
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

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The inspiration of collages and quilts provide the theme of the quilt exhibit, "Pieced Together," at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House through March 28.

Right, the creativity of artists Eleanor Winters, left, and Suzanne Marshall, right, capture color and design in forms handed down from generations. In the center is Edsel & Eleanor Ford House President Kathleen Mullins.

Marshall and Winters say they draw inspiration for their creations from the world around them. Marshall incorporates insects, flowers and leaves into her work. Winters creates small-scale works of paper and calligraphy inspired by traditional quilt designs and stained glass windows in European cathedrals.

Bottom center, dozens of Grosse Pointe residents gathered during the opening reception.

She magnifies an intricate design of a paper quilt now on display at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Right, Winters hosts a paper quilt-making workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Using various papers, participants are introduced to small-scale paper quilting. For more information, call (313) 884-4222. For more photos from the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House "Pieced Together," visit [grossepointenews facebook](http://grossepointenews.facebook.com).

Pieced together



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Elaine and James C. Farquhar of Grosse Pointe Farms.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Grosse Pointe Theatre

"Art," a Tony Award-winning play by Yazmina Reza, is performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Friday, Feb. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 27, in the Purdon Studio Theatre by the Grosse Pointe Theatre at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at gpt.org or visiting the theater's box office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Empty bowls

Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, hosts its 16th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Pewabic offers soup and rolls donated by local restaurants and bakers with the purchase of a bowl. Cost ranges from \$5 to \$20.

For more information, call (313) 822-0954.

Lakeside Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Center, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores, to talk about art and paint.

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GYMNASTICS

United team stands tall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team completed its regular season with a perfect 7-0 mark.

Last week, the squad beat Dearborn Edsel Ford 135.75-119.95 and Birmingham 133.65-116.40.

Against Edsel Ford, Emma Abessinio tied for first with an 8.45 on vault with Ashley Krynski taking second with an 8.4. Lauren Krieger, Heather Koresky, and Aubryn Samaroo all tied for third with an 8.35.

Madi Kaiser scored well with an 8.3.

Abessinio placed first on bars with an 8.7 and Koresky took third with an 8.3. Also on bars, Krieger scored an 8.15, Brittany Rizzo scored an 8.1, Krynski scored an 8.0 and Kaiser scored a 6.7.

On beam, Kaiser placed first with a 9.15, followed by Krieger with an 8.75, and Krynski with an 8.45.

All girls scored well and earned Regional Qualifying scores. Emily Griffith scored an 8.25, while Samaroo scored an 8.4 and Koresky scored an 8.2.

On floor, Krieger placed first

with a 9.2 and Abessinio scored a 9.15, taking second. Other top gymnasts were Rizzo with an 8.05, Koresky and Krynski with a 7.85 and Lydia Fuller scored a 7.2.

Against Birmingham, Abessinio continued her solid season, winning with an 8.55 and Krieger tied for third with an 8.3. Sarah Fentin scored an 8.25, followed by Griffith with an 8.2, Rizzo with an 8.1 and Fuller with a 7.9.

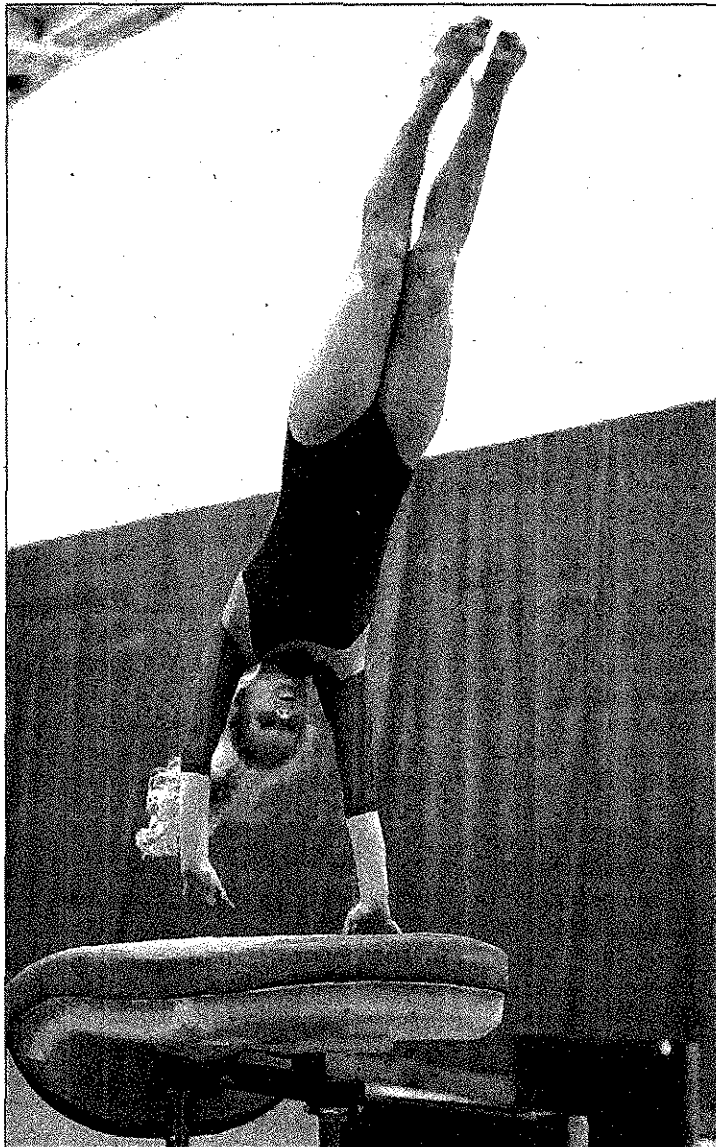
On bars, Abessinio placed first with an 8.25, while Krynski scored an 8.2 and Kaiser placed third with an 8.15. Fentin scored a 7.7, Rizzo scored a 7.55 and Koresky scored a 7.1.

On beam, Krieger placed first with a 9.3, followed by Abessinio with a 9.05 and Kaiser with an 8.1.

Other top scorers were Krynski with a 7.8, Samaroo with a 7.9 and Koresky with a 7.65.

On floor, Samaroo took first with an 8.7, while Kaiser took second with an 8.6 and Fentin placed third with an 8.3. Koresky scored a 7.9, followed by Rizzo with an 8.0 and Krynski with a 7.9.

The Grosse Pointe United team will host its league meet



Junior Heather Koresky performs a routine on the vault. She is putting together a solid season.

Thursday, Feb. 25, and will gear up for a regional meet Saturday, March 6, at Plymouth Canton.

Competing with Grosse

Pointe are Adrian, Canton, Plymouth Canton, Edsel Ford, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Northville, Saline and Tecumseh.

BASKETBALL

Victories aplenty

North, South and Liggett boys' basketball teams enjoy good week PAGE 2C

WRESTLING

Norsemen beat South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team repeated its district championship, beating Eastpointe East Detroit 66-18 in the finals last week.

The host Norsemen had no trouble getting past the depleted Shamrocks.

JeJuan Henderson, Evan Lock, Tom Mulvihill, Damon Barbee, Patrick Salazar, Paul Menth, Leyoun Harbin and Stu Haigh won by void, giving the Norsemen an automatic 48 points.

Other winners were Alex Doetsch, Shawn Miller and Jake Brazil.

In the semifinals, North beat city rival Grosse Pointe South 54-24 as Henderson got things rolling with a win over Matt Barnes.

Doetsch pinned Zack Donatello and Evan Lock pinned Don Sutton at the 215-pound class to give the Norsemen an 18-0 advantage.

Reggie Lewis won by void to get the Blue Devils on the board, while Sergio Rodriguez pinned Barbee at the 103-pound class to make it an 18-12 match.

Salazar won a decision over Andrew Stieber and Menth won by void to give the Norsemen a 28-12 lead.

Haigh won by pin for the Norsemen and Nolan Goodall won by pin for the Blue Devils.

Other Norsemen who won were John Testori, Harbin, Brazil and Miller, while Neil Leising was the Blue Devils' other winner.

Last weekend, both North and South had only four grapplers advance to the regional round.

The wrestlers competed in an individual district tournament at L'Anse Creuse. The advancing wrestlers were spread out among a dozen teams.

Moving on for the Norsemen were Alex Doetsch, who beat teammate JeJuan Henderson 14-6 in the consolation finals of the 171-pound class.

For the Blue Devils, Reggie Lewis was a district champion, pinning Fraser's Jimmy Froehlich in the 285-pound class title match and Sergio Rodriguez, who earned a tough 2-0 decision over Warren Cousino's Ian Murphy in the 103-pound class consolation final.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net big wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team won two tough games last week, beating Ann Arbor 4-1 and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 4-2.

It was the toughest stretch of games this season for the Blue Devils, which began with a slim victory over arch rival Grosse Pointe North.

"These games will not be easy," head coach Bill Fox said before his team began the series. "Each team has the capability to beat us if we don't play well."

The Blue Devils escaped the Norsemen's upset bid and used a tenacious defense to stymie two of the other top teams in the league, Ann Arbor and Cranbrook Kingswood.

Against the host Pioneers, senior Ana Harris had two goals, while seniors Julia Solecki and Shannon Gianino also tallied. Senior Emma Hull notched an assist.

The Blue Devils and Pioneers have developed a solid rivalry the past three seasons. During this time, both have been at the top of the league standings.

Against the Cranes, Harris had two goals and an assist to place the host Blue Devils.

Senior Rae Sklarski had a goal and assist, while sophomore Claire Boyle had the fourth goal.

Solecki, Gianino, senior Jessica Snella and junior Andrea Marshall also had assists as Grosse Pointe South improved to 17-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

The Blue Devils can clinch a third straight division championship with a win Tuesday, Feb. 23, against rival Liggett.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Villani's goal lifts North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team won a big game last weekend, beating Ann Arbor 2-1 in overtime.

Freshman Sara Villani scored the winning goal midway through the overtime, assisted by junior Kailey Sickmiller.

"It's a big win," head coach Scott Dockett said. "We dominated the overtime and it was nice to finally beat Ann Arbor."

The Norsemen have played the Pioneers tough the past couple of seasons, but always seem to come up a goal short on the scoreboard, including losing an overtime game a couple of weeks ago.

Sickmiller scored in the opening period, assisted by freshmen Bryn Moody and Catherine McCarthy.

Ann Arbor scored in the second stanza, setting up what was a tense third period

with neither team scoring. With the victory, Grosse Pointe North improved to 11-5

in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 12-6 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights battle

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' hockey team ended a four-game losing streak last week with a 6-4 win over host Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Knights fell behind 3-0 six minutes into the opening period and loss No. 5 in a row looked like a reality.

However, seniors Liz Smith and Paige Counsman scored in the later moment of the first stanza to tighten the game. Sophomore Haleigh Bolton assisted on Smith's goal and Counsman's was unassisted

with only 92 seconds left.

The Marlins scored midway through the second period, giving them a 4-2 lead, but Counsman scored, assisted by sophomore Haleigh Smith and Bolton, at the 5:14 mark to make it a one-goal game. Counsman earned her hat trick with an unassisted goal at the 3:34 mark, tying it 4-4.

Liz Smith scored the game-winner at the 8:04 mark of the third period and Counsman added an empty-netter in the final seconds to seal the victory.

Liggett improved to 9-7 in the MMG High School Hockey League and 9-9 overall.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen hang on against Roseville

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team nearly let one slip away last week.

The host Norsemen led Roseville 65-59 with two minutes left, but had to hang on in a 67-66 victory.

"We did everything we could to lose the game, but some-

how found a way to win," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "This wasn't very pretty, but at least we got the win."

The visiting Panthers scored the first five points of the fourth quarter, taking a 57-52 lead, before the Norsemen stormed back with an 8-0 to take the lead for good, 60-57.

During the run, senior Balazs Juhasz had a three-point play and senior Bryan Brown hit a three-pointer and two free throws.

Another Brown triple made it 63-59 with 2:30 left and senior Troy Williams split four free throws to help the Norsemen take the 65-59 advantage.

Missed shots and a turnover allowed the Panthers to cut it to 65-64 with 1:27 left, but Williams' layup gave the home team a little breathing room.

The Panthers were able to get within a point when Traeye Williams scored the final two of his 26 points with 23.4 seconds left.

North's Williams missed a shot that Roseville's Williams rebounded and took the length of the floor in an attempt to win the game.

While driving to the basket, he was whistled for traveling, giving the ball to the Norsemen with two seconds left.



Seniors Desmond Malone, left, and Balazs Juhasz, right, battle for a loose ball in the fourth quarter of the Norsemen's division win over the Panthers.

"This was a close, tough basketball game," Lockhart said. "Neither team had much of a lead."

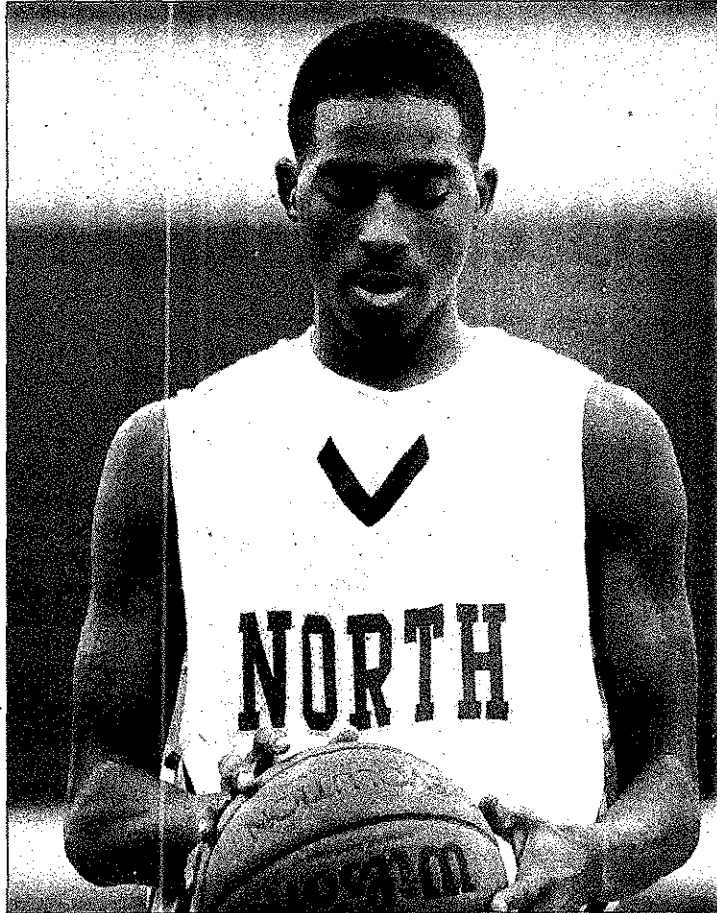
The game was tied 15-15 after the first quarter and the Panthers held a 35-33 halftime advantage. It was tied 52-52 after the third quarter and the Norsemen won the final stanza, 15-14 to pull out the victory.

Juhasz had 19 points to lead the Norsemen, followed by Brown with 16 and Williams with nine.

Earlier in the week, North ran past host Sterling Heights Stevenson, 81-66, improving to 7-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 9-7 overall.

The Norsemen have won eight of their last 10 games to push their record past the .500 mark.

Against the Titans, Brown had 24 points, followed by Juhasz with 18, Williams with 10, sophomore Will Ritchie with eight and sophomore Adam Andrzejczak with seven.



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Junior George Greer concentrates before shooting a free throw during Grosse Pointe North's slim win over Roseville.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils' big 2nd half key to victory over PHN

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Simply put, the basketball squad did not look very good in the first half.

"We had no energy, no sense of urgency, nothing," Grosse Pointe South head coach Jim Twigg said. "We just had nothing at all."

After the opening two quarters of play against Port Huron Northern Feb. 11, the Blue Devils were playing flat-footed on both ends of the floor.

The result was an eight-point deficit, 25-17.

"I just went into the locker room at half time, looked at the team and said five words," Twigg explained. "I said 'You guys figure it out,' that was all I said. We coached them in the first half; we knew what we wanted to do. They just didn't have any energy."

"So, I just went in there and said those five words. That's all. That was my halftime speech."

The simplicity and impact of the statement sunk in with the Blue Devils. It must have since the team came out of the blocks in the second half with renewed energy and vigor.

"I got to give the players the credit," Twigg said. "They came together, stepped it up and played with more intensity and enthusiasm. All the credit goes to them. There comes a point where you have to, as players, find that in yourself and your teammates. There's only so much we as coaches can do. These guys found it tonight. They did."

The increased energy and intensity squeezed the Huskies lead to just four points, 39-35, at the end of three quarters, setting the stage for one of the best finishes of the season.

The Blue Devils outworked Port Huron Northern for much of the fourth quarter, diving, hustling and working hard on both ends of the floor.

Senior standout Jarvis Wise dictated the game's tempo in the closing quarter, hitting a key 16-foot pull-up jumper from the foul-line extended with 53.4 seconds left in the game. The bucket gave South its first lead of the game, 45-44.

"He's such a great player," Twigg said. "He truly is a point guard, and one of the best. He

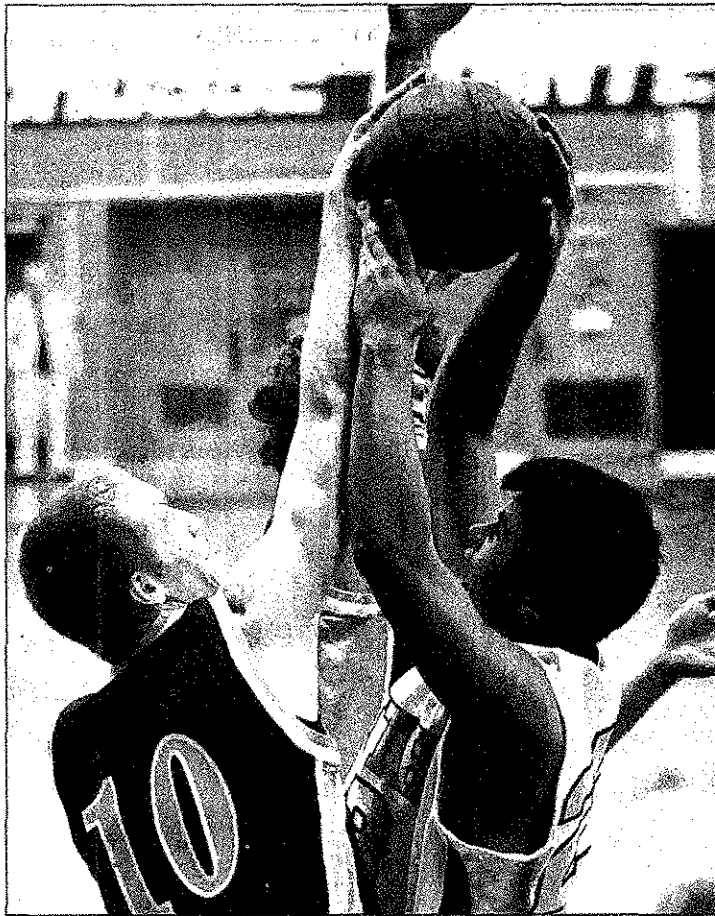


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Junior Ben Fry goes up strong for a rebound during the Blue Devils' home game against Port Huron Northern.

gets other guys involved and he can step up and make the big shot."

Wise's big shot was the beginning of a tension-filled battle between the two squads, one that saw Northern's Austin Shell knock down two clutch free throws with less than 14 seconds left in the game, giving them a 48-45 lead.

A South timeout led to an in-bounds play that saw the ball wind up in the hands of Blue Devils junior Victor Mattison. With the clock under two seconds remaining, Mattison squared up, his feet only inches behind the 3-point arc, and sent the ball towards the goal.

Mattison's hoop knotted the score and sent the crowd into a frenzy.

Tough defense squashed any buzzer-beater hopes Northern had and sent the game into overtime.

The Blue Devils weathered a 4-0 run from the Huskies to start the extra period, then took care of business, converting seven free throws in overtime, including a three-point play from Wise.

The solid shooting from the line was enough to secure the

victory for South, 59-56.

"I'm proud of these guys," Twigg said. "I mean, Victor hit a big shot, Corbin (Conroy) started hitting some shots, and Jarvis was outstanding. The whole team stepped up when they needed to."

The win is a big one for South on many fronts. Not only does it technically keep them in the hunt for a Macomb Area Conference White title, but it also gives them a win in a close game.

South has lost more than its share of heartbreakers this season, including buzzer-beater losses to Grosse Pointe North and Roseville High, not to mention several single-digit defeats, including a 53-39 setback to Cousino earlier in the week.

"This was a big one for us," the coach added. "This was nice."

South was paced by Wise's 18 points, while Conroy and Mattison chipped in with 15 and 12 points respectively. Northern's Matt Davis had 23 points.

Grosse Pointe South stands 3-5 in the MAC White Division and 4-10 overall.

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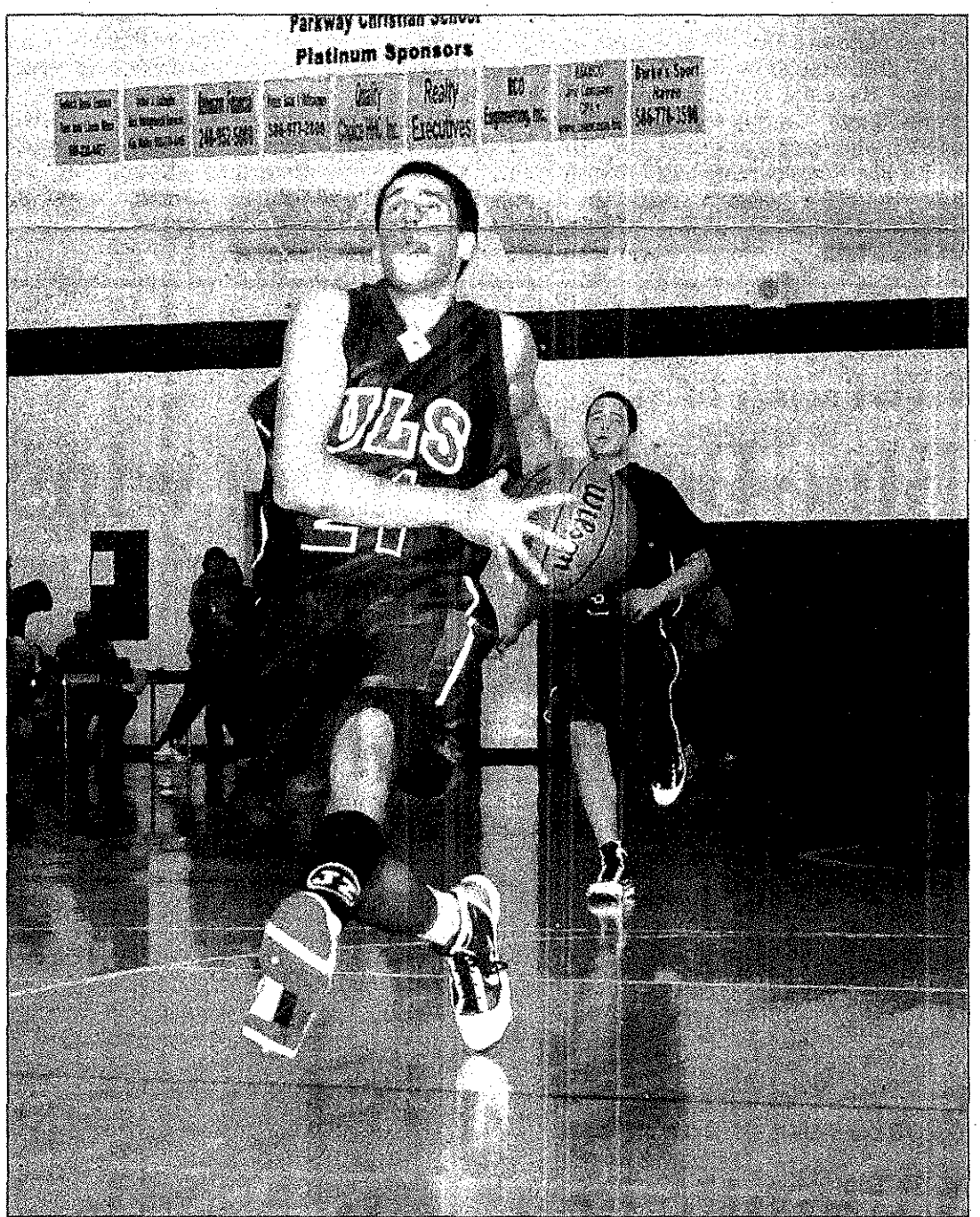


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Mark Ghafari, with ball, shown in a game earlier this season, will have to play well and get help from their teammates if the Knights are to win a division crown.

Knights stay in division chase with solid victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' basketball team remains in the hunt for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship after beating visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills 65-54 last weekend.

"We shot the ball very well and played a nice game," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "It's a big win for us since (Bloomfield Hills) Roeper lost, which means we're only one game back of them."

The Knights led 14-13 after the first quarter and 33-24 at the half. It remained a tight

game until the Knights put it out of reach with a solid fourth period.

Senior Mark Ghafari had 25 points and 10 assists, while sophomore Eddie Thomas chipped in with 16 points and freshman Eric Ewing had 10.

In other recent games, the Knights lost 44-35 to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and beat Detroit Old Redford Academy 54-38.

"Oakland Christian controlled the tempo and we had trouble trying to mix our lineup after losing some key guys to injuries," Johnson said. "Injuries aren't an excuse, but they played a part in the defeat."

Ghafari had 12 points coming off the bench to lead the Knights and Ewing was next with five points.

They still played without junior Dominic Jamett, who is nursing an injury.

However, Ghafari had 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Thomas had 13 points and five rebounds in the victory.

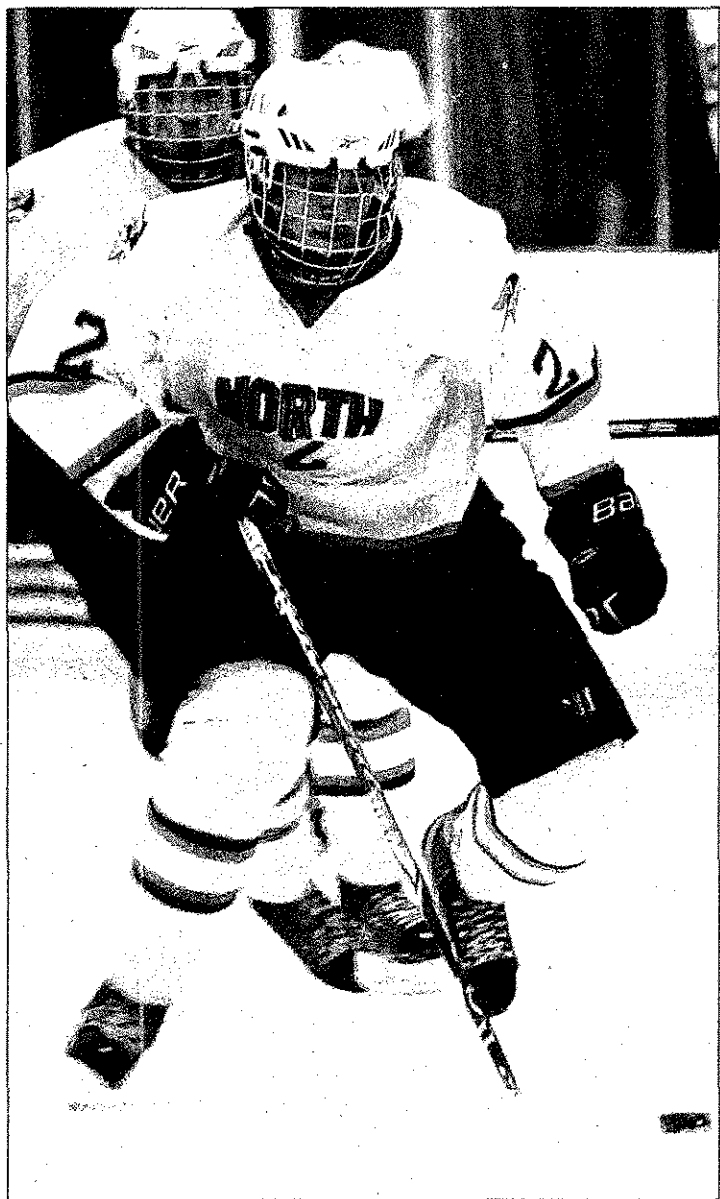
Ewing had nine points and, according to Johnson, is feeling comfortable with his role coming off the bench and being a key contributor.

At the moment, Liggett stands 10-2 in conference play with four games left on the division schedule and is 11-2 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle in MIHL Showcase



By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team competed in last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton.

The Norsemen, looking to finally get to the .500 mark, will have to wait a little longer after losing 3-2 to Sault Ste. Marie and tying Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 3-3.

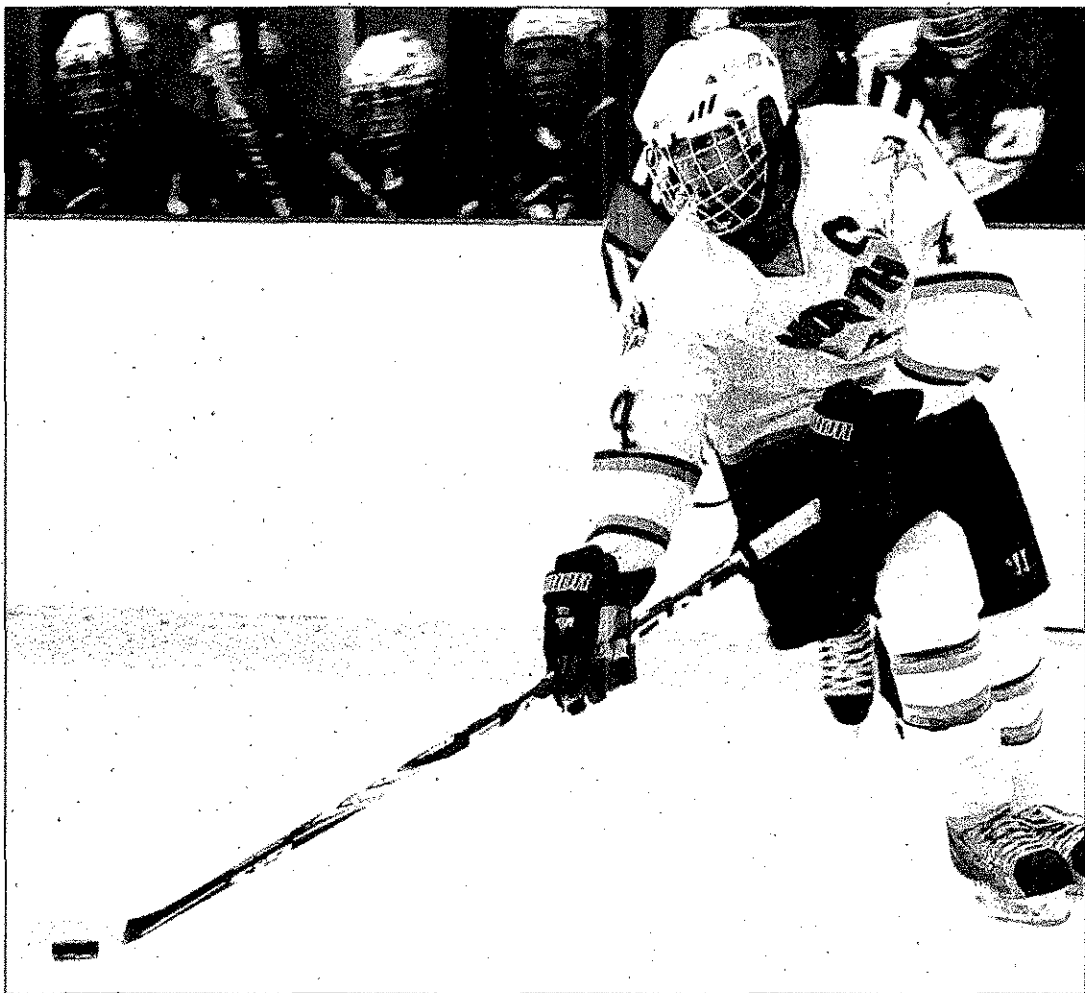
"We played a solid Sault Ste. Marie team and played hard, but just couldn't get the equalizer," head coach Scott Lock said. "I don't think we wanted it as much as they did, but overall, it was a good hockey game."

Sophomore Scott Dornbrock scored at the 12:23 mark of the opening period to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead. Seniors Steve Herron and Mitchell Capp had the assists.

The Blue Devils tied it 1-1, but senior Matt Lucchese put the Norsemen ahead 2-1 with a goal at the 9:11 mark of the second period. It was unassisted and came shorthanded.

It was 2-2 heading into the final stanza and with under a minute left in the game, the Blue Devils were able to take advantage of a goofy bounce and the puck slid in front of an open net and put home the winning goal.

The Norsemen grabbed a 2-0



Senior Mitchell Capp has been on a scoring streak of late, including netting an assist in the first game last weekend.

lead against the Falcons on goals by Lucchese. It was a 3-1 game after sophomore Joe Aluia tallied.

The Falcons, ranked No. 3 in Division 3, came back to tie it with two goals in the final

period.

The Norsemen had a goal waved off in overtime, leaving it 3-3.

"We couldn't put them away," Lock said. "We let it get away from us."

With the loss and tie, Grosse Pointe North stands 8-11-1 overall heading into the final two weeks of the regular season.

The state playoffs start Monday, March 1.

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Sophomore Scott Dornbrock scored North's first goal in the game against Sault Ste. Marie.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

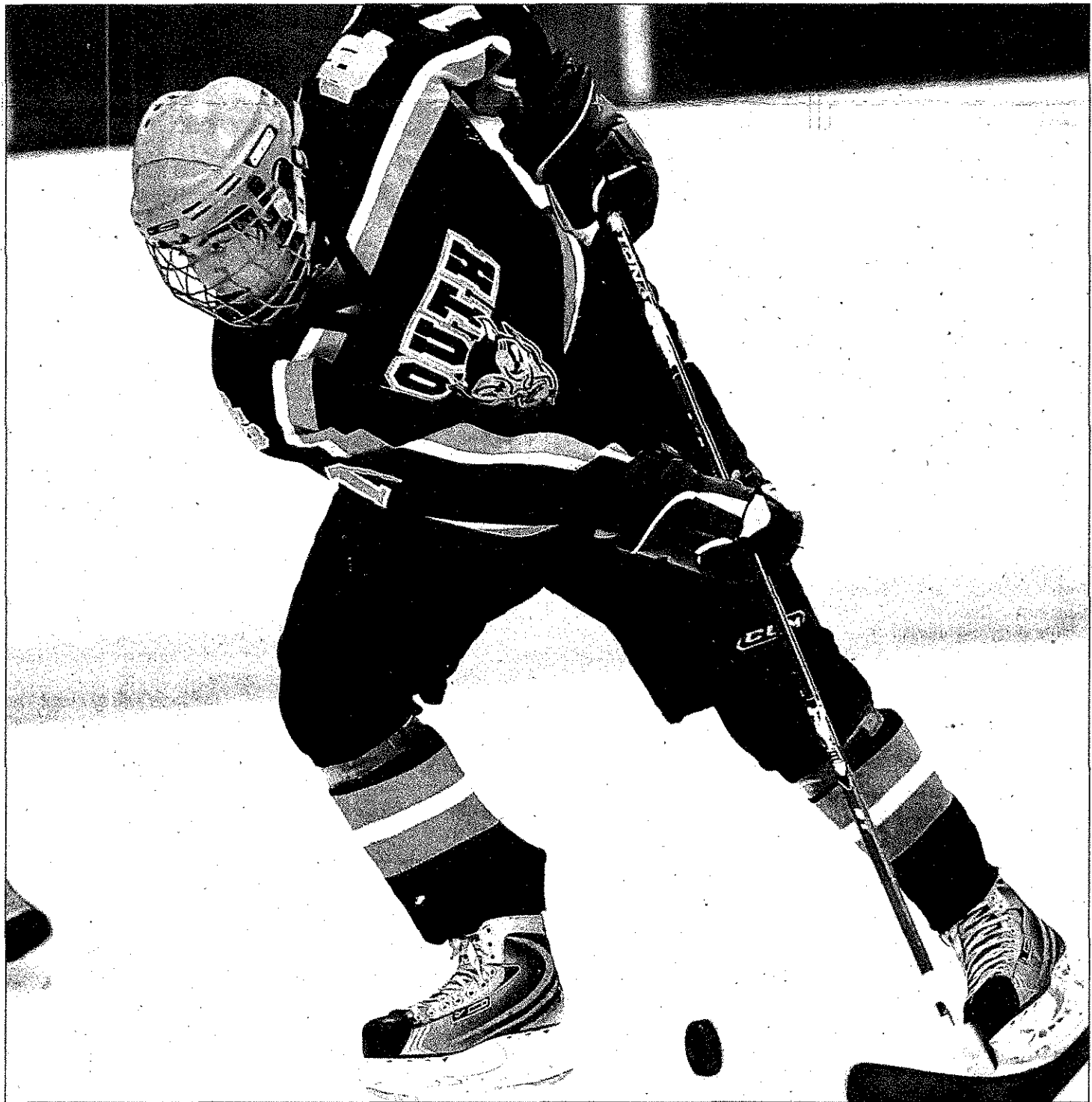


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Nets a split

Grosse Pointe South junior Max Corbett and his teammates battled to a split in its boys hockey games last week, losing 5-2 to Dearborn Divine Child and beating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 5-3. The split leaves the Blue Devils with a 8-11-1 record with two weeks left in the regular season.

LIGGETT

Two more wins keeps perfect mark

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It hasn't been easy, but Liggett's boys' hockey team is still unbeaten.

The Knights edged visiting L'Anse Creuse 4-3 on a goal by

sophomore Conner Wiggins. He finished with two goals and senior Dan Zukas added a goal in the victory.

"We played with little emotion and it was not a banner effort on our part," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We play

well one night and poorly the next. We have continued this trend the past few weeks."

The Knights were back at it the next night and it was an easy 10-0 win over visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"I played everyone tonight

and mixed the lines a bit to get our younger guys some more playing time," McIntyre said.

Among the goal scorers were freshman Manny Counsman and senior Michael Kassab.

With the wins, Liggett improved to 19-0-1 overall.

YOUTH HOCKEY

1998 Bulldogs sweep path to district finals

The Grosse Pointe 1998 Bulldogs swept their way to the District No. 3 tournament finals with wins over Macomb, Rochester and perennial power Mount Clemens.

In the opener against the Macomb Mavericks, Brendan Nelson initiated the scoring on a pass from Marshall Vyletel.

Vyletel fed Henry Moesta for the second goal and a scoring onslaught ensued as Luke Taber took top honors with a hat trick. Mac Welscher and Vyletel assisted on Taber's three goals.

Welscher rounded out the scoring in the 7-3 victory.

In the quarterfinals against the Rochester Rattlers, Vyletel added two goals and two more assists, giving him six in two games.

Michael French also had two goals and two assists, while Brendan Nelson added a playmaker (3 assists) and a goal to the Bulldog totals.

J.P. Navetta rounded out the goal scoring with assists from Jack Flynn and Moesta.

In the semifinals, the

The Bulldogs swept their way to the finals with wins over Macomb, Rochester and perennial power Mount Clemens.

Bulldogs were led by defensemen Andrew Tomasi, Jack Liagre, Griffin Brooks, Flynn and Moesta. Vyletel opened the scoring against the Mount Clemens Wolves on a pass from Nelson.

Taber drilled home the second goal on a dish from Connor Miller and Mac Cimmarrusti tied the game 3-3 on goal with Taber netting an assist.

Moesta put the game winner in from the point with just two minutes to play.

Coach Geoff Welscher was quick to praise goal tenders Alex Grimm and Matthew Held for their outstanding play throughout the tournament.

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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights fall again to O.C.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' basketball team suffered its first defeat of the season, losing a road game against Auburn Hills Oakland Christian Jan. 12.

Nearly one month later, the Knights dropped game No. 2 of the season to Oakland Christian, 64-53, in front of a packed house.

"Oakland Christian is awfully talented and they posed some problems for us," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "We prepared for them, but didn't get the job done. It's a disappointing loss because I thought we were ready to play."

The host Knights trailed 12-11 after the first quarter and the deficit reached double figures, 38-26, at the half.

The Lancers used their experience to exploit the Knights' youthful roster.

"We're young and inexperienced and it showed tonight," Gigante said. "We had trouble slowing them down and getting our offense going."

The Knights trailed 37-28 heading into the final quarter and had to foul down the stretch to try to get back into the game.

Sophomore Madison Ristovski led the Knights with 28 points, followed by freshman Haleigh Ristovski with 14, senior Hannah Baird with six, freshman Julia DeRoo with three and freshman Ariana Castillo with two.

Earlier in the week, a snowstorm forced the postponement of Liggett's home game with Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. The game will be played before the state districts start the first week of March.

Liggett fell to 9-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 13-2 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett sophomore Madison Ristovski poured in 28 points, but that wasn't enough to prevent a loss to top-ranked Oakland Christian.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen tally two more wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the second straight time, Grosse Pointe North and Chippewa Valley played during a snowstorm.

Last month, the Norsemen had a tough time sledding through the snow, but still blasted the Big Reds.

Last week, it was the Big Reds who had to make the tough trek. However, the host Norsemen seemed to be a step slow throughout the game.

Despite the sluggishness, the Norsemen won 40-32 as senior Ariel Braker had 24 points, 16 rebounds, seven steals and three assists.

"We definitely didn't have our 'A' game," head coach Gary Bennett said. "The good thing is that although we didn't play our best, we still worked hard enough to grind out a win."

The Norsemen led 12-10 after the first quarter and 23-17 at the half.

They played their best basketball in the third quarter, outscoring the Big Reds 11-6, including a 9-0 run right out of the gate, opening a 32-17 advantage.

In the first meeting, the Norsemen's pressure defense made life tough for the home team and the game was over by halftime.

This time, the Big Reds were able to handle the pressure defense and get enough transition baskets to keep the game close.

In the end, it was too much Braker, who had help down the stretch as the Norsemen won another division game.

Senior Kayla Womack had five points, while freshman Taryn Kiah had four, junior Nicole Strickland had three, senior Christine Bedway had two and junior Micaela Liddane had two points, three steals and three assists.

Last weekend, North had its "A" game in a 53-21 win over Utica Eisenhower.

The Norsemen jumped all over the Eagles, leading 20-4 in the first quarter and 29-8 at the half. It was 48-13 after three quarters.

Braker had 10 points, eight steals and four assists, while senior Kamille Hamzey had eight points and Womack finished with nine points.

Everyone chipped in as Liddane had seven points and

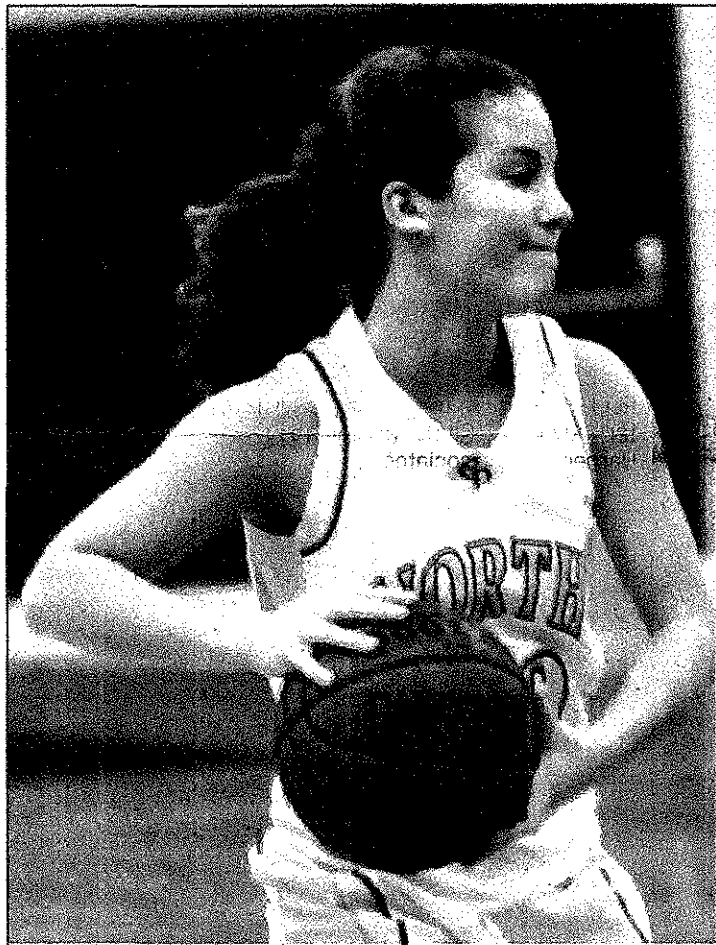


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North senior Kamille Hamzey dishes off for an assist during the Norsemen's win over Chippewa Valley.

four assists and senior Christine Bedway had five points and three assists.

Junior Nicole Strickland had five points, followed by junior Ariel Golden with three, freshman Taryn Kiah with two, junior Kia Tyus with

two, sophomore Gabriela Causley with two and freshman Emily Armbruster with three steals.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 7-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 15-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Half-time chat spurs Blue Devils

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

In the end, it was business as usual for Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team after its convincing 63-31 win last weekend over St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

"I thought Lakeview did a really nice job against us, especially in the first half," head coach Kevin Richards said. "They played really hard and out-hustled us in the first half."

The opening half was a bit unlike South, trailing 14-10 after the first quarter after jumping out to a 10-2 lead early in the period.

"They (Lakeview) outplayed us, simple as that," Richards said. "That was very disappointing. We pride ourselves on playing hard and executing when we need to. We didn't do that against them in the first half. We just didn't."

The Blue Devils managed to

take a slim, 24-20, lead into the break, but Richards was anything but pleased with how his squad was competing.

South accepted the coach's challenge and simply dominated the closing two quarters of play, holding Lakeview to 11 points in the half and zero points in the final quarter.

Richards admits, the closing half of the season is a tougher road.

"It's the second time around for these teams against us," he explained. "We had our way with everybody the first time through, now we've got a bit of a target on our backs, and they know what to expect a bit too."

Senior Chloe Srebernak and junior Aisha Rodney each poured in 17 points to lead the Blue Devils.

South also beat host Anchor Bay 47-35 earlier in the week, improving to 7-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 13-3 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils look solid at MISCA meet

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team made a statement in last weekend's

Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, earned several top 10 placements in a field that will closely resemble the one set for the state finals a month from now.

Senior Matt Mandel and sophomore Cam Laney captured first-place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, respectively. Mandel had a time of 21.64 and Laney had a time of 59.92.

In addition, the 200-yard freestyle relay team of junior Craig Campbell, junior Cam Johnson, senior Joe Hessburg and Mandel also won the top spot with a time of 1:27.63.

Mandel and Campbell took second and third in the 100-yard freestyle, posting times of 47.18 and 47.72, while senior Michael Shook was third

in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:46.59.

The 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Campbell, Shook, Hessburg and Mandel also had a solid finish, taking third with a time of 3:13.86.

Campbell was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:45.49 and sophomore Luke Hessburg was eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.27.

Other top individual performances were turned in by senior Kyle Eschenburg, 16th in diving with 323.45 points; junior Roby Boggs, 25th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:06.77; senior Matt Schmidt, 36th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.09; and senior Wayne Brackett, 44th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.28.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of Schmidt, Laney, senior Mac Day and senior Pete Basile took 28th with a time of 1:45.79 to round out their top placements.

— Bob St. John

LIGGETT

Knights stay unbeaten

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team improved to 6-0 last week, beating Warren Fitzgerald 114-48.

Kara Zmyslowski had a solid meet, winning the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:21.56 and 1:17.46, while Brian Gutermuth won the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard freestyle with times of 1:25.03 and 1:05.58.

Veeral Patel won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 29.70 and Connor Borrego was first in the 500-yard freestyle at 4:54.54.

Other top individual performances were turned in by Tori Wuthrich, Jake Osborn and Ben Gellman in the 200-yard freestyle; Emily Broder in the 200-yard individual medley; Osborn in the 100-yard butterfly; Patel and Alvaro Martinez in the 100-yard freestyle; Nick

Valice and Martinez in the 50-yard freestyle; Wuthrich and Gellman in the 500-yard freestyle; Stavros Bricolas and Mary Nehra in the 100-yard backstroke; and Morgan Walker in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The host Knights also performed well in the relay events.

Zmyslowski, Valice, Bricolas and Michael Leahy won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:17.79 and the 200-yard freestyle relay quartet of Patel, Valice, Gutermuth and Borrego won with a time of 2:03.52.

The Knights' team of Martinez, Leahy, Walker and Osborn took second in the 200-relay with a time of 2:09.60 to give the home team added points.

In the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Patel, Valice, Borrego and Gutermuth won with a time of 4:57.48 and Gellman, Bricolas, Nehra and Osborn took third at 5:08.71.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Healthy squad beats Big Reds

With the entire team finally healthy, the Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team crushed Chippewa Valley 131-54 last week.

Justin Rakowicz won the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, while Christian Mellos was tops in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke to help pace the Norsemen.

Matt Peyser and Robert Tripp were also multiple winners. Peyser won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles and Tripp won the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke.

James McNelis won the diving competition and Rakowicz and Mellos qualified for the state finals in their respective events.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were posted by Alex Fly, John Hales,

Dan Santalucia and Joseph Matouk in the 50-yard freestyle; Mellos, Ryan Seago and Andrew Kopacka in the 100-yard freestyle; and McNelis in diving.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-5 overall and finished 2-2 in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division meets.

Last weekend, several members of the Norsemen competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Rakowicz finished seventh in the 500-yard freestyle and 21st in the 200-yard freestyle, while Peyser took 44th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Robert Tripp was 61st in the 100-yard butterfly and Matt Leone was 48th in the 100-yard backstroke.

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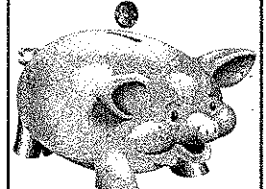
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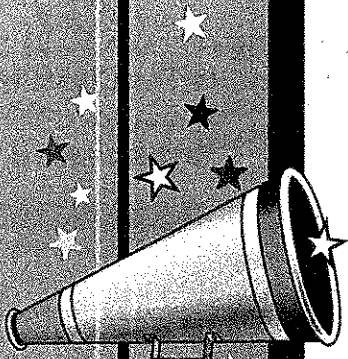


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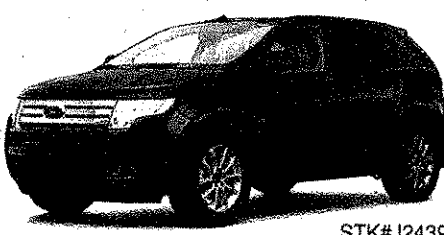
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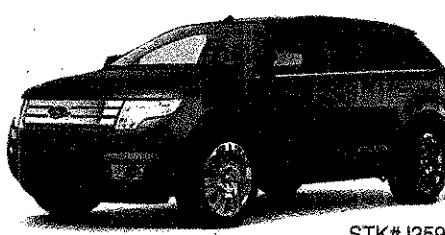
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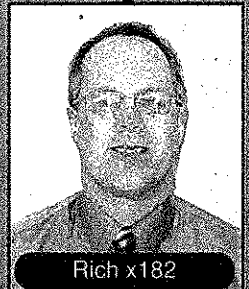
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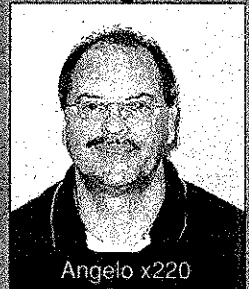
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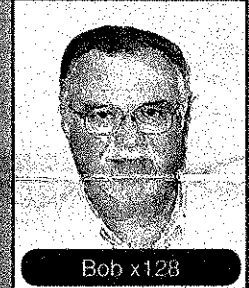
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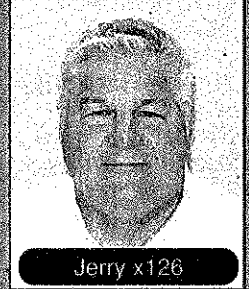
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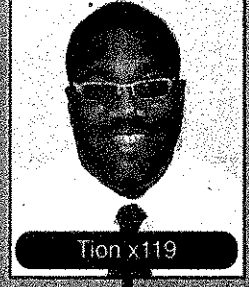
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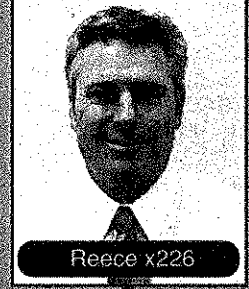
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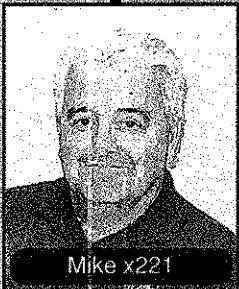
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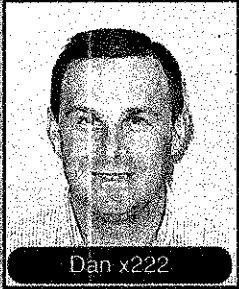
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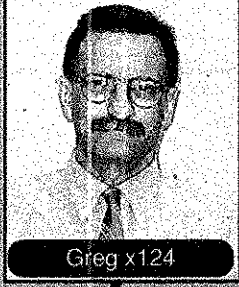
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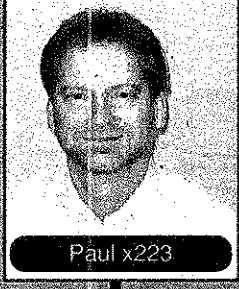
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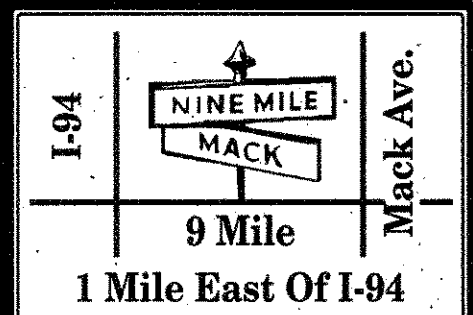
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Winter's rescue

When some six inches of snow settled upon the community last week, silencing school bells, children reveled in the unplanned day off, grabbing sleds and snowboards to play in the wintry mix. Top left: Trombly Elementary School students Jennifer Nihem and Ellie Richter enjoy a ride down the hill at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. Left: Despite bumping into hay bales lined up along the fencing at Patterson Park, Parker McKowen and Patrick McKeever continue practicing their snowboarding techniques. Above: Trombly student Gino Calisi holds on one-handed as he flies over and down the hill.



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Why are the sixth-graders grabbing lemons out of a bowl? Is this a productive use of class time? If those lemons are planets, it is. The novice astronomer grabbing her planet now recognizes its mass and circumference. She has done her calculations, recorded her findings and taken scientific notes. The simple act of grabbing that lemon is her proof — her demonstration of a new concept.

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Three students search the Internet as they prepare a report about the Holocaust.



Their research leads to a debate over tough questions: Should bystanders be held accountable for inaction? The presentation, created on Google Docs, earns one shared grade. They are studying history as they learn to trust each other, all the while exploring their obligations to others — in the classroom and beyond.

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North puts on a show

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

A Tony Award-winning musical that interweaves comedy with classic Gershwin tunes comes to the local stage with an era's laughs, glamour and heart.

Grosse Pointe North High School presents "Crazy for You," a retro-'30s farce performed Thursday, March 4, through Saturday, March 6, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

Directed by Marty Bufalini, the show is filled with dynamic choreography, a playful script with old vaudeville-style jokes and vibrant songs audiences cherish.

"I thought, 'Let's do something that gets kids to grow and stretch some more,'" Bufalini said. "We're having fun. I'm very proud of the students. It's very inspiring that so many are involved."

Auditions for the 55-member cast were held in November and rehearsals began when students returned from winter break in January.

Bufalini acknowledged the sched-

ule can be a bit demanding: They meet every day after school for three hours, and sometimes on Saturday.

"I expect a level of professionalism, so it can get a bit grueling," Bufalini said. "I really want to see them grow, but academics always come first."

He appreciates the work of volunteer parents, who sit on committees for costume-making, programs, ad sales, tickets and set work.

"They work really hard."

"Crazy for You" follows Bobby Child, the son of a New York banking family, who travels out west. The wannabe song-and-dance man is sent to Deadrock, Nev., to repossess the Gaiety Theater.

While there, Child meets and falls in love with Polly Baker, the only eligible bachelorette in the sleepy little town. She also owns the deed to the building he's come for.

The two hit it off, sharing their passion for musical theater, until Baker discovers Child's real reason for visiting.

What follows is mistaken identity and plot twists set to such timeless George and Ira Gershwin tunes, in-

cluding "I Got Rhythm," "Embraceable You," "I Can't Be Bothered Now," and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Tim Lupo plays Child, who the senior describes as "a guy whose deep passion is rooted in theater."

"There's a character everyone can relate to."

"The plot line is really different," said junior Katie Maggart, who plays Baker, "an all-American girl who's really confident and in charge."

"There's a lot going on. A lot of complex characters, a lot of dancing and the music numbers are a lot of fun."

Senior Liz DeFour plays Irene Roth, Child's fiancé in New York who she says is spoiled and condescending.

In "Crazy for You," DeFour gets her first on-stage solo.

"It's just a lot of fun, a lot of great dances," she said. "It's going to be a really great show."



Of Bufalini, DeFour said, without prompting, "It's always great working with him. He's an amazing director."

The musical offered Dan Berhane his first time working with Bufalini.

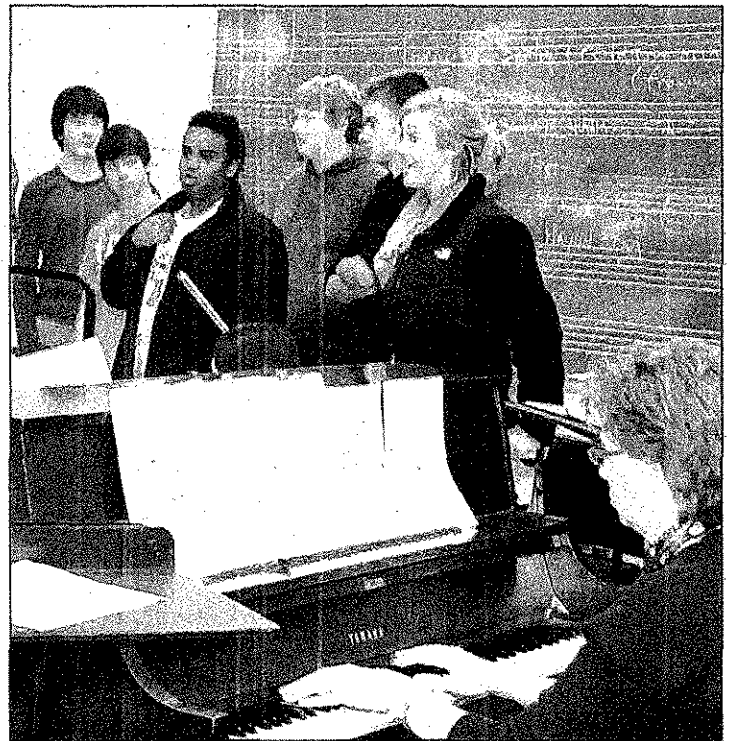
"There were always rumors about him being really scary," said the senior who plays bully saloon owner Lank Hawkins. "But he's not."

"Crazy for You" plays at 7:30 p.m.

at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or at the door.

Tickets prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors and \$8 for balcony seats.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North High School band, orchestra and drama students rehearse for "Crazy for You," the upcoming spring musical that features Gershwin favorites, comedy and a little love. The 55-member cast is directed by Marty Bufalini. Dave Cleveland leads the band and orchestra and choir director Ben Henri helps students fine-tune their musical roles.

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Teacher of the Week



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Former student Sarah Buttiglieri hugs Jackie Rentenbach, whom she nominated.

This week, it's Trombly Elementary School first-grade teacher Jackie Rentenbach.

She was nominated by former student, sixth-grader Sarah Buttiglieri, who attends Pierce Middle School: "Although I have many fine teachers at Pierce, the one I want to nominate is my second-grade teacher. Mrs. Rentenbach is my all-time favorite teacher. She made me a strong reader and taught me you can go anywhere in a book. Every day she would pick out a different book for me to take home to read to my parents. Some were about bugs, some were about lightening and some were about famous people.

"I have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. When I would get hyper, she would not yell at me. Instead, she would send me to the office to look at the fish tank until I calmed down.

"She was a good and fun teacher. She always had a hug for me. Even after I left second grade, every day when I would come into school, she would greet me with a hug and smile.

"When I was in fifth grade, she taught me about leadership and responsibility by asking me to be on the safety patrol, which she helped advise.

"Now that I am in sixth grade, I miss Mrs. Rentenbach's hugs and smiles. She is now teaching first grade. I have gone back to visit her and she still gives me a big hug and a smile. She is a very special person."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Park school: 10

Previous work: I taught for 12 years at Ferry Elementary School before transferring to Trombly. I also taught three years in the Boston area while my husband attended law school.

Why did you become a teacher?

I grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and attended Mason Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and "The High" before it became Grosse Pointe South High School. I was inspired to become a teacher at a young age. I loved "playing school" when I was a small child and had many outstanding educators as I progressed through the Grosse Pointe schools. These fine teachers influenced my career path as I aspired to be like them in my future. I also did quite a bit of babysitting when I was a teenager and enjoyed my interactions with small children.

By the time I graduated from high school, I knew that I wanted to become an elementary teacher and attended the University of Michigan with that goal in mind.

I was also inspired by the idealism of John F. Kennedy who stated, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I had college friends who joined the Peace Corps. Other friends became social workers, doctors and teachers. We believed that our talents could have a positive influence in the lives of other people. I also chose teaching as a career because I wanted to be able to balance work with raising a family.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

The most gratifying aspect of teaching for me is to "connect" with my students. I have a master's degree in counseling and consider myself a humanistic educator. Nurturing the emotional, social and academic lives of children is important to me.

I place a strong emphasis in teaching life skills, such as perseverance, honesty, responsibility and respect.

I have a keyboard in my

classroom and enjoy using music every day to help students become better readers. We sing many songs while reading the words. The students also sing basic math facts and songs dealing with social studies and science concepts. Music seems to help students retain some basic information and helps their reading fluency. I use a book entitled "Sing a Song the Whole Year Long," which goes through monthly themes. I also enjoy reading out loud to students from a wide variety of authors. One of my favorite authors is Jan Brett, who has written and illustrated "The Mitten." I would hope that my students develop a love of reading as I have in my life.

Teaching is a creative process for me. Teachers are given state standards for each academic subject, but they have the freedom to use a variety of materials and projects to meet those standards. I love incorporating art, literature and music to help students master a concept.

Teaching provides a sense of purpose in my life. I like knowing that I can help students learn to read and write. It is my hope that my students develop a strong foundation of basic skills that will help them be successful in their future school years.

How do you feel about being nominated?

I am quite pleased and excited to be nominated by a former student. One of my favorite sayings is, "To teach is to touch a life forever." Students touch the lives of their teachers as well. Knowing that I connected in a special and meaningful way to a student is the best gift a student could ever give a teacher. The honor of being a "favorite teacher" is what every teacher hopes to accomplish in a career.

—Amy Salvagno



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Shopping for a cause

The Ferry Elementary School student council and Safety and Service Squad joined together to raise funds for the Haiti earthquake victims. The groups collected \$808 and visited a local Walgreens to shop for first aid supplies, cold medicine, cough syrup and aspirin, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste, bandages, cotton balls and other items from the approved American Red Cross list. Above: From left, service quad members Nate Campbell and Mora Downs and student council members Kevin Mazurget and Daniel Leone get help shopping from Walgreens store Manager Brandi Noechel, center, and teachers Jane Ellis, left, and Sharon Trickey. In conjunction with the American Red Cross, Channel 4 and Forgotten Harvest, Walgreens accepted the donations through Feb. 14. Forgotten Harvest will pick them up and ship them to Haiti.



Helping hands

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School students recently collected \$1,500 to help aid the recovery efforts in Haiti. Led by sixth-graders Julia Fox, left, and Olivia Frederickson, the fundraising effort included giving special envelopes and boxes to each teacher for their classroom collections. Money collected is sent to Catholic Relief Services.

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Grosse Pointe South High School child care program hosts a trike-a-thon from 9:15 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in the main gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program seeks small donations at the event. A silent auction is also held. Funds raised will benefit Pediatric AIDS, to which the group has donated more than \$100,000 in the past five years.

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Information days at GPA

Families interested in learning more about a Montessori education can attend Montessori Night at the Grosse Pointe Academy at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The event is held in conjunction with Montessori Awareness Week Feb. 22-26.

Parents can observe demonstrations from early school teachers highlighting the Montessori approach. The event details areas of the classroom, learning experiences and benefits of the Montessori program at the school.

The academy also hosts an

all-school open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Families can tour the facility, meet faculty and learn about the educational opportunities available for children ages 2 to 5 and grades 1-8. Call the admissions office at (313) 886-1221 or visit gpacademy.org.

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



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2010 Audi A5 interior offers numerous features to create a memorable driving experience. Among them are genuine wood inlays, leather seating surfaces and a generous panorama sunroof.

The luxurious 2010 Audi A5 MT6 Coupe



This week, we're driving the 2010 Audi A5 Quattro MT6 Coupe, with the "MT6" standing for manual transmission 6-speed — base price: \$36,000; price as tested: \$44,675.

We recently drove Audi's new S5 Cabriolet, which bottom-lined for near \$70,000 and came with a 7-speed automatic.

However, sibling A5 Coupe is much less expensive, with an entry price of \$36,000. The lower price, conversely, in no way means Audi A5 is "less engineered."

Built to battle the likes of competitors BMW3, Cadillac CTS and Mercedes E Class Coupe, Audi's A5 features the classic "coupe look" of long hood, petite rear deck and a broad roofline.

As for overall outward design, A5 is certainly up to the task of taking on its major competition.

Of all the cars mentioned, I feel this Audi is the best "looker" of the bunch.

Unlike its V6 powered competitors, Audi's A5 comes standard with a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder turbocharged FSI direct injection engine that puts out 211 horses and 258 pound-feet of torque.

The engine's torque kicks in when RPMs increase under full throttle, so hold on if you



2010 Audi A5 MT6 Coupe

"mat" the accelerator as turbochargers "speed up" as exhaust pressures increase.

The result finds A5 accelerating to 60 mph in just 6.4 seconds, which is quite good, especially when you add to the equation A5's EPA numbers of 22 city and 30 highway — for a 25 combined fuel mileage number.

If you opt for the Tiptronic 6-speed automatic, you'll lose

some miles per gallon as the city number is 21 and the highway, 27.

Unlike our last S5 test, where the 7-speed "S tronic" automatic propelled our Cabriolet, this time the manual gets better mpg than the automatic.

Helping plant A5 Coupe to the ground is an optional 19-inch sport package that adds \$1,450 to the price. It features

gorgeous 19-inch alloy wheels, high performance tires, dual front sport seats with lumbar, sport suspension and, if you order an automatic, shift paddles.

With this option, you receive lots for the money in making your A5 Coupe a true sports car.

Add standard features such as Audi's 4-wheel ABS enhanced disc brakes, speed

sensitive steering, electronic stabilization, eight air bags including the side curtains, audio backguard system, all the powers, air, aluminum interior trim, excellent seats and concert stereo CD, and you're ready for any open road or tight country roadway.

With "Quattro" all-wheel drive standard, A5 Coupe is a great handler, and works well regardless of weather.

The permanent all-wheel drive system with rear torque bias is standard fare with Audi as we noted in our S5 test drive.

Overall, be it acceleration, cornering, or going through a bit of mud or snow even with performance tires, this Audi performed brilliantly. Notable is the fact that A5 is also available as a convertible (Cabriolet), and with a 265 horsepower 3.2 V6. Check with your dealer on this engine, or the 345 horsepower V8 available in the sister S5 model.

The A5 4-passenger Coupe is a car for anyone who loves the thrill of driving, yet still wants good fuel mileage. The aforementioned outward design is "all Audi," as there's no mistaking it for anything but the German brand of top quality road car.

Options on our tester included a premium plus package that features Xenon headlights, heated seats; Bluetooth, Homelink and more for \$3,500; Navigation system for \$2,500 that includes a rear camera; \$400 for "Almond Ash" beige wood inlays; and \$825 for delivery.

The final price came in at \$44,675.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 108.3 inches, 17.2-gallon fuel tank, 3,575-pound curb weight and 12 cubic-feet of cargo space.

Likes: Looks, fuel mileage, power, build quality, performance.

Dislikes: \$2,500 for Navigation? Options are too expensive.

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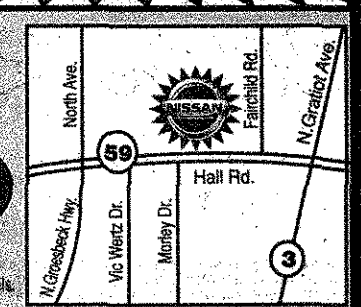
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The all-new 2010 Volkswagen Golf



We recently drove Volkswagen's all-new 2010 Golf—base price: \$19,190; price as tested: \$20,165.

Golf's final assembly point is Wolfsburg, Germany, and our tester came well equipped for a car with such a low base price.

Available in either 2- or 4-door designs, Golf is a front drive 5-passenger family vehi-

cle with an entry price of \$17,090 for the 2-door model. Thus, you can have a new Golf in your driveway with standard equipment for about \$2,000 less than the 4-door we're testing.

Dubbed as the "the most loved hatchback that people want" in its marketing campaigns, 2010 Golf comes delivered with things such as all the powers, air conditioning, tinted glass, daytime running lamps, great safety appointments, sports car-like suspension and much, much more.

The standard transmission is a 5-speed "f" manual, and if you opt for the shifting, you'll give up 1 mile per gallon city and gain none highway. Specifically, the 6-speed auto-

matic, which our tester came with, delivers 23 city versus 22 city for the manual due to better gearing and the automatic's smoothness of operation. With both capable of delivering 30 on the highway, this is a worthy reason to consider VW's 2010 Golf.

One of Europe's best selling nameplates, Volkswagen has been around in the United States since 1949 in Beetle form. Golf was heretofore

marketed as either a



2010 Volkswagen Golf

Rabbit or Jetta since 1974 in the U.S., while the European models always carry the Golf designation.

The front drive Golf platform came about to replace the aging rear drive, rear engine Beetle in 1974. This new generation Golf, meanwhile, replaces the fifth generation Golf/Rabbit, which sold from 2006 through 2009.

Sixth generation Golf reveals a more aerodynamic exterior, plus a better and quieter interior.

Outwardly, I really like the front end much more than the previous generation, thanks to an impressive front grille and swooping, integrated headlamps with daytime running lights.

While VW designers were hard at work outside, interior dimension improvements in head, knee and rear seat room is where Golf also shines, along with a bevy of user amenities. Overall, the design receives a grade "A" from this scribe.

Drawbacks of previous Rabbit generation's 4-cylinder models included an inability to "move with authority" when carrying four passengers and a grocery order. This is no longer the case, as our Golf tester did extremely well on all types of roads, and had

more than enough "go" to pass and accelerate with authority, thanks to the 2.5 liter 5-cylinder's 177 pound-feet of torque. As for acceleration, zero to 60 mph comes in just 7.7 seconds.

Golf also deserves praise for a well-done suspension and overall comfortable yet firm ride. A fully independent front and rear suspension results in sports car-like handling, while standard electronic vehicle stability control mates nicely with exceptional four-wheel ABS disc brakes, anti-slip rear, and standard 15-inch tires.

The end result is a Volkswagen compact car that handles as good as or better than most cars on the highway. If I were ordering, I'd opt for the 17-inch tire and alloy wheel package for even better grip and looks.

The aforementioned interior is well done, although that fifth passenger in adult size will be a bit tight in the rear seat.

We like the fit and finish of the accessories, the look of the instrumentation and the comfort of the stiffer seating.

Standard features are many, from the Premium 8-speaker AM/FM stereo with in-dash single disc CD with MP3 player, cruise, integrated key/mote, keyless entry, 12-Volt

power outlets, rear defroster, heated outside mirrors, 60/40 split rear seat and more.

On the safety side, Golf features are impressive, including driver and front passenger front and side air bags, side curtain protection for both rows, side door beams and front and rear crush zones.

The overall result is 5-Star side crash ratings for front and rear passenger and a 4-Star front crash ranking.

Our tester came with one option; a \$225 Cold Weather Package that features heated seats and heated washer nozzles that assist fluid flow on sub zero days. I highly recommend this option for cold climate areas.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 101.5 inches, 3,023-pound curb weight, 14.5-gallon fuel tank, 15 cubic-feet of cargo space, and a 17.9 foot turning radius.

The new Golf is mechanically impressive, has excellent road manners and lots of standard fare. It is indeed worthy of a test drive.

Likes: New design, power, low price, fuel mileage, good crash ratings.

Dislikes: The name game; will it be Rabbit, Golf or Jetta three years down the road?

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Janet D. Birk

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Janet D. Birk, 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, in Hilton Head Island, S.C. where she had been living.

She was born in Albany, N.Y. and graduated from the University of Rochester School of Nursing. After several years in nursing, she chose to devote her life to being a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She enjoyed bridge, tennis, golf and cooking. She also was an active volunteer, particularly with St. John Hospital.

Mrs. Birk is survived by her sons, David E. (Fumi) Birk, James M. (Taiko) Birk and Thomas S. Birk; daughters, Patricia J. Birk and Susan M. (Daniel) Schaafsma; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sister, Helen DeVere and brother, Robert Davidson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert E. Birk M.D.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 171 Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head Island.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, 119 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, SC 29910; Providence Presbyterian Church, 171 Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 or the American Cancer Society, 59 Pope Ave. No. 101, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Lee Carrick M.D.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Lee Carrick M.D. died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in Naples, Fla.

He was born Sept. 5, 1916, in Detroit and graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1941. He completed graduate training in 1946.

Dr. Carrick began his dermatology practice in Detroit and in 1958, moved his practice to his clinic in Grosse Pointe where he worked until retirement in 1980.

He served as clinical associate professor of dermatology at Wayne State University School of Medicine and consulting dermatologist to many hospitals in Detroit and Grosse Pointe. Since 1992, Dr. Carrick served as a volunteer dermatologist at the Senior Friendship Health Center in Naples.

Dr. Carrick was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Josephine Carrick. He is survived by three sons, Lee Jr., Daniel and Steven Carrick.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Grand Room at the Carlisle Retirement Community, 6945 Carlisle Court, Naples.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Senior Friendship Health Center, 811 7th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34103.

Condolences may be shared at fullerfuneralhome.com.

Laurence R. Ebbing Jr.

Laurence R. Ebbing Jr., 66, of Detroit, passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a former usher at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Mr. Ebbing is survived by his cousins, Michael Ebbing, Pete Ebbing, Bill Herrmann, Ray Herrmann, Ken Herrmann, and Gene Ebbing Lesky.

He was predeceased by his parents, Laurence R. Ebbing Sr. and Marguerite E. (Herrmann) Ebbing.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier Road, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Margaret D. Firmschild

Margaret D. Firmschild, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Shorepointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

She was born Oct. 25, 1921, in Detroit to Thomas and Marion Dean and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1939. She earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1946 and a master's degree from the university in 1948.

Mrs. Firmschild began her career working for Business News Publishing and then was a copywriter for various companies including Stran-Steel, Great Lakes Steel, USF and National Steel. She then joined Campbell-Ewald Advertising agency as a copywriter and editor, retiring from the agency in 1986 as senior proofreader.

Mrs. Firmschild was a member of the Michigan Silversmith Guild, Women of Wayne State University and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, where she was the first female president of the church council.

She was an accomplished silversmith and enjoyed skeet shooting and traveling.

Mrs. Firmschild is survived by her stepdaughter, Mary Leech; grandchildren, Scott (Amy) Leech and Dee Firmschild and great-granddaughter, Vivian Leech.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank F. Firmschild and her stepson, George Firmschild.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will receive visitors at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Hermine Morath

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Hermine Morath, 91, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Sunrise Senior Community in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born June 17, 1918, in Austria and attended a four-year college in Germany.

Mrs. Morath was a homemaker and member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Morath is survived by her daughter, Kris (Jan) Linthorst; grandchildren, Michael, Monique and Karin and great-grandchildren, Kate and Jack.

A funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to In-House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Road, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Thomas U. Kimmel

City of Grosse Pointe resident Thomas U. Kimmel, 56, died suddenly Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Mr. Kimmel was born Jan. 22, 1954, in Grosse Pointe to Kenneth and Phyllis Kimmel and graduated in 1971 from Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He then earned a master's degree in psychology from Mercy College of Detroit.

Mr. Kimmel is survived by his sister, Constance; nephews, Bradford (Amber) Kimmel, Geoffrey (Mori) Plackman; Kimmel and Timothy Kimmel; sister-in-law, Marcy Kimmel and former sister-in-law, Gail Kimmel.

He was predeceased by his brother, Andrew Kimmel.

In accordance with Mr. Kimmel's wishes, a family remembrance gathering was held and his ashes will be inhumed in the memorial garden which contains those of his parents.

Memorial donations are not expected, but may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Harold McCaughrin

Harold McCaughrin D.D.S., 99, died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, leaving his beloved Strawberry Hill home overlooking Walloon Lake.

Harold William John McCaughrin was born in Detroit in 1910. Known as "Doc" to family, friends and acquaintances, he graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He practiced general dentistry in Detroit for 40 years. He raised his family in Grosse Pointe and retired in 1972. Then, he reinvented himself and moved with his wife, Toppy, to Petoskey.

Strawberry Hill was undeveloped land where wild strawberries grew. Dr. McCaughrin transformed the property with a wide variety of experiments in environmental conservation and agriculture.

In the mid 1970s he built his own solar collector panels out of sawed-off beer cans to provide continuous hot water to the house. He toyed with wind generated electrical power. He cultivated extensive vegetable and wild flower gardens. Today, Strawberry Hill is largely protected by the Walloon Lake Conservancy.

Dr. McCaughrin loved people, and was generous to a fault to them. Scores of people on Walloon Lake and in Petoskey know each other because he introduced them, connecting their like interests. He also loved big, far-reaching ideas; energy conservation being one of them.

At age 78 he was elected to the Board of Top of Michigan Cooperative, a position he held with distinction until he was 90. He was named director of the year at age 88. He believed that age was no barrier to making significant contributions, serving on the Resort Township zoning board of appeals until shortly before his 99th birthday.

His family described him as independent, accomplished, charming, proud, God-loving, optimistic and humble.

Dr. McCaughrin is survived by his son, Bill McCaughrin; daughter, Martha Wyatt and her husband, George Wyatt; grandsons, Geoff, Scott, Jordan and Jonathan and great-grandsons, Harold and Hunter.

He was predeceased by his wife, Toppy, in 1995.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Zion Lutheran Church, 500 West Mitchell St., Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 500 West Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770 and the Walloon Lake Association, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770. Condolences and memories may be shared at stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Gertrude "Trude" Schmidt

Gertrude Elgear "Trude" Schmidt, 82, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at her home in Port Huron.

She was born April 25, 1927, in Dearborn to Nathaniel Fredrick and Ila Elgear.

Mrs. Schmidt graduated from Albion College as a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and taught high school for a time in Belleville. She married Jarvis Schmidt Sept. 4, 1948, in Detroit.

She was a member of Grosse



Janet D. Birk



Hermine Morath

Pointe Memorial Church and First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron, Questers and garden clubs in both Grosse Pointe and Port Huron, and Port Huron Golf Club. She was a former member of Gowanite Golf Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. She volunteered with Bon Secours Assistance League, tutored young people in English and history and performed in amateur theater. She loved riding horses, swimming, golf, sailing and playing bridge.

Mrs. Schmidt is survived by her sons, Jay (Kathy) Schmidt, Craig (Peggy) Schmidt and Kirk (Karen) Schmidt and grandchildren, Jennifer (Michael) Haskell and Erin Schmidt.

She was predeceased by her husband and her parents.

A celebration of her life will be held in the spring.

Inurnment will be in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church columbarium.

Memorials may be made to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, 516 McMorran Blvd., Port Huron, MI 48060 or Blue Water Area Humane Society, 6266 Lapeer Road, Clyde, MI 48049.

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Gordon J. Steil

Gordon J. Steil, 60, died peacefully Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at his residence. He was born on Nov. 9, 1949, in Detroit, the son of George H. and Rita (nee VanAssche) Steil. He was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Steil graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1967 and attended Wayne State University. His career as an engineer and executive in the automotive industry included positions at Drahtline, Dynaplast, LDM Technologies, Plastek Automotive and Johnson Controls.

He was an avid boater and gardener and enjoyed woodworking. His family and friends were important to him.

In 1973, Mr. Steil married Edie Wells at St. Gertrude Church in St. Clair Shores. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Gordon Jr. of Berkeley, Calif. and Justin of New York City. Also surviving are his brothers, George and Michael.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Pamela Steil-Daudlin.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Monsignor G. Michael Bugarin will officiate. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Roscreans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245 or at pancan.org.

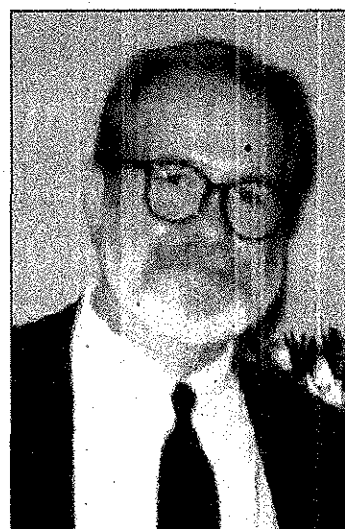
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Roger K. Tapp

Roger Tapp, 58, died peacefully surrounded by family and friends, at his home Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, after a courageous battle with choroidal melanoma.



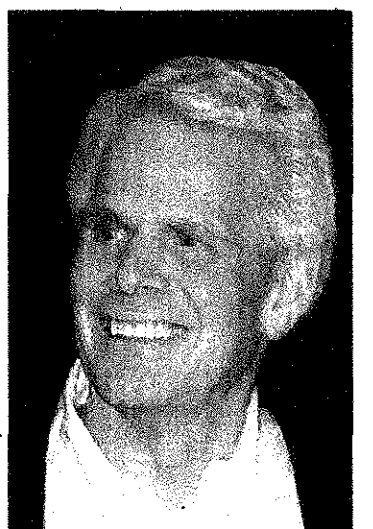
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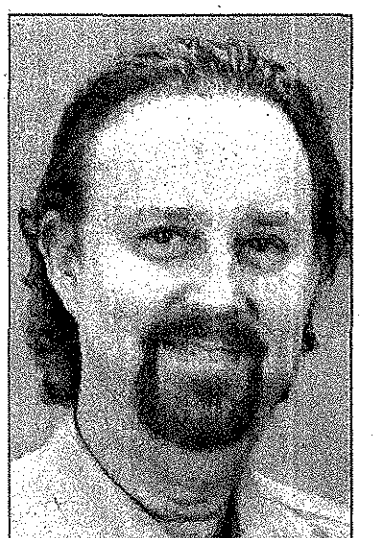
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friends from all walks of life. He always had a friendly word for those around him. He was notorious for his generosity, which was motivated by making people happy. His easy-going nature and joyful sense of humor will be deeply missed.

Mr. Tapp is survived by his beloved wife, Diane; his in-laws (the family of Frank and Lois Konjarevich); best friend, Gary Vanet of California; his aunt, Margaret Walesky of California; several cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to The Beaumont Foundation — Integrative Medicine, 3711 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073-9952 or in support of Occular Research, Wills Eye Institute Office of Development, Suite 1540, 840 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 or willseye.org.

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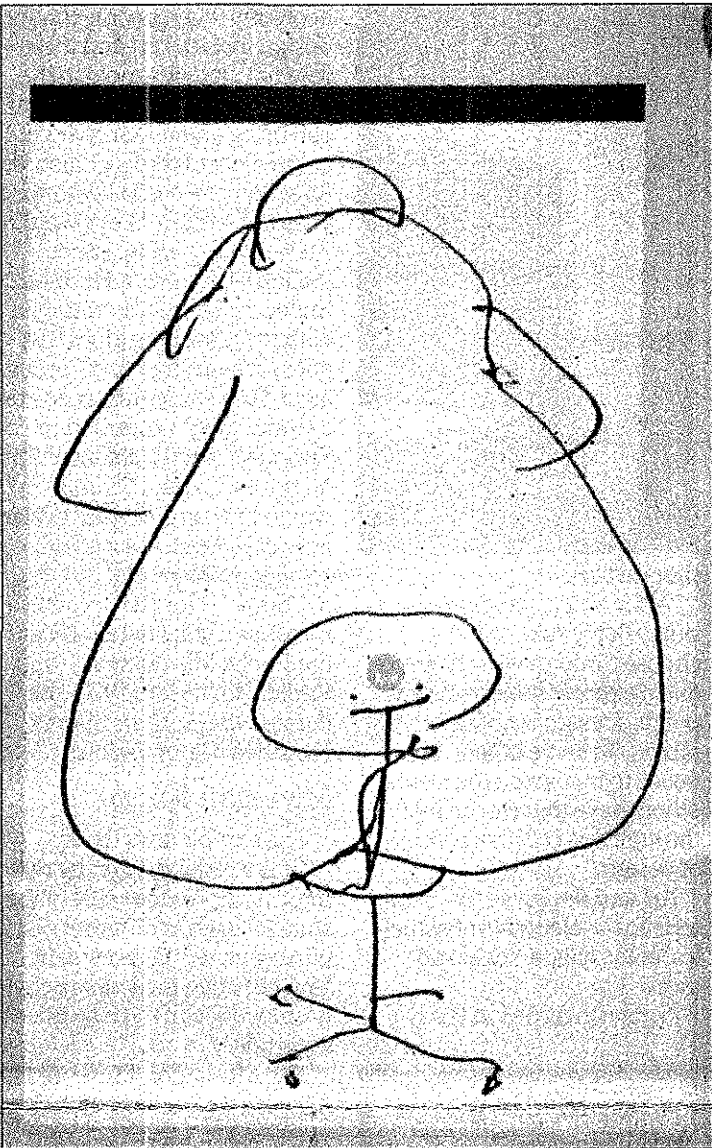
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THE PROBLEM OF DESIGN



A problem, as illustrated by Herman Miller chair designer Bill Stumpf.

Story and Photos by Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A rose is a rose, but a chair isn't just a chair. Especially in an office where employee comfort comports with productivity.

Furniture designers learned that a comfortable chair can keep a sharp mind from being blunted by a sore backside.

The relationship between buttocks and brains gained importance during the last century. The percentage of white collar workers more than tripled to nearly 60 percent of the overall workforce, according to a 2003 AFL-CIO study.

The post-World War II office boom gave forward-thinking designers at Herman Miller furniture company, based in western Michigan, profitable cause to link employee comfort with productivity.

One of many results was the Aeron chair, designed in 1994 and billed as the most comfortable office chair in the world.

"That chair wasn't a result of design people saying, 'Let's design a new chair,'" said John Berry, guest curator of "Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller," a touring exhibition of the company's innovations displayed through April 25 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn. "The chair came out of research relating to an aging population and how to create products that allow individuals to live independently longer."

Findings revealed long-term sitting built up heat.

"Heat build-up creates other kinds of health issues," Berry said. "So, the link was made of how to solve that problem for the work environment."

The Aeron chair combines a flexible mesh seat and back, lumbar support, rollers and other ergonomic niceties into a product highlighting the exhibition's theme of designers as problem solvers.

"Design is very much a process," Berry said. "Good design is a process of recognizing real needs and working to meet those needs."

The show is about the creative process, not just the outcome. Included are furniture in various stages of development, design drawings, designers' notes, biographies of Herman Miller inno-



A solution: the Aeron chair that Stumpf helped design, on display at The Henry Ford.

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Problems as possibilities

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vators and mock-ups of office layouts.

Berry is Herman Miller's former vice president of corporate communications. His book, "Herman Miller: the Purpose of Design," doubles as the exhibition's framework and catalog.

Berry now directs Design West Michigan, an advocacy group linking western Michigan's design heritage to the state's economic development.

"Design has value to economic growth," Berry said. "That's important these days in Michigan and western Michigan, home to the world's three largest office furniture manufacturers: Herman Miller, Steelcase and Haworth. Design is key to all of them. Innovation is key to all of them."

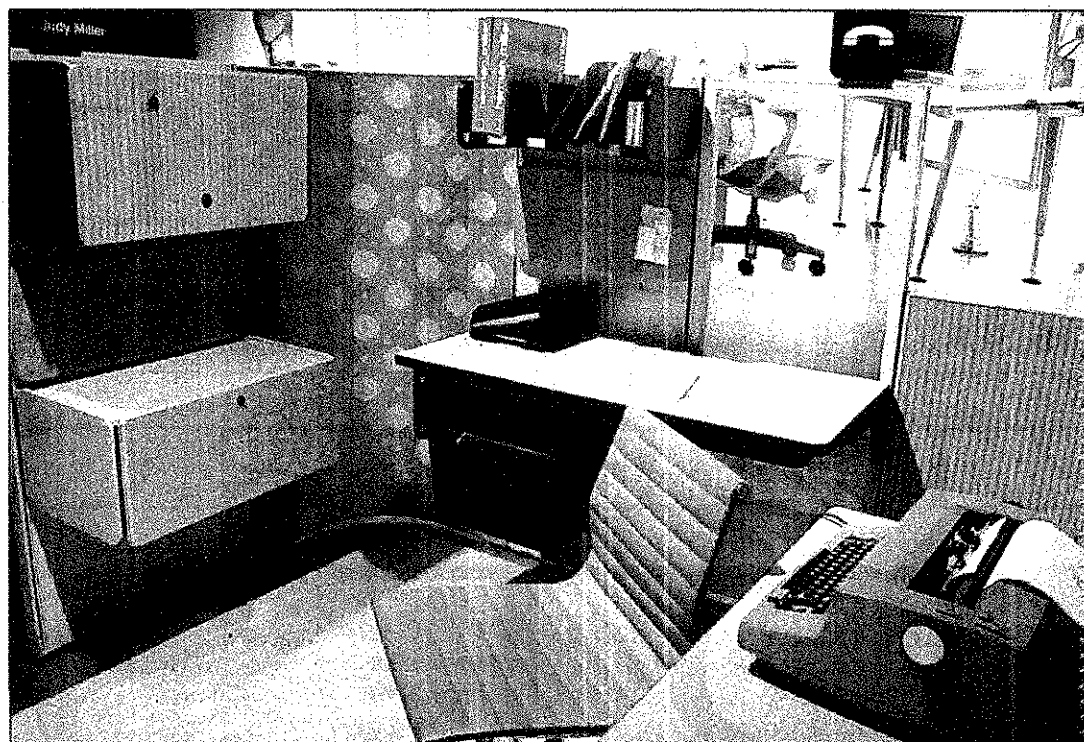
The exhibit is a collaboration between The Henry Ford, which has an extensive Herman Miller collection, and the Muskegon Museum of Art, located near the company's headquarters in Zeeland.

"Good design engages, inquires, communicates and is enduring," said Jane Connell, the art museum's senior curator.

The Aeron chair, she added, "says something to its modern, classic, simplicity that carries through all kinds of changes of style and interest."

Connell visited Herman Miller offices prior to the show's debut in Muskegon. She came upon a large piece of board covered with what appeared to be long, swirling scribbles. Giant doodlings? Abstract art? No, design.

"Those scribbles were marks that wheels of the office chair



Action Office, above. Below, furniture whimsy, the 1956 Marshmallow sofa.



made on the floor when it rolled back and forth," Connell said. "They were measuring how people move in their cubicle space, how big a space you need to accomplish what you do; how to design a chair that isn't just to sit in, but to sit in comfortably and healthfully, which means you will be a better worker because your back feels better and you're happier."

Design vs. art & style

Design may be artful, but de-

sign isn't art.

"Art is about self-expression," Berry said. "Artists choose through whatever media to express their own viewpoints. Design is about serving others. To serve others, one needs to recognize the needs others have that can be met through this creative process of design."

Art and design share characteristics — elements of esthetics, color, shape, scale and more.

"I get concerned in today's

economy when people think of design more as art and therefore not an investment in the future; not as a capability that can bring about real change, create new markets or alter the direction of a company to survive and sustain," Berry said.

Design isn't style, either. Charles Eames, a Herman Miller designer, equated style with the "finishing gloss that goes on a product to differentiate it from something made by a competitor," according to Timothy Chester, a consultant on the exhibition. "Eames would have argued that design, at its core level, is a system of solving problems."

Chester is former creative director and chief fiscal officer of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids. In the late 1970s, he curated the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission.

Michigan design

The exhibition is timely. "It is a collaboration by two museums on either side of the state focused in different disciplinary ways," Chester said, "but also, two museums heavily embedded in the educational enterprise."

The Muskegon Museum of Art, founded in 1911, has always been part of its city's public school system. The Henry Ford, dedicated in 1929, is home to the Henry Ford Academy of Manufacturing Arts and Sciences charter school.

"As two institutions whose purpose is education, one being an art museum created by a public school system for the edification of students, the other being devoted to the history of technology and innovation, it was a match made in heaven," Chester said.

The show reinforces Michigan's design heritage beyond the automobile industry.

"Michigan is a place where a lot of things are designed that people use on a daily basis," Chester said.

During the 1960s, Herman Miller retained inventor Robert Propst to diversify operations beyond office furniture and into designing offices themselves.

The result was the comprehensive Action Office floor plan. The concept, often called an open office design, changed the white collar working environment.

Action Office featured open-floor plans and cubicles. Individual offices, separated by walls and doors, were replaced by two- or three-sided cubicles. The redesign accommodated the flow of work rather than reinforcing employee hierarchy.

"Propst did not feel the furniture met the needs of a flexible space," Berry said. "So, he came up with research into how people work and how they should work; how work should support their process."

"The office is a place for transacting abstractions," said Propst, according to archival information in the exhibition. "Its function is to be a mind-oriented living space."

Propst, who died in 2000, changed more than the workplace. His flexible office innovation altered commercial architectural design. New office buildings have vast, open floorplans uncluttered by interior divisions and bracing. Open space allows movable office designs that can be tailored easily to meet different needs of various users.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Gold rush weekend

Staff from Ahee Jewelers offers quote on unwanted jewelry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 3.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert begins at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Music by Jean Cras, Mozart and Poulenc will be performed. Tickets at the door cost \$12. For more information, call (586) 771-4387.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Rotary of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Chairman of acquisitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Andrew Camden, is the speaker.

Center of Lifelong Learning

Carolyn Kantzler, Wayne County Community College District history professor, discusses the Arab-Israeli conflict at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The presentation looks at the history of two countries which for centuries have been at war, proposed solutions and the influence and involvement of other nations.

A freewill donation is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 886-1770.

Power Squadron

The Grosse Pointe Power

Squadron offers an eight-week boating education class at 7 p.m., beginning Monday, Feb. 22, in the Grosse Pointe North High School cafeteria.

The comprehensive course is appropriate for both new and experienced boating families and includes a review of regulations and rules of the road, use of marine VHF radio and knots, charts, navigational aids, GPS and boat handling and trailering.

The cost is \$55 for the first family member and \$35 for second member.

For more information, call (313) 418-5911 or visit gpps-d9.org.

Exchange Club

The Exchange Club of Detroit No. 1 hosts M. Susan Toppert from the Genworth Financial Agency at its 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, meeting, at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The cost is \$10. For more information, call (313) 499-4095.

Pointes for Peace

Peace Corps volunteer Benjamin Fouty discusses "How Microfinance Helped Lift a Community out of Poverty" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Pointes for Peace in the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

He mobilized local groups in Kerou, Benin, to pool their savings and established credit unions to finance local business ventures and helped lift people out of poverty using only local money. Fouty also shares information on how Americans can support sustainable economic growth in poor countries by investing in microfinance.

Pointes for Peace meets weekly at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread.

For more information, call Carol at (313) 882-7732 or visit pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts Cindy Miller, Thursday, Feb. 25, at a local club.

Her topic is "Adversity, Setbacks, Trauma and Other Keys to a Happy Life." She has more than 20 years experience in new business consulting, communications and marketing.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 and for more information, call Marcia Pikeleik at (313) 884-4201.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sharon Maier, executive director of Services for Older Citizens, discusses services available at SOC.

Caregivers, those afflicted with Parkinson's, family members and friends may attend the meeting.

For more information, call Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356.

Beaumont Hospital

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe offers "A Healthy Heart Event" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the hospital's Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

The free event features healthy heart screenings, healthy snack cooking demonstrations and taste samples, blood pressure checks, BMI, height and weight assessments, five-minute fitness assessments and interactive computerized healthy heart education programs for children.

For more information, call (313) 343-1437.

Grief Recovery

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center offers a nine-week grief recovery pro-



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A piece of time

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a display of quilts in "Pieced Together: Inspirations in Collages and Quilts" through March 28. The exhibit features work by artists Suzanne Marshall and Eleanor Winters. Guests inspect one of Marshall's works entitled "Cass Gilbert Remembered." For more pictures, visit the Grosse Pointe News' Facebook page. For more information about the exhibit, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

gram, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays from March 4 — May 6, in the third floor conference room of the cancer center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"This program," said Ricki Fox, grief recovery specialist, "is designed to help those who have experienced many different types of loss, and wish to move beyond pain and into healing."

"Just as death is a part of life, grief is a part of living. It's often misunderstood that the grieving process is as individual as the person who endures it. The key to enduring and moving beyond grief is understanding grief."

The cost is \$100 and scholarships are available.

To register or for more information, call Rebecca Palen, or Fox at (313) 647-3000.

French art lecture

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe hosts Wendy Evans, professor of art history at Wayne State University, at 2

p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Advanced tickets cost \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members; tickets at the door cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations must be made by March 4.

Make checks payable to Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe and send to: Sara Molnar, 20118 Avalon, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

For more information, call Molnar at (248) 842-2397.

Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne presents its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, March 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Models wear fashions from Dressbarn and Dressbarn Woman. A silent auction and items from Chocolate Bar Cafe

and Tidings of Love, Inc. are featured.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by a noon lunch and the fashion show at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$30. Reservations must be made by March 5 by sending a check payable to W.O.W. G.P. to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

For multiple reservations, include names of guests.

Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship program given to women returning to Wayne State University to earn a degree.

Grosse Pointe Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre is vying for a \$50,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh Project.

To vote for the project, visit refresheverything.com/FamilyTheatreProject by Sunday, Feb. 28.

The theater, according to the website, seeks funds to teach technical aspects of theater and attract new members.

Neighborhood class offerings

The Neighborhood Club offers a variety of classes during February and March.

Fencing

The Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe Fencing Club team up to provide fencing instruction for all ages and levels of fencers.

Beginners meet from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 22 - March 24 in the gym.

Intermediate and advanced classes are from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 22 - March 24.

Ten classes cost \$60 and may be taken one or two nights a week.

Adult classes for all levels meet from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 22 - March 22. The cost for five classes is \$40.

Understand finances

The Hantz Group offers Estate Planning Basics from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. The cost is \$10.

Youth gymnastics

Gymnastics classes for children between the ages of 3 and 14 include floor tumbling, balance beam, uneven bars and vault.

Beginner classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. and advanced beginners meet from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 23 - March 30.

Classes for beginners meet from 5 to 6 p.m.; preschoolers from 6:15 to 7 p.m.; and intermediate and advanced from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 25 - April 1. The cost is \$99.

Microsoft office

This class teaches short cuts, document, spreadsheet and database creation using

Microsoft Word, Excel and Access.

The class is from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 23 - March 9, in Parcels Middle School, Room 136. The cost for five classes is \$165.

Golf academy

This program is for children kindergarten through fifth grade. Students learn grip, stance, swing fundamentals and basics of the long and short games.

Returning students will strengthen existing skills and learn new techniques. Each participant receives a junior golf T-shirt.

The four classes meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 24 - March 17, in the Trombly Elementary School gym. The cost is \$90.

Mom & tot exercise

This class is for children 1 to 2 years old, their parents or caregivers. Children perform large motor activities and participate in music and movement, storytelling and finger-plays with an adult.

The class meets from 9 to 9:50 a.m., Thursdays, Feb. 25 - March 25. The cost is \$55.

Kiddie gym

Children 2 to 3 years old can participate in group games, exercise, music and much more from 10 to 10:50 a.m., Thursdays, Feb. 25 - March 25. The cost is \$55.

Belly dance

The participant masters steps to strengthen muscles and move gracefully.

The six-week class is from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 25 - April 1, in the Neighborhood Club's gym.

The cost is \$60.

Gardening club

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, and the Neighborhood Club offer a four-week class with Lynn Harding-Gross, a physical therapist. Harding-Gross provides tips on proper body mechanics, energy conservation methods and adaptive techniques to help people with physical limitations continue gardening.

The class is from 7 to 7:45 p.m., Mondays, beginning March 1.

The cost is \$32. To register, call Beaumont at (800) 633-


7377.

Interviewing technique

Learn about interview preparation, question answering strategies, pre-offer salary negotiation, interview questions, body language, categories, thank you/follow up and closing. The class is offered 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, March 1. The cost is \$49.

Registration for any of the aforementioned classes can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600.




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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Introducing home care to resistant parents



While visiting loved ones, you notice they are having more and more difficulty keeping the house clean. They seem thinner and when checking the refrigerator you realize why. Clearly their nutritional needs are not being met.

Family members need to assess the situation regularly to determine when it's time to take a more active role. However, when you suggest bringing in someone a few days a week to help with shopping, cooking and cleaning, they won't consider it.

I am often asked, "Do you have any suggestions how I can get someone in the home to help my parents? They just won't agree to help." I wish I had the magic answer! There are many personality characteristics and experiences that affect one's willingness to ac-

cept help. Here are some suggestions when dealing with your loved one:

◆ **Lower your own expectations.** Your loved ones have been managing their own lives for a very long time and it is not easy to welcome someone in to "take over." Things will not change overnight. It takes time.

◆ **Acknowledge their fear.** Most feel when accepting help, it is "the beginning of the end" for them. This is scary. Reassure them this is a positive change and will allow them to live an active life in their house.

◆ **Introduce the topic slowly.** Start by asking open-ended questions, such as, "Tell me how you're managing the housekeeping?" Not, "Can you handle the day to day housekeeping?" This will get a quick "yes" and the discussion will be over.

◆ **Start with the housekeeping.** This is typically the least threatening. A cleaner house is a great start to making them feel better and a good way to get to know someone.

◆ **Qualifications.** Make sure the "housekeeper" is a quali-

fied nurse's aide or care giver. Even though this person will be starting with just cleaning, make sure he or she is qualified to help with personal care such as bathing and dressing.

◆ **Give the gift of help.** Instead of presenting help as a "need," give help as a "gift" for a birthday, holiday or anniversary. You may find they are relieved once assistance begins.

Housekeeping

When introducing housecleaning, ask with what tasks they need help. Do not decide for them. Suggest large tasks such as window washing, cleaning bathrooms and the kitchen. This may seem less threatening than a stranger washing their clothes and bed linens. Once the "housekeeper" is there, add tasks gently and at their pace.

Groceries and cooking

Suggest the housekeeper phone prior to her visit to inform them she is stopping at the grocery store and ask if there is anything they need. Presented this way, it won't feel like they are in "need,"

but are benefiting from a convenience.

Eventually she can suggest accompanying them to the store. A good care giver finds ways to include clients in activities so they don't feel like someone is "taking over" their life.

When cooking, suggest they prepare the meal with the care giver. Perhaps they used to love to cook, but stopped because it seems like too much work for just them or their spouse. It also gives everyone an opportunity to talk and build a relationship while they work together.

Medication assistance

Once in the house, the care giver can ask to assist with minor organization, such as placing medication and other supplies in one location. This will help the care giver slowly begin to monitor the medication to ensure it is taken properly.

It costs too much!

If this is the main source of resistance, there are a few ways to proceed.

You can pay for it yourself, if you have the money.

This would be a good time to review finances to reassure them they have the funds. If you have banking power of attorney, make the payments for them so they don't see the bill.

If you have discussed assisted living, compare costs.

Discuss safety

You can talk about risks in the house. Are your parents willing to be hospitalized and then placed in a facility, or would they rather spend money up front?

Not eating well, mismanagement of medications and poor hygiene can lead to hospitalization and subsequently a medical evaluation finding the person incapable of living alone without help.

Having help can improve one's health and prevent or prolong the need for a hospital stay.

Discuss concerns

As a child, your parents encouraged you to make healthy and appropriate decisions. Honor them by behaving the same way and helping them make good decisions for their health and safety. Share this

with them.

Be Honest

Your parents will know if you're trying to "trick" them. If introducing someone in addition to the existing housekeeper, make sure the new person and the existing housekeeper meet so when she is introduced to your parents, you can honestly say they know each other. Dishonesty will always backfire.

If you have concerns, talk to your loved one in a casual and non-threatening way. Conversations should reflect a partnership and demonstrate a willingness to work together. Let your loved one know your intent is to understand and respect their wishes while providing for their needs.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

The best cold remedies don't come in bottles



Consumer Reports on Health this month provided do's and don'ts in treating colds, and

how to tell if it's a cold or the flu.

I certainly hope you don't get a cold, but you might find these tips helpful if you do.

First, rest, especially in the first couple of days when your body needs to channel its energy into fighting the virus. That's also when you're most contagious, so be considerate and take yourself out of public

circulation.

I do just the opposite when I feel a cold coming on. I know I'm going to feel miserable in a couple of days, so I rush to get things done. Never again.

Drink warm fluids in particular. They can help thin nasal secretions and loosen phlegm. Try warm water with honey and lemon to soothe the throat. Yes, chicken soup real-

ly can help. Research suggests it may prevent the excessive buildup of neutrophils, virus fighting cells that trigger those inflammatory responses that make cold sufferers feel so rotten.

Take honey. It has antioxidant and antiviral properties and might soothe irritated membranes in the back of the throat.

A 1907 study found honey worked better at alleviating coughs in children than an over-the-counter cough suppressant. Adults and children age 12 and up should take 2 teaspoons; young children need less. Don't give honey to infants younger than six months.

Use a nasal flush. It's surprisingly effective at easing nasal congestion and may prevent subsequent bacterial infections, research suggests. I've tried a netti pot, but unless I hold it at just the right angle, it goes everywhere. I now use Neil Med Sinus Rinse which comes with premeasured packets and works easily.

Gargle with a half teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water to relieve painful swelling in the throat. Suck on non-medicated cold lozenges made with glycerin or sugarless hard candy. Be aware all sugarless hard candy (and sugarless gum) use a sweetener that can cause stomach problems if used often.

Finally, boost humidity.

Research suggests chicken soup may prevent the excessive building up of neutrophils

RUTH CAIN

Warm, moist air whether from a hot shower or kettle can loosen phlegm and soothe the throat.

What about the multiple shelves of over the counter cold and flu remedies in the drug store? In the main, they don't work well enough to justify the risk.

Avoid taking multi-symptom remedies which tend to contain unneeded ingredients and increase the risk of overdose or side effects. One-third of accidental acetaminophen overdoses occur when people combined medications each containing the drug; for example, a cold medicine and a pain reliever.

Research on whether taking echinacea, high doses of vitamin C, or zinc prevent a cold or lessen its severity don't show clear benefits. In a 2004 survey of Consumer Reports readers, only 14 percent of those that used echinacea said it helped and 57 percent said it helped only a little or not at all.

Is it a cold or the flu? Here are some important differences:

ences:

◆ The onset of a cold is gradual, but the flu's onset is sudden.

◆ The cold's symptoms are sore or scratchy throat, progressing to sneezes, a runny or stuffed nose, and, finally, a cough. The flu's symptoms are chills, dry cough, headache, muscle aches, stuffed nose, sore throat, extreme tired-

ness. ◆ The cold has low to no fever; the flu has fever of 100 F or higher.

◆ The cold is less severe, the flu more severe.

◆ The cold lasts a week to 10 days, though the cough may linger for several weeks. The flu lasts one to two weeks.

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DESIGN: Forward thinking

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"We want people to come away from the exhibition knowing that design is not something from long ago and far away by great people," Chester said. "It's something we do every day."

Even children are designers.

"Every time a child reorganizes their bedroom and moves furniture around, they're designing something," Chester said. "They're trying to figure out a problem, a way of making their bedroom more interesting, usable, to sleep better, get their homework done, hide things from their parents, whatever."

"Good Design, Stories from Herman Miller," runs through April 15 at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days per week. Admission is free with museum admission, ranging in price from free for members and children 4 and under, \$11 for youths 5 to 12, \$15 for adults 13 to 61, and \$14 for seniors 62 and older.

Parking costs \$5 per vehicle for non-members. For more information, call (313) 982-6001, or visit hfmjv.org.

At 7 p.m. March 25, John Berry will be at the museum to give a lecture and sign copies of his book.

Tickets cost \$10. For more information about Design West Michigan, visit designwestmichigan.org.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer Arnold and Lori Warner

Managing challenging childhood behavior



Q. I've heard we should use time out when my son misbehaves. But we've tried it and it doesn't work. He just plays in his room!

A. Time out can be a very effective tool, when used properly. First of all, not ALL behavior problems will be reduced with time out. Time out is actually intended to be "time out from something fun," so if the activity in which the problem occurred was not fun in the first place, time out won't work. Also, if the time out location has access to toys, time out won't work! Finally, if there is much extra attention being paid to the child when he/she misbehaves, that can create a situation in which the behavior will actually increase when you "punish" with time out.

Q. Our daughter almost always has a huge meltdown whenever we take her out in public. It's so embarrassing we end up giving in to her just to get her to calm down. We know it's probably doing more harm than good. What should we do instead?

A. There is no quick answer to this question,

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but first we need to understand why she is throwing a tantrum and decide what strategies will work best. Most of us want to know what to do when a tantrum happens, but just as important is understanding how to prevent or minimize such problems in the first place.

"Proactive" strategies can be set up before problem behaviors occur; sort of like setting someone up for success. "Reactive" strategies are what we plan to do if and when a problem behavior occurs.

Q. We have a 3-year-old who won't sleep! He won't go to bed until at least 9:30 p.m. and we have to lie down with him for an hour beforehand, which causes problems spending time with our older kids or each other.

A. Again, not a quick fix! However, establishing solid bedtime routines and being willing to tolerate some discomfort on both child and parents' parts will help you solve this nighttime nightmare. Both proactive (setting the stage for a good night's sleep) and reactive (kindly but firmly placing him back in bed when he gets up) strategies will be essential.

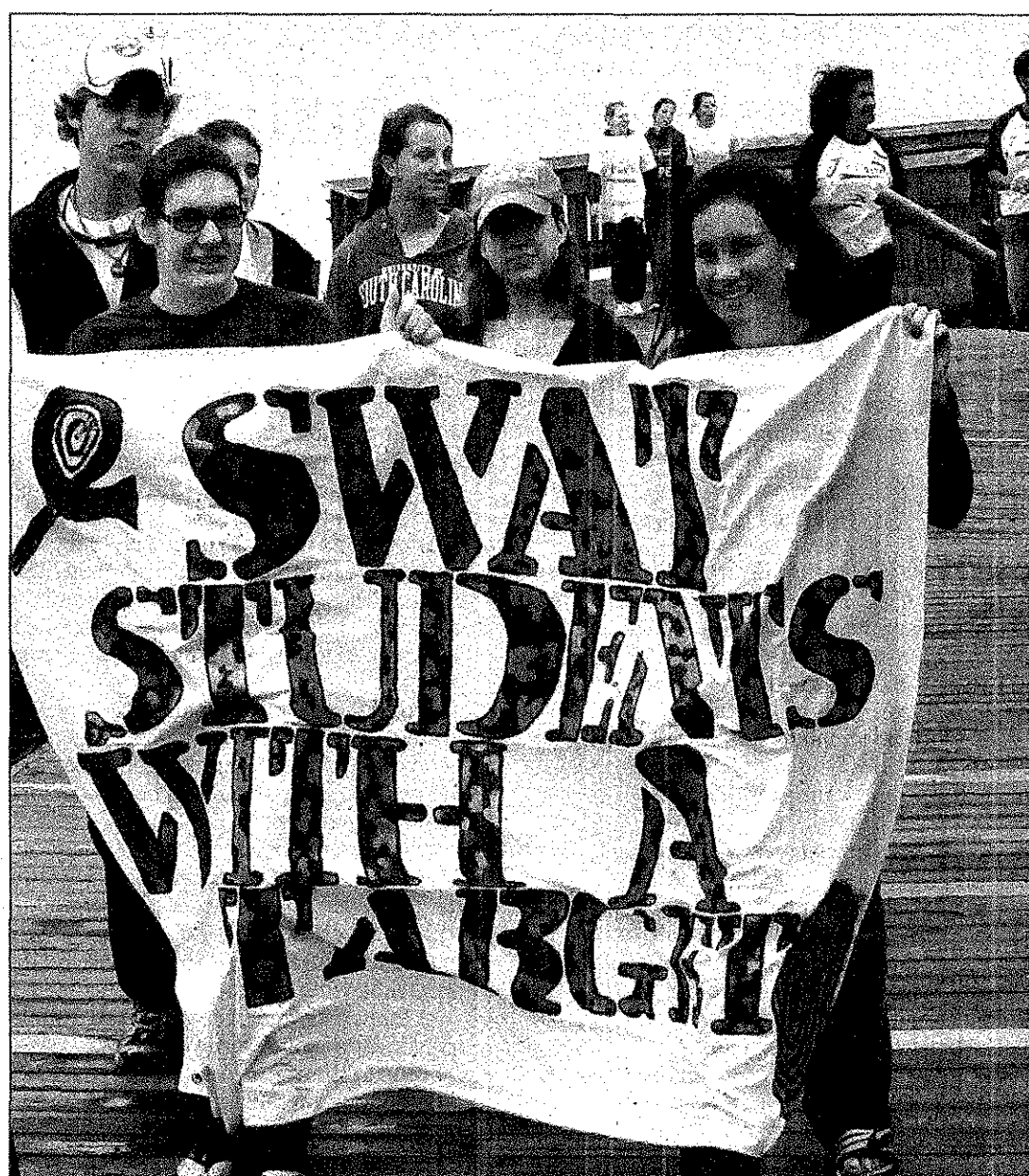
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The 2009 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe included student teams like the Grosse Pointe South High School "Students With A Target," led by captain, right, Maiya Dempsey.

2010 Relay for Life kick-off party Feb. 25

"Each lap gets us closer to a world with more birthdays."

That's the 2010 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe message to be announced at the Relay Kick-Off event at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. A light supper is served. Call (248) 663-3418 for reservations.

Teams for the 2010 American Cancer Society Relay For Life are forming.

Relay For Life is based on a team approach to raising funds, culminating in the 24-hour celebration event.

Teams create their own names and personalities, raise funds during the months preceding the relay which, this year, is from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23.

Fundraising efforts are as individualized as the

teams, but include everything from bake sales to bowling tournaments, online donation solicitation through relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.

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

All funds raised by the teams support education, advocacy, research and services to cancer patients and their families.

For more information, contact volunteer chairman Mark Cohn at mscohn54@att.net, or Dorothy Busignani, ACS community representative at (248) 663-3418.

For more information, visit relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.



Valentine tea

Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a Valentine tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. The Satin Dolls provide the music. The tea is sponsored by Sunrise of Grosse Pointe and tickets are \$5. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. Among friends who attended the January tea were, from left, Marilyn Reilly, Betty Wirwelle, Delphine Cosek and Esther Brandau.

Hospital receives donation for hybrid surgical laboratory

Anonymous donor helps equip minimally invasive heart program

An anonymous donor contributed \$3 million to create a fully equipped cardiovascular hybrid surgical laboratory at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

As the anchor of the hospital's new \$5 million minimally invasive structural heart program, the laboratory will be used to perform the non-surgical and minimally invasive surgical cardiovascular procedures. Those procedures are small incision, minimally invasive aortic valve replacement surgery and percutaneous mitral valve repair and percutaneous aortic valve replacement.

The percutaneous procedures are similar to balloon angioplasty, in which a catheter is guided into the

treated area via a small incision in the groin, eliminating the need for an incision in the chest.

"These types of procedures are the wave of the future for tertiary cardiac care centers," said Thomas LaLonde, M.D., St. John's chief of cardiology. "It is imperative that we add this cardiovascular hybrid laboratory at St. John to maintain our leadership position in cardiac care and offer the most up-to-date procedures to our patients."

The new lab make the hospital eligible for research grants for cardiac care technology awarded to hospitals with existing hybrid labs. St. John was selected as a semifinalist among 117 hospitals nationwide for a grant to be-

gin clinical trials in collaboration with medical product companies to study percutaneous valve repair and replacement.

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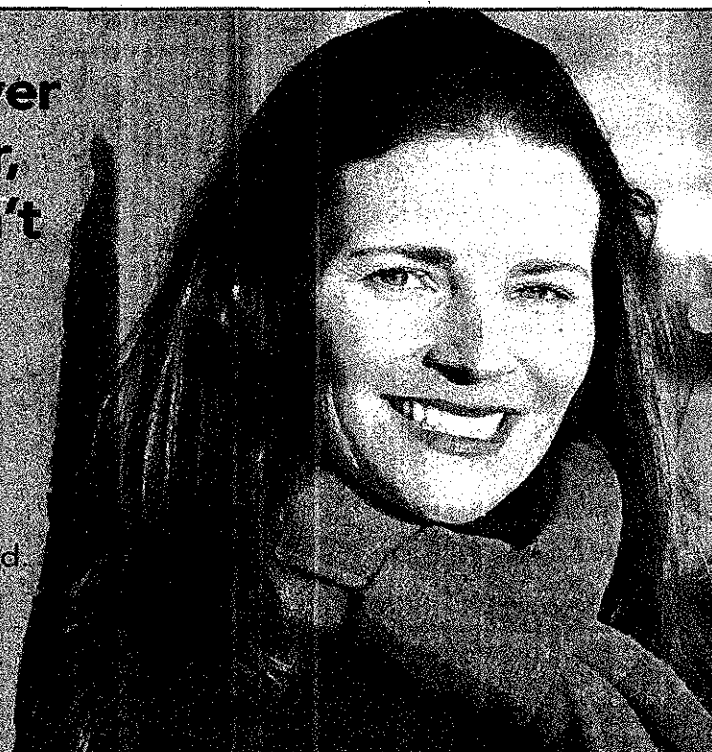
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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, holds a buffet dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in the ARK.

The menu includes a salad bar, two soups, cod, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, an entree, vegetable and beverages. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children 6 to 10 years old.

Carry-outs are available.

For more information, call (313) 822-1594.

St. Paul's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, offers an adult special needs ministry from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

There is Bible study, a project, music and refreshments.

For more information, call the church at (586) 777-0215.

Career networking group

The Eastside Take Control group, an ecumenical career networking group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic is "social networking."

For more information, call Richard Gibson at (313) 885-4841.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a Lenten series from 6:45 to 8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The series is based on the PBS Frontline video "From Jesus to Christ." The Rev. Marianna Gronek leads the discussion about the origin of and 2,000 years of Christianity.

The series runs through Wednesday, March 24.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelspgw.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By John Burton

Thrill ride of knowing an invisible God

One fateful day a long time ago I was walking around a large empty room in a church building in Dayton, Ohio. I had been watching people, very normal people, people who played video games and basketball, on their knees in tears crying out to God.

Their passion was undeniable and real. And, it appeared their encounter with an invisible and holy force was also very real indeed.

After all, as I stated, these were people that didn't have anything fake about them. They had no reason to masquerade or show off to anybody. They were simply desperate people who tapped into something that made me yearn.

In that large empty room I simply walked around and talked — to an invisible Jesus. As I considered the implications of diving into a life passion and surrender, I boldly declared something to God:

"If you aren't real, if you aren't everything you're cracked up to be, if you aren't powerful, if you can't heal sick people, if you don't truly work wonders — I don't want anything to do with you. But, if you are, if you really are, I'll be willing to die for you."

At that crossroad of destiny, God dramatically invaded my life in power.

I didn't discover an intellectual revelation or an emotional release. I found the lover of my soul.

Since that day I have lived what I can only call a thrill ride. It's the thrill ride of knowing God and watching him do "God-type stuff."

Miracles and humbling favor have followed our family. Is life still difficult? Yes, at times, terribly so. But God has continually showed up — not figuratively, really.

After traveling to the Detroit area and preaching on the life and fire of the Holy Spirit five or six times in 2008 and 2009, God started to provoke me. I felt we were to move to Detroit and help bring an overpowering move of God to this region.

We owned our house in Grandview,

Mo. (which Forbes Magazine called the eighth fastest dying city in America) and the only way we could move was if our house sold — for full price. We really wanted to move back to Colorado Springs and work with our ministry there. But, in an attempt to find clarity, my amazing wife talked to God.

"God, if you want us to move to Detroit, we are going to put our house on the market tomorrow. If it's your will for us to move, sell the house for full price within the next seven days."

Six days later, in the midst of a national economic crisis, in the eighth fastest dying

city in America, the house was sold — for full price. The next month we loaded up the truck and headed north.

We've since launched Revival Church and are waiting for the next wave of miracles and the phenomenal favor of Jesus as we position ourselves for an outpouring that will be felt around the world!

Get ready Detroit — Jesus has a thrill ride on the agenda for you!

John Burton is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park and minister at Detroit Revival Church in St. Clair Shores.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hygiene kits

Members of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores packed 150 personal hygiene kits to be distributed to Haitians affected by the Jan. 12 earthquake. The kits include a hand towel, wash cloth, hand soap, adhesive bandages, comb, nail clipper, toothbrush and toothpaste. Kits were assembled during a family night at the church.

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Yesterday's Headlines

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

1960

50 years ago this week

◆ **CITY PARK NAMED FOR NEFF:** The City Council voted unanimously to name the City pier park Norbert P. Neff Memorial Park in honor and recognition of the man who has served his community unselfishly and unceasingly for the last 39 years.

◆ **SUBDIVIDER'S PLEA DENIED:** A public hearing on the proposed resubdivision of lots one through eight of the Lakeland avenue subdivision was held before the City Council.

◆ **"DEAD" MAN FOUND IN SHORES HOME:** A Shores homeowner called police to report she returned home to find an employee dead in her basement.

The man was dead, said police. Dead drunk.

The homeowner had left her home earlier in the day leaving instructions with the handyman to clean up the basement and the house. When she returned home she found nothing done, and on going to the basement, found the handyman inert on the floor and as-

sumed he was dead.

When police arrived they found the handyman was so intoxicated he was unable to stand. He was unconscious when police took him to the hospital.

The homeowner looked in the liquor cabinet and discovered that the handyman had helped himself to a considerable amount of alcoholic beverages.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS OPPOSE MORE STREET CLOSINGS:** The rash of requests by Park citizens to close their streets at one end has prompted some residents to petition against more closings. Some two dozen signatures were presented to the council at the last meeting.

◆ **COMPUTER AGE ARRIVES:** Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods officials are putting the final touches on a program that will computerize some records in their police and fire departments.

Working with funding and representatives from the Metropolitan Affairs Corporation, officials from the six communities have been



FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2005 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

2005: Buckets of fun

Drew Howe was one of the lucky Brownell students who dumped a bucket of green slime on the head of Principal Mike Dib. In the culmination of the tsunami fundraising, selected students were able to dump cold goo over the heads of 15 teachers.

meeting for about a year to discuss the possibility of computerizing police and fire records to speed formulation of monthly and yearly statistical reports.

◆ **2-FOR-1 BAN WON'T DAMPEN LOCAL LIQUOR SALES:** Most local bars don't expect to suffer financially due to the ban on 2-for-1 drinks that went into effect Feb. 13, because they're already in the habit of giving customers discounts on single drinks instead.

◆ **ON LOOKOUT FOR BEANIES:** Local toy shop owners are at an international toy show this week scrounging for updates about Beanie Babies.

◆ **SHORES GETS OWN INTERNET WEB PAGE:** Now that the Y2K scare is over, Grosse Pointe Shores officials have gone forward and established the village's first Internet web page.

◆ **FARMS APPROVES DREDGING PIER PARK:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved a \$348,000 contract with Malcolm Marine to dredge the two harbors at Pier Park.

The company will dredge seven feet of soil in the small

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **AREA SHOPKEEPERS**

harbor and eight feet of soil in the large harbor.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **ARTISTS 'OUTFIT' FROGS FOR SUMMER EXHIBITION:** Frogs may not be the most attractive animals in the animal kingdom, but they will be the most stylish and arty this summer in the Grosse Pointes.

One hundred drawings from 64 artists were selected as possible "outfits" for fiberglass frogs that will inhabit the Grosse Pointes this sum-

mer as part of a community-wide outdoor art exhibition, Frogs Fur Friends.

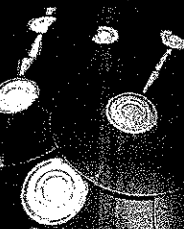
◆ **PARK GETS WARMING HUT:** Work will begin this spring on a warming hut at the ice rink at Patterson Park.

◆ **DRUGGED MAN WALKING:** Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 19-year-old Harper Woods man found walking in the middle of eastbound Moran near Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

The man had glassy eyes and smelled of marijuana. He admitted having been at a Super Bowl party where he was smoking marijuana.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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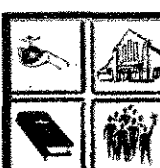


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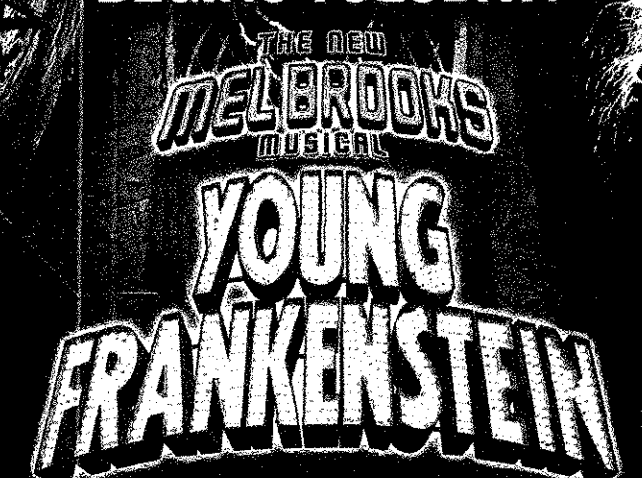
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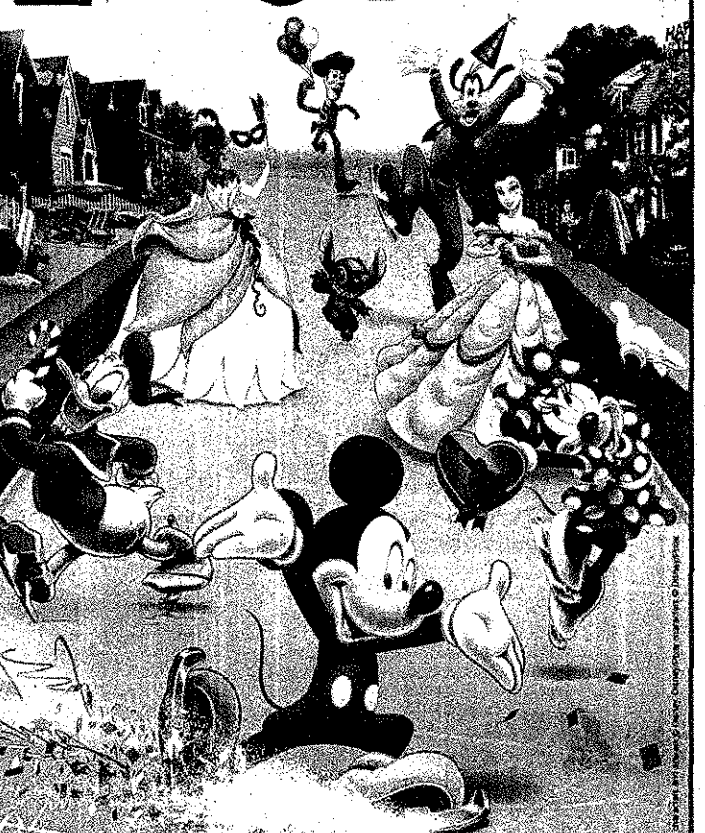
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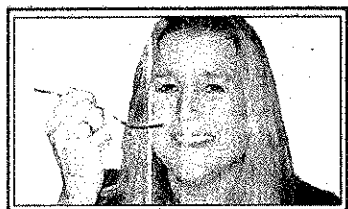
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Potatoes — Greek style



Skordalia [skor-dahl-YAH] is one of my favorite things to eat when I visit Greek Town.

A puree of potatoes infused with fresh garlic, skordalia can be garnished with beets or tempura style fried vegetables. (I enjoy skordalia spread over crusty bread.) I've been waiting for the following recipe for this Grecian delight from Gust C. Buterakos for almost 10 years.

Really,

Skordalia

2 1/2 lbs. potatoes, peeled
and cut into 1 inch cubes, plus
1 tsp. salt for cooking
6 slices Pepperidge Farm
white bread, crusts removed
and cut into small pieces
6 to 8 cloves garlic,
smashed and chopped

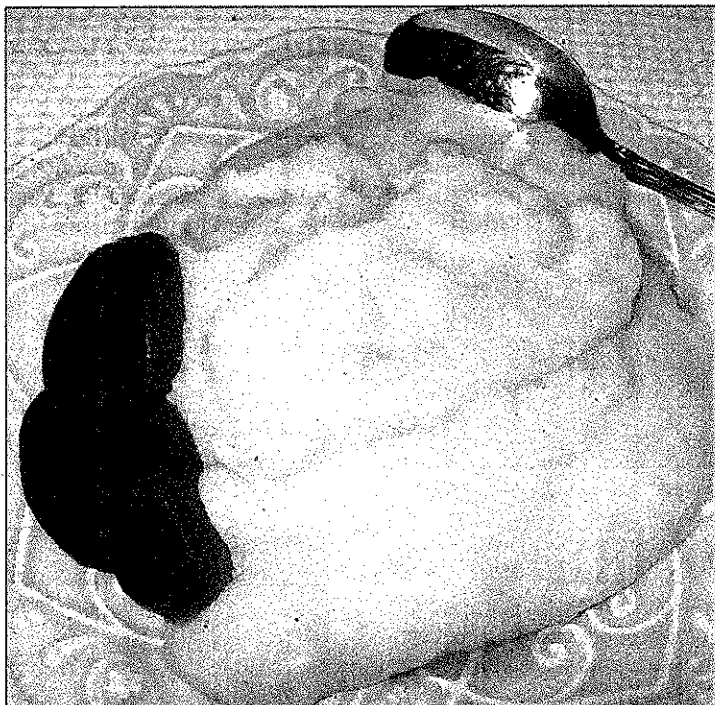


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Skordalia is worth the wait.

1/2 cup virgin olive oil.
1/3 cup white wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon white pepper.
Bring a pot of water to a boil.
Add salt and potatoes and

cook for about 25 minutes, until the potatoes are very soft. Place the pieces of bread in a bowl.

Take 1/2 cup of the potato water and pour it over bread.

Set aside.

Drain potatoes and place about 1/3 of them in a food processor along with the soaked bread, garlic, olive oil, white wine vinegar, salt and white pepper. Process until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl.

Place the remaining potatoes in the food processor and process until smooth. Add the pureed potatoes to the rest of the mixture and stir until well blended.

Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Serve with a drizzle of olive oil, sliced beets, fresh veggies and pita bread. I like to let the skordalia sit a bit before serving to take off some of the chill.

Skordalia lovers will love this recipe which balances the flavors from the garlic to the white wine vinegar in perfect harmony. Yummy!

I haven't been this excited since I learned to make hummus!

Gust, this recipe was worth the wait.

Art center features 'The Green Show'

"The Green Show" is Grosse Pointe Art Center's second exhibition this year in the gallery at 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Anne C. Fracassa jurors the show open from Friday, March 19 through Saturday, May 1.

Fracassa is a Detroit resident whose drawings and paintings reflect her affection for Detroit and its history.

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, she moved to Detroit in 1961, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc. In 1998, she earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University. Working from a studio in a converted mid-town Detroit factory, Fracassa moves daily through the subject matter of her paintings.

Artists can submit entries March 10 - 13. Entry information can be found online or by visiting the gallery.

A lecture related to the exhibit begins at 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, at the art center and includes a discussion on the show, both on concept and interpretation, a slide presentation of juror's images and an open discussion.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848 or e-mail gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org

Roselyn Rhodes

Roselyn Rhodes hosts the "Roselyn Rhodes and Students Art Show" at the Grosse Pointe Art Center from March 20 through April 10. An opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres are served.

Students from any session in 2008-2010 are invited to participate in the judged student art show. First, second, third, best in show and honorable mention ribbons are awarded in different age categories.

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